

## Analysis report examination with Cube

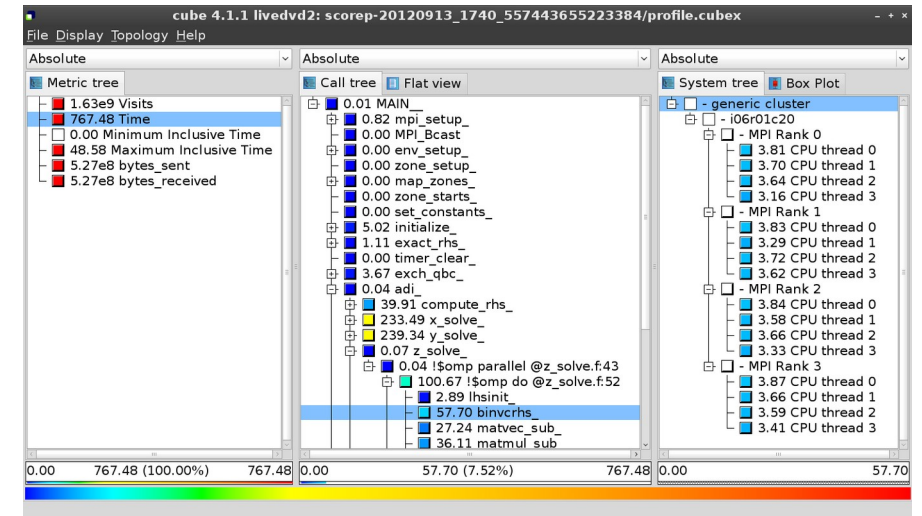
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# Cube

- Parallel program analysis report exploration tools
  - Libraries for XML+binary report reading & writing
  - Algebra utilities for report processing
  - GUI for interactive analysis exploration
    - Requires Qt5 or Qt 6
- 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: Cube v4.7 (April 2022)



## Note:

Binary packages provided for Windows & MacOS,  
from [www.scalasca.org](http://www.scalasca.org) website in `software/Cube-4x`

## Cube GUI

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- Run **remote** (*default*)
  - start X server (e.g., Xming) locally
  - connect to JUSUF with X forwarding enabled
  - load cube module and start cube remotely

```
desk$ ssh -X <yourid>@jusuf.fz-juelich.de
Welcome to ...
jusuf$ module load CubeGUI
jusuf$ cube ./scorep_sum/profile.cubex
```

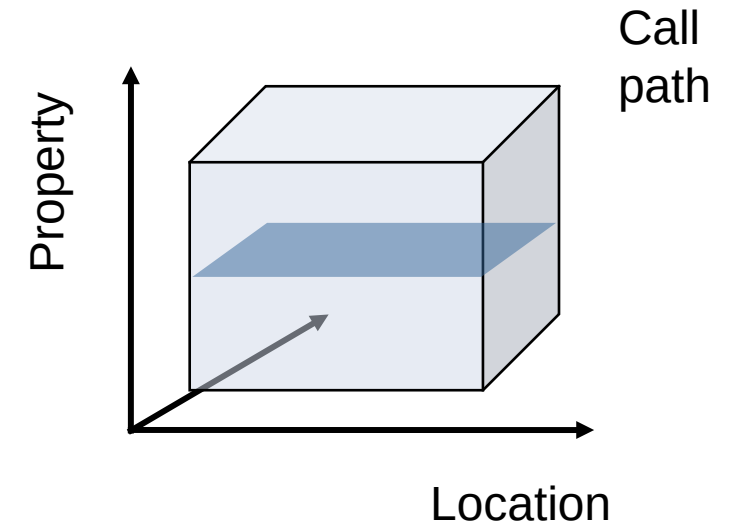
- Install & run **local** (*alternative*)
  - install Cube GUI locally on desktop
    - binary packages available for MacOS & Windows and externally provided by OpenHPC and various Linux distributions
    - source package available for Linux, requires Qt
      - configure/build/install manually or use your favourite framework (e.g. Spack or EasyBuild)
  - copy .cubex file (or entire scorep directory) to desktop from remote system  
**OR** locally mount remote filesystem
  - start cube locally

```
desk$ mkdir $HOME/mnt
desk$ sshfs [user@]remote.sys:[dir] $HOME/mnt
desk$ cd $HOME/mnt
desk$ cube ./scorep_sum/profile.cubex
```

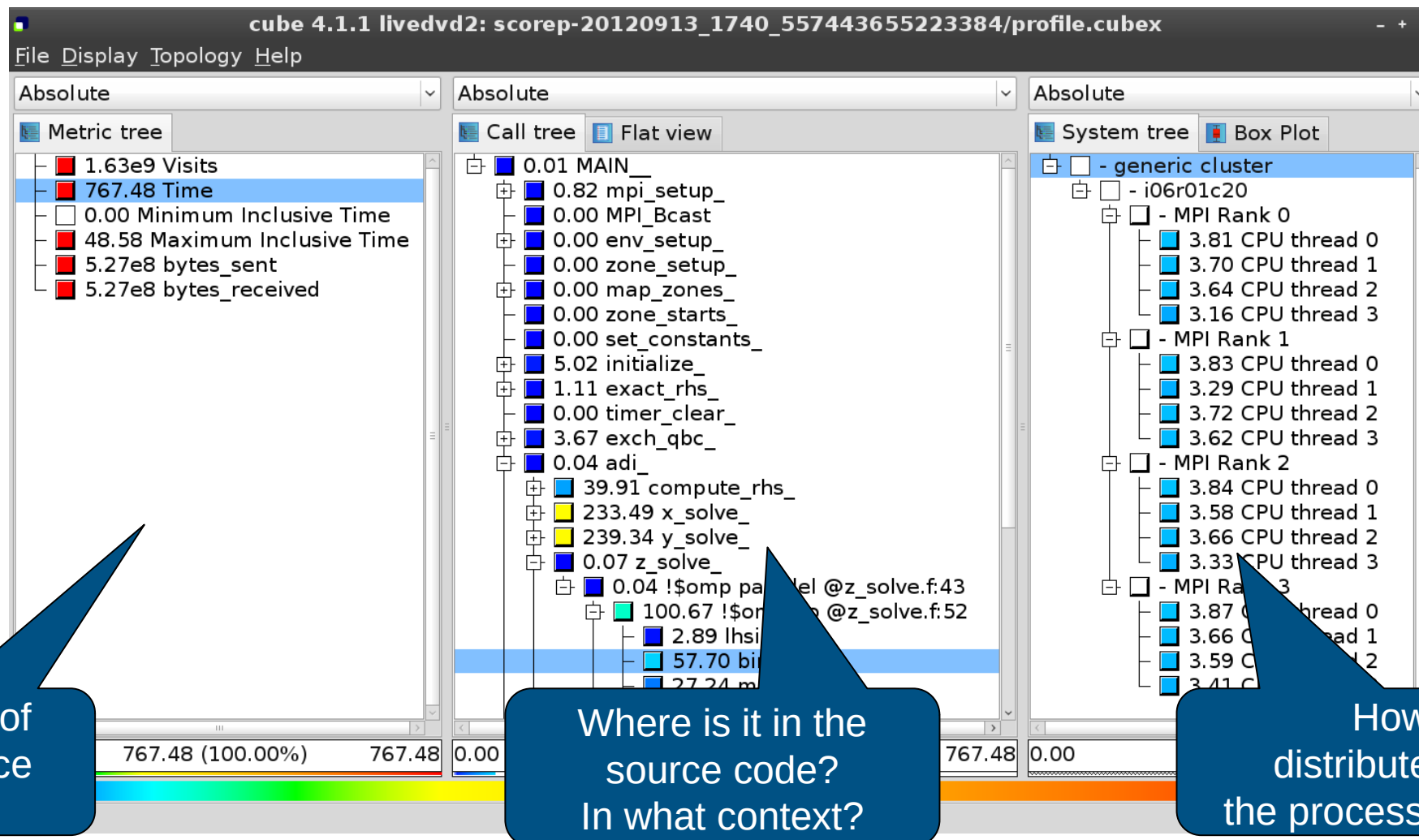
# Analysis presentation and exploration

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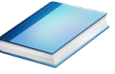
- Representation of values (severity matrix) on three hierarchical axes
  - Performance property (metric)
  - Call path (program location)
  - System location (process/thread)
- Three coupled tree browsers
- Cube displays severities
  - As *value*: for precise comparison
  - As *colour*: for easy identification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



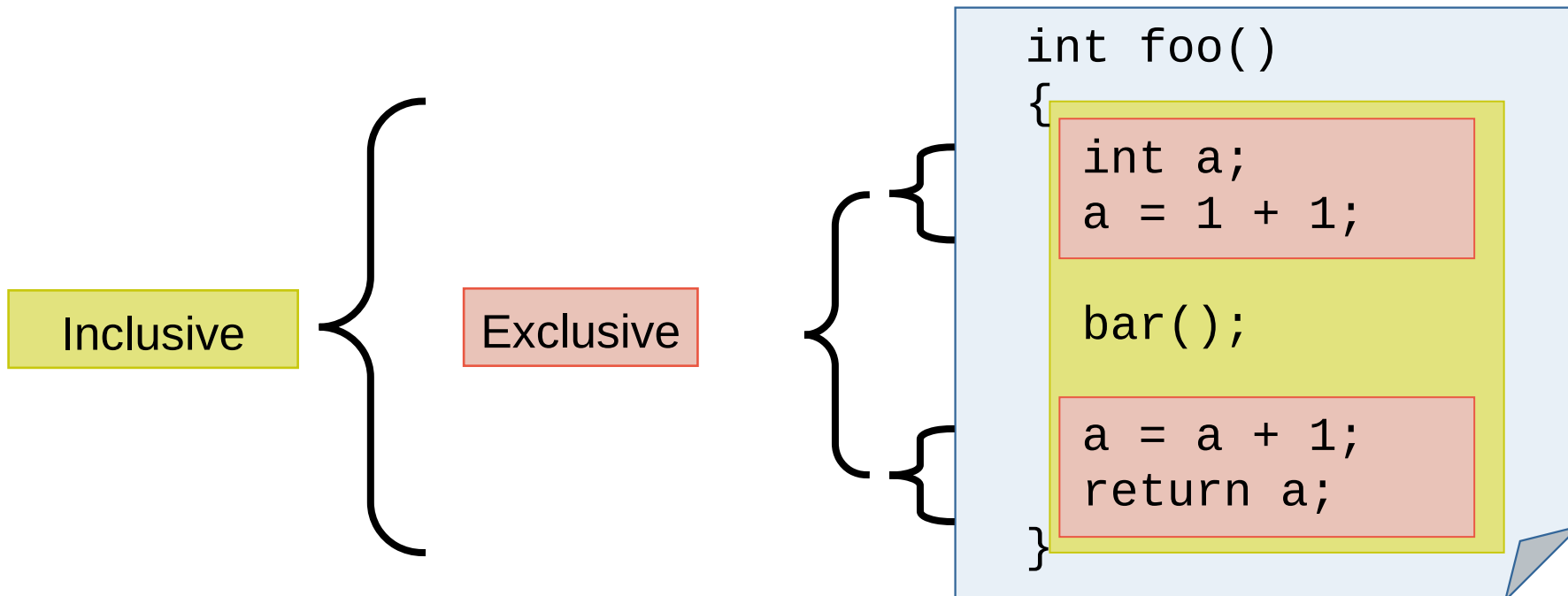
# Analysis presentation



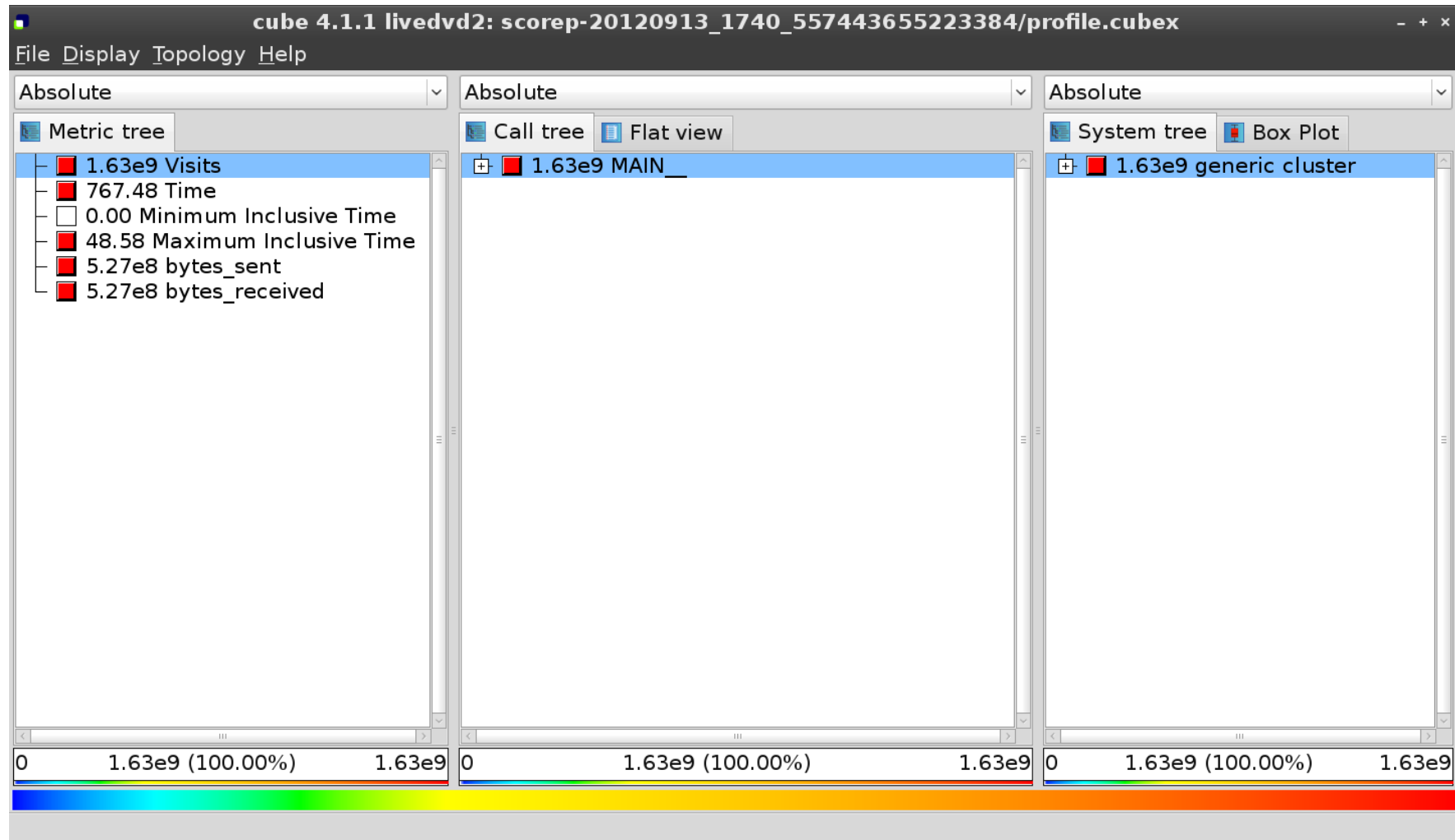
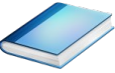
## Inclusive vs. exclusive values



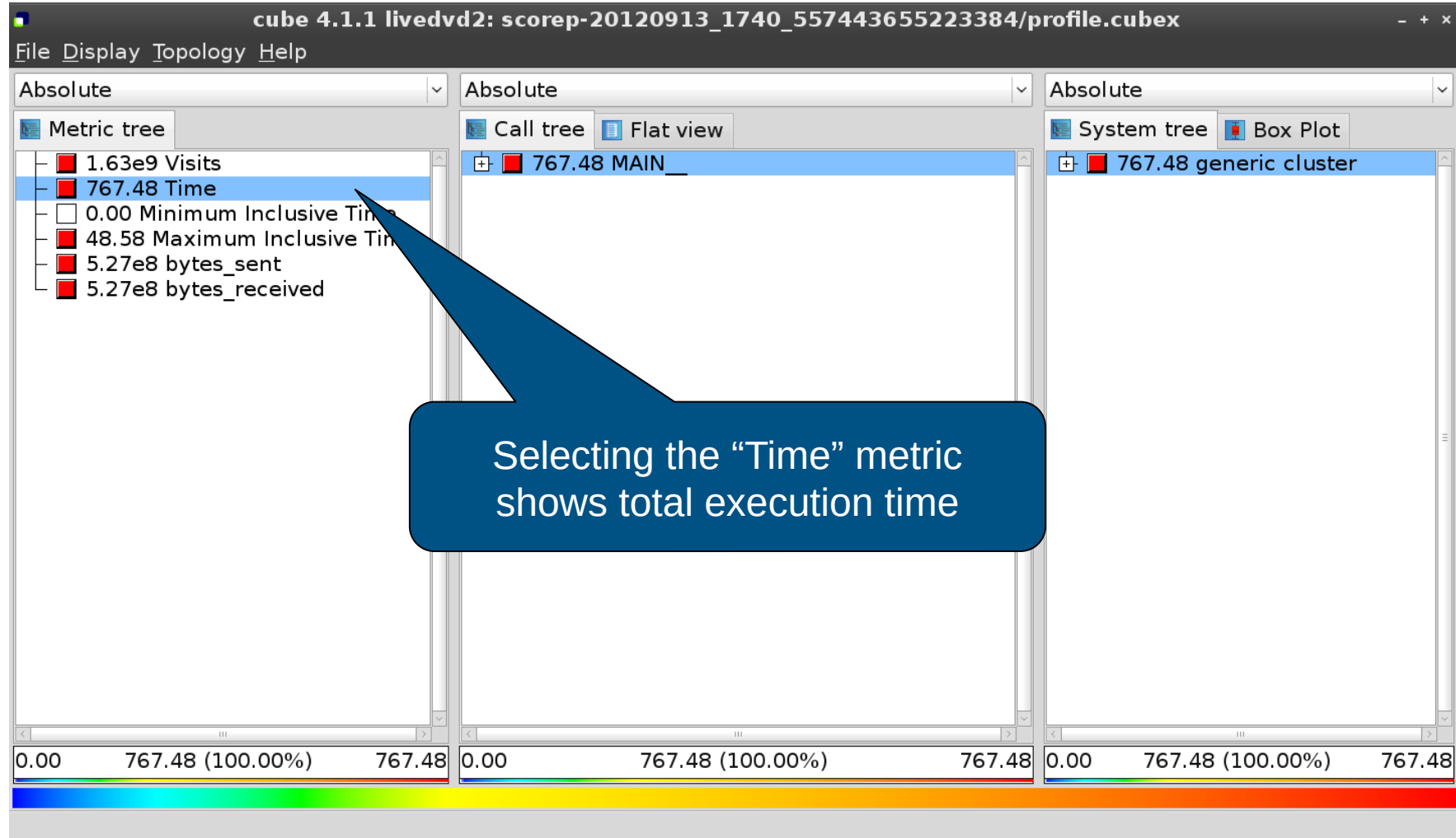
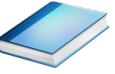
- Inclusive
  - Information of all sub-elements aggregated into single value
- Exclusive
  - Information cannot be subdivided further



# Score-P analysis report exploration (opening view)

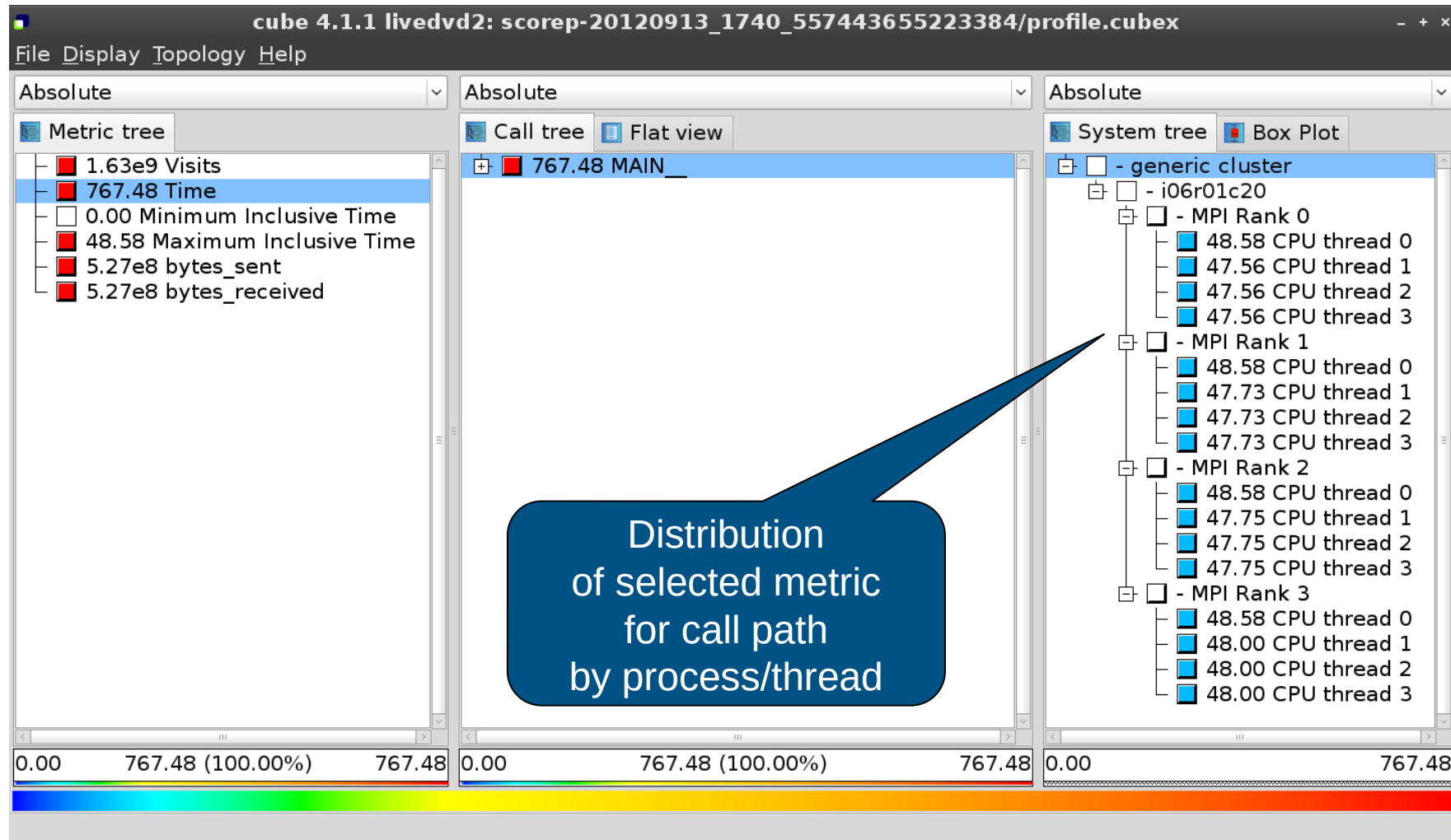
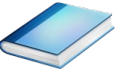


# Metric selection

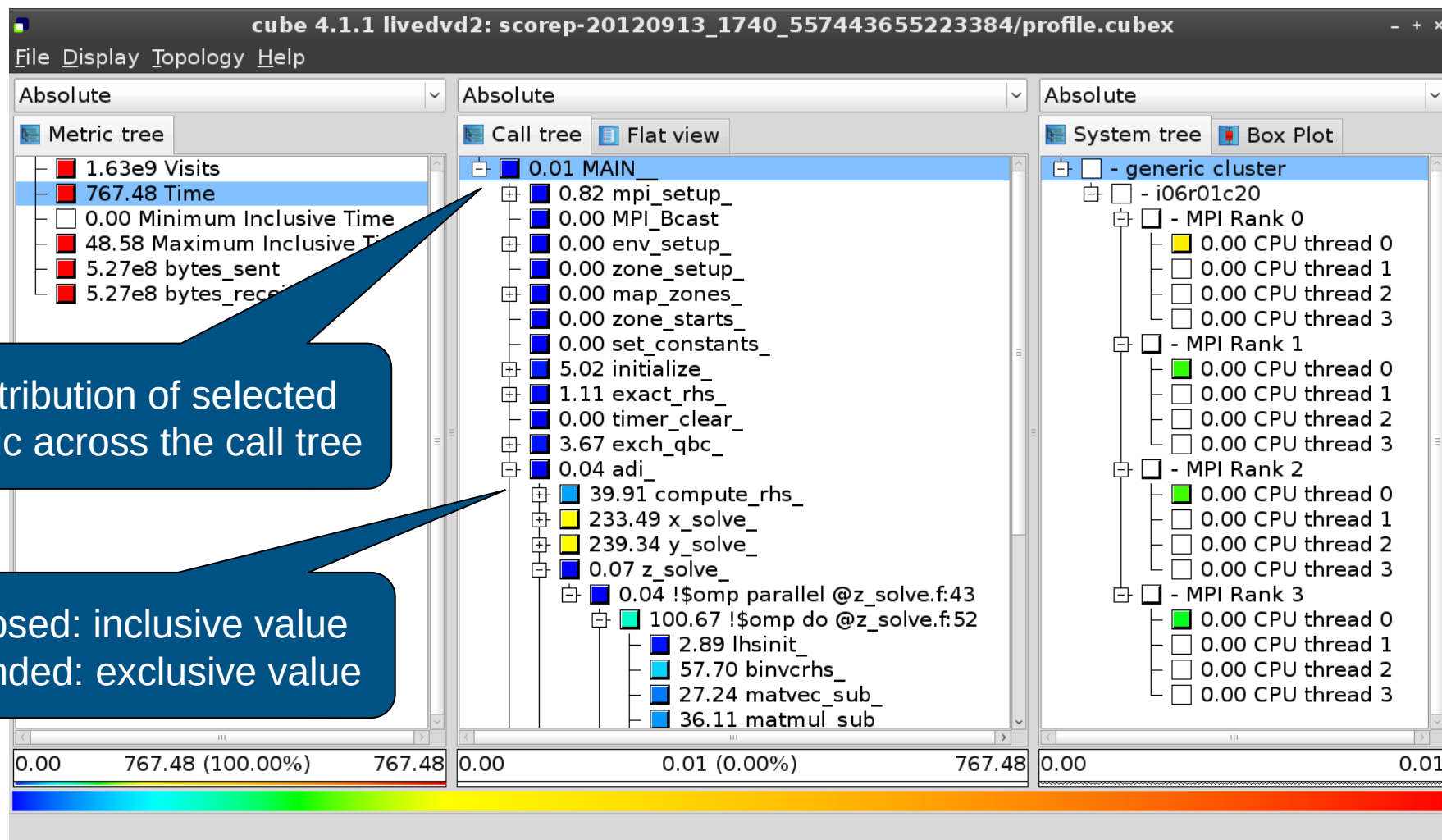




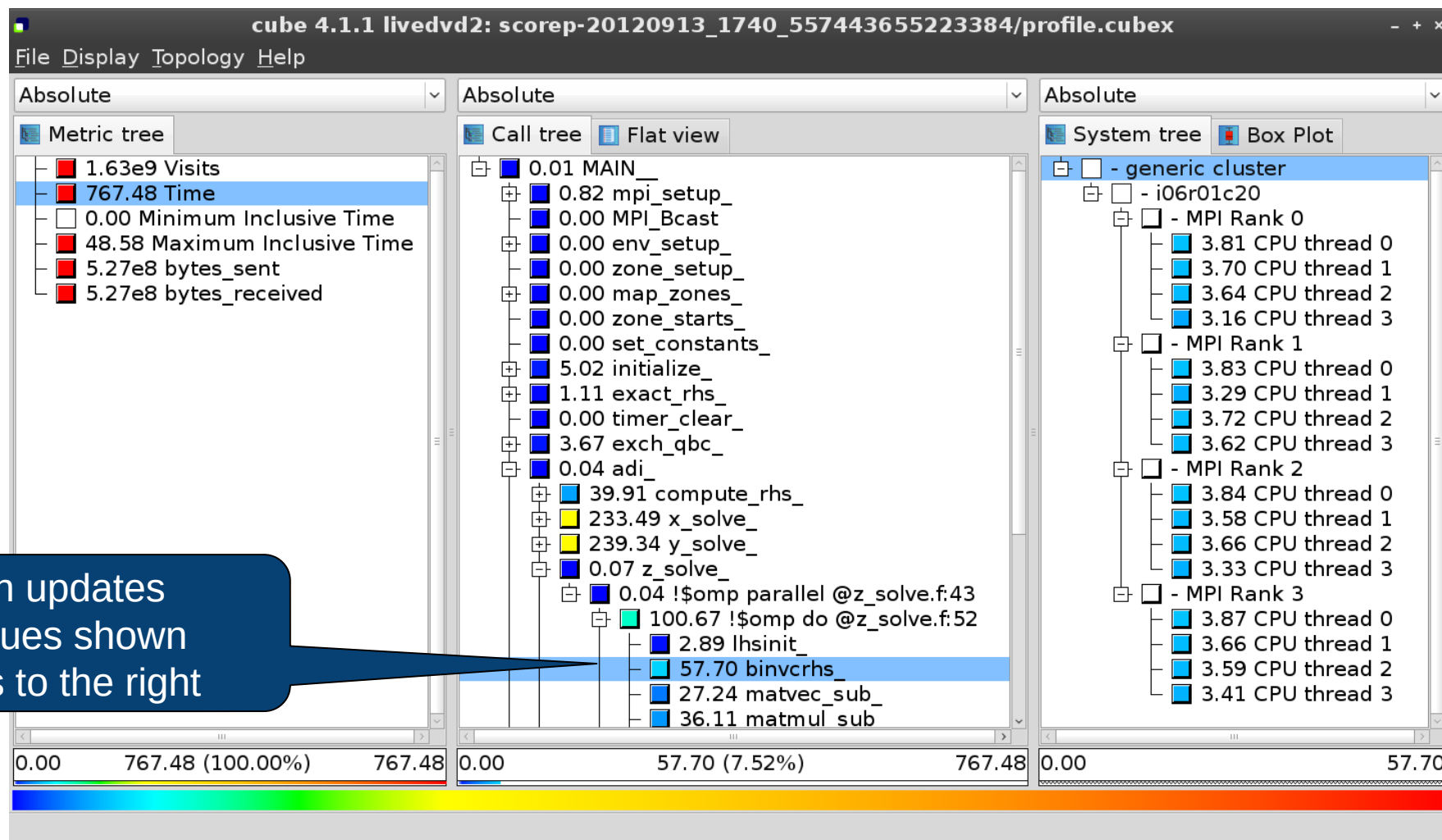
# Expanding the system tree



# Expanding the call tree



## Selecting a call path



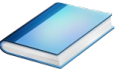
# Source-code view via context menu



The screenshot displays the 'cube 4.1.1 livedvd2: scorep-20120913\_1740\_557443655223384/profile.cubex' interface. It features three main panels: 'Metric tree', 'Call tree', and 'System tree'. The 'Metric tree' shows overall performance metrics like '767.48 Time'. The 'Call tree' shows a hierarchical view of function calls, with 'binvcrhs' selected and a context menu open. The 'System tree' shows the hardware topology, including MPI ranks and CPU threads. A callout box with the text 'Right-click opens context menu' points to the 'binvcrhs' node. The context menu includes options like 'Called region', 'Expand/collapse', and 'Source code'. The 'Source code' option is highlighted, indicating that the source code for the selected function will be displayed.

Shows the source code of the clicked item

## Source-code view



```
subroutine binvcrhs( lhs,c,r )
C-----
C-----
C-----
C
C-----

implicit none

double precision pivot, coeff, lhs
dimension lhs(5,5)
double precision c(5,5), r(5)

C-----
C
C-----

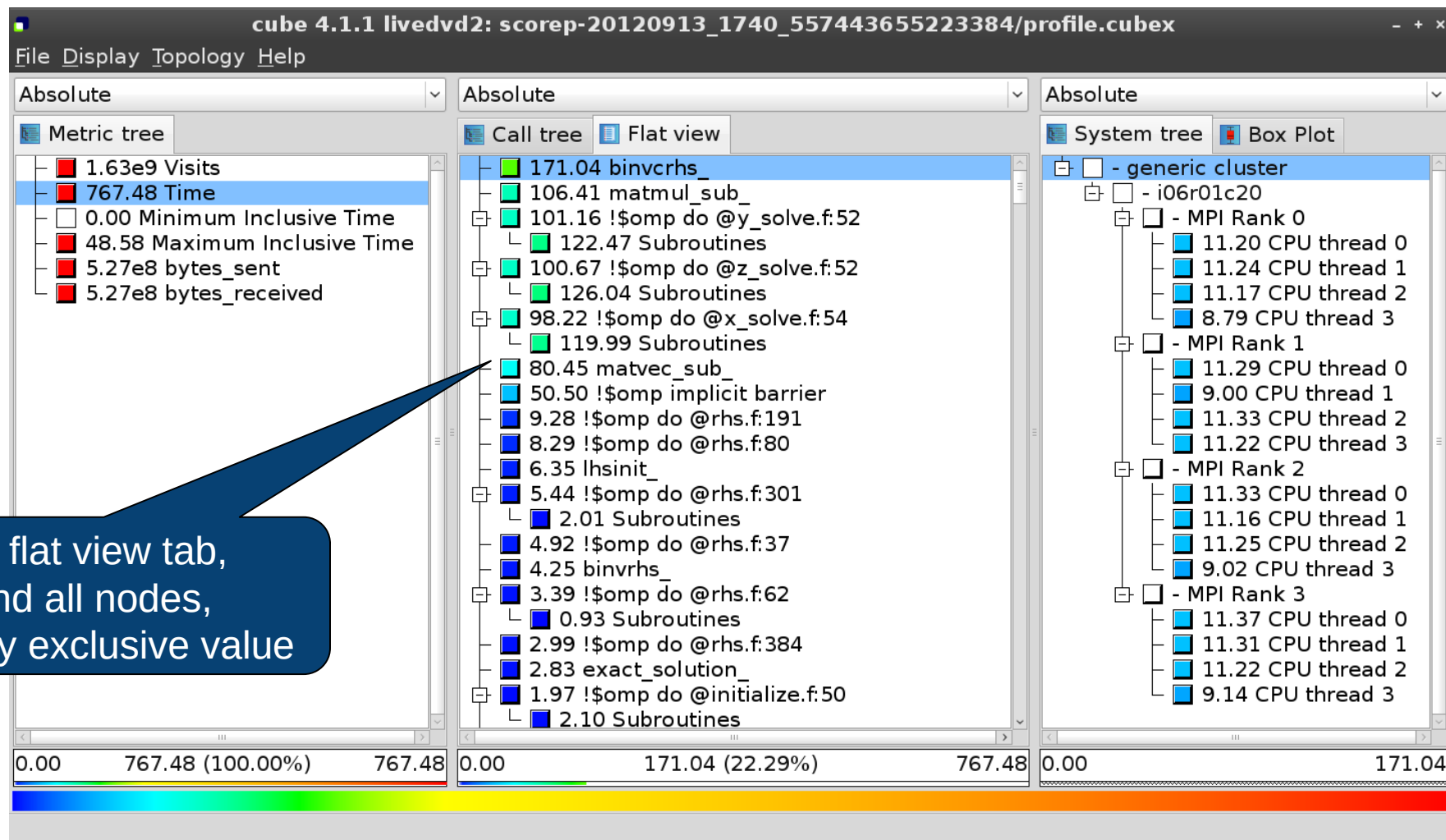
pivot = 1.00d0/lhs(1,1)
lhs(1,2) = lhs(1,2)*pivot
lhs(1,3) = lhs(1,3)*pivot
lhs(1,4) = lhs(1,4)*pivot
lhs(1,5) = lhs(1,5)*pivot
c(1,1) = c(1,1)*pivot
c(1,2) = c(1,2)*pivot
c(1,3) = c(1,3)*pivot
c(1,4) = c(1,4)*pivot
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Read only    Save    Save as    Font...    Close

### Note:

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

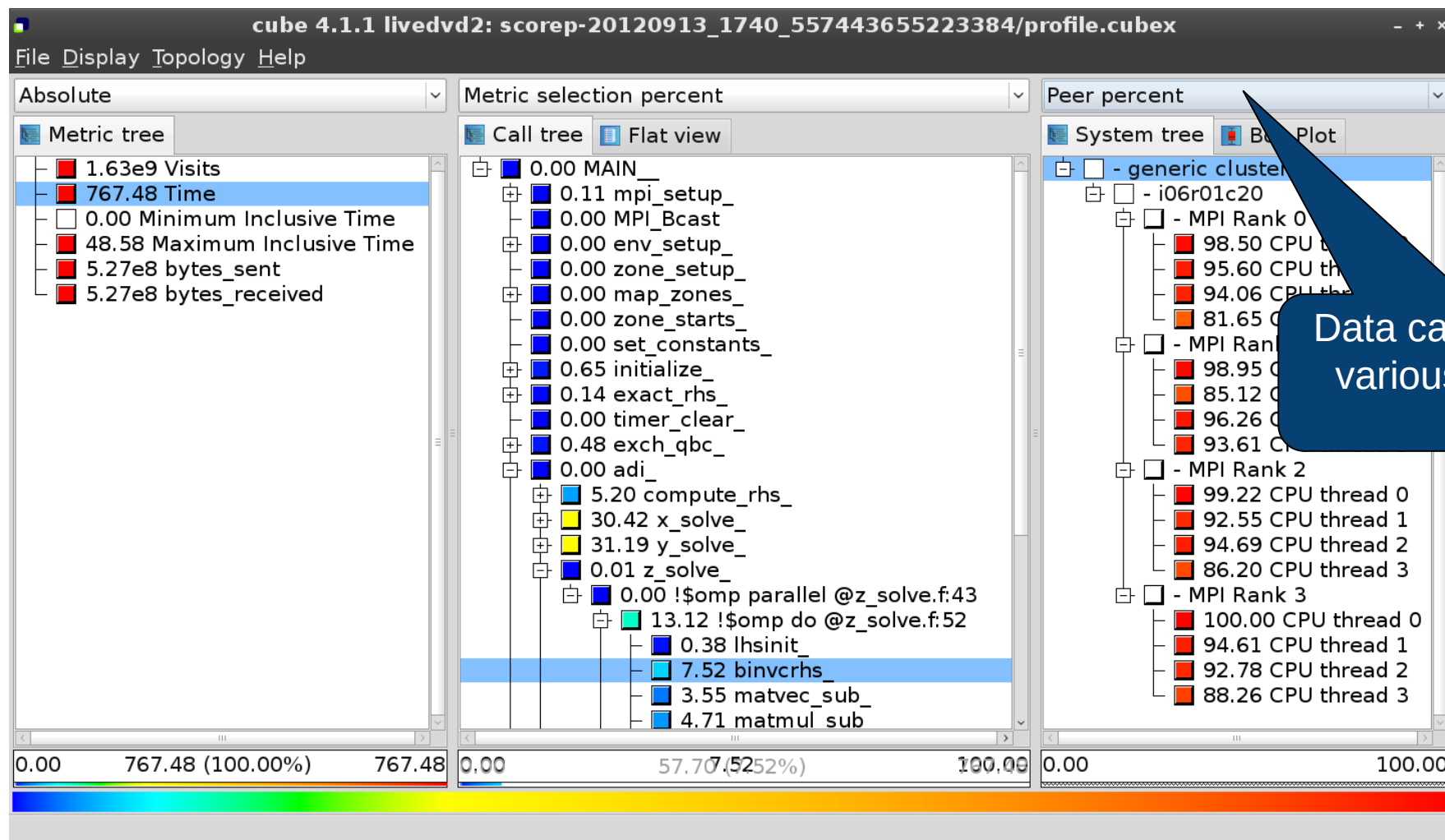
# Flat profile view



Select flat view tab,  
expand all nodes,  
and sort by exclusive value



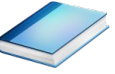
# Alternative display modes





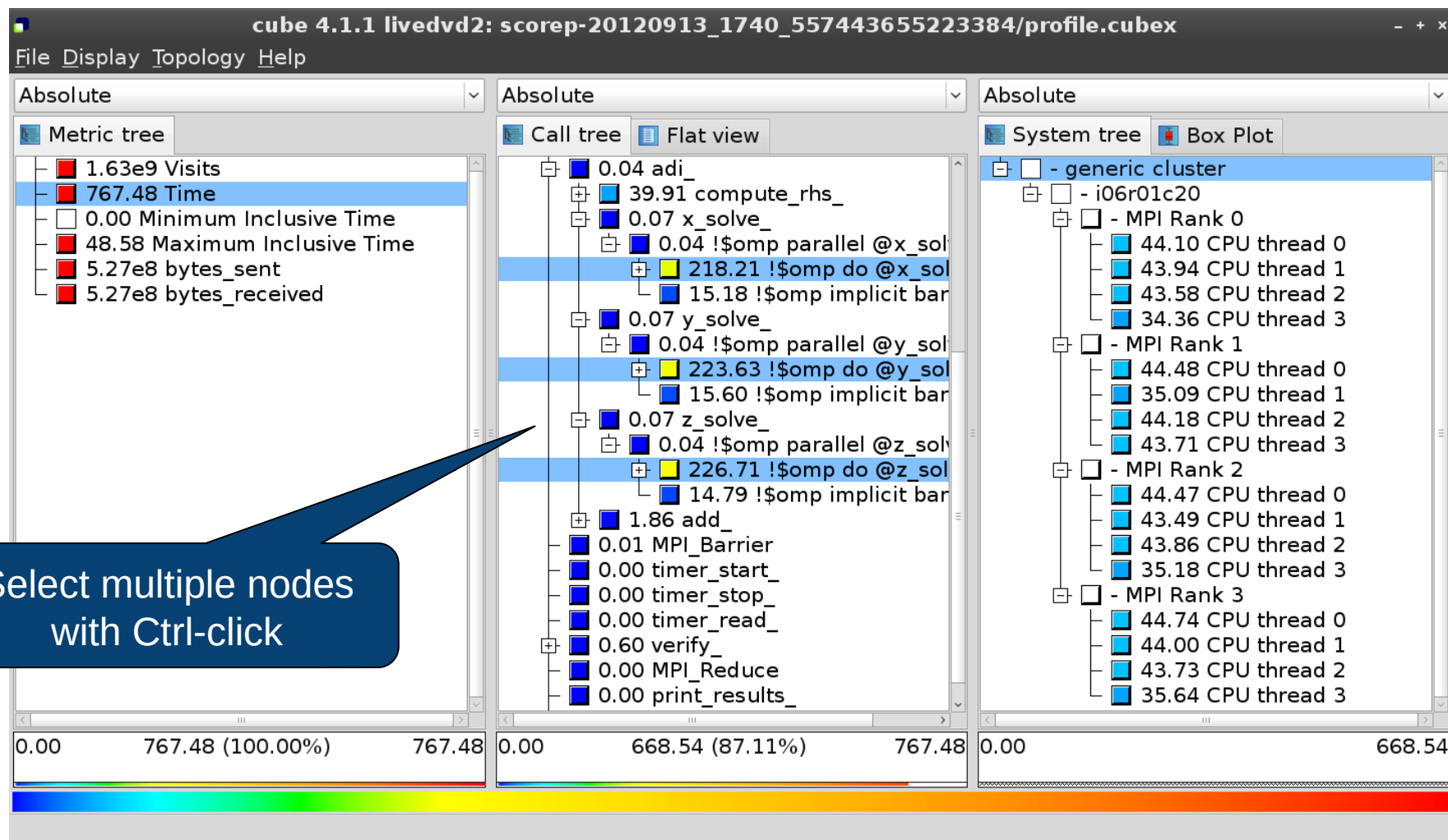
# Important display modes

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- 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



# Context-sensitive help



The screenshot displays the 'cube 4.1.1' application window. The 'Help' menu is open, showing options like 'Getting started', 'Mouse and keyboard control', 'What's This?' (highlighted), and 'About'. The 'What's This?' option is associated with the keyboard shortcut 'Shift+F1'. A blue callout box points to the 'What's This?' option, containing the text: 'Context-sensitive help available for all GUI items'. The main window shows a 'Metric tree' on the left, a central 'System tree' with a 'Box Plot' view, and a 'System tree' on the right. The 'Metric tree' shows a hierarchy of metrics, with '767.48 Time' selected. The 'System tree' shows a hierarchy of system components, with 'compute\_rhs\_' selected. The 'System tree' on the right shows a hierarchy of MPI ranks and CPU threads. The bottom of the window shows a status bar with a color gradient and the text 'Change into help mode for display components'.

cube 4.1.1 livedvd2: scorep-20120913\_1740\_557443655223384/profile.cubex

File Display Topology Help

Absolute

Metric tree

- 1.63e9 Visits
- 767.48 Time
- 0.00 Minimum I
- 48.58 Maximum
- 5.27e8 byt
- 5.27e8

Getting started  
Mouse and keyboard control  
What's This? Shift+F1  
About

Selected metrics description  
Selected regions description

compute\_rhs\_  
\_solve\_  
4 !\$omp parallel @x\_sol  
218.21 !\$omp do @x\_sol  
15.18 !\$omp implicit bar  
0.07 y\_solve\_  
0.04 !\$omp parallel @y\_sol  
223.63 !\$omp do @y\_sol  
15.60 !\$omp implicit bar  
0.07 z\_solve\_  
0.04 !\$omp parallel @z\_sol  
226.71 !\$omp do @z\_sol  
14.79 !\$omp implicit bar  
1.86 add\_  
0.01 MPI\_Barrier  
0.00 timer\_start\_  
0.00 timer\_stop\_  
0.00 timer\_read\_  
0.60 verify\_  
0.00 MPI\_Reduce  
0.00 print\_results\_

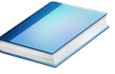
Absolute

System tree Box Plot

- generic cluster
  - i06r01c20
    - MPI Rank 0
      - 44.10 CPU thread 0
      - 43.94 CPU thread 1
      - 43.58 CPU thread 2
      - 34.36 CPU thread 3
    - MPI Rank 1
      - 44.48 CPU thread 0
      - 35.09 CPU thread 1
      - 44.18 CPU thread 2
      - 43.71 CPU thread 3
    - MPI Rank 2
      - 44.47 CPU thread 0
      - 43.49 CPU thread 1
      - 43.86 CPU thread 2
      - 35.18 CPU thread 3
    - MPI Rank 3
      - 44.74 CPU thread 0
      - 44.00 CPU thread 1
      - 43.73 CPU thread 2
      - 35.64 CPU thread 3

0.00 767.48 (100.00%) 767.48 0.00 668.54 (87.11%) 767.48 0.00 668.54

Change into help mode for display components



## Derived metrics

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- 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:

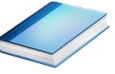
- “Average execution time”: Postderived metric with expression

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

- “Number of FLOP per second”: Postderived metric with expression

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

# Derived metrics in Cube GUI



Collection of derived metrics

Parameters of the derived metric

CubePL expression

Cube-4.3.1: scorep-20140130\_2053\_439988765917/profile.cubex

File Display Plugins Help

Absolute

Metric tree

- 1.09e8 Visits (occ)
- 1.01e6 Time (sec)
- 0.00 Minimum Inclusive Time (sec)
- 246.14 Maximum Inclusive Time (sec)
- 7.18e12 bytes\_sent
- 7.18e12 bytes\_received

Absolute

Call tree Flat view

- 0.35 main(int, char \*)
- 2512.10 ugshellInit
- 1.01e6 ug::script::LoadUGScript(const char \*, bool)
- 2.11 ug::script::ParseBuffer(const char \*, const char \*)
- 0.04 ugshellFinalize
- 94.31 MPI\_Finalize

Absolute

System tree Demo Plugin Label Example Plugin Label

- machine Blue Gene/Q
- rack 11
- midplane 1
- nodeboard 8
- nodecard 4
- 0.65 MPI Rank 0
- 0.64 MPI Rank 1

Create new metric as a child of metric

Select metric from collection: Average execution time (kenobi)

Derived metric type: Postderived metric

Display name: Average visit time

Unique name: avg\_visit\_time

Data type: DOUBLE

Unit of measurement: sec

URL:

Description:

Calculates average time of region execution per visit.  
Autor is Michael Knobloch.

Calculation  Calculation Init  Aggregation "\*"  Aggregation "-"

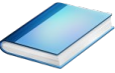
metric::time()/metric::visits(e)

Create metric Cancel

Share this metric with SCALASCA group

1.01e6 (100.00%) 1.01e6 0.00 2512.10

# Example: FLOPS based on PAPI\_FP\_OPS and time



Cube-4.3.1: scorep\_8x4\_sum/profile.cubex (on froggy1)

File Display Plugins Help  
Restore Setting Save Settings

**Edit metric FLOPS (on froggy1)**

Select metric from collection: --- please select ---

Derived metric type: Postderived metric

Display name: FLOPS

Unique name: flops

Data type: DOUBLE

Unit of measurement:

URL:

Description:

Calculation Calculation Init Aggregation "±" Aggregation "÷"

`metric::PAPI_FP_OPS()/metric::time()`

Edit metric Cancel

Share this metric with SCALASCA group

**Absolute** Metric tree

- 1.17e7 Visits (occ)
- 1148.49 Time (sec)
- 0.00 Minimum Inclusive Time (sec)
- 41.57 Maximum Inclusive Time (...)
- 0 bytes\_put (bytes)
- 0 bytes\_get (bytes)
- 5.75e12 PAPI\_TOT\_INS (#)
- 2.69e12 PAPI\_TOT\_CYC (#)
- 2.12e12 PAPI\_FP\_OPS (#)
- 3.12e9 bytes\_sent (bytes)
- 3.12e9 bytes\_received (bytes)
- 1.84e9 FLOPS**

**Absolute** Call tree Flat view

- 3.17e5 MAIN\_
  - 7.04e5 mpi\_setup\_
    - 6.34e4 MPI\_Bcast
    - 2.05e5 env\_setup\_
      - 7.39e5 zone\_setup\_
        - 9.31e5 map\_zones\_
          - 9.39e4 zone\_starts\_
            - 6.16e5 set\_constants\_
              - 5.91e8 initialize\_
                - 0.00 exact\_rhs\_
                  - 145.62 !\$omp parallel @exac...
                    - 2.54e4 !\$omp do @exact\_r...
                      - 9.65e8 !\$omp do @exact\_r...**
                      - 9.62e8 !\$omp do @exact\_r...
                      - 8.14e8 !\$omp do @exact\_r...
                      - 1.21e5 !\$omp do @exact\_r...
                      - 0.00 !\$omp implicit barrier...
                    - 6.23e4 exch\_qbc\_
                      - 1.94e9 adi\_
                        - 2.19e5 MPI\_Barrier
                        - 1.92e9 <<bt\_iter>> (200 itera...
                        - 1.98e8 verify\_
                          - 1.05e5 MPI\_Reduce

**Absolute** System tree Barplot Heatmap

    - machine Linux
      - node frog6
        - MPI Rank 0
          - 1.17e9 Master thread
          - 9.43e8 OMP thread 1
          - 9.47e8 OMP thread 2
          - 9.47e8 OMP thread 3
        - MPI Rank 1
          - 1.17e9 Master thread
          - 9.87e8 OMP thread 1
          - 9.68e8 OMP thread 2
          - 9.72e8 OMP thread 3
        - MPI Rank 2
          - 1.10e9 Master thread
          - 8.97e8 OMP thread 1
          - 8.77e8 OMP thread 2
          - 8.76e8 OMP thread 3
        - MPI Rank 3
          - 1.09e9 Master thread
          - 9.06e8 OMP thread 1
          - 9.04e8 OMP thread 2
          - 9.02e8 OMP thread 3

All (32 elements)

0.00 1.84e9 (100.00%) 1.84e9 0.00 9.65e8 (-0.00%) -12858016489314434.00 0.00... -179769313486231570814527423731704356798070...

Selected "\$omp do @exact\_rhs.f:46"

## 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 )
```

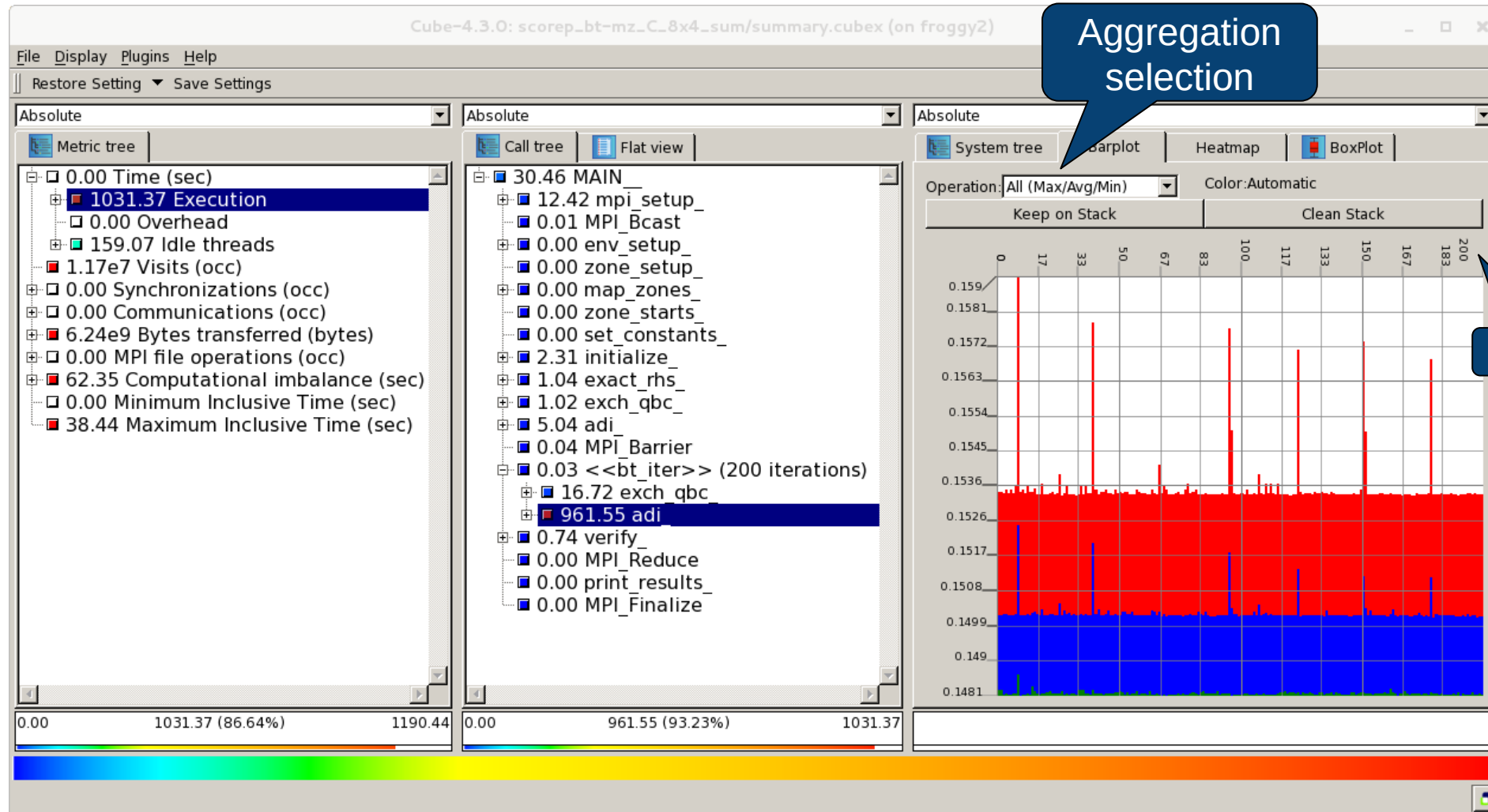
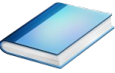
- Result in the Cube profile:

- Iterations shown as separate call trees
  - Useful for checking results for specific iterations

or

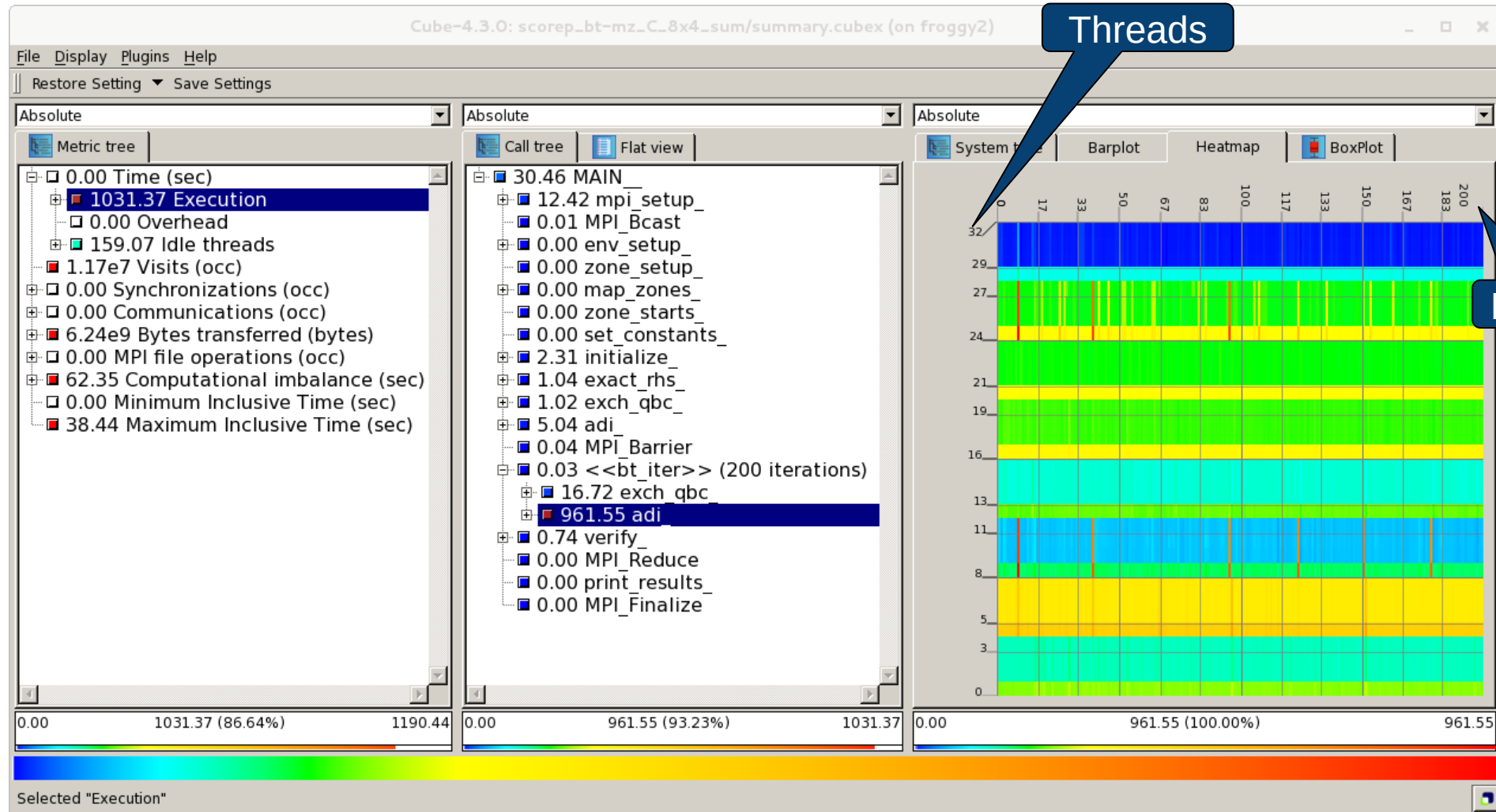
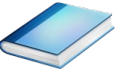
- Select your user-instrumented region and mark it as loop
  - Choose “Hide iterations”
  - View the Barplot statistics or the (thread x iterations) Heatmap

# Iteration profiling: Barplot





# Iteration profiling: Heatmap



## CUBE algebra utilities

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- Extracting solver sub-tree from analysis report

```
% cube_cut -r '<<ITERATION>>' scorep_bt-mz_C_16x8_sum/profile.cubex  
Writing cut.cubex... done.
```

- Calculating difference of two reports

```
% cube_diff scorep_bt-mz_C_16x8_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

## Square sneak preview

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- Scalasca provides **square** to facilitate analysis report exploration
  - `square = scalasca –examine [OPTIONS] ( ./scorep_expt_sum | ./profile.cubex )`
- Processes intermediate .cubex files produced by Score-P and Scout
  - `profile.cubex -> summary.cubex`
  - `scout.cubex -> trace.cubex`
- and (optionally) starts CUBE GUI with the post-processed file
  - containing additional derived metrics and metric hierarchies



## Cube: Further information

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- Parallel program analysis report exploration tools
  - Libraries for Cube report reading & writing
  - Algebra utilities for report processing
  - GUI for interactive analysis exploration
- Available under 3-clause BSD open-source license
- Documentation & sources:
  - <http://www.scalasca.org>
- User guide also part of installation:
  - `<prefix>/share/doc/CubeGuide.pdf`
- Contact:
  - [mailto: scalasca@fz-juelich.de](mailto:scalasca@fz-juelich.de)

