



USING INTEL® CLUSTER TOOLS TO OPTIMIZE MPI PROGRAMS

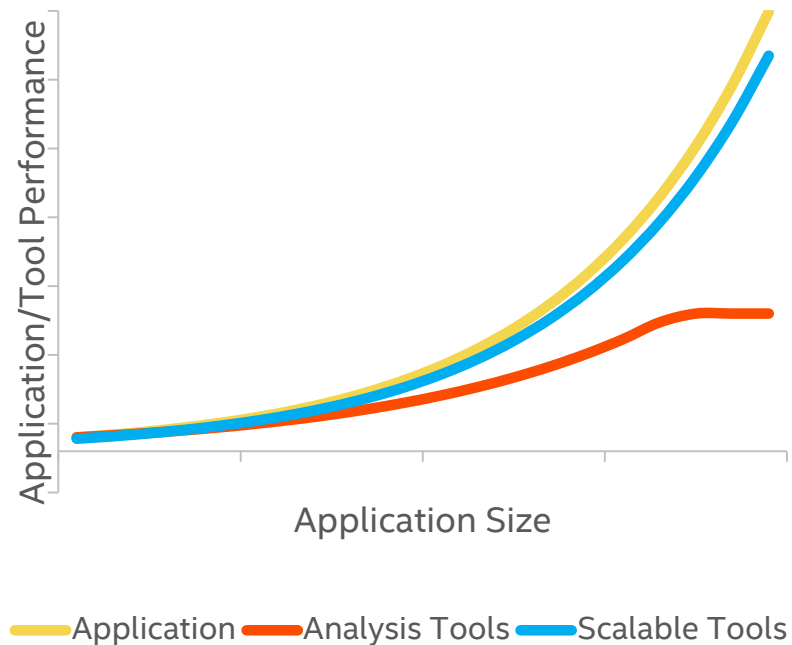
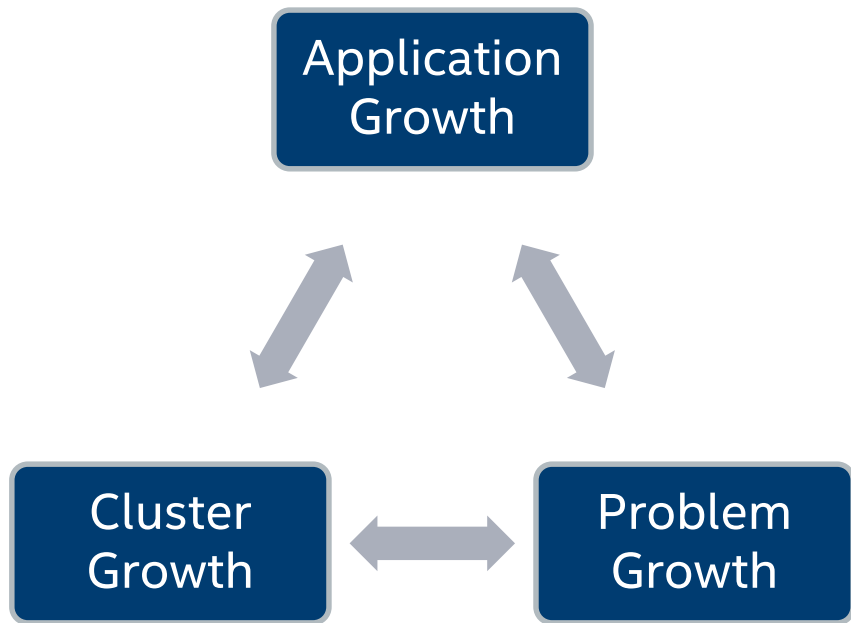
Agenda

Scaling with MPI Performance Snapshot

Tuning MPI Performance with Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector

MPI SCALING ANALYSIS CHALLENGES

MPI Scaling Analysis Challenges To Exascale... and Beyond



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MPI PERFORMANCE SNAPSHOT (MPS)

Why MPI Performance Snapshot (MPS)?

- Advantages
 - Get an initial profile of the application very quickly
 - Performance variation at scale can be detected and triaged quickly
 - Provides development recommendations to developers based on analysis
 - Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector or Intel® VTune™ Amplifier XE for deeper analysis
 - Easy to use out of the box functionality
- Benefits
 - Difficult performance issues are easier to spot
 - Application performance guidance is obtained easily
 - Experienced & non-experienced developers can adopt quickly

2 MPI Performance Snapshots

- Bundled version:
 - is a part Parallel Studio Cluster Edition
 - relies on Intel VTune Amplifier
 - Intel MPI supports MPS (Hydra knows some environment variables)
- Standalone version:
 - Can be downloaded with no charge.
 - Contains Application Performance Snapshot (APS) to collect Hardware counters
 - Has got a launcher script

What's new

Absolutely new collector which can collect information from all MPI functions.

Collector can work with any MPICH-based MPI implementation (OpenMPI is not supported so far)

Only one library to collect statistics and all other metrics (except Gflops, CPI, Memory bound)

Collector uses only MPI standard calls to support compatibility

New mechanism of MPI imbalance collection based on MPI_T_ mechanism – iMPI only

rdpmc timer for really low intrusion

Binary file format for MPI statistics

Each file writes to its own file

Different levels of statistics (MPS_STAT_LEVEL=1...5)
5 is default now.

New parser for binary statistics. (Still supports native iMPI statistics)

Absolutely new HTML report. All metrics on one page.

HTML report now shows top 5 MPI functions

What's not supported

MPS doesn't print statistics on finalization

PAPI library – we cannot rely on this library

MPI_Pcontrol() is not supported yet.

No MPI imbalance in other MPI implementations (might be added later)

OpenMP imbalance can be caught from Intel OpenMP library only.

MPI functions should not be called from OpenMP regions.

VTune Amplifier requires RedHat 6 and later and `perf` utility supported by kernel

MPS USAGE

How to run

“Bundle”

```
$ mpirun -mps -n N app_name
```

Standalone

```
$ source mpsvars.sh --vtune
```

```
$ mpirun -n N mpsrun.sh app_name
```

`mpsrun.sh` is a script which sets needed environment variables including LD_PRELOAD.

In VTune mode it runs `amplxe-cl` for each process

MPS Output

Summary

Files and folders:

- stats.txt
 - MPI statistics
- app_stat.txt
 - MPS collector statistics
- _mps/results.<node>/
 - VTune results

```
===== GENERAL STATISTICS =====
Total time:    448.391 sec (All ranks)
      MPI:      40.73%
      NON_MPI:  59.27%

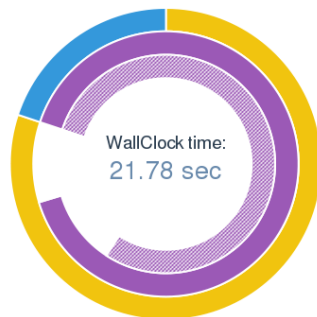
WallClock :
      MIN :      89.594 sec (rank 1)
      MAX :      89.975 sec (rank 4)

===== MEMORY USAGE STATISTICS =====
All ranks:    226.969 MB
      MIN:      24.172 MB (rank 2)
      MAX:      96.465 MB (rank 0)

===== MPI IMBALANCE STATISTICS =====
MPI Imbalance:    31.798 sec          7.092% (All ranks)
      MIN:        2.219 sec          2.467% (rank 4)
      MAX:        9.157 sec          10.219% (rank 0)
```

HTML Reporting

MPI Performance Snapshot Summary



MPI Time: 17.28 sec	80.10%
MPI Imbalance: 7.44 sec	34.47%
Computation Time: 4.29 sec	19.90%
OpenMP Time: 19.46 sec	90.19%
OpenMP Imbalance: 17.05 sec	79.03%
Serial Time: 0.00 sec	0.00%

WallClock time: 21.78 sec
Total application lifetime. The time is elapsed time for the slowest process. This metric includes the MPI Time and the Computation time below.

MPI Time: 17.28 sec 80.10%
Time spent inside the MPI library. High values are usually bad.
This value is **HIGH**. The application is **Communication-bound**. [More details...](#)

MPI Imbalance: 7.44 sec 34.47%
Mean unproductive wait time per process spent in the MPI library calls when a process is waiting for data. This time is part of the MPI time above. High values are usually bad.
This value is **HIGH**. The application workload is **NOT well balanced** between MPI ranks. [More details...](#)

Computation Time: 4.29 sec 19.90%
Mean time per process spent in the application code. This is the sum of the OpenMP Time and the Serial time. High values are usually good.
This value is **LOW**.

OpenMP Time: 19.46 sec 90.19%
Mean time per process spent in the OpenMP parallel regions. High values are usually good and indicate that the application is well-threaded.
This value is **HIGH**.

OpenMP Imbalance: 17.05 sec 79.03%
Mean unproductive wait time per process spent in OpenMP parallel regions (normally at synchronization barriers). High values are usually bad.
This value is **HIGH**. The application's OpenMP work sharing is **NOT well load-balanced**. [More details...](#)

Serial Time: 0.00 sec 0.00%
Mean application time per process spent outside OpenMP parallel regions. High values may be good or bad depending on the application algorithm.
This value is **NEGLIGIBLE**. This application is **well parallelized** via OpenMP directives.

Application: build/heart_demo

Number of ranks: 17

Used statistics: app_stat_20160310-035458.txt, stats_20160310-035458.txt

Creation date: 2016-03-10 03:55:21

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MPS HTML Report Breakdown – MPI Time

MPI Time – Time spent in MPI calls

MPI Imbalance – MPI time spent waiting


Lower is better

If MPI Time or MPI Imbalance are high, use Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector to investigate and optimize MPI usage

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MPS HTML Report Breakdown – OpenMP Time

OpenMP Time – Computation time spent in OpenMP parallel regions – higher is better

If OpenMP Imbalance is high – recommend using Intel® VTune™ Amplifier XE

OpenMP Imbalance – OpenMP Time spent waiting – lower is better

If OpenMP Time is low – Intel® Advisor to find opportunities to add more threading

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TUNING MPI APPLICATION PERFORMANCE WITH INTEL[®] TRACE ANALYZER AND COLLECTOR

Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector

Value Proposition

What	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intel's High Performance MPI Communications Profiler & Analyzer for Scalable HPC Development
Why	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scale Performance – Perform on More Nodes• Scale Forward – Multicore and Manycore Ready• Scale Efficiently – Tune & Debug on More Nodes
How	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visualize - Understand parallel application behavior• Evaluate - Profiling statistics and load balancing• Analyze – Automated analysis of common MPI issues• Identify – Communication hotspots

Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector Overview

Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector helps the developer:

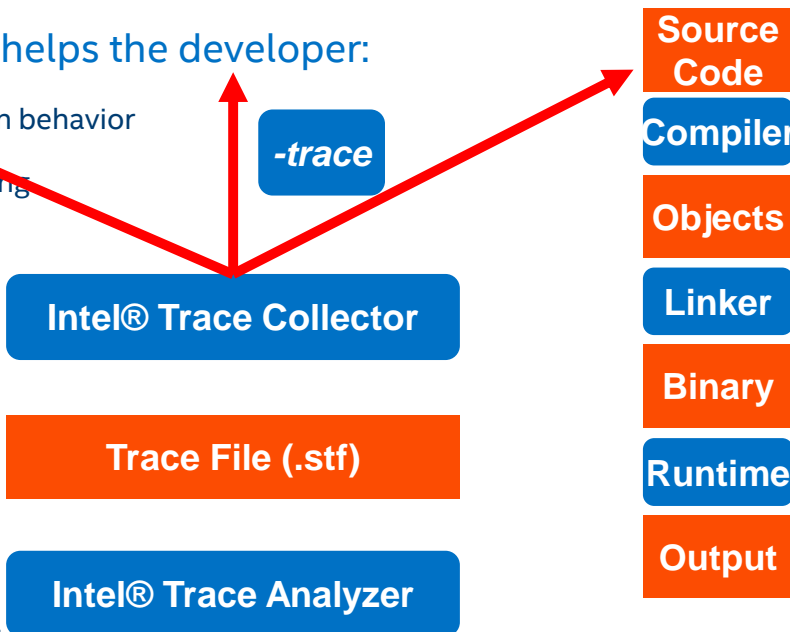
- Visualize and understand parallel application behavior
- Evaluate profiling and performance tuning
- Identify communication hotspots

Features

- Event-based approach
- Low overhead
- Excellent scalability
- Powerful aggregation and filtering functions
- Performance Assistance and Imbalance Tuning
- NEW in 9.1: MPI Performance Snapshot

API and `-tcollect`

`-trace`



Strengths of Event-based Tracing

Predict

Detailed MPI program behavior

Record

Exact sequence of program states – keep timing consistent

Collect

Collect information about exchange of messages: at what times and in which order

An event-based approach is able to detect temporal dependencies!

Multiple Methods for Data Collection

Collection Mechanism	Advantages	Disadvantages
Run with <code>-trace</code> or preload trace collector library.	Automatically collects all MPI calls, requires no modification to source, compile, or link.	No user code collection.
Link with <code>-trace</code> .	Automatically collects all MPI calls.	No user code collection. Must be done at link time.
Compile with <code>-tcollect</code> .	Automatically instruments all function entries/exits.	Requires recompile of code.
Add API calls to source code.	Can selectively instrument desired code sections.	Requires code modification.

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Views and Charts

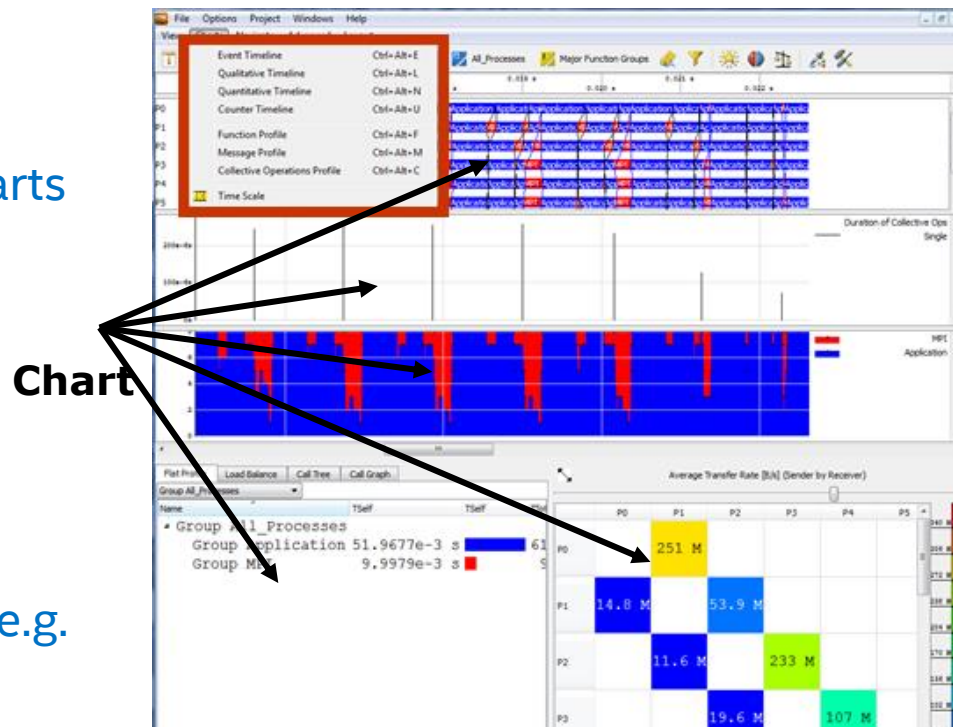
Helps navigating through the trace data and keep orientation

Every View can contain several Charts

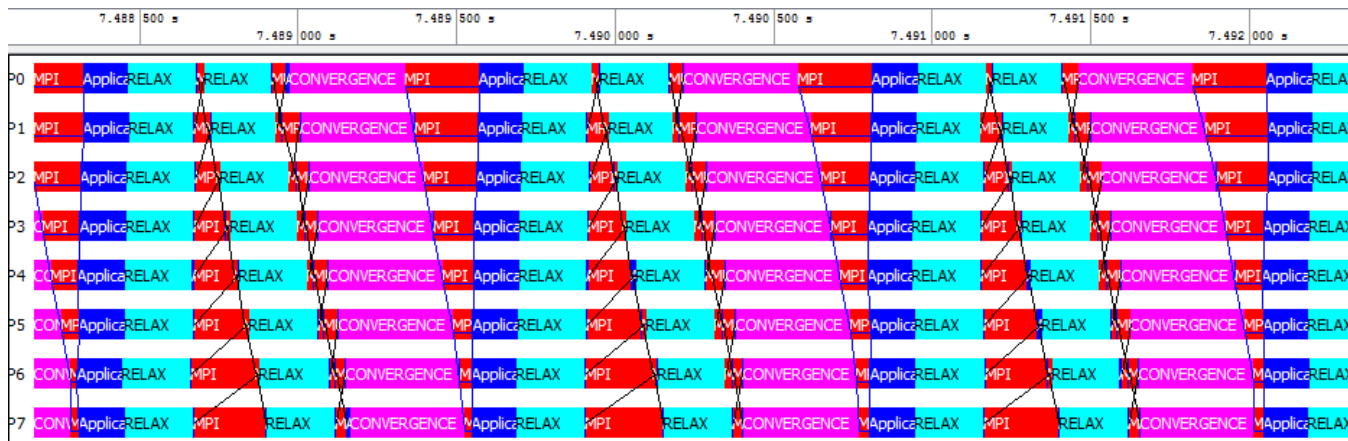
All Charts in a View are linked to a single:

- time-span
- set of threads
- set of functions

All Charts follow changes to View (e.g. zooming)



Event Timeline



Get detailed impression of program structure

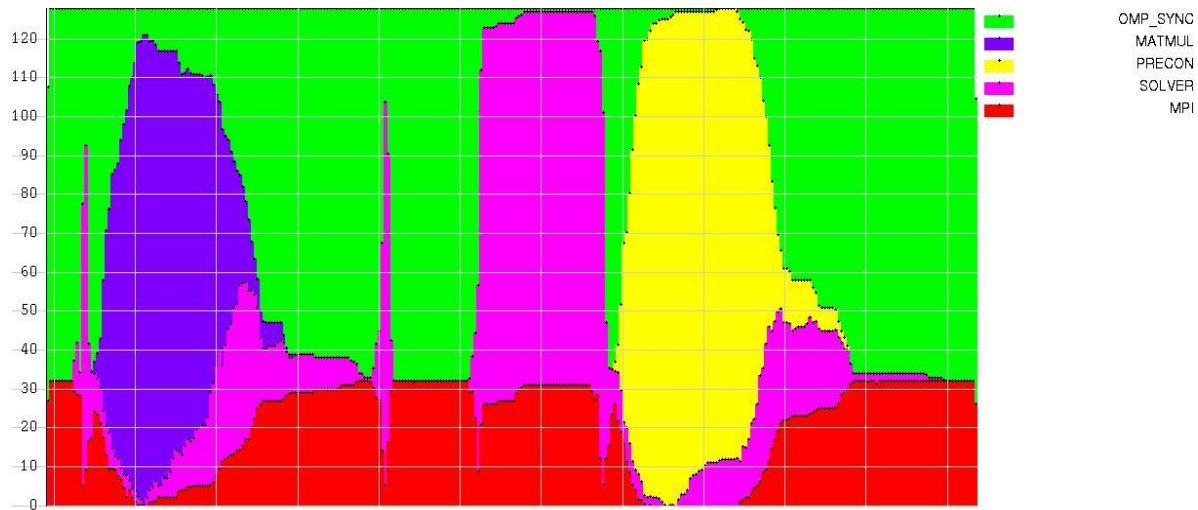
Display functions, messages, and collective operations for each rank/thread along time-axis

Retrieval of detailed event information

Quantitative Timeline

Get impression on parallelism and load balance

Show for every function how many threads/ranks are currently executing it

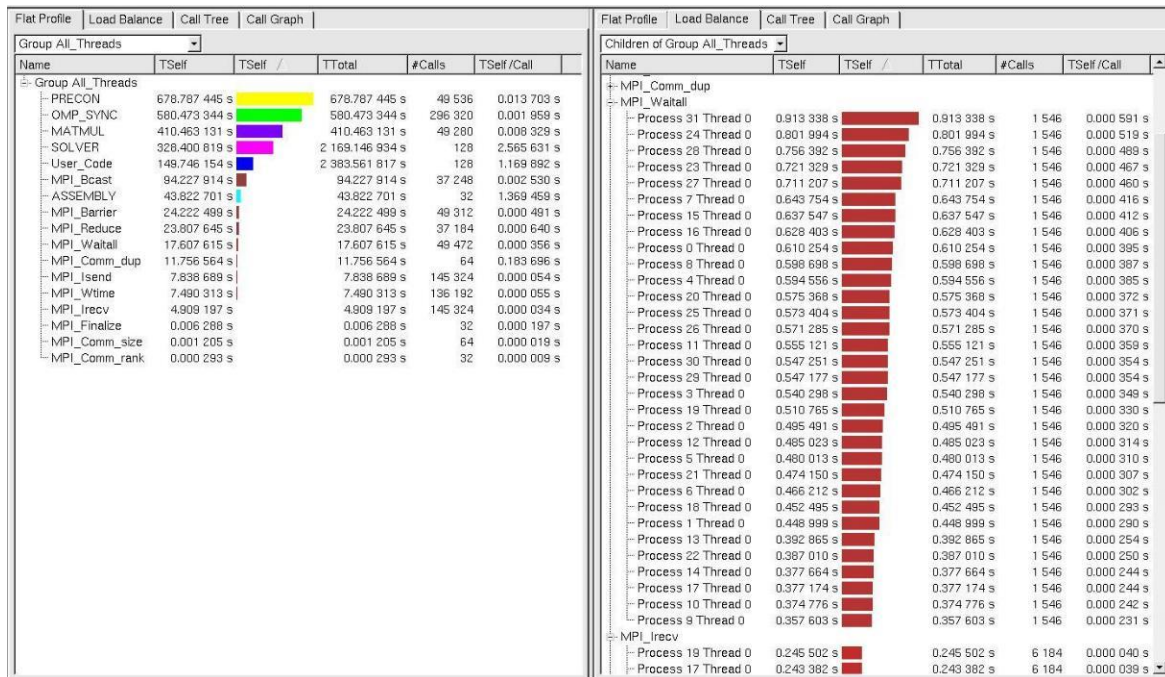


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Flat Function Profile

Statistics about functions



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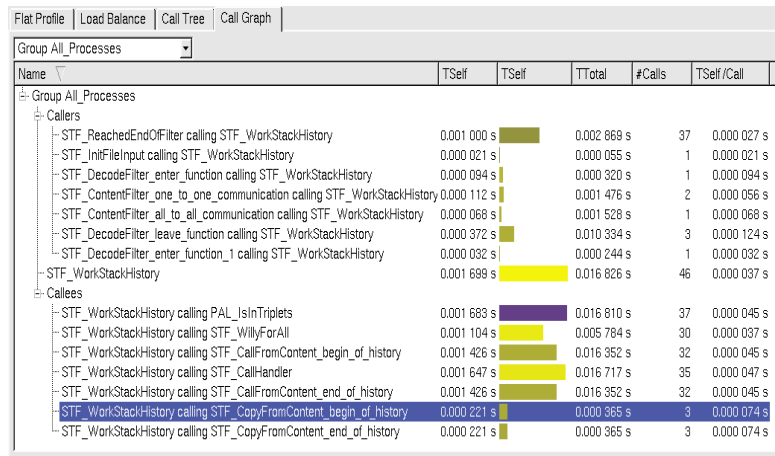
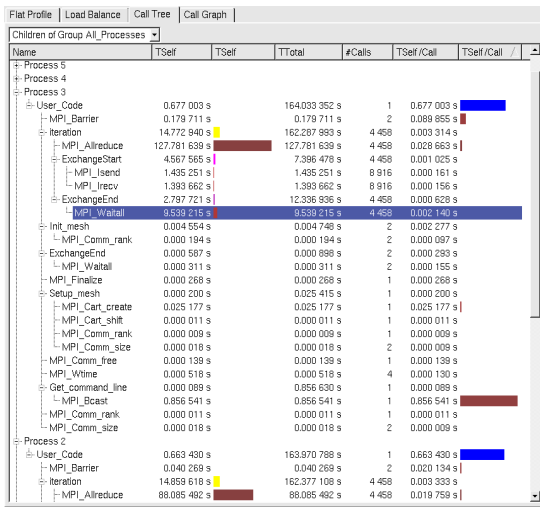
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Call Tree and Call Graph

Function statistics including calling hierarchy

- Call Tree shows call stack
- Call Graph shows calling dependencies



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Communication Profiles

Statistics about point-to-point or collective communication

Matrix supports grouping by attributes in each dimension

- Sender, Receiver, Data volume per msg, Tag, Communicator, Type

Available attributes

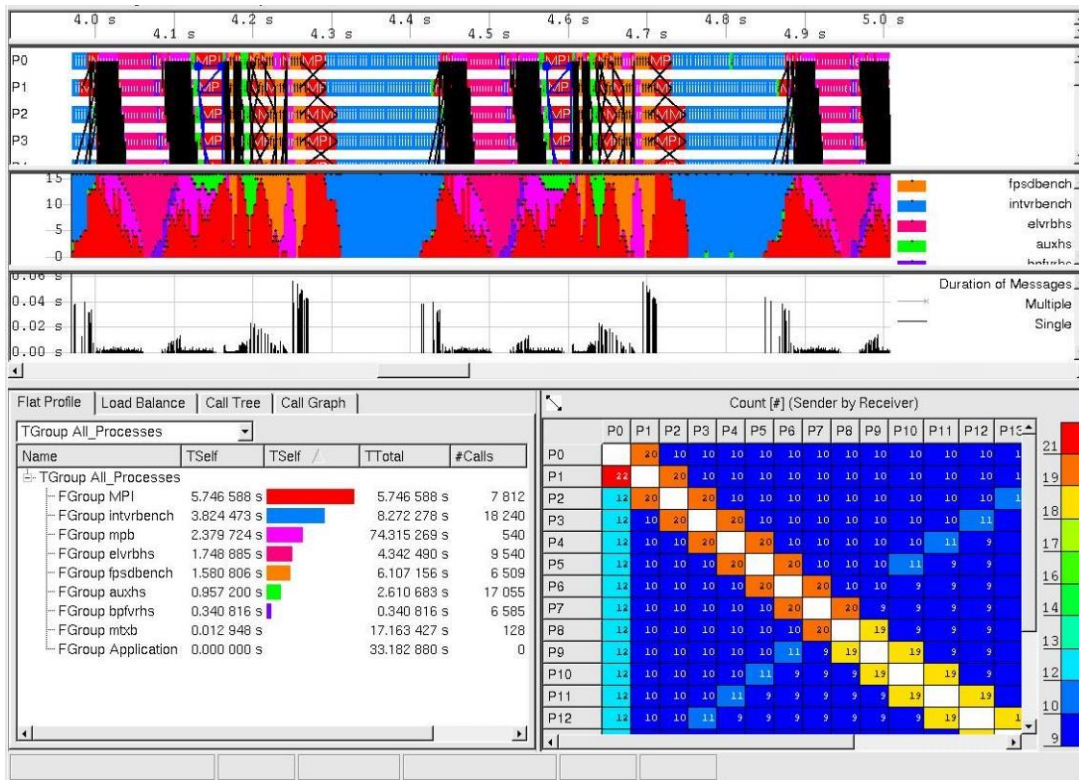
- Count, Bytes transferred, Time, Transfer rate

	P0	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Sum	Mean	StdDev
MPI_Barrier	0.063	0.052	0.040	0.180	0.258	0.066	0.079	0.215	0.952	0.119	0.080
MPI_Bcast	0.000	0.860	0.865	0.857	0.853	0.855	0.860	0.861	6.010	0.751	0.284
MPI_Allreduce	87.299	120.579	88.085	127.782	89.071	124.261	109.330	137.064	883.576	110.447	18.704
Sum	87.362	121.590	88.990	128.818	90.182	125.187	110.248	138.141	890.538		
Mean	29.121	40.530	29.663	42.939	30.061	41.729	36.756	46.047	37.106		
StdDev	41.139	56.675	41.312	59.993	41.727	58.363	51.318	64.359	52.973		

	P0	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	Sum	Mean	StdDev
P0		74.641							74.641	74.641	0.000
P1	21.901		45.249						69.152	34.576	10.673
P2		51.539		47.944					99.551	49.776	1.814
P3			41.605		36.904				78.509	39.254	2.351
P4				51.558		54.114			105.672	52.836	1.278
P5					37.884		34.262		72.146	36.073	1.811
P6						57.613		35.861	73.480	36.740	0.879
P7							24.384		24.384	24.384	0.000
Sum	23.903	124.231	86.854	99.519	74.788	91.793	58.446	35.861	597.535		
Mean	23.903	62.114	43.427	49.759	37.394	45.864	29.323	35.861	42.681		
StdDev	0.000	11.526	1.822	1.798	0.490	0.248	4.939	0.000	12.629		

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Zooming

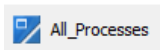


Grouping and Aggregation

Allow analysis on different levels of detail by aggregating data upon group-definitions

Functions and threads can be grouped hierarchically

- Process Groups and Function Groups



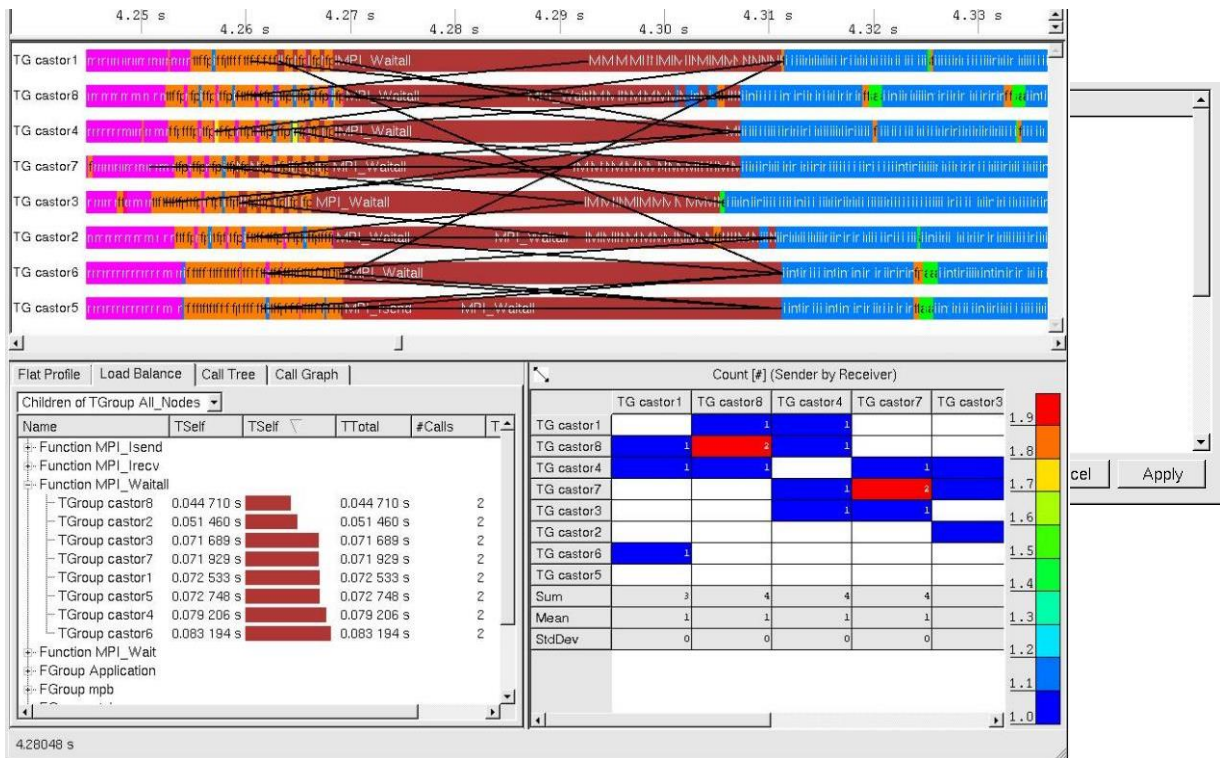
Arbitrary nesting is supported

- Functions/threads on the same level as groups
- User can define his/her own groups

Aggregation is part of View-definition

- All charts in a View adapt to requested grouping
- All charts support aggregation

Aggregation Example



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Tagging and Filtering



Help concentrating on relevant parts

Avoid getting lost in huge amounts of trace data

Define a set of interesting data

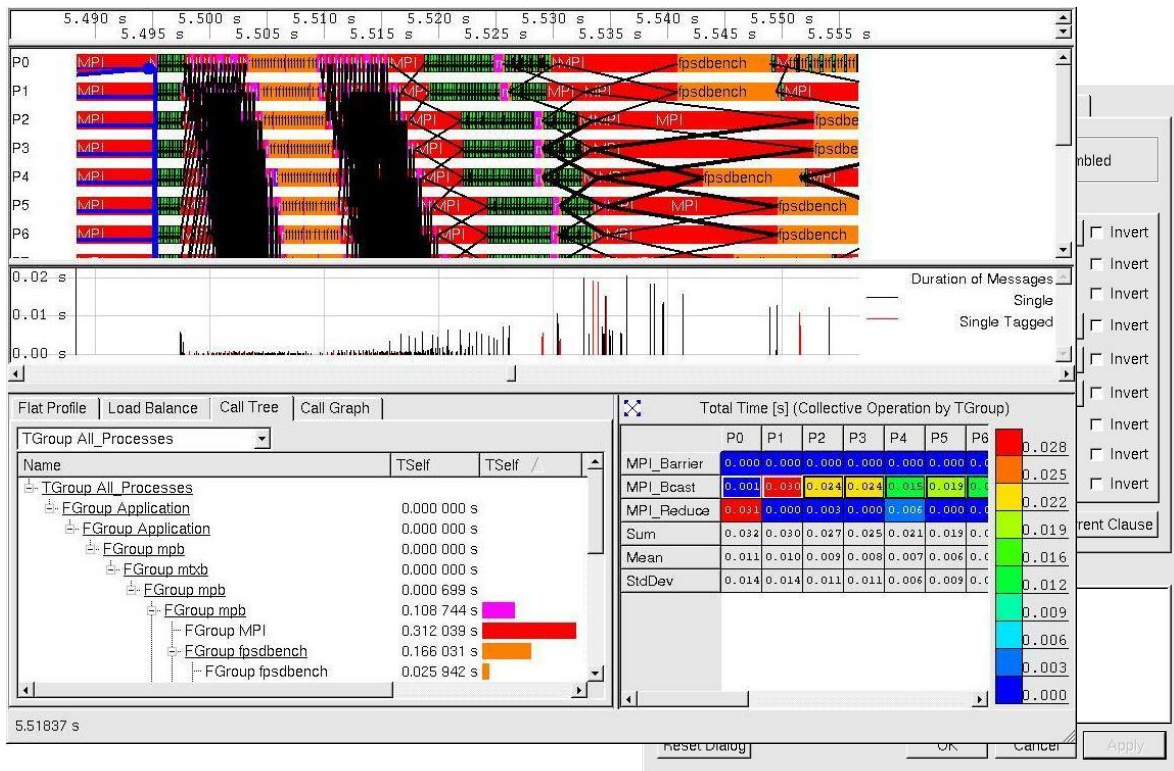
- E.g. all occurrences of function x
- E.g. all messages with tag y on communicator z

Combine several filters:
Intersection, Union, Complement

Apply it

- Tagging: Highlight messages
- Filtering: Suppress all non-matching events

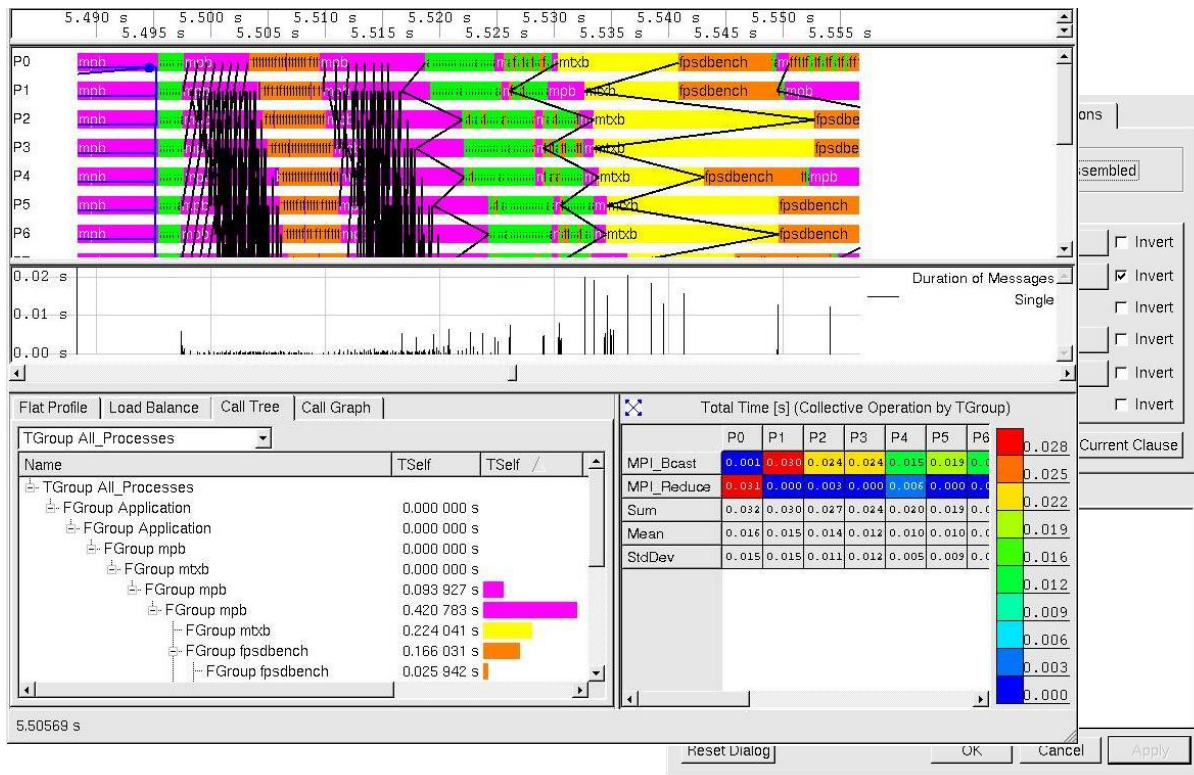
Tagging Example



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Filtering Example



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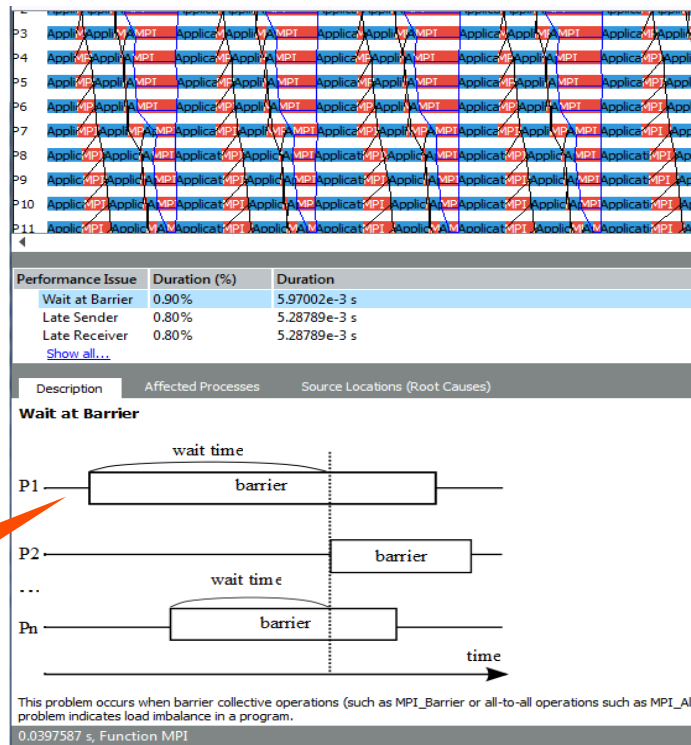
MPI Performance Assistance

Automatic Performance Assistant

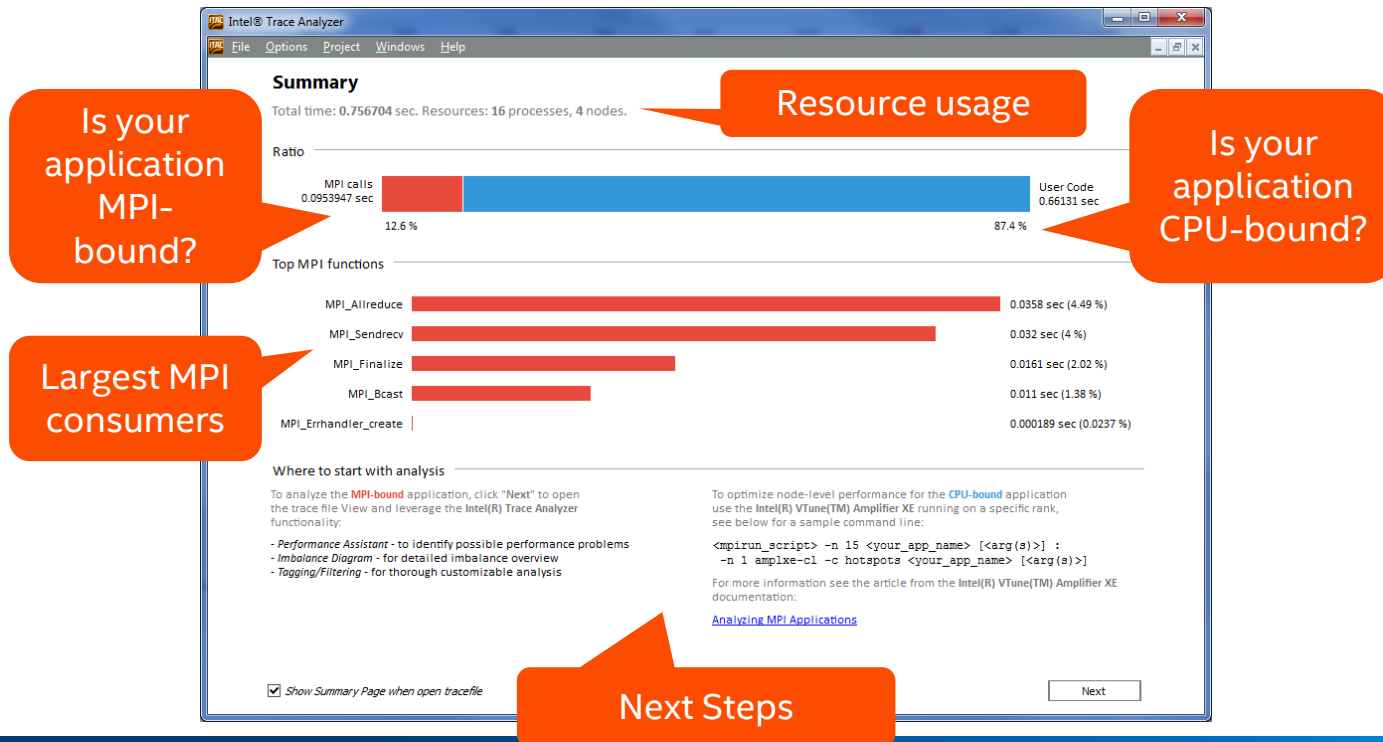
Detect common MPI performance issues

Automated tips on potential solutions

Automatically detect performance issues and their impact on runtime



Summary page shows computation vs. communication breakdown



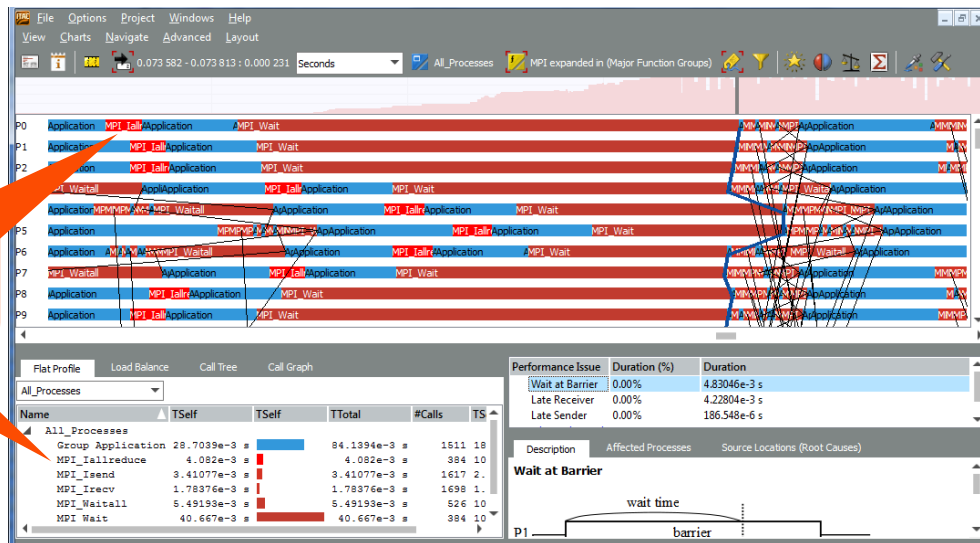
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MPI-3.0 Support

Support for major MPI-3.0 features

- Non-blocking collectives
- Fast RMA
- Large counts

Non-blocking
Allreduce
(MPI_iallreduce)



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