



# Automatic Performance & Energy Tuning with the Periscope Tuning Framework

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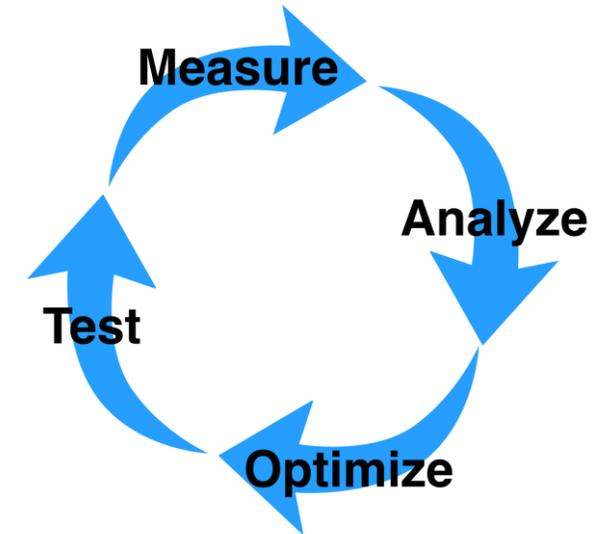
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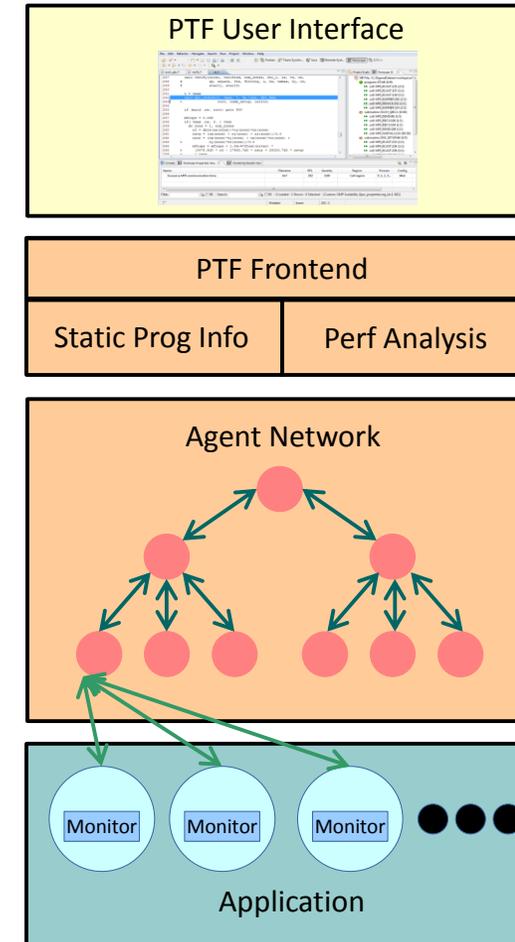
- Periscope Tuning Framework ( PTF )
  - Architecture
  - Plugins
  - Installation & Setup
- Plugin Development

- **Measure**
  - Application tuning runs
  - Performance data collection
  - Identify metrics
- **Analyze**
  - Find inefficiencies
- **Optimize**
  - Try optimization
  - User knowledge
- **Test**
  - Re-evaluate



- Objective - Single tool for **performance analysis** and **tuning**
- Extends Periscope with a tuning framework
- **Tuning plugins** for performance and energy efficiency tuning
- **Design time** tuning
- Combine multiple tuning techniques

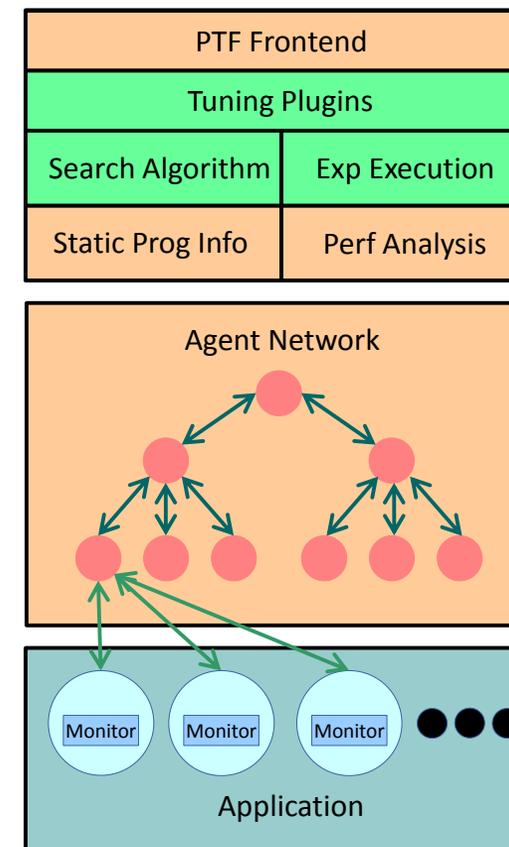
- Online
  - no need to store trace files
- Distributed
  - reduced network utilization
- Scalable
  - Up to 100,000s of CPUs
- Multi-scenario analysis
  - Single-node Performance
  - MPI Communication
  - OpenMP
- Portable
  - Fortran, C with MPI & OMP
  - Intel Itanium2, x86 based systems
  - IBM Power6, BlueGene P, Cray

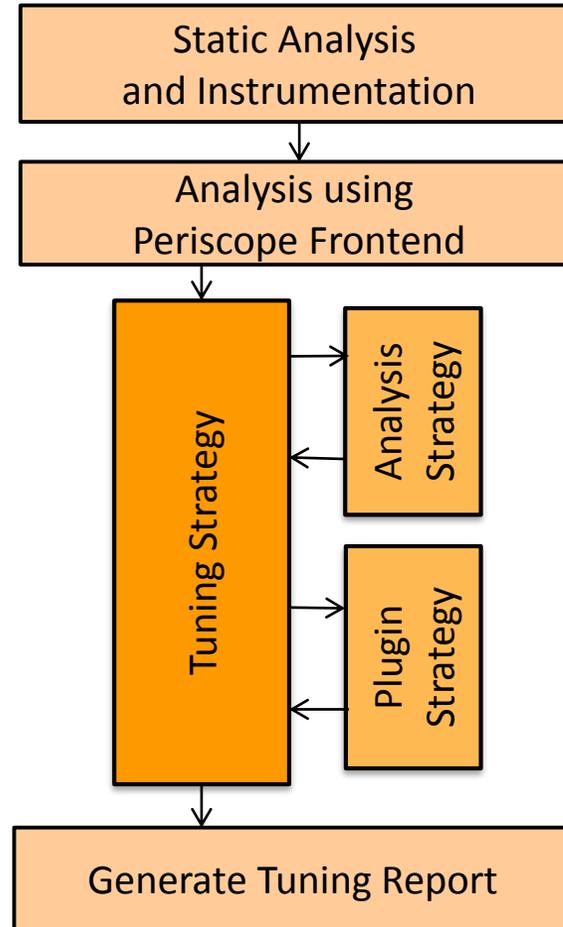


- Performance properties
  - Formalize what a performance problem is based on measurable metrics.
  - Return severity
- Analysis strategies
  - Define how to go through the search space of properties and regions.
- Analysis agent
  - Executes analysis strategy and returns found performance properties
  - Independent of other agents
  - Configures the monitor linked to the application and retrieves measurements.

- Plugins (online and semi-online)
  - Compiler based optimization
  - HMPP tuning for GPUs
  - Parallel pattern tuning
  - MPI tuning
  - Energy efficiency tuning
  - User defined plugins - [info in developer session](#)

- Extension of Periscope
- Online tuning process
  - Application phase-based
- Extensible via tuning plugins
  - Single tuning aspect
  - Combining multiple tuning aspects
- Rich framework for plugin implementation
- Automatic and parallel experiment execution





- Motivation
- The AutoTune Project
- **Periscope Tuning Framework ( PTF )**
  - Architecture
  - **Plugins**
  - Installation & Setup
- Case Study & Best Practices
  - NPB
  - SeisSol
  - LULESH
- AutoTune Demonstration Center

Name	Tuning Parameters	Objective
Compiler Flag Selection (CFS)	Compiler flag combinations	Optimize performance
Dynamic Voltage and Frequency Scaling (DVFS)	CPU Frequency and power states	Reduce energy consumption with minimal impact
MPI Runtime	MPI parameters	Optimize SPMD MPI application performance
PCAP	Number of threads	Reduce energy, improve performance

- **Goal**
  - Optimize application performance by guiding machine code generation using compiler flags
- **Tuning Technique**
  - Selection of compiler flags and corresponding values
    - -O1, O2, -floop-unroll
  - Search through combination of flags

- **Goal**

- Reduce energy consumption with the objective of optimal performance to energy ratio

- **Tuning Technique**

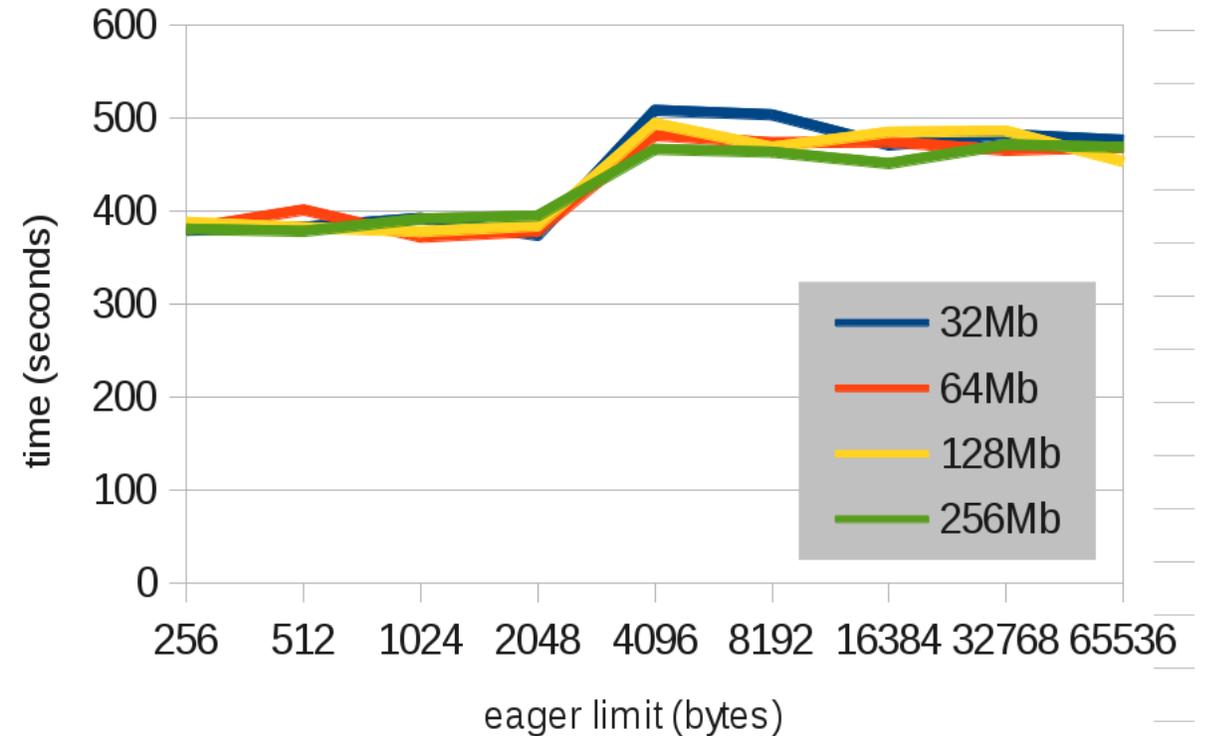
- Select CPU governor and frequency, processor specific power states
- Energy prediction model avoids evaluating all frequency governor combinations

- **Goal**

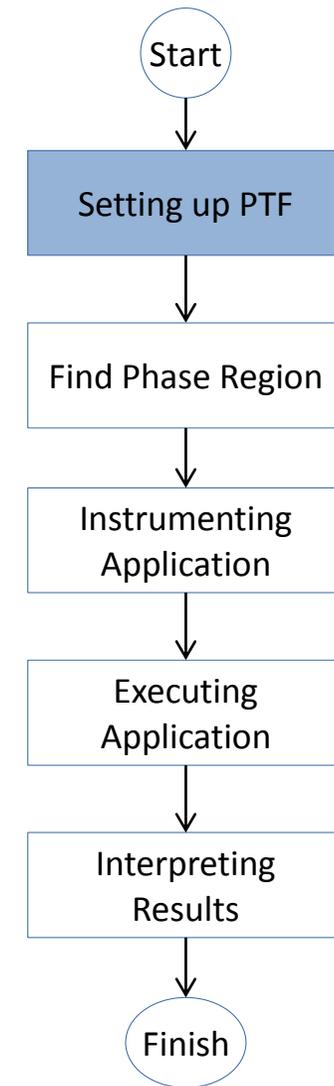
- Tweaking MPI Parameters to improve SPMD code performance

- **Tuning Technique**

- MPI runtime parameters – application mapping and buffer/protocol
- MPI communication parameters
  - Eager limit, buffer limit



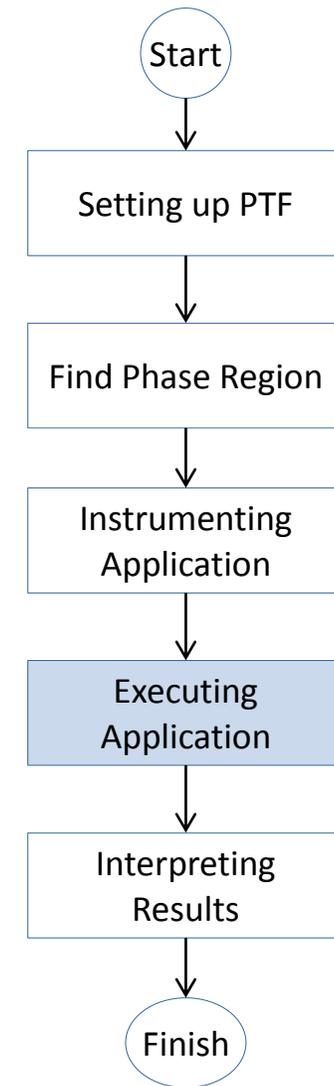
- Identifying Phase Regions
  - Phase region marked as user region
  - Entire application is default phase region
- Instrumenting the application
  - Use `score_p`
- Executing application
  - Use periscope frontend for execution
  - Use `pvc_frontend` command
- Interpreting the results



## Prepare a config file

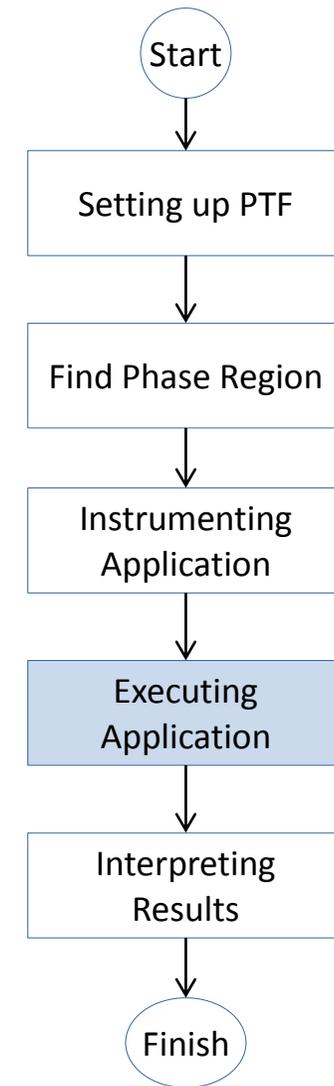
cfs\_config.cfg

```
// ***** application related settings *****  
// the path to the Makefile  
makefile_path="../";  
// the variable containing the build flags  
makefile_flags_var="FFLAGS";  
// arguments for the make command  
makefile_args="BT-MZ CLASS=C TARGET=BT-MZ";  
// path to the source files of the application  
application_src_path="../BT-MZ";  
// *****  
  
// ***** plugin related settings *****  
//Details about the selective make  
selective_file_list="x_solve.f y_solve.f z_solve.f";  
make_selective="true";  
// the desired search algorithm: exhaustive or individual  
search_algorithm="exhaustive";  
// the compiler flags to be considered in the search  
tp "Opt" = "-" ["O1", "O2", "O3"];  
// *****
```



- psc\_frontend command is used to execute PTF
- --tune=compilerflags to select the plugin

```
$ psc_frontend --apprun="./bt-mz.C.x" \
  --starter=FastInteractive --delay=2 \
  --mpinumprocs=1 --tune=compilerflags \
  --force-localhost \
  --debug=2 --selective-debug=AutotuneAll \
  --sir=bt-mz.C.x.sir
```



Combination executing in minimal time is reported as the optimal scenario

```
Optimum Scenario: 1

Compiler Flags tested:
Scenario 0 flags: "-O1 "
Scenario 1 flags: "-O2 "
Scenario 2 flags: "-O3 "

All Results:
Scenario | Severity
0        | 4.67491
1        | 4.49332
2        | 4.66382

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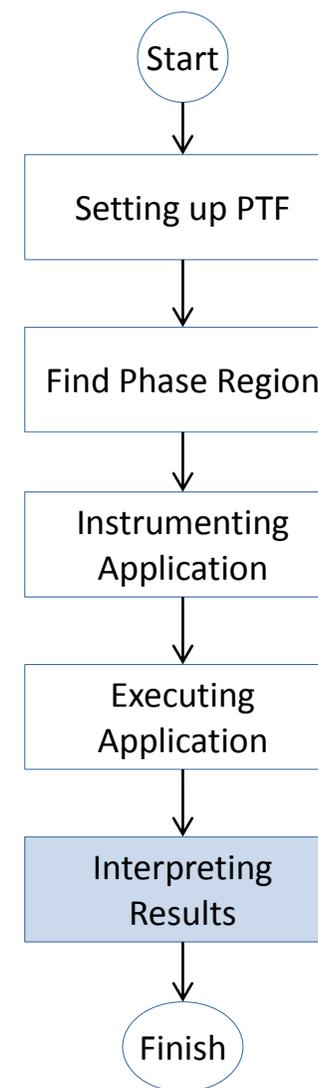
[psc_frontend][INFO:fe] Plugin advice stored in: advice_15827.xml

-----

End Periscope run! Search took 77.0425 seconds ( 10.3693 seconds for startup )

-----

[psc_frontend][INFO:fe] Experiment completed!
```



- Fixed Sequence Plugin
  - Executes selected set of plugins in the given order
- Adaptive Sequence Plugin
  - Uses the optimal scenario found by the previous plugin



# PTF Tutorial for Plugin Developers

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- PTF Architecture
- PTF Components
  - Tuning Parameters
  - Search Strategies
- PTF Plugin workflow
- Plugin Tutorial
  - OpenMP Scalability Plugin Tutorial
  - Analysis & Region Selection Tutorial

- **Tuning Parameters**

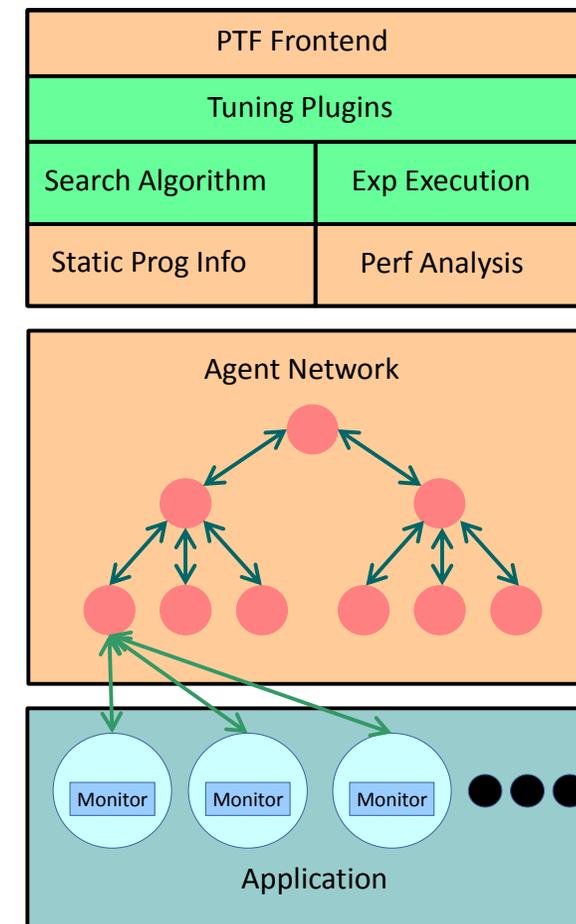
- Aspects that can be changed and affect performance
- Can be plugin specific
- Semantics are strictly defined in each plugin

- **Agents**

- Collects performance metrics from the MRI Monitor
- Generate performance properties
- Propagate properties to the frontend and finally to the plugin

- **MRI Monitor**

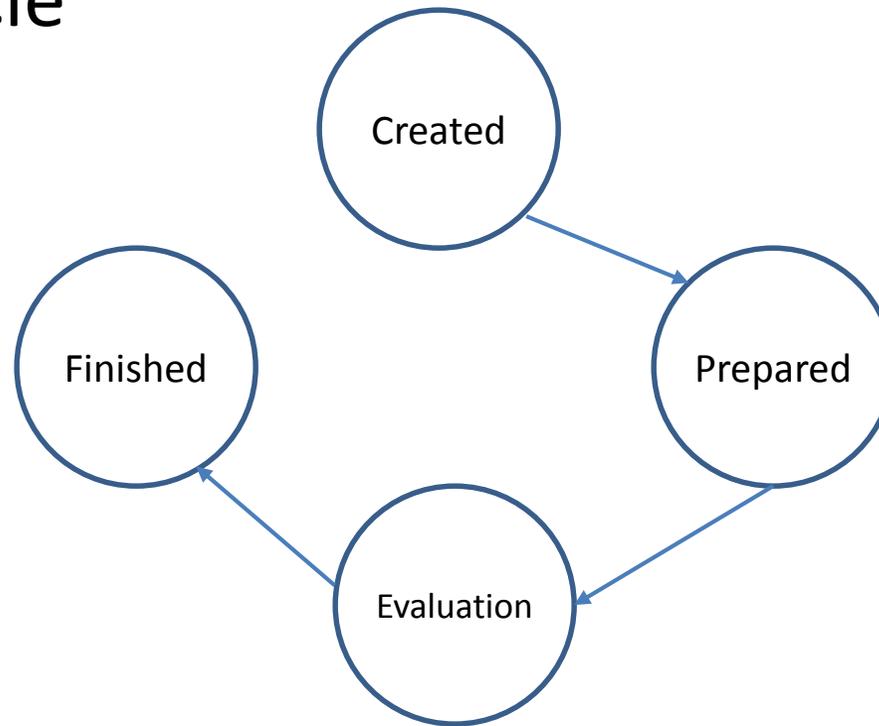
- Collect the performance metrics
- Support for different runtime systems



- Codifies the expert knowledge to automate the tuning process
- Interfaces with PTF and uses its infrastructure to collect performance data for tuning the application
- To interact with PTF it is required that the plugins implement the **Tuning Plugin Interface (TPI)**



- Scenarios specify concrete setting for tuning parameters
  - One point in the search space
- Scenario life cycle



- Search algorithm generates the combinations of tuning parameters to form a tuning space to be evaluated
- There are several search algorithms available
  - Exhaustive search strategy
  - Individual search strategy
  - Random search strategy
- One can also write the custom search strategy

- Abstract class that defines the TPI operations
- Has a method for each step in the workflow
- Each plugin has to implement the members of the **IPlugin** interface class
- The PTF runtime system calls the implemented methods while executing a plugin
  - The order of the operations is predetermined by a state machine specification
  - A plugin dictates which valid paths to take in the tuning flow

```
class IPlugin {
protected:
    DriverContext *context;
    ScenarioPoolSet *pool_set;
public:
    virtual ~IPlugin() = 0;
    virtual void initialize(DriverContext *context, ScenarioPoolSet *pool_set) = 0;
    virtual void startTuningStep(void) = 0;
    virtual bool analysisRequired(StrategyRequest** strategy) = 0;
    virtual void createScenarios(void) = 0;
    virtual void prepareScenarios(void) = 0;
    virtual void defineExperiment(int numprocs, bool& analysisRequired,
                                   StrategyRequest** strategy) = 0;
    virtual bool restartRequired(std::string& env, int& numprocs,
                                   std::string& cmd, bool& instrumented) = 0;
    virtual bool searchFinished(void) = 0;
    virtual void finishTuningStep(void) = 0;
    virtual bool tuningFinished(void) = 0;
    virtual Advice *getAdvice(void) = 0;
    virtual void finalize(void) = 0;
    virtual void terminate(void) = 0;
};
```

# OpenMP Scalability Plugin Tutorial

## OpenMP

- Allows the parallelization of serial code
- Easy to annotate code with OpenMP pragmas
- Uses multiple threads for execution
- Number of threads can be changed

## Motivation

- Execution time differs for different number of threads
- Scaling is not linear (more is not always better; energy)
- Need to find the optimal number of threads

- Install PTF with developers mode enabled
  - `--enable-developer-mode`
- Developer's mode provides
  - Skeleton plugin generator script
  - Small utilities to ease development
    - Such as a source code locator

- Generate a plugin skeleton using skeleton generator script

```
psc_generate_bare_plugin_from_skeleton \  
-c ExamplePlugin -l ExamplePlugin
```

- Creates a skeleton in

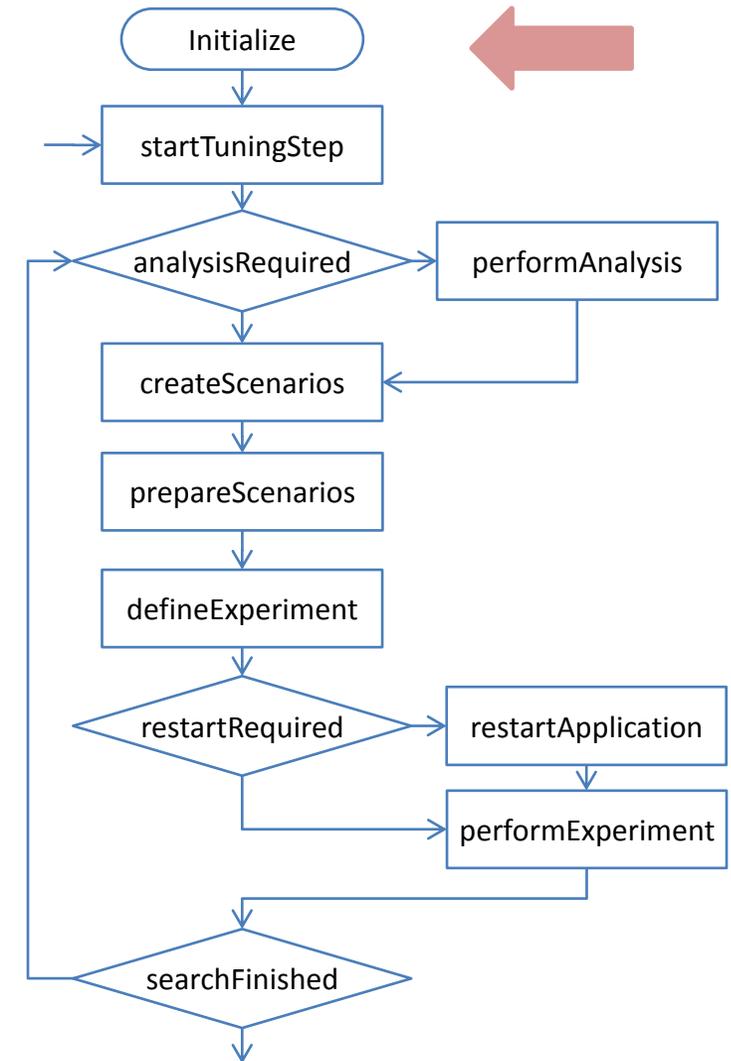
```
<PTF-source>/autotune/plugins/ExamplePlugin
```

- Generates source (`src/ExamplePlugin.cc`) and header file (`include/ExamplePlugin.h`)
- Compiles into a library (`libptExamplePlugin.la`)
- To run a plugin using PTF use `--tune=ExamplePlugin` with `psc_frontend` command

```
psc_frontend --apprun="./appToTune" --sir=appToTune.sir \  
--mpinumprocs=8 --tune=ExamplePlugin --force-localhost
```

- `IPlugin* getInstance(void);`  
Returns the instance of the plugin
- `int getVersionMajor(void);`  
Returns the major version number of the plugin
- `int getVersionMinor(void);`  
Returns the minor version number of the plugin
- `string getName(void);`  
Returns the name of the plugin
- `string getShortSummary(void);`  
Returns the short description about the plugin

- Create local references for the context and pool\_set
- context initiated by runtime system to offer services to the plugins
- pool\_set contain the scenario and the results pool
- Define the tuning parameters
- Define the search algorithm

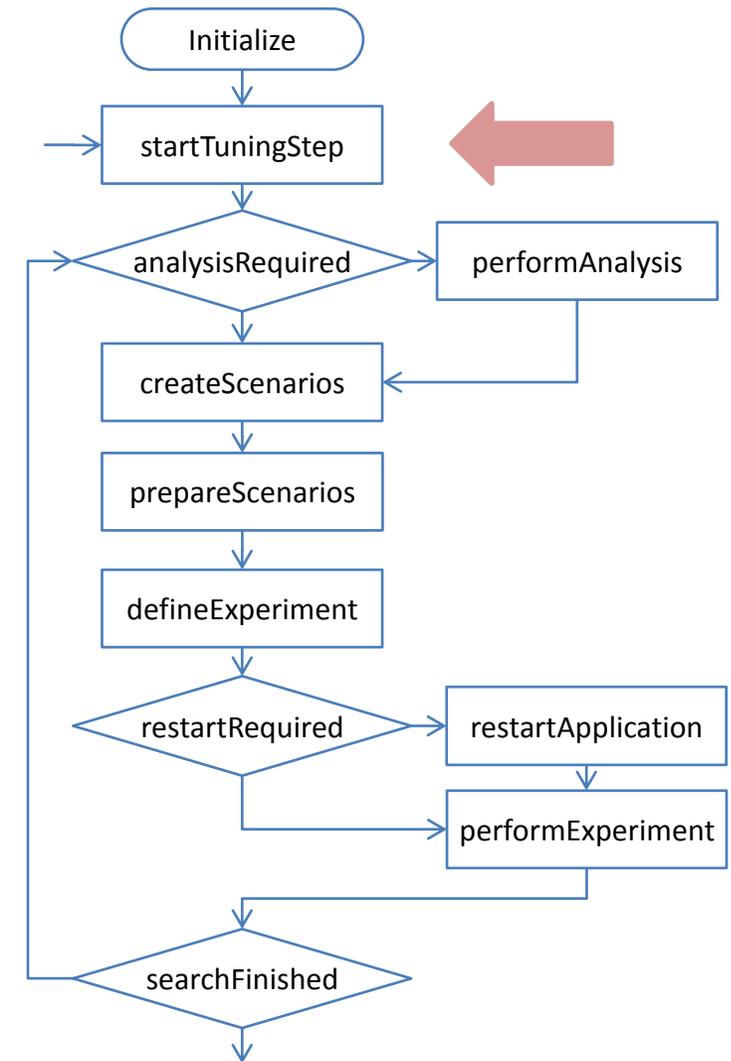


```
void ExamplePlugin::initialize(DriverContext *context, ScenarioPoolSet *pool_set) {  
    this->context = context;  
    this->pool_set = pool_set;  
    TuningParameter *numberOfThreadsTP = new TuningParameter();  
    numberOfThreadsTP->setId(0);  
    numberOfThreadsTP->setName("NUMTHREADS");  
    numberOfThreadsTP->setPluginType(ExamplePlugin);  
    numberOfThreadsTP->setRange(1, context->getOmpnumthreads(), 1);  
    numberOfThreadsTP->setRuntimeActionType(FUNCTION_POINTER);  
    tuningParameters.push_back(numberOfThreadsTP);  
    string results = numberOfThreadsTP->toString();  
  
    int major, minor;    string name, description;  
    context->loadSearchAlgorithm("exhaustive", &major, &minor, &name, &description);  
    searchAlgorithm = context->getSearchAlgorithmInstance("exhaustive");  
    if (searchAlgorithm){  
        searchAlgorithm->initialize(context, pool_set);  
    }  
}
```

Create  
Tuning  
Parameter

Create  
Search  
Strategy

- Generates a search space as a cross-product of tuning parameters
- Adds the region to which the tuning parameters are applied
- Decides which tuning parameters to explore in the current step



```
void ExamplePlugin::startTuningStep(void)
{
    VariantSpace *variantSpace=new VariantSpace();
    SearchSpace *searchSpace=new SearchSpace();

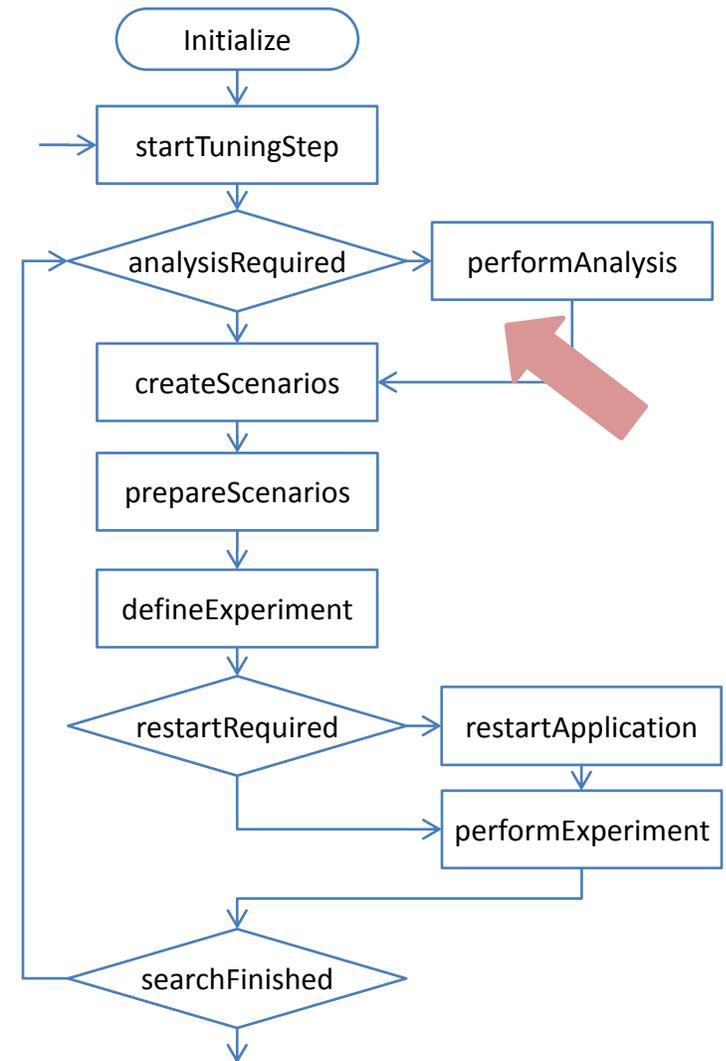
    for (int i = 0; i < tuningParameters.size(); i++)
    {
        variantSpace->addTuningParameter(tuningParameters[i]);
    }

    searchSpace->setVariantSpace(variantSpace);
    searchSpace->addRegion(appl->get_phase_region());
    searchAlgorithm->addSearchSpace(searchSpace);
}
```

Create  
Search Space

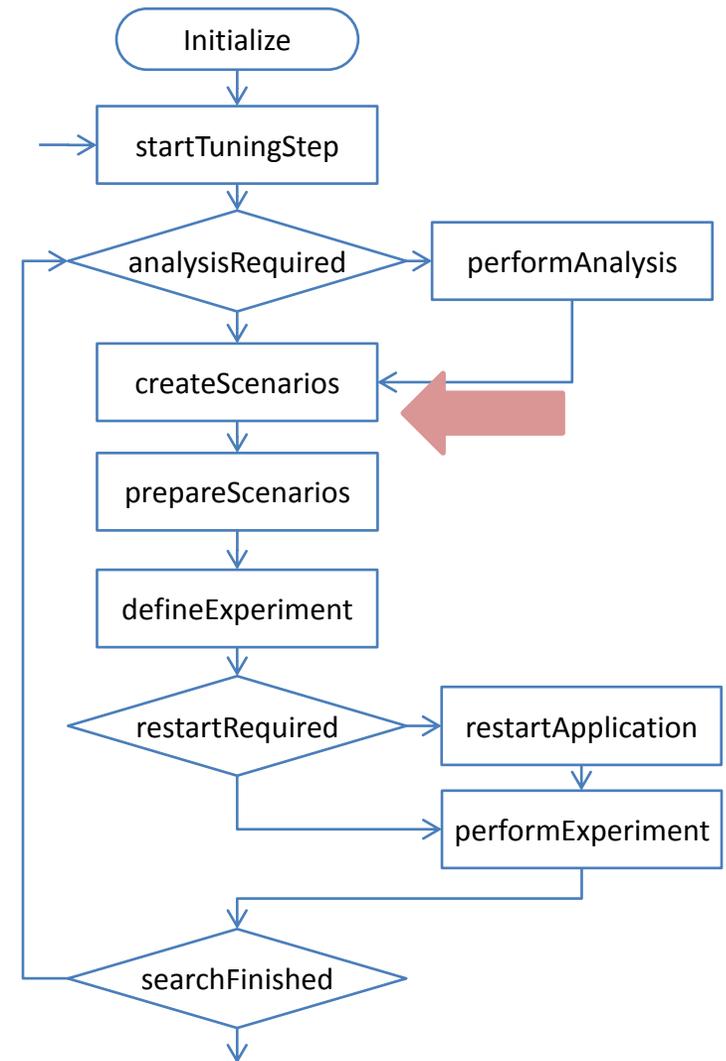
- In this step a performance analysis strategy could be triggered to get performance info
- Can be used to decide the further execution of plugin
  - e.g. Used to predict the optimal frequency for the DVFS plugin

```
Bool ExamplePlugin::analysisRequired(  
    StrategyRequest** strategy )  
{  
    return false;  
}
```



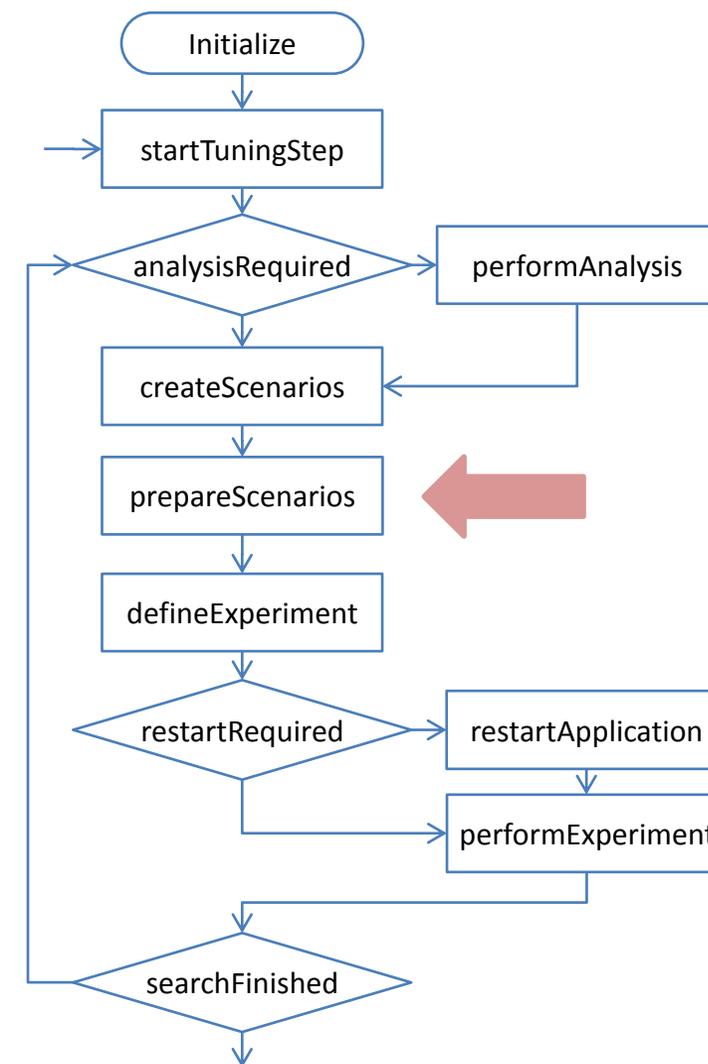
- Create scenarios from all possible combinations of the tuning parameters in the search space.

```
void ExamplePlugin::createScenarios(void)
{
    searchAlgorithm->createScenarios();
}
```



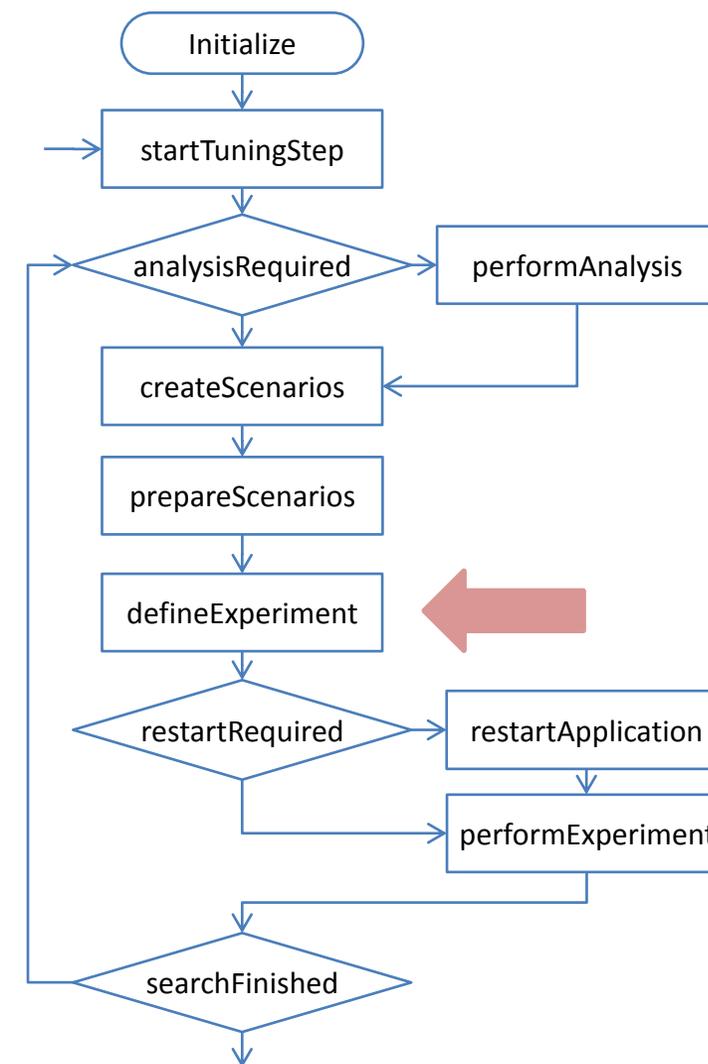
- Used to do preparation for scenario
- e.g. Recompiling application, setting up environment

```
void ExamplePlugin::prepareScenarios(void)
{
    while(!pool_set->csp->empty()) {
        pool_set->psp->push(pool_set->csp->pop());
    }
}
```



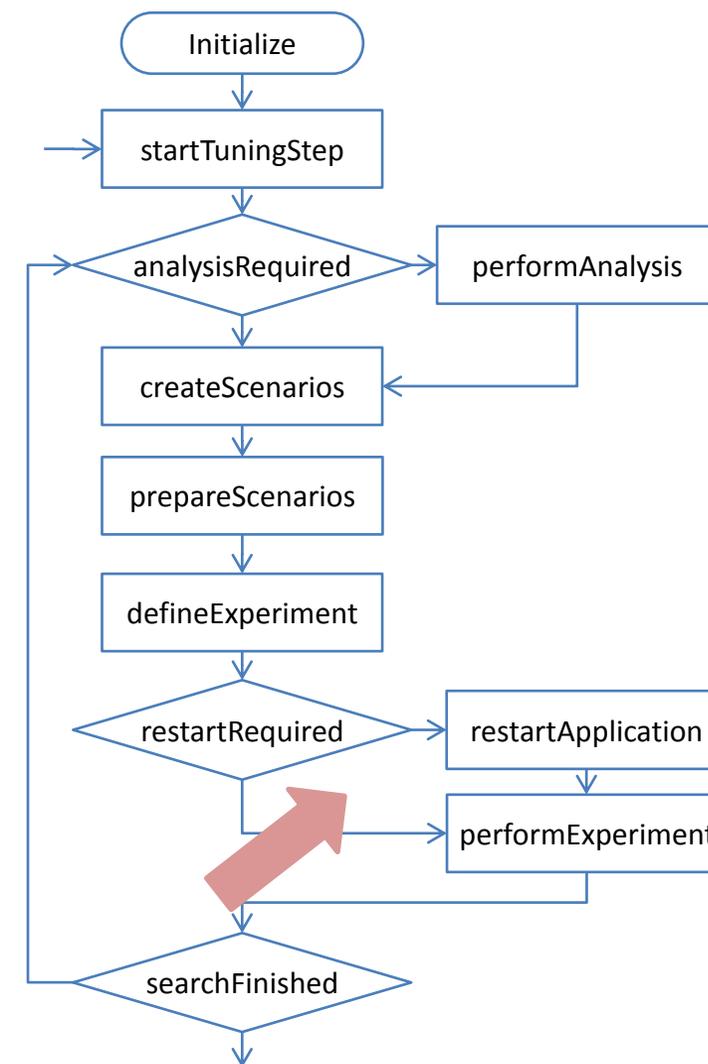
- Scenarios are mapped to the runtime environment (Processes, threads)
- Execute the scenario and measure the performance properties
- The PTF runtime system then loops until all scenarios are evaluated through experiments

```
void ExamplePlugin::defineExperiment(...)  
{  
    Scenario *scenario = pool_set->psp->pop();  
  
    Scenario->setSingleTunedRegionWithPropertyRank(  
        appl->get_phase_region(), EXECTIME, 0 );  
  
    pool_set->esp->push(scenario);  
}
```



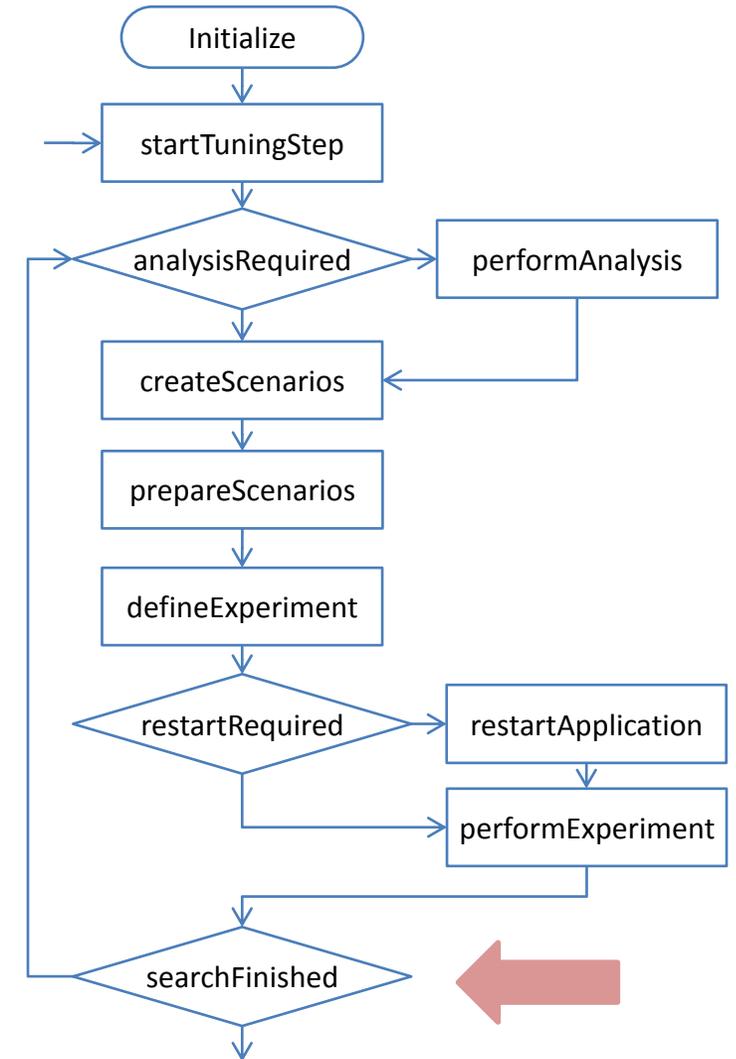
- Indicates to the PTF runtime system whether the scenario requires an application restart to modify tuning parameters

```
bool ExamplePlugin::restartRequired(  
    std::string& env, int& numprocs,  
    std::string& command,  
    bool& is_instrumented)  
{  
    return false;  
}
```

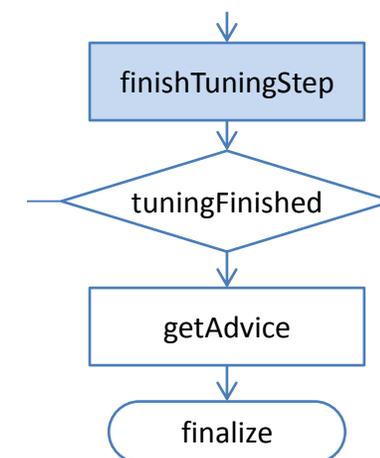


- Step determines if the search is finished
- It can be delegated to search algorithm to decide whether the search is finished

```
bool ExamplePlugin::searchFinished(void)
{
    return searchAlgorithm->searchFinished();
}
```

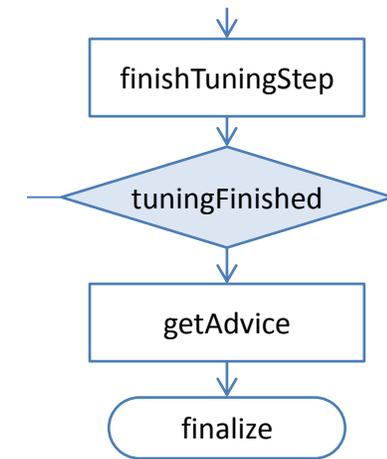


- Perform any post-processing related to the current tuning step
  - Clean up temporal or tuning step specific data structures
  - Process current results and update aggregated metrics
  - Set-up data structures for the next tuning step
- Empty implementations valid
  - no post-processing required
  - single tuning step plugins



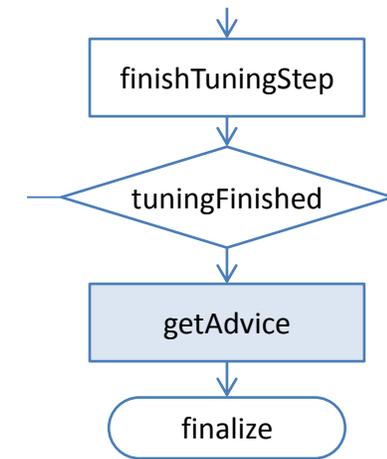
```
void ExamplePlugin::finishTuningStep(void) {  
    psc_dbgmsg(  
        PSC_SELECTIVE_DEBUG_LEVEL(AutotunePlugins),  
        "ExamplePlugin: call to processResults()\n" );  
}
```

- The plugin indicates that it will continue with an additional tuning step, or that its tuning loop is finished
- Used in multi-step tuning strategy to search for other scenarios



```
bool ExamplePlugin::tuningFinished(void)
{
    return true;
}
```

- Generates XML output of tuning result
- Displays the best scenario based on search algorithm
- Passes an Advice object to runtime for further processing



```
Advice *ExamplePlugin::getAdvice(void) {  
  
    map<int,double> timeForScenario=searchAlgorithm->getSearchPath();  
    int optimum = searchAlgorithm->getOptimum();  
  
    for (int scenario_id = 0; scenario_id < pool_set->fsp->size(); scenario_id++) {  
        Scenario *sc = (*pool_set->fsp->getScenarios())[scenario_id];  
        list<TuningSpecification*>* tuningSpec = sc->getTuningSpecifications();  
        map<TuningParameter*,int> tpValues = tuningSpec->front()->getVariant()->getValue();  
        int threads = tpValues[tuningParameters[0]];  
        double time = timeForScenario[scenario_id];  
        cout<< scenario_id <<"|"<< threads <<"|"<< time <<"|"<< serialTime/time << endl;  
        for(scenario_iter = pool_set->fsp->getScenarios()->begin();  
            scenario_iter != pool_set->fsp->getScenarios()->end();  
            scenario_iter++){  
            Scenario *sc=scenario_iter->second;  
            sc->addResult("Time", timeForScenario[sc->getID()]);  
        }  
    }  
    Scenario *bestScenario= (*pool_set->fsp->getScenarios())[optimum];  
    return new Advice(getName(), bestScenario,  
                    timeForScenario, "Time",pool_set->fsp->getScenarios());  
}
```

Populate the  
results

# Phase Region Tutorial

- Avoid executing the entire run for a tuning experiment
  - Very time consuming
  - Frequently not necessary since iterations of progress loop have similar characteristic
- Mark body of the simulation progress loop as phase region
  - User Region directive
  - Each execution of the user region is a phase
- Experiment will be performed in a single phase
  - Multiple iterations used to go through different scenarios
  - Significant speedup of search

```
c-----  
c      start the benchmark time step loop  
c-----  
      do step = 1, niter  
  
          if (mod(step, 20) .eq. 0 .or. step .eq. 1) then  
              write(*, 200) step  
200          format(' Time step ', i4)  
          endif
```

**BT-MZ/bt.f**

```
!$MON user region
```

```
      call exch_qbc(u, qbc, nx, nxmax, ny, nz)
```

```
      do zone = 1, num_zones
```

```
          call adi(rho_i(start1(zone)), us(start1(zone)),
```

```
$              vs(start1(zone)), ws(start1(zone)),
```

```
$              qs(start1(zone)), square(start1(zone)),
```

```
$              rhs(start5(zone)), forcing(start5(zone)),
```

```
$              u(start5(zone)),
```

```
$              nx(zone), nxmax(zone), ny(zone), nz(zone))
```

```
      end do
```

```
!$MON end user region
```

```
end do
```

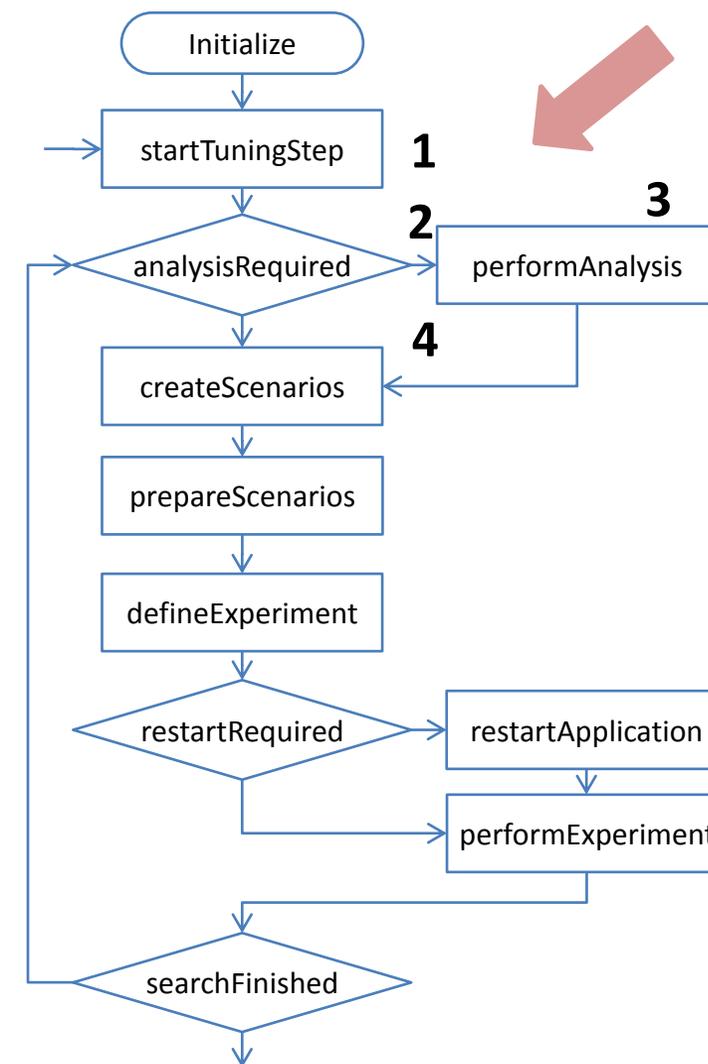
**User Region  
annotated by  
pragmas**

# Analysis & Region Selection Tutorial

- Using PTF analysis to detect areas of interest
  - Locating areas of interest in the code
  - Understanding use of regions to accelerate the search
- Handling multiple Regions
  - Acquiring & processing region information
  - Using PTF pre-analysis feature
  - Filtering performance dominant regions

- Available regions can be selected
  - These regions are dynamically nested under the user region
  - Some regions have a bigger performance impact
    - Compute loops,
    - MPI operations,
    - OpenMP parallel regions, etc.
- Approach
  - Using pre-analysis functionality of PTF to find a region having maximum execution time

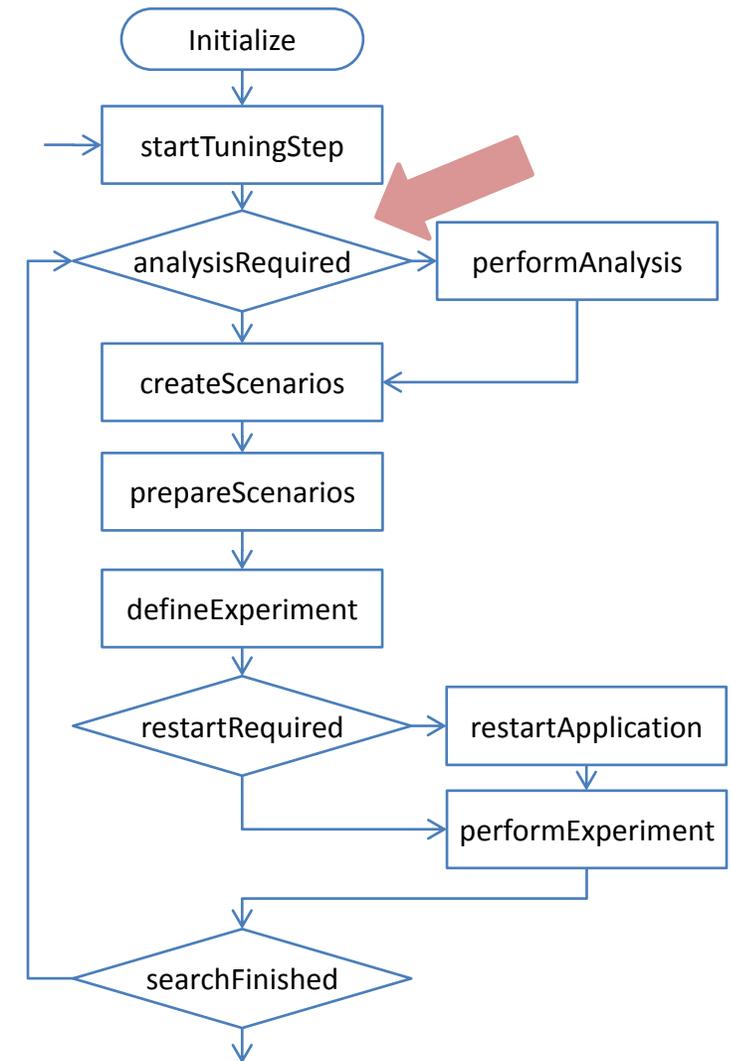
- **Step1:** Get list of available regions while starting tuning step
- **Step2:** Request pre-analysis
- **Step3:** PTF will gather the performance data
- **Step 4:** Create scenarios for the maximum time consuming region





```
void TutMultipleRegions::startTuningStep(void) {  
  
    std::list<Region*> code_regions;  
    code_regions = appl->get_regions();  
    std::list<Region*>::iterator region;  
  
    // iterating over all regions  
    int count = 0, parallel_regions = 0;  
  
    for (region = code_regions.begin(); region != code_regions.end(); region++) {  
        if ((*region)->get_type() == PARALLEL_REGION) {  
            parallel_regions++;  
            code_region_candidates[(*region)->getIdForPropertyMatching()] = *region;  
        }  
    }  
  
    psc_dbgmsg(PSC_SELECTIVE_DEBUG_LEVEL(AutotunePlugins),  
        "TutMultipleRegions: found %d parallel regions (out of %d total).\n",  
        parallel_regions, count);  
}
```

- The pre-analysis requires a `StrategyRequest` object formed using
  - A `StrategyRequestGeneralInfo` object with information about the analysis strategy to be used
  - A `PropertyRequest` object that determines which performance properties to be requested. E.g. Execution Time.
- Return `true` from `analysisRequired()` in order to request an analysis



```
bool TutMultipleRegions::analysisRequired(StrategyRequest** strategy) {  
    std::map<string, Region*>::iterator region;
```

```
    StrategyRequestGeneralInfo* analysisStrategyInfo = new StrategyRequestGeneralInfo;  
    analysisStrategyInfo->strategy_name = "ConfigAnalysis";  
    analysisStrategyInfo->pedantic = 0;  
    analysisStrategyInfo->delay_phases = 0;  
    analysisStrategyInfo->delay_seconds = 0;
```

**Configuring Analysis  
Strategy Request**

```
    PropertyRequest *req = new PropertyRequest();  
    req->addPropertyID(EXECTIME);
```

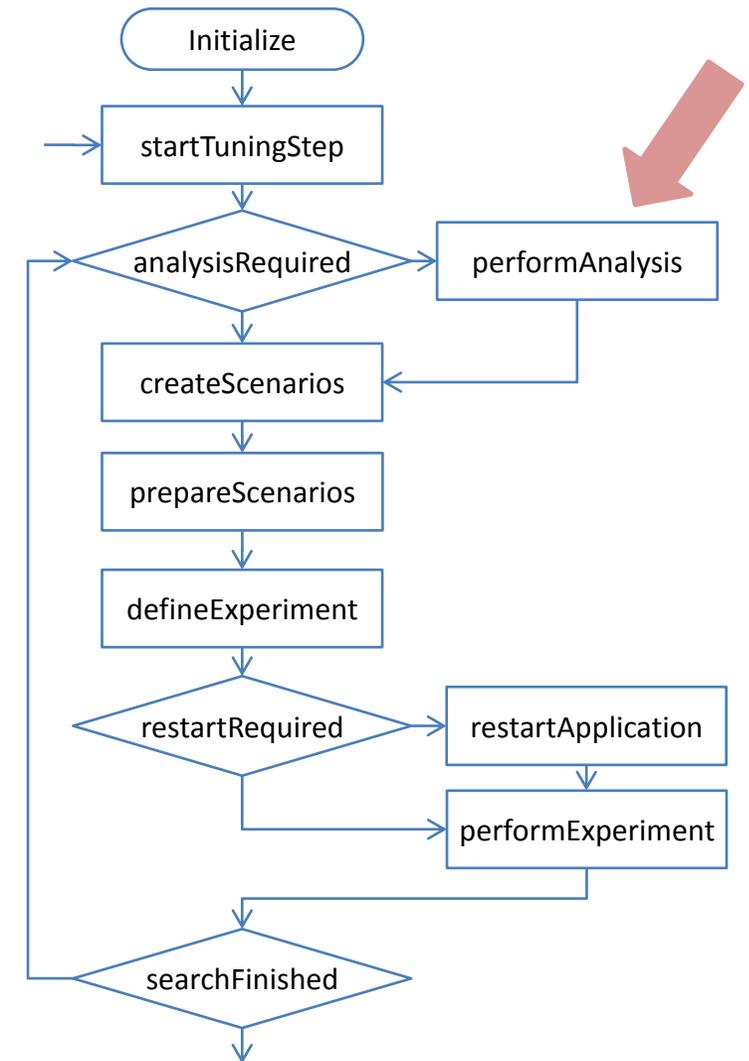
**Configuring Property  
to be requested**

```
    for (region = code_region_candidates.begin(); region != code_region_candidates.end();  
         region++) {  
        req->addRegion(region->second);  
    }
```

```
    req->addAllProcesses();
```

```
    list<PropertyRequest*>* reqList = new list<PropertyRequest*>;  
    reqList->push_back(req);  
    *strategy = new StrategyRequest(reqList, analysisStrategyInfo);  
    return true;  
}
```

- This step is done by the PTF runtime system
- It gathers the performance data requested using the `StrategyRequest` object
- The data is later processed by the plugin and/or search strategies





```
void TutMultipleRegions::createScenarios(void) {  
    ...  
    double severity = 0;  
    SearchSpace *searchspace = new SearchSpace();  
    VariantSpace *variantSpace = new VariantSpace();  
    for (int i = 0; i < tuningParameters.size(); i++) {  
        variantSpace->addTuningParameter(tuningParameters[i]);  
    }  
  
    ...  
  
    selected_region =  
        code_region_candidates[longest_running_property.getRegionId()];  
    searchspace->addRegion(selected_region);  
    searchAlgorithm->addSearchSpace(searchspace);  
    searchAlgorithm->createScenarios();  
}
```

```
void TutMultipleRegions::createScenarios(void) {  
    list<MetaProperty>::iterator property;  
    MetaProperty longest_running_property;  
    list<MetaProperty> found_properties =  
        pool_set->arp->getPreAnalysisProperties(0);  
    ...
```

```
    for (property = found_properties.begin(); property != found_properties.end();  
         property++) {  
        if (property->getSeverity() > severity) {  
            severity = property->getSeverity();  
            longest_property = *property;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

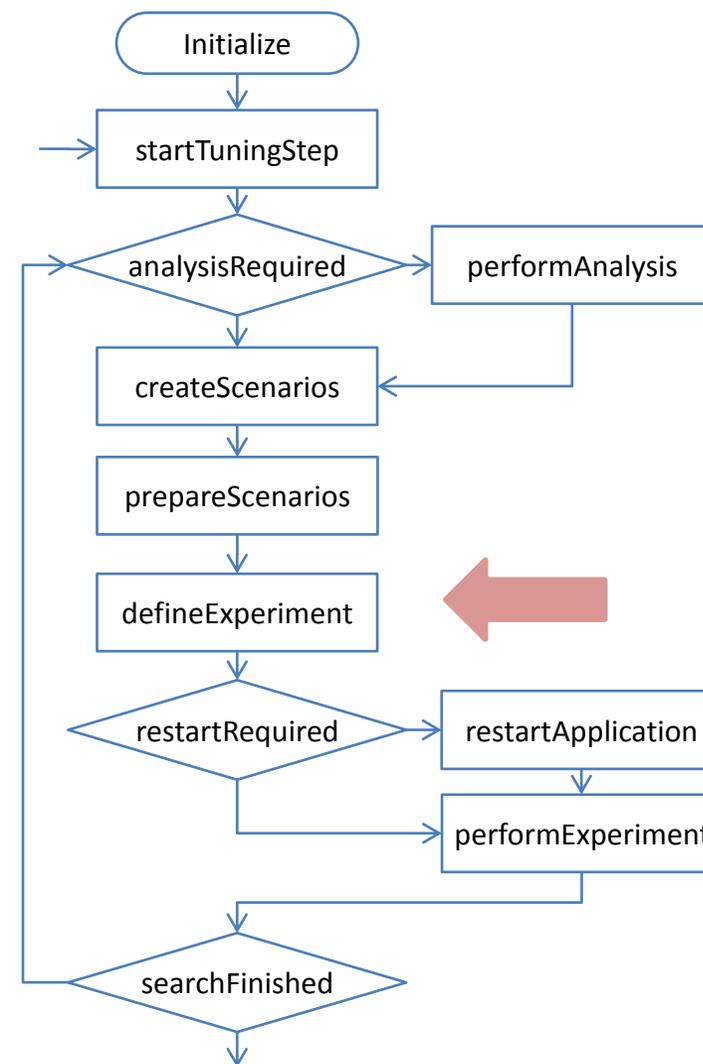
Find the longest  
parallel region

```
selected_region = code_region_candidates[longest_property.getRegionId()];  
searchspace->addRegion(selected_region);  
....  
}
```

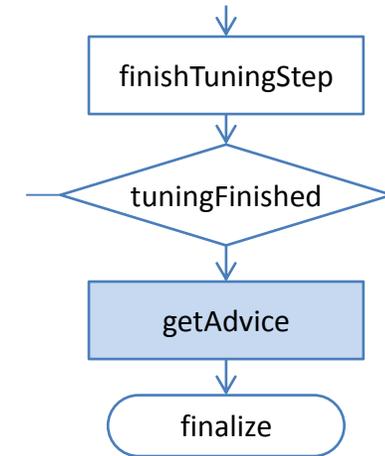
- Select each scenario, set its objective property to `EXECTIME` in the previously selected region at rank 0, and then move it to the experiment scenario pool

```
void TutMultipleRegions::defineExperiment(int numprocs,  
bool& analysisRequired, StrategyRequest** strategy) {
```

```
Scenario *scenario = pool_set->psp->pop();  
    scenario->setSingleTunedRegionWithPropertyRank(  
        selected_region, EXECTIME, 0);  
    pool_set->esp->push(scenario);  
}
```



- Present the results of the tuning to the user
  - Optimal number of threads
  - Number of threads evaluated and their scaling factor
- Generate output to the screen as well as in XML format
  - The XML conforms to a distributed schema
    - Can be used for processing with external tools
    - Contains complete and detailed results



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- <http://periscope.in.tum.de/git-releases>

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- <http://periscope.in.tum.de/releases/latest/doxygen>
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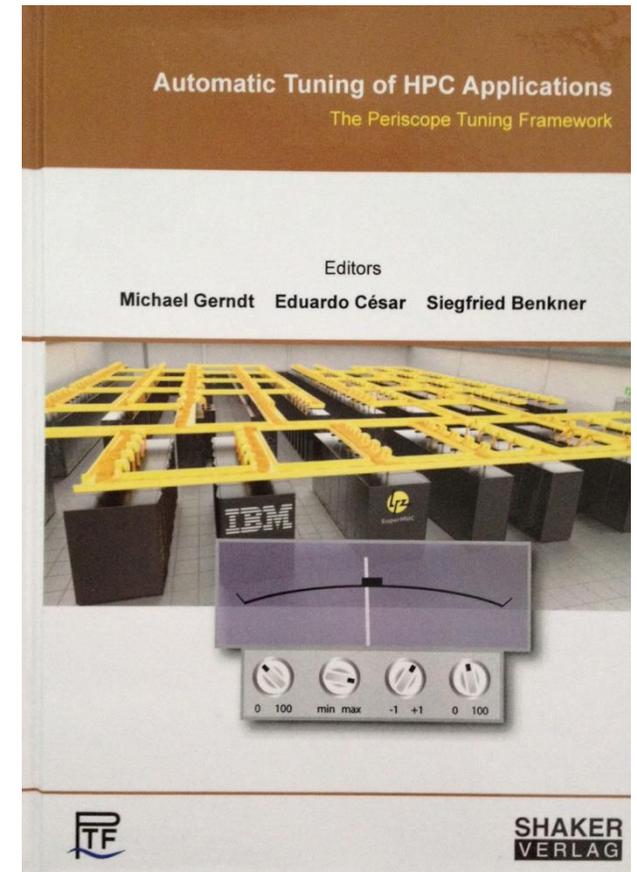
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  - Application restart or MPIT Tools Interface
- DVFS (LRZ)
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  - Prediction through performance model based on data measured in pre-analysis
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  - Based on component distribution via StarPU

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  - Tuning data sieving and number of aggregators
  - Exhaustive and model based
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  - Exhaustive and individual search
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