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Intel Tools on Aurora

APS, VTune, Advisor, xpu-smi, unitrace

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Agenda

- Intel Analyzer on Aurora
 - Intel VTune/APS
 - Intel Advisor
- Light-weight Intel tools on Aurora
 - Intel unitrace
 - Intel xpu-smi

Intel Analyzer

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Overview of Intel® VTune™ Profiler

- Overview
- Profiling Capabilities

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Running Intel® VTune™ Profiler on Aurora

- Configuring VTune
- Different CPU/GPU Analysis Types
- Controlling Collection Overhead
- Visualizing Results

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Overview of Intel® Advisor

- Overview
- Configuring Intel® Advisor on Aurora
- GPU Roofline

Intel® VTune™ Profiler

Optimize Performance

Intel® VTune™ Profiler

Get the Right Data to Find Bottlenecks

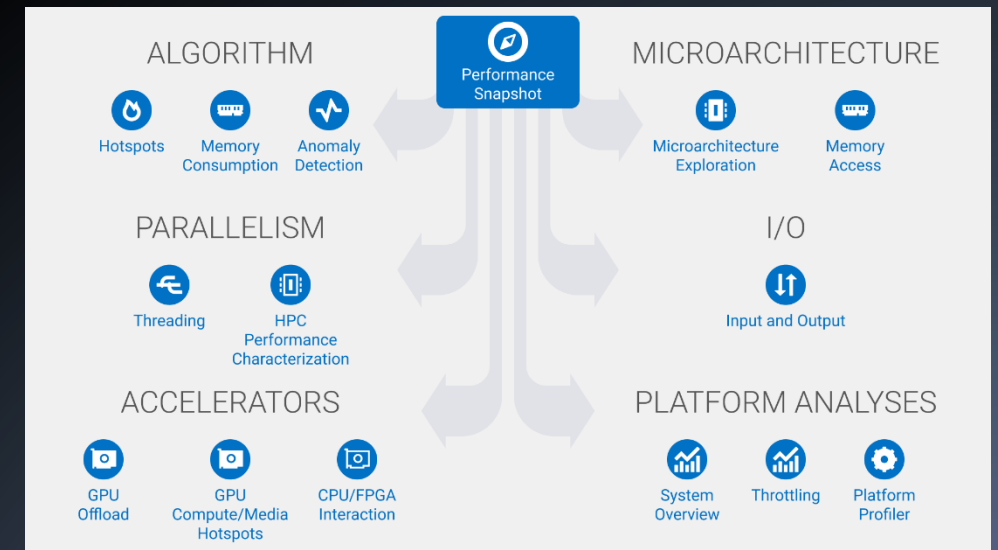
- A suite of profiling for CPU, GPU, NPU, memory, cache, storage, offload, power...
- Application or system-wide analysis
- SYCL, C, C++, Fortran, Python*, Java*, or a mix
- Linux, Windows, and more
- Containers and VMs

Analyze Data Faster

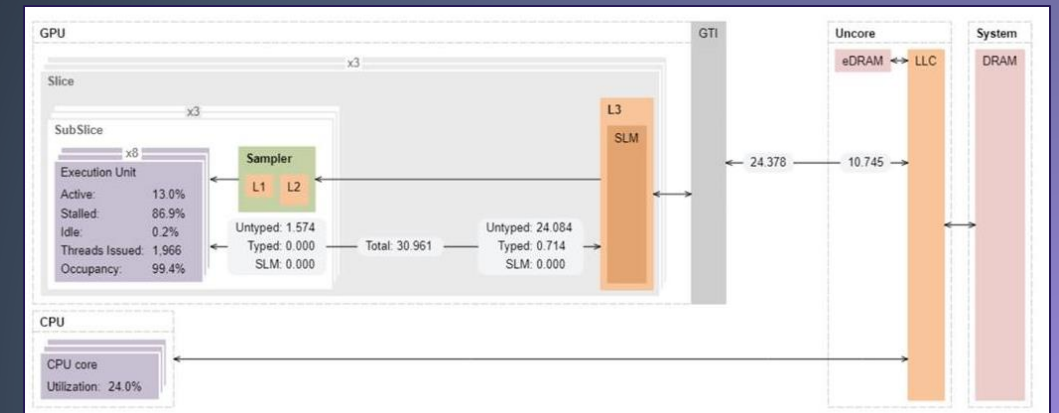
- Collect data HW/SW sampling and tracing w/o re-compilation
- See results on your source, in architecture diagrams, as a histogram, on a timeline...
- Filter and organize data to find answers

Work Your Way

- User interface or command line
- Profile locally and remotely

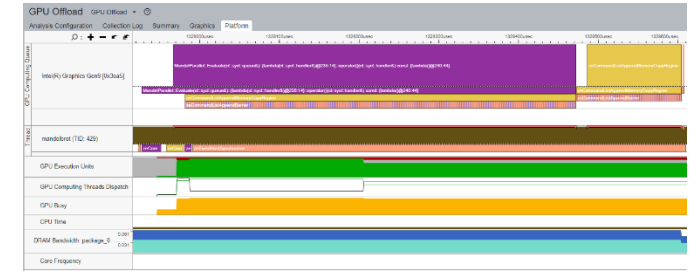
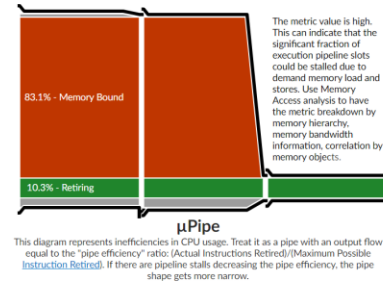
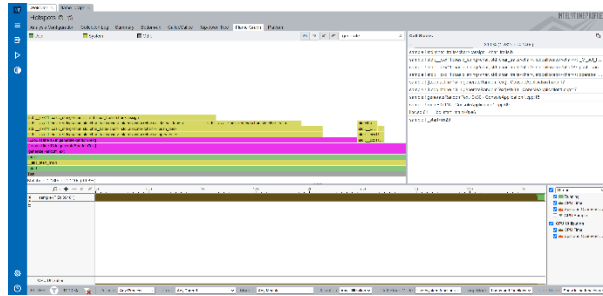


Source		Assembly		GPU Instructions Executed by Instruction T...	
...	Source			Control Flow	Send & Wait
158	dx = ptr[j].pos[0] - ptr[i].pos[0]			Int32 & SP Float	Int64 & DP Float
159	dy = ptr[j].pos[1] - ptr[i].pos[1]				
160	dz = ptr[j].pos[2] - ptr[i].pos[2]				



Rich Set of Profiling Capabilities

Intel® VTune™ Profiler



Algorithm Optimization

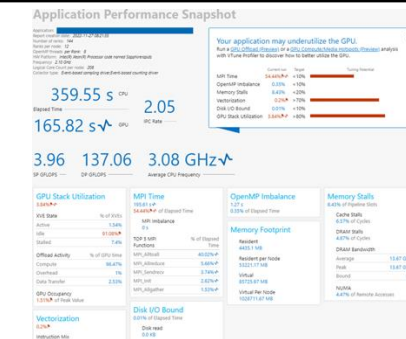
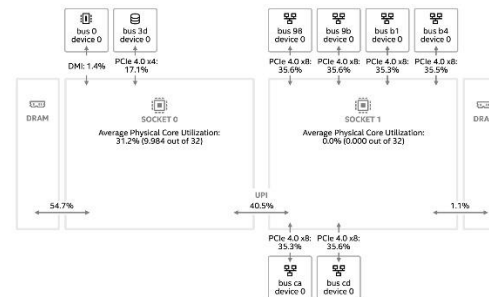
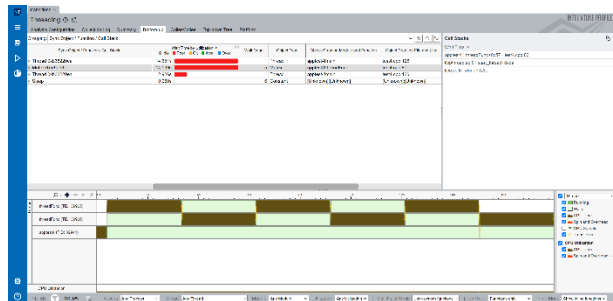
- ✓ Hotspots
- ✓ Anomaly Detection
- ✓ Memory Consumption

Microarch.&Memory Bottlenecks

- ✓ Microarchitecture Exploration
- ✓ Memory Access

Accelerators / xPU

- ✓ GPU Offload
- ✓ GPU Compute / Media Hotspots
- ✓ CPU/FPGA Interaction



Parallelism

- ✓ Threading
- ✓ HPC Performance Characterization

Platform

- ✓ Input and Output
- ✓ System Overview

Multi-Node

- ✓ Application Performance Snapshot

Configuring VTune on Aurora

- **Loading the latest VTune on Aurora:**

```
$ module load oneapi/release/2025.0.5
```

```
$ vtune --version
```

```
Intel(R) VTune(TM) Profiler 2025.0.1 (build 629235) Command Line Tool  
Copyright (C) 2009 Intel Corporation. All rights reserved.
```

- **Getting Started with VTune:**

Analysis types:

See the available analysis types e.g., gpu-hotspots, gpu-offload

```
$ vtune --help collect
```

Available knobs:

See the available knobs for a certain analysis type e.g., sampling-interval, enable-stack-collection

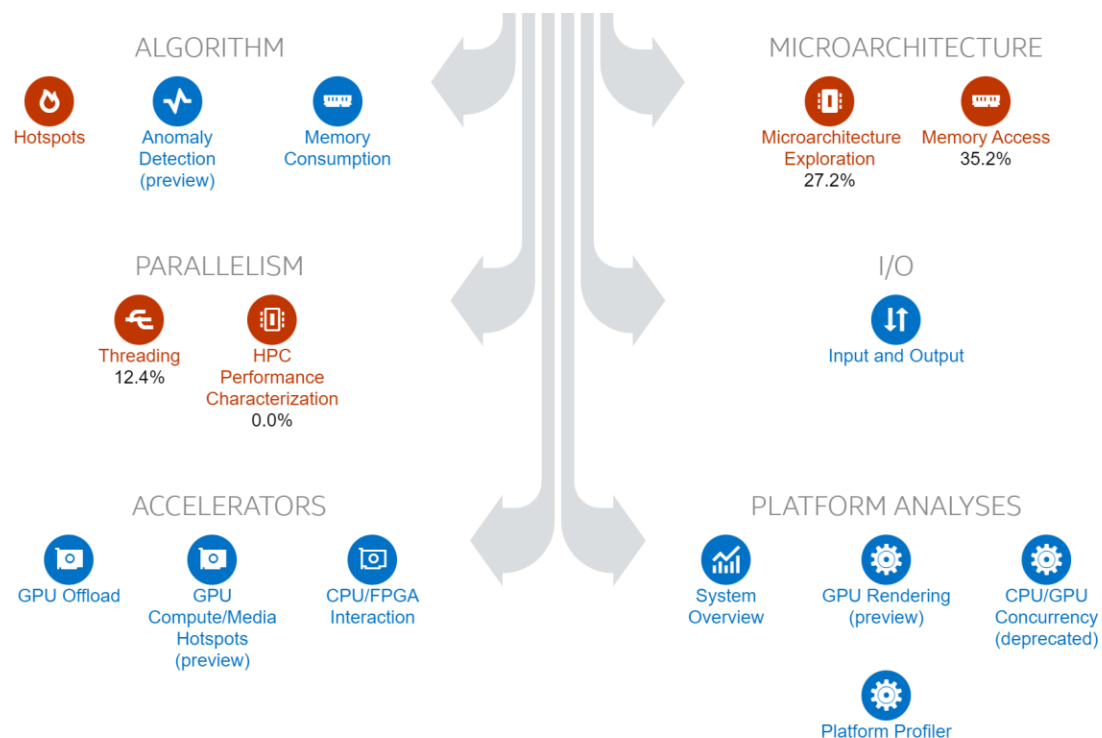
```
$ vtune --help collect gpu-hotspots
```

Quickly Identify Untapped Performance

Intel® VTune™ Profiler - Performance Snapshot Analysis

Choose your next analysis:

Characterize high-level aspects:



```
vtune -collect performance-snapshot --./app
```

➤ Elapsed Time[Ⓢ]: 7.906s

➤ Logical Core Utilization[Ⓢ]: 12.4% (0.990 out of 8) 🚩

Ⓢ Microarchitecture Usage[Ⓢ]: 27.2% 🚩 of Pipeline Slots

Retiring[Ⓢ]: 27.2% of Pipeline Slots

Front-End Bound[Ⓢ]: 5.5% of Pipeline Slots

Bad Speculation[Ⓢ]: 3.7% of Pipeline Slots

Ⓢ Back-End Bound[Ⓢ]: 63.6% 🚩 of Pipeline Slots

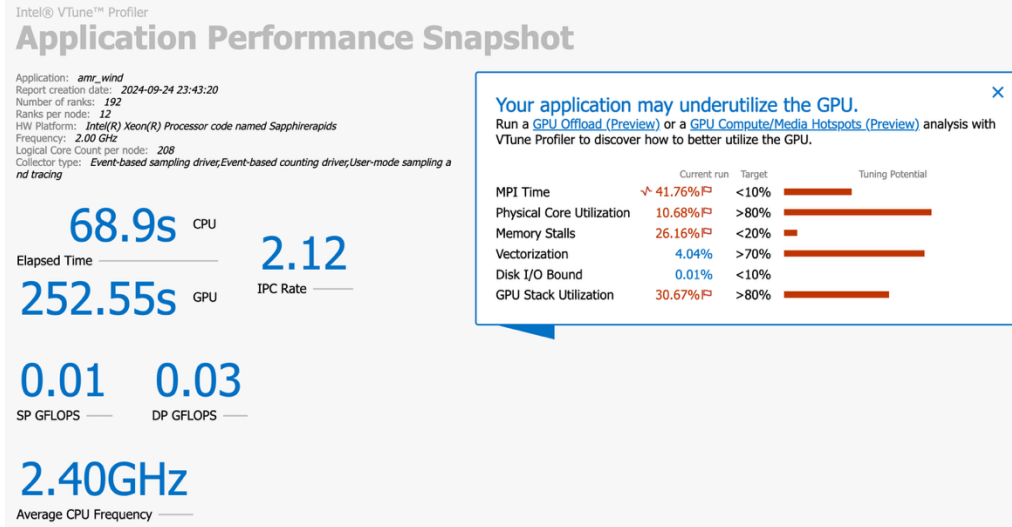
➤ Memory Bound[Ⓢ]: 35.2% 🚩 of Pipeline Slots

Core Bound[Ⓢ]: 28.4% 🚩 of Pipeline Slots

➤ Memory Bound[Ⓢ]: 35.2% 🚩 of Pipeline Slots

➤ Vectorization[Ⓢ]: 0.0% 🚩 of Packed FP Operations

Intel® VTune™ Profiler Application Performance Snapshot (APS)



- **Sample Command Line:**

- **APS Collection**

```
mpirun -n {Number_of_MPI} -ppn 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh aps -r {aps_result_dir}  
./{your_application} {Command_line_arguments_for_your_application}
```

- **HTML Report Generation:**

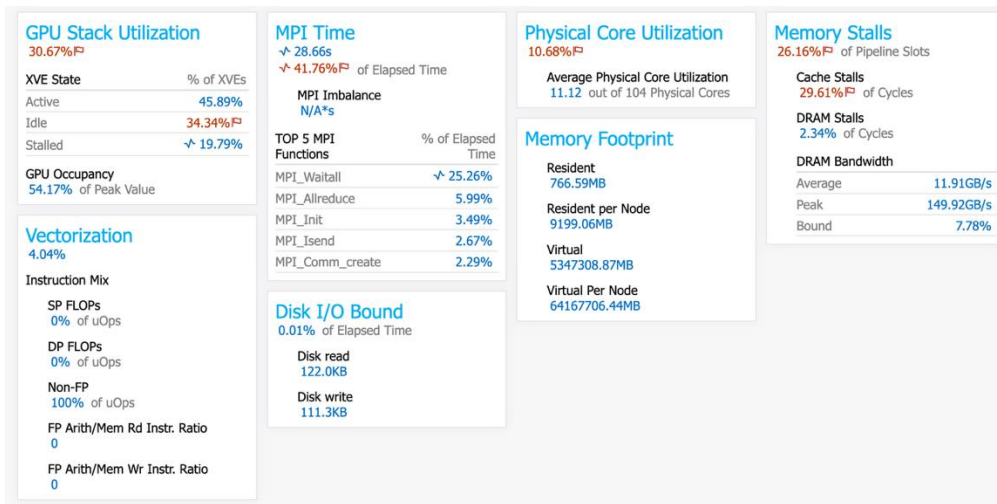
```
aps-report {aps_result_dir}
```

- **Observation**

- High MPI Time
- Low GPU Stack Utilization
- Low Physical Core Utilization
- High Memory Stalls

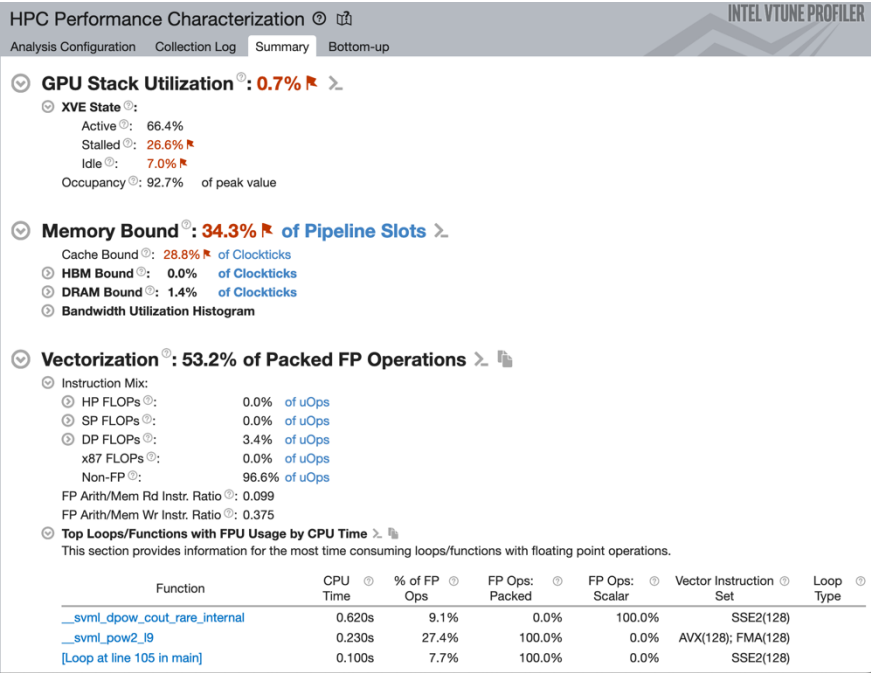
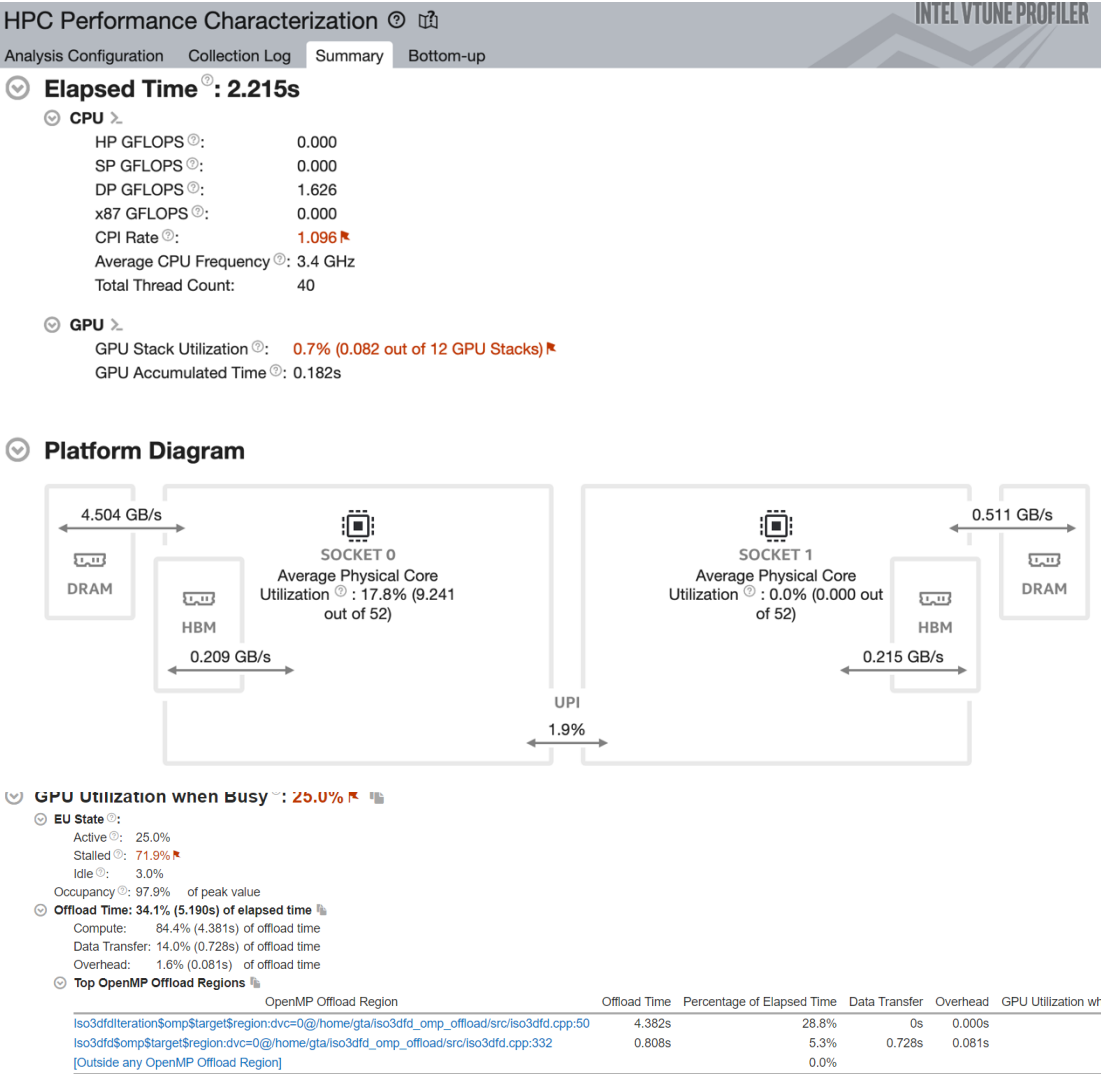
- **Next Steps**

- Running HPC Performance Analysis for a deep dive into MPI Activity and Vectorization
- Running GPU Analysis for understanding GPU underutilization



HPC Performance Characterization

Effectively analyze your compute-intensive application



Sample Command Line:

```
$ mpirun -n {Number_of_MPI} -ppn 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh vtune -collect hpc-performance -r {result_dir} ./[your_application] {Command_line_arguments_for_your_application}
```

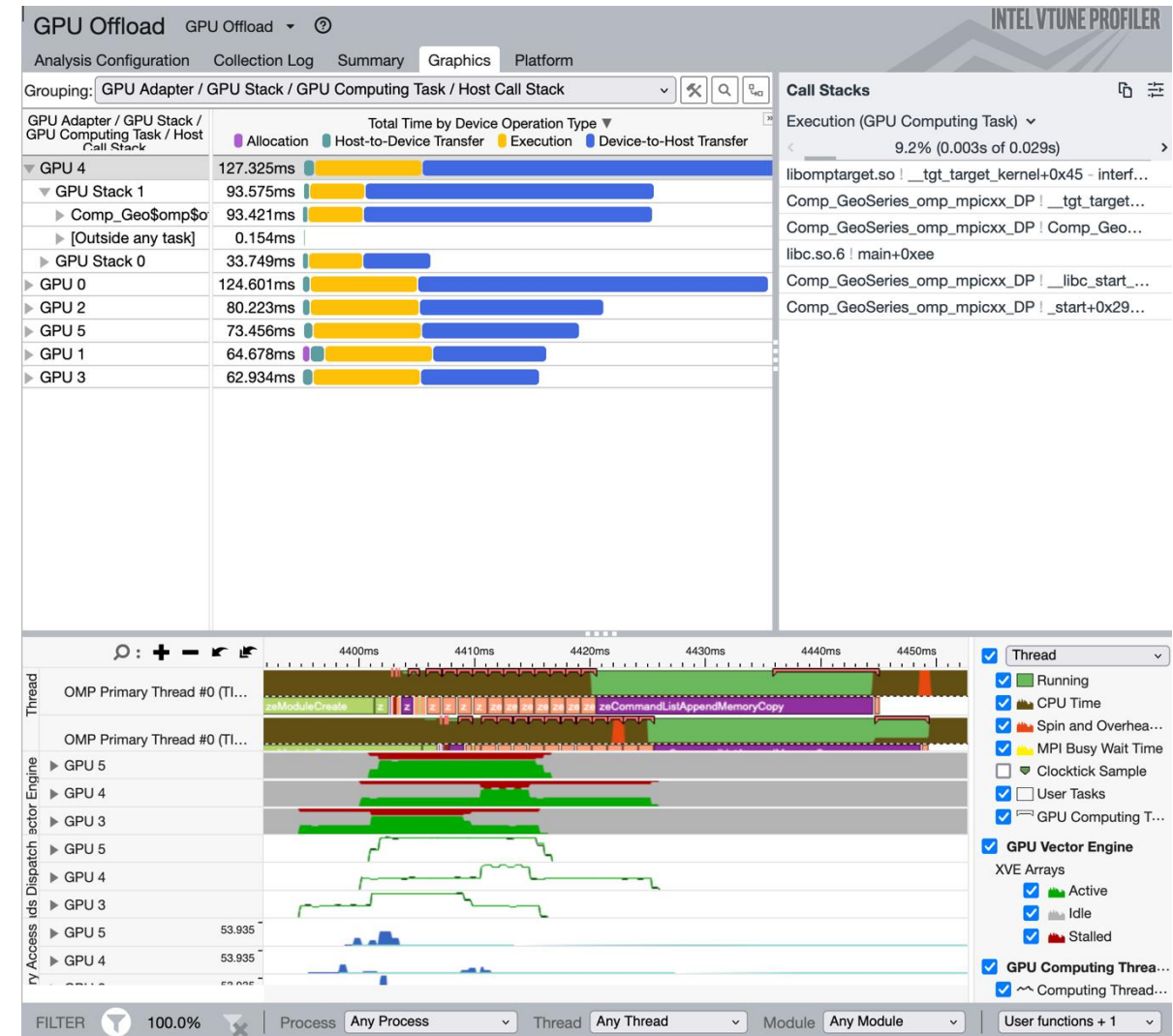
A starting point for performance optimization

- Effective Physical Core Utilization/ Vector Engine Utilization
- Memory Bound
- Vectorization
- OpenMP Offload Regions/ SYCL Compute Tasks



GPU Offload Analysis

- Identify whether the application is CPU (Host) or GPU (Device) bound
- See the detailed breakdown of different host and device operations for each GPU/Compute tasks
 - Allocation
 - Host-to-device data transfer
 - Device-to-host data transfer
 - Execution
 - Synchronization
- Correlation between CPU thread/core/process activity and GPU activity
- See Host/Device Compute and Memory activities
 - GPU Memory Access
 - System Memory Access
 - Host to GPU Memory Access
 - Stack to stack access
 - PCIe Bandwidth



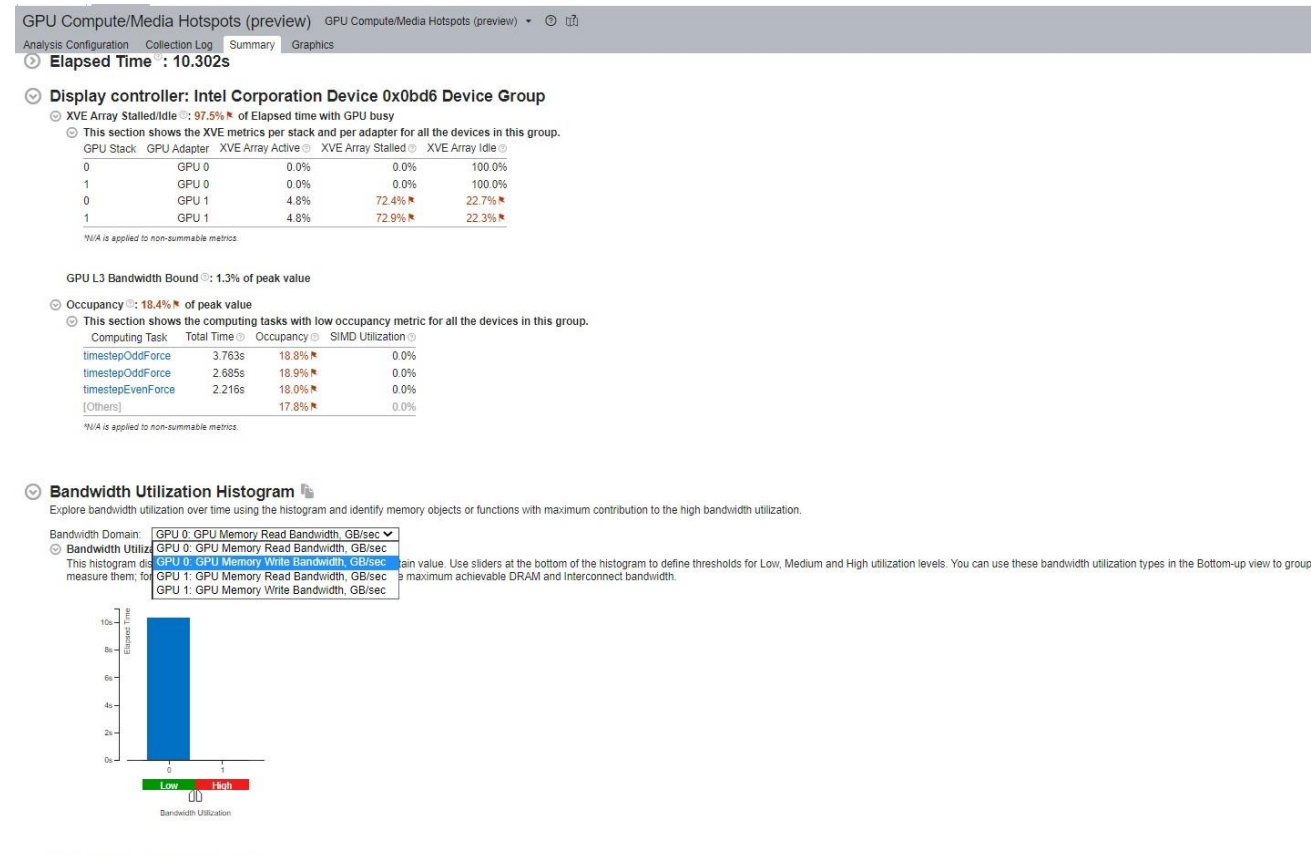
Sample Command Line:

```
$ mpirun -n {Number_of_MPI} -ppn 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh vtune -collect gpu-offload -r {result_dir}
./{your_application} {Command_line_arguments_for_your_application}
```

GPU Compute Hotspots Analysis

Deep Dive into GPU Usage

- Explore GPU kernels with high GPU utilization,
- Identify possible reasons for stalls or low occupancy and options.
- Explore the performance of your application per selected GPU metrics over time.
- Analyze the hottest SYCL* standards or OpenCL™ kernels for inefficient kernel code algorithms or incorrect work item configuration.



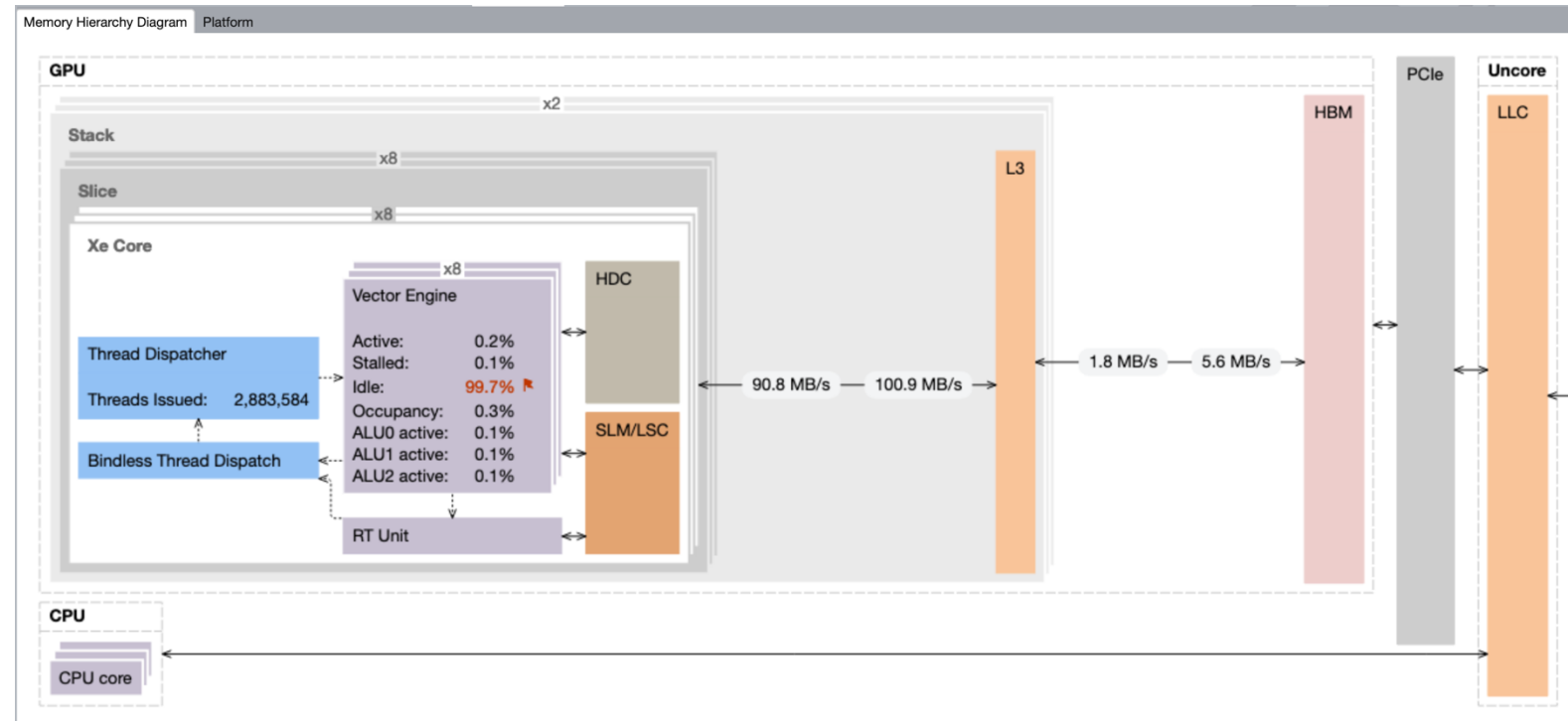
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```

GPU Compute Hotspots Analysis

Memory Hierarchy Diagram

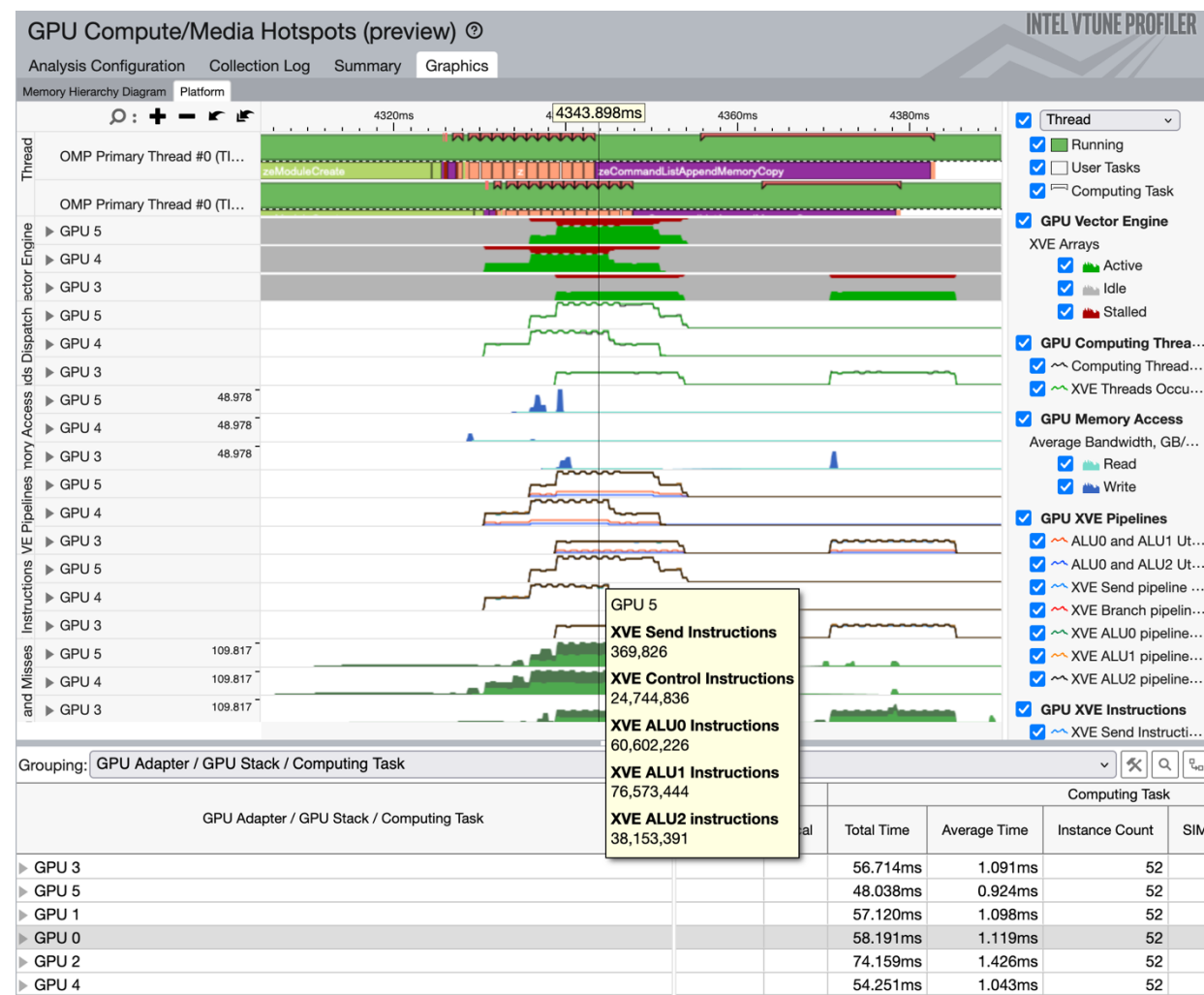
- Understand the GPU Architecture
e.g. XVEs, Cores, Stacks
- Analyze data transfer/bandwidth metrics.
 - Total data movement
 - Bandwidth (Read/Write)
 - Percentage compared to Theoretical Peak
- Identify the memory/cache units that cause execution bottlenecks.
- Make decisions on data access patterns in your algorithm based on GPU microarchitectural constraints.



GPU Compute Hotspots Analysis

Platform View

- Observe correlation between Host and Device Metrics
- See the compute tasks/User tasks for each thread/process
- Observe the GPU Vector Engine Usage (Active, Idle, Stalled) for each GPU on the system
 - GPU Vector Engine
 - Computing Threads Dispatch
 - XVE Pipeline/ Instructions
 - GPU Busy/Frequency
- Different Memory subsystem related data:
 - GPU Memory Access
 - GPU L3 Cache Bandwidth and Misses



Source level in-kernel profiling

Dynamic Instruction Count

- Counts the execution frequency of specific classes of instructions and group them:
 - Control Flow
 - Send
 - Int32& SP Float
 - Int64 & DP Float
 - Other
- Insight into the efficiency of SIMD utilization by each kernel.
- Sample Command Line:

GPU Compute/Media Hotspots (preview) © INTEL VTUNE PROFILER

Analysis Configuration Collection Log Summary Graphics iso3dfd_kernels.cpp

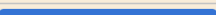
Source Assembly

Source	GPU Instructions Executed by Instruction Type				
	Control Flow	Send	Int32 & SP Float	Int64 & DP Float	Other
429 front[iter] = front[iter + 1];					
430 }					
431					
432 // Only one new data-point read from global memory					
433 // in z-dimension (depth)					
434 front[kHalfLength] = prev[gid + kHalfLength * nxy];	0.000e+0	1.239e+7	0.000e+0	4.955e+7	0.000e+0
435					
436 // Stencil code to update grid point at position given by global id (gid)					
437 float value = c[0] * front[0];	0.000e+0	0.000e+0	1.239e+7	0.000e+0	0.000e+0
438 #pragma unroll(kHalfLength)					
439 for (auto iter = 1; iter <= kHalfLength; iter++) {					
440 value += c[iter] * (front[iter] + back[iter - 1] + prev[gid + iter] +	0.000e+0	3.716e+7	4.087e+8	1.239e+8	3.716e+7
441 prev[gid - iter] + prev[gid + iter * nx] +	0.000e+0	1.239e+8	1.982e+8	2.725e+8	0.000e+0
442 prev[gid - iter * nx]);	0.000e+0	9.909e+7	3.964e+8	3.964e+8	6.689e+8
443 }					
444					
445 next[gid] = 2.0f * front[0] - next[gid] + value * vel[gid];	0.000e+0	3.716e+7	2.477e+7	4.955e+7	1.239e+7
446					
447 gid += nxy;					
448 begin_z++;	0.000e+0	0.000e+0	0.000e+0	2.477e+7	0.000e+0
449 }					
450 }					
451					
452 /*					
453 * Host-side SYCL Code					
454 *					
455 * Driver function for ISO3DFD SYCL code					
456 * Uses ptr_next and ptr_prev as ping-pong buffers to achieve					
457 * accelerated wave propagation					

```
$ mpirun -n {Number_of_MPI} -ppn 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh vtune -collect gpu-hotspots -knob characterization-mode=instruction-count -r {result_dir}
./{your_application} {Command_line_arguments_for_your_application}
```

Basic Block Latency Analysis

- Helps identify issues caused by algorithm inefficiencies
- Measures the execution time of all basic blocks
- Calculates the execution time for each instruction in the basic block
- Useful for finding out the expensive operations/instructions
- Sample Command Line:

Source Line ▲	Source	🔥 Estimated GPU Cycles: Total	Estimated GPU Cycles: Self
24			
25	void Comp_Geo (REAL *GeoR, REAL *GeoResult, int n, int nGeo){		
26	int iGeo, i, j, id;		
27	REAL tmpR, tmpResult;		
28			
29	#pragma omp target teams distribute parallel for collapse(2)	0.1% 	0.1% 
30	for(j=0;j<n;j++){	0.0% 	0.0% 
31	for(i=0;i<n;i++){	0.0% 	0.0% 
32	id = i+j*n;	0.0% 	0.0% 
33	tmpR = GeoR[id];	0.0% 	0.0% 
34	tmpResult = 1.0E0;		
35	for (iGeo=1;iGeo<=nGeo;iGeo++){	3.9% 	3.9% 
36	tmpResult = 1.0E0 + tmpR*tmpResult;	4.3% 	4.3% 
37	}		
38	GeoResult[id] = tmpResult;	0.0% 	0.0% 
39	}		
40	}		

```
$ mpirun -n {Number_of_MPI} -ppn 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh vtune -collect gpu-hotspots -knob profiling-mode=source-analysis -r {result_dir} ./{your_application}
{Command_line_arguments_for_your_application}
```

Memory Latency Analysis

- Used for memory/Throughput bound applications
- Helps identify latency issues caused by memory accesses
- Profiles memory read/synchronization instructions to estimate their impact on the kernel execution time
- Explore which memory read/synchronization instructions from the same basic block take more time
- Sample Command Line:

Source	Average Latency, Cycles: Total	Average Latency, Cycles: Memory Re...	Average Latency, Cycles: Synchro...	Estimated GPU Cycles: Total	Estimated GPU Cycles: Self
19 #else					
20 typedef double REAL;					
21 #endif					
22 int PR=sizeof(REAL);					
23					
24					
25 void Comp_Geo(REAL *GeoR, REAL *GeoResult, int n, int nGeo){					
26 int iGeo, i, j, id;					
27 REAL tmpR, tmpResult;					
28					
29 #pragma omp target teams distribute parallel for collapse(2)					
30 for(j=0;j<n;j++){					
31 for(i=0;i<n;i++){					
32 id = i+j*n;					
33 tmpR = GeoR[id];	118.9%	770	0	9.9%	9.9%
34 tmpResult = 1.0E0;					
35 for (iGeo=1;iGeo<=nGeo;iGeo++){					
36 tmpResult = 1.0E0 + tmpR*tmpResult;					
37 }					
38 GeoResult[id] = tmpResult;					
39 }					

```
$ mpirun -n {Number_of_MPI} -ppn 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh vtune -collect gpu-hotspots -knob profiling-mode=source-analysis -knob source-analysis=mem-latency -r {result_dir} ./your_application {Command_line_arguments_for_your_application}
```

Hardware Assisted Stall Sampling

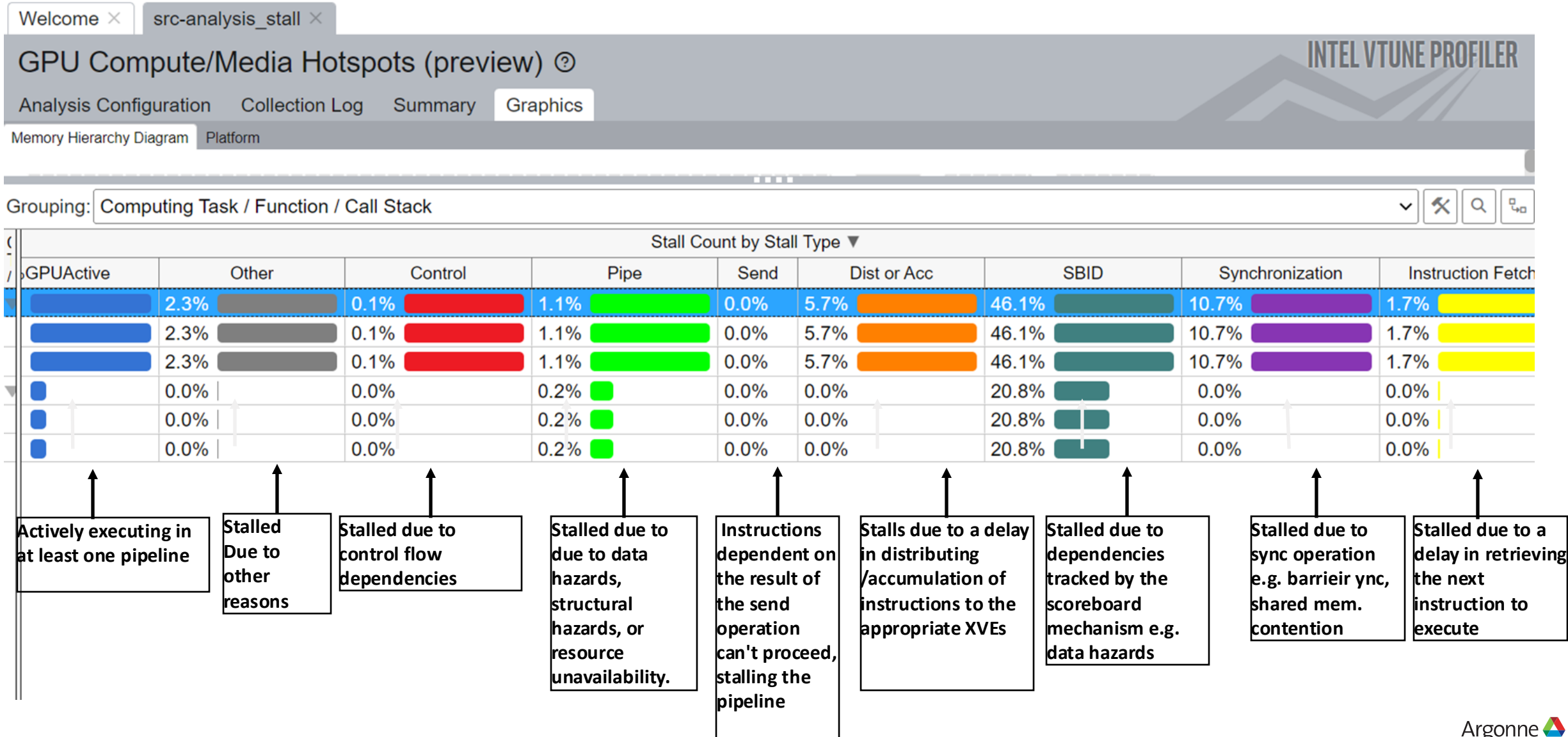
- Provides detailed breakdown of stalls and reasons
- HW-assisted Stall Sampling technology designed for Intel® Data Center GPU Max Series (code-named Ponte Vecchio or PVC)
- Capabilities similar to instruction execution efficiency characterization of NVIDIA® **Nsight™ Compute**
- Sample Command Line:

9	__kernel void spmv_jds_naive(__global float *ds	0.1%
10	__global int *d_index,	
11	__global float *x_vec, cor	
12	__constant int *jds_ptr_ir	
13	__constant int *sh_zcnt_ir	
14	{	
15	int ix = get_global_id(0);	
16		
17	if (ix < dim) {	0.0%
18	float sum = 0.0f;	
19	// 32 is warp size	
20	int bound=sh_zcnt_int[ix/32];	0.1%
21		
22	for(int k=0;k<bound;k++)	1.5%
23	{	
24	int j = jds_ptr_int[k] + ix;	4.5%
25	int in = d_index[j];	14.8%
26		
27	float d = d_data[j];	0.6%
28	float t = x_vec[in];	42.7%
29		
30	sum += d*t;	33.1%
31	}	
32	dst_vector[d_perm[ix]] = sum;	
33		1.8%
34	}	
35	}	0.0%

Most stalling line

```
$ mpirun -n {Number_of_MPI} -ppn 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh vtune -collect gpu-hotspots -knob profiling-mode=source-analysis -knob source-analysis=stall-sampling -r {result_dir} ./{your_application} {Command_line_arguments_for_your_application}
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Hardware Assisted Stall Sampling



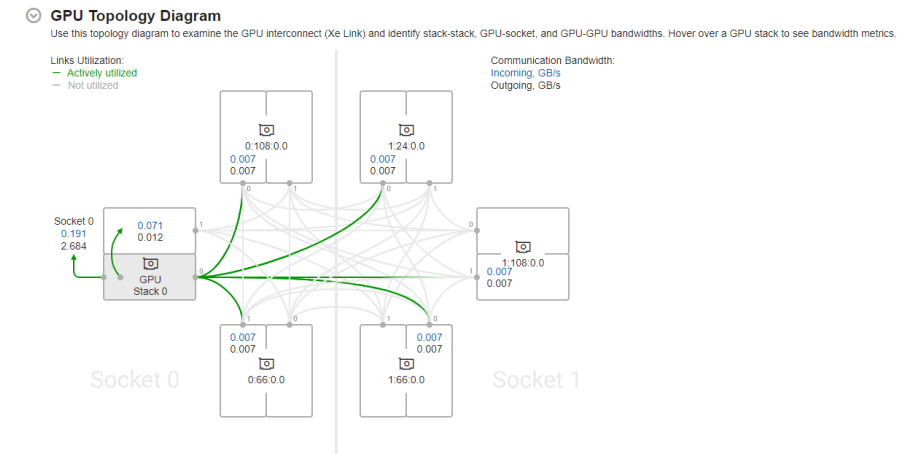
Get Visibility into Xe Link Cross-card Traffic

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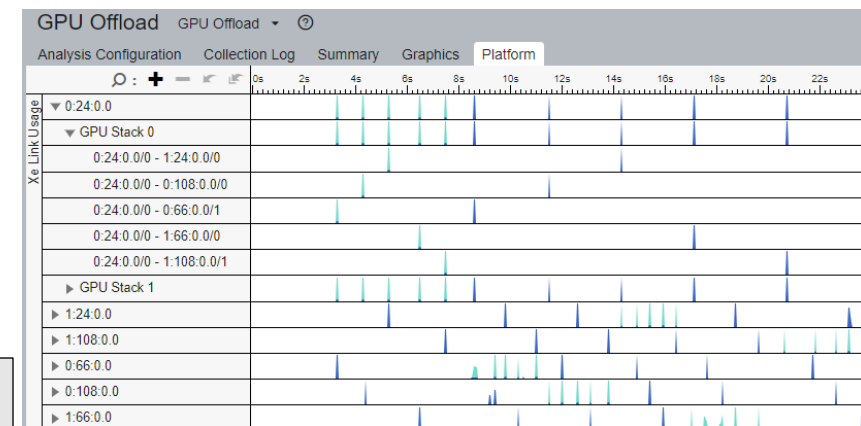
Identify bottlenecks related to Xe Link

- Understand cross-card memory transfers and Xe Link utilization
- Visualize GPU Topology of the system and estimate bandwidth of each link, stack or card.
- See usage of Xe Link and correlate with code execution.
- Sample Command Line:

```
$ mpirun -n {Number_of_MPI} -ppn 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh vtune -collect gpu-offload --knob analyze-xelink-usage=true -r {result_dir} ./your_application {Command_line_arguments_for_your_application}
```



Cross-card, stack-to-stack, and card-to-socket bandwidth are presented on GPU Topology Diagram.



Timeline view can show bandwidth usage of Xe Link over time.

Profile your oneCCL workloads using VTune Profiler

Supported using Application Performance Snapshot(APS) and HPC Performance Analysis

- APS:
 - Time spent on CCL Tasks
 - Percentage of total time
- HPC Performance Characterization
 - oneCCL Time
 - Top oneCCL Tasks
 - oneCCL communication tasks in the Summary window and on the Timeline

CCL Time
✓ 17.99 s
✓ 9.34% of Elapsed Time

TOP 5 CCL Functions	% of Elapsed Time
oneCCL::allreduce	9.09%
oneCCL::bcast	0.25%

CCL Time: 4.320		
Top oneCCL Tasks		
This section lists the most active oneCCL communication tasks in your application.		
Task Type	CCL Time	CCL Call Count
oneCCL::SYNC	1.048	12
oneCCL::oneCCL::Imbalance	1.000	2
oneCCL::barrier	1.000	2
oneCCL::BARRIER	0.999	2
oneCCL::allreduce	0.093	2
[Others]	0.181	28
*N/A is applied to non-summable metrics.		

Elapsed Time:	36.61 s	
MPI Time:	1.28 s	3.50% of Elapsed Time
MPI Imbalance:	0.02 s	0.07% of Elapsed Time
Top 5 MPI functions (avg time):		
MPI_Init_thread:	1.21 s	3.30% of Elapsed Time
MPI_Comm_create_group:	0.02 s	0.06% of Elapsed Time
MPI_Comm_split_type:	0.02 s	0.04% of Elapsed Time
MPI_Test:	0.01 s	0.03% of Elapsed Time
MPI_Wait:	0.01 s	0.02% of Elapsed Time
CCL Time:	14.54 s	39.70% of Elapsed Time
Your application is CCL bound. This may be caused by high busy wait time		
inside the library (imbalance), non-optimal communication schema or CCL		
library settings.		
Top 5 CCL functions (avg time):		
oneCCL::allreduce:	14.50 s	39.61% of Elapsed Time
oneCCL::bcast:	0.03 s	0.07% of Elapsed Time
oneCCL::allgatherv:	0.01 s	0.02% of Elapsed Time
oneCCL::barrier:	0.00 s	0.00% of Elapsed Time

Minimizing Collection Overhead Using VTune Knobs

- Disabling Stack Collection

- Use the `-knob enable-stack-collection=false` option.

- Sample Command Line:

```
$ mpirun -n {Number_of_MPI} -ppn 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh vtune -collect gpu-offload -knob enable-stack-collection=false -r {result_dir} ./{your_application}  
{Command_line_arguments_for_your_application}
```

- Modifying sampling interval

- Use the `-knob gpu-sampling-interval=<value>` option.

- Sample Command Line:

```
$ mpirun -n {Number_of_MPI} -ppn 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh vtune -collect gpu-hotspots -knob gpu-sampling-interval=10 -r {result_dir} ./{your_application}  
{Command_line_arguments_for_your_application}
```

- Specify computing-tasks-of-interest

- Specify comma-separated list of GPU computing task names.

- Sample Command Line:

```
$ mpirun -n {Number_of_MPI} -ppn 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh vtune -collect gpu-hotspots -knob computing-tasks-of-interest=*kernel* -r {result_dir} ./{your_application}  
{Command_line_arguments_for_your_application}
```

- More details can be found [here](#).

Selective Rank Profiling

- Using VTune you can profile specific ranks of interest of an MPI application
- Pros:
 - Reduction in collection overhead
 - Reduction in finalization time
 - Reduction in storage overhead
- Sample Command Line:

```
mpiexec -np 1 --cpu-bind=${CPU_BIND} gpu_tile_compact.sh vtune -c gpu-hotspots -r {result_dir} ./{your_application} {Command_line_arguments_for_your_application} : -np 23 --cpu-bind=${CPU_BIND} gpu_tile_compact.sh {Command_line_arguments_for_your_application}
```

Selective Rank Profiling Contd.

- Using if-else block for selective launching (HACC):

```
time mpiexec -n 12 -ppn 12 --cpu-bind list:1-8:9-16:17-24:25-32:33-40:41-48:49-51:53-60:61-68:69-76:77-84:85-92:93-100 --envall
./gpu_tile_compact.sh bash -c `

export SELECTED_RANK=$RANK_TO_BE_PROFILED
echo "Running MPI rank $PMIX_RANK..."
if [[ $PMIX_RANK -eq $SELECTED_RANK ]]; then
    echo "Profiling MPI rank $PMIX_RANK with VTune..."
    vtune -c gpu-offload -r ghs_rank_whole -- ./hacc_p3m_2 -n indat.params 1>
hacc.stdout_2.txt 2> hacc.stderr_2.txt
else
    echo "Profiling other MPI ranks with VTune..."
    ./hacc_p3m_2 -n indat.params 1> hacc.stdout_other.txt 2> hacc.stderr_other.txt
fi
`
```

Performance Benefits of Selective Profiling in HACC Application (Without Finalization)

- Execution Time

No. of Nodes	Application Wall Time	Profiled 1 rank	Profiled all ranks
1	52s	1m 4s	1m 24s
4	36s	47s	5m 15s

- Storage Overhead:

No. of Nodes	Profiled 1 rank	Profiled all ranks
1	248 MB	292 MB
4	360 MB	401 MB

Performance Benefits (With Finalization)

- Execution Time

Application Name	Profiled 1 rank	Profiled all (12) ranks
HACC	3m 12s	7m 36s

- Storage Overhead:

Application Name	Profiled 1 rank	Profiled all (12) ranks
HACC	1.1 GB	2.6 GB

Specifying Target GPUs

- Applications running on Multiple GPUs can benefit from the vtune knob **target-gpu**
- See the BDFs (Bus:Device:Function) of all the GPUs:

```
$ vtune --help collect gpu-hotspots
```

- Sample usage of the target-gpu knob:

```
vtune -collect gpu-hotspots -knob target-gpu 0:24:0.0 ./app
```

N.B.: By default the target-gpu selects all the GPUs on that node

Difference between selective rank vs target-gpu

Combination of them is recommended to minimize unnecessary data

Performance Improvement after Using target-gpu in HACC Application

- Execution Time:

Application Name	Profiled 1 GPU	Profiled all(6) GPUs
HACC	5m 1s	7m 36s

- Storage Overhead:

Application Name	Profiled 1 GPU	Profiled all (6) GPUs
HACC	2.1 GB	2.6 GB

Disabling Programming API Collection

- Set collect-programming-api=false
- Disable the call stack collection on GPU side
- Supported analysis: gpu-hotspots, gpu-offload, runsa

ITT APIs

- Key Features:
 - Controls application performance overhead based on the amount of traces that you collect.
 - Enables trace collection without recompiling your application.
 - Supports applications in C/C++ and Fortran environments on Windows*, Linux* systems.
 - Supports instrumentation for tracing application code.
- Build Configuration:

```
$ export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$LD_LIBRARY_PATH:/opt/aurora/24.347.0/oneapi/vtune/latest/lib64  
$ export VTUNE_DIR=/opt/aurora/24.347.0/oneapi/vtune/latest  
$ icx test.c -I$(VTUNE_DIR)/include -L$(VTUNE_DIR)/lib64 -littnotify -lpthread -ldl -o test
```

Sample Code:

```
#include <ittnotify.h>  
  
int main() {  
    auto* domain = __itt_domain_create("Example.Domain");  
    auto* task = __itt_string_handle_create("QuickTask");  
    __itt_task_begin(domain, __itt_null, __itt_null, task);  
    //dummy work  
    __itt_task_end(domain);  
}
```

Annotating Python code using instrumentation

Pyitt APIs

- Python binding to Intel Instrumentation and Tracing Technology (ITT) API
- Features:
 - Controls application performance overhead based on the traces you collect.
 - Convenient way to mark up the Python code
 - Comes with easy-to-use wrappers
 - Very useful for Large AI and HPC workload
- Installation
 - PyPi package: `pip install pyitt`
 - Build from source: <https://github.com/intel/ittapi>
- C++ APIs
 - Bundled with VTune: [C/C++ ITT APIs](#)

```
import pyitt
@pyitt.task
def workload():
    pass
workload()
```

Annotating PyTorch Code using Native APIs

PyTorch* Framework with ITT APIs

1. `is_available()`
2. `mark(msg)`
3. `range_push(msg)`
4. `range_pop()`

```
itt.resume()  
with torch.autograd.profiler.emit_itt():  
    torch.profiler.itt.range_push('training')  
    model.train()  
    for batch_index, (data, y_ans) in enumerate(trainLoader):  
        data = data.to(memory_format=torch.channels_last)  
        optim.zero_grad()  
        y = model(data)  
        loss = crite(y, y_ans)  
        loss.backward()  
        optim.step()  
    torch.profiler.itt.range_pop()  
itt.pause()
```

1. Resume collection of profiling data.
2. To enable the explicit invocation, we use the `torch.autograd.profiler.emit_itt()` API right before the interesting code that we want to profile.
3. Push a range onto a stack of nested range span and mark it with a message ('training').
4. Pop a range from the stack of nested range spans using `range_pop()` API.
5. Pause the profiling data collection using `itt.pause()` API.

VTune Web Server

Visualizing VTune Results on Aurora

Step 1: Add the following lines to `.ssh/config` on your local system

```
host *.alcf.anl.gov
    ControlMaster auto
    ControlPath ~/.ssh/ssh_mux_%h_%p_%r
```

Step 2: Open a new terminal and log into an Aurora login node (no X11 forwarding required)

```
$ ssh <username>@aurora.alcf.anl.gov
```

Step 3: Start VTune server on an Aurora login node

```
$ module load oneapi/release/2025.0.5
$ vtune-backend --data-directory=<location of precollected VTune results>
```

Step 4: Open a new terminal with SSH port forwarding enabled

```
$ ssh -L 127.0.0.1:<port printed by vtune-backend>:127.0.0.1:<port printed by vtune-backend> <username>@aurora.alcf.anl.gov
```

Step 5: Open the URL printed by VTune server in firefox web browser on your local computer.

Intel® VTune™ Profiler CLI

characterization with gpu-offload and default knobs

```
$ mpirun -n {Number_of_MPI} -ppn 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh vtune -collect gpu-offload -r {result_dir} ./{your_application}  
{Command_line_arguments_for_your_application}
```

characterization with gpu hotspots and default knobs

```
mpirun -n {Number_of_MPI} -ppn 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh vtune -collect gpu-hotspots -r {result_dir} ./{your_application}  
{Command_line_arguments_for_your_application}
```

characterization with gpu hotspots and instruction count

```
$ mpirun -n {Number_of_MPI} -ppn 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh vtune -collect gpu-hotspots -knob characterization-mode=instruction-count -r {result_dir}  
./{your_application} {Command_line_arguments_for_your_application}
```

source analysis with gpu hotspots [with basic block latency - default]

```
$ mpirun -n {Number_of_MPI} -ppn 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh vtune -collect gpu-hotspots -knob profiling-mode=source-analysis -r {result_dir} ./{your_application}  
{Command_line_arguments_for_your_application}
```

source analysis with gpu hotspots and memory latency

```
$ mpirun -n {Number_of_MPI} -ppn 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh vtune -collect gpu-hotspots -knob profiling-mode=source-analysis -knob source-analysis=mem-latency  
-r {result_dir} ./{your_application} {Command_line_arguments_for_your_application}
```

source analysis with gpu hotspots and stall sampling

```
$ mpirun -n {Number_of_MPI} -ppn 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh vtune -collect gpu-hotspots -knob profiling-mode=source-analysis -knob source-analysis=stall-sampling  
-r {result_dir} ./{your_application} {Command_line_arguments_for_your_application}
```

Intel® Advisor

Rich Set of Capabilities for High Performance Code Design

Intel® Advisor



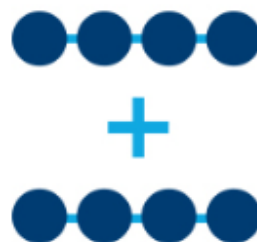
Offload Advisor

Design offload strategy and model performance on GPU.



Roofline Analysis

Optimize your application for memory and compute.



Vectorization Optimization

Enable more vector parallelism and improve its efficiency.



Thread Prototyping

Model, tune, and test multiple threading designs.



Build Heterogeneous Algorithms

Create and analyze data flow and dependency computation graphs.

Identifying Good Optimization Candidates

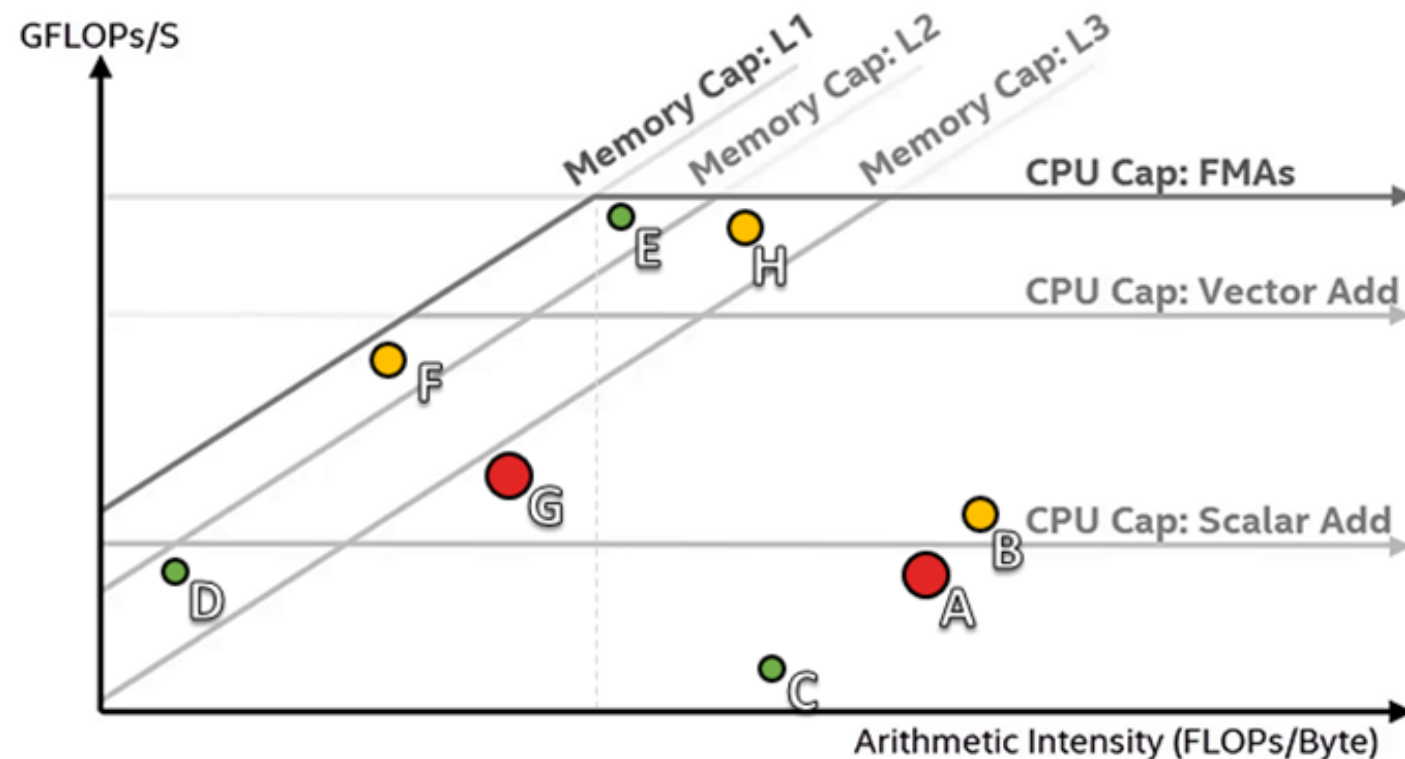


Focus optimization effort where it makes the most difference

- Large, red loops have the most impact
- Loops far from the upper roofs have more room to improve



Additional roofs can be plotted for specific computation types or cache levels



Configuring Intel Advisor on Aurora

- Step1: Setting the environments

```
$ module load oneapi  
$ export PRJ=<your_project_dir>
```

- Step 2-a: Collecting the GPU Roofline data on a single GPU (Survey analysis and Trip Count with FLOP analysis with a single command line)

```
$ advisor --collect=roofline --profile-gpu --project-dir=$PRJ -- <your_executable> <your_arguments>
```

- Step 2-b: Collecting the GPU Roofline data on one of MPI ranks (Survey analysis and Trip Count with FLOP analysis separately)

```
$ mpirun -n 1 gpu_tile_compact.sh advisor --collect=survey --profile-gpu --project-dir=$PRJ -- <your_executable> <your_arguments> : -n 11 gpu_tile_compact.sh <your_executable>  
<your_arguments>  
  
$ mpirun -n 1 gpu_tile_compact.sh advisor --collect=tripcounts --profile-gpu --flop --no-trip-counts --project-dir=$PRJ -- <your_executable> <your_arguments> : -n 11  
gpu_tile_compact.sh <your_executable> <your_arguments>
```

Configuring Intel Advisor on Aurora Contd.

- Step 3: Generate a GPU Roofline report, and then review the HTML report

```
$ advisor --report=all --project-dir=$PRJ --report-output=${PRJ}/roofline_all.html
```

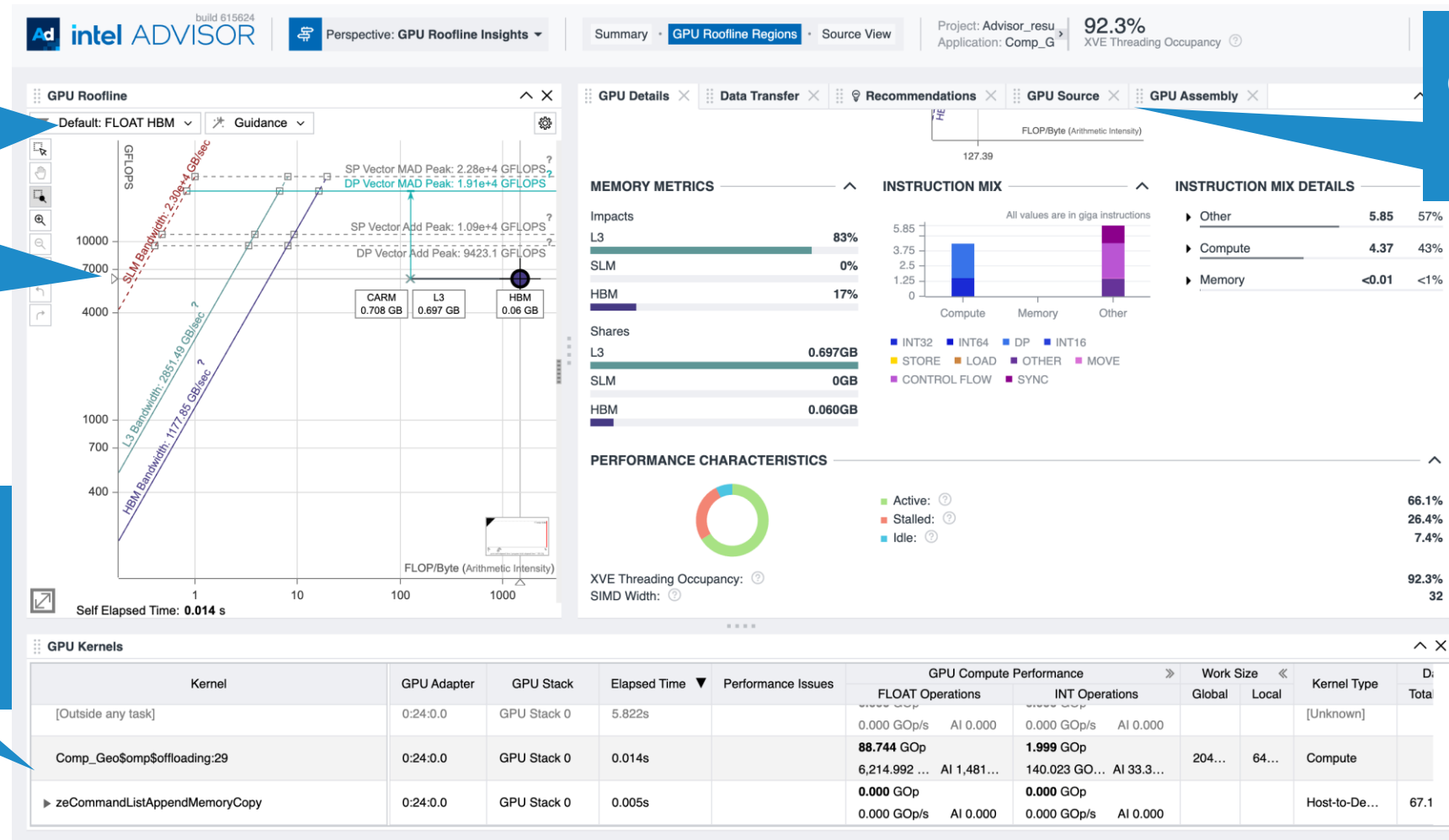
GPU Roofline Insights

Switch between data types

Customizable GPU Roofline chart

GPU performance of compute tasks

View Details, GPU Source, and GPU Assembly info



Demo

Create your folder on Aurora

```
$ cd /flare/alcf_training/  
$ mkdir $USER  
$ cd $USER
```

Copy the example to your space:

```
$ cp -rf /flare/alcf_training/Tools_Intel .  
$ cd Tools_Intel
```

Build the code:

```
$ make  
mpicc -fopenmp -fopenmp-targets=spir64 -O2 -fdebug-info-for-profiling -gline-tables-only  
Comp_GeoSeries_omp.c -o Comp_GeoSeries_omp_mpicc_DP  
rm -rf *.o *.mod *.dSYM
```

Run the code on a compute node:

```
$ mpirun -n 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh ./Comp_GeoSeries_omp_mpicc_DP 2048 1000
```

Demo on compute nodes

aps example :

```
$ mpirun -n 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh aps -r apsresult ./Comp_GeoSeries_omp_mpicc_DP 2048 1000
$ aps-report --metrics=? apsresult

$ aps-report --metrics="GPU Stack Utilization Per Device, OpenMP Offload Time, GPU Accumulated Time Per Device, MPI Time" apsresult
```

vtune example :

```
$ mpirun -n 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh vtune -collect gpu-hotspots -r vtune_result_gh
./Comp_GeoSeries_omp_mpicc_DP 2048 1000
```

advisor example :

```
$ mpiexec -n 1 gpu_tile_compact.sh advisor --collect=survey --profile-gpu --project-dir=Advisor_results --
./Comp_GeoSeries_omp_mpicc_DP 2048 1000 : -n 11 gpu_tile_compact.sh ./Comp_GeoSeries_omp_mpicc_DP 2048 1000
```

```
$ mpiexec -n 1 gpu_tile_compact.sh advisor --collect=tripcounts --profile-gpu --flop --no-trip-counts --
project-dir=Advisor_results -- ./Comp_GeoSeries_omp_mpicc_DP 2048 1000 : -n 11 gpu_tile_compact.sh
./Comp_GeoSeries_omp_mpicc_DP 2048 1000
```

```
$ advisor --report=all --project-dir=Advisor_results --report-output=Advisor_results/roofline_all.html
```

Demo on a login node

aps example :

```
$ cp /flare/alcf_training/Tools_Intel/apsresult.tar.gz .
```

```
$ tar -zxvf apsresult.tar.gz
```

```
$ aps-report --metrics=? apsresult
```

```
$ aps-report --metrics="GPU Stack Utilization Per Device, OpenMP Offload Time, GPU Accumulated Time  
Per Device, MPI Time" apsresult
```

- Open `aps_report_20250207_010006.html (/flare/alcf_training/Tools_Intel)` on your web browser

vtune example :

```
$ cp /flare/alcf_training/Tools_Intel/vtune_result_gh.tar.gz .
```

```
$ tar -zxvf vtune_result_gh.tar.gz
```

Establish vtune web server mode following instruction on page 34

```
$ vtune-backend --data-directory=/flare/alcf_training/$USER
```

advisor example :

- Open `roofline_all.html (in /flare/alcf_training/Tools_Intel)` on your web browser

Light-weight Intel tools on Aurora

- Intel unitrace
- Intel xpu-smi

Unified Tracing and Profiling tools (unitrace)

- A performance tools for Intel oneAPI application that traces and profiles host/device activities, interactions and hardware utilizations for Intel GPU applications.
 - <https://github.com/intel/pti-gpu/tree/master/tools/unitrace>
- Features
 - Level Zero (L0) or Level Zero + OpenCL tracking/profiling
 - Host activities
 - Device and kernel activities
 - Trace and profile layers (e.g., MPI, SYCL, CCL, oneDNN) above L0/OpenCL
 - Categorizing GPU kernels
 - Profile hardware performance metrics

Unified Tracing and Profiling tools (unitrace)

- Run with unitrace

```
$ unitrace [options] <application> [args]
```

The options are as follows:

--device-timing [-d] Report kernels execution time

--ccl-summary-report [-r] Report CCL execution time summary

--device-timeline [-t] Report device timeline

--chrome-mpi-logging Trace MPI

--chrome-sycl-logging Trace SYCL runtime and plugin

--chrome-ccl-logging Trace oneCCL

--chrome-kernel-logging Trace device and host kernel activities

--separate-tiles Trace each tile separately in case of implicit scaling

--output [-o] <filename> Output profiling result to file

--output-dir-path <path> Output directory path for result files

--metric-query [-q] Query hardware metrics for each kernel instance

--metric-sampling [-k] Sample hardware performance metrics for each kernel instance in time-based mode

--group [-g] <metric-group> Hardware metric group (ComputeBasic by default)

--sampling-interval [-i] <interval> Hardware performance metric sampling interval in us (default is 50 us) in time-based mode

--device-list Print available devices

--metric-list Print available metric groups and metrics

--stall-sampling Sample hardware execution unit stalls. Valid for Intel(R) Data Center GPU Max Series and later GPUs

--ranks-to-sample <ranks> MPI ranks to sample. The argument <ranks> is a list of comma separated MPI ranks

```
--chrome-sycl-logging
```



unitrace on Aurora

```
$ module load pti-gpu
$ unitrace -version
2.1.2 (31dd08753125943b26475cec6a489b7c52c064dd)
$ unitrace --device-list
$ unitrace --metric-list | grep Group
```

Intel XPU System Management Interface, xpu-smi

- Are you expecting something like nvidia-smi?
- xpu-smi provides similar features on Intel GPUs
 - <https://github.com/intel/xpumanager>
- A tool for monitoring and managing Intel data center GPUs
- It is designed to simplify administration, maximize reliability and uptime, and improve utilization.
- Intel(R) XPU System Management Interface (XPU-SMI) is the daemon-less version of XPU Manager and it only provides the local interface.

- xpu-smi on Aurora

```
$ module load xpu-smi
$ xpu-smi --version
CLI:
    Version: 1.2.39.20240906
    Build ID: 11f3c29a
$ xpu-smi discovery
$ xpu-smi dump -d 0 1 2 3 4 5 -m 0 1 2 4 5
```

Demo on compute nodes

unitrace demo:

```
$ module load ptl-gpu
```

```
$ which unitrace
```

```
$ unitrace --device-list
```

```
$ unitrace --metric-list | grep Group
```

```
$ mpirun -n 11 gpu_tile_compact.sh ./Comp_GeoSeries_omp_mpicc_DP 2048 1000 : -n 1  
gpu_tile_compact.sh unitrace ./Comp_GeoSeries_omp_mpicc_DP 2048 1000
```

```
$ mpirun -n 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh unitrace --chrome-mpi-logging  
./Comp_GeoSeries_omp_mpicc_DP 2048 1000
```

```
$ mpirun -n 12 gpu_tile_compact.sh unitrace --chrome-kernel-logging --chrome-mpi-  
logging ./Comp_GeoSeries_omp_mpicc_DP 2048 1000
```

Demo on compute nodes

xpu-smi demo:

```
$ module load xpu-smi
```

```
$ xpu-smi -version
```

```
$ xpu-smi -h
```

```
$ xpu-smi discovery
```

```
$ xpu-smi -h dump
```

```
$ xpu-smi dump -d 0 1 2 3 4 5 -m 0 1 2 4 5
```