

Automatic trace analysis with Scalasca

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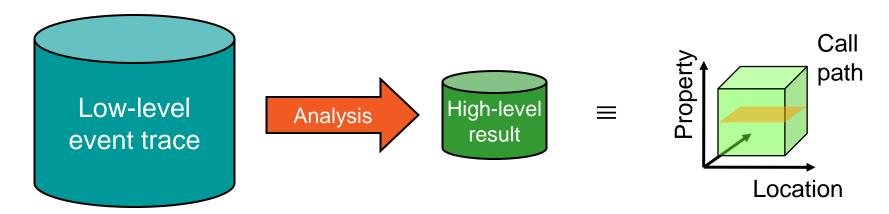


Automatic trace analysis



Idea

- Automatic search for patterns of inefficient behavior
- Classification of behavior & quantification of significance



- Guaranteed to cover the entire event trace
- Quicker than manual/visual trace analysis
- Parallel replay analysis exploits available memory & processors to deliver scalability

The Scalasca project: Overview



- Project started in 2006
 - Initial funding by Helmholtz Initiative & Networking Fund
 - Many follow-up projects
- Follow-up to pioneering KOJAK project (started 1998)
 - Automatic pattern-based trace analysis
- Now joint development of
 - Jülich Supercomputing Centre



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The Scalasca project: Objective



- Development of a scalable performance analysis toolset for most popular parallel programming paradigms
- Specifically targeting large-scale parallel applications
 - such as those running on IBM BlueGene or Cray XT systems with one million or more processes/threads
- Latest release:
 - Scalasca v2.0 with Score-P support (August 2013)

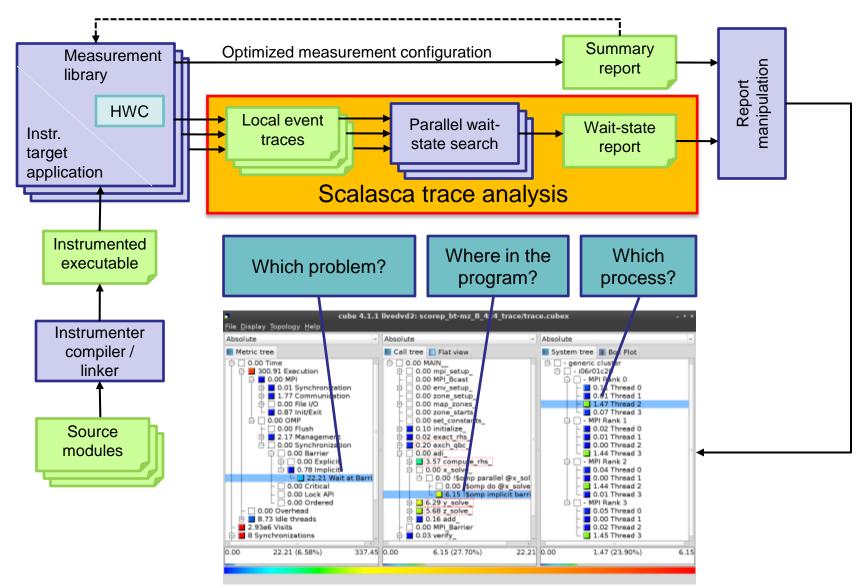
Scalasca 2.0 features

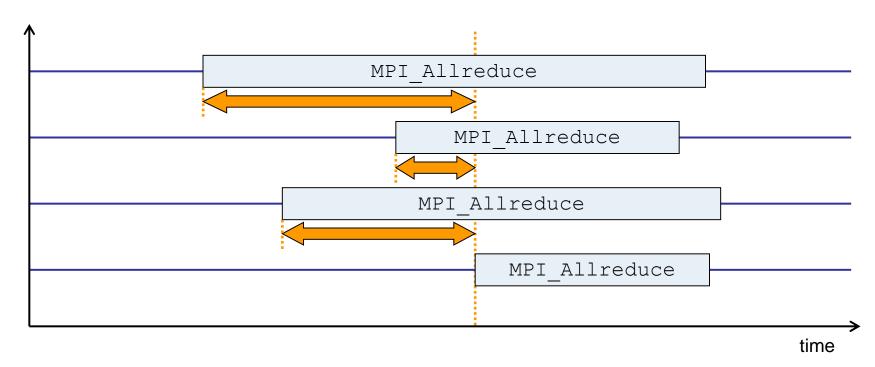


- Open source, New BSD license
- Fairly portable
 - IBM Blue Gene, IBM SP & blade clusters, Cray XT, SGI Altix,
 Solaris & Linux clusters, ...
- Uses Score-P instrumenter & measurement libraries
 - Scalasca 2.0 core package focuses on trace-based analyses
 - Supports common data formats
 - Reads event traces in OTF2 format
 - Writes analysis reports in CUBE4 format
- Current limitations:
 - No support for nested OpenMP parallelism and tasking
 - Unable to handle OTF2 traces containing CUDA events

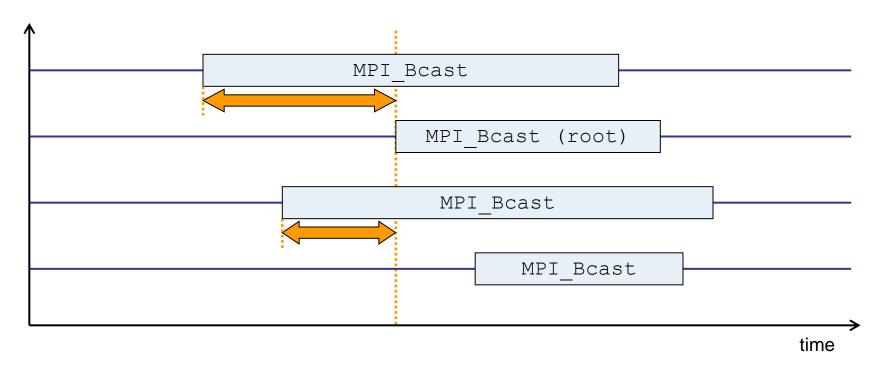
Scalasca workflow





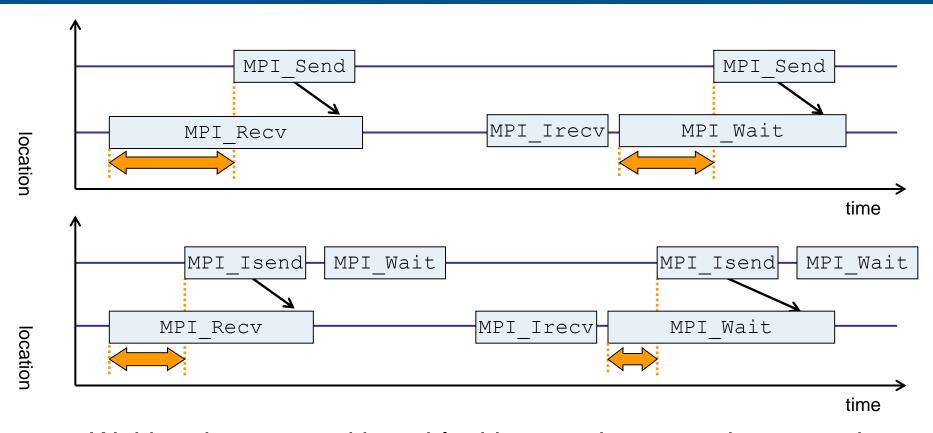


- Time spent waiting in front of synchronizing collective operation until the last process reaches the operation
- Applies to: MPI_Allgather, MPI_Allgatherv, MPI_Alltoall, MPI_Reduce_scatter, MPI_Reduce_scatter_block, MPI_Allreduce



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





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



Hands-on: NPB-MZ-MPI / BT





























One command for (almost) everything...

- The 'scalasca -instrument' command is deprecated and only provided for backwards compatibility with Scalasca 1.x.
- Recommended: use Score-P instrumenter directly



Scalasca application instrumenter

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Scalasca measurement collection & analysis nexus

```
% scan
Scalasca 2.1-alpha2: measurement collection & analysis nexus
usage: scan {options} [launchcmd [launchargs]] target [targetargs]
     where {options} may include:
       Help: show this brief usage message and exit.
 -v Verbose: increase verbosity.
    Preview: show command(s) to be launched but don't execute.
 -n
 -q Quiescent: execution with neither summarization nor tracing.
 -s
       Summary: enable runtime summarization. [Default]
       Tracing: enable trace collection and analysis.
 -t
       Analyze: skip measurement to (re-)analyze an existing trace.
 -e exptdir
              : Experiment archive to generate and/or analyze.
                 (overrides default experiment archive title)
 -f filtfile : File specifying measurement filter.
 -1 lockfile : File that blocks start of measurement.
 -m metrics : Metric specification for measurement.
```

Scalasca convenience command: square



Scalasca analysis report explorer

Automatic measurement configuration



- scan configures Score-P measurement by setting some environment variables automatically
 - e.g., experiment title, profiling/tracing mode, filter file, ...
 - Precedence order:
 - Command-line arguments
 - Environment variables already set
 - Automatically determined values
- Also, scan includes consistency checks and prevents corrupting existing experiment directories
- For tracing experiments, after trace collection completes then automatic parallel trace analysis is initiated
 - uses identical launch configuration to that used for measurement (i.e., the same allocated compute resources)



 Run the application using the Scalasca measurement collection & analysis nexus prefixed to launch command

```
% export SCOREP EXPERIMENT DIRECTORY=scorep bt-mz B 4p4x4 sum
% OMP NUM THREADS=4 scan mpirun -np 4 -npernode 4./bt-mz B.4
S=C=A=N: Fri Jan 31 12:50:12 2014: Collect start
/apps/OPENMPI/1.5.4//bin/mpirun -n 4 -npernode 4 ./bt-mz B.4
NAS Parallel Benchmarks (NPB3.3-MZ-MPI) - BT-MZ MPI+OpenMP Benchmark
Number of zones: 8 x 8
Iterations: 200 dt: 0.000300
Number of active processes:
Use the default load factors with threads
Total number of threads: 16 ( 4.0 threads/process)
[... More application output ...]
S=C=A=N: Fri Jan 31 12:51:04 2014: Collect done (status=0) 52s
```

Creates experiment directory ./scorep_bt-mz_B_4p4x4_sum

BT-MZ summary analysis report examination



Score summary analysis report

Post-processing and interactive exploration with CUBE

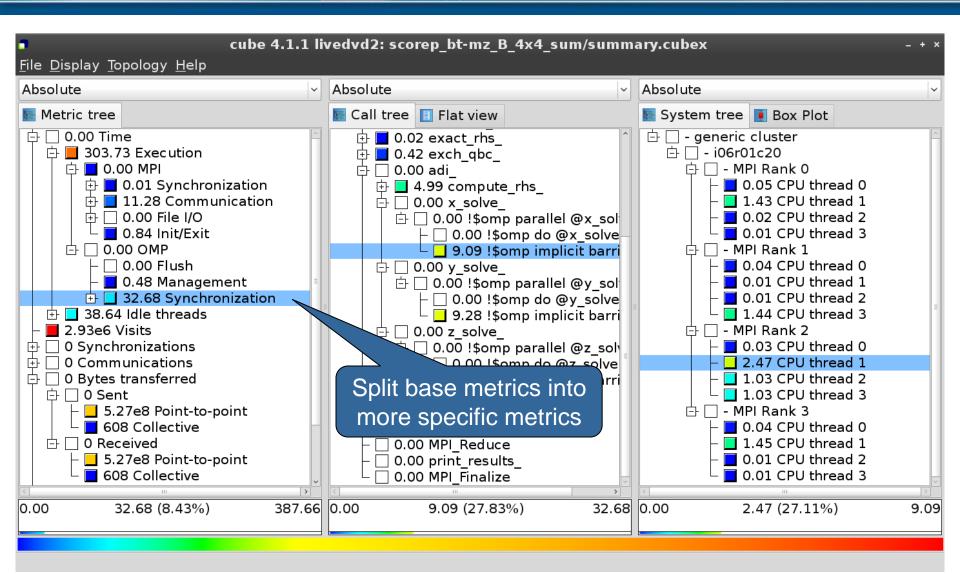
```
% square scorep_bt-mz_B_4p4x4_sum
INFO: Displaying ./scorep_bt-mz_B_4p4x4_sum/summary.cubex...

[GUI showing summary analysis report]
```

 The post-processing derives additional metrics and generates a structured metric hierarchy

Post-processed summary analysis report





Performance Analysis Steps



- 0.0 Reference preparation for validation
- 1.0 Program instrumentation
- 1.1 Summary measurement collection
- 1.2 Summary analysis report examination
- 2.0 Summary experiment scoring
- 2.1 Summary measurement collection with filtering
- 2.2 Filtered summary analysis report examination
- 3.0 Event trace collection
- 3.1 Event trace examination & analysis



Load modules

```
% module use /gpfs/projects/nct00/nct00001/UNITE/tutorial/mf
% module load UNITE
UNITE loaded
% module load scalasca
cube4/4.2.1 loaded
papi/5.3.0 loaded
scorep/1.2.3-beta-intel-openmpi loaded
scalasca/2.1-alpha2-intel-openmpi loaded
```

- Change to directory containing NPB BT-MZ sources
- Existing instrumented binary in bin.scorep/ can be reused



Change to executable directory and edit job script

```
% cd bin.scorep
% cp ../jobscript/marenostrum3/scalasca2.lsf .
% vim scalasca2.lsf

[...]

module load UNITE scalasca/2.1-alpha1

export SCOREP_FILTERING_FILE=../config/scorep.filt
export SCOREP_TOTAL_MEMORY=50M
export SCOREP_METRIC_PAPI=PAPI_FP_OPS
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=4

scalasca -analyze -t mpirun -n 4 -npernode 4 ./bt-mz_B.4
```

Submit the job

```
% bsub < scalasca2.1sf
```



Continues with automatic (parallel) analysis of trace files

```
S=C=A=N: Fri Sep 20 15:09:59 2013: Analyze start
Analyzing experiment archive ./scorep bt-mz B 4p4x4 trace/traces.otf2
Opening experiment archive ... done (0.044s).
Reading definition data ... done (0.007s).
Reading event trace data ... done (0.593s).
Preprocessing ... done (1.100s).
Analyzing trace data ...
 Wait-state detection (fwd) (1/5) ... done (2.464s).
 Wait-state detection (bwd) (2/5) ... done (0.052s).
  Synchpoint exchange (3/5) ... done (0.198s).
 Critical-path & delay analysis (4/5) ... done (0.306s).
done (3.188s).
Writing analysis report ... done (0.228s).
Max. memory usage : 167.840MB
Total processing time : 5.651s
S=C=A=N: Fri Jan 31 13:09:04 2014: Analyze done (status=0) 7s
```

BT-MZ trace analysis report exploration



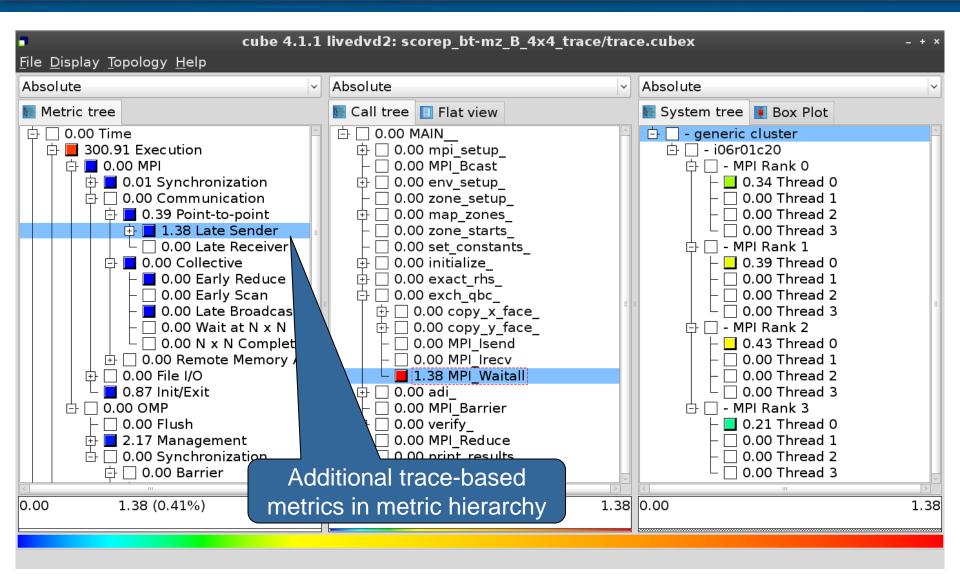
 Produces trace analysis report in experiment directory containing trace-based wait-state metrics

```
% square scorep_bt-mz_B_4p4x4_trace
INFO: Post-processing runtime summarization report...
INFO: Post-processing trace analysis report...
INFO: Displaying ./scorep_bt-mz_B_4p4x4_trace/trace.cubex...

[GUI showing trace analysis report]
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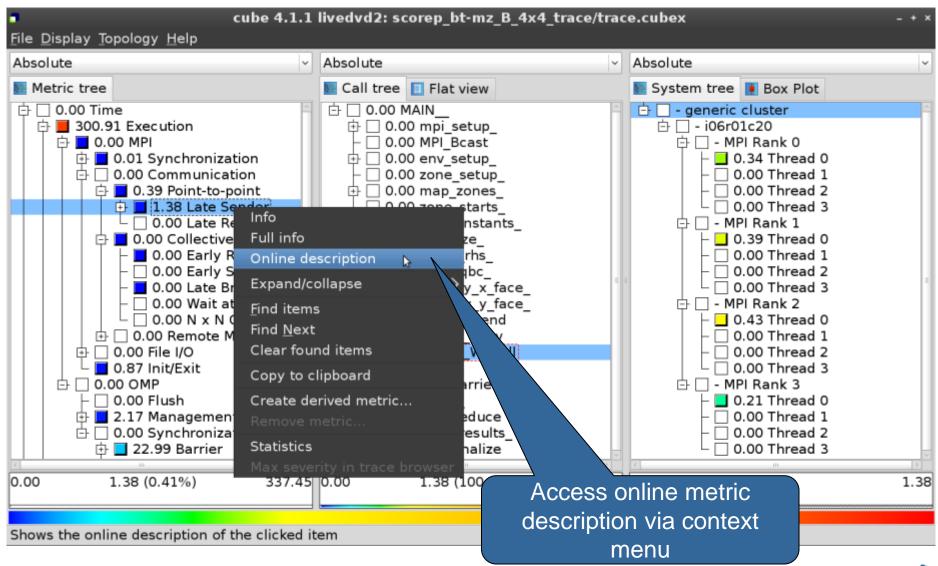
Post-processed trace analysis report





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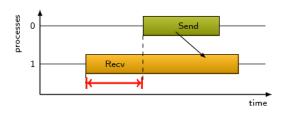


Performance properties

Late Sender Time

Description:

Refers to the time lost waiting caused by a blocking receive operation (e.g., MPI_Recv or MPI_Wait) that is posted earlier than the corresponding send operation.



If the receiving process is waiting for multiple messages to arrive (e.g., in an call to MPI_Waitall), the maximum waiting time is accounted, i.e., the waiting time due to the latest sender.

Unit:

Seconds

Diagnosis:

Try to replace MPI_Recv with a non-blocking receive MPI_Irecv that can be posted earlier, proceed concurrently with computation, and complete with a wait operation after the message is expected to have been sent. Try to post sends earlier, such that they are available when receivers need them. Note that outstanding messages (i.e., sent before the receiver is ready) will occupy internal message buffers, and that large numbers of posted receive buffers will also introduce message management overhead, therefore moderation is advisable.

Parent:

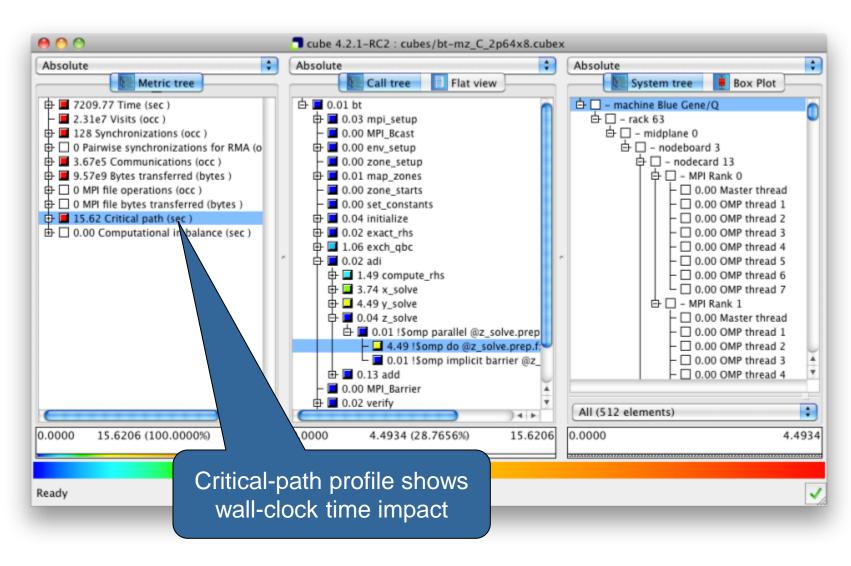
MPI Point-to-point Communication Time

Children:

Close

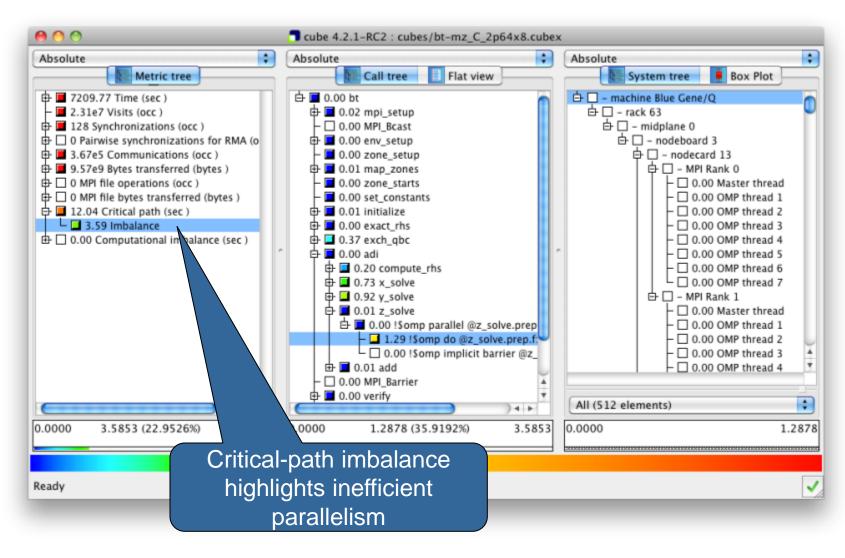
Critical-path analysis





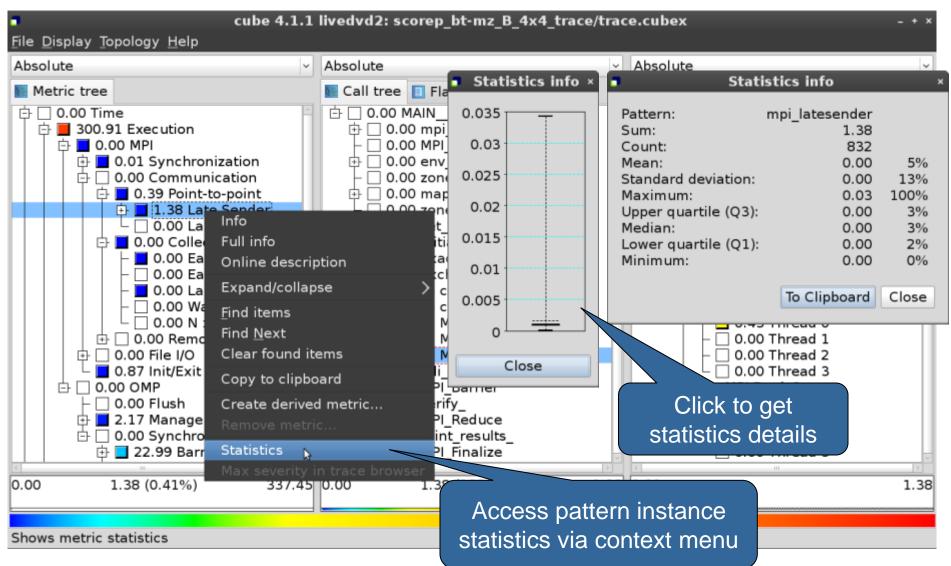
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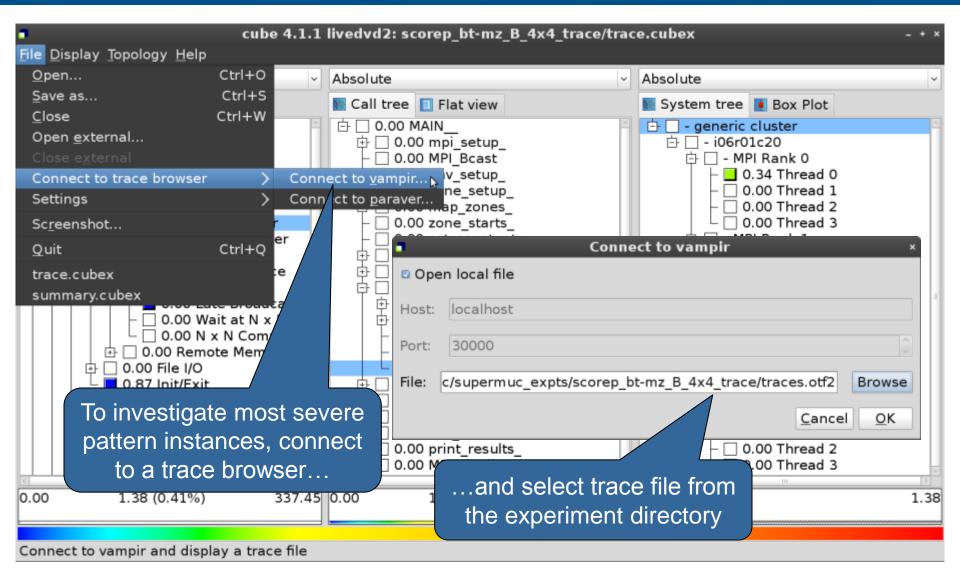
Pattern instance statistics





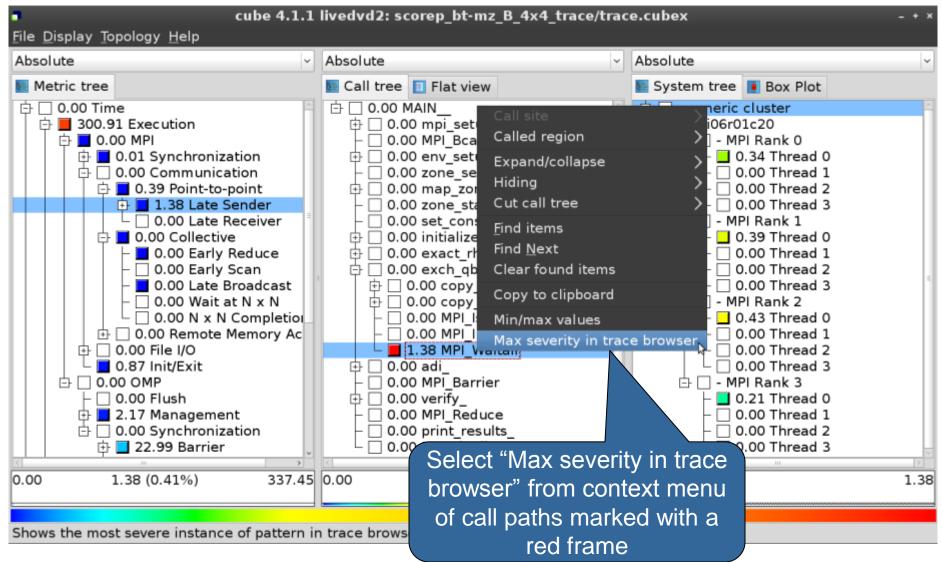
Connect to Vampir trace browser





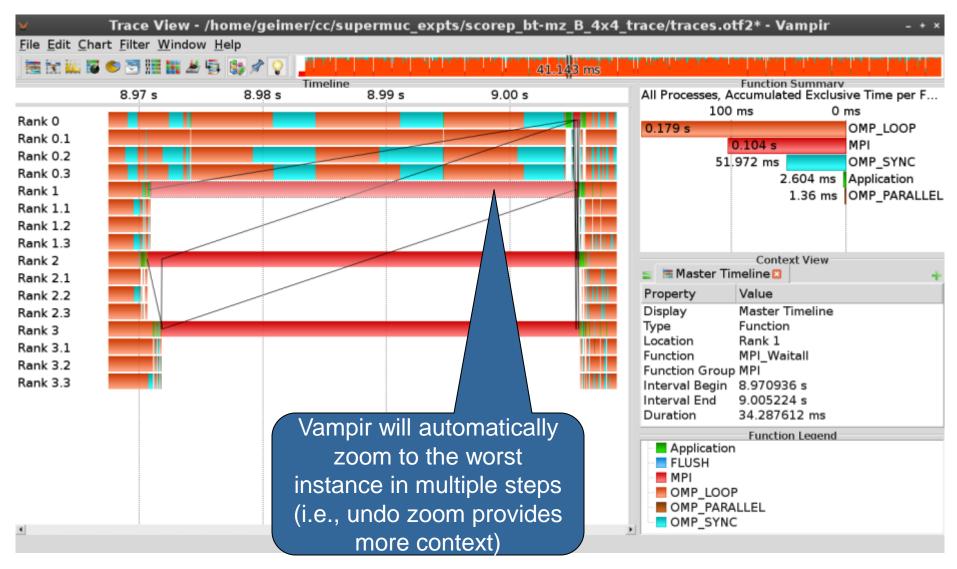
Show most severe pattern instances





Investigate most severe instance in Vampir







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