

Tools for Assessing and Optimizing the Energy Requirements of High Performance Scientific Computing Software

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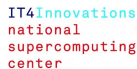
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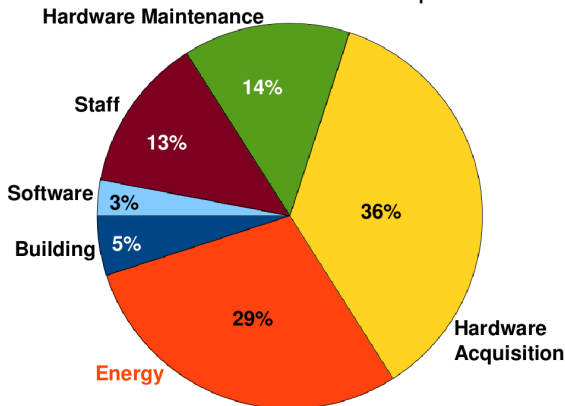


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Initial Observation

Distribution of Total Cost of Ownership of HPC System



Energy cost is already $\sim 30\%$ of total cost, with rising tendency.

Source: Survey conducted by RWTH Aachen (2012)

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 - need to optimize their codes with respect to energy.

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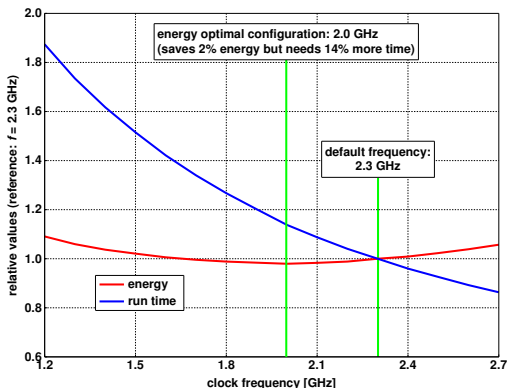
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- Model: $E = \int_0^T (P_{\text{static}}(t) + P_{\text{dynamic}}(t)) dt$
- P_{static} is constant (idle power)
- P_{dynamic} depends on frequency f and voltage U :
 $P_{\text{dynamic}} \sim U^2 \cdot f$
- Run time T is non-increasing function of frequency f

Observations

- When running an application with higher frequency ...
 - static energy usually decreases (due to shorter run time)
 - dynamic energy usually increases
- Each application has its own optimal frequency!



When Does an Increased Frequency Pay Off?

Consequences of frequency reduction:

- Energy requirements are reduced
- Run time is increased
- Throughput of system is decreased
- Capabilities of hardware are not fully utilized
- More investment in hardware necessary to satisfy demand

Frequency increase pays off if run time decreases significantly

Pure focus on energy is not appropriate.

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Elementary Approach

Energy-delay product:

$$\text{EDP} = E \cdot T^w$$

- E : Energy used by the application run
- T : Run time used by the application run
- Parameter w is used to prioritize run time
- Usually $w \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ (EDP1, EDP2 and EDP3)
- A *single* metric to optimize both energy and hardware cost
⇒ useful for our purpose in spite of physical implausibility

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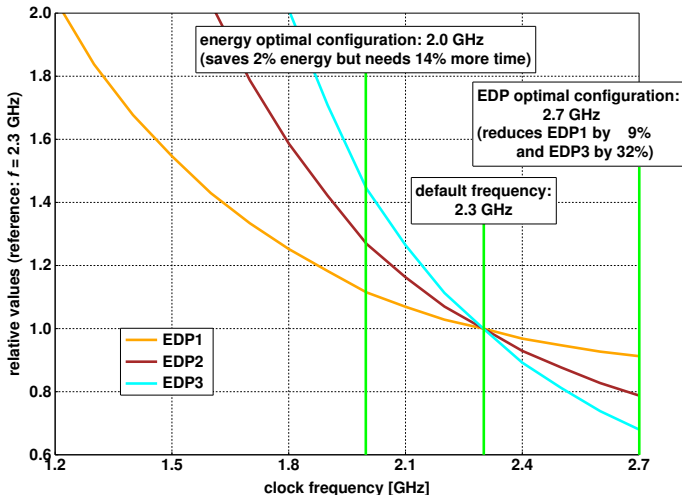
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Same approach can be followed for other tuning parameters:

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- # of OpenMP threads
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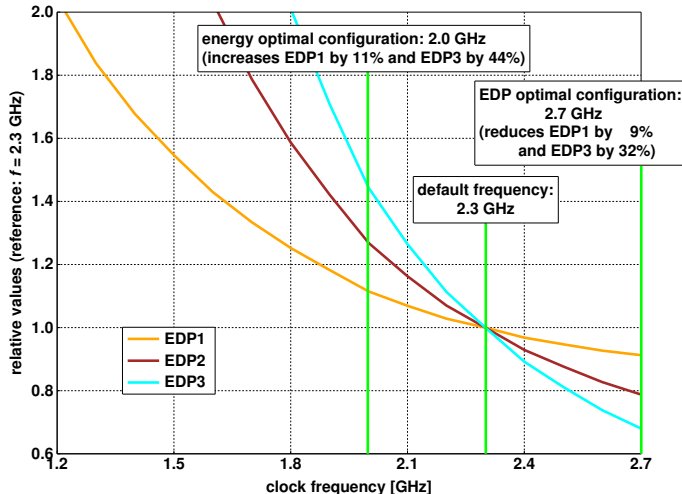
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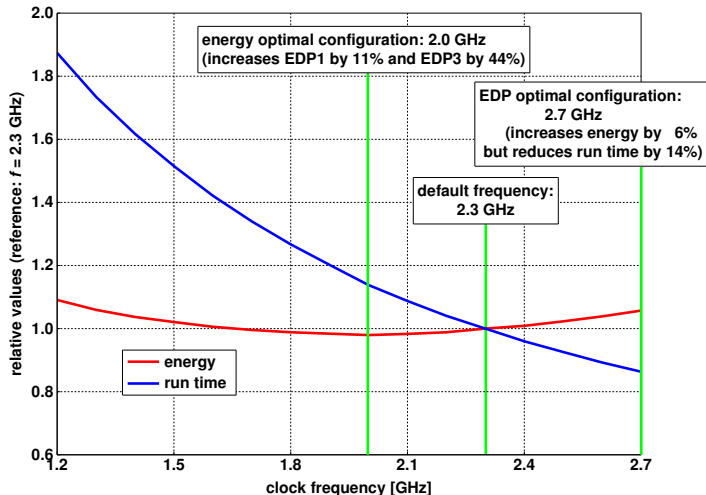
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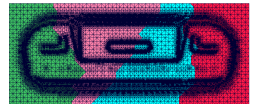
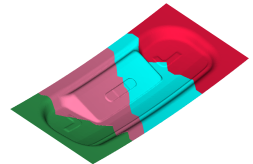
Fundamental Property

Many HPC codes exhibit dynamic behaviour.

Example: Distribution of workload in Indeed run (4 MPI tasks)



- Process 4
- Process 3
- Process 2
- Process 1



Dynamic Tuning

Exploit dynamic behaviour at run time:

- reduce CPU frequency for I/O bound or memory bound parts of code
- increase CPU frequency for compute bound parts of code
- reduce # of OpenMP threads in case of lock contention
- reduce # of MPI tasks if problem size is small or if algorithm scales poorly
- ...

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new: energy tuning plugins
(PCAP, DVFS, MPIProcs, ...)

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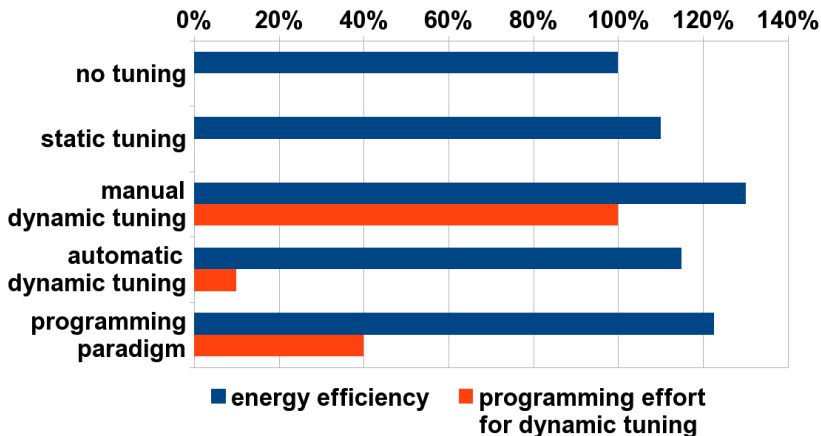
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Future work:

- Development of programming paradigm for expressing dynamism
- Goal: further improvement of automatic dynamic tuning

Typical Outcome



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