Scalasca performance properties

“The metrics tour“

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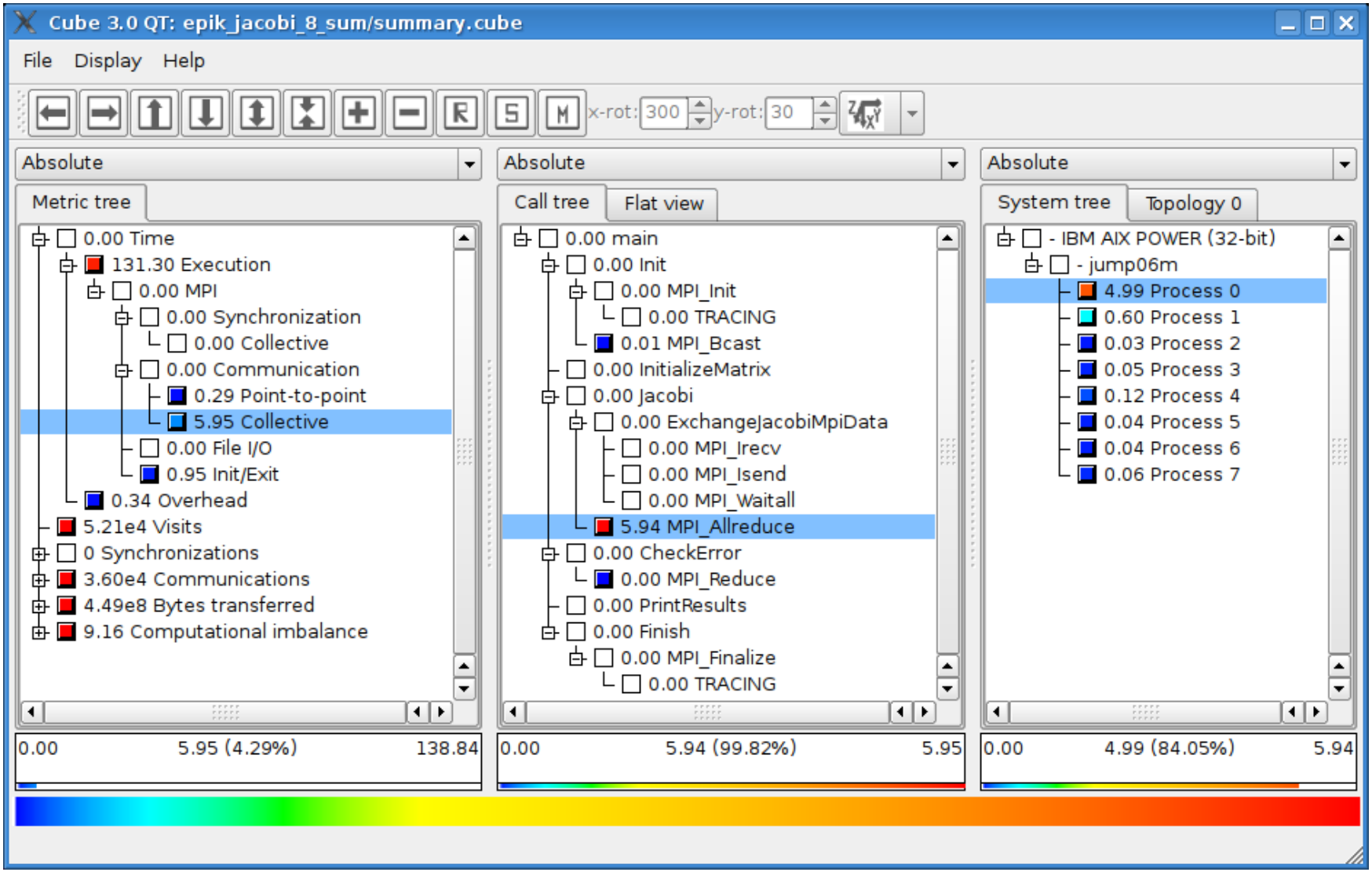
Scalasca analysis result



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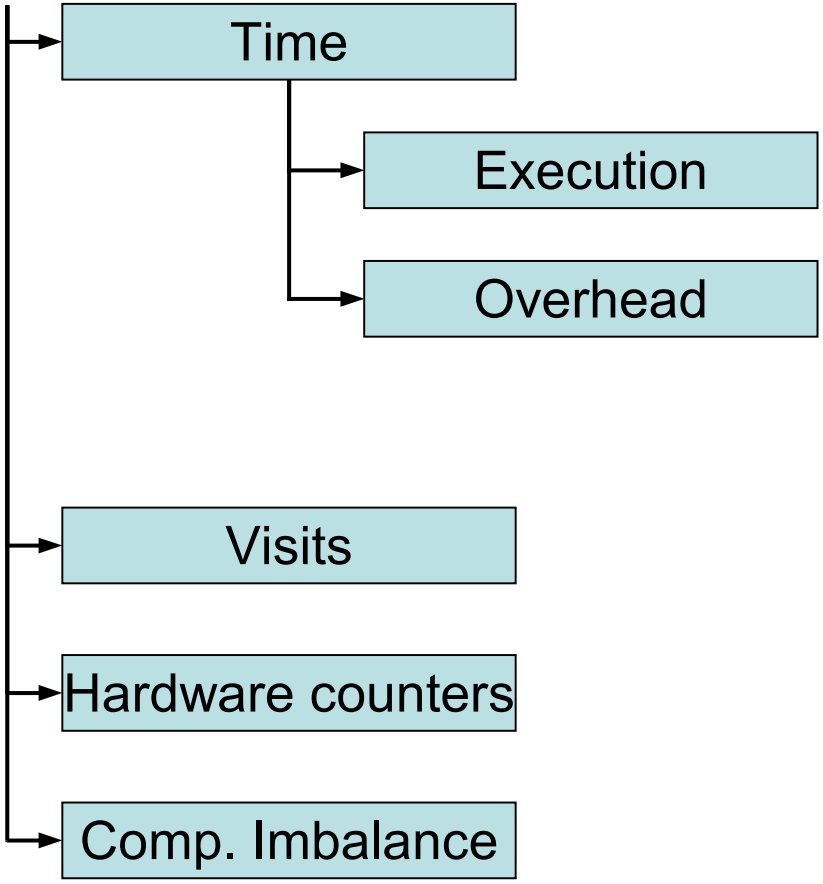


Total CPU allocation time

Execution time without overhead

Time spent in tasks related to measurement (Does not include per-function perturbation!)

Number of times a function/region was executed

Aggregated counter values for each function/region

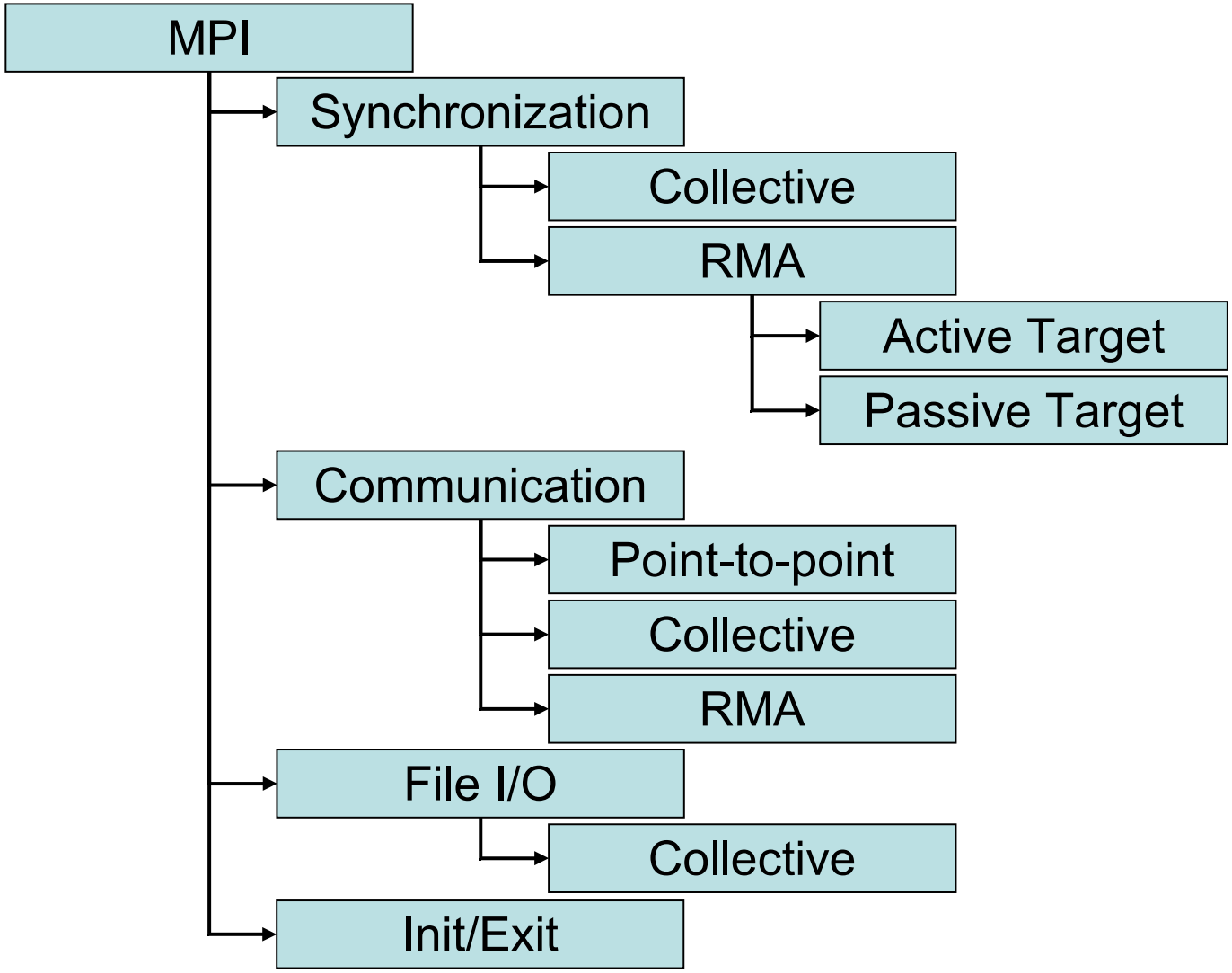
Simple load imbalance heuristic

Computational imbalance

- Simple load imbalance heuristic
- Focuses only on computational parts
- Easy to calculate
  - Absolute difference to average exclusive execution time
- Captures global imbalances
  - Based on entire measurement
  - Does not compare individual instances of function calls
- High value = Imbalance in the sub-calltree underneath
  - Expand the subtree to find the real location of the imbalance

MPI-related metrics

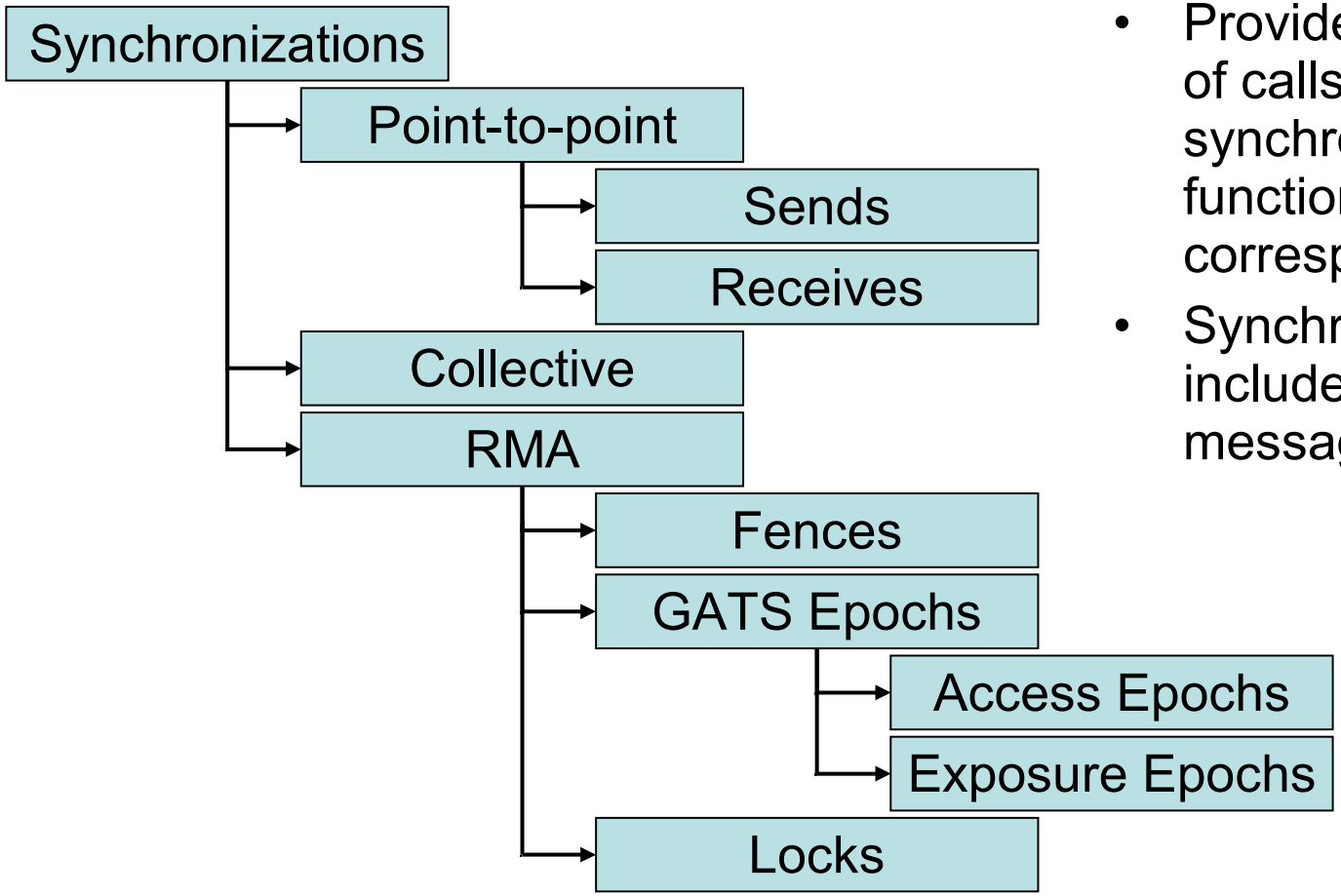
MPI Time hierarchy



MPI Time hierarchy details

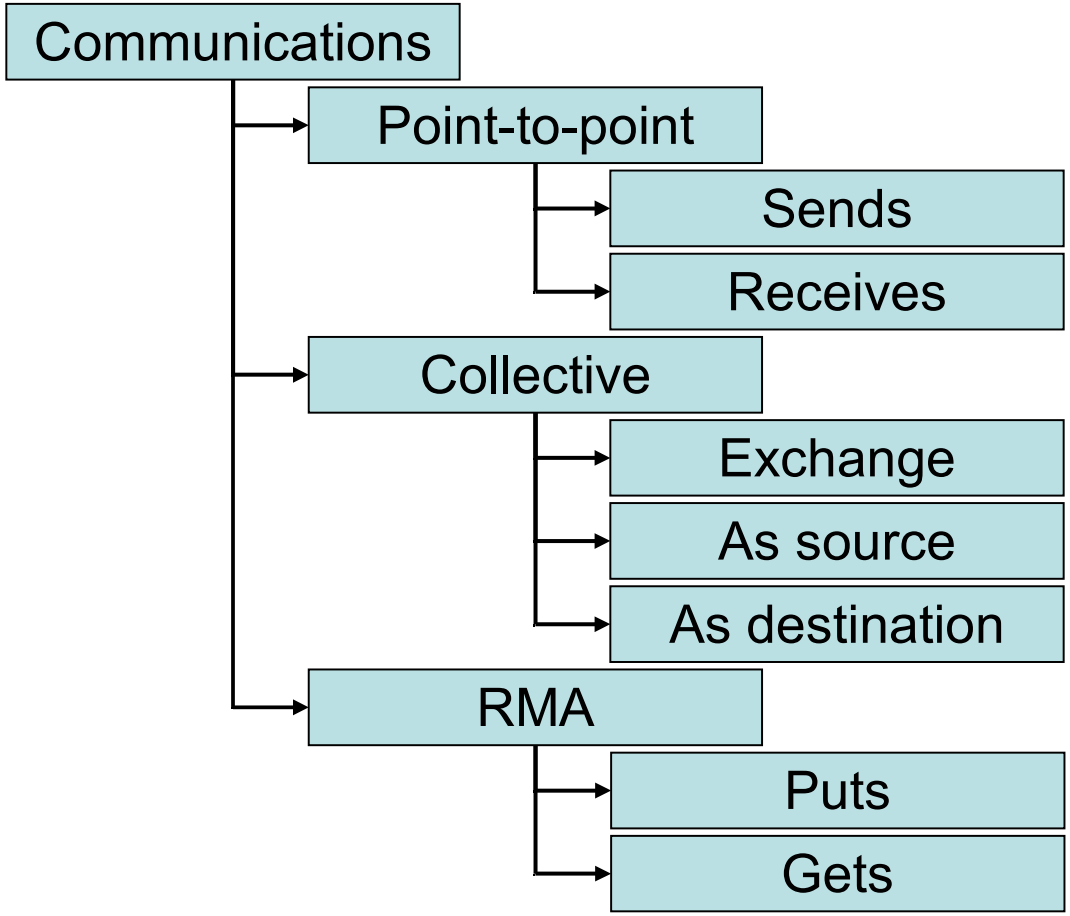
MPI	Time spent in pre-instrumented MPI functions
Synchronization	Time spent in calls to `MPI_Barrier` or Remote Memory Access synchronization calls
Communication	Time spent in MPI communication calls, subdivided into collective, point-to-point and RMA
File I/O	Time spent in MPI file I/O functions, with specialization for collective I/O calls
Init/Exit	Time spent in `MPI_Init` and `MPI_Finalize`

MPI Synchronizations hierarchy



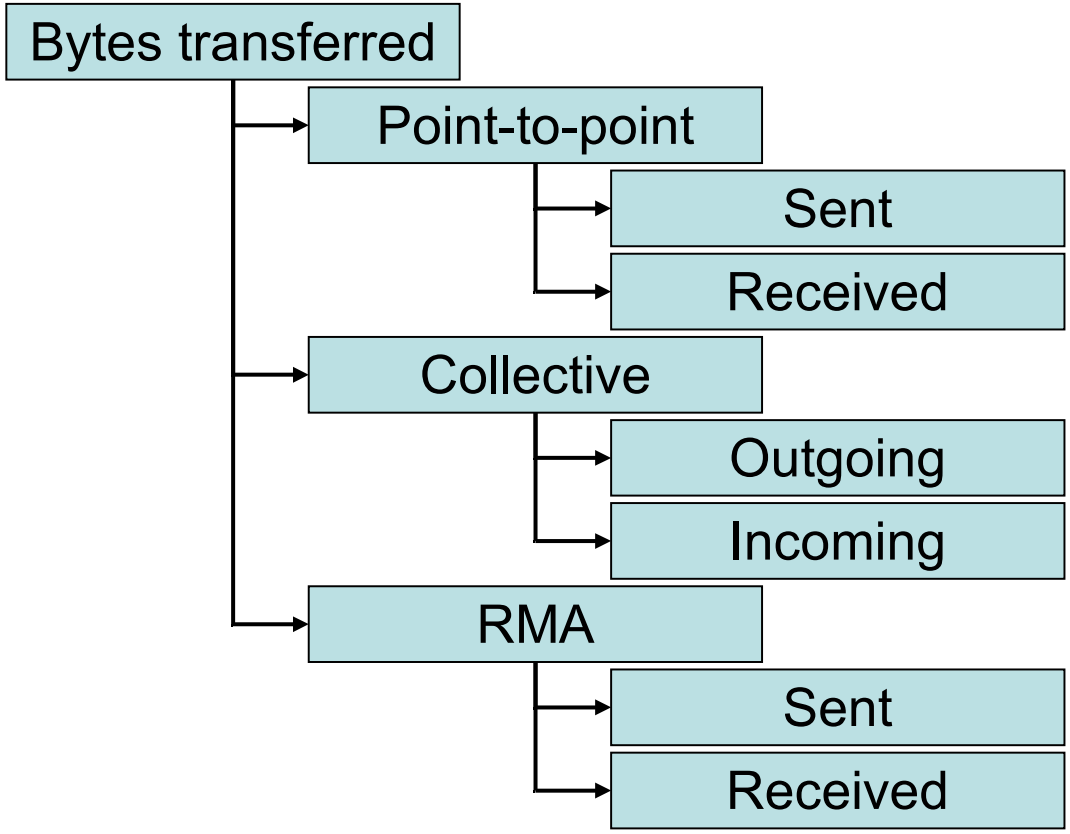
- Provides the number of calls to an MPI synchronization function of the corresponding class
- Synchronizations include zero-sized message transfers!

MPI Communications hierarchy



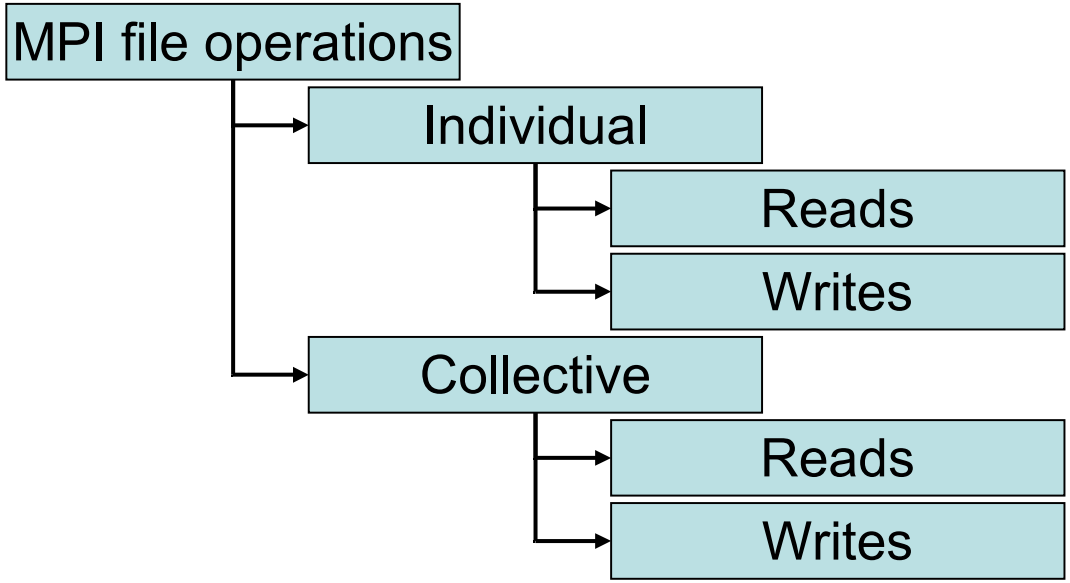
- Provides the number of calls to an MPI communication function of the corresponding class
- Zero-sized message transfers are considered synchronization!

MPI Transfer hierarchy



- Provides the number of bytes transferred by an MPI communication function of the corresponding class

MPI File operations hierarchy



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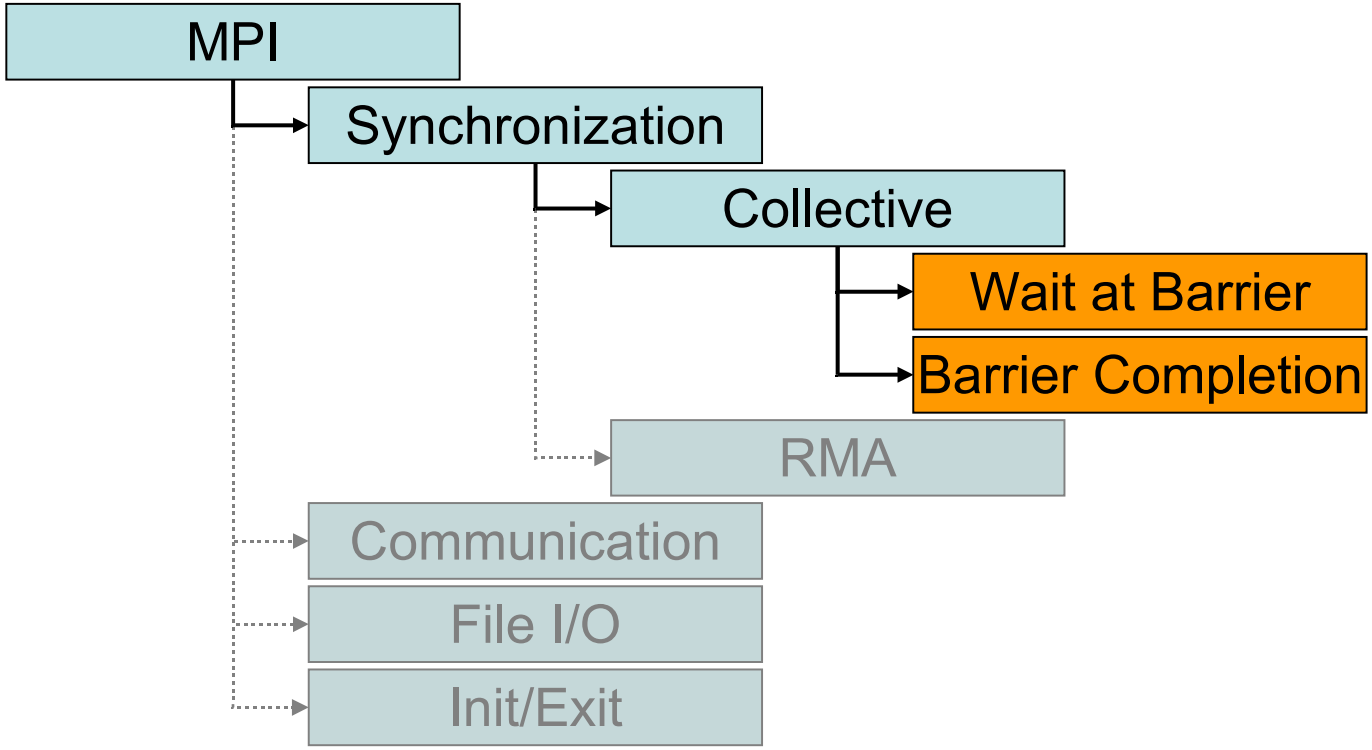
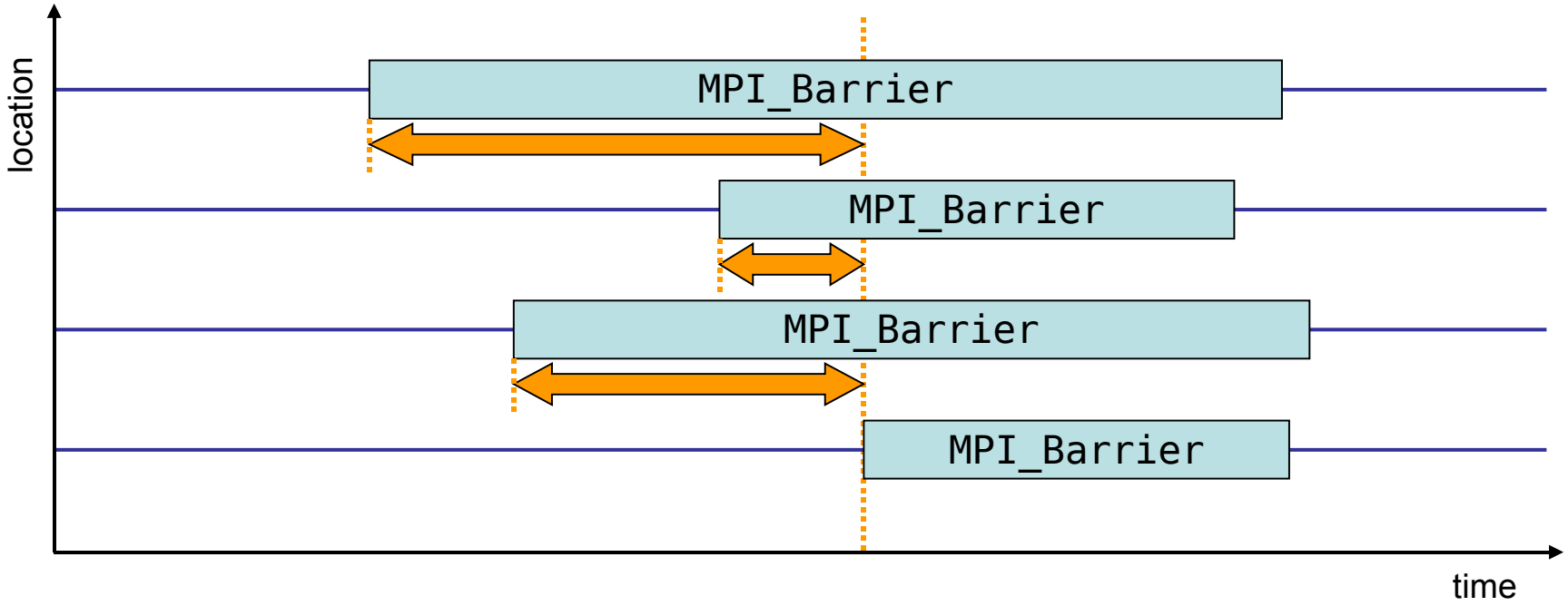
MPI collective synchronization time



Wait at Barrier



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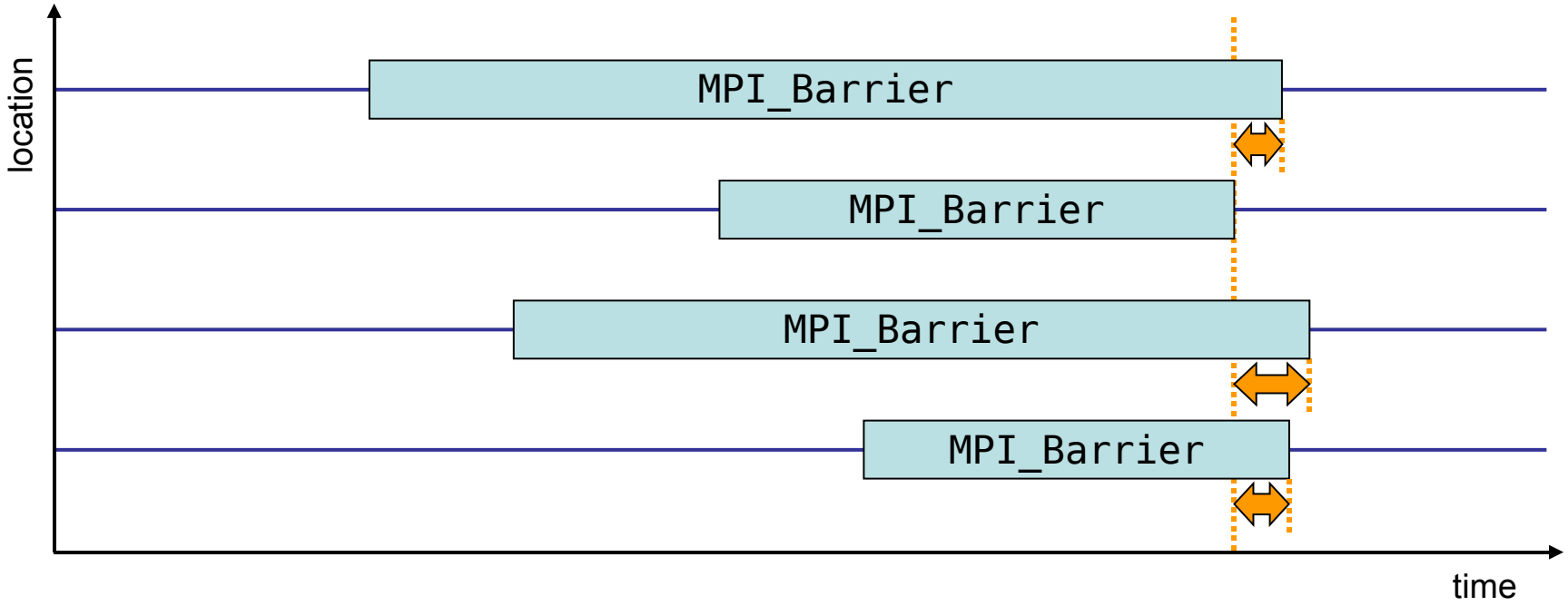
- Applies to: `MPI_Barrier`

Barrier Completion



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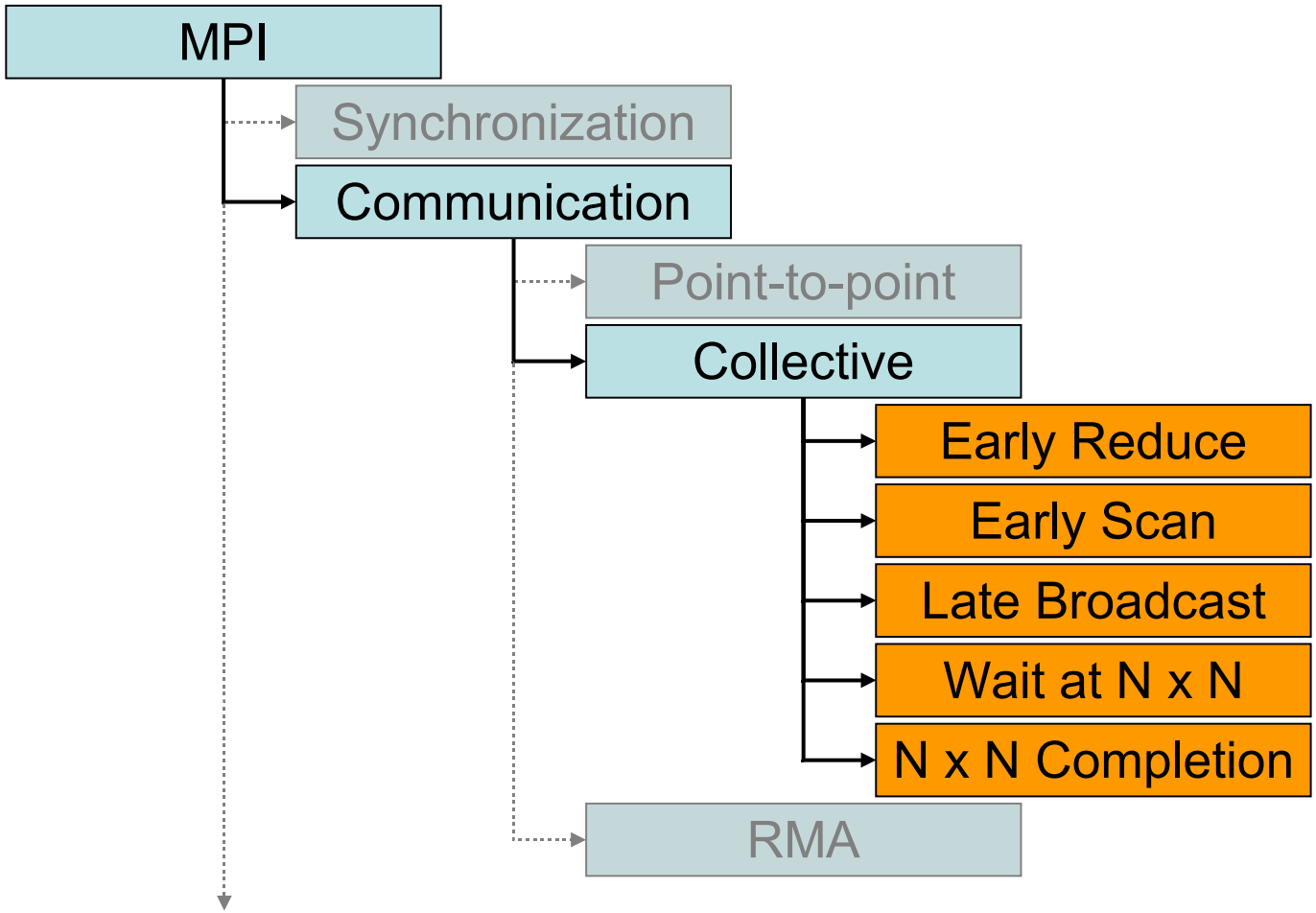
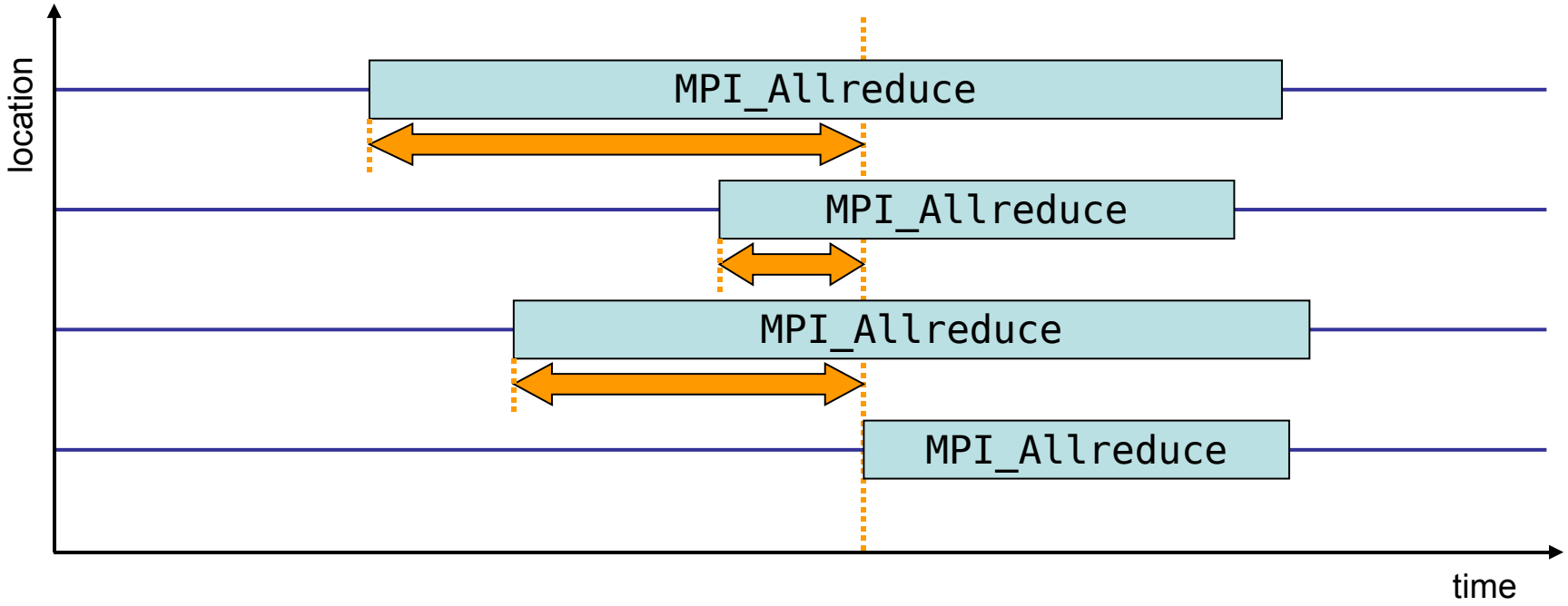
MPI collective communication time

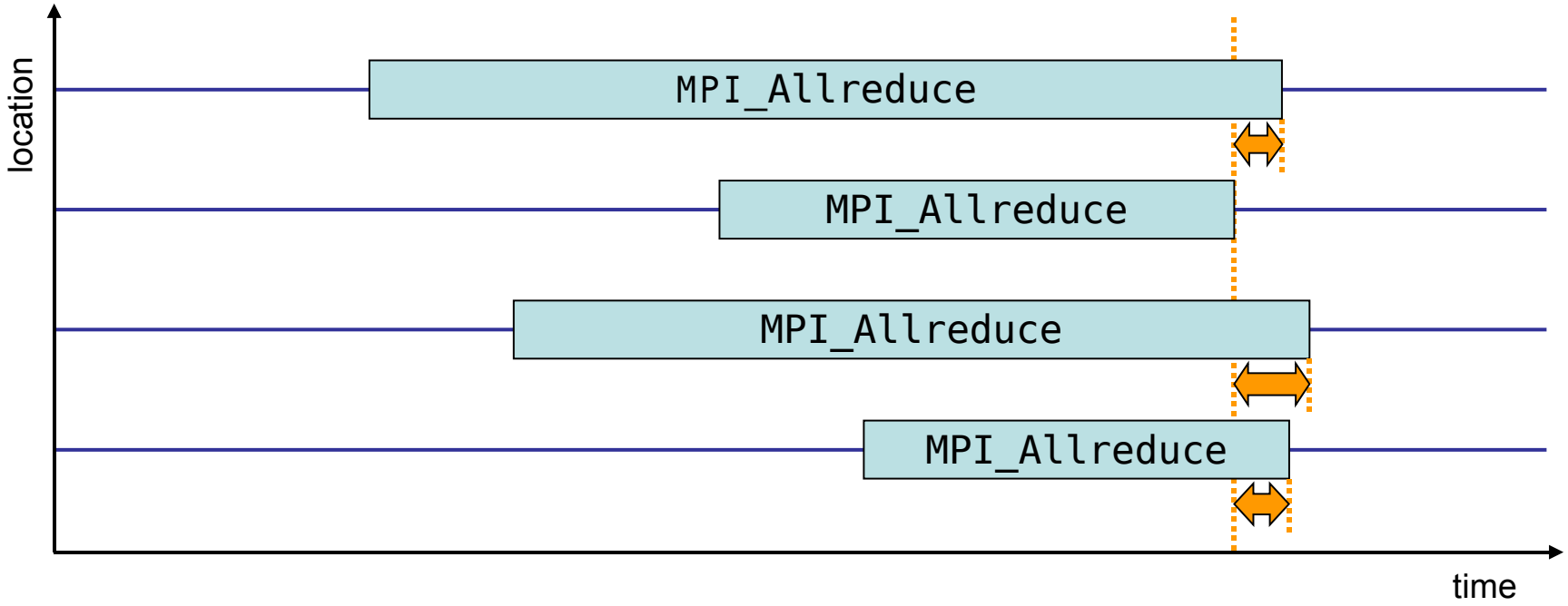


Wait at N x N



- Time spent waiting in front of a synchronizing collective operation call until the last process reaches the operation
- Applies to:
  `MPI_Allgather`, `MPI_Allgatherv`,
  `MPI_Allreduce`, `MPI_Alltoall`,
  `MPI_Reduce_scatter`, `MPI_Reduce_scatter_block`

N x N Completion



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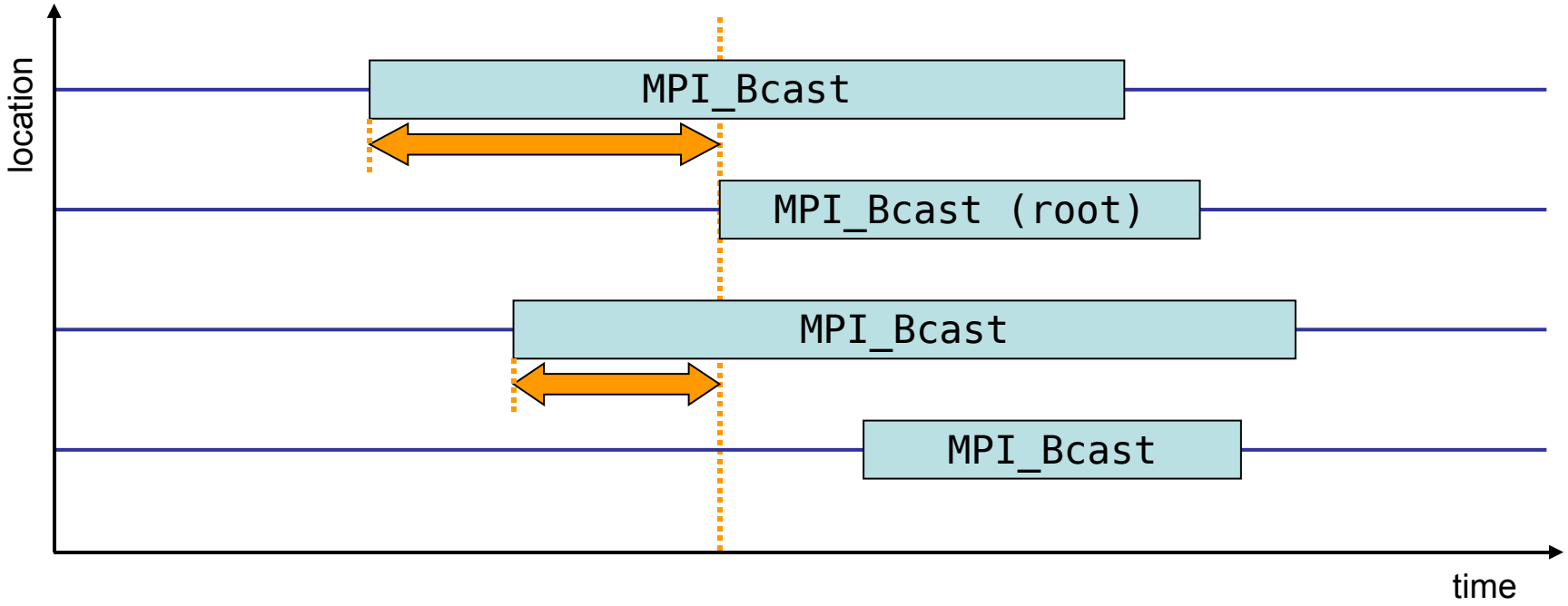
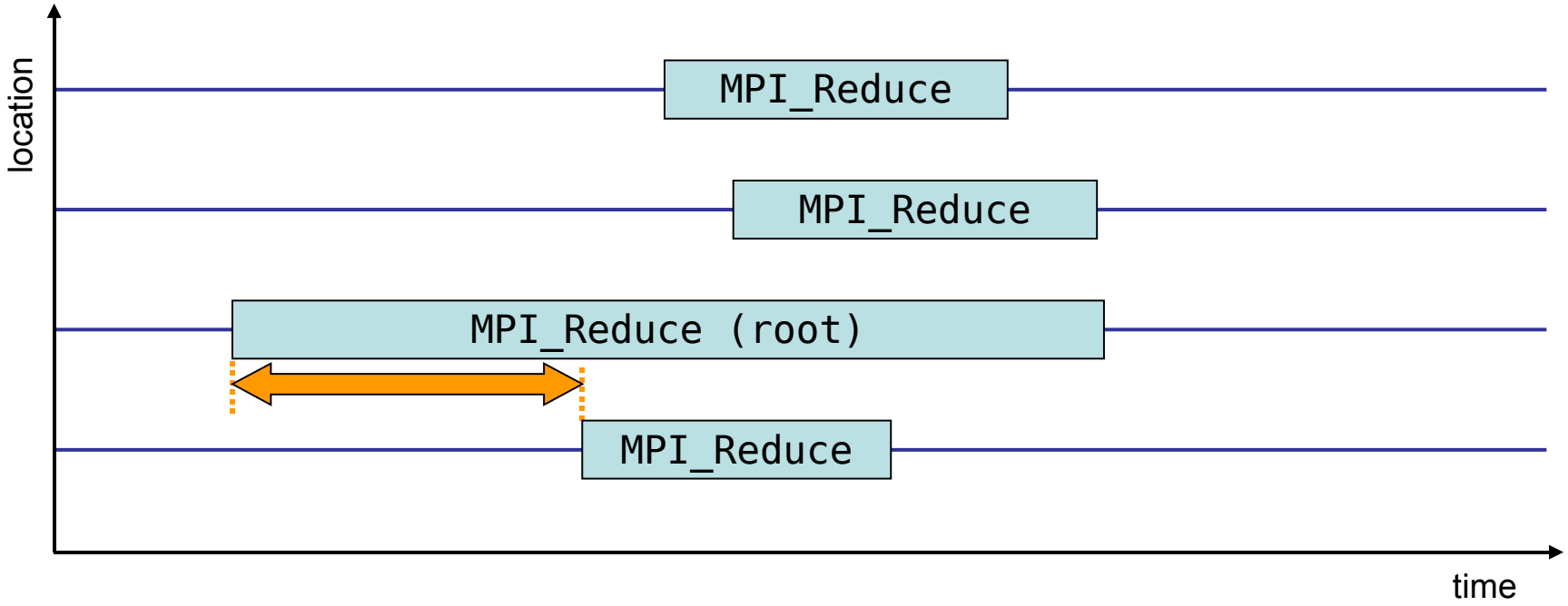
Late Broadcast



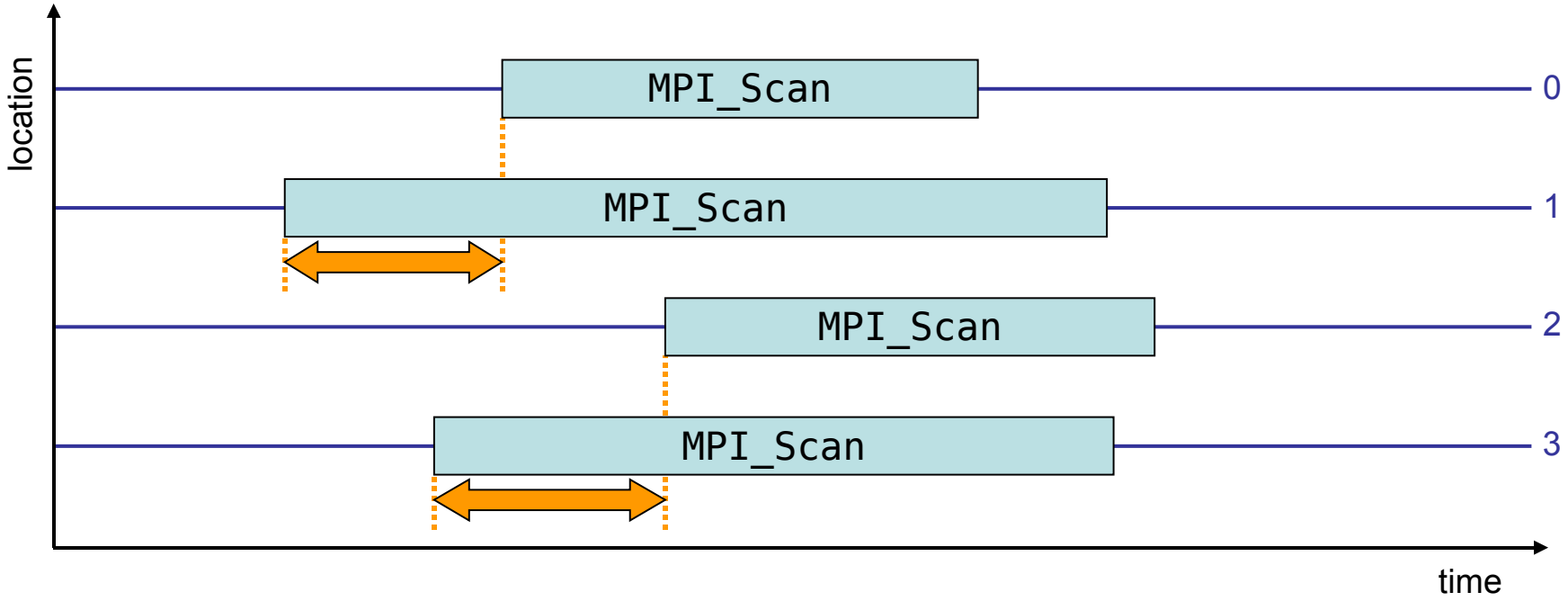
- Waiting times if the destination processes of a collective 1-to-N communication operation enter the operation earlier than the source process (root)
- Applies to: `MPI_Bcast`, `MPI_Scatter`, `MPI_Scatterv`

Early Reduce



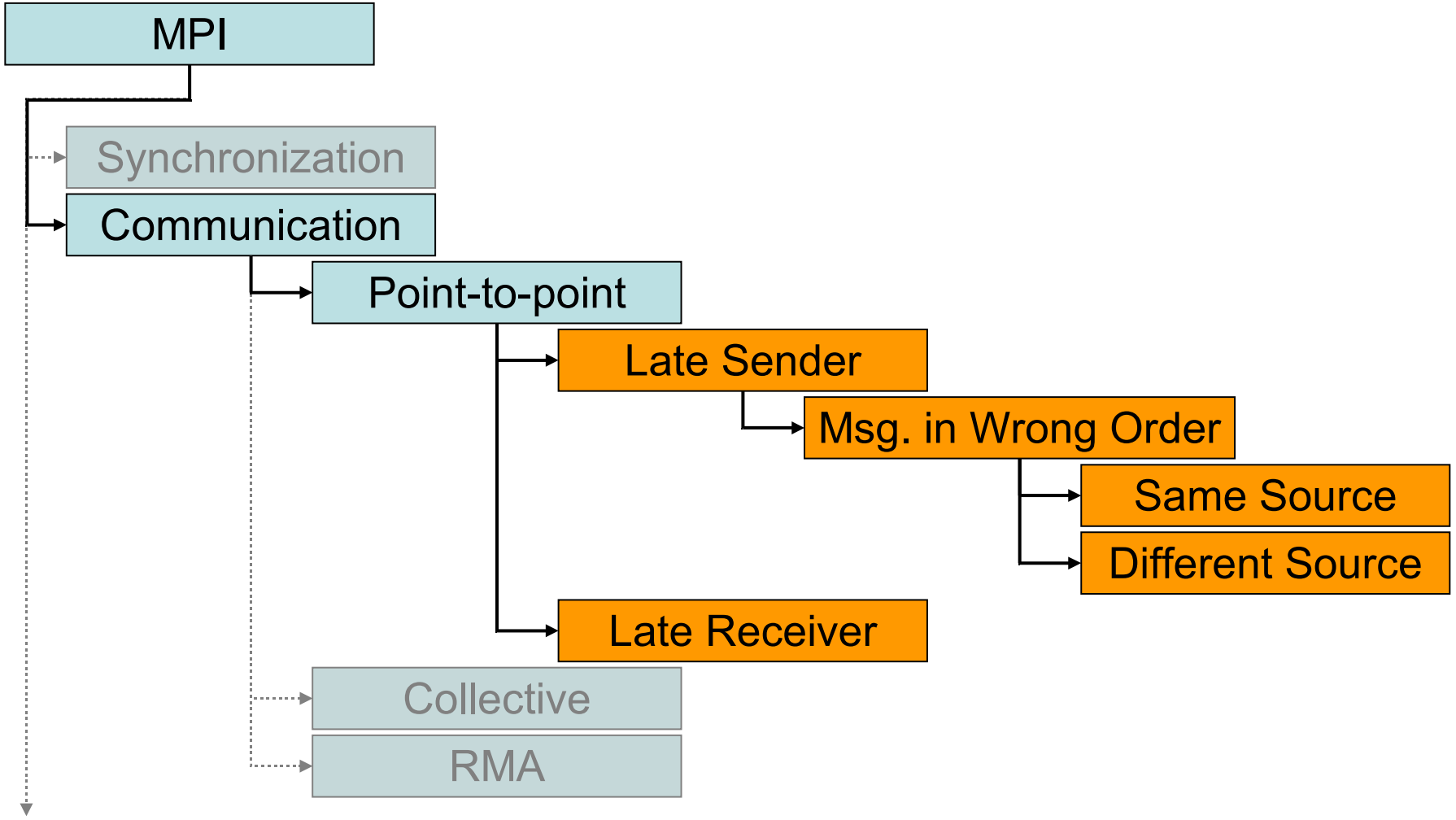
- Waiting time if the destination process (root) of a collective N-to-1 communication operation enters the operation earlier than its sending counterparts
- Applies to: `MPI_Reduce`, `MPI_Gather`, `MPI_Gatherv`

Early Scan

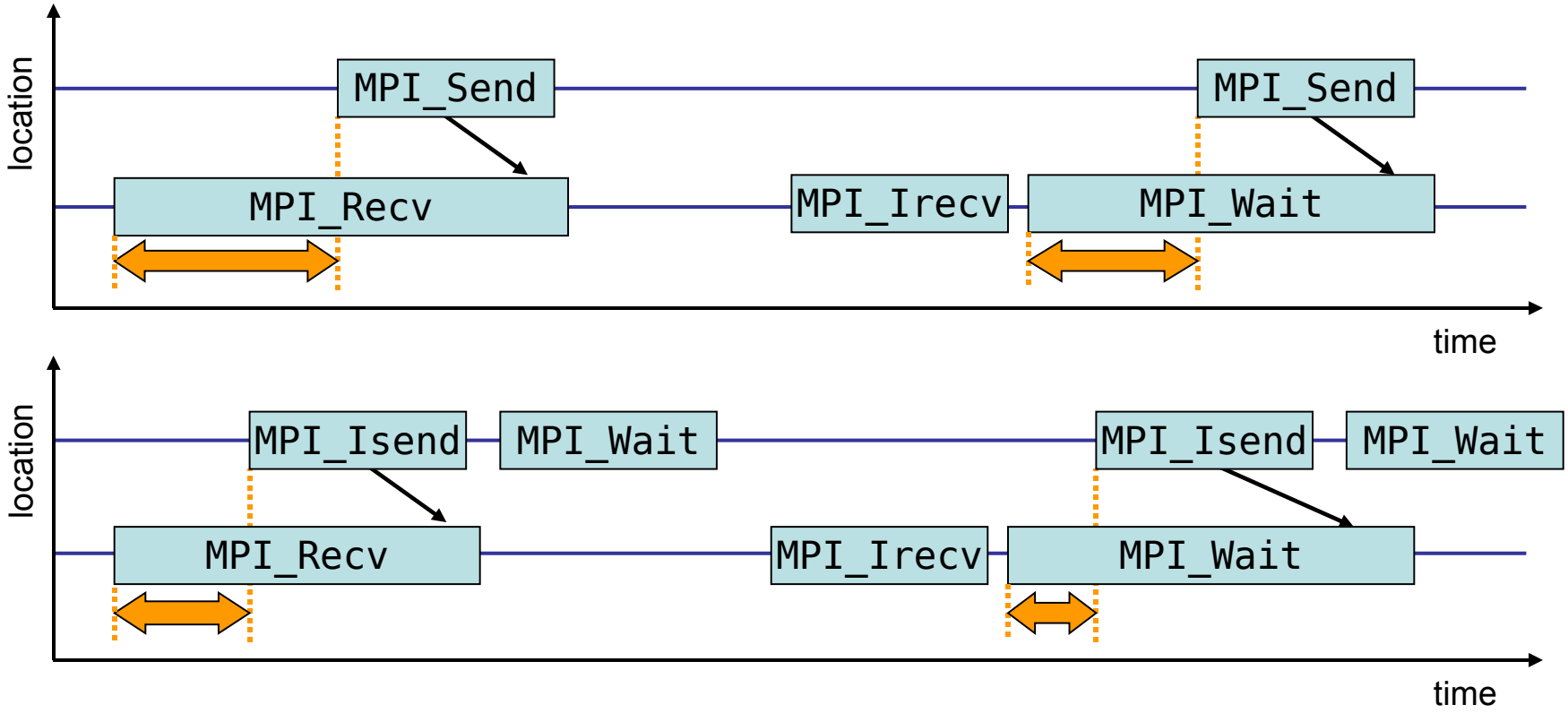


- Waiting time if process *n* enters a prefix reduction operation earlier than its sending counterparts (i.e., ranks 0..*n*-1)
- Applies to: `MPI_Scan, MPI_Exscan`

MPI point-to-point communication time

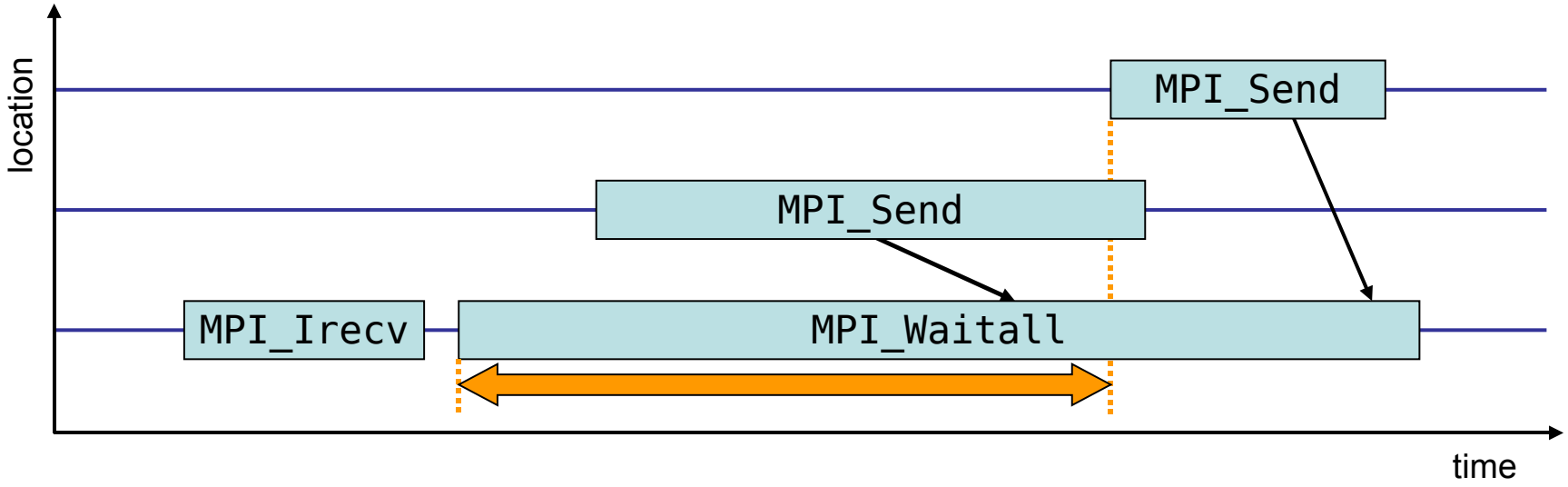


Late Sender



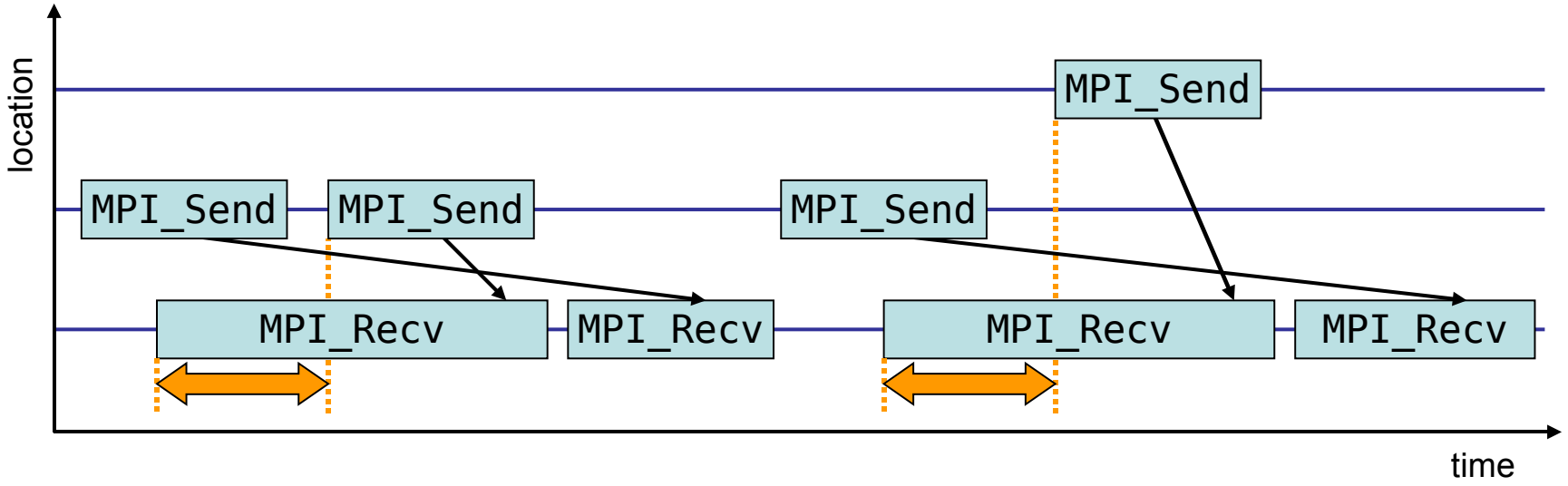
- Waiting time caused by a blocking receive operation posted earlier than the corresponding send operation
- Applies to blocking as well as non-blocking communication

Late Sender (II)



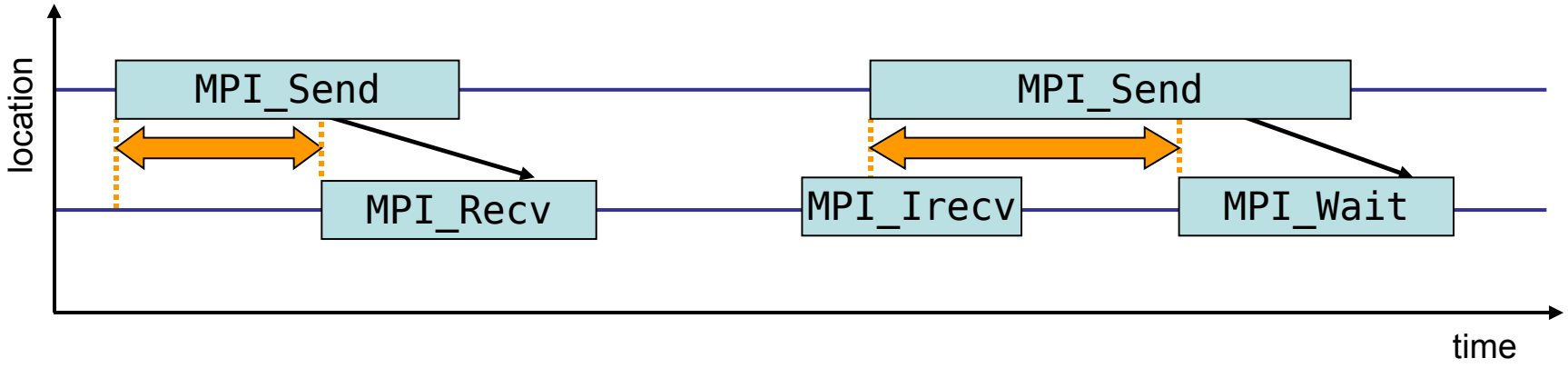
- While waiting for several messages, the maximum waiting time is accounted
- Applies to: `MPI_Waitall`, `MPI_Waitsome`

Late Sender, Messages in Wrong Order



- Refers to Late Sender situations which are caused by messages received in wrong order
- Comes in two flavours:
  - Messages sent from same source location
  - Messages sent from different source locations

Late Receiver

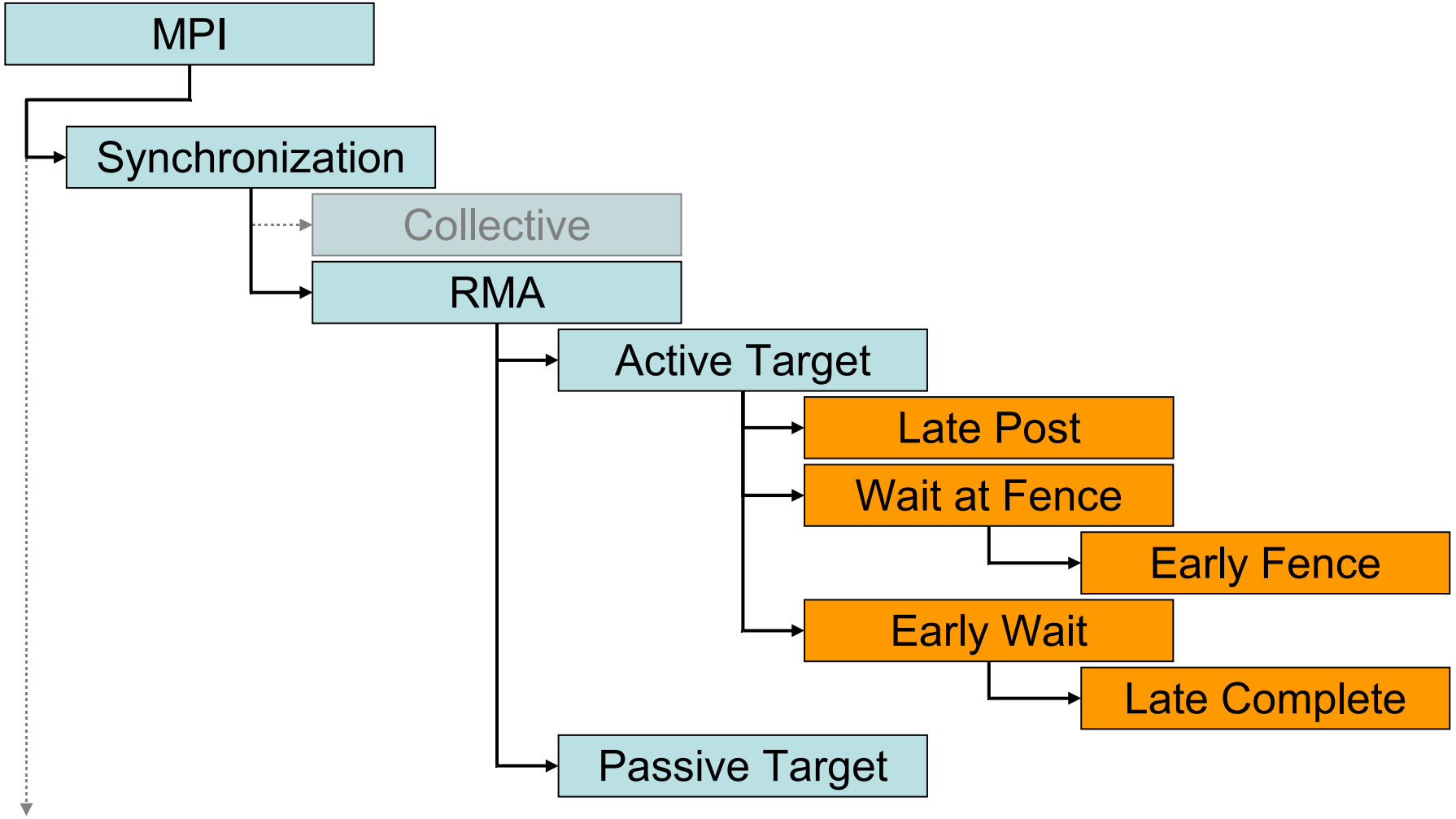


- Waiting time caused by a blocking send operation posted earlier than the corresponding receive operation
- Calculated by receiver but waiting time attributed to sender
- Does currently not apply to non-blocking sends

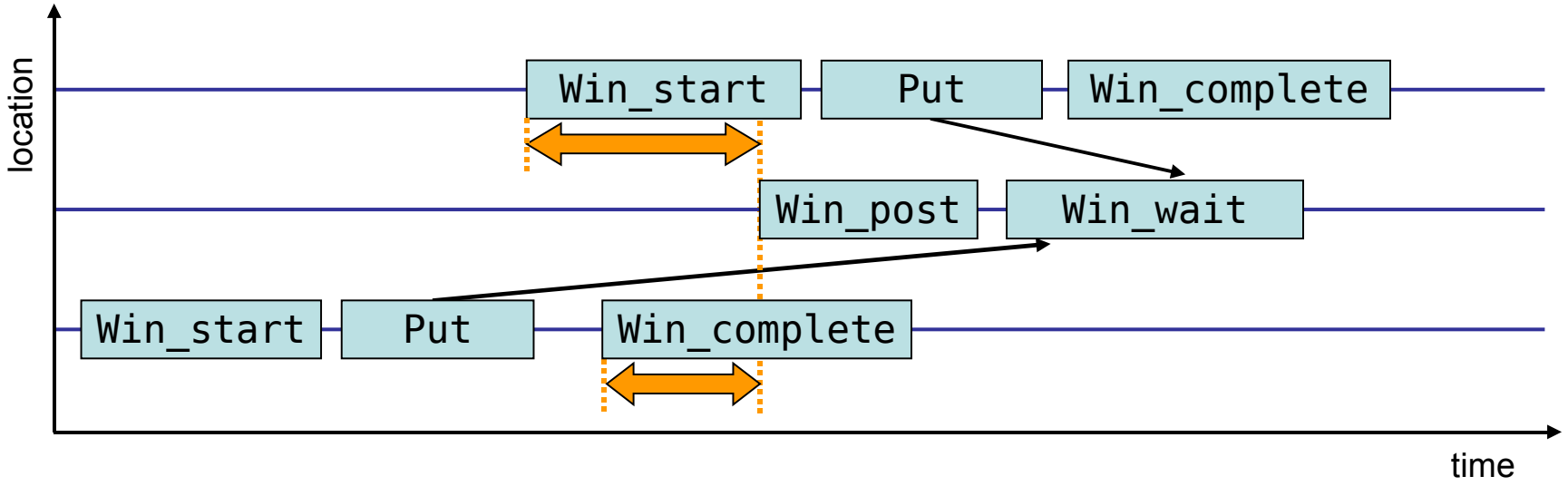
Late Sender/Receiver Counts

- The number of Late Sender / Late Receiver instances are also available
- They are divided into communications & synchronizations and shown in the corresponding hierarchies

MPI RMA synchronization time

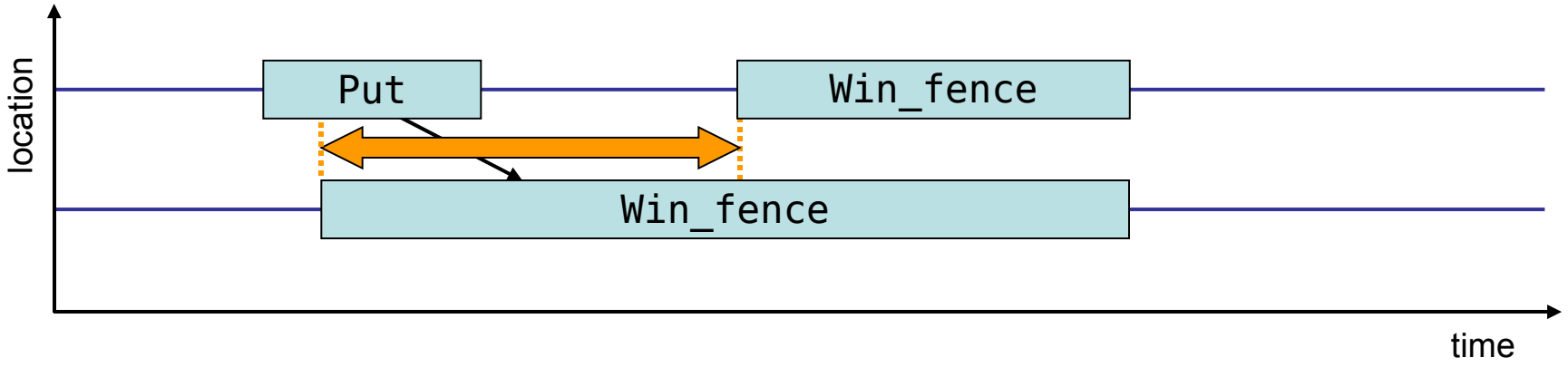


Late Post



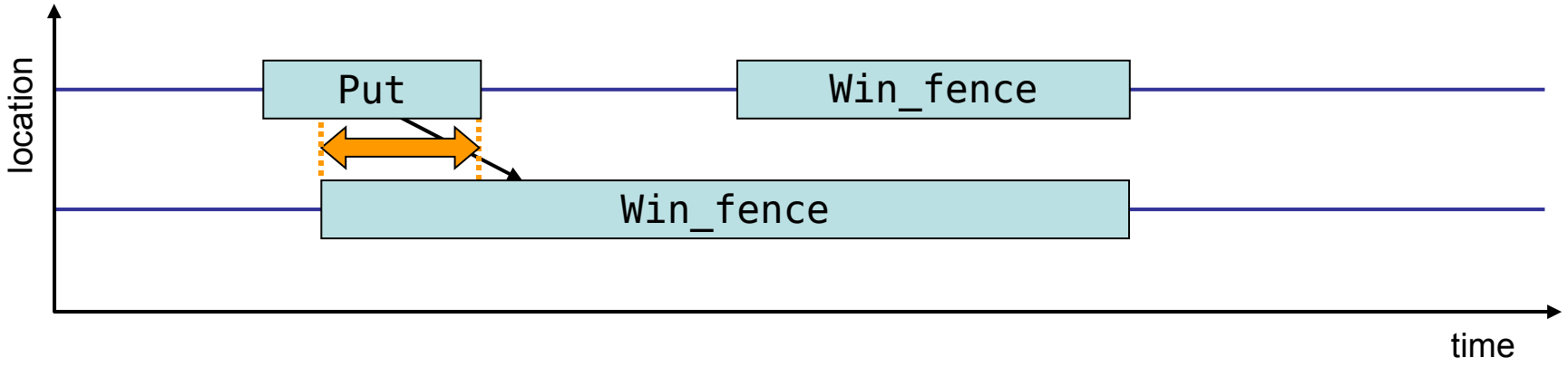
- `MPI_Win_start` (top) or `MPI_Win_complete` (bottom) wait until exposure epoch is opened by `MPI_Win_post`
- Which of the two calls blocks is implementation dependent

Wait at Fence



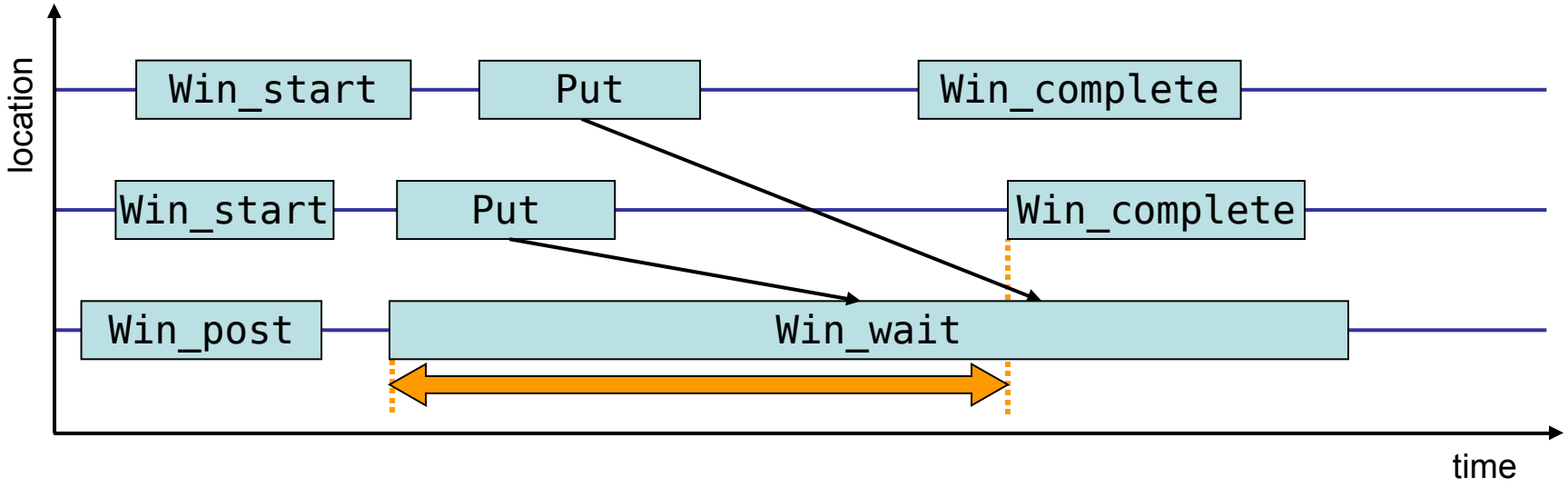
- Time spent waiting in front of a synchronizing `MPI_Win_fence` call until the last process reaches the fence operation
- Only triggered if at least one of the following conditions applies
  - Given assertion is 0
  - All fence calls overlap (heuristic)

Early Fence



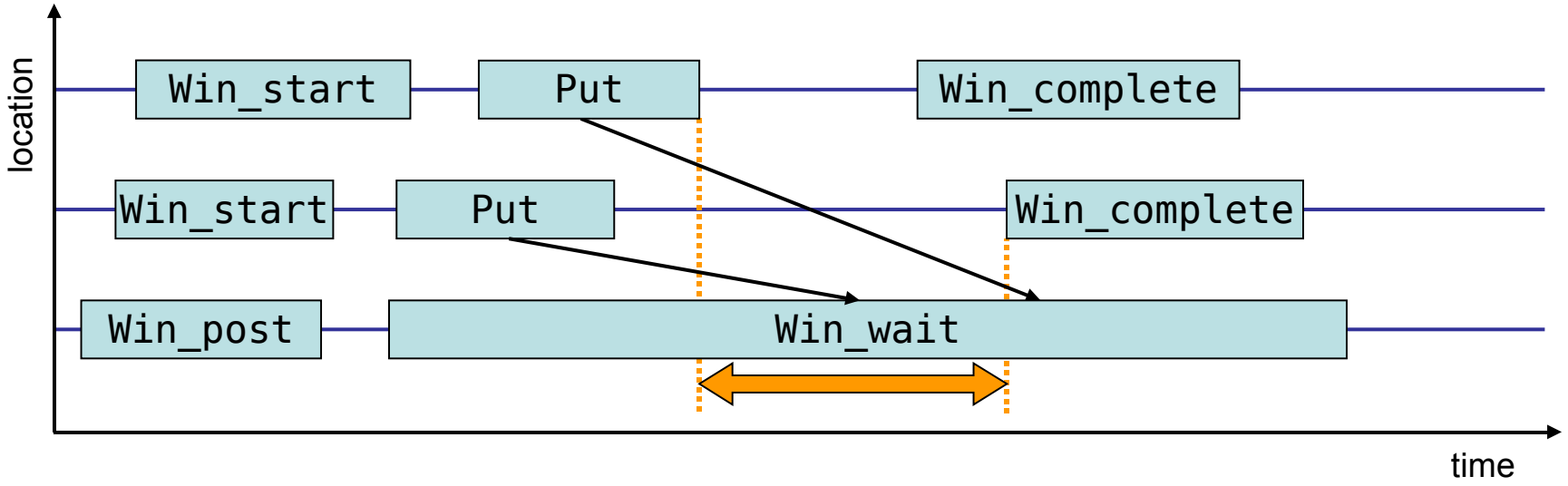
- Time spent waiting for exit of last RMA operation to target location
- Sub-pattern of Wait at Fence

Early Wait



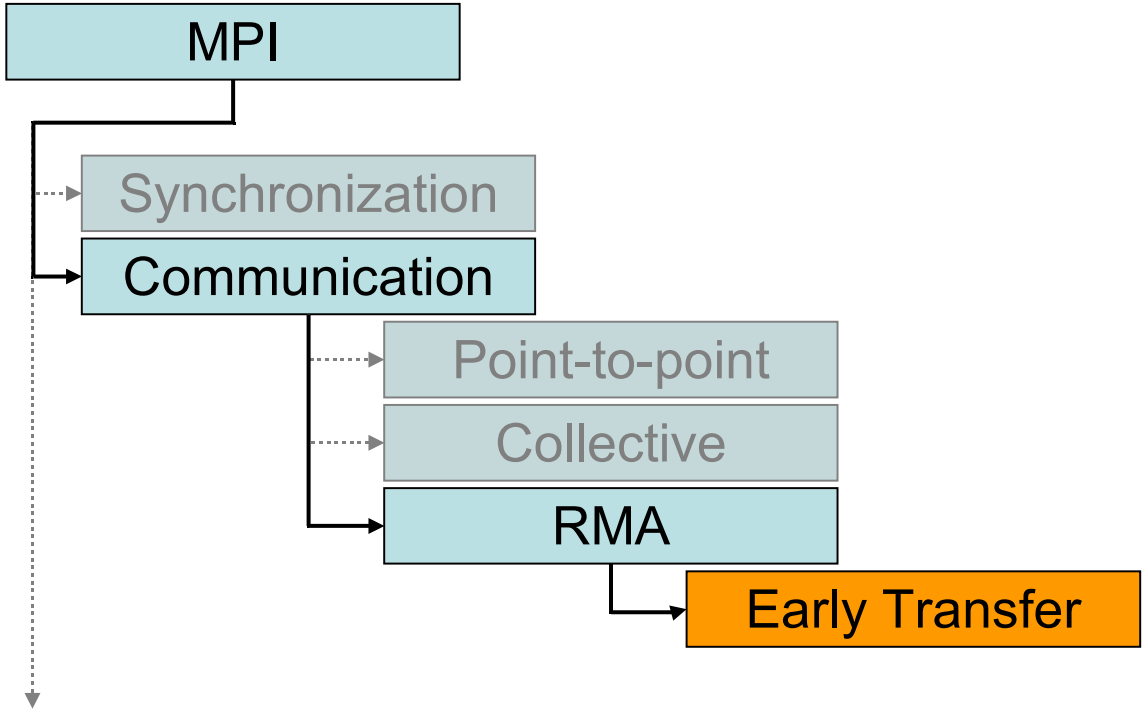
- Time spent in `MPI_Win_wait` until access epoch is closed by last `MPI_Win_complete`

Late Complete

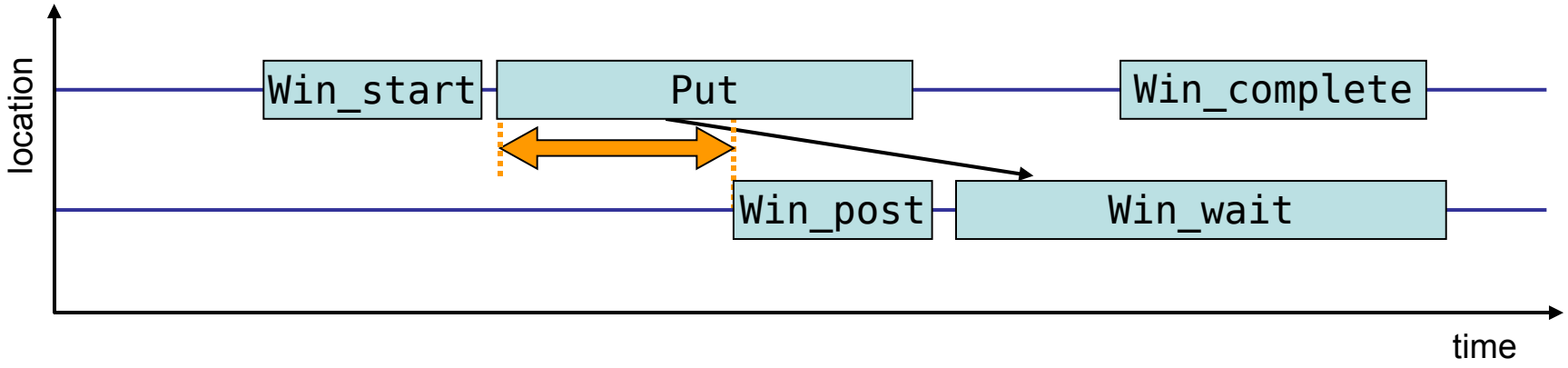


- Waiting time due to unnecessary pause between last RMA operation to target and closing the access epoch by last `MPI_Win_complete`
- Sub-pattern of Early Wait

MPI RMA communication time



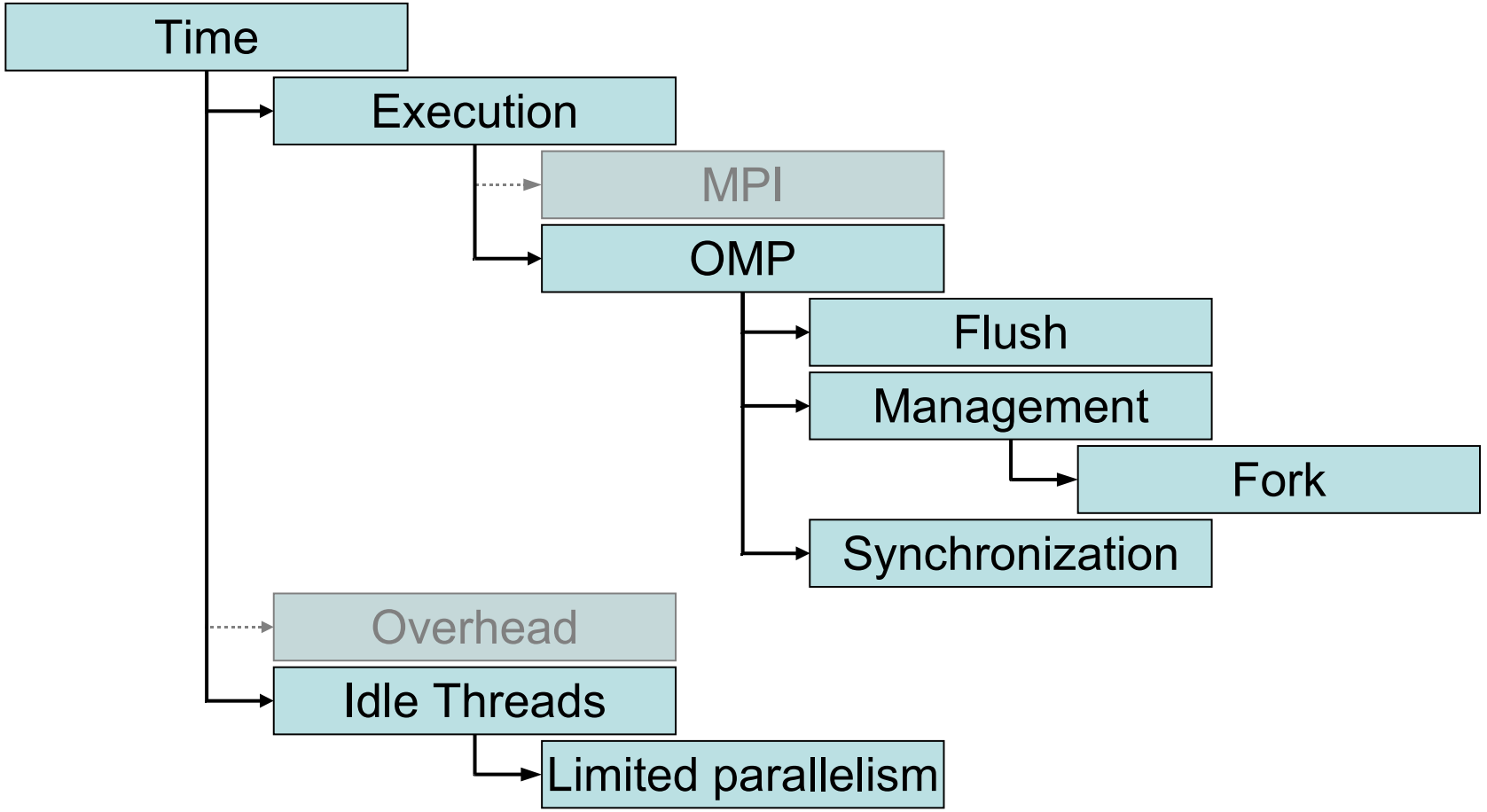
Early Transfer



- Time spent waiting in RMA operation on origin(s) started before exposure epoch was opened on target

OpenMP-related metrics

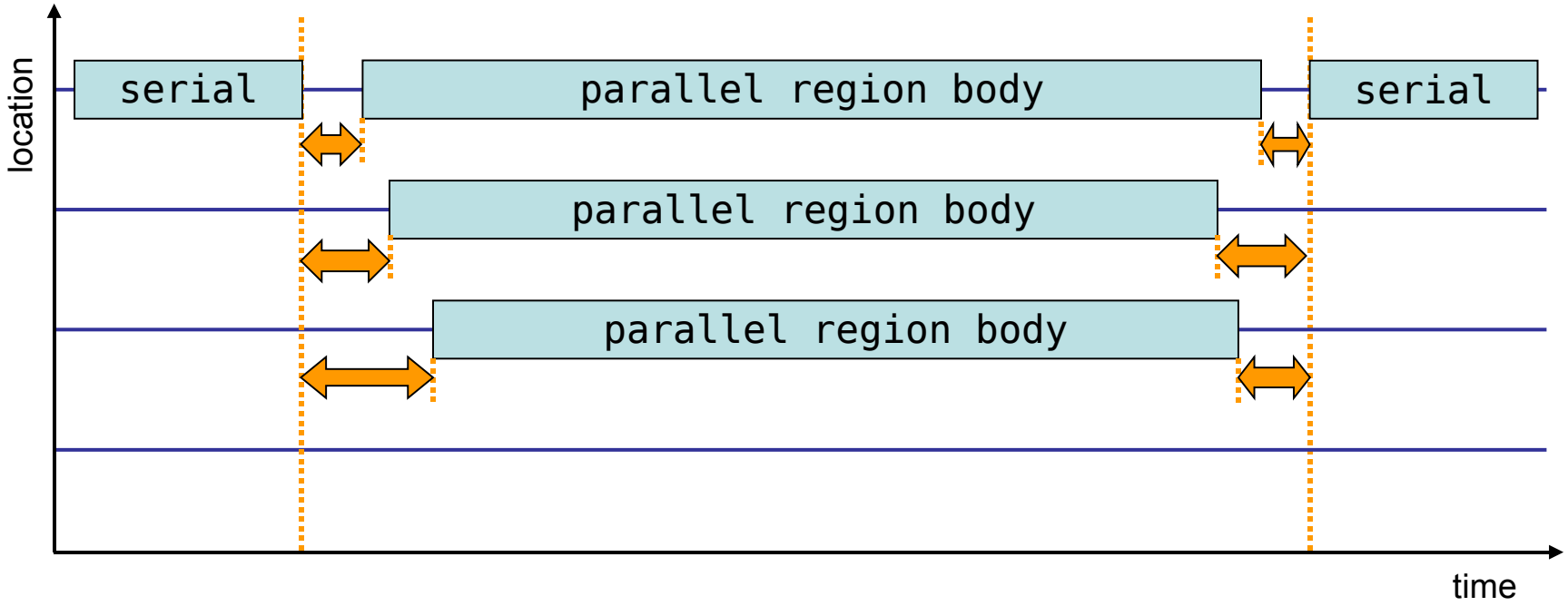
OpenMP Time hierarchy



OpenMP Time hierarchy details

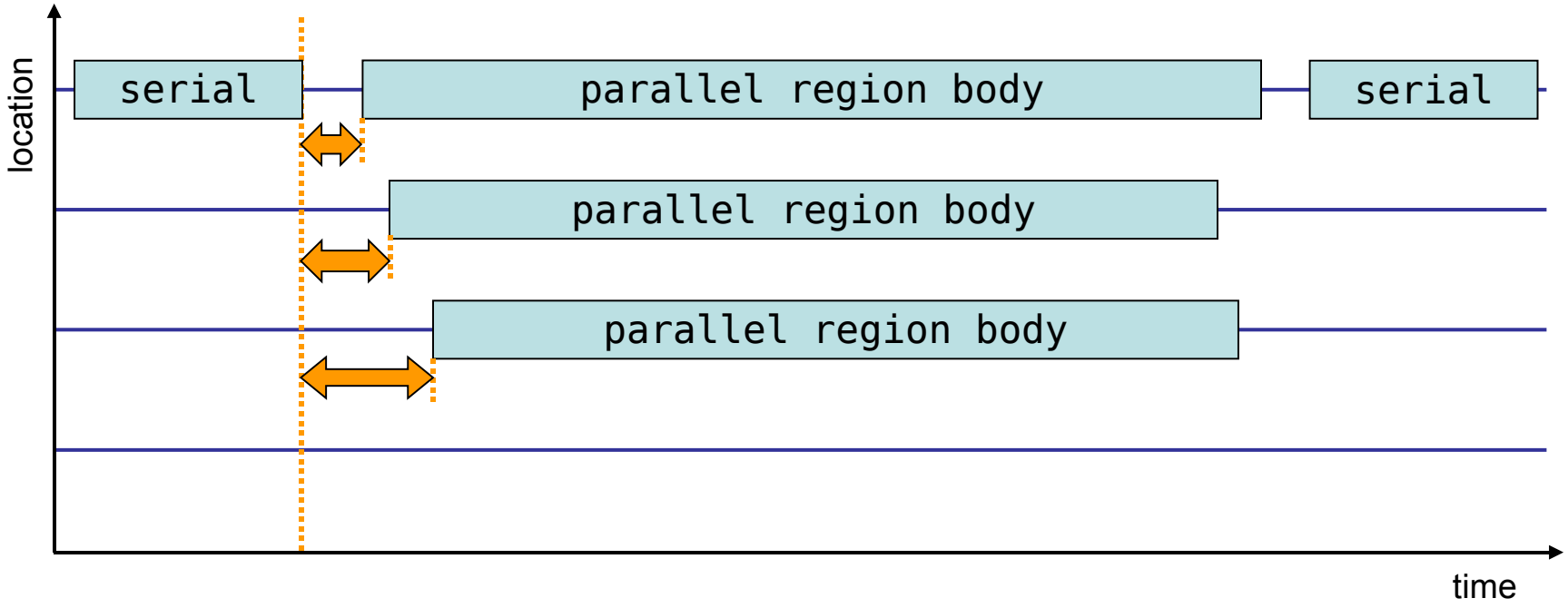
OMP	Time spent for OpenMP-related tasks
Flush	Time spent in OpenMP flush directives
Synchronization	Time spent to synchronize OpenMP threads

OpenMP Management Time



- Time spent on master thread for creating/destroying OpenMP thread teams

OpenMP Fork Time



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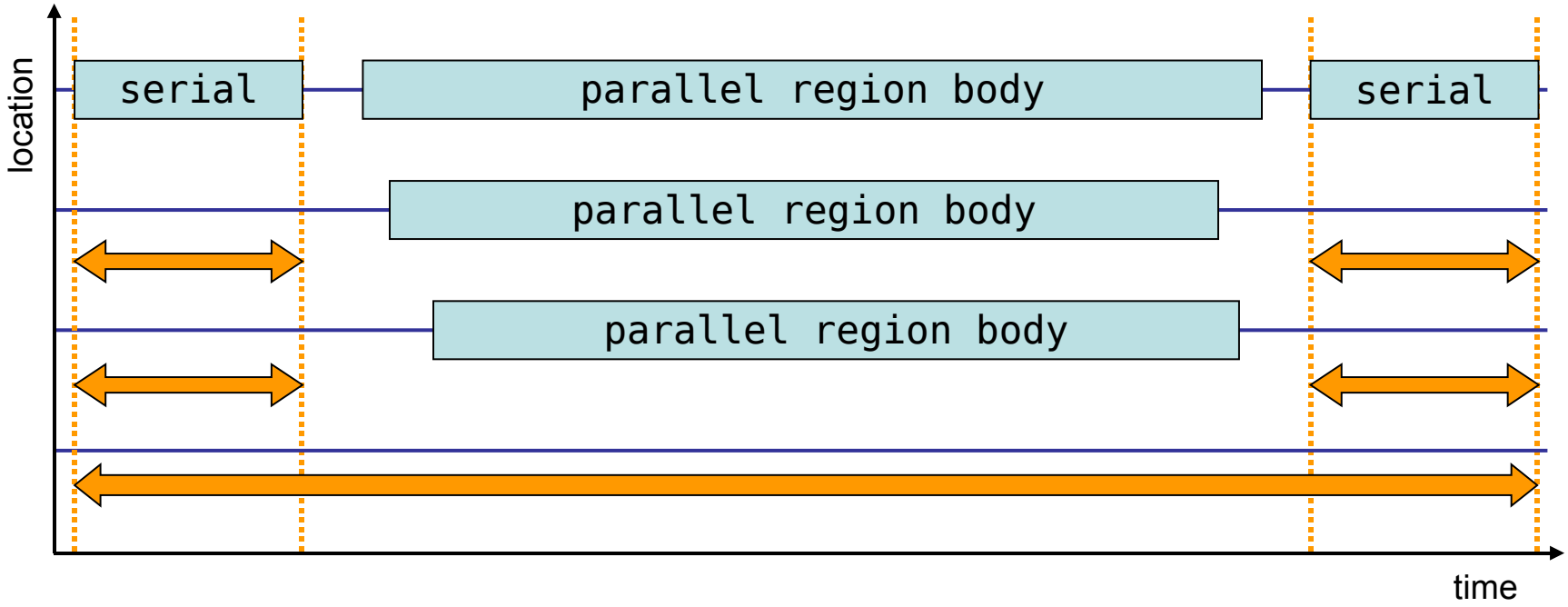
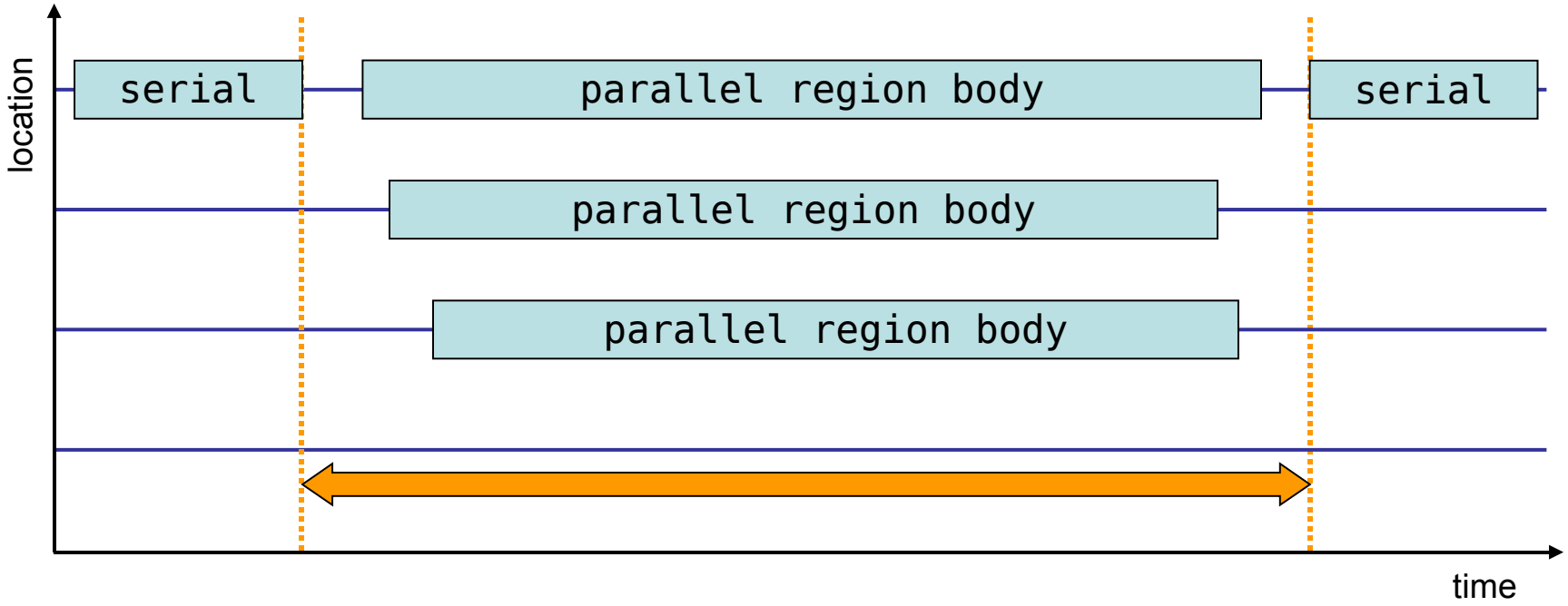
OpenMP Idle Threads



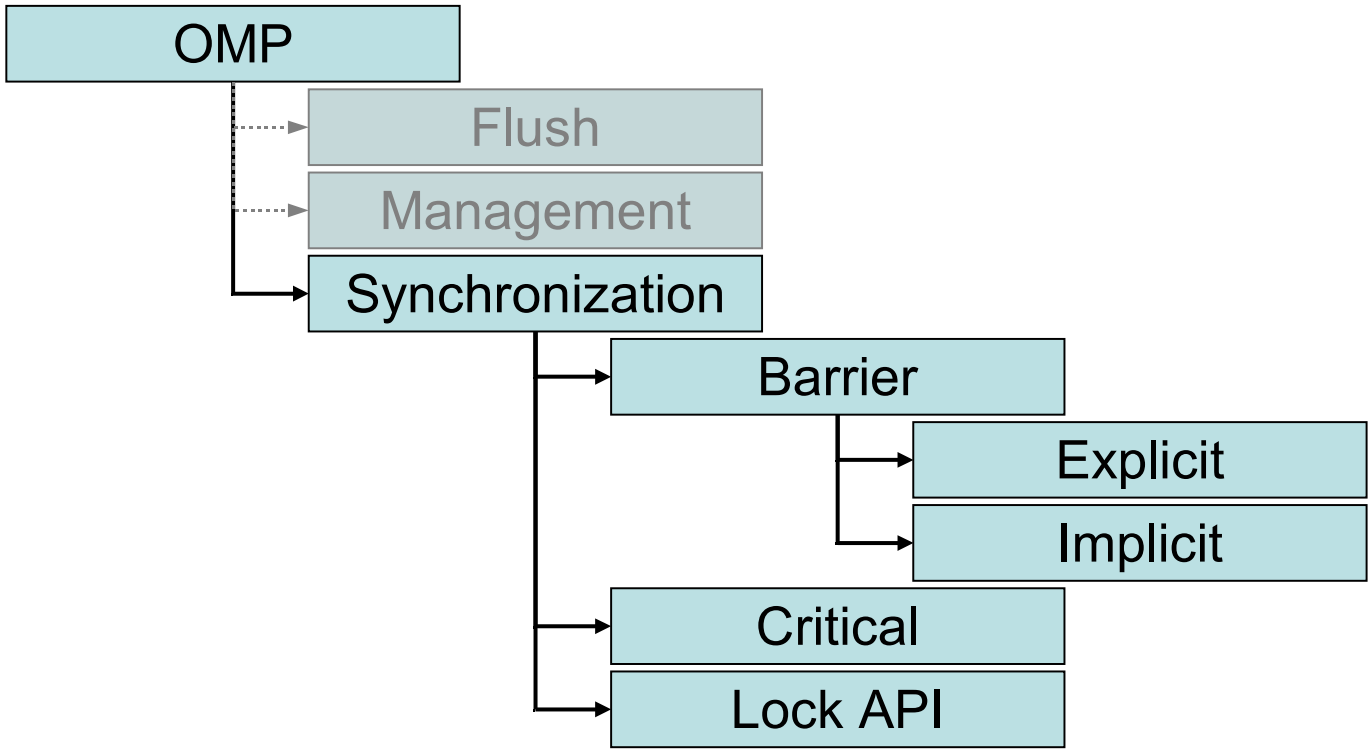
- Time spent idle on CPUs reserved for worker threads

OpenMP Limited Parallelism



- Time spent idle on worker threads within parallel regions

OpenMP Synchronization Time hierarchy



- Time spent in OpenMP atomic constructs is attributed to the “Critical” metric

OpenMP-related metrics

(as produced by Scalasca's sequential trace analyzer for OpenMP and hybrid MPI/OpenMP applications)

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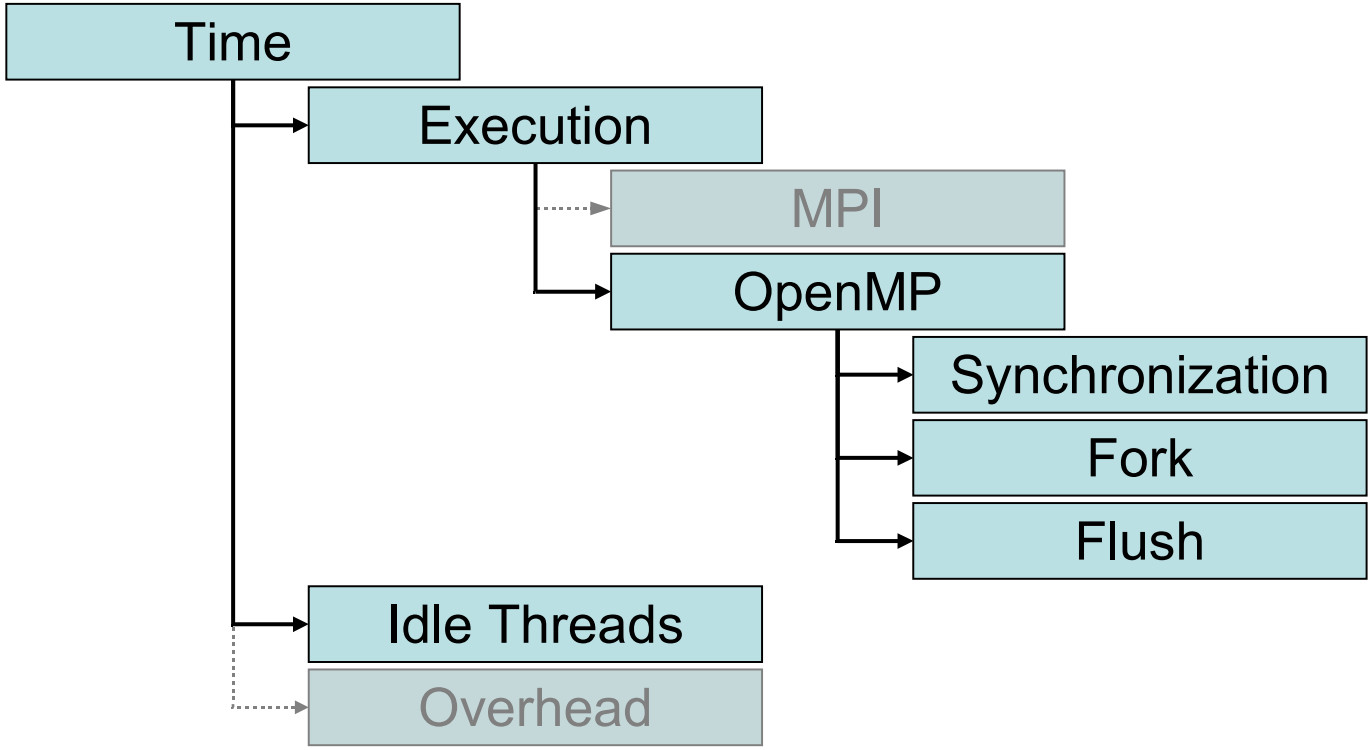

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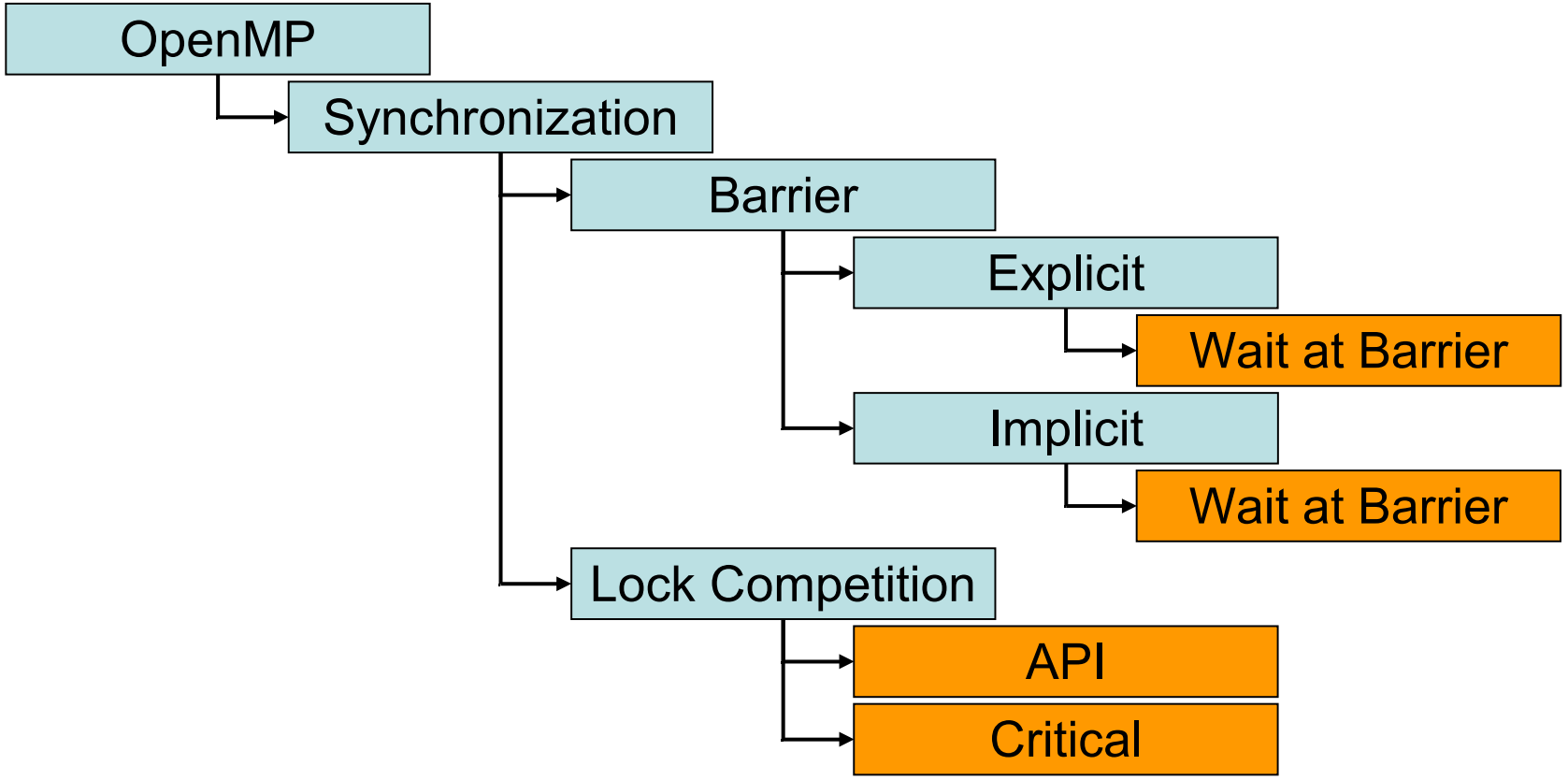
OpenMP synchronization time



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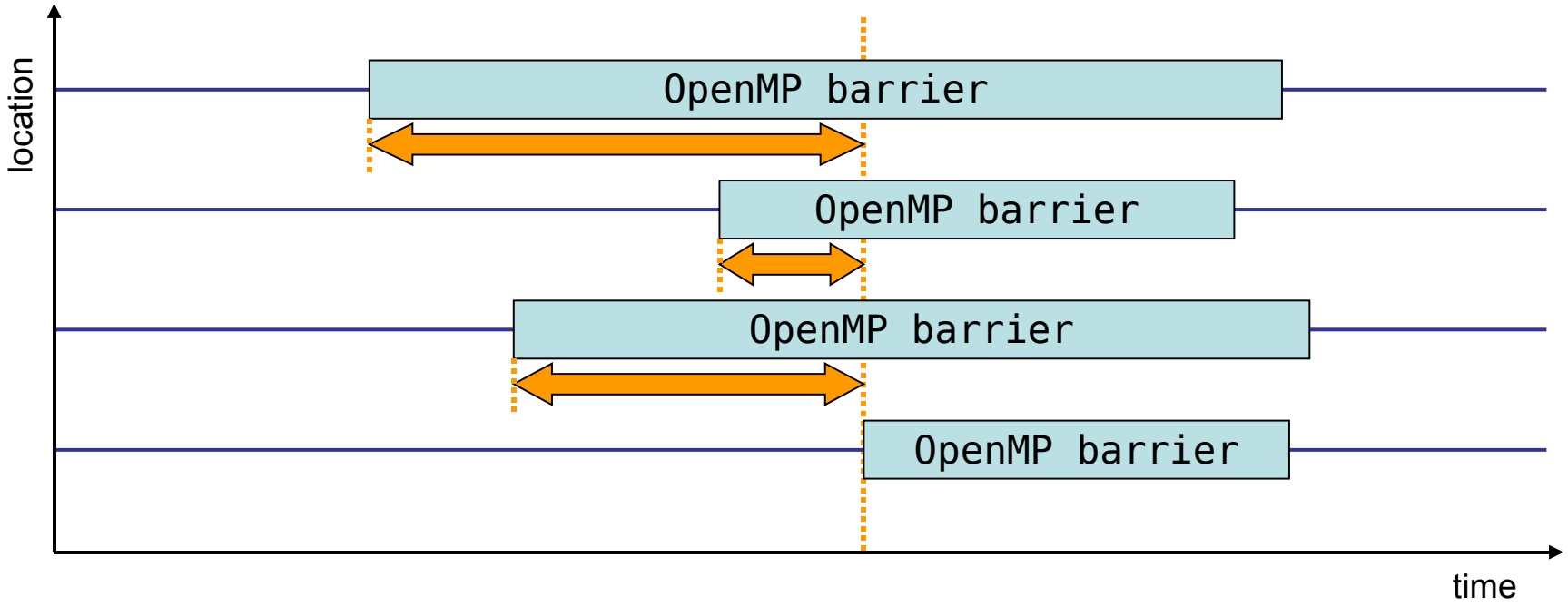

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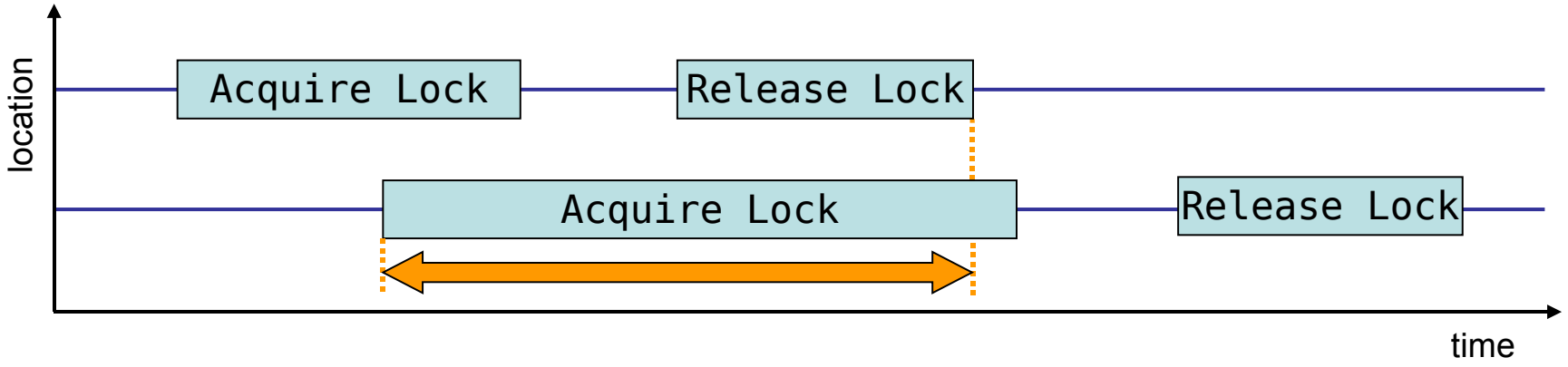
- Applies to: Implicit/explicit barriers

Lock Competition



- Time spent waiting for a lock that has been previously acquired by another thread
- Applies to: critical sections, OpenMP lock API