



StarPU task-based programming hands-on session

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Terminology

- Codelet
- Task
- Data handle

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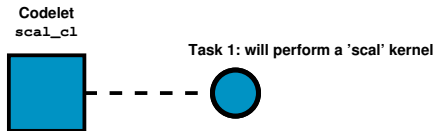
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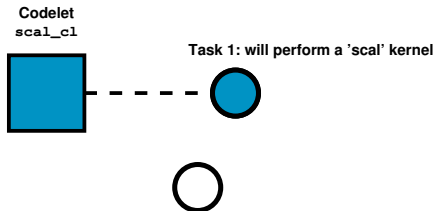
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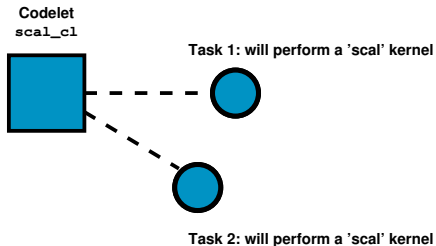
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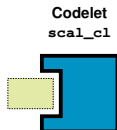
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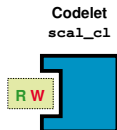
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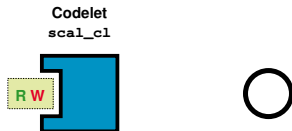
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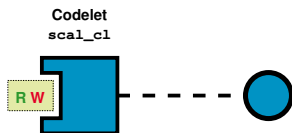
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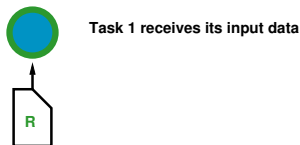
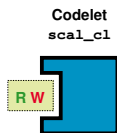
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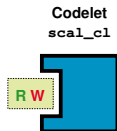
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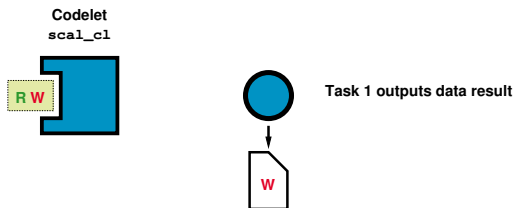
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Definition: A Data Handle

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- ... designates a piece of data managed by StarPU
- ... is typed (vector, matrix, etc.)
- ... can be passed as input/output for a **Task**

Elementary API

- Declaring a codelet
- Declaring and Managing Data
- Writing a Kernel Function
- Submitting a task
- Waiting for submitted tasks

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- Declare how the kernel accesses the piece of data
 - Here: The vector is scaled in-place, thus R/W

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- Unregister the piece of data
 - The handle is destroyed
 - **The vector is now back under user control**

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- Kernels implementations for accelerator devices
 - OpenCL, NVidia Cuda kernels

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5     .cuda_func = { scal_cpu_cuda },
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20     vector_mult_cuda<<<nblocks , threads_per_block , 0 ,
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Writing a Kernel Function for OpenCL

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1  __kernel void vector_mult_opencl(__global float *val ,
2                                  unsigned n, float factor) {
3      for (unsigned i = 0; i < n; i++)
4          val[i] *= factor;
5  }
6
7
8  extern "C" void scal_opencl_func(void *buffers [], void *cl_arg
9                                  ){
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11     unsigned n      = STARPU_VECTOR_GET_NX(vector_handle);
12     float *vector = STARPU_VECTOR_GET_PTR(vector_handle);
13     float factor;
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15
16     cl_kernel kernel;
17     cl_command_queue queue;
18     starpu_opencl_load_kernel(&kernel , &queue , &opencl_program ,
19                             name, "vector_mult_opencl" , devid);
20     clSetKernelArg(kernel , 0, sizeof(val) , &val);
21     ...
22     clEnqueueNDRangeKernel(queue , kernel , 1, NULL, ...);
23 }
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1 TYPE(C_PTR) :: scal_cl = C_NULL_PTR
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5 CALL fstarpu_codelet_add_cpu_func(scal_cl ,
6   C_FUNLOC(scal_cpu_func))
```

Declaring a codelet in Fortran

- Defined as a C_PTR allocated by StarPU
- Plug the kernel function
- Declare data

```
1 TYPE(C_PTR) :: scal_cl = C_NULL_PTR
2
3 scal_cl = fstarpu_codelet_allocate()
4
5 CALL fstarpu_codelet_add_cpu_func(scal_cl ,
6     C_FUNLOC(scal_cpu_func))
7
8 CALL fstarpu_codelet_add_buff(scal_cl , FSTARPU_RW)
```

Writing a Kernel Function in Fortran

- Every kernel function has the same Fortran prototype

```
1 recursive subroutine scal_cpu_func( buffers , cl_args ) bind(c)  
2   type(c_ptr), value , intent(in) :: buffers , cl_args  
3  
4   ...
```

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2   type(c_ptr), value , intent(in) :: buffers , cl_args
3
4   integer :: n
5   real(8) , dimension(:) , pointer :: val
6
7
8   n = fstarpu_vector_get_nx( buffers , 0)
9   call c_f_pointer( fstarpu_vector_get_ptr( buffers , 0) , &
10    val , shape=[n])
11
12   ...
```

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3
4   integer :: n
5   real(8), dimension(:), pointer :: val
6   real(8), target :: factor
7
8   n = fstarpu_vector_get_nx( buffers , 0)
9   call c_f_pointer( fstarpu_vector_get_ptr( buffers , 0), &
10    val , shape=[n])
11   call fstarpu_unpack_arg( cl_args , (/ c_loc( factor) /))
12
13   ...
```

Writing a Kernel Function in Fortran

- Every kernel function has the same Fortran prototype
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- Compute the vector scaling

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10    val , shape=[n])
11   call fstarpu_unpack_arg( cl_args , (/ c_loc( factor) /))
12
13   do i = 1, n
14     val(i) = val(i)*factor
15   end do
```


Registering an array to StarPU from Fortran

```
1  real(8), dimension (:), allocatable, target :: array
2  allocate(array(NX))
3  array = (/ (1.0, i=1, NX) /)
4
5  type(c_ptr) :: vector_handle
6  call fstarpu_vector_data_register(vector_handle, &
7    0, c_loc(array), NX, c_sizeof(array(0)))
```

Submitting a task from Fortran

```
1  real(kind=c_double), target :: factor
2
3  call fstarpu_task_insert((/      &
4     scal_cl ,                    &
5     FSTARPU_RW                    &
6     FSTARPU_VALUE , c_loc(factor) &
7     FSTARPU_SZ_C_DOUBLE,         &
8     C_NULL_PTR /))
```

Data Interfaces

Multiple data types supported

- Vector
- Matrix
- BCSR sparse matrix

```
1 int vector[NX];  
2 starpu_data_handle_t handle;  
3  
4 starpu_vector_data_register(&handle, 0, (uintptr_t)vector,  
5                             NX, sizeof(vector[0]));
```

Data Interfaces

Multiple data types supported

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- Matrix
- BCSR sparse matrix

```
1 float matrix[NX*NY];
2 starpu_data_handle_t handle;
3
4 starpu_matrix_data_register(&handle, 0, (uintptr_t)matrix,
5                             NX, NX/10, NY/10, sizeof(matrix
                             [0]));
```

Data Interfaces

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- Matrix
- **BCSR sparse matrix**

```
1 ...  
2 starpu_data_handle_t handle;  
3  
4 starpu_bcsr_data_register(&handle, 0, NNZ, NROW,  
5     (uintptr_t)bcsr_matrix_data,  
6     bcsr_matrix_indices, bcsr_matrix_rowptr,  
7     first_entry,  
     BLOCK_NROW, BLOCK_NCOL, sizeof(double));
```

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1 int vector[NX];
2 starpu_data_handle_t handle;
3 starpu_vector_data_register(&handle, 0, (uintptr_t)vector,
4                             NX, sizeof(vector[0]));
5
6 /* Partition the vector in NB_PARTS sub-vectors */
7 struct starpu_data_filter filter = {
8     .filter_func = starpu_vector_filter_block,
9     .nchildren = NB_PARTS
10 };
11 starpu_data_partition(handle, &filter);
12
13 /* Data can only be accessed through sub-handles now */
```

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Partition → Use

```
1 for (i=0; i<starpu_data_get_nb_children(handle); i++) {
2     /* Get subdata number i */
3     starpu_data_handle_t sub_handle =
4         starpu_data_get_sub_data(handle, 1, i);
5
6     starpu_task_insert(
7         &scal_cl,
8         STARPU_RW, sub_handle,
9         STARPU_VALUE, &factor, sizeof(factor),
10        0);
11 }
```

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Partition → Use → **Unpartition**

```
1 /* Wait for submitted tasks to complete */
2 starpu_task_wait_for_all();
3
4 /* Unpartition data */
5 starpu_data_unpartition(handle, 0);
6
7 /* Data can now be accessed through 'handle' only */
```

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Advanced principles of StarPU

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- Partition planning

```
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4                             NX, sizeof(vector[0]));
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7 struct starpu_data_filter filter = {
8     .filter_func = starpu_vector_filter_block,
9     .nchildren = NB_PARTS
10 };
11 starpu_data_handle_t children[NB_PARTS];
12 starpu_data_partition_plan(handle, &filter, children);
13
14 /* Data can only be accessed through sub-handles now */
```

Asynchronous Partitioning

Inserting a partitioning request in the submission flow

Two steps

- Partition planning
- Asynchronous partition enforcement

```
1  starpu_task_insert(&scal_cl ,
2      STARPU_RW , handle ,
3      STARPU_VALUE , &factor1 , sizeof(factor1), 0);
4  starpu_data_partition_submit(handle, NB_PARTS, children);
5  for (i=0; i<NB_PARTS; i++) {
6      starpu_task_insert(&scal_cl ,
7          STARPU_RW , children[i],
8          STARPU_VALUE , &factor2 , sizeof(factor2),
9          0);
10 }
11 starpu_data_unpartition_submit(handle , NB_PARTS, children ,
12     node);
13 starpu_task_insert(&scal_cl ,
14     STARPU_RW , handle ,
15     STARPU_VALUE , &factor3 , sizeof(factor3), 0);
```


Asynchronous Partitioning

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- Partition planning
- Asynchronous partition enforcement, **or automatic!**

```
1 starpu_task_insert(&scal_cl ,
2     STARPU_RW , handle ,
3     STARPU_VALUE , &factor1 , sizeof(factor1), 0);
4 //starpu_data_partition_submit(handle , NB_PARTS, children);
5 for (i=0; i<NB_PARTS; i++) {
6     starpu_task_insert(&scal_cl ,
7         STARPU_RW , children[i],
8         STARPU_VALUE , &factor2 , sizeof(factor2),
9         0);
10 }
11 //starpu_data_unpartition_submit(handle , NB_PARTS, children ,
12     node);
13 starpu_task_insert(&scal_cl ,
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15     STARPU_VALUE , &factor3 , sizeof(factor3), 0);
```

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Define zero

```
1 void bzero_cpu(void *descr [], void *cl_arg) {
2     double *v_zero = (double *)STARPU_VARIABLE_GET_PTR(descr
3         [0]);
4     *v_zero = 0.0;
5 }
6 struct starpu_codelet bzero_cl = {
7     .cpu_funcs = { bzero_cpu },
8     .nbuffers = 1
9 };
```

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```
1 void accumulate_cpu(void *descr [], void *cl_arg) {
2     double *v_dst = (double *)STARPU_VARIABLE_GET_PTR(descr
3         [0]);
4     double *v_src = (double *)STARPU_VARIABLE_GET_PTR(descr
5         [1]);
6     *v_dst = *v_dst + *v_src;
7 }
8
9 struct starpu_codelet accumulate_cl = {
10     .cpu_funcs = { accumulate_cpu },
11     .nbuffers = 1
12 };
```

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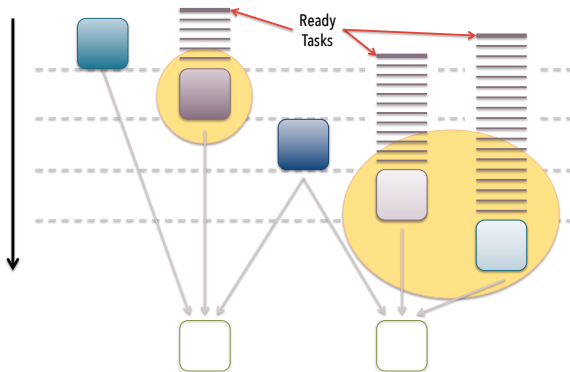
```
1 starpu_variable_data_register(&accum_handle, -1,  
2                               NULL, sizeof(type));  
3 starpu_data_set_reduction_methods(accum_handle,  
4                                   &accumulate_cl, &bzero_cl);  
5  
6 for (b = 0; b < nblocks; b++)  
7     starpu_task_insert(&dot_kernel_cl,  
8                       STARPU_REDUX, accum_handle,  
9                       STARPU_R, starpu_data_get_sub_data(v1, 1, b),  
10                      STARPU_R, starpu_data_get_sub_data(v2, 1, b),  
11                      0);
```

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- **Commute**: allows a set of tasks to modify a buffer in any order

```
1 starpu_task_insert(&c11 ,
2     STARPU_R , handle0 ,
3     STARPU_RW , handle ,
4     0);
5 starpu_task_insert(&c12 ,
6     STARPU_R , handle1 ,
7     STARPU_RW | STARPU_COMMUTE , handle ,
8     0);
9 starpu_task_insert(&c12 ,
10    STARPU_R , handle2 ,
11    STARPU_RW | STARPU_COMMUTE , handle ,
12    0);
13 starpu_task_insert(&c13 ,
14    STARPU_R , handle3 ,
15    STARPU_RW , handle ,
16    0);
```


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```
1 struct starpu_perfmodel scal_cl_model = {  
2     .type = STARPU_HISTORY_BASED,  
3     .symbol = "scal",  
4 };  
5 struct starpu_codelet scal_cl = {  
6     .cpu_funcs = { scal_cpu_func },  
7     ...  
8     .model = &scal_cl_model;  
9 }
```

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1 struct starpu_perfmodel scal_cl_model = {
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4 };
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```
1 struct starpu_perfmodel scal_cl_model = {
2     .type = STARPU_NL_REGRESSION_BASED,
3     .symbol = "scal",
4 };
5 struct starpu_codelet scal_cl = {
6     .cpu_funcs = { scal_cpu_func },
7     ...
8     .model = &scal_cl_model;
9 }
```

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```
1 struct starpu_perfmodel scal_cl_model = {
2     .type = STARPU_MULTIPLE_REGRESSION_BASED,
3     .symbol = "scal",
4 };
5 struct starpu_codelet scal_cl = {
6     .cpu_funcs = { scal_cpu_func },
7     ...
8     .model = &scal_cl_model;
9 }
```

Feedback mechanisms

Online Tools

- Statistics
- Visual debugging

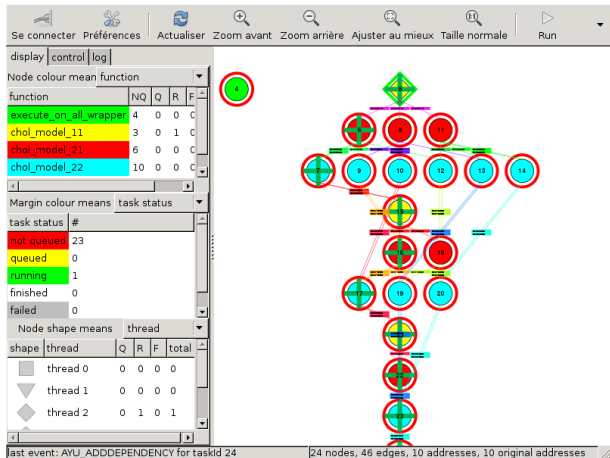
Offline Tools

- Performance models
- Trace-based analysis

Visual debugging: Temanejo

A debugger at the task level

- Visualize task graph
- Add breakpoints
- Execute task-by-task
- ...



Offline Feedback – Kernel Model

Display the codelet performance models recorded by StarPU

- Command-line tool `starpu_perfmodel_display`
- History-based models
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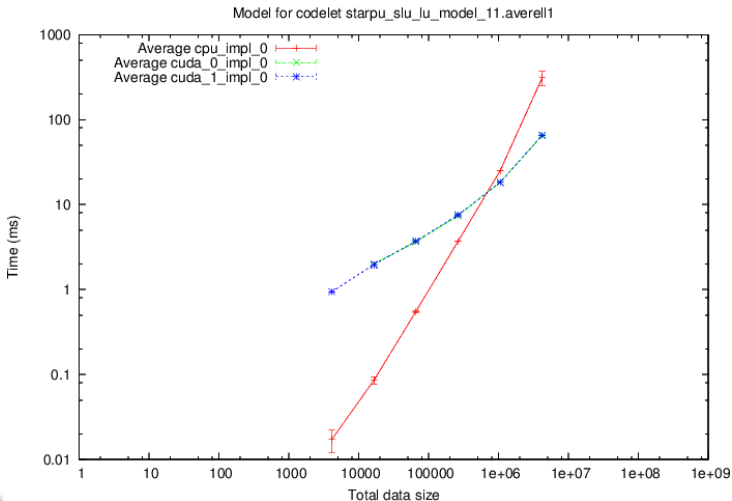
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```
1 $ starpu_perfmodel_display -s starpu_slv_lu_model_11
2
3 performance model for cpu0_parallel1_impl0
4 # hash      size      mean (us)      stddev (us)      n
5 aa6d4ef7    4194304    3.055501e+05    5.804822e+04    48
```

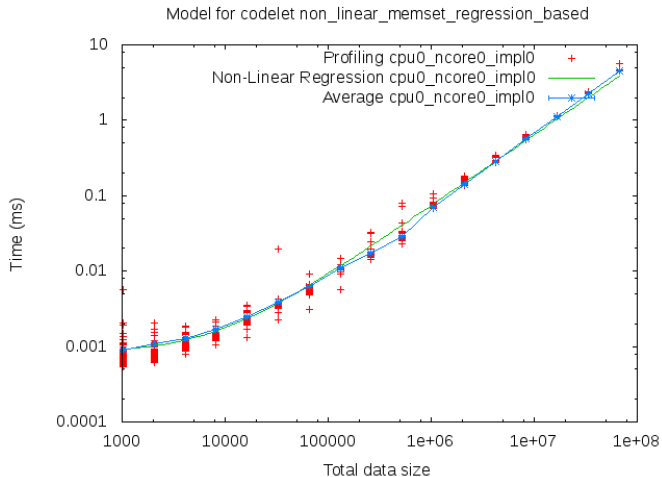
Offline Feedback – Kernel Model Characteristics

```
$ starpu_performodel_plot -s starpu_slu_lu_model_11
```



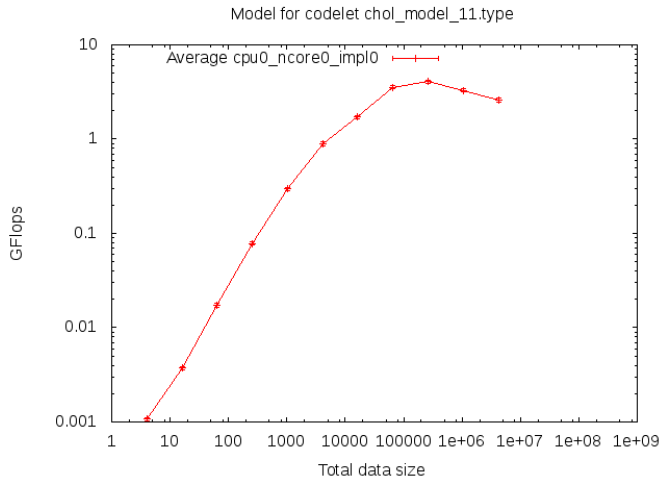
Offline Feedback – Kernel Model Regression Fitness

```
$ starpu_perfmodel_plot -s non_linear_memset_regression_based
```



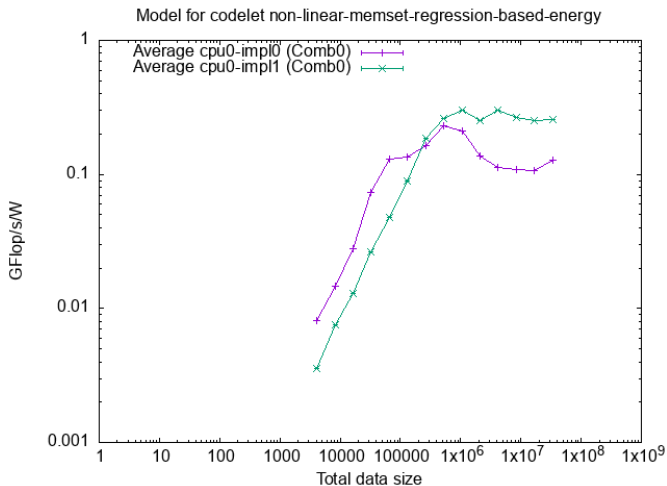
Offline Feedback – Kernel Model Efficiency

```
$ starpu_perfmodel_plot -f -s chol_model_11
```



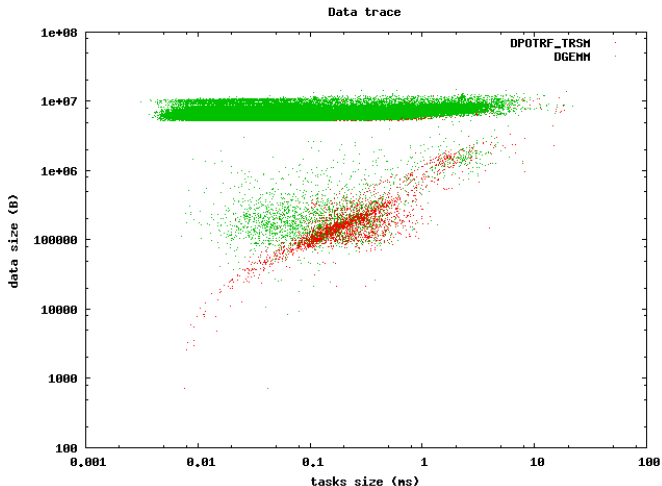
Offline Feedback – Kernel Model Power Efficiency

```
$ starpu_perfmodel_plot -f -se memset memset_energy
```



Offline Feedback – Synthetic Kernels' Behaviour

```
$ starpu_fxt_data_trace /tmp/prof_file_user_0
```



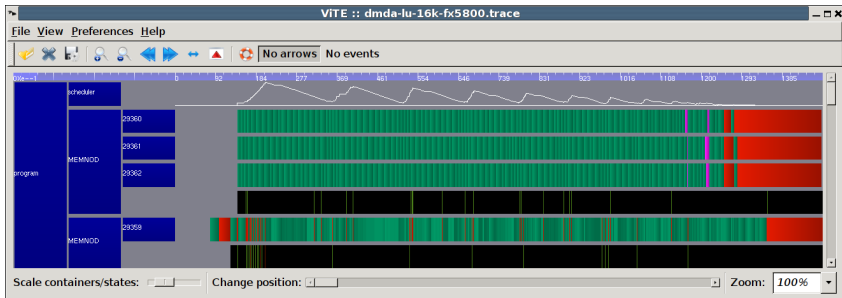
Offline Trace-Based Feedback

- FxT trace collection
- Trace analysis and display
 - ViTE Gantt
 - Graphviz DAG
 - StarVZ Gantt / R plots

Offline Feedback – Trace Analysis

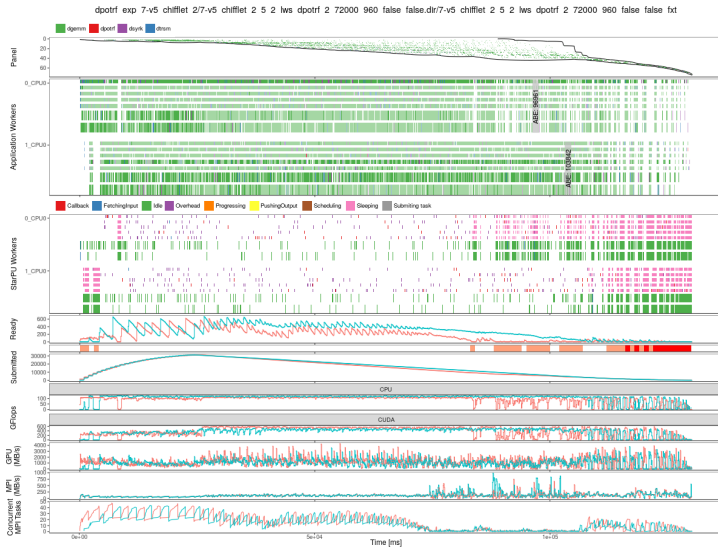
Automatically generated

- Dependency graph (DAG)
- Activity diagramm (GANTT)
 - Visualize with ViTE



Offline Feedback – Trace Analysis

StarVZ



Distributed task graph

1D blocked stencil example, sequential version

```
1  for (loop = 0; loop < NLOOPS; loop++) {  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8      for (i = 0; i < n; i++)  
9          update(&blocks[i-1], /* R */  
10                &blocks[i], /* RW */  
11                &blocks[i+1]); /* R */  
12  
13  
14 }
```

Distributed task graph

1D blocked stencil example, MPI version

- Distribute for i iterations, receive/send contributions

```
1 for (loop = 0; loop < NLOOPS; loop++) {
2   int first = me * num_blocks_per_rank;
3   int last = (me+1) * num_blocks_per_rank - 1;
4
5   MPI_Recv(&blocks[first-1], me-1);
6   MPI_Recv(&blocks[last+1], me+1);
7
8   for (i = first; i <= last; i++)
9     update(&blocks[i-1], /* R */
10           &blocks[i], /* RW */
11           &blocks[i+1]); /* R */
12
13   MPI_Send(&blocks[first], me-1);
14   MPI_Send(&blocks[last], me+1);
15 }
```

Distributed task graph

1D blocked stencil example, **task version, explicit**

- Submit send/rcv and update tasks → tasks+communications graph

```
1 for (loop = 0; loop < NLOOPS; loop++) {
2   int first = me * num_blocks_per_rank;
3   int last = (me+1) * num_blocks_per_rank - 1;
4
5   starpu_mpi_irecv_submit(handles[first-1], me-1);
6   starpu_mpi_irecv_submit(handles[last+1], me+1);
7
8   for (i = first; i <= last; i++)
9     starpu_task_insert(&cl_update, STARPU_R, handles[i-1],
10                      STARPU_RW, handles[i],
11                      STARPU_R, handles[i+1], 0);
12
13   starpu_mpi_isend_submit(handles[first], me-1);
14   starpu_mpi_isend_submit(handles[last], me+1);
15 }
16 starpu_task_wait_for_all();
```

Distributed task graph

1D blocked stencil example, task version, **implicit**

- Let communication tasks get inferred from data mapping

```
1 for (loop = 0; loop < NLOOPS; loop++) {
2
3
4
5
6
7
8     for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
9         starpu_mpi_task_insert(&cl_update ,
10                                STARPU_R ,   handles[i-1],
11                                STARPU_RW ,   handles[i],
12                                STARPU_R ,   handles[i+1],0);
13
14 }
15
16 starpu_task_wait_for_all();
```

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Hands-on session 2