# **Profiling with Percept2**

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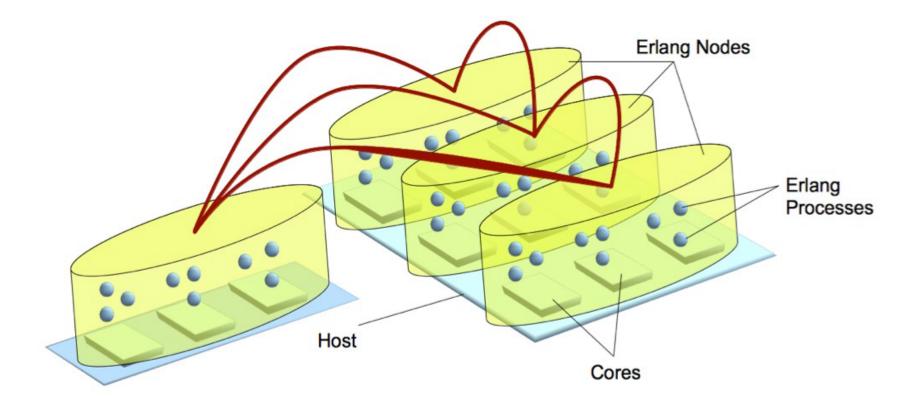




- Erlang multicore ... RELEASE
- Percept and Percept2
- Case study with Wrangler
- Conclusions



# **Erlang multicore**





# RELEASE

- EU FP7 STREP research project
- October 2011 September 2013
- Partners:
  - Heriot Watt University (UK)
  - Uppsala University (Sweden)
  - University of Kent (UK)
  - ICCS (Greece)
  - Ericsson AB (Sweden)
  - Erlang Solutions (UK/Sweden) DF Grlang
- EDF (France)

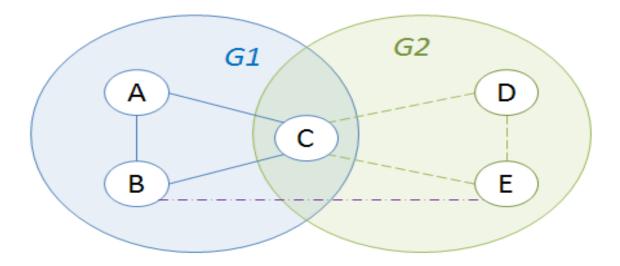


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- Scalable distributed Erlang: system and tools.
- Groups and implicit placement.





# Tools

#### How to use these systems effectively?





# **Existing tools**

- Erlang tracing
- dbg/etop/ttb
- fprof/eprof/cprof
- Percept
- Dtrace
- ...



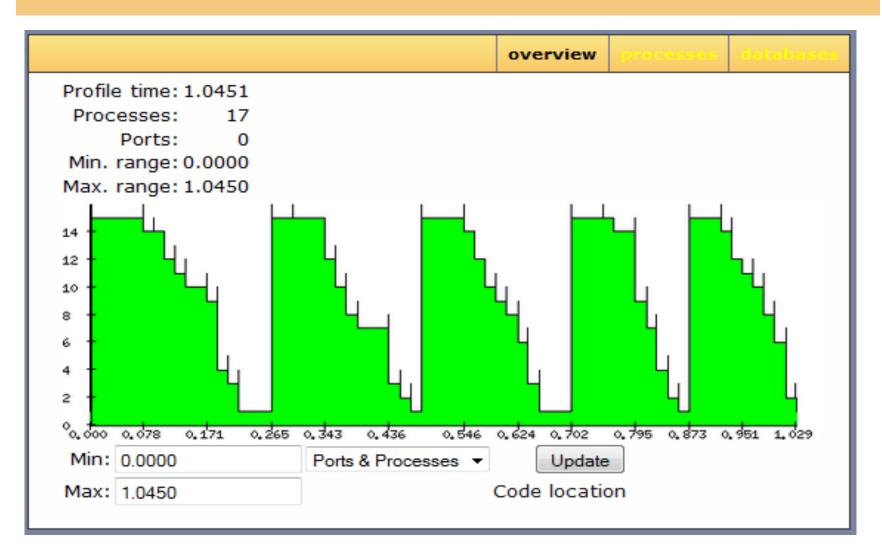


- Percept: Erlang concurrency profiling tool.
- In the Erlang/OTP distribution ...
- ... written by Björn-Egil Dahlberg.
- Monitors process runnability using erlang:trace/3, erlang:system\_profile/2.
- Offline tool ... 'replay' a computation.

#### **RELEASE**

- Histogram of active processes vs. time.
- 'Drill down' to process information via Pid.
- Start/end time, parent/child processes, time spent waiting for messages, ....
- View individual process runnability.





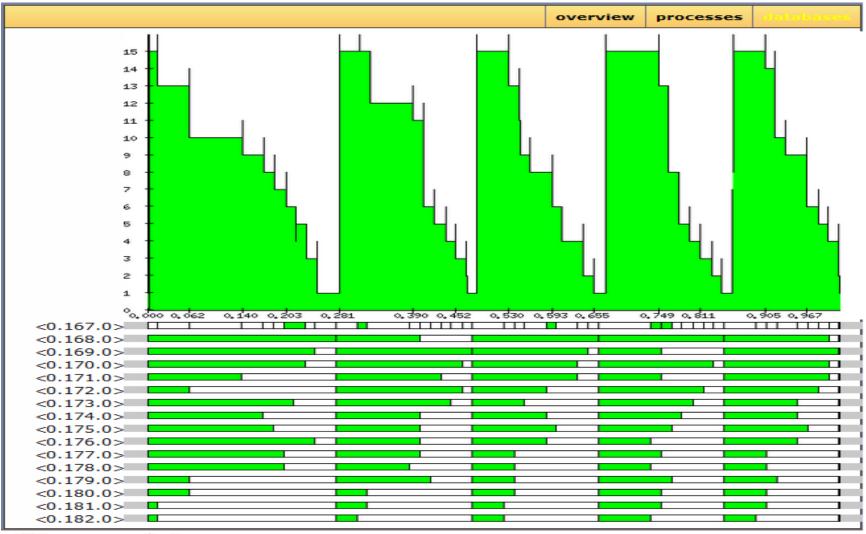


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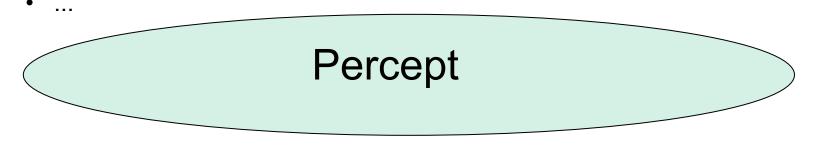


#### Functionality enhancement:

- Scheduler information
- Process communication
- Process run queue migration
- Runnable vs. running
- Dynamic context-aware callgraph
- Process/function accumulated runtime
- Support for distribution

#### Usability and scalability:

- Scalable process tree
- Cache history webpages
- Parallel processing







- How to use
  - Profile a complete application run.

percept2:profile(FileSpec, Entry, Options).





- How to use
  - Profile while application is running.
     percept2:profile(FileSpec, Options).
     percept2:stop\_profile().
  - Profile a particular part of your application by instrumenting your code with percept2:profile/2 and percept2:stop\_profile/0 commands.



- How to analyze trace data
  - analyze a single trace file.
     percept2:analyze([FileName]).
  - analyze a colection of trace files in parallel. percept2:analyze(FileBaseName, Suffix, StartIndex, EndIndex).
- How to visualize profiling data.

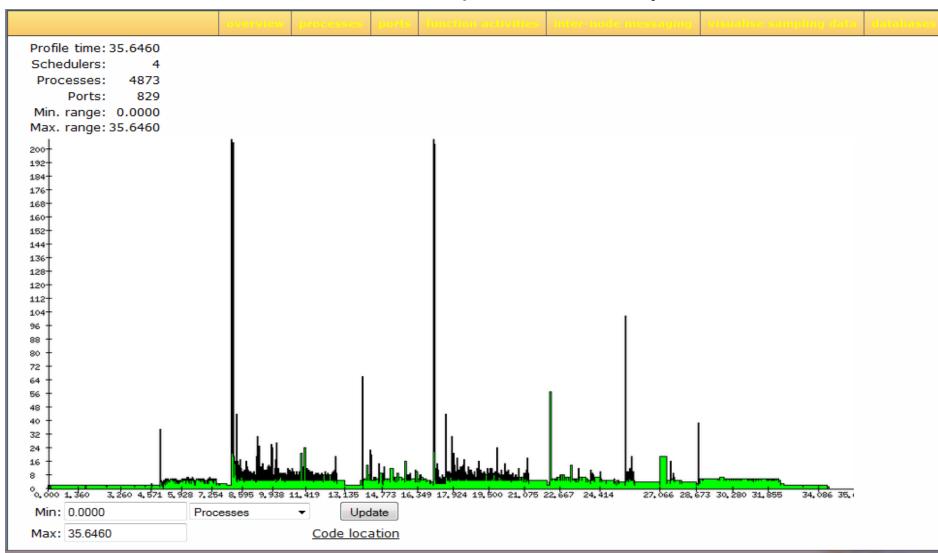
percept2:start\_webserver(8888).

then go to localhost:8888 in your web browser.



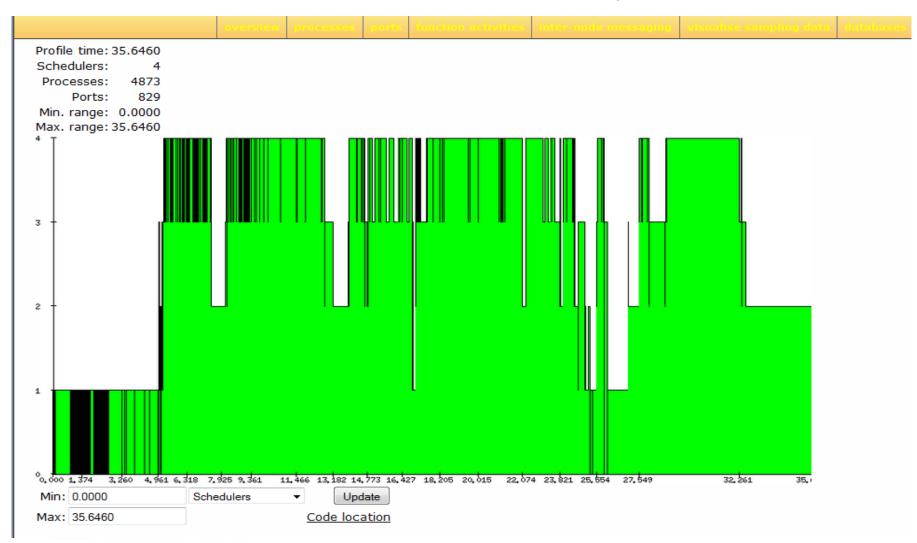
### **Percept2: process runnability**

The number of runnable processes at any time.



### **Percept2: scheduler info**

The number of schedulers active at any time.



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Process Tree Graph Process Communication



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Process Tree Graph Process Communication

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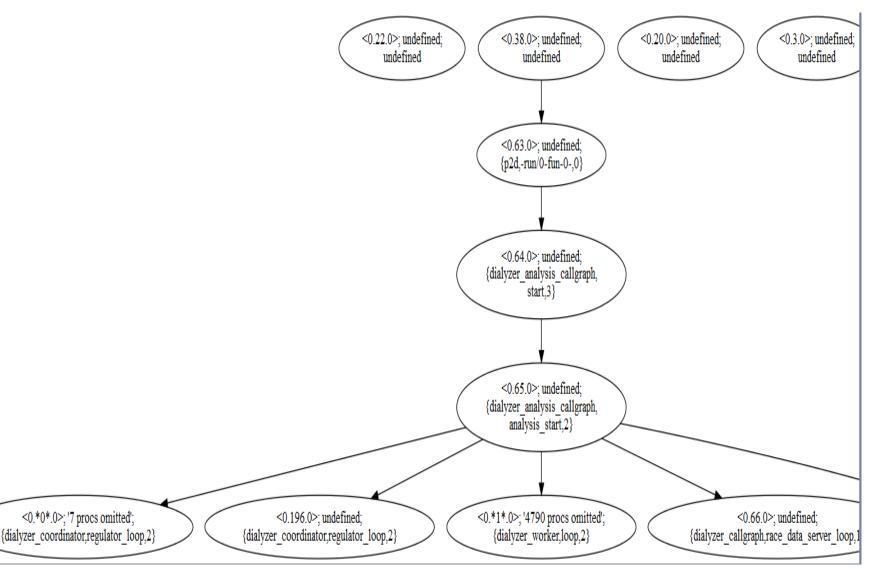
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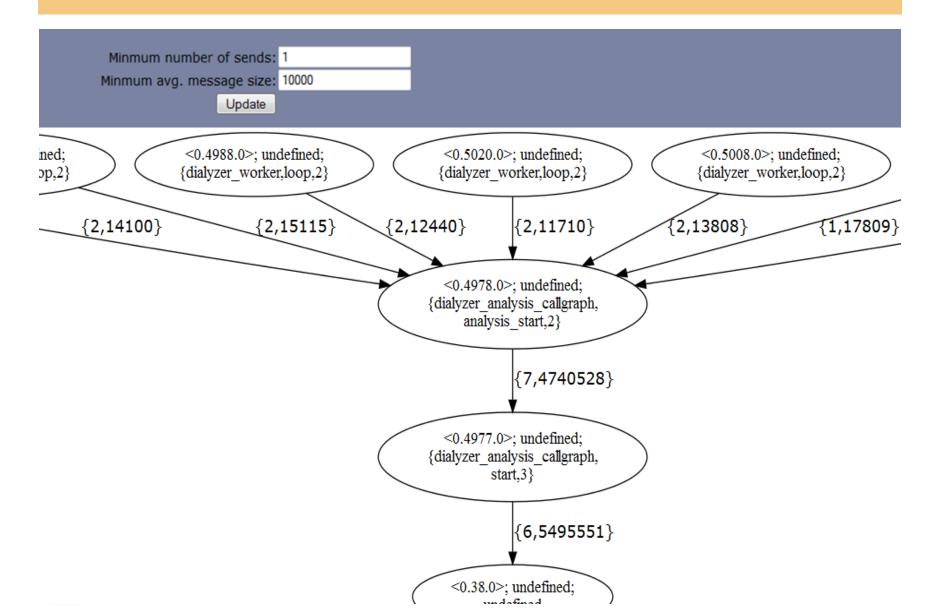
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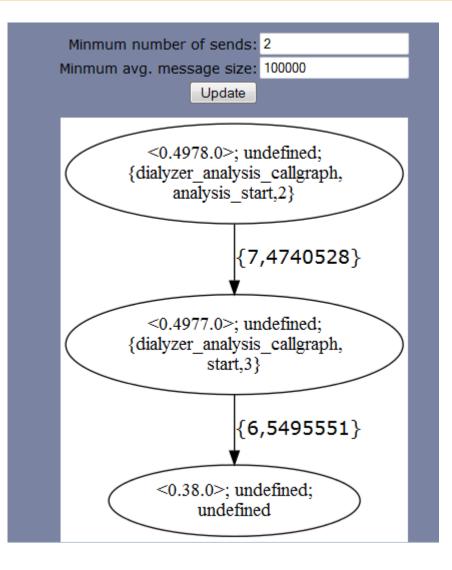
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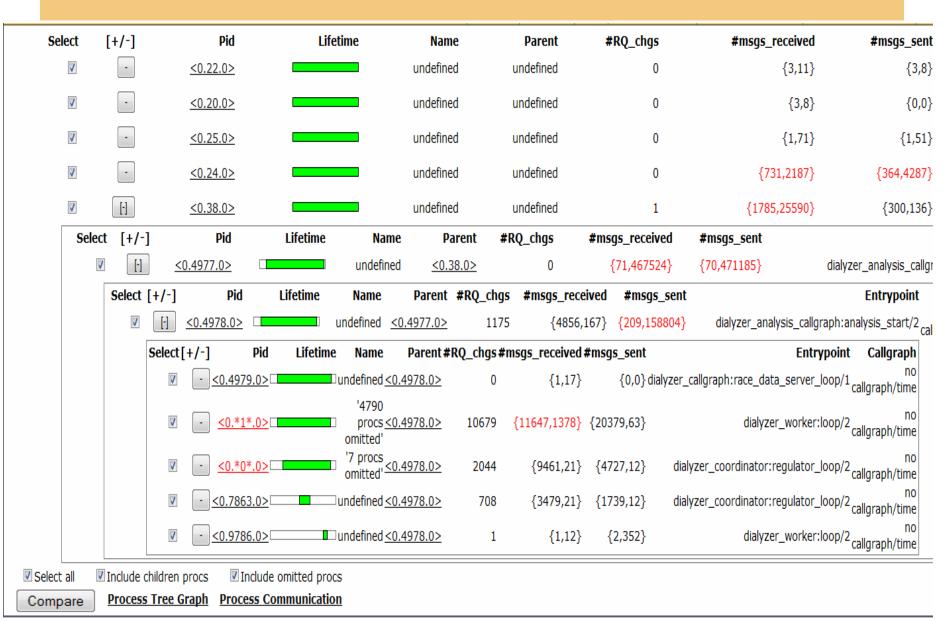
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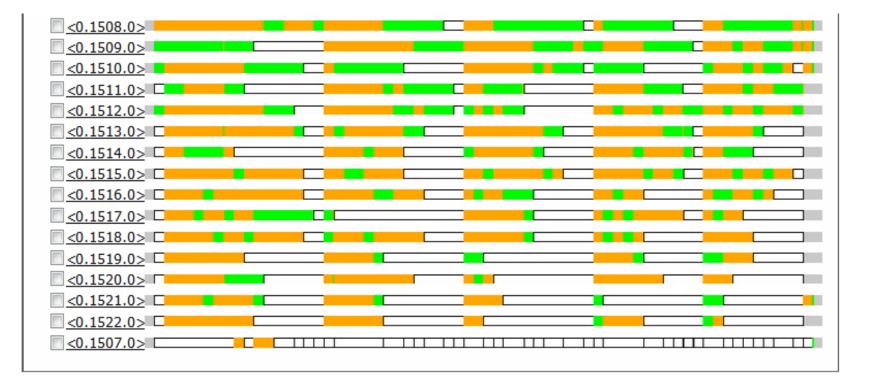








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• Existing function profiling tools for Erlang:

	Tool	Results			Records number of calls			Records garbage collection
Percept2			-	significant slowdown	yes	total and own	yes	yes
	eprof	per process/function to screen/file	medium	small slowdown	yes	only total	no	no
	LUVEL	per module to screen/file	small	moderate slowdown	yes, per line	no	no	no
	cprof	per module to caller	small	small slowdown	yes	no	no	no



	Tool	Results			Records number of calls			Records garbage collection	
		per process to screen/file	large	significant slowdown	yes	total and own	yes	yes	
Percep		per process to file <i>but can be selective</i>	dep	ends on	yes	only total	yes	yes	
	eprof	per process/function to screen/file	medium	small slowdown	yes	only total	no	no	
	COVEL	per module to screen/file	small	moderate slowdown	yes, per line	no	no	no	
	cprof	per module to caller	small	small slowdown	yes	no	no	no	

... Percept2 only profiles functions defined in the modules specified by user.



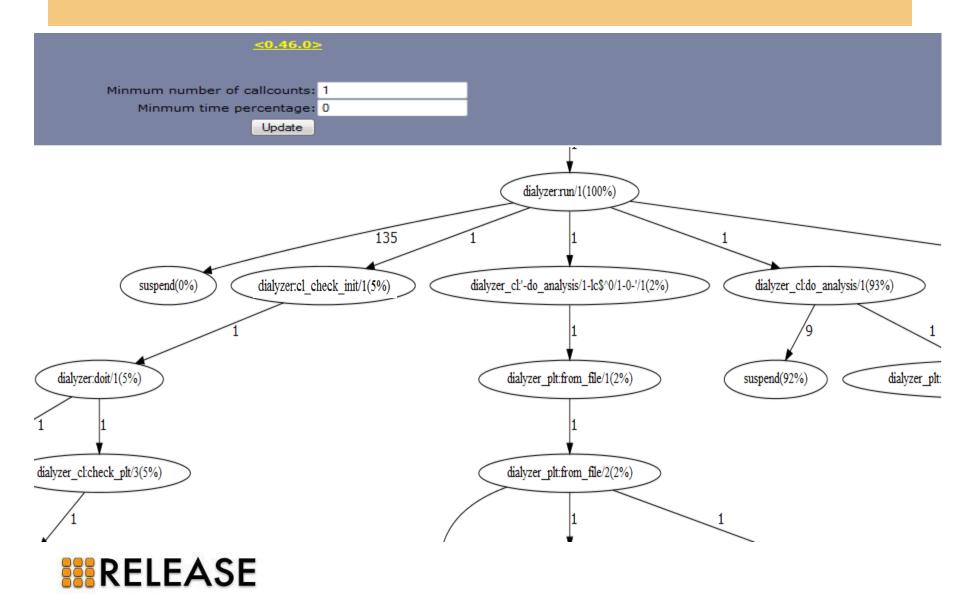
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A process' pid is hightlighted if it has a callgraph generated.

Pid	<u>&lt;0.46.03</u>
Name	undefined
Entrypoint	p2d:'-run/0-fun-0-'/(
Arguments	
	Timestamp Profile Time
Timetable	Start {1370,980952,698000} 0.2030
	Stop {1370,980994,600004} 42.1050
Parent	<u>&lt;0.38.0</u> 2
Children	<0.47.03
RQ_history	[
{#msg_received, avg_msg_size}	{0,0]
{#msg_sent, avg_msg_size}	{0,0]
accumulated runtime (in secs)	2.763
Callgraph/time	show call graph/tin

perce total wait	ntage o ing time	f e total	mean	stddev	#recv	module:function/arity
	100 %	38.6250	6.4375	12.6777	6	dialyzer_cl:cl_loop/2
	0 %	0.0522	0.0001	0.0012	463	gen:do_call/4
	0 %	I 0.0241	0.0027	0.0051	9	code_server:call/2
	0 %	0.0023	0.0000	0.0000	1970	prim_file:drv_get_response/1





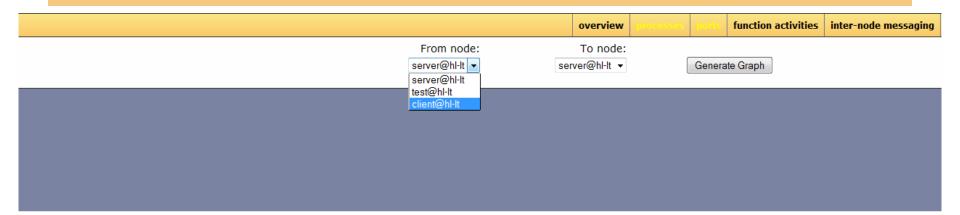
# **Percept2: function profiling**

Accumulated time during which a function within this process is in a running state.

Pid	<u>&lt;0.46.0&gt;</u>
Entrypoint	p2d:'-run/0-fun-0-'/0
M:F/A	dialyzer:cl_check_init/1
Call count	1
Accumulated time (in secs)	2.0614
Callers	module:function/arity call count
cullers	dialyzer:run/1 1
Called	module:function/arity call count
	dialyzer:doit/1 1



## **Percept2: distribution**



	overview processes ports function activities	inter-node messaging summary report databases
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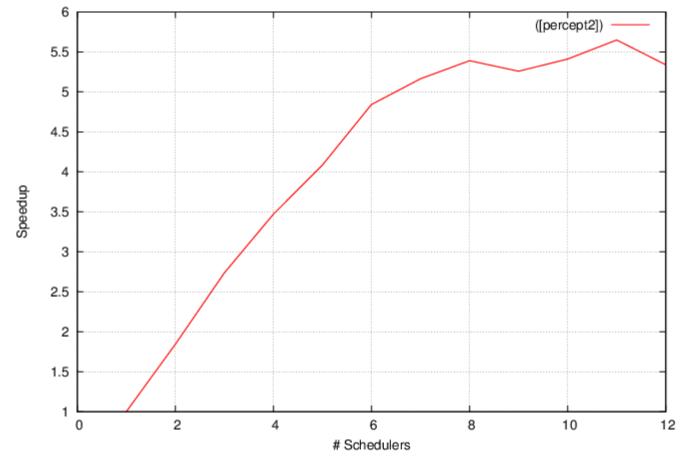
## **Percept2: scalability**

- Parallelise Percept2 itself.
- Multiple log files ...
- ... that can be processed in parallel ...
- ... and integrated into a single result.



# **Percept2: scalability**

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Scalability of Percept2 when analysing 5 trace files (total size: 1.36G, 11,008,609 traces messages) in parallel.



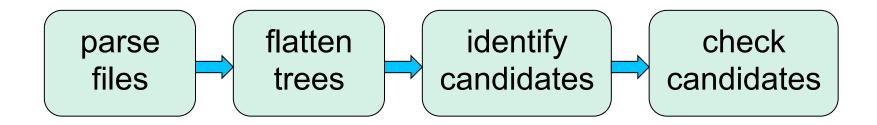


#### More features are being added ...

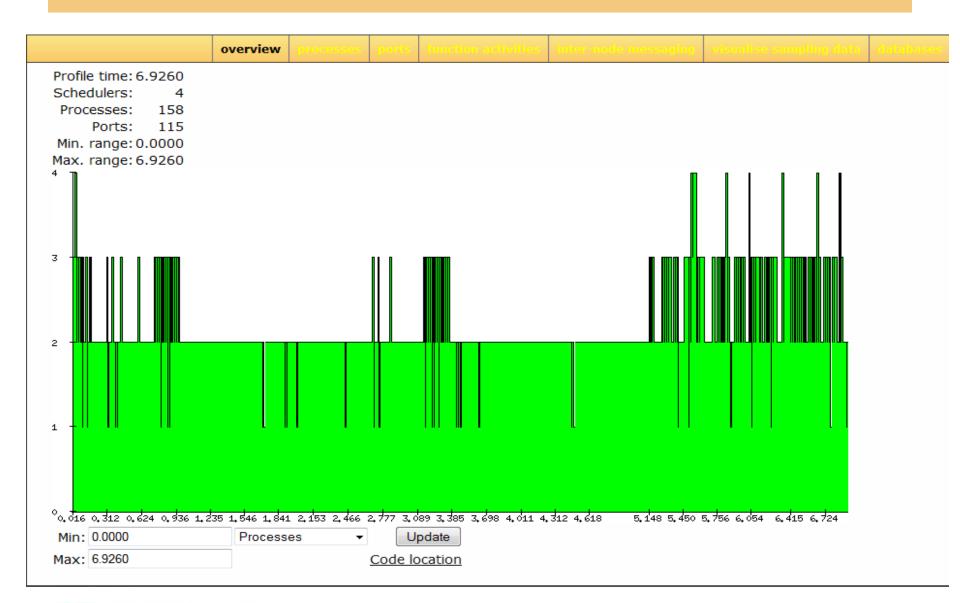




#### **Clone detection in Wrangler**



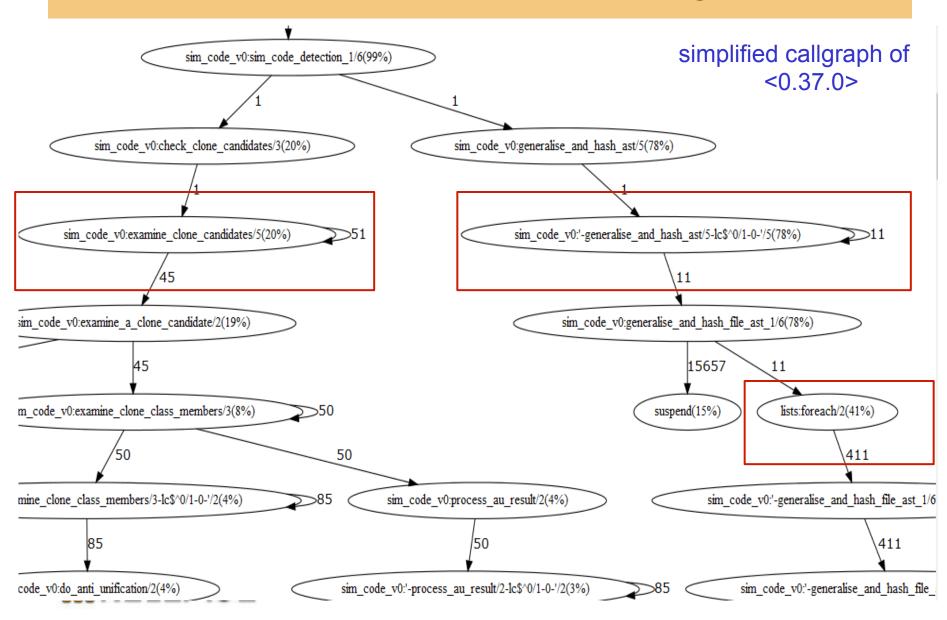




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+	<u>&lt;0.37.0&gt;</u>	undefined	undefined	2	{20053,1678}	{20150,151}	undefined	<u>show_call</u> graph/time
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#### overloaded process

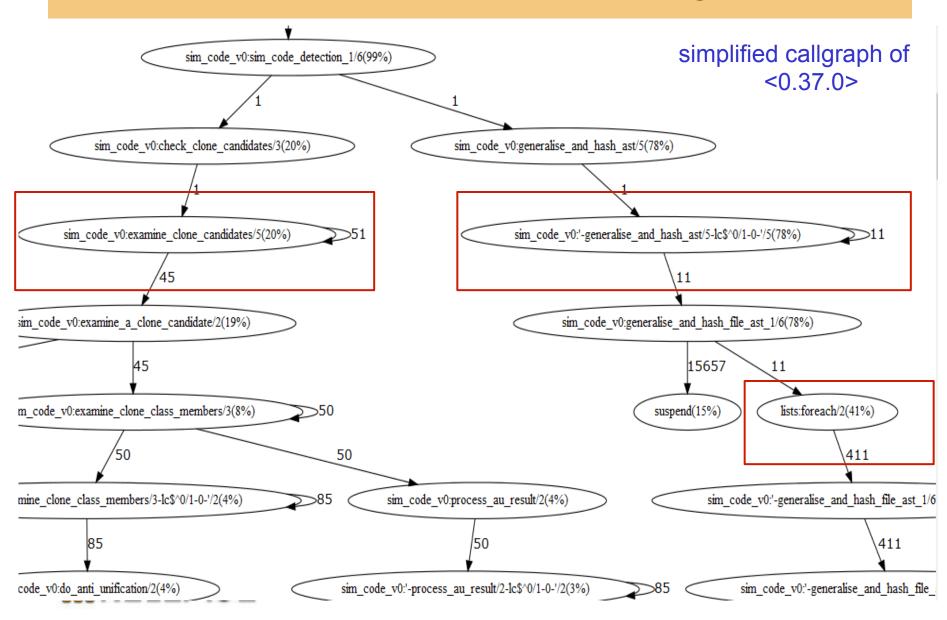
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Refactoring #1: List comprehension to parallel map

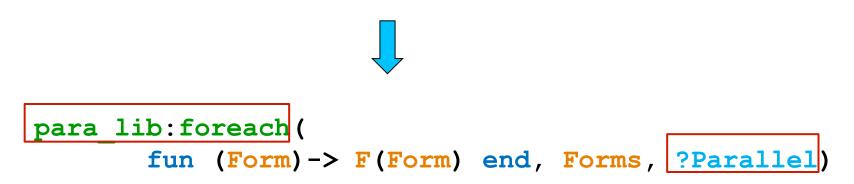
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[generalise_and_hash_file_ast_1(
    File, Threshold,ASTPid,true,SearchPaths,TabWidth)
    ||File <- Files]
para_lib:pmap(
    fun(File) -> generalise_and_hash_file_ast_1(
        File, Threshold, ASTPid,true,SearchPaths,TabWidth)
    end, Files)
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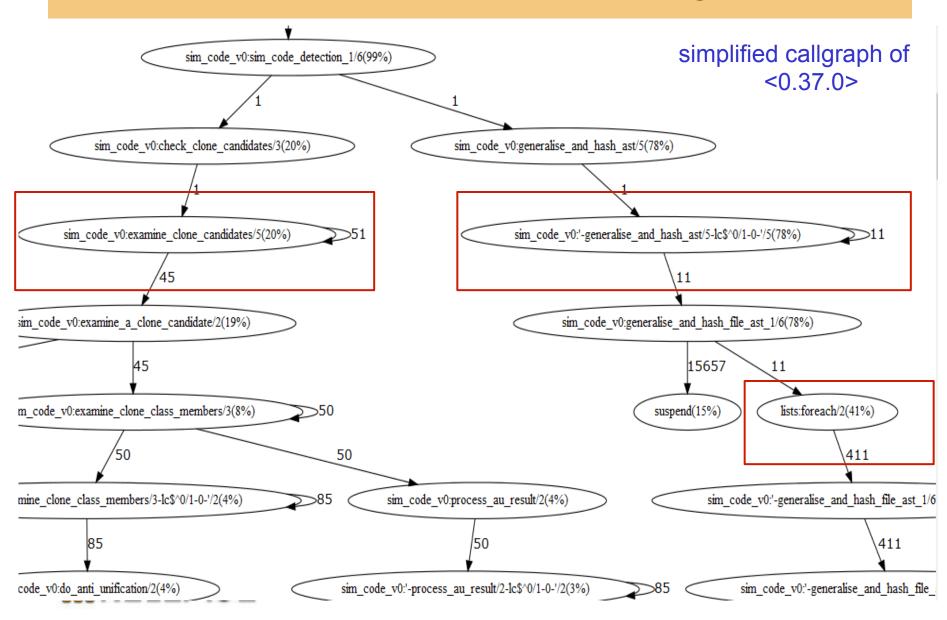


Refac #2: sequential 'foreach' to parallel 'foreach'

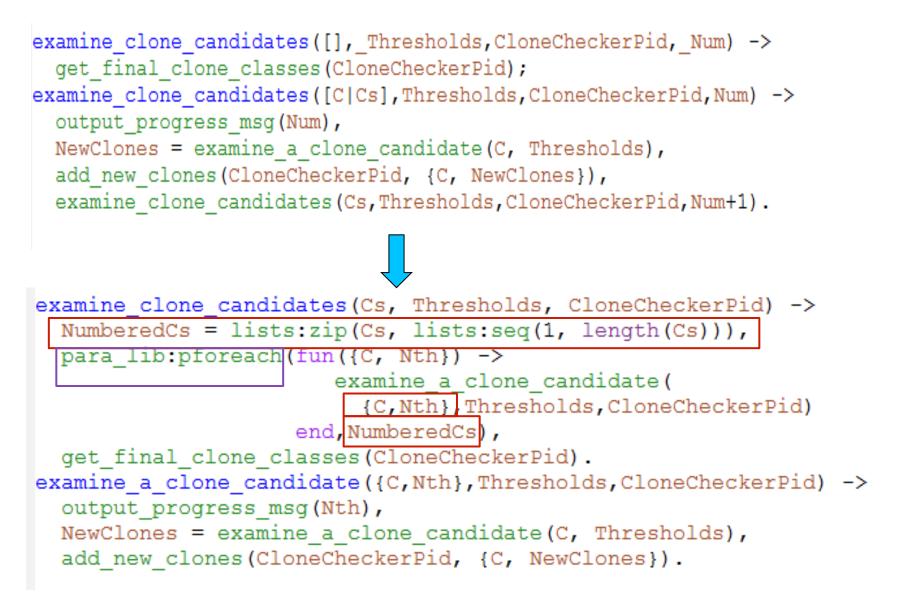
lists:foreach(fun (Form) -> F(Form) end, Forms)





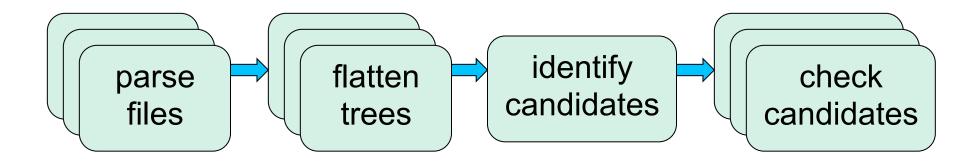


#### Refac #3: recursive function to parallel 'foreach'

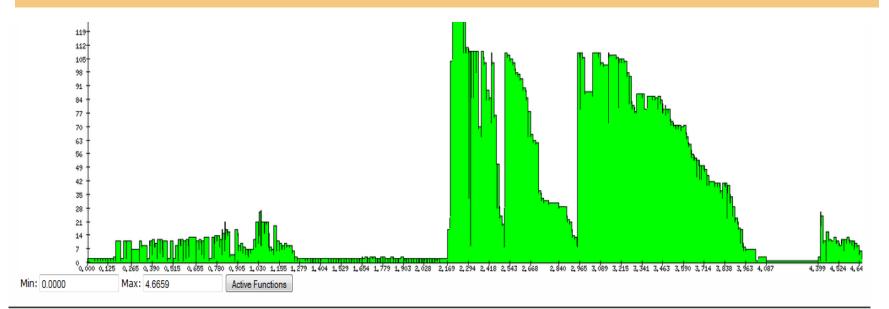




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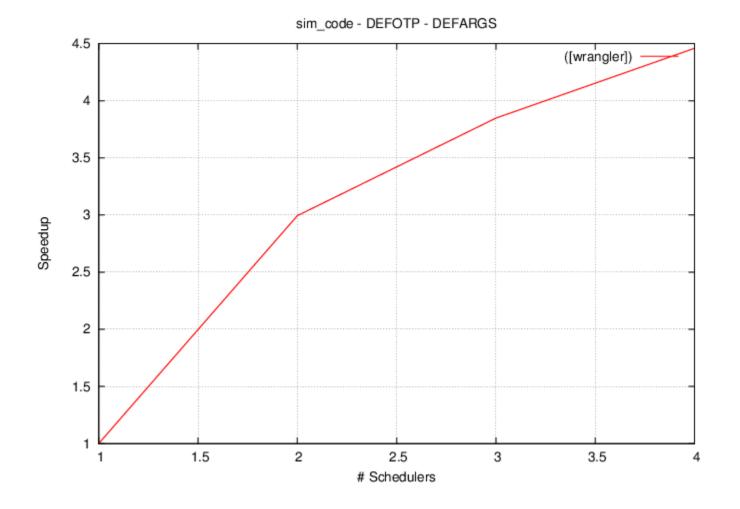






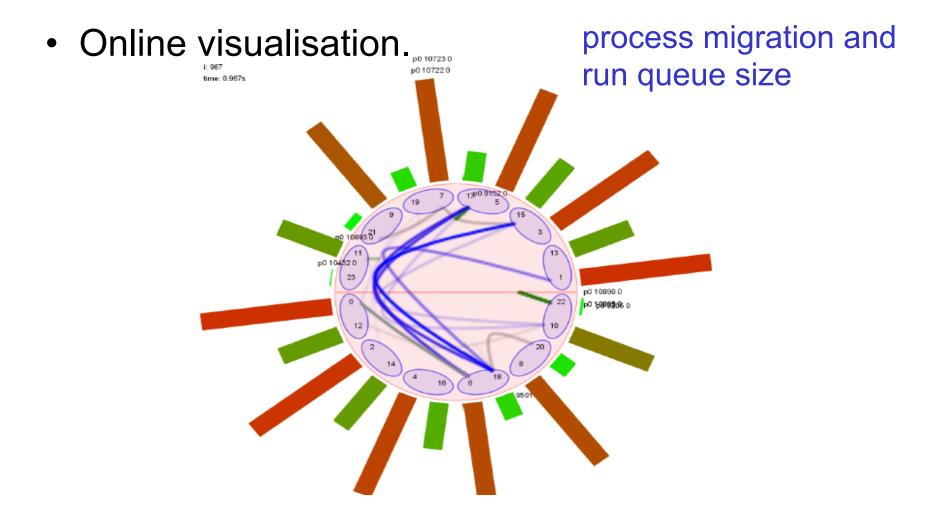
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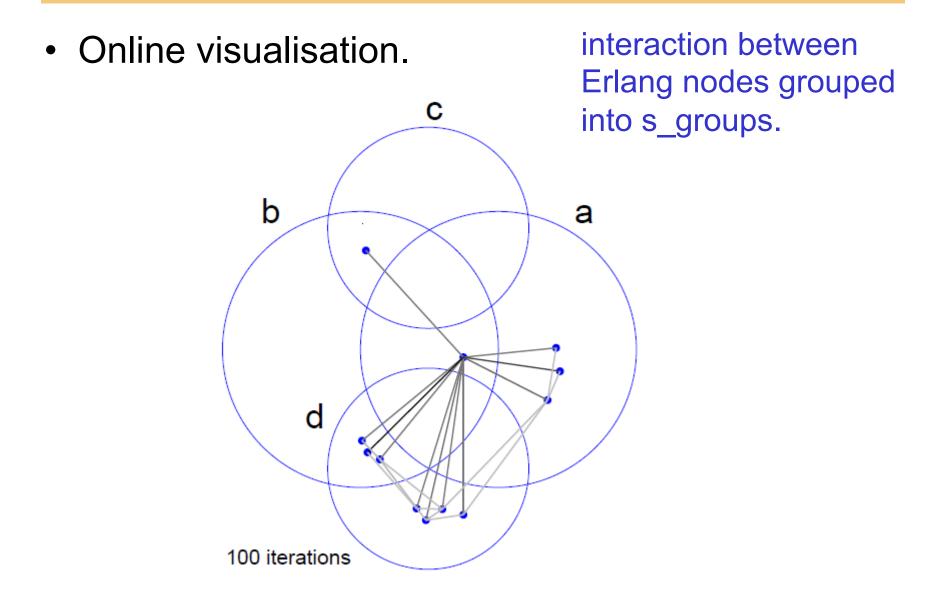


# **Other ongoing work**



http://profsjt.blogspot.co.uk/2012/11/animating-multicore-erlang.html

# **Other ongoing work**



### Conclusions

- RELEASE project
- A tool for profiling concurrent/parallel Erlang applications.
- Thanks to the Percept team!





#### Get involved!

#### git://github.com/huiqing/percept2.git

