# OpenTuner: An Extensible Framework for Program Autotuning

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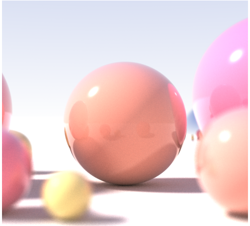

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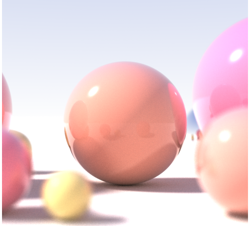

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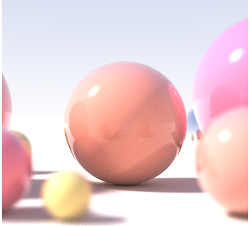

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1.47x speedup with:

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$ time ./raytracer_b
./raytracer_b  0.12s user 0.00s system 99% cpu 0.119 total
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- Autotuners can help!

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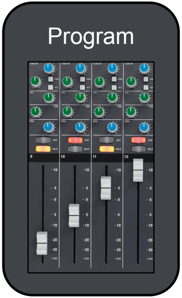

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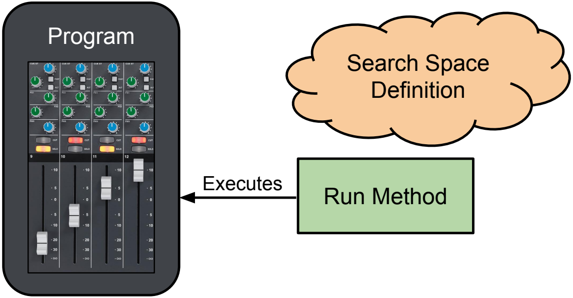

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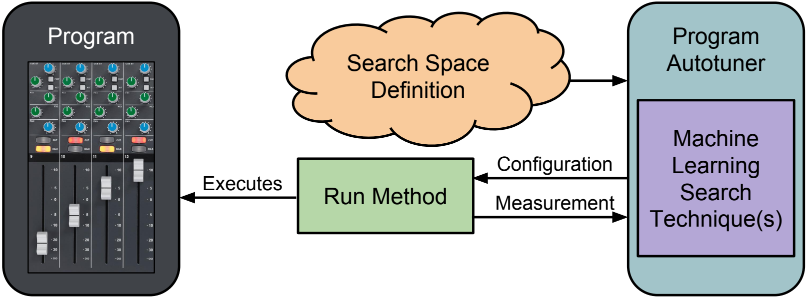

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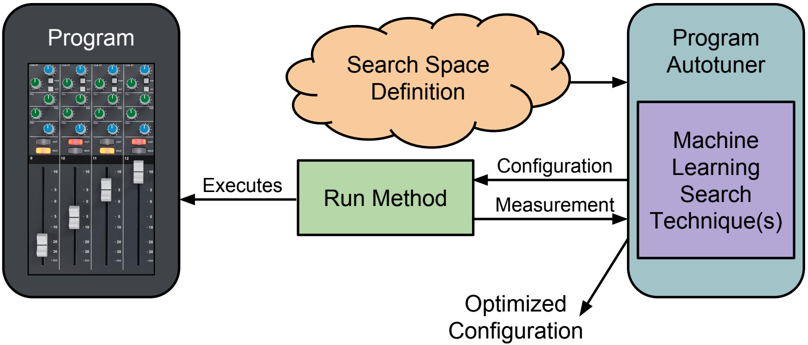

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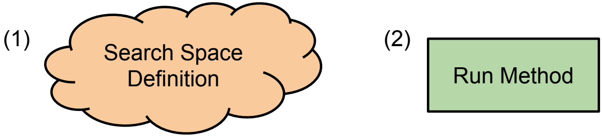

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- Parameters, eg: `'--param early-inlining-insns=512'`

```
# (name, min, max)
GCC_PARAMS = [
  ('early-inlining-insns', 0, 1000),
  ('gcse-cost-distance-ratio', 0, 100),
  # ... (145 total)
]
for param, min_val, max_val in GCC_PARAMS:
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- Measure how well it performs:

```
  compile_result = self.call_program(gcc_cmd)
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  return Result(time=run_result['time'])
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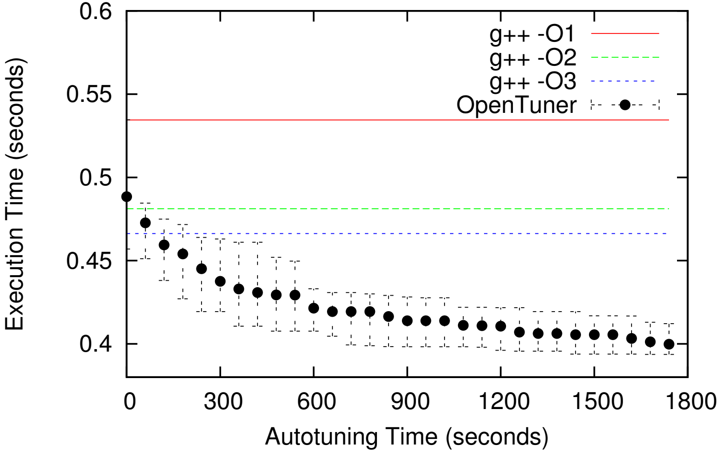
# OpenTuner Results for GCC Flags




Autotune GCC flags for `tsp_ga.cpp`. Median of 30 runs, error bars are 20th and 80th percentiles.

# Related Projects

A small selection of many related projects:

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- Simple techniques (exhaustive, hill climbers, etc) are popular
  - No single technique is best for all problems
- Representations are often just integers/floats/booleans

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- Real problems have large search spaces

# Over $10^{806}$ Combinations of GCC Optimizations

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-fno-branch-target-load-optimize -fbtr-bb-exclusive -fno-combine-stack-adjustments -fno-common -fcompare-elim -fcrossjumping -fcse-follow-jumps
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-fno-loop-block -fno-loop-flatten -floop-interchange -fno-loop-parallelize-all -floop-strip-mine -fmath-errno -fno-merge-all-constants -fno-modulo-sched
-fno-non-call-exceptions -fno-optimize-sibling-calls -fno-optimize-strlen -fpeel-loops -fpeephole -fno-peephole2 -fno-predictive-commoning
-fno-prefetch-loop-arrays -fno-reg-struct-return -fno-regmove -frename-registers -fno-reorder-blocks -freorder-blocks-and-partition -freorder-functions
-fno-rerun-cse-after-loop -fno-rounding-math -fno-rtti -fno-sched-critical-path-heuristic -fno-sched-dep-count-heuristic -fno-sched-group-heuristic
-fno-sched-interblock -fno-sched-pressure -fsched-rank-heuristic -fsched-spec-insn-heuristic -fsched-spec-load -fno-sched-stalled-insns -fsched-stalled-insns-dep
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--param=max-modulo-backtrack-attempts=14 --param=max-once-peeled-insns=105 --param=max-partial-antic-length=25 --param=max-peel-branches=84
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```

# Large Search Spaces are a Challenge

| Project | Benchmark | Possible Configurations |
|---|---|---|
| GCC/G++ Flags | *all* | $10^{806}$ |
| Halide | Blur | $10^{25}$ |
| Halide | Wavelet | $10^{32}$ |
| Halide | Bilateral | $10^{176}$ |
| HPL | *n/a* | $10^{9.9}$ |
| PetaBricks | Poisson | $10^{3657}$ |
| PetaBricks | Sort | $10^{90}$ |
| PetaBricks | Strassen | $10^{188}$ |
| PetaBricks | TriSolve | $10^{1559}$ |
| Stencil | *all* | $10^{6.5}$ |
| Unitary | *n/a* | $10^{21}$ |
| Mario | *n/a* | $10^{6328}$ |

# Ensembles of Techniques

- OpenTuner contains many techniques such as:
  - Differential Evolution
  - Genetic Algorithms
  - Greedy Mutation
  - Multi-armed Bandit
  - Nelder Mead
  - Partial Swarm Optimization
  - Pattern Search
  - Pseudo Annealing
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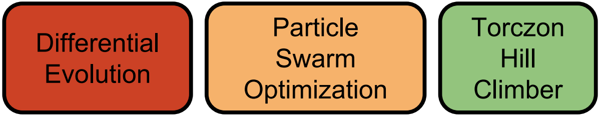

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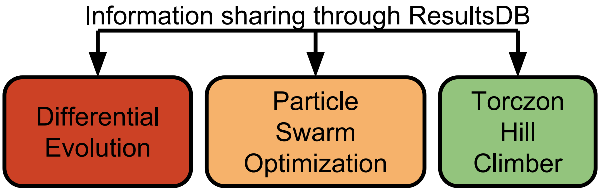

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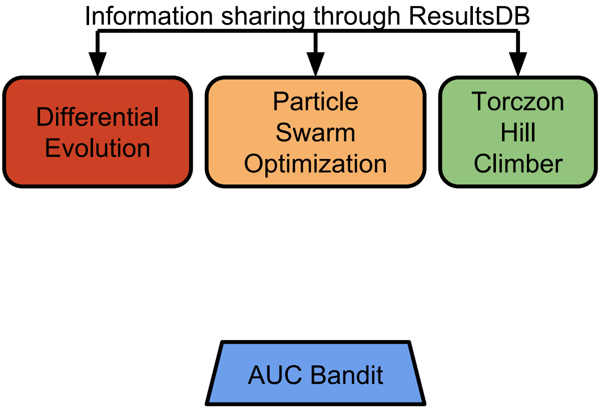

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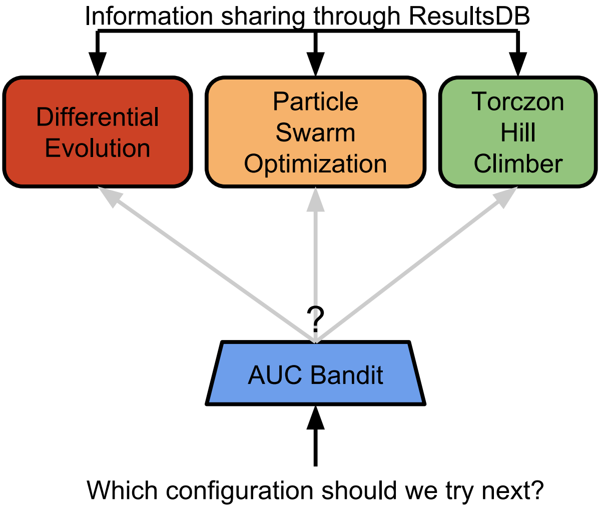

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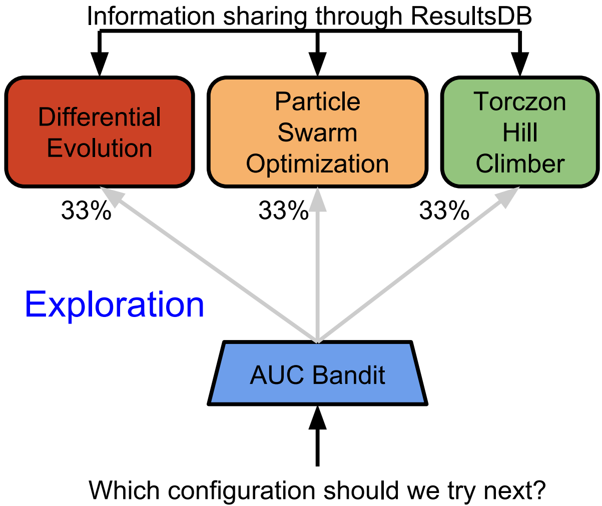

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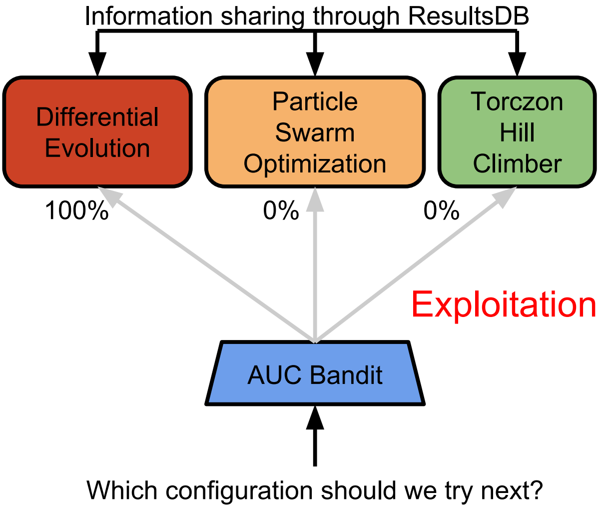

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- Next, a demonstration of the versatility of OpenTuner

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(Video [1])

[1] `http://youtu.be/pTi_tHpj6Ow`

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- Only feedback is number of pixels moved to the right
  - e.g. approximately 1500 pixels for first pit
- OpenTuner doesn't see the screen
- Super Mario Bros is deterministic, single run suffices

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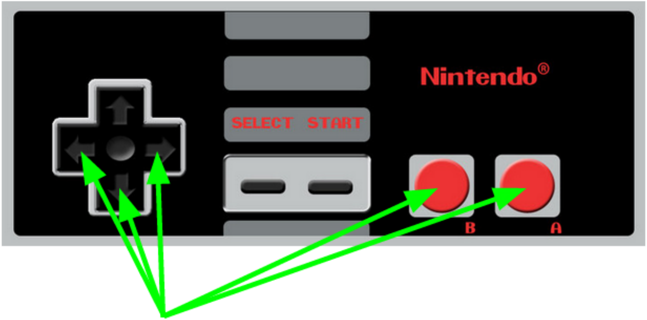


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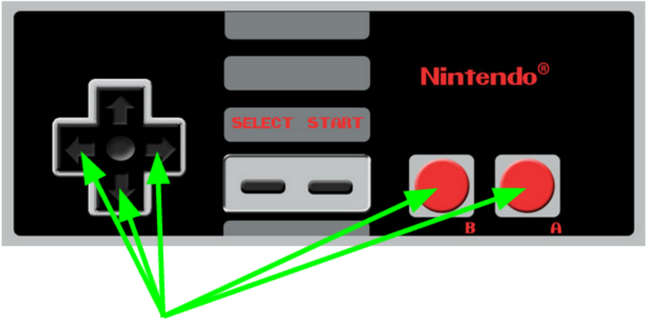


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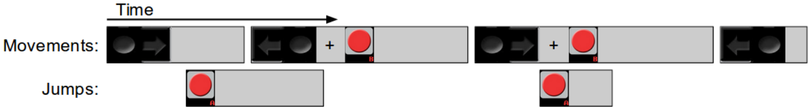


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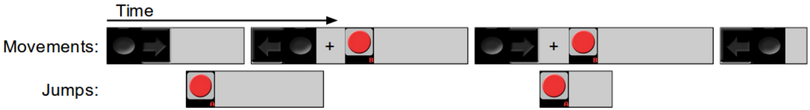


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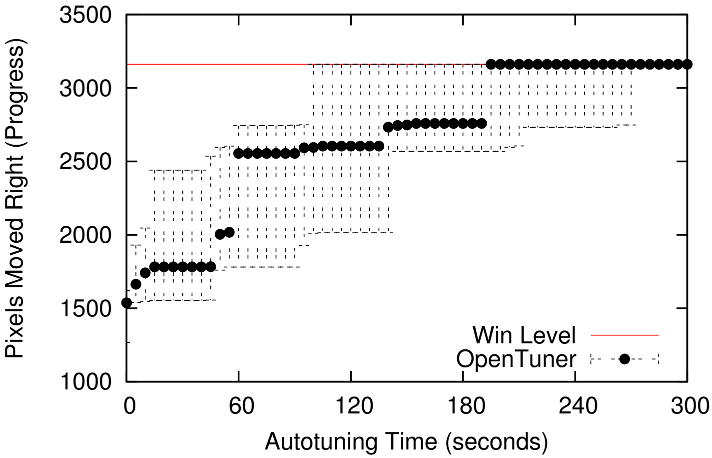

# OpenTuner Generating Halide Schedules

- A domain specific language for image processing and photography
- Used for camera pipeline in Google Glass, HDR+ in Android, some filters in Photoshop
- Separate algorithm language and scheduling language
- We use OpenTuner to generate the scheduling language

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Resulting Code:

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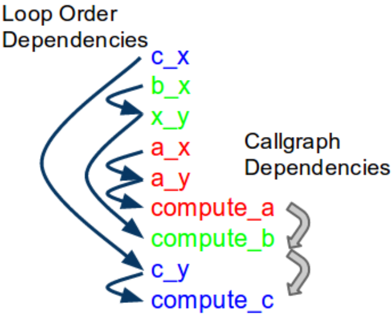


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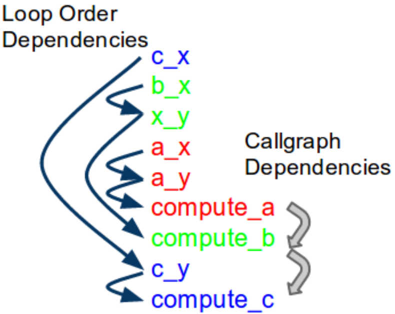


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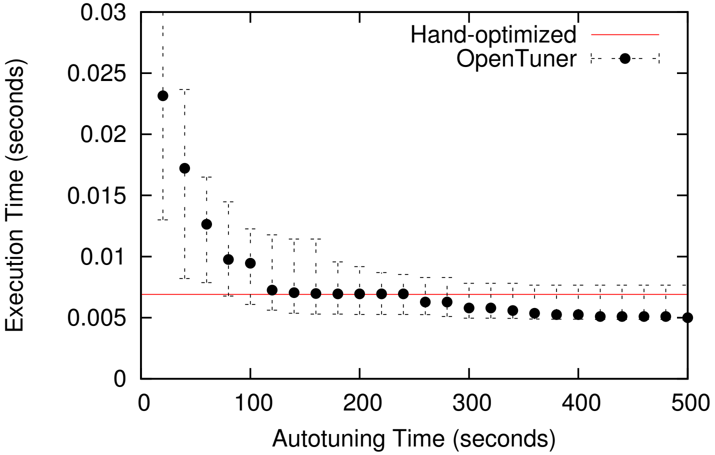

Hand-optimized
OpenTuner
Execution Time (seconds)
0.03
0.025
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0.01
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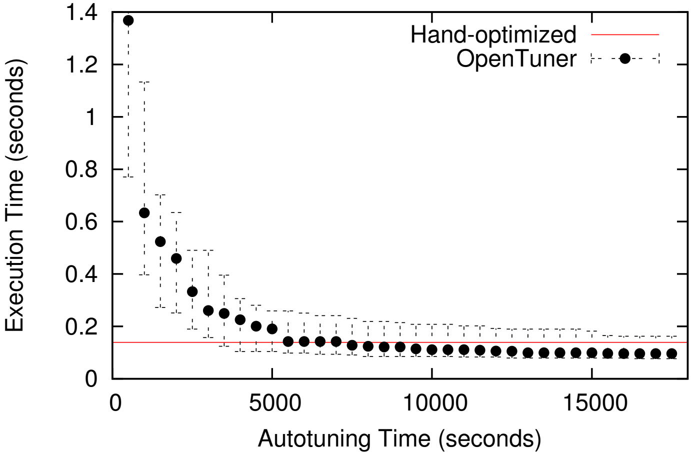
100
200
300
400
500
Autotuning Time (seconds)

# Halide Bilateral Grid



# Conclusions

- A lot of performance is left on the floor due to poorly optimized programs
- OpenTuner makes state of the art machine learning accessible to all
  - Extensible configuration representation
  - Ensembles of techniques
- Conventional wisdom underestimates the size tractable search spaces
- However, choosing the right representation is critical to successful autouners

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Try OpenTuner today!

# A Final Video [3]

- OpenTuner learning to play Super Mario Bros
- Every run that achieves a high score
- Runs that don't make improvements are skipped
- Run # in top left caption
- Thanks!

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[3] `http://youtu.be/O5IK9f2nBsE`