

Performance of the LOTAAS v.1 pipeline on cartesius

Time taken by the individual pipeline components per beam (24-core node)

fits2fil: 6min
 rfifind: 15min
 mpiprepsubband (253 trials): 3min
 single pulse search: 1min
 realfft: 10sec
 rednoise: 10sec
 accelsearch (-zmax=0 ; -numharm=16): 1min20sec
 accelsearch (-zmax=50 ; -numharm=16): 12min
 accelsearch (-zmax=50 ; -numharm=8): 5min
 accelsearch (-zmax=50 ; -numharm=8): 26min
 plots: 20sec
 python sifting and folding: 21min
 pfd scrunching: 5sec
 data copying: a few secs
 candidate scoring: a few secs

Total time spent for the first large set of DM trials (0-4000)

mpiprepsubband: 40min
 sp: 16min
 realfft: 3.5min
 rednoise: 3.5min
 accelsearch (zmax=0;numharm=16): 21min
 accelsearch (zmax=50;numharm=16): 192min
 accelsearch (zmax=50;numharm=8): 80min
 accelsearch (zmax=200;numharm=8): 416min

Total time spent for the second large set of DM trials (4000-10000)

mpiprepsubband: 24min
 sp: 8min
 realfft: 2min
 rednoise: 2min
 accelsearch (zmax=0;numharm=16): 11min
 accelsearch (zmax=50;numharm=16): 96min
 accelsearch (zmax=50;numharm=8): 40min
 accelsearch (zmax=200;numharm=8): 208min

% time alloc.	zmax=0;numharm=16	zmax=50;numharm=16	zmax=50;numharm=8	zmax=200;numharm=8
fil conversion	3	1	2	<1
rfifind	9	3	6	2
dedispersion	37	16	25	8
sp search	14	5	9	3
realfft	3	1	2	<1
rednoise	3	1	2	<1
accelsearch	18	67	46	81
folding	12	5	8	3
data copying/etc	1	1	1	<1

Total processing time per beam (zmax=0;numharm=16): ~3hours
Total processing time per beam (zmax=50;numharm=16): ~7hours
Total processing time per beam (zmax=50;numharm=8): ~5hours
Total processing time per beam (zmax=200;numharm=8): ~13h40m

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mpiprepsubband (253 trials): 38sec

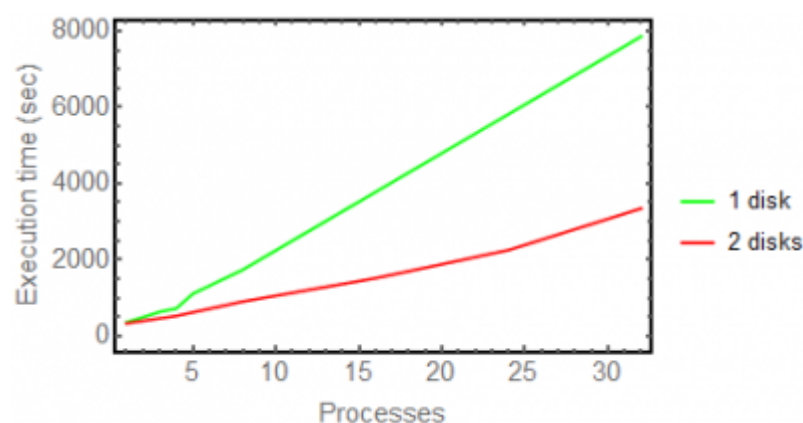
Data transferring (CEP\$/LTA)

32-bit to 8-bit downsampling on CEP2 (per observation): 6-8 hours
Transferring from CEP2 to LTA (per observation): 2-3 hours
Observation downloading on cartesius (1-core): ~8hours
Observation downloading on cartesius (home area, 8jobs in parallel.sh): <2hours

Benchmarks for filterbank creation with psrfits2fil

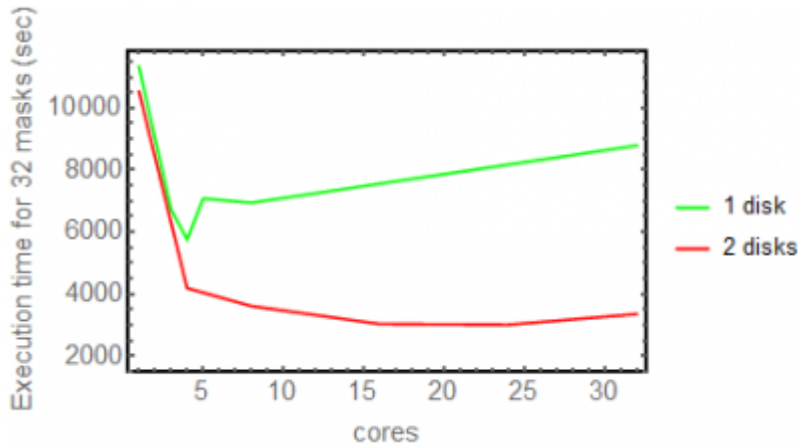
psrfits2fil was executed with different numbers of parallel processes. The following plot shows the amount of time needed in order to create the fil files for various cases of parallel psrfits2fil instances.

Using the same disk the following cases were tried: 1,3,4,5,8,12,16. Anything above 16 is just an extrapolation
for 2 disks: 1,4,8,12,16,20,24,28,32



Using multithreading with 2 disks, gives a smooth linear performance up to 24 cores, and then it turns slightly worse, probably due to I/O.

Using the above results, I extrapolated the time needed with each work strategy in order to compute 32 filterbanks.



When using the same disk, the fastest execution time is achieved having 4 psrfits2fil instances running in parallel. Above that, probably disk I/O normalises all the results and the performance decreases gradually, probably due to the increased I/O calls, since the throughput must already be saturated.

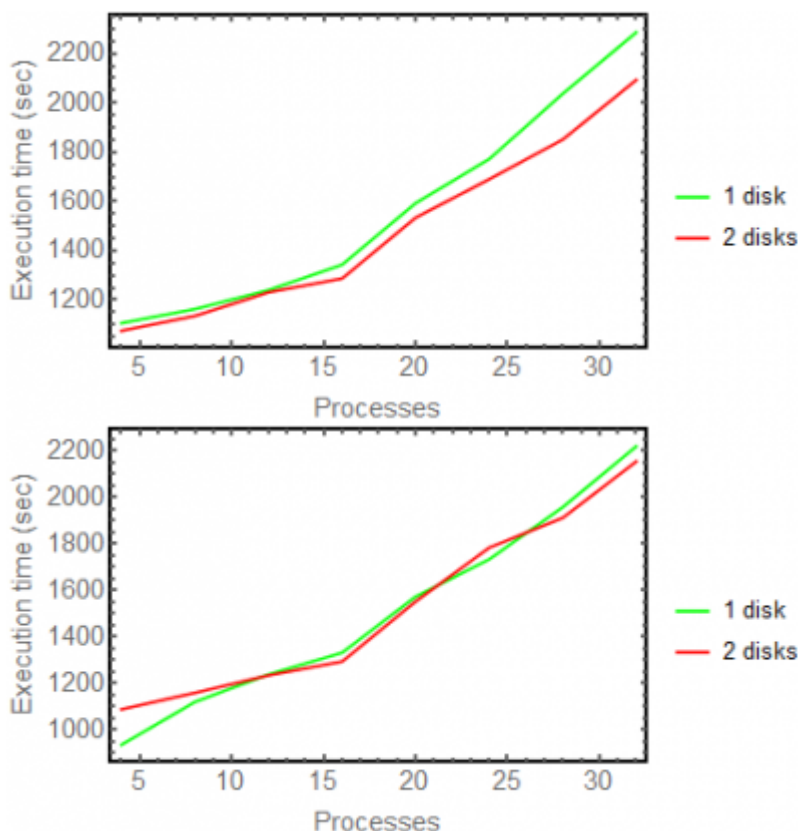
Using 2 disks, the performance is significantly better, and the best results are achieved using 24 psrfits2fil instances in parallel, although the difference remains small.

rfifind benchmarks

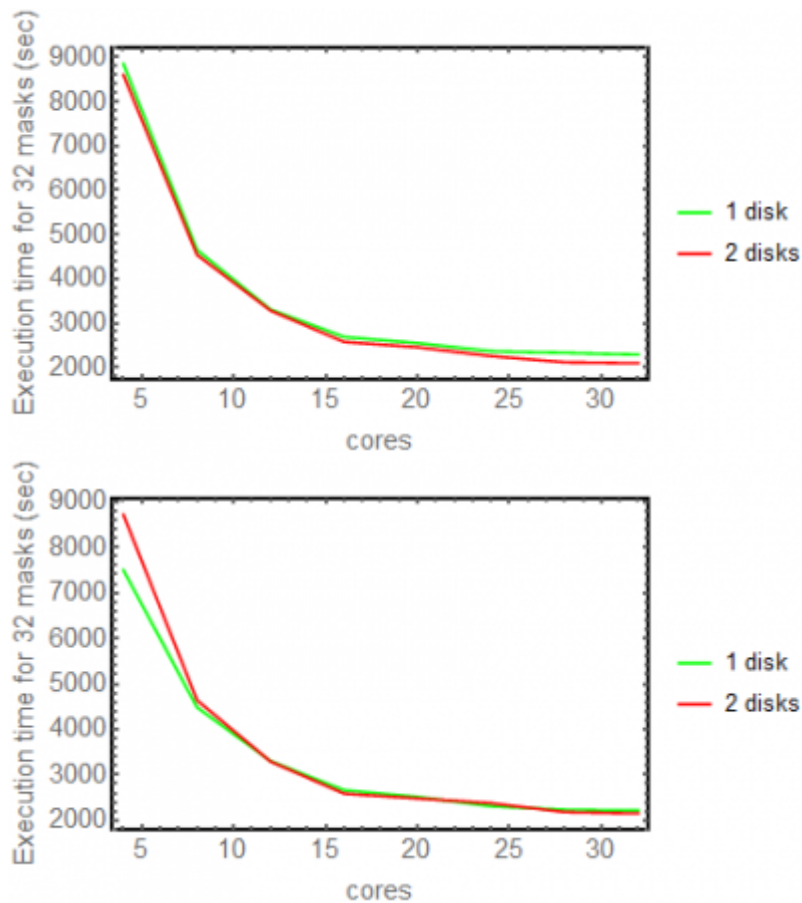
I ran the same tests twice.

I created rfi masks running rfifind in parallel for 4,8,12,16,20,24,28 and 32 cores (>16 hyperthreaded).

In the following plots I plot the number of parallel instances of rfifind executed (x-axis) and the time taken for these to be completed (y-axis).



In the following plots, I extrapolated the above results in order to find the optimal number of parallel jobs in order to compute 32 rfi masks



From the above, we can conclude that using 1 or 2 disks does not make a big difference. Also, hyperthreading works smoothly, and indeed the best strategy is to have the maximum possible number of rfifind instances running in parallel .

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