

High performance tools to debug, profile, and analyze your applications

Analyzing I/O Profiles

I/O Profiling at Scale

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Allinea – What is it?

- HPC Tools company since 2002
- Help the HPC community develop and design the best applications and make the most use of HPC clusters
- Part of ARM since December 2016
 - Continue to improve tools for new uses in HPC
 - Support for all HPC applications and hardwares



Products

- Allinea Forge
 - Combined debugging and profiling in same interface
 - Designed for application developers
- allinea FORGE

- Allinea Performance Reports
 - Summary of application performance
 - Designed for system administrators





Profiling with Allinea MAP allinea MAP





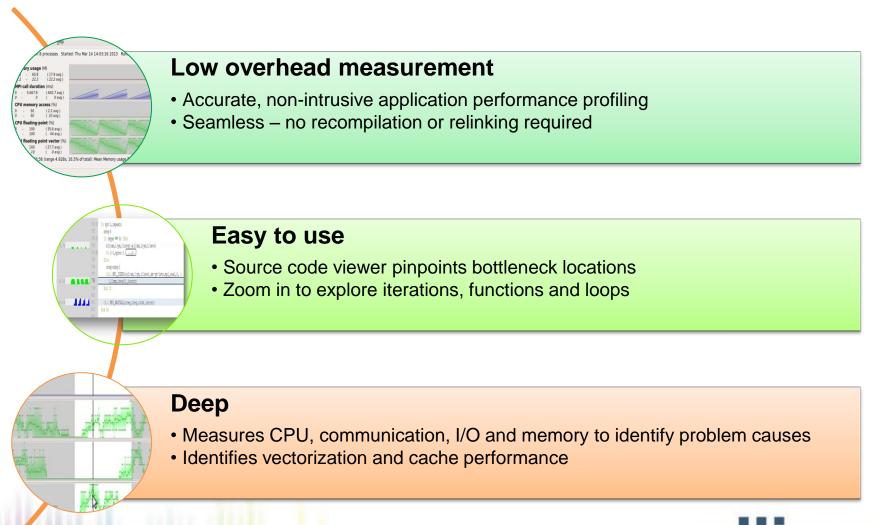
Allinea MAP

- Use of performance analysis tools can help to focus attention on the parts of a program with worst performance
- Allinea MAP can do so for applications running with 100k+ processes





Allinea MAP





I/O Profiling – Worked Example

iPIC3D





iPIC3D

- Particle-in-cell code to model interaction between solar wind and Earth's magnetic field
- Practical problem sizes have billions of particles with velocity, current and charge density
- I/O performed for visualization (every 20 iterations) and checkpointing (every 50 iterations)
- Run on Beskow Cray XC40, 32 Broadwell per Node

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iPIC3D Profiling – 32 Processes (1 node)

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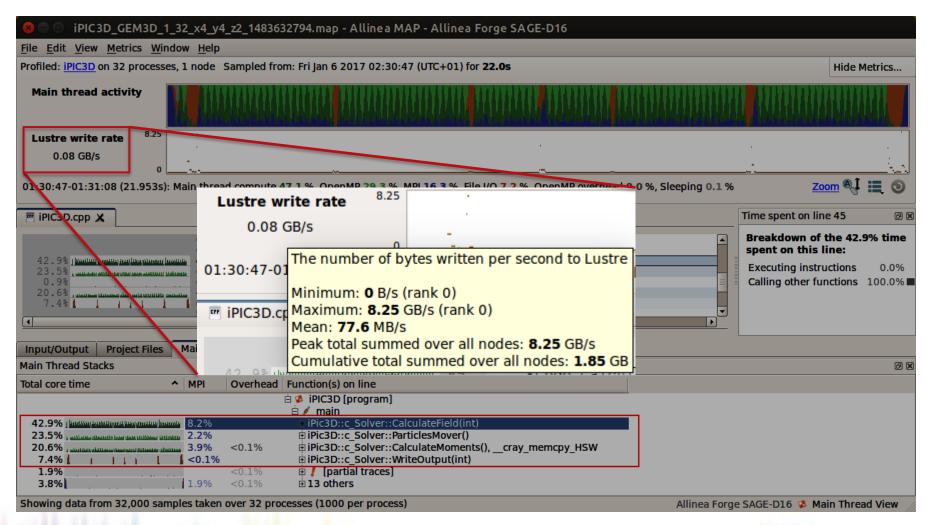


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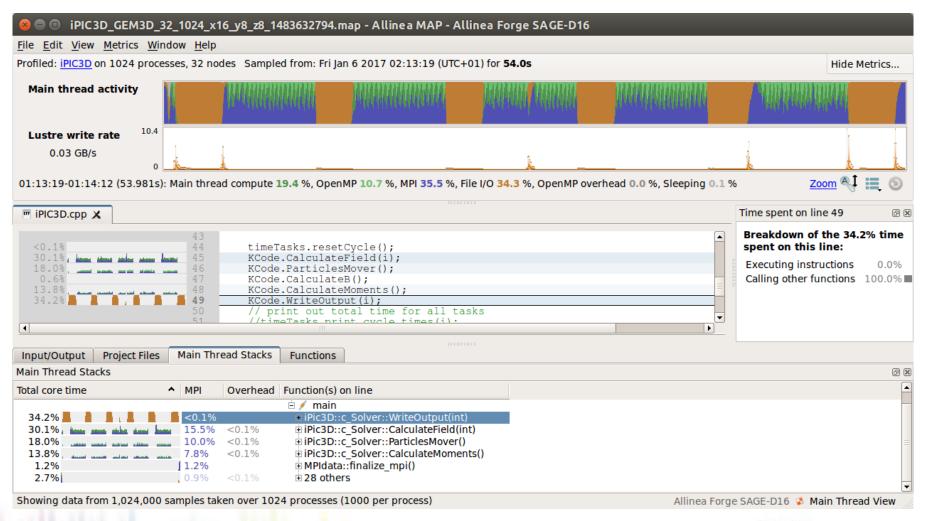
iPIC3D Profiling

- I/O does not take up a large amount of run time
- 32 processes is rather small go to larger core counts with more I/O performed

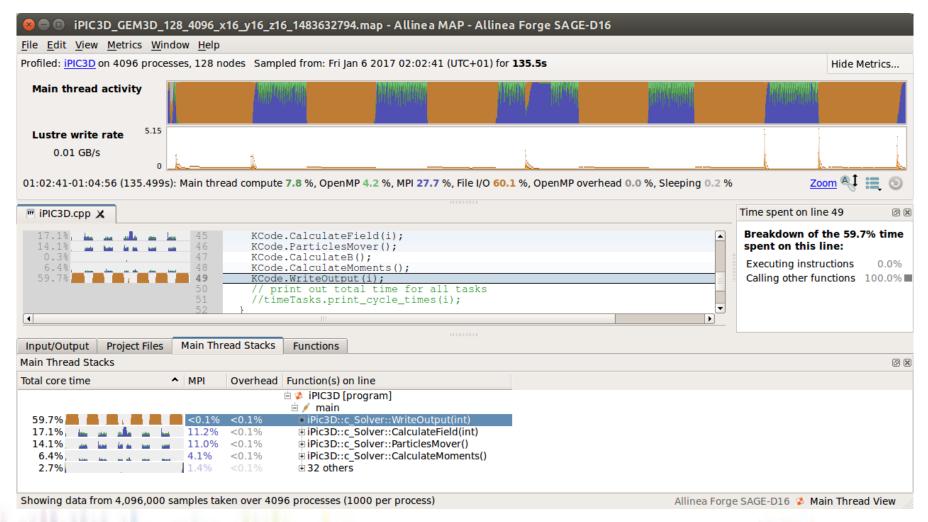




iPIC3D Profiling: 1024 Processes (32 Nodes)









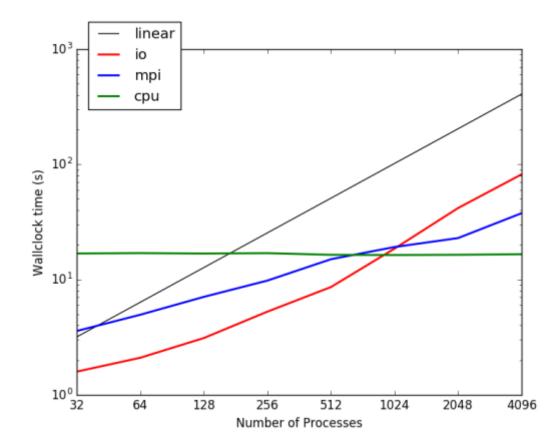
iPIC3D Profiling

- Experiments were run to show weak scaling
- Scaling behaviour cumbersome to view in MAP files
- Export to JSON of profile (new in Forge version 7.0+) allows user to post-process and visualise data

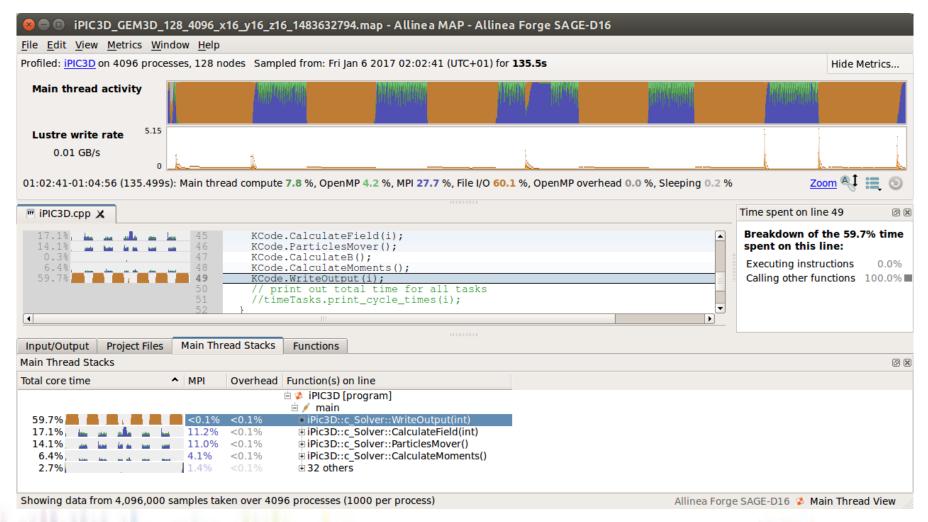




iPIC3D – Weak Scaling









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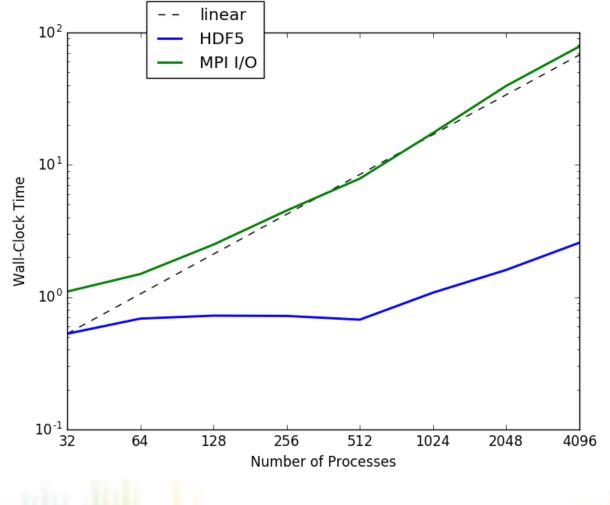


iPIC3D Profiling

- HDF5 and MPI identified as I/O libraries for fast and slow phases of I/O, respectively
- Allinea MAP can show percentage time spent in different functions
- Calculate wallclock time spent in MPI I/O and HDF5 I/O and plot over weak scaling runs



iPIC3D I/O time



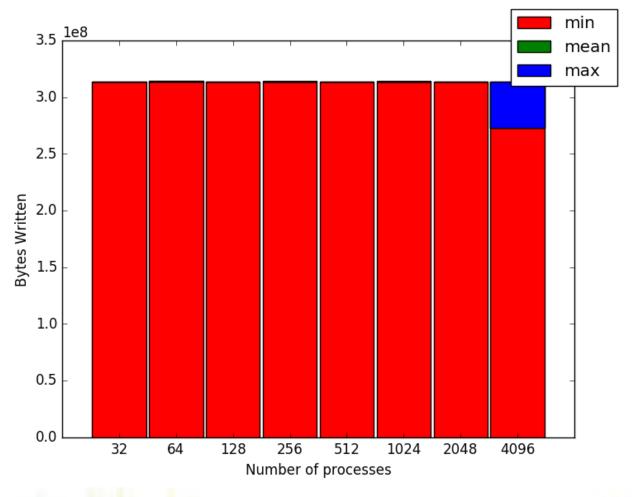


iPIC3D Profiling

- MPI I/O performs collective write from all processes. 512kB are written per process. Scaling of time is linear with amount of data to write
- HDF5 performs small file write from all processes (10MB per process)
- How much data is written from each node?

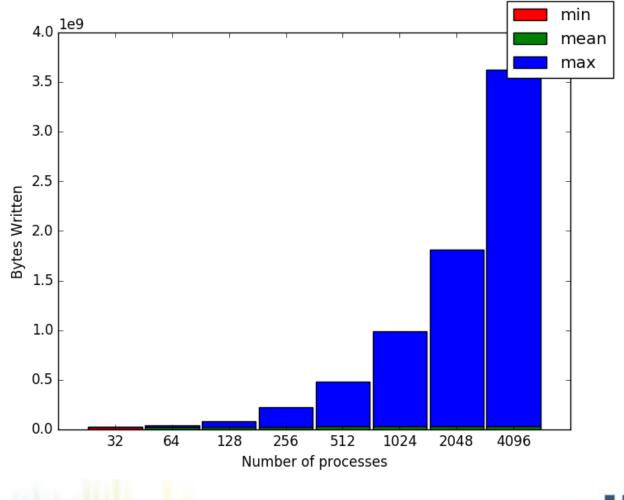


iPIC3D I/O Volume – HDF5





iPIC3D I/O Volume – MPI I/O





iPIC3D I/O

- Cray collective MPI I/O accumulates data to a single node
- Possible improvements
 - Dedicated I/O nodes
 - Asynchronous I/O (e.g. burst buffers, function offloading
 - SAGE)
 - Limiting number of writers per file



I/O Areas of Interest

- Ideal Performance is it achievable or desirable to achieve for real applications?
 - How sensitive to system performance would an application be which achieves the maximum I/O throughput?
 - Can I/O bandwidth be maximised in an application through better I/O management?





I/O Areas of Interest

- System I/O how does application I/O tie in with the system?
 - View application I/O alongside system I/O
 - What about I/O in a group of related programs (i.e. workflows)?
 - Should I/O bandwidth be maximised at a system or workflow level rather than at an application level?





Last Words - Profiling

- Profiling at small scales may not show the whole picture – measurement at larger scales show problems related to scale
- MAP provides low overhead measurement with rich information
- Export to JSON of performance data allows for post-processing and analysis across many runs

