

EVOLUTIONARY ALGORITHMS:

What are EAs?

Mathematical Formulation & Computer Implementation

Multi-objective Optimization, Constraints

Computing cost reduction



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Outline

- **From traditional problem solving techniques to EAs.**
- **Generalized EA: Basic and advanced operators.**
- **Mathematical foundations of EAs.**
- **EAs for multi-objective optimization.**
- **Distributed Evolutionary Algorithms (DGAs).**
- **Hierarchical Evolutionary Algorithms (HGAs).**
- **Constraints' handling.**
- **Efficient ways for reducing the computing cost of EAs.**
- **Applications in the field of aeronautics, turbomachinery, energy production, logistics.**

Effective/Efficient Problem Solving Techniques

- **The number of possible solutions in the search space is so large as to forbid exhaustive search**
- **Seeking the best combination of approaches that addresses the purpose to be achieved**
- **Finding the solution using the available computing resources**
- **Finding the solution within the available time**
- **One or more (contradictory) targets**
- **Solving the problem under a number of (hard/soft) constraints**

Basic Concepts of Problem Solving Techniques

- **Representation**: how to encode alternative candidate solutions for manipulation
- **Objective**: describes the purpose to be fulfilled
- **Evaluation function**: returns a value that indicates the (numeric or ordinal) quality of any particular solution, given the representation

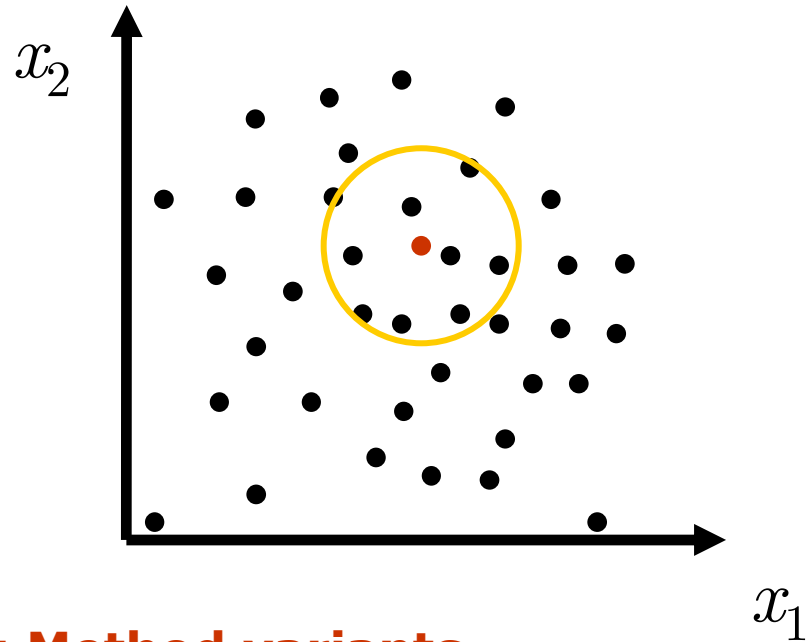
Hill-Climbing: A Traditional (Deterministic) PST

Useful Definitions:

- Neighborhood of a solution
- Local Optimum

Requirements:

- A starting point
- Computation of gradient
- Termination criteria

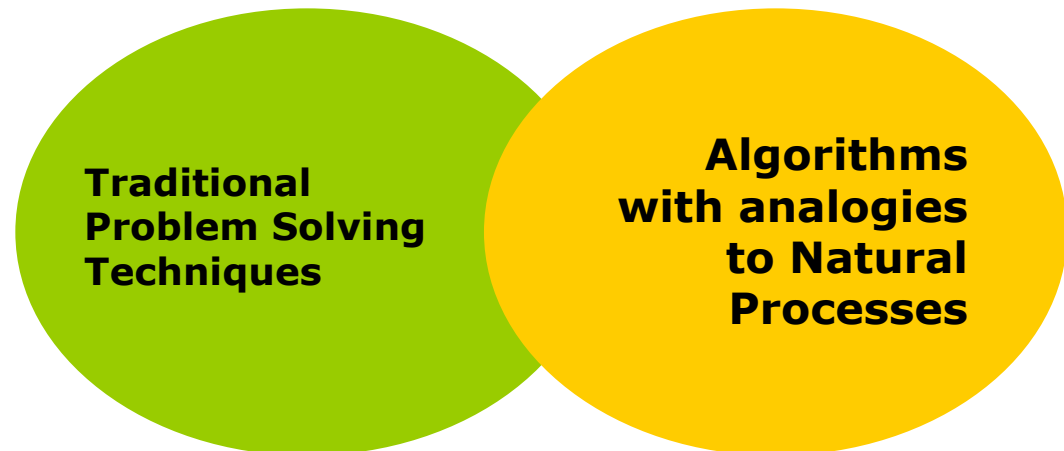


Ideas for creating Hill-Climbing Method variants

- How to select the new solution for comparison with the current solution (how to compute the gradient) ...
- To use more than one starting solutions, if necessary ...
- To be “less deterministic” ...

Algorithms Relying on Analogies to Natural Processes

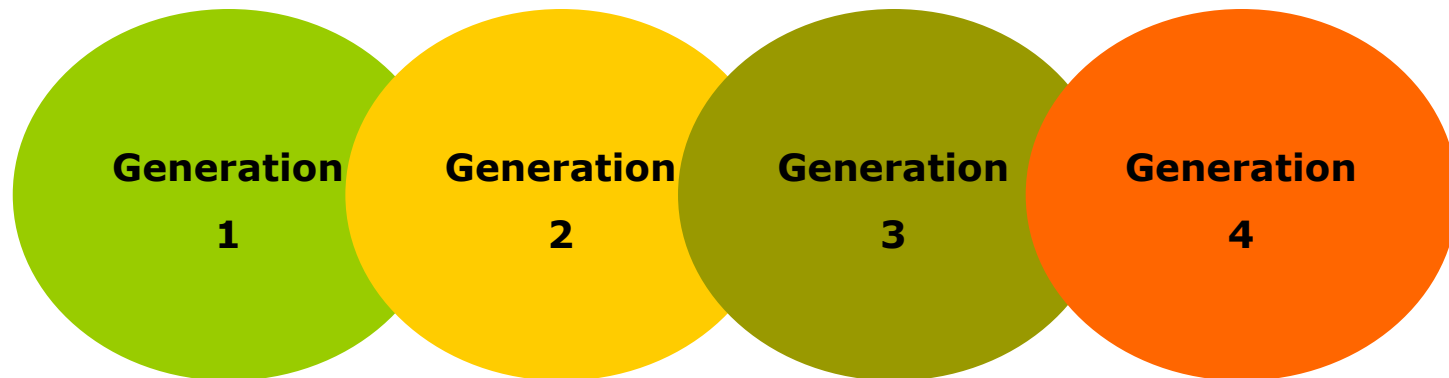
- **Evolutionary Programming**
- **Genetic Algorithms**
- **Evolution Strategies**
- **Simulated Annealing**
- **Classifier Systems**
- **Neural Networks**



The Subclass we are interested in ...

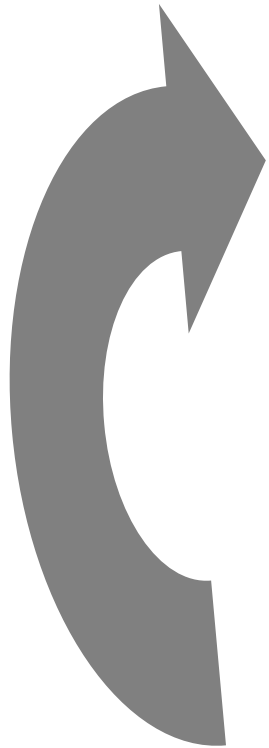
Methods which are based on the principle of evolution (i.e. the survival of the fittest)

- **Handling populations of candidate solutions**
- **Undergoing unary (mutation-type) operations**
- **Undergoing higher-order (crossover-type) operations**
- **Using a selection scheme biased towards fitter individuals**



EA – Schematic Presentation:

$$g = 0, S^g = S^{random}$$



$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \vec{y} = \vec{F}(\vec{x}), \quad \forall s \in S^g \\ \phi(\vec{y}), \quad \forall s \in S^{g,\mu} \\ S^{g+1} = T_3(T_2(T_1(S^g))) \\ g = g + 1 \\ \text{if}(\text{converge}(g)) \text{end} \end{array} \right.$$

EA – Prerequisites:

Objective Function

Parameterization & Representation

$$\vec{y} = \vec{F}(\vec{x})$$

Fitness Function

$$\phi(\vec{y})$$

Evolution Operators

$$S^{g+1} = T_3(T_2(T_1(S^g)))$$

$$\text{if}(\text{converge}(g))$$

Stopping Criterion

Introductory Course to Design Optimization

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Encoding the free variables – Binary Coding:

$b_m, m=1, M$

Binary digits per variable

x_m **Gene**

\vec{x} **Candidate solution**

Chromosome:

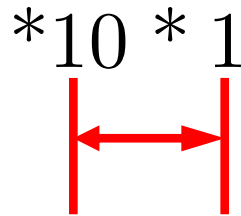
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$$x_m = L_m + \frac{U_m - L_m}{2^{b_m} - 1} \sum_{i=1}^{b_m} 2^{i-1} d_{m,i}$$

L_m, U_m **user defined bounds**

Schemata in binary strings:

A **schema** is a similarity template describing a subset of strings with similarities at certain string positions (Holland, 1968)



Defining length $d(S) = 5 - 2 = 3$

Order of schema $o(S) = 3$ (fixed digits)

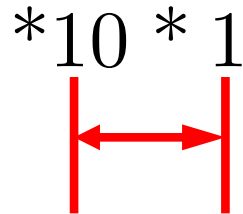
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$m = \text{length of string} (= 5)$
 $r = \text{number of } *'s (= 2)$

2^m possible schemata

2^r strings matched by this schema

Why dealing with Schemata?



Defining length $d(S)=5-2=3$

Order of schema $o(S)=3$ (fixed digits)

The order of a schema affects its survival probabilities during *mutation*

The defining length of a schema affects its survival probabilities during *crossover*

(Schema Theorem)

Encoding the free variable– Real Coding:

Representation: $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m, \dots, x_M)$

A step ahead:

Representation including evolution parameters (the concept of ES):

$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m, \dots, x_M, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_m, \dots, \sigma_M)$

Schema Theorem (1/4) :

The effect of selection:

(m_g) examples of a particular schema (S), generation (g)

$F(S)$ =average fitness of the strings matching schema (S)

$$m_{g+1} = m_g \frac{F(S)}{F_{mean,g}}$$

Reproductive Schema Growth Equation

$$m_{g+1} = m_g (1 + k)$$

$$m_{g+1} = m_0 (1 + k)^{g+1}$$

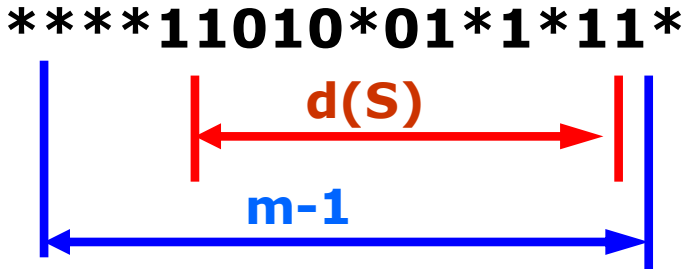
$m_{g+1} > m_g$	if $F(S) > F_{mean,g}$
$m_{g+1} < m_g$	if $F(S) < F_{mean,g}$

**Long term effect
of selection
(k=constant)**

Schema Theorem (2/4) :

The effect of crossover:

Possibility of destructing the schema S during crossover:

$$p_{des} = \frac{d(S)}{m-1}$$


Possibility of maintaining the schema S:

$$p_{main} = 1 - p_{Xover} \frac{d(S)}{m-1}$$

Schema Growth Equation (after selection & crossover):

$$m_{g+1}(S) \geq m_g(S) \frac{F(S)}{F_{mean,g}(S)} \left(1 - p_{Xover} \frac{d(S)}{m-1}\right)$$

Schema Theorem (3/4) :

The effect of mutation:

Possibility of maintaining the schema S after mutation:

$$p_{surv} = (1 - p_{mut})^{o(S)} \approx 1 - p_{mut} o(S)$$

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Final Schema Growth Equation:

$$m_{g+1}(S) \geq m_g(S) \frac{F(S)}{F_{mean,g}(S)} \left(1 - p_{Xover} \frac{d(S)}{m-1} - o(S) p_{mut} \right)$$

Short, low-order, above-average schemata should receive an (exponentially) increasing number of strings in the next generations

Schema Theorem (4/4) :

Lessons Learned:

- Short, low-order, above-average schemata could receive an (exponentially) increasing number of strings in the next generations (**Schema Theorem**).
- GA explore the search space by short, low-order schemata.
- GAs seek near-optimal performance through the juxtaposition of short, low-order, high-performance schemata (the so-called building blocks, **Building Block Hypothesis**).

Exploration vs. Exploitation :

- **Exploration**: seeking the global optimum in new and unknown areas in the search space.
- **Exploitation**: making use the knowledge gained from the previously examined points to guide the search towards new better points in the search space.

Holland 1975: GAs



but:

- Infinite population size
- Fitness function value accurately reflects the utility of a solution
- Genes in a chromosome do not interact significantly

EAs: Binary or Real Coding?

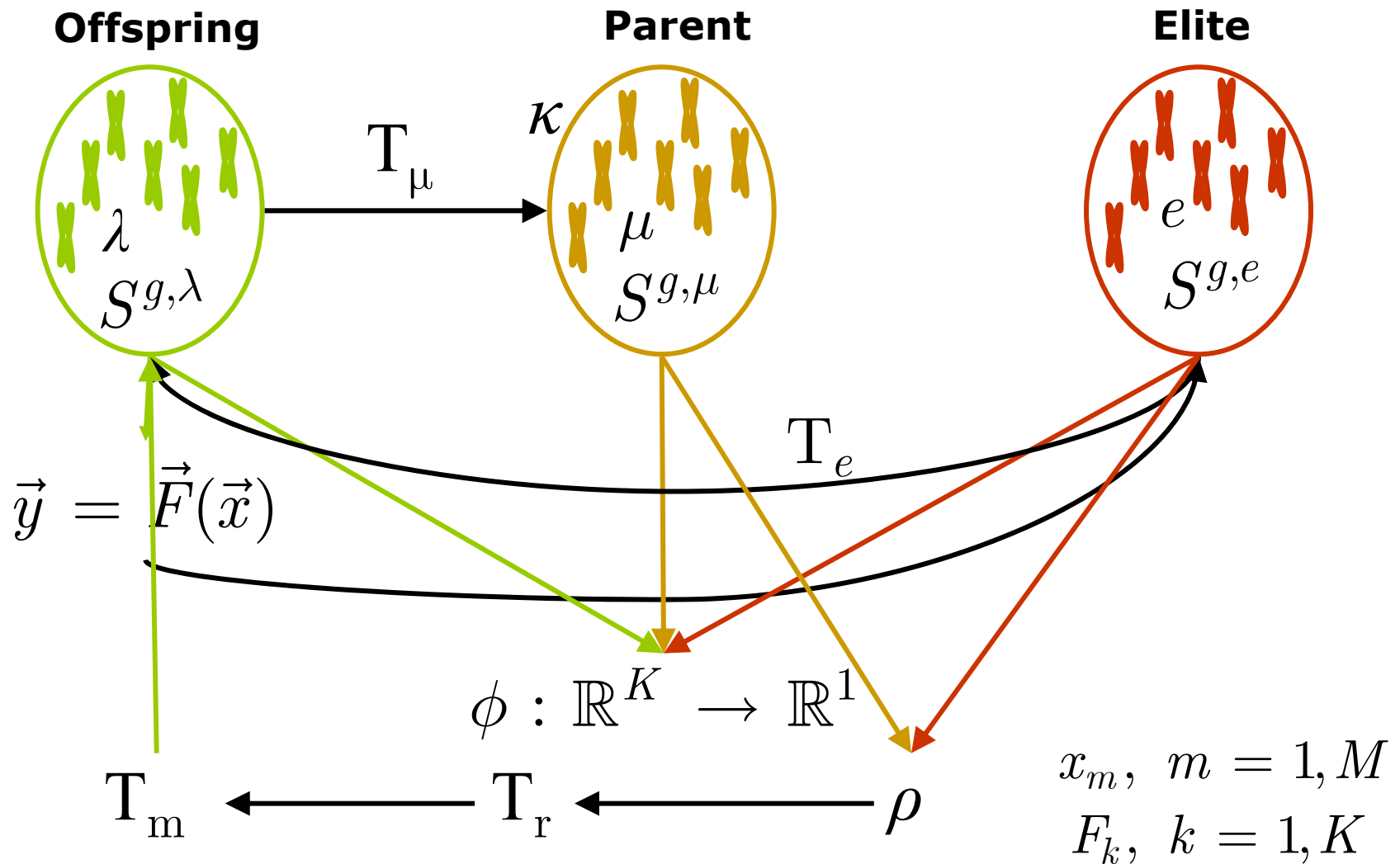
Binary Coding:

- **Creates lengthy binary strings if high accuracy is required.**
- **Offers the maximum number of schemata per bit of information, compared to any other coding.**
- **Facilitates theoretical analysis and the development of new genetic operators.**
- **Smallest alphabet that allows a natural expression of the problem (Goldberg, 1989).**

Real Coding:

- **Problem-tailored genetic operators can readily be devised.**
- **High-cardinality alphabets contain more schemata (Antonisse, 1989).**

Generalized Evolutionary Algorithm (EA)



EA – Schematic Presentation:

$$g = 0, S^{g,e} = \emptyset, S^{g,\mu} = \emptyset, S^{g,\lambda} = S^{\text{random}}$$

$$\vec{y} = \vec{F}(\vec{x}), \quad \forall s \in S^{g,\lambda}$$

$$S^{g+1,e} = T_e(S^{g,\lambda} \cup S^{g,e})$$

$$\phi(\vec{y}), \quad \forall s \in (S^{g,\mu} \cup S^{g,\lambda} \cup S^{g+1,e})$$

$$S^{g,\lambda} = T_{e_2}(S^{g,\lambda} \cup S^{g+1,e})$$

$$S^{g+1,\mu} = T_\mu(S^{g,\mu} \cup S^{g,\lambda})$$

$$S^{g+1,\lambda} = T_m(T_r(S^{g+1,\mu} \cup S^{g+1,e}))$$

$$g = g + 1$$

if(converge(g)) end

Parent Selection Operator T_{μ} (1/5)

(Neglecting Elitism)

□ **Phase 1:**

$$S^{prov,\mu} = T_{\mu,1} (S^{g,\mu} \cup S^{g,\lambda})$$

□ **Phase 2:**

$$S^{g+1,\mu} = T_{\mu,2} (S^{prov,\mu})$$



Life-span κ
Fitness φ

(ES)



Selective
Pressure
(Fitness φ)

(GA)

Parent Selection Operator T_μ (2/5)

- **Proportional selection**
- **Linear ranking**
- **Roulette wheel**
- **Probabilistic Tournament selection**
- **Indirect Selection ($\mu < \lambda$)**

$$S^{g+1,\mu} = T_{\mu,1} (S^{g,\mu} \cup S^{g,\lambda})$$

$$S^{g+1,\mu} = T_{\mu,2} (S^{prov,\mu}) \leftarrow$$

Parent Selection Operator T_μ (3/5)

Proportional selection:

Select $(\lambda\rho)$ individuals out of (μ) preselected ones

$$\frac{\mu\phi^{(s)}}{\sum_{i=1}^{\mu}\phi^{(i)}} \geq 1$$

Premature convergence due to the presence of a "super-fit" individual.

$$\text{number_of_copies}^{(s)} = \text{int} \left[\frac{\lambda\rho\mu\phi^{(s)}}{\sum_{i=1}^{\mu}\phi^{(i)}} \right]$$

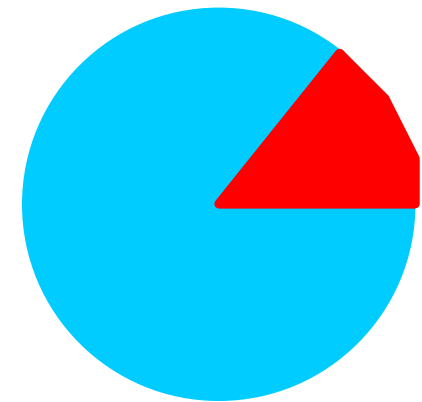
Parent Selection Operator T_{μ} (4/5)

Roulette Wheel:

Select $(\lambda\rho)$ individuals out of (μ) preselected ones

Premature convergence due to the presence of a "super-fit" individual.

$$angle_slot = \frac{\phi^{(s)}}{\sum_{i=1}^{\mu} \phi^{(i)}} 360^{\circ}$$



Parent Selection Operator T_μ (5/5)

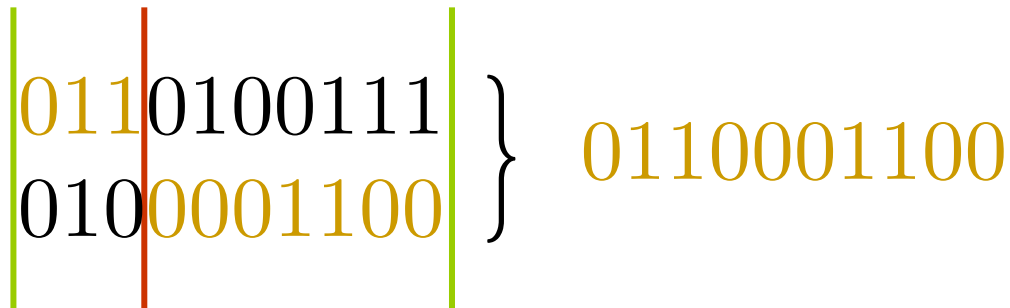
Fitness Ranking:

- ❑ **Individuals are sorted in the order of fitness values**
 - ❑ **Reproductive trials are assigned according to rank**
 - ❑ **Linear Ranking**
 - ❑ **Exponential Ranking, etc**
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- ❑ **Overcomes the problem of the presence of an extreme individual**
 - ❑ **Fitness ranking performs better than fitness scaling.**

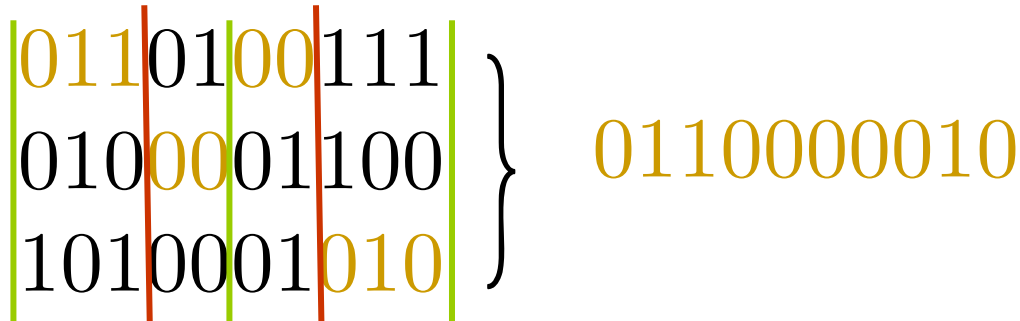
Recombination Operation T_r – Binary Coding

□ **One-point**

$\rho=2$



$\rho=3$



- **Two-point**
- **One- or two-point per variable**
- **Discrete (variables' interchanging)**
- **Uniform (with parent-dependent probability)**

Recombination Operation T_r – Real Coding

$$\square \text{ One-point, } \rho=2 \left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 x_5 x_6 \\ x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 x_5 x_6 \end{array} \right\} x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 x_5 x_6$$

$$x_4 = x_4 + r (x_4 - x_4), \quad r \in [0,1]$$

□ **Two-point**

$$\square \text{ M-point } x_m = x_m + r_m (x_m - x_m), \quad m=1, M, \quad r_m \in [0,1]$$

□ **Discrete, $\rho=2$**

□ **Discrete Panmictic $\rho=M$ (50% selection probability from each parent $\{1,2\}, \{1,3\}, \dots, \{1,M\}$)**

□ **Generalized Intermediate Panmictic**

$$x_m = x_m + r_m (x_{m,\rho} - x_m), \quad m=1, M, \quad r_m \in [0,1]$$

□ **Blend Xover (BLX-a), $c=(1+2a)r-a$, $a=0.5$**

Mutation Operator T_m - Binary Coding

$$P_m \sim \frac{1 \dots 5}{\sum_{m=1}^M b_m}$$

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Dynamic Adjustment of P_m , depending on

- the number of generations without any improvement
- the number of evaluations without any improvement

Mutation Operator T_m – Real Coding

Dynamic mutation probability per variable P_m

$$x_m = \begin{cases} x_m + D(g, U_m - x_m), & r_1 < 0.5 \\ x_m - D(g, x_m - L_m), & r_1 \geq 0.5 \end{cases}$$

$$D(g, a) = a \cdot r_2 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{g}{g_{\max}}\right)^p$$

$$\dot{\eta} \quad D(g, a) = a \cdot \left(1 - r_2 \left(1 - \frac{g}{g_{\max}}\right)^p\right)$$

$p \sim 0.2$

... or, using number of evaluations,
instead of number of generations

Mutation Operator T_m – Real Coding

$$\sigma_m = \sigma_m \cdot \exp(\tau' \cdot N(0,1) + \tau \cdot N_m(0,1))$$

$$x_m = x_m + \sigma_m \cdot N_m(0,1)$$

$$\tau = \left(\sqrt{2\sqrt{M}} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\tau' = \left(\sqrt{2M} \right)^{-1}$$

Genetic Algorithms or Evolution Strategies or ...

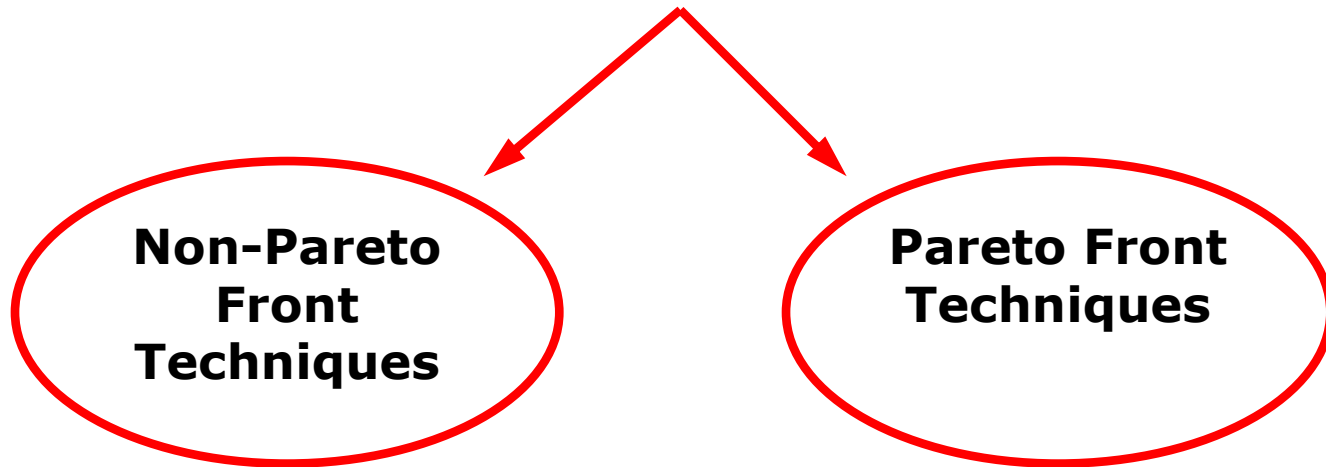
GA

- **Binary Coding**
- **$\mu=\lambda$, parents=offspring** [Holland, 1970]
- **$\rho=2$, two-parent recombination** [Goldberg, 1989]
- **$\kappa=0$, zero life-span** [Michalewicz, 1994]
- **$P_r < 1$, recombination probability** [Fogel]
- **$K=1$, one target**

ES

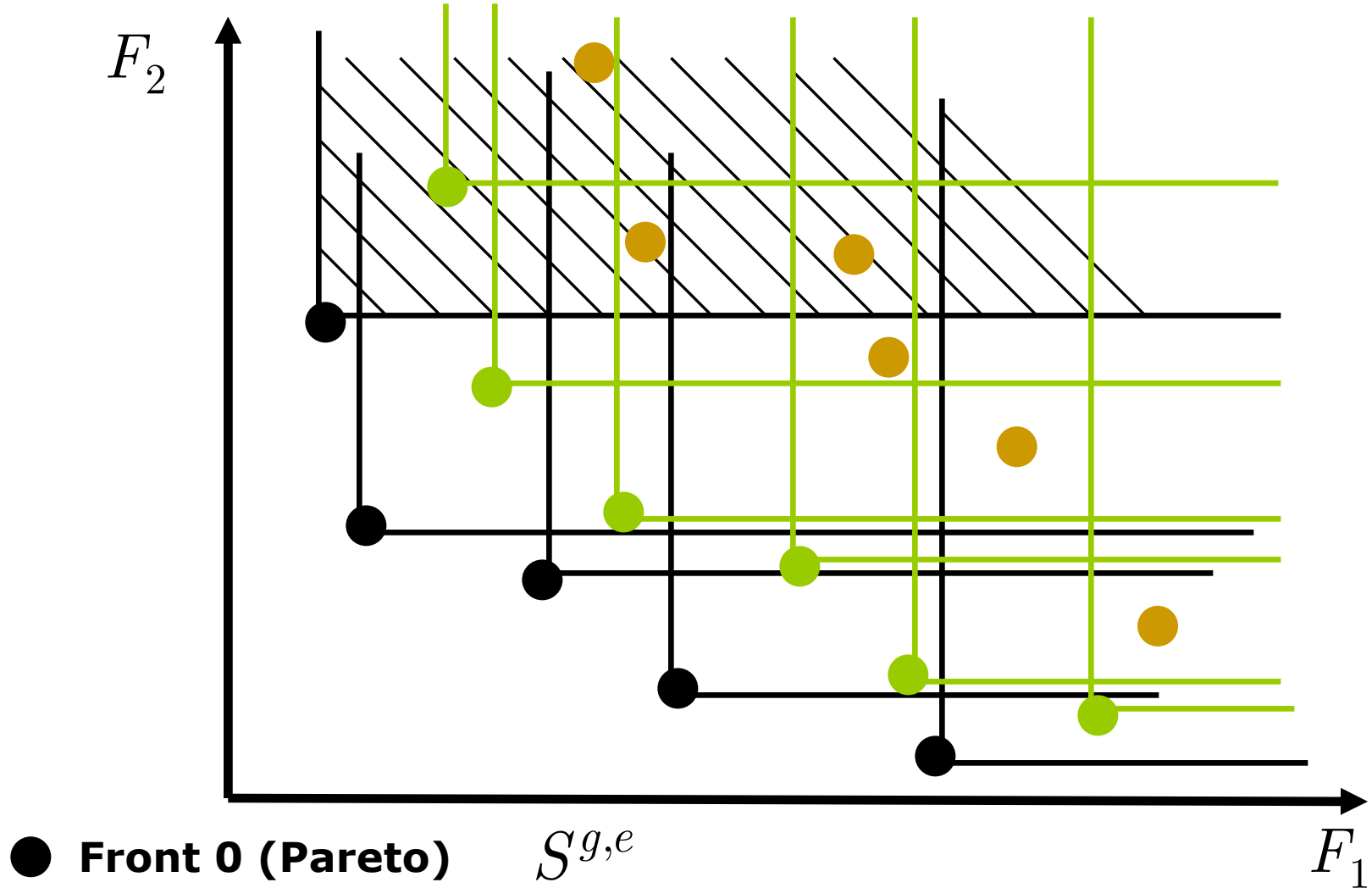
- **Real Coding, including the evolution parameters**
- **Without parent Selection Operator ($\mu < \lambda$)**
- **$\mu \ll \lambda$**
- **$\kappa=0$ ($\mu, 0, \lambda$) = (μ, λ) or $\kappa=\infty$ (μ, ∞, λ) = ($\mu+\lambda$)**
- **$\rho=2$**
- **$P_r=1$** [Schwefel, Rechenberg, 1965]
- **$K=1$** [Bäck, 1996]

Multi-objective Optimization



(K = number of objectives)

Pareto Front



Pareto Front – Definition (Minimization Problems):

Dominant Solution:

$$\vec{x}^{(p)} < \vec{x}^{(q)} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{s}^{(p)} < \mathbf{s}^{(q)} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\forall k \in \{1, \dots, K\} : F_k^{(p)} \leq F_k^{(q)} \quad \wedge$$

$$\exists k \in \{1, \dots, K\} : F_k^{(p)} < F_k^{(q)}$$

Pareto Optimal Solution:

$$\vec{x} \Leftrightarrow \nexists \vec{x}' \in \mathbb{R}^M : \vec{x}' > \vec{x}$$

Multi-Objective Optimization – Computation of ϕ

$$\phi = \sum_{k=1}^K w_k \cdot F_k$$

$$\phi = F_k, \quad k \in [1, K]$$

**For parent selection, VEGA
[Schaffer, 1984]**

$$\phi = \text{Pareto_Rank}(F_k), \quad k = 1, K$$

[Goldberg, 1989]

Vector Evaluated Genetic Algorithm (VEGA)

K=3



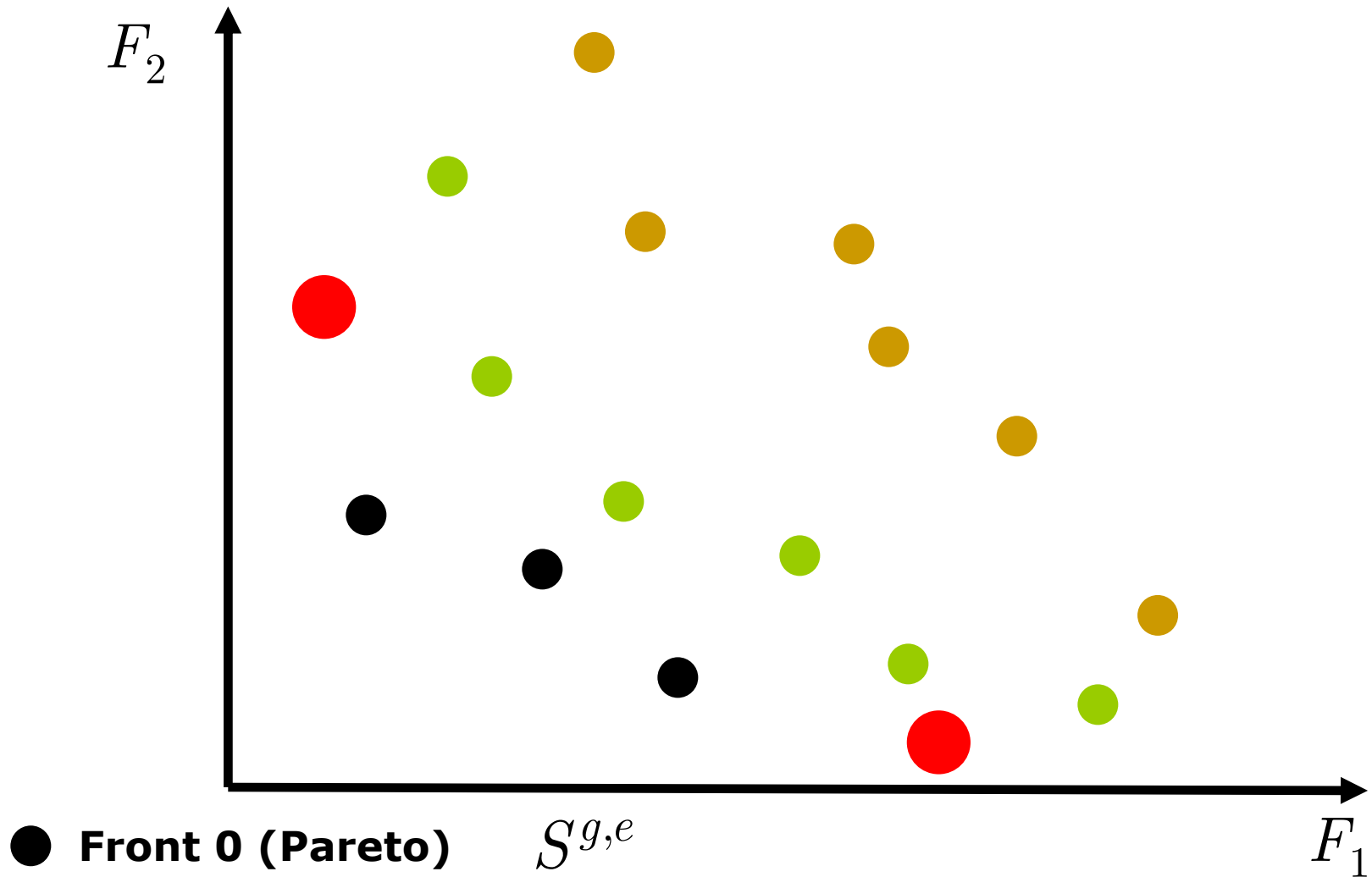
**Selection
based on
 $\varphi = F_1$**

**Selection
based on
 $\varphi = F_2$**

**Selection
based on
 $\varphi = F_3$**

Recombination, Mutation

VEGA: Guess the final solutions...



● **Front 0 (Pareto)**

● **Front 1**

● **Front 2**

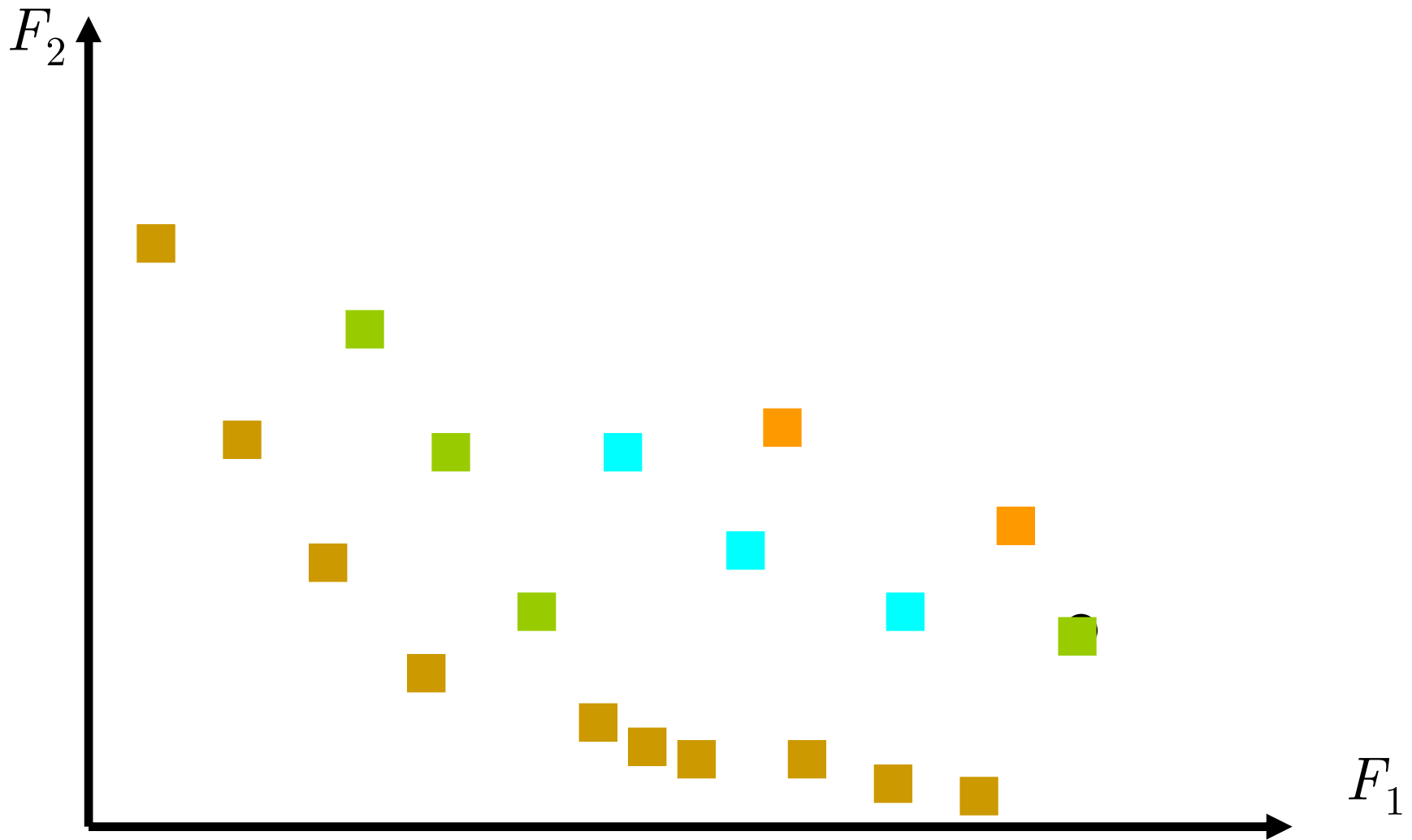
$S^{g,e}$

F_1

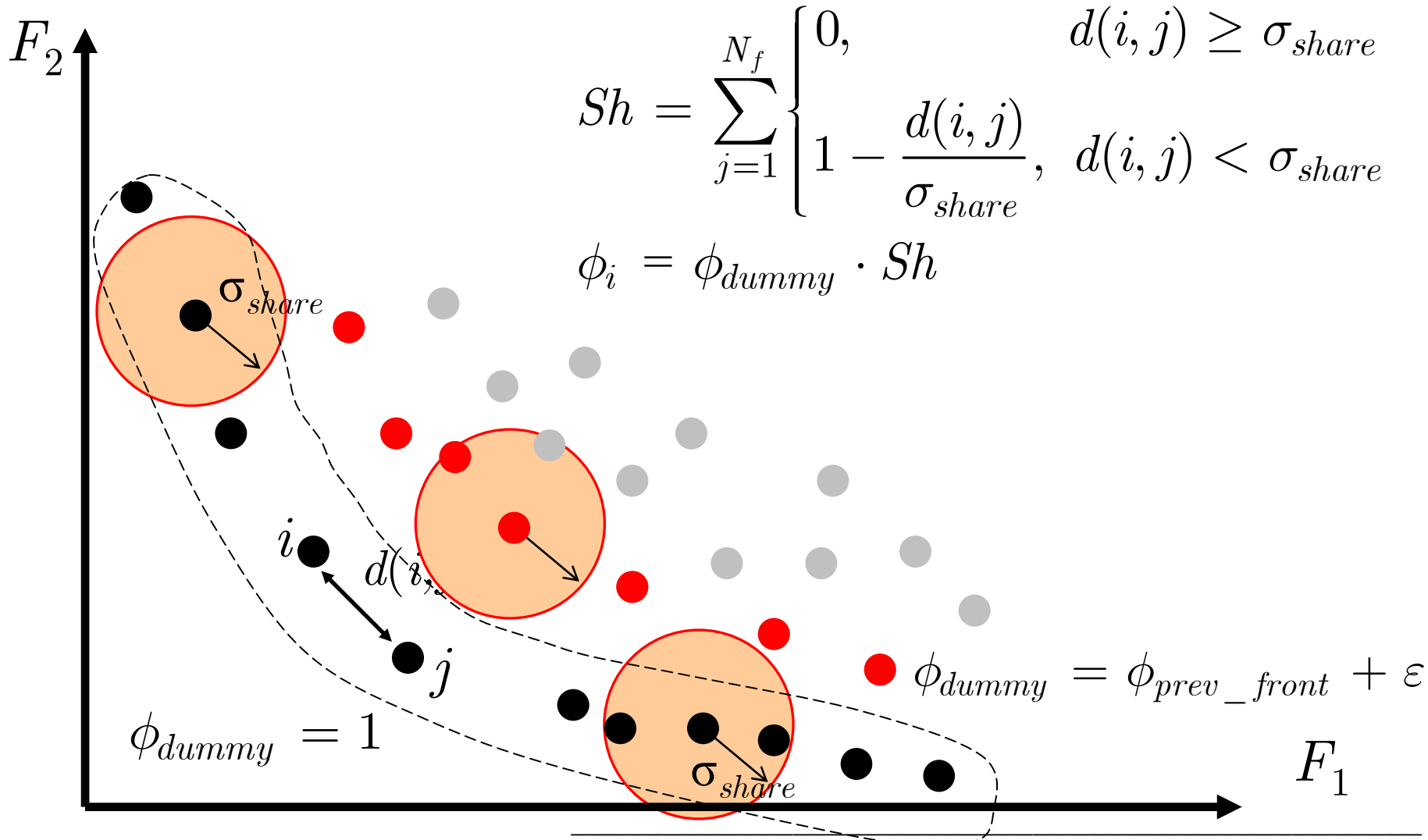
φ computation using the Pareto front:

- ❑ **Front Ranking [Goldberg, 1989]**
- ❑ **Niched Pareto GA (NPGA) [Horn, Nafpliotis, 1993]**
- ❑ **Nondominated Sorting GA (NSGA) [Srinivas, Deb, 1994]**
- ❑ **Strength Pareto EA (SPEA) [Zitzler, Thiele, 1998]**
- ❑ **Pareto Envelope-based Selection Algorithm (PESA) [Corne, Knowles, Oates, 2000]**
- ❑ **NSGA-II [Deb, Agrawal, Pratap, Meyarivan, 2000]**
- ❑ **Strength Pareto EA II (SPEA II) [Zitzler, Laumanns, Thiele, 2001]**

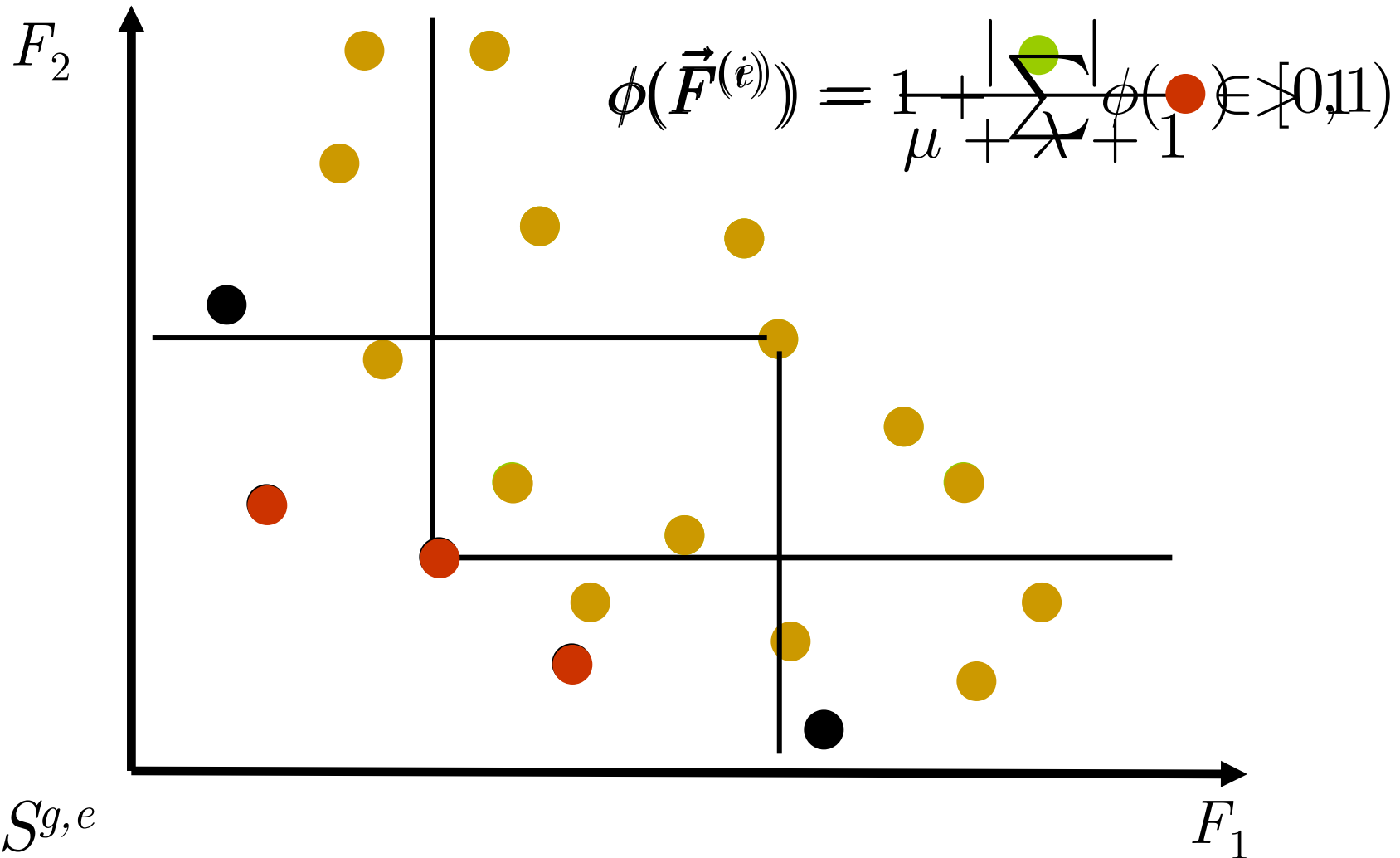
φ computation – Sorting (NSGA)



ϕ computation – Niching (NSGA)



φ computation – SPEA

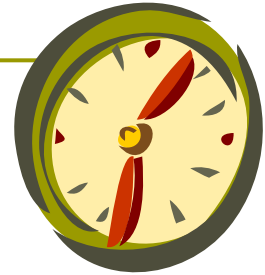


● $S_{g,e}$

● Dominated Solutions

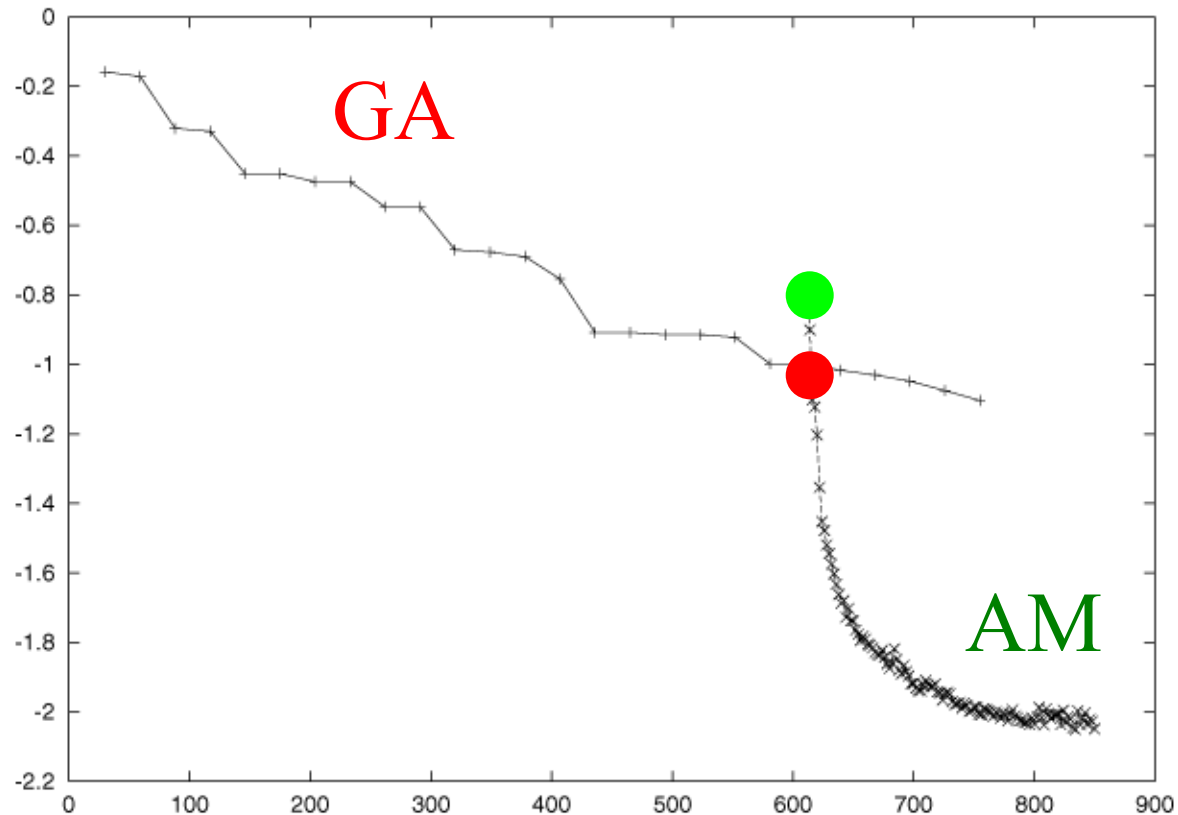
● Other Solutions

Ways to reduce the number of evaluations:



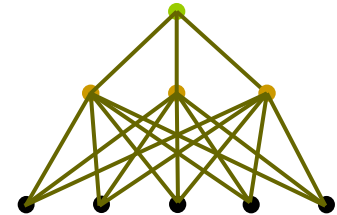
- ❑ **Improved evolution operators**
- ❑ **Hybridization with other optimization methods**
- ❑ **Distributed EAs (island model)**
- ❑ **Hierarchical EAs (faster solvers)**
- ❑ **Use of surrogate models (metamodels, fast approximate model)**

Hybridization with other Optimization Methods



Use of Surrogate Evaluation Models

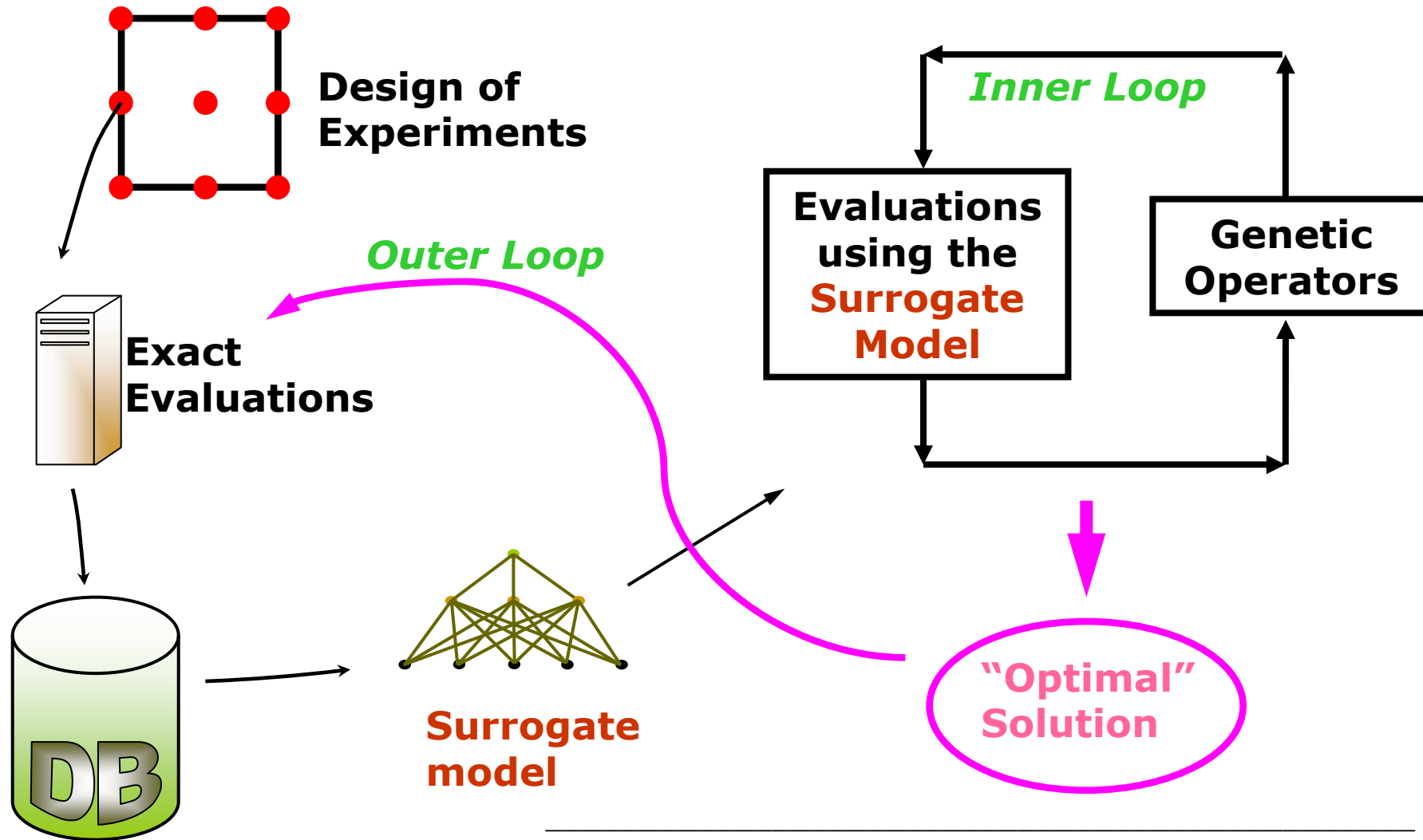
- **Polynomial Interpolation**
- **Artificial Neural Networks**
 - **Multilayer Perceptron**
 - **Radial Basis Function Networks**
- **Kriging**



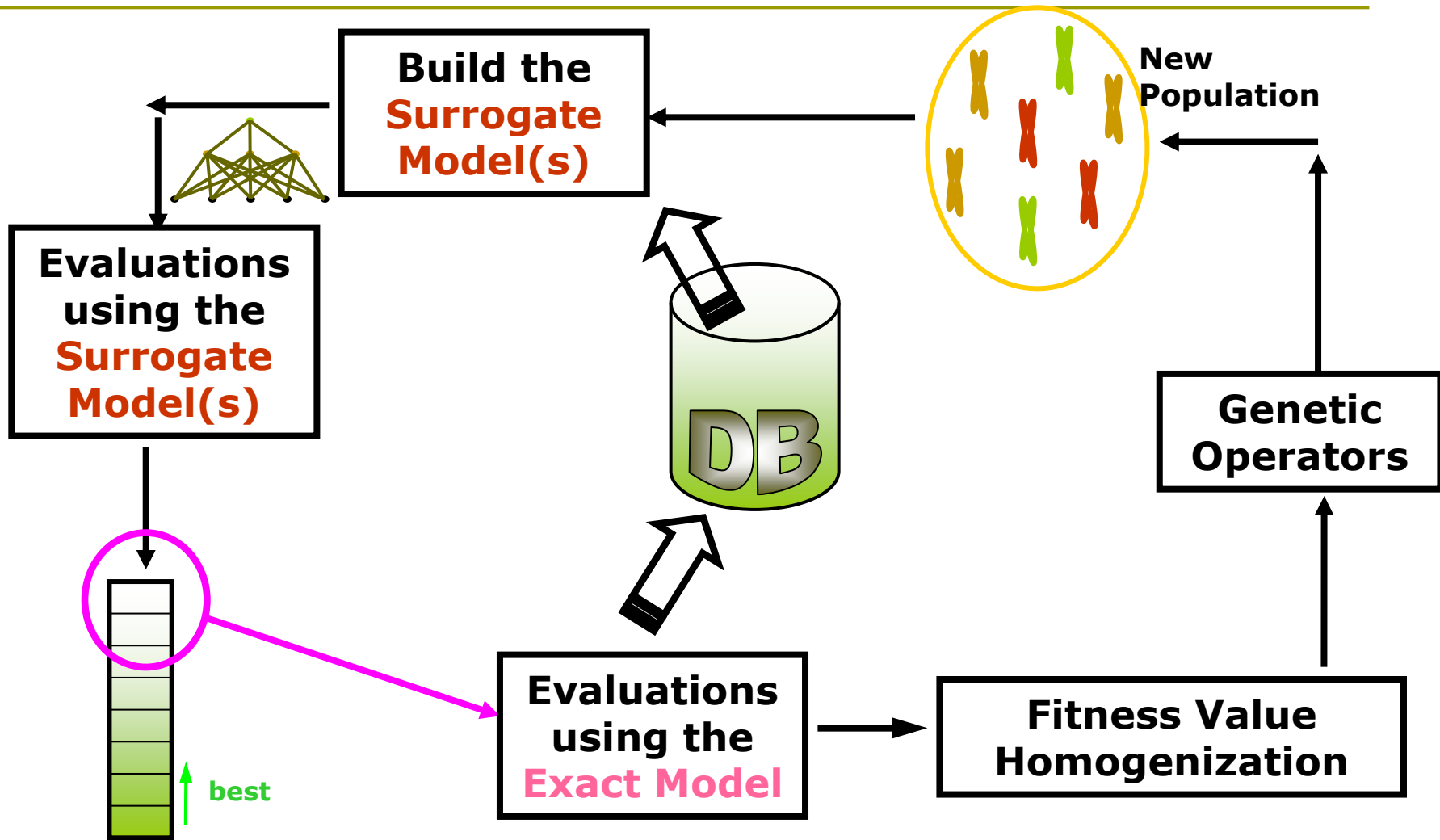
Ways of using the surrogate evaluation model:

- **Decoupled from the exact evaluation tool (+Design of Experiments, DoE)**
- **In combination with the exact evaluation tool**
 - **Regular Training (depending on the number of new entries in the DB)**
 - **Dynamical Training (separately, for each new individual)**

Use of Surrogate Models (with Off-Line Training)

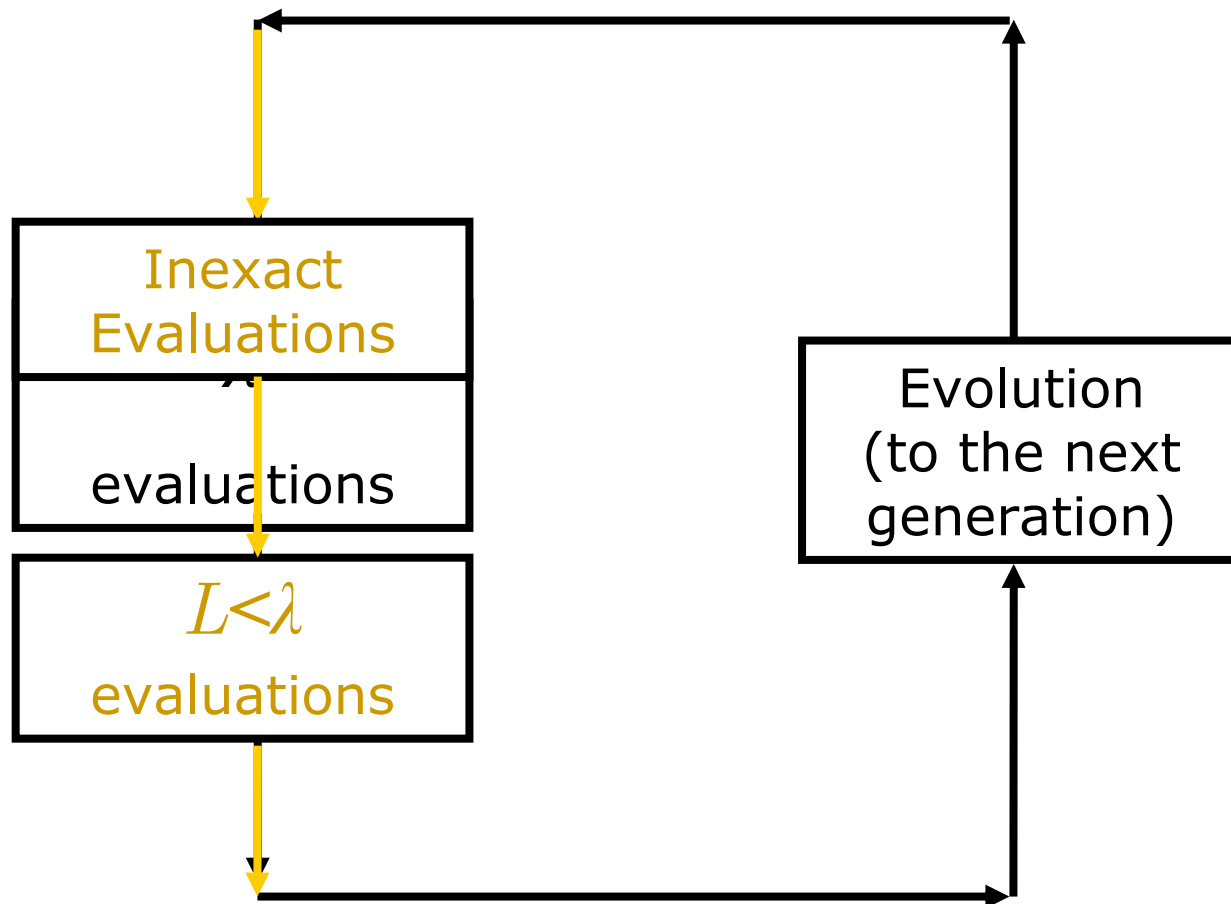


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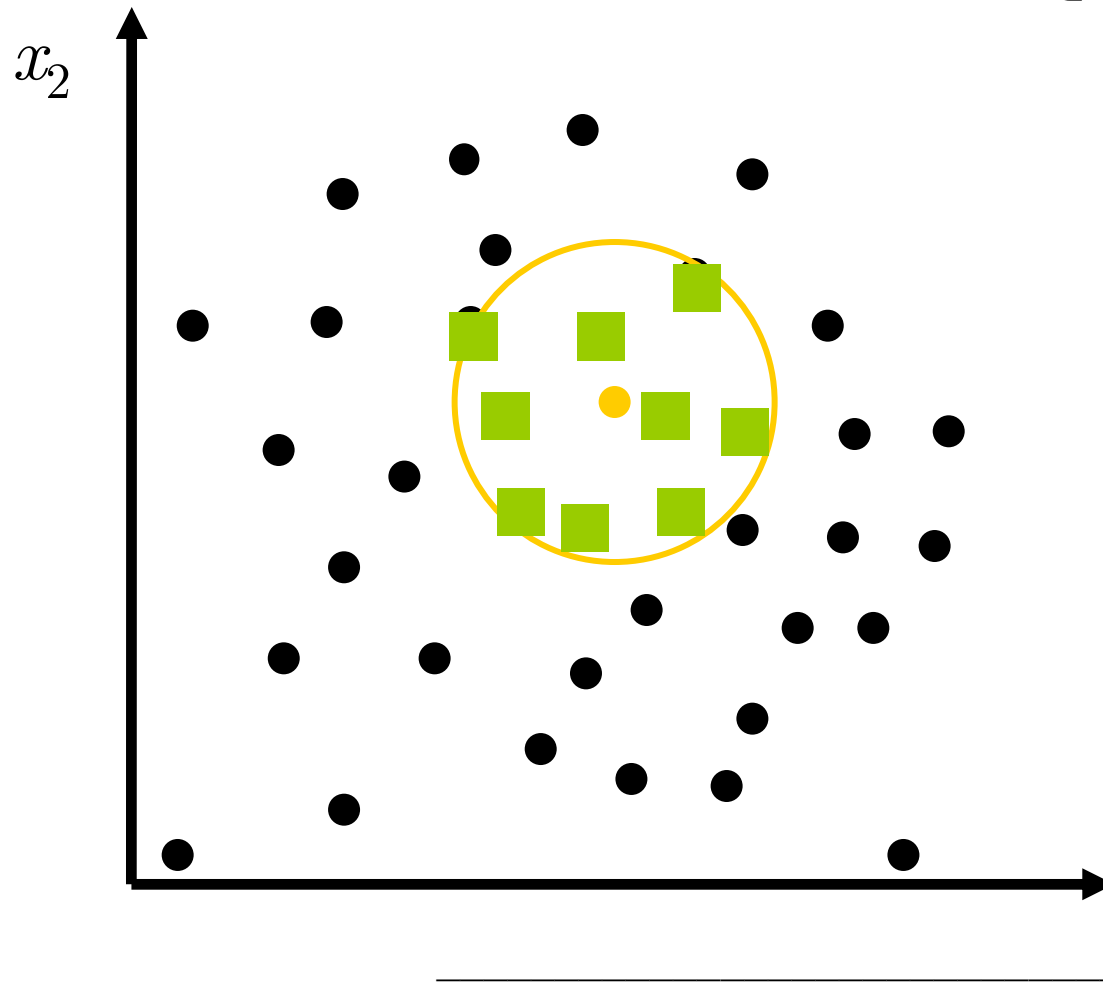
Inexact Pre-Evaluation (IPE) – The Concept:

Exact Evaluation of the most promising solutions



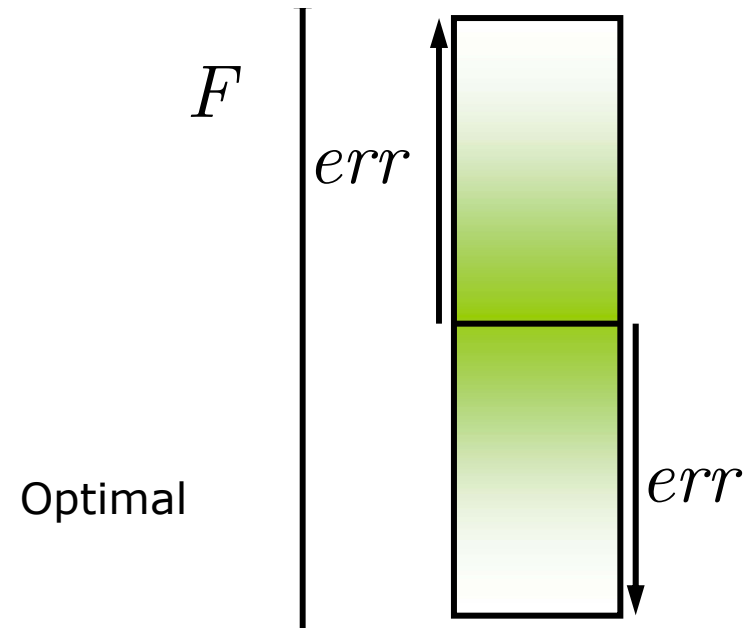
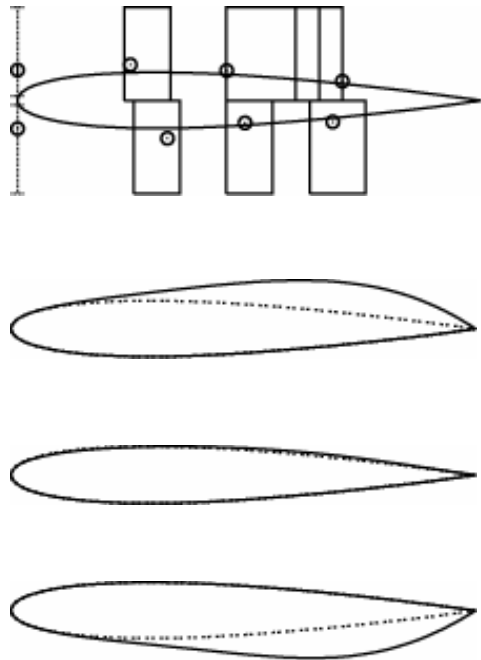
Local Surrogate Models - Training Set:

$$T \in [T_{\min}, T_{\max}]$$



Surrogate Models – What else do they tell us???

- ❑ **Fitness Function Approximation**
- ❑ **Confidence Intervals**
- ❑ **Hessian Matrix Approximation**
- ❑ **Sensitivity Derivatives (Importance Factors)**



Optimization and Multi-processing

Reduction of the Optimization Wall-Clock Time



Parallelization Level

EA

CFD

- CPUs $\neq \lambda$ ($\dot{n} L$)
- Loading Distribution:
 - Heterogeneous Platforms
 - Loading per processor
 - Variable evaluation cost
- Synchronization (in each generation)

- **Master: EA Module - waiting list for evaluations**
- **Slave: discrete (remote) evaluation process**

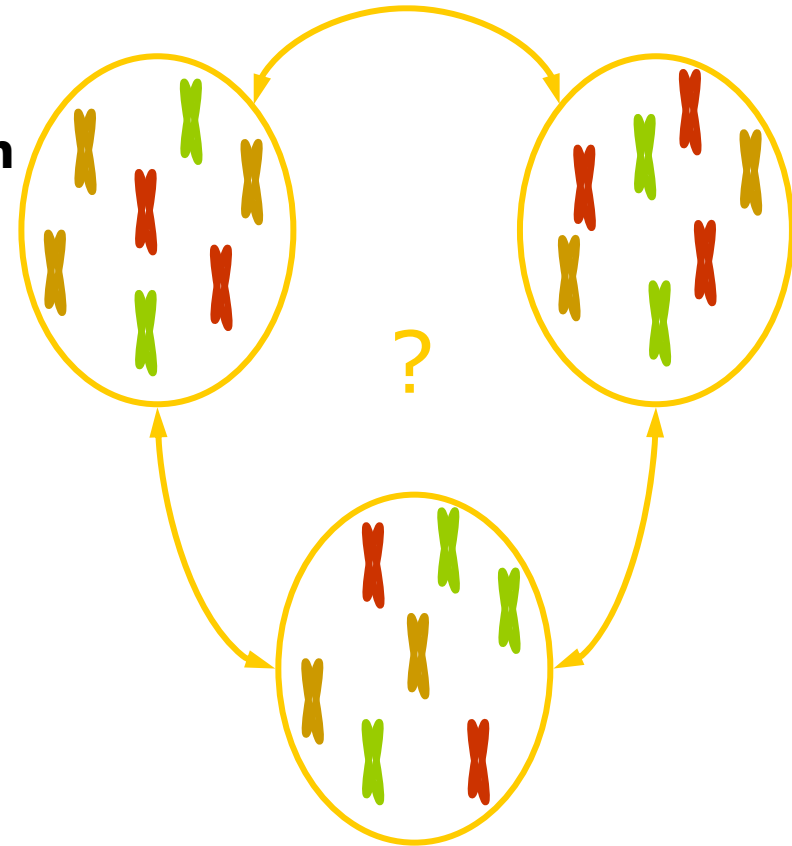
Distributed EA

□ Why ?

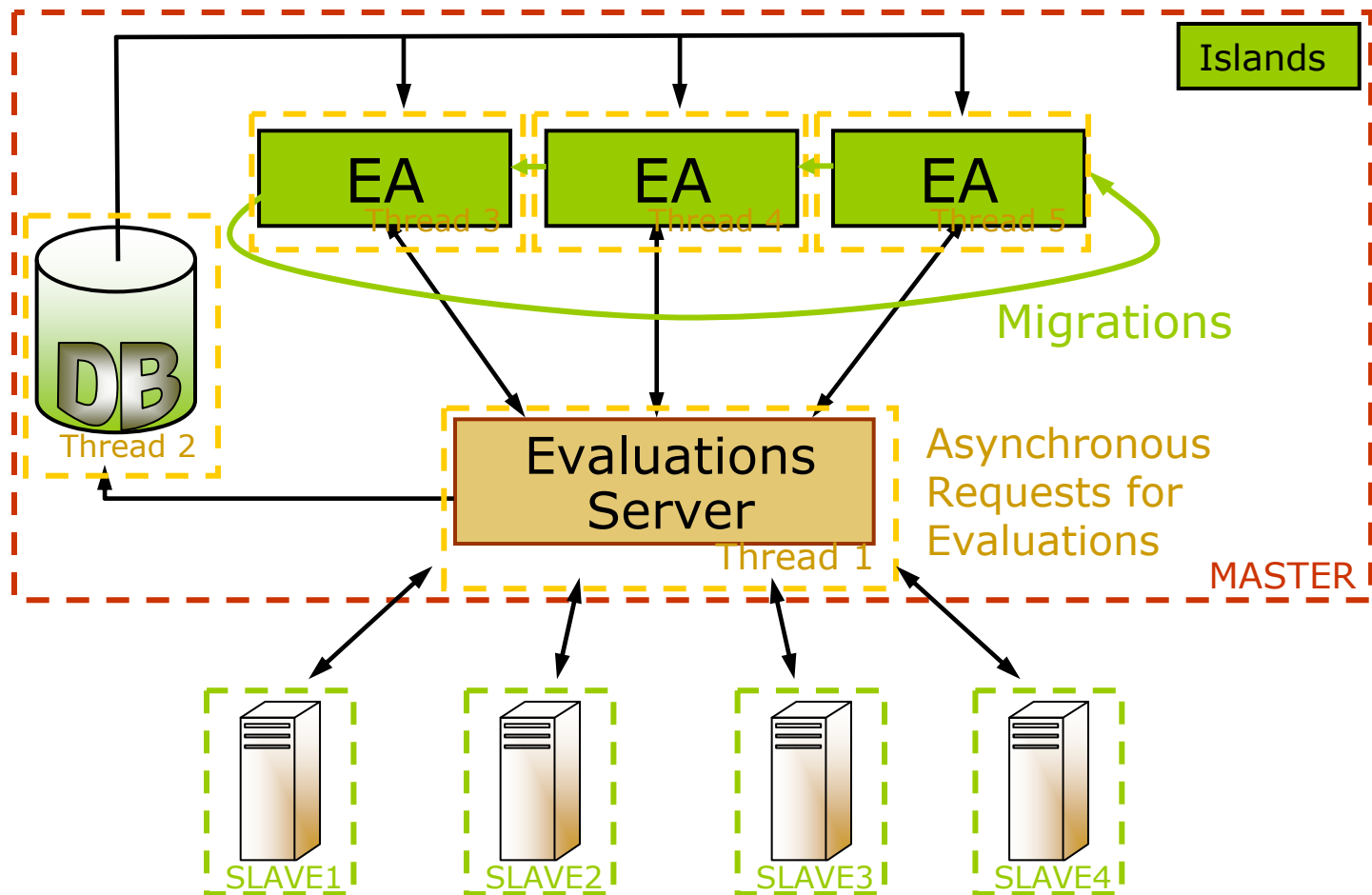
- $L (\ll \lambda) < \text{CPUs}$
- Persistent diversity in populations
- Straightforward parallelization

□ Additional Parameters:

- Number of islands
- Communication topology
- Communication frequency
- Migration algorithm
- EA parameters per island



Distributed EA on a Multi-Processor System



Applications

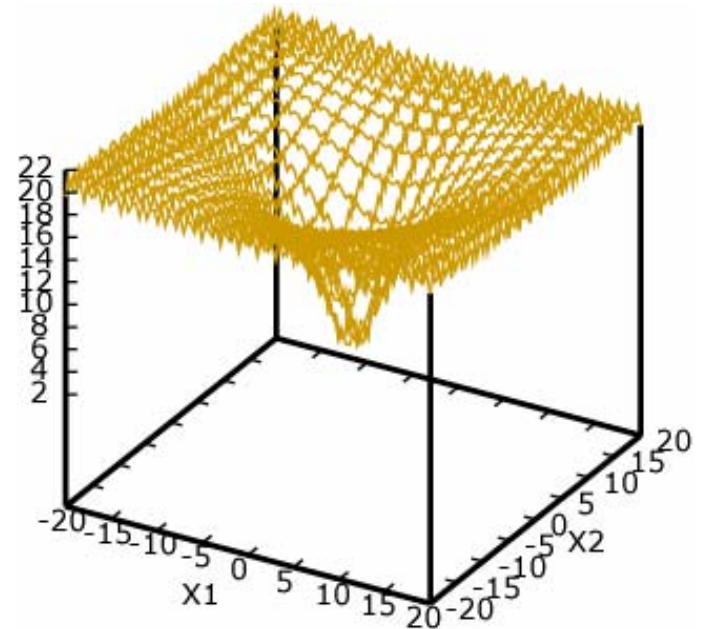
The logo for EASY v1.3 features the word "EASY" in a large, blue, 3D-style font with a horizontal line texture. To its right, "v1.3" is written in a smaller, gold-colored serif font.

The Evolutionary
Algorithms SYstem

Developed by the National Technical University of Athens,
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Problem: Rastrigin's Function

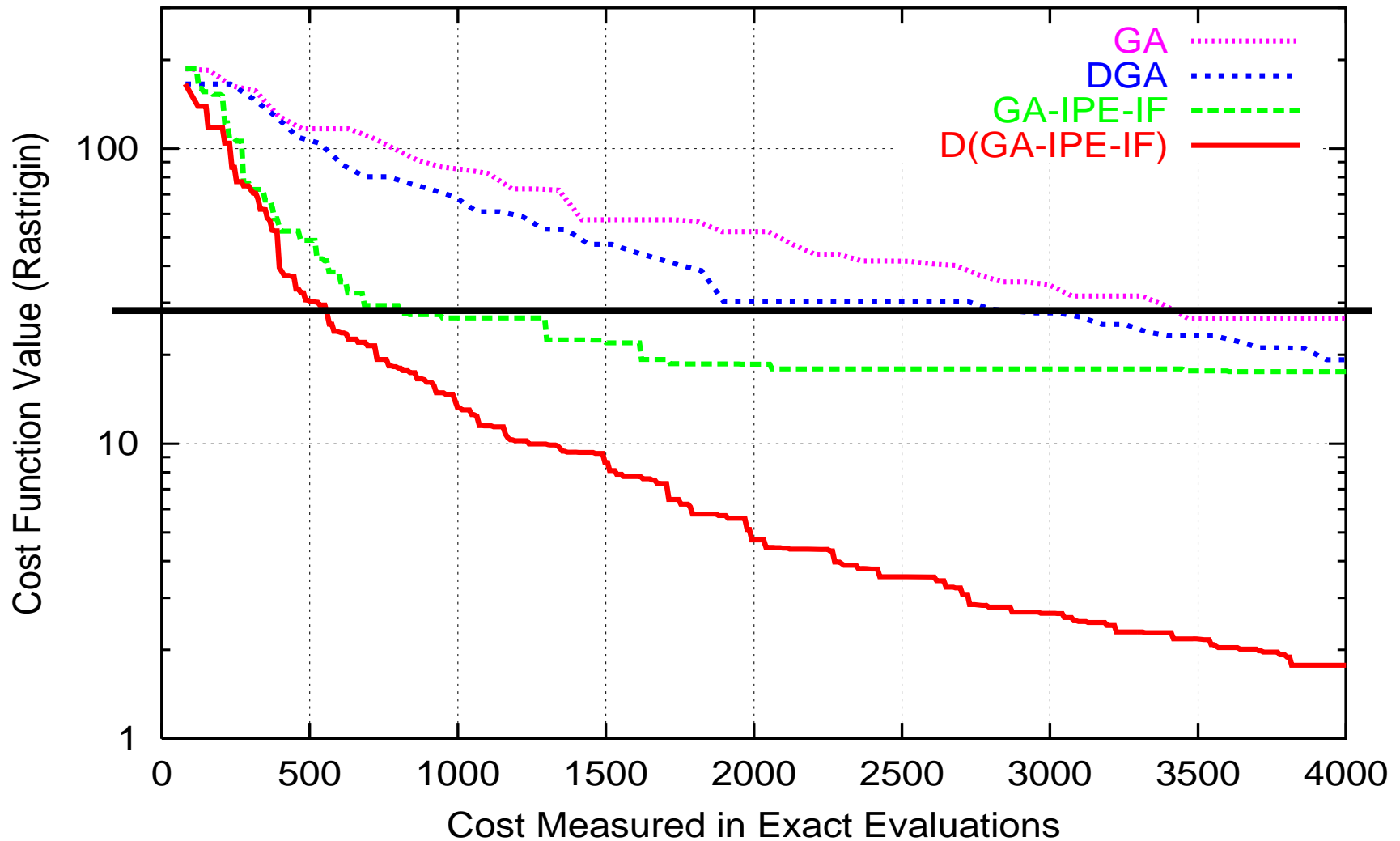
$$F(\vec{x}) = 20 + e - 20 \exp\left(-0.2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M x_m^2}\right) - \exp\left(\frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \cos(2\pi x_m)\right)$$



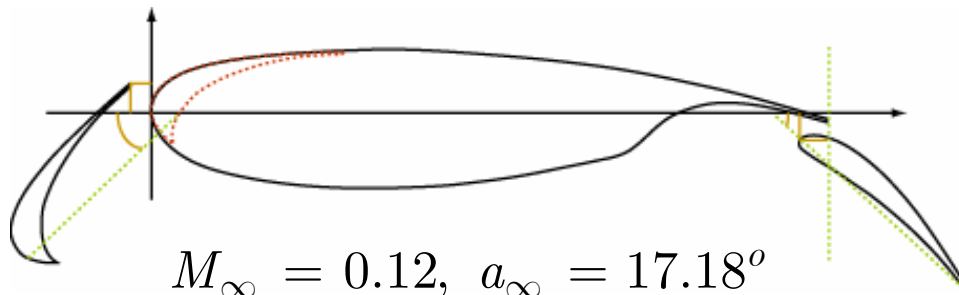
$$M=30$$

$$-30 \leq x_m \leq 30$$

Results: Rastrigin's Function

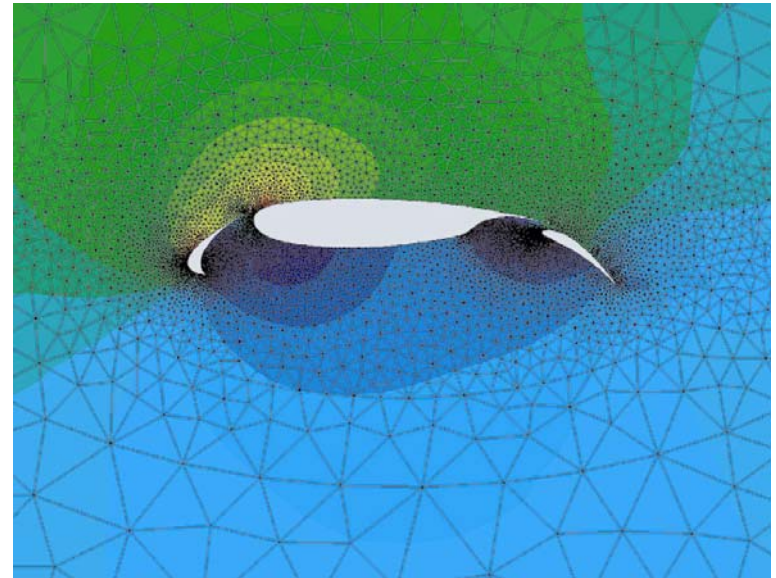


Problem: Three-Element Airfoil, Lift Maximization

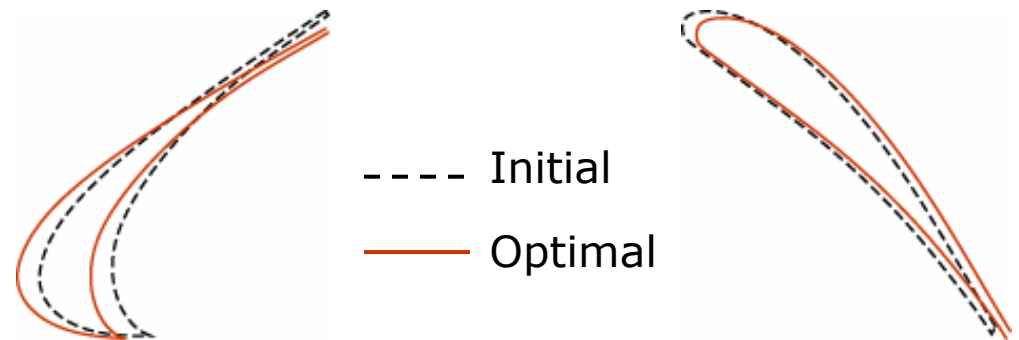


$$M_\infty = 0.12, a_\infty = 17.18^\circ$$

$$F = -C_L$$

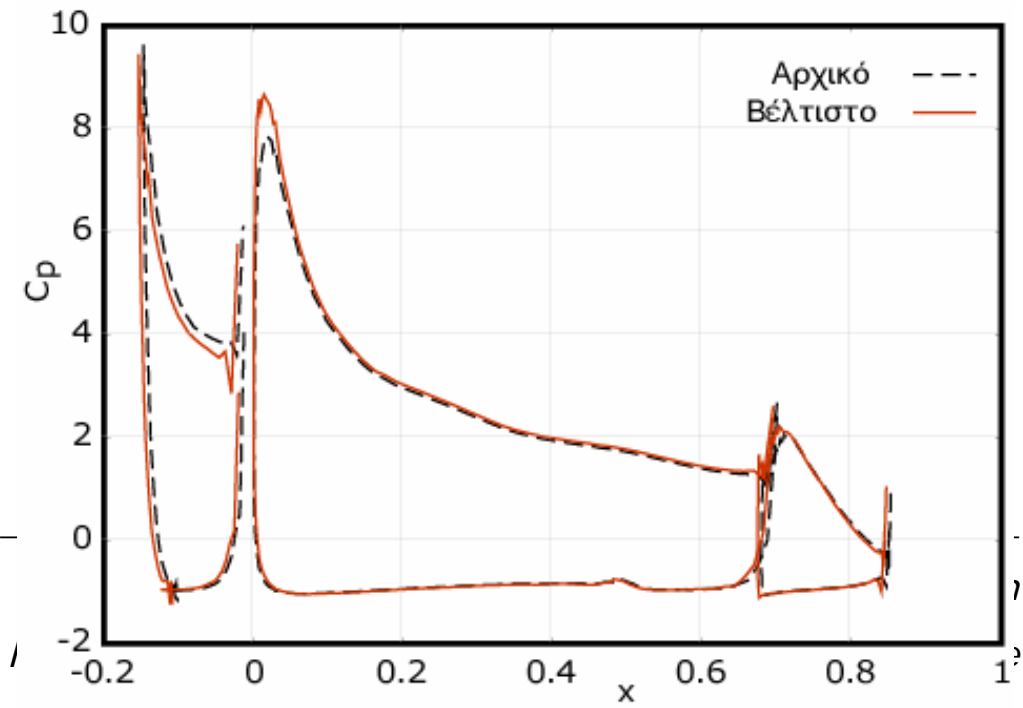
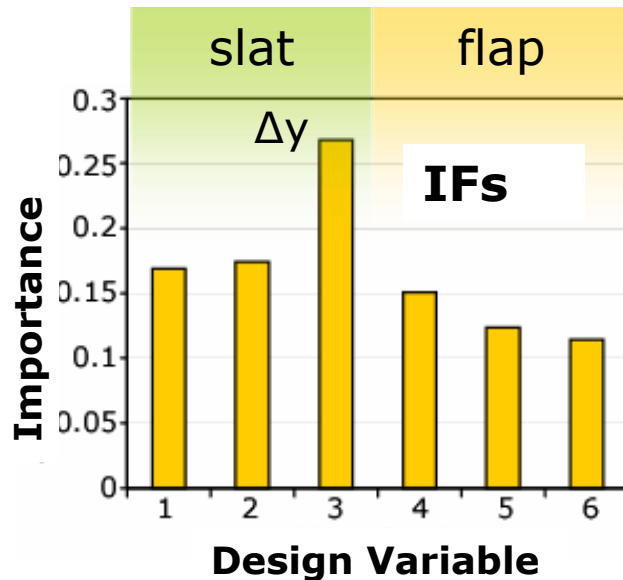


	Initial
Rotation Angle	28.1°
Δx	-0.020
Δy	0.0269
Rotation Angle	-37°
Δx	0.020
Δy	0.0249

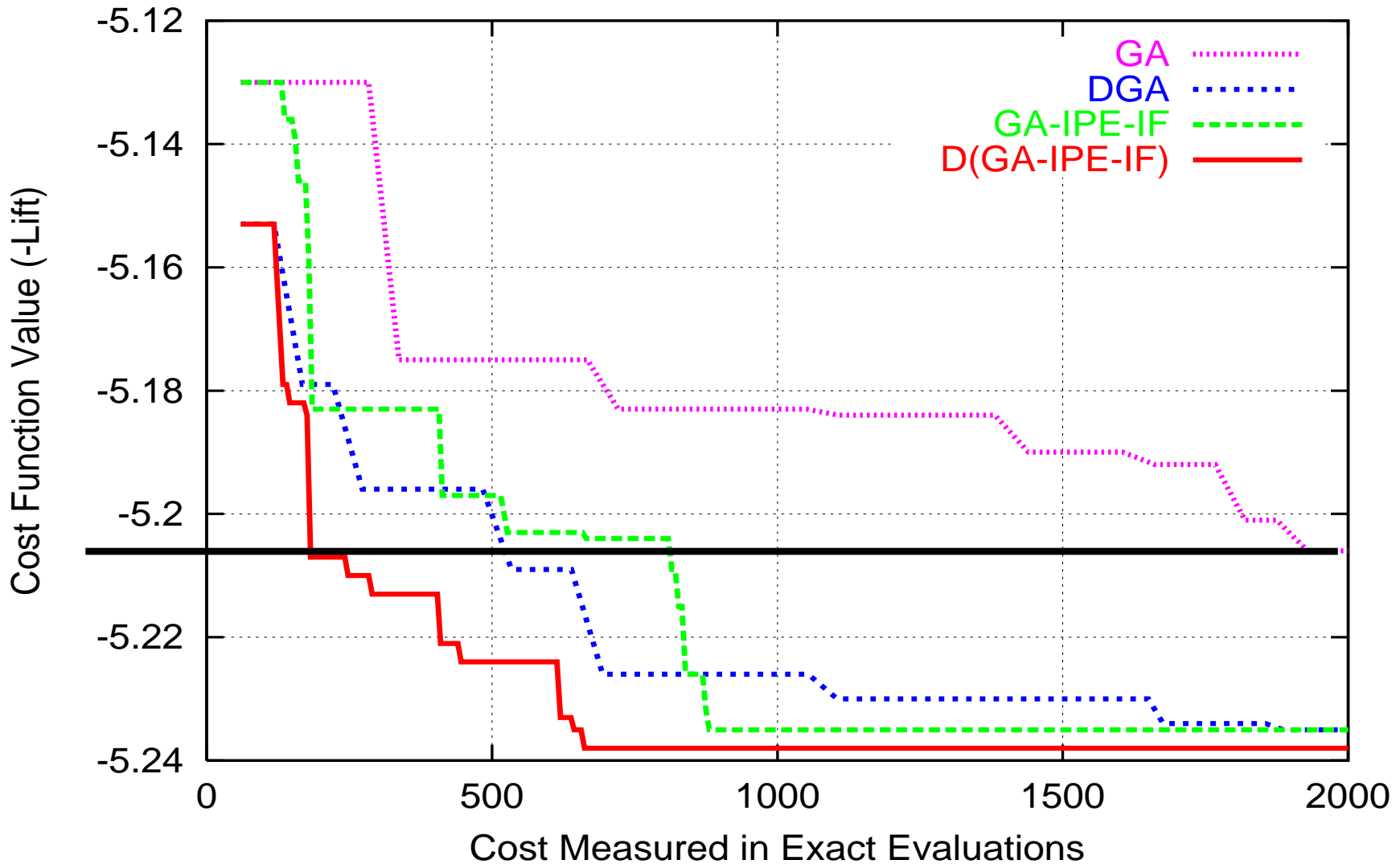


Results: Three-Element Airfoil, Lift Maximization

	Initial	Optimal
Rotation Angle	28.1°	28.02°
Δx	-0.020	-0.03078
Δy	0.0269	0.01982
Rotation Angle	-37°	-36.96°
Δx	0.020	0.02016
Δy	0.0249	0.02469

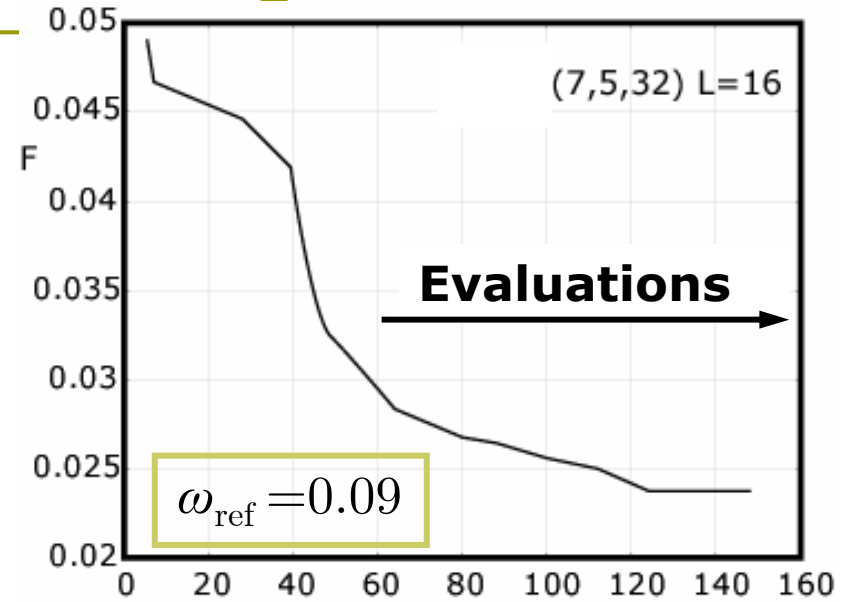
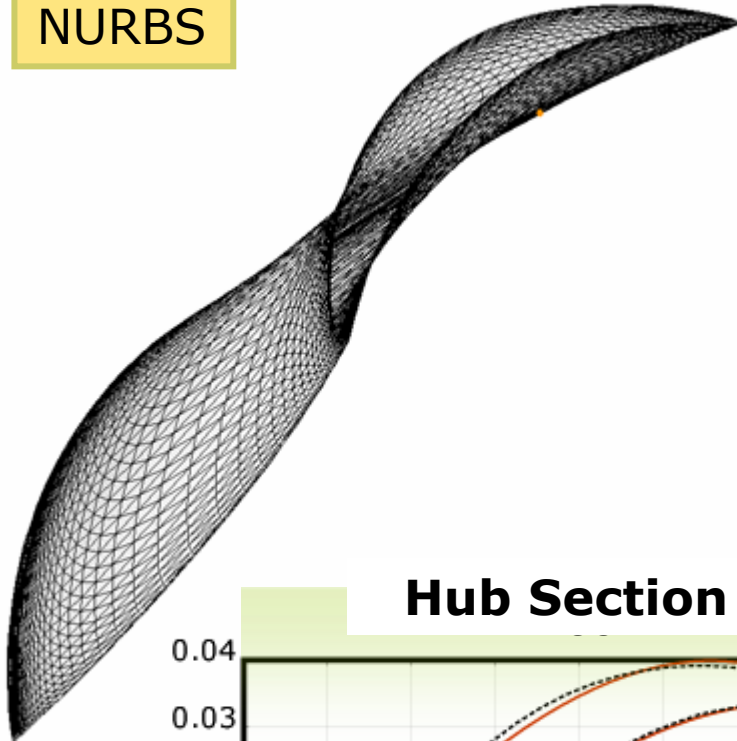


Results: Three-Element Airfoil, Lift Maximization

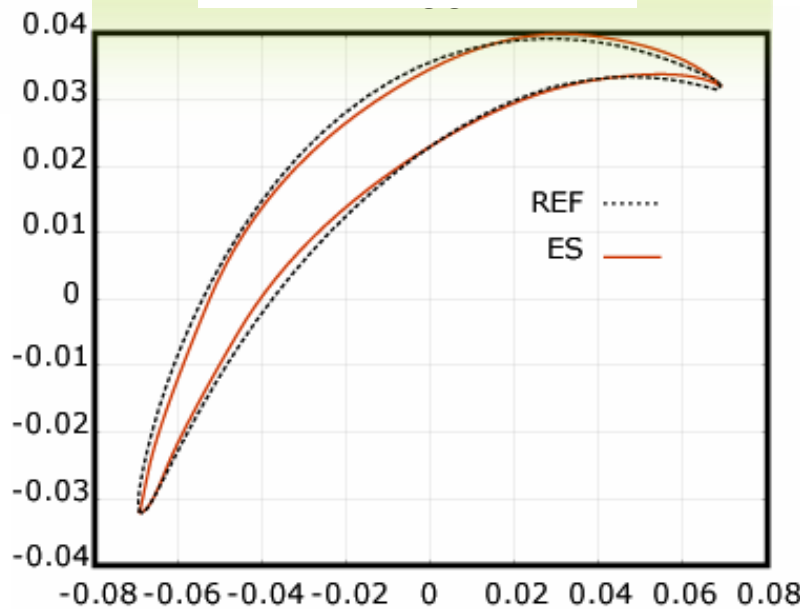


Problem: 3D Compressor Blade Design

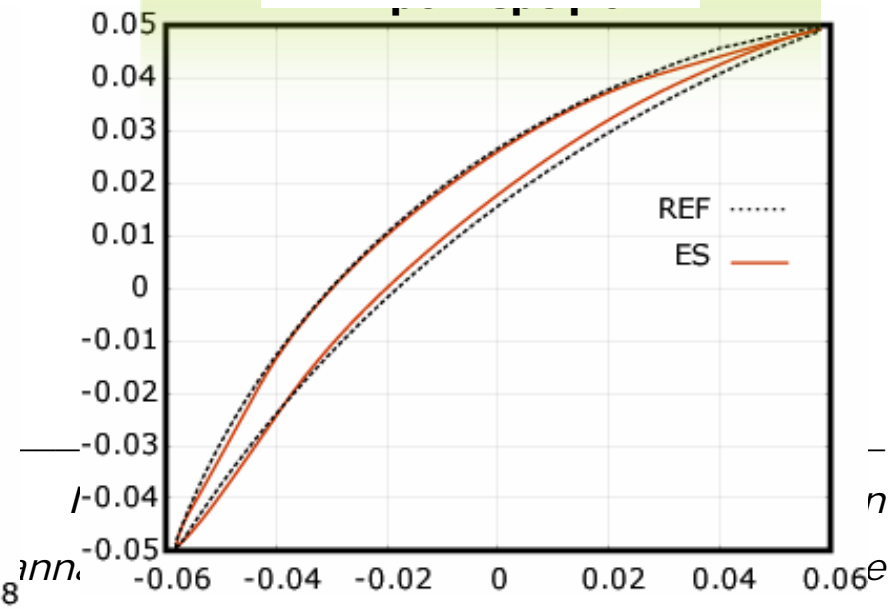
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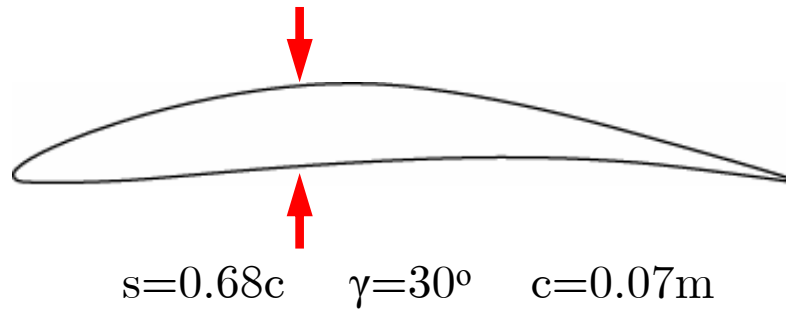
Hub Section



Tip Section



Problem: Design of a Compressor Cascade



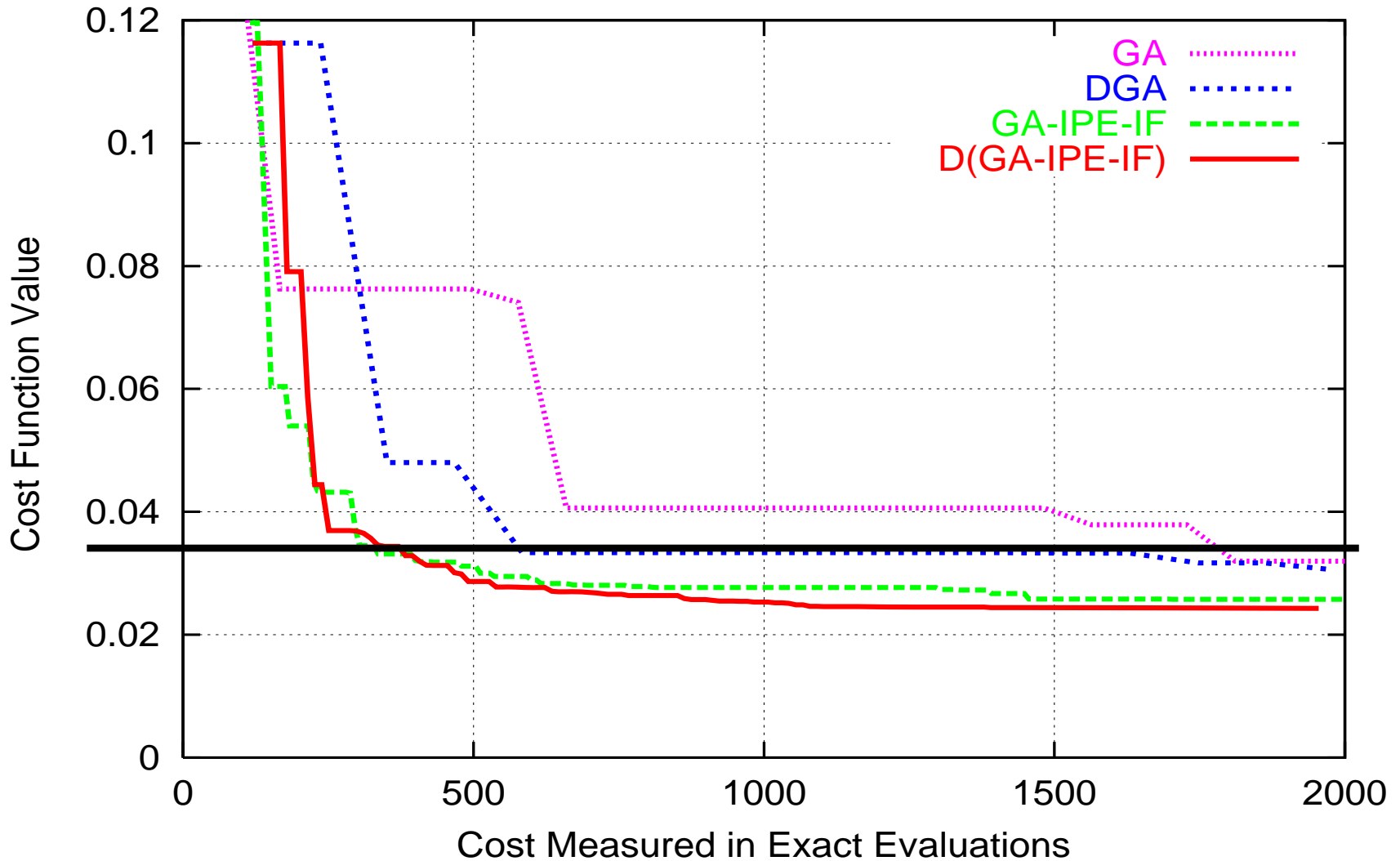
- **Minimum Total Pressure Losses**
- **Constraint on the minimum (maximum thickness)**
- **Desirable Flow turning**

$$F_1 = \omega \cdot P_1 \cdot P_2$$

$$P_1 = \exp\left(\frac{|t_{\max} - t_{thres}|}{t_{thres}}\right), \quad t_{thres} = 0.9t_{\max,ref}, \quad t_{\max} < t_{thres}$$

$$P_2 = \exp\left(-\max\left(1, \frac{\Delta\alpha_{ref} - \Delta\alpha}{\Delta\alpha_{ref}}\right)\right), \quad \Delta\alpha = \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 > 0$$

Results: Design of a Compressor Cascade

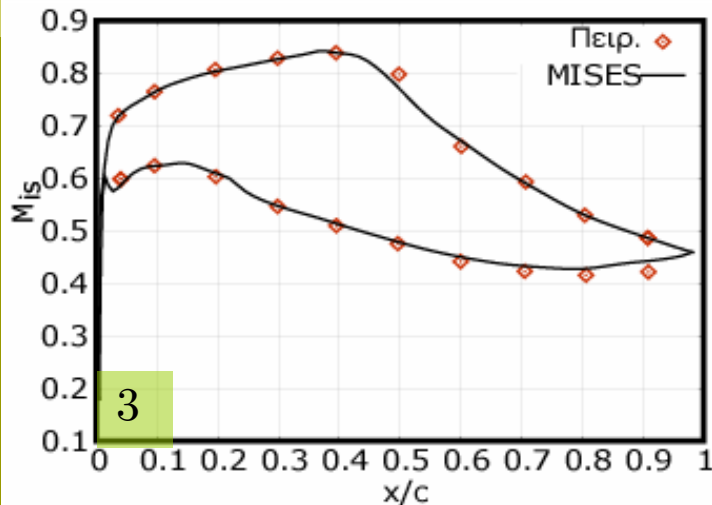
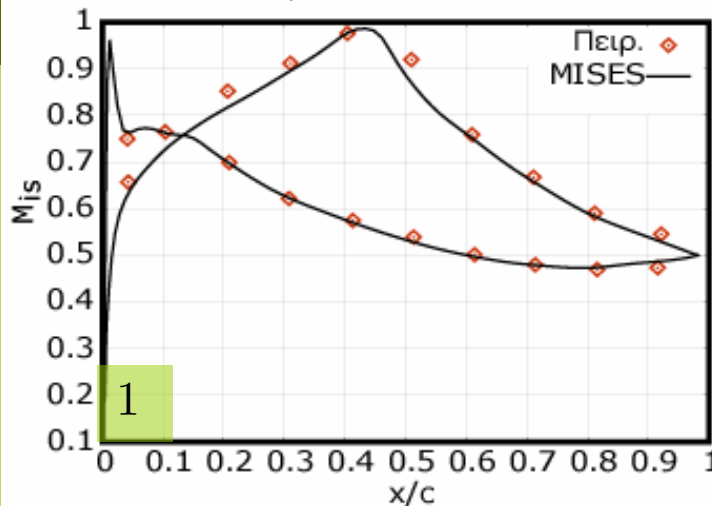


Problem: Compressor Multi-Point Design



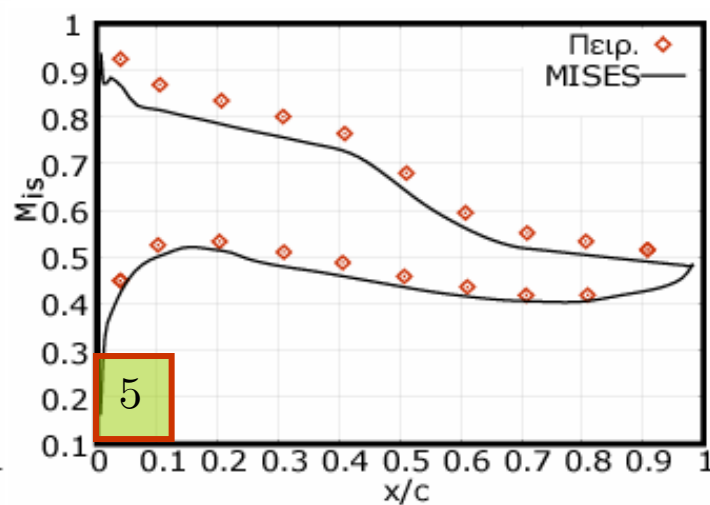
ASME 90-GT-140

$s=0.68c$ $\gamma=30^\circ$ $c=0.07m$



	1	2	3	4	5
α_1	43°	45°	47°	49°	52°
M_1	0.6184	0.6182	0.6180	0.6195	0.6214
Re	8.61E5	8.50E5	8.41E5	8.20E5	7.63E5
1/AVDR	1.0909	1.0965	1.1021	1.1027	1.1032
ω (exp)	0.0232	-	0.0186	-	0.0417
ω MISES	0.0234	0.0208	0.0189	0.0237	0.0374
α_2 (πεxp)	20.79	20.80	20.92	21.69	22.74
α_2 MISES	20.80	20.80	20.90	21.70	22.70

MISES 2.53



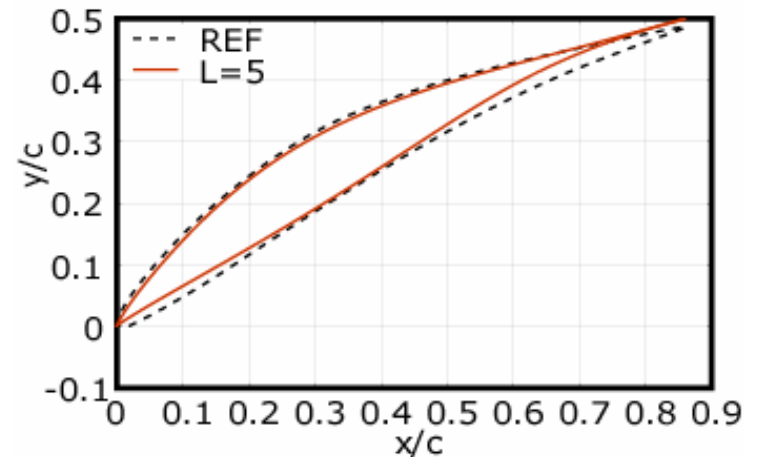
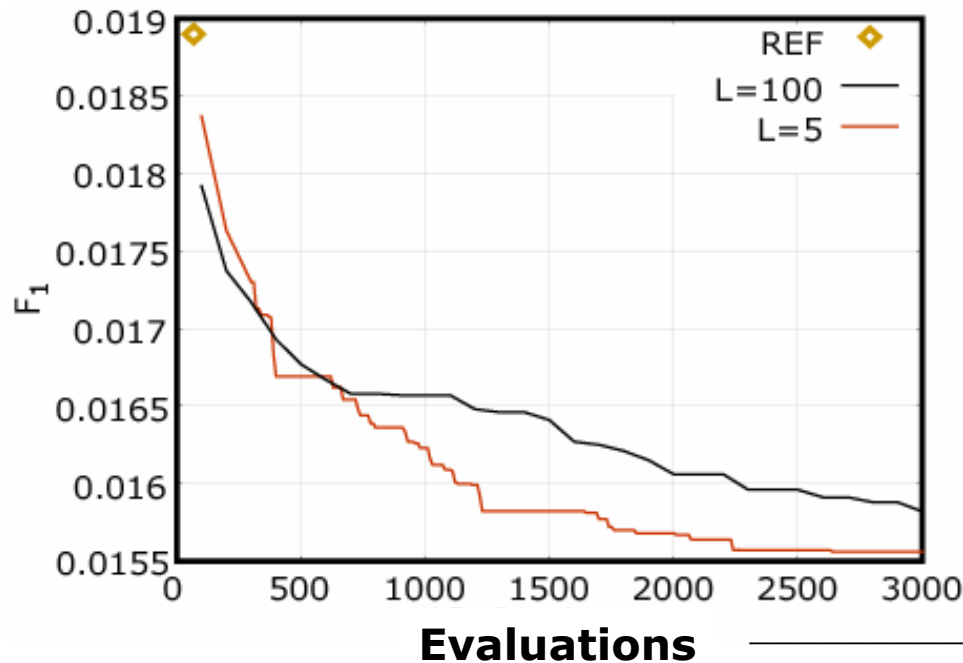
$$\omega = \frac{p_{t2,is} - p_{t2}}{p_{t1} - p_1}$$

to Design Optimization

Compressor Multi-Point Design (1 OP – 1 target)

(20,2,100)

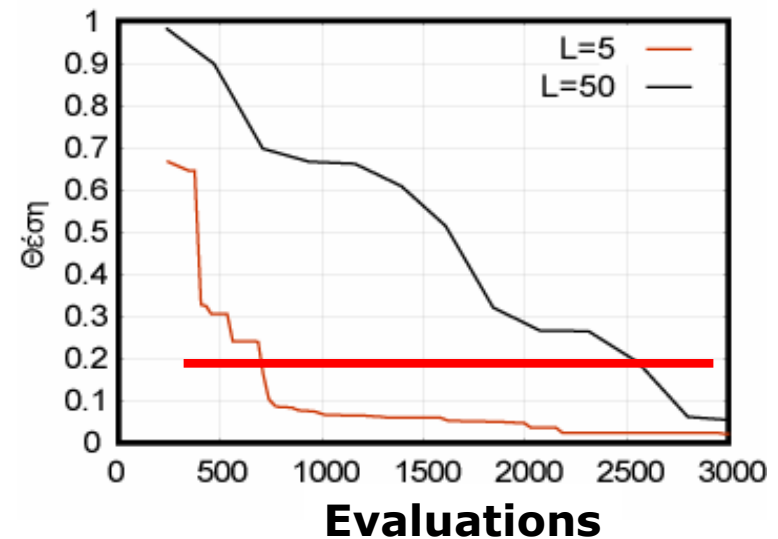
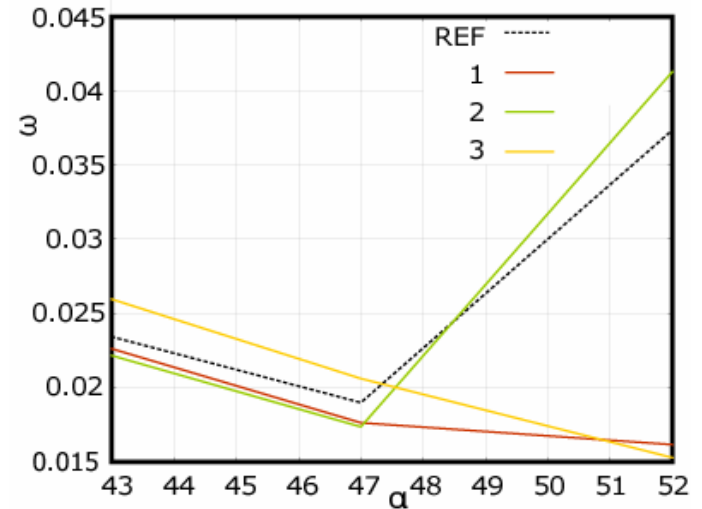
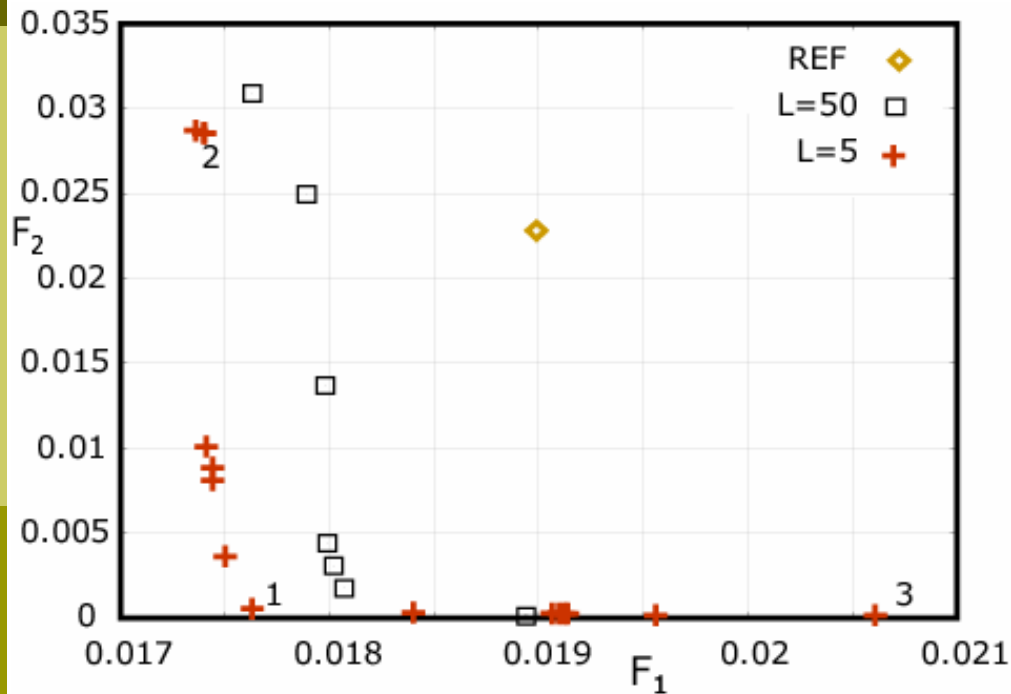
	1	2	3	4	5
ω L=5	0.0244	0.0182	0.0155	0.0275	-
ω REF	0.0234	0.0208	0.0189	0.0237	0.0374



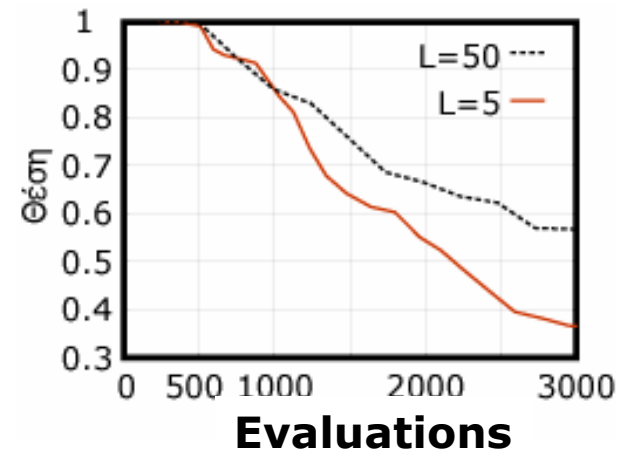
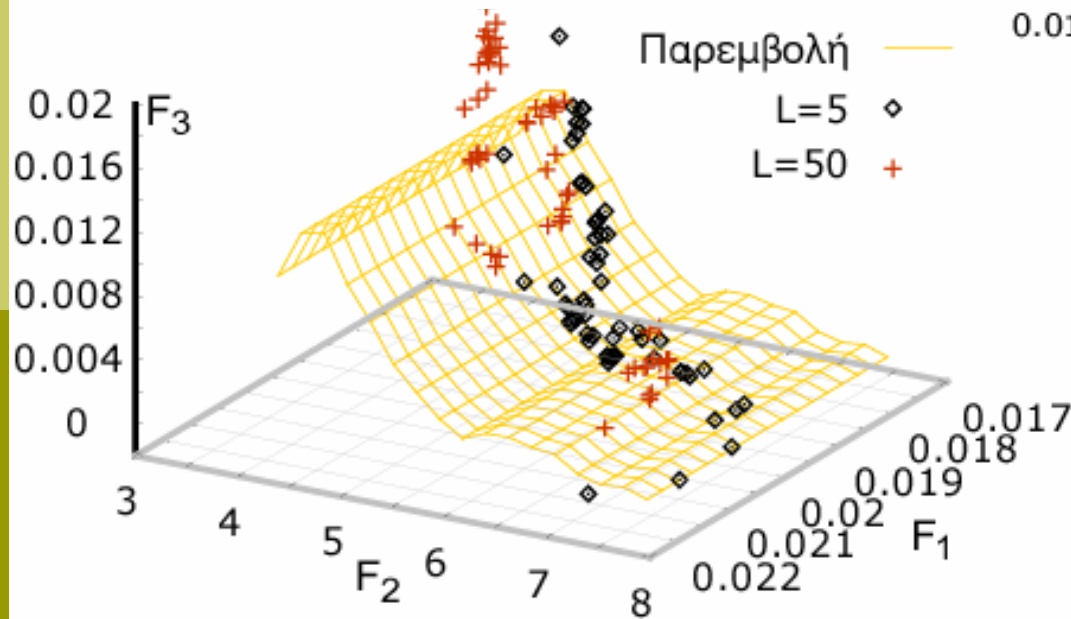
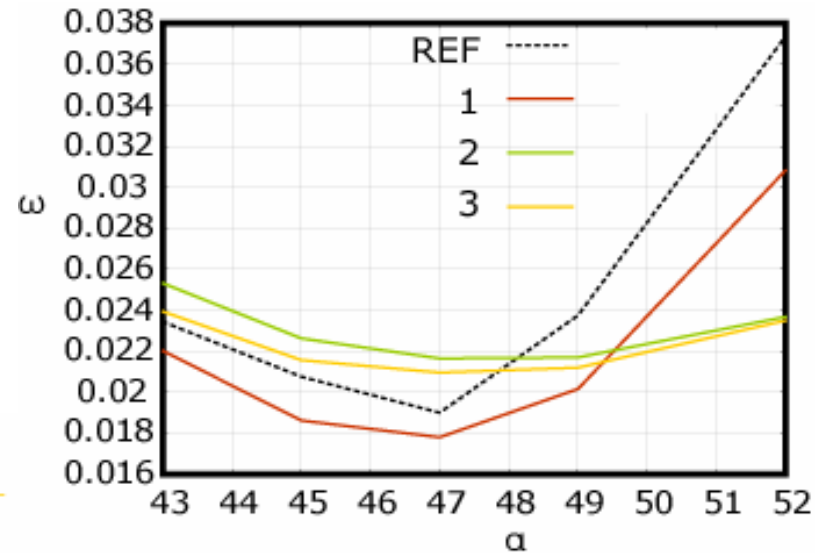
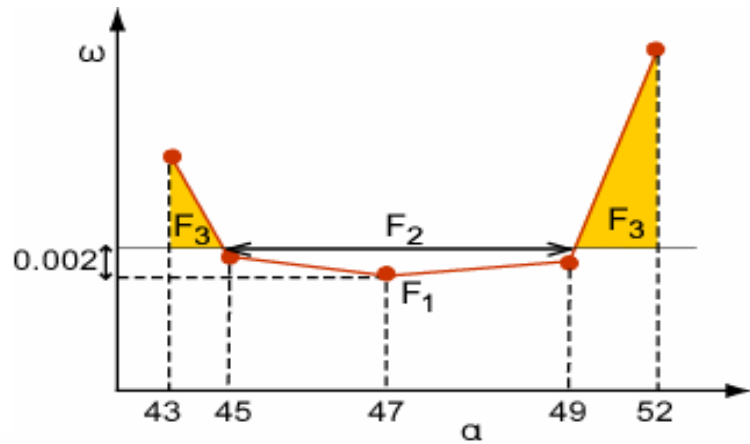
Compressor Multi-Point Design (3 OP – 2 targets)

$$F_1 = \omega_3 \cdot P_1 \cdot P_2$$

$$F_2 = (\omega_1 + \omega_5 - 2\omega_3) \cdot P_1 \cdot P_2 > 0$$

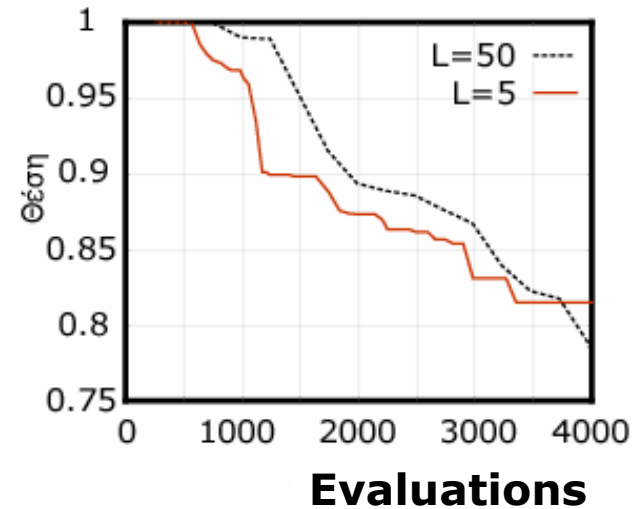
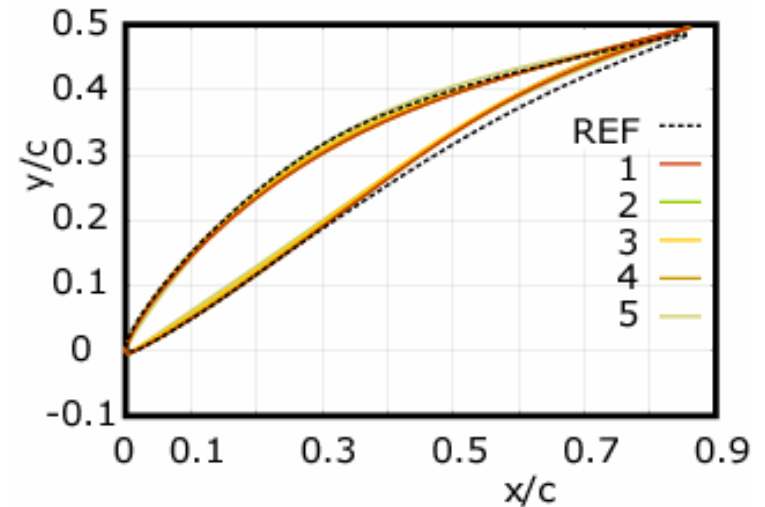
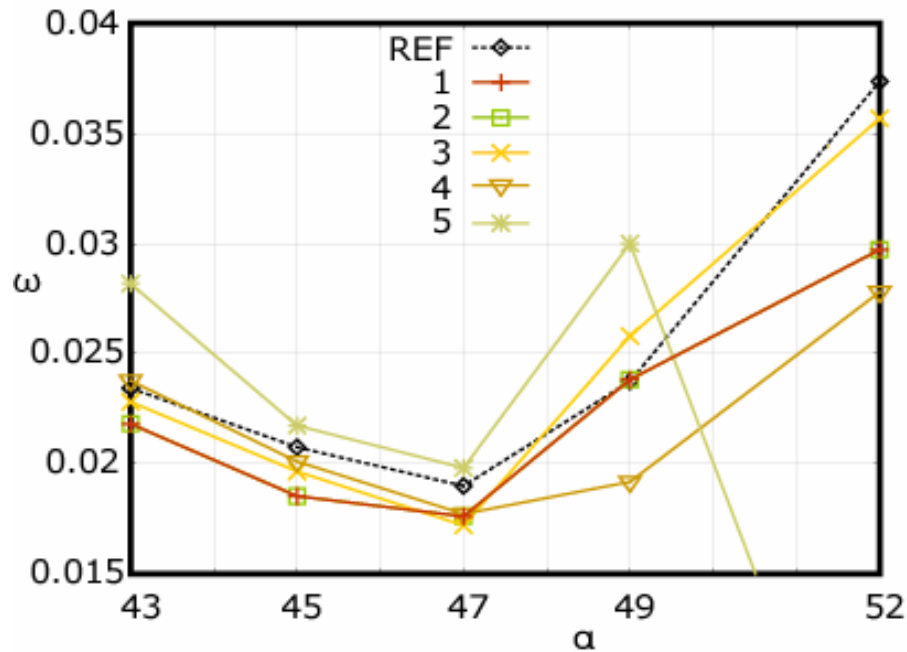


Compressor Multi-Point Design (5 OP – 3 targets)



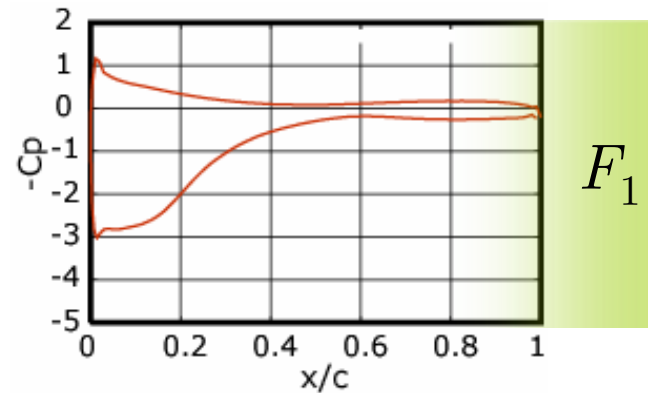
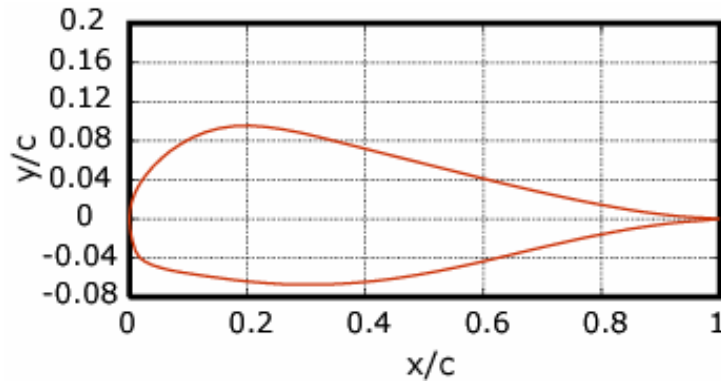
Compressor Multi-Point Design (5 OP – 5 targets)

$$F_i = \omega_i \cdot P_1 \cdot P_2, \quad i = 1, \dots, 5$$

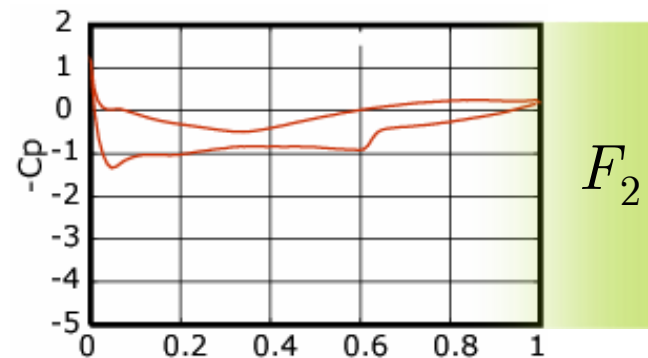
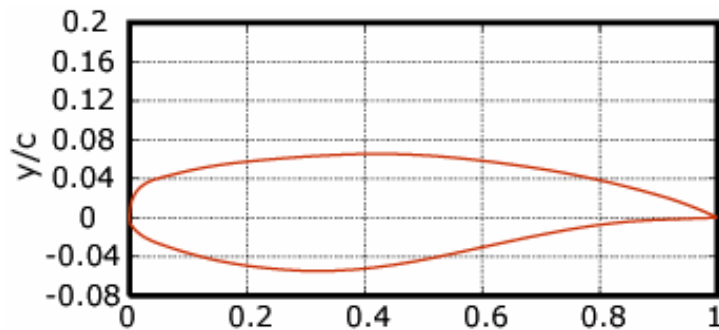


Problem: High-Lift, Low-Drag Optimization

$$C_1 : M_\infty = 0.20, a_\infty = 10.8^\circ, \text{Re}_\infty = 5 \times 10^6$$

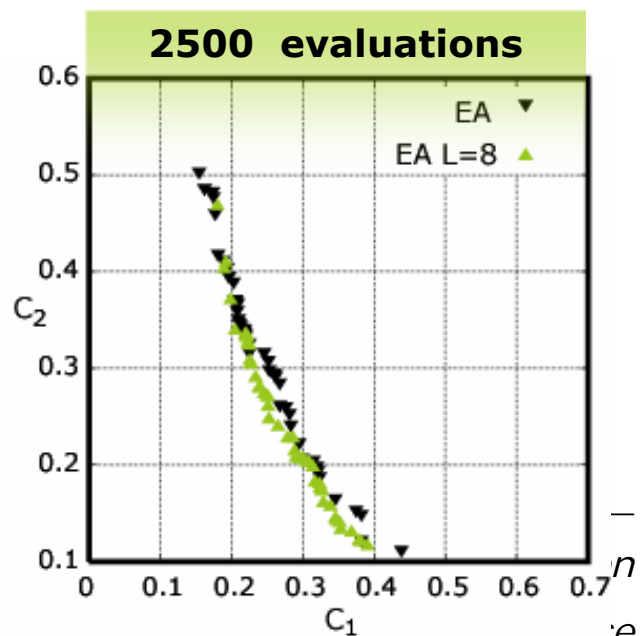
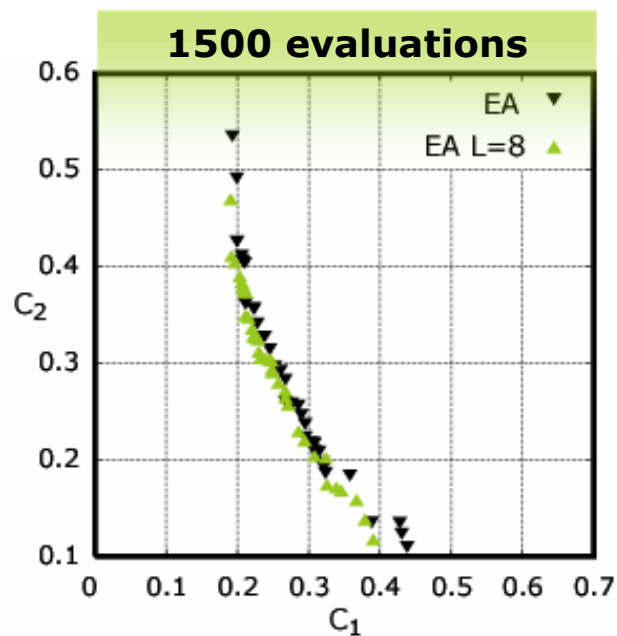
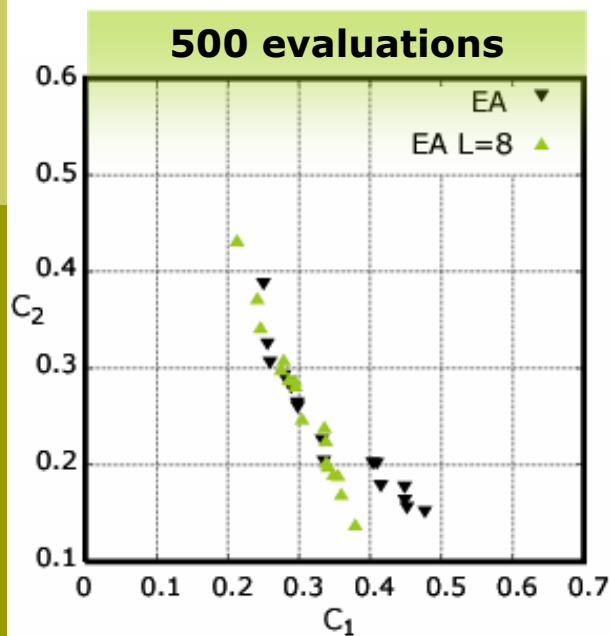
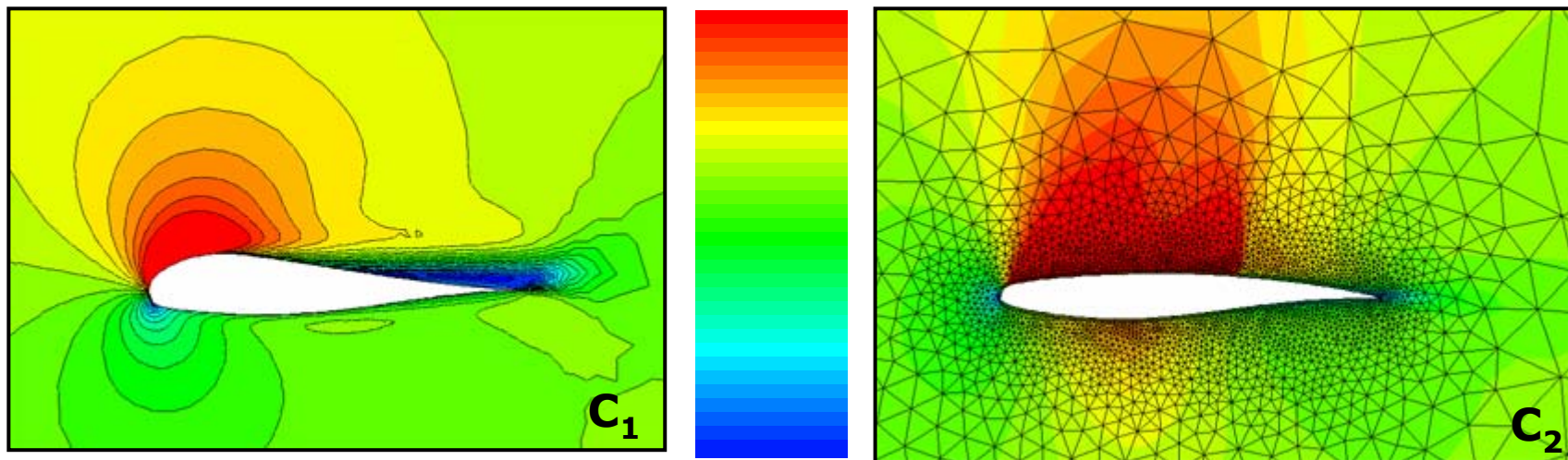


$$C_2 : M_\infty = 0.77, a_\infty = 1.0^\circ, \text{Re}_\infty = 10 \times 10^6$$

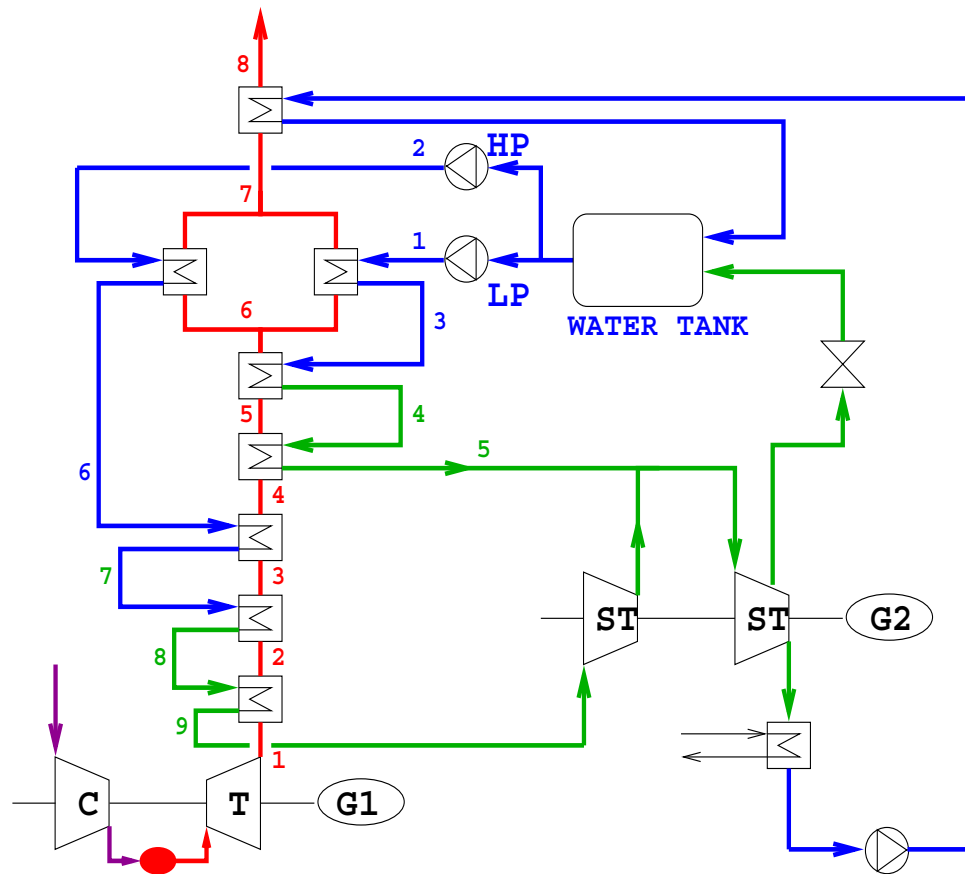


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Results: High-Lift, Low-Drag Optimization



Optimization of Combined Cycle GT Power Plants



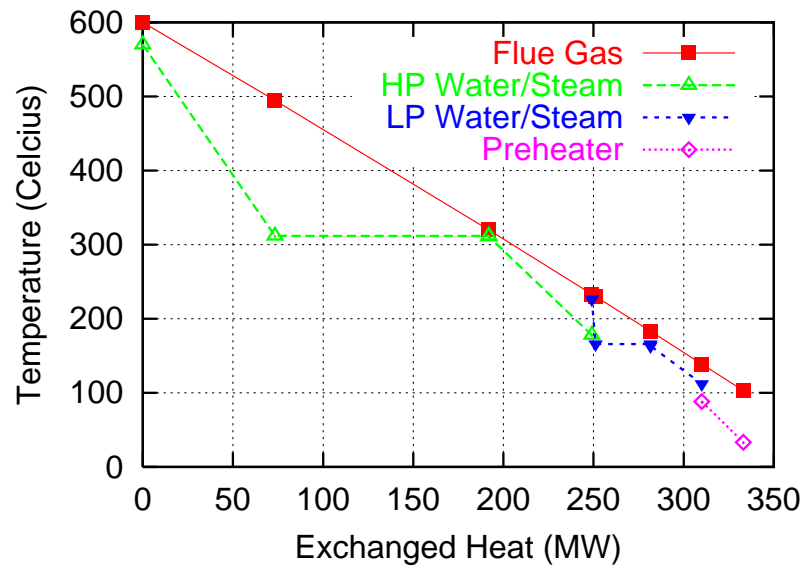
Design variables

- HP steam pressure
- LP steam pressure
- superheated HP steam temperature
- feedwater temperature at the inlet to the HP evaporator
- feedwater temperature at the outlet from the first HP economizer
- feedwater temperature at the inlet to the LP evaporator
- superheated LP steam temperature
- steam pressure fed to the water tank
- exhaust gas mass flow ratio (percentage of mass flowrate traversing the LP economizer)
- exhaust gas temperature at the HRSG outlet
- steam extraction pressure from the LP steam turbine
- exhaust gas temperature at the inlet to the condensate preheater

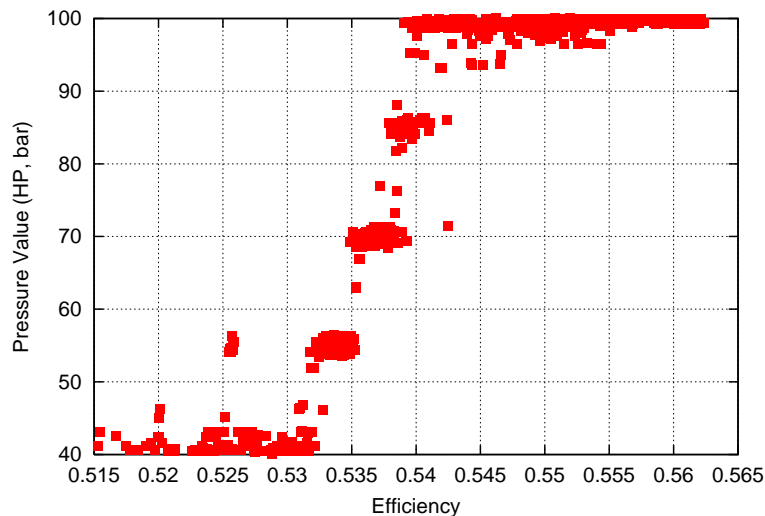
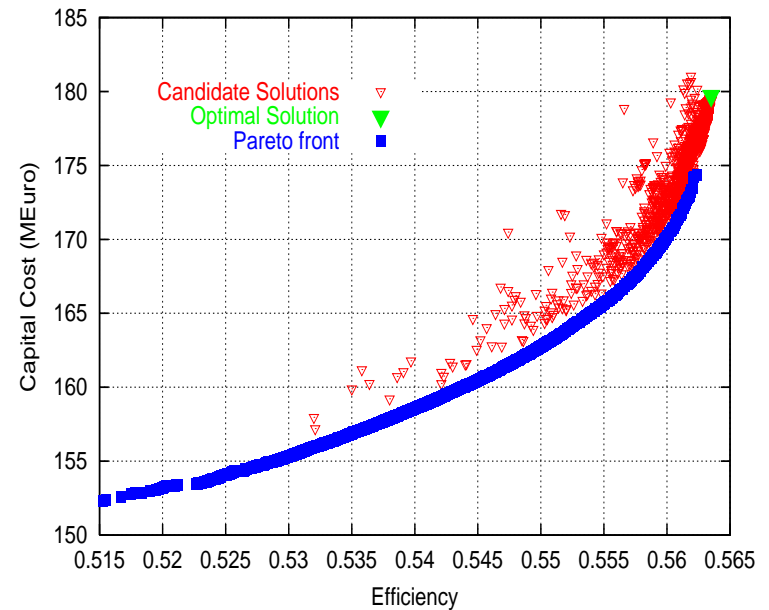
Natural gas fired, dual-pressure CCGTPP configuration

GT: 260 MWe, 38% efficiency, exhaust gas mass flow 615 kg/sec at 600C.

Optimization of Combined Cycle GT Power Plants



Constrained Optimization Problem



HP Pressure Values, over the Pareto Front

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