



Large-scale performance analysis of *PFLOTRAN* with Scalasca

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Overview

Dagstuhl challenge

- *PFLOTRAN* at large-scale on Cray XT5 & IBM BG/P

Scalasca performance analysis toolset

- Overview of architecture and usage
- Instrumentation of *PFLOTRAN* & PETSc
- Summary & trace measurement experiments
- Analysis report & trace exploration

Conclusions

Dagstuhl challenge

Demonstrate performance measurement and analysis of *PFLOTRAN* using “2B” problem dataset and more than 10,000 MPI processes

Challenge issued for Dagstuhl seminar 10181 (3-7 May 2010) on “Program development for extreme-scale computing”

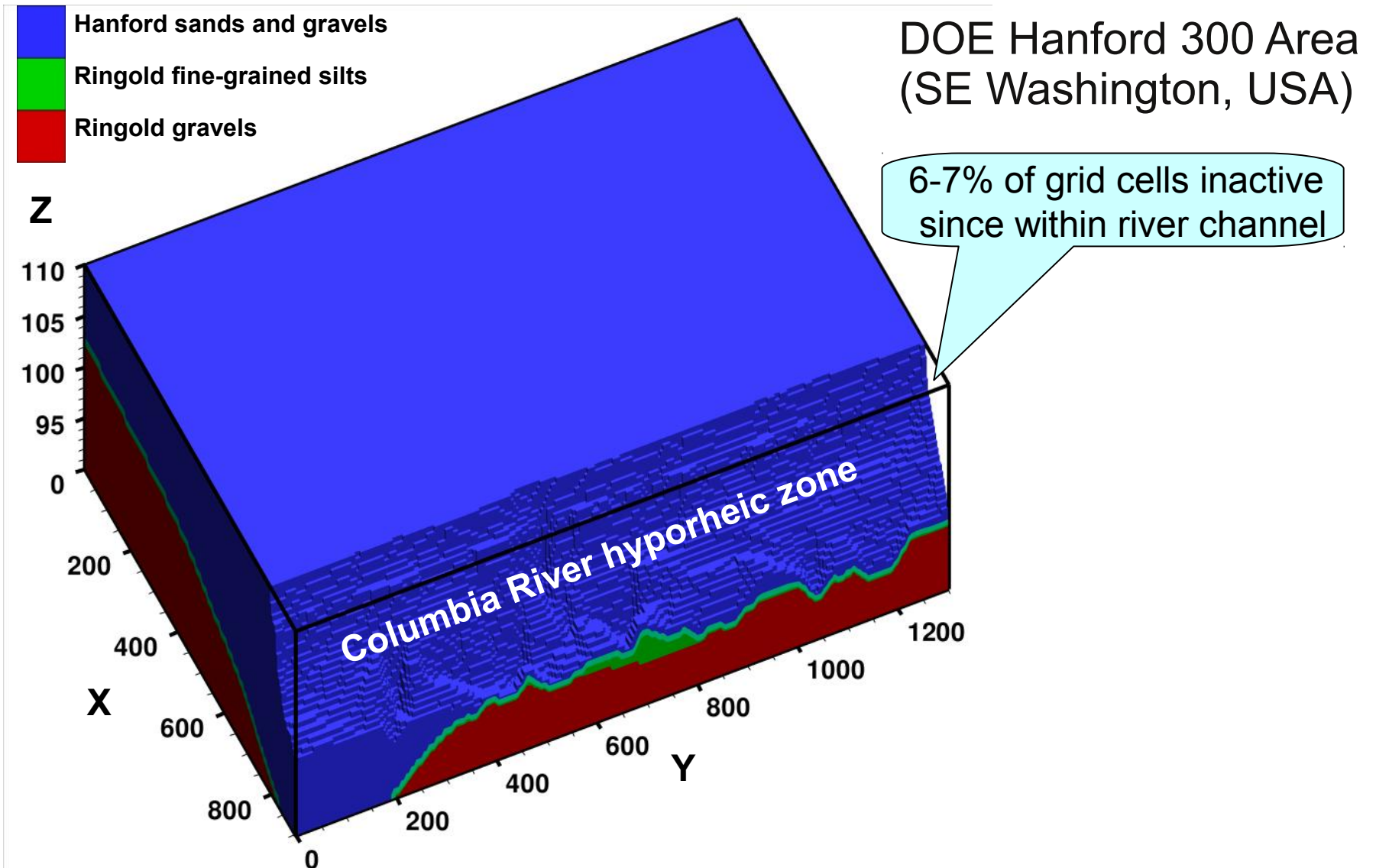
- two months notice with download/build/run instructions
- accounts/allocations provided by VI-HPS & INCITE/PEAC
 - *IBM BG/P* (jugene.fz-juelich.de)
 - *Cray XT5* (jaguar.nccs.ornl.gov)
- numerous research groups and vendors presented their results and discussed issues encountered
 - <http://www.dagstuhl.de/10181>

PFLOTRAN

3D reservoir simulator actively developed by LANL/ORNL/PNNL

- approx. 80,000 lines of Fortran9X, combining solvers for
 - *PFLOW non-isothermal, multi-phase groundwater flow*
 - *PTRAN reactive, multi-component contaminant transport*
- employs PETSc, LAPACK, BLAS & HDF5 I/O libraries
 - *87 PFLOTRAN + 789 PETSc source files*
 - *parallel I/O tuning via PERI active liaison*
- “2B” input dataset run for 10 timesteps
 - *uses 3-dimensional (non-MPI) PETSc Cartesian grid*
 - *TRAN(sport) step scales much better than FLOW step*
 - *FLOW step generally faster, but crossover at larger scales*

PFLOTRAN “2B” test case



PFLOTRAN simulation of U(VI) migration

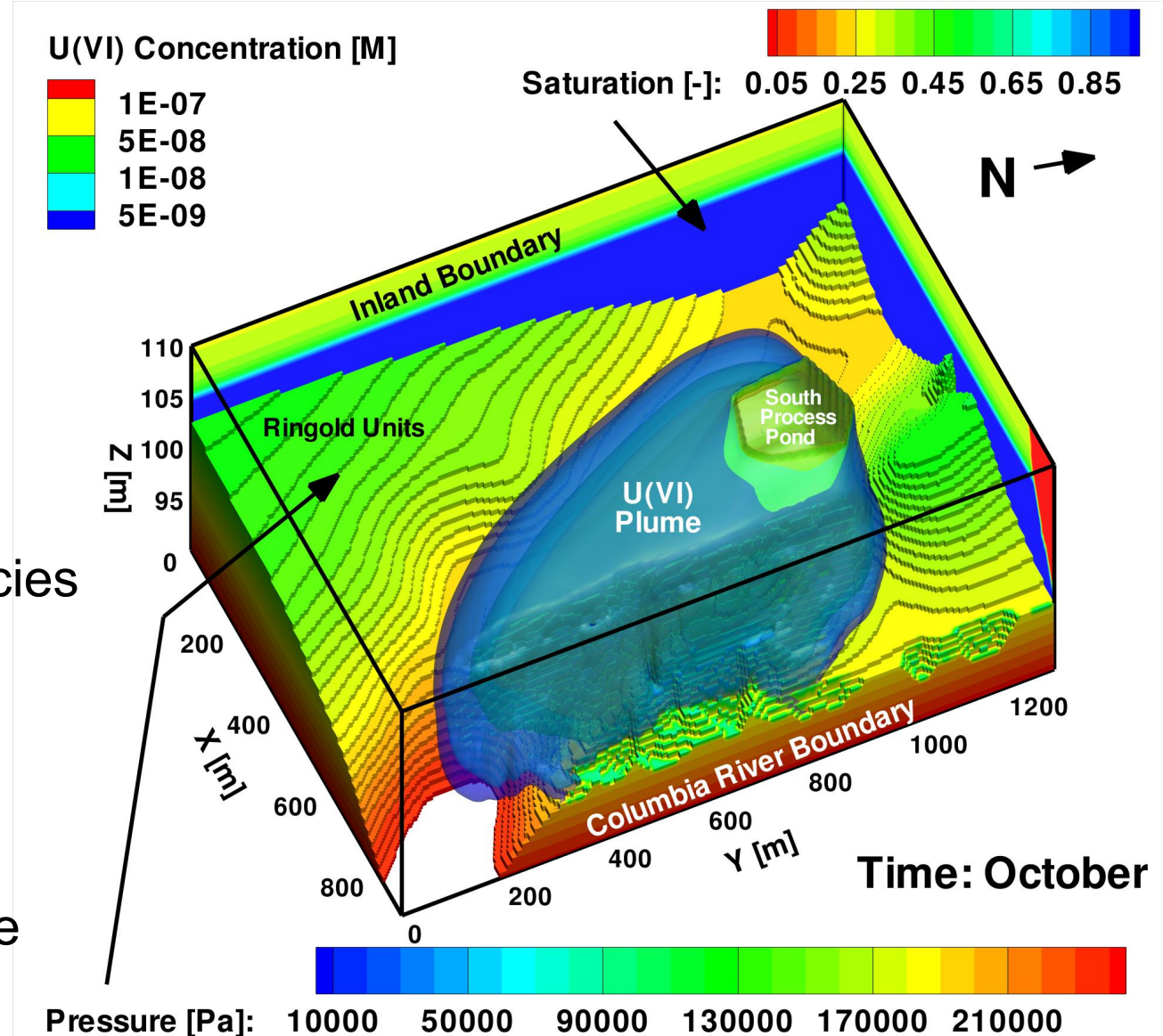
DOE Hanford 300 Area

Problem domain:

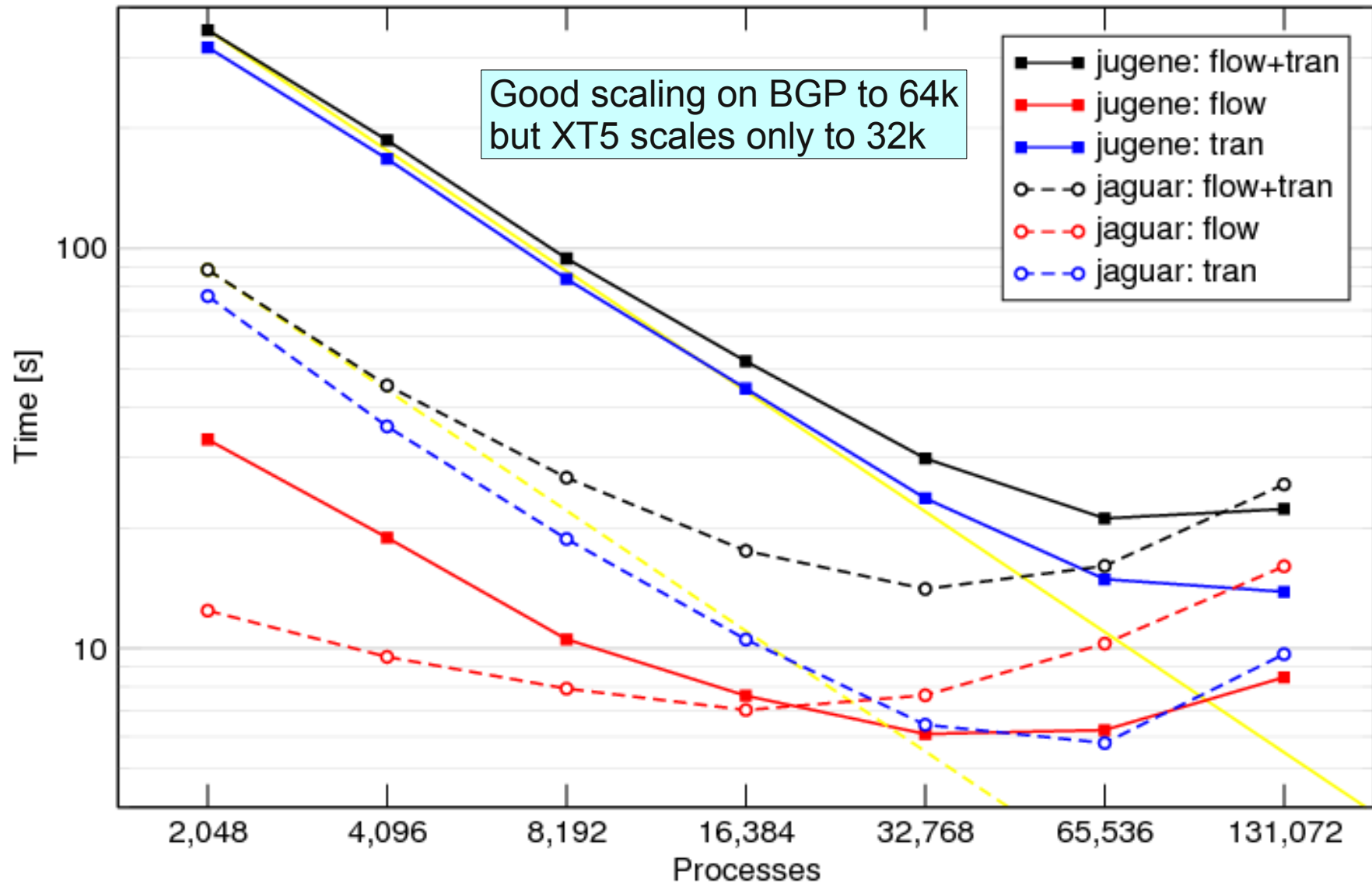
- 900x1300x20m
- $\Delta x/\Delta y = 5$ m
- 1.87M grid cells
- 15 chemical species
- 28M DoF total

1-year simulation:

- $\Delta t = 1$ hour
- 5-10 hour runtime
- 4096 XT5 cores



PFLOTRAN “2B” strong scalability



Scalasca project

Overview

- Headed by Bernd Mohr (JSC) & Felix Wolf (GRS-Sim)
 - *Helmholtz Initiative & Networking Fund project started in 2006*
- Follow-up to pioneering KOJAK project (started 1998)
 - *Automatic pattern-based trace analysis*

Objective

- Development of a **scalable performance analysis** toolset
- Specifically targeting **large-scale parallel applications**

Status

- Scalasca v1.3.3 released in March 2011
- Available for download from www.scalasca.org

Scalasca features

Open source, New BSD license

Portable

- Cray XT/XE/XK, IBM BlueGene L/P/Q, IBM SP & blade clusters, NEC SX, SGI Altix, SiCortex, Linux cluster® (SPARC, x86-64), ...

Supports typical HPC languages & parallel programming paradigms

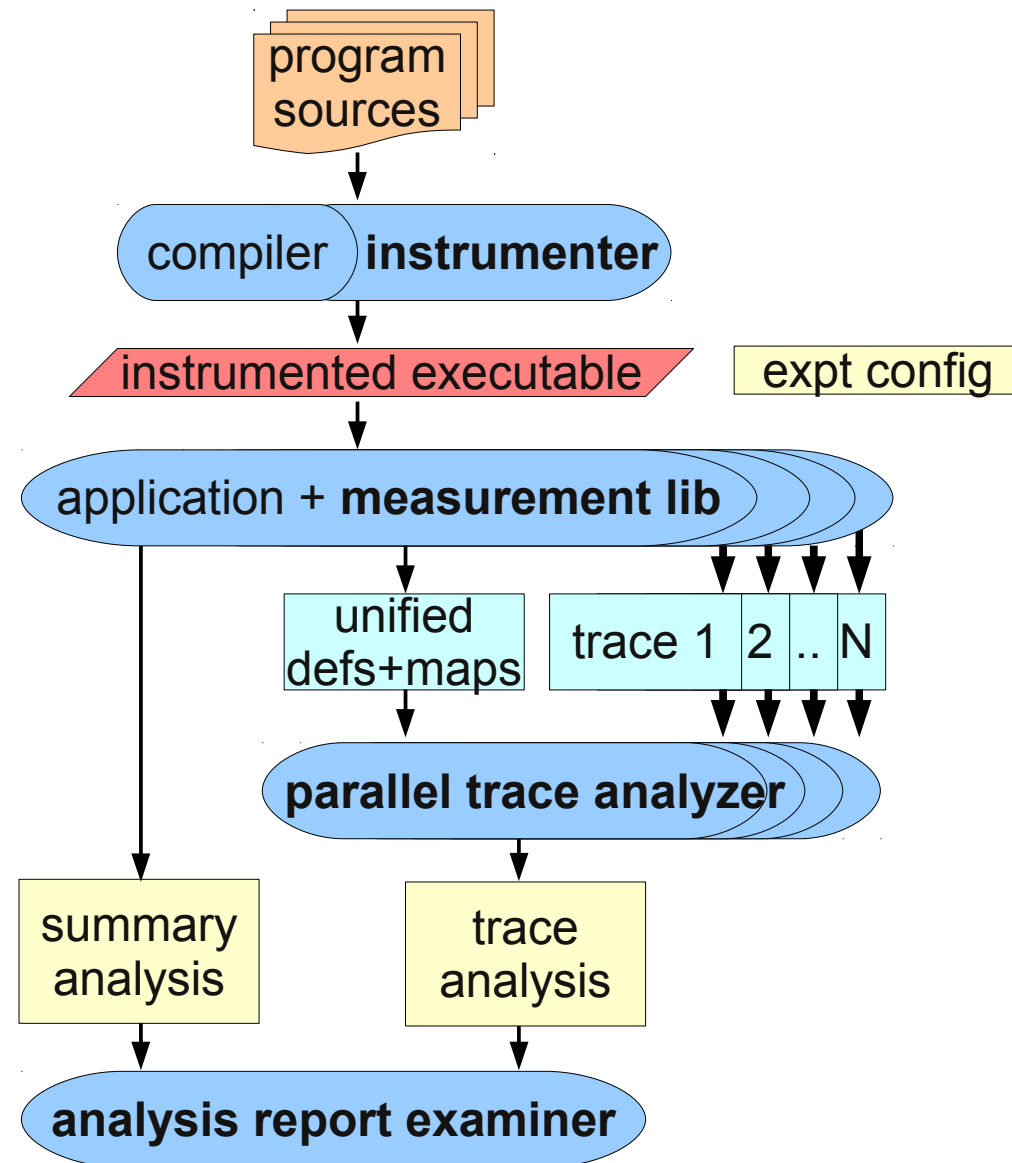
- Fortran, C, C++
- MPI, OpenMP & hybrid MPI+OpenMP

Integrated instrumentation, measurement & analysis toolset

- Customizable automatic/manual instrumentation
- Runtime summarization (*aka* profiling)
- Automatic event trace analysis

Scalasca components

- Automatic program instrumenter creates instrumented executable
- Unified measurement library supports both
 - *runtime summarization*
 - *trace file generation*
- Parallel, replay-based event trace analyzer invoked automatically on set of traces
- Common analysis report explorer & examination/processing tools



Scalasca usage (commands)

1. Prepare application objects and executable for measurement:

- **scalasca -instrument** cc -O3 -c ...
- **scalasca -instrument** ftn -O3 -o pflotran.exe ...
 - *instrumented executable pflotran.exe produced*

2. Run application under control of measurement & analysis nexus:

- **scalasca -analyze** aprun -N 12 -n 65536 pflotran.exe ...
 - *epik_pflotran_12p65536_sum* experiment produced
- **scalasca -analyze -t** aprun -N 12 -n 65536 pflotran.exe ...
 - *epik_pflotran_12p65536_trace* experiment produced

BATCH JOB

3. Interactively explore experiment analysis report:

- **scalasca -examine** epik_pflotran_12p65536_trace
 - *epik_pflotran_12p65536_trace/trace.cube.gz* presented

Measurement & analysis methodology

1. Run uninstrumented/optimized version (as reference for validation)
 - determine memory available for measurement
 2. Run automatically-instrumented version collecting runtime summary
 - determine functions with excessive measurement overheads
 - *examine distortion and trace buffer capacity requirement*
 - if necessary, prepare filter file and repeat measurement
 3. Reconfigure measurement to collect and automatically analyze traces
- (optional) Customize analysis report and/or instrumentation, e.g.,
- extract key code sections into specific analysis reports
 - annotate key code sections with *EPIK* instrumentation API macros

Scalasca usage with *PFLOTRAN*

Automatic instrumentation

- both *PFLOTRAN* application (Fortran) & PETSc library (C)
- USR routines instrumented by IBM XL & PGI compilers
- MPI routine interposition with instrumented library (PMPI)

Initial summary measurements used to define filter files specifying all purely computational routines

Summary & trace experiments collected using filters

- parallel trace analysis initiated automatically on same partition

Post-processing of analysis reports

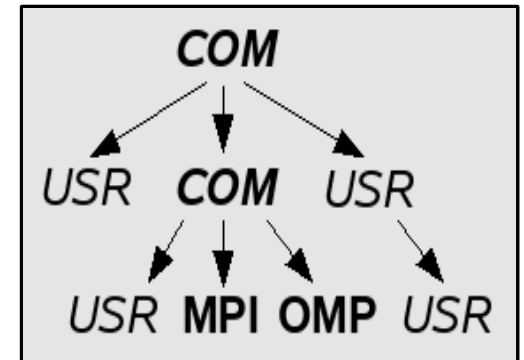
- cut to extract timestep loop; incorporation of application topology

Analysis report examination in GUI

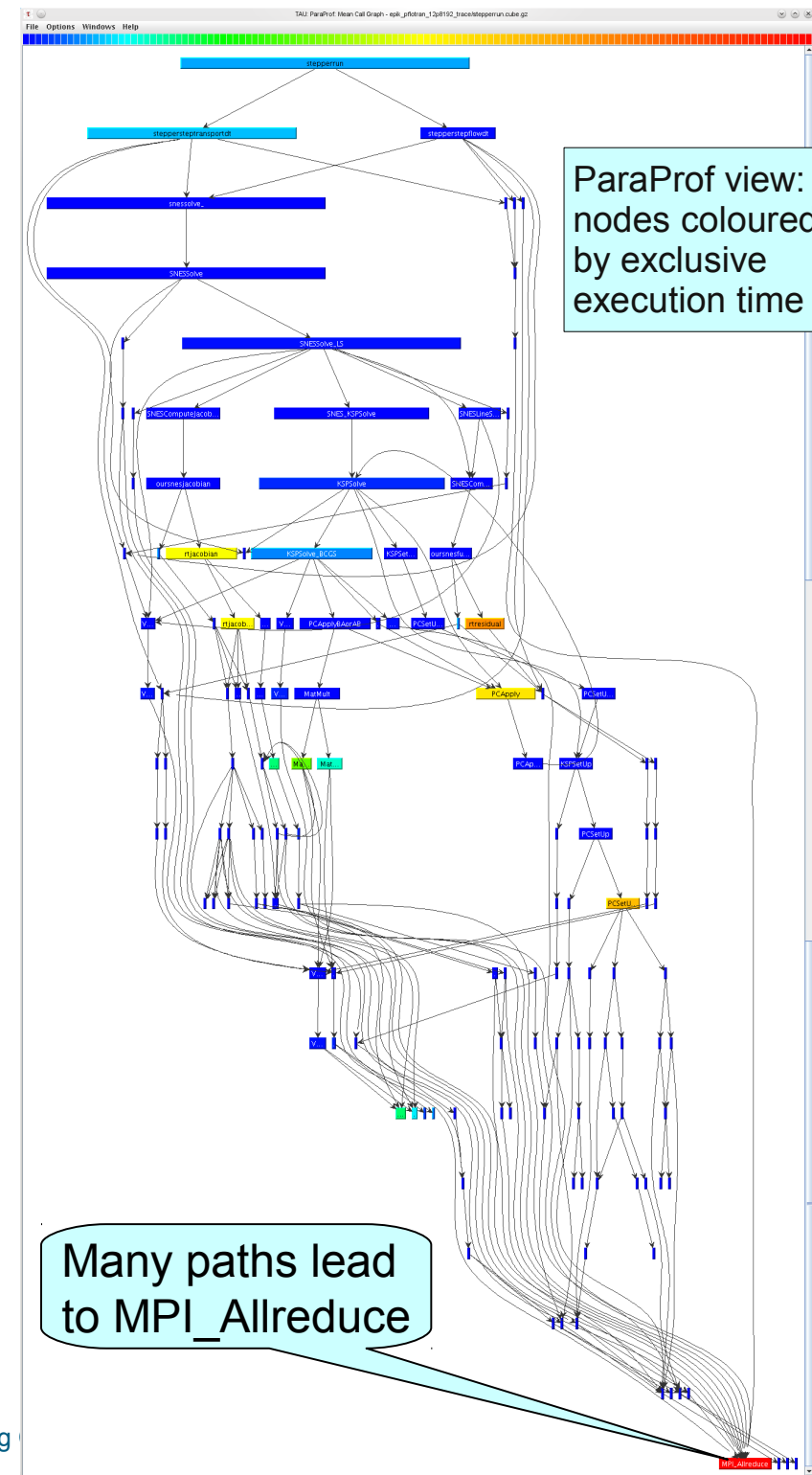
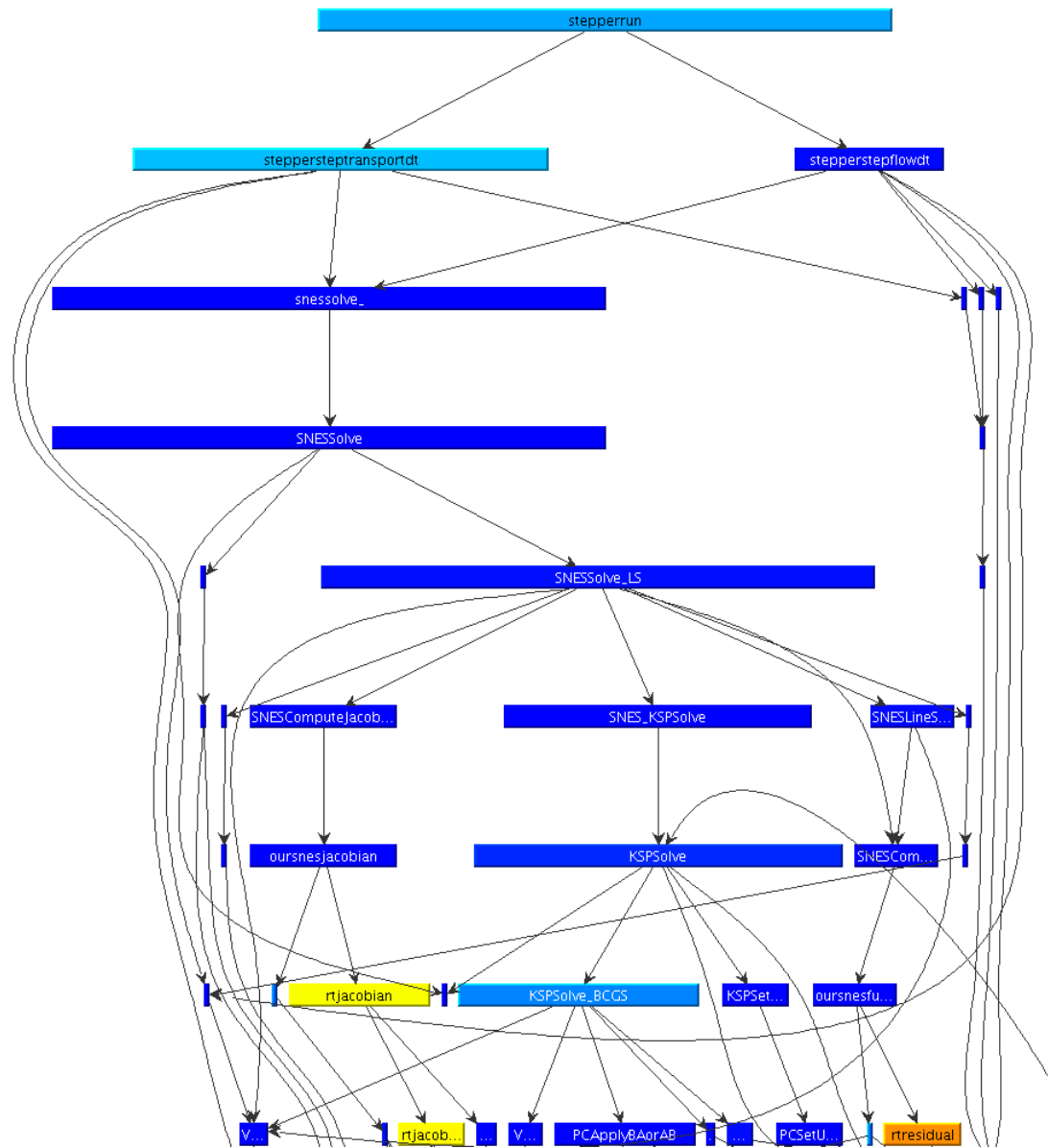
PFLOTRAN structural analysis

Determined by scoring summary experiment using fully-instrumented application executable

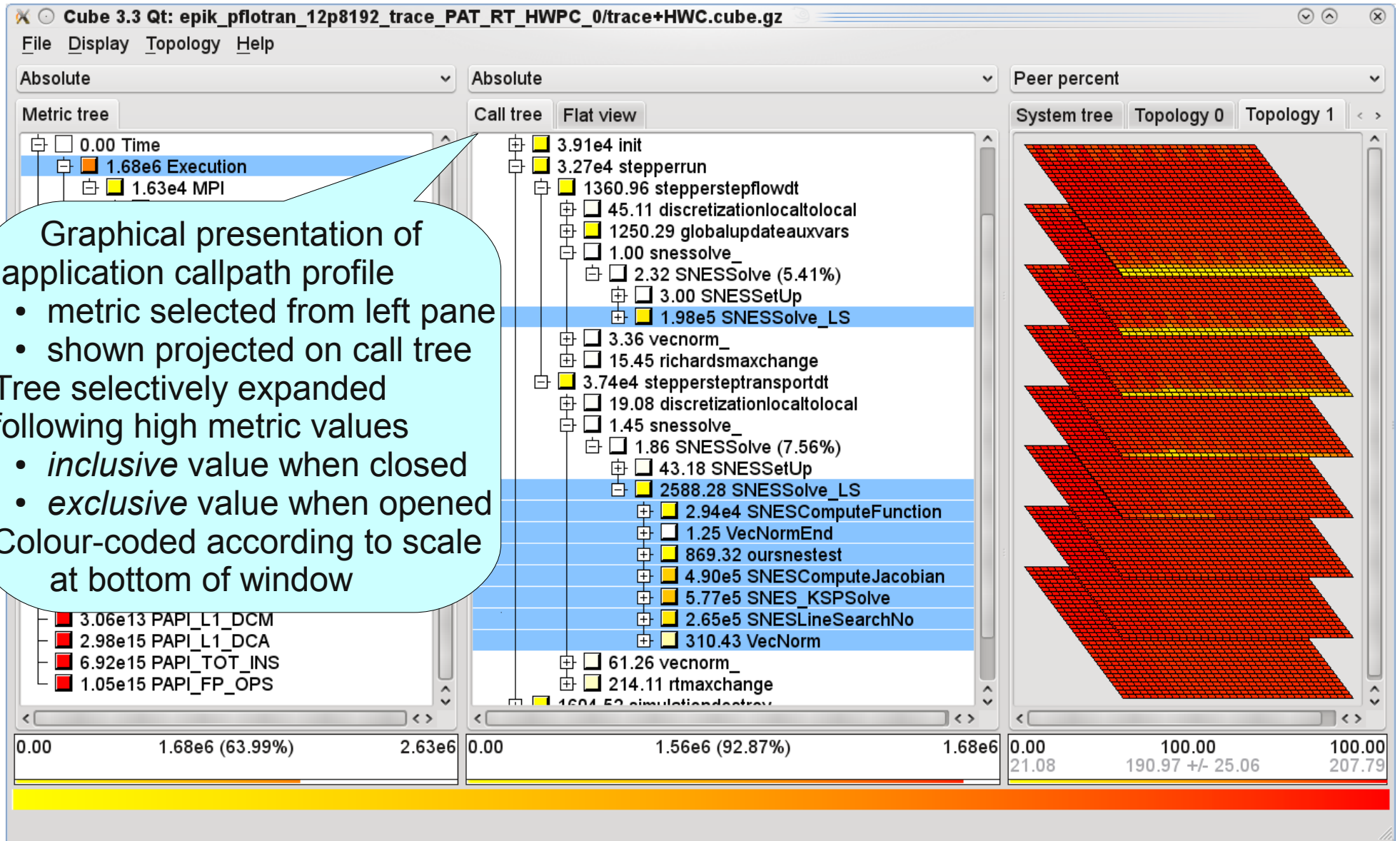
- 29 MPI library routines used
- 1100+ PFLOTRAN & PETSc routines
 - *most not on a callpath to MPI, purely local calculation (USR)*
 - *~250 on callpaths to MPI, mixed calculation & comm. (COM)*
- Using measurement filter listing all USR routines
 - *maximum callpath depth 22 frames*
 - *~1750 unique callpaths (399 in FLOW, 375 in TRAN)*
 - *633 MPI callpaths (121 in FLOW, 114 in TRAN)*
- FLOW callpaths very similar to TRAN callpaths



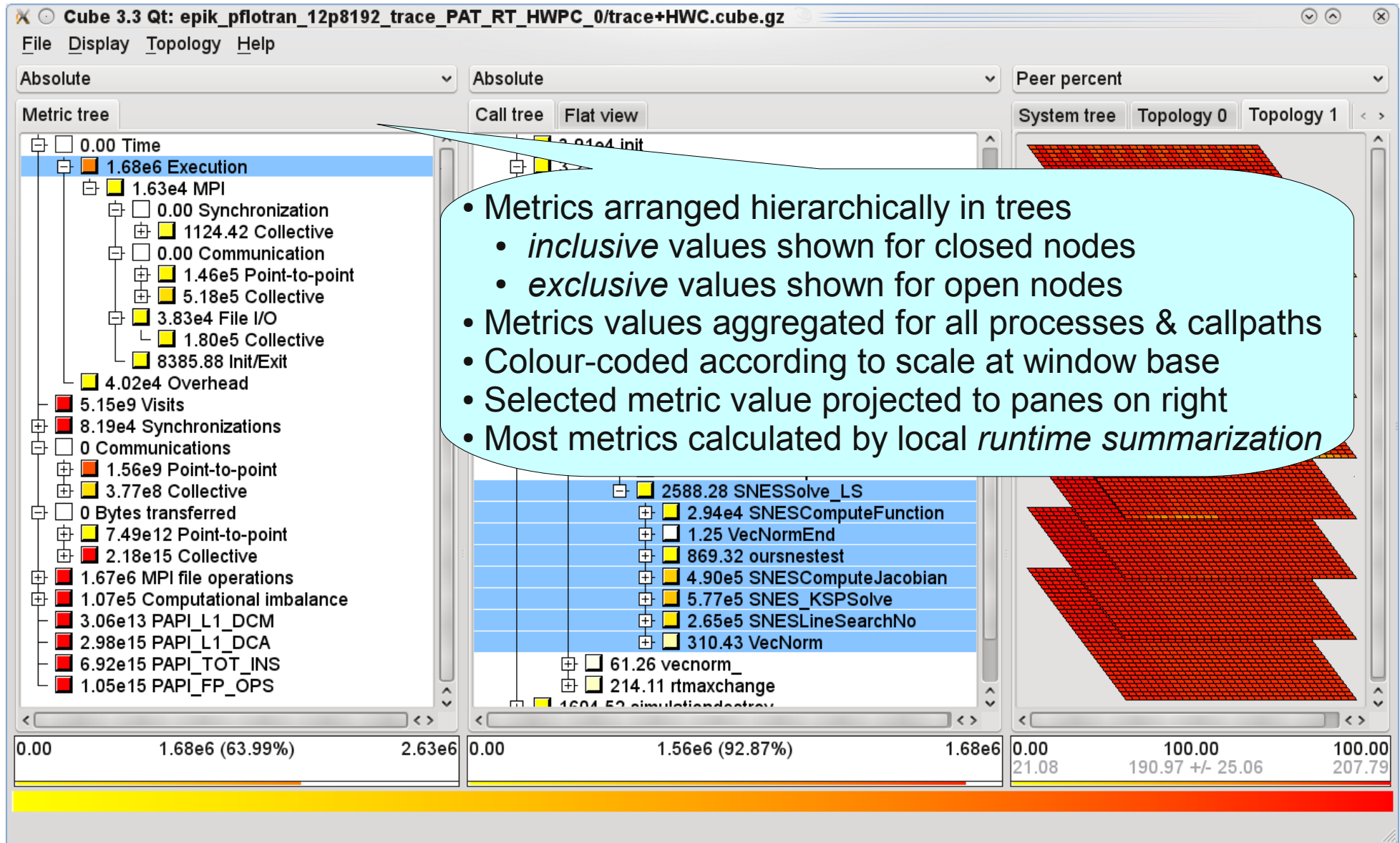
PFLOTRAN stepperrun callgraph



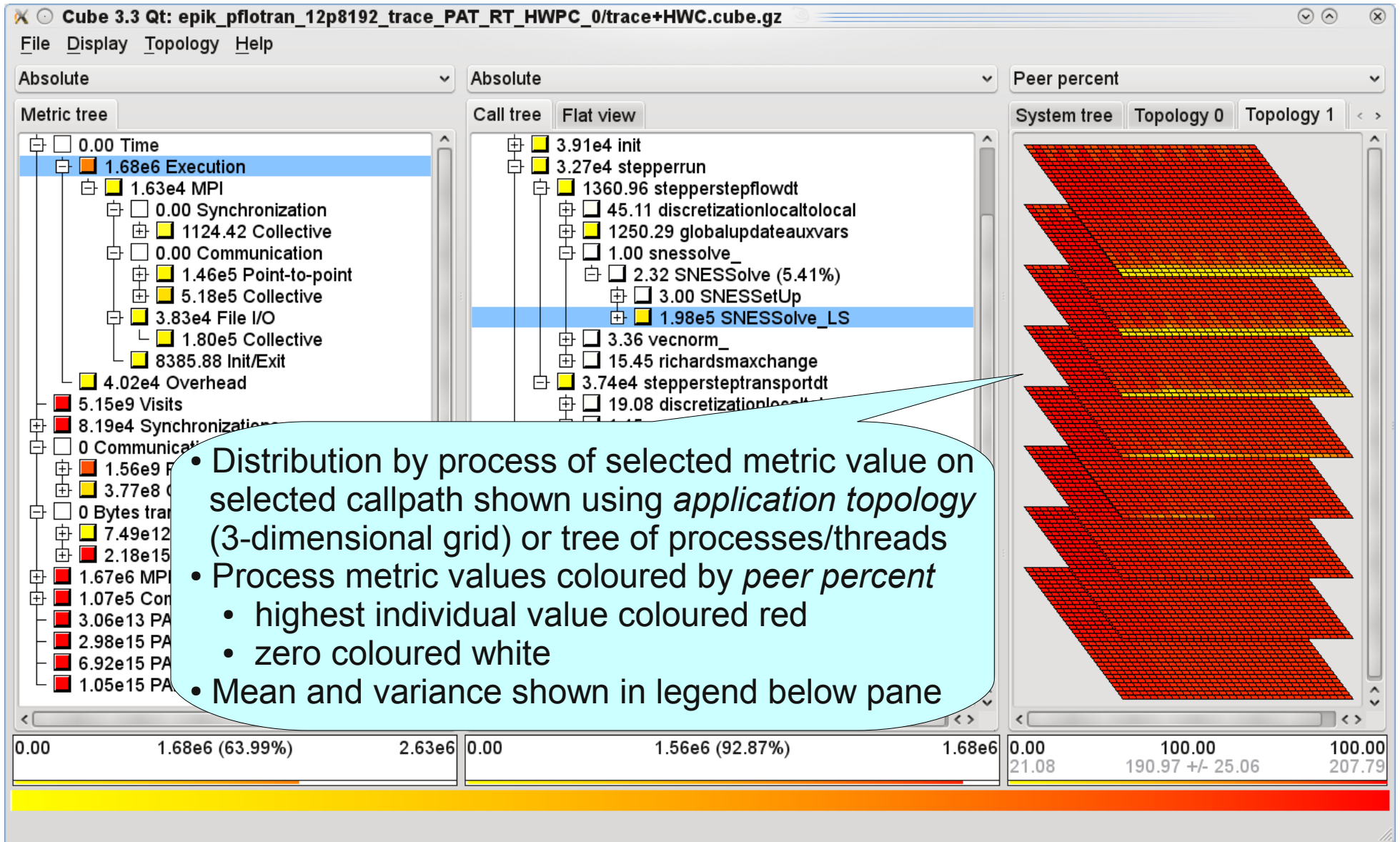
Scalasca analysis report: program call tree



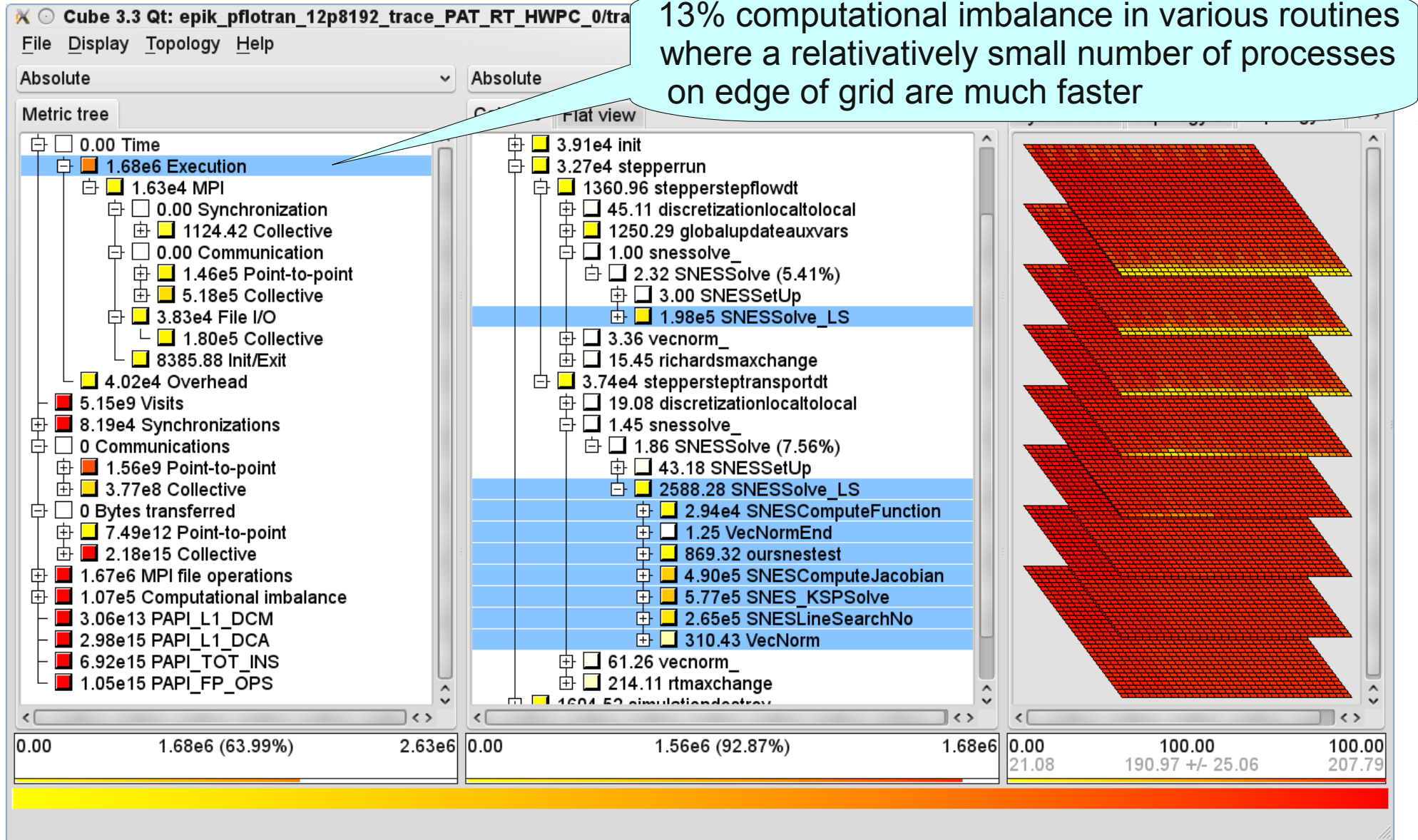
Scalasca analysis report: performance metric tree



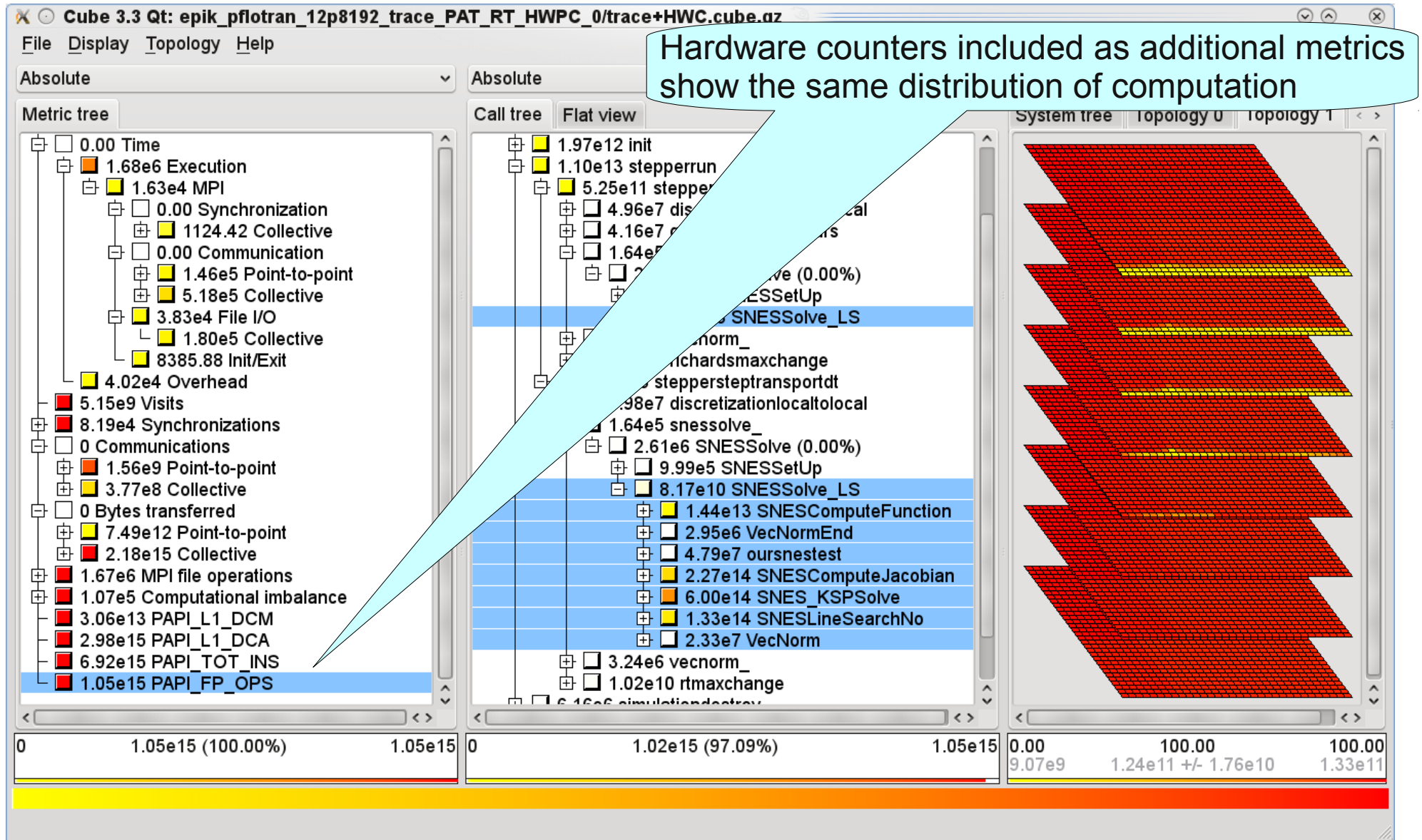
Scalasca analysis report: system tree/topology



Exclusive Execution time

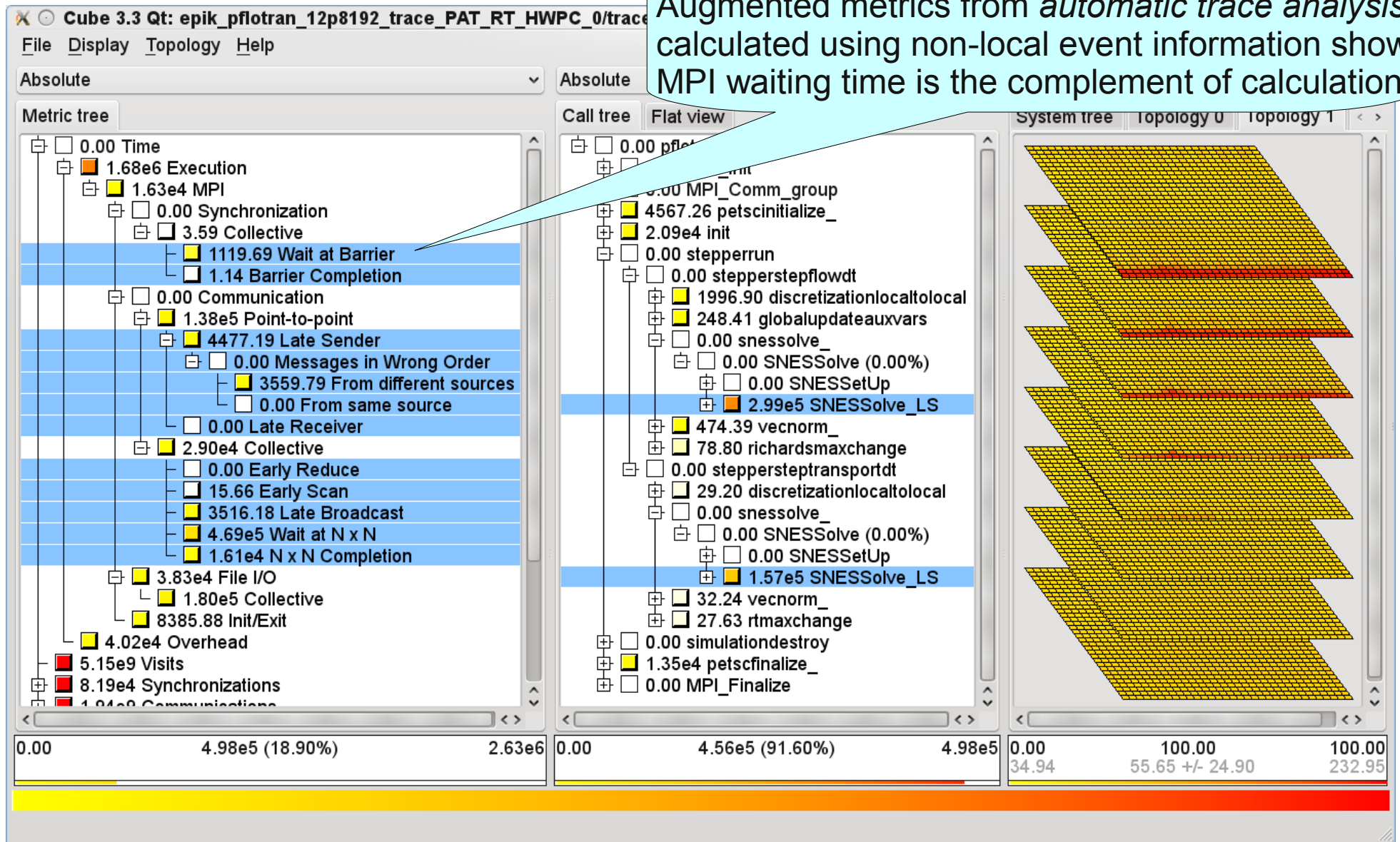


Floating-point operations

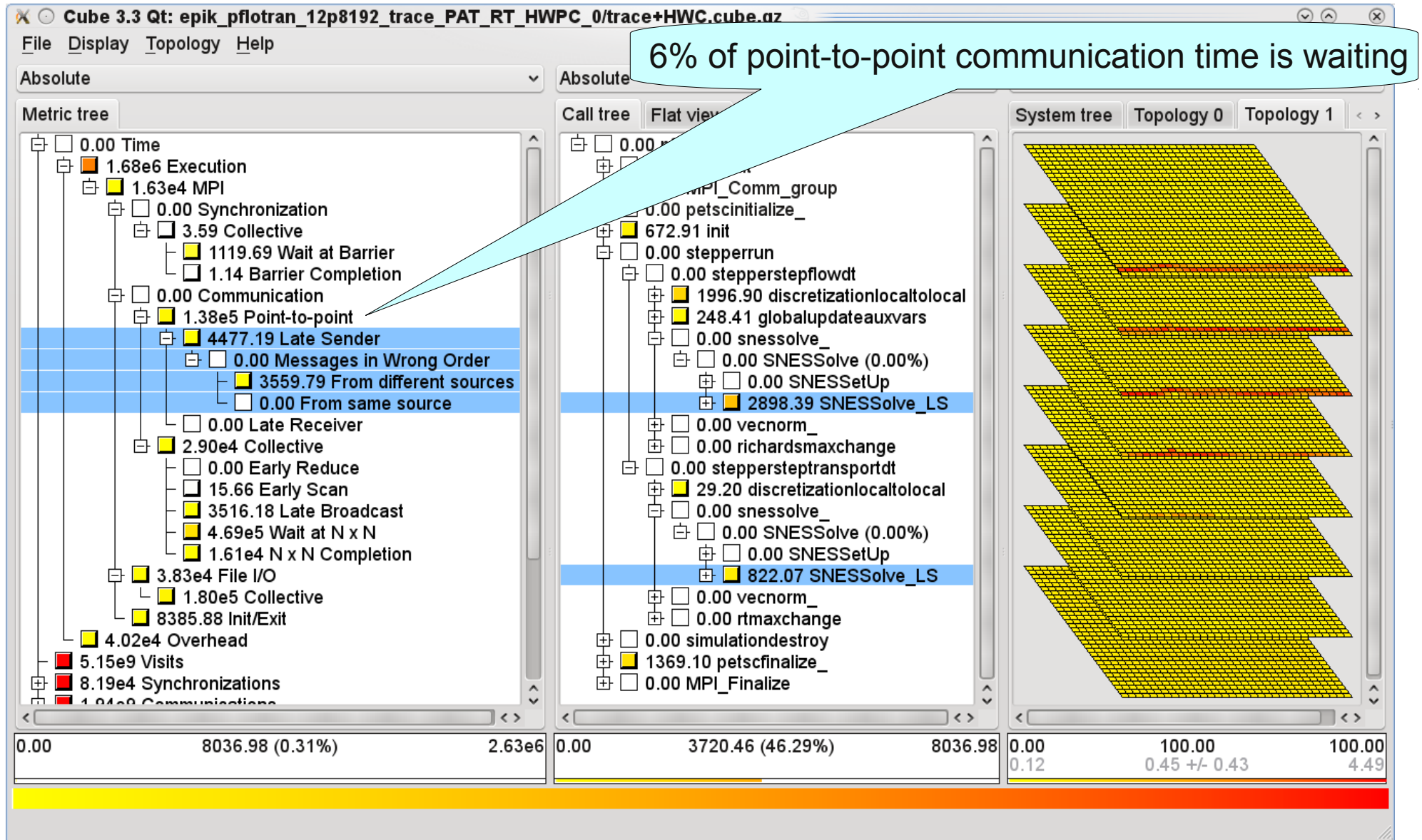


Scalasca trace analysis metrics (waiting time)

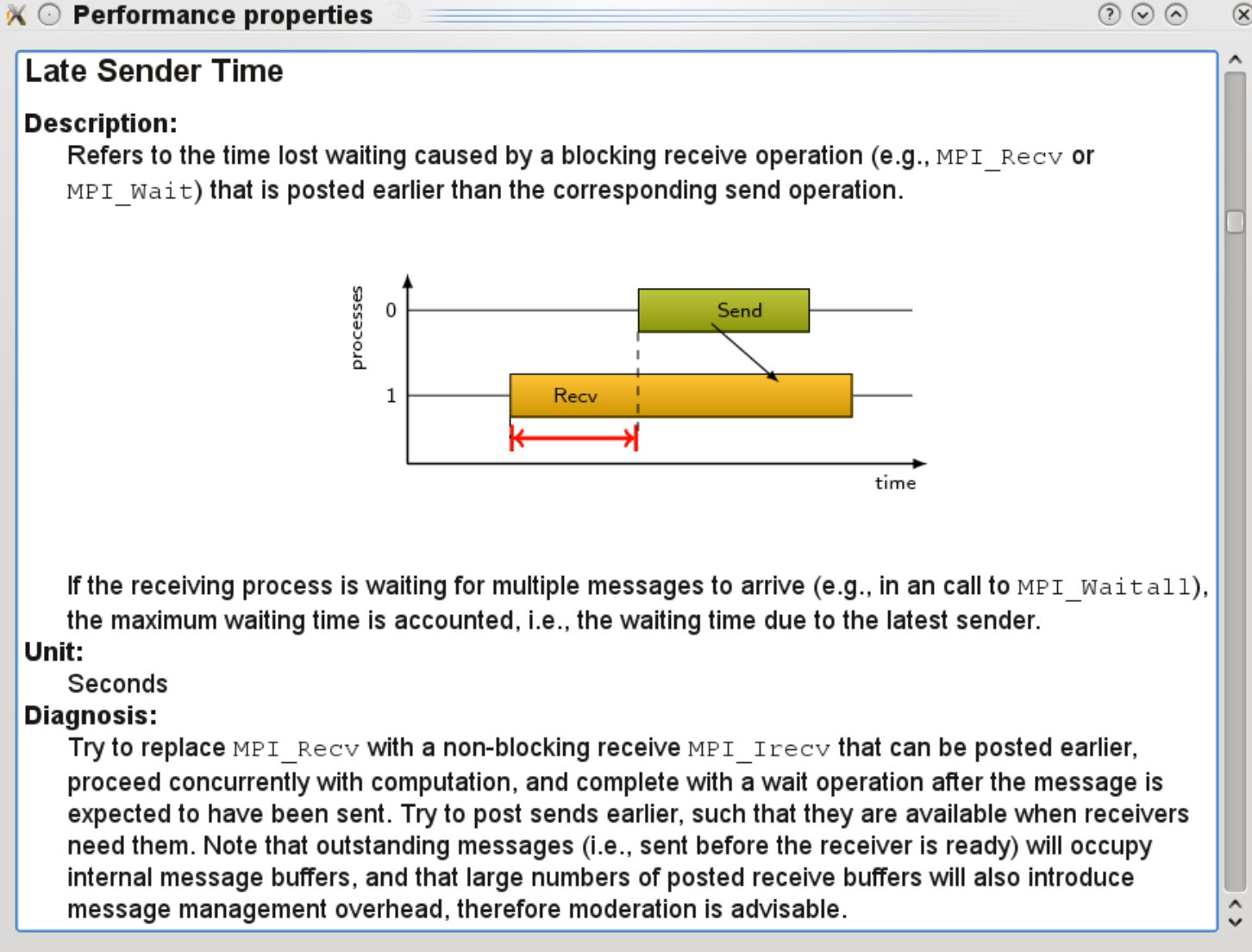
Augmented metrics from *automatic trace analysis* calculated using non-local event information show MPI waiting time is the complement of calculation



Late Sender time (for early receives)

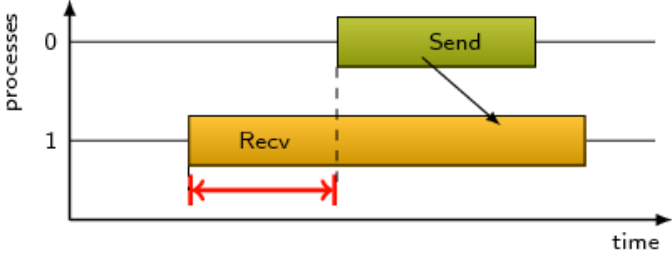


Scalasca description for *Late Sender* metric



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.



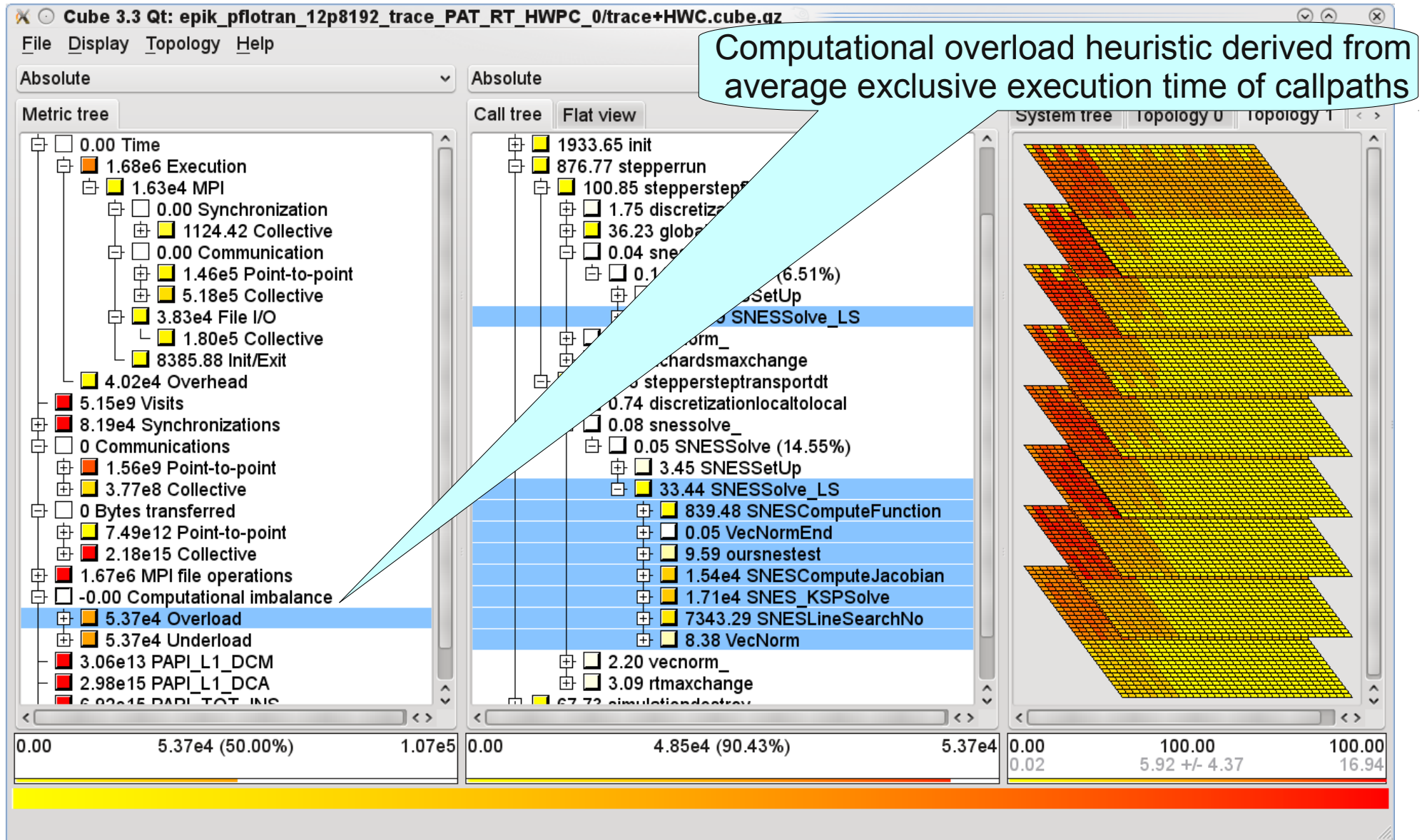
If the receiving process is waiting for multiple messages to arrive (e.g., in an call to `MPI_Waitall`), the maximum waiting time is accounted, i.e., the waiting time due to the latest sender.

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.

- Analysis report explorer GUI provides hyperlinked descriptions of performance properties
- Diagnosis hints suggest how to refine diagnosis of performance problems and possible remediation

Computational imbalance: overload



PFLOTRAN grid decomposition imbalance

850x1000x160 cells decomposed on $65536 = 64 \times 64 \times 16$ process grid

- x-axis: $850/64 = 13$ plus 18 extra cells
- y-axis: $1000/64 = 15$ plus 40 extra cells
- z-axis: $160/16 = 10$

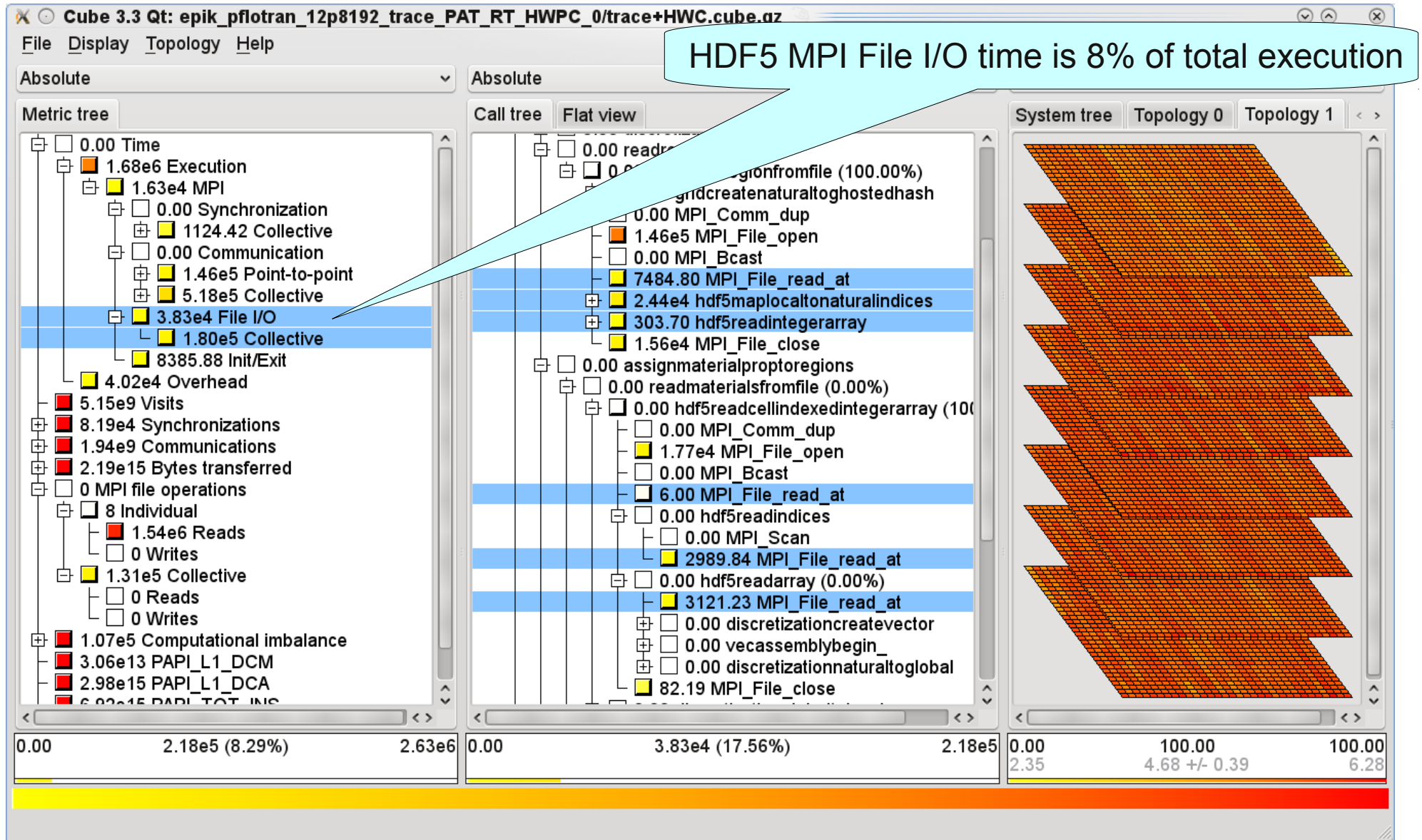
Perfect distribution would be 2075.2 cells per process

- but 20% of processes in each z-plane have 2240 cells
- 8% computation overload manifests as waiting times at the next communication/synchronization on the other processes

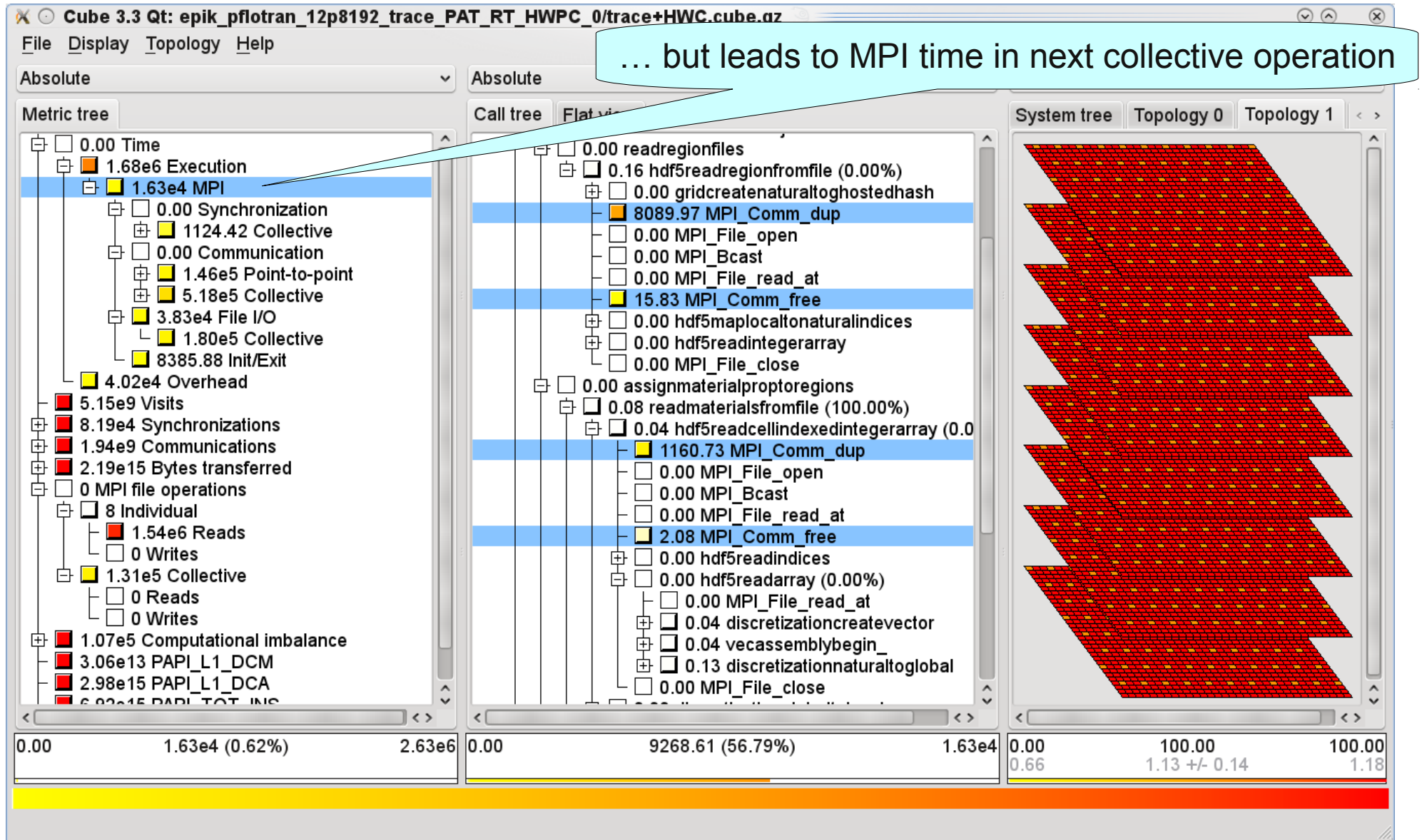
The problem-specific localized imbalance in the river channel is minor

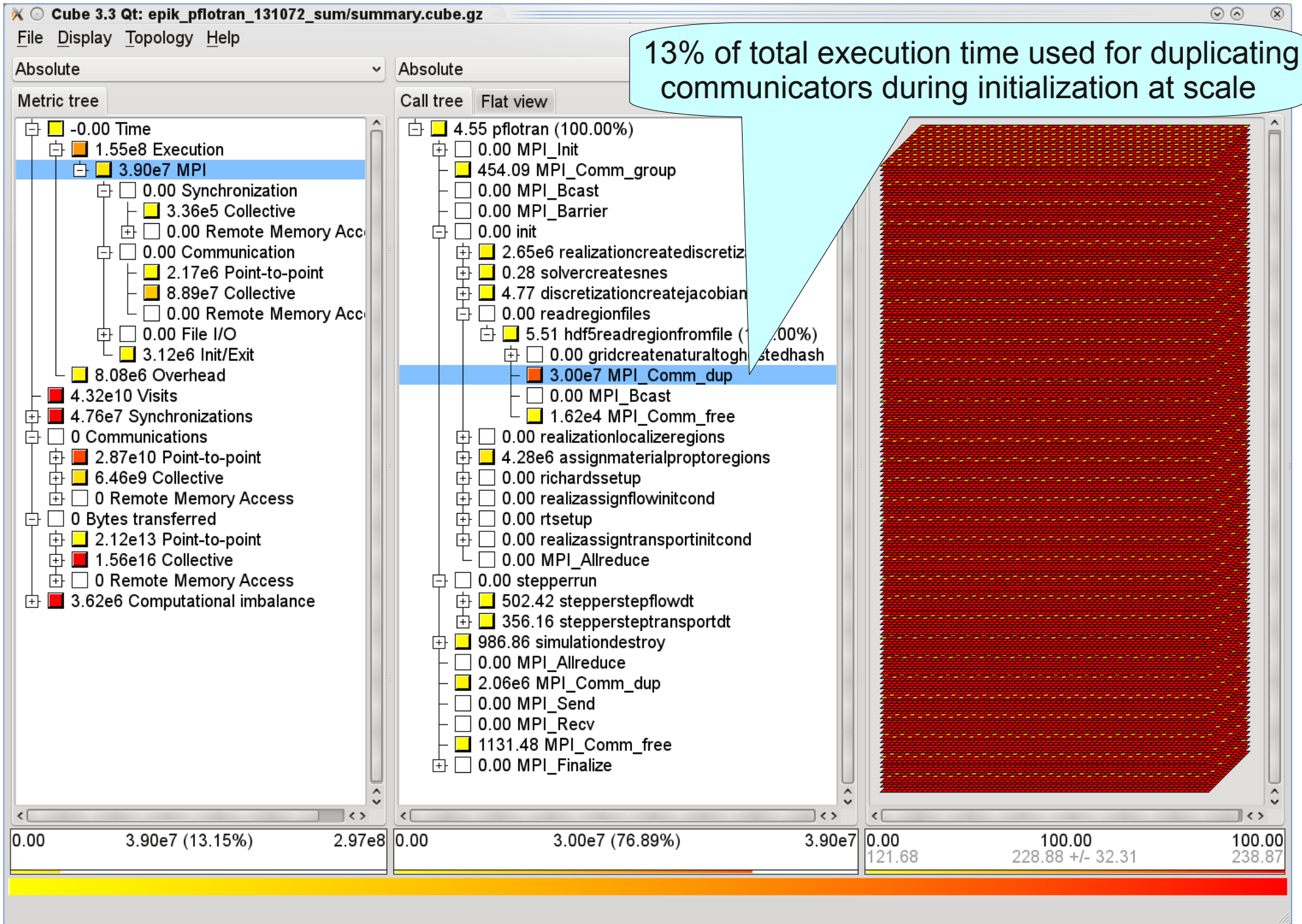
- reversing the assignments in the x-dimension won't help much since some of the z-planes have no inactive cells

MPI File I/O time



MPI Communicator duplication





Conclusions

Very complex applications like *PFLOTRAN* provide significant challenges for performance analysis tools

Scalasca offers a range of instrumentation, measurement & analysis capabilities, with a simple GUI for interactive analysis report exploration

- works across Cray, IBM BlueGene & many other HPC systems
- analysis reports and event traces can also be examined with complementary third-party tools such as TAU/ParaProf & Vampir
- convenient automatic instrumentation of applications and libraries must be moderated with selective measurement filtering
 - *analysis reports can still become awkwardly large*

Scalasca is continually improved in response to the evolving requirements of application developers and analysts

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Scalasca users who have provided valuable feedback and suggestions for improvements

Scalable performance analysis of large-scale parallel applications

- portable toolset for scalable performance measurement & analysis of MPI, OpenMP & hybrid OpenMP+MPI parallel applications
- supporting most popular HPC computer systems
- available under New BSD open-source license
- distributed on VI-HPS Parallel Productivity Tools Live-DVD
- sources, documentation & publications:
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VI-HPS/Scalasca training

Tutorials

- full- or part-day hands-on training
- *PRACE Spring School*, Kraków, Poland: 18 May 2012
- *19th European MPI User's Meeting*, Vienna, Austria: 23 Sept 2012

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