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Session 1: Use The Source

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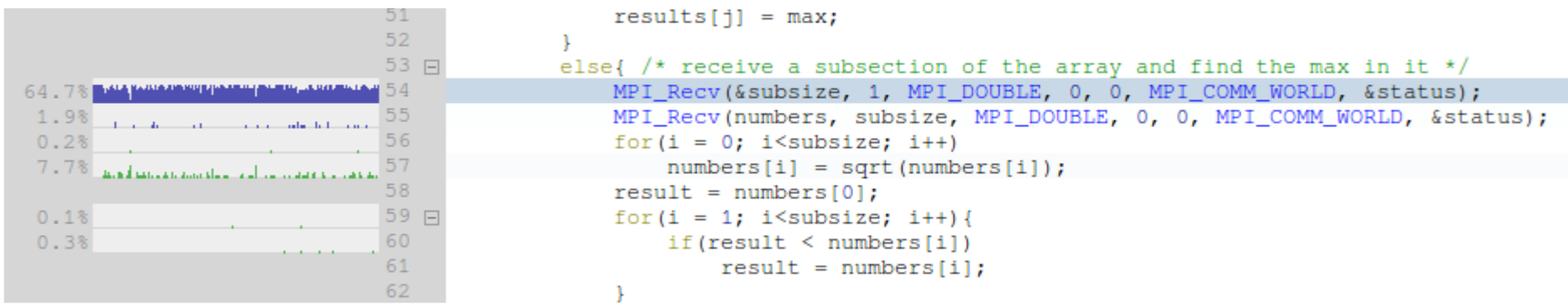
-> Measure the performance of an MPI program

-> Identify a bottleneck and deduce its cause

-> Change the code and measure the improvement



Review: Use The Source

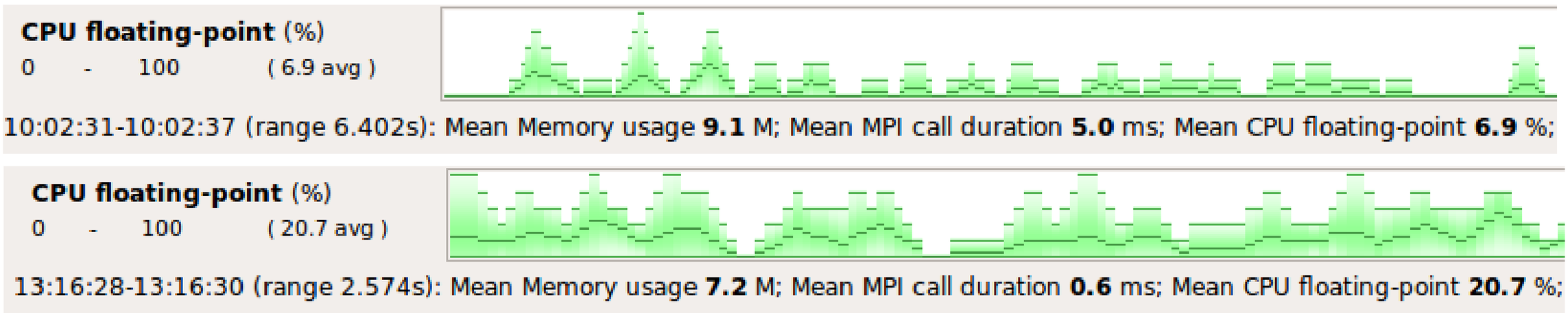
-> Introduced to Allinea MAP

-> Used code folding to explore an unfamiliar file

-> Saw high MPI usage and high MPI imbalance

-> Deduced cause – rand() is slow!

-> Fixed by distributing rand() work to nodes for >2x speedup



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Session 2: CPU Optimization

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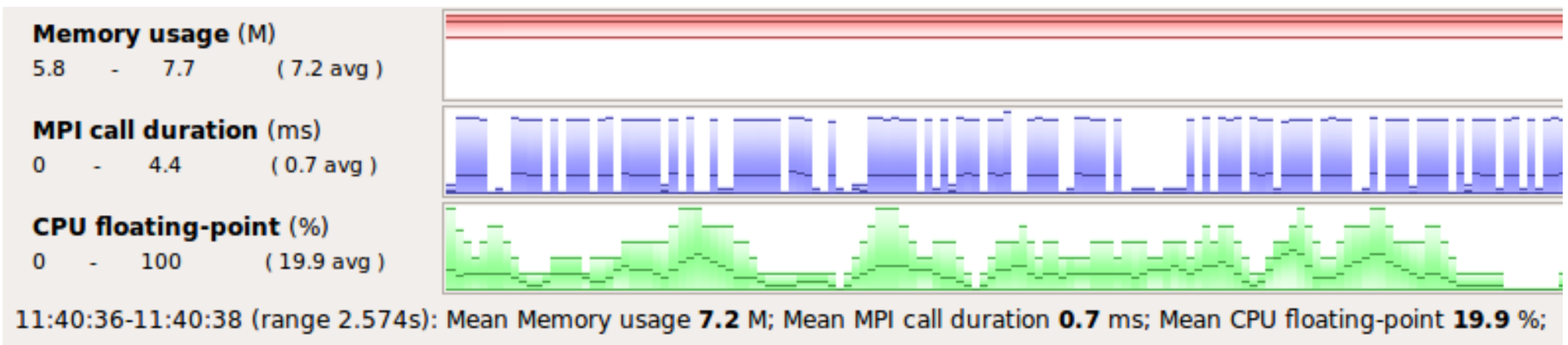
-> Interpret Allinea MAP's metric graphs

-> Explore compiler loop vectorization

-> Recognize cache-related problems

-> Improve loop cache performance

-> Experiment with conflicting optimizations



Review: CPU Optimization

-> Introduced to single-core optimization with Allinea MAP

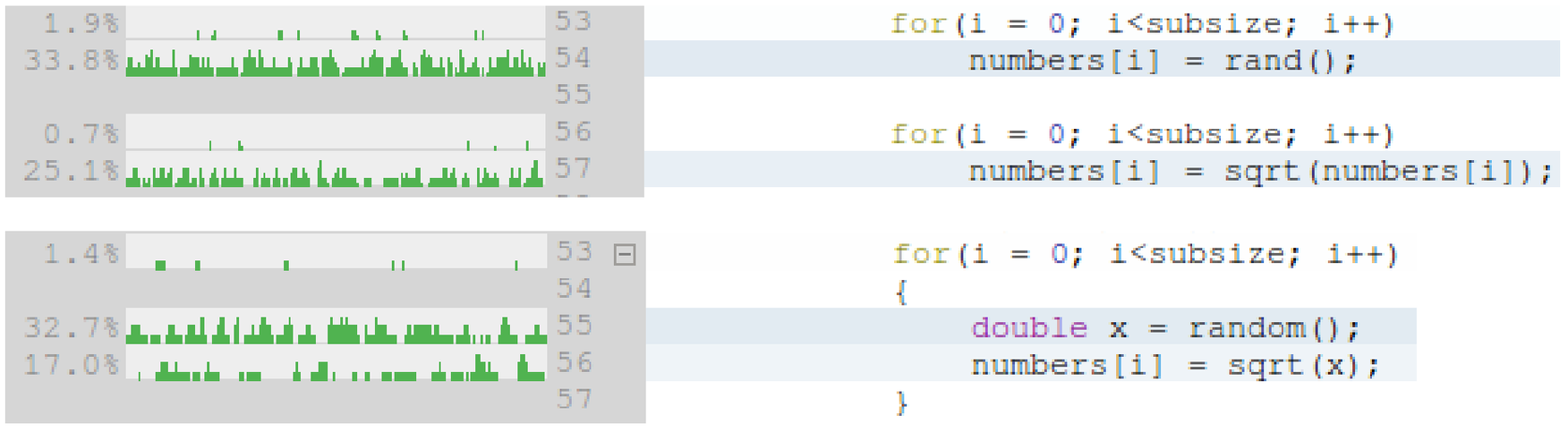
-> Saw zero vectorization and corrected with compiler flags

-> Recognized poor cache performance and its solutions:

In this case improved temporal locality with loop fusion

-> Looked at conflicting optimizations – vectorization and loop fusion

-> Found further benefits by swapping library functions



Review: Profiling with Allinea MAP

Compile with both -O3 and -g

-ffast-math and friends are also recommended!

Remember that “time mpirun” includes system overheads

Run interactively with: map *program-name*

Run in batch mode with: map -n *#procs* -profile *program-name*

Use View->Fold All to explore unfamiliar files

Use metric views to spot imbalance and cause of bottlenecks

In this course we improved performance by **4x** – let me know how you get on with your own codes!