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Analysis report examination with Cube

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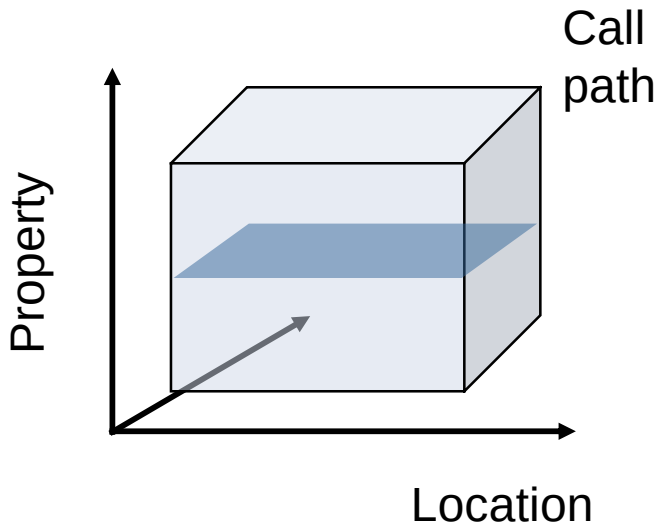
Cube

- Parallel program analysis report exploration tools
  - Libraries for XML+binary report reading & writing
  - Algebra utilities for report processing
  - GUI for interactive analysis exploration
    - Requires Qt4 ≥4.6 or Qt 5
- Originally developed as part of the Scalasca toolset
- Now available as a separate component
  - Can be installed independently of Score-P, e.g., on laptop or desktop
  - Latest release 4.6 (April 2021)

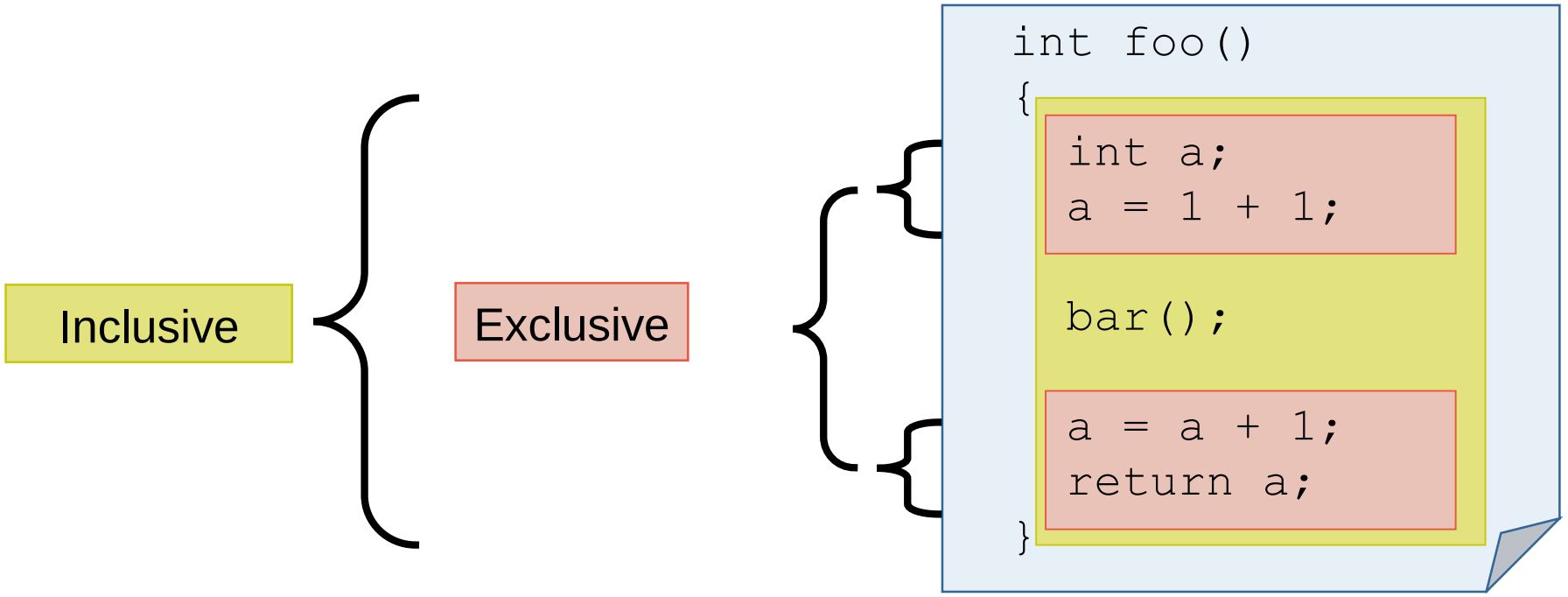
Analysis presentation and exploration

- Representation of values (severity matrix) on three hierarchical axes
  - Performance property (metric)
  - Call path (program location)
  - System location (process/thread)
- Three coupled tree browsers
- Cube displays severities
  - As value: for precise comparison
  - As color: for easy identification of hotspots
  - Inclusive value when closed & exclusive value when expanded
  - Customizable via display modes

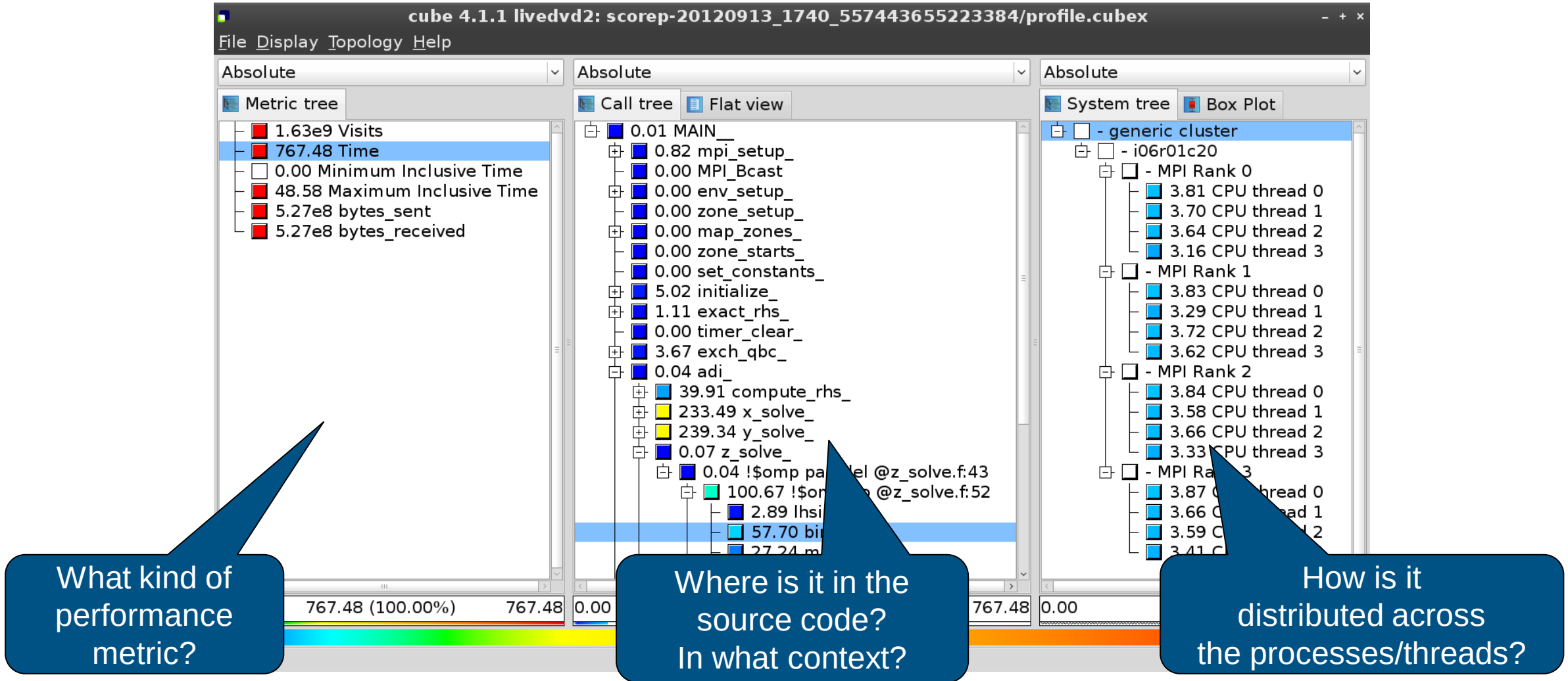


Inclusive vs. exclusive values

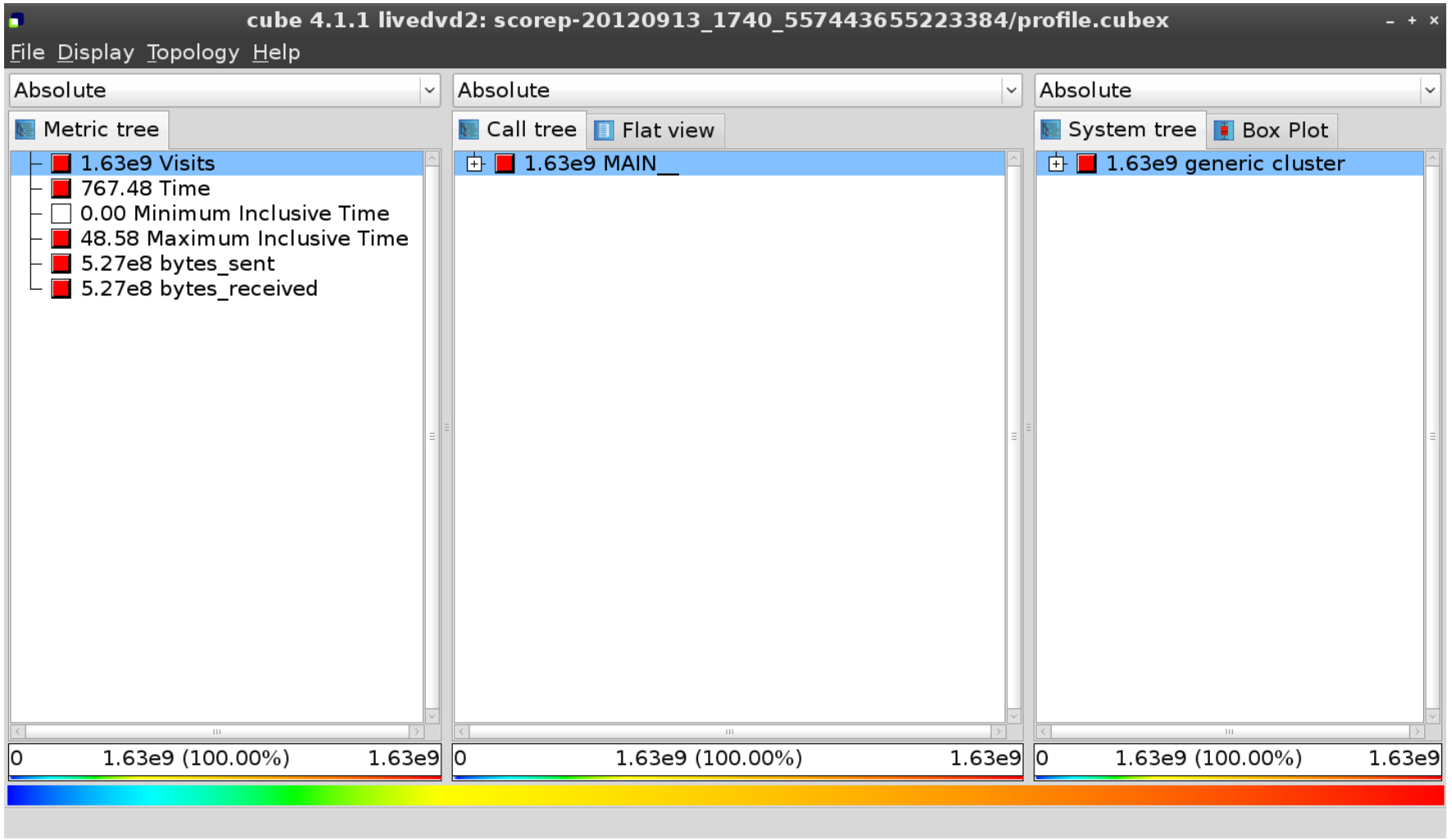
- Inclusive
  - Information of all sub-elements aggregated into single value
- Exclusive
  - Information cannot be subdivided further



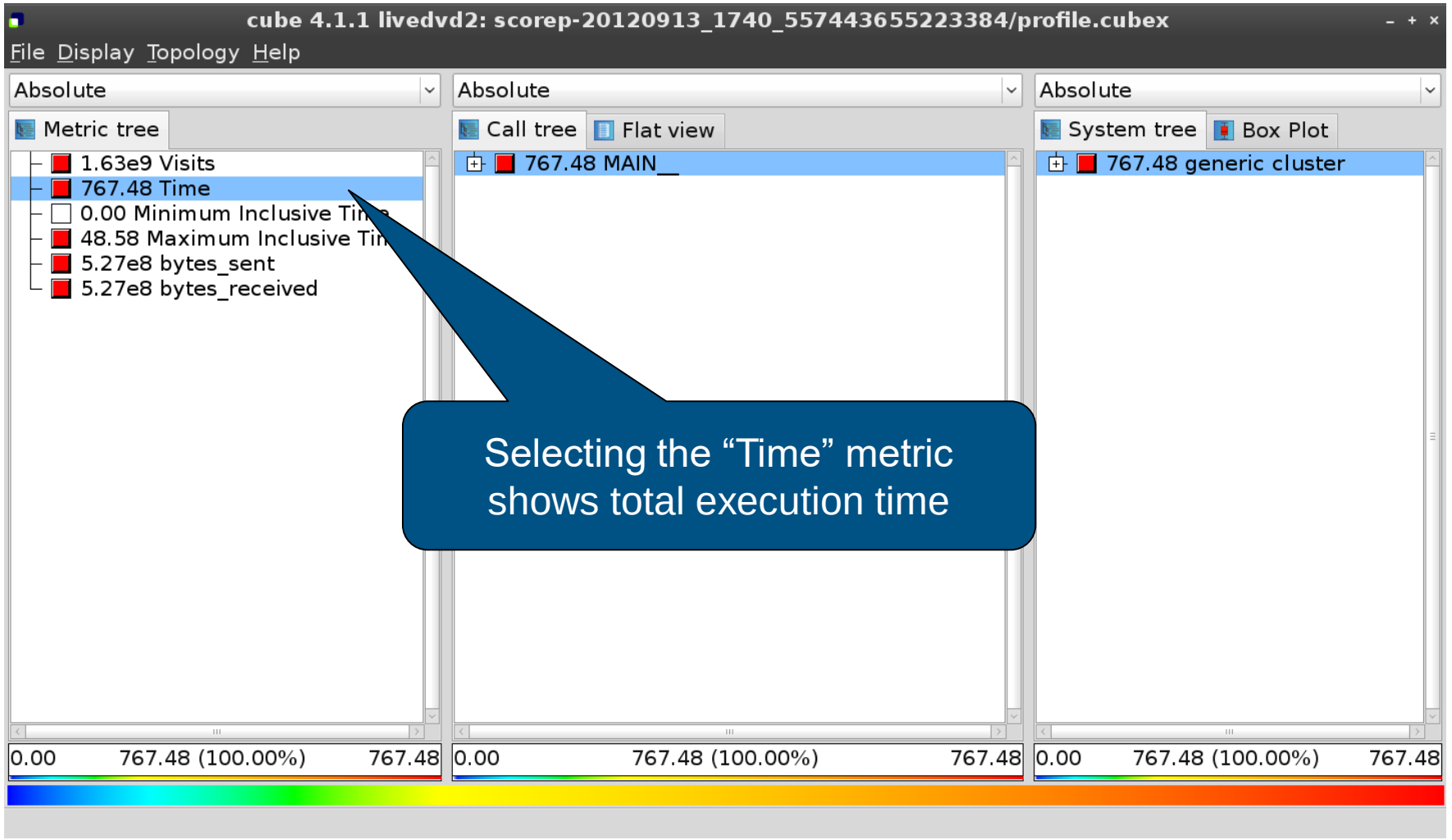
Analysis presentation



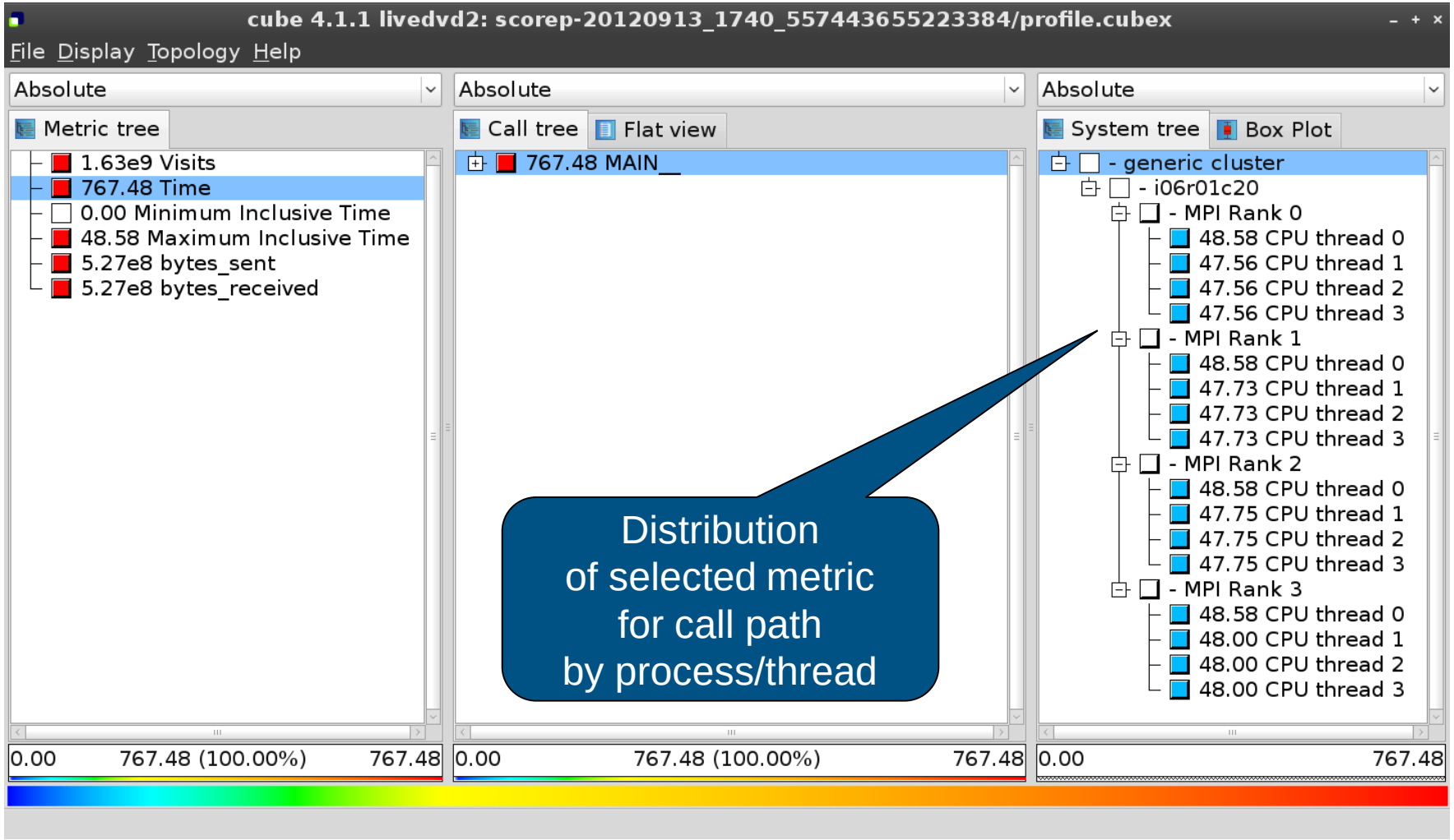
Score-P analysis report exploration (opening view)



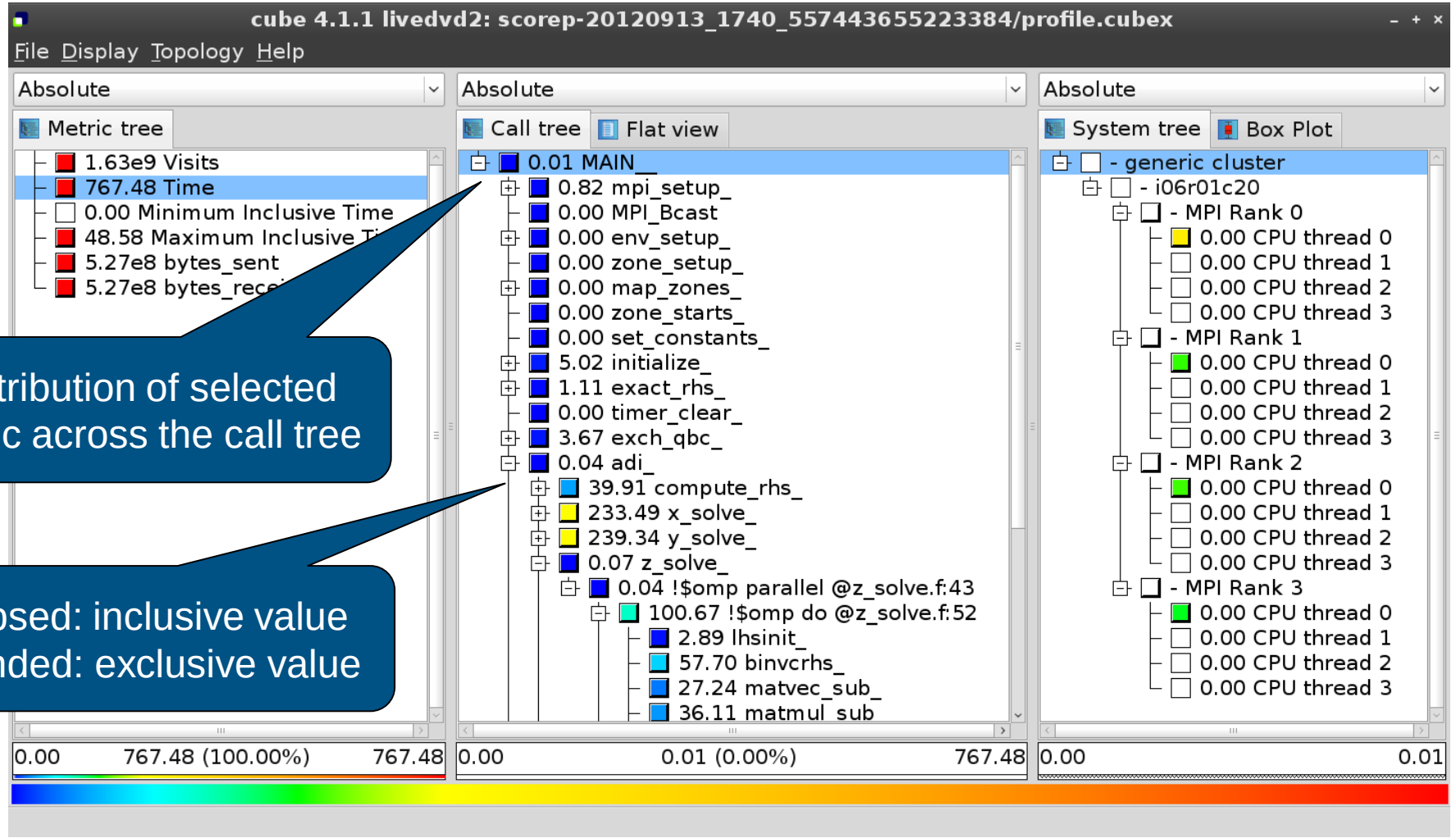
Metric selection



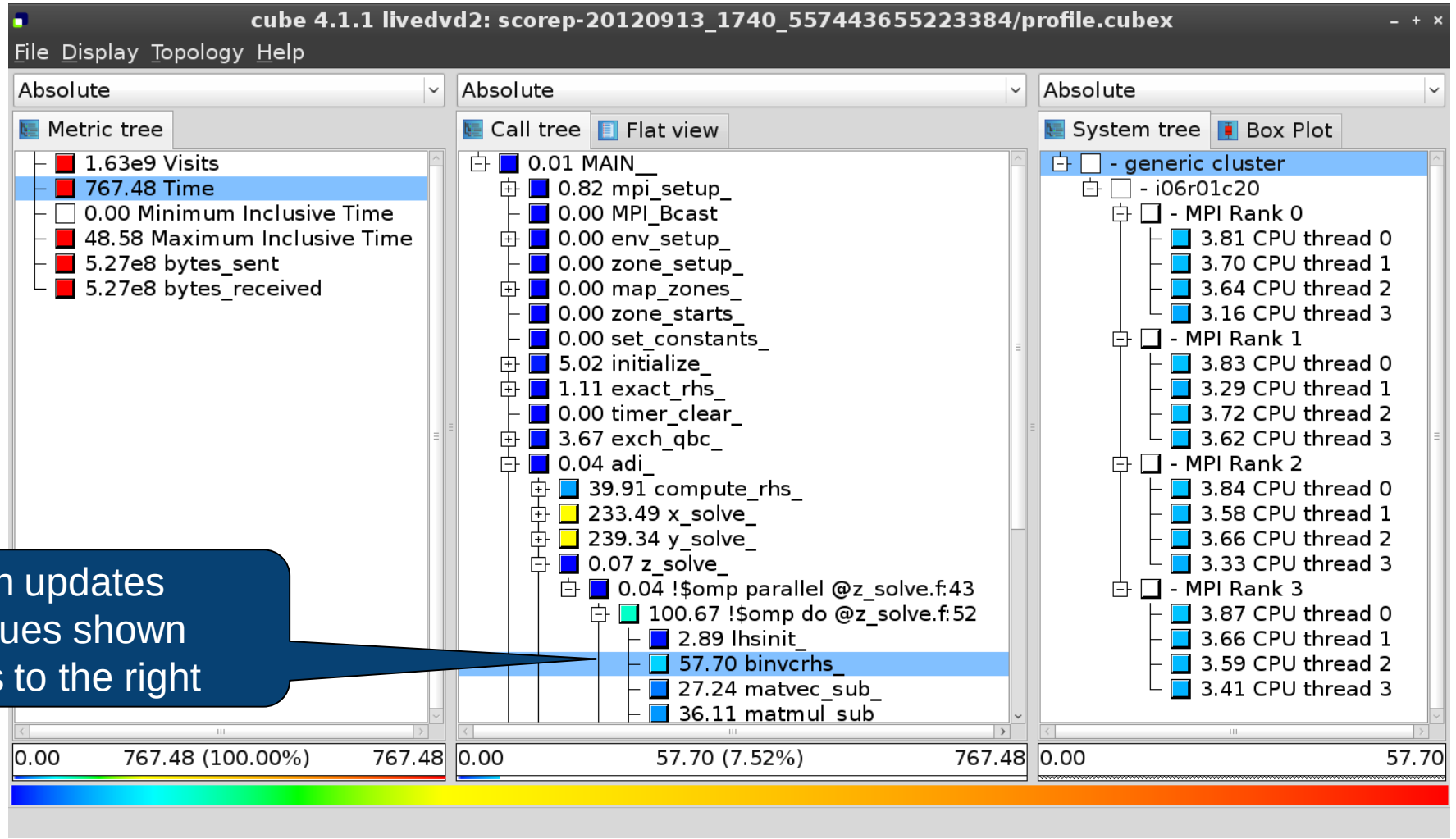
Expanding the system tree



Expanding the call tree

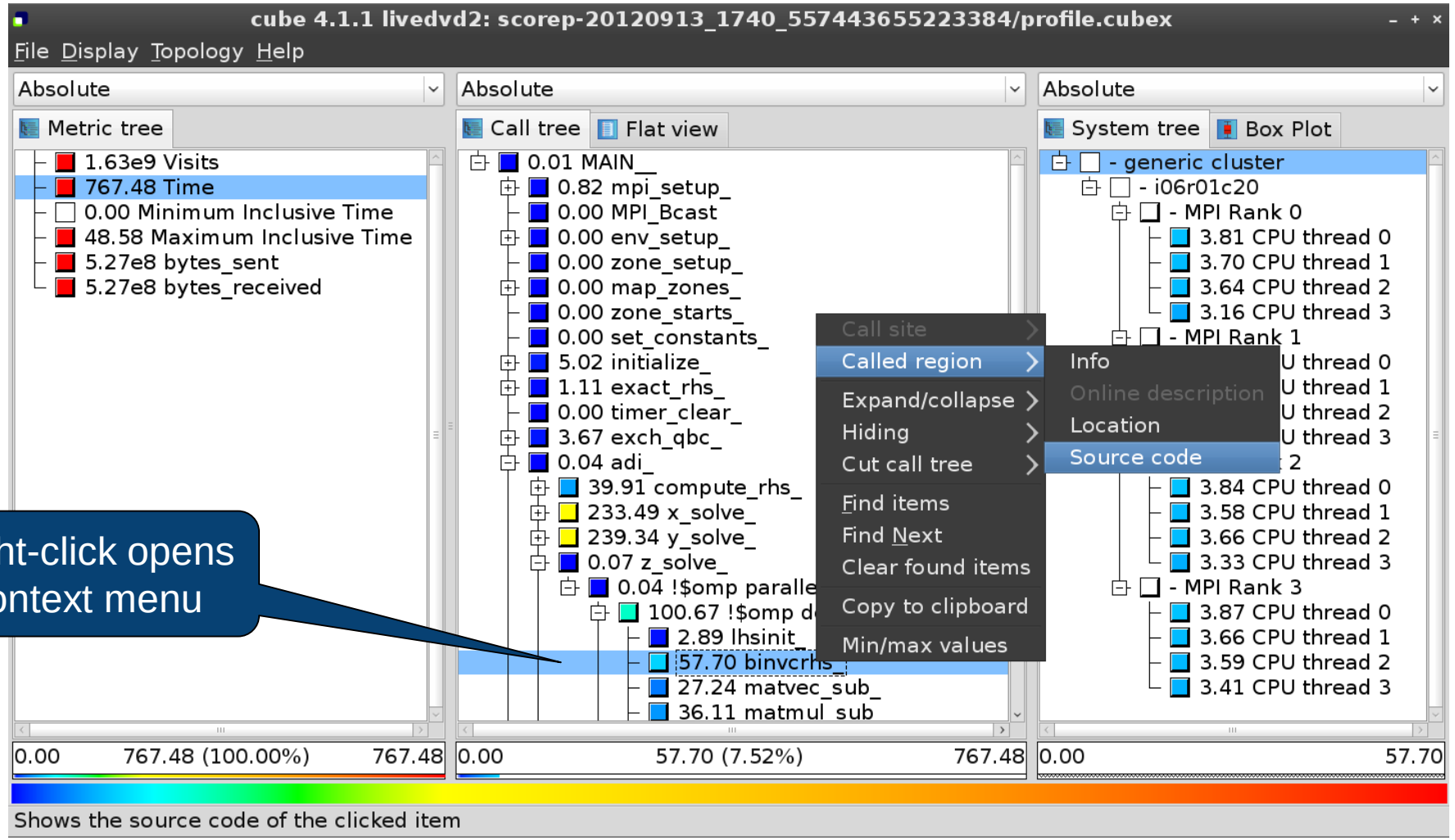


Selecting a call path



Selection updates metric values shown in columns to the right

Source-code view via context menu



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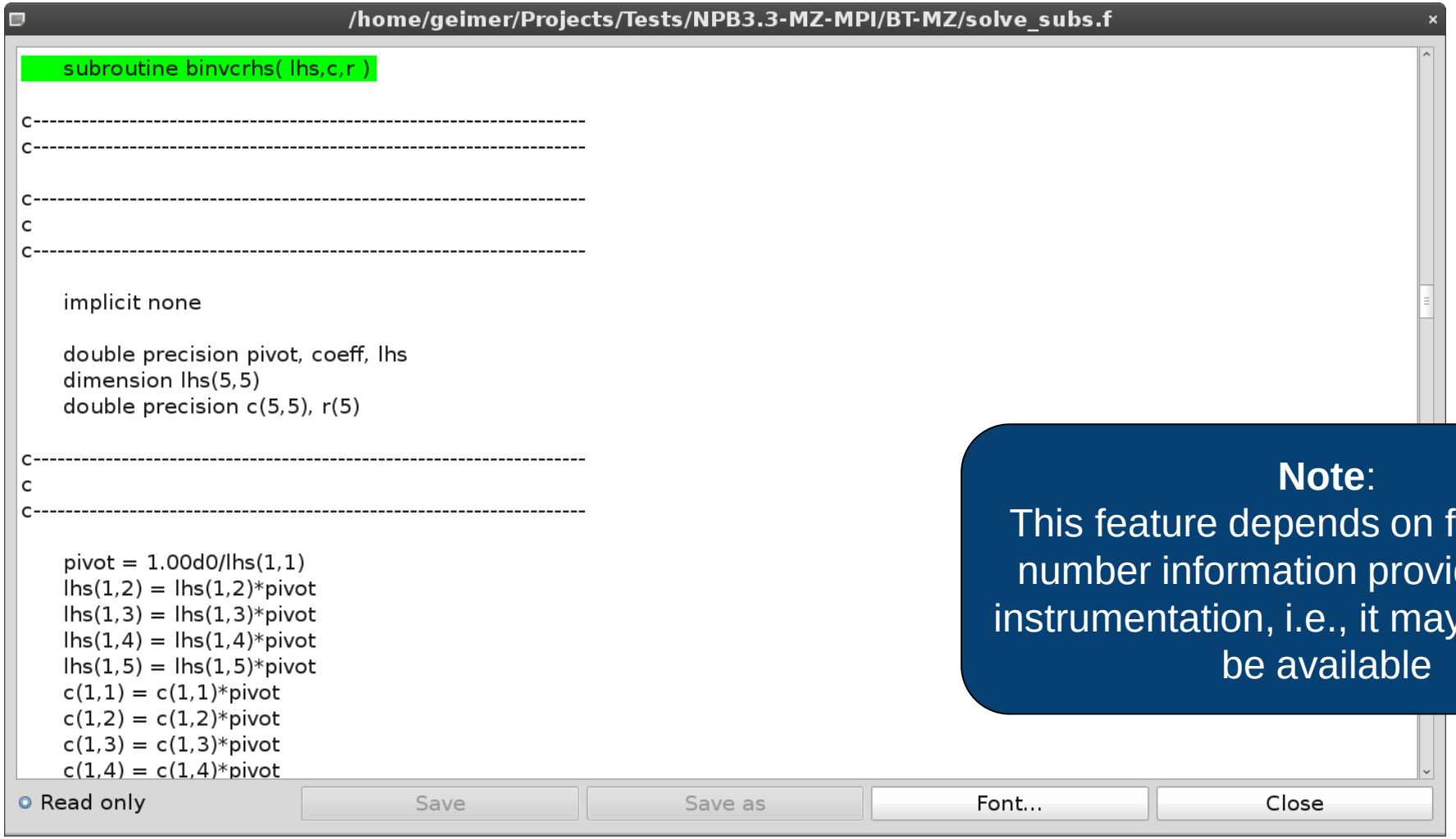
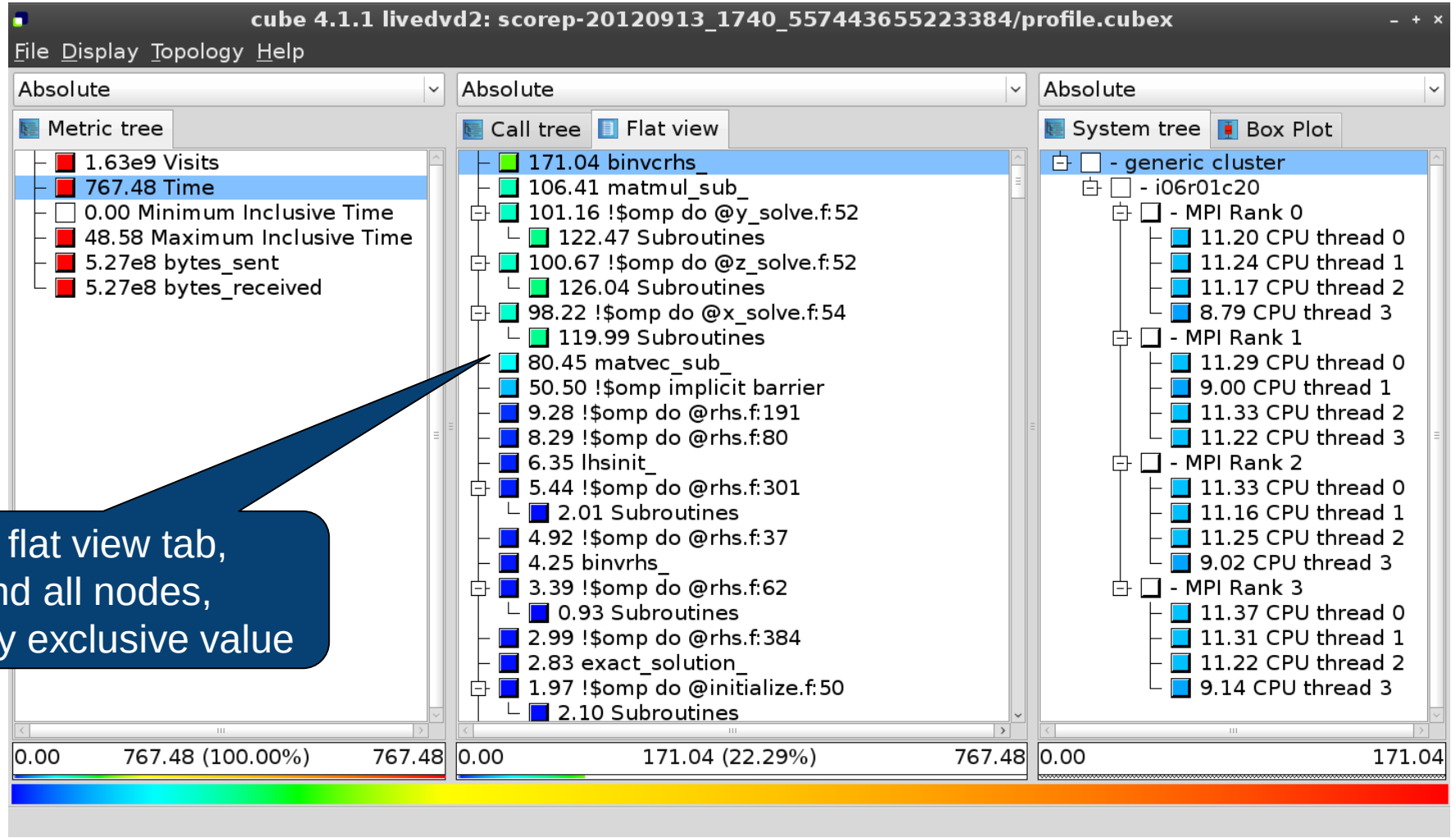
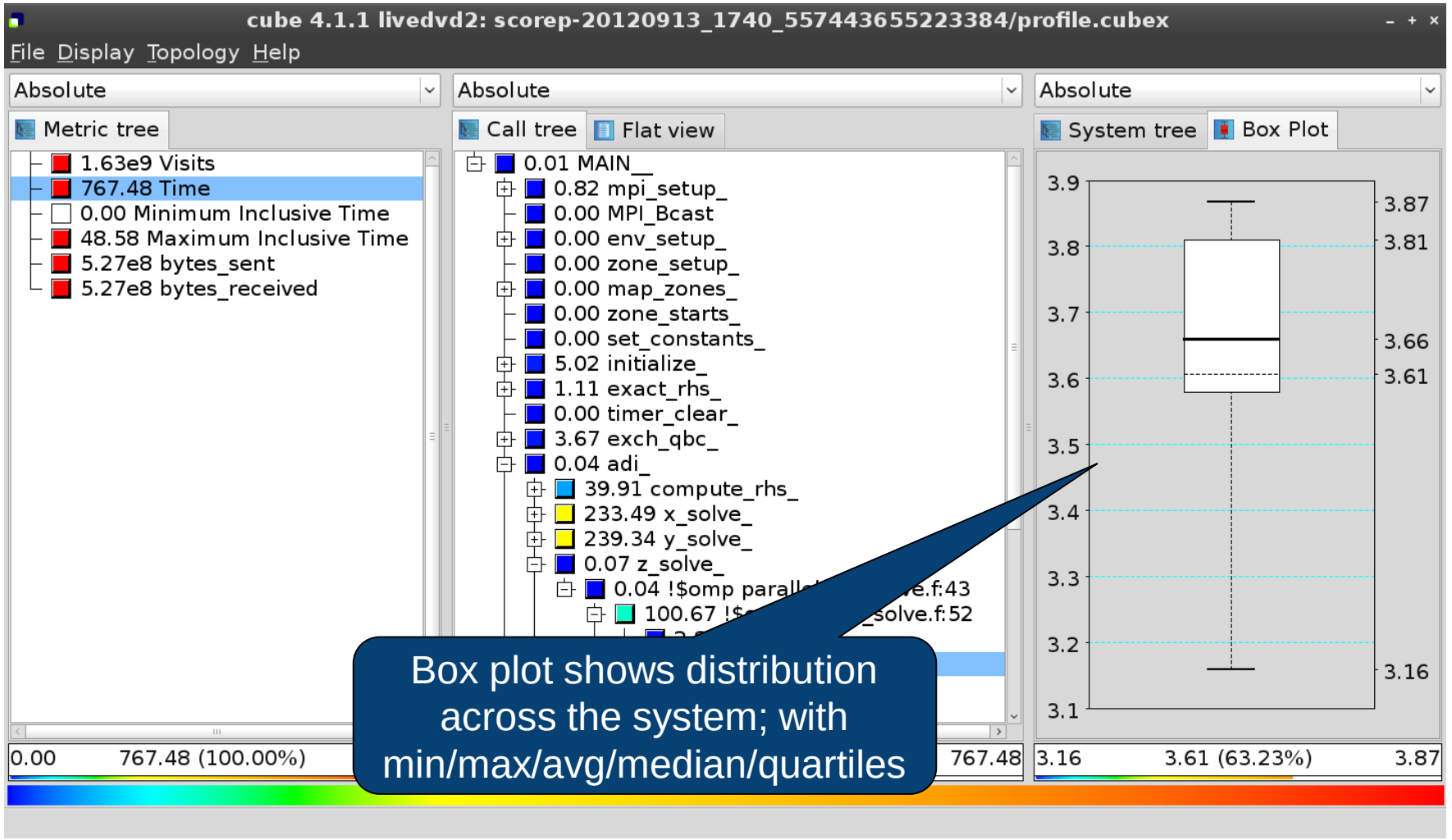


Note:
This feature depends on file and line number information provided by the instrumentation, i.e., it may not always be available

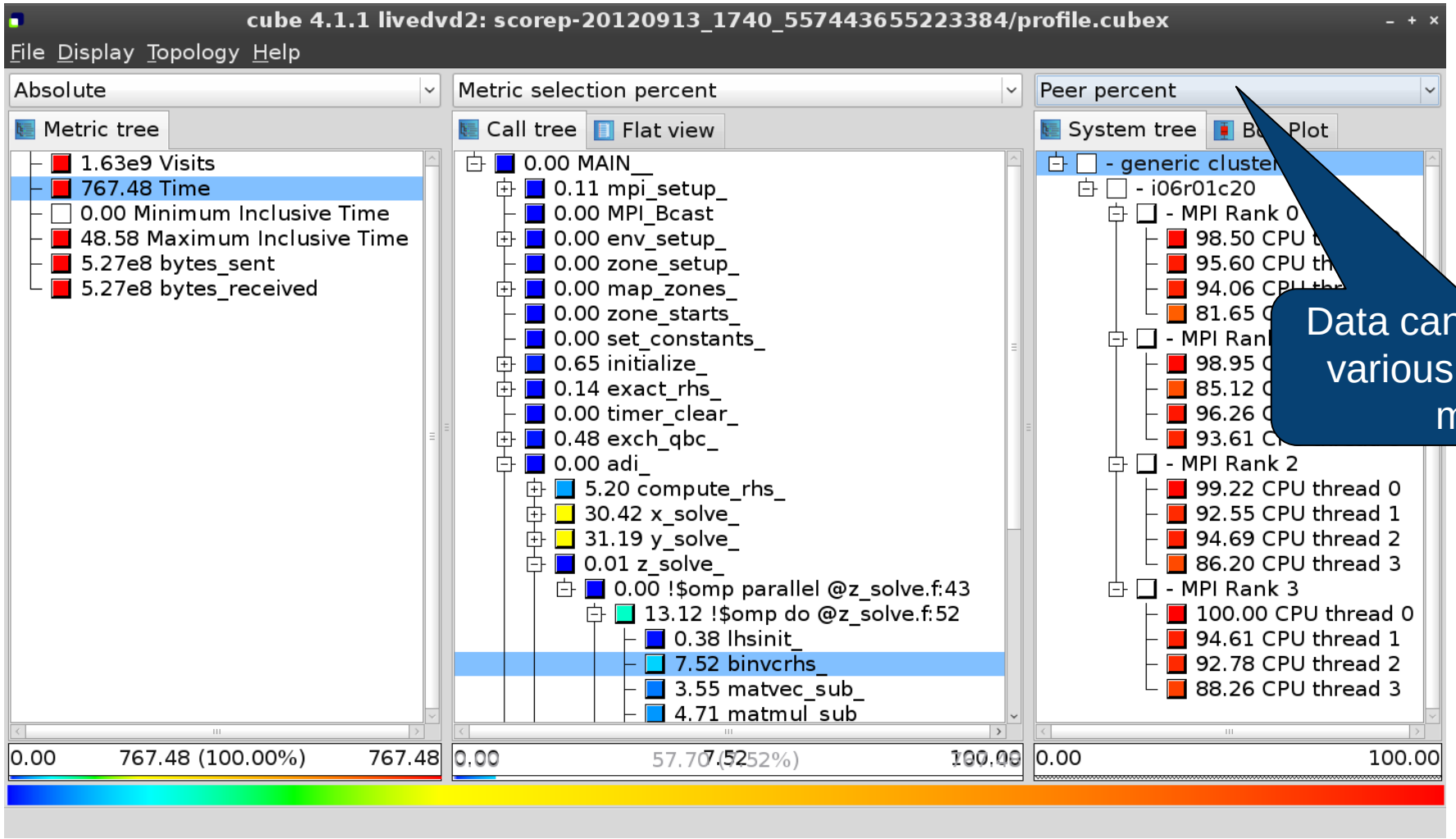
Flat profile view



Box plot view



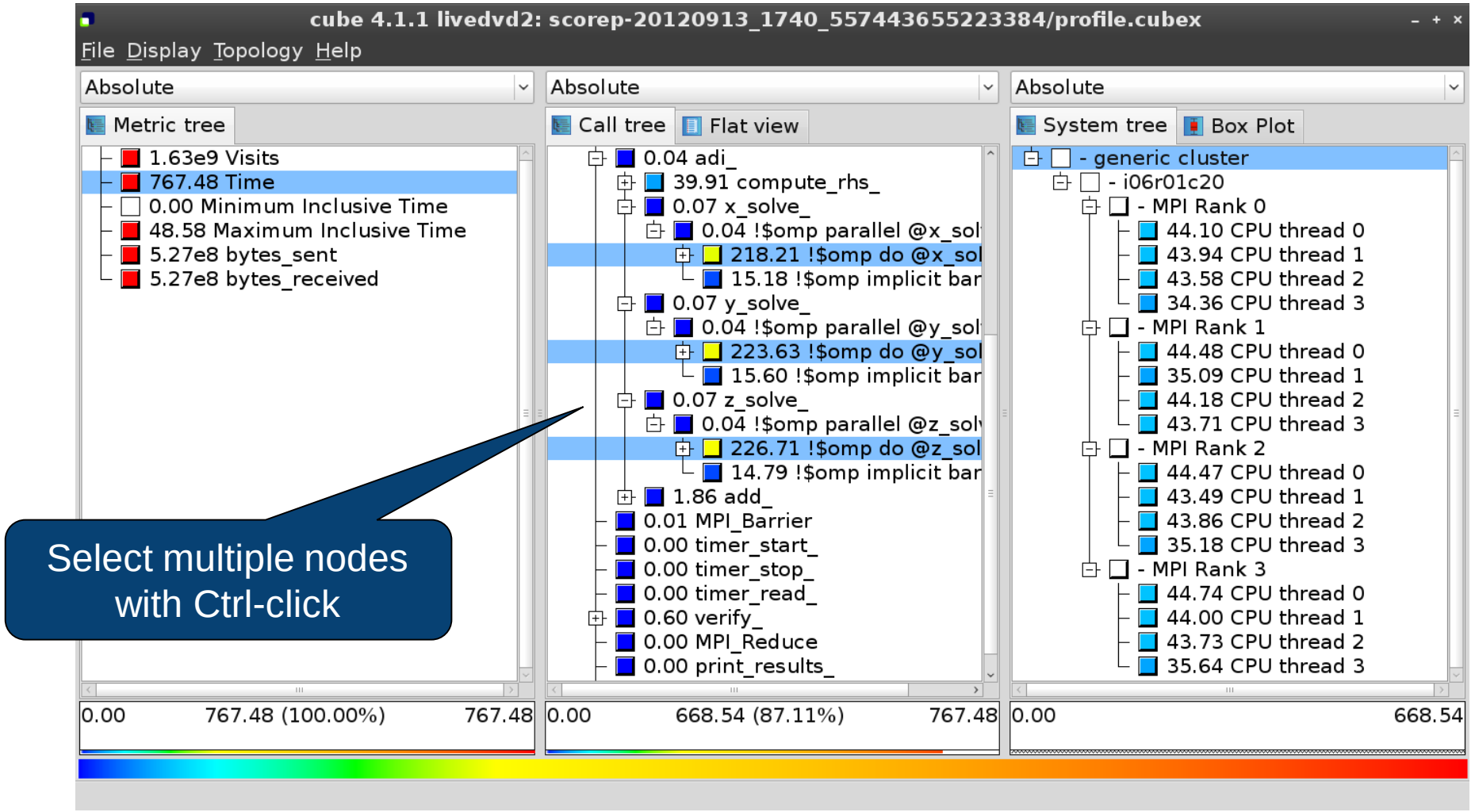
Alternative display modes



Important display modes

- Absolute
  - Absolute value shown in seconds/bytes/counts
- Selection percent
  - Value shown as percentage w.r.t. the selected node "on the left" (metric/call path)
- Peer percent (system tree only)
  - Value shown as percentage relative to the maximum peer value

Multiple selection



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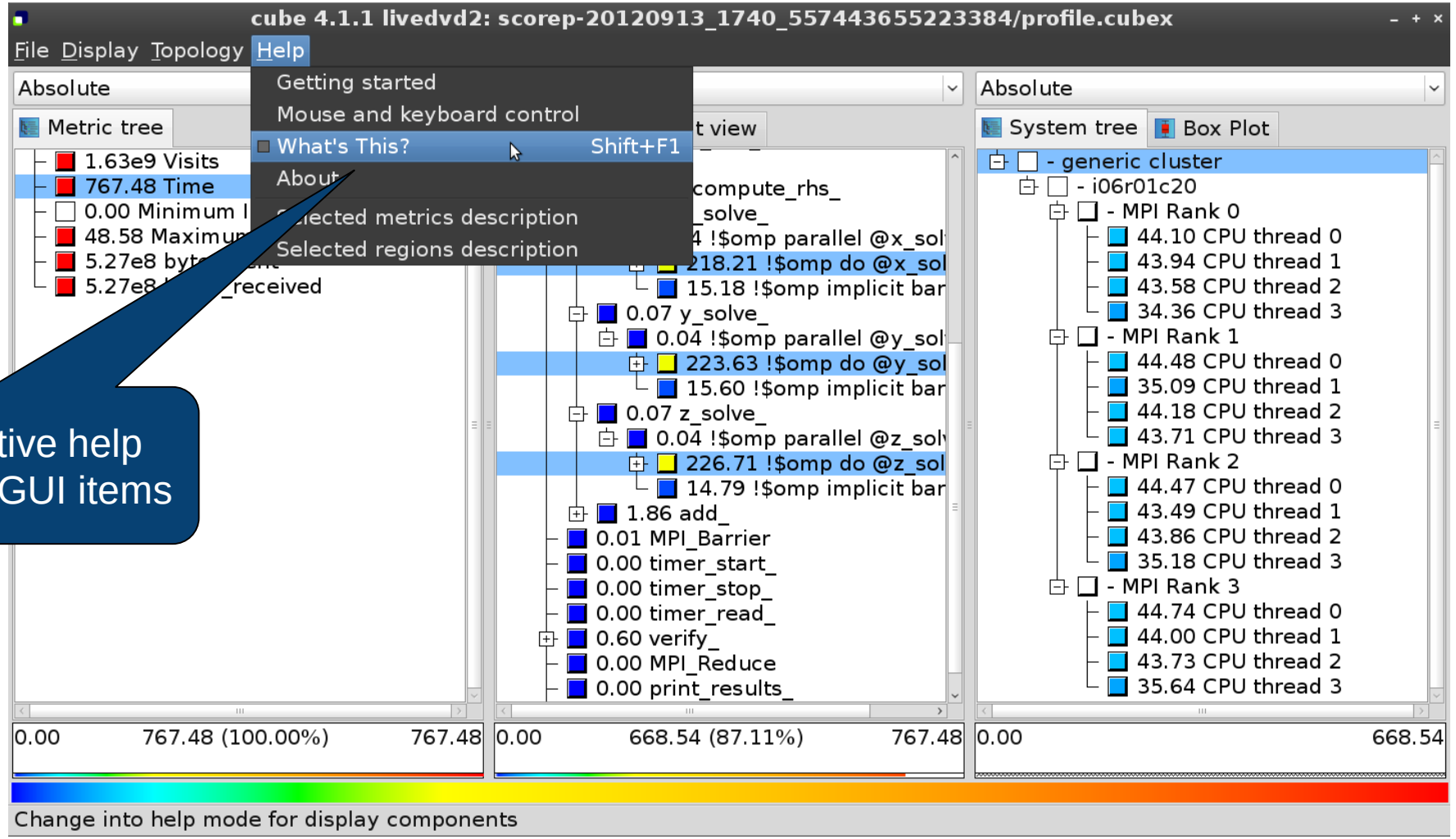
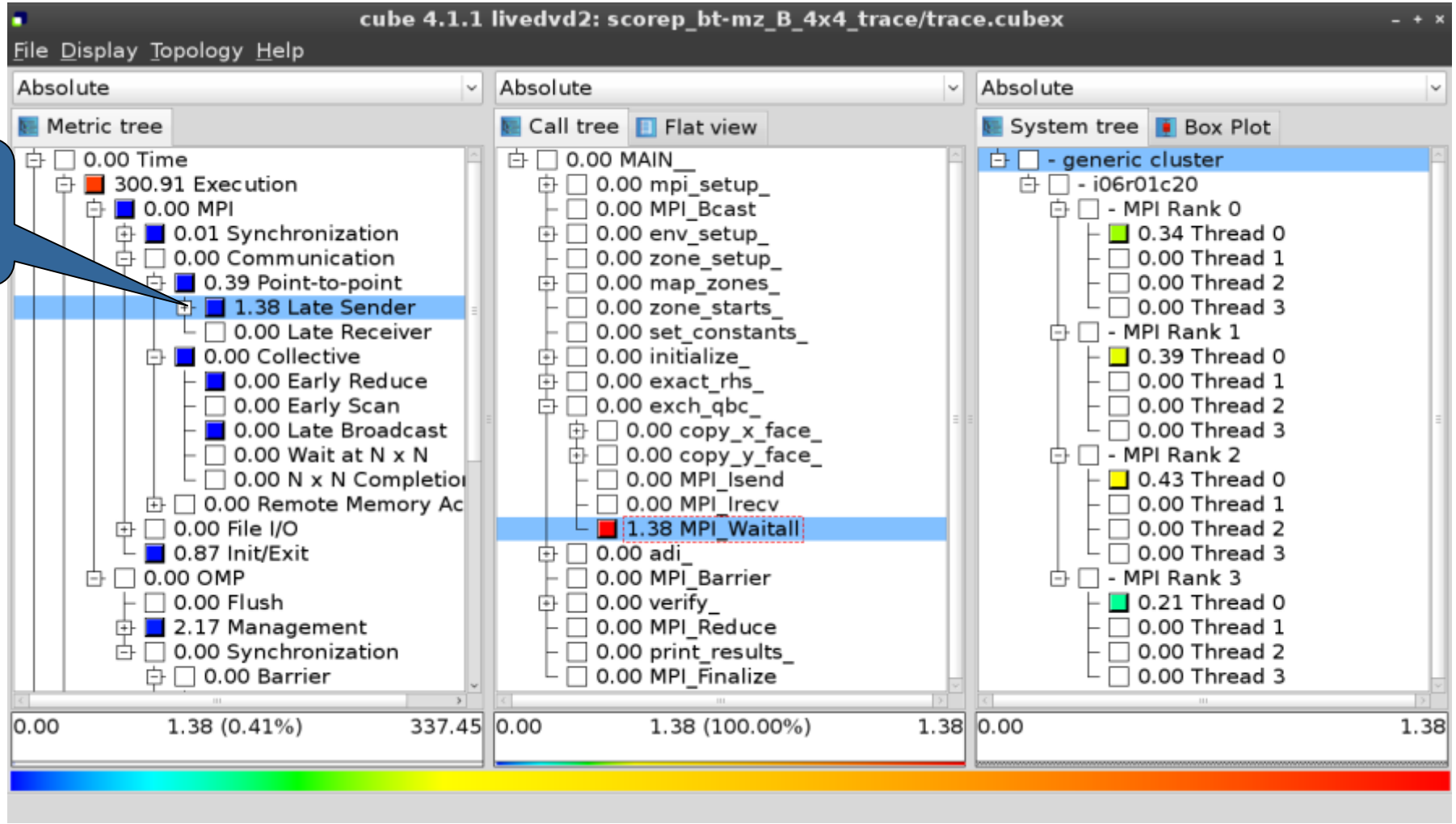


Context-sensitive help available for all GUI items

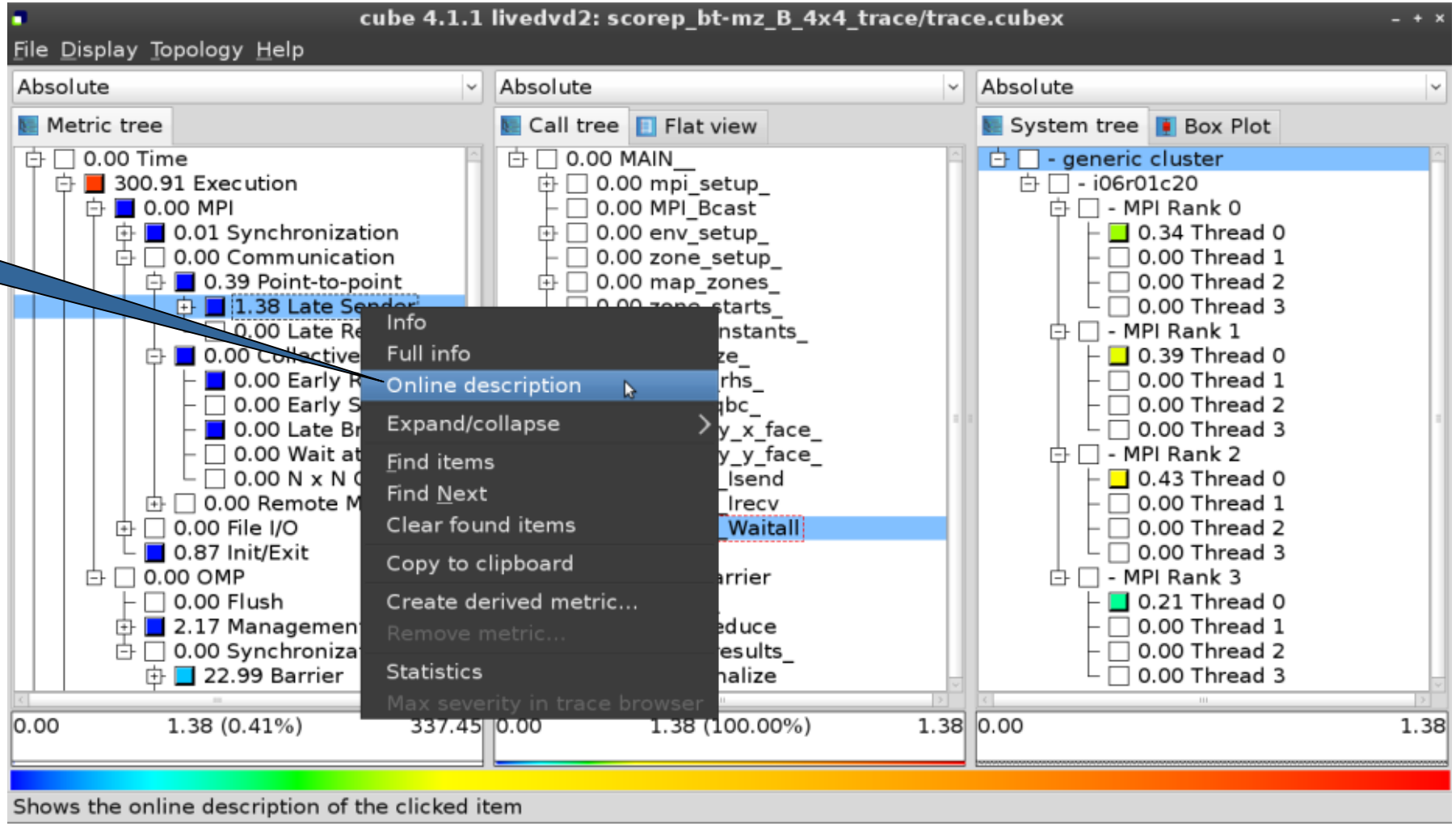
Post-processed trace analysis report

Additional trace-based metrics in metric hierarchy



Online metric description

Access online metric description via context menu



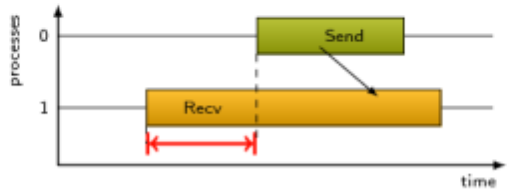
Online metric description

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:

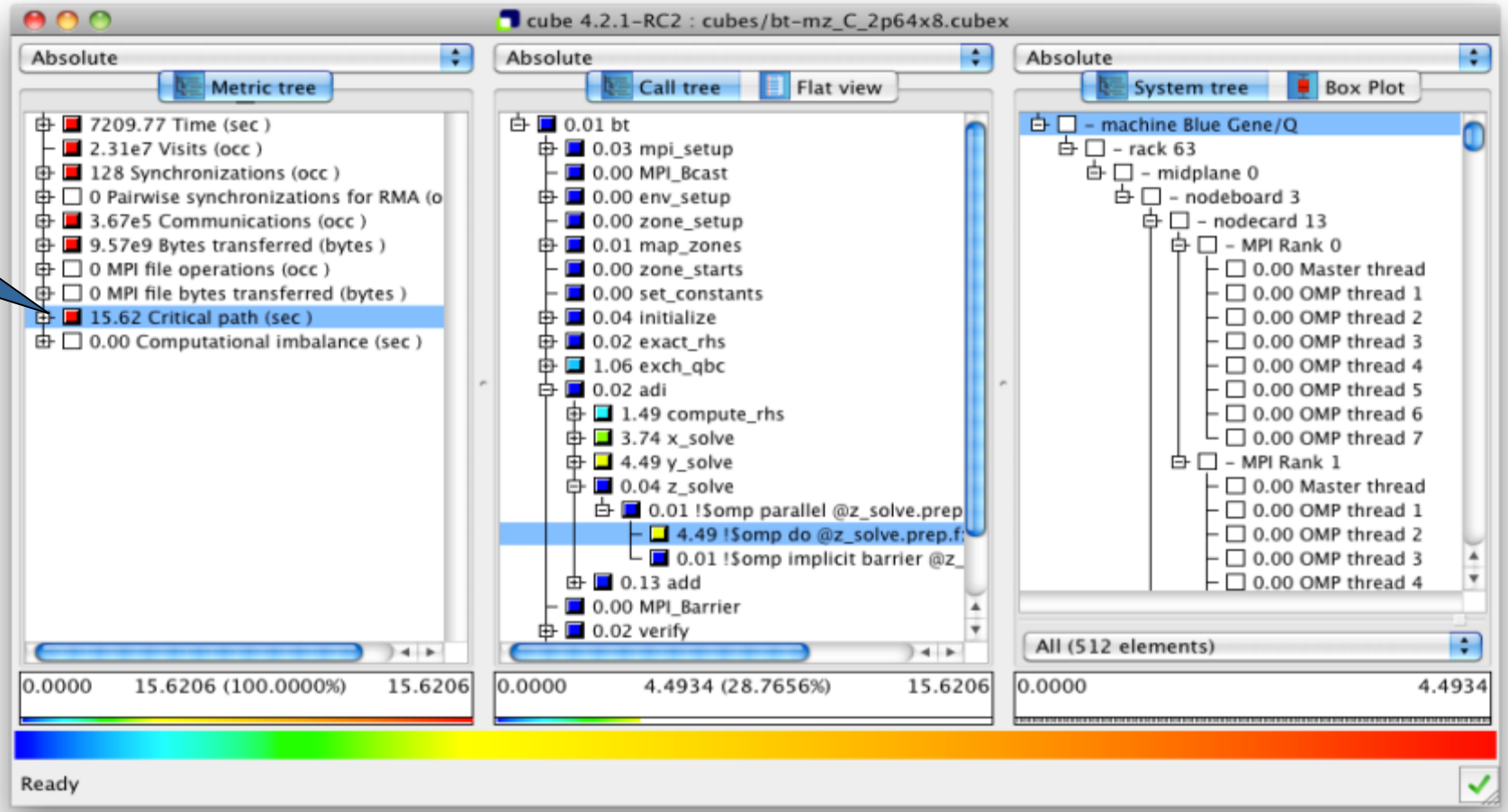
MPI Point-to-point Communication Time

Children:

Close

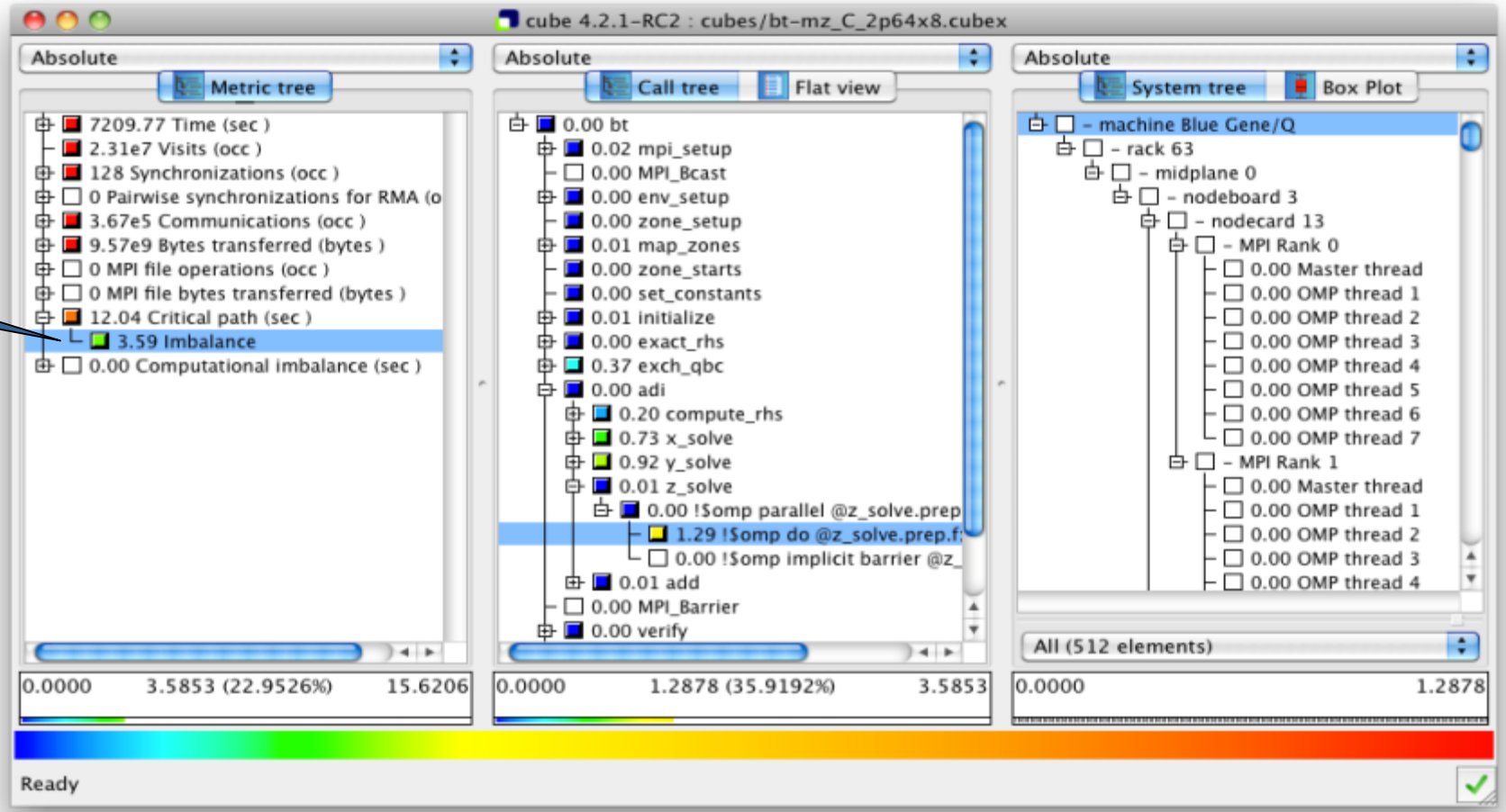
Critical-path analysis

Critical-path profile shows wall-clock time impact



Critical-path analysis

Critical-path imbalance highlights inefficient parallelism



Derived metrics

- Derived metrics are defined using CubePL expressions, e.g.:

  metric::time(i)/metric::visits(e)

- Values of derived metrics are not stored, but calculated on-the-fly
- Types of derived metrics:
  - Prederived: evaluation of the CubePL expression is performed before aggregation
  - Postderived: evaluation of the CubePL expression is performed after aggregation

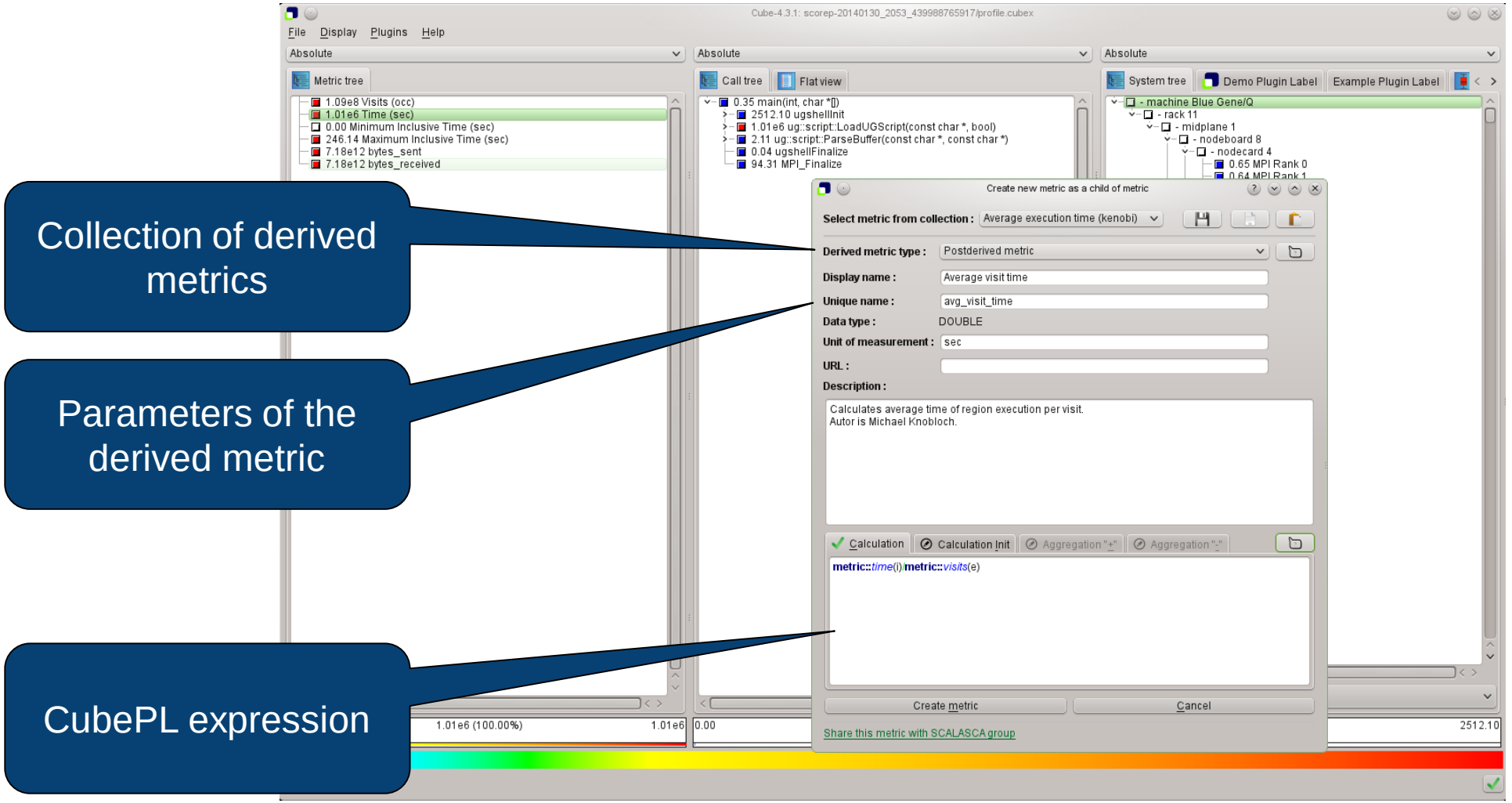
- Examples:
  - "Average execution time": Postderived metric with expression

    metric::time(i)/metric::visits(e)

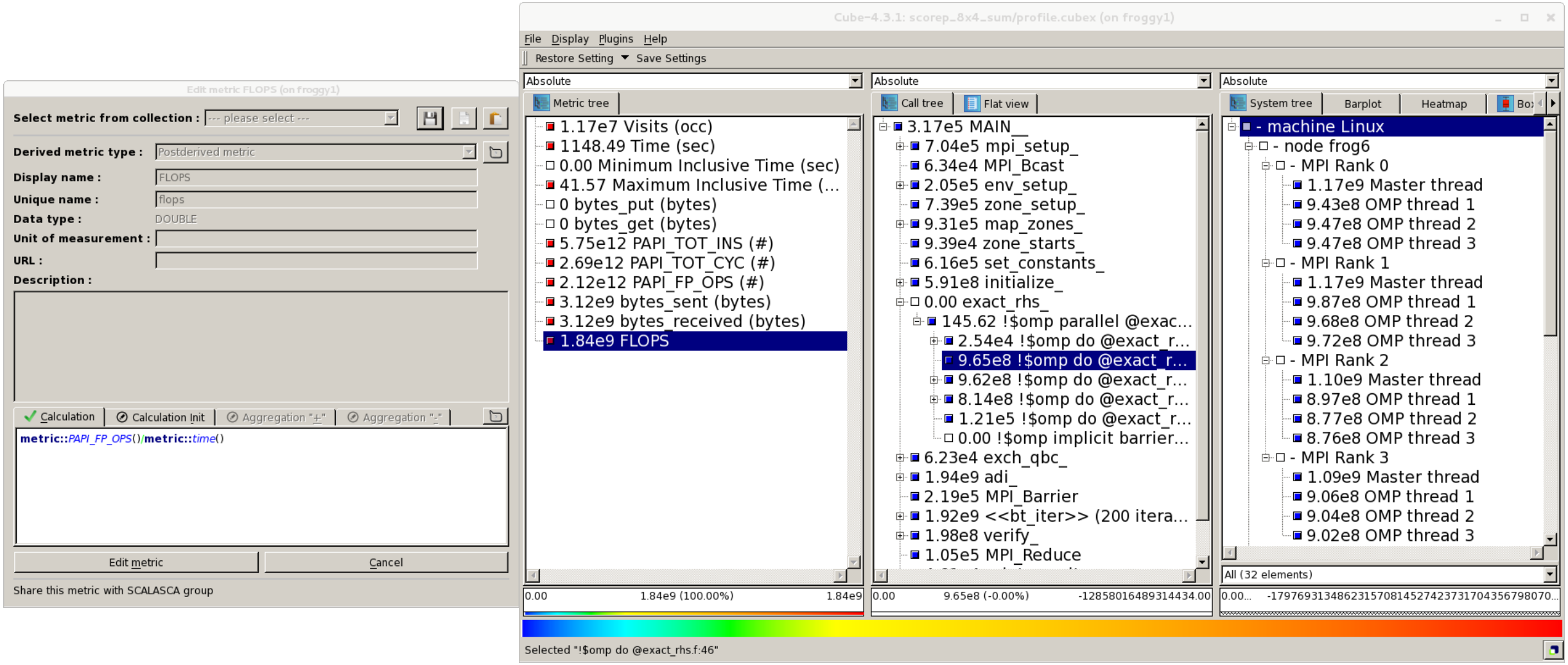
  - "Number of FLOP per second": Postderived metric with expression

    metric::FLOP()/metric::time()

Derived metrics in Cube GUI



Example: FLOPS based on PAPI_FP_OPS and time



CUBE algebra utilities

- Extracting solver sub-tree from analysis report

```
% cube_cut  -r '<<ITERATION>>'  scorep_bt-mz_B_mic15p30x4_sum/profile.cubex
Writing cut.cubex... done.
```

- Calculating difference of two reports

```
% cube_diff  scorep_bt-mz_B_mic15p30x4_sum/profile.cubex  cut.cubex
Writing diff.cubex... done.
```

- Additional utilities for merging, calculating mean, etc.
- Default output of cube_*utility* is a new report *utility*.cubex
- Further utilities for report scoring & statistics
- Run utility with `-h' (or no arguments) for brief usage info

Iteration profiling

- Show time dependent behavior by “unrolling” iterations
- Preparations:
  - Mark loop body by using Score-P instrumentation API in your source code

```
SCOREP_USER_REGION_DEFINE( scorep_bt_loop )
SCOREP_USER_REGION_BEGIN( scorep_bt_loop, "<<bt_iter>>", SCOREP_USER_REGION_TYPE_DYNAMIC )
SCOREP_USER_REGION_END( scorep_bt_loop )
```

- Result in the Cube profile:
  - Iterations shown as separate call trees

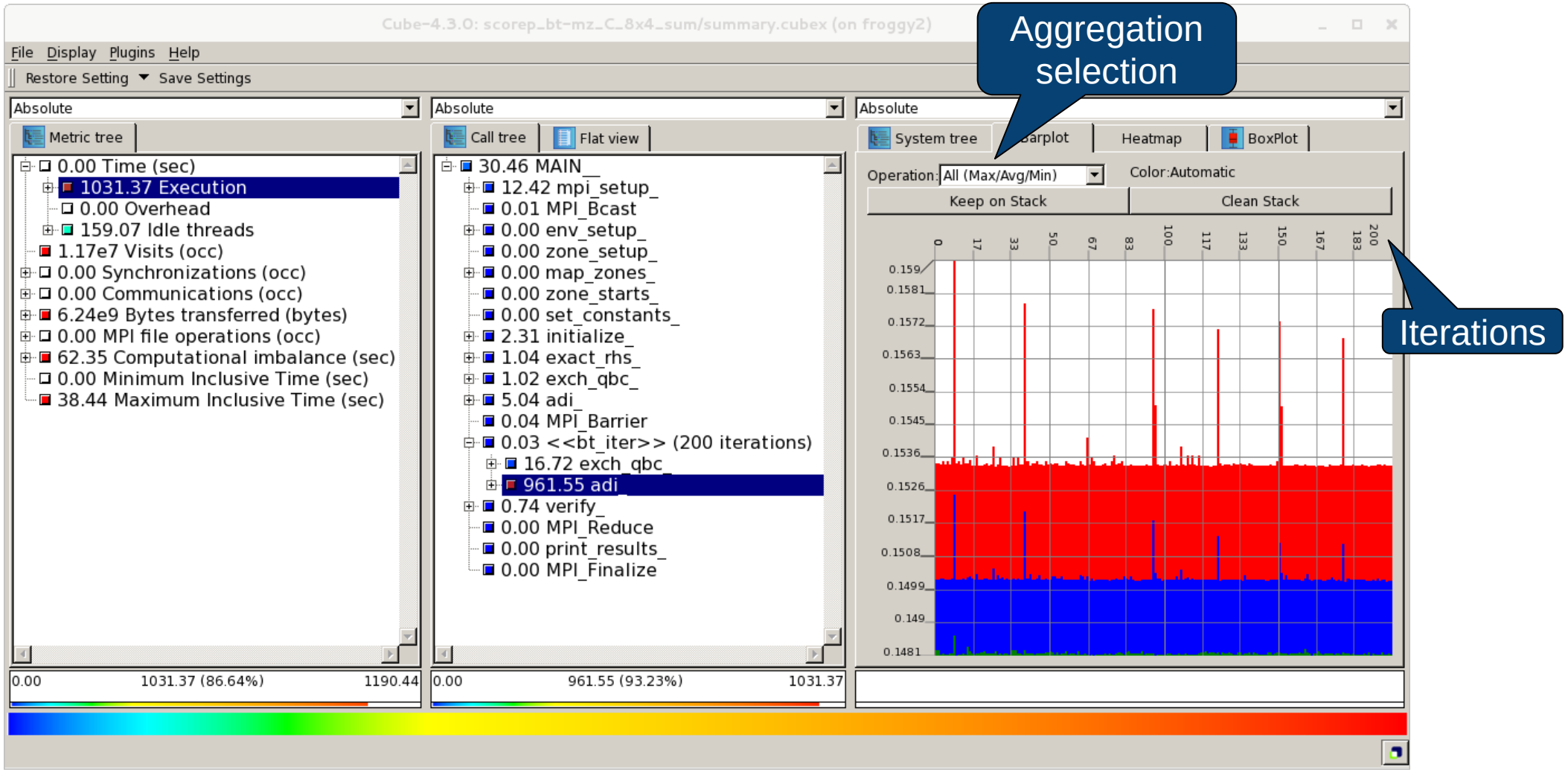
➢ Useful for checking results for specific iterations

or

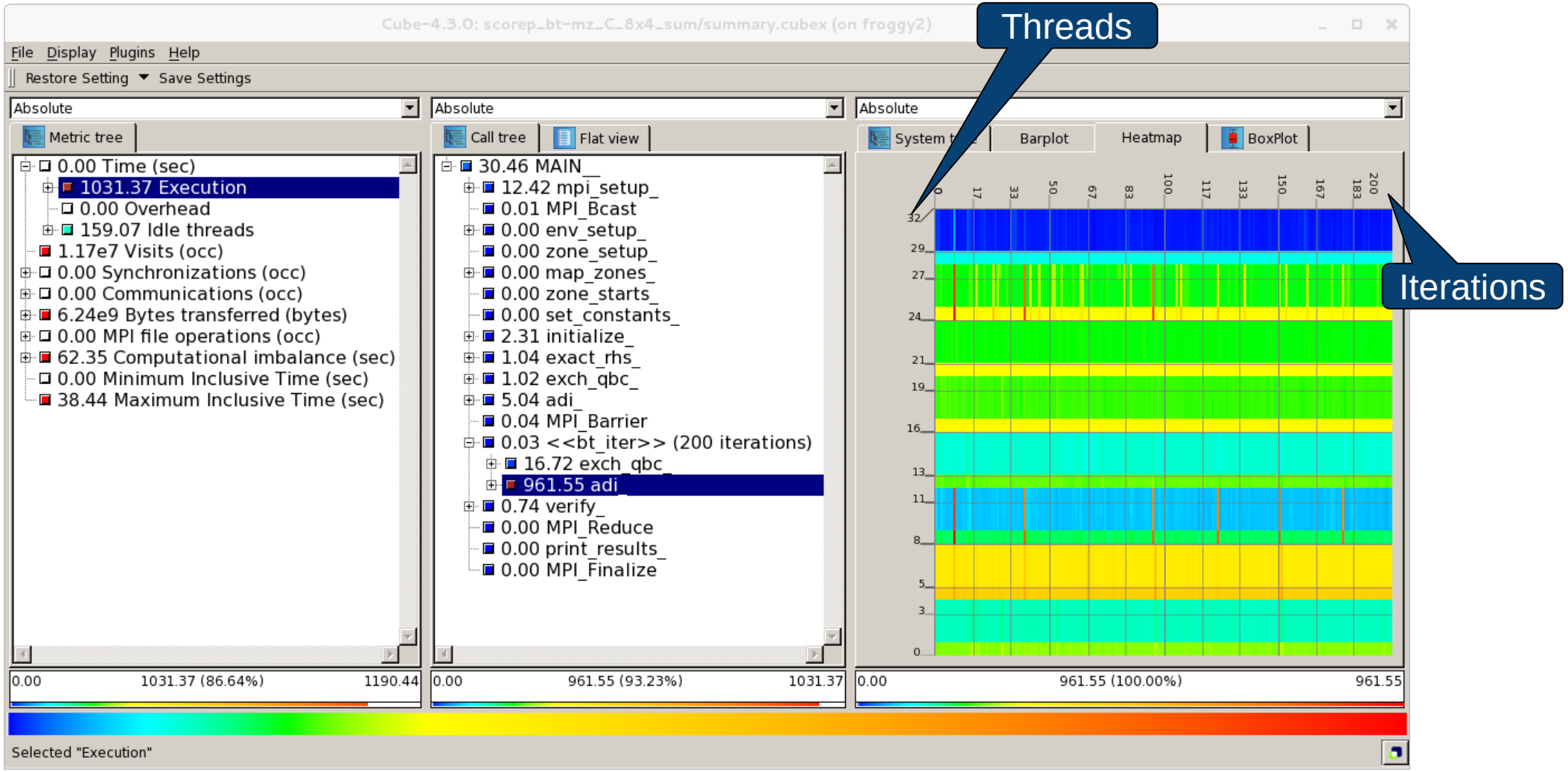
  - Select your user-instrumented region and mark it as loop
  - Choose “Hide iterations”

➢ View the Barplot statistics or the (thread x iterations) Heatmap

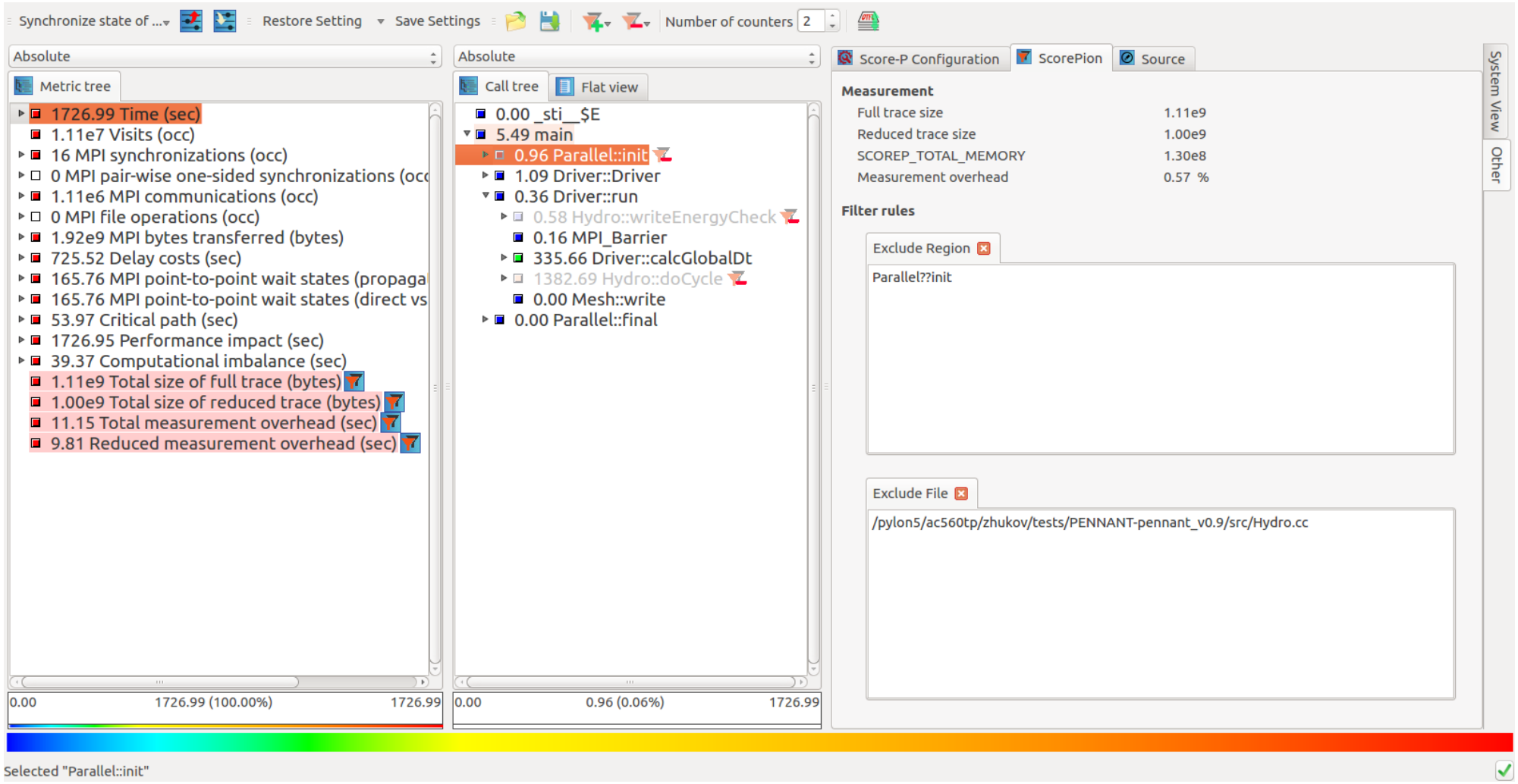
Iteration profiling: Barplot



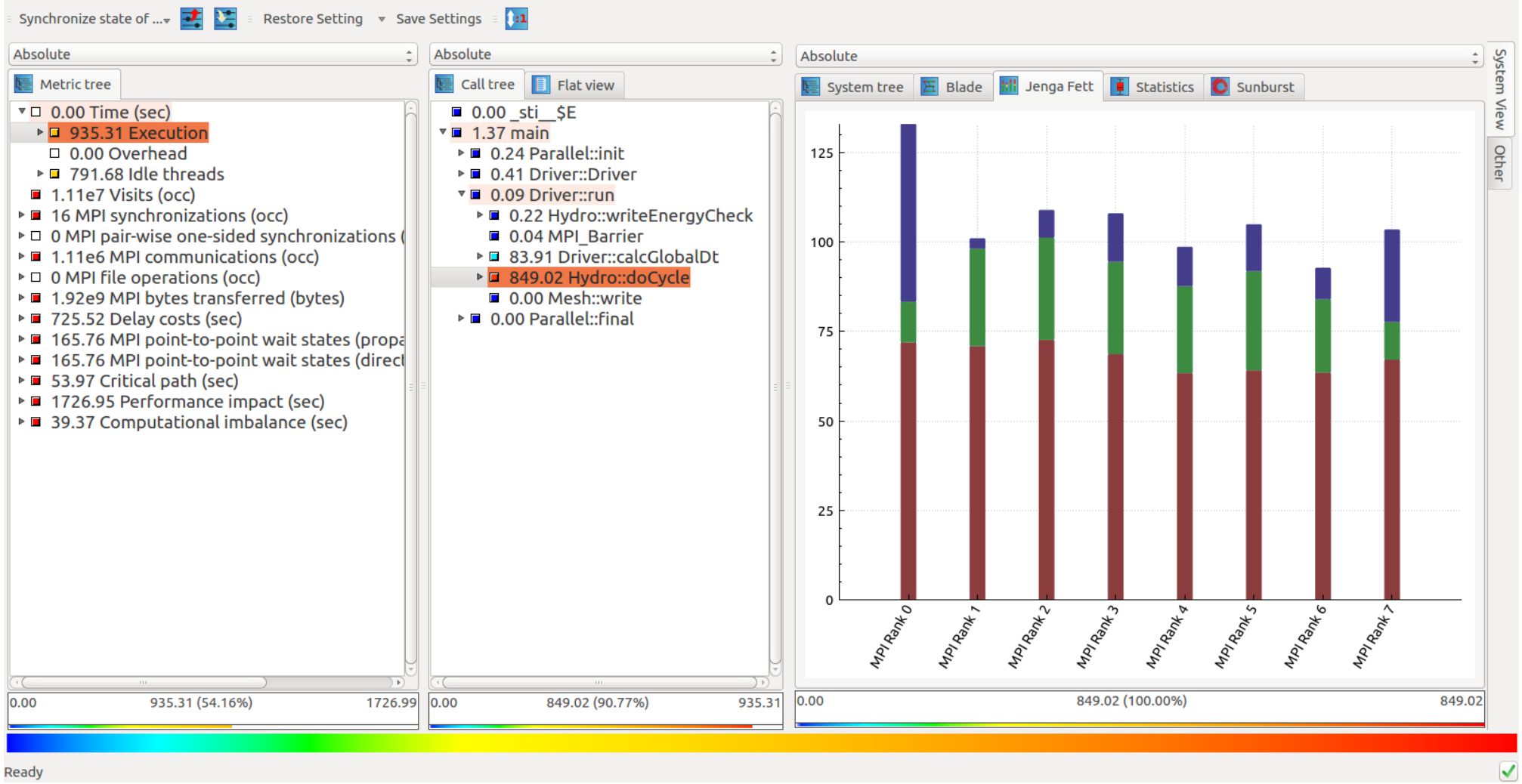
Iteration profiling: Heatmap



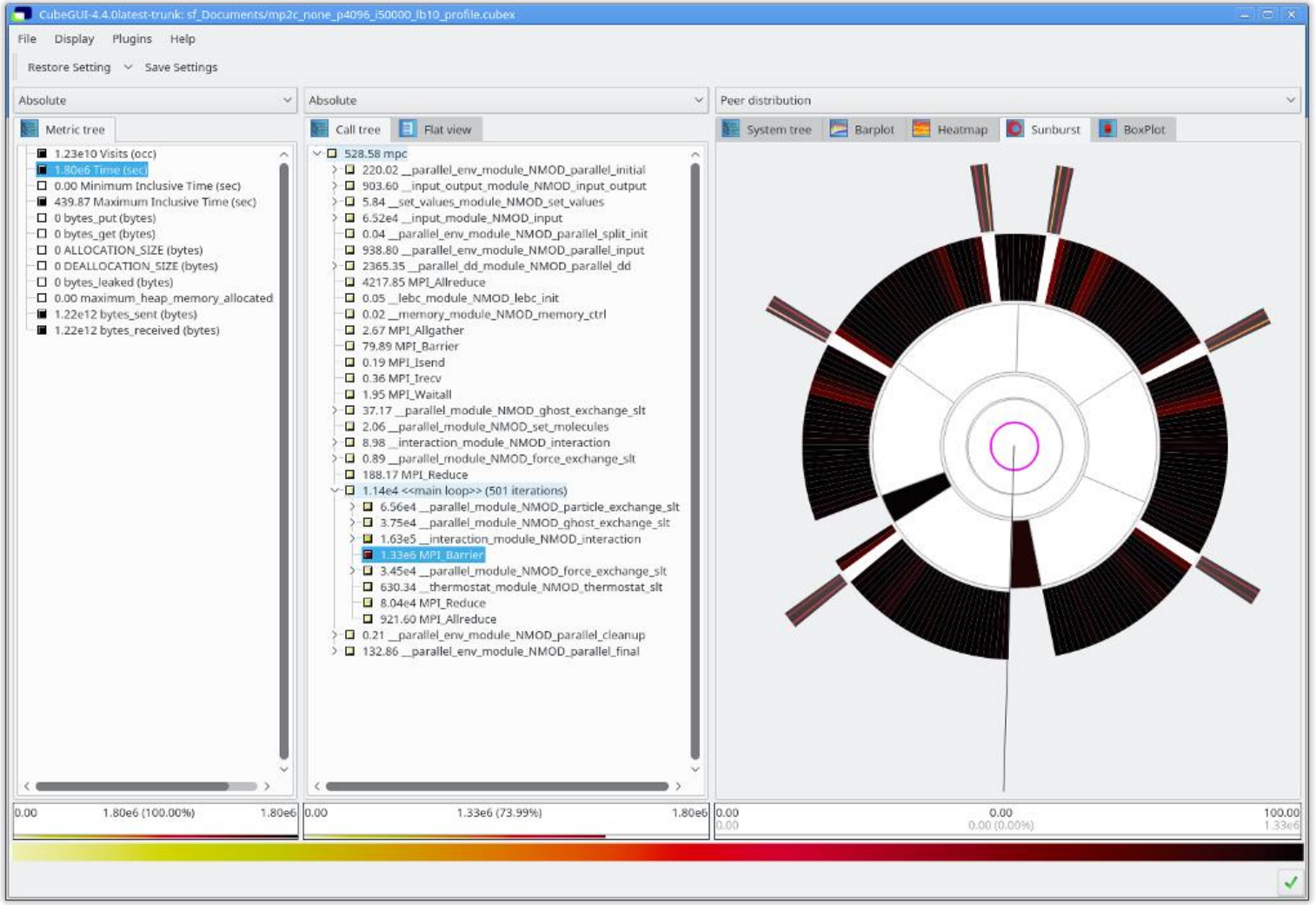
Score-P/Intel compiler filter creation plugin



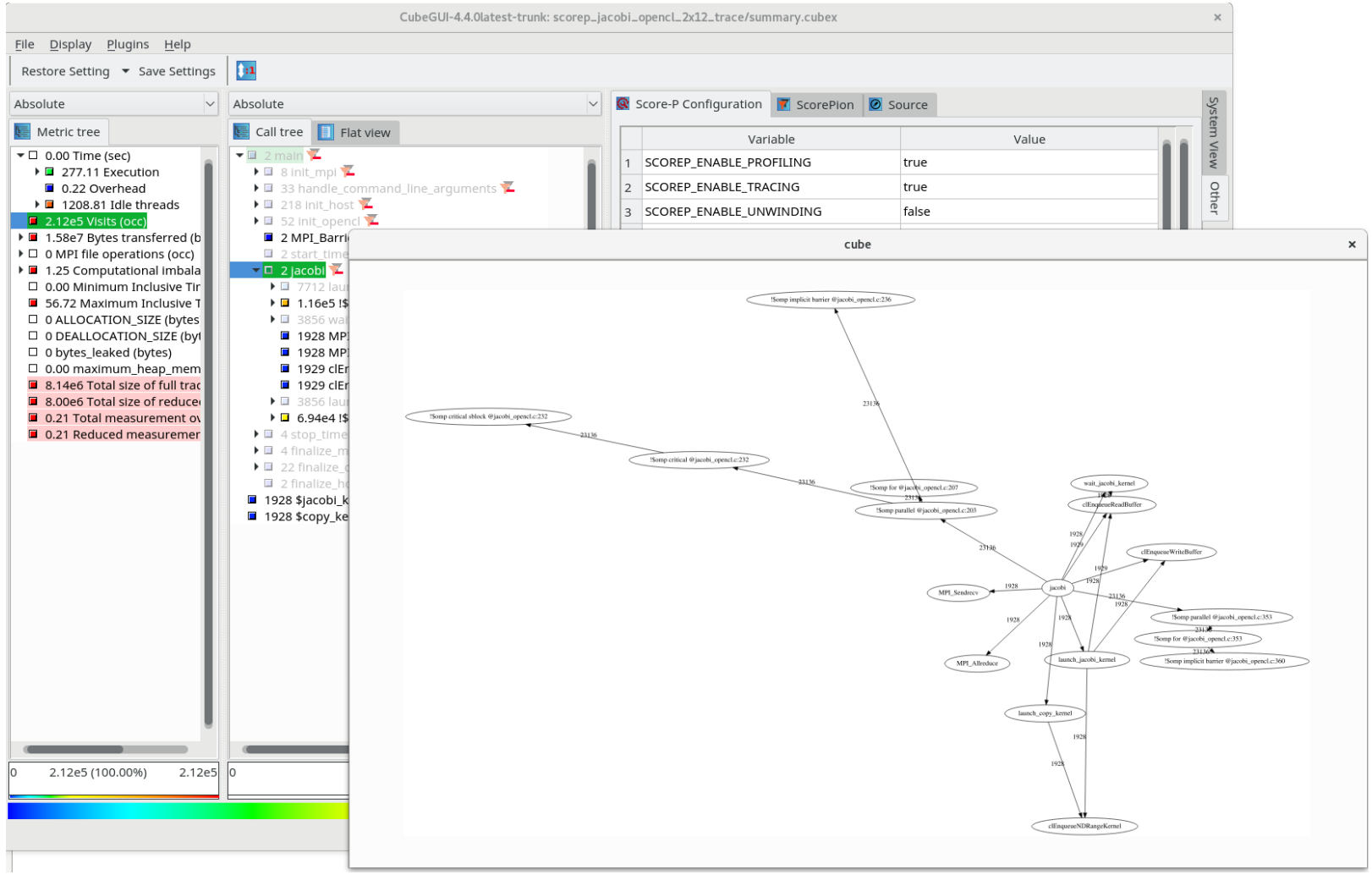
Metrics correlation explorer plugin



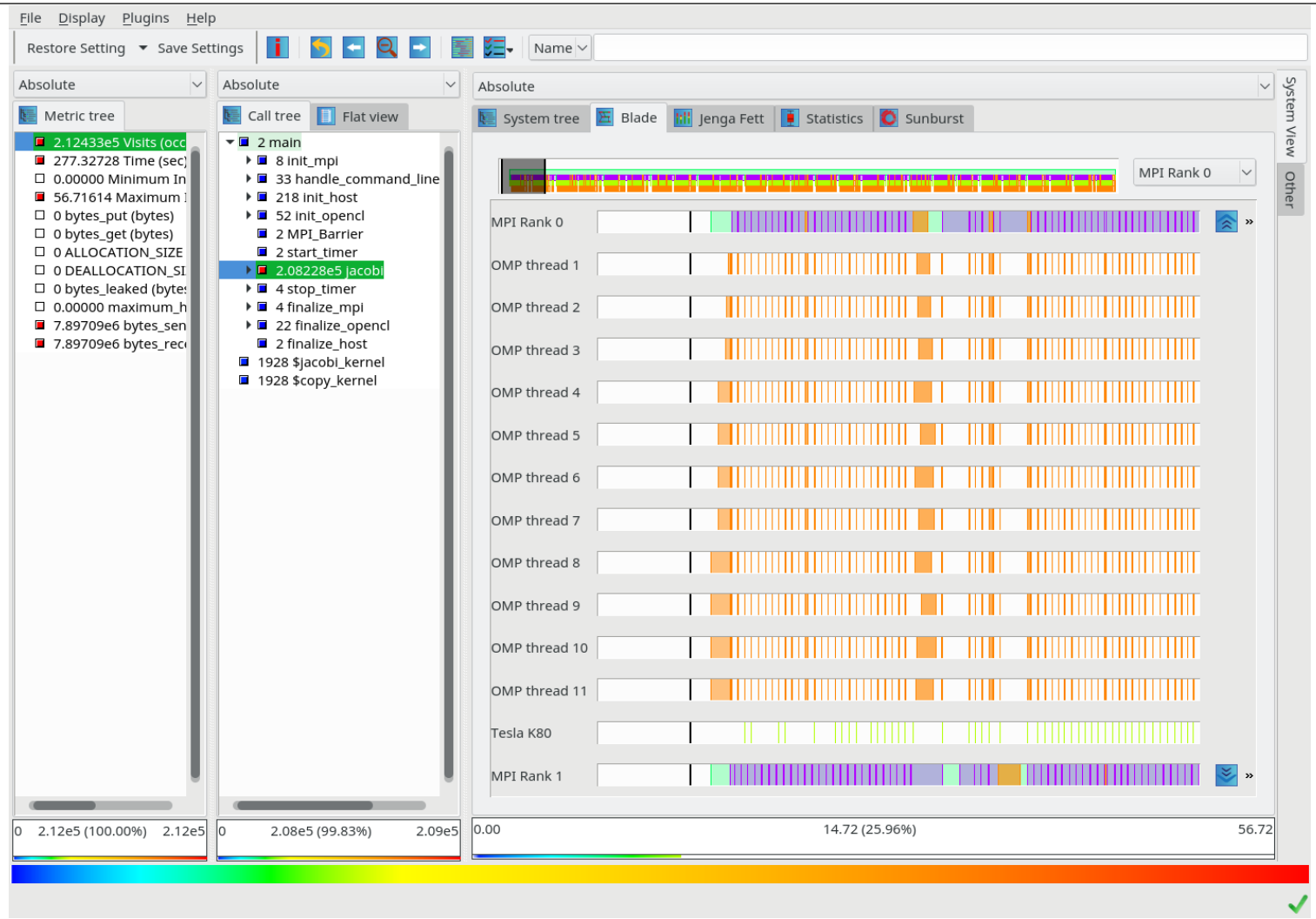
System sunburst plugin



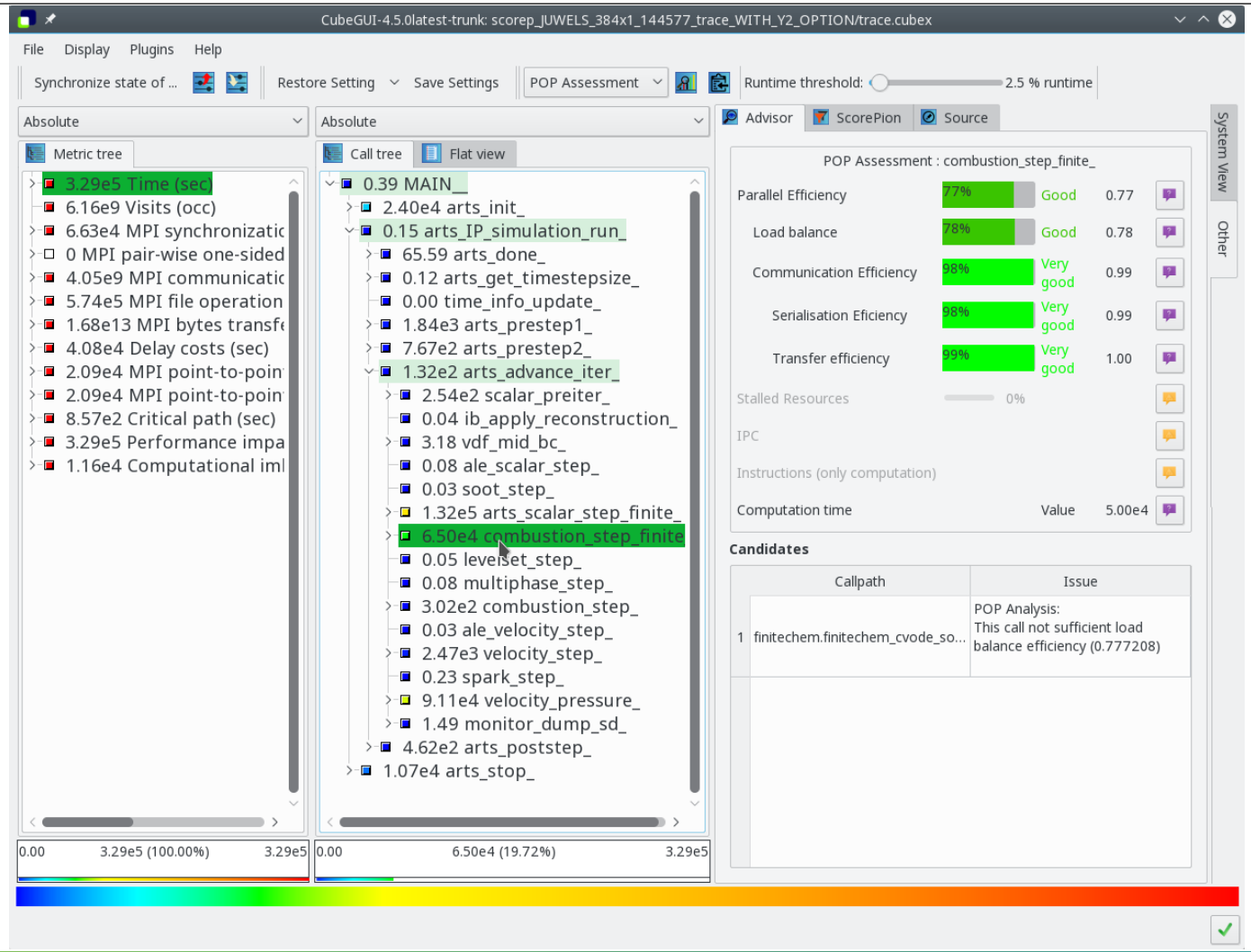
Call graph display plugin



Simple trace explorer plugin (experimental)



Performance analysis plugin



Cube: Further information

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- Available under 3-clause BSD open-source license
- Documentation & sources:
  - http://www.scalasca.org
- User guide also part of installation:
  - `cube-config --cube-dir`/share/doc/CubeGuide.pdf
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