

MuCoSim Introduction (Part II)

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PERFORMANCE and TIMING

How to measure performance?

- Performance = **WORK** / **TIME**
- **WORK**
 - **1** : Time-to-solution, carefully define problem
 - **Flops** : Floating-point operations (specify single-prec. or dbl.-prec.)
 - **Particles|LatticeUpdates|Whatever** : Algorithm related work
- **TIME**
 - UNIX **time** command can be confusing! Use **real** time
Sometimes, **time** is a builtin, use **/usr/bin/time**
 - Best practice: Use high-resolution timers around region of interest

```
$ time <cmd>
<output>
real      0m0.008s
user      0m0.002s
sys       0m0.002s
```

How to measure performance? *Inside applications*

- Check **snippets** folder for helpful headers
 - **walltime.h: timestamp()** returns the current time in seconds
 - **cycletime.h: cyclestamp()** returns the number of cycles since boot
- For time measurements: **endstamp - startstamp**
- Careful when measuring small intervals:
 - Might be below resolution!
 - **walltime.h: resolution()** to check the current timer
- Check out **test_times.c** for example usage

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LIKWID

On emmy: Close interactive session and open a new one with `:likwid` property

On testfront: Keep your session

What is LIKWID?



- A toolset for performance-oriented developers/users
- Get **system topology**
- **Place threads** according system topology (affinity domains)
- Run **micro-benchmarks** to check system features
- Measure **hardware events** during application runs
- Determine **energy consumption**
- Manipulate CPU/Uncore **frequencies** and **prefetchers**

How to use LIKWID on FAU systems

- LIKWID is available in the module system

```
$ module avail likwid
```

- Always use newest version (currently 5.2.2)

- Disabled on production systems:

- `likwid-setFrequencies`
- `likwid-features`

Changes settings for all following jobs on that system!
Reset yourself at end of job

- Module sets environment variables (`module show likwid/<version>`):
`LIKWID_LIBDIR, LIKWID_INCDIR`

```
gcc -I$LIKWID_INCDIR -LLIKWID_LIBDIR ... -llikwid
```

System topology with LIKWID

```
$ likwid-topology -g
```

- Thread topology
- Cache topology
- NUMA topology
- Graphical topology

```
Socket 0:                                Intel Xeon CPU E5-2660 v2 @ 2.20GHz)
+-----+-----+-----+--+ +-----+-----+-----+
| +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ +-+ +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ |
| | 0 20 | | 1 21 | | 2 22 | | | | 7 27 | | 8 28 | | 9 29 | |
| +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ +-+ +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ |
| +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ +-+ +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ |
| | 32 kB | | 32 kB | | 32 kB | | | | 32 kB | | 32 kB | | 32 kB | |
| +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ +-+ +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ |
| +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ +-+ +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ |
| | 256 kB | | 256 kB | | 256 kB | | | | 256 kB | | 256 kB | | 256 kB | |
| +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ +-+ +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ |
| +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ |
| |                                     25                                   MB | |
| +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```


System topology with LIKWID

```
$ likwid-topology
```

```
CPU name: Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2697 v4 @ 2.30GHz
```

Product name

```
*****  
Hardware Thread Topology  
*****
```

```
Sockets:      2
```

```
Cores per socket: 18
```

SMT active!

```
Threads per core: 2
```

```
[...]
```

```
*****  
NUMA Topology  
*****
```

```
NUMA domains: 4
```

ClusterOnDie / SNC active (NUMA > Sockets)

System topology with LIKWID

```
$ likwid-topology
```

```
*****
```

```
Cache Topology
```

```
*****
```

```
Level:
```

```
1
```

```
Size:
```

```
32 kB
```

```
Cache groups:
```

```
( 0 36 ) ( 1 37 ) ( 2 38 ) ...
```

```
Level:
```

```
2
```

```
Size:
```

```
256 kB
```

```
Cache groups:
```

```
( 0 36 ) ( 1 37 ) ( 2 38 ) ...
```

```
Level:
```

```
3
```

```
Size:
```

```
22 MB
```

```
Cache groups:
```

```
( 0 36 1 37 2 38 3 39 4 40 5 41 6 42 7 43 8 44
```

L1 Cache

Cache size

Hardware threads sharing a cache

`likwid-topology -c:`
more infos about caches
like cache line size,
associativity, ...

How many HW threads does your compute node provide?

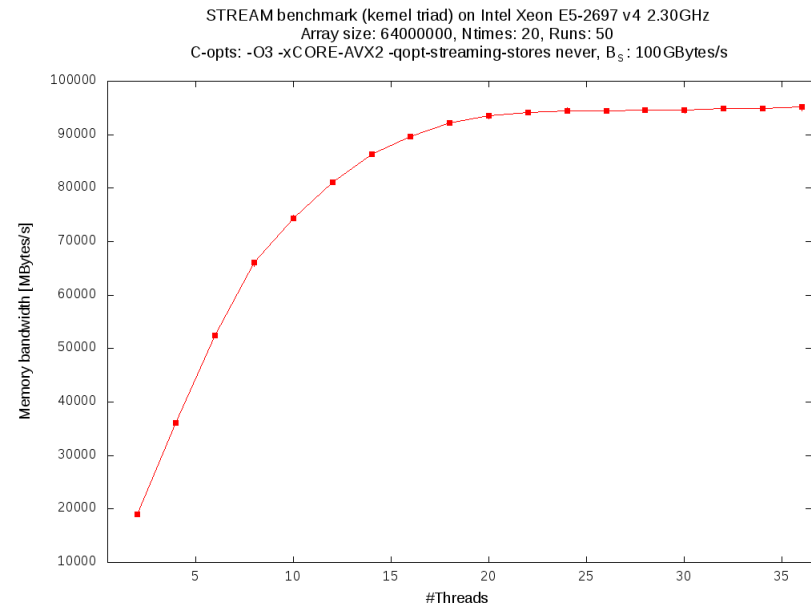
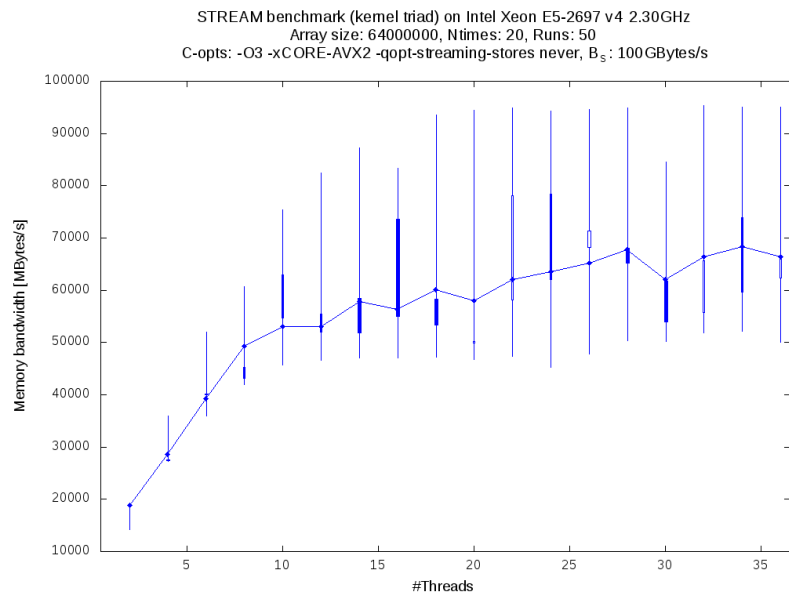
Does your system has CoD/SNC active?

Is SMT active?

What's the L3 cache size?

Task Affinity

- OS task scheduler places tasks (=processes/threads) on HW threads
- OS scheduler moves tasks to different cores from time to time
- STREAM benchmark:



This is how it looks when you saturate a shared resource

Task Affinity

- Limiting set of possible HW threads per process/thread
- There are several reasons for caring about affinity:
 - Eliminating performance variation
 - Making use of architectural features
 - Avoiding resource contention
- Many tools/methods for affinity:
 - **taskset**: Limit set of HW threads (threads can be moved around)
 - **sched.h**: Application threads pin themselves
 - OpenMP/MPI-specific: Vendor-specific, often not portable
 - **numactl**: Limit application threads to NUMA domain (can be moved around)
 - **likwid-pin**
- Choose what fits best! Remember to set thread count!

- `numactl -C <cpulist> <executable>`
 - Same like `taskset` -> no real pinning!
- `numactl` provides more features regarding memory allocation
 - Bind memory to specific NUMA domains (`-m <nodelist>`)
 - Interleave memory in specific NUMA domains (`-i <nodelist>`)
- Some output functionality
(`-s` for current settings and `-H` for NUMA hardware inventory)

Commonly not the way to do CPU pinning! But the right way for memory pinning!

Task Affinity - `likwid-pin`



- **Pin processes/threads** without touching application code
- Supports **most threading solutions**
- **Requirement:** Application must be dynamically linked
- Support for multiple CPU selection syntaxes:
 - Physical: 0,4,5 or 0,4-5 → CPUs with ID 0,4 and 5
 - Logical: **S**0:0-3 → First four phy. cores on **S**ocket 0
 - Expression based: E:N:20:1:2 → 20 threads, one out of two
- `likwid-pin -c <cpusel> ./a.out`

N: node
Sx: socket
My: NUMA domain
Cz: LLC

Combine CPU selections with @

Skipping SMT threads

How many affinity domains does your system provide? (`--help`)

Compile `pin/hello_pthread.c` (`-pthread`)

Run it a few times, how often do threads share a CPU?

Pin `hello_pthread` (5 threads)

Pin `hello_pthread` to the first two physical HW threads of all sockets

What happens? Who wins?

```
OMP_NUM_THREADS=10 likwid-pin -c 0-4 ./hello_pthread
```

Run `stream` with 4 threads pinned differently (`N:0-3, S0:0-1@S1:0-1`).

What's the fastest CPU selection for `triad`?

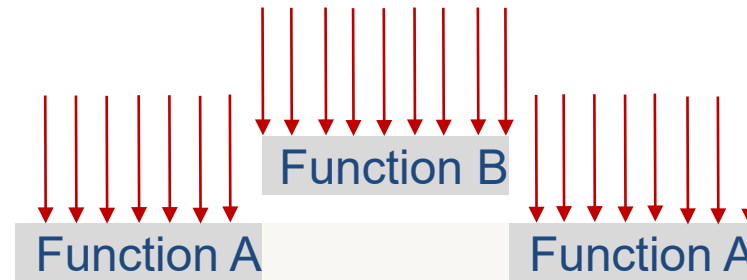
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Analysis of applications

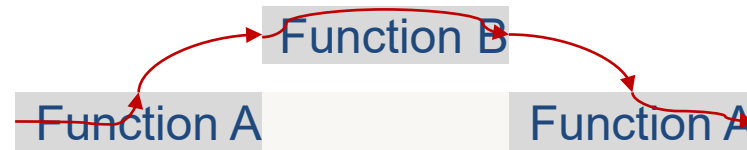


Measurement techniques

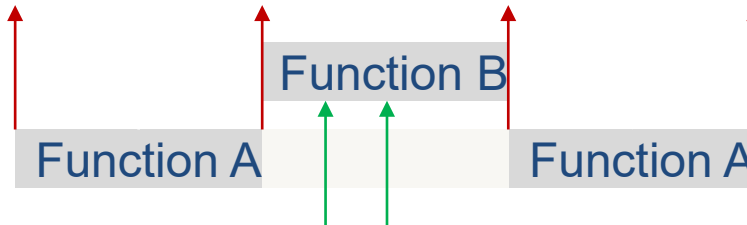
- **Sampling**



- Tracing



- **Instrumentation**



- **Profiling**



gprof, xray, perf, ...

- Read state periodically
- Follow the execution path
- Add `read_state()` where desired
- Create an overview what happened

Runtime profile - Find out **hotspots** in the code

- Many tools available: **gprof**, **xray**, **perf**, ...
- For **gprof** build with **-pg**
- Creates XML and tabular output files with fields:
 - Time and time share for function
 - Call and exit count
 - File and line of function
- Run application like normal
- Afterwards: **gprof <exec> gmon.out**

Runtime profile

| Time(%) | Self (sec) | Call count | Function |
|---------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| 44.52 | 2.47 | 100 | <code>triad()</code> |
| 25.96 | 1.44 | 100 | <code>add()</code> |
| 16.94 | 0.94 | 100 | <code>copy()</code> |
| 100.00 | 0.00 | 1 | <code>main()</code> |

How often a function was called

Besides function runtime, how can we measure resource usage?

So, how to restrict measurements to the `triad()` function?

Compile `stream` in `runtime_profile` with runtime profiling
(use `*.c` and include header path `-I.`)

Look at the hotspots in the code.
Can you name a reason for the runtime difference?

What is hardware performance monitoring?

Overview about HPM

- Performance monitoring units (**PMUs**) at hardware level
- Introduced for x86 with Intel Pentium (1994)
- Originally used by CPU vendors for **hardware validation**
- **No additional CPU work** to handle hardware events in PMUs
- Accessing PMUs requires CPU work → **Overhead**
- Limited number of counters per PMU (x86: 4 per unit)

Hardware Performance Monitoring with LIKWID - `likwid-perfctr`

- `likwid-perfctr` sets up system topology and perfmon
- Setup, start, read and stop PMUs
- Execute application on given CPU set (`-C`)
- Evaluate counter values

```
likwid-perfctr -C 0 -g INST_RETIRED_ANY:FIXC0 <app>
```

- LIKWID needs you to specify which **counter** runs which **event**
- Combine multiple (event+counter)s with ‘,’
- For advanced usage, the events can be enriched with options **threshold**, **invert**, **count_kernel**, **edge_detect**,

LIKWID - HPM with `likwid-perfctr`

```
$ likwid-perfctr -C 0,1 -g L2_TRANS_L1D_WB:PMC0 ./app
```

| Event | Counter | Core 0 | Core 1 |
|---------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Runtime (RDTSC) [s] | TSC | 2.573182e+00 | 2.573182e+00 |
| L2_TRANS_L1D_WB | PMC0 | 281176518 | 281240170 |

- Event names (in many cases) **not intuitive**
- Events are **architecture-specific**
- Some sound promising but return bad counts, others are broken
- **More interest in real metrics** like volume of loaded/stored data

LIKWID - HPM with `likwid-perfctr`

- LIKWID defines performance groups
≈ eventlist + derived metrics + documentation
- List all groups: `likwid-perfctr -a`

You can also define own performance groups!

```
$ likwid-perfctr -C 0,1 -g L2 ./app
```

| Metric | Core 0 | Core 1 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Runtime (RDTSC) [s] | 2.6439 | 2.6439 |
| L2D load bandwidth [MBytes/s] | 6744.8121 | 6743.6037 |
| L2D load data volume [GBytes] | 17.8325 | 17.8293 |
| L2D evict bandwidth [MBytes/s] | 3372.4061 | 3371.8019 |
| L2D evict data volume [GBytes] | 8.9163 | 8.9147 |

LIKWID - Performance groups

- **FLOPS_AVX**: Packed AVX MFlops/s
- **FLOPS_DP**: Double Precision MFlops/s
- **FLOPS_SP**: Single Precision MFlops/s
- **DATA**: Load to store ratio
- **L2**: L2 cache bandwidth in MBytes/s
- **L3**: L3 cache bandwidth in MBytes/s
- **MEM**: Main memory bandwidth in MBytes/s
- **ENERGY**: Power and Energy consumption
- **MEM_DP**: Memory & DP FLOP/s & Energy
- **MEM_SP**: Memory & SP FLOP/s & Energy

Hardware Performance Monitoring with LIKWID - `likwid-perfctr`

- `$ likwid-perfctr -C 0,1 -g FLOPS_DP ./a.out`
Measure DP FLOP/s of the whole application run of on CPUs 0, 1
- `$ likwid-perfctr -c 0,1 -g DATA ./a.out`
Measure load/store ratio on CPUs 0,1. Application is **not** pinned!
- `$ likwid-perfctr -g MEM_DP -H`
Get **help** for performance group MEM_DP
- `$ likwid-perfctr -e (| less)`
List all events and counters, search with `-E <searchstr>`

Compile `perfctr/triad.c`

Measure the memory bandwidth (**MEM**)
from 1 to number of phys. cores per socket
At which core count does it saturate?

Compile `perfctr/pi.c`

Measure the FLOP rate from 4 to 10 processes on one socket

Does it have a saturation point?

How well is it vectorized? What is the max. vectorization ratio you can achieve? Are all operations done with „best“ vectorization?

LIKWID - HPM of functions

- LIKWID offers MarkerAPI for code region measurements

```
#include <likwid-marker.h>  
LIKWID_MARKER_INIT; // in serial region  
LIKWID_MARKER_REGISTER("Compute"); // in parallel region  
LIKWID_MARKER_START("Compute");  
<code>  
LIKWID_MARKER_STOP("Compute");  
LIKWID_MARKER_CLOSE; // in serial region
```

Older version use
<likwid.h>

Reduces startup
overhead

Multiple regions and
nesting allowed

- Compile with `-DLIKWID_PERFMON`


Add marker API to code (restructure loops)

```
#pragma omp parallel for 
  <loop>
```

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
  LIKWID_MARKER_START("Compute");
  #pragma omp for
    <loop>

  LIKWID_MARKER_STOP("Compute");
}
```

Add marker API to code (closed-source library calls)

```
some_parallel_f()  #pragma omp parallel  
{  
    LIKWID_MARKER_START("foo")  
}  
#pragma omp parallel  
{  
    LIKWID_MARKER_STOP("foo")  
}
```

LIKWID - HPM of functions

Compile @ RRZE:

```
$CC -DLIKWID_PERFMON $LIKWID_INC $LIKWID_LIB code.c -o code -llikwid
```

Defined by LIKWID module at RRZE

```
likwid-perfctr -C <cpustr> -g <group> -m ./a.out
```

Use capital C
MarkerAPI requires pinned threads

Tells likwid-perfctr to
use MarkerAPI mode

Copy `perfctr/pi.c` to `marker/pi.c`

Add MarkerAPI calls around loop for each OpenMP thread & compile
Measure the FLOP rate from 4 to number of phys. cores per socket

Compile `marker/stream.c` (use `-I. *.c`)

What are the read and write memory bandwidths of each hotspot for 4 threads?

Compare results to the application output of stream.

Is there a difference and if yes, why?

Thank you for your attention!

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