

Identifying Performance Bottlenecks in Hybrid MPI + OpenMP Software

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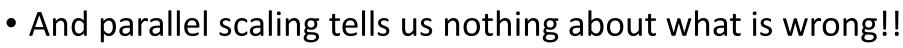
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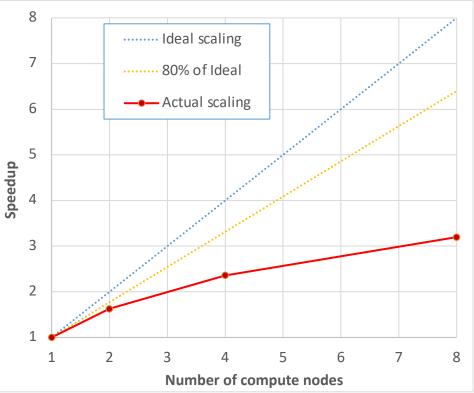
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The problem we're addressing



- Getting good parallel performance is hard!!!
- Even with the simplest parallelism we need to think about
 - Serialisation
 - Load balance
 - Memory bottlenecks
 - Processor frequency
 - Instruction count
 - Overheads of parallelization
- MPI + OpenMP adds complexity
 - Is the problem in the OpenMP?
 - Or the MPI?





Performance analysis tools



- There are powerful tools to us help analyse performance
 - BSC toolset Extrae, Paraver, Dimemas, etc
 - Scalasca toolset Score-P, Scalasca, Cube
 - Intel's tools VTune, ITAC, etc
 - Plus many more
- But the data they generate is often overwhelming
 - Extremely detailed and complex event timelines per thread
 - Vast amounts of difficult to understand metrics
- We need to make sense of the trace data before we know what we're looking for in the trace data
 - But how???

The solution – the POP metrics



- An easy to understand set of metrics
- Metrics which can be easily calculated from typical trace data
- Metrics which point at specific causes of performance bottlenecks
- This idea has been successfully demonstrated by POP's MPI metrics
- We now extend to hybrid MPI + OpenMP (& beyond?)
 - We have **two** approaches for hybrid, both based on the POP MPI metrics
- One extends the idea of defining an individual metric per source of inefficiency
- The other extends the multiplicative approach of the MPI metrics



POP's high level metrics



- The POP methodology defines hierarchies of metrics
 - See POP online training "<u>Understanding Application Performance with the</u> <u>POP Metrics</u>" for details
- The top level metrics for both MPI + OpenMP schemes are identical
 - And are the same as those in POP's MPI metrics

1. Parallel Efficiency

• How efficient is the parallelisation?

2. Computation Scaling

• Is the total useful computation increasing or decreasing?

3. Global Efficiency

• Combines inefficiency from parallelisation and computation scaling



POP's high level metrics



- We measure *comp* = time in <u>useful computation</u> on each CPU core
 - i.e. the time spent executing useful user code
- And *comp_ref* = useful computation on a reference case
 - Usually the smallest number of cores used e.g. 1 compute node
- Assuming strong computation scaling:

Parallel Efficiency = average(*comp*) / *runtime*

Computation Scaling = sum(*comp_ref*) / sum(*comp*)

Global Efficiency = Computation Scaling x Parallel Efficiency





Hybrid metrics method 1

The POP 'additive' scheme for MPI + OpenMP



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The idea of 'additive' metrics



- Lets revisit POP's Parallel Efficiency
 - This measures the efficiency of the parallelisation
- We measure *comp* and *runtime* on *n* cores
 - *comp* is useful computation per CPU core

Parallel Efficiency = average(comp) / runtime

• We can think of average(comp) as an ideal runtime

Parallel Efficiency ideal runtime = average(comp) = sum(comp) / n

 It is the runtime we would get if all useful work (*comp*) is split evenly over the cores with no overheads from the parallelism



The idea.....



- Now look again at POP's Global Efficiency
 - This measures efficiency of the parallelisation combined with inefficiency due to increases in useful computation
- *comp_ref* is useful computation on our reference case
- *n* is number of cores for other cases under consideration

Global Efficiency = [sum(comp_ref)/n] / runtime

• We can think of an 'ideal runtime' for Global Efficiency

Global Efficiency ideal runtime = sum(comp_ref)/n

• This is the runtime we would get if the work from the reference case was to be split evenly over *n* cores with no overheads



POP's 'additive' metrics



- Define performance bottlenecks that can be mapped to known issues
- For each class of performance bottleneck define an 'ideal runtime'
- Then for each class of bottleneck:

efficiency = ideal runtime / runtime

• We can also define:

inefficiency = 1 - efficiency

- For optimal performance: efficiency = 1, and inefficiency = 0
- This defines a hierarchy where we can <u>add</u> 'child' inefficiency values to get the 'parent' inefficiency value
 - Since inefficiency = 'time cost of bottleneck(s)' / runtime
 - Splitting the cost of the bottleneck into the individual contributions is the same as splitting the inefficiency value



Additive metrics for MPI + OpenMP



- We start with Parallel Efficiency and want to split this into child metrics
- With additive metrics we have complete freedom about how we define child metrics
- One obvious option is to split Parallel Efficiency into
 - 1. Process Efficiency (ignores all thread inefficiencies)
 - 2. Thread Efficiency (ignores process inefficiencies)

Parallel Inefficiency = Process Inefficiency + Thread Inefficiency



Illustration: Process Efficiency



- To assess Process Efficiency we want to know
 - 1. How evenly 'useful work' is distributed over the processes
 - 2. How much time the processes spend in MPI
- If we ignore the threading there are only three states, i.e.
 - 1. A process is in serial computation on the master thread: *serial_comp*
 - 2. A process is inside an OpenMP parallel region: *omp*
 - 3. A process is inside MPI and outside OpenMP
- When ignoring the threading we assume only time outside OpenMP and inside MPI is non-useful



Illustration: Process Efficiency



- We define *serial_comp* and *omp* as useful
 - Time in MPI and outside OpenMP is considered the bottleneck

useful = serial_comp + omp

• And we can define an 'ideal runtime' as average(useful)

Process Efficiency = average(useful) / runtime

- We can use the additive methodology to define ideal run times that split Process Efficiency into
 - Load Balance Efficiency cost of imbalance of *useful* over processes
 - Transfer Efficiency cost of MPI time due to data transfer over network
 - Serialisation Efficiency remaining cost of time in MPI

Thread Efficiencies

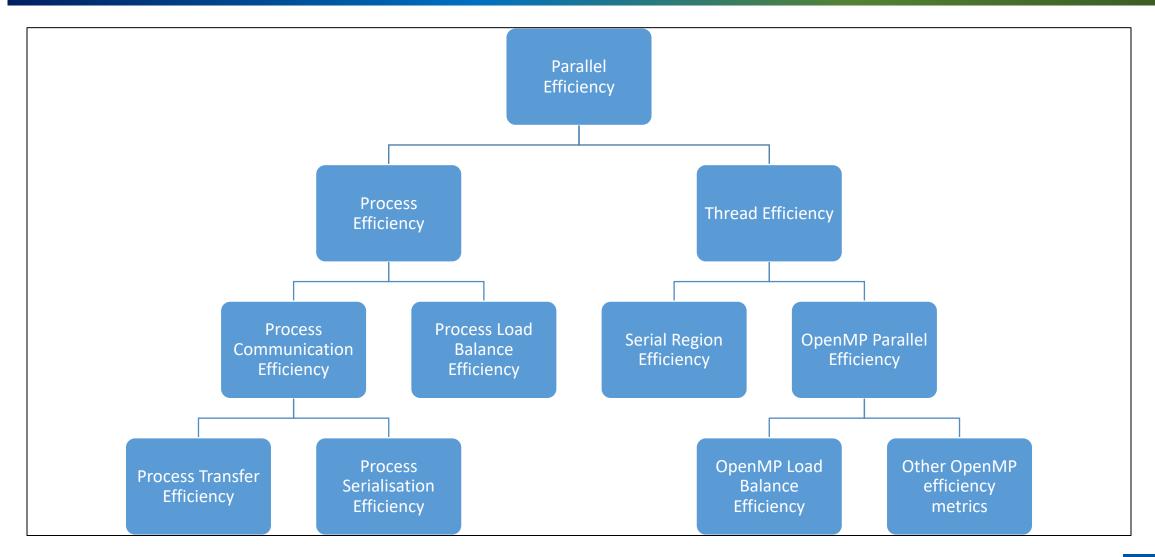


- We can define ideal runtimes which define
 - Thread Efficiency cost of remaining non-useful time
 - Thread Efficiency sub metrics
 - Serial Region Efficiency cost of computation outside OpenMP
 - **OpenMP Parallel Efficiency** cost of time outside useful computation in OpenMP regions
- And we can also split OpenMP Parallel Efficiency e.g.
 - A contribution per OpenMP bottleneck
 - e.g. cost of thread load imbalance within OpenMP
 - Inefficiency contributions per OpenMP parallel region



Additive metrics hierarchy

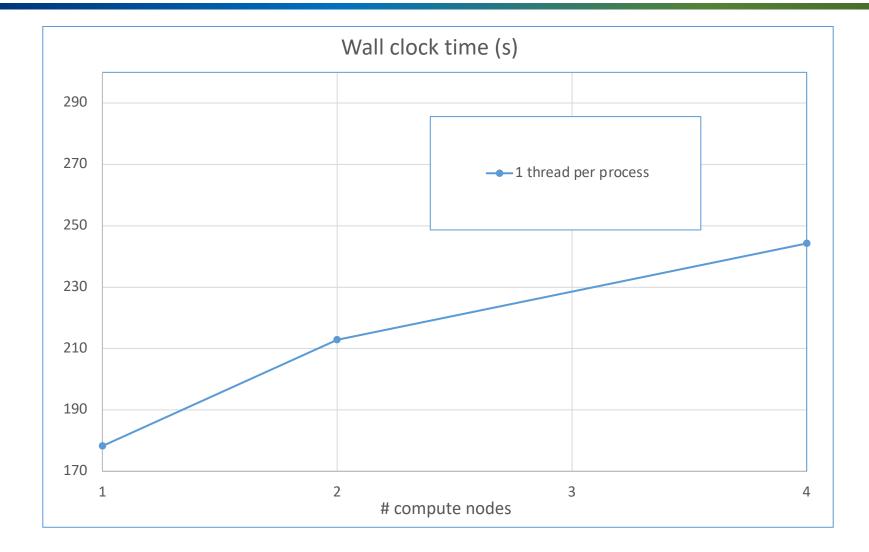






Example (strong scaling)

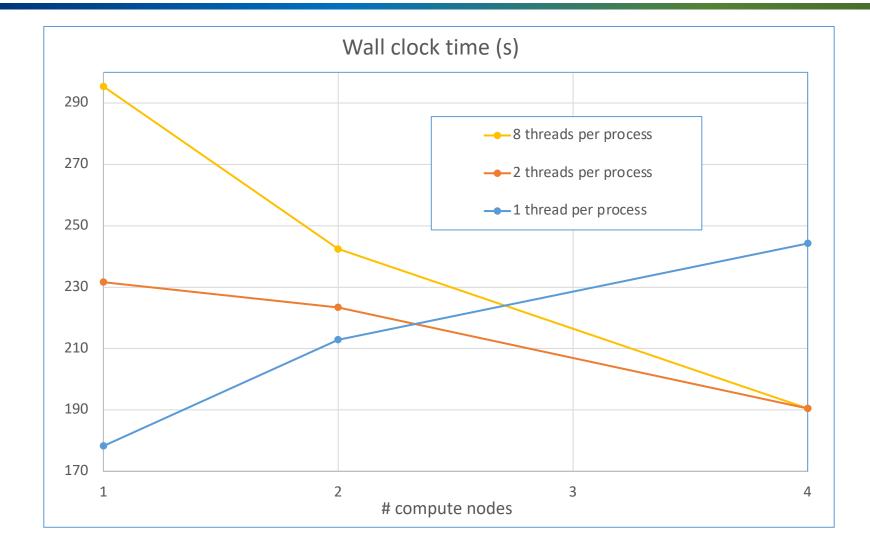






What is going on?





POP metrics to the rescue!



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Single thread issues



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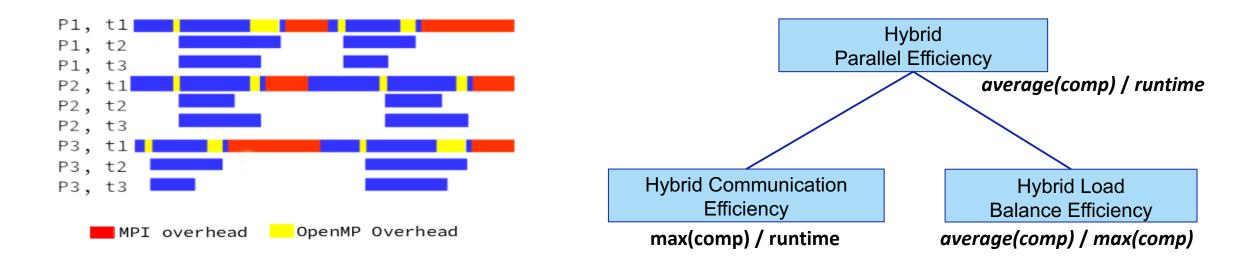
Hybrid metrics method 2

The POP 'multiplicative' scheme for MPI + OpenMP



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Applying the original model to hybrid codes

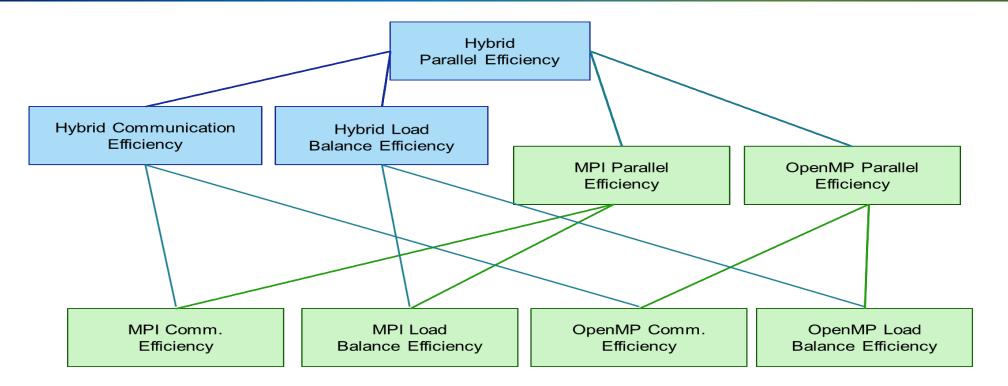


- Efficiency computed as percentage of time outside the two parallel runtimes
- Useful as a first step to distinguish between Load Balance and Communication. But how to dig down?
 - Efficiencies are mixing inefficiencies from MPI and OpenMP → Need to distribute the blame between the two programming models



What do we want?





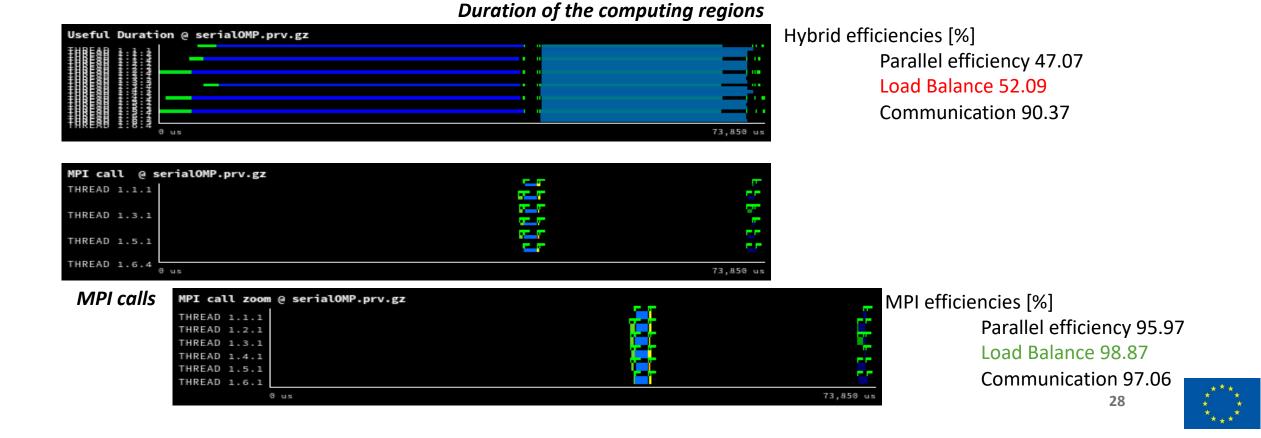
- Global load balance and communication concepts can be mapped to any parallel programming paradigm
- The efficiencies at hybrid level collapse the contributions from the two programming models

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Isolating MPI



First target: hierarchical codes where MPI is the upper level (approach for 90% of the hybrid codes). From the MPI point of view, OpenMP runtime is as useful as computation:
MPI Parallel Efficiency = average(out_MPI) / runtime



OpenMP efficiencies



• Whatever cannot be blamed on MPI is caused by OpenMP. For example:

OpenMP Parallel Eff. = Hybrid Parallel Eff. / MPI Parallel Eff.

Useful Duration @ serialOMP.prv.gz	73,850 us	OpenMP efficiencies [%] Parallel efficiency 49.05 Load Balance 52.69 Communication 93.11
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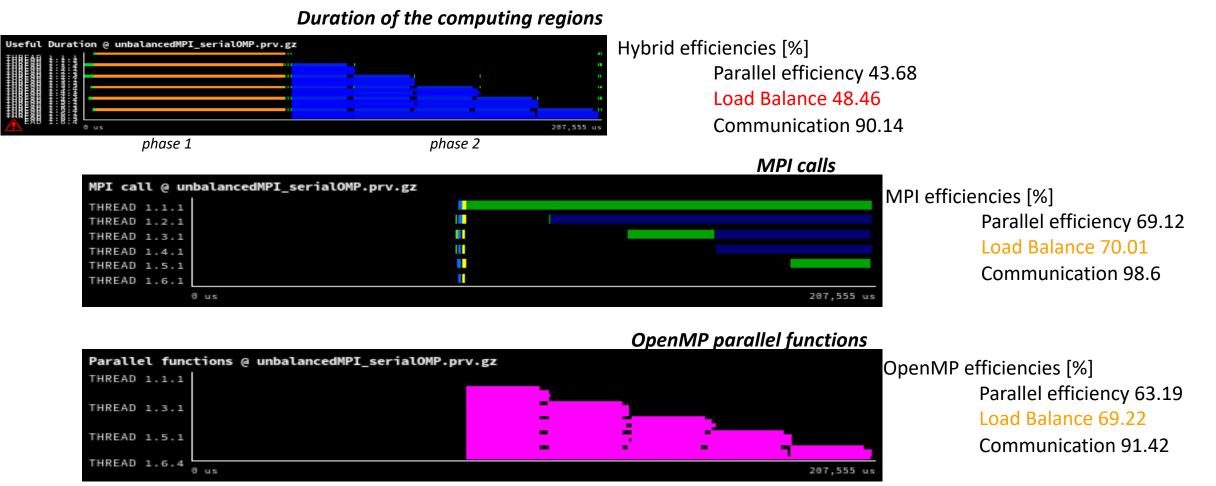
Duration of the computing regions

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 \rightarrow The model is properly reporting that the main problem is imbalance in the OpenMP parallelization – large computation on the left only executed by the master thread.

Validating the source of imbalance

• Synthetic code with two very different phases



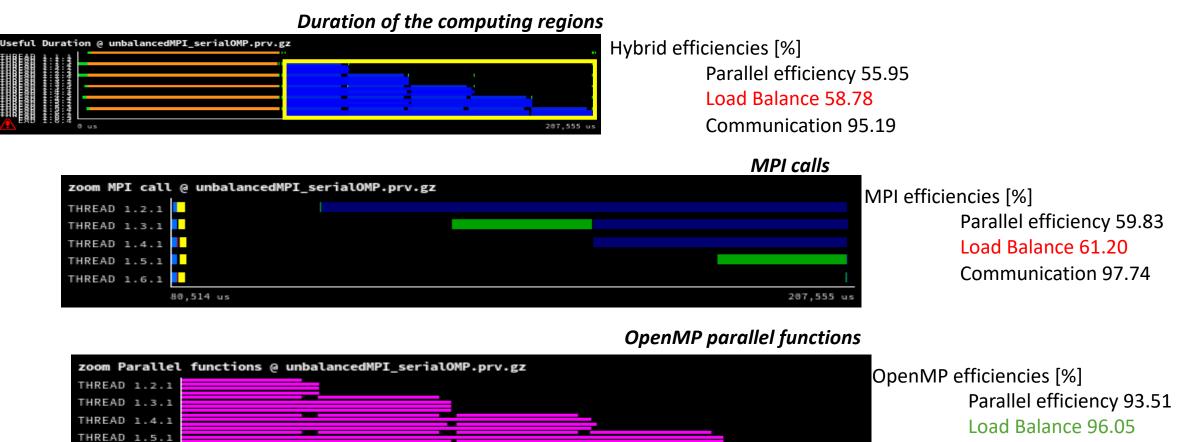
Phase 1 \rightarrow OpenMP imbalance (previous slide), phase 2 \rightarrow MPI imbalance?





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• Zooming in the second phase we can validate our guess



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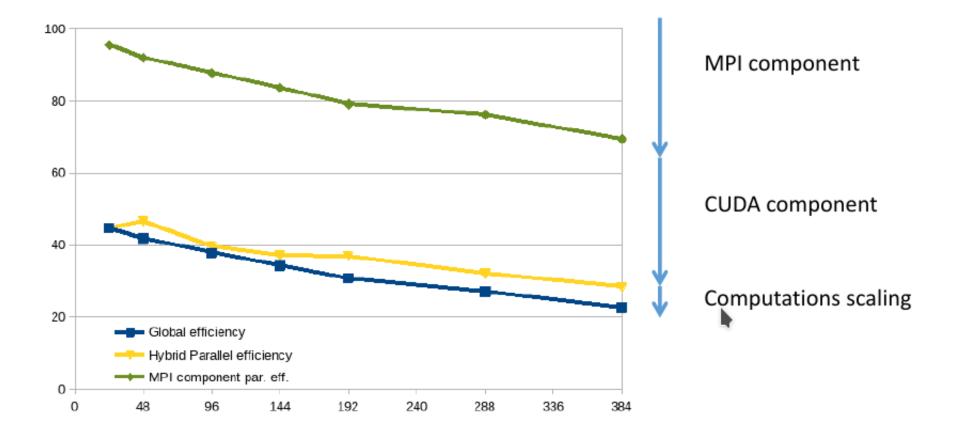
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Same approach applied to MPI+CUDA



- Bigger impact from CUDA component with a similar contribution in all the scales
- MPI contribution increases with the scale, but still lower than CUDA



How to calculate the metrics?



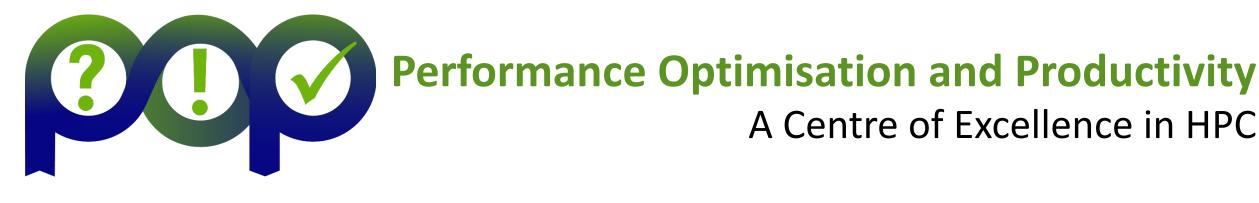
- We recommend the following Python tools to automatically calculate metrics from Extrae data
 - NAG-PyPOP for additive metrics (pip install [--user] NAG-PyPOP) (<u>https://pypi.org/project/NAG-PyPOP</u>)
 - BSC's Basic Analysis module for multiplicative metrics (<u>https://tools.bsc.es/downloads</u>)
- Scalasca + Cube have some POP metrics support (Score-P traces)
- Other tracing tools can be used as metrics can be calculated manually (see handouts for details)
- POP can do it for you!





- We presented two generic models to characterize the efficiency of hybrid codes by splitting the contribution of each programming model.
- Each model has its own strengths:
 - The additive approach is based on concepts specific to each programming model, making them easier to map to known problems.
 - Not focusing on the specifics of each parallel programming paradigm, the multiplicative approach allows us to use the same model with MPI+OpenMP, MPI+CUDA,...
- The two models are being used in the framework of the POP2 Center of Excellence (<u>https://pop-coe.eu</u>)





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