



# Cross-platform Performance Engineering

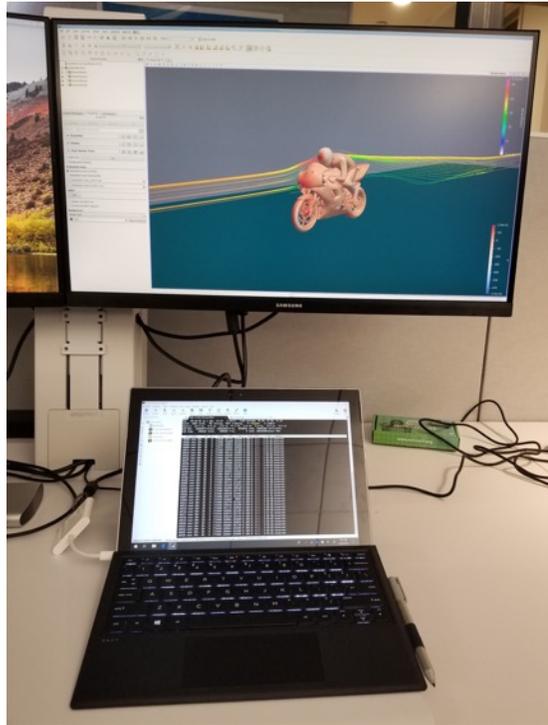
Enabling cross-platform developers

ISC Workshop “X86, ARM, GPUs, Oh My!”

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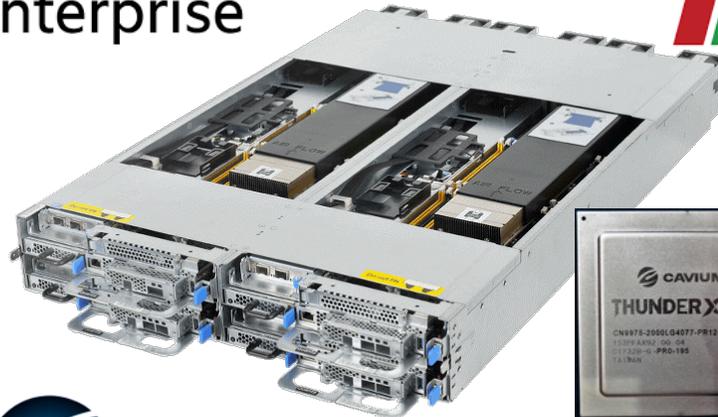
# OpenFOAM and ParaView across the Arm ecosystem

Cross-platform ecosystem and standards make this possible

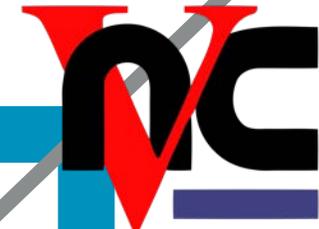


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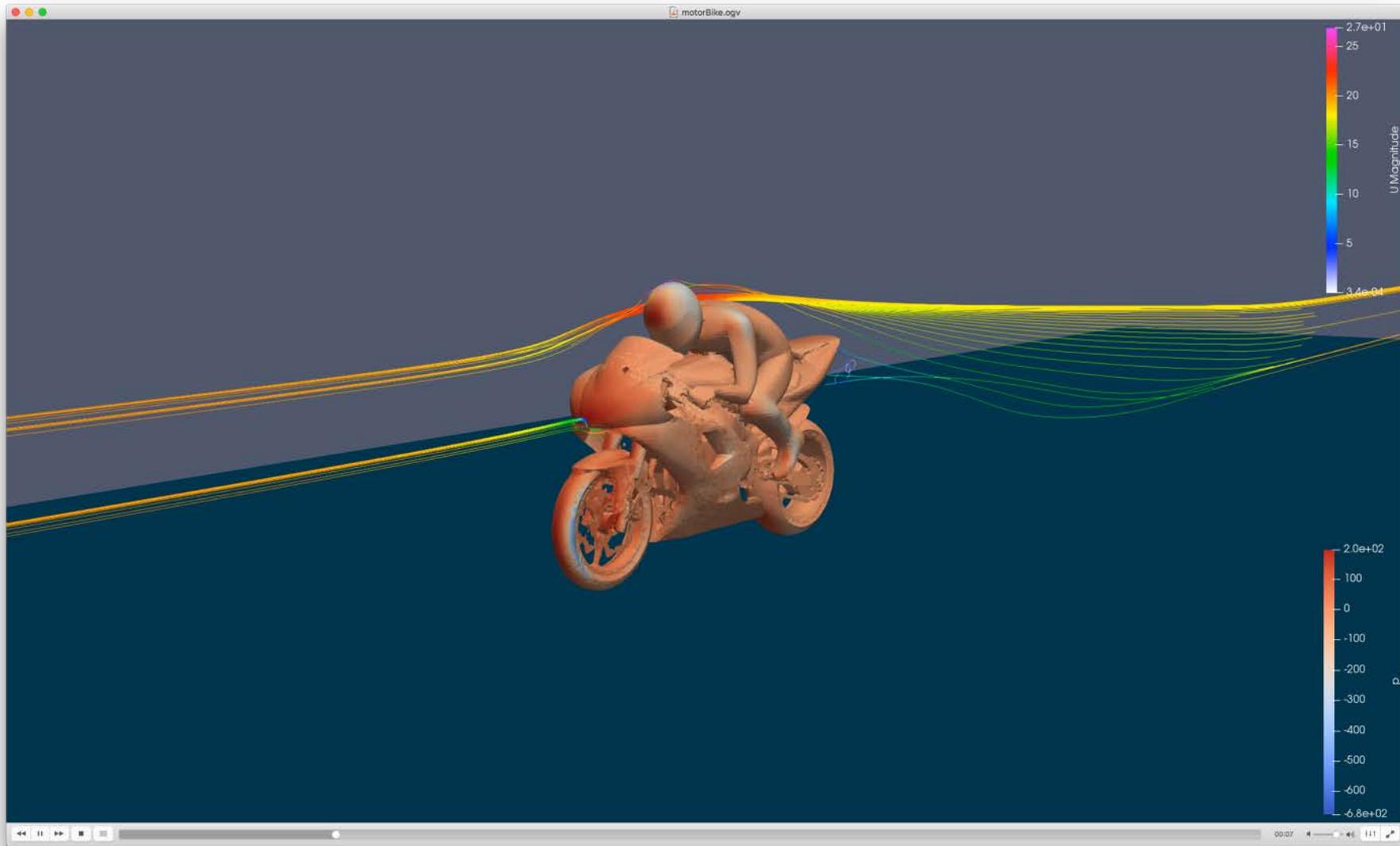
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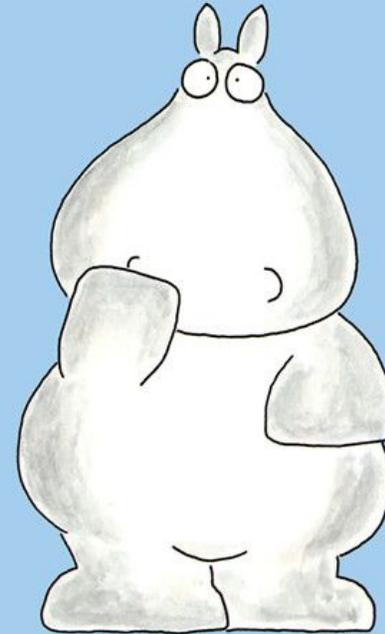


# Can you tell me how to port my code?

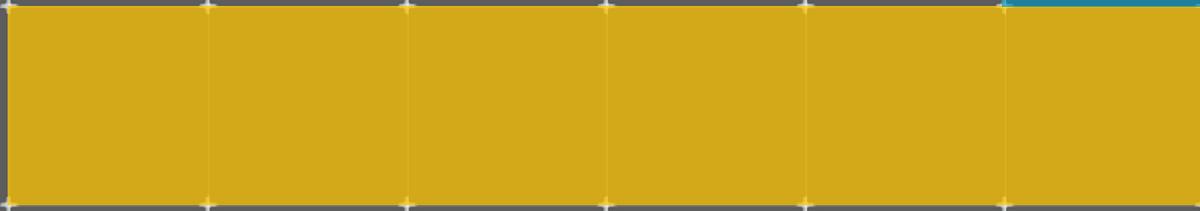
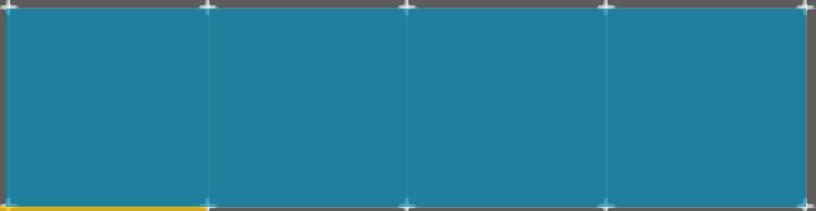
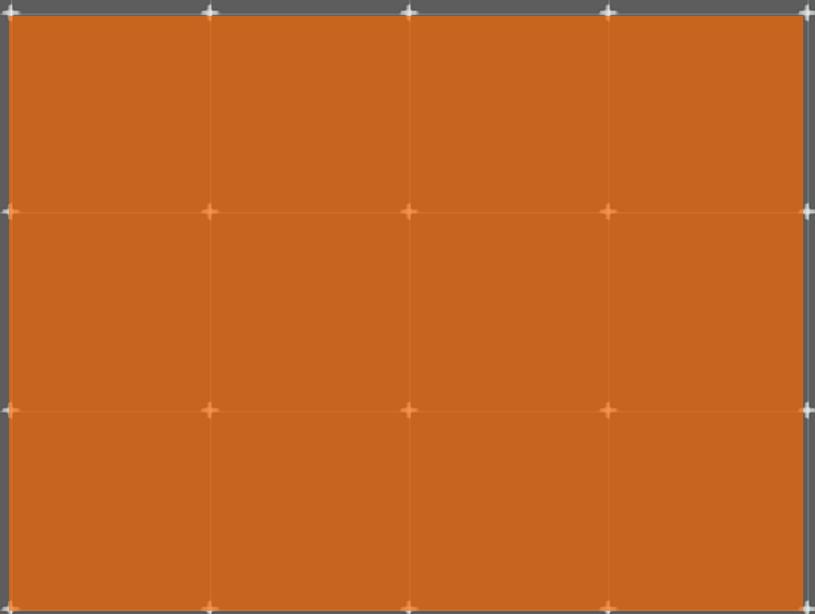
Then the animal pack comes scurrying back, saying,



And she just doesn't know—  
Should she stay? Should she go?



# Arm Alinea Studio and Friends



# Our solution for *any* architecture, at *any* scale

Commercial tools for aarch64, x86\_64, ppc64 and accelerators

## Arm Cross-Platforms Tools

Debug, optimize and analyze any platform

Arm DDT Professional

Slash your time to debug on any hardware, at any scale.

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Speed-up applications with a lightweight scalable profiler

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Find the most efficient settings for your workloads.

## Arm Alinea Studio

All-inclusive development toolkit for Arm hardware

Arm Compiler for HPC

Linux user space compiler for HPC applications

Arm Performance Libraries

BLAS, LAPACK and FFT

Arm Forge Professional

Multi-node interoperable profiler and debugger

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Interoperable application performance insight

# arm COMPILER

Commercial C/C++/Fortran compiler with best-in-class performance



Compilers tuned for Scientific Computing and HPC



Latest features and performance optimizations



Commercially supported by Arm

## Tuned for Scientific Computing, HPC and Enterprise workloads

- Processor-specific optimizations for various server-class Arm-based platforms
- Optimal shared-memory parallelism using latest Arm-optimized OpenMP runtime

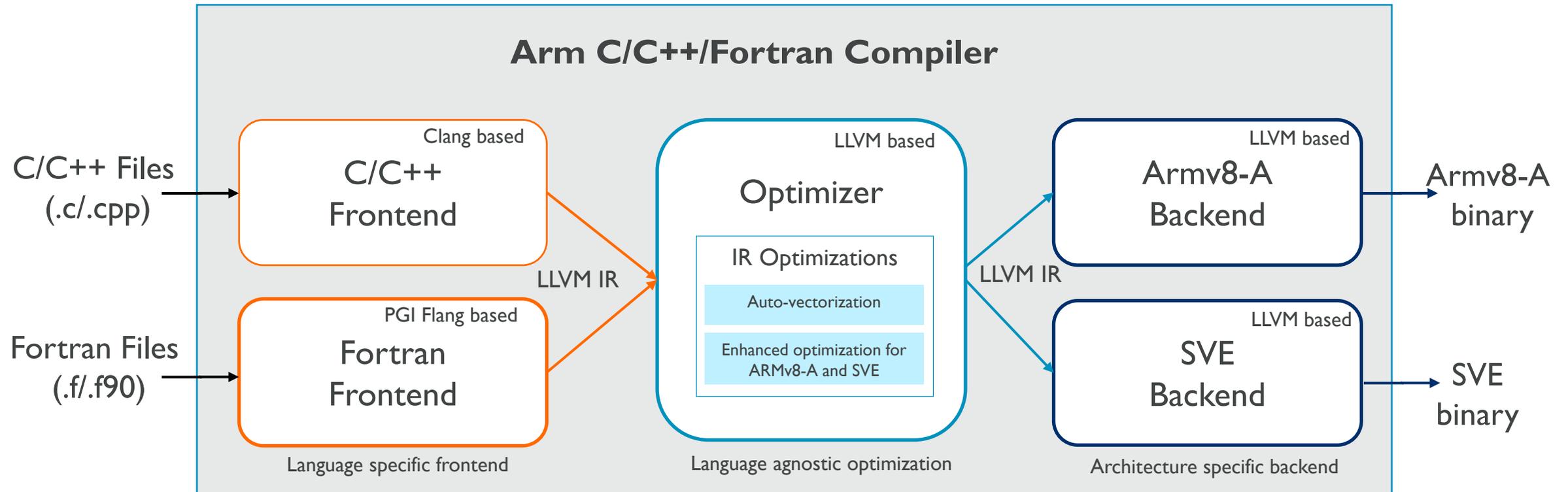
## Linux user-space compiler with latest features

- C++ 14 and Fortran 2003 language support with OpenMP 4.5\*
- Support for Armv8-A and SVE architecture extension
- Based on LLVM and Flang, leading open-source compiler projects

## Commercially supported by Arm

- Available for a wide range of Arm-based platforms running leading Linux distributions – RedHat, SUSE and Ubuntu

# Arm Compiler – Building on LLVM, Clang and Flang projects



# arm PERFORMANCE LIBRARIES

Optimized BLAS, LAPACK and FFT



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Best in class performance



Validated with  
NAG test suite

## Commercial 64-bit Armv8-A math libraries

- Commonly used low-level math routines - BLAS, LAPACK and FFT
- Provides FFTW compatible interface for FFT routines
- Batched BLAS support

## Best-in-class serial and parallel performance

- Generic Armv8-A optimizations by Arm
- Tuning for specific platforms like Cavium ThunderX2 in collaboration with silicon vendors

## Validated and supported by Arm

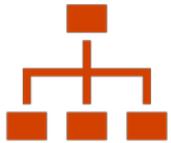
- Available for a wide range of server-class Arm-based platforms
- Validated with NAG's test suite, a de-facto standard

# Arm Forge

An interoperable toolkit for debugging and profiling



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Fully Scalable



Very user-friendly

## The de-facto standard for HPC development

- Available on the vast majority of the Top500 machines in the world
- Fully supported by Arm on x86, IBM Power, Nvidia GPUs, etc.

## State-of-the art debugging and profiling capabilities

- Powerful and in-depth error detection mechanisms (including memory debugging)
- Sampling-based profiler to identify and understand bottlenecks
- Available at any scale (from serial to petaflop applications)

## Easy to use by everyone

- Unique capabilities to simplify remote interactive sessions
- Innovative approach to present quintessential information to users

# Arm Performance Reports

Characterize and understand the performance of HPC application runs



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Accurate and astute  
insight



Relevant advice  
to avoid pitfalls

## Gathers a rich set of data

- Analyses metrics around CPU, memory, IO, hardware counters, etc.
- Possibility for users to add their own metrics

## Build a culture of application performance & efficiency awareness

- Analyses data and reports the information that matters to users
- Provides simple guidance to help improve workloads' efficiency

## Adds value to typical users' workflows

- Define application behaviour and performance expectations
- Integrate outputs to various systems for validation (e.g. continuous integration)
- Can be automated completely (no user intervention)

# Arm Instruction Emulator 18.0

Develop your user-space applications for future hardware today



Develop software for  
tomorrow's hardware today



Runs at close to  
native speed



Commercially Supported  
by ARM

Start porting and tuning for future architectures early

- Reduce time to market, Save development and debug time with Arm support

Run 64-bit user-space Linux code that uses new hardware features on current Arm hardware

- SVE support available now. Support for 8.x planned.
- Tested with Arm Architecture Verification Suite (AVS)

Near native speed with commercial support

- Integrates with DynamoRIO allowing arbitrary instrumentation extension
- Emulates only unsupported instructions
- Integrated with other commercial Arm tools including compiler and profiler
- Maintained and supported by Arm for a wide range of Arm-based SoCs

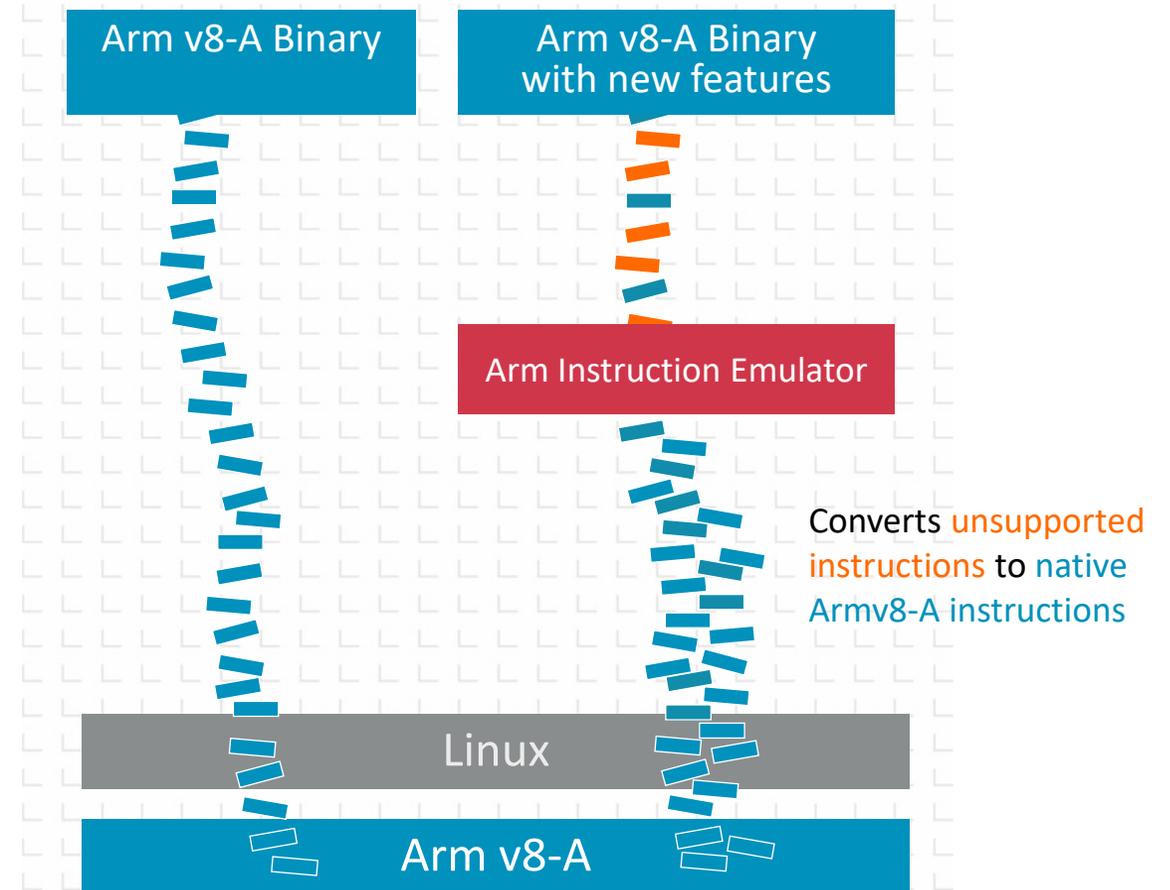
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Run Linux user-space code that uses new hardware features (SVE) on current Arm hardware

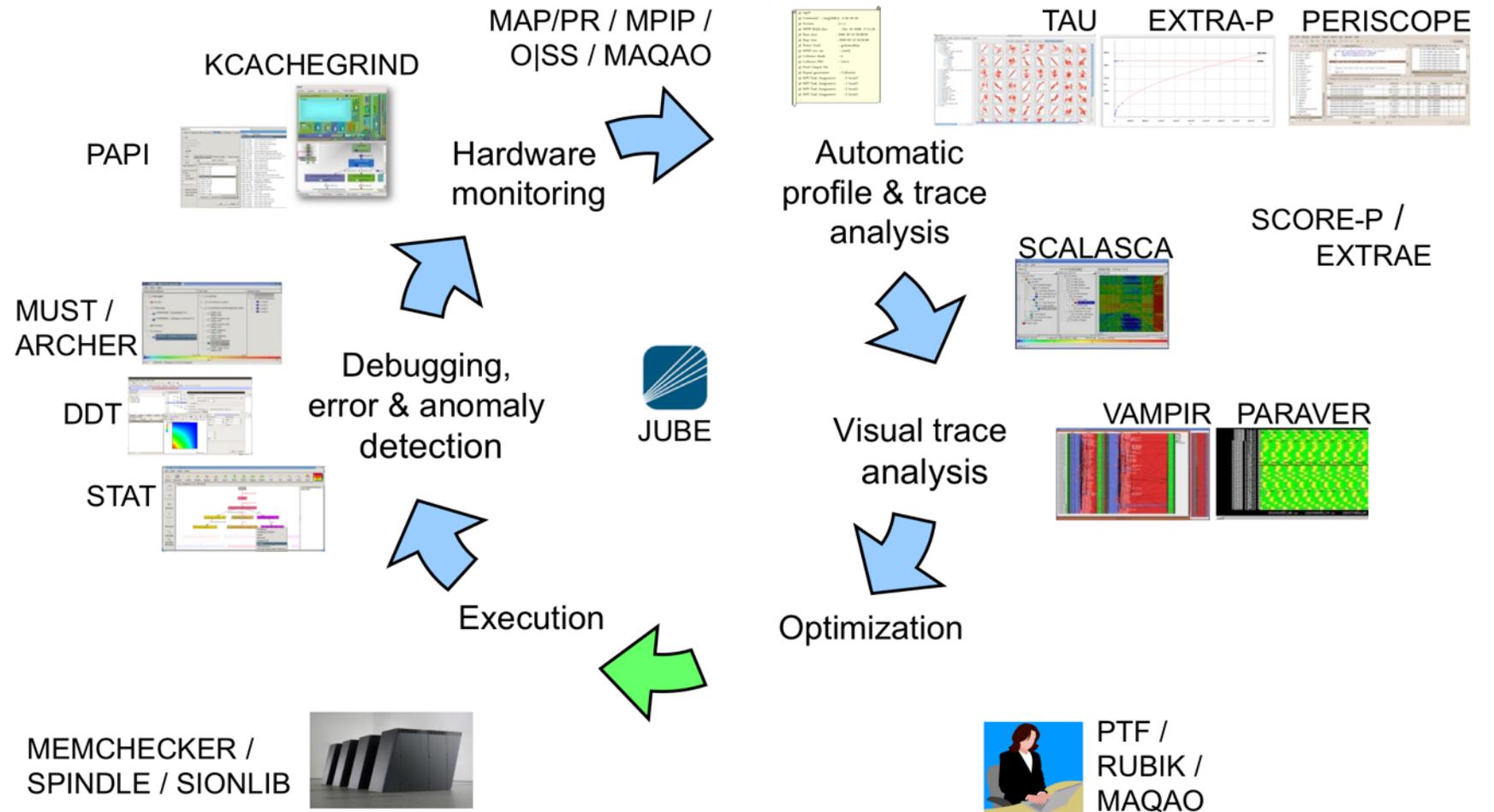
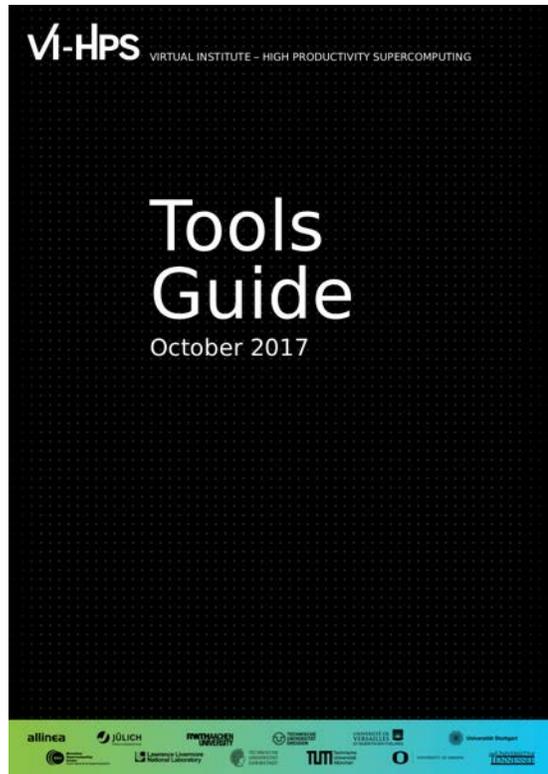
Simple “black box” command line tool

```
$ armclang hello.c --march=armv8+sve
$ ./a.out
Illegal instruction
$ armie -a=armv8+sve ./a.out
Hello
```

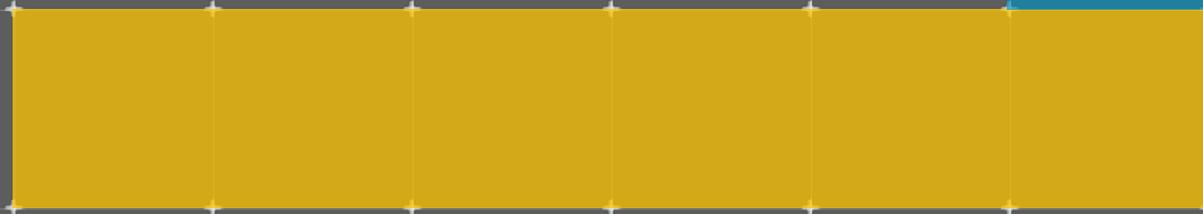
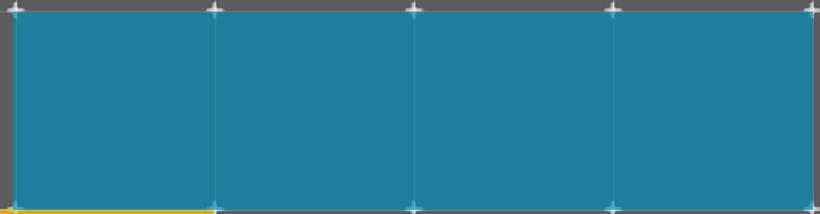
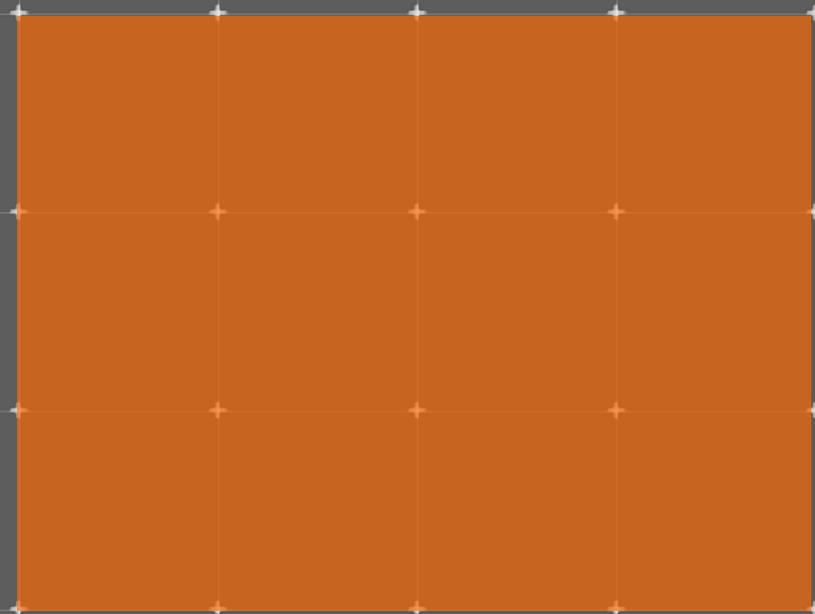


# VI-HPS and the tools ecosystem

See the <http://www.vi-hps.org/tools/> for an excellent view of the tools ecosystem.



# Step 0: Get it to run



# Arm Porting Cheat Sheet

Ensure all dependencies have been ported.

- Arm HPC Packages Wiki: <https://gitlab.com/arm-hpc/packages/wikis/categories/allPackages>

Update or patch autotools and libtool as needed

- `wget 'http://git.savannah.gnu.org/gitweb/?p=config.git;a=blob_plain;f=config.guess;hb=HEAD' -O config.guess`
- `wget 'http://git.savannah.gnu.org/gitweb/?p=config.git;a=blob_plain;f=config.sub;hb=HEAD' -O config.sub`
- `sed -i -e 's#wl="#wl="-Wl,"#g' libtool`
- `sed -i -e 's#pic_flag="#pic_flag=" -fPIC -DPIC"#g' libtool`

Update build system to use the right compiler and architecture

- Check `#ifdef` in Makefiles. Use other architectures as a template.

Use the right compiler flags

- Start with `-mcpu=native -Ofast`.
- See slides further on for details.

Avoid non-standard compiler extensions and language features

- Arm compiler team is actively adding new “unique” features, but it’s best to stick to the standard.

Update hard-wired intrinsics for other architectures

- <https://developer.arm.com/technologies/neon/intrinsics>
- Worst case: default to a slow code.

Update, and possibly fix, your test suite

- Regression tests are a porter’s best friend.
- Beware of tests that expect exactly the same answer on all architectures!

Know architectural features and what they mean for your code

- Arm’s weak memory model.
- Division by zero is silently zero on Arm.

# “A maze of twisty little passages, all alike” -- ADVENT, 1976

...I've got dependencies, and *those* dependencies have dependencies!

Scientific software may be quite monolithic - but it is rarely self-contained.

Use of external libraries is increasingly common, and a conscious design choice for many projects.

- IO libraries are very common: HDF5, NetCDF (C, parallel and Fortran flavours)
- as are linear solvers: (PETSc, HYPRE, Trilinos...)\*
- and FFTs: (FFTW...)\*
- Some applications utilise a separate communications layer or parallel execution environment: Charm++, GA...
- Some go even further to try and deliver performance portability and memory abstraction: Kokkos, RAJA...
  - The physics kernels can end up being abstracted some way from the hardware.

Ultimately, the more applications that are ported to arm, the more of these packages get ported, and the less likely you are to encounter an unknown one!

The [Arm UG GitLab wiki](#) is a great place to look for recipes for building libraries and dependencies, and the [OpenHPC](#) spec files (which support Arm hardware and LLVM) may also help.

*\*Arm Performance libraries provide optimized BLAS, LAPACK and FFT routines (-L\${ARMPL\_DIR}/lib -larmpl\_lp64 -lflang -lflangrti)*

# Arm HPC Packages Wiki

<https://gitlab.com/arm-hpc/packages/wikis/home>

## Dynamic list of common HPC applications

Provides focus for porting progress

Community driven.

Maintained by Arm, but anyone can join and contribute.

Allows developers to share recipes, and learn from progress on other applications

Provides a mechanism for tracking status of applications and package sets (e.g. OpenHPC packages, Mantevo, etc.)

## Up-to-date summary of package status

Package	External URL	Last Wiki Update	BuildMaturity	Compile=ARMCompiler	Compile=GCC	NEONOptimized
EPDCH	<a href="http://www.ecpp.ac.uk">http://www.ecpp.ac.uk</a>	19/10/17 22:10:20	NeedsPatch	Yes	Yes	-
SDF	<a href="https://github.com/keithbennett/SDF">https://github.com/keithbennett/SDF</a>	20/10/17 00:13:45	NeedsPatch	Yes	Yes	-
VPIC	<a href="https://github.com/lanl/vpic">https://github.com/lanl/vpic</a>	19/10/17 22:10:20	-	Yes	Yes	-
adios	<a href="http://www.oedf.ornl.gov/center-projects/adios/">http://www.oedf.ornl.gov/center-projects/adios/</a>	17/07/17 23:33:11	-	Yes	Yes	-
arpack	<a href="http://www.caam.rice.edu/software/ARPACK/">http://www.caam.rice.edu/software/ARPACK/</a>	17/07/17 23:33:11	-	Yes	-	-
autoconf	<a href="http://www.gnu.org/software/autoconf/autoconf.html">http://www.gnu.org/software/autoconf/autoconf.html</a>	01/08/17 21:48:30	-	Yes	Yes	-
automake	<a href="http://www.gnu.org/software/automake">http://www.gnu.org/software/automake</a>	18/07/17 13:41:43	-	Yes	Yes	-
bookleaf	<a href="https://uk-mac.github.io/BookLeaf/">https://uk-mac.github.io/BookLeaf/</a>	17/07/17 23:33:11	-	Yes	Yes	-
boost	<a href="http://www.boost.org">http://www.boost.org</a>	18/07/17 11:29:00	-	Yes	Yes	-
ccs-ocd	<a href="https://github.com/iber-miniapp/ccs-ocd">https://github.com/iber-miniapp/ccs-ocd</a>	01/08/17 21:43:40	Yes	-	-	-
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# Older autotools need an update

...I'm relying on a config.guess that's *way* out-of-date!

Often, the config.guess supplied with an application and used by configure will not correctly identify the platform.

This can be true for a config.guess already installed on the system and used by some configure scripts.

Obtaining up-to-date versions will fix this problem:

```
wget 'http://git.savannah.gnu.org/gitweb/?p=config.git;a=blob_plain;f=config.guess;hb=HEAD' -O config.guess
```

```
wget 'http://git.savannah.gnu.org/gitweb/?p=config.git;a=blob_plain;f=config.sub;hb=HEAD' -O config.sub
```

# What is this armclang of which you speak?

...I'm relying on libtool, but it knows nothing of this "Arm compiler"

configure may not correctly identify the Arm compiler. It may not set the correct flags for libtool to use for position independent code and passing arguments through to the linker. When building libraries, this can cause problems down-the-road

Following **configure**, patch libtool as follows:

```
sed -i -e 's#wl=""#wl="-Wl,"#g' libtool
```

```
sed -i -e 's#pic_flag=""#pic_flag=" -fPIC -DPIC"#g' libtool
```

# Use the right compiler

...I've got the compiler binary defined in several different ways!

`$CC`, `$CXX`, `$FC` set?

How about `$F77` and `$F90`?

Maybe `$MPICC`, `$MPIF90` and `$MPIFORT`?

...is it a parallel application that also wants to know where the serial compilers are?

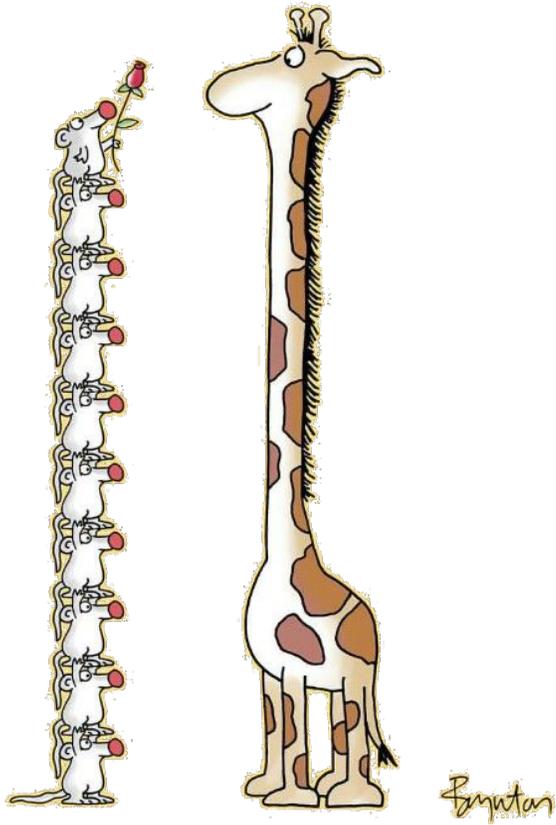
...I've got `gcc/icc/...` hard-coded into a Makefile somewhere!

Very difficult to spot... But not to worry, I'll silently soldier on and select GCC

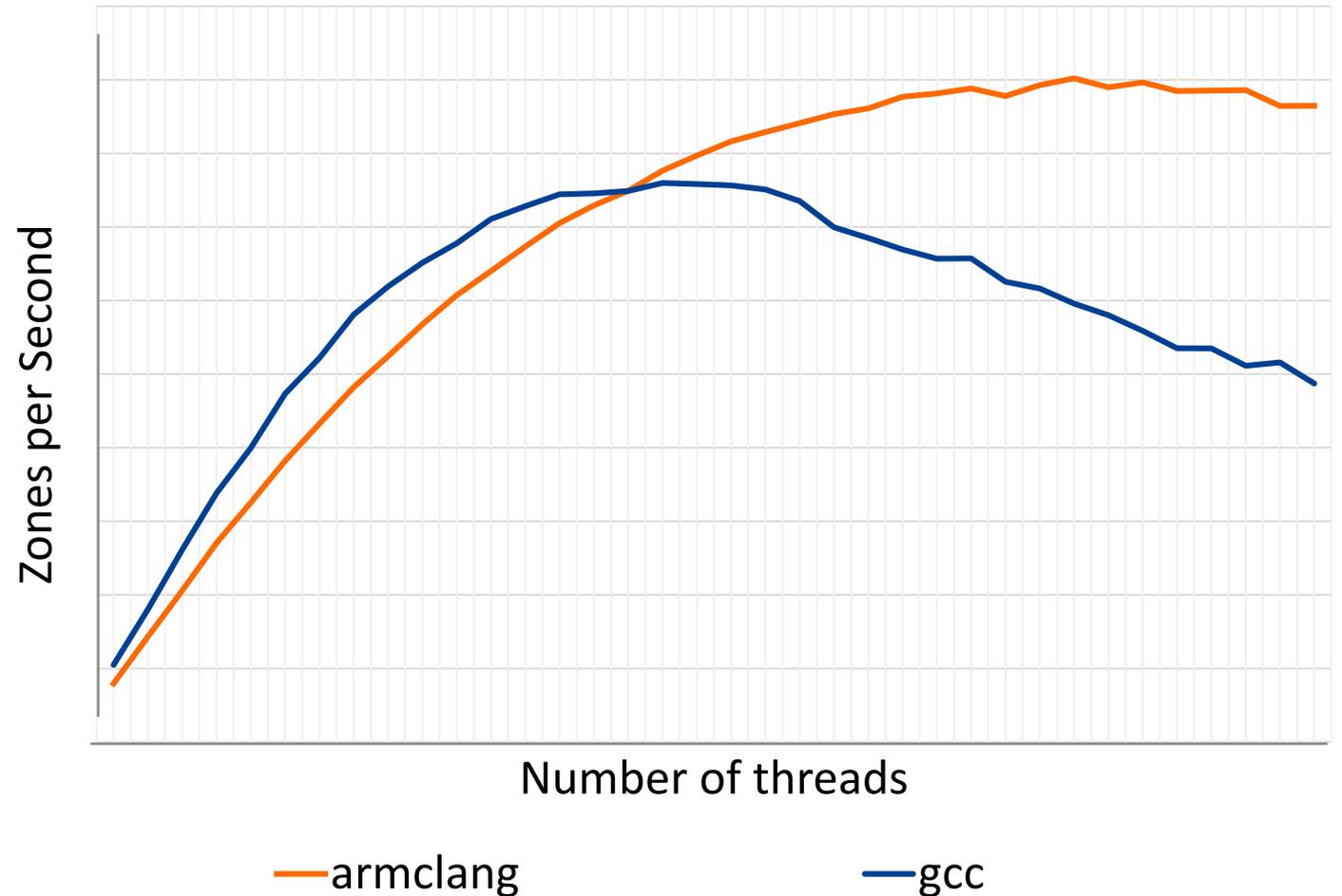
And since your architecture didn't match I'll just accumulate some random flags that didn't get overridden - *and then I'll continue to compile. . .*

# Arm HPC Compiler OpenMP scaling

Better scaling at higher thread count



Lulesh – size 40



# Use the right compiler flags

General guidance for all Arm architectures when building with Arm HPC compilers.

1. Start with `-Ofast -mcpu=native`.
2. If Fortran application runs into issues with `-Ofast`, try `-Ofast -fno-stack-arrays` to force automatic arrays on the heap.
3. If `-Ofast` is not acceptable and produces wrong results due to reordering of math operations, use `-O3 -ffp-contract=fast`.
4. If `-ffp-contract=fast` does not produce correct results, then use `-O3`.

Power users: `armflang -###` shows the expanded compile line.

# Stick to the standard

...but I'm relying on non-standard extensions...

For example ISNAN, COSD, or very very long lines...

Or compiler-specific intrinsics, mm\_prefetch, SSE calls etc.

There may be an alternate code path that can be used already. Of possibly the code isn't critical and can be deactivated for now, or an equivalent call can be used, or you could write one?

...I'm relying on a very forgiving, and non-pedantic compiler!

*some* compilers let you get away with an awful lot.

A developer can get used to that.

# Pragmas to control vectorization

```
#pragma clang loop vectorize(assume_safety)
```

- Allows the compiler to assume that there are no aliasing issues in a loop

```
#pragma clang loop unroll_count(_value_)
```

- Forces a scalar loop to unroll by a given factor

```
#pragma clang loop interleave_count(_value_)
```

- Forces a vectorized loop to be interleaved by a given factor

# Do you support language feature X?

...I'm relying on some language features you don't support!

For example, ArmFlang has excellent support for Fortran 2003:

<https://developer.arm.com/products/software-development-tools/hpc/arm-fortran-compiler/fortran-2003-status>

But the 2008 standard isn't fully supported yet:

<https://developer.arm.com/products/software-development-tools/hpc/arm-fortran-compiler/fortran-2008-status>

...while the 2018 standard is on the horizon. And Fortran 202X will add yet more capability.

The image shows two screenshots of the Arm Developer website. The top screenshot is titled "Fortran 2003 status" and shows a table with the following data:

Fortran 2003 feature	Support status
ISO TR 15580 IEEE Arithmetic	✓
ISO TR 15581 Allocatable Enhancements	✓
Dummy arrays	✓
Function results	✓
Structure components	✓
<b>Data enhancements and object orientation</b>	
Parameterized derived types	✓

The bottom screenshot is titled "Fortran 2008 status" and shows a table with the following data:

Fortran 2008 feature	Support status
Submodules	✗
Coarrays	✗
<b>Performance enhancements</b>	
do concurrent	✗
Contiguous attribute	✓
<b>Data Declaration</b>	

# ./configure && make && sudo make install ... almost

If root has a minimal environment, using sudo can break compiler license verification

If your application uses libtool during installation, you may see something like this:

```
/home/user.0004/johlin02/openmpi-3.1.0/build/libtool: line 10554: armclang: command not found
```

Or maybe this:

```
clang-5.0: error: Failed to check out a license. See below for more details.
```

Don't panic! Break it into steps. Instead of ``sudo make install`` just do:

```
$ sudo -i  
$ module load <compiler module>  
$ make install
```

# Test your tests; talk to the expert

...my test suite never passes, *everyone* knows that!

Often the test suites are a work in progress.

For example, out-of-the-box test appears to have the wrong reference solution. Earlier commits give the conditions used for reference solutions (intel, IEEE etc.), repeating gives a new reference solution, for which Arm and GCC agree!

...I've got *some* Arm support, but no one is looking after it!

Someone had a go, a while back, possibly just-for-fun.

Committed it to the repo and moved on.

Hasn't been maintained, and doesn't actually work.

...but looks like it might, briefly.



When I  
fix it,  
it  
stays  
fixed.

Boynton

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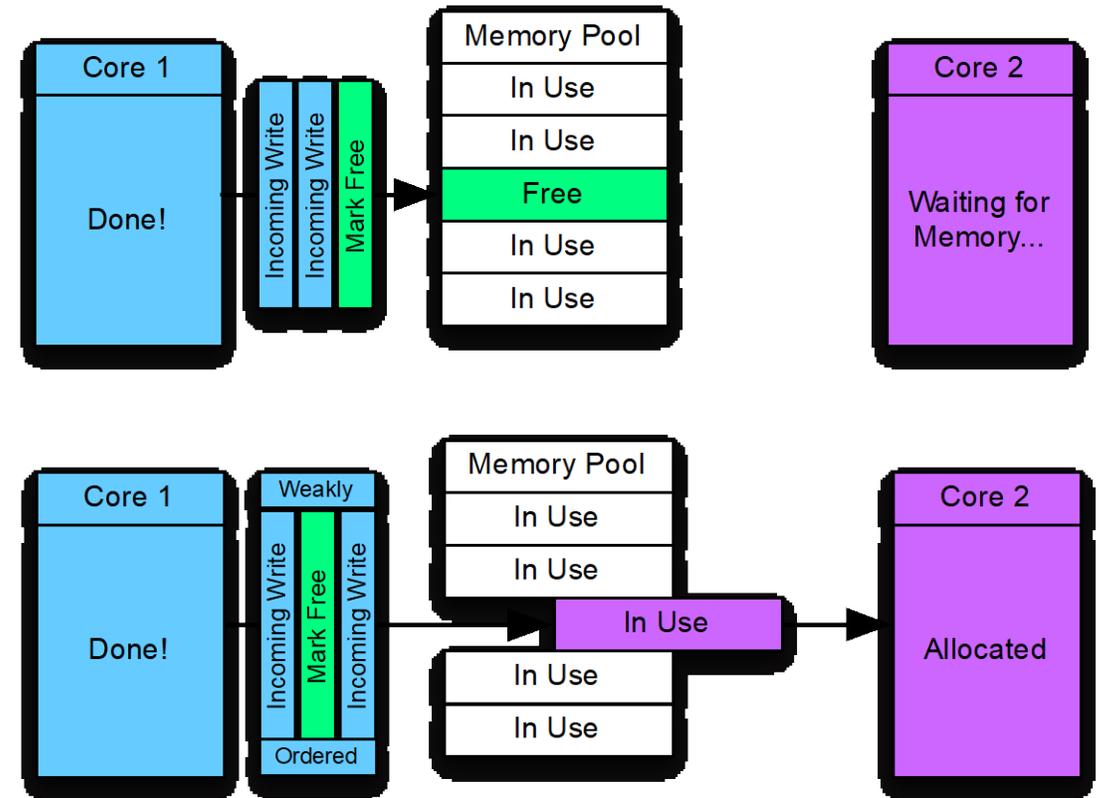


# Arm uses a weak memory model

...I'm not doing anything wrong but seemingly get a weird race condition!

Some HPC codes we came across had their own parallelization implementations

- Usually based directly on top of pthreads
- Written to have more control over the threads of execution and how they synchronize
- Some had no problems working with AArch64's **weakly ordered memory system**
- Others exhibited issues in multi-threaded modes that were particularly hard to diagnose without a detailed investigation into how the multi-threaded mode was implemented
  - Problems are almost always down to a lock-free thread interaction implementation
  - Key symptom: correct operation on a strongly ordered architecture, failure on weakly ordered



# Psst! 1/0 == 0 on ARM

... my results are all zero, but tests for division by zero never fail?

## For example...

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char ** argv)
{
    int x = argc - 1;
    printf("%d\n", 1 / x);
    return 0;
}
```

## Skylake

```
$ gcc x.c && ./a.out
```

Floating point exception: 8

## ThunderX2

```
$ gcc x.c && ./a.out
```

0

# Step 1: Optimization by Linker

# arm PERFORMANCE LIBRARIES

Optimized BLAS, LAPACK and FFT



Commercially supported  
by Arm



Best in class performance



Validated with  
NAG test suite

## Commercial 64-bit Armv8-A math libraries

- Commonly used low-level math routines - BLAS, LAPACK and FFT
- Provides FFTW compatible interface for FFT routines
- Batched BLAS support

## Best-in-class serial and parallel performance

- Generic Armv8-A optimizations by Arm
- Tuning for specific platforms like Cavium ThunderX2 in collaboration with silicon vendors

## Validated and supported by Arm

- Available for a wide range of server-class Arm-based platforms
- Validated with NAG's test suite, a de-facto standard

# DGEMM performance on Cavium ThunderX2

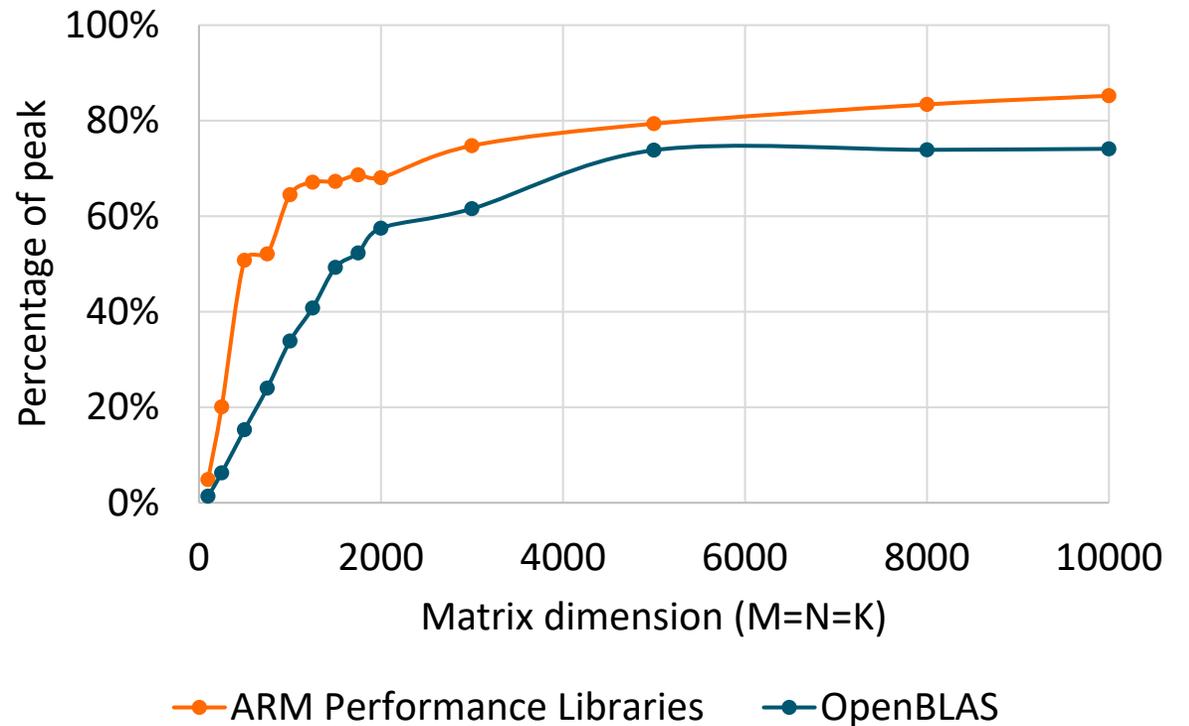
Excellent serial and parallel performance

Achieving very high performance at the node level leveraging high core counts and large memory bandwidth

Single core performance at 95% of peak for DGEMM

Parallel performance significantly higher than OpenBLAS

DGEMM – 56 threads on Cavium ThunderX2  
CN99



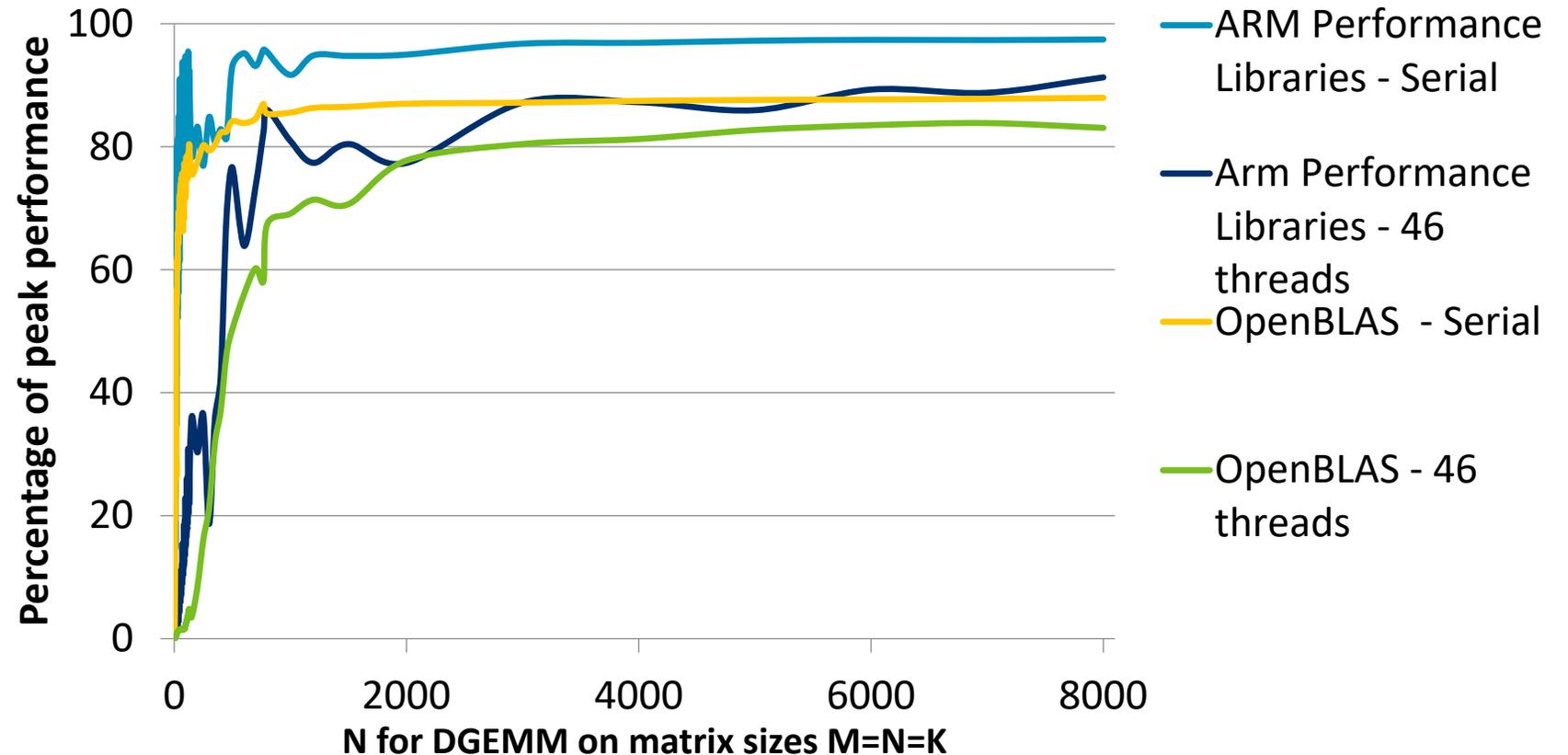
# DGEMM performance

Arm Performance Libraries using Arm Compiler+Arm PL vs GCC+OpenBLAS

DGEMM shows good single socket performance from tiny cases upwards.

Peak performance of serial cases at over 97% is over 10% better than OpenBLAS.

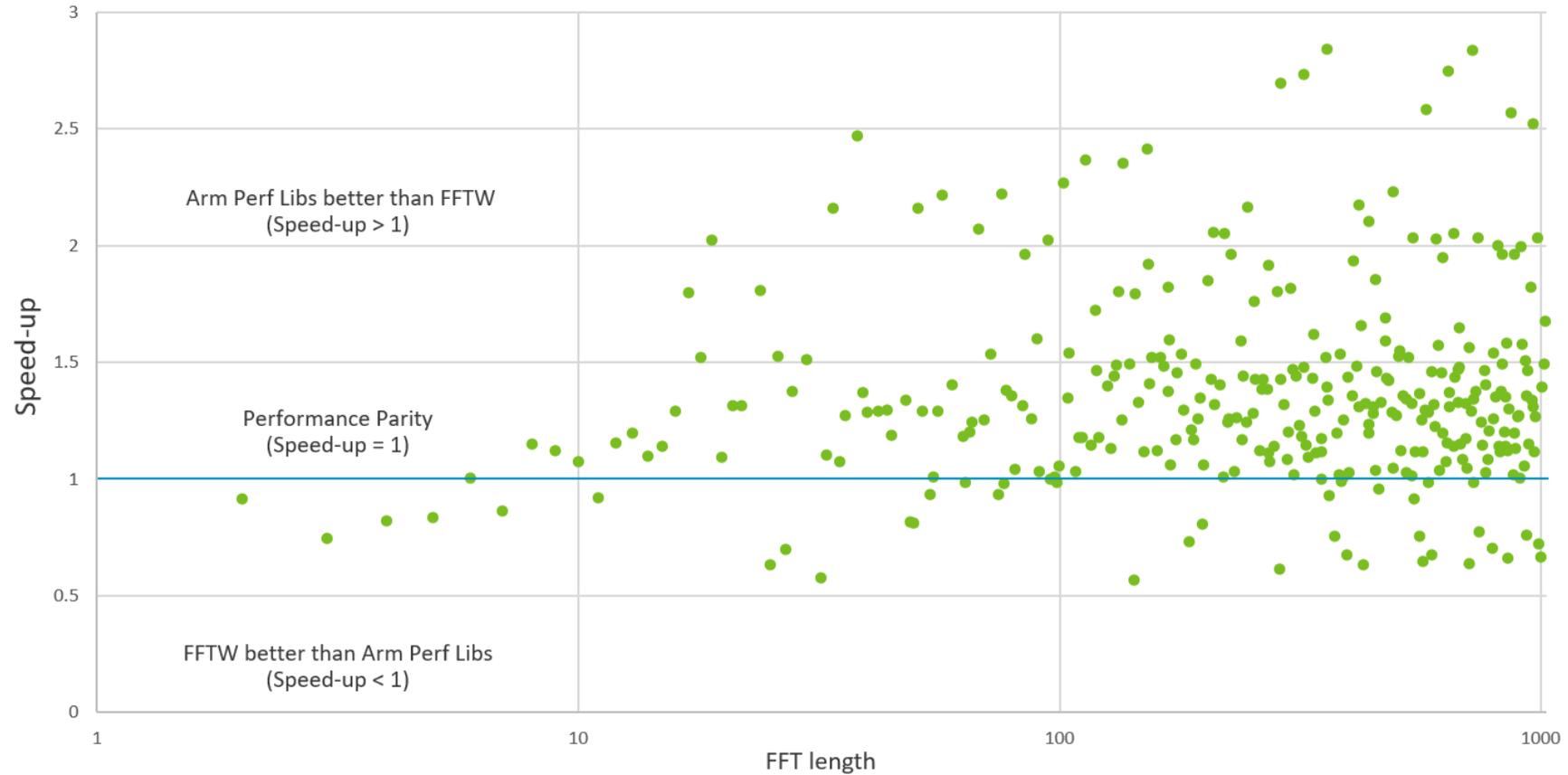
Parallel scaling is also high, +90% of peak



# Arm Performance Libraries

## FFT performance speed-up using Arm Performance Libraries vs FFTW

Configuration: 1D Complex-to-Complex FFT transform, Arm Perf Libs 18.2, FFTW 3.3.7, run on Cavium ThunderX2



# Micro-architectural tuning

In order to achieve the best performance possible on all partner systems we need to do different micro-architectural tuning

All BLAS kernels are handwritten in *assembly code* in order to maximise overall performance

Different micro-architectures sometimes need fundamental differences in the instruction ordering – or even the instructions used

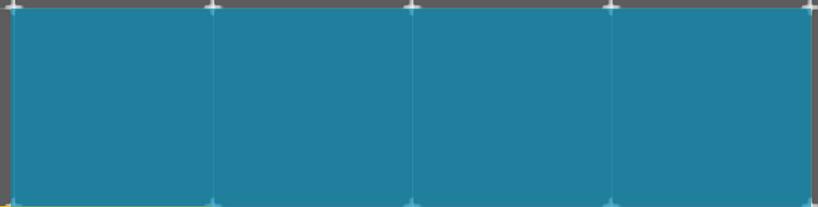
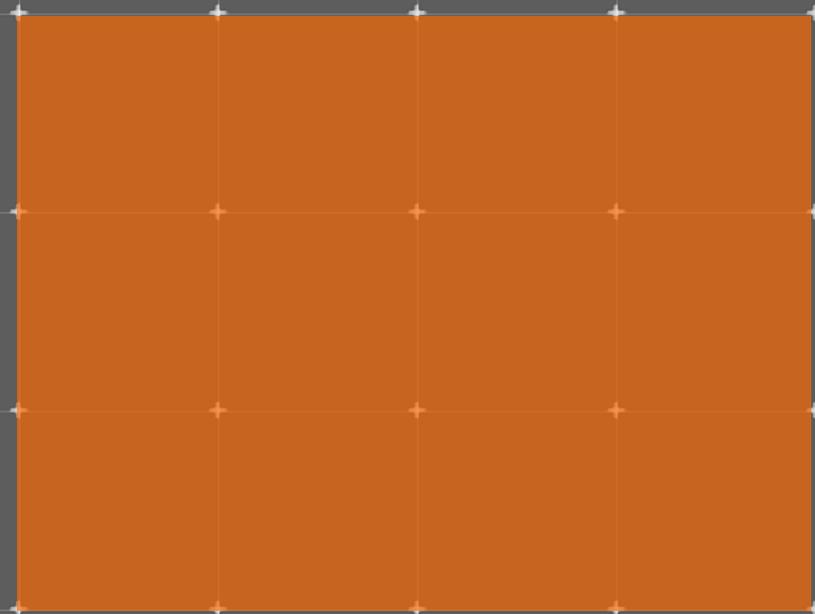
At run-time this work should all be transparent to the user

However multiple packages are typically available for users to choose from, and they need to load the appropriate module to set up their paths

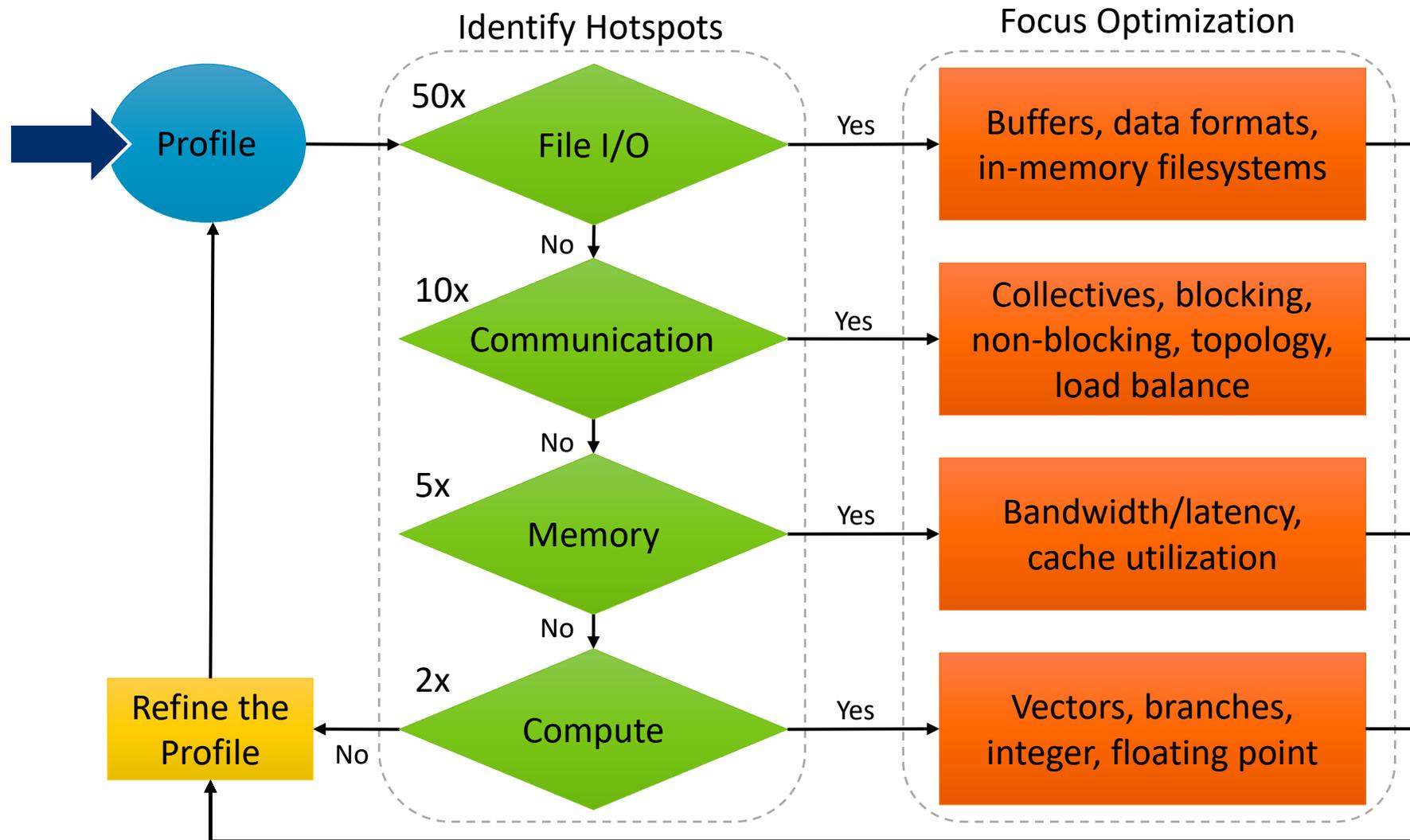
Currently available are versions for:

- A57
- A72
- Cavium ThunderX
- Cavium ThunderX2
- Generic AArch64

# Step 2: Optimization by Iteration

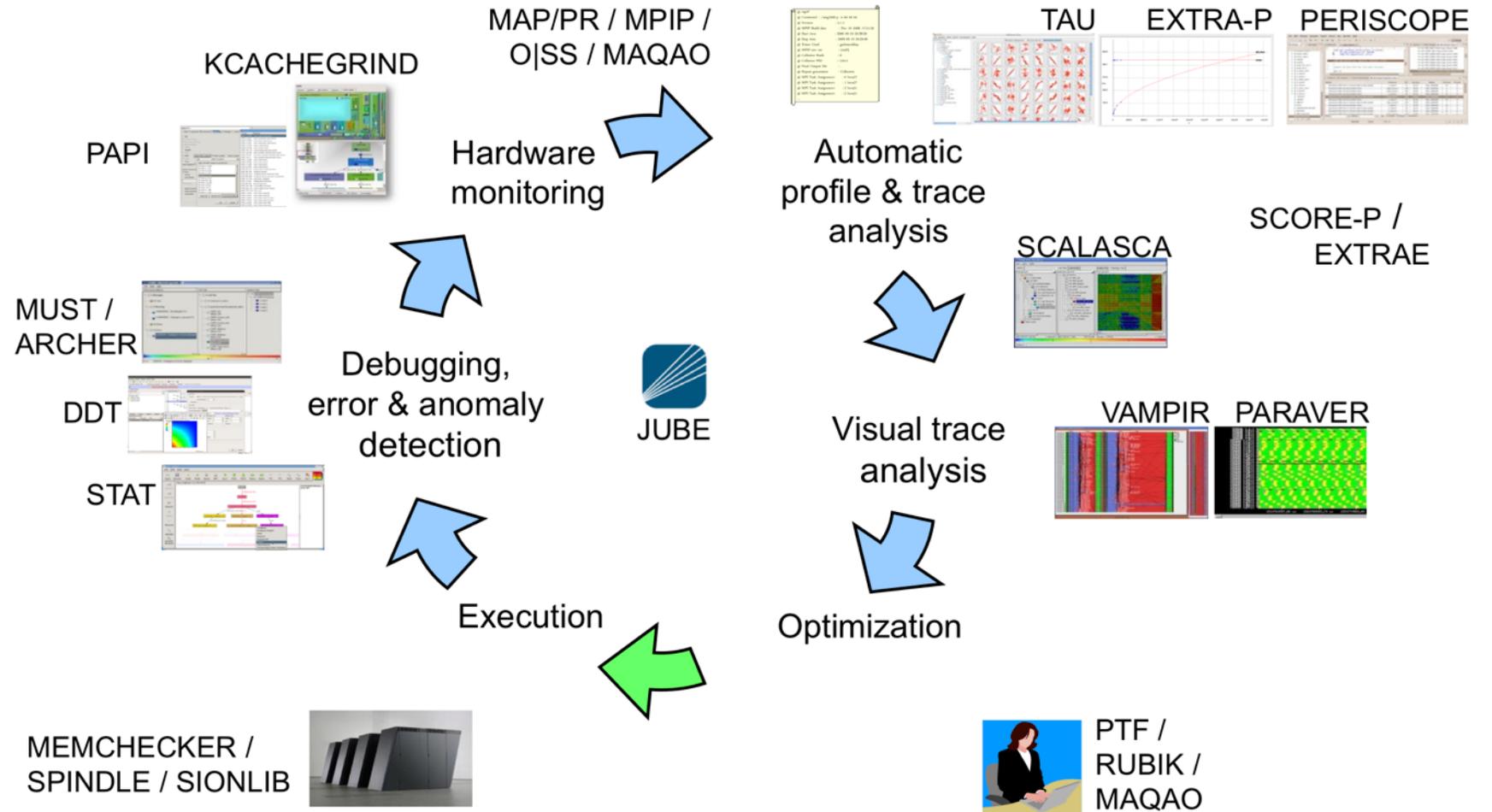
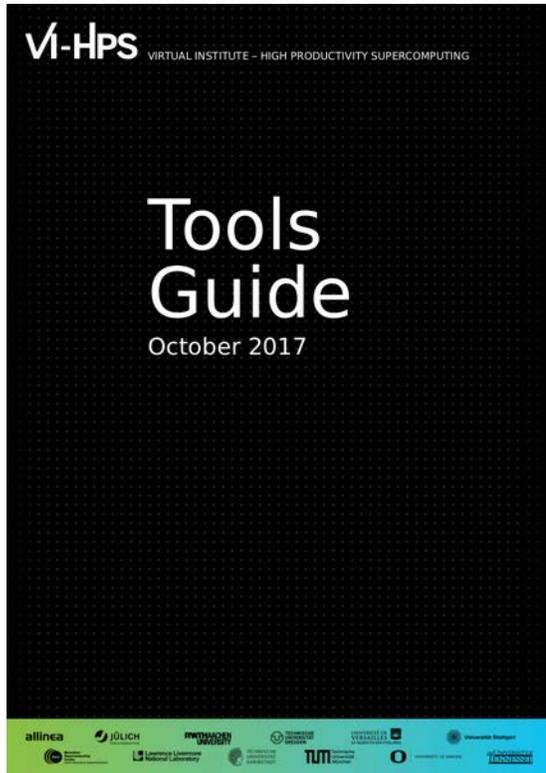


# Identifying and Resolving Performance Issues



# VI-HPS and the tools ecosystem

See the <http://www.vi-hps.org/tools/> for an excellent view of the tools ecosystem.

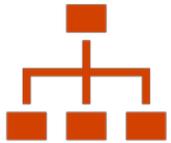


# Arm Forge Professional

A cross-platform toolkit for debugging and profiling



Commercially supported  
by Arm



Fully Scalable



Very user-friendly

## The de-facto standard for HPC development

- Available on the vast majority of the Top500 machines in the world
- Fully supported by Arm on x86, IBM Power, Nvidia GPUs, etc.

## State-of-the art debugging and profiling capabilities

- Powerful and in-depth error detection mechanisms (including memory debugging)
- Sampling-based profiler to identify and understand bottlenecks
- Available at any scale (from serial to petaflop applications)

## Easy to use by everyone

- Unique capabilities to simplify remote interactive sessions
- Innovative approach to present quintessential information to users

# Run and ensure application correctness

Scalable tool for interactive and automated debugging

- Run with the representative workload you started with
- Ensure application correctness with **Arm Forge Professional**
- Integrate Arm Forge to your CI workflows for automated & non-interactive debugging

## Examples:

```
$> ddt -offline mpirun -n 48 ./example
```

```
$> ddt mpirun -n 48 ./example
```

The screenshot shows the Arm Forge Professional interface. On the left, a table lists processes with columns for time, PID, and state. On the right, a 'Values' window displays a list of variables and their values, such as 'numprocs: 8 myid: / from 0 to 7 n: 100'.

Time	PID	State	Process
15	2:17.256	0-7	Play
16	2:18.048	4-7	Process stopped at breakpoint in main (cpi.c:50).
17			Additional Information
18	2:19.048	n/a	Select process 4
19			Additional Information
9	2:17.832	main (cpi.c:46) 0-7	done: 0 i: / from 65 to 72 numprocs: 8 myid: / from 0 to 7 n: 100
10	2:17.832	main (cpi.c:46) 0-7	done: 0 i: / from 73 to 80 numprocs: 8 myid: / from 0 to 7 n: 100
11	2:18.323	main (cpi.c:46) 0-7	done: 0 i: / from 81 to 88 numprocs: 8 myid: / from 0 to 7 n: 100
12	2:18.323	main (cpi.c:46) 0-7	done: 0 i: / from 89 to 96 numprocs: 8 myid: / from 0 to 7 n: 100
13	2:18.325	main (cpi.c:46) 0-3	done: 0 i: / from 97 to 100 numprocs: 8 myid: / from 0 to 3 n: 100

The screenshot shows the Arm Forge Professional interface with a 'Multi-Dimensional Array Viewer' window displaying the expression `tables[x][y] = (x+1)*(y+1);` and a 'Visualization' window showing a 3D plot of the array data. The 3D plot is a pyramid shape with a peak value of 151. The 'Multi-Dimensional Array Viewer' window also shows options for 'Array Expression', 'Distributed Array Dimensions', and 'Range of \$i'.

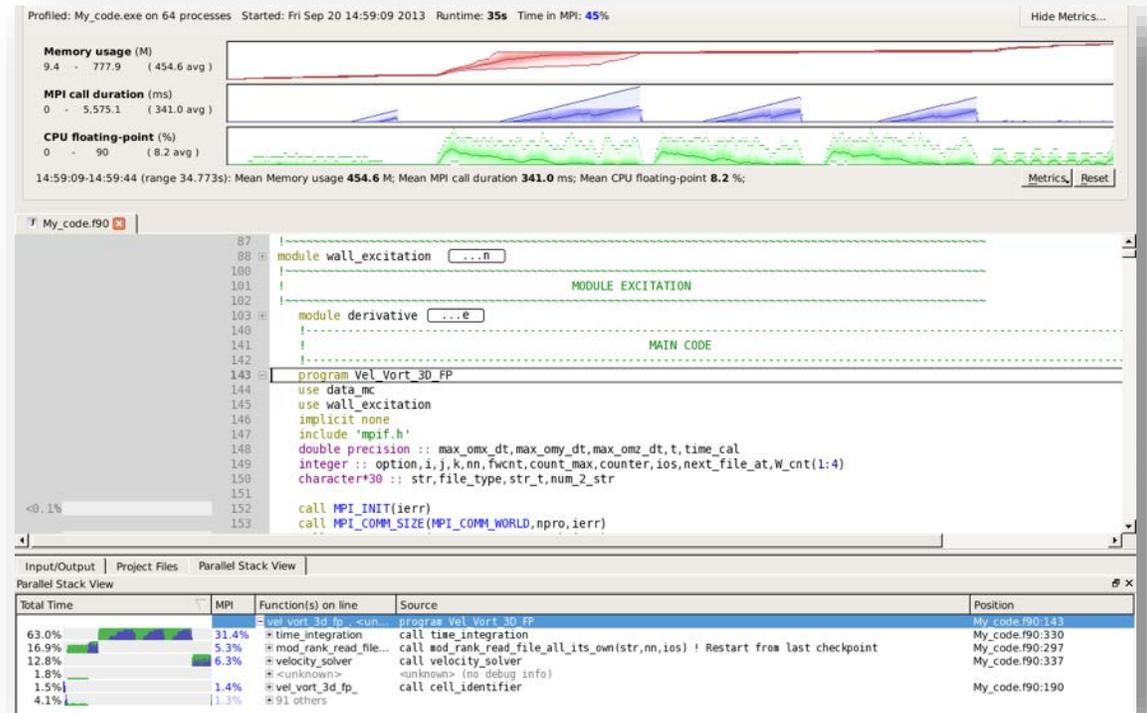
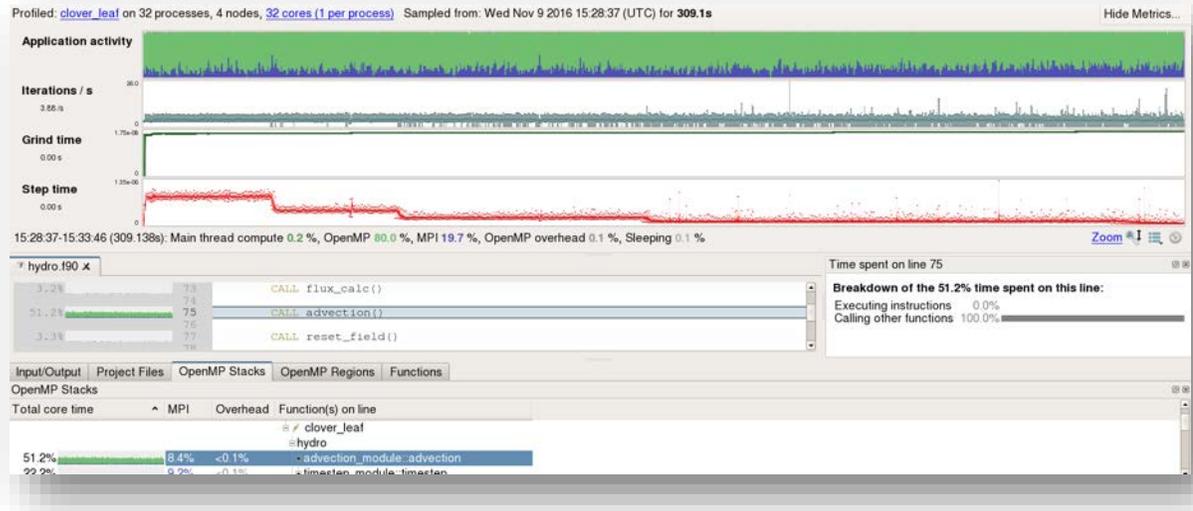
# Optimize the application for Arm

Identify bottlenecks and rewrite some code for better performance

- Run with the representative workload you started with
- Measure all performance aspects with **Arm Forge Professional**

## Examples:

```
$> map -profile mpirun -n 48 ./example
```



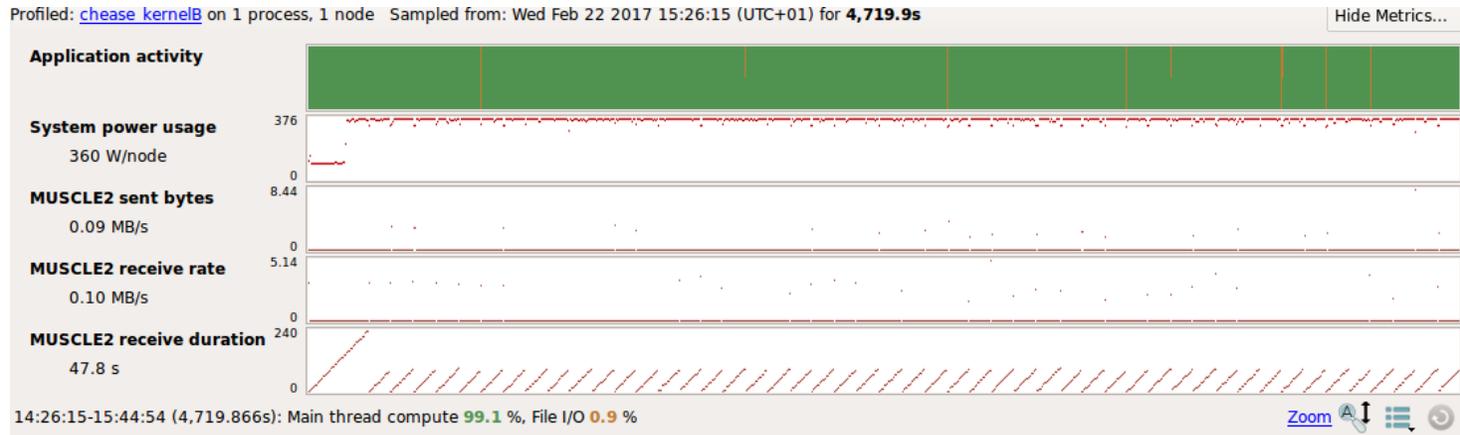
# Performance metrics in MAP

- MAP has a set of available metrics
  - Designed to support generic case of performance profiling
  - Presented along with call stack timelines
- Time classification
  - Based on call stacks – MPI, OpenMP, I/O, Synchronization
- Specific metrics
  - MPI call and message rates (P2P and collective bandwidth)
  - I/O data rates (POSIX or Lustre)
  - Energy data (IPMI or RAPL for Intel)
- Instruction information (hardware counters)
  - X86 – instruction breakdown + PAPI
  - Aarch64 – Perf metric for hardware counters

# Custom metrics interface

- MAP supports the development of user metrics
- We provide a custom metric interface
  - API for safe calls to common functions
- Let's you develop your own metrics of interest
  - Link to application metrics (units / s, error values)
  - Link to libraries (specialist communication or I/O)
  - System metrics (custom energy monitors)
- Integrates directly into MAP and Performance Reports
  - XML files for aggregation methods
- Need to consider overheads and thread safety

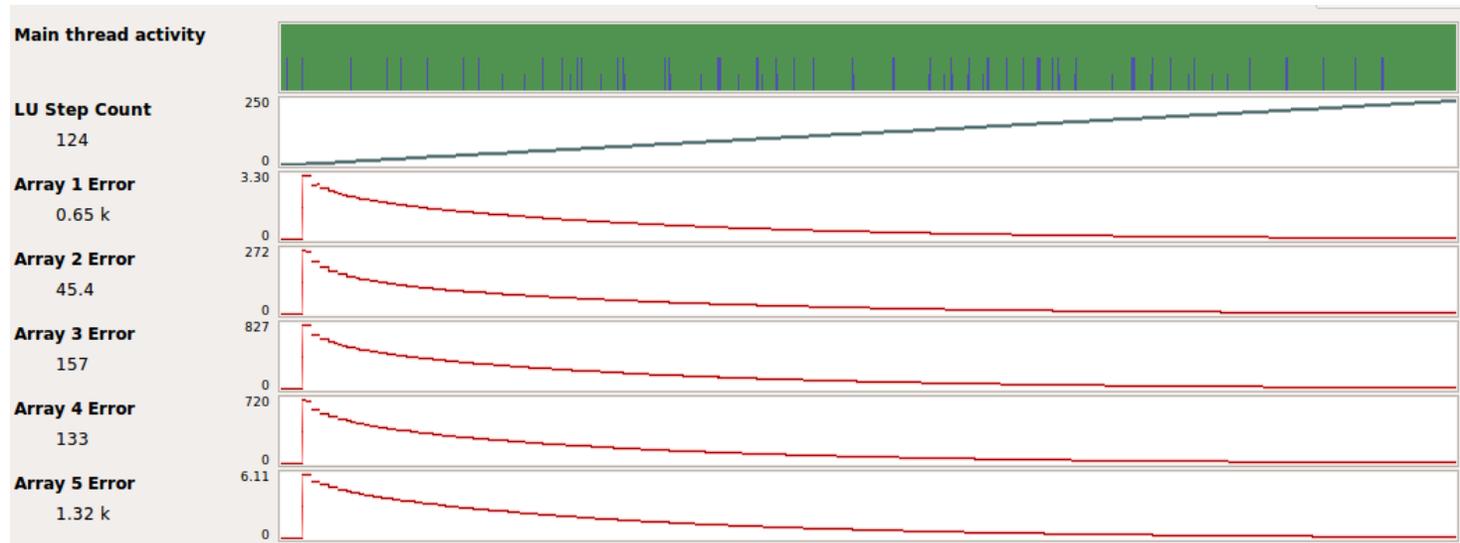
# Custom metric – MUSCLE2 & LU error terms



Instrumentation of MUSCLE2 library

Record communication volumes and times

Data collected along with 'normal' MAP metrics



- Instrumentation of NPB LU application
- Record error terms of solve
- Plot over time and step count for optimisation

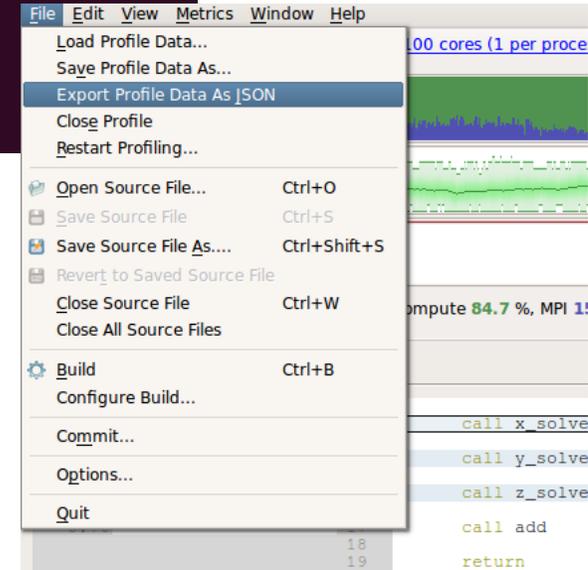
# JSON Export

## Export map profile data to JSON file

- Command line or GUI
- Provides meta data + samples

```
operks@eslogin001:/work/y14/y14/operks/CloverLeaf_ref> map --export=clover.json clover_leaf_6p_1n_4t_2017-02-09_12-18.map
Loading MAP file clover_leaf_6p_1n_4t_2017-02-09_12-18.map...
...done
Collecting samples...
...done
Calculating...
...done
Collecting samples...
...done
Calculating...
...done
MAP generated clover.json
```

```
{
  "info": {
    "command_line": "aprun -n 6 -N 6 -S 3 -d 4 ./clover_leaf",
    "create_version": "7.0",
    "machine": "mom5",
    "metrics": {
      "memory_per_node": {
        "max": 67658141696,
        "mean": 67658141696,
        "min": 67658141696,
        "sum": 67658141696,
        "var": 0
      },
      "num_cores_per_node": {
        "max": 48,
        "mean": 48,
        "min": 48,
        "sum": 288,
        "var": 0
      },
      "num_omp_threads_per_process": {
        "max": 3,
        "mean": 3,
        "min": 3,
        "sum": 18,
        "var": 0
      }
    }
  }
}
```



# Quantum Collisions Success Story

# CCC and the ORNL GPU Hackathon @ Pawsey

Quantum collisions in atomic and molecular physics

## CCC: Quantum mechanics

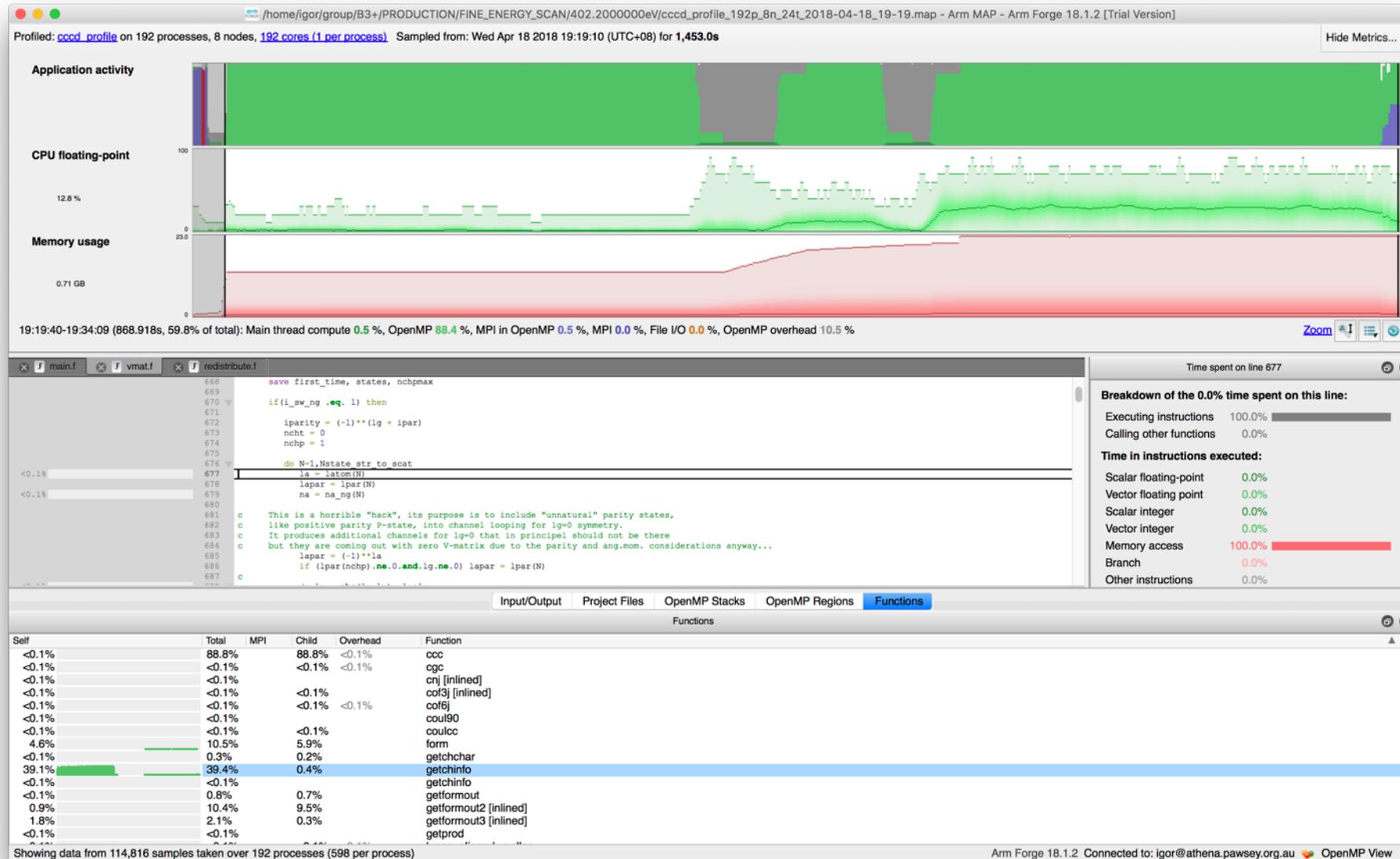
- Fusion energy
- Laser science
- Lighting industry
- Medical imaging / therapy
- Astrophysics



Igor Bray, Head of Physics and Astronomy, and the Theoretical Physics Group, in the Faculty of Science and Engineering, at Curtin University



# Initial Profile



# Load balancer is imbalanced?

Before:

0	8	0	-10	199	329	492	1.21	13530	0	89	-1	91%	LG,node,ipar,inc,vt,i1,i2,tperi,nch,naps,mt,prev LG,eff
1	8	0	-7	591	573	872	1.97	45150	0	350	0	80%	LG,node,ipar,inc,vt,i1,i2,tperi,nch,naps,mt,prev LG,eff
2	8	0	-16	894	762	1153	2.28	77028	0	607	1	86%	LG,node,ipar,inc,vt,i1,i2,tperi,nch,naps,mt,prev LG,eff
3	8	0	-24	916	886	1331	2.05	99681	0	766	2	91%	LG,node,ipar,inc,vt,i1,i2,tperi,nch,naps,mt,prev LG,eff

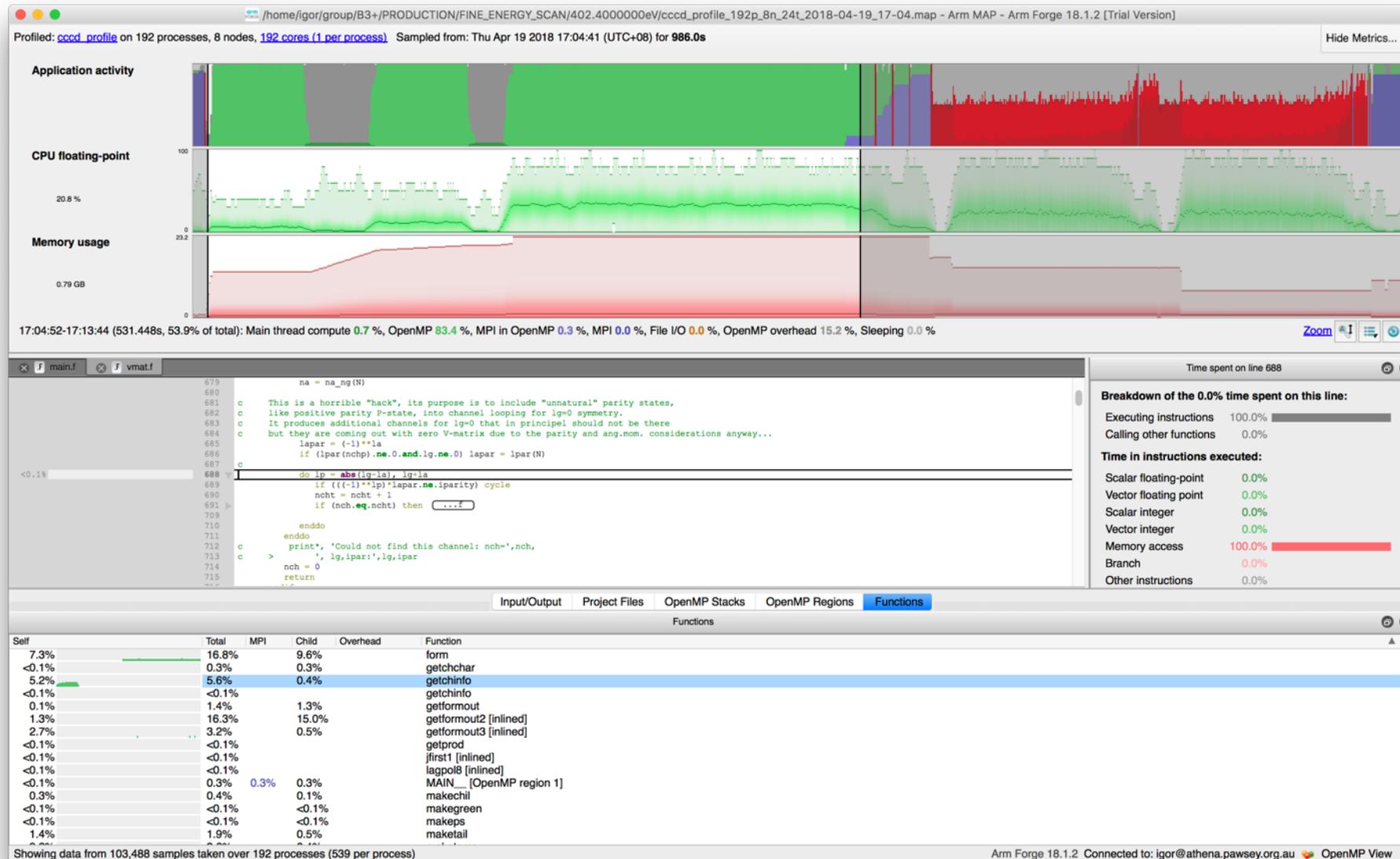
# Initial Profile

Self	Total	MPI	Child	Overhead	Function
<0.1%	88.8%		88.8%	<0.1%	ccc
<0.1%	<0.1%		<0.1%	<0.1%	cgc
<0.1%	<0.1%				cnj [inlined]
<0.1%	<0.1%		<0.1%		cof3j [inlined]
<0.1%	<0.1%		<0.1%	<0.1%	cof6j
<0.1%	<0.1%				coul90
<0.1%	<0.1%		<0.1%		coulcc
4.6%	10.5%		5.9%		form
<0.1%	0.3%		0.2%		getchar
39.1%	39.4%		0.4%		getchinfo
<0.1%	<0.1%				getchinfo
<0.1%	0.8%		0.7%		getformout
0.9%	10.4%		9.5%		getformout2 [inlined]
1.8%	2.1%		0.3%		getformout3 [inlined]
<0.1%	<0.1%				getprod

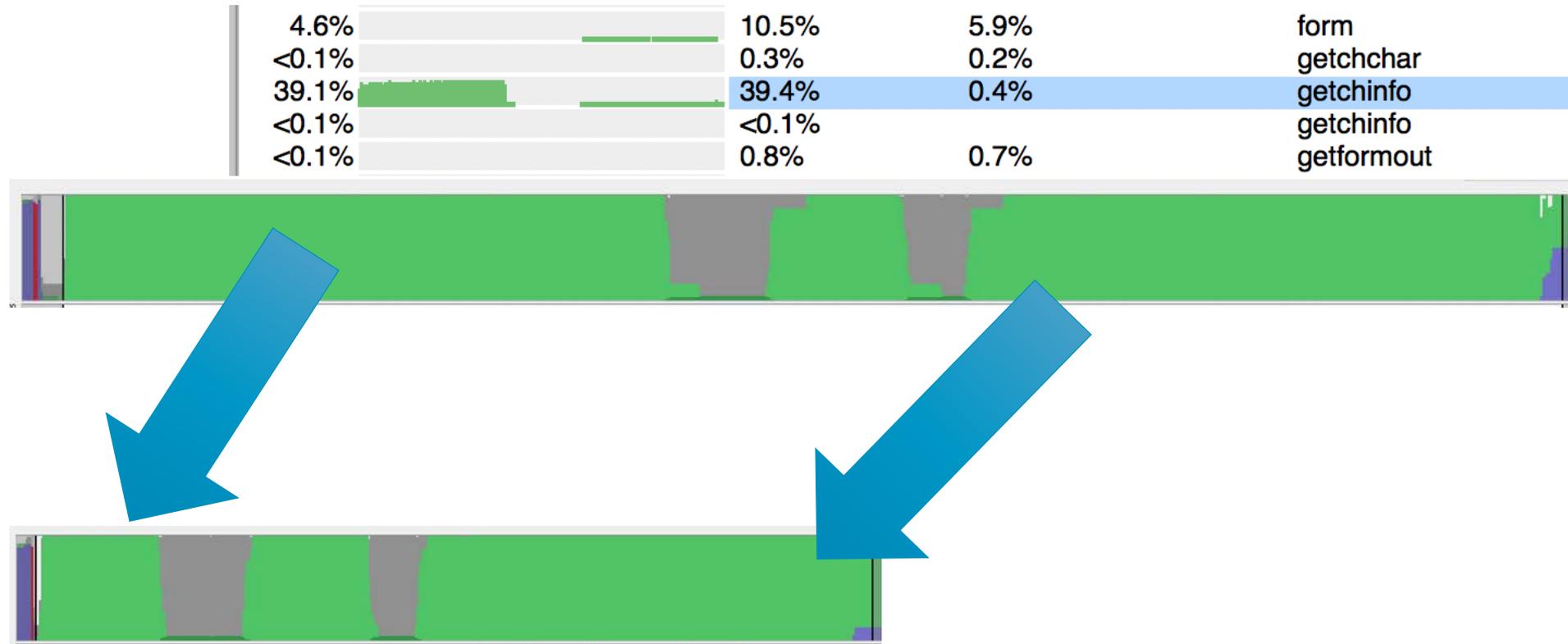
Showing data from 114,816 samples taken over 192 processes (598 per process)

Surprise! Didn't expect that.

# Results and Final Profile



# Results and Final Profile



Self	Total	MPI	Child	Overhead	Function
7.3%	16.8%		9.6%		form
<0.1%	0.3%		0.3%		getchar
5.2%	5.6%		0.4%		getchar
<0.1%	<0.1%				getchar
0.1%	1.4%		1.3%		getformout

# Balanced load balancer

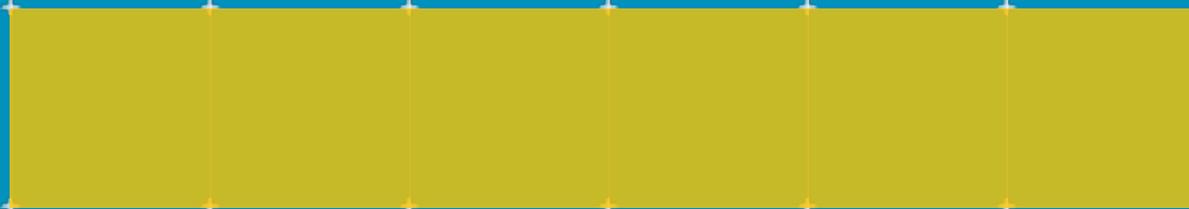
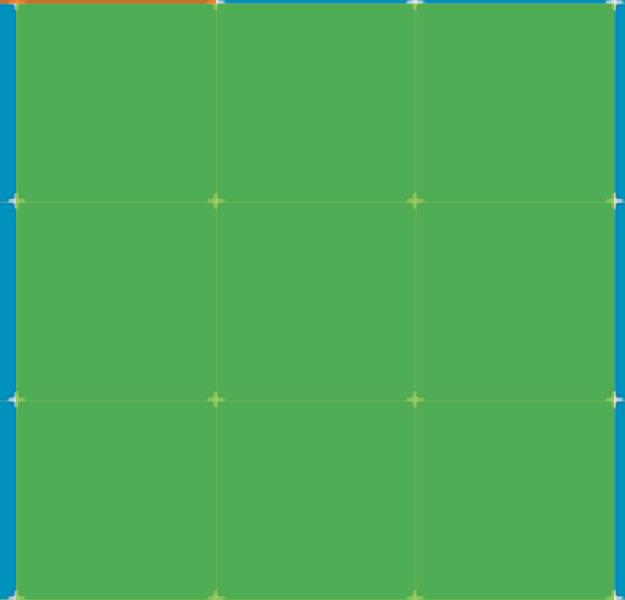
## Before:

0	8	0	-10	199	329	492	1.21	13530	0	89	-1	<b>91%</b>	LG,node,ipar,inc,vt,i1,i2,tperi,nch,naps,mt,prev LG,eff
1	8	0	-7	591	573	872	1.97	45150	0	350	0	<b>80%</b>	LG,node,ipar,inc,vt,i1,i2,tperi,nch,naps,mt,prev LG,eff
2	8	0	-16	894	762	1153	2.28	77028	0	607	1	<b>86%</b>	LG,node,ipar,inc,vt,i1,i2,tperi,nch,naps,mt,prev LG,eff
3	8	0	-24	916	886	1331	2.05	99681	0	766	2	<b>91%</b>	LG,node,ipar,inc,vt,i1,i2,tperi,nch,naps,mt,prev LG,eff

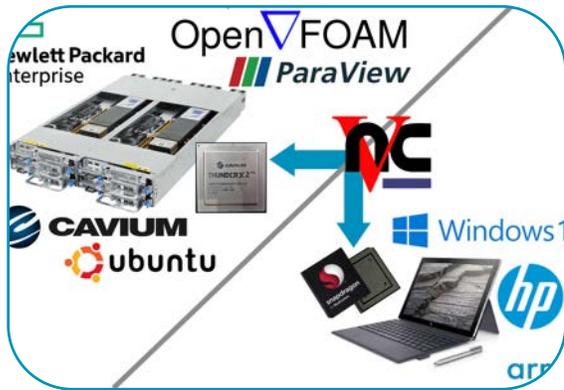
## After:

0	8	0	-10	174	329	492	1.06	13530	0	85	-1	<b>93%</b>	LG,node,ipar,inc,vt,i1,i2,tperi,nch,naps,mt,prev LG,eff
1	8	0	-11	415	577	872	1.40	43956	0	340	0	<b>97%</b>	LG,node,ipar,inc,vt,i1,i2,tperi,nch,naps,mt,prev LG,eff
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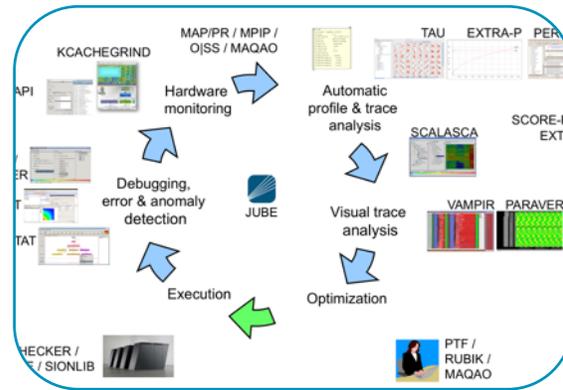
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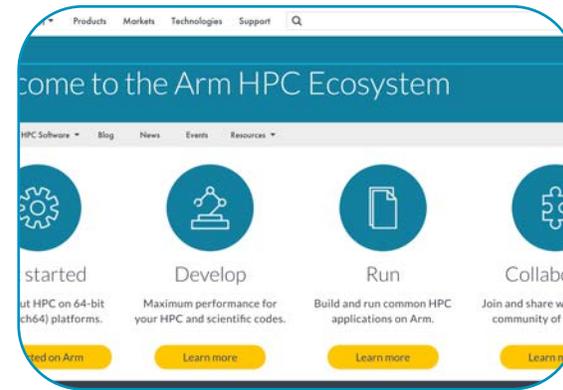
# Takeaways



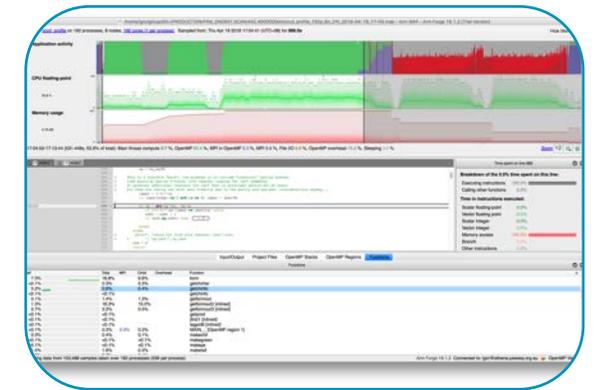
Applications ecosystem is mature and growing



Tools ecosystem is mature and growing



[arm.com/hpc](https://arm.com/hpc) for porting and tuning training and resources



For cross-platform performance improvements, use Arm Forge

Thank You!

Danke!

Merci!

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Gracias!

Kiitos!

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