



Performance Modeling, Analysis, and Tools

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Announcements

- Assignment 1 is posted
 - Due on Oct 10 11:59 pm
- Late submission policy: submit up to one late day for a 20% penalty
- For any other exceptions, you need to ask as early as possible, not on the day of the deadline

Weak versus strong scaling

- Strong scaling: *Fixed total* problem size as we run on more processes
 - Sorting n numbers on 1 process, 2 processes, 4 processes, ...
- Weak scaling: Fixed problem size per process but *increasing total* problem size as we run on more processes
 - Sorting n numbers on 1 process
 - $2n$ numbers on 2 processes
 - $4n$ numbers on 4 processes

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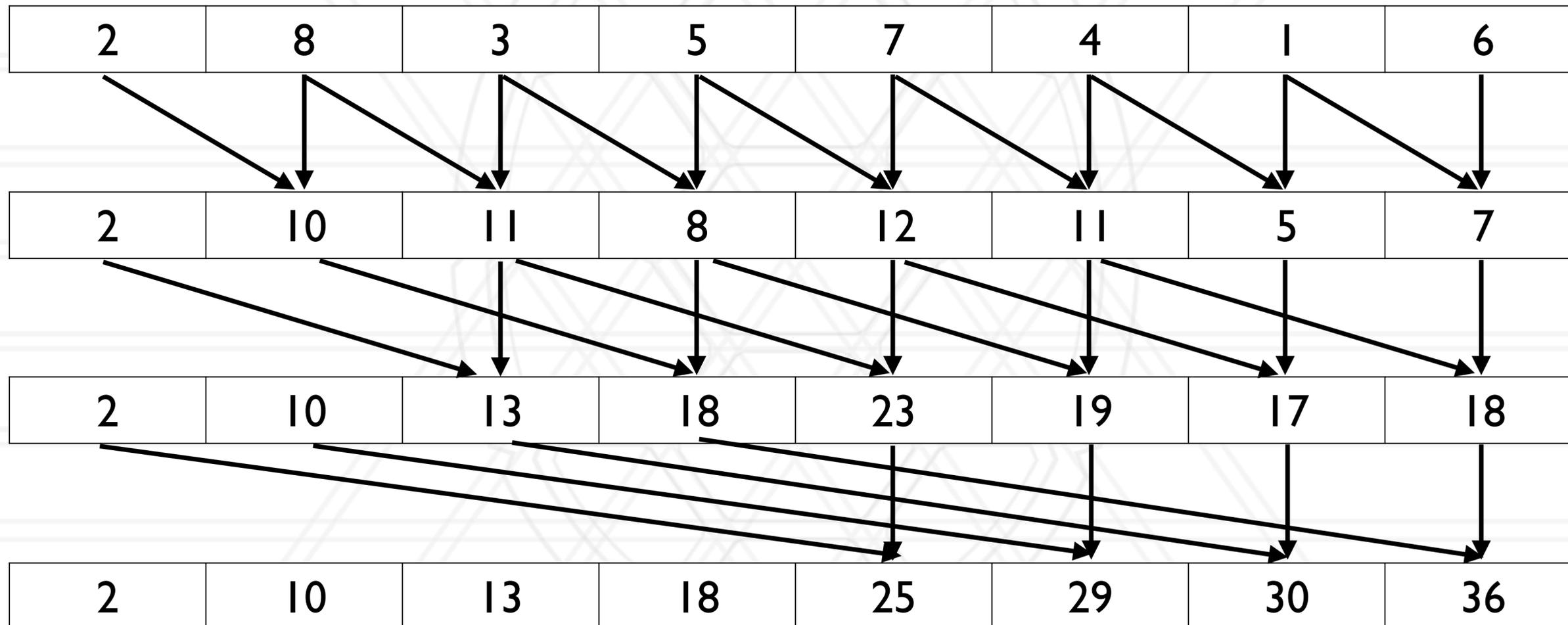
Performance analysis

- Parallel performance of a program might not be what the developer expects
- How do we find performance bottlenecks?
- Performance analysis is the process of studying the performance of parallel code
- Identify why performance might be slow
 - Serial performance
 - Serial bottlenecks when running in parallel
 - Communication overheads

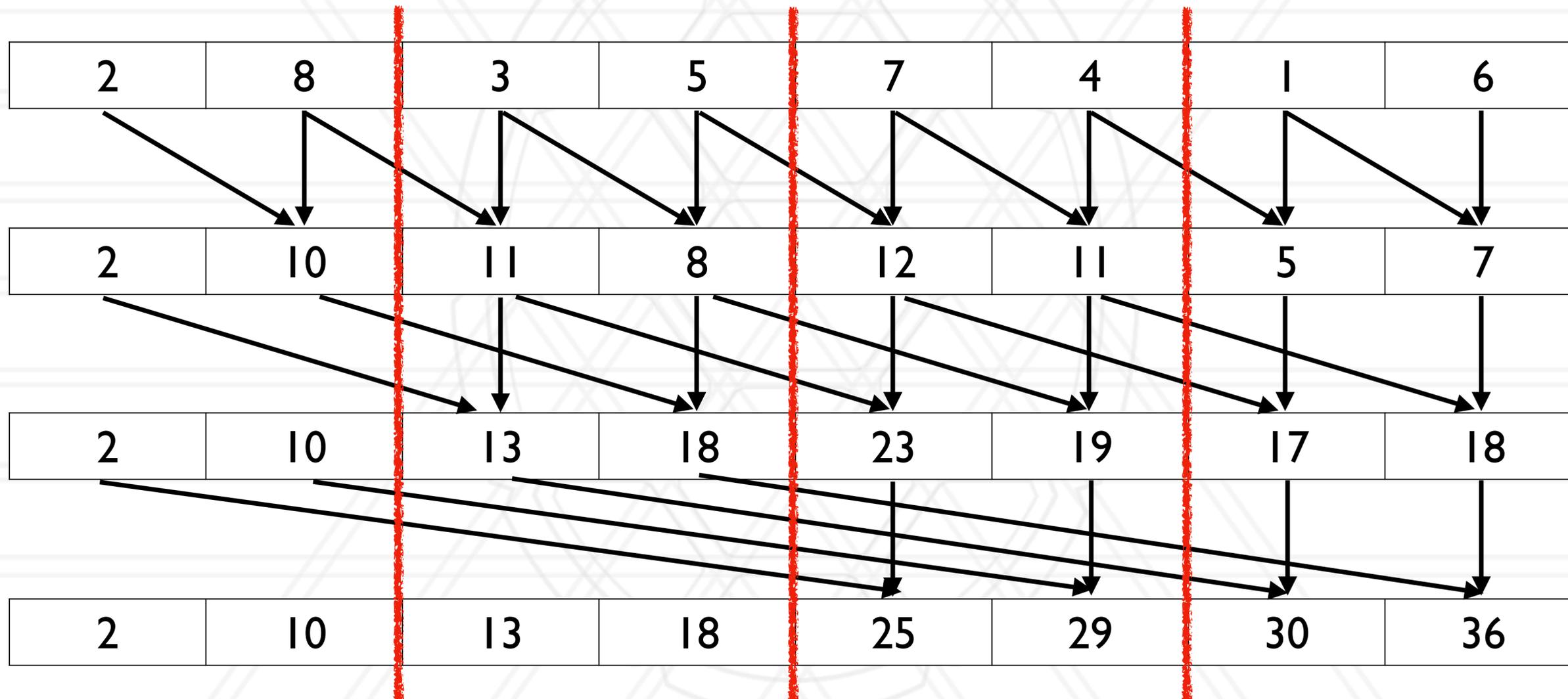
Performance analysis methods

- Analytical techniques: use algebraic formulae
 - In terms of data size (n), number of processes (p)
- Time complexity analysis
- Scalability analysis (Isoefficiency)
- Model performance of various operations
 - Analytical models: LogP, alpha-beta model
- Empirical performance analysis using tools

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Modeling communication: LogP model

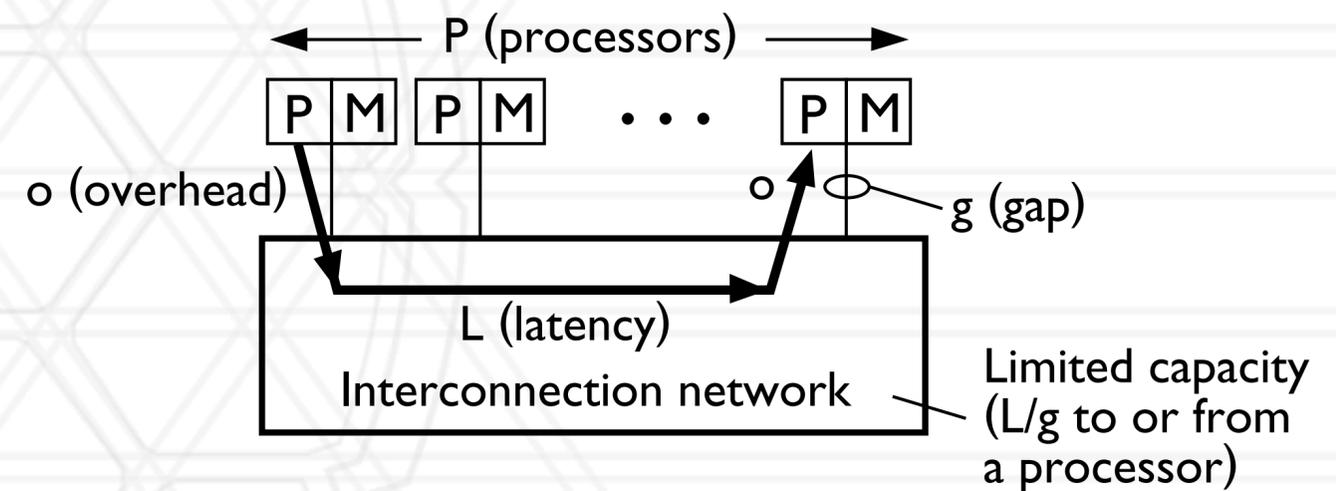
- Model for communication on an interconnection network

L: latency or delay

o: overhead (processor busy in communication)

g: gap (between successive sends/recvs)

P: number of processors / processes



$$1/g = \text{bandwidth}$$

alpha + n * beta model

- Another model for communication

$$T_{\text{comm}} = \alpha + n \times \beta$$

α : latency

n : size of message

$1/\beta$: bandwidth

Isoefficiency

- Relationship between problem size and number of processors to maintain a certain level of efficiency
- At what rate should we increase problem size with respect to number of processors to keep efficiency constant

Speedup and efficiency

- Speedup: Ratio of execution time on one process to that on p processes

$$\text{Speedup} = \frac{t_1}{t_p}$$

- Efficiency: Speedup per process

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{t_1}{t_p \times p}$$

Efficiency in terms of overhead

- Total time spent in all processes = (useful) computation + overhead (extra computation + communication + idle time)

$$p \times t_p = t_1 + t_o$$

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{t_1}{t_p \times p} = \frac{t_1}{t_1 + t_o} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{t_o}{t_1}}$$

Isoefficiency function

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{t_0}{t_1}}$$

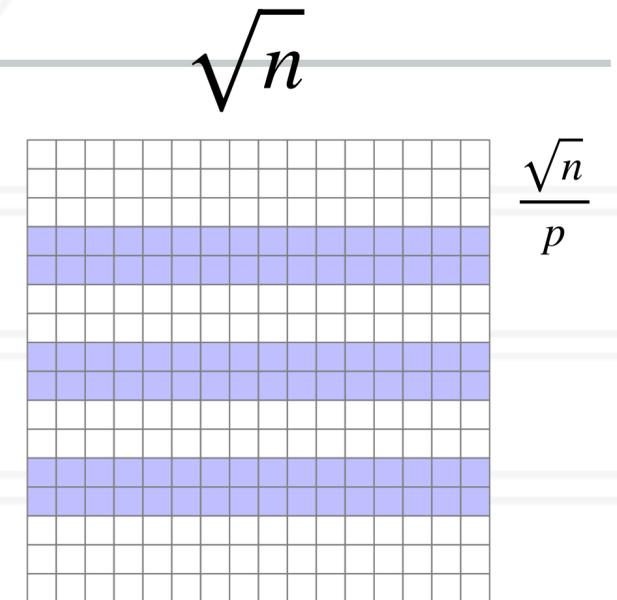
- Efficiency is constant if t_0 / t_1 is constant (K)

$$t_0 = K \times t_1$$

Isoefficiency analysis

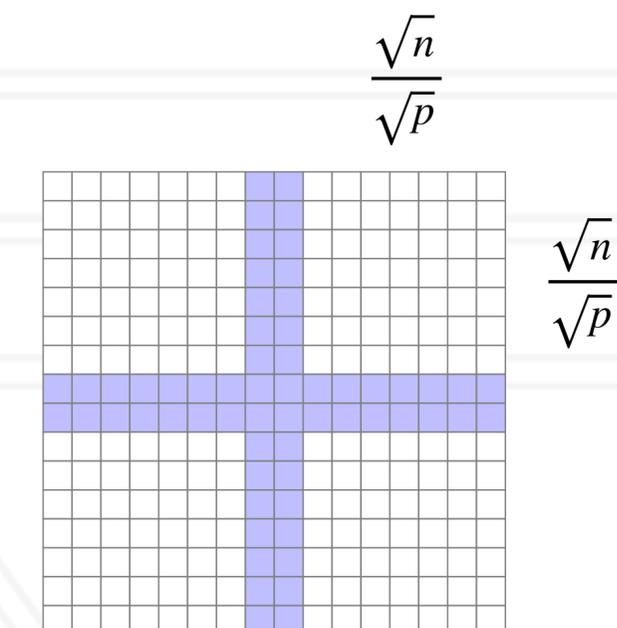
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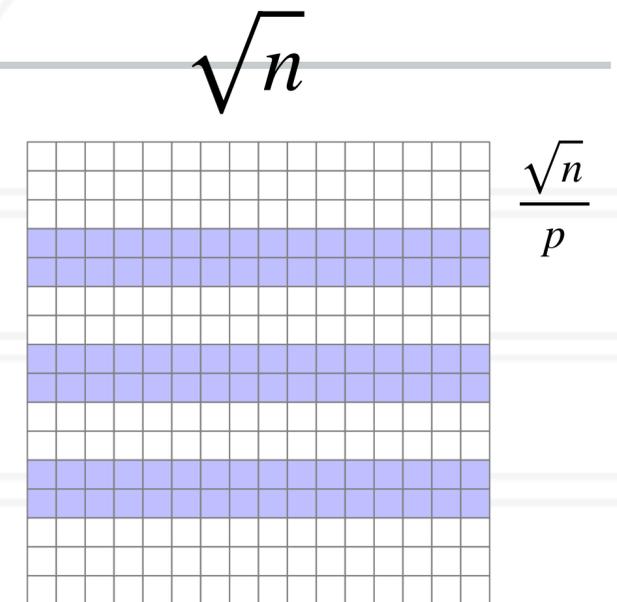


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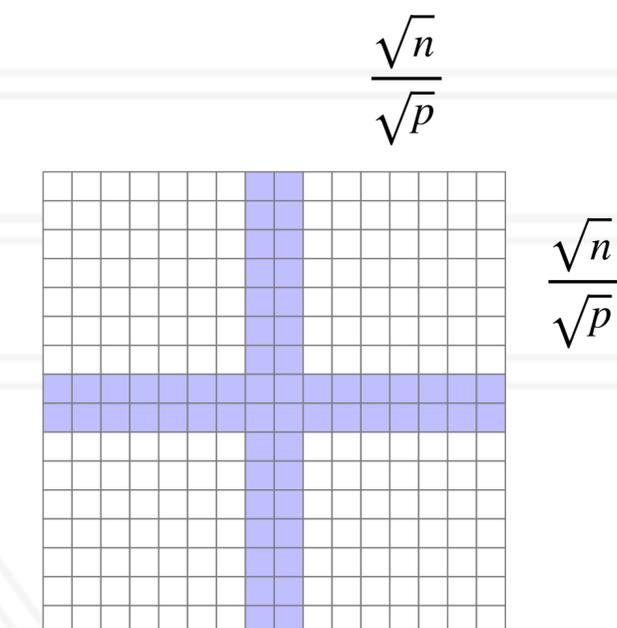
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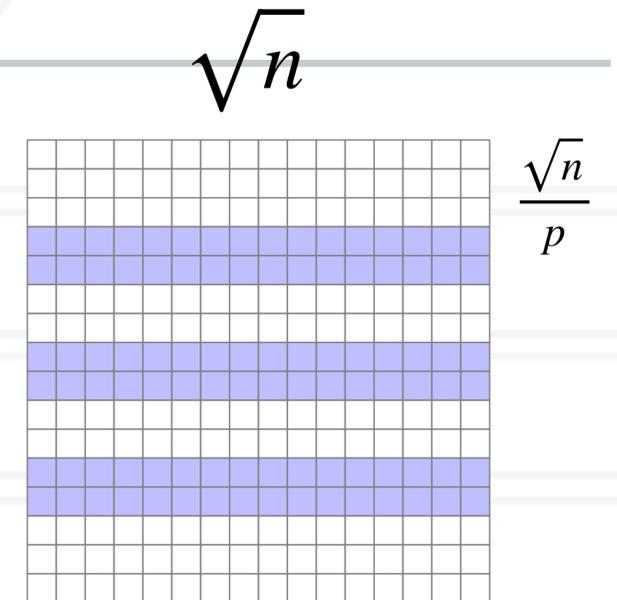


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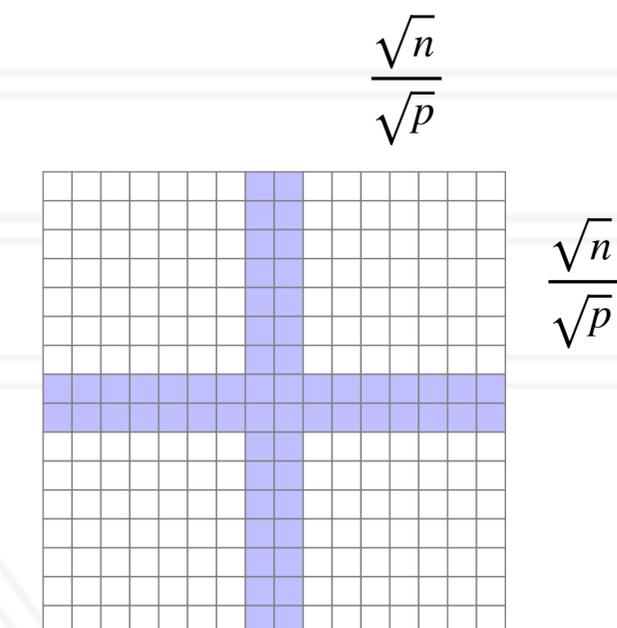
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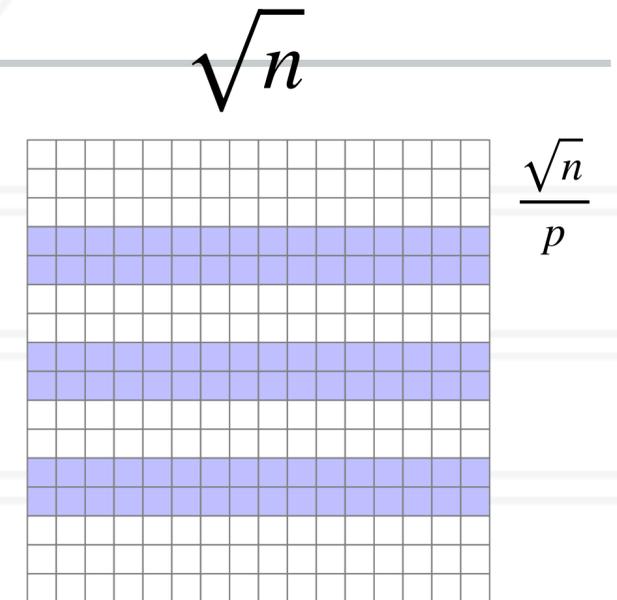
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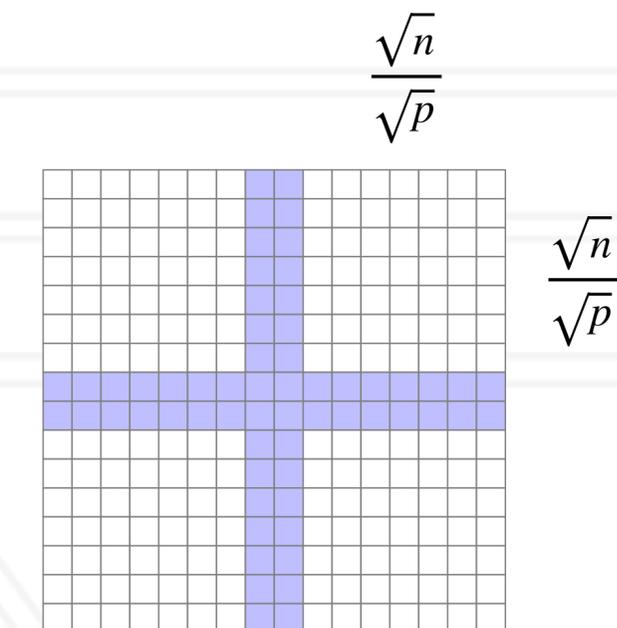
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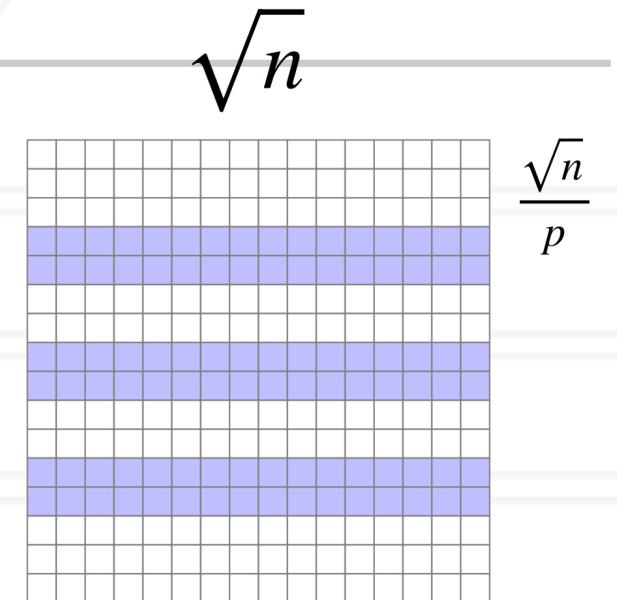
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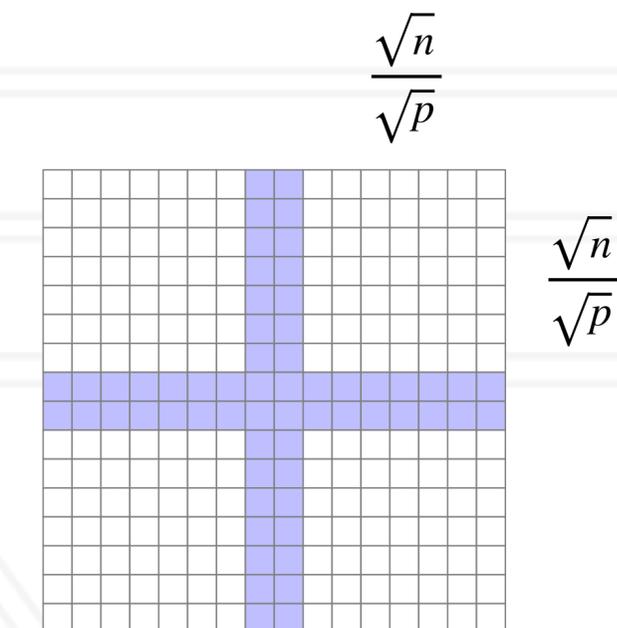
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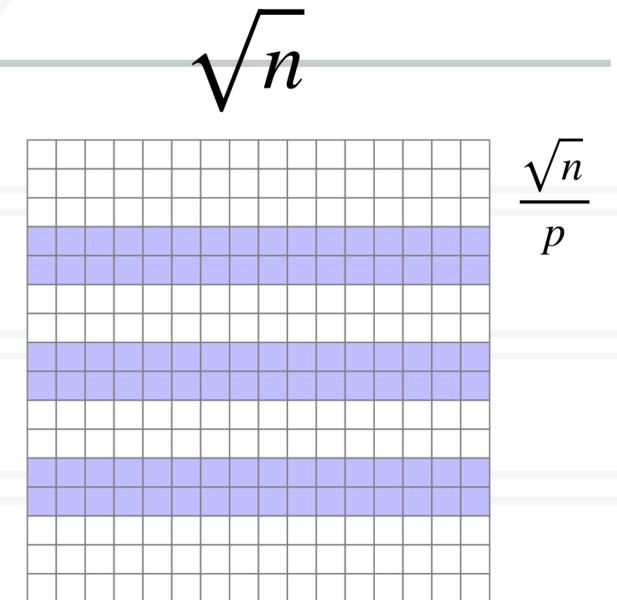
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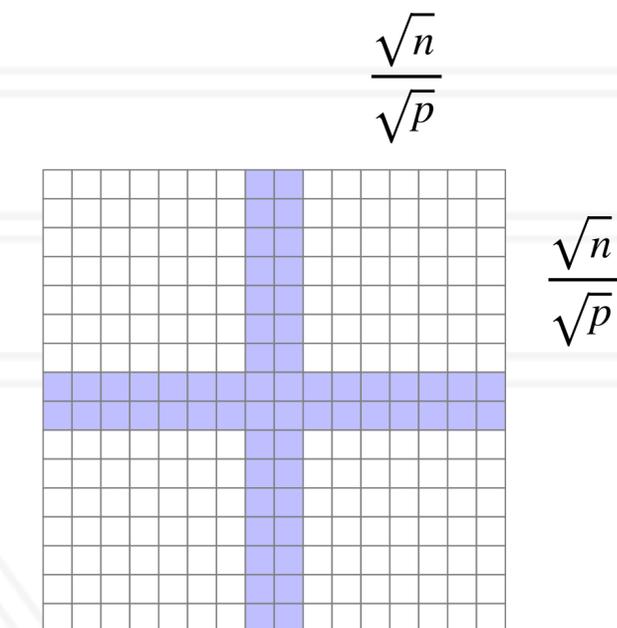
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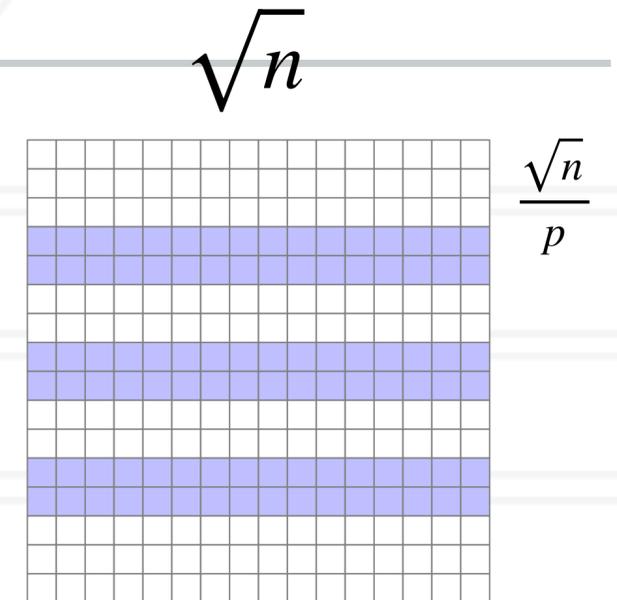
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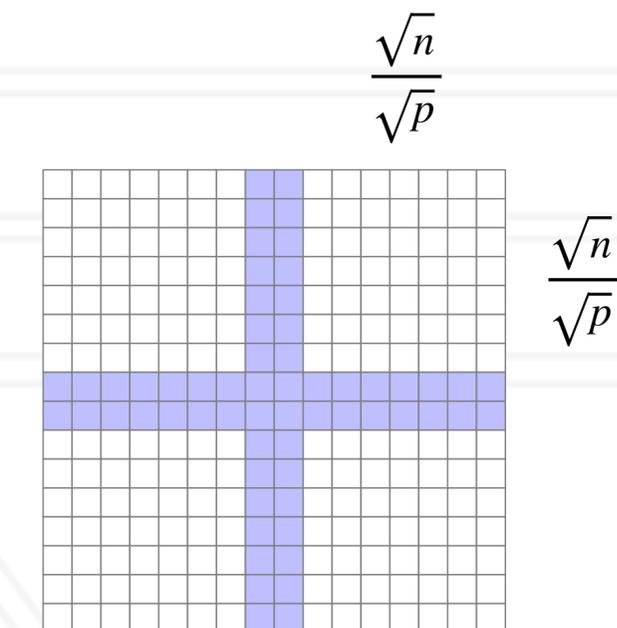
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Empirical performance analysis

- Two parts to performance analysis
 - measurement
 - analysis/visualization
- Simplest tool: timers in the code and printf

Using timers

```
double start, end;  
double phase1, phase2, phase3;
```

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start = MPI_Wtime();  
... phase1 code ...  
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Phase 1 took 2.45 s

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start = MPI_Wtime();  
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Phase 2 took 11.79 s

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start = MPI_Wtime();  
... phase3 ...  
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phase3 = end - start;
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Phase 3 took 4.37 s

Performance tools

- Tracing tools
 - Capture entire execution trace
- Profiling tools
 - Provide aggregated information
 - Typically use statistical sampling
- Many tools can do both

Metrics recorded

- Counts of function invocations
- Time spent in code
- Number of bytes sent
- Hardware counters
- To fix performance problems — we need to connect metrics to source code

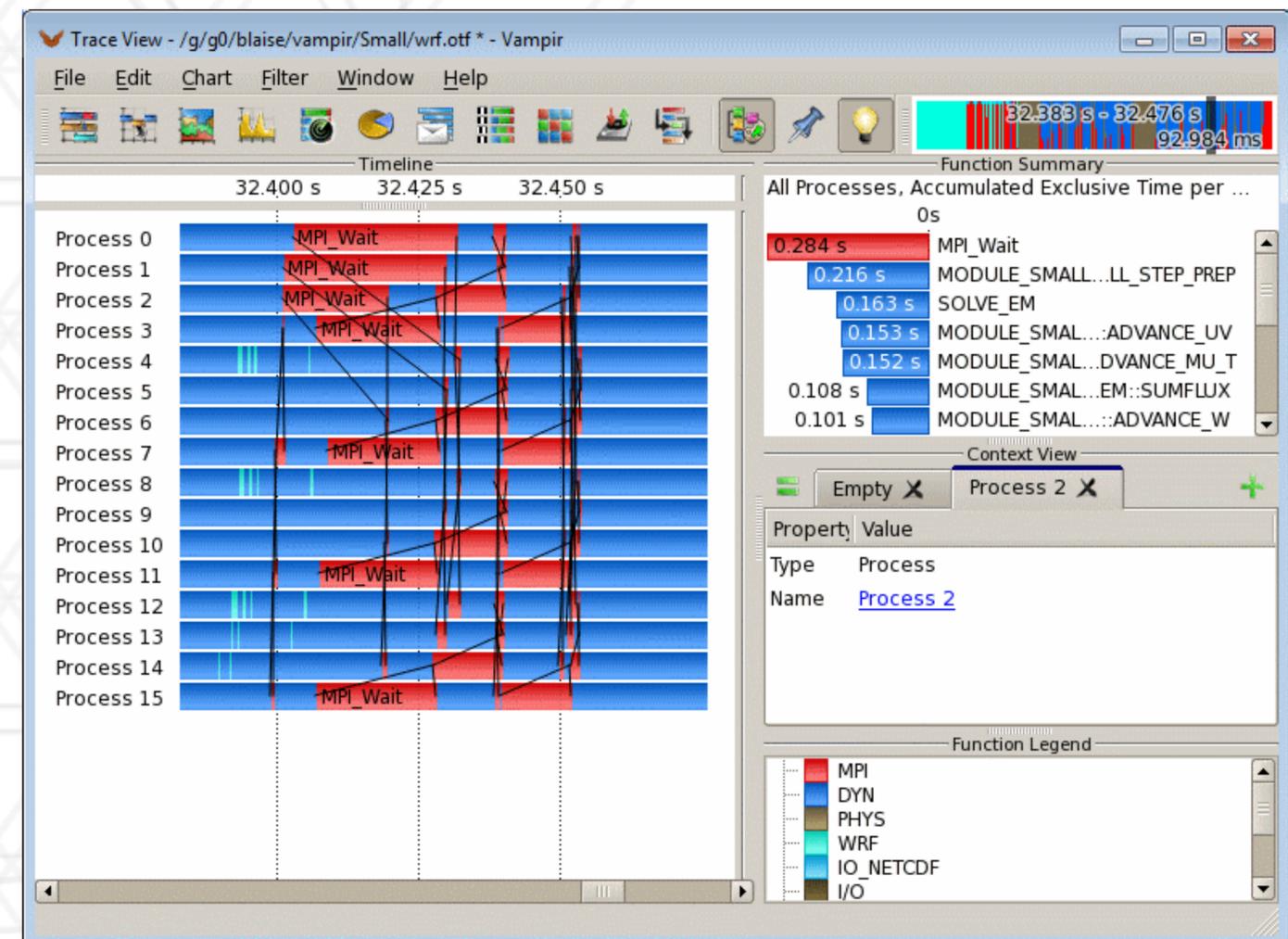
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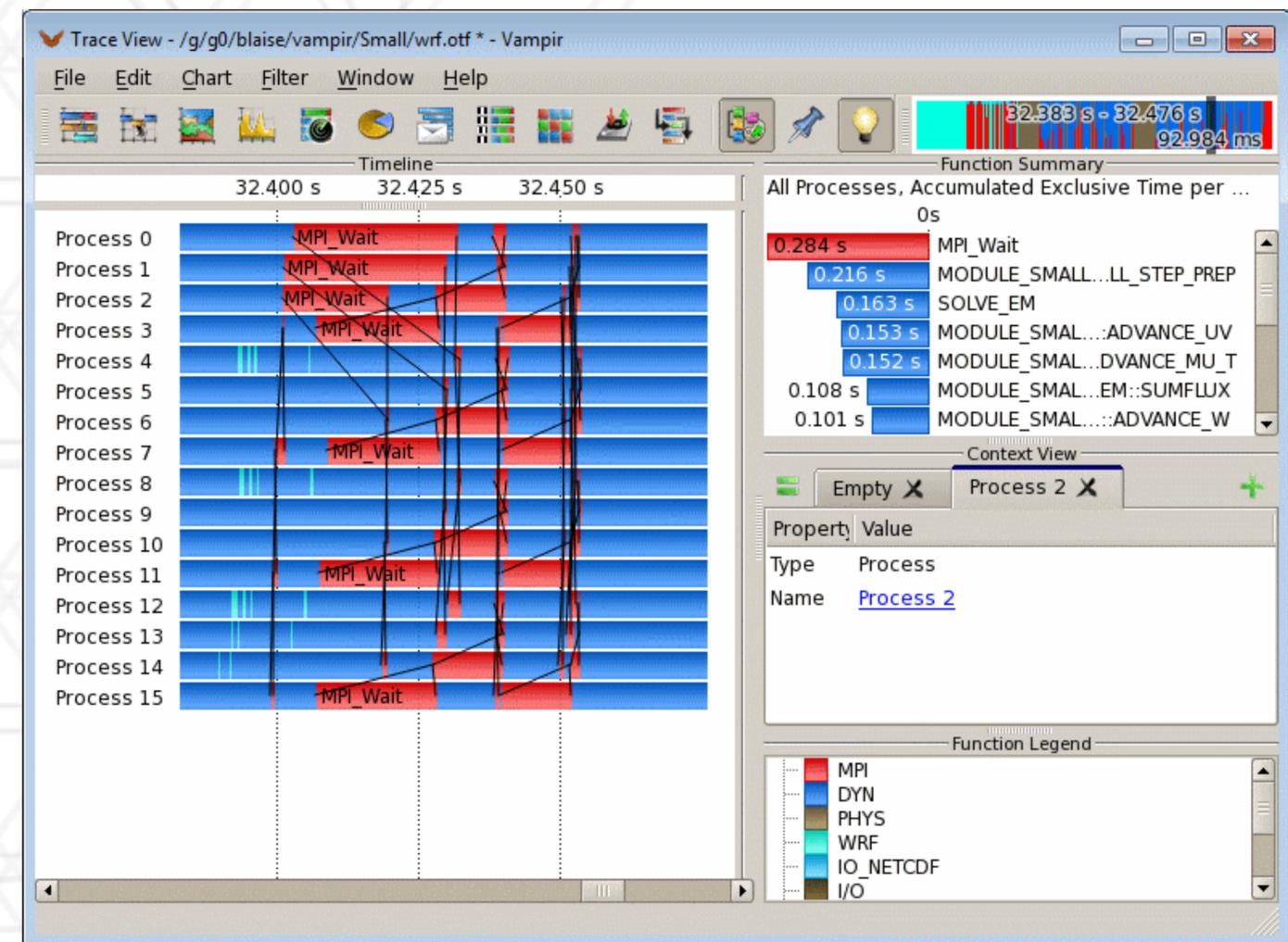
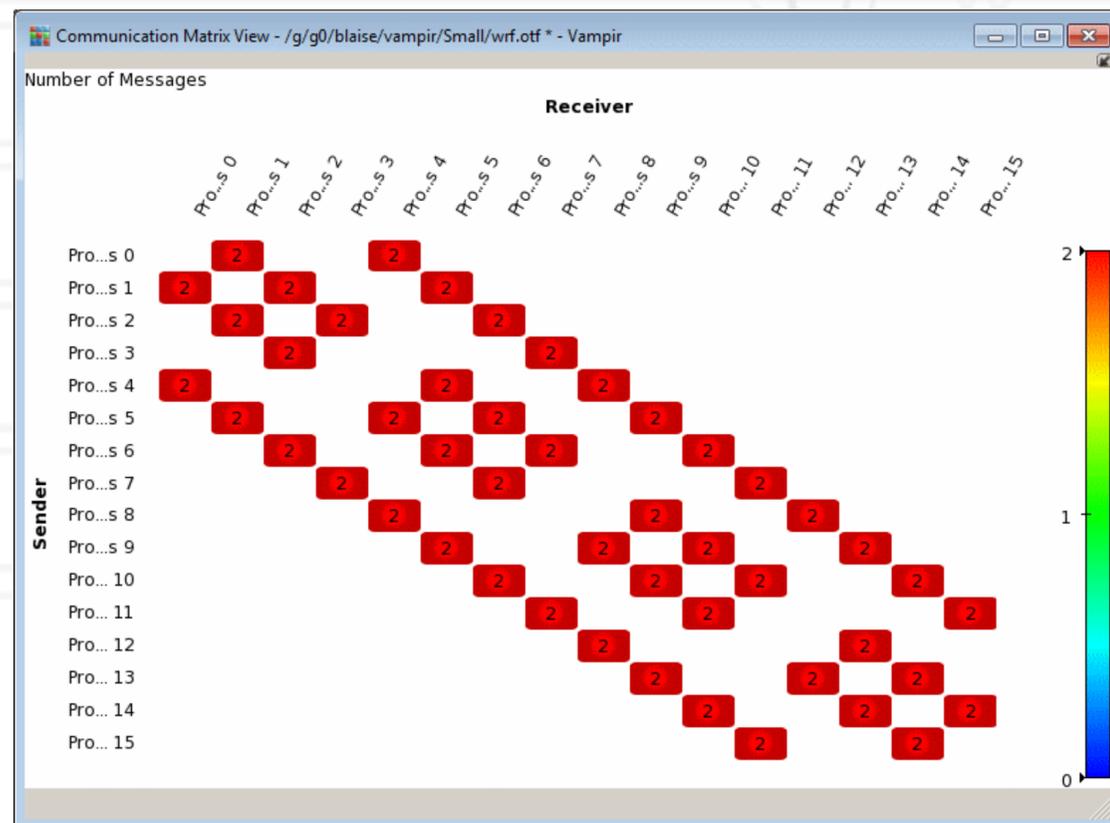
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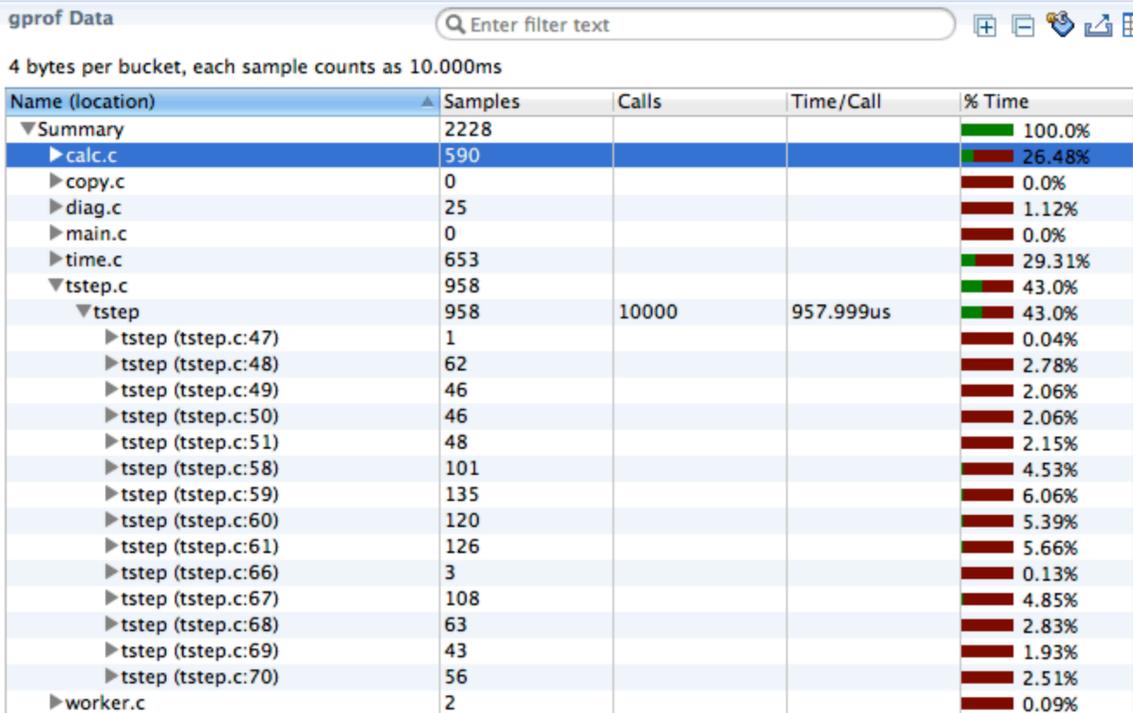
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Examples of tracing tools

- VampirTrace
- Score-P
- TAU
- Projections
- HPCToolkit

Profiling tools

- Ignore the specific times at which events occurred
- Provide aggregate information about different parts of the code
- Examples:
 - Gprof, perf
 - mpiP
 - HPCToolkit, caliper
- Python tools: cprofile, pyinstrument, scalene



gprof Data

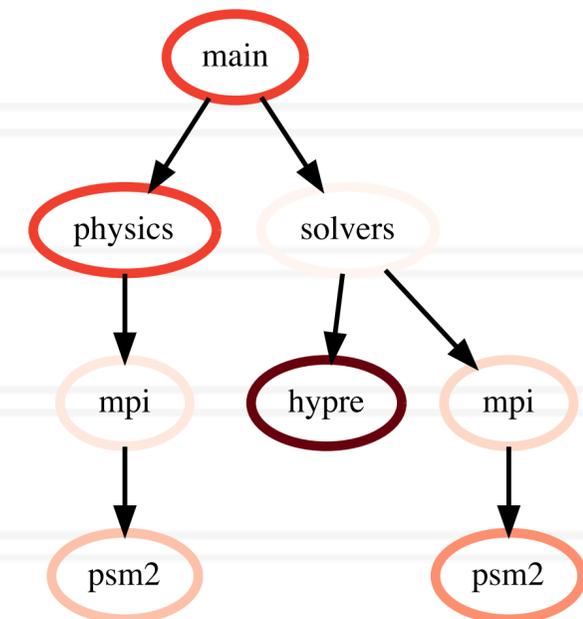
4 bytes per bucket, each sample counts as 10.000ms

Name (location)	Samples	Calls	Time/Call	% Time
▼ Summary	2228			100.0%
▶ calc.c	590			26.48%
▶ copy.c	0			0.0%
▶ diag.c	25			1.12%
▶ main.c	0			0.0%
▶ time.c	653			29.31%
▼ tstep.c	958			43.0%
▼ tstep	958	10000	957.999us	43.0%
▶ tstep (tstep.c:47)	1			0.04%
▶ tstep (tstep.c:48)	62			2.78%
▶ tstep (tstep.c:49)	46			2.06%
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▶ tstep (tstep.c:51)	48			2.15%
▶ tstep (tstep.c:58)	101			4.53%
▶ tstep (tstep.c:59)	135			6.06%
▶ tstep (tstep.c:60)	120			5.39%
▶ tstep (tstep.c:61)	126			5.66%
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▶ worker.c	2			0.09%

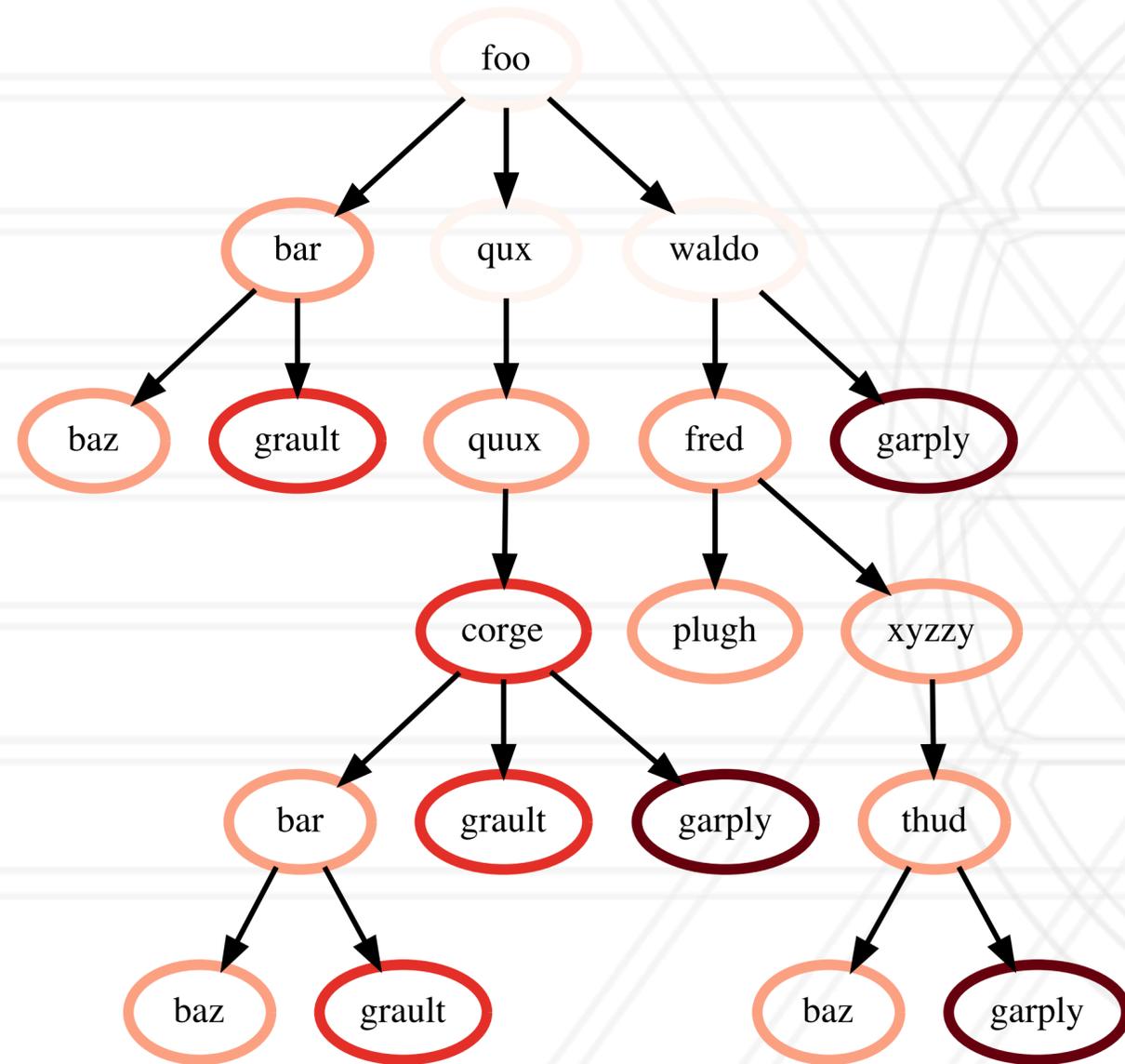
Gprof data in hpctView

Calling contexts, trees, and graphs

- Calling context or call path: Sequence of function invocations leading to the current sample
- Calling context tree (CCT): dynamic prefix tree of all call paths in an execution
- Call graph: merge nodes in a CCT with the same name into a single node but keep caller-callee relationships as arcs

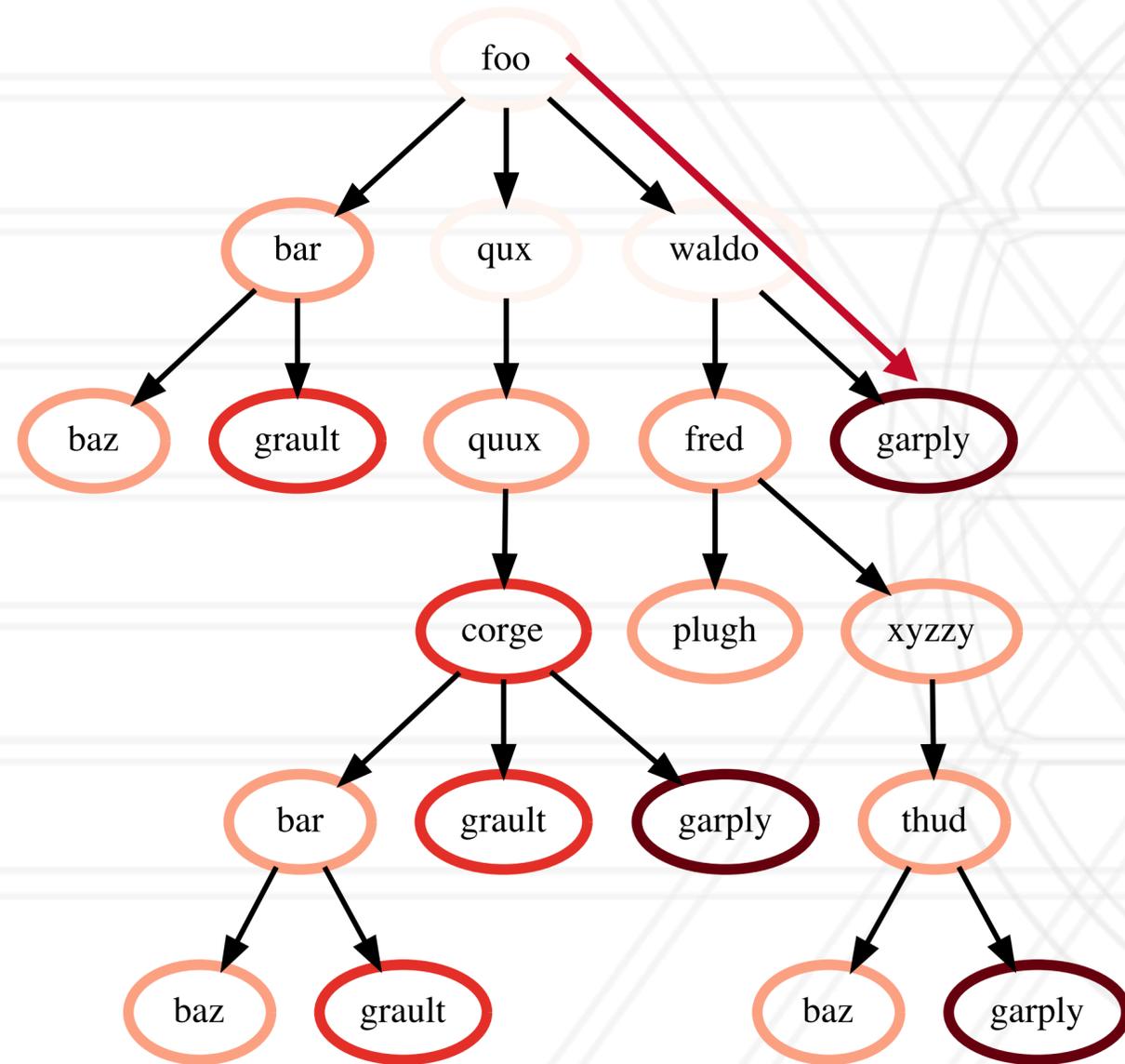


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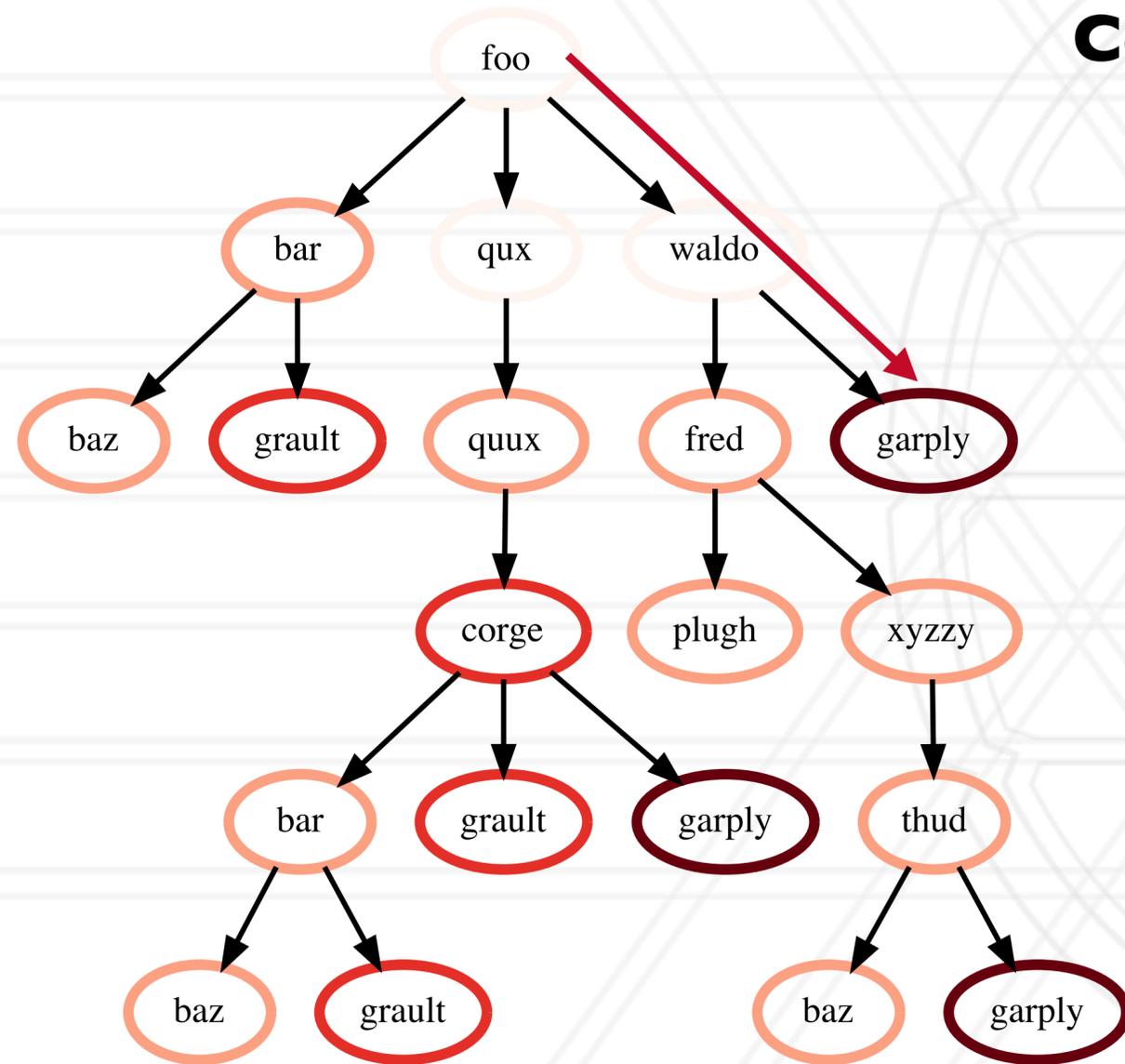
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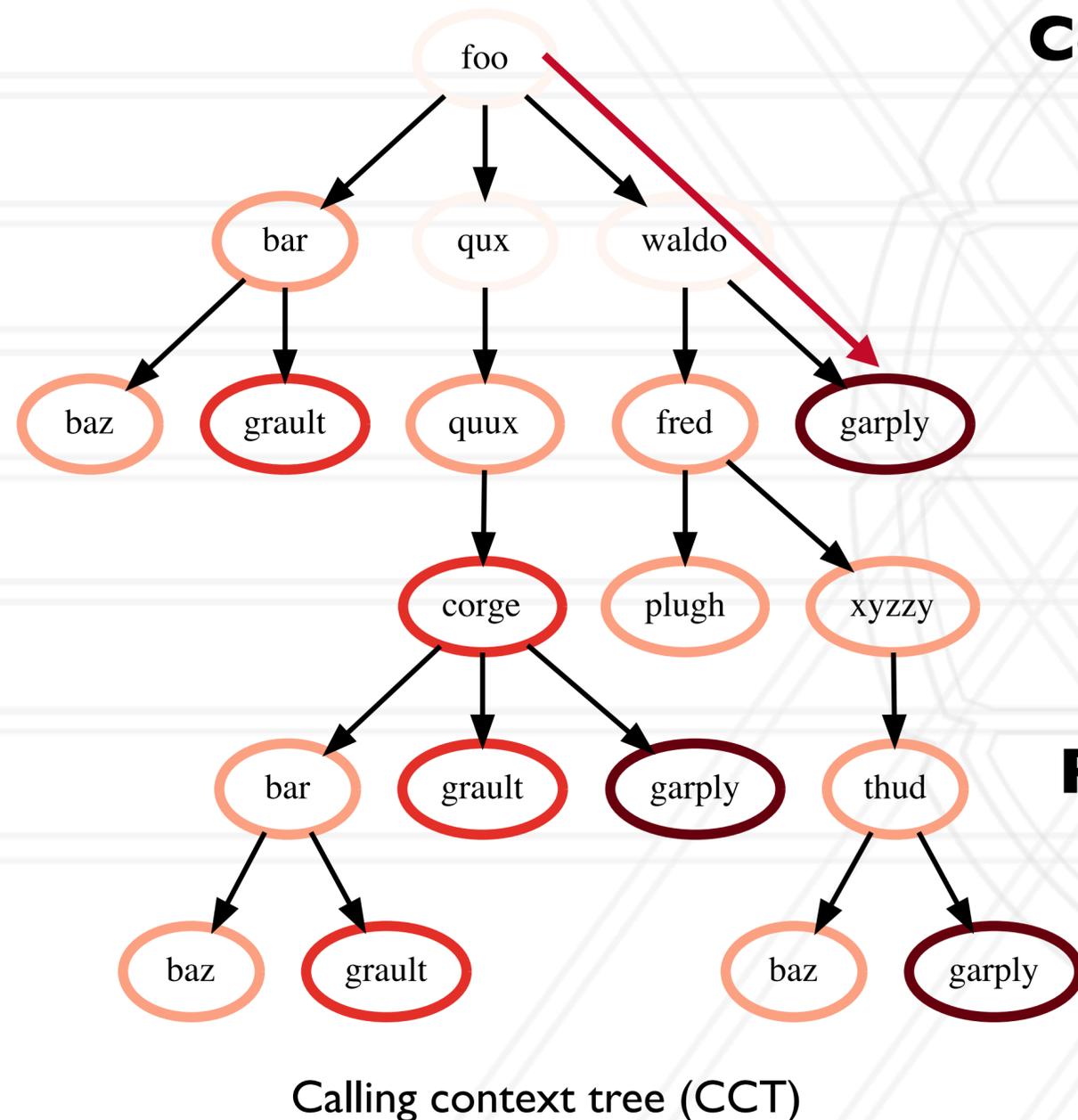


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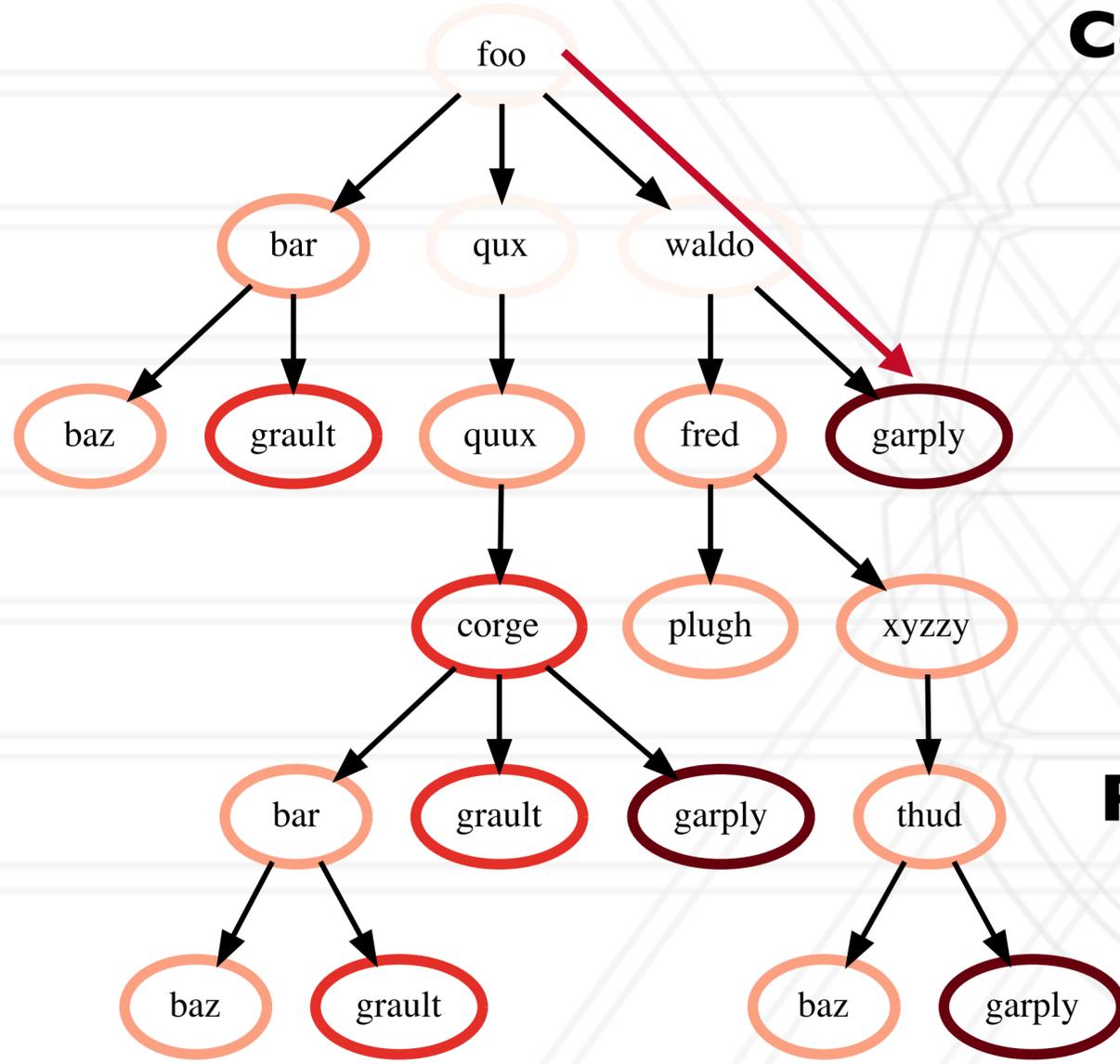
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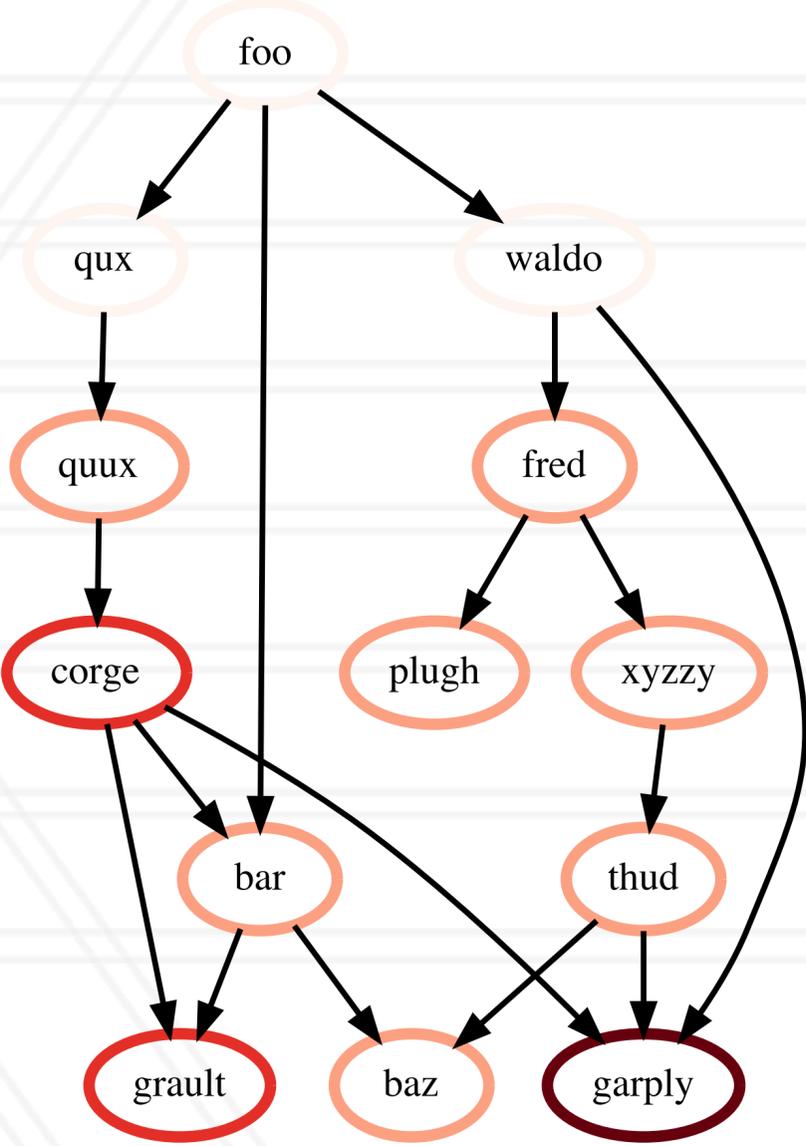
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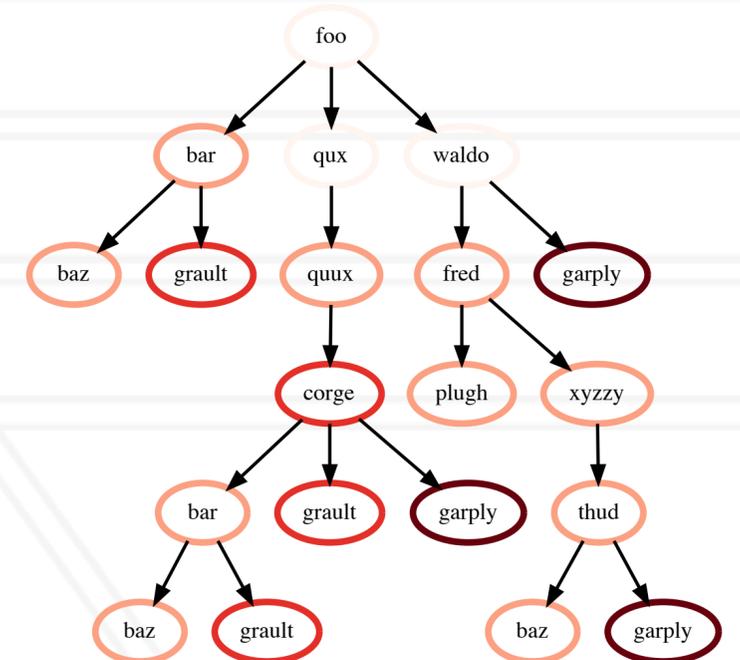
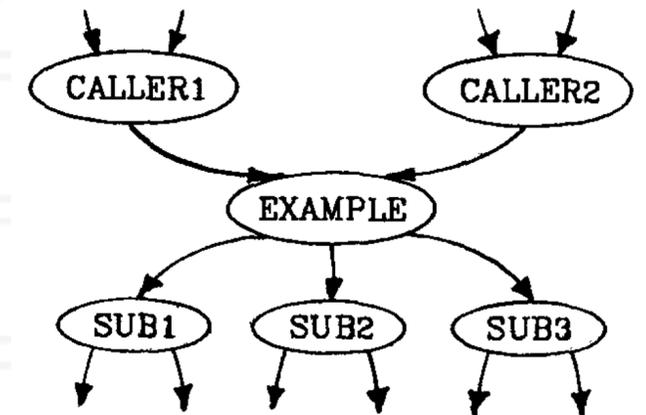
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Call graph

Output of profiling tools

- Flat profile: Listing of all functions with counts and execution times
- Call graph profile
- Calling context tree



Hatchet

- Hatchet enables programmatic analysis of parallel profiles
- Leverages pandas which supports multi-dimensional tabular datasets
- Create a structured index to enable indexing pandas dataframes by nodes in a graph
- A set of operators to filter, prune and/or aggregate structured data

<https://hatchet.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

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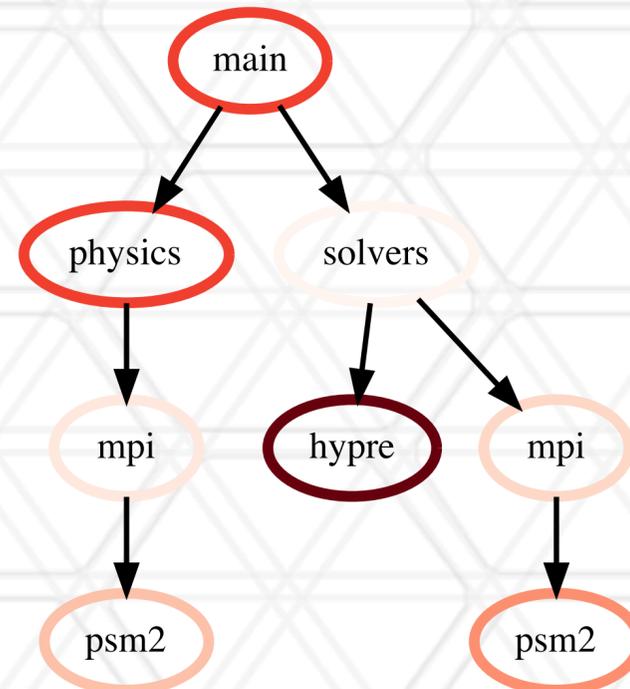
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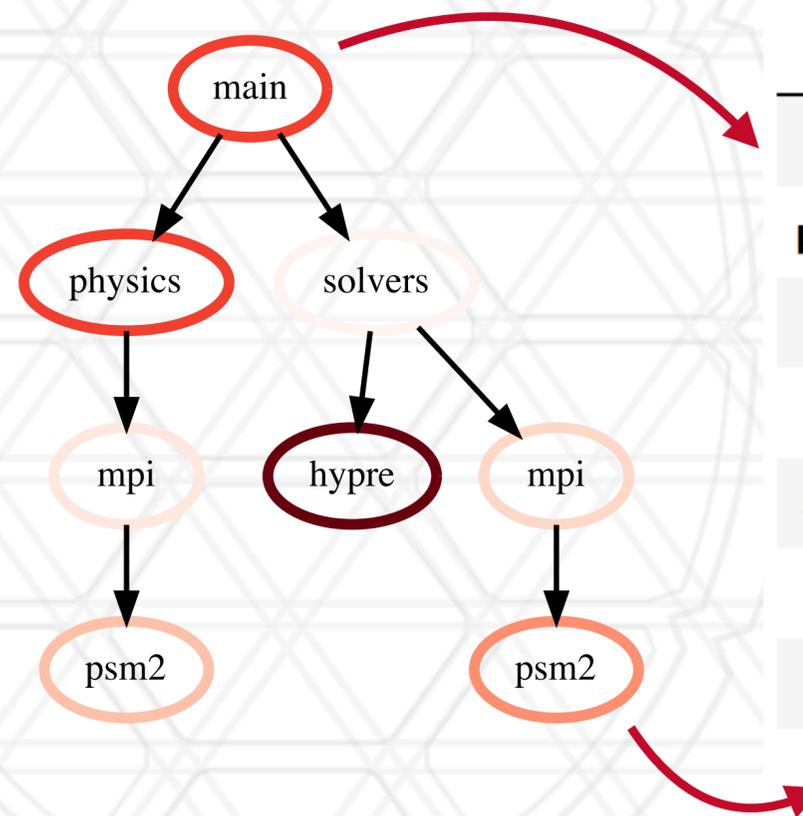
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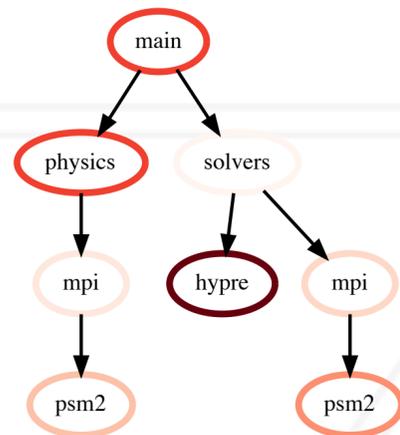
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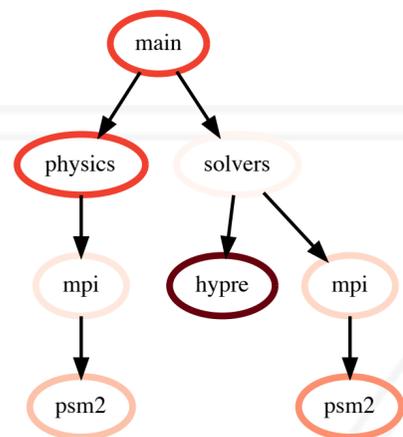


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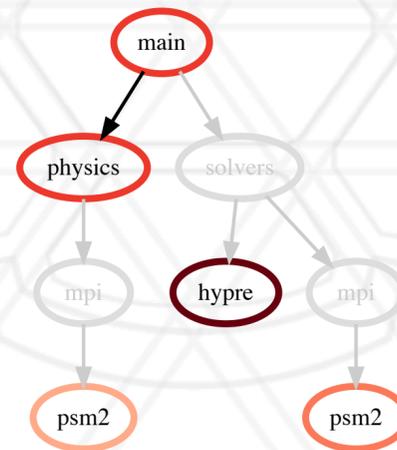
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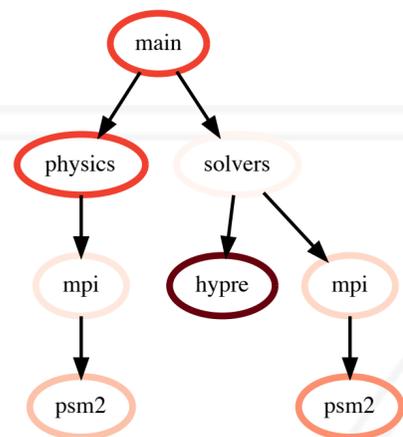
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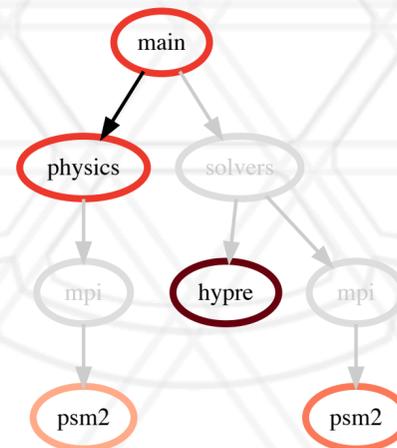
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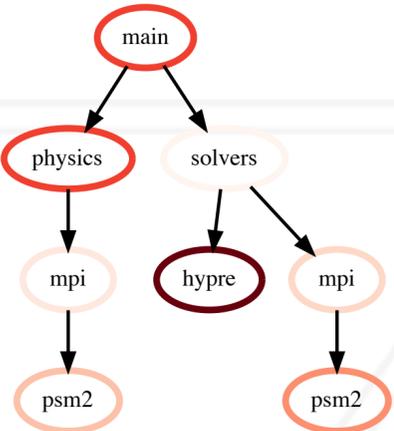
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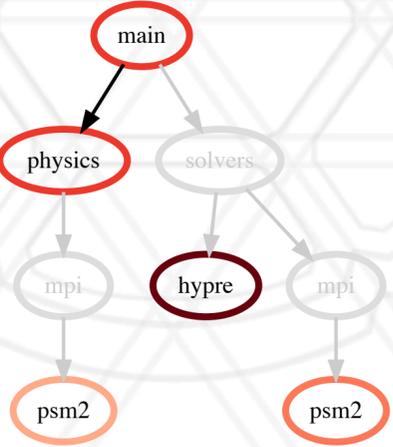
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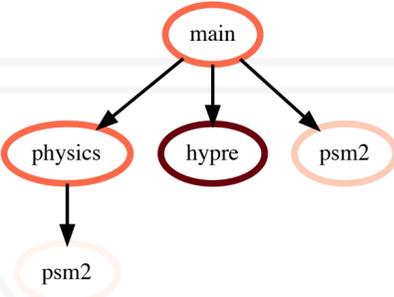
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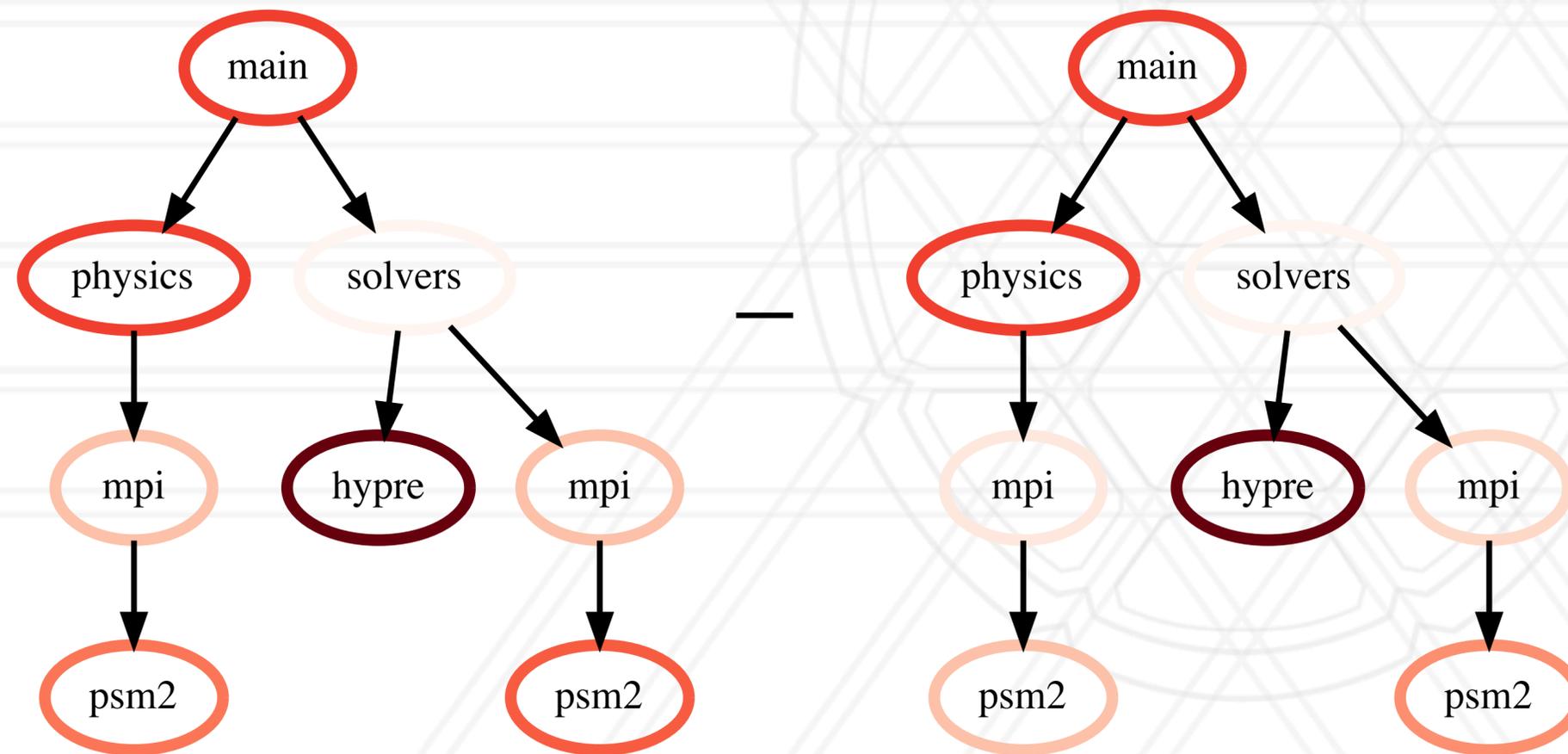


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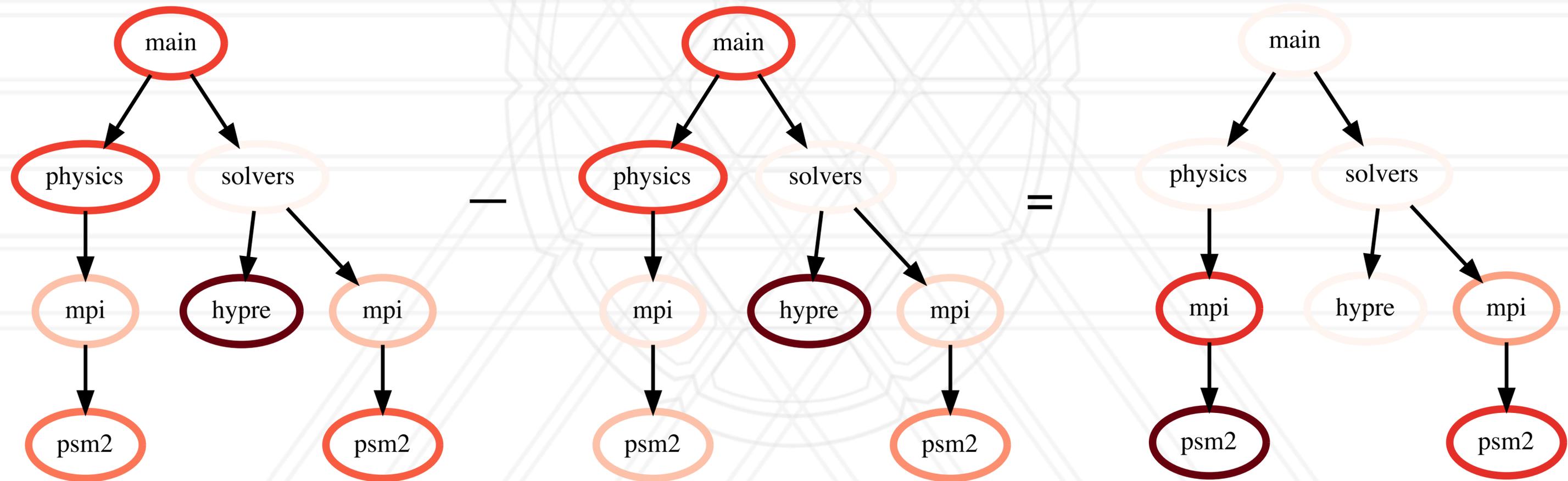
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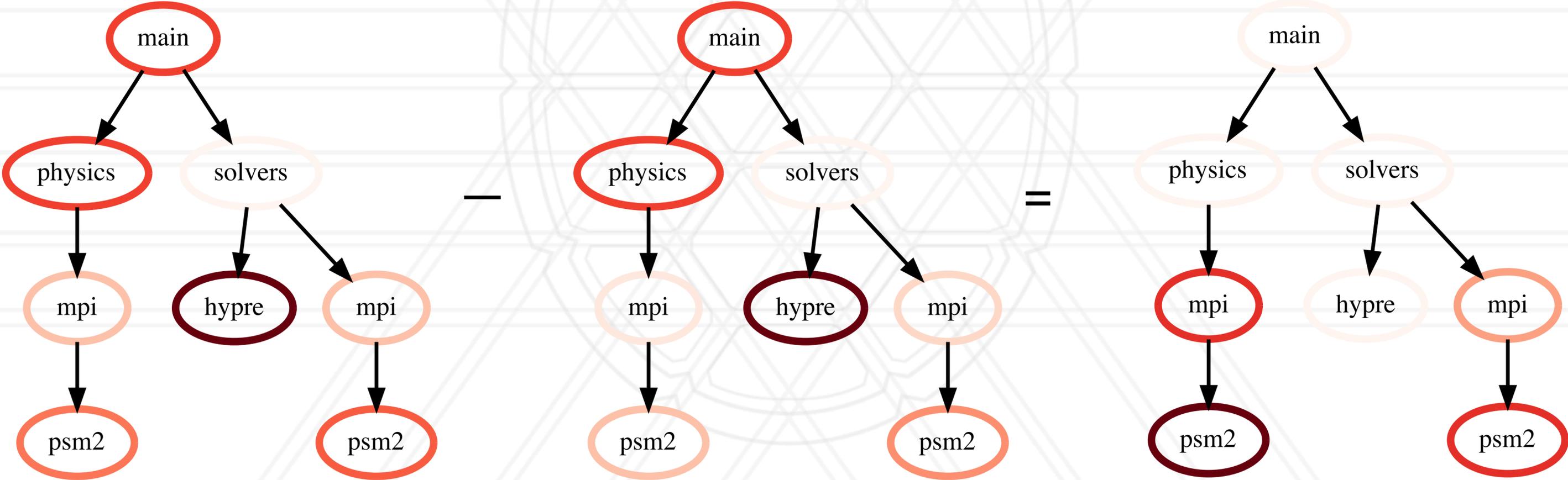
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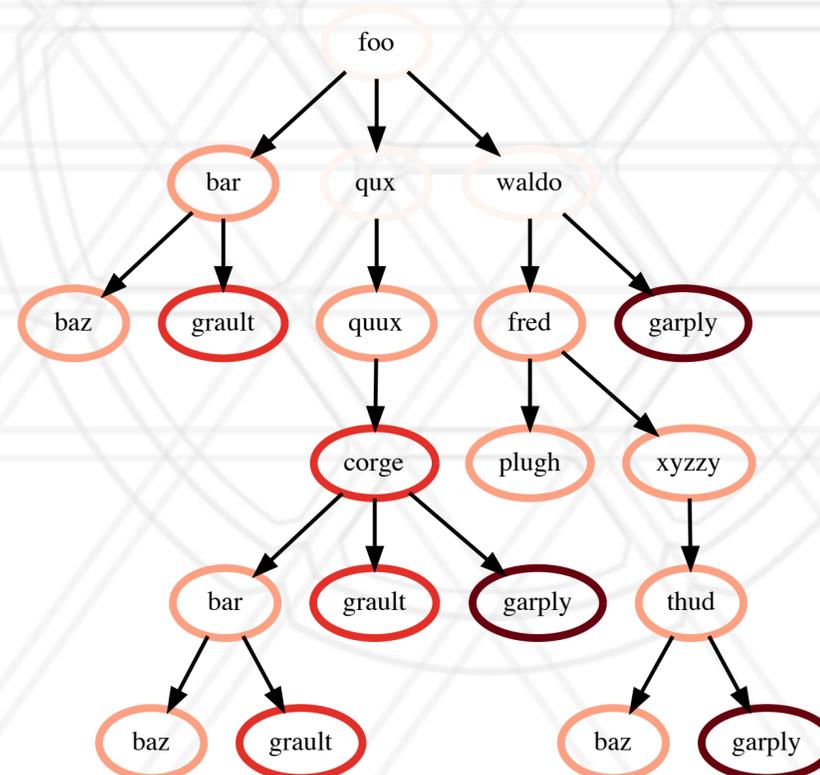
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```
with open("test.dot", "w") as dot_file:
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```



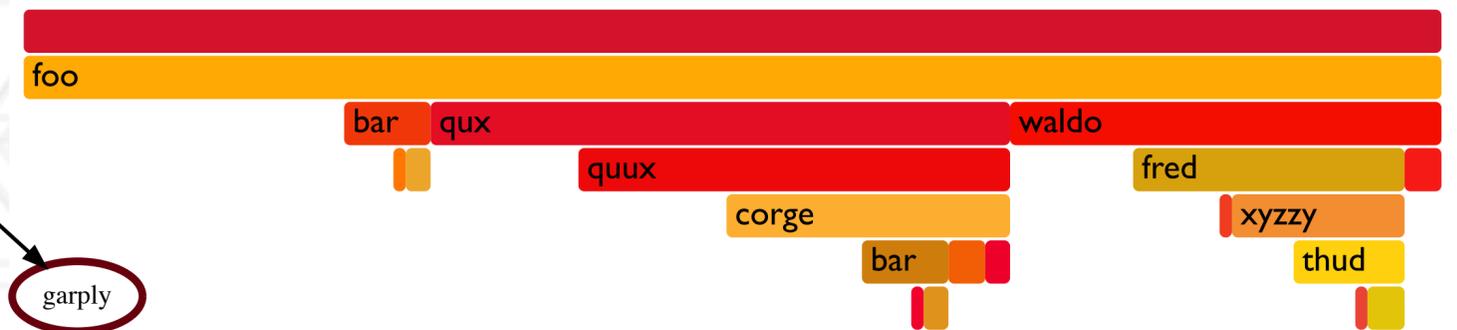
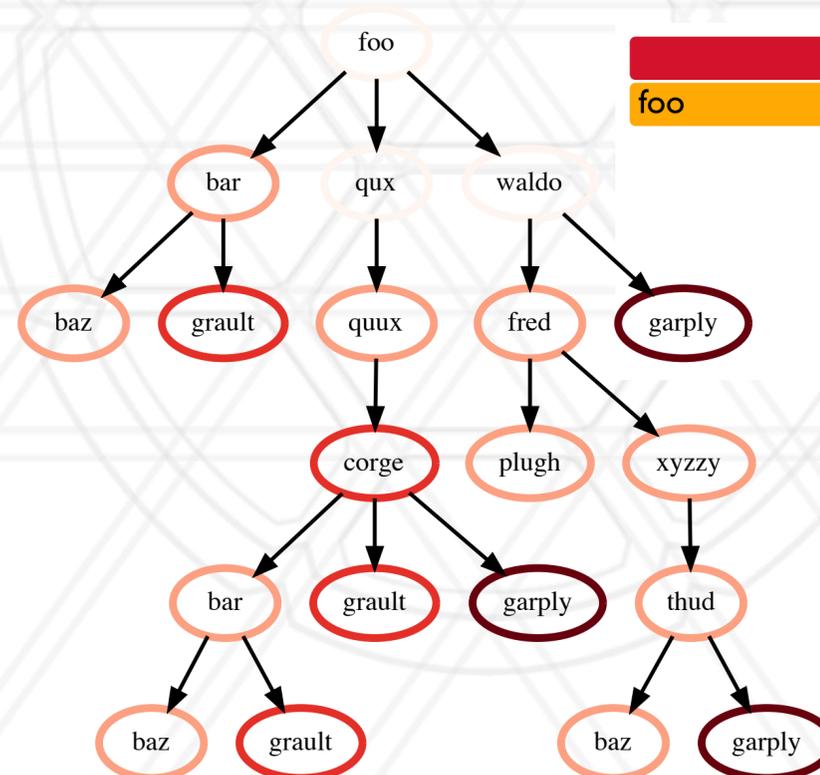
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    dot_file.write(gf.to_dot())
```

```
with open("test.txt", "w") as folded_stack:
    folded_stack.write(gf.to_flamegraph())
```



Flamegraph

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	name	nid	time	time (inc)
	<unknown file> [kripke]:0	17234	1.825282e+08	1.825282e+08
	Kernel_3d_DGZ::scattering	60	7.669936e+07	7.896253e+07
	Kernel_3d_DGZ::LTimes	30	5.010439e+07	5.240528e+07
	Kernel_3d_DGZ::LPlusTimes	115	4.947707e+07	5.104498e+07
	Kernel_3d_DGZ::sweep	981	5.018862e+06	5.018862e+06
	memset.S:99	3773	3.168982e+06	3.168982e+06
	memset.S:101	3970	2.120895e+06	2.120895e+06
	Grid_Data::particleEdit	1201	1.131266e+06	1.249157e+06
	<unknown file> [libpsm2.so.2.1]:0	324763	9.733415e+05	9.733415e+05
	memset.S:98	3767	6.197776e+05	6.197776e+05

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CalcQForElems	CalcQForElems	16.0	4.455672e+06	5.189453e+06
CalcHourglassControlForElems	CalcHourglassControlForElems	7.0	3.888798e+06	4.755817e+06
LagrangeNodal	LagrangeNodal	3.0	1.986046e+06	8.828475e+06
CalcForceForNodes	CalcForceForNodes	4.0	1.017857e+06	6.842429e+06

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    num_pes = re.match('(.*)-(\d+)(.*)', dataset).group(2)
    gf.dataframe['pes'] = num_pes
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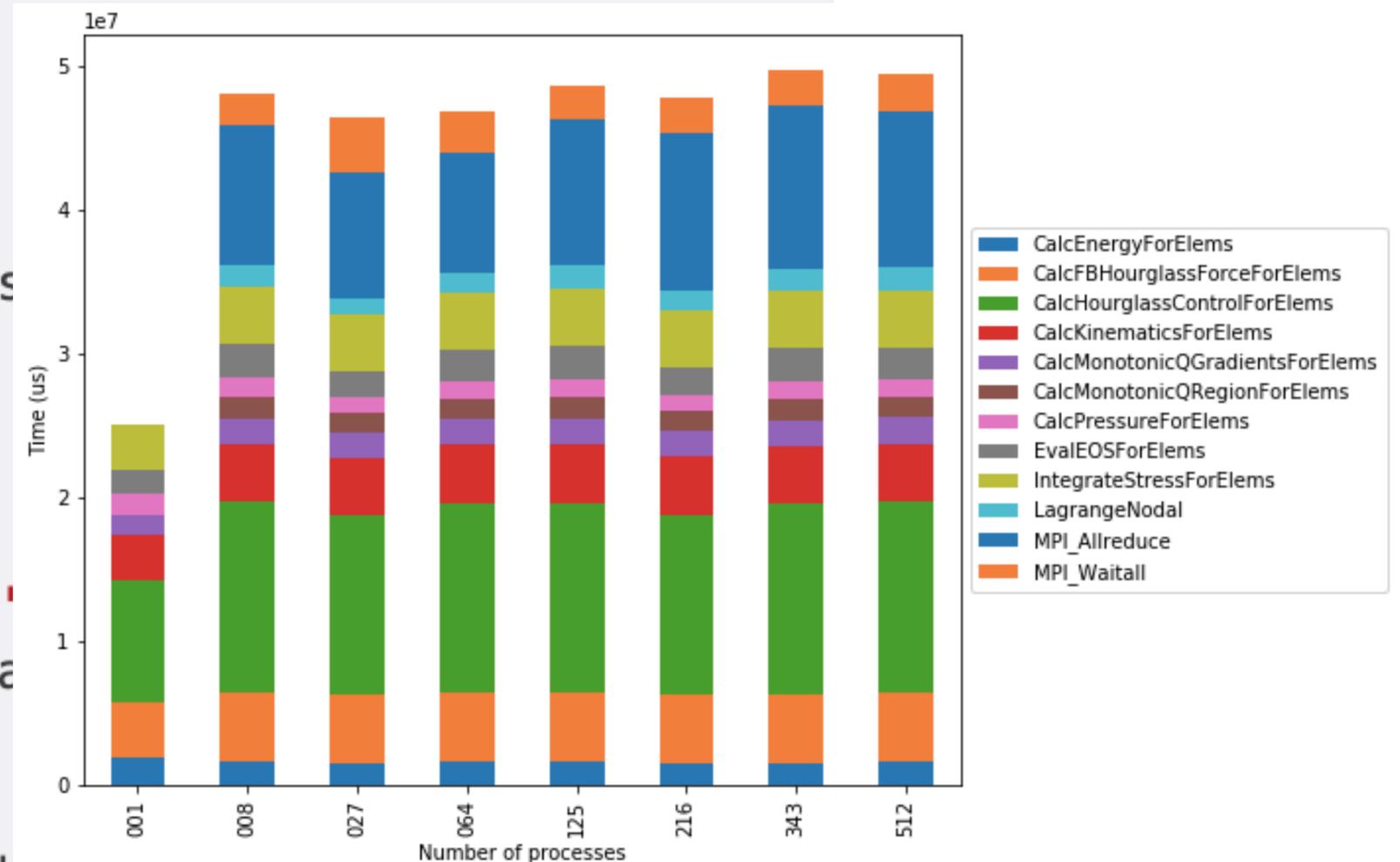
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