

Visualization of Large Scale I/O Patterns

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Disclaimer

- I'm a 'vis' guy

Introduction

- Parallel file system optimization
- Analyze usage patterns
 - Bottlenecks
 - Inefficient codes
 - Trends
- Scalable
- Two steps process
 - Trace collection
 - Trace analysis

Trace Collection

- Various existing tracing libraries
 - MPE, Tau
 - Extend them for our purpose
- Focus on I/O benchmarks
 - IOR
- Run on several systems
 - Jazz, Intrepid/Eureka

Trace Analysis

- Existing visual tools
 - Jumpshot, PerfExplorer, etc...
 - Primarily Gantt chart or histogram based
 - Scalability?
- A new visualization approach
 - Our existing scalable visualization (InfoVis '09)
 - I/O specific extensions

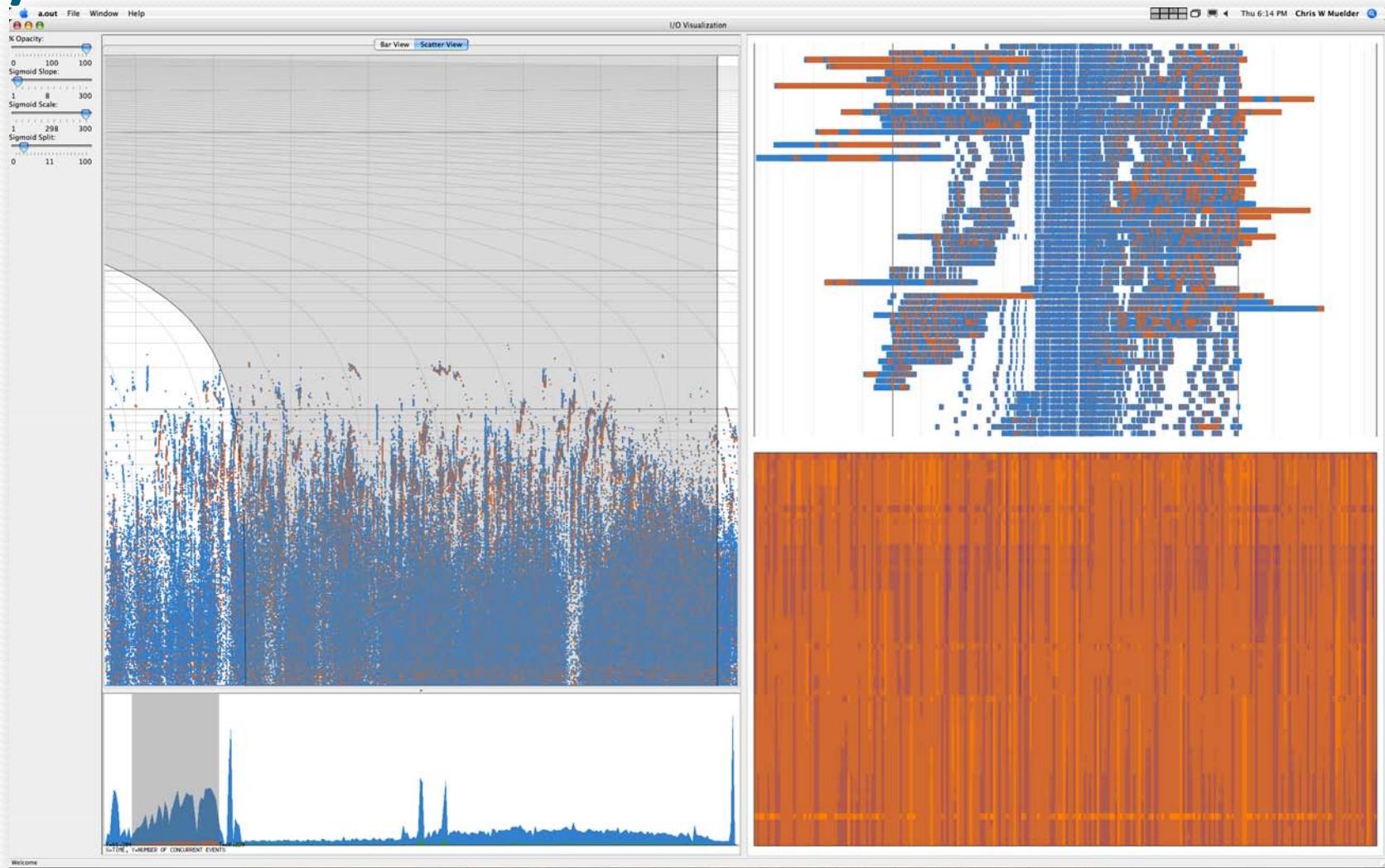
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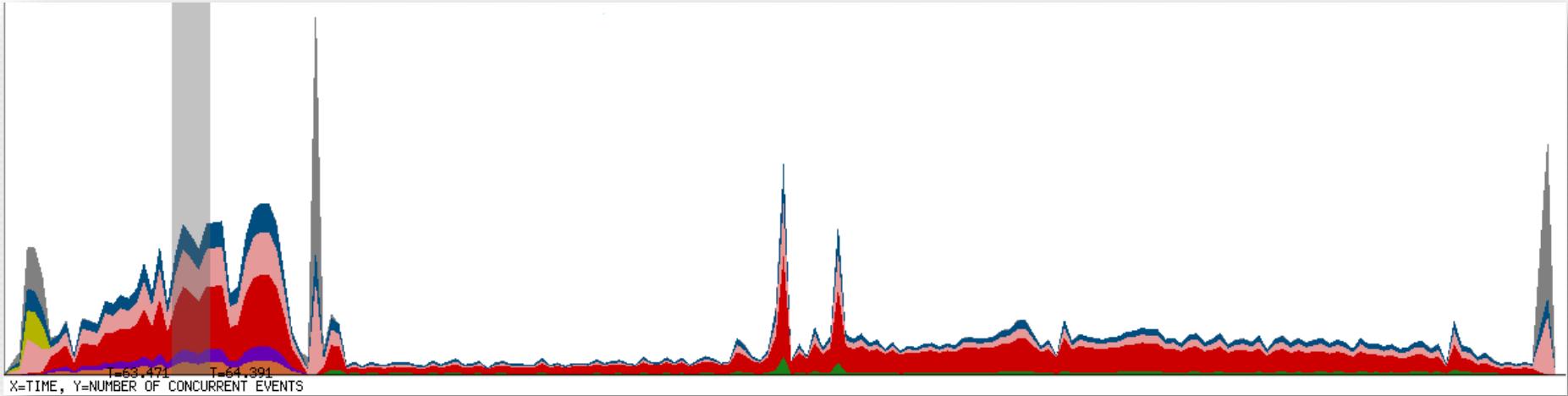
- Apply the method to I/O traces?
 - Good scalability
 - Poor handling of relational information
- Extend the approach
 - Additional representations

I/O Performance Visualization

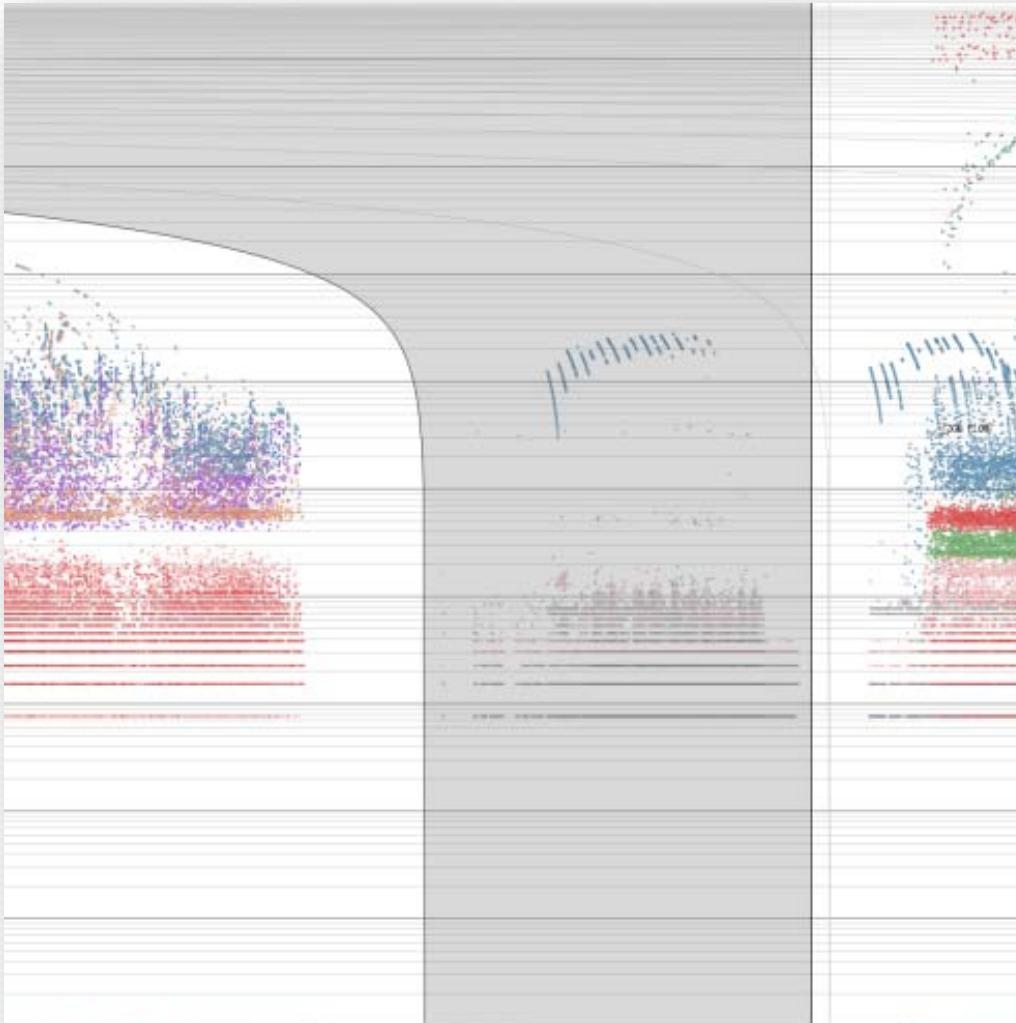


Timeline View

- Overall I/O server activity level over time
 - Each area is a particular function or type of function
 - Height is proportional to time spent in function and number of processors
 - Select region to analyze in more detail

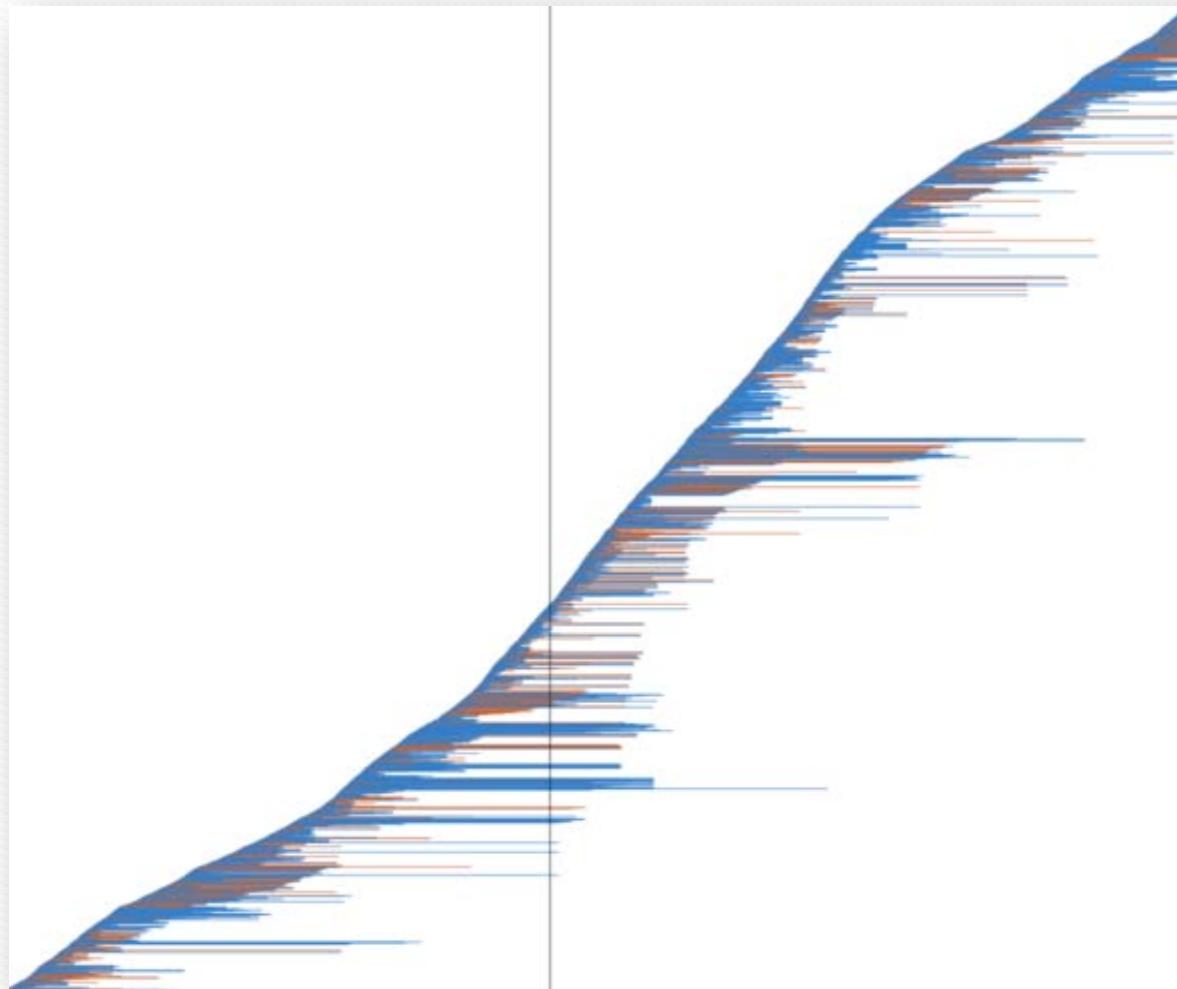


Mid-Level Views



- Plot of traced calls
 - Log(duration) vs time
 - Color is function type
 - Logarithmic opacity map
 - Lines or points
- Scalable
- No relational information

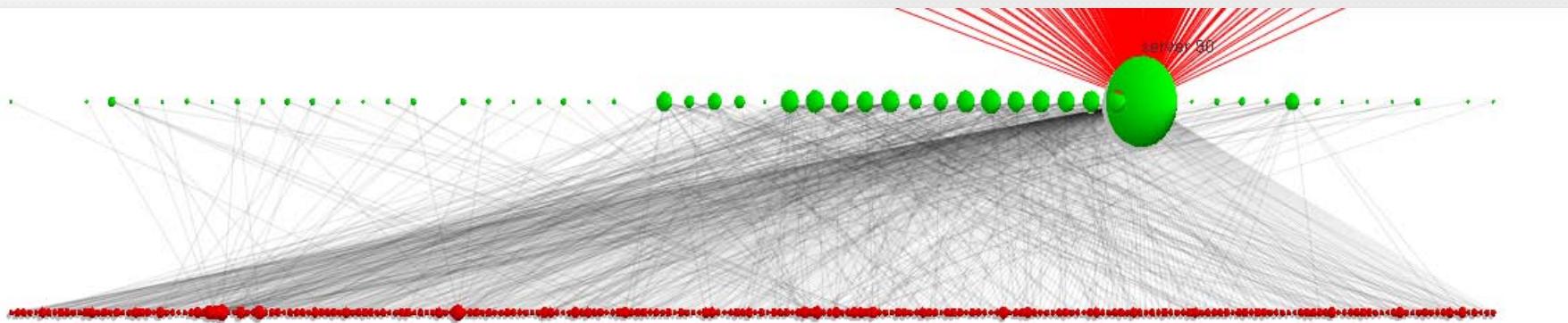
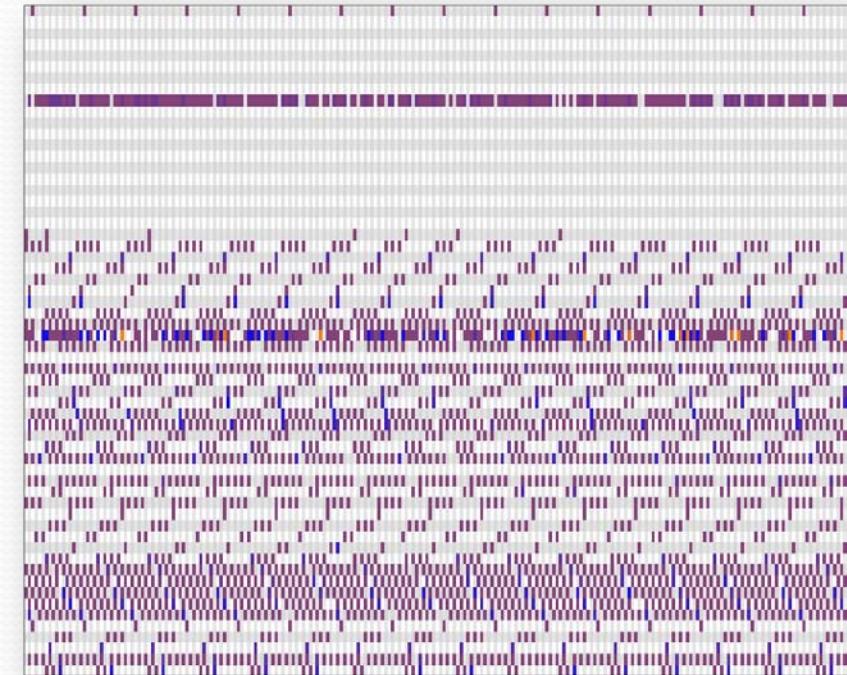
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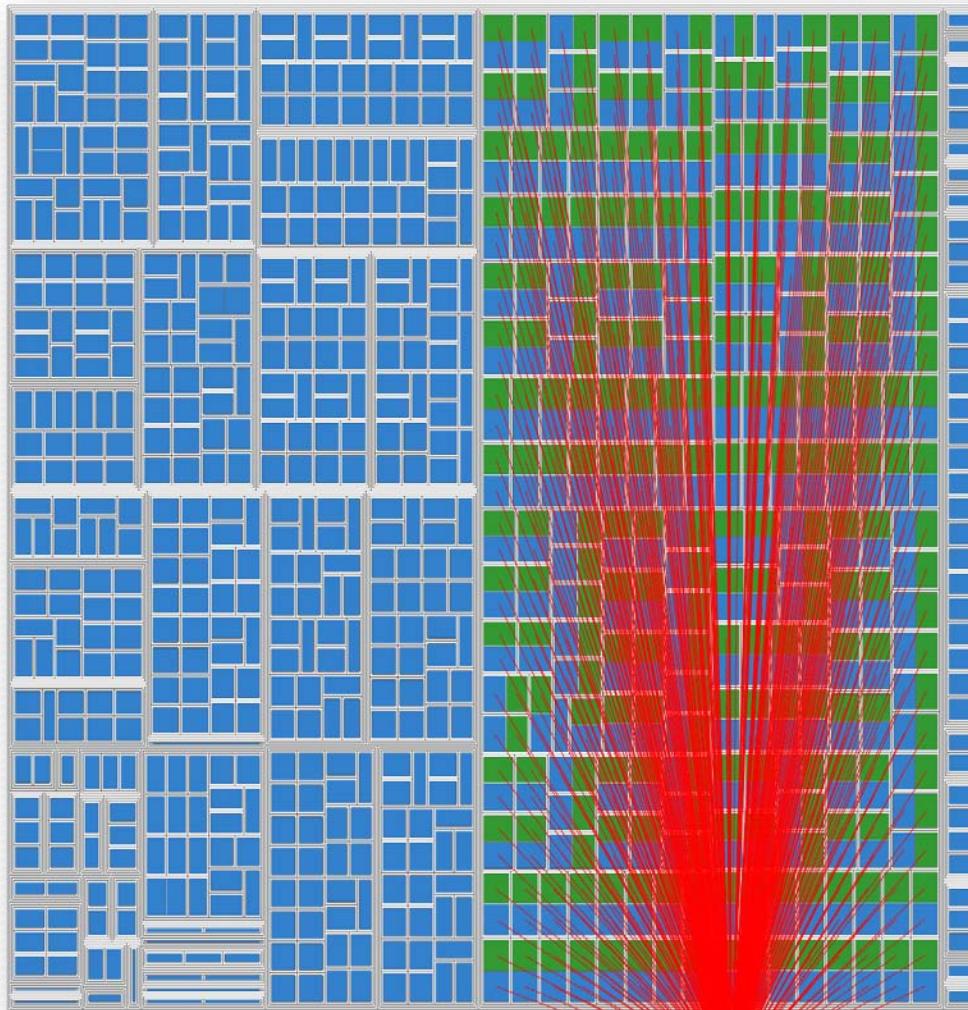
- Sorted line plot
 - Sort by start/end
 - Slope is I/O op handling rate
- Somewhat scalable
- Still no relations

Detail Views

- Connectivity graph/matrix
- I/O servers vs compute nodes

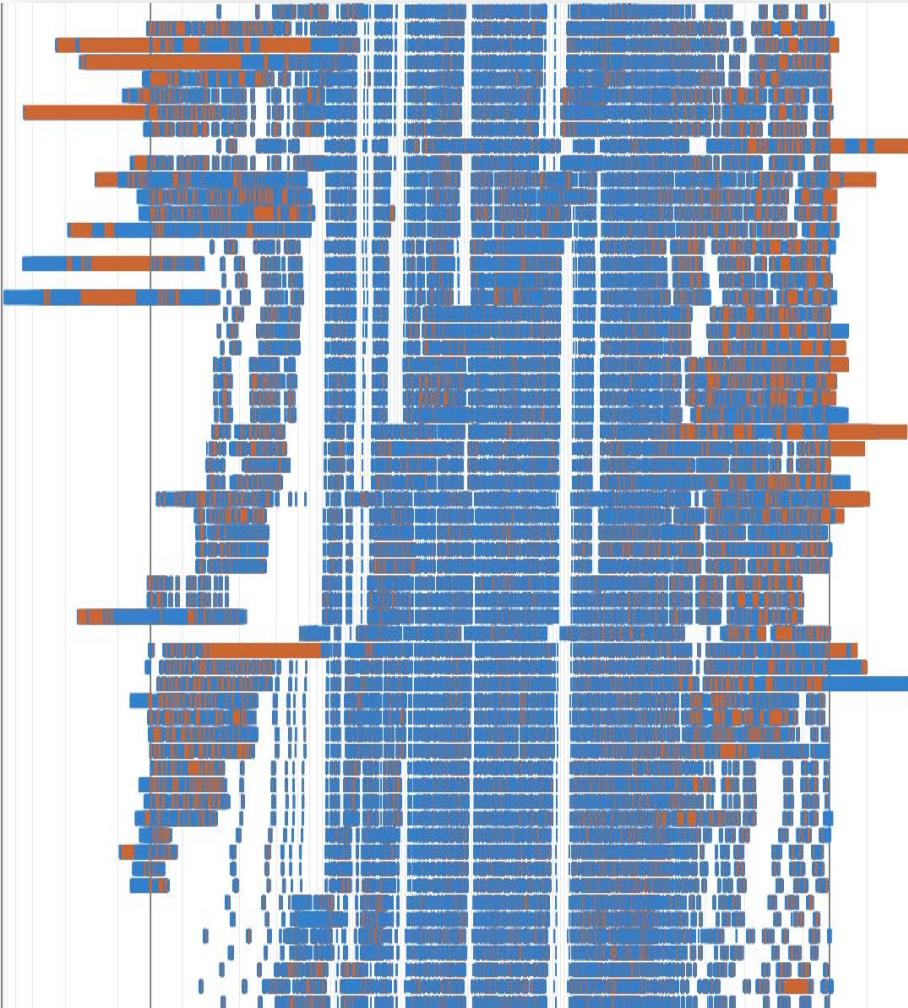


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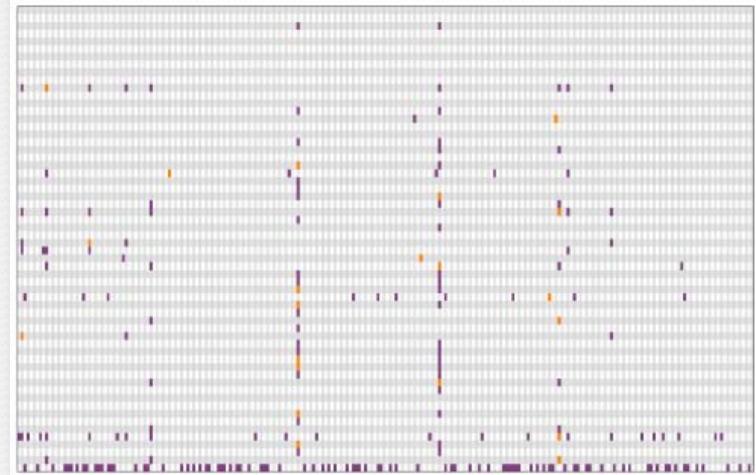
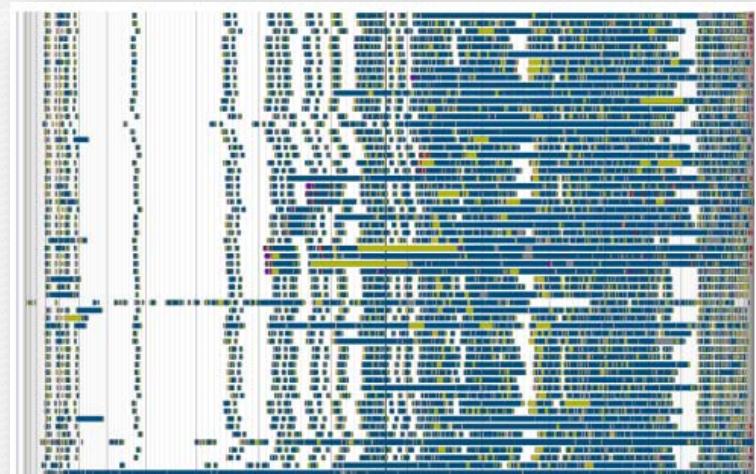
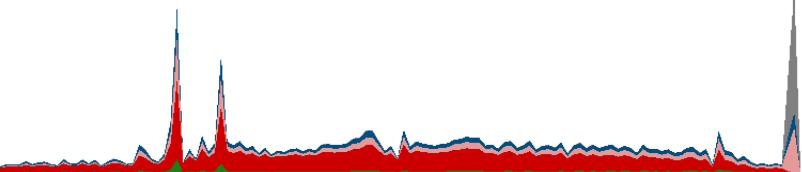
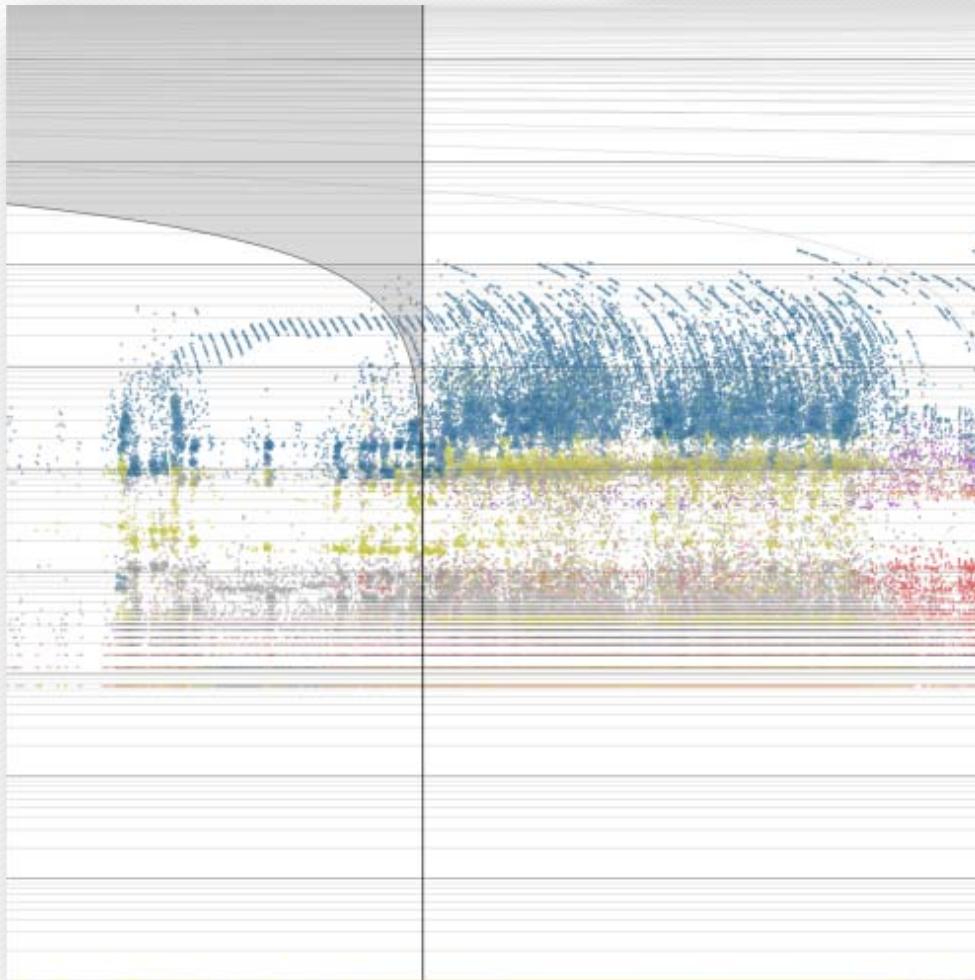
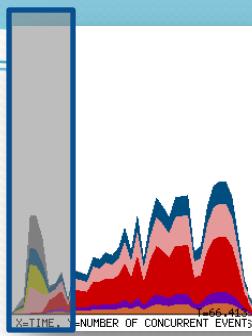
- Treemap view
 - Hierarchy of properties
 - E.g. Server->Rank->Call->...
 - Way to see whole system at a single time.
 - Links to graph view

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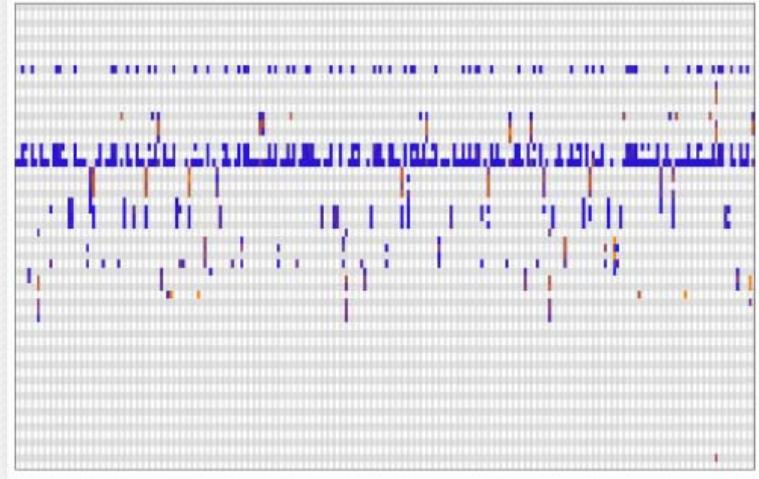
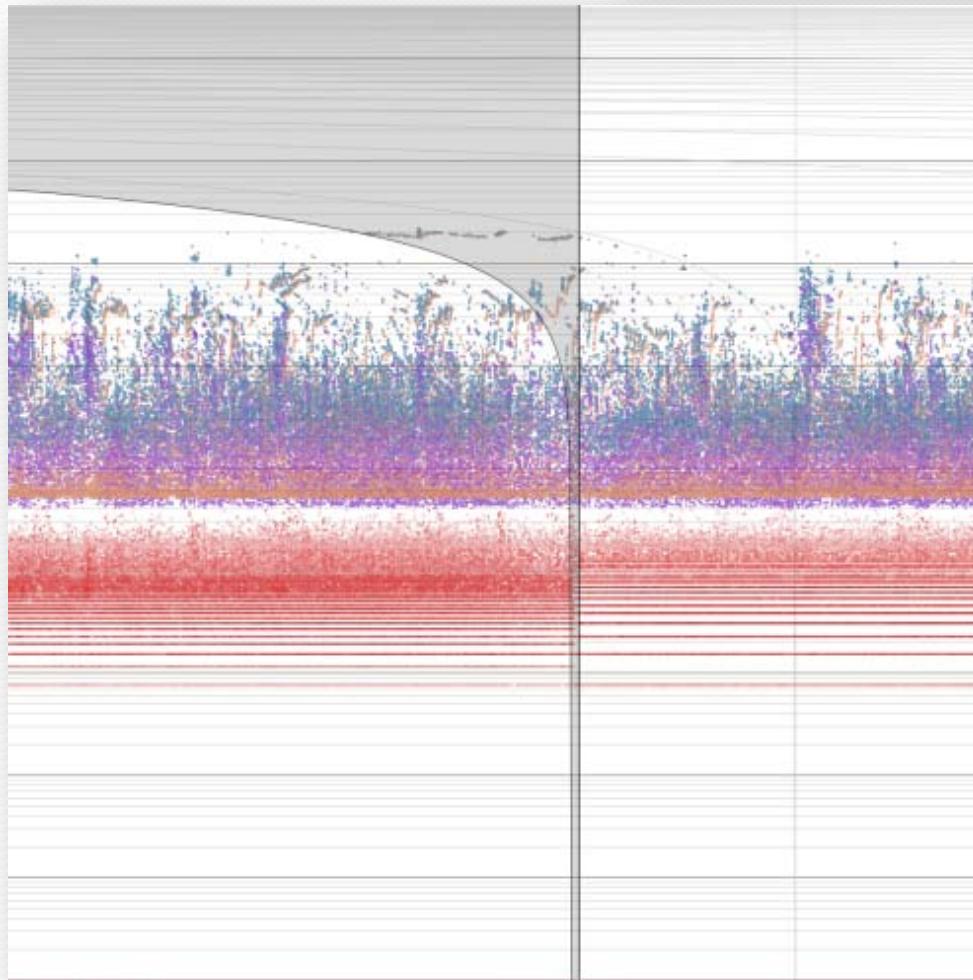
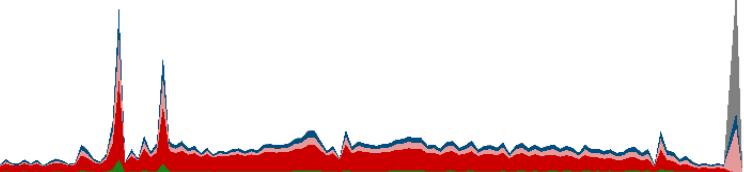
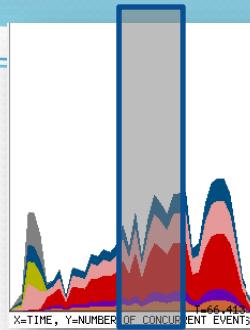


- Sigmoidal View
 - Non-linear time axis
 - Zoom level and linearity user adjustable
- Whole system around one or two points in time.
 - See a range of time
 - Compare two times
- For now, a Gantt chart
 - (Alternate representation?)

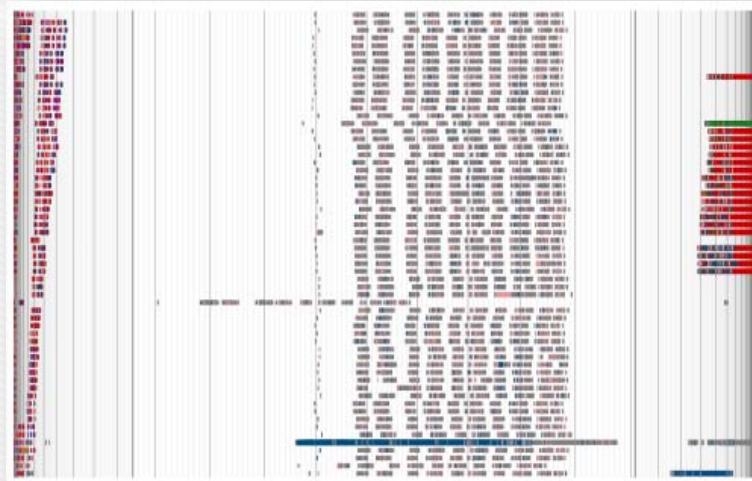
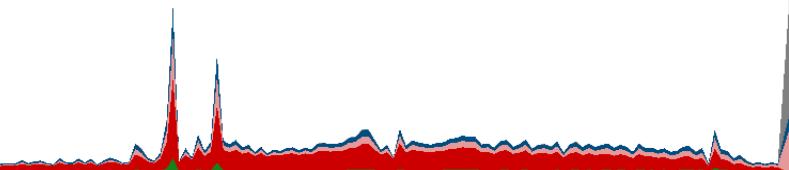
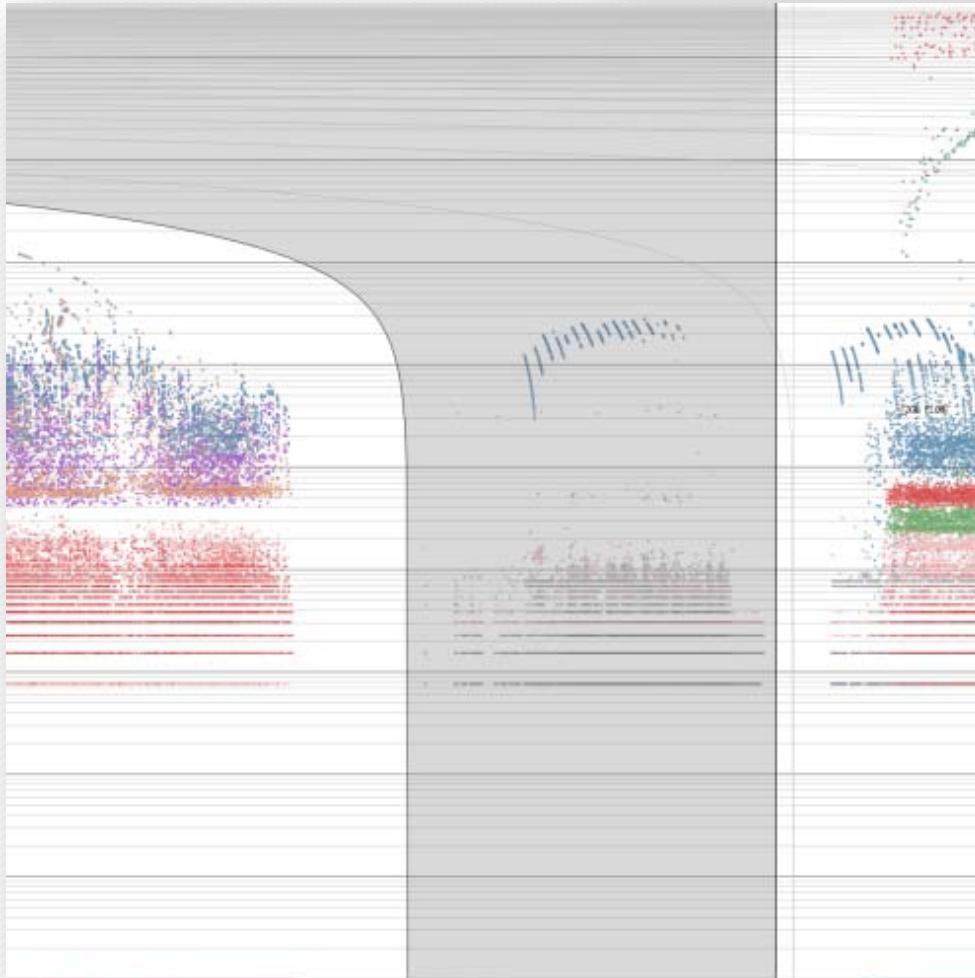
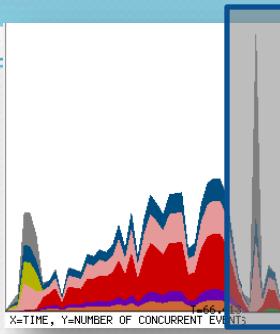
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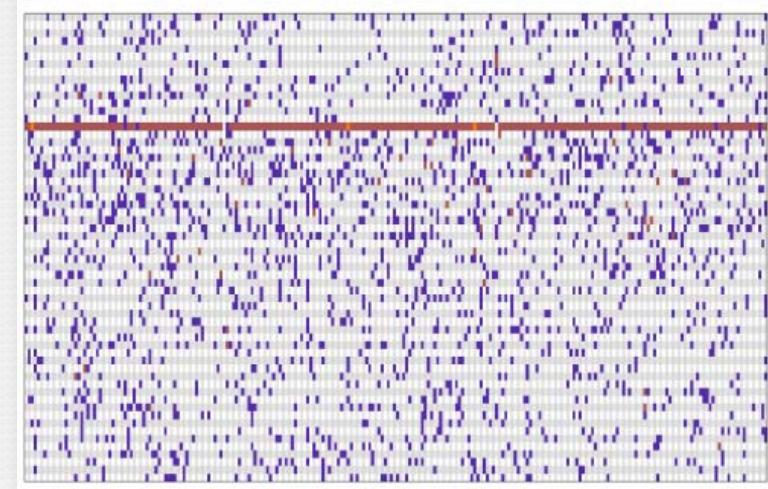
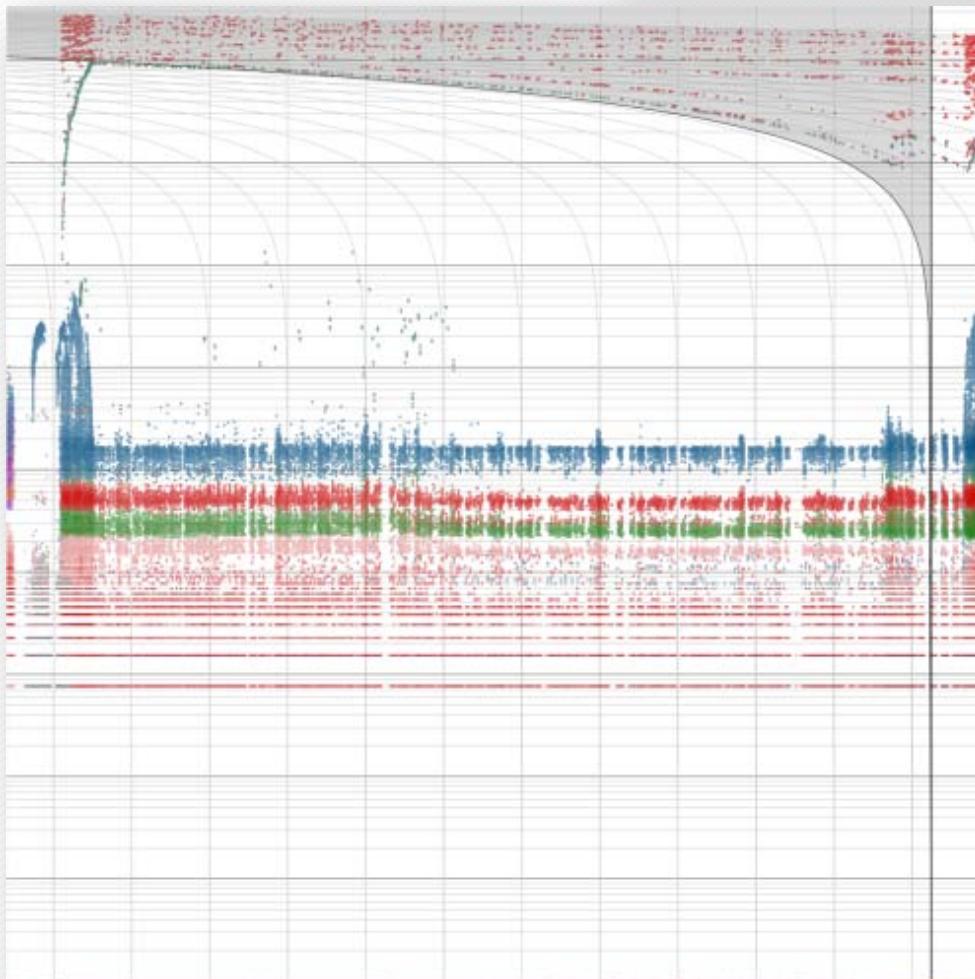
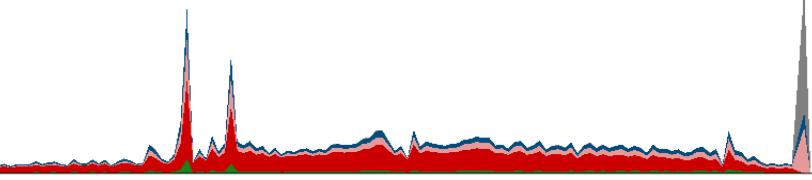
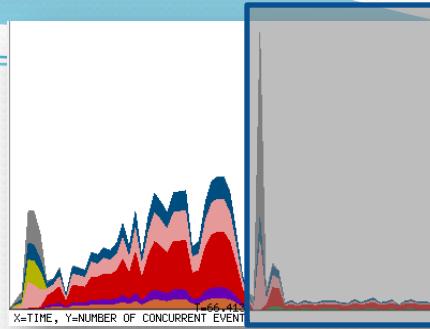
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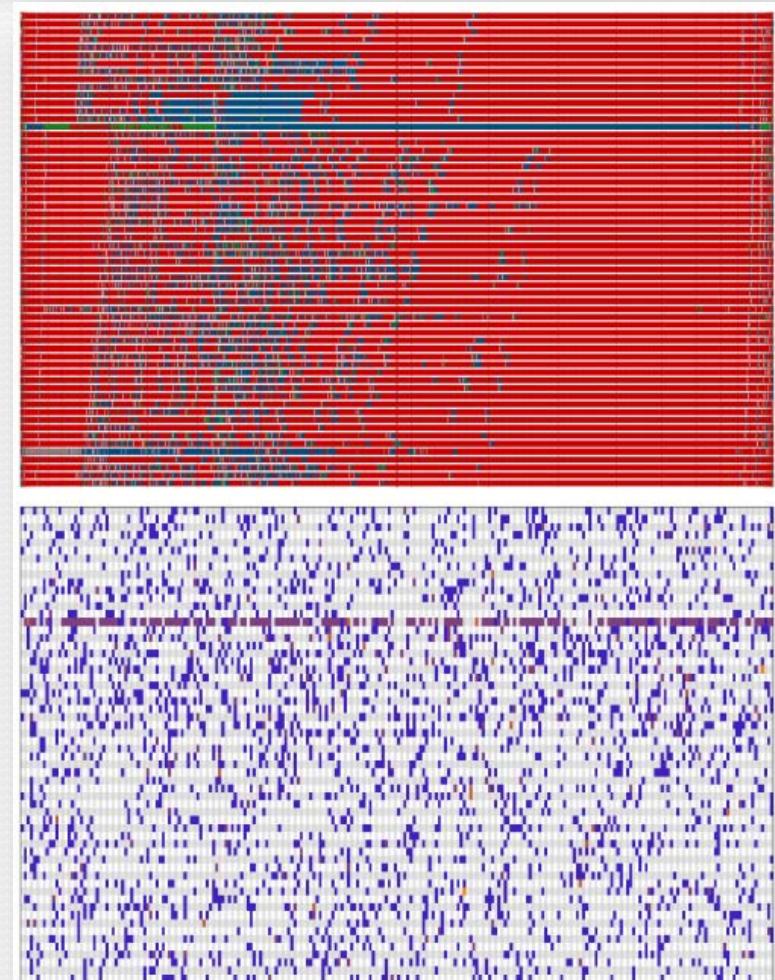
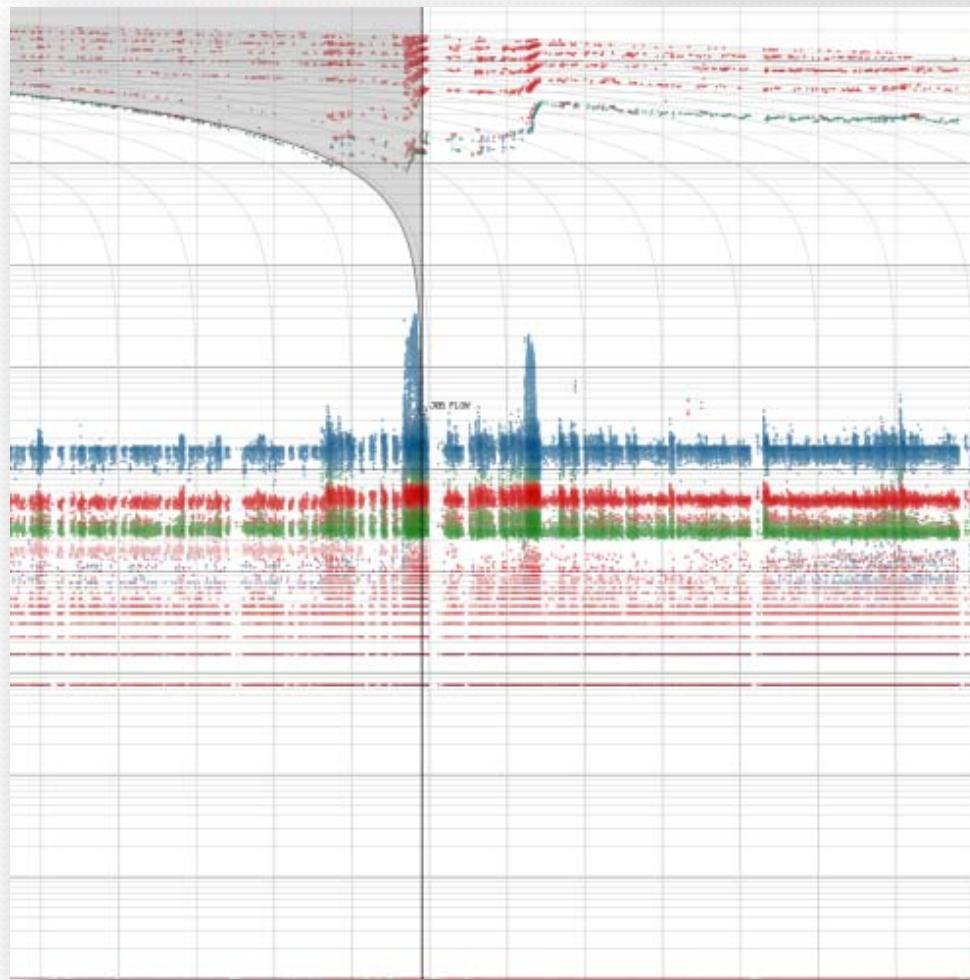
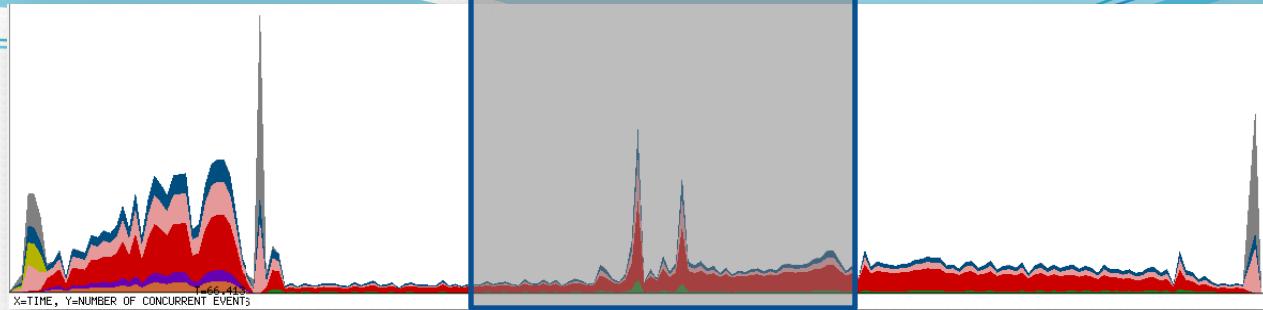
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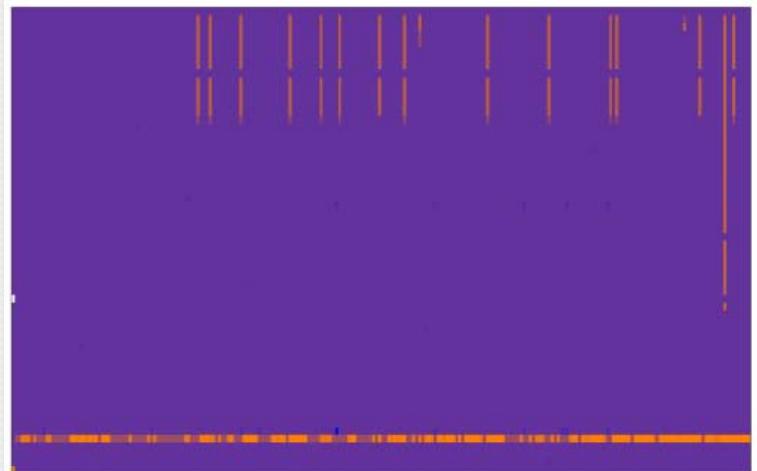
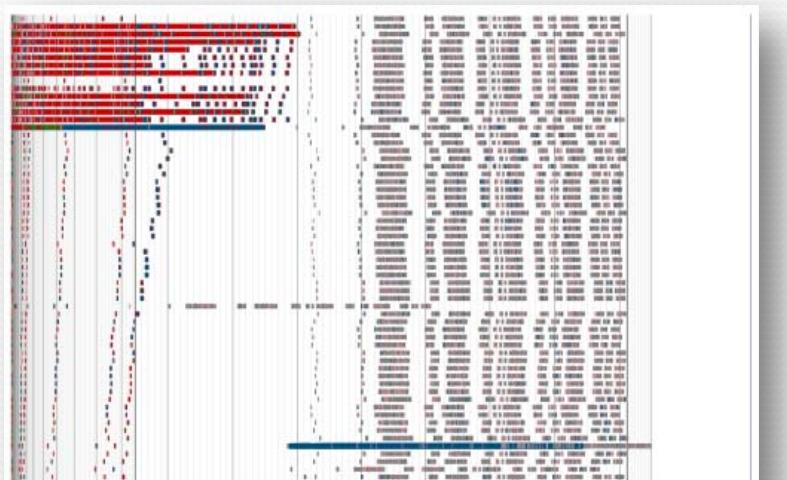
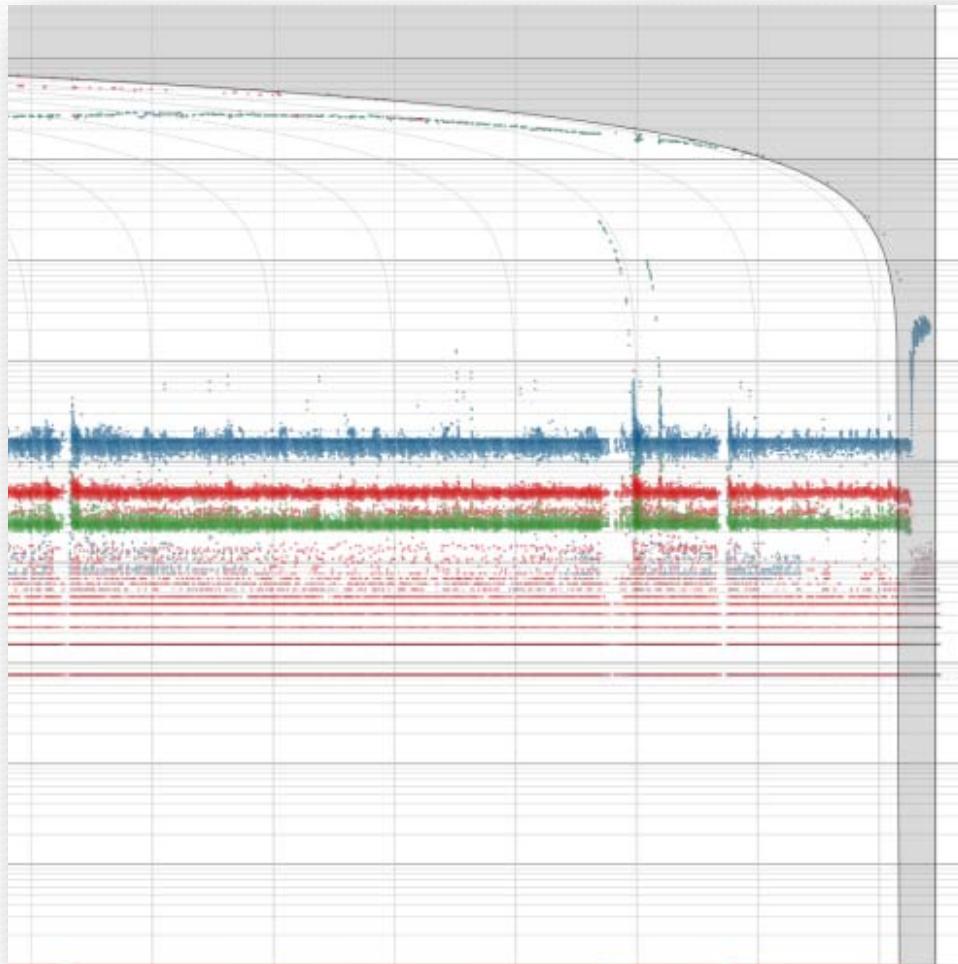
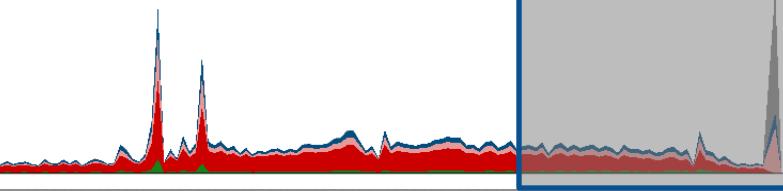
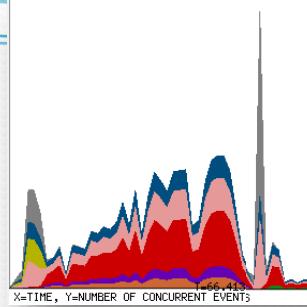
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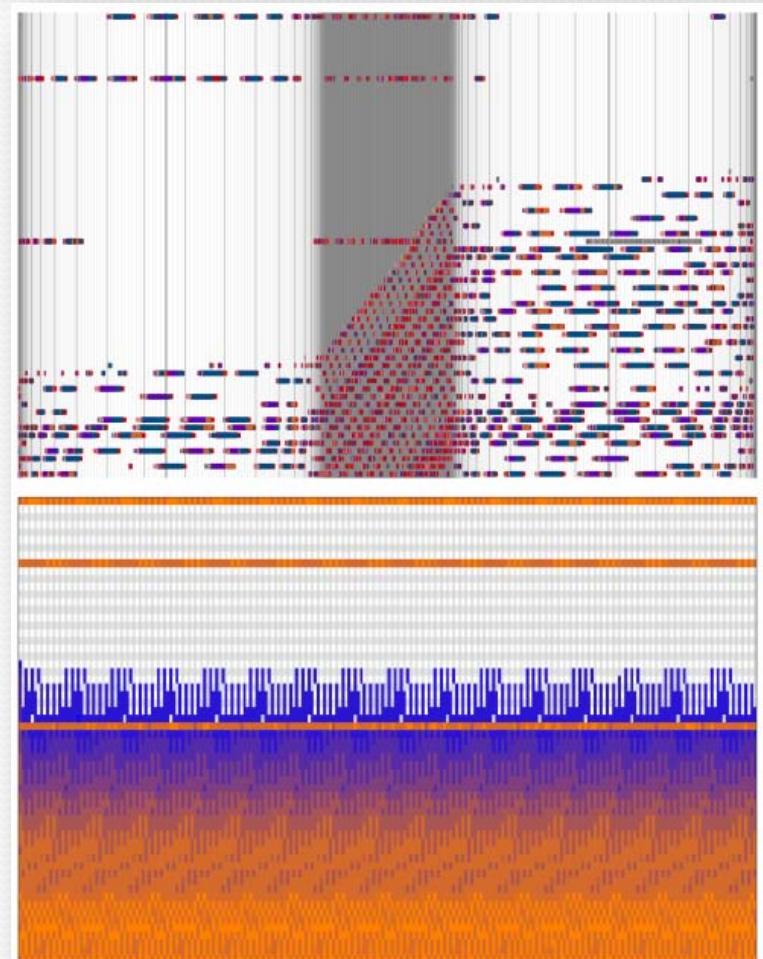
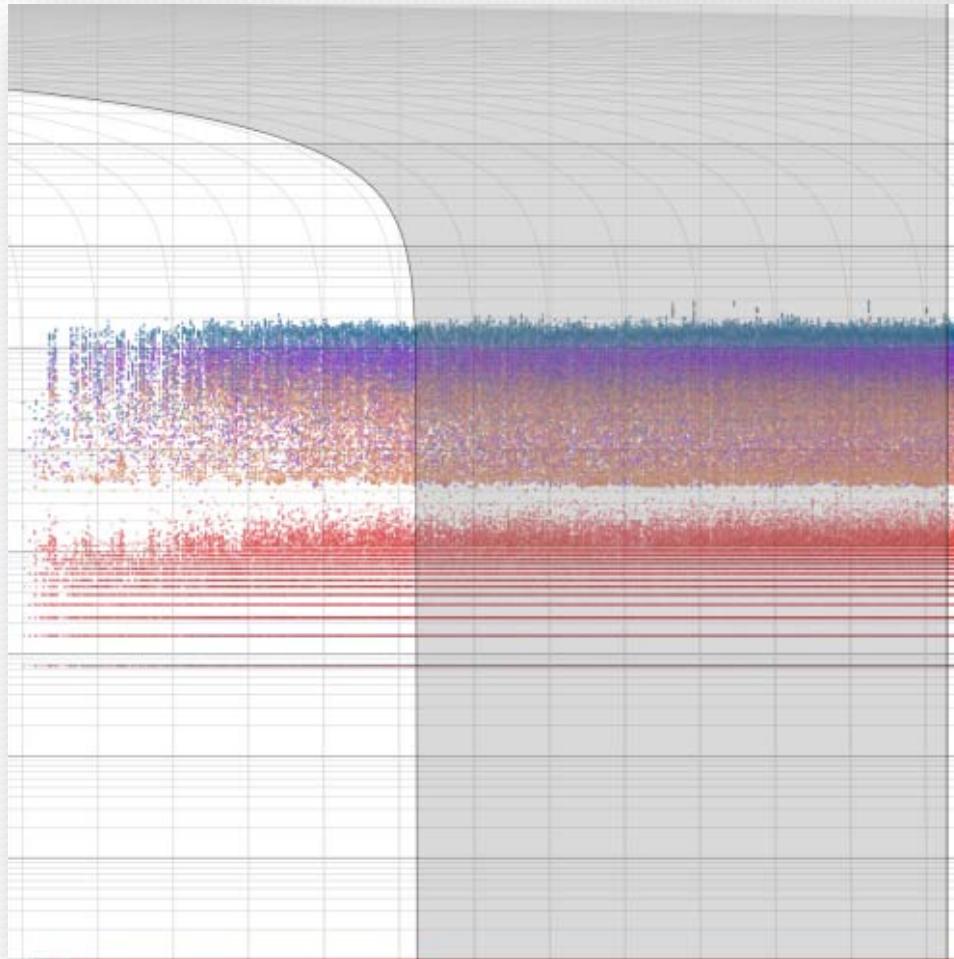
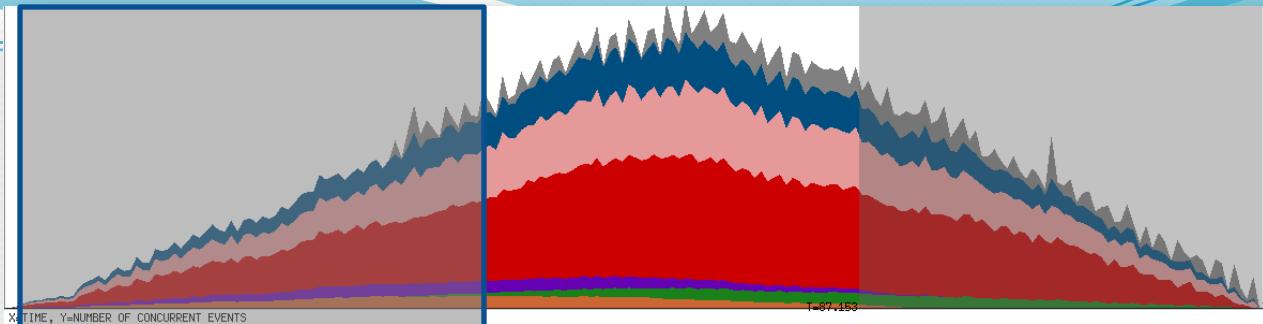
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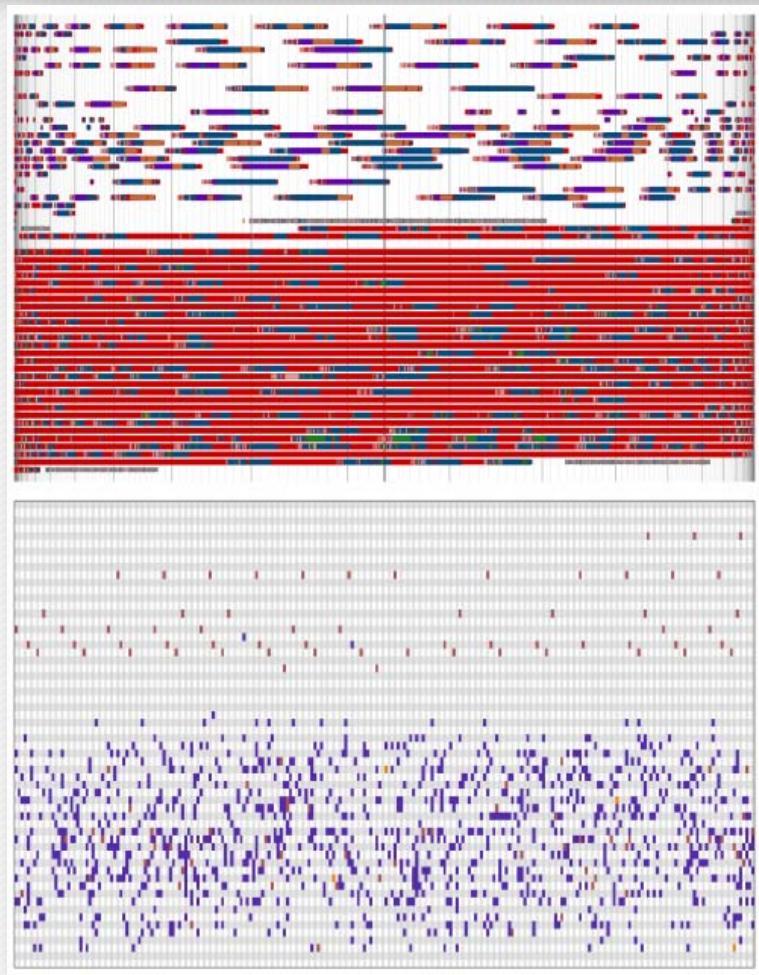
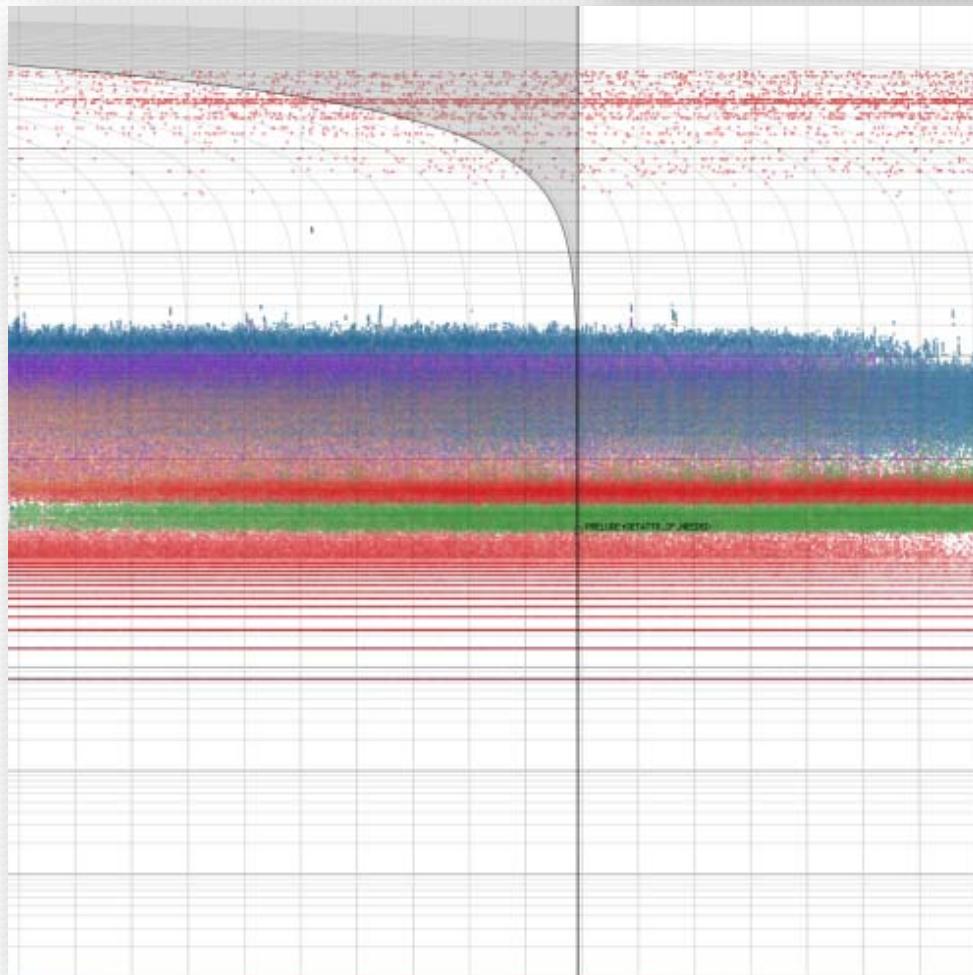
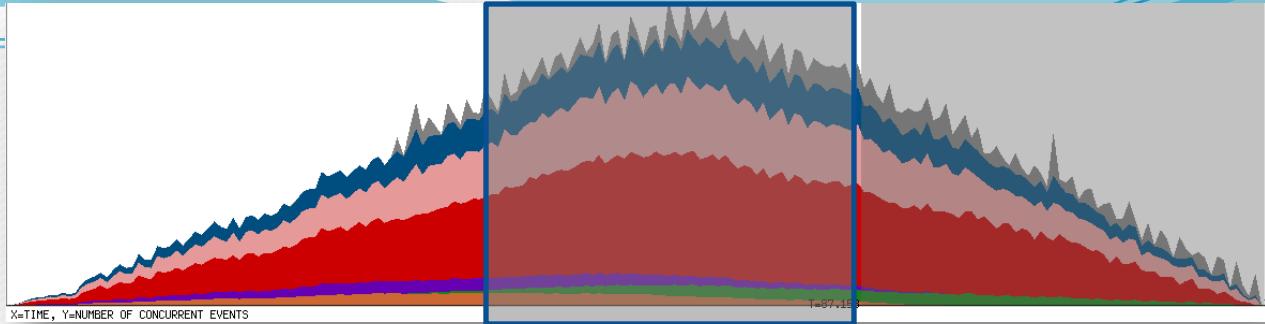
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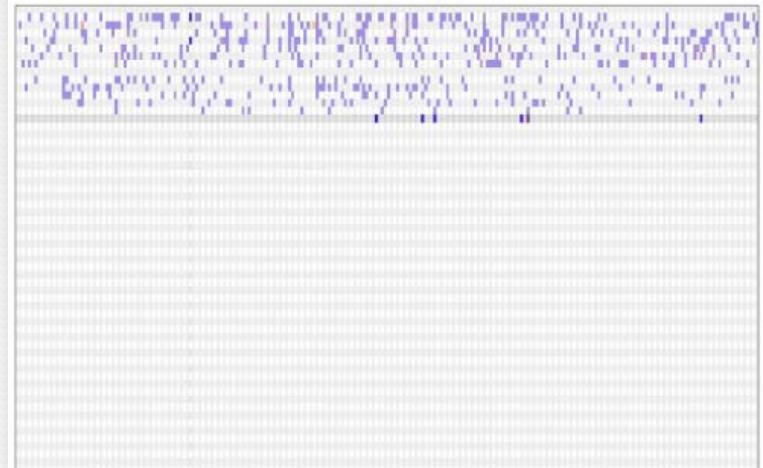
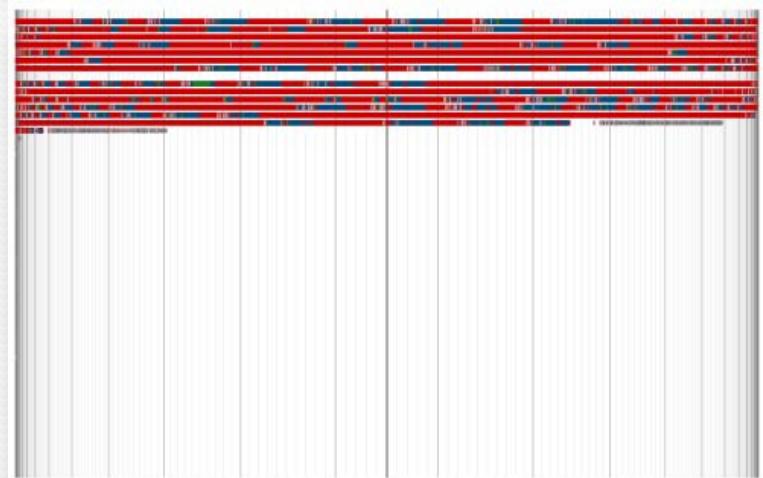
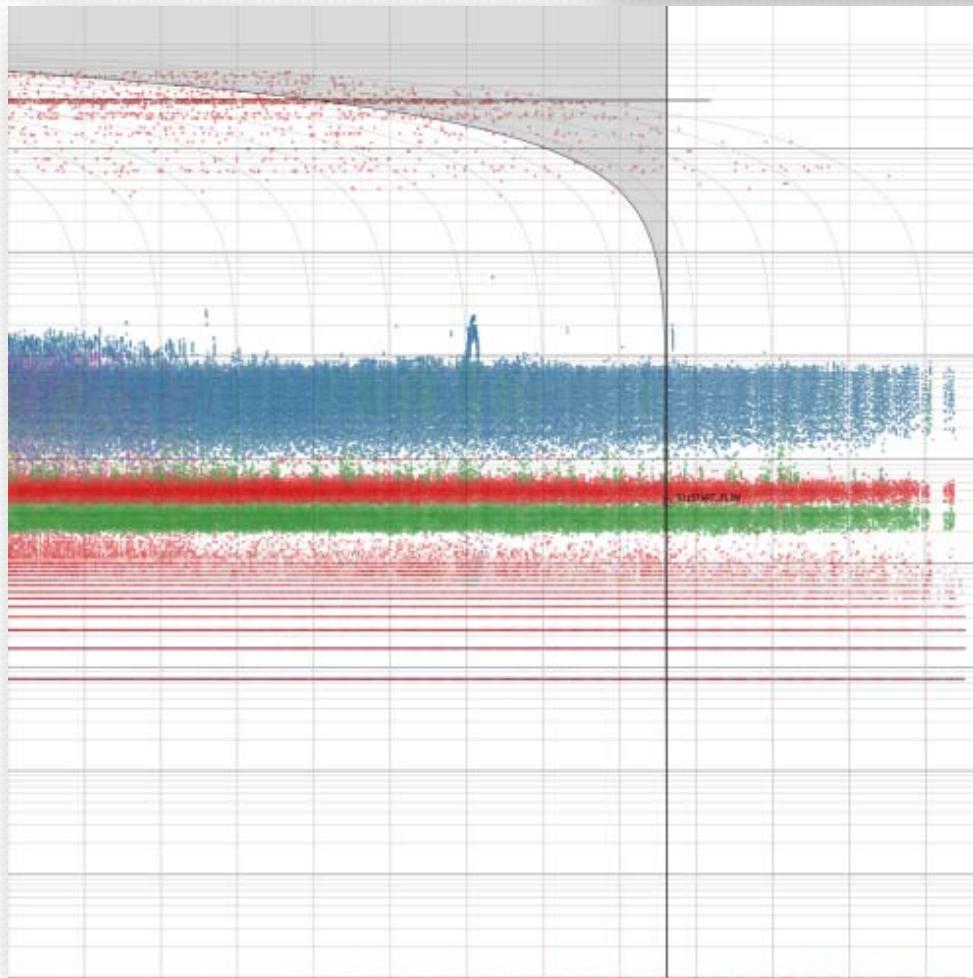
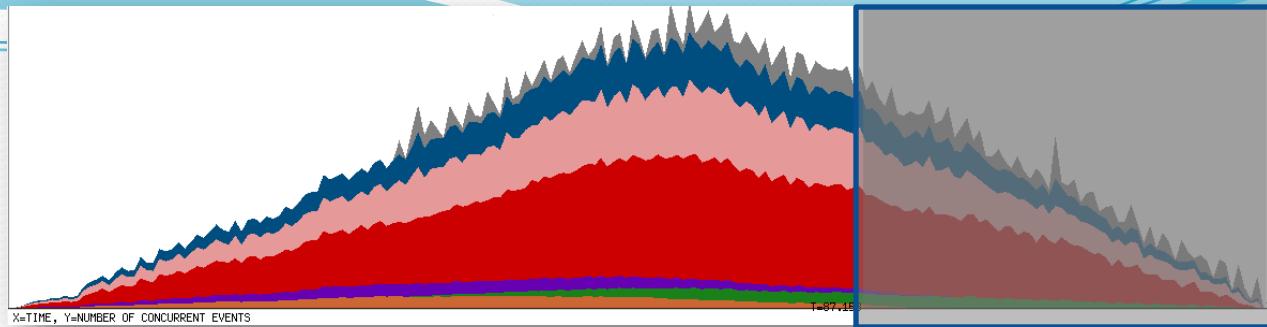
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Observations

- ‘In order’ ramp up/down
 - More so on single file than FPP
- Centralized metadata
 - FS dependent
- Fairly consistent disc rate and network functions, but variable length enqueue
 - Limiting factor disc rate not network?

Next steps

- Out-of-core data management
 - Larger data sets
- Sigmoidal view variants
 - Gantt chart not scalable
- Other view variants
- MPI calls on compute nodes
 - Show end-to-end communication better
- Intermediate data servers
 - SSDs
 - Network and data flow

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