

Automatic trace analysis with Scalasca

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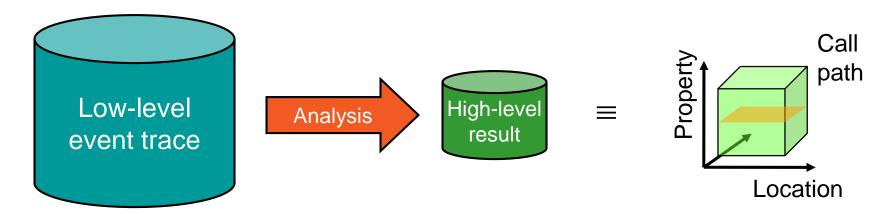


Automatic trace analysis



Idea

- Automatic search for patterns of inefficient behaviour
- Classification of behaviour & 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







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 systems with one million or more processes/threads
- Latest release:
 - Scalasca v2.2 coordinated with Score-P v1.4 (January 2015)
 - initial support for Intel Xeon Phi (native mode only)
 - full support for traces in SIONlib format (if configured for OTF2)
 - basic support for POSIX threads and OpenMP tasking
 - added lock contention and root-cause/delay analysis

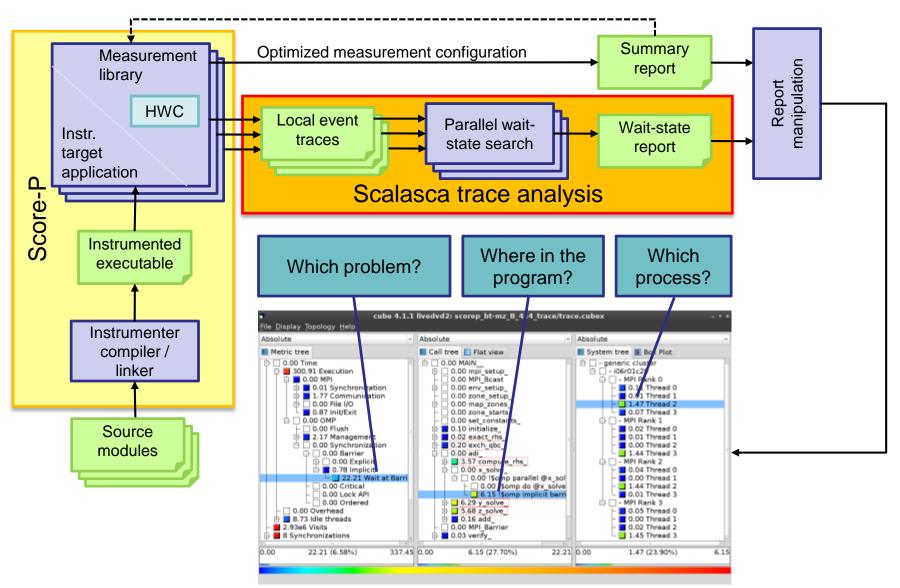
Scalasca 2.2 features



- Open source, New BSD license
- Fairly portable
 - IBM Blue Gene, Cray XT/XE/XK/XC, SGI Altix, Fujitsu FX10/100
 & K computer, Linux clusters, Intel Xeon Phi (native MIC) ...
- Uses Score-P instrumenter & measurement libraries
 - Scalasca 2 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:
 - Unable to handle traces containing CUDA or SHMEM events, or OpenMP nested parallelism
 - PAPI/rusage metrics for trace events are ignored

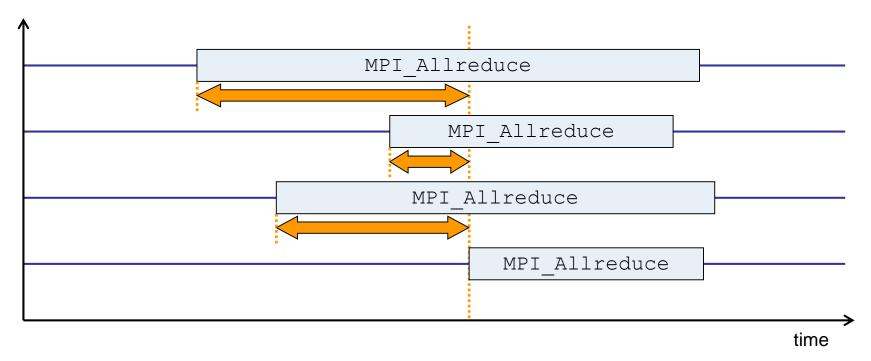
Scalasca workflow



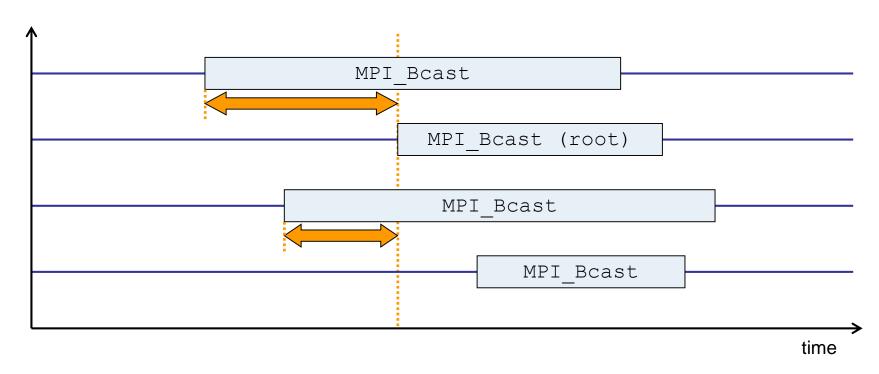






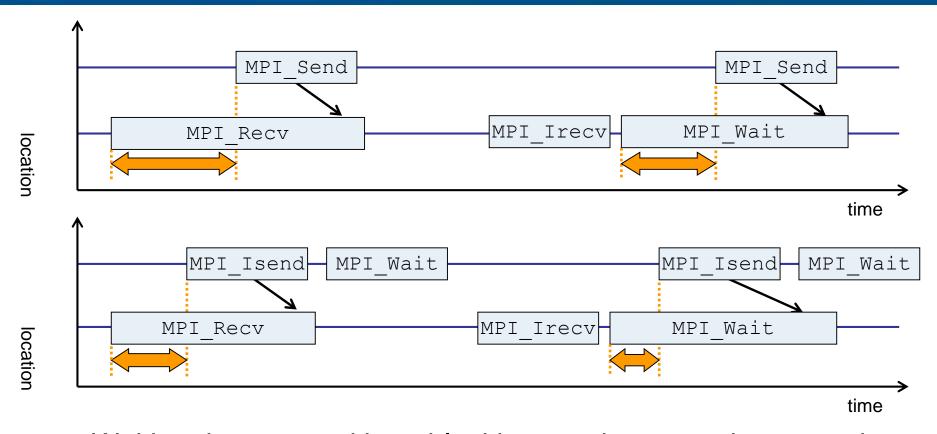


- Time spent waiting in front of synchronizing collective operation until the last process reaches the operation
- Applies to: MPI_Allgather, MPI_Allgatherv, MPI_Alltoall, MPI_Reduce_scatter, MPI_Reduce_scatter_block, MPI_Allreduce



- 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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- Recommended: use Score-P instrumenter directly



Scalasca measurement collection & analysis nexus

```
% scan
Scalasca 2.2: measurement collection & analysis nexus
usage: scan {options} [launchcmd [launchargs]] target [targetargs]
     where {options} may include:
       Help: show this brief usage message and exit.
 -h
 -v Verbose: increase verbosity.
 -n Preview: show command(s) to be launched but don't execute.
 -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.
              : Experiment archive to generate and/or analyze.
 -e exptdir
                (overrides default experiment archive title)
 -f filtfile : File specifying measurement filter.
 -1 lockfile : File that blocks start of measurement.
```



Scalasca automatic trace analyzer

```
% mpiexec -np 1 scout.hyb --help
       Copyright (c) 1998-2014 Forschungszentrum Juelich GmbH
SCOUT
        Copyright (c) 2009-2014 German Research School for Simulation
                                Sciences GmbH
Usage: <launchcmd> scout.hyb [OPTION]... <ANCHORFILE | EPIK DIRECTORY>
Options:
 --statistics
                    Enables instance tracking and statistics [default]
 --no-statistics
                    Disables instance tracking and statistics
 --critical-path
                     Enables critical-path analysis [default]
 --no-critical-path Disables critical-path analysis
 --single-pass
                     Single-pass forward analysis only
                     Enables enhanced timestamp correction
 --time-correct
 --no-time-correct
                     Disables enhanced timestamp correction [default]
 --verbose, -v
                     Increase verbosity
 --help
                     Display this information and exit
```

 Provided in serial (.ser), OpenMP (.omp), MPI (.mpi) and MPI+OpenMP (.hyb) variants

Scalasca advanced command: clc_synchronize



Scalasca trace event timestamp consistency correction

Usage: <launchcmd> clc_synchronize.hyb <ANCHORFILE | EPIK_DIRECTORY>

- Provided in MPI (.mpi) and MPI+OpenMP (.hyb) variants
- Takes as input a trace experiment archive where the events may have timestamp inconsistencies
 - e.g., multi-node measurements on systems without adequately synchronized clocks on each compute node
- Generates a new experiment archive (always called ./clc_sync)
 containing a trace with event timestamp inconsistencies resolved
 - e.g., suitable for detailed examination with a time-line visualizer



Scalasca convenience command: square



Scalasca analysis report explorer

Automatic measurement configuration



- scan configures Score-P measurement by automatically setting some environment variables and exporting them
 - 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)

Setup environment



Load module

```
% module load scalasca/2.2
```

- Change to directory containing NPB3.3-MZ-MPI sources
- Existing instrumented executable in bin.scorep/ directory can be reused

BT-MZ summary measurement collection...



Change to directory with executable and edit job script

```
% cd bin.scorep
% cp ../jobscript/hornet/scalasca2.pbs .
% vi scalasca2.pbs

[...]

export OMP_NUM_THREADS=6
CLASS=C
NPROCS=8
EXE=./bt-mz_$CLASS.$NPROCS

#export SCOREP_FILTERING_FILE=../config/scorep.filt
#export SCOREP_TOTAL_MEMORY=78M

scalasca -analyze -s aprun -n $NPROCS -d $OMP_NUM_THREADS $EXE
```

Submit the job

```
% qsub scalasca2.pbs
```



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

```
% OMP NUM THREADS=6
% scan -f ../config/scorep.filt mpiexec -np 8 ./bt-mz C.8
S=C=A=N: Scalasca 2.2 runtime summarization
S=C=A=N: ./scorep bt-mz C 8x6 sum experiment archive
S=C=A=N: Thu Sep 13 18:05:17 2012: Collect start
mpiexec -np 8 ./bt-mz C.8
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:
 [... More application output ...]
S=C=A=N: Thu Sep 13 18:05:39 2012: Collect done (status=0) 22s
S=C=A=N: ./scorep bt-mz C 8x6 sum complete.
```

Creates experiment directory ./scorep_bt-mz_C_8x6_sum

BT-MZ summary analysis report examination



Score summary analysis report

```
% square -s scorep_bt-mz_C_8x6_sum
INFO: Post-processing runtime summarization result...
INFO: Score report written to ./scorep_bt-mz_C_8x6_sum/scorep.score
```

Post-processing and interactive exploration with CUBE

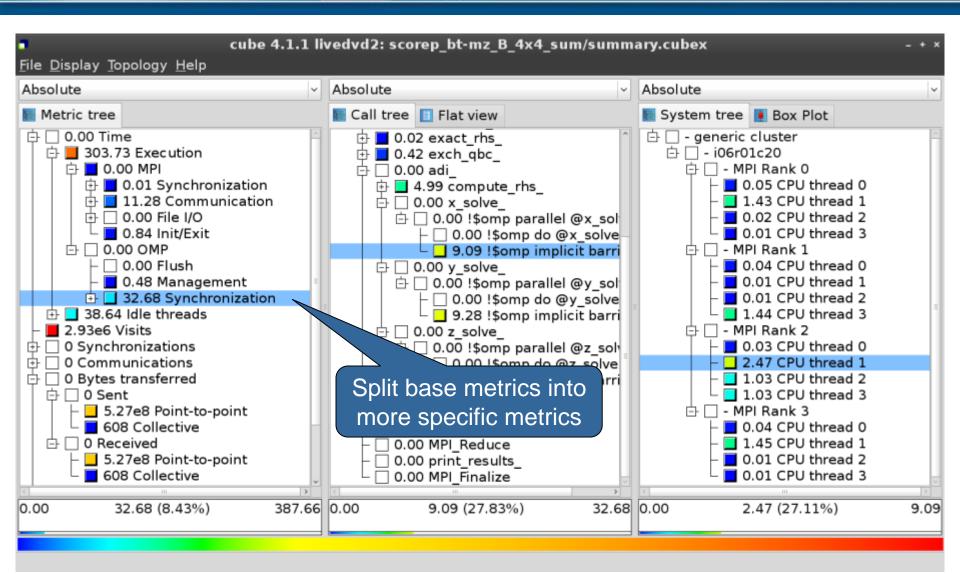
```
% square scorep_bt-mz_C_8x6_sum
INFO: Displaying ./scorep_bt-mz_C_8x6_sum/summary.cubex...

[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



Change to directory with executable and edit job script

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% vi scalasca2.pbs
 [...]
export OMP NUM THREADS=6
CLASS=C
NPROCS=8
EXE=./bt-mz $CLASS.$NPROCS
export SCOREP FILTERING FILE=../config/scorep.filt
export SCOREP TOTAL MEMORY=78M
scalasca -analyze -t aprun -n $NPROCS -d $OMP NUM THREADS $EXE
```

Submit the job

```
% qsub scalasca2.pbs
```



Automatic trace analysis of existing experiment archives

```
% OMP NUM THREADS=6 scan -a mpiexec -np 8 ./bt-mz C.8
S=C=A=N: Scalasca 2.2 trace analysis
S=C=A=N: Fri Sep 20 15:09:59 2013: Analyze start
mpiexec -np 8 scout.hyb ./scorep bt-mz C 8x6 trace/traces.otf2
Analyzing experiment archive ./scorep bt-mz C 8x6 trace/traces.otf2
Opening experiment archive ... done (0.019s).
Reading definition data ... done (0.178s).
Reading event trace data ... done (2.068s).
Preprocessing ... done (3.789s).
Analyzing trace data ...
 Wait-state detection (fwd) (1/4) ... done (2.889s).
 Wait-state detection (bwd) (2/4) ... done (1.136s).
  Synchpoint exchange (fws) (3/4) ... done (0.813s).
 Critical-path & delay analysis (4/4) ... done (0.568s).
done (5.413s).
Writing analysis report ... done (1.994s).
Total processing time: 34.812s
S=C=A=N: Fri Sep 20 15:10:16 2013: Analyze done (status=0) 39s
```



- Nexus can also combine trace collection and automated analysis using the same execution configuration
- Starts measurement with collection of trace files ...

```
% SCOREP_FILTERING_FILE=../config/scorep.filt
% OMP_NUM_THREADS=6 scan -t mpiexec -np 8 ./bt-mz_C.8
S=C=A=N: Scalasca 2.2 trace collection and analysis
S=C=A=N: Fri Sep 20 15:09:59 2013: Collect start
mpiexec -np 8 ./bt-mz_C.8

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: 8

[... More application output ...]

S=C=A=N: Fri Sep 20 15:10:16 2013: Collect done (status=0) 28s
```



Continues with automatic (parallel) analysis of trace files

```
S=C=A=N: Fri Sep 20 15:09:59 2013: Analyze start
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done (5.413s).
Writing analysis report ... done (1.994s).
*** WARNING ***: 916 clock condition violations detected:
This usually leads to inconsistent analysis results.
Total processing time: 34.812s
S=C=A=N: Fri Sep 20 15:10:16 2013: Analyze done (status=0) 39s
```

Generating a time-corrected trace and its analysis

```
% SCAN TRACE ANALYZER=none scan -t mpiexec -np 8 ./bt-mz C.8
S=C=A=N: Scalasca 2.2 trace collection and analysis
Info: Automatic trace analysis will be skipped!
S=C=A=N: Fri Mar 21: 18:00:56 2014: Collect done (status=0) 28s
S=C=A=N: ./scorep bt-mz C 8x6 trace complete.
% cd scorep bt-mz C 8x6 trace
% mpiexec -np 8 clc synchronize.hyb ./traces.otf2
      # passes : 1
      # violated : 3362
      # corrected : 1610977
     # reversed-p2p : 233
     # reversed-coll : 0
     # reversed-omp : 3129
     # events : 6287852
      max. error : 0.000112 [s]
      error at final. : 0.000118 [%]
      Max slope : 0.010000000
% scan -a -e ./clc sync mpiexec -np 8 ../bt-mz C.8
S=C=A=N: Scalasca 2.2 trace analysis
S=C=A=N: Fri Mar 21 18:29:29 2014: Analyze done (status=0) 39s
S=C=A=N: ./clc sync complete
```

BT-MZ trace analysis report exploration



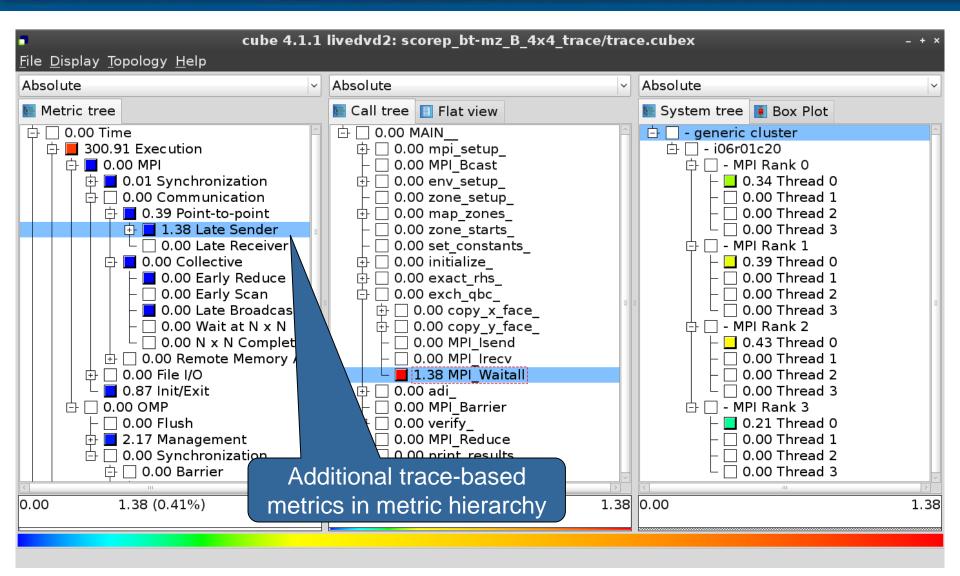
 Produces trace analysis report in experiment directory containing trace-based wait-state metrics

```
% square scorep_bt-mz_C_8x6_trace
INFO: Post-processing runtime summarization result...
INFO: Post-processing trace analysis report...
INFO: Displaying ./scorep_bt-mz_C_8x6_trace/trace.cubex...

[GUI showing trace analysis report]
```

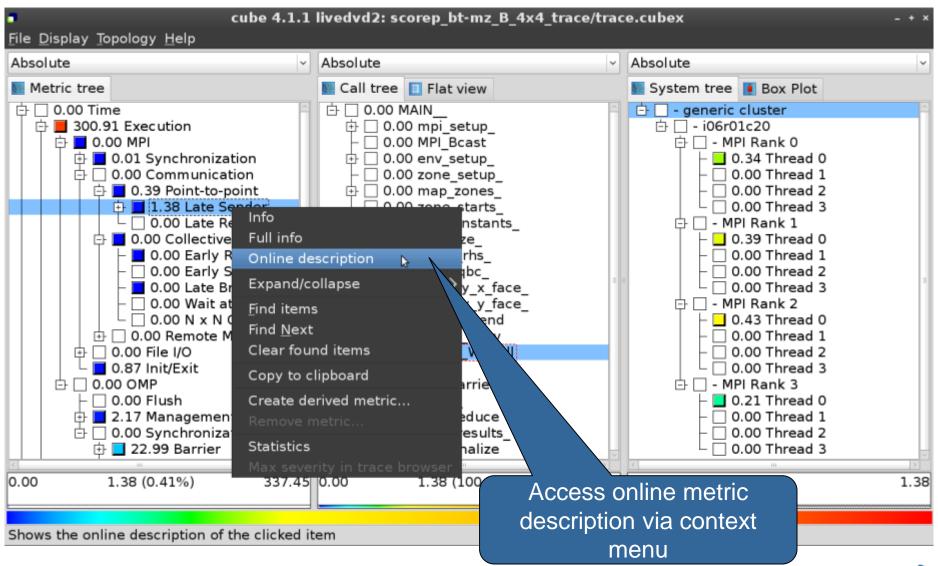
Post-processed trace analysis report





Online metric description





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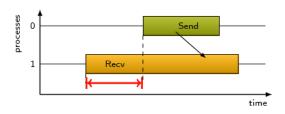


Performance properties

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:

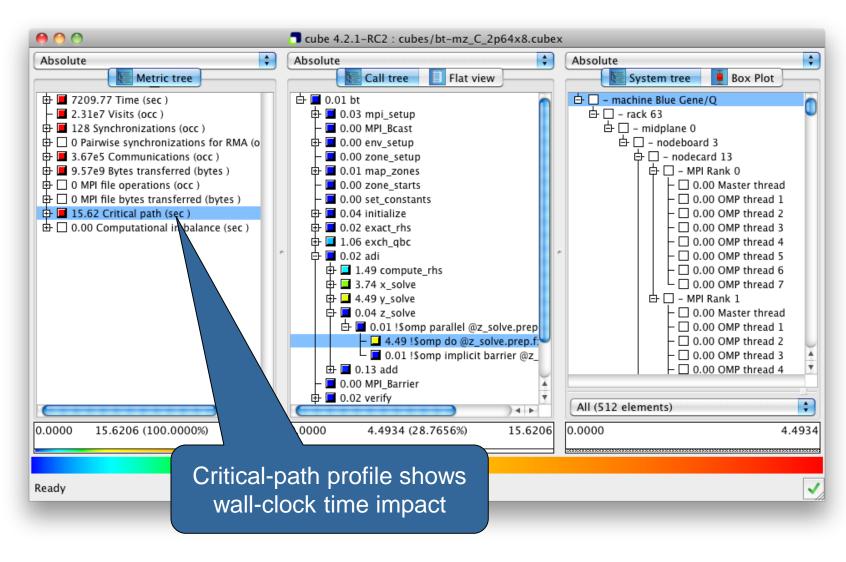
MPI Point-to-point Communication Time

Children:

Close

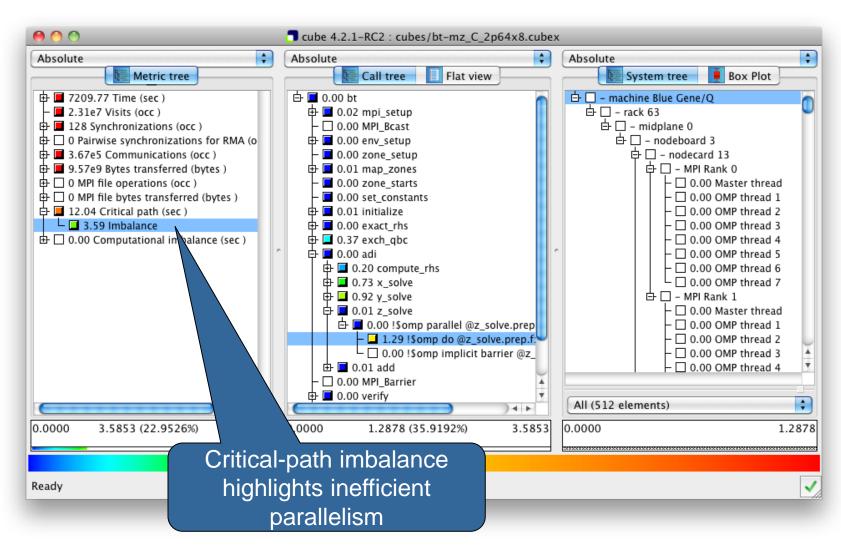
Critical-path analysis





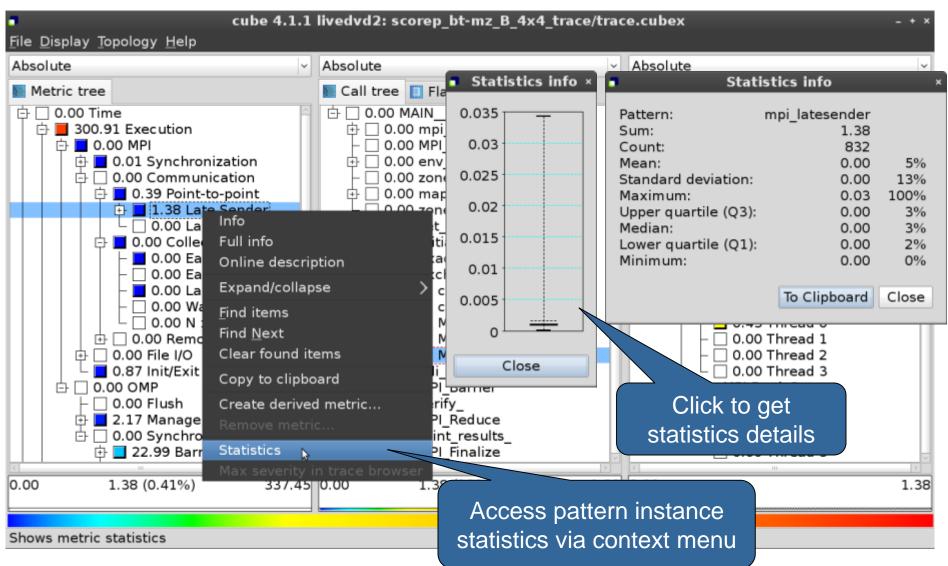
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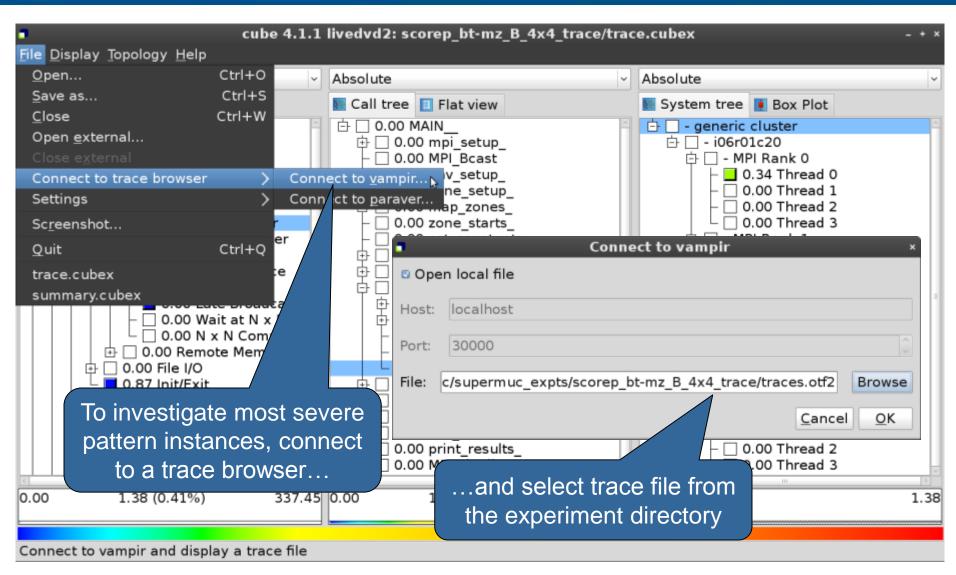
Pattern instance statistics





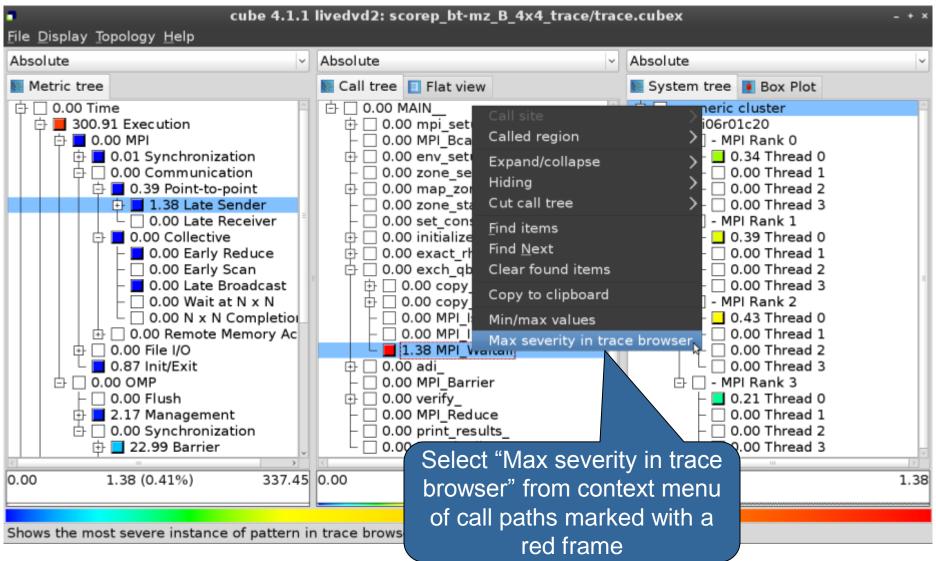
Connect to Vampir trace browser





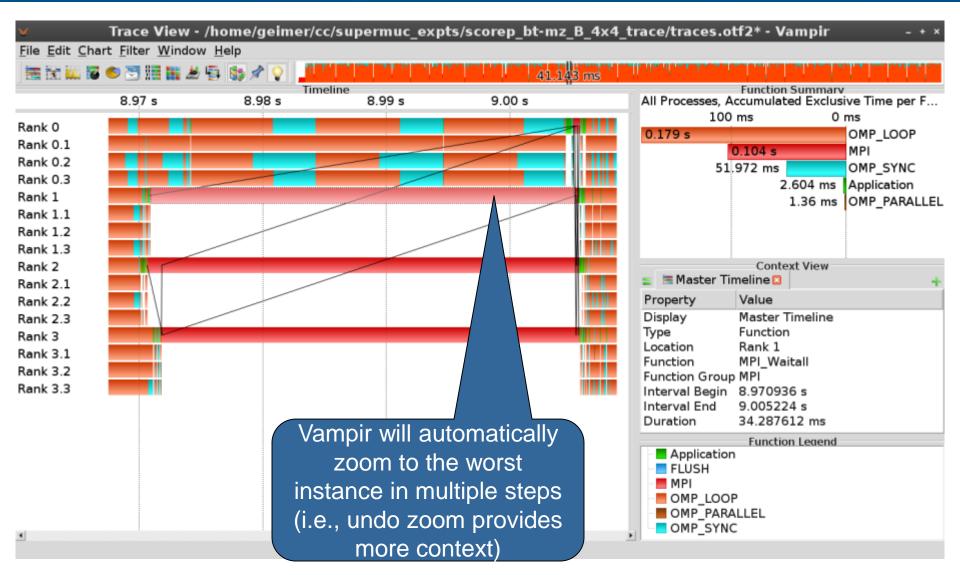
Show most severe pattern instances





Investigate most severe instance in Vampir







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