

EFFECTIVE USAGE OF VTUNE[™] AMPLIFIER XE ON THETA

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The Processor

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Core Features

Hyperthreading	4 SMT threads
Out-of-order	72 entry reorder buffer
VPU	2x AVX-512
High Bandwidth memory	16GiB on-package MCDRAM
L1 Data Cache	32KiB, 8-way, 2 lines read, 1 line write/cycle
L1 Instruction Cache	32KiB, 8-way
L2 Shared Cache	1024KiB (per 2-core tile), 16-way, 1 line read, ½ line write/cycle
L2 TLB	256 x 4K, 128 x 2M, 16 x 1G pages
Retirement width	2 per cycle



Throughput, Optimization and Analysis

Peak instruction throughput occurs when every core is retiring two full-width SIMD operations per clock.

Peak instruction throughput requires parallelization (use all the cores) and vectorization (use all the SIMD lanes).

Peak instruction throughput may not be achievable due to some other limiter, typically memory bandwidth.

Performance optimization attempts to achieve peak throughput.

Performance analysis attempts to discover why peak throughput is not reached.

This talk is mostly about performance analysis.

Impediments to Peak Throughput

Imperfect parallel scalability

- Algorithmic: synchronization and load imbalance (including serial time)
- Architectural: cache contention, memory BW limited
- On- and off-chip interconnect limited (on-chip == Mesh, off-chip == Fabric)
 Imperfect SIMD usage
- Non-vectorizable algorithms. Rewrite your code to make it vectorizable.
- Other limitations
 - ISA limitations (e.g., data type support)
 - Compiler limitations (always improving)
 - Sparse masks due to branchy code (less work per instruction)



Finding Impediments with Vtune

This is the way I use vtune. Other people use it differently. That's fine. Use only the hardware event types, primarily advanced hotspots. Execution model has two concepts:

- 1. Threads are user application threads, usually bound to hardware threads.
- 2. Code segments are shared libraries (MPI, OpenMP) or functions of interest

Threads execute code segments and vtune gives us time per code segment per thread.

Comparing segment times across threads tells us about parallel execution.

Analyzing code and hardware events within a thread and segment tells us about processor performance.



Case Study

Application: miniFE <u>https://github.com/Mantevo/miniFE</u>

Hybrid OpenMP+MPI sparse solver

Run on 1 node*, 8 MPI ranks

- Run and collect vtune results
- Preliminary overview
- Parallel performance and bottlenecks
- Processor performance characteristics and analysis
- When am I done?

* Vtune installation available on only 1 node of theta at this writing



Run and Collect Vtune Results

Run vtune with hardware counter sampling on only one MPI rank on one node, but collect data for the whole node. Don't resolve symbols (finalize).

```
aprun -cc depth -j 4 -d 32 -n 8 -N 8 sh ./run.sh
run.sh:
export PE_RANK=$ALPS_APP_PE
export PMI_NO_FORK=1
if [ "$PE_RANK" == "0" ];then
        amplxe-cl -collect advanced-hotspots -analyze-system \
            -finalization-mode=none \
            ./miniFE.x nx=300
else
            ./miniFE.x nx=300
fi
```



Preparing and Viewing Results

Switch to login node and finalize:

source /opt/intel/vtune_amplifier_xe/amplxe-vars.sh

amplxe-cl -finalize -search-dir . -r r000ah/

- You can name the result with –r on the collection line, or vtune names it for you; use the same name here
- Semi-advanced: add -search-dir for runtime libraries, e.g.:
 -search-dir /opt/cray/pe/pmi/5.0.12/lib64

amplxe-gui r000ah

- Needs X connection
- I copied the result to my local system and ran the GUI there.



Full GUI screenshot

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Module / Thread / Function / Call Stack	Clockticks V	Instructions Retired	CPI Rate	Module	Function (Full)	Source File	Module Path	Start Address
miniFE.x	1,622,114,000,000	1,247,103,000,000	1.301				/gpfs/mira-home/lfmeadow/miniFE_openmp_2.0/miniFE.x	0
libiomp5.so	400,842,000,000	184,821,000,000	2.169				/opt/intel/compilers_and_libraries_2017.4.196/linux/compiler/lib/intel64_lin/libiomp5.s	o 0
vmlinux	316,966,000,000	30,056,000,000	10.546				vmlinux	0
libmpich_intel.so.3.0.1	57,811,000,000	22,607,000,000	2.557				/opt/cray/pe/mpt/7.6.0/gni/mpich-intel/16.0/lib/libmpich_intel.so.3.0.1	0
libstdc++.so.6.0.22	48,464,000,000	27,014,000,000	1.794				/usr/lib64/libstdc++.so.6.0.22	0
libintlc.so.5	2,613,000,000	715,000,000	3.655				/opt/intel/compilers_and_libraries_2017.4.196/linux/compiler/lib/intel64_lin/libintlc.so.	5 0
libc-2.19.so	1,612,000,000	962,000,000	1.676				/lib64/libc-2.19.so	0
libpmi.so.0.5.0	819,000,000	1,274,000,000	0.643				/opt/cray/pe/pmi/5.0.12/lib64/libpmi.so.0.5.0	0
libstdc++.so.6.0.20	312,000,000	78,000,000	4.000				/opt/intel/vtune_amplifier_xe_2017.3.0.510739/lib64/libstdc++.so.6.0.20	0
kgnilnd	143,000,000	26,000,000	5.500				kgnilnd	0
ld-2.19.so	130,000,000	13,000,000	10.000				/lib64/ld-2.19.so	0
Inet	91,000,000	26,000,000	3.500				Inet	0
amplxe-runss	91,000,000	13,000,000	7.000				/opt/intel/vtune_amplifier_xe_2017.3.0.510739/bin64/amplxe-runss	0
kgni_ari	78,000,000	0					kgni_ari	0
libpthread-2.19.so	78,000,000	0					/lib64/libpthread-2.19.so	0
libittnotify_collector.so	78,000,000	156,000,000	0.500				/opt/intel/vtune_amplifier_xe_2017.3.0.510739/lib64/runtime/libittnotify_collector.so	0
dvs	52,000,000	26,000,000	2.000				dvs	0
dvsipc	52,000,000	0					dvsipc	0
ptirpc	52,000,000	0					ptirpc	0
lustre	26,000,000	0					lustre	0
obdclass	26,000,000	0					obdclass	0
libamplxe_libxml_2.9.so	26,000,000	13,000,000	2.000				/opt/intel/vtune_amplifier_xe_2017.3.0.510739/lib64/libamplxe_libxml_2.9.so	0
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Initial Grid and Timeline

Link with –dynamic and automatically bucket time by app/MPI/OpenMP/vmlinux

Initialization can skew results. Zoom in or use _itt_pause/_itt_resume Grouping: (custom) Module / Thread / Function / Call Stack

Module / Thread / Function / Call Stack	Clockticks V	Instructions Retired	CPI Rate
▶ miniFE.x	1,622,114,000,000	1,247,103,000,000	1.301
▶ libiomp5.so	400,842,000,000	184,821,000,000	2.169
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Vtune Data Collection

Theory of operation

- -collect advanced-hotspots uses 3 fixed counters: instructions retired, thread cycles (at actual frequency), and reference cycles (at nominal fixed frequency, 1.3GHz on Theta)
- Each event is programmed to interrupt every N occurrences and a sample with the timestamp, instruction pointer, process/thread id, and hardware thread is recorded.
- Useful metrics: elapsed time, time running vs. halted, frequency ratio, instructions/cycle
- Yields a statistical profile. View with GUI or command-line reports

Avoid pain points

- You don't need data for every MPI node. Node 0 is usually enough.
- Collect for the whole system with one amplxe-cl instance, the driver does it anyway and the overhead is low with SEP driver.
- Collect only the interesting bits. Use __itt_resume()/__itt_pause() and -start-paused. You probably don't need all the iterations.
- Finalize outside of job run.



Parallel Performance and Imbalance

Grouping	(custom)	/ Module	Thread /	[/] Function /	Call Stack
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Module / Thread / Function / Call Stack	Clockticks V	Instructions Retired	CPI Rate
▼ miniFE.x	22,061,000,000	14,950,000,000	1.476
miniFE.x (TID: 40801)	11,050,000,000	7,553,000,000	1.463
miniFE.x (TID: 41103)	11,011,000,000	7,397,000,000	1.489
▼ libiomp5.so	2,847,000,000	1,482,000,000	1.921
miniFE.x (TID: 41103)	2,665,000,000	1,417,000,000	1.881
miniFE.x (TID: 40801)	182,000,000	65,000,000	2.800
Ibmpich_intel.so.3.0.1	2,574,000,000	1,027,000,000	2.506
miniFE.x (TID: 40801)	2,574,000,000	1,027,000,000	2.506
▶ vmlinux	351,000,000	39,000,000	9.000

- Select grouping with thread on top, choose one master and one slave thread, filter in by selection, then switch grouping.
- Time spent by the slave in libiomp5.so is equal to time spent by the master in libmpich.

Load Imbalance

- Elapsed time is determined by longest executing thread
- Threads that finish work early spin-wait in OpenMP.
- Threads doing MPI may spin wait waiting for remote sender
- We can see this by comparing times for each thread in each module
- Vtune grouping lets you do this in the GUI but it is hard to compare many threads
- One good technique is a pivot table: threads vs. modules.
- Generate a csv file with amplxe-cl –report and import into spreadsheet or use python+pandas.
- May need other tools for global MPI imbalance, then zero in on slowest node with vtune

Pivot Table Example

amplxe-cl -report hw-events -r result -group-by=package,cpuid,core,thread,function \
 -format=csv -csv-delimiter=comma -inline-mode=off -time-filter 37:47 >file.csv

Thread	miniFE.x	libiomp5.so	libmpich_intel.so.3.0.1	vmlinux
miniFE.x (TID: 40799)	9,854,000,000	169,000,000	2,782,000,000	117,000,000
miniFE.x (TID: 40794)	9,893,000,000	234,000,000	2,730,000,000	65,000,000
miniFE.x (TID: 40798)	10,127,000,000	26,000,000	2,626,000,000	130,000,000
miniFE.x (TID: 40797)	10,088,000,000	156,000,000	2,587,000,000	78,000,000
miniFE.x (TID: 40800)	10,023,000,000	169,000,000	2,535,000,000	182,000,000
miniFE.x (TID: 40796)	10,205,000,000	78,000,000	2,509,000,000	130,000,000
miniFE.x (TID: 40801)	10,101,000,000	247,000,000	2,431,000,000	130,000,000
OMP Master Thread #0 (TID: 40828)	<mark>12,454,000,000</mark>	65,000,000	78,000,000	91,000,000
miniFE.x (TID: 41125)	9,828,000,000	2,938,000,000		156,000,000
OMP Worker Thread #6 (TID: 41158)	9,828,000,000	2,912,000,000		182,000,000
miniFE.x (TID: 41117)	10,179,000,000	2,496,000,000		247,000,000
miniFE.x (TID: 41124)	10,114,000,000	2,483,000,000		325,000,000
miniFE.x (TID: 41114)	10,231,000,000	2,457,000,000		234,000,000

- 13 out of 64 threads shown, others similar. Entries are reference clocks (elapsed time). Sorted by MPI clocks then by OMP clocks. MPI threads on the top. Small load imbalance in app, lots of spin time in slave threads due to MPI time in master (except 0).
- Master thread 0 is a major laggard, see next slide

What's up with master thread 0?

Slow performance of master thread 0 was a surprise (Honest!). Perfect opportunity to teach and learn!

Diagnose using vtune filtering and grouping. We want to compare two hardware contexts that are running master (MPI) threads.

- 1. Add custom grouping thread/hw-context/function and find which core master thread 0 is on (cpu 0) and another master thread (cpu 8)*
- 2. Switch to package/hw-context grouping and select 0 and 8 and filter in.
- 3. Add custom grouping hw-context/Module and switch to that
- 4. Filter range on timeline (only if not using pause/resume API).

* We already knew this from aprun but good practice

CPU 0 vs. CPU 8

Grouping: (custom) H/W Context / Module / Thread / Function

H/W Context / Module / Thread / Function	/ Function Clockticks V Instructions Retired		CPI Rate
▼ cpu_0	13,923,000,000	7,384,000,000	1.886
▶ miniFE.x	13,468,000,000	7,345,000,000	1.834
▼ vmlinux	260,000,000	13,000,000	20.000
OMP Master Thread #0 (TID: 40828)	130,000,000	0	
amplxe-runss (TID: 41102)	130,000,000	13,000,000	10.000
▶ libiomp5.so	91,000,000	0	
▶ ld-2.19.so	26,000,000	0	
libmpich_intel.so.3.0.1	26,000,000	26,000,000	1.000
▶ dvsipc	13,000,000	0	
▶ dvs	13,000,000	0	
▶ libc-2.19.so	13,000,000	0	
libamplxe_libxml_2.9.so	13,000,000	0	
▼ cpu_8	13,910,000,000	8,567,000,000	1.624
▶ miniFE.x	10,530,000,000	7,423,000,000	1.419
libmpich_intel.so.3.0.1	2,990,000,000	1,053,000,000	2.840
▶ libiomp5.so	260,000,000	78,000,000	3.333
▶ vmlinux	104,000,000	13,000,000	8.000
▶ ld-2.19.so	26,000,000	0	

cpu_0 and cpu_8 execute same number of instructions in miniFE.x but cpu_0 uses 3.5e9 more clockticks. No other activity on cpu_0. Why is it so slow?

I finally remember: There are other threads on the same core as CPU 0. Let's look at them.

Switch to core/hw context/module grouping and look at core 0

Core 0

Grouping: (custom) Core / H/W Context / Module / Function

Core / H/W Context / Module / Function	Clockticks V	Instructions Retired	CPI Rate
▼ core_0	18,603,000,000	8,541,000,000	2.178
▼ cpu_0	13,923,000,000	7,384,000,000	1.886
▶ miniFE.x	13,468,000,000	7,345,000,000	1.834
▶ vmlinux	260,000,000	13,000,000	20.000
▶ libiomp5.so	91,000,000	0	
▶ ld-2.19.so	26,000,000	0	
libmpich_intel.so.3.0.1	26,000,000	26,000,000	1.000
▶ dvsipc	13,000,000	0	
▶ dvs	13,000,000	0	
▶ libc-2.19.so	13,000,000	0	
libamplxe_libxml_2.9.so	13,000,000	0	
▼ cpu_64	4,641,000,000	1,157,000,000	4.011
▶ vmlinux	4,641,000,000	1,157,000,000	4.011
▶ cpu_192	26,000,000	0	
▶ cpu_128	13,000,000	0	

OS CPU 64 on core 0 executes for 4.7e9 clockticks in the OS, greatly slowing down OS CPU 0, also on core 0.

Possible remedy: avoid core 0 (or even tile 0): aprun -r 1 (?)

With automated pivot tables we would have seen this immediately.



Summary of Parallel Analysis

Look at time spent per-thread, that determines elapsed time.

Vtune filtering and grouping is very powerful for ad-hoc analysis.

Getting threads side-by-side to compare in the vtune gui is hard, using the trick of selecting two threads with different behaviors helps.

Pivot tables summarize thread vs. module/function behavior well for large numbers of threads, make it easier to spot groups of threads with unique behavior (serial time, MPI time, systemic load imbalance, misbehaving cores).

Pivot tables are useful for lots of other tasks such as checking for correct affinity to HW contexts and unexpected noise; automating it with python+pandas is a promising approach.

Processor Performance

Standard metric is retired Instructions Per Cycle (IPC)

- Intel[®] Xeon Phi[™] processor max is 2 IPC per core
- vtune displays the reciprocal CPI
- Computed as $\frac{\sum_{hwthreads} instructions}{\sum_{hwthreads} cycles}$
 - *instructions* == INST_RETIRED.ANY *cycles* == CPU_CLK_UNHALTED.THREAD

Note: IPC per core depends on how many HW threads per core (nHT) are running:

 $IPC_{core} = IPC_{thread}$ *nHT

 $CPI_{core} = CPI_{thread}/nHT$

Vtune always displays CPI_{thread}

This is why all scaling graphs should be in terms of cores, not threads, and should show the number of threads per core used.



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Analyzing CPI

There are two approaches to analyzing CPI:

- Top-down analysis. This attempts to break the instruction time into categories reflecting the hardware pipeline. Vtune supports this with -collect general-exploration .
- 2. Looking for typical contributors to CPI by inspection and by computing specific metrics.

In HPC, memory stalls are usually the biggest contributor to CPI. Here we look specifically at L2 input bandwidth for KNL and compare to peak values (~380 GB/sec in flat mode for 7250 68-core part). amplxe-cl -collect-with runsa -knob event-config=\ CPU_CLK_UNHALTED.REF_TSC:sa=13000000,CPU_CLK_UNHALTED.THREAD:sa=13000000, INST_RETIRED.ANY:sa=13000000,L2_REQUESTS.MISS,L2_PREFETCHER.ALLOC_XQ

L2 BW Vtune View

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Module / Function / Call Stack	INST RETIRED.ANY	CPU CLK UNHALTED.THREAD	
▼ miniFE.x	473,252,000,000	692,354,000,000	
miniFE::cg_solve <minife::csrmatrix<double< p=""></minife::csrmatrix<double<>	461,318,000,000	630,448,000,000	
miniFE::daxpby <minife::vector<double, int,<="" p=""></minife::vector<double,>	7,839,000,000	39,351,000,000	
miniFE::daxpby <minife::vector<double, int,<="" p=""></minife::vector<double,>	3,549,000,000	21,099,000,000	

are Event Count by Hardware Event Ty	pe	
CPU CLK UNHALTED.REF TSC ▼	L2 REQUESTS.MISS	L2 PREFETCHER.ALLOC XQ
642,876,000,000	2,336,235,043	30,399,727,832
584,493,000,000	1,896,828,452	27,135,899,380
37,570,000,000	273,404,101	2,152,050,633
19,539,000,000	127,001,905	1,075,175,257

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Paste it into a spreadsheet...

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L2 Input Bandwidth

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		Loop	
Event or metric	matvec	daxbpy #1	daxbpy #2
INST_RETIRED.ANY	461,318,000,000	7,839,000,000	3,549,000,000
CPU_CLK_UNHALTED.THREAD	630,448,000,000	39,351,000,000	21,099,000,000
CPU_CLK_UNHALTED.REF_TSC	584,493,000,000	37,570,000,000	19,539,000,000
L2_REQUESTS.MISS	1,896,828,452	273,404,101	127,001,905
L2_PREFETCHER.ALLOC_XQ	27,135,899,380	2,152,050,633	1,075,175,257
срі	1.367	5.020	5.945
L2 lines in	29,032,727,832	2,425,454,734	1,202,177,162
Elapsed cycles	9,132,703,125	587,031,250	305,296,875
bytes/cycle	203.5	264.4	252.0
GB/sec	264.5	343.8	327.6

L2 lines in = demand misses plus hardware prefetches 1 line = 64 bytes Elapsed cycles = reference clocks / active threads Multiply bytes/cycle by 1.3GHz to get GB/sec

Last two loops are close to peak bandwidth Let's look at the assembly

matvec

543	<pre>for(MINIFE_GLOBAL_ORDINAL i = row_start; i < row_end; ++i) {</pre>
544	<pre>sum += Acoefs[i] * xcoefs[Acols[i]];</pre>
545	}

	Block 271:		
236	vmovaps %zmm0, %zmm8		
236	<pre>vpcmpgtd %zmm4, %zmm3, %k3{%k1}</pre>		
236	<pre>vpaddd %ymm1, %ymm4, %ymm4</pre>		
236	<pre>vmovdqu32z (%rax,%rcx,1), %zmm7{%k3}{z}</pre>		
236	kmovw %k3, %k2		
236	<pre>vmovupdz (%r11,%rsi,8), %zmm9{%k3}{z}</pre>		
236	add \$0x8, %rsi		
236	add \$0x20, %rax		
236	<pre>vgatherdpdz (%r12,%ymm7,8), %k2, %zmm8</pre>		
236	vfmadd231pd %zmm9, %zmm8, %zmm6{%k3}		
236	cmp %rdx, %rsi		
236	jb 0x414796 <block 271=""></block>		
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Indirection resulting in vgatherdpdz limits bandwidth





220	<pre>for(int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {</pre>
221	<pre>ycoefs[i] += alpha * xcoefs[i];</pre>
222	}

0x418188		Block 8:
0x418188	221	vmovupsz (%r14,%r15,8), %zmm2
0x41818f	221	vfmadd213pdz (%r8,%r15,8), %zmm0, %zmm2
0x418196	221	vmovupdz %zmm2, (%r8,%r15,8)
0x41819d	218	add \$0x8, %r15
0x4181a1	218	cmp %rdx, %r15
0x4181a4	218	<u>jb 0x418188 <block 8=""></block></u>
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contiguous memory streams result in near peak bandwidth



Other Metrics

Use and understand the vtune hardware collection types. They are easy to use and have many valuable metrics and displays. You can learn a lot about the hardware events and top-down cycle breakdown. Use the tooltips.

Be very aware of overheads and quantization errors due to multiplexing (only two hardware events are available so not all events run all the time with the complex collection types). Watch for large increases in runtime when using vtune.

Don't be afraid to roll your own analysis. You can directly sample 3 fixed events plus two programmable event. Adjust the sample after value to avoid undue overhead.



When am I done?

Achieve high percentage of bandwidth

- Beware of BW bound code that doesn't need to be (e.g., fails to optimize for reuse in L2 cache)
- Lack of vectorization, lack of streaming stores, missing SW prefetches may limit BW

Achieve high IPC/low CPI

- BW bound code will have lower IPC
- Code may be BW bound from L1 or L2 cache as well as from memory.
- Micro-architectural decisions may limit IPC (e.g., some VPU instructions issue on only one port)
- Real dependences may limit IPC (one instruction needs to wait for another's result)
- Code may be front-end bound (instruction fetch and decode, branch prediction)

Ultimately you need excellent understanding of your algorithm's BW requirements and careful inspection of generated code to understand and eliminate micro-architectural bottlenecks.

References

Vtune reference:

<u>https://software.intel.com/en-us/amplifier_help_linux</u>

Hardware counters:

- <u>https://software.intel.com/en-us/articles/intel-sdm</u> (Volume 3B Section 19.4)
- <u>https://software.intel.com/en-us/articles/intel-xeon-phi-x200-family-processor-performance-monitoring-reference-manual</u>

Recommended collection types:

```
advanced-hotspots, general-exploration, memory-access, hpc-performance
collect-with runsa -knob event-config=hw-event-list
sep -el to get the hw-event-list
```

Pause/resume:

```
#include <ittnotify.h>, use ittnotify
-I/opt/intel/vtune_amplifier_xe/include -L/opt/intel/vtune_amplifier_xe/lib64 -littnotify
___itt_resume()/__itt_pause()/-start-paused
```





Optimization example: CCS-QCD

Recompilation alone is insufficient

* https://conference.ippp.dur.ac.uk/event/470/session/14/contribution/44 QCD code written by Dr. Ken-Ichi Ishikawa, Hiroshima University

Highly optimized* for Intel[®] Xeon Phi[™] gen 1 (formerly known as KNC) on Tsukuba COMA, tuned for gen 2 for Oakforest-PACS

Optimizations: MCDRAM, tiling for cache, manual prefetching, intrinsics, aligned memory allocation, cooperative threading

Optimization	Dslash operator GF/sec	Full Solver GF/sec
DDR only	126	96
MCDRAM, no SW prefetch	393	326
MCDRAM, SW prefetch	542	424

24^3x96 problem size 68 cores,1.4GHz All values in Gflops/Second nohz_full boot



Optimizations for Intel[®] Xeon Phi[™] processor

MCDRAM for bandwidth-bound problems

Latency hiding:

- OOO provides some latency hiding (72 uops deep)
- HT (multiple threads per core); 2-level cooperative threading for many problems
- Manual prefetching for irregular or semi-regular access patterns (e.g. indirection, tiled loop nests)

Vectorization:

- Instruction selection: AVX-512 ERI for faster exp, recip; limited precision compiler flags; #pragma nontemporal for non-temporal stores
- AVX-512 CDI for various idioms using vector scatter

Performance analysis: use HW events

Classes of hardware performance events

Uncore

- MCDRAM and DDR reads and writes
- MCDRAM-as-cache HIT, MISS

Core/Tile

- Retired loads and stores
- Retired L1, L2, uTLB, and dTLB misses
- Instructions, reference and thread cycles (architectural PMU)
- Branch prediction, I\$ and iTLB misses
- Front-end stall cycles (instruction decode)
- Retired packed and scalar SIMD operations (proxy for vectorization quality)
- L2 cache line traffic



Module-level HW profile





Vtune tips

Vtune is a quick way to get most of the data you need.

Limit your vtune collection time to 20s or so on one node during program steady-state: either use ___itt_pause/__itt_resume or collect for 20s while program is running:

amplxe-cl -collect advanced-hotspots -analyze-system -d 20

-collect general-exploration and -collect memory-access are both useful for seeing how well the hardware is being used.

Vtune has lower overhead than perf record, especially on many small cores. Finalization can be slow; limiting collection time helps a lot.



Non-sampling approaches

Instrument your code

- Collect core counters for all threads
 - Use sep –count and RDPMC
 - Jevents
 - Add them all together
- Collect uncore events separately with linux perf
- Consider normalizing per something meaningful to your code, e.g., per solver iteration

Use emon to collect counters over time

- Lower overhead than sampling
- Correlation to application is over time, not to source code



Fine-grained analysis example: CCS-QCD

Instrument only the Dslash operator Use RDPMC to read the counters

Metric	Formula	Value		
L1 hit rate	MEM_UOPS_RETIRED.L1_MISS_LOADS/ MEM_UOPS_RETIRED.ALL_LOADS	96.85%		
L2 hit rate	MEM_UOPS_RETIRED.L2_HIT_LOADS/ (MEM_UOPS_RETIRED.L2_HIT_LOADS+MEM_U OPS_RETIRED.L2_MISS_LOADS)	96.72%		
IPC/core	2*INST_RETIRED.ANY/ CPU_CLK_UNHALTED.THREAD	1.16	With 2 threads/core	
MCDRAM Read BW	*Memory_reads/Time	317GB/ Sec	Rule of thumb: 360 GB/sec	
Per-core L2 input BW	64*(L2_PREFETCHER.ALLOC_XQ+ L2_REQUESTS.MISS)/Time	341GB/ Sec	aggregate max L2 input BW Implies this code is bandwidth	

* Elapsed time can be computed several ways, e.g., CPU_CLK_UNHALTED.REF_TSC / #threads, assuming threads are all active during the measured region.

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