

High Performance Computing for



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2018 on-going activities

NEMO benchmark (CNRS, CERFACS)

Development of a benchmark to identify the bottlenecks to NEMO scalability:

- idealised geometry (removing Ice model, IO and MPI collectives), realistic parameters at different resolutions (1, 0.25 and 1/12 degree)
- internal timings, parametrisable communications

Results:

- Scalability tests (ORCA-1 like) on Intel Broadwell Meteo-France machine; definition of the scalability limit (~7x7 subdomain size)

Next steps:

- Scalability tests on ORCA-025 and ORCA-12
- Scalability tests on different machines (ATOS, BSC, CMCC)

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Intra-node performance (CMCC, MetO)

Analysis at kernel level to understand which kernels are limiting real (compared with peak) performance; improving utilisation of memory hierarchy; loop vectorisation. Investigation and integration of a second level of parallelism based on the shared memory paradigm

Improving utilisation of memory hierarchy:

- cache blocking application on tracers advection loops (trunk@rev8676)
- optimisation of the block size for each loop

Tests with different domain sizes and compilers:

- **~7.5%** (Intel2018, O3) and **~12.5%** (Intel2013/15, O2) gain which decreases with the MPI subdomain size

Next step:

- Refactoring of the kernel code to extend the loop size (tessellated tiling approach proposed by MetO)

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Intra-node performance (CMCC)

Improving loop vectorisation:

- Introduction of SIMD directives in the most expensive kernels

Results:

- ~8% gain on the total elapsed time
- ~11% gain on the total elapsed time (ocean dynamics of the GLOB16 real configuration)

Hybrid parallelization:

- Coarse-grained approach on tracers advection

Results:

- Improvement at internode level similar to the vertical physics (ORCA2/Ice/Bio, ~7% of the parallel efficiency on 512 cores compared with the pure MPI version)
- It is not enough to justify the code refactoring

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Inter-node performance

Limiting the communication overhead

- introducing arbitrary width haloes and thereby reduce the necessary frequency of boundary exchanges (NOC)
- reducing global communications (CMCC)
- investigation of MPI3 collective neighbours communications (CMCC)

I/O performance improvement (MetO)

Investigation of techniques to reduce the I/O overhead: extension of the use of XIOS for reading/writing restart files (available in the 4.0 beta-release)

Results:

- Tested on MetO system (eORCA025, eORCA12), no relevant gain
- Tested on CMCC system (GLOB16, only restart reading), reduced time variability in input reading routines, **6%** gain on execution time (3days simulated)

Next steps:

- Finish implementing XIOS for restart and diagnostic IO

2018 on-going activities

Performance portability on heterogeneous architectures (STFC)

Investigation of a light-DSL approach to apply DSL in NEMO without impacting on the NEMO coding structure rules:

- Processing the NEMO code to create an internal representation compliant to the PSyclone tool
- Manipulating the intermediate code to perform PSyclone transformations

Reduced precision (BSC)

Optimization of the NEMO model by using a mixed precision approach:

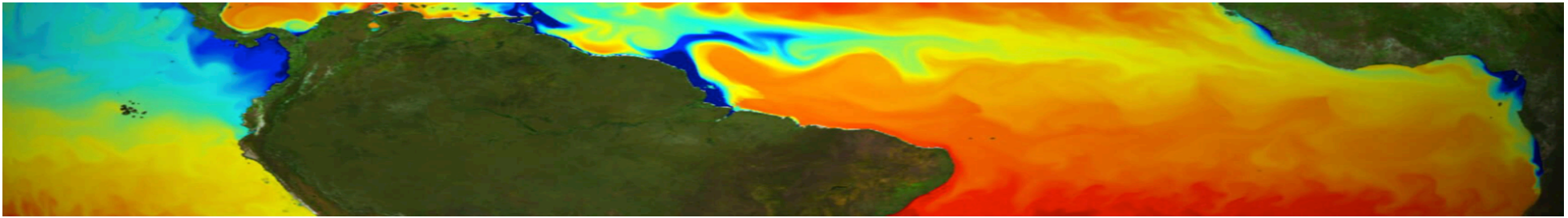
- Study on the precision needed by the different processes in NEMO (implement the emulator, design and prepare the tests, execute the tests, assimilate the results)
- Implementation of the mixed precision approach in NEMO

Results:

- Tests on GYRE1 (NEMO3.6), 89% of the variables could use reduced precision

Next steps:

- Tests on ORCA grid



THANKS!

