

PROFILING YOUR APPLICATION WITH INTEL® VTUNE™ AMPLIFIER AND INTEL® ADVISOR

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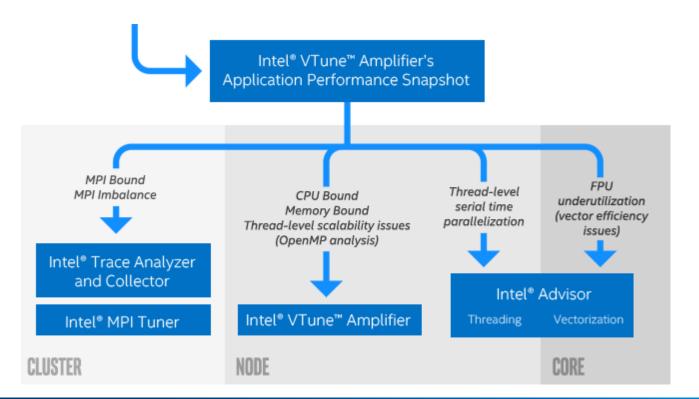
Tuning at Multiple Hardware Levels

Exploiting all features of modern processors requires good use of the available resources

- Core
 - Vectorization is critical with 512bit FMA vector units (32 DP ops/cycle)
 - Targeting the current ISA is fundamental to fully exploit vectorization
- Socket
 - Using all cores in a processor requires parallelization (MPI, OMP, ...)
 - Up to 64 Physical cores and 256 logical processors per socket on Theta!
- Node
 - Minimize remote memory access (control memory affinity)
 - Minimize resource sharing (tune local memory access, disk IO and network traffic)



Tuning Workflow





VTune™ Amplifier's Application Performance Snapshot

High-level overview of application performance

- Identify primary optimization areas
- Recommend next steps in analysis
- Extremely easy to use
- Informative, actionable data in clean HTML report
- Detailed reports available via command line
- Low overhead, high scalability



Usage on Theta

Launch all profiling jobs from /projects rather than /home

No module available, so setup the environment manually:

```
$ source /opt/intel/vtune_amplifier/apsvars.sh
```

Launch your job in interactive or batch mode:

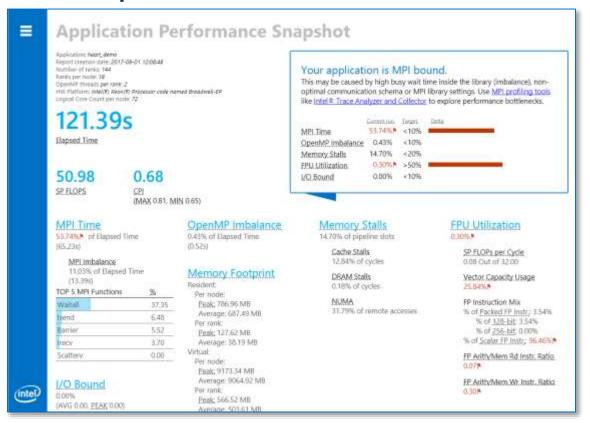
```
$ aprun -N <ppn> -n <totRanks> [affinity opts] aps ./exe
```

Produce text and html reports:

```
$ aps -report=./aps_result_ ....
```



APS HTML Report





INTEL® ADVISOR

Vectorization and Threading

Intel® Advisor

Modern HPC processors explore different level of parallelism:

- between the cores: multi-threading (Theta: 64 cores, 256 threads)
- within a core: vectorization (Theta: 8 DP elements, 16 SP elements)

Adapting applications to take advantage of such high parallelism is quite demanding and requires code modernization

The Intel® Advisor is a software tool for vectorization and thread prototyping

The tool guides the software developer to resolve issues during the vectorization process



Typical Vectorization Optimization Workflow

There is no need to recompile or relink the application, but the use of -g is recommended.

- 1. Collect survey and tripcounts data
 - Investigate application place within roofline model
 - Determine vectorization efficiency and opportunities for improvement
- 2. Collect memory access pattern data
 - Determine data structure optimization needs
- 3. Collect dependencies
 - Differentiate between real and assumed issues blocking vectorization

Using Intel® Advisor on Theta

Two options to setup collections: GUI (advixe-gui) or command line (advixe-cl).

I will focus on the command line since it is better suited for batch execution, but the GUI provides the same capabilities in a user-friendly interface.

I recommend taking a snapshot of the results and analyzing in a local machine (Linux, Windows, Mac) to avoid issues with lag.

Some things of note:

- Use /projects rather than /home for profiling jobs
- Set your environment:

```
$ source /opt/intel/advisor/advixe-vars.sh
$ export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/opt/intel/advisor/lib64:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
$ export PMI_NO_FORK=1
```

Sample Script

```
#!/bin/bash
#COBALT -t 30
#COBALT -n 1
                                       →Basic scheduler info (the usual)
#COBALT -q debug-cache-quad
#COBALT -A ct>
                                                                       →Environment setup
export LD LIBRARY PATH=/opt/intel/advisor/lib64:$LD LIBRARY PATH
source /opt/intel/advisor/advixe-vars.sh
                                                                             Two separate collections
export PMI NO FORK=1
aprun -n 1 -N 1 advixe-cl -c survey --project-dir ./adv res --search-dir src:=./ --search-dir bin:=./ --./exe
aprun -n 1 -N 1 advixe-cl -c tripcounts -flops-and-masks --project-dir ./adv res \
                          --search-dir src:=./ --search-dir bin:=./ -- ./exe
```

Cache-Aware Roofline

Next Steps

If under or near a memory roof...

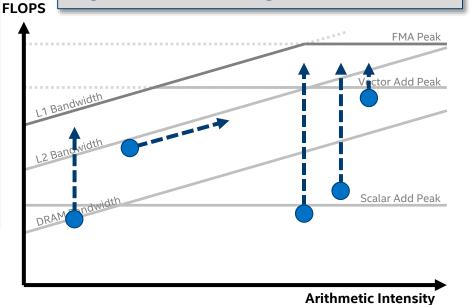
- Try a MAP analysis.

 Make any appropriate

 cache optimizations.
- If cache optimization is impossible, try reworking the algorithm to have a higher AI.

If Under the Vector Add Peak

Check "Traits" in the Survey to see if FMAs are used. If not, try altering your code or compiler flags to **induce FMA usage.**



If just above the Scalar Add Peak

Check **vectorization efficiency** in the Survey.
Follow the
recommendations to
improve it if it's low.

If under the Scalar Add Peak...

Check the Survey Report to see if the loop vectorized. If not, try to **get it to vectorize** if possible. This may involve running Dependencies to see if it's safe to force it.

NBODY DEMONSTRATION

The naïve code that could

Nbody gravity simulation

https://github.com/fbaru-dev/nbody-demo (Dr. Fabio Baruffa)

Let's consider a distribution of point masses m_1,...,m_n located at r_1,...,r_n.

We want to calculate the position of the particles after a certain time interval using the Newton law of gravity.

```
struct Particle
{
  public:
    Particle() { init();}
    void init()
    {
       pos[0] = 0.; pos[1] = 0.; pos[2] = 0.;
       vel[0] = 0.; vel[1] = 0.; vel[2] = 0.;
       acc[0] = 0.; acc[1] = 0.; acc[2] = 0.;
       mass = 0.;
    }
    real_type pos[3];
    real_type vel[3];
    real_type acc[3];
    real_type mass;
};
```

Collect Roofline Data

Starting with version 2 of the code we collect both survey and tripcounts data:

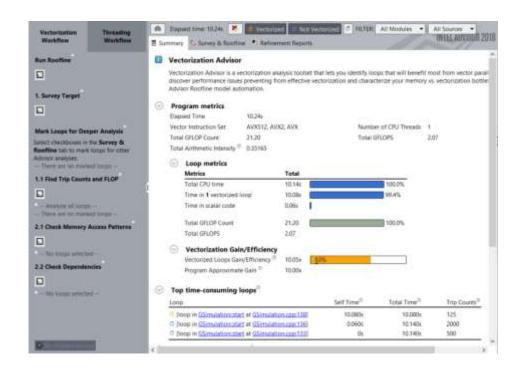
And generate a portable snapshot to analyze anywhere:

```
advixe-cl --snapshot --project-dir ./adv_res --pack --cache-sources \
--cache-binaries --search-dir src:=./ --search-dir bin:=./ -- nbody_naive
```

If finalization is too slow on compute add -no-auto-finalize to collection line.



Summary Report

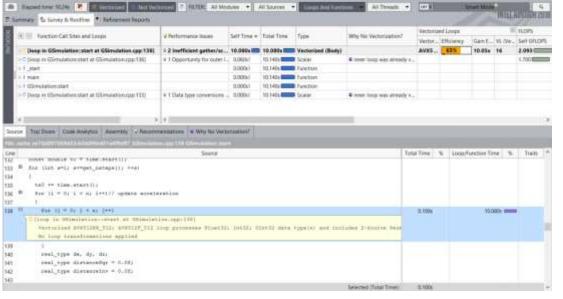


GUI left panel provides access to further tests

Summary provides overall performance characteristics

- Lists instruction set(s) used
- Top time consuming loops are listed individually
- Loops are annotated as vectorized and non-vectorized
- Vectorization efficiency is based on used ISA, in this case Intel® Advanced Vector Extensions 512 (AVX512)

Survey Report (Source)



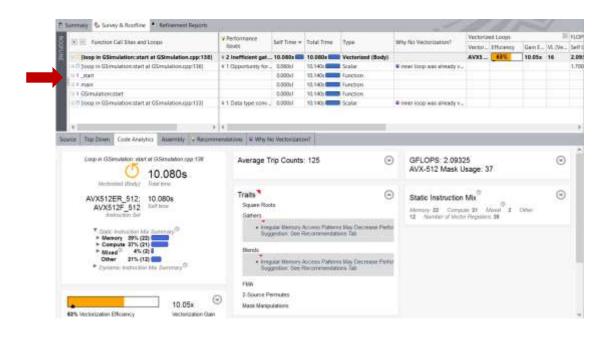
Inline information regarding loop characteristics

- ISA used
- Types processed
- Compiler transformations applied
- Vector length used
- ...

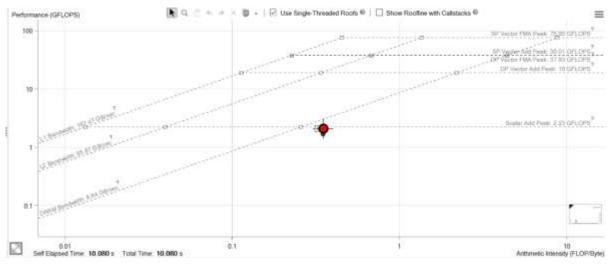
Survey Report (Code Analytics)

Detailed loop information

- Instruction mix
- ISA used, including subgroups
- Loop traits
 - FMA
 - Square root
 - Gathers / Blends point to memory issues and vector inefficiencies



CARM Analysis



Using single threaded roof

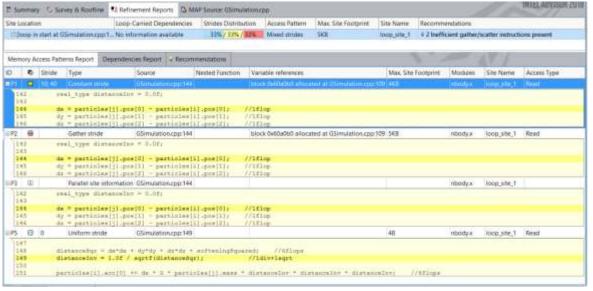
Code vectorized, but performance on par with scalar add peak?

- Irregular memory access patterns force gather operations.
- Overhead of setting up vector operations reduces efficiency.

Next step is clear: perform a Memory Access Pattern analysis



Memory Access Pattern Analysis (Refinement)



Storage of particles is in an Array Of Structures (AOS) style

This leads to regular, but non-unit strides in memory access

- 33% unit
- 33% uniform, non-unit
- 33% non-uniform

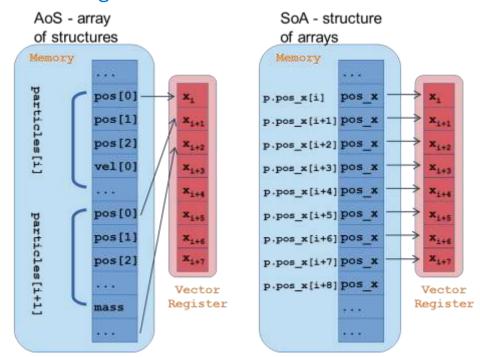
Re-structuring the code into a Structure Of Arrays (SOA) may lead to unit stride access and more effective vectorization

Vectorization: gather/scatter operation

The compiler might generate gather/scatter instructions for loops automatically vectorized where memory locations are not contiguous

```
struct Particle
{
  public:
    ...
    real_type pos[3];
    real_type vel[3];
    real_type acc[3];
    real_type mass;
};
```

```
struct ParticleSoA
{
  public:
    ...
    real_type *pos_x,*pos_y,*pos_z;
    real_type *vel_x,*vel_y,*vel_z;
    real_type *acc_x,*acc_y;*acc_z
    real_type *mass;
};
```



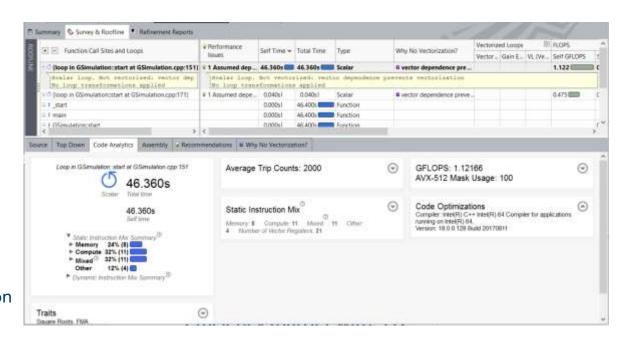
Performance After Data Structure Change

In this new version (version 3 in github sample) we introduce the following change:

 Change particle data structures from AOS to SOA

Note changes in report:

- Performance is lower
- Main loop is no longer vectorized
- Assumed vector dependence prevents automatic vectorization

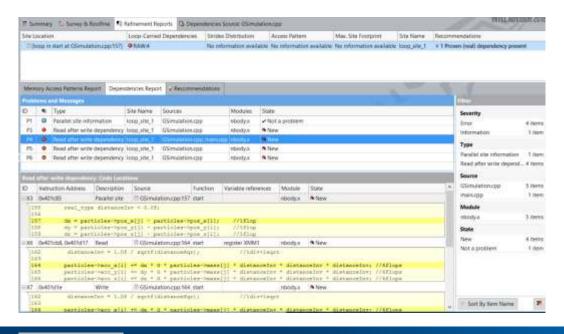


Next step is clear: perform a Dependencies analysis



Dependencies Analysis (Refinement)

```
aprun -n 1 -N 1 advixe-cl --collect dependencies --project-dir ./adv_res \
--search-dir src:=./ --search-dir bin:=./ -- ./nbody.x
```



Dependencies analysis has high overhead:

Run on reduced workload

Advisor Findings:

- RAW dependency
- Multiple reduction-type dependencies

Recommendations

Memory Access Patterns Report

Dependencies Report Recommendations

All Advisor-detectable issues: C++ | Fortran

Recommendation: Resolve dependency

The Dependencies analysis shows there is a real (proven) dependency in the loop. To fix: Do one of the following:

. If there is an anti-dependency, enable vectorization using the directive #pragma_omp_simd safelen(length), where length is smaller than the distance between dependent iterations in anti-dependency. For example:

```
#pragma omp simd safelen(4)
for (i = 0; i < n - 4; i += 4)
   a[i + 4] = a[i] * c;
```

ISSUE: PROVEN (REAL) DEPENDENCY PRESENT

The compiler assumed there is an anti-dependency (Write after read - WAR) or true dependency (Read after write - RAW) in the loop. Improve performance by investigating the assumption and handling accordingly.

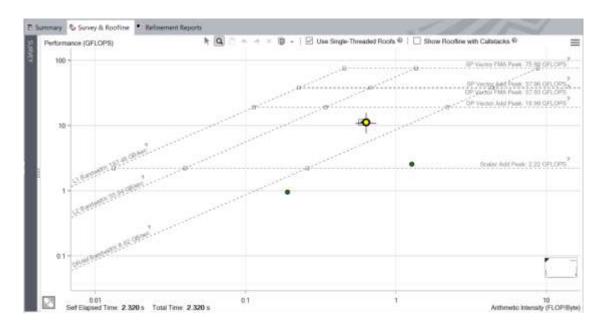


Resolve dependency

. If there is a reduction pattern dependency in the loop, enable vectorization using the directive #pragma omp simd reduction(operator:list). For example:

```
#pragma cmp simd reduction(+:sumx)
for (k = 0;k < size2; k++)
   sumx += x[k]*b[k];
```

Performance After Resolved Dependencies



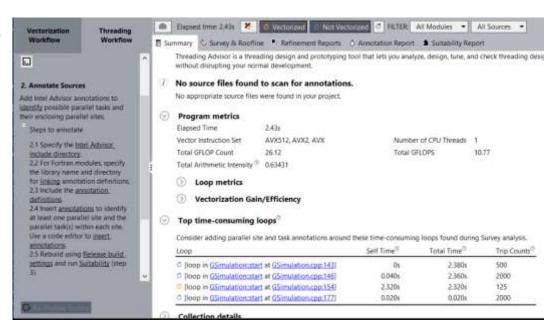
New memory access pattern plus vectorization produces much improved performance!

What next?

Performance per core may be improved, but it is capped at ~5x current value.

Let's explore threading with a suitability analysis.

- Recompile including annotation definitions
- Add headers to file
- Annotate suggested loops
- Run suitability collection



Annotating the code

Add annotations as shown on the left sample

Complex sites may be analyzed in more detail using task sections if needed

- ANNOTATE_SITE_BEGIN / ANNOTATE_SITE_END
- ANNOTATE_TASK_BEGIN / ANNOTATE_TASK_END

Recompile including annotation definitions:

```
-I/opt/intel/advisor/include
```

Collect suitability data

```
#include "advisor-annotate.h"
ANNOTATE SITE BEGIN (steps)
for (int s=1; s<=get nsteps(); ++s)</pre>
{
  . . .
  ANNOTATE TASK BEGIN (particles)
  for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
  ANNOTATE TASK END (particles)
ANNOTATE SITE END(steps)
```

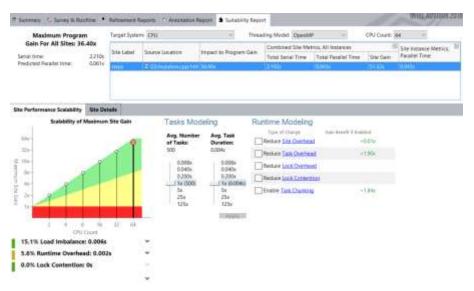
```
aprun -n 1 -N 1 advixe-cl --collect suitability --project-dir ./adv_res \
--search-dir src:=./ --search-dir bin:=./ -- ./nbody.x
```

Suitability report

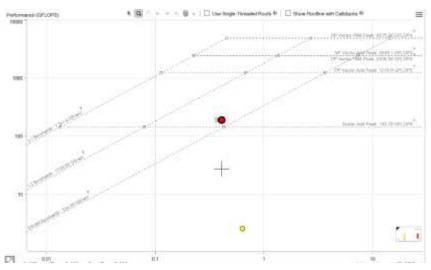
Good speedup expected, but far from ideal (~56% efficiency).

Modeling shows that increasing the task length would improve efficiency.

Next step: add omp parallel region to code and re-rest



Roofline for Threaded Version



Now using regular roofline, instead of single-threaded

Still room for improvement, but at this point we need additional detail regarding shared resource utilization

```
for (int s=1; s<=get nsteps(); ++s)</pre>
  ts0 += time.start();
#pragma omp parallel for
  for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
                              // update acceleration
    real type ax i = particles->acc x[i];
    real type ay i = particles->acc y[i];
    real type az i = particles->acc z[i];
#pragma omp simd reduction(+:ax i,ay i,az i)
    for (j = 0; j < n; j++)
      real type dx, dy, dz;
      real type distanceSqr = 0.0f;
      real type distanceInv = 0.0f;
      dx = particles->pos x[j] - particles->pos x[i];
```

INTEL® VTUNE™ AMPLIFIER

Intel[®] VTune[™] Amplifier

VTune Amplifier is a full system profiler

- Accurate
- Low overhead
- Comprehensive (microarchitecture, memory, IO, treading, ...)
- Highly customizable interface
- Direct access to source code and assembly

Analyzing code access to shared resources is critical to achieve good performance on multicore and manycore systems

VTune Amplifier takes over where Intel® Advisor left

Predefined Collections

Many available analysis types:

advanced-hotspots Advanced Hotspots

concurrencyConcurrency

disk-io Disk Input and Output

general-exploration General microarchitecture exploration

gpu-hotspots GPU Hotspots

gpu-profiling GPU In-kernel Profiling

hotspots Basic Hotspots

hpc-performance HPC Performance Characterization

Locks and Waits —

Memory Access

Memory Consumption –

System Overview

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• ...

Python Support



The HPC Performance Characterization Analysis

Threading: CPU Utilization

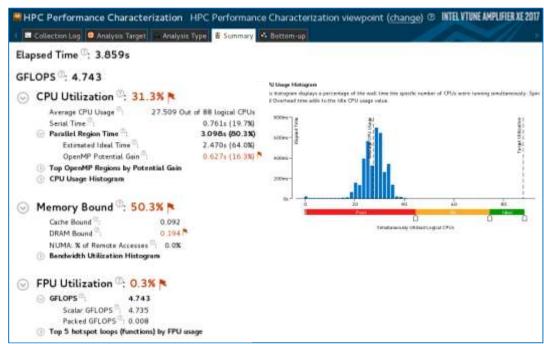
- Serial vs. Parallel time
- Top OpenMP regions by potential gain
- Tip: Use hotspot OpenMP region analysis for more detail

Memory Access Efficiency

- Stalls by memory hierarchy
- Bandwidth utilization
- Tip: Use Memory Access analysis

Vectorization: FPU Utilization

- FLOPS † estimates from sampling
- Tip: Use Intel Advisor for precise metrics and vectorization optimization



[†] For 3rd, 5th, 6th Generation Intel® Core™ processors and second generation Intel® Xeon Phi™ processor code named Knights Landing.



Memory Access Analysis

Tune data structures for performance

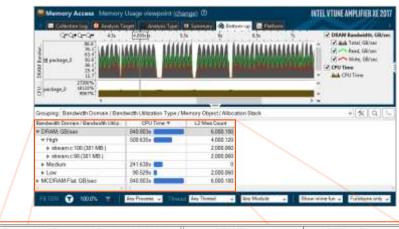
- Attribute cache misses to data structures (not just the code causing the miss)
- Support for custom memory allocators

Optimize NUMA latency & scalability

- True & false sharing optimization
- Auto detect max system bandwidth
- Easier tuning of inter-socket bandwidth

Easier install, Latest processors

- No special drivers required on Linux*
- Intel® Xeon Phi™ processor MCDRAM (high bandwidth memory) analysis



Bandwidth Domain / Bandwidth Utiliz	CPU Time ▼	L2 Miss Count
▼ DRAM, GB/sec	840.803s	6,000,180
▼ High	508.635s	4,000,120
▶ stream.c:100 (381 MB)		2,000,060
▶ stream.c:98 (381 MB)		2,000,060
▶ Medium	241.638s	0
▶ Low	90.529s	2,000,060
▶ MCDRAM Flat, GB/sec	840.803s	6,000,180



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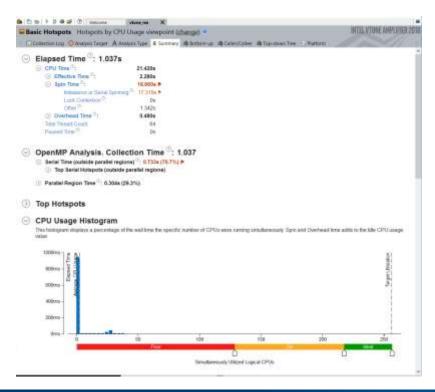
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                                                                                     →Environment setup
export LD LIBRARY PATH=/opt/intel/vtune amplifier/lib64:$LD LIBRARY PATH
source /opt/intel/vtune amplifier/amplxe-vars.sh
export PMI NO FORK=1
                                                                                   Invoke VTune<sup>™</sup> Amplifier
export OMP NUM THREADS=64; export OMP PROC BIND=spread; export OMP PLACES=cores
aprun -n 1 -N 1 -cc depth -d 256 -j 4 amplxe-cl -c hotspots -knob analyze-openmp=true \
                                                      -r ./adv res -- ./exe
```

Hotspots analysis for nbody demo (ver7: threaded)



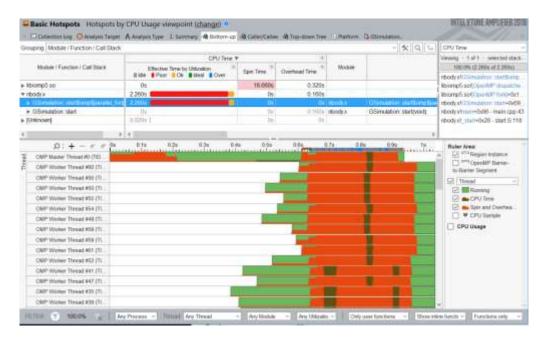


Lots of spin time indicate issues with load balance and synchronization

Given the short OpenMP region duration it is likely we do not have sufficient work per thread

Let's look a the timeline for each thread to understand things better...

Bottom-up view



There is not enough work per thread in this particular example.

Double click on line to access source and assembly.

Notice the filtering options at the bottom, which allow customization of this view.

Next steps would include additional analysis to continue the optimization process.

Python

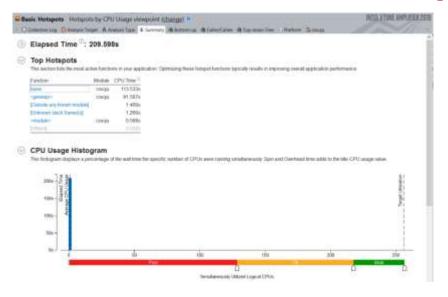
Profiling Python is straightforward in VTune™ Amplifier, as long as one does the following:

- The "application" should be the full path to the python interpreter used
- The python code should be passed as "arguments" to the "application"

In Theta this would look like this:

Simple Python Example on Theta

```
aprun -n 1 -N 1 amplxe-cl -c hotspots -r vt_pytest \
-- /usr/bin/python ./cov.py naive 100 1000
```



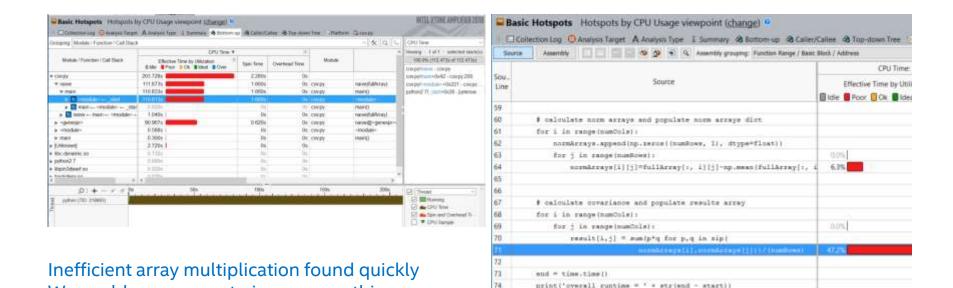
Naïve implementation of the calculation of a covariance matrix

Summary shows:

- Single thread execution
- Top function is "naive"

Click on top function to go to Bottomup view

Bottom-up View and Source Code



Note that for mixed Python/C code a Top-Down view can often be helpful to drill down into the C kernels



We could use numpy to improve on this

Useful Options on Theta

If finalization is slow you can use -finalization-mode=deferred and simply finalize on a login node or a differenet machine

If the collection stops because too much data has been collected you can override that with the -data-limit=0 option (unlimited) or to a number (in MB)

Use the -trace-mpi option to allow VTune Amplifier to assign execution to the correct task when not using the Intel® MPI Library.

Reduce results size by limiting your collection to a single node using an mpmd style execution:

```
aprun -n X1 -N Y amplxe-cl -c hpc-performance -r resdir -- ./exe : \
-n X2 -N Y ./exe
```

EMON Collection

General Exploration analysis may be performed using EMON

- Reduced size of collected data
- Overall program data, no link to actual source (only summary)
- Useful for initial analysis of production and large scale runs
- Currently available as experimental feature

```
export AMPLXE_EXPERIMENTAL=emon
aprun [...] amplxe-cl -c general-exploration -knob summary-mode=true[...]
```

Resources

Product Pages

- https://software.intel.com/sites/products/snapshots/application-snapshot
- https://software.intel.com/en-us/advisor
- https://software.intel.com/en-us/intel-vtune-amplifier-xe

Detailed Articles

- https://software.intel.com/en-us/articles/intel-advisor-on-cray-systems
- https://software.intel.com/en-us/articles/using-intel-advisor-and-vtune-amplifier-with-mpi
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