

Performance Analysis with Periscope

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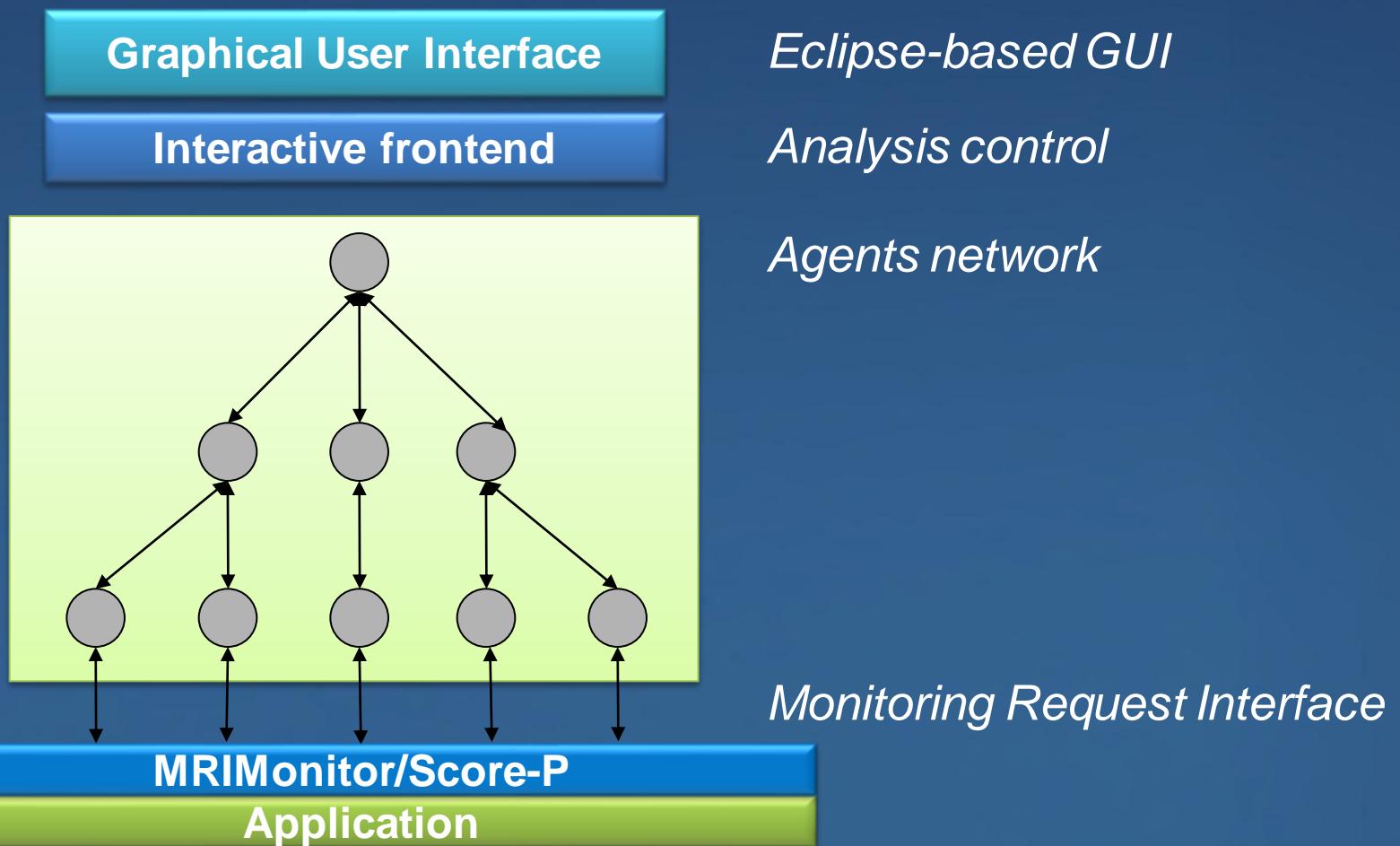
Outline

- Periscope overview
- Periscope performance analysis model
- Performance analysis automation
- Periscope GUI

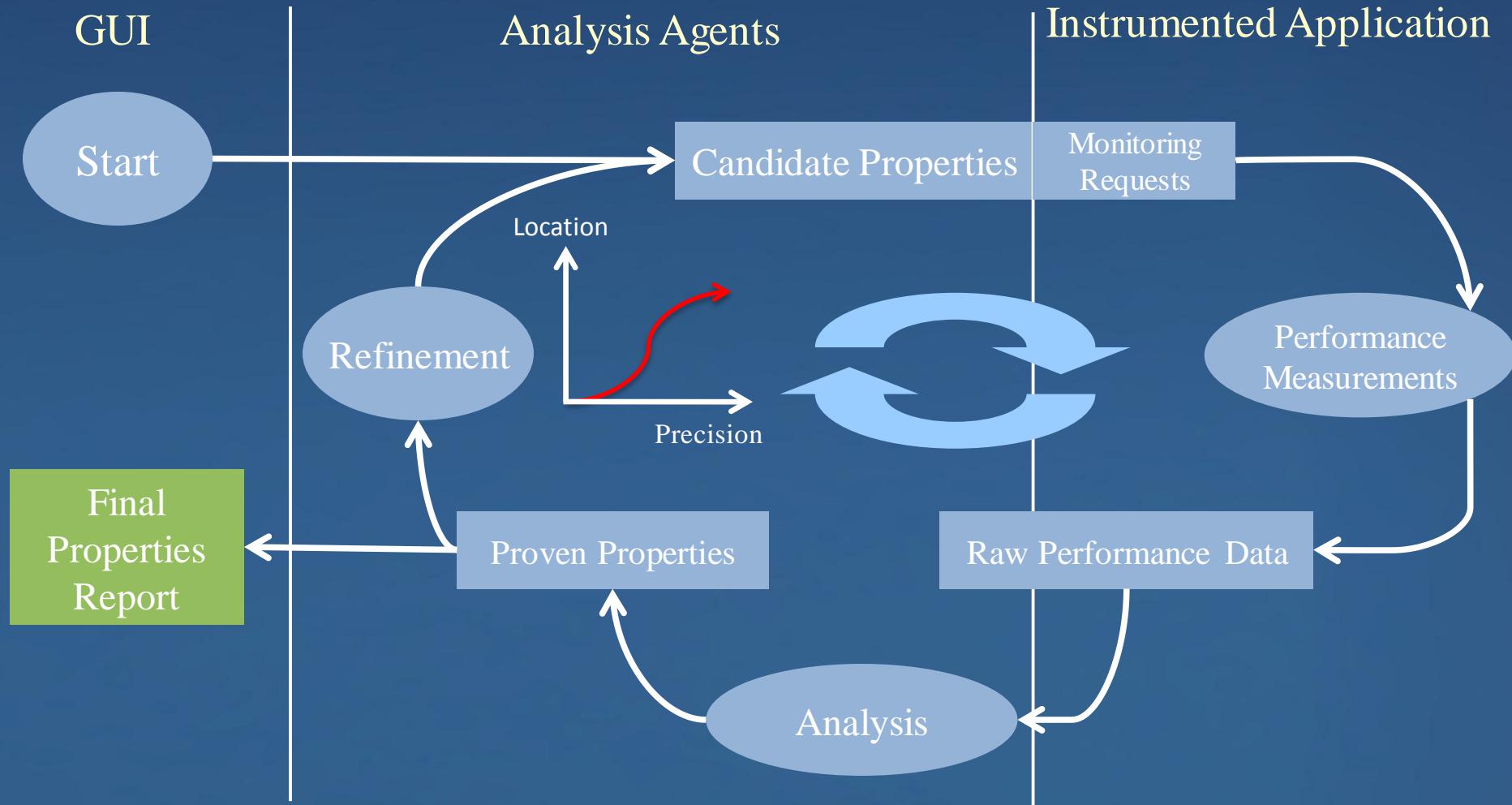
Periscope

- Distributed architecture
 - Analysis performed by multiple distributed hierarchical agents
- Iterative online analysis
 - Measurements are configured, obtained and evaluated on the fly
 - no tracing files needed
- Automatic bottlenecks search
 - Based on performance optimization experts' knowledge
- Enhanced GUI
 - Eclipse based integrated development and performance analysis environment
- Instrumentation
 - Done by Score-P

Distributed Architecture



Iterative Online Analysis



Periscope Phases

- Periscope performs multiple iterative performance measurement experiments on the basis of *Phases*:
 - All measurements are performed inside phase
 - Begin and end of phase are global synchronization points
 - Automatic restart might be necessary
- Region needs to be marked as an Online Access Phase to use the Score-P Online Access Interface
 - Typically main loop of application → no need for restart, faster analysis
 - Unnecessary code parts are not measured → less measurements overhead
 - Severity value is normalized on the main loop iteration time → more precise performance impact estimation



Definition of Online Access Phases

```
#include <scorep/SCOREP_User.h>
void foo()
{
    SCOREP_USER_REGION_DEFINE( my_region_handle )
    for(i=0;...
    {
        SCOREP_USER_OA_PHASE_BEGIN( my_region_handle,\n            "OA_Phase",SCOREP_USER_REGION_TYPE_COMMON )
        // do something
        ...
        SCOREP_USER_OA_PHASE_END( my_region_handle )
    }
}
```

Automatic search for bottlenecks

- Automation based on formalized expert knowledge
 - Potential performance problems → properties
 - Efficient search algorithm → search strategies
- Performance property
 - Condition
 - Confidence
 - Severity
- Performance analysis strategies
 - Westmere Single-node Analysis
 - Itanium2 Stall Cycle Analysis
 - IBM POWER6 Single Core Performance Analysis
 - MPI Communication Pattern Analysis
 - Generic Memory Analysis
 - OpenMP-based Performance Analysis
 - Scalability Analysis – OpenMP codes

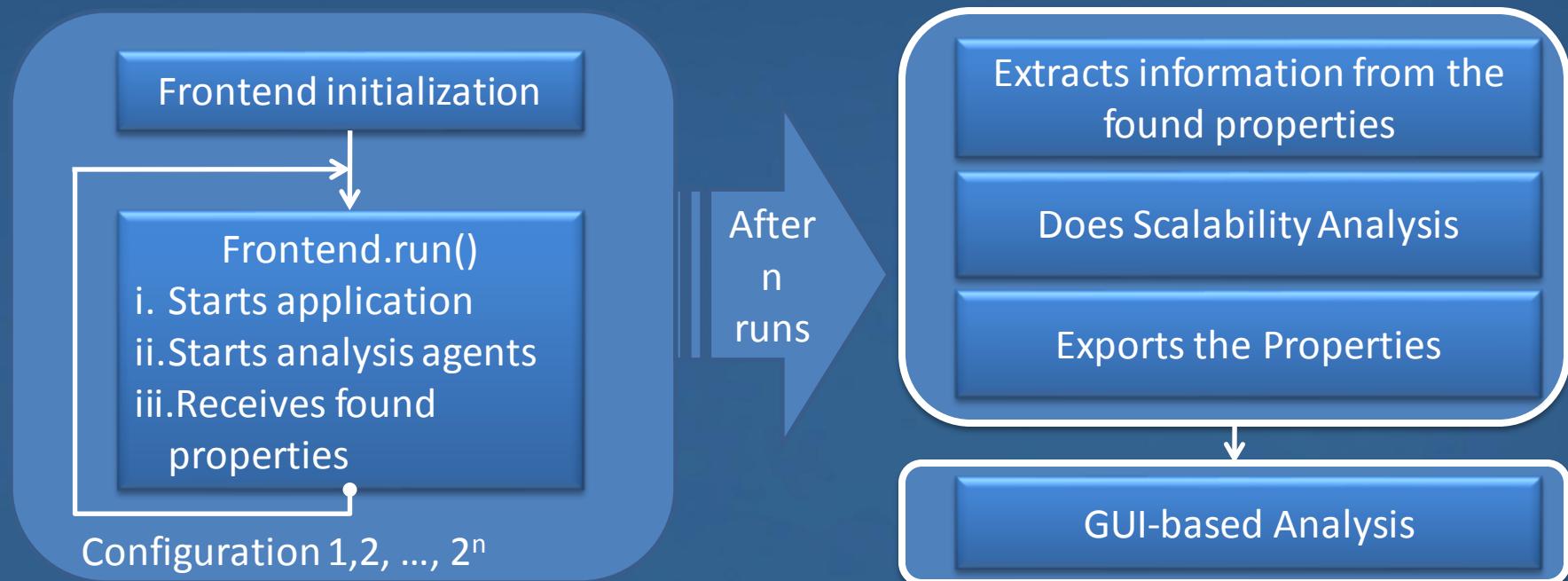
Example Properties

- StallCycles (Region, Rank, Thread, Metric, Phase)
 - Condition
 - Percentage of lost cycles >30%
 - Severity
 - Percentage of lost cycles
- MPI Late Sender
 - Automatic detection of wait patterns
 - Measurement on the fly
 - No tracing required
- OpenMP Synchronization properties
 - Critical section overhead property
 - Frequent atomic property



Scalability Analysis – OpenMP codes

- Identifies the OpenMP code regions that do not scale well
- Scalability Analysis is done by the frontend / restarts the application /
- No need to manually configure the runs and find the speedup!



The screenshot shows the Periscope IDE interface. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, Refactor, Navigate, Search, Project, Run, Window, and Help. The main window has tabs for 45528.psc, rhs.f, properties_OMP_55591.psc, and x_solve.f. A blue callout labeled "Source code view" points to the code editor area, which contains C-like code with OpenMP directives. The right side features a "Periscope" toolbar and a "Project Expl" tab. A blue callout labeled "Project view" points to the project tree on the right, which displays a directory structure for NPB3.3-BT-MZ, including BT-MZ, bin, bin.scorep, common, config, jobs, LU-MZ, SP-MZ, sys, Makefile, and README. At the bottom, a "Properties View" tab is active, showing a table of performance metrics for various parallel regions:

Name	Filename	RFL	Severity	Confidence	Region	Process	Thread
Load Imbalance in parallel region	z_solve.f	43	2.34	1.00	Parallel region	3	0
Load Imbalance in parallel region	z_solve.f	43	4.37	1.00	Parallel region	0	0
Load Imbalance in parallel region	x_solve.f	46	6.92	1.00	Parallel region	1	0
Load Imbalance in parallel region	y_solve.f	43	7.76	1.00	Parallel region	1	0
Load Imbalance in parallel region	z_solve.f	43	3.43	1.00	Parallel region	1	0
Load Imbalance in parallel region	x_solve.f	46	7.46	1.00	Parallel region	2	0
Load Imbalance in parallel region	y_solve.f	43	7.84	1.00	Parallel region	2	0

Thank you for your attention!

- Current version 1.5
 - Available under: <http://www.lrr.in.tum.de/periscope/Download>
- Further information:
 - Periscope web page: <http://www.lrr.in.tum.de/periscope>
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