



MAQAO Performance Analysis and Optimization Framework





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Motivating example

Code of a loop representing ~10% walltime

```
do j = ni + nvalue1, nato
     ni1 = ndim3d*i + nc ; ni2 = ni1 + nvalue1 ; ni3 = ni2 + nvalue1
     u1 = x11 - x(nj1); u2 = x12 - x(nj2); u3 = x13 - x(nj3)
     rtest2 = u1*u1 + u2*u2 + u3*u3 ; cnij = eci*qEold(j)
     rij = demi*(rvwi + rvwalc1(j))
     drtest2 = cnij/(rtest2 + rij) ; drtest = sqrt(drtest2)
     Eq = qq1*qq(j)*drtest
     nti = nti + ntype(i)
     Ed = ceps(ntj)*drtest2*drtest2*drtest2
     Egc = Egc + Eg; Ephob = Ephob + Ed
     gE = (c6*Ed + Eq)*drtest2 ; virt = virt + gE*rtest2
     u1q = u1*qE; u2q = u2*qE; u3q = u3*qE
     g1c = g1c - u1g; g2c = g2c - u2g; g3c = g3c - u3g
     gr(nj1, thread num) = gr(nj1, thread num) + u1g
     gr(nj2, thread num) = gr(nj2, thread num) + u2g
     gr(nj3, thread num) = gr(nj3, thread num) + u3g
end do
```

Where are the bottlenecks?



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```
6) Variable number of iterations
 do j = ni + nvalue1, nato
                                                2) Non-unit stride accesses
       nj1 = ndim3d*j + nc; nj2 = nj1 + nvalue1; nj3 = nj2 + nvalue1
statements
       u1 = x11 - x(nj1); u2 = x12 - x(nj2); u3 = x13 - x(nj3)
       rtest2 = u1*u1 + u2*u2 + u3*u3; cnij = eci*qEold(j)
       rij = demi*(rvwi + rvwalc1(j))
       drtest2 = cni/(rtest2 + rij); drtest = sqrt(drtest2)←
                                                            4) DIV/SQRT
       Eq = qq1*qq(j)*drtest
       nti = nti + ntype(i)
                                                            3) Indirect accesses
1) High number
       Ed = ceps(nti)*drtest2*drtest2*drtest2*
       Egc = Egc + Eg ; Ephob = Ephob + Ed
                                                            5) Reductions
       gE = (c6*Ed + Eq)*drtest2 ; virt = virt + gE*rtest2_
       u1g = u1*gE; u2g = u2*gE; u3g = u3*gE
      g1c = g1c - u1g; g2c = g2c - u2g; g3c = g3c - u3g
      gr(nj1, thread num) = gr(nj1, thread num) + u1g
       gr(nj2, thread_num) = gr(nj2, thread_num) + u2g
      gr(nj3, thread num) = gr(nj3, thread num) + u3g
                                              2) Non-unit stride accesses
 end do
```

- 1) High number of statements
- 2) Non-unit stride accesses
- 3) Indirect accesses
- 4) DIV/SQRT
- 5) Reductions
- 6) Variable number of iterations

Which is the dominant one?

→ Need analysis tools to identify performance issues

A multifaceted problem

What type of problems are we facing?

- Identifying the dominant issues: Algorithm, implementation, parallelisation, compilation, ...
 - CPU or data access problems
- Making the **best use** of the machine features

What levers do we have to address them?

- Compiler switches, Partial/full vectorization
- Loop blocking/array restructuring, If removal, Full unroll
- Binary transforms (prefetch)
- ...

Which issues will be the most rewarding to fix?

- 40% total time, expected 10% speedup
 - → TOTAL IMPACT: 4% speedup
- 20% total time, expected 50% speedup
 - → TOTAL IMPACT: 10% speedup





→ Need for dedicated and complementary tools

Our Approach

Nobody wants problems everybody wants solutions ©

- Focusing on the knobs that code developers can operate:
 - Compiler flags and runtime settings
 - Code restructuring
 - Data restructuring
- Assisting the user in using these knobs
- → In addition to pinpointing problems, guiding the user towards a way to address them.

Philosophy: Analysis at Binary Level

- Compiler optimizations increase the distance between the executed code and the source code
- Source code instrumentation may prevent the compiler from applying certain transformations
- Allows to be agnostic with regard to compiled source code language

→ What You Analyse Is What You Run



MAQAO: Modular Assembly Quality Analyzer and Optimizer

Objectives:

- Characterizing performance of HPC applications
- Focusing on performance at the core/node level
- Guiding users through the optimization process
- Estimating return on investment (R.O.I.)

Characteristics:

- Modular tool offering complementary views
- Support for x86-64 and aarch64 (beta version)
 - Work in progress on GPU support
- LGPL3 Open Source software
- Developed at UVSQ since 2004
- Binary release available as a static executable

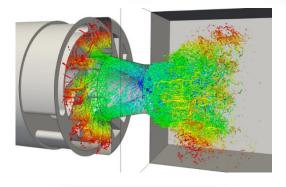


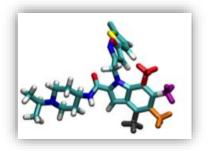
Success stories

Optimizing industrial and academic HPC applications:

- QMC=CHEM (IRSAMC)
 - Quantum chemistry
 - Speedup: > **3x**
 - Optimization: moved invocations of functions with identical parameters out of the loop body
- Yales2 (CORIA)
 - Computational fluid dynamics
 - Speedup: up to 2.8x
 - Optimization: removing double structure indirections
- Polaris (CEA)
 - Molecular dynamics
 - Speedup: **1.5x 1.7x**
 - Optimization: enforcing loop vectorization through compiler directives
- AVBP (CERFACS)
 - Computational fluid dynamics
 - Speedup: **1.08x 1.17x**
 - Replaced divisions by reciprocal multiplications
 - Complete unrolling of loops with a small number of iterations







Partnerships

MAQAO is part of the POP Centre of Excellence

- Provides performance optimisation and productivity services for academic and industrial codes
- https://pop-coe.eu/



MAQAO has been funded by UVSQ, Intel and CEA (French department of energy) through Exascale Computing Research (ECR) and through various European projects (FUI/ITEA: H4H, COLOC, PerfCloud, ELCI, POP2 CoE, TREX CoE, etc...)







Provided core binary analysis and instrumentation capabilities and features for other tools:

- TAU performance tools with MADRAS patcher through MIL (MAQAO Instrumentation Language)
 - X86_64 only, aarch64 under development
- Intel Advisor

MAQAO team and collaborators

MAQAO Team

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More on MAQAO

MAQAO website: www.maqao.org

- Mirror: maqao.liparad.uvsq.fr
- Documentation: www.maqao.org/documentation.html
 - Tutorials for ONE View, LProf and CQA
 - Lua API documentation
- Latest release: http://www.magao.org/download.html
 - Binary releases (2-3 per year)
 - Source code
- Publications around MAQAO: http://www.maqao.org/publications.html
- Repository of MAQAO analyses: http://datafront.maqao.org/public/
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- Email: contact@magao.org



Useful notions

SIMD/Vectorization/Data Parallelism

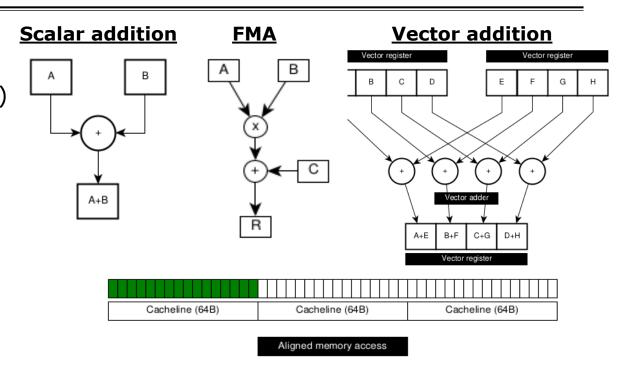
- Scalar pattern: a[i] = b[i] + c[i]
- <u>Vector pattern:</u> a(i, i + 8) = b(i, i + 8) + c(i, i + 8)
- Benefits: increases memory bandwidth and IPC
- Example implementations :
 - ARM: Neon, SVE
 - x86 : SSE, AVX, AVX512

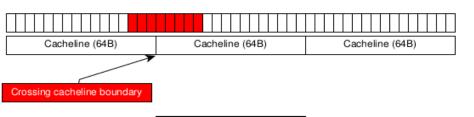
FMA/MAC

- Fused-Multiply-Add
- Multiply-Accumulate

Memory and caches

- Computations are in general faster than memory accesses
- Alignment/Contiguity of memory (x86) : posix_memalign, aligned_alloc, ...
- Caches: L1, L2, L3, ...





Unaligned memory access

MAQAO Main Features

Binary layer

- Builds internal representation from binary
 - Construct high level structures (CFG, DDG, SSA, ...)
 - Links binary instructions to source code
 - \triangle A single source loop can be compiled as multiple assembly loops \rightarrow Affecting unique identifiers to loops
- Allows patching through binary rewriting

Profiling

LProf: Lightweight sampling-based Profiler operating at process, thread, function and loops level

Static analysis

CQA (Code Quality Analyzer): Evaluates the quality of the binary code and offers hints for improving it

Performance view aggregation module: ONE View

- Goal: Guiding the user through the analysis & optimization process.
- Synthesizes information provided by different MAQAO modules
- Automatizes execution of experiments invoking other MAQAO modules and aggregates their results to produce high-level reports in HTML or XLSX format



MAQAO LProf: Lightweight Profiler

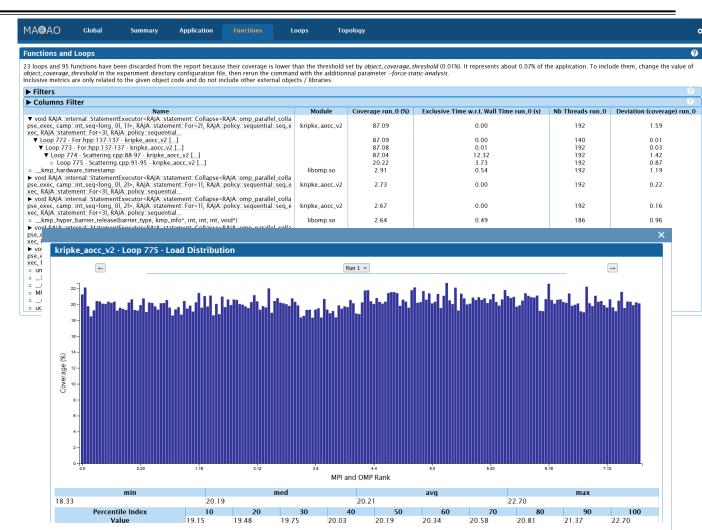
Goal: Lightweight localization of application hotspots

Features:

- Lightweight
- Sampling based
- Access to hardware counters
- Analysis at function and loop granularity

Strengths:

- Non intrusive: No recompilation necessary
- Low overhead
- Agnostic with regard to parallel runtime



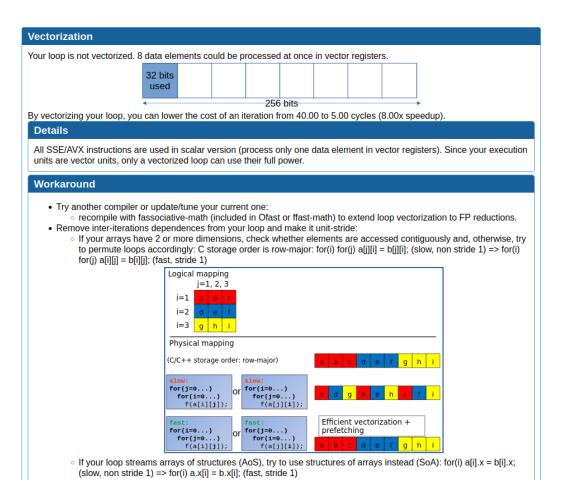


MAQAO CQA: Code Quality Analyzer

Goal: Assist developers in improving code performance

Features:

- Static analysis: no execution of the application
- Allows cross-analysis of/on multiple architectures
- Evaluates the quality of compiler generated code
- Proposes hints and workarounds to improve quality/performance
- Loops centric
 - In HPC, loops cover most of the processing time
- Targets compute-bound codes



CQA Performance Predictions: "What If" Scenarios

Objective: Provide optimistic speedups if a given optimization was applied to a loop

- For each optimization, CQA will generate the corresponding ideal assembly code and compute its speedup compared to the original
- These "What If Scenarios" are generated in a fully static manner.

No Scalar Integer: keep only FP Arithmetic and Memory operations, suppress all others

Scenario: Perfect data access (no address computations)

FP Vectorised: only replace scalar FP Arithmetic by Vector FP Arithmetic equivalent. Generate additional instructions to fill in Vector Registers.

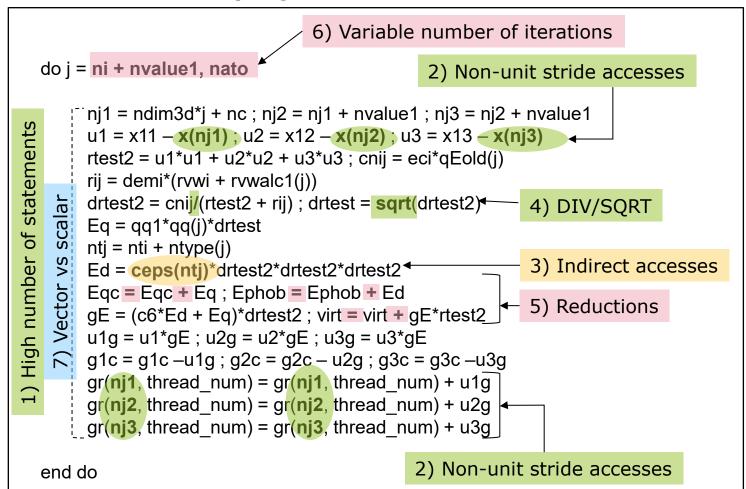
Scenario: All FP operations successfully vectorised

Fully Vectorised: replace both scalar FP Arithmetic and FP Load/Store by their Vector equivalent.

Scenario: All operations successfully vectorised

Application to Motivating Example

Issues identified by CQA



CQA can detect and provide hints to resolve most of the identified issues:

- 1) High number of statements
- 2) Non-unit stride accesses
- 3) Indirect accesses
- 4) DIV/SQRT
- 5) Reductions
- 6) Variable number of iterations
- 7) Vector vs scalar



MAQAO ONE View: Performance View Aggregator

Automating the whole analysis process

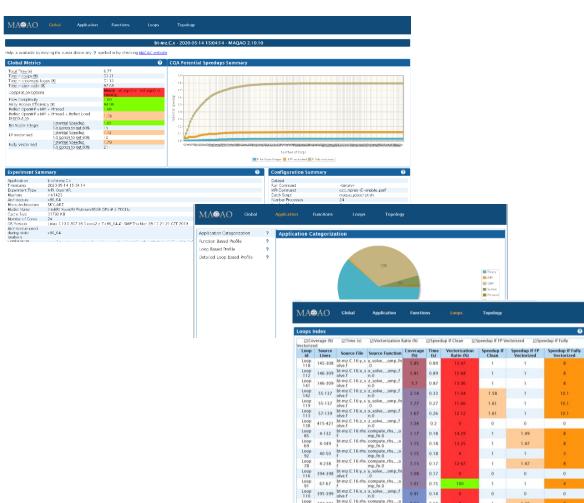
- Takes care of invoking successive MAQAO modules
- Generate aggregated performance views
- Generate a report in HTML format

Main steps:

- Invokes LProf to identify hotspots
- Invokes CQA to analyse hotspots

Available results:

- Speedup predictions
- High-level summary
- Global performance metrics
- Hints for improving performance
- Parallel efficiency analysis





ONE View Reports Levels

ONE View ONE

- Requires a single run of the application
- Profiling of the application using LProf
- Static analysis using CQA

Scalability mode

- Multiple executions with varying parallel configurations
- Allows to evaluate scalability or parallel behaviour of applications

Comparison mode

- Comparison of multiple runs (iso-binary or iso-source)
- Allows to compare performance across different datasets, compilers, or hardware platforms

Stability mode

- Multiple runs with identical parameters
- Allows to assess the stability of execution time

Analysing an application with MAQAO

ONF View execution

- Provide all parameters necessary for executing the application
 - Parameters can be passed on the command line or as a configuration file
 - Parameters include executable name, MPI commands, dataset directory, ...

```
$ maqao oneview --create-report=one --mpi_command="mpirun -n 16" -- bt-mz.C.x
OR
```

```
$ maqao oneview --create-report=one --config=my_config.json"
```

- ONE View can reuse an existing experiment directory to perform further analyses
- Results available in HTML format by default
 - XLS spreadsheets and textual output generation are also available

Online help is available:

```
$ maqao oneview --help
```

Thank you for your attention!

Questions?







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Navigating ONE View Reports















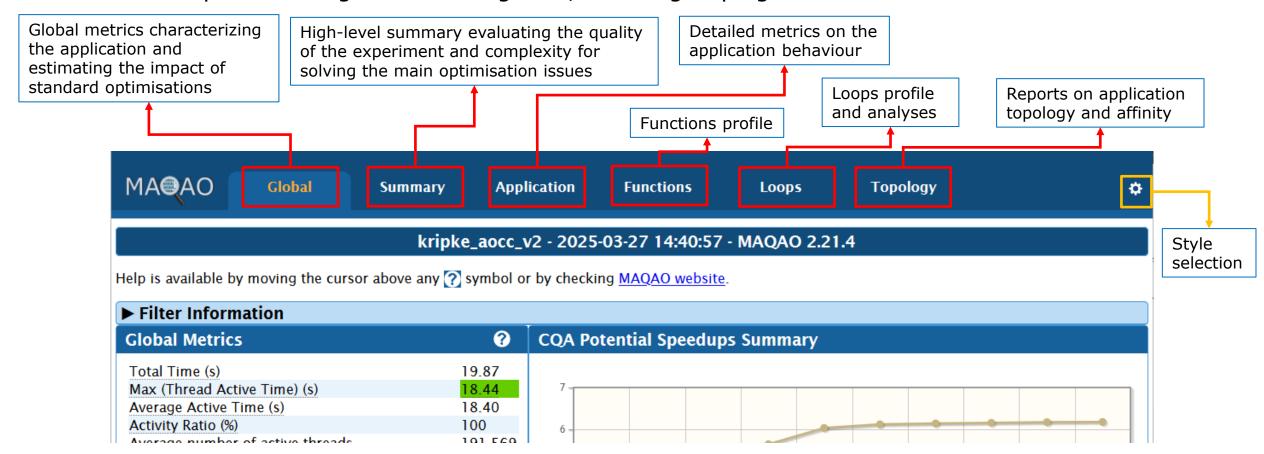


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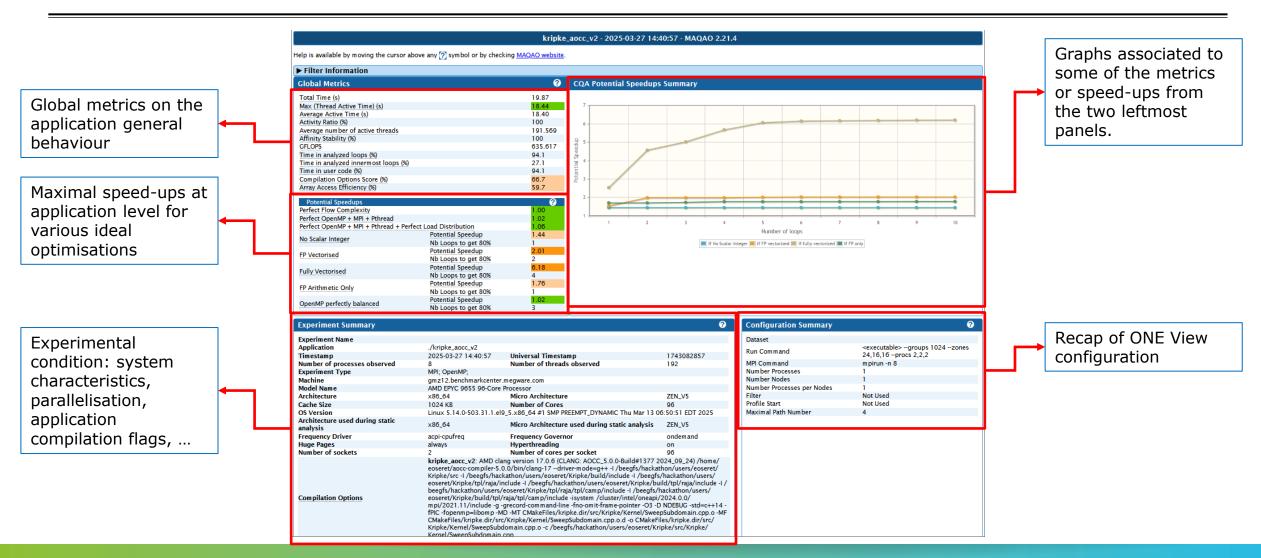
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ONE View reports are organised among tabs, each regrouping different sets of information



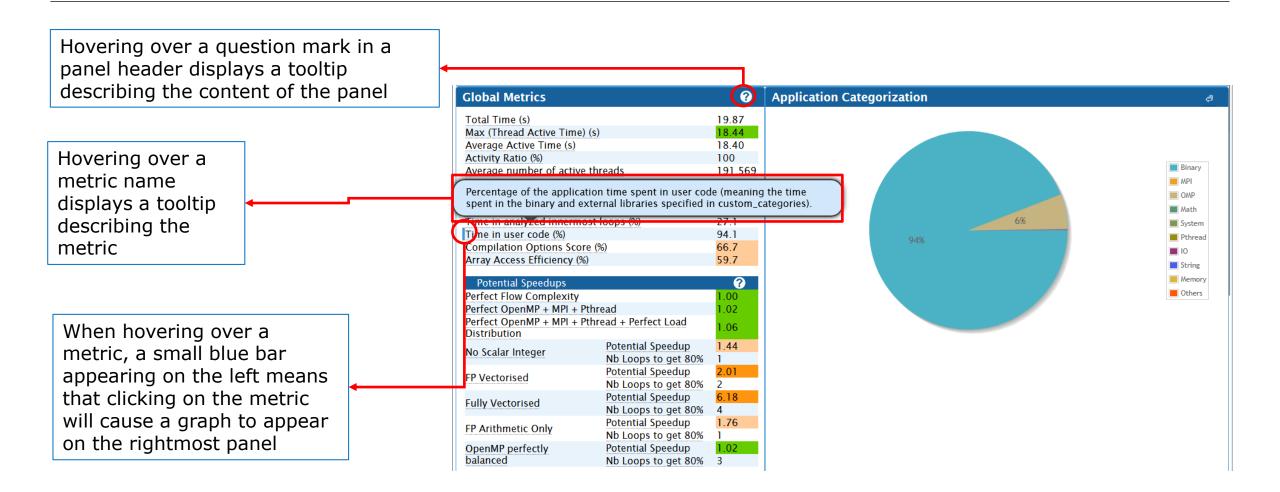
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Global tab



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Navigating Global Tab



Global Tab Metrics

Experiment summary

Machine characteristics and configuration

Global metrics

- General quality metrics derived from MAQAO analyses
- Global speedup predictions
 - Speedup prediction depending on the number of vectorised loops
 - Ordered speedups to identify the loops to optimise first

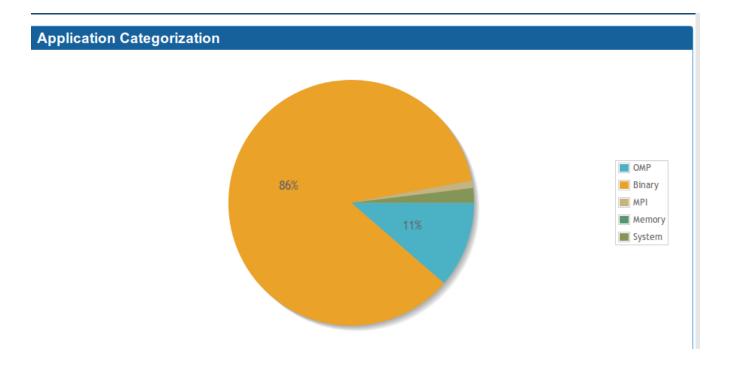




Time Categorisation

Available from the Global Tab and Application Tab Objective: Identifying at a glance where time is spent

- Application
 - Main executable
- Parallelization
 - Threads
 - OpenMP
 - MPI
- System libraries
 - I/O operations
 - String operations
 - Memory management functions
- External libraries
 - Specialised libraries such as libm / libmkl
 - Application code in external libraries





Summary Tab

Displays an evaluation of the quality of the analysis performed by ONE View. Red items signal issues that could require a rerun of the analysis with the suggested new parameters

Displays an evaluation of the overall optimisation of the code and the expected pitfalls that will be encountered when trying to optimise it.

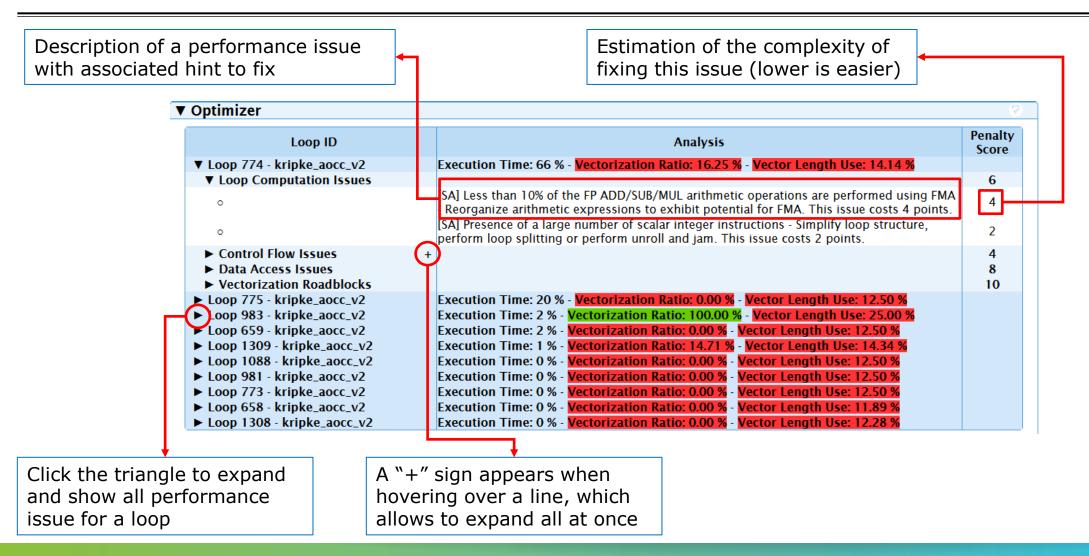
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Displays for the hottest loops a list of performance issues and the estimated complexity of their resolutions



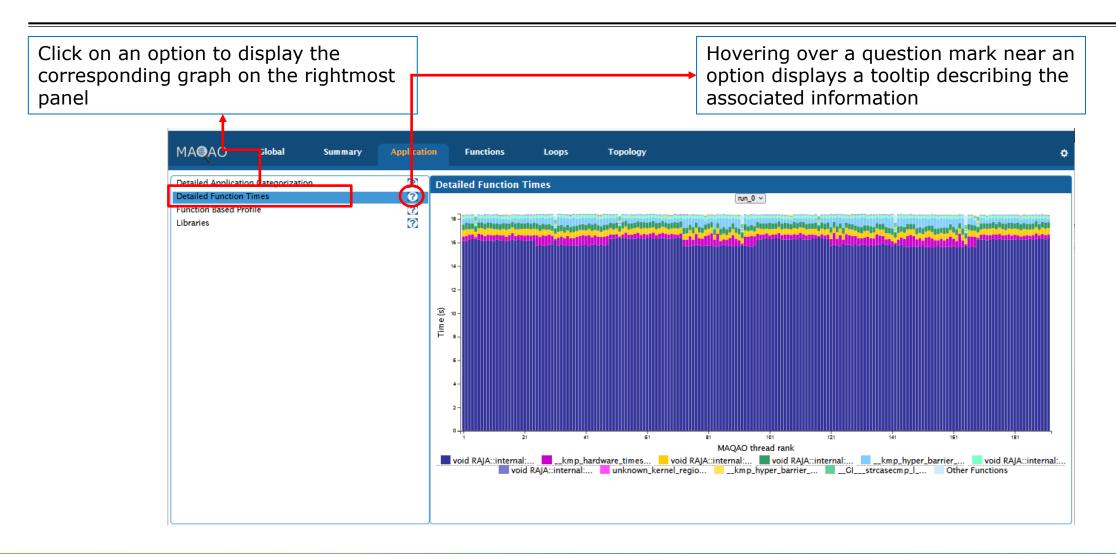


Summary Tab: Loop optimisation



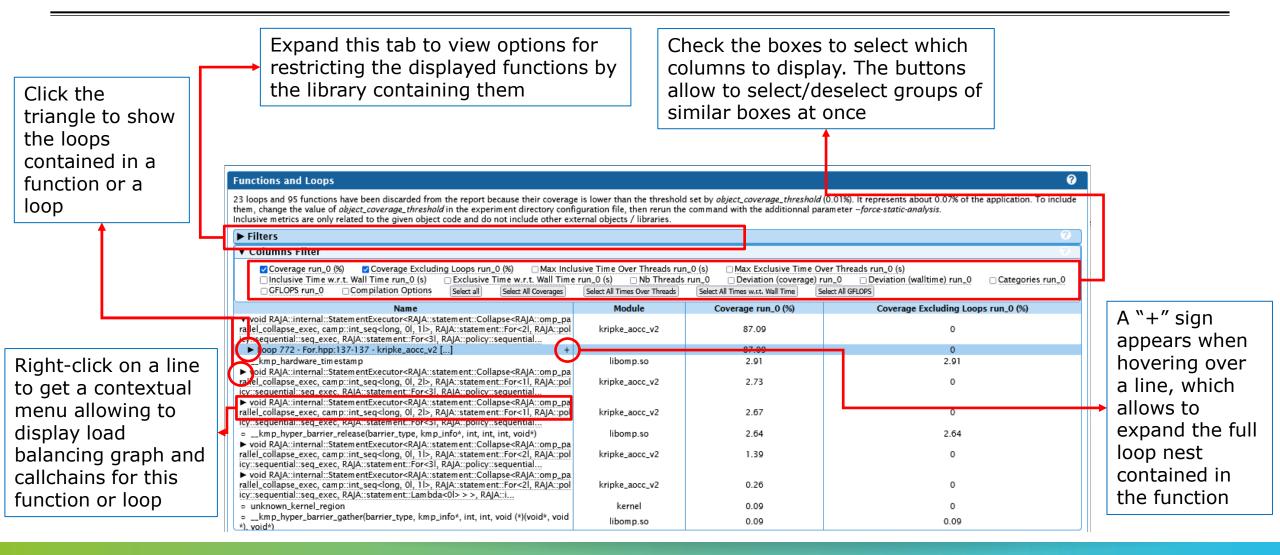
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Application Tab





Functions Tab

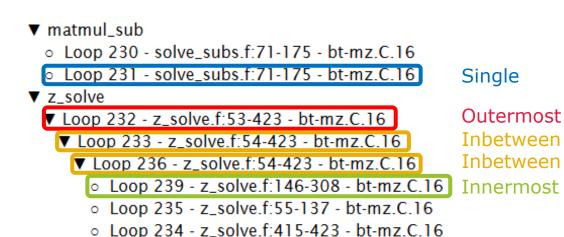


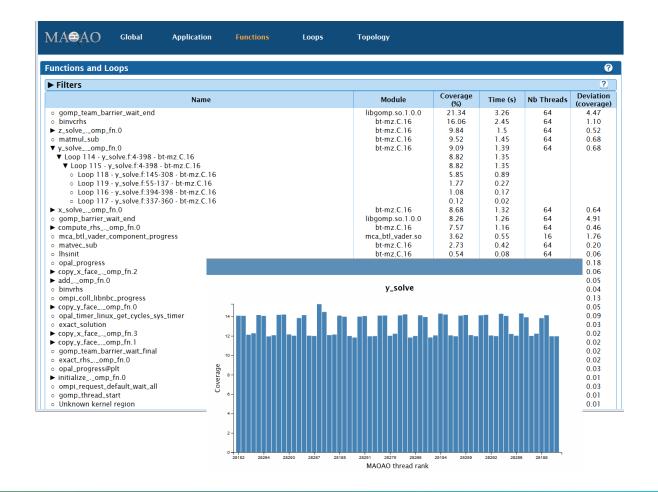


Functions Tab: Functions and Loops Profiling

Identifying hotspots

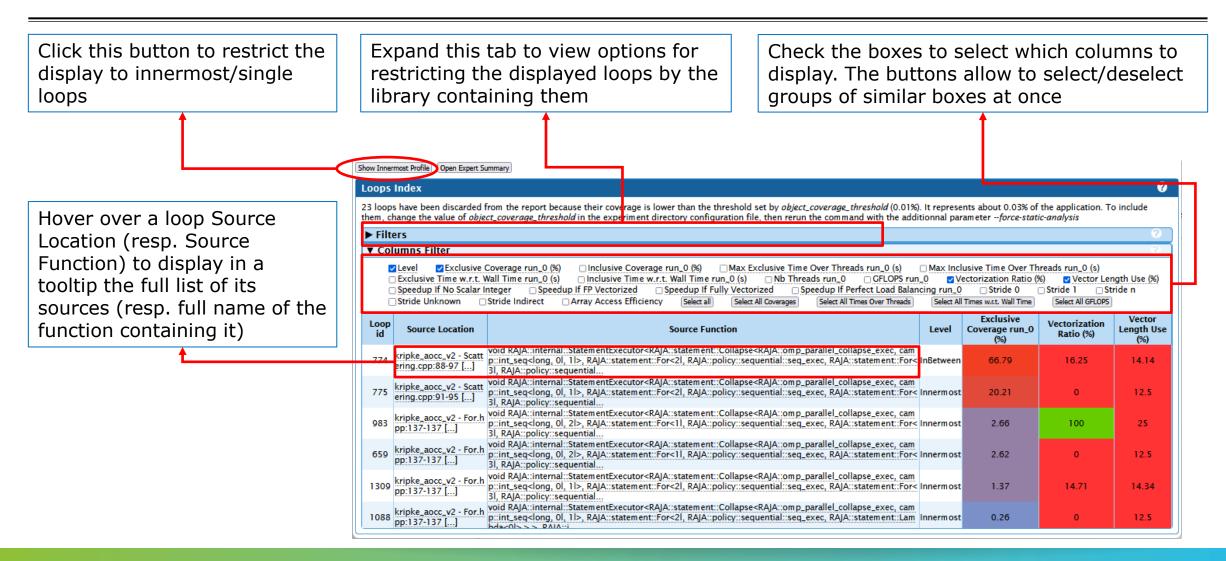
- Exclusive coverage
- Load balancing across threads
- Loops nests by functions





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Loops Tab



Loops Tab: Profiling Summary

Identifying loop hotspots

- Vectorisation information
- Potential speedup by optimisation
 - No scalar integer: Removing address computations
 - FP Vectorised: Vectorising floatingpoint computations
 - Fully Vectorised: Vectorising floating-point computations and memory accesses
 - Perfect Load Balancing: Optimal balance across all threads

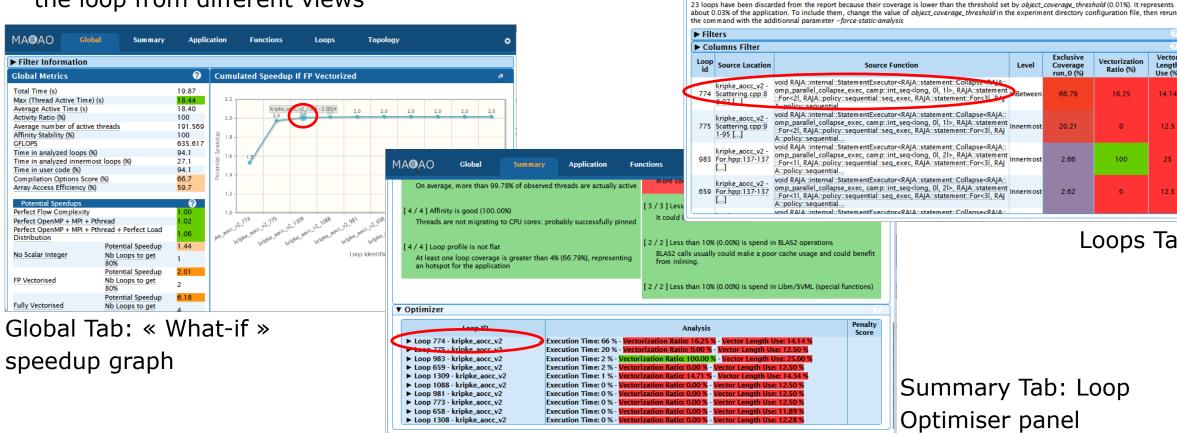


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Loops Index

Loop Report

• The loop report can be accessed by double clicking on the loop from different views



Loops Tab

Vectorization

Ratio (%)

16.25

100

Vector

Length

Use (%)

14.14

12.5

25

12.5

Exclusive

Coverage

run_0 (%)

66.79

20.21

2.66

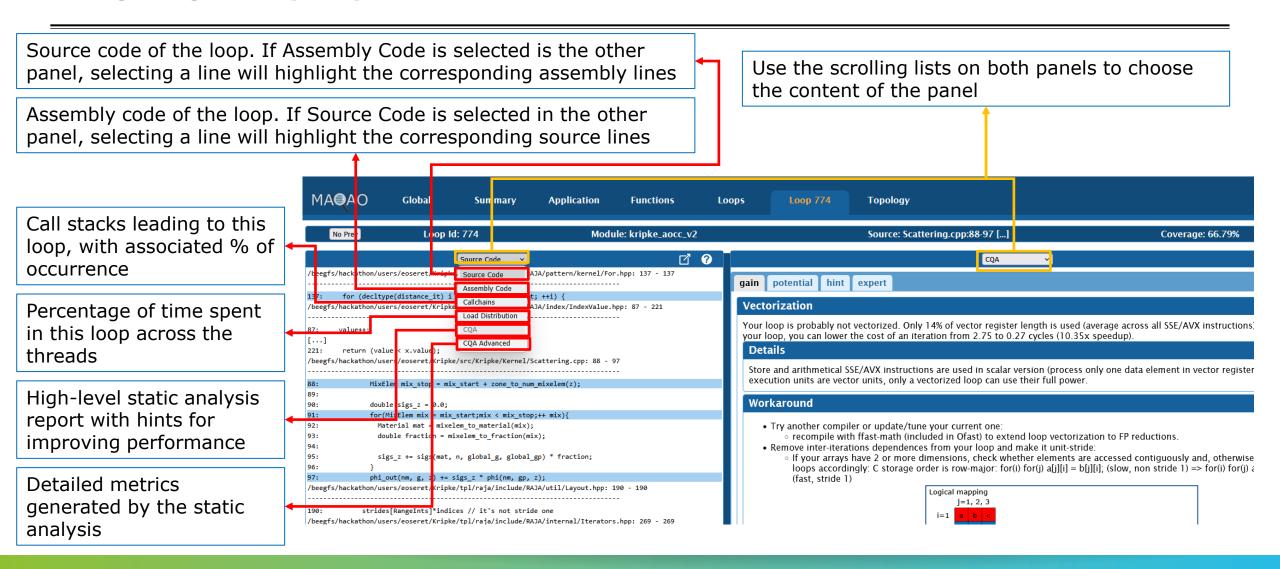
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Summary Tab: Loop Optimiser panel



Navigating a Loop Report

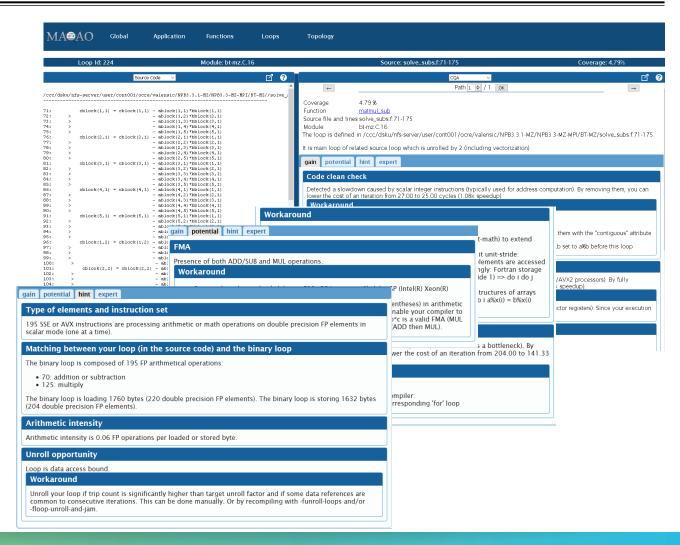




Loop Report: Static Analysis

High level reports

- Reference to the source code
- Bottleneck description
- Hints for improving performance
- Reports categorized by probability that applying hints will yield predicted gain
 - Gain: Good probability
 - Potential gain: Average probability
 - Hints: Lower probability





Loop Report – Expert View

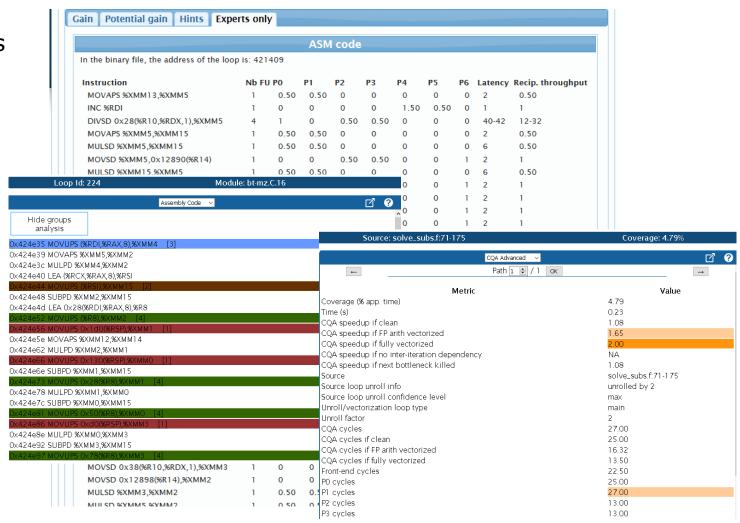
Low level reports for performance experts

- Assembly-level
- Instructions cycles costs
- Instructions dispatch predictions
- Memory access analysis

Assembly code

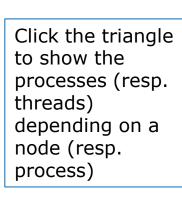
 Highlights groups of instructions accessing the same memory addresses

CQA low level metrics



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Topology Tab



Double click on a thread to display the Functions Profile (similar to the Functions tab) restricted to that thread

	Software Topology								•	
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MAQAO ONE View Thread/Process View

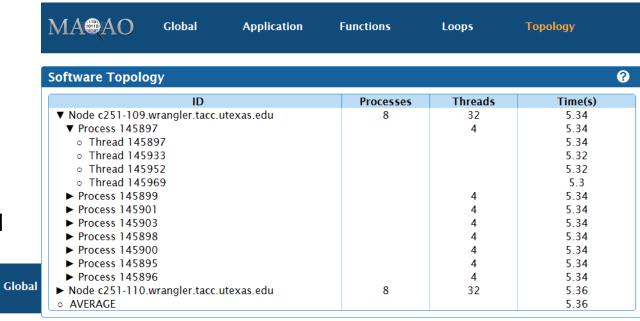
Software Topology

- List of nodes
- Processes by node
- Thread by process

View by thread

Function profile at the thread or process level

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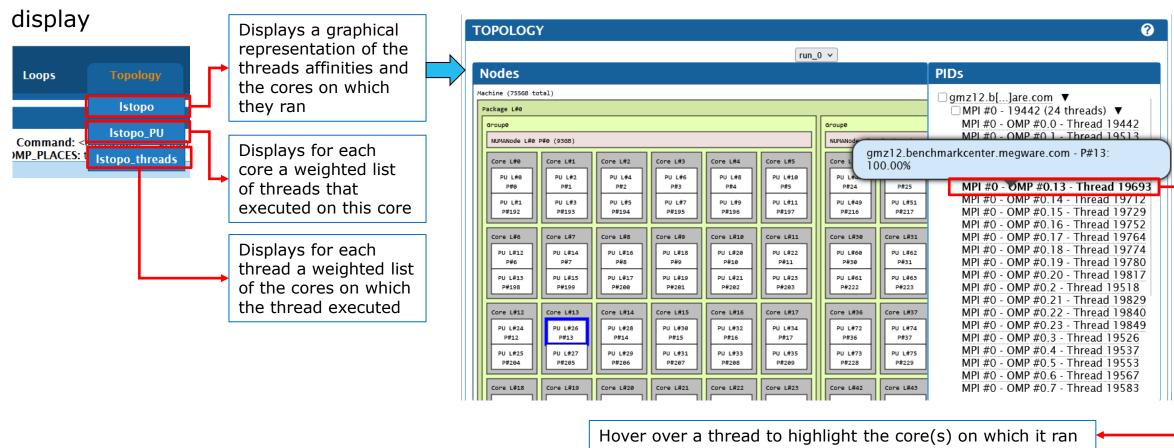
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Name	Module	Coverage (%)	Time (s)
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 INTERNAL_25src_kmp_barrier_cpp_fa608613::_kmp_hy per_barrier_gather(barrier_type, kmp_info*, int, int, void (*)(void*, void*), void*) 	libiomp5.so	17.6	0.94
► matmul_sub	bt-mz_B.16	12.73	0.68
▶ y_solve	bt-mz_B.16	7.87	0.42
► compute_rhs	bt-mz_B.16	7.49	0.4
► x_solve	bt-mz_B.16	7.12	0.38
► z_solve	bt-mz_B.16	6.74	0.36

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Topology Tab: Istopo View

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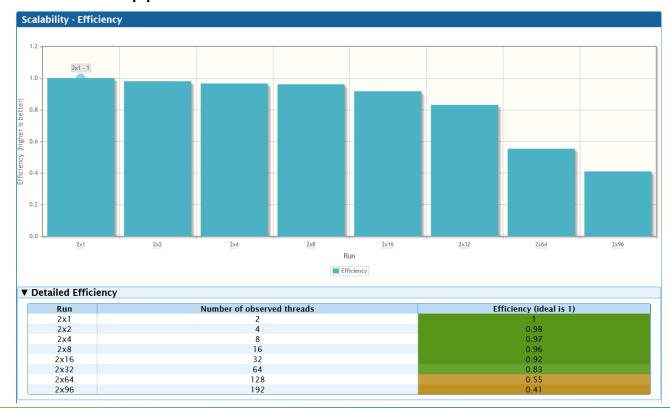
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MAQAO ONE View Scalability Reports

Goal: Provide a view of the application scalability

- Profiles with different numbers of threads/processes
- Displays efficiency metrics for application





MAQAO ONE View Scalability Reports – Application View

Coverage per category

Comparison of categories for each run

Coverage per parallel efficiency

• $Efficiency = \frac{T_{sequential}}{T_{parallel}*N_{threads}}$

Distinguishing functions only represented in parallel or sequential

Displays efficiency by coverage



Scalability - Coverage per Category

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Application Categorization

Scalability - Coverage per Category

MAQAO ONE View Scalability Reports – Functions and Loops Views

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Global

Displays metrics for each function/loop

- Efficiency
- Potential speedup if efficiency=1

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Loops Index

Loop id

199

221

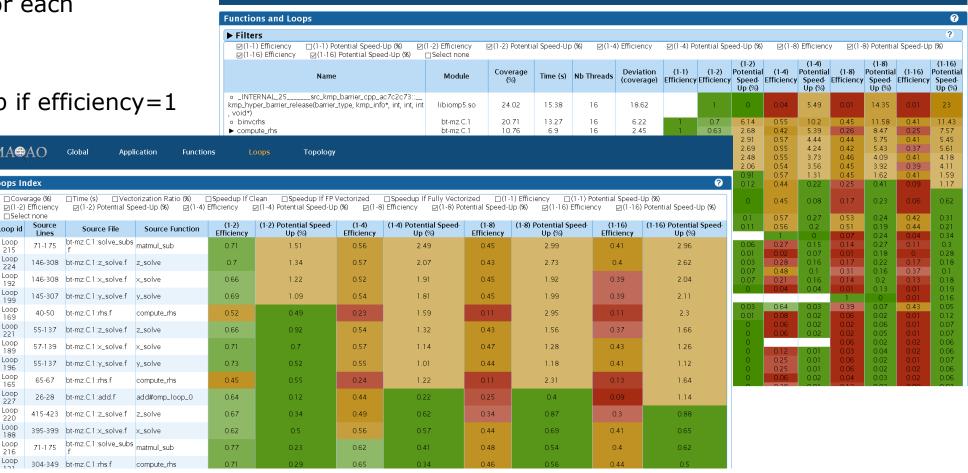
196 Loop

165

227

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Loops

Topology

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Performance analysis and optimisation

Where is the application spending most execution time and resources?

Why is the application spending time there?

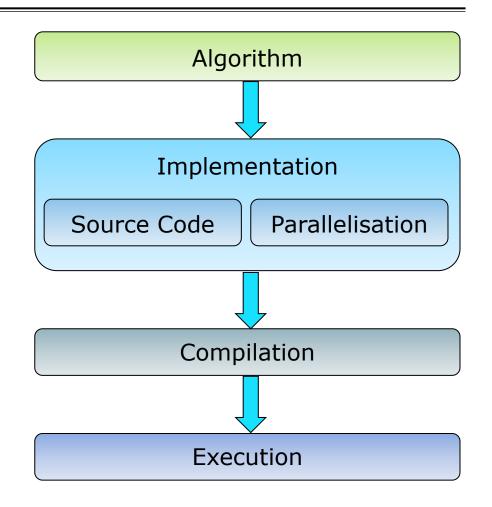
- Algorithm, implementation, runtime or hardware?
- Data access or computation?

How to improve the application?

- At which step(s) of the workflow or dev process?
- What additional information is needed?

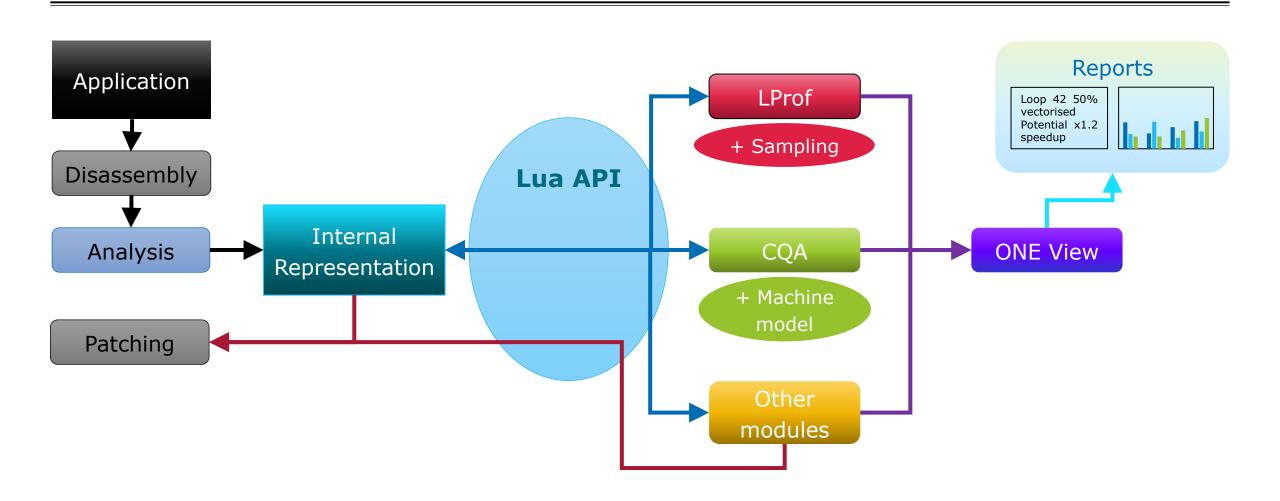
How much gain can be expected?

At what cost?





MAQAO Main structure



MAQAO CQA: Main Concepts

Applications exploit at best 5 to 10% of the peak performance.

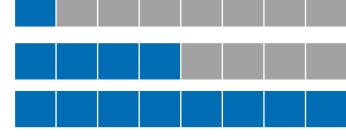
Main elements of analysis:

- Peak performance
- Execution pipeline
- Resources/Functional units

Key performance levers for core level efficiency:

- Vectorization
- Avoiding high latency instructions if possible (DIV/SQRT)
- Guiding the compiler code optimization
- Reorganizing memory and data structures layout





Process up to 8X data



MAQAO CQA: Guiding the compiler and implementation hints

Compilers can be driven using flags, pragmas, and keywords:

- Ensuring full use of architecture capabilities (e.g. using flag -xHost on AVX capable machines)
- Forcing optimizations (unrolling, vectorization, alignment, ...)
- Bypassing conservative behaviour when possible (e.g. 1/X precision)

Hints for implementation changes:

- Improve data access patterns
 - Memory alignment
 - Loop interchange
 - Changing loop strides
 - Reshaping arrays of structures
- Avoid instructions with high latency (SQRT, DIV, GATHER, SCATTER, ...)



Analysing an application with MAQAO

MAQAO modules can be invoked separately for advanced analyses

- LProf
 - Profiling
- \$ maqao lprof xp=exp dir --mpi-command="mpirun -n 16 -ppn 4" ppn=4 -- ./bt-mz.C.16
- Display functions profile
- \$ maqao lprof xp=exp dir -df
- Displaying the results from a ONE View run
- \$ maqao lprof xp=oneview_xp_dir/tools/lprof_npsu -df
- CQA
- \$ maqao cqa loop=42 bt-mz.C.16

Online help is available:

- \$ maqao lprof --help
- \$ maqao cqa --help



Application to Motivating Example

