



ML-based Performance Portability for Time-Dependent Density Functional Theory in HPC Environments

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Contributions

- ML methodology for performance portability
 - Transfer learning based on Bayesian optimization
 - Up to **46%** faster than conventional Bayesian optimization, up to **86%** faster than exhaustive search
 - Tested on a TDDFT workload, but with **broader applicability**
- DFTuning: a workflow for DFT performance portability
- Correlation metric for assessing the quality of Transfer Learning

Motivation

- Density Functional Theory: a workhorse of chemistry and materials science.
- Objective: Target to new generations of DOE exascale machines.
Performance portability challenge.

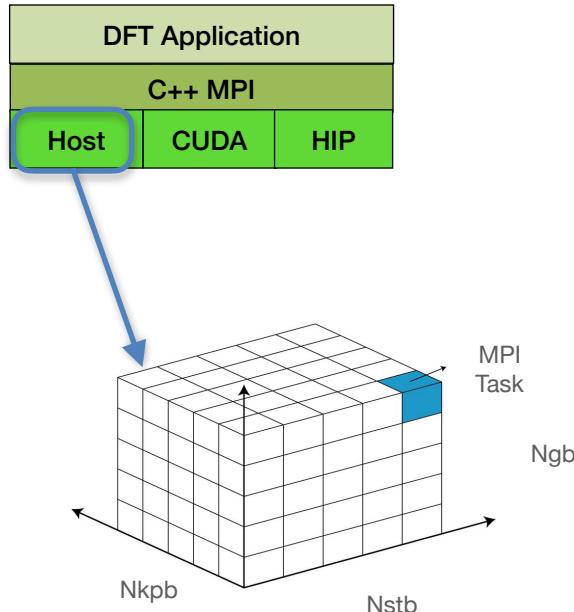


- The challenge is not new, but on the exascale era it is imperative to reduce the number of evaluations during the search.

Application Motivation

One application ...

... different portability scenarios.



- *One Node of Cori (MPI)*
- *One Node of Perlmutter (MPI, CUDA)*
- *Multiple Nodes of Perlmutter (MPI, CUDA)*
- *One Node of Frontier (MPI, HIP)*

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Autotuning

Auto-tuning can help with this:

- Empirical search
- Predictive search

Empirical Search		Guarantees finding optimal	Very slow
Predictive Search	Analytical Model	Reduces the search time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Results depends on the quality of model• Complex
	Machine Learning	Reduces the search time. Black Box.	The search process is still infeasible

Empirical_Search (shapes, strides):

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a ← TaskFeatures(shapes, strides)
c ← PlatformFeatures()
b* ← argminb ∈ B MeasureTime(a, b, c)
return b*
```

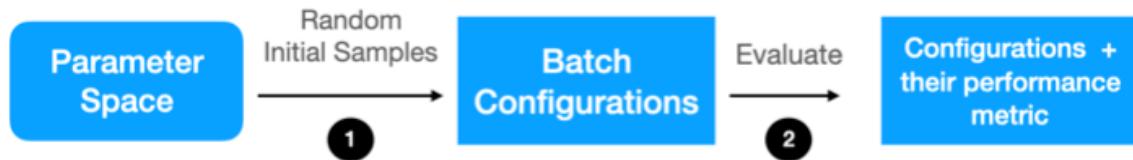
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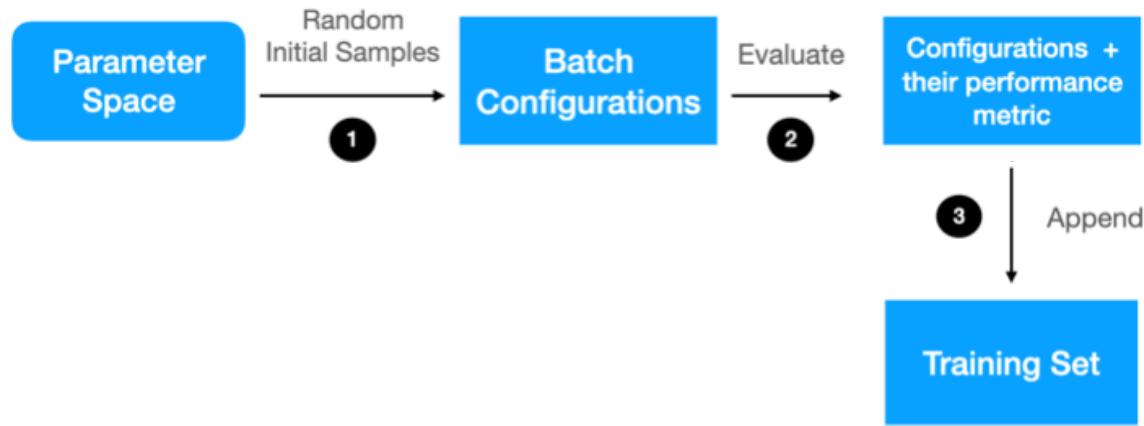
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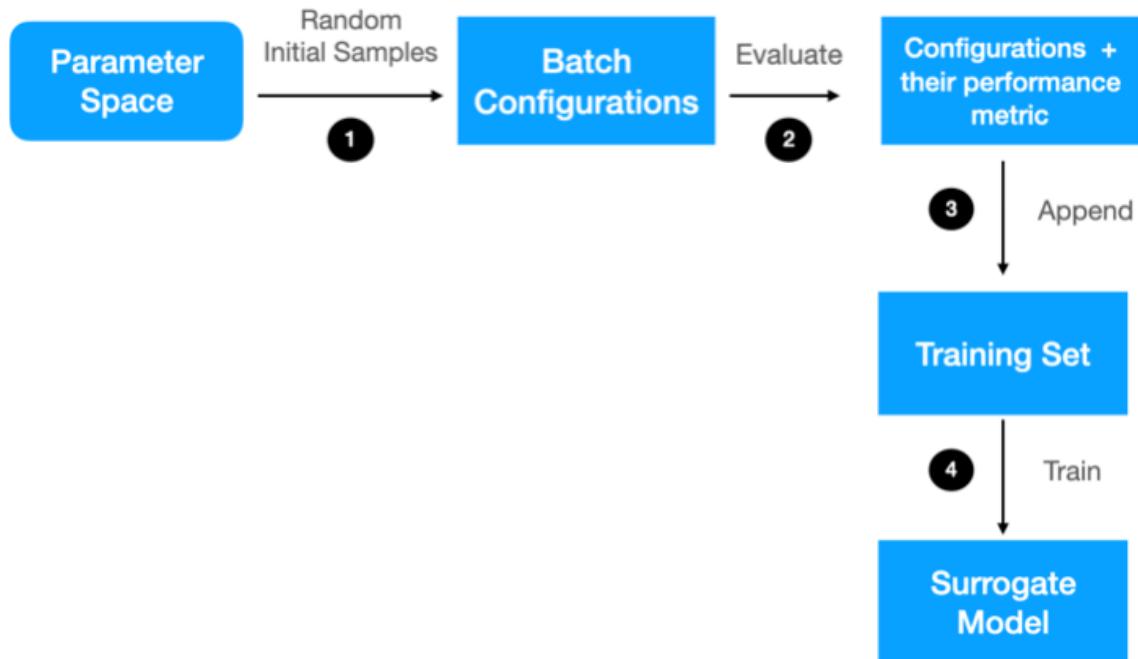
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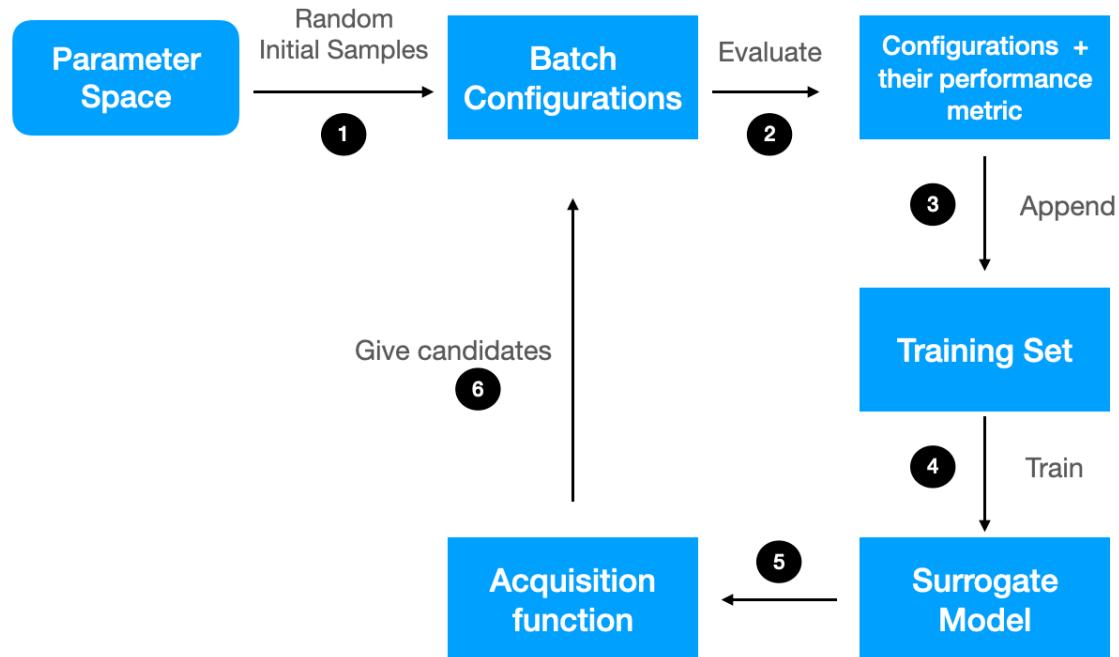
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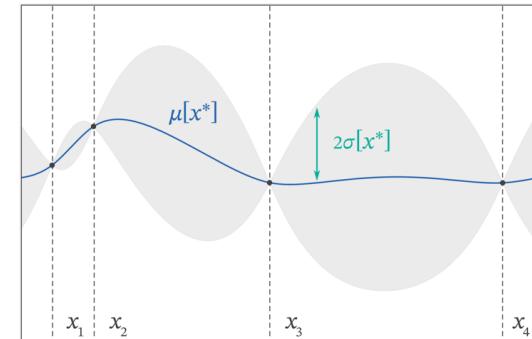
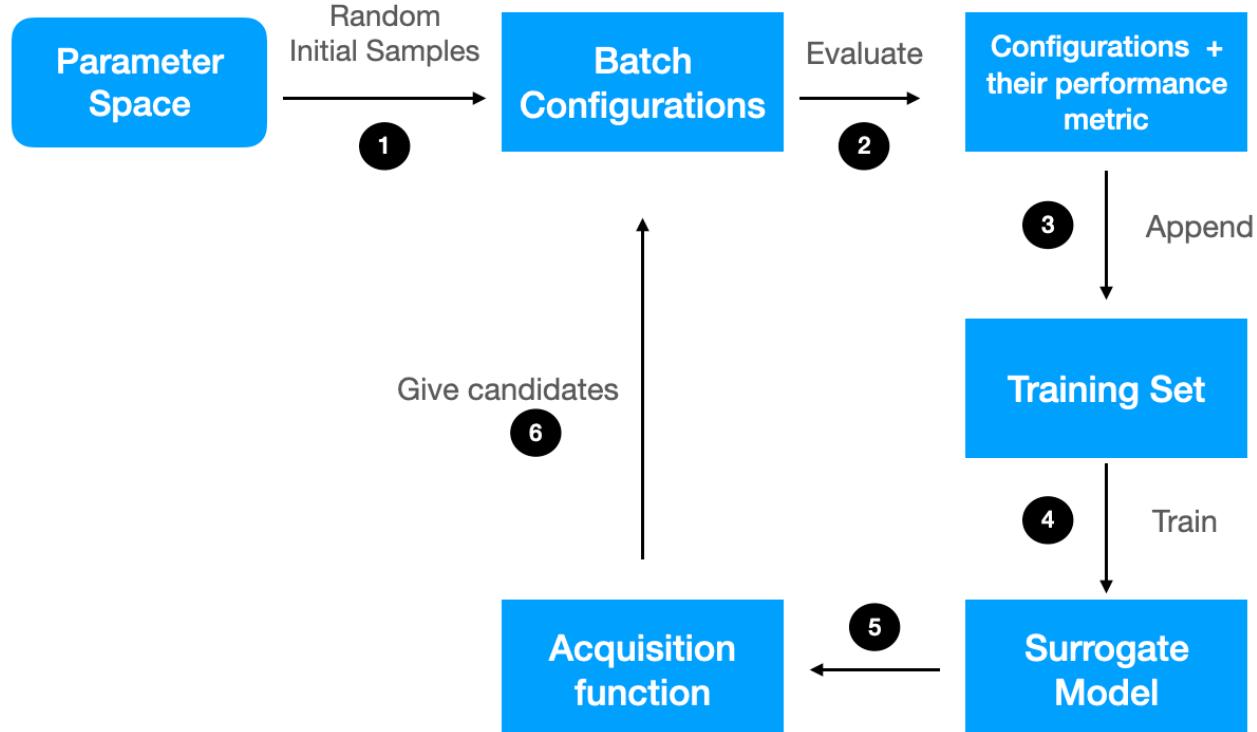
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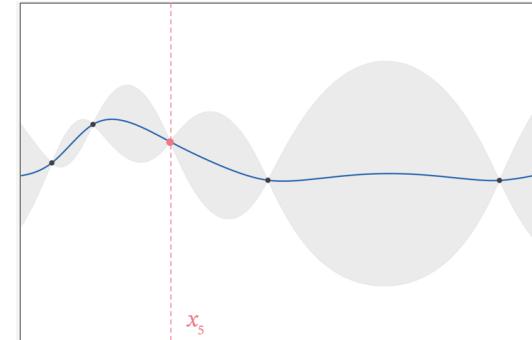
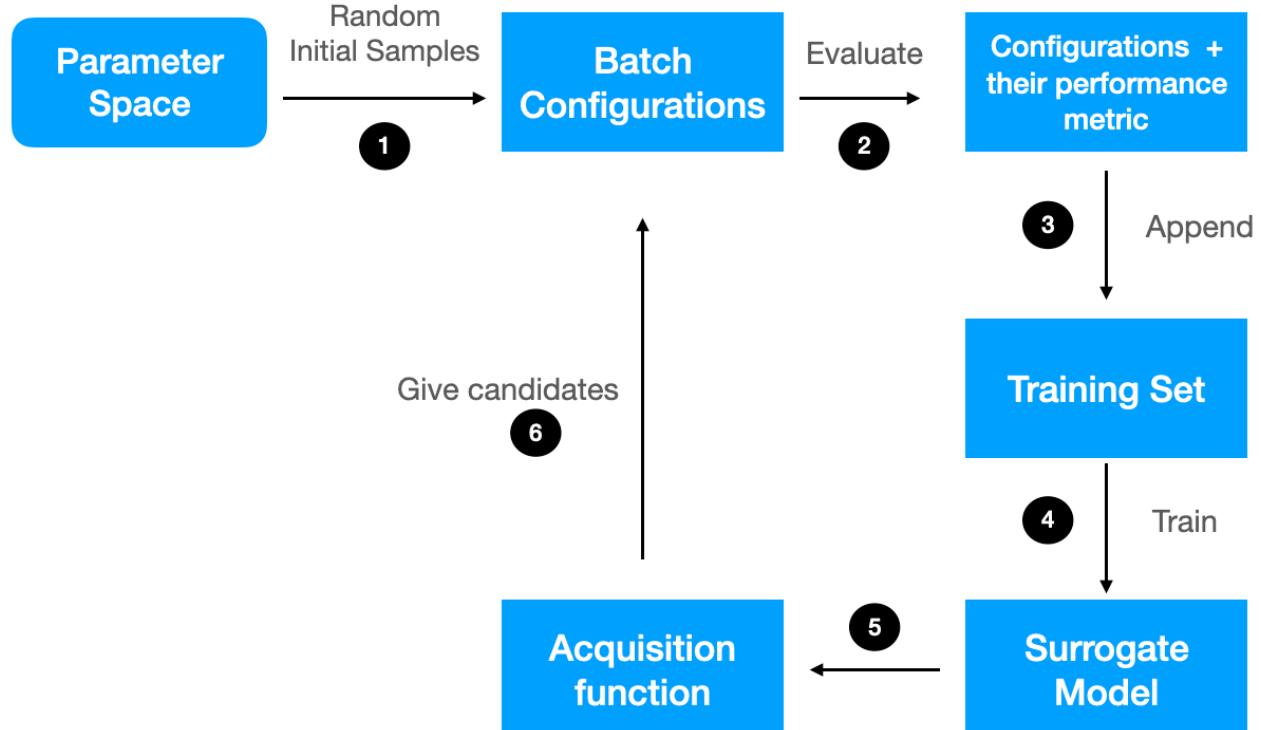
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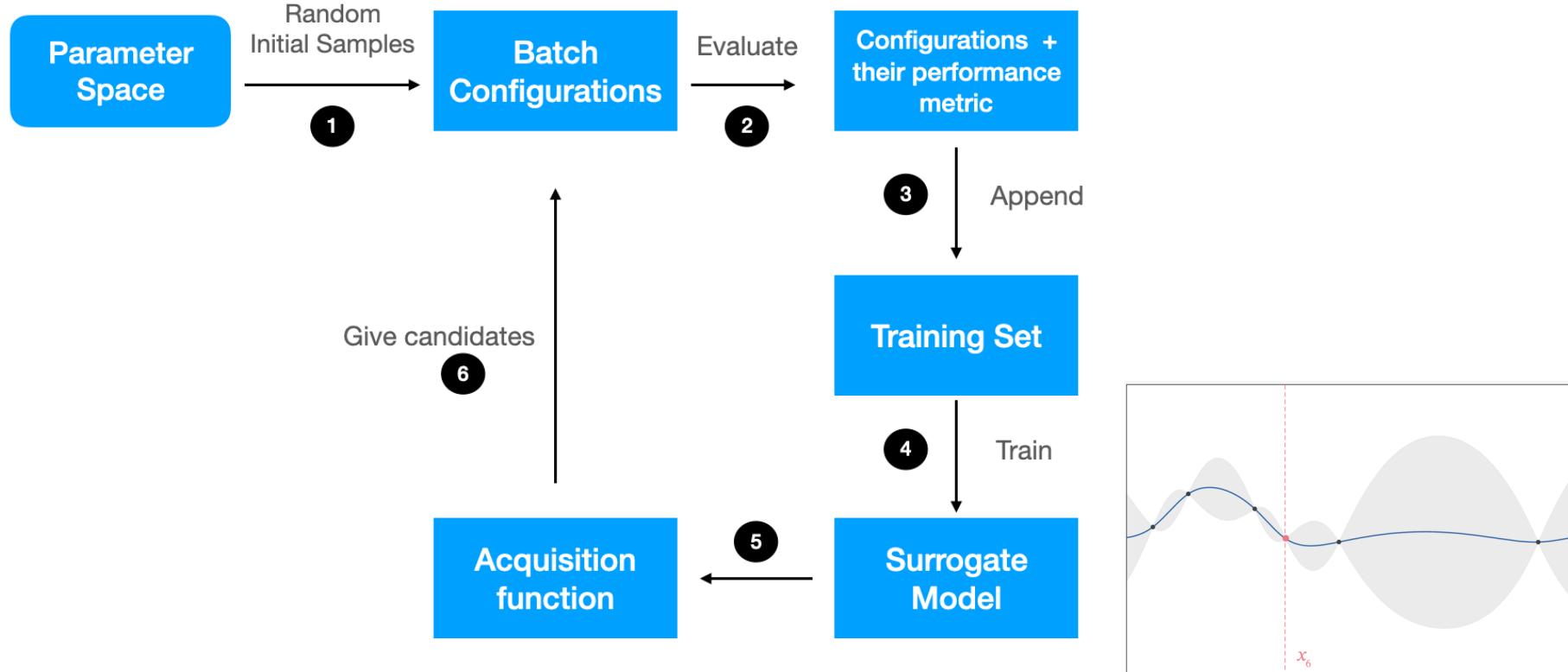
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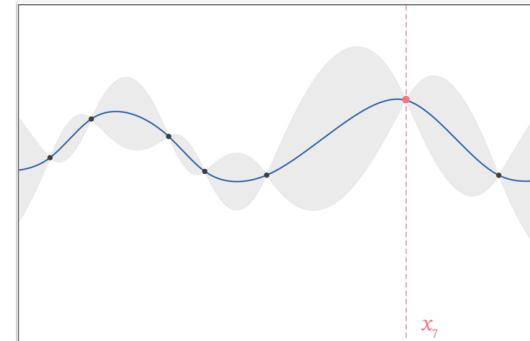
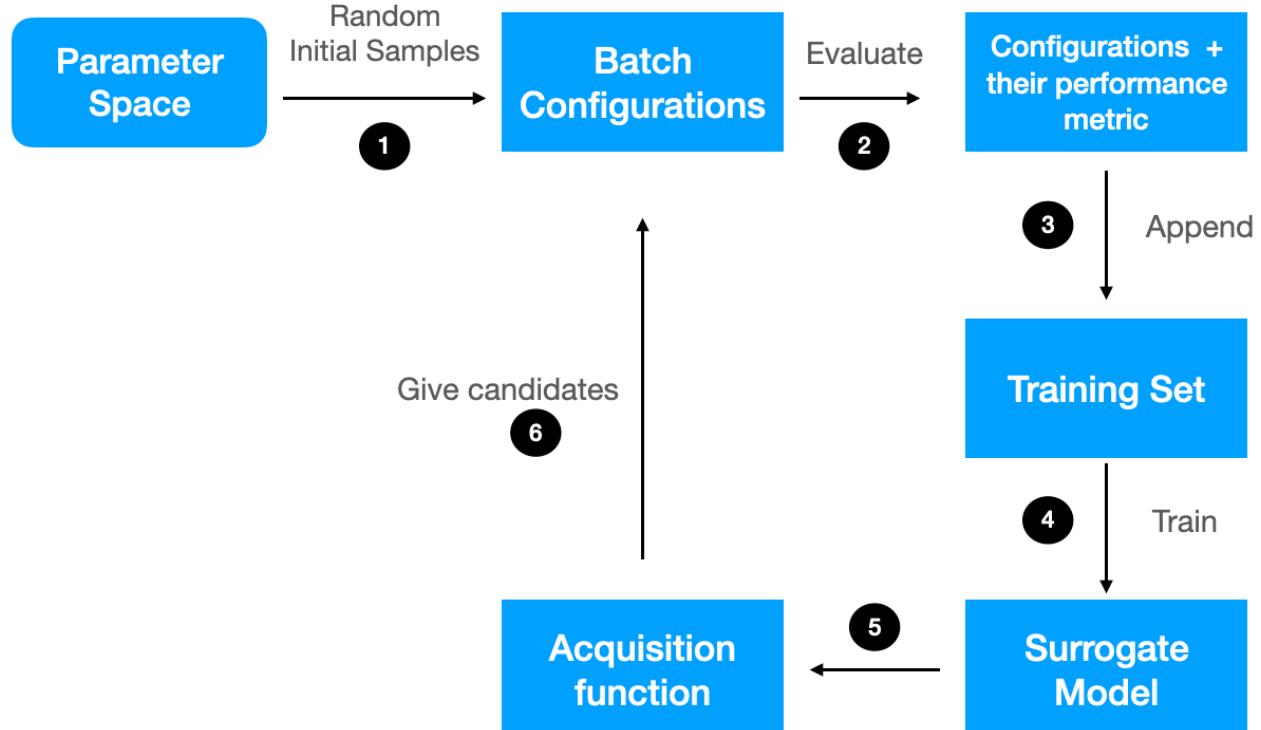
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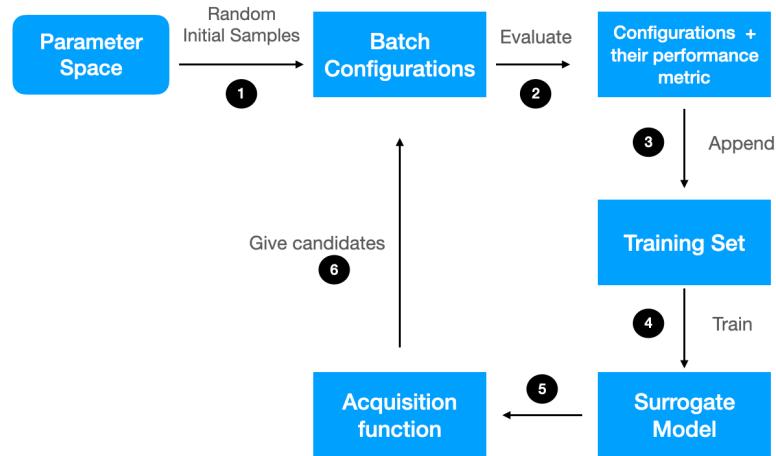


Bayesian optimization



Transfer Learning (I)

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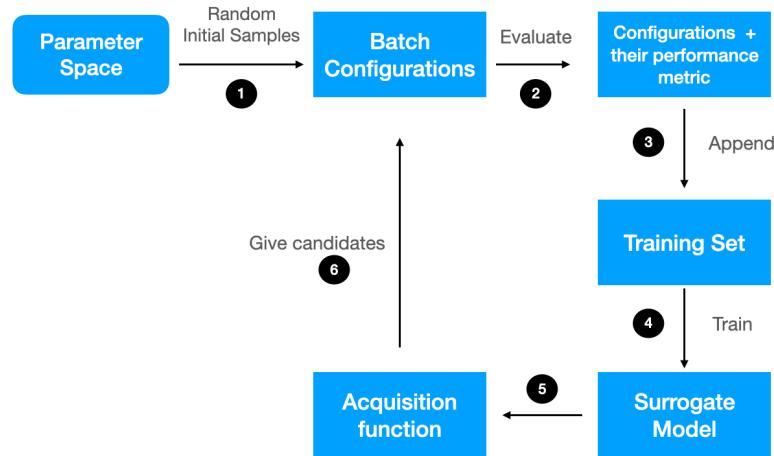


63 sample evaluations



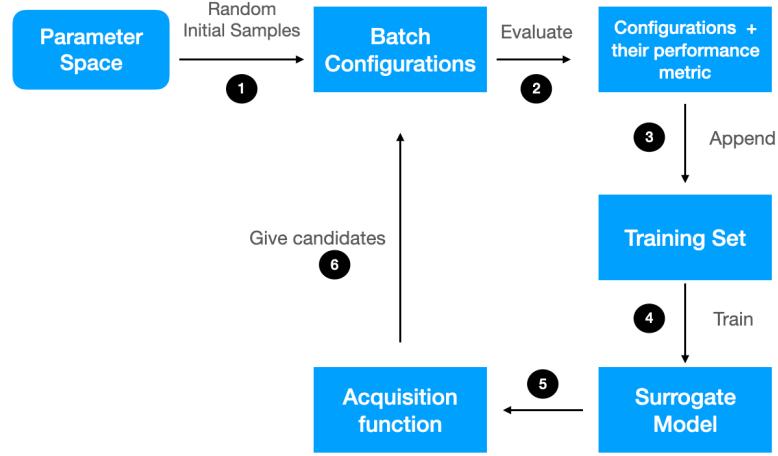
Transfer Learning (II)

Running the search on Cori:



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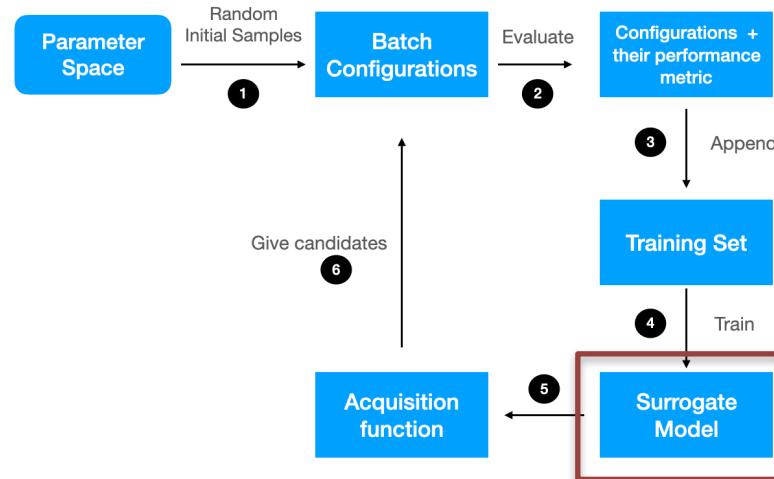
Running the search on Perlmutter:



71 sample evaluations

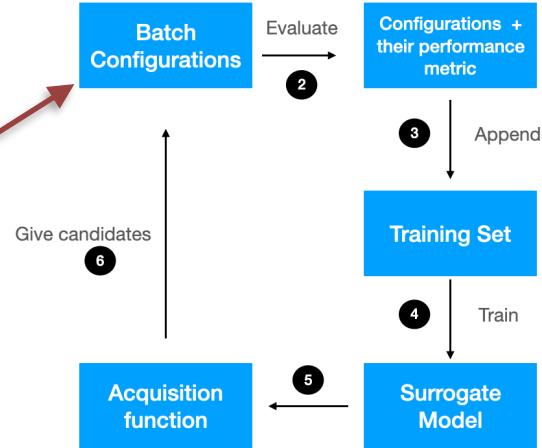
Transfer Learning (and III)

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Running the search on Perlmutter:

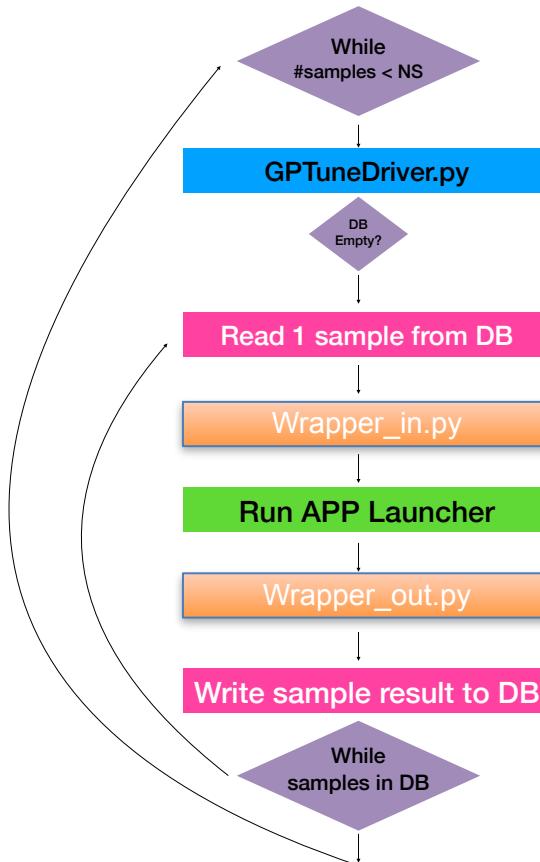


30 sample evaluations

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DFTuning: Decoupling workflow from GPTune



1- Portability Support:

- Supports Transfer Learning for learning tuning parameters for a new input **on the same platform**

2- Convergence:

- Insufficient converge criteria

3- Search Efficiency:

- Initial samples evaluated sequentially
- Acquisition function provides 1 candidate at a time
- MPI spawning based on OpenMPI



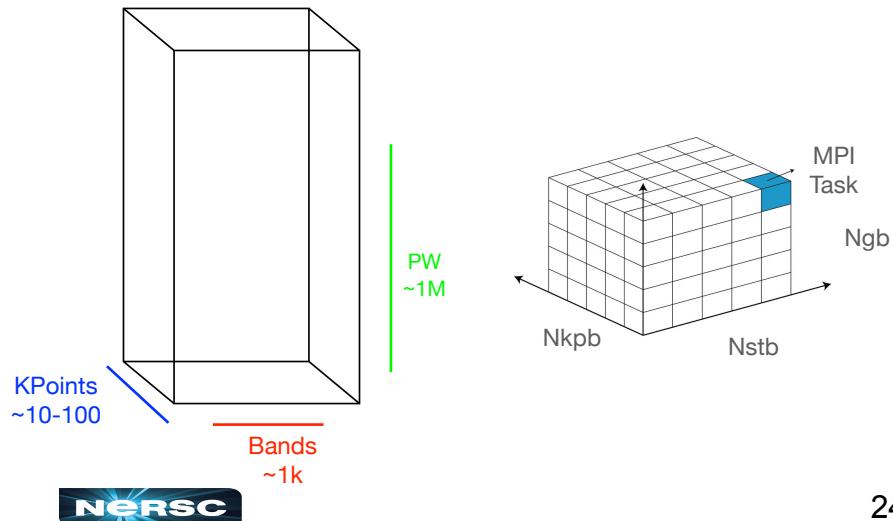
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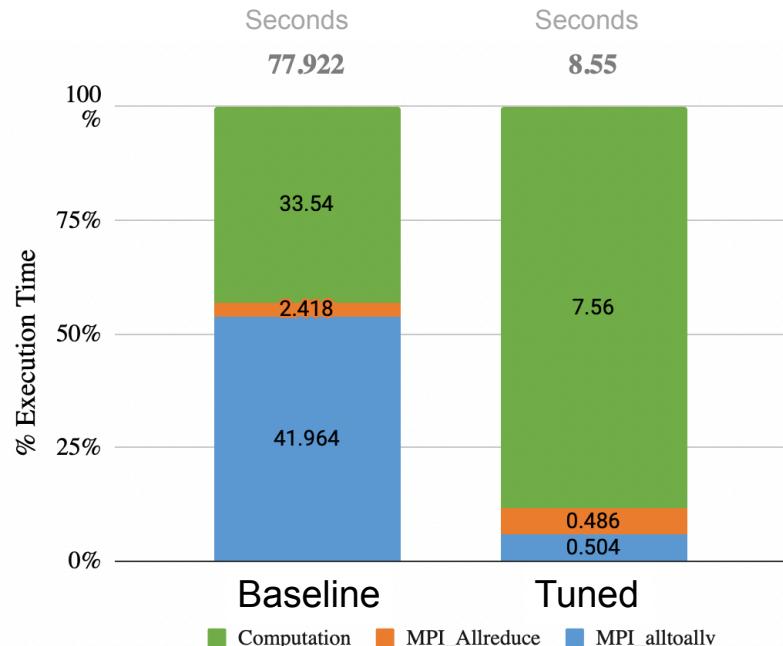


RT-TDDFT MiniApp Analysis

- RT-TDDFT MiniApp using QBox framework
- Tuning parameters define the MPI grid dimensionality
- Wide range of exec. times depending on tuning parameters
- Communication bounded



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- **Platform description** (capabilities, micro-benchmarks)

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Input Parameters

C	The name of the input task. In this case 'Si_222'
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Performance Parameters

sp	Number of ranks working on Spin dimension. It can be 1 or 2.
kp	Number of ranks on the KPoint dimension. Any power-of-2 number from 1 to cores*nodes
sb	Number of ranks on the Band dimension. Any power-of-2 number from 1 to cores*nodes
$ranks$	Total number of ranks to be used. Any power-of-2 number from 2 to cores*nodes

Constants

$cores$	Number of cores per node in the target platform, which is a power-of-two number.
$nodes$	Number of allowed nodes to use in the target platform.

Constraints

Constraint1	$ranks \leq cores \times nodes$
Constraint2	$sp \times kp \times sb \leq ranks$



Task Description



Implementation Description



Platform Description
and they are **constants**.

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Using the Transfer Learning Autotuning feature of GPTune

Knowledge from the *source task* is shared
during the learning of the *new task*

If *new* and *source* tasks are similar,
the model will learn correlations among them,
accelerating the search or
finding better optimal values.

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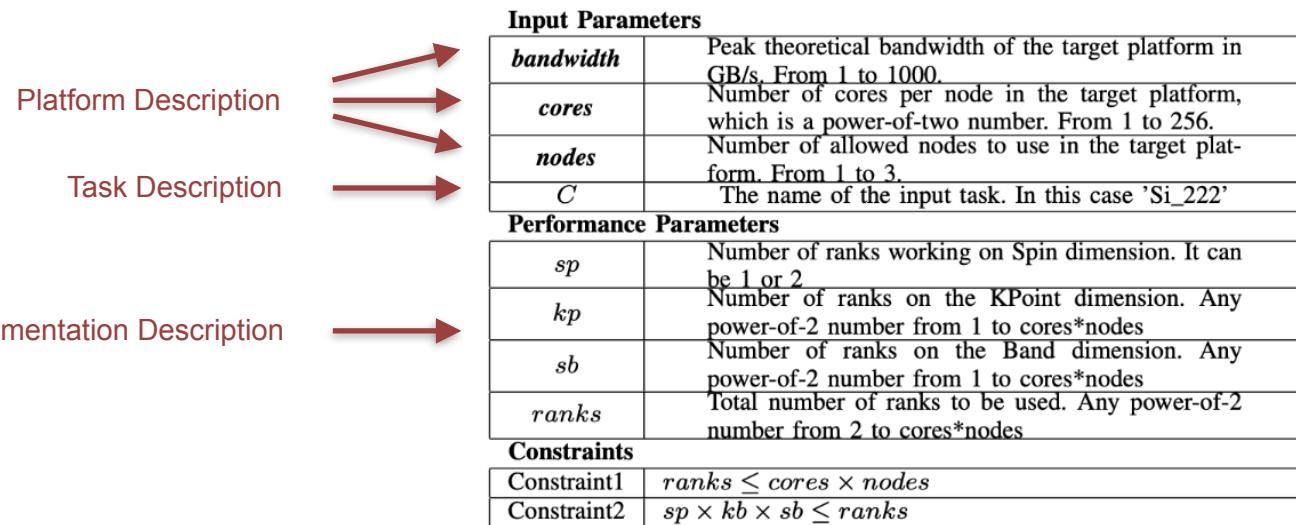
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**Using the Transfer Learning Autotuning
feature of GPTune**

But this is not performance portability between platforms.



Using BO+TL search for performance portability



- Embedding the Platform description parameters as Input Parameter variables (not constants anymore).
- Modifying the metadata to enable the execution.
- Choosing **Platform** features that can explain the objective function: communication-bounded

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Test Platforms at NERSC

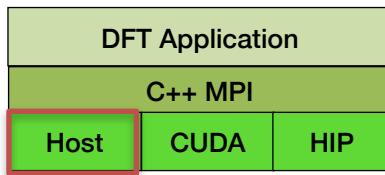
	Cori	Perlmutter
CPU	2x Intel Xeon E5-2698 v3 2.3 GHz	AMD EPYC 7763 2450 GHz
# cores per Node	32	64
Node Memory	128 GB DDR4 2133 MHz	256 GB DDR4 3200 MHz
Node Peak Mem. Bandwidth	< 110 GB/s	204.8 GB/s
Interconnection	Cray Aries DragonFly	HPE Cray Slingshot 11

- *Si_222* input task: 8 k-points, 4 bands, 40K PWs.

Portability scenarios

One application ...

... different portability scenarios.



- One Node of Cori (MPI)
- One Node of Perlmutter (MPI) ← Cross-Platform
- Multiple Nodes of Perlmutter (MPI) ← Intra-Platform

Transfer-Learning Results

Scenario	Found at	Execut. Eval.	Optimal Config.	Eval. Time
BO Perlmutter, 1 node	#47	70	(1, 8, 4, 64)	1.36s

$(sp, kp, sb, ranks)$

An exhaustive search would explore 204 valid combinations.

A reduction of **66%** in the number of evaluations.

Transfer-Learning Results: Intra-Platform

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Intra-Platform Portability				
Without TL	#43	70	(1, 8, 2, 128)	1.12s
With TL	#40	60	(1, 8, 4, 128)	0.91s

Now using 2 Nodes of Perlmutter.

Exhaustive search would explore 285 combinations



From 70 to 60 : 14.3% reduction
From 285 to 60: 79% reduction

Transfer-Learning Results: Cross-Platform

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Intra-Platform Portability				
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With TL	#40	60	(1, 8, 4, 128)	0.91s
Cross-Platform Portability				
Without TL	#7	40	(1, 8, 2, 32)	6.76s
With TL	#40	60	(1, 8, 4, 32)	4.68s

Now moving to 1 Node in Cori:
92 valid combinations

Without TL stops earlier, but optimal is worse.

Assessing quality with metrics

A metric for measuring correlation among tasks in Transfer learning:

- Magnitudes near 1 indicate high correlation, close to 0 mean no relation between tasks.

- Intra-Platform results: **0.9498**
- Cross-Platform results: **0.834**

<i>Platform</i>	<i>(sp, kp, sb, ranks)</i>	<i>Efficiency</i>	<i>Evaluations Executed</i>
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Perlmutter, 1 node	(1, 8, 4, 64)	100%	70
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Without transfer learning

Perlmutter, 2 nodes	(1, 8, 2, 128)	81.39%	70
Cori, 1 node	(1, 8, 2, 32)	69.23%	40

$$\Phi = 0.7492$$

With transfer learning

Perlmutter, 2 nodes	(1, 8, 4, 128)	100%	60
Cori, 1 node	(1, 8, 4, 32)	100%	60

$$\Phi = 1$$

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More details in the paper...

- Conversion-stopping criteria
- How to re-use DFTuning for more applications
- Avoid OpenMPI nested parallelism (MPI spawning)
- Evaluate in parallel the initial candidates
- Enabling compile-time performance parameters
- Correlation metric for tasks in the TL learned model
- Pennycook metric calculation
- ...

Conclusions

- We present a novel ML-based Autotuning Methodology, based on BO + TL, for addressing the performance portability problem in TDDFT workload.
- The methodology has a broader applicability to other apps and tuning frameworks.
- We show promising results with TL on performance portability:
 - Saves up to **46.7%** of app evaluations compared to a BO search in NERSC platforms.
 - We demonstrate with a new metric why TL worked here.
 - Pennycook performance portability metric shows the highest portability.

Future work

- Target GPU platforms.
- Study the importance of the Task/Platform parameters.
- Focus on large scale executions.

Thank you

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