



Six and a half years of POP CoE: What remains?

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Age before beauty

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| • Behavior (insight/models) | before | syntax |
| • Detail performance analytics | before | aggregated profiles |
| • Work instantiation and order | before | overhead |
| • Malleability | before | fitted rigid structure |
| • Possibilities | before | how tos |
| • Elegance | before | one day shine |

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ataca de nuevo

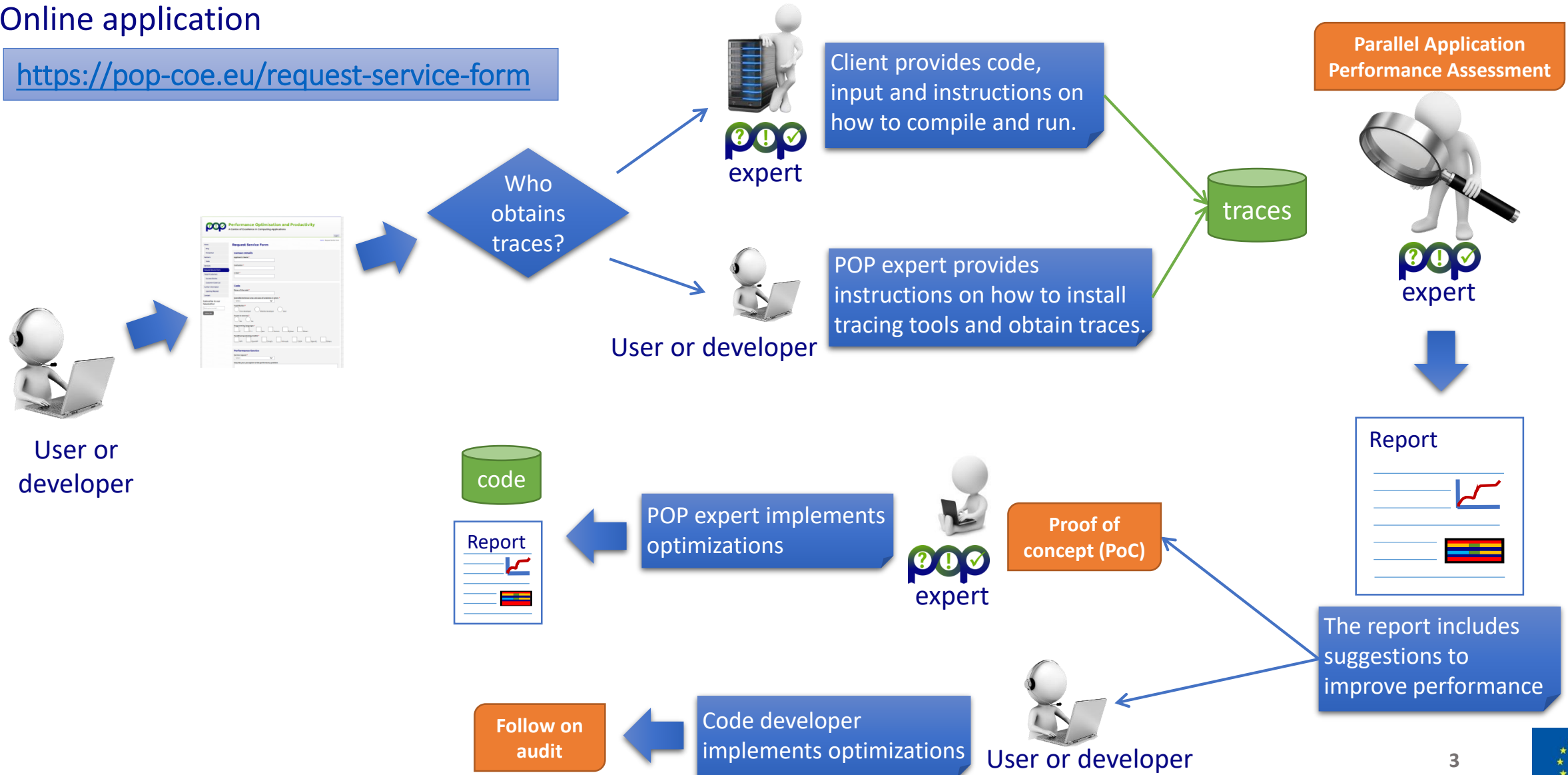


POP services



Online application

<https://pop-coe.eu/request-service-form>



What remains?



- Mindset
 - Performance is a part of the whole development cycle
 - Beyond profiles → efficiency culture and models
 - Syntax → fundamental behavior
 - Towards DEEP analyses
 - One experiment ... a lot of information
- Material
 - Training
 - Success stories
 - Co-design resources
- A feeling of
 - Belonging, learning, ...
 - Appreciation by customers of external view
 - A view from an external “observer”
 - Awareness, quantification of behaviors

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Performance Optimisation and Productivity Centre of Excellence (POP COE). The header features the POP logo and the text 'Performance Optimisation and Productivity A Centre of Excellence in HPC'. A navigation menu on the left includes links to News, Blog, Newsletter, Events, Partners, Tools, Services, Request Service Form, Resources for Co-Design, Target Customers, Success Stories, Customer Code List, Performance Reports, Further Information, Learning Material, Webinars, Online Training, Contact, and Privacy Policy. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Mission' with a description of the COE's purpose and a link to services; 'About POP' with a video thumbnail; 'Latest News' with a tweet from @POP_HPC; 'Blog Highlight' featuring a post titled 'POP: Half-Time Analysis' dated 01 JUL; and a 'Subscribe to our Newsletter' form. A footer at the bottom states that the project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreements No 676553 and 824080, accompanied by the European Union flag.



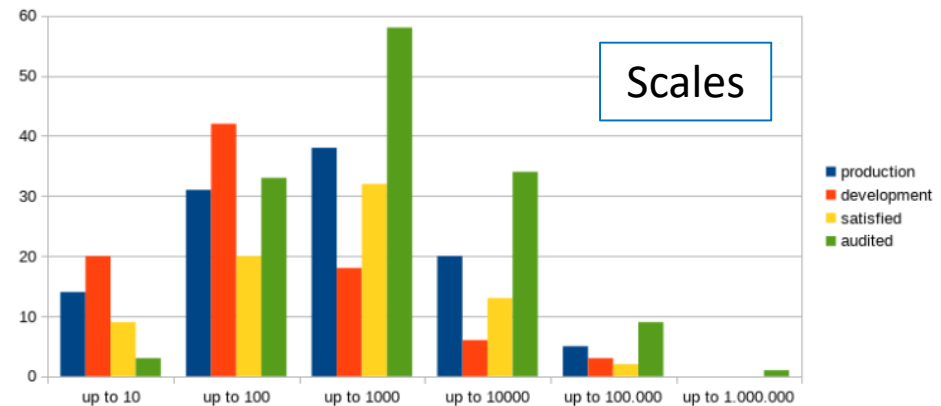
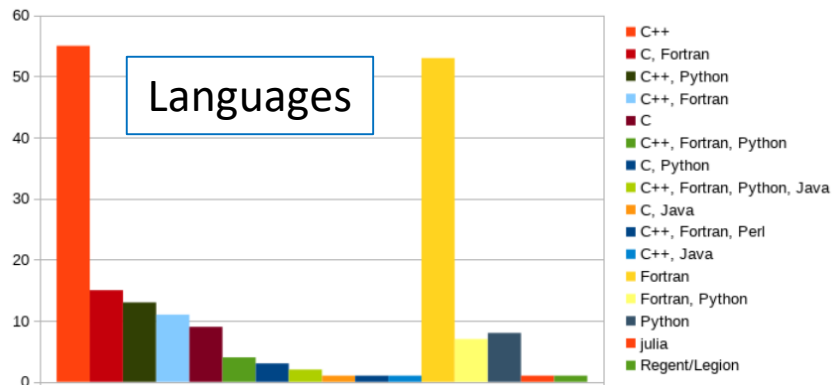
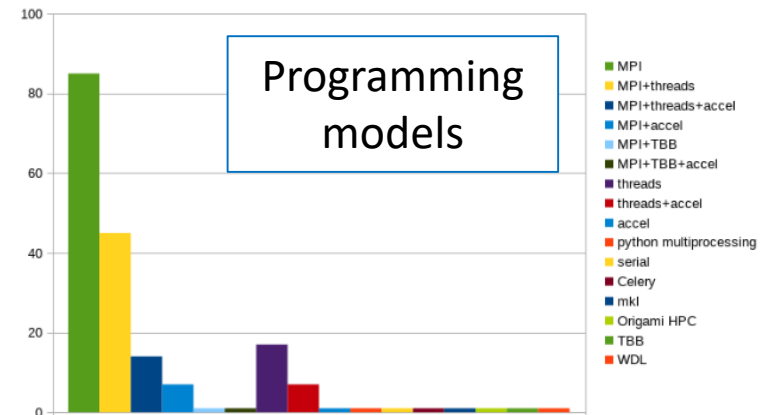
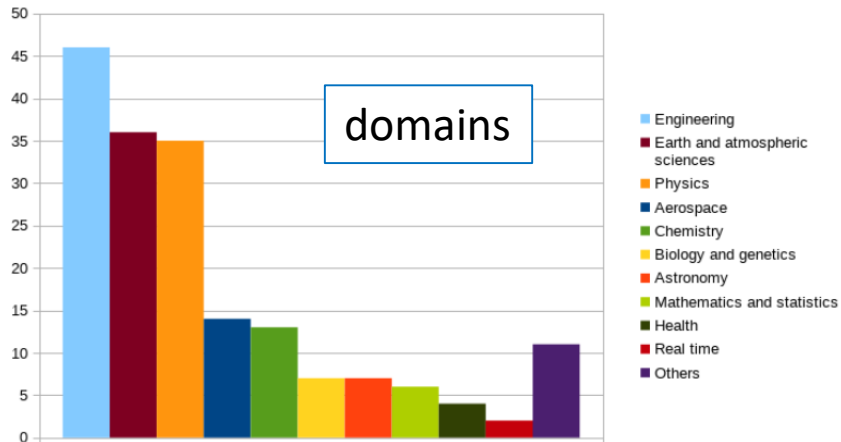
- Large number of services

POP1 & POP2 each

- > 140 Assessments
- > 25 Proof of Concept

customer

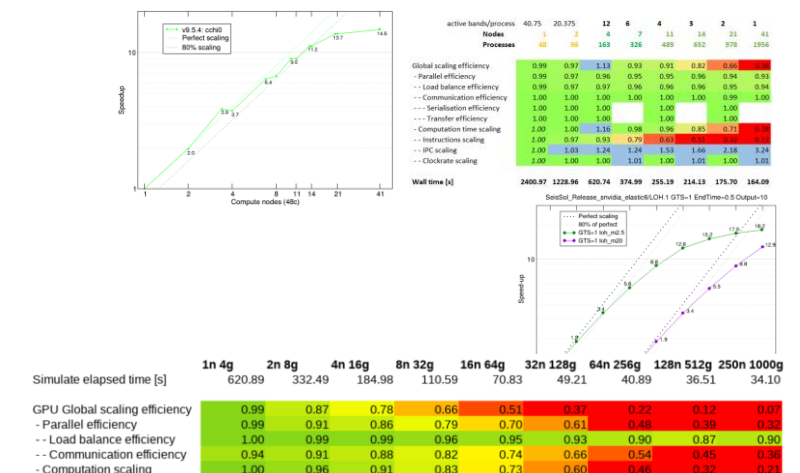
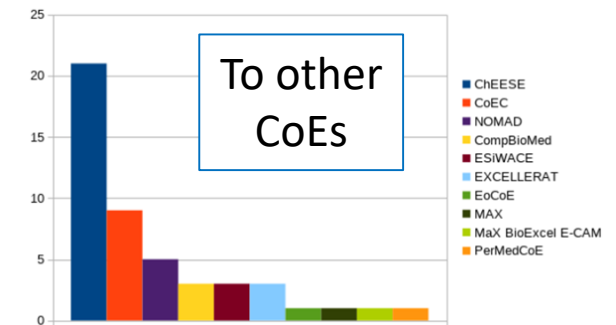
- ~80% Research
- ~20% Industry



POP and the EuroHPC community



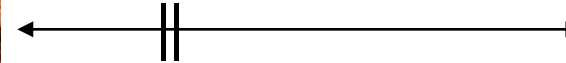
- Collaborations and other engagements with HPC CoEs, HPC³ & developer communities in Europe
 - Business development
 - HPC CoE flagship assessment campaigns
 - Ad hoc application performance assessments
 - Training
 - Bespoke training
 - Joint training
 - Dissemination
 - Minisymposium on HPC CoE exascale readiness
 - Participation in HPC³-organised events
 - Co-design insight → other projects !!



Performance analysis



- Art ...
 - Not a unified approach



Performance analysis

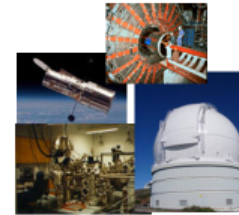


- Art ...
 - Not a unified approach
- ... or science?
 - Precise measurement tools
 - Models
 - Method

Tools in ...



• Science



- Advances linked to capability of observation and measurement

• Computer Science

- `printf()`
- timers

• Performance analysis:

- A lot of speculation
- We see $\int_a^b f(t)dt$
- we talk about $f(t)$

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Shoemaker's son ...



...always goes barefoot



En casa del herrero ...



... cuchara de palo



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Figure 10 displays the performance evolution of Nemo/Cluster 1. The figure is divided into several sections:

- Top Left:** A heatmap showing the execution of threads (TID 1.1 to 1.256.1) over time. The threads are color-coded by their execution state (e.g., green for active, red for idle).
- Top Right:** A diagram of the Nemo architecture, showing the flow of data between components like the L2 cache, L3 cache, and the Nemo core.
- Middle Left:** A heatmap showing the execution of useful instructions (TID 1.1 to 1.256.1) over time. The threads are color-coded by their execution state.
- Middle Right:** A diagram of the Nemo architecture, showing the flow of data between components like the L2 cache, L3 cache, and the Nemo core.
- Bottom Right:** A line graph showing the performance evolution of Nemo/Cluster 1 over time (0.00 to 1.00). The graph plots the percentage of threads in different states (L1D, L2D, L3C, MPS) against time. The legend indicates: L1D (red), L2D (blue), L3C (green), and MPS (black).

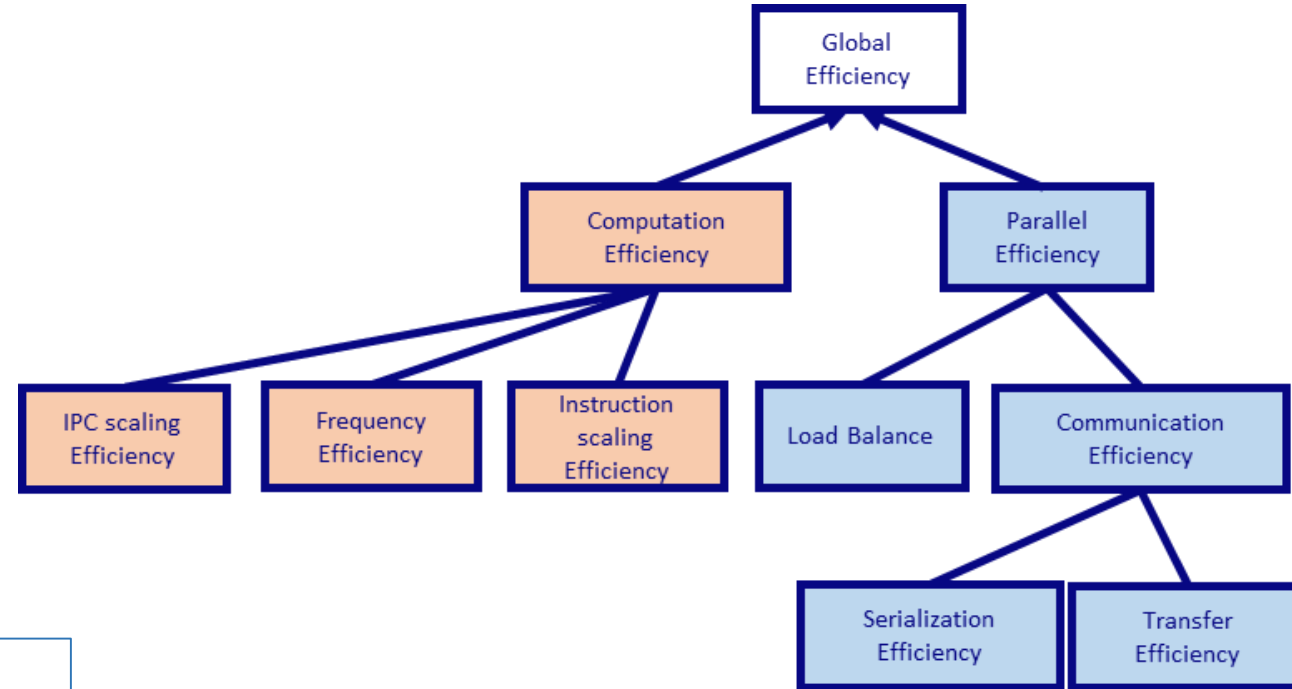
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Other, vendors, ...

Efficiency Model



Efficiency metrics : $\sim (0,1]$
Multiplicative model



Behavioral description
“Language” transversal across domains

$$CompEff = Ieff * IPCeff * Feff$$

$$\eta_{||} = LB * Ser * Trf$$

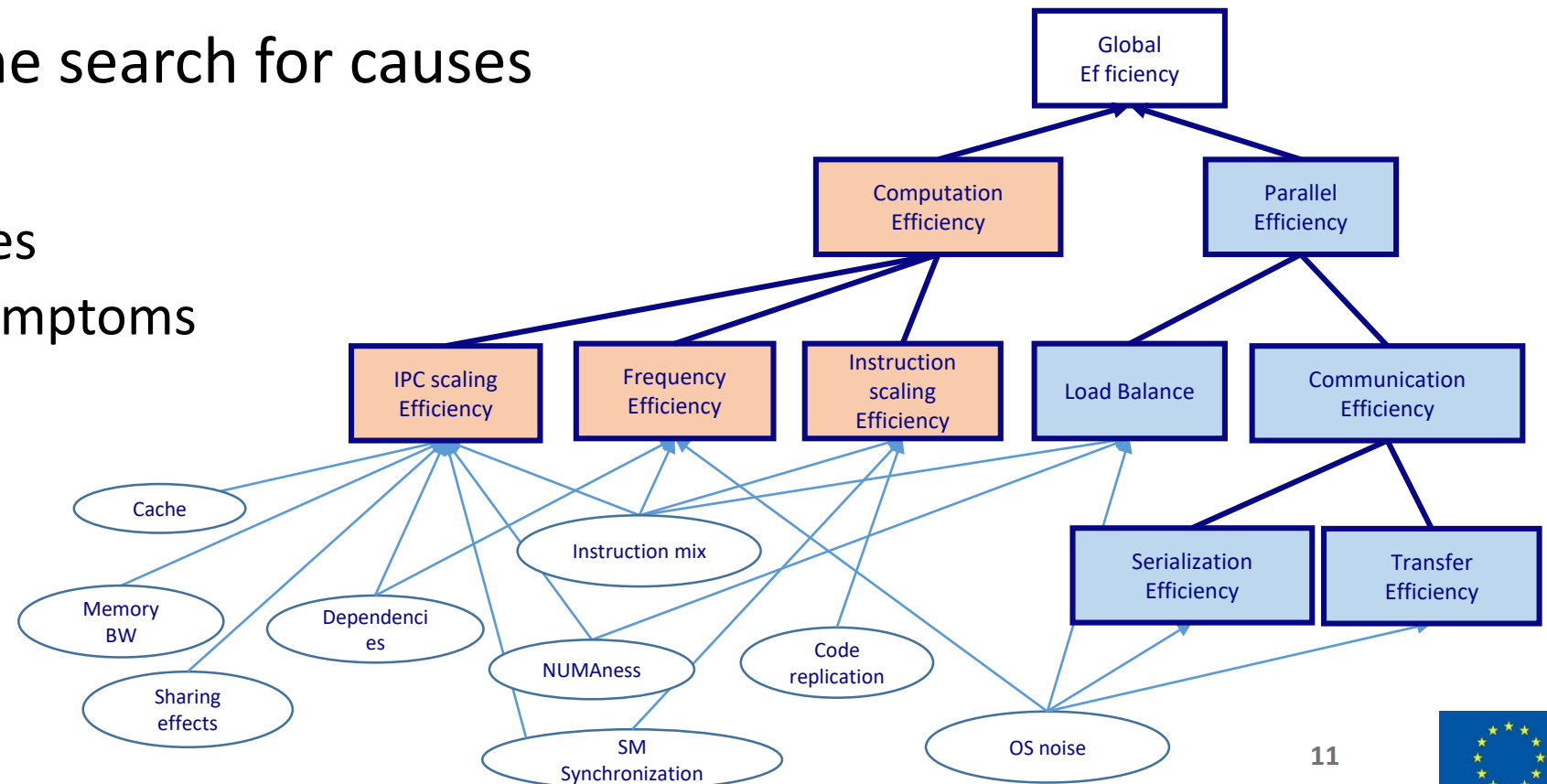
CommEff

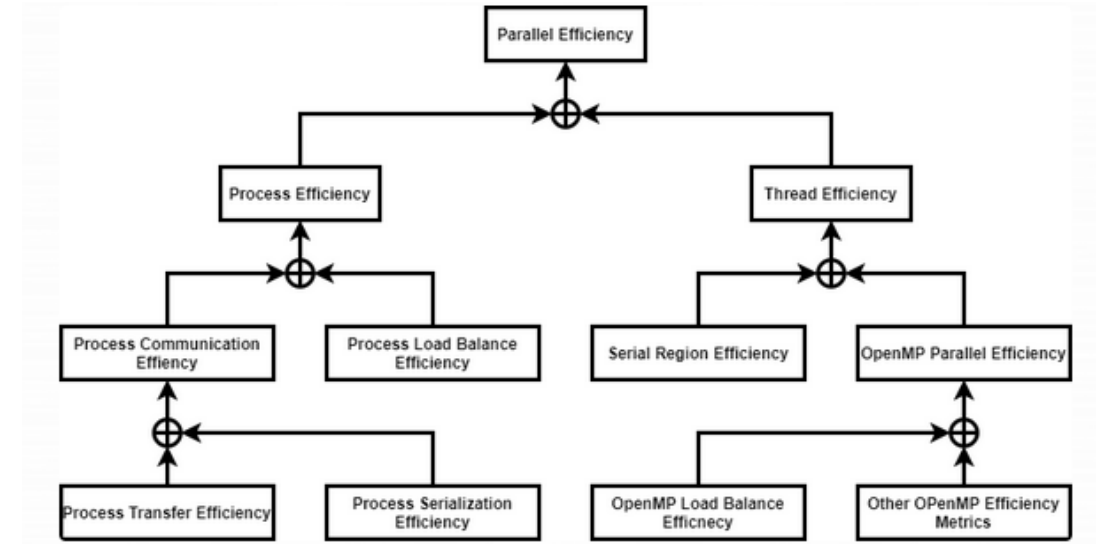


POP metrics and causes



- POP Metrics: quantitative abstract description of fundamental effect
- Causes actual underlying behaviour or phenomena whose effect is captured in the factors
- Metrics to steer the search for causes
- Refactoring:
 - Address the causes
 - Counteract the symptoms

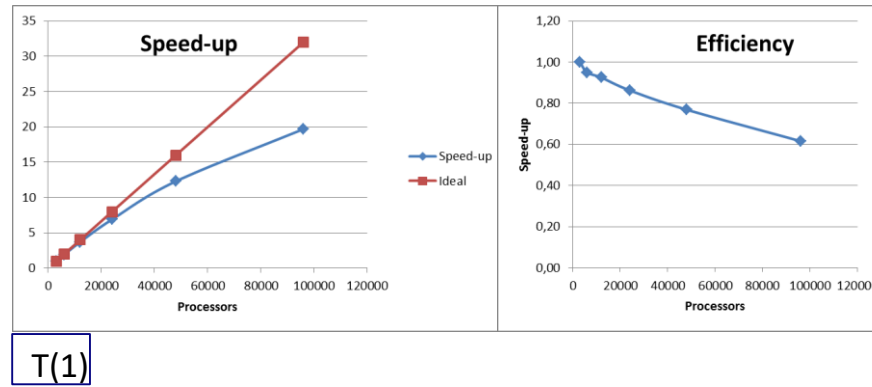




Typical practice



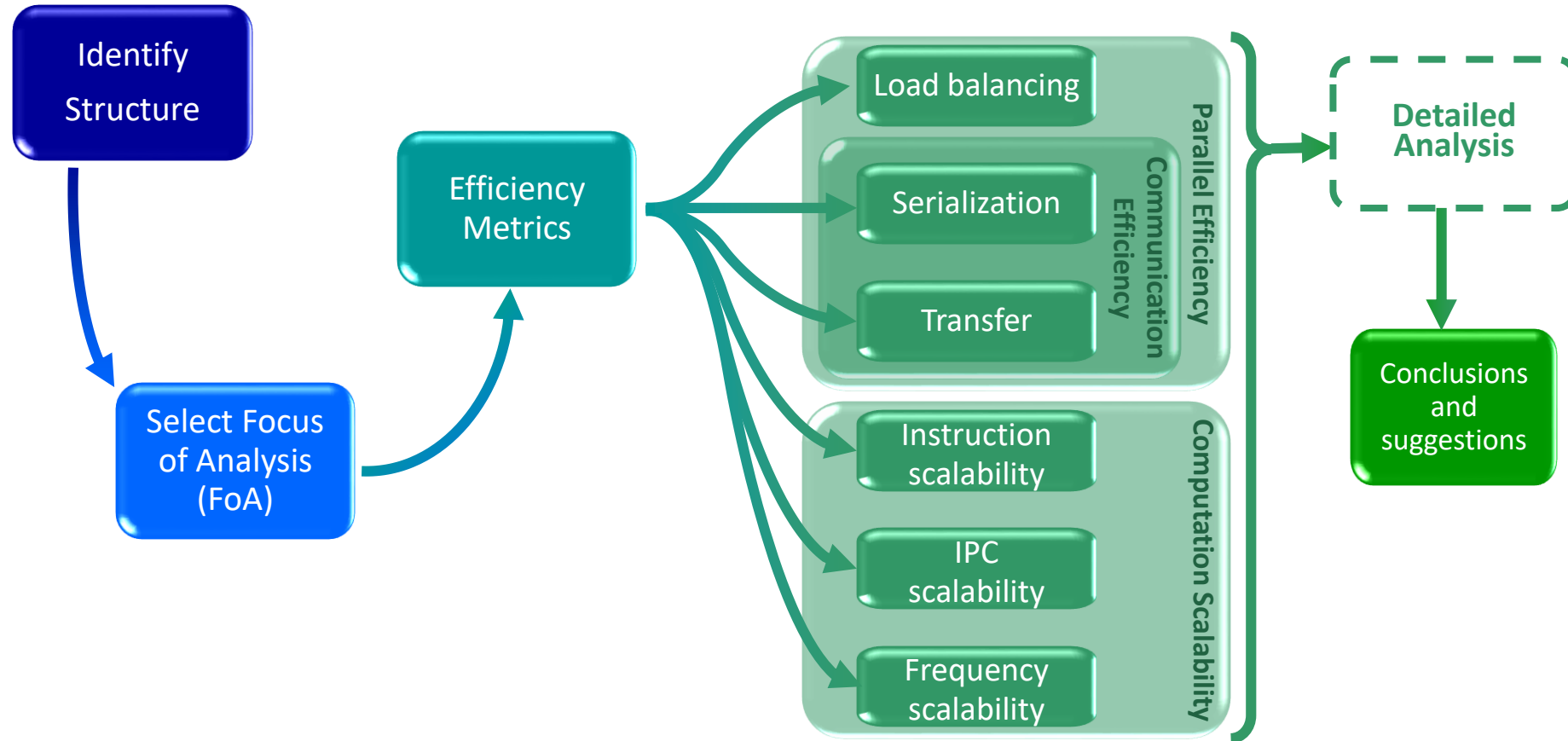
- Elapsed time
- Profiles



- But ...
 - Lacks structural insight
 - Too coarse aggregation
 - Time $\neq$ blame
 - Profile $\neq$ (fundamental behavior, causes)



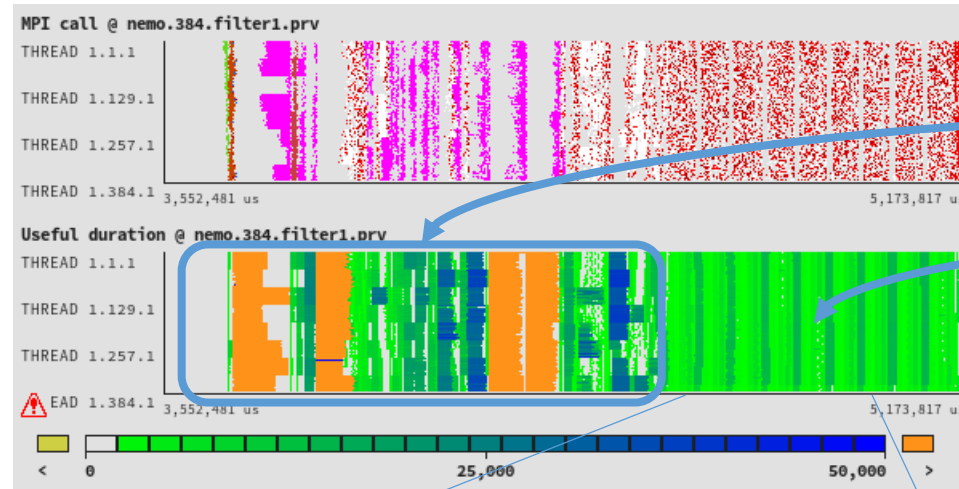
The performance analysis journey



Structure

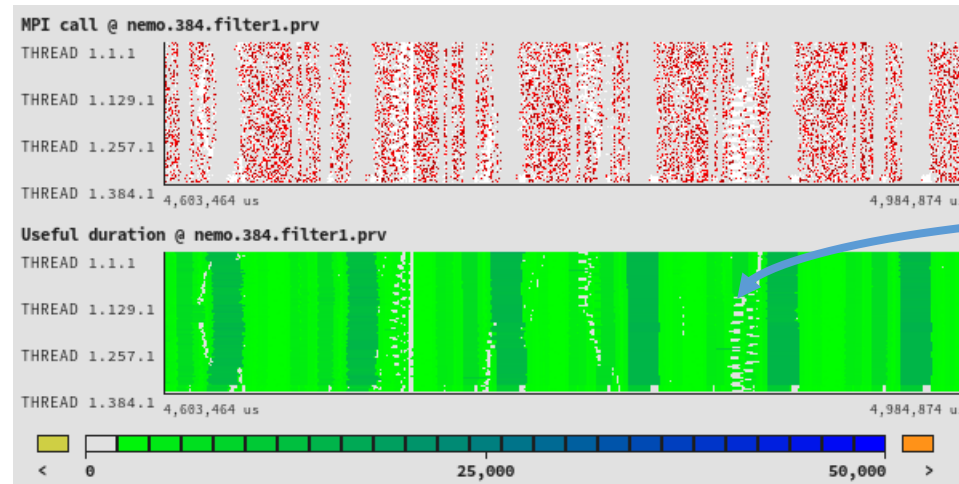


384 cores



Initialization

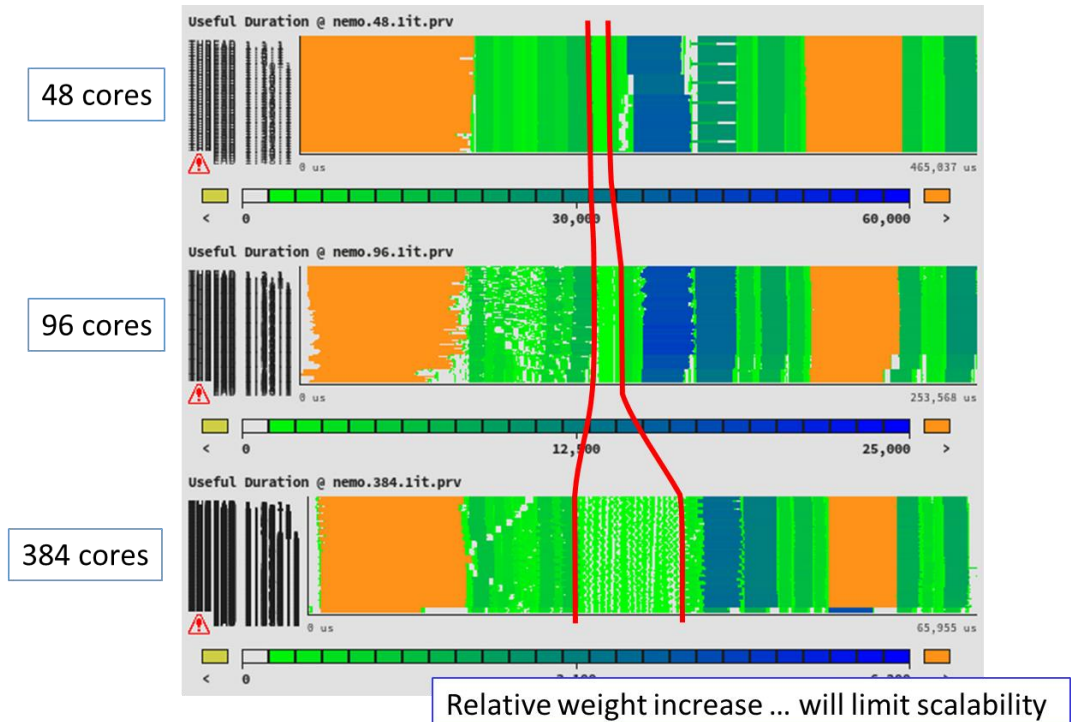
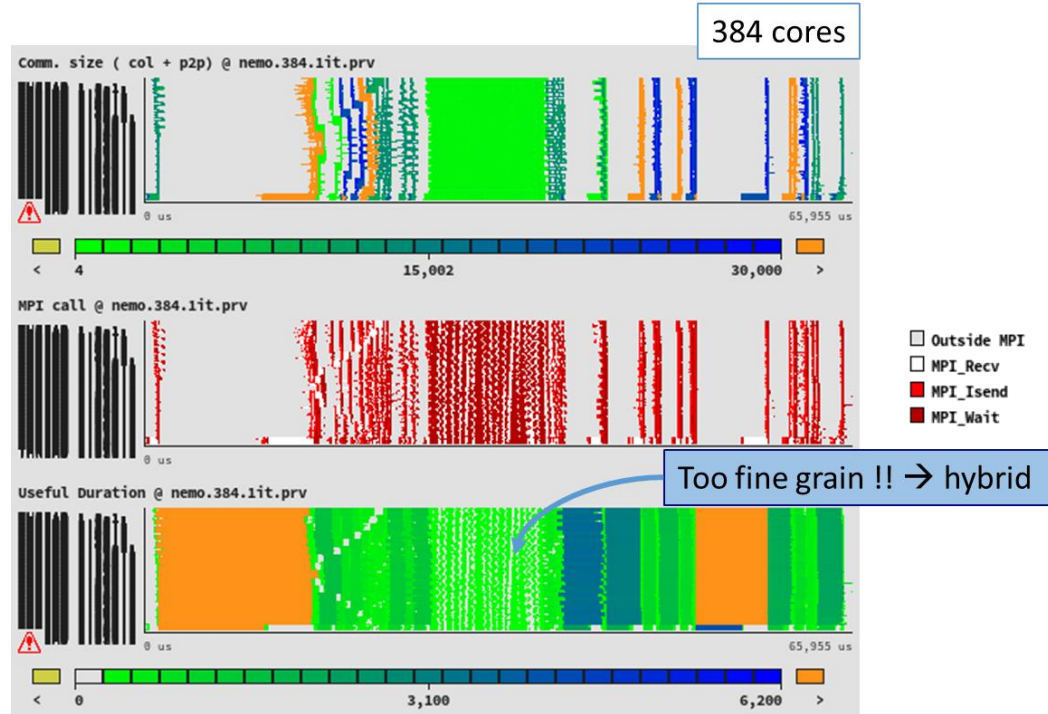
Iterative structure



perturbation



Structure & Focus of Analysis

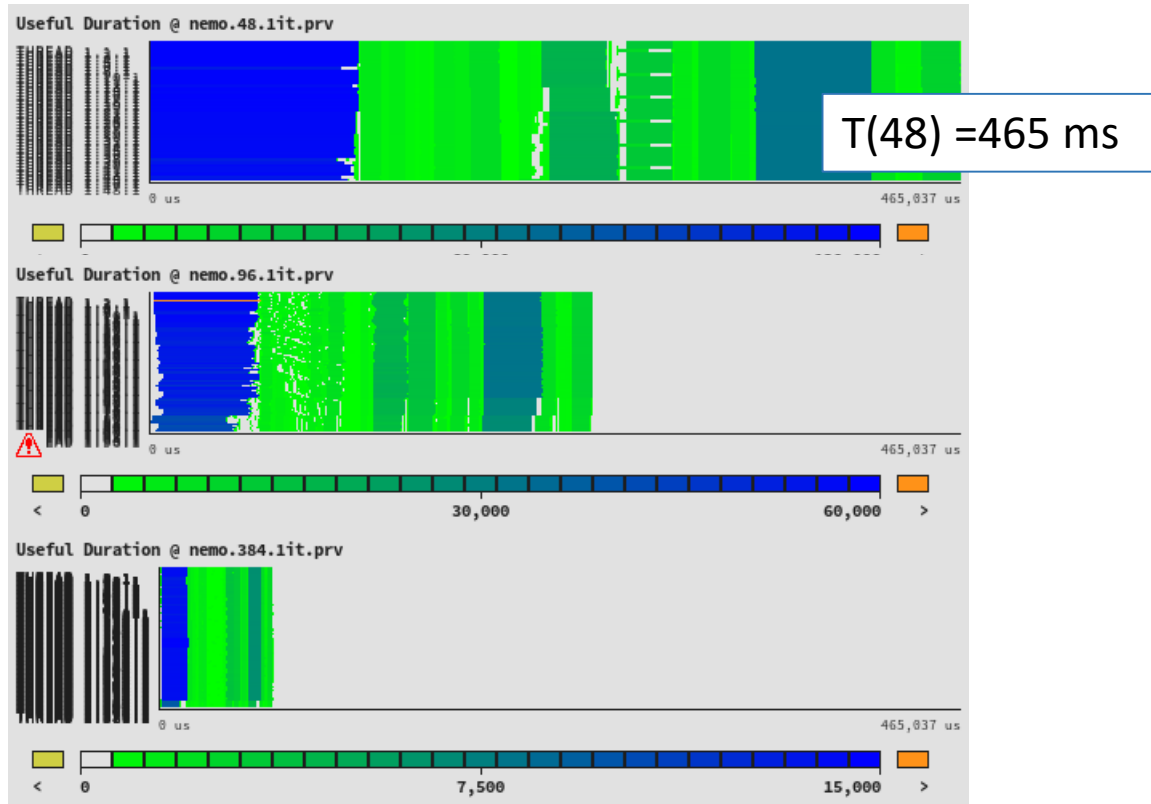


Scaling



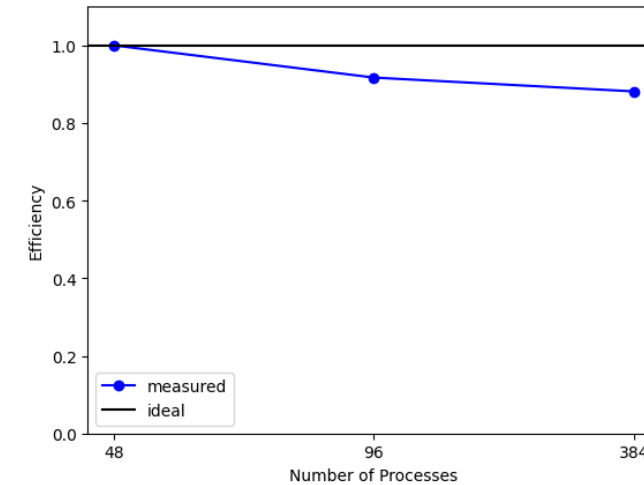
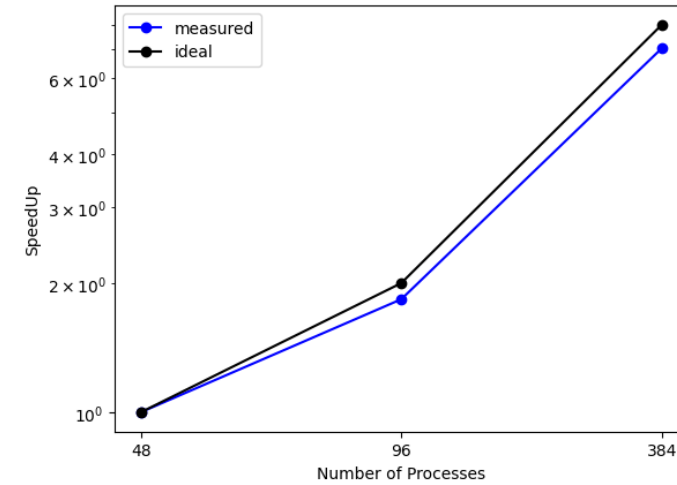
- Time based speedup and efficiency

48



96

384



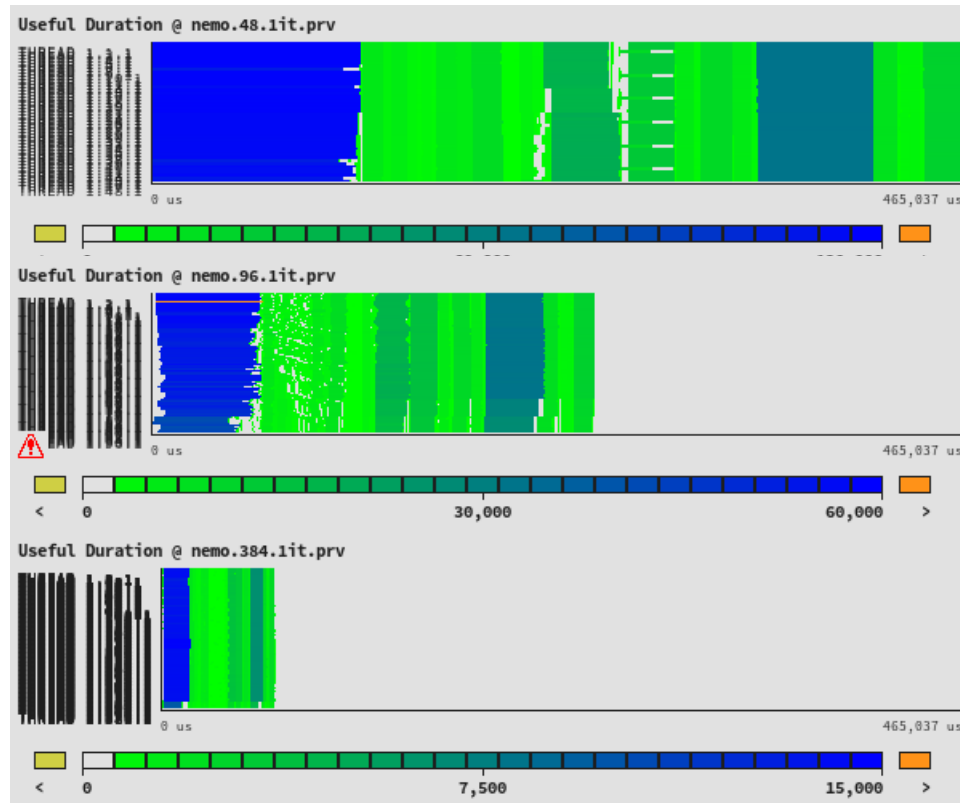
Efficiency model



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384



	48	96	384	
Global efficiency	94.16	86.35	82.99	
-- Parallel efficiency	94.16	84.11	74.80	
-- Load balance	98.67	95.34	95.77	
-- Communication efficiency	95.43	88.22	78.10	←
-- Serialization efficiency	97.86	93.05	89.61	
-- Transfer efficiency	97.52	94.81	87.15	
-- Computation scalability	100.00	102.66	110.95	
-- IPC scalability	100.00	115.98	182.39	←
-- Instruction scalability	100.00	91.37	62.62	←
-- Frequency scalability	100.00	96.87	97.13	

Avg Useful IPC(48) = 0.67

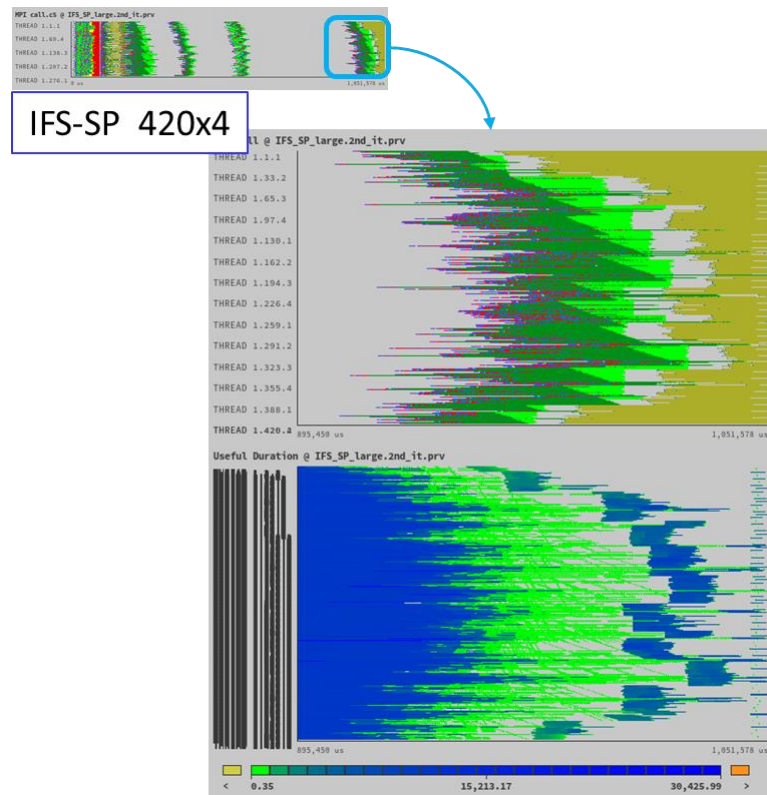
Avg Useful Frequency(48) = 2.061 GHz



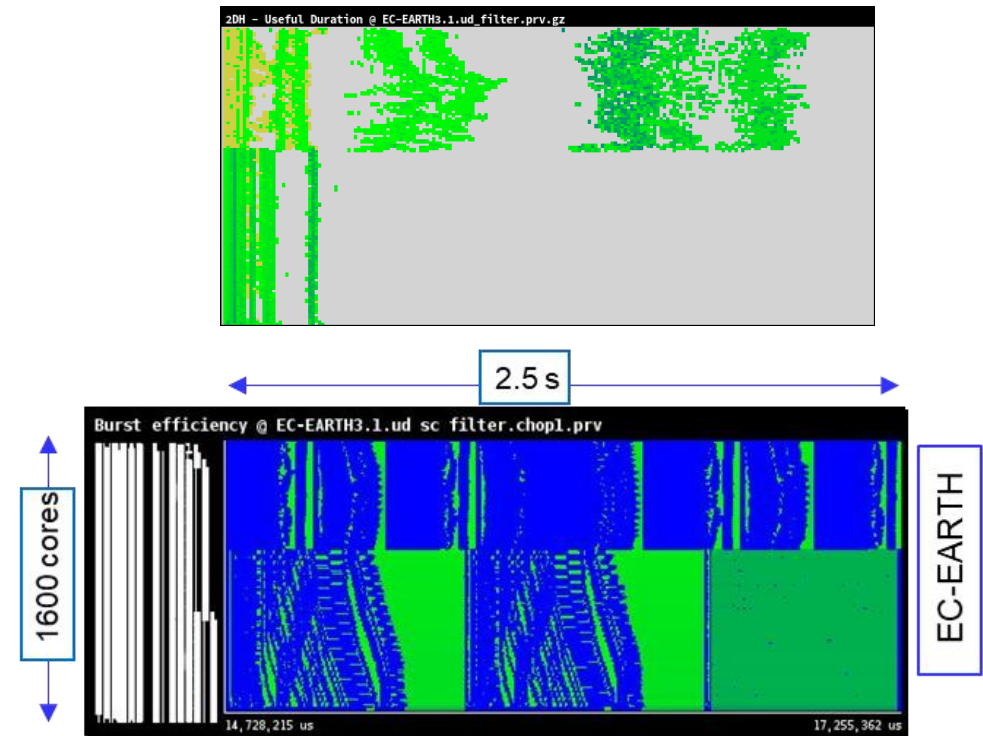
Load Balance



- Timelines/histograms of duration, instructions, IPC, ...



Within a model ...



26.7MB trace
Eff: 0.43; LB: 0.52; Comm:0.81

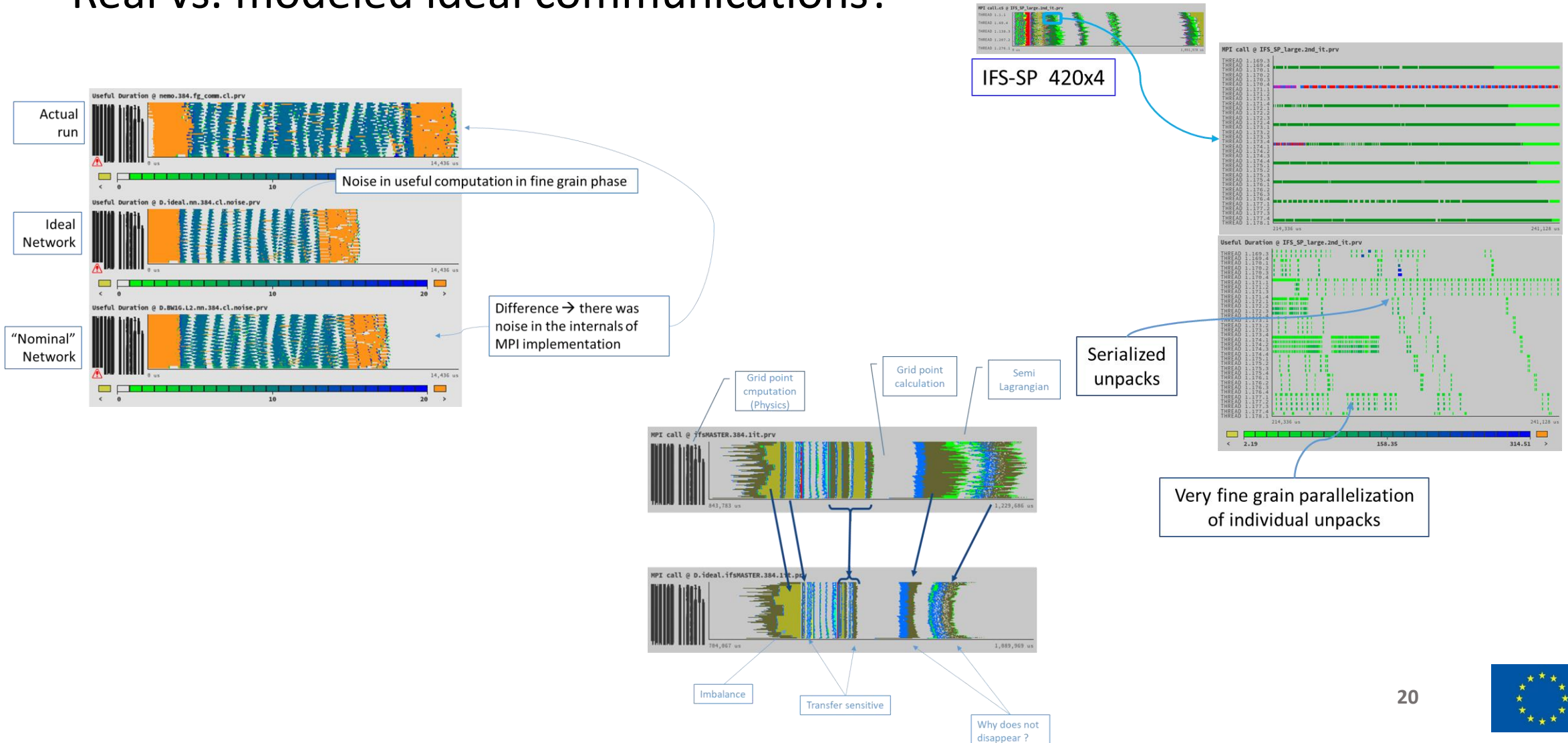
... and coupled runs



Communication analysis



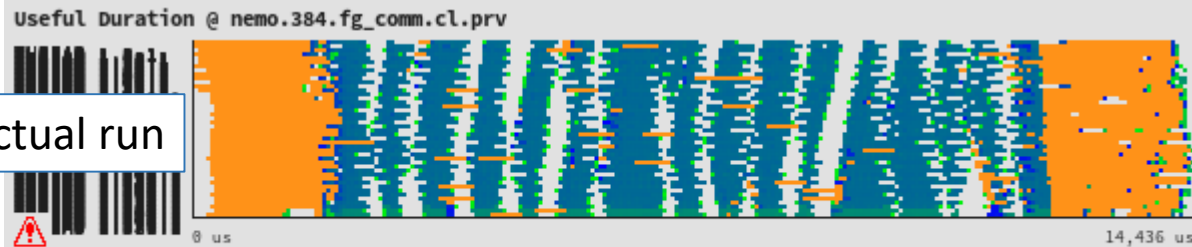
- Real vs. modeled ideal communications?



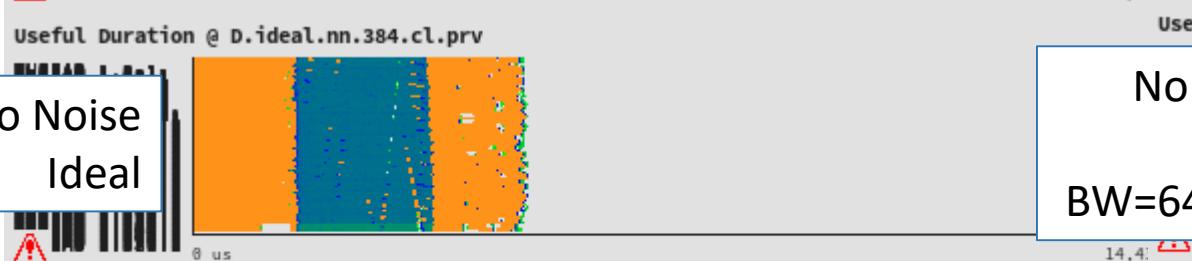
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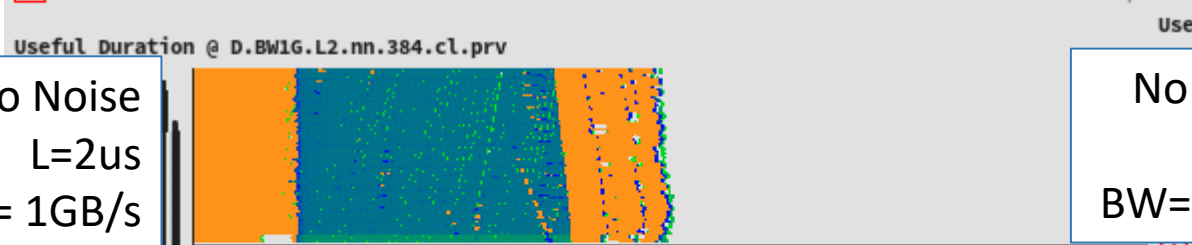
Actual run



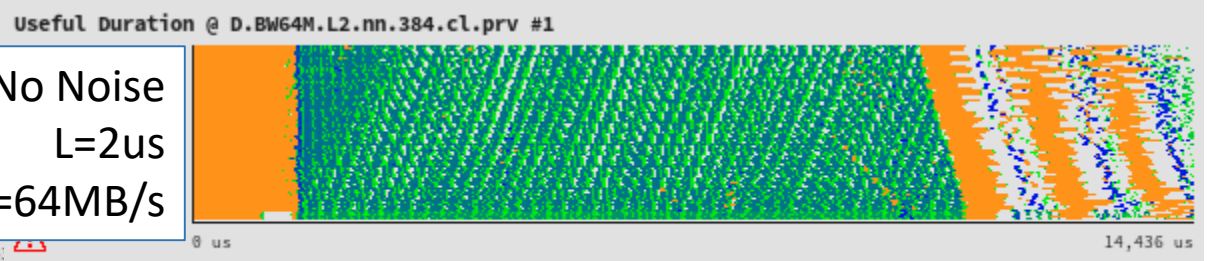
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Ideal



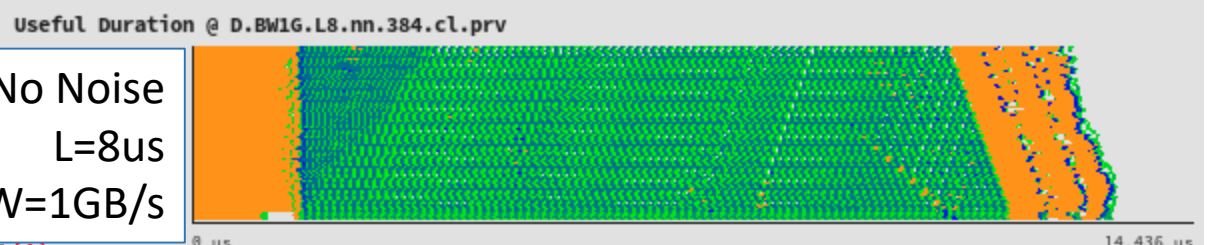
No Noise
L=2us
BW= 1GB/s



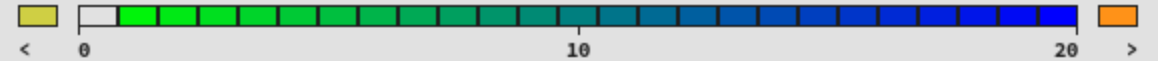
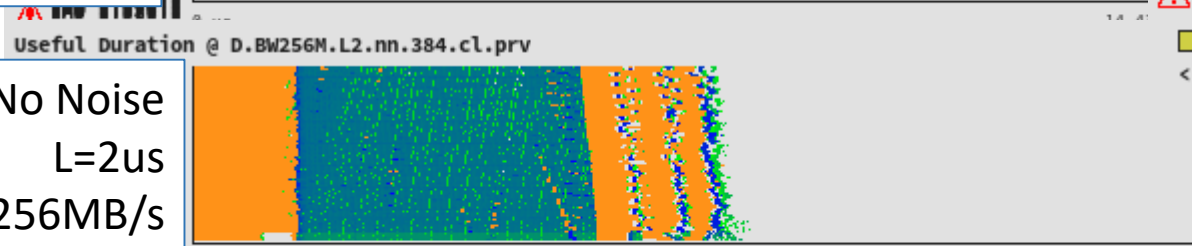
No Noise
L=2us
BW=64MB/s



No Noise
L=8us
BW=1GB/s



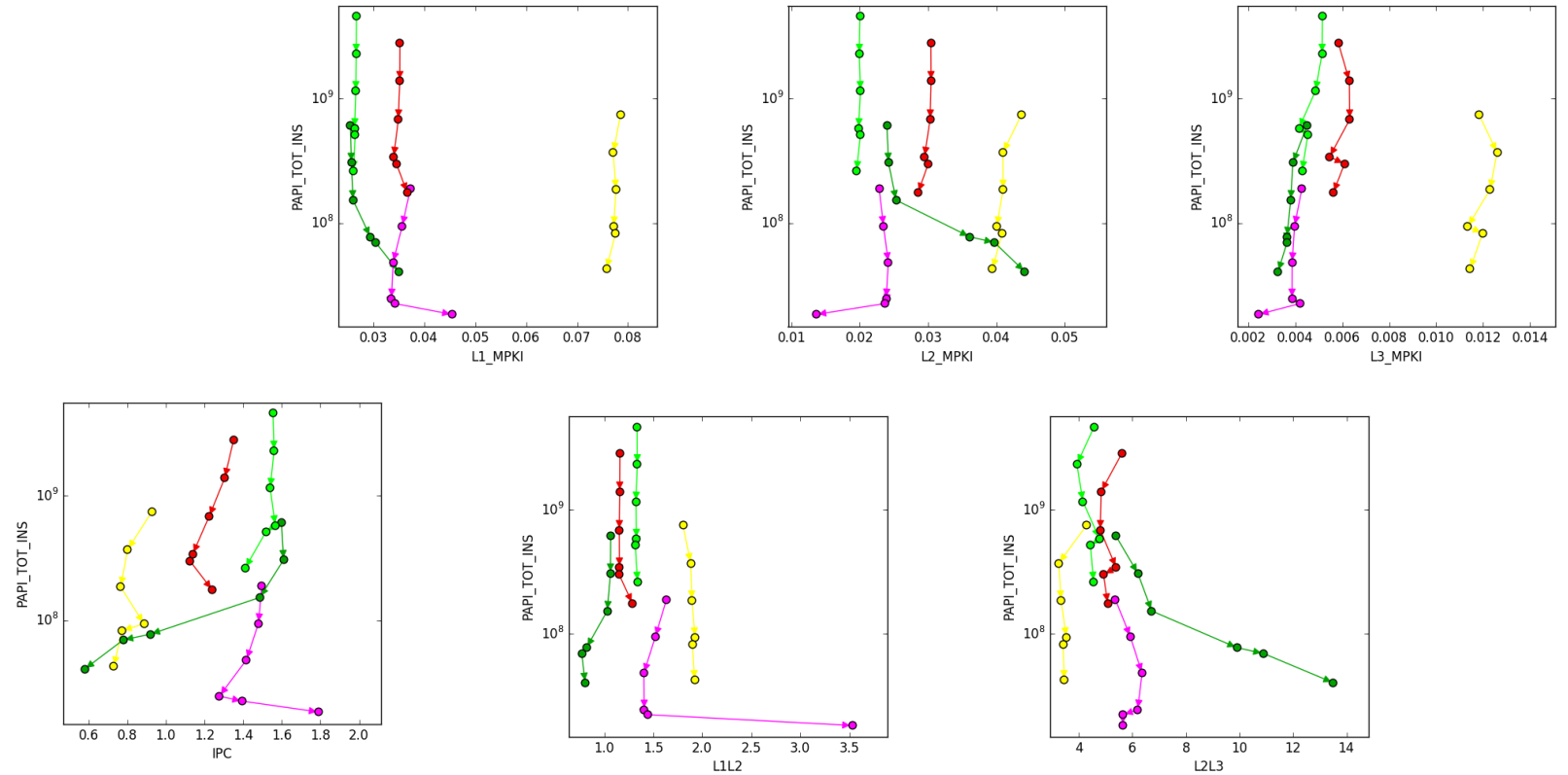
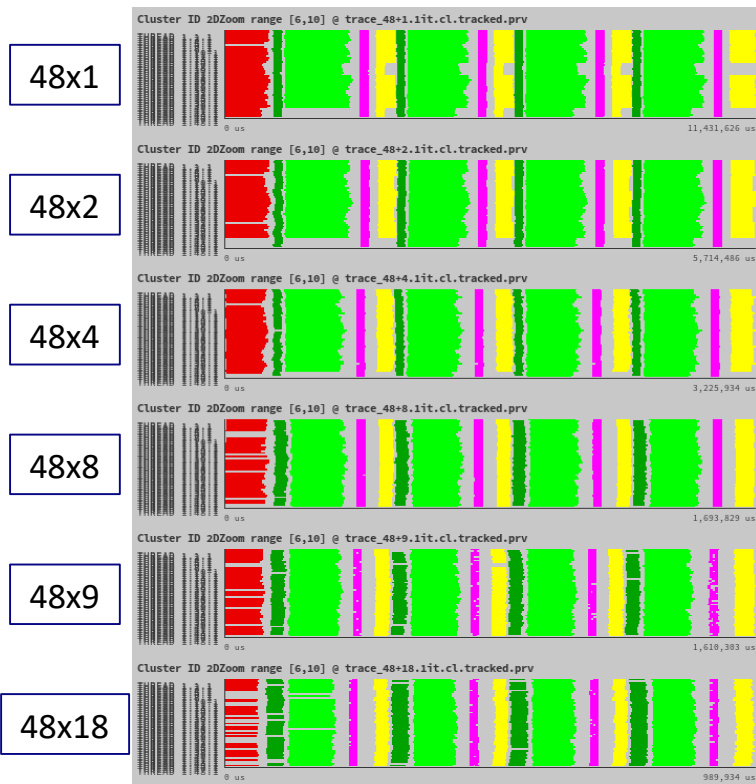
No Noise
L=2us
BW=256MB/s



Scalar code scaling



- Evolution of hardware counter derived metrics with scale

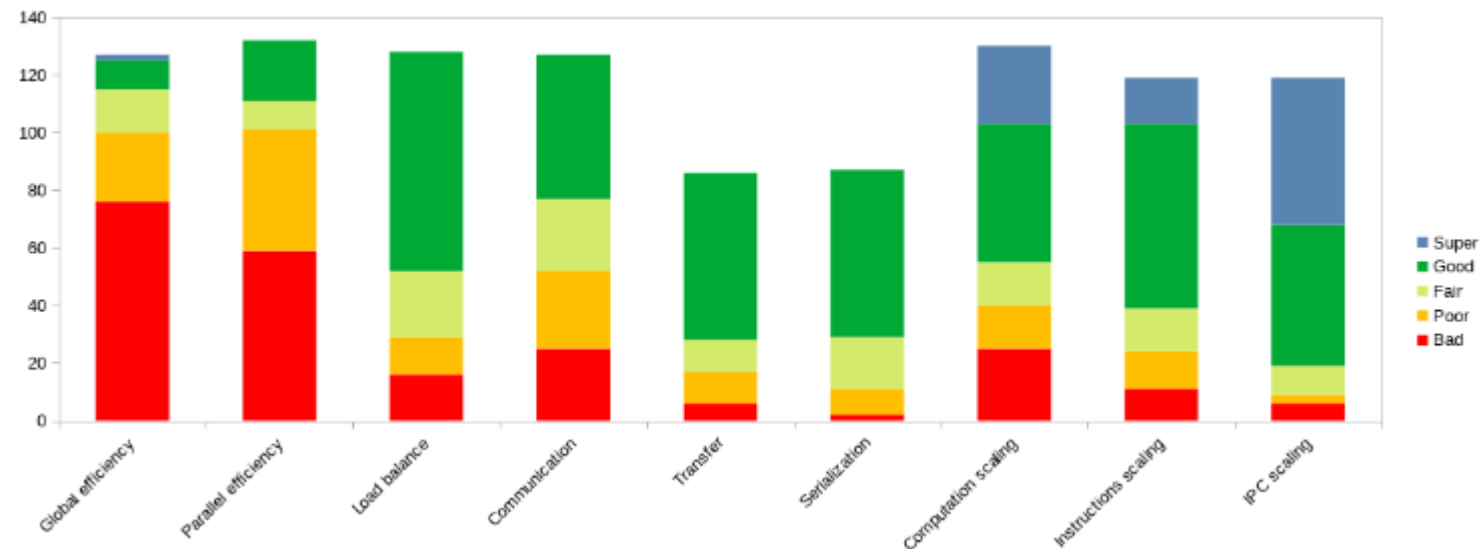


Observed efficiencies



- Room for improvement
- Coupled effects
- Each code/configuration a case on its own

@ largest scale analyzed for each assessment



Efficiency
ranges (%)

100
85
75
60



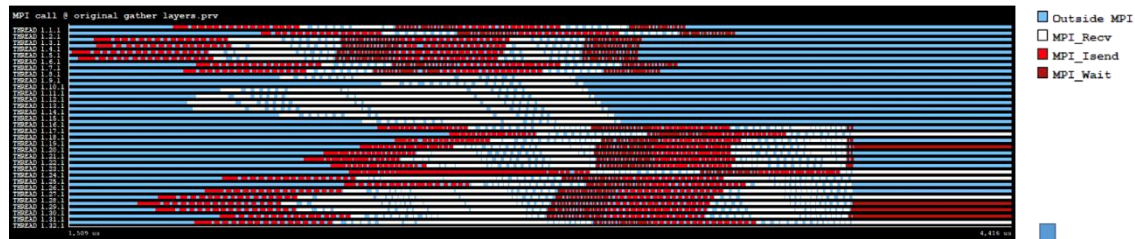
Proofs of Concept



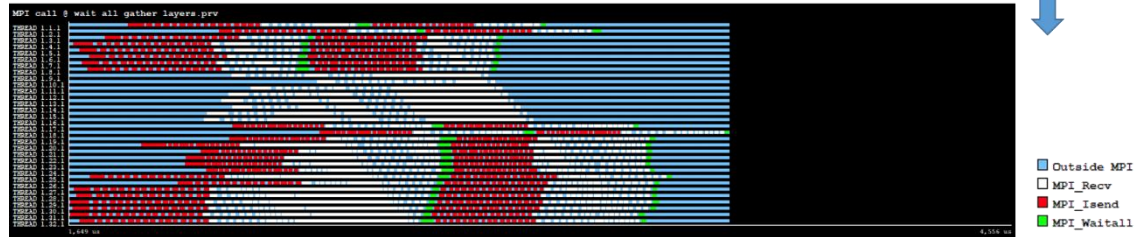
- Cooperation with customer
 - Demonstrate on their code

MPI calls and their order

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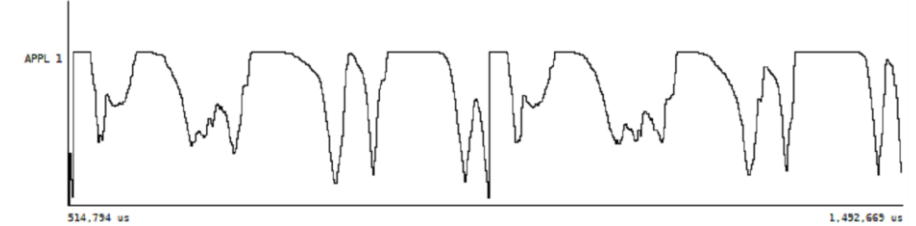
Proposed:



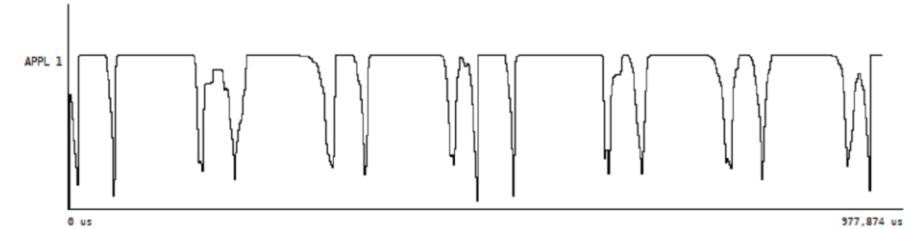
30% improvement

Malleability and Dynamic load balance

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Instantaneous parallelism @ chorus_input_1_512MPIs_dlb.chopl.prv

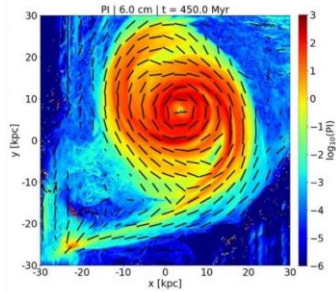


Gains

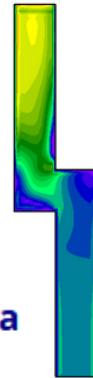


Non negligible

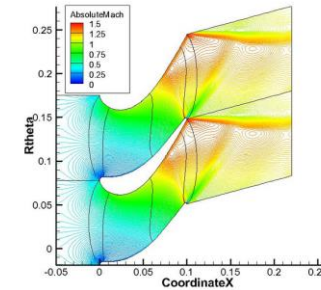
POP for Astronomy - 40% Reduction in Execution Time



Performance Improvements by More Than 30% and a Data Race Fixed for CalculiX Code

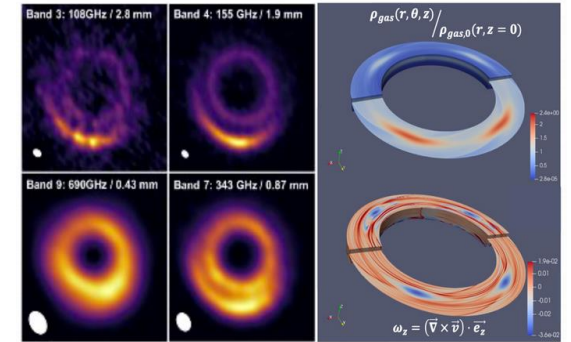


Run time halved for OpenMP code



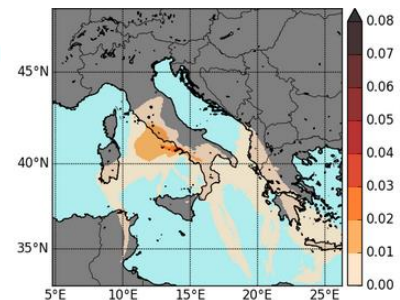
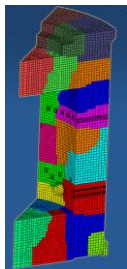
Good

Near to 5x speedup of the RoSSBi astrophysics code

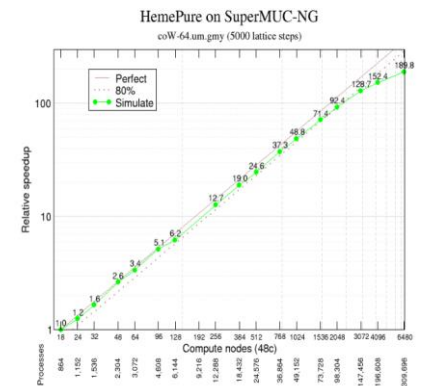


Impressive

30x Speedup of the Matrix Factorization when Applying a Math Library



588x and 488x Execution Time Speedups



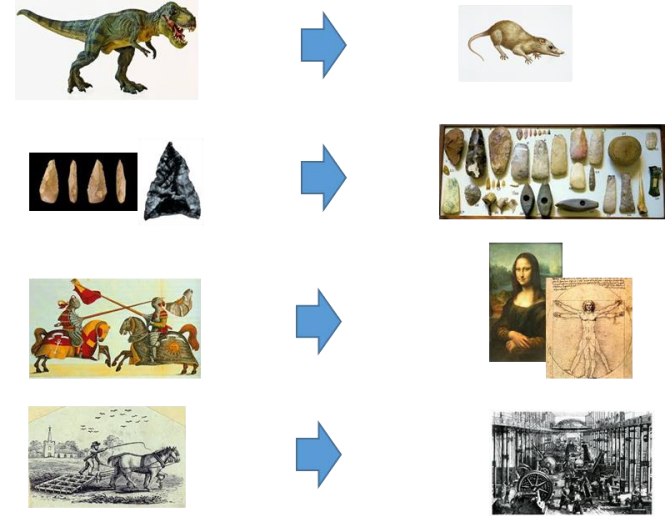
190x strong-scaling speed-up of HemeLB simulation on SuperMUC-NG



What remains to be done?



- Revolutions/mindset transitions are important ...
- ... but take time (years, decades, ...)
- Applied for POP3
 - More frequent interaction with customer
 - Better appreciate and steer analyses
 - More interaction between partners
 - Sharing background, homogenizing methodology, mindset
 - More material
 - Training
 - Analyses
 - Co-design



A collective effort





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