

# Neural Network Hyperparameter Optimization with Sparse Grids

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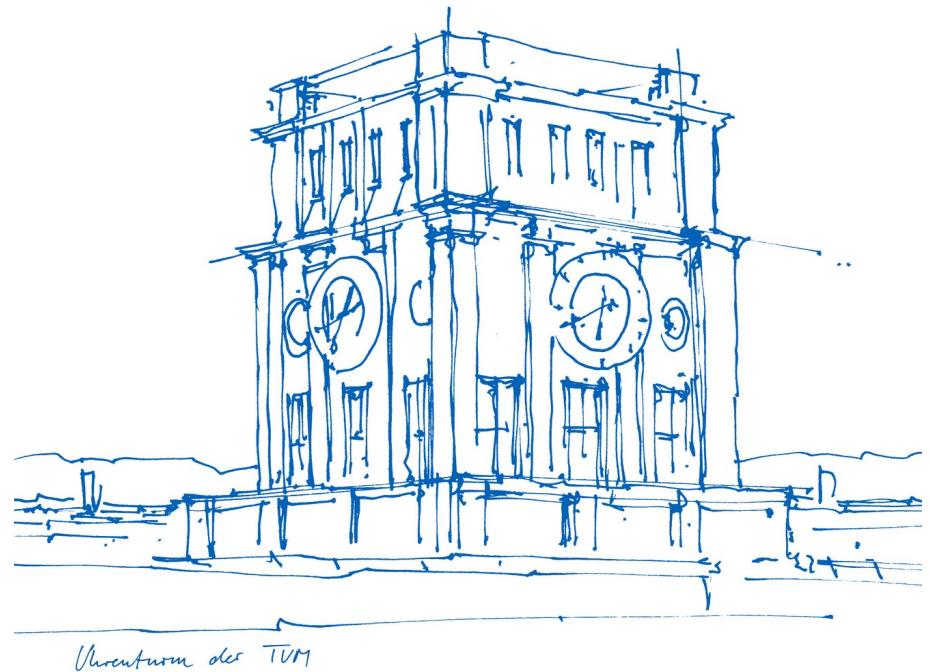
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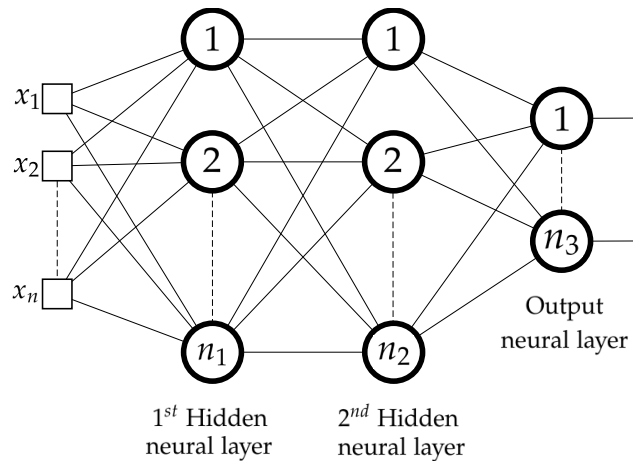


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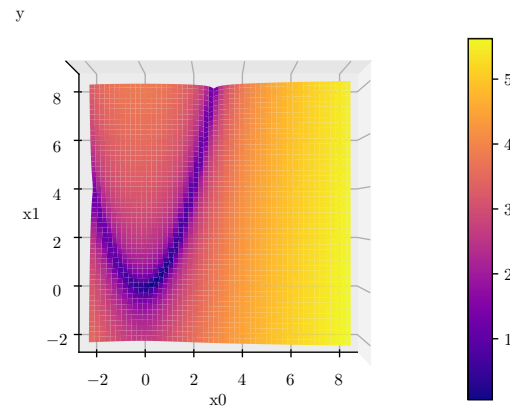
# Hyperparameter Optimization

- **Hyperparameters:** Parameters of a ML model that are fixed before training



Number of layers/ neurons, epochs,  
learning rate, ...

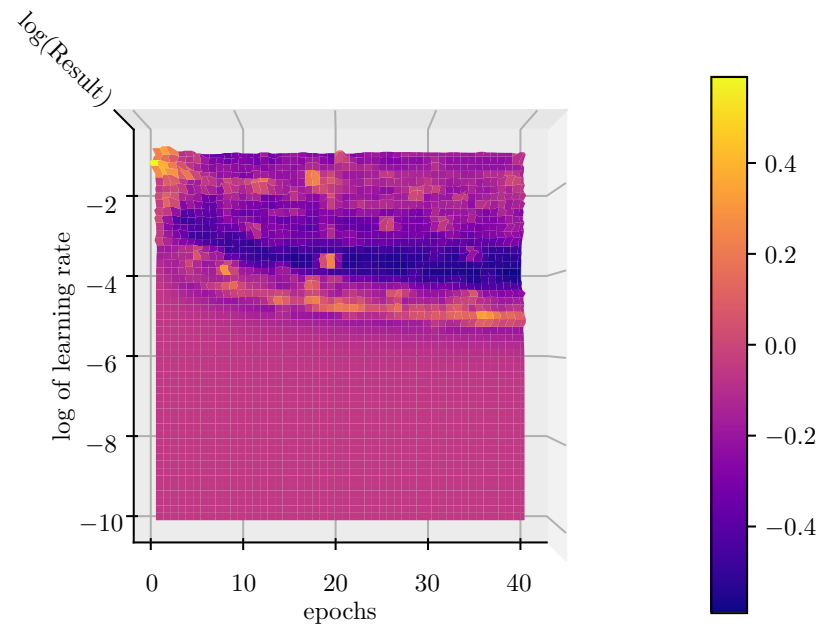
- **Optimization:** finding the optimum of a function



Rosenbrock: Optimum at (1, 1)

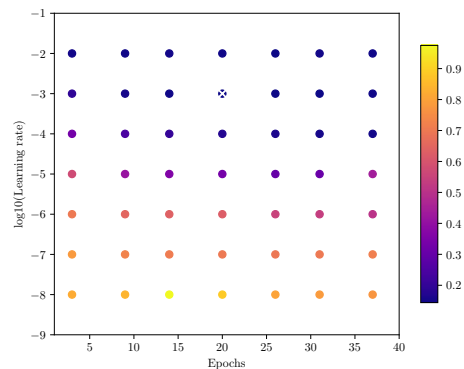
# Hyperparameter Optimization

- Regression of 2-layer neural network:

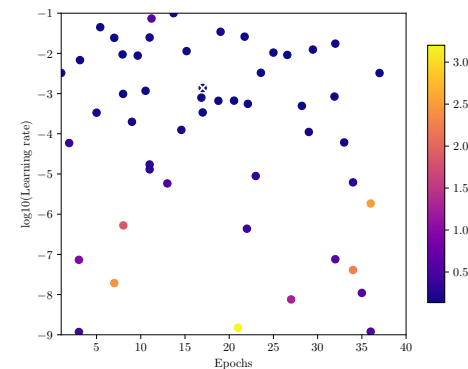


# Hyperparameter Optimization

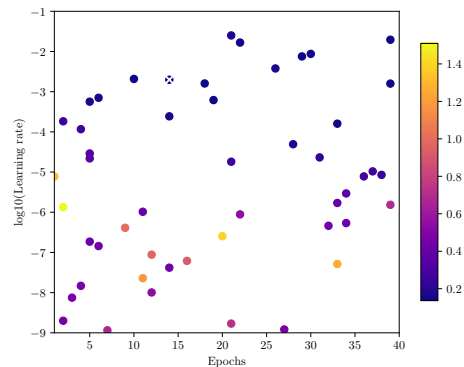
**Grid search:**



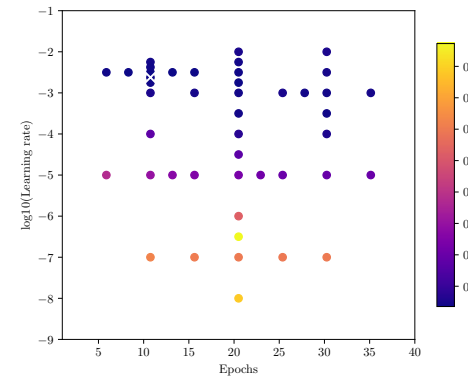
**Bayesian optimization:**



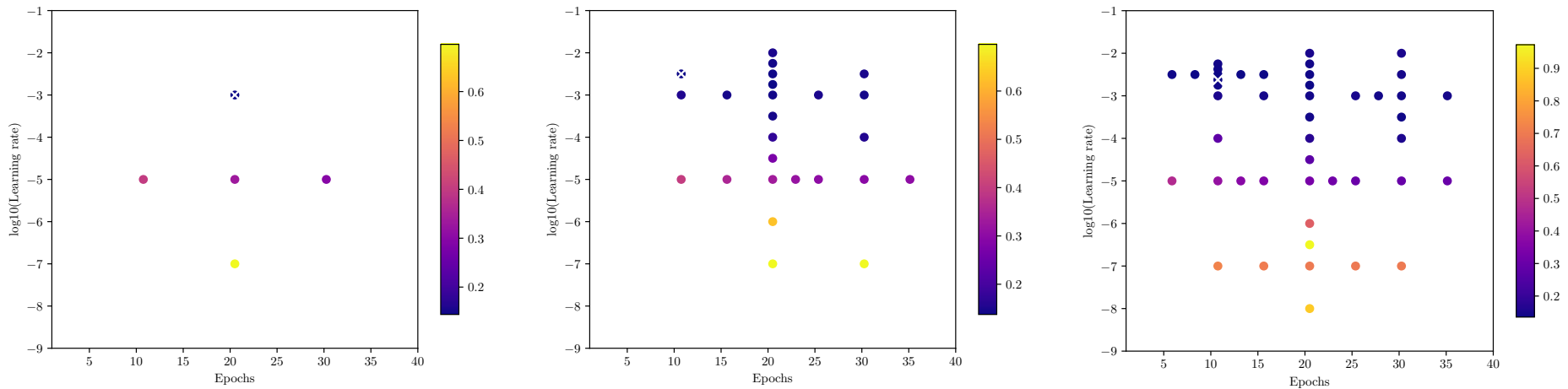
**Random search:**



**Sparse grid search:**



# Sparse Grid Hyperparameter Optimization



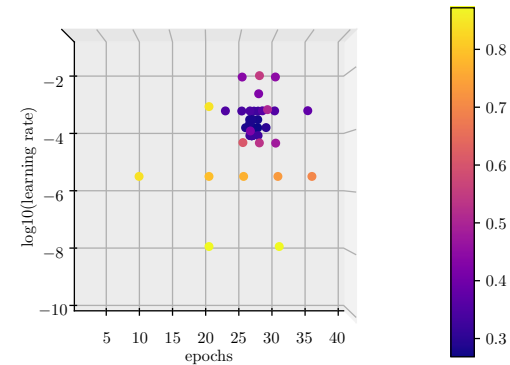
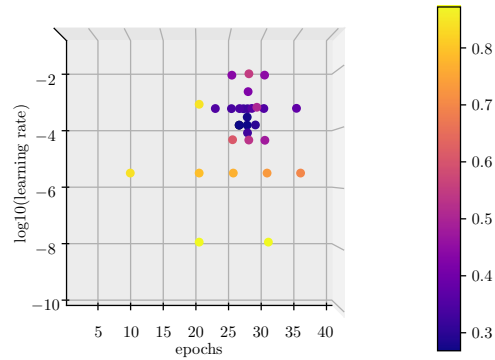
With Novak-Ritter refinement criterion:  $(r_{l,i}+1)^{1-\gamma} \cdot (\|l_1\|+d_{l,i}+1)^\gamma$

# Adaptivity Parameter $\gamma$

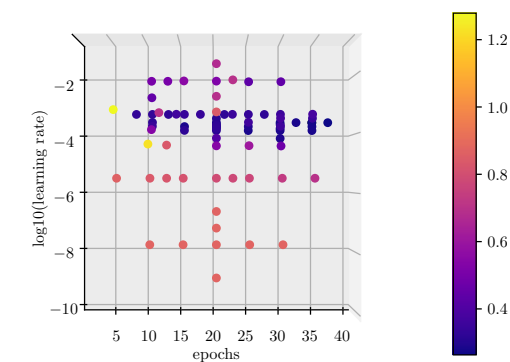
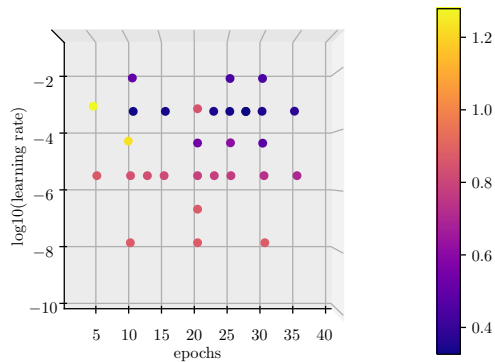
Budget = 30

Budget = 50

$\gamma = 0.5$

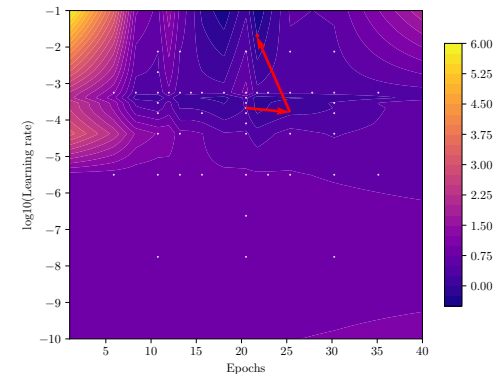
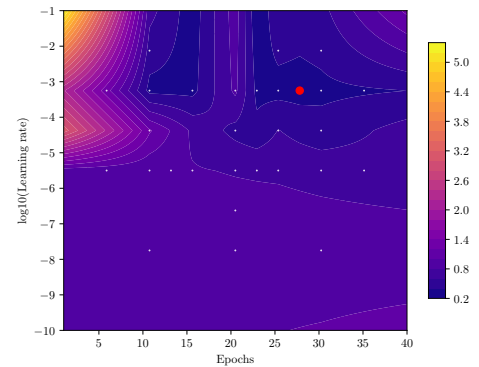
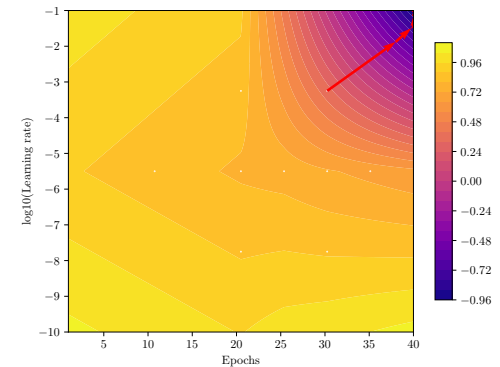
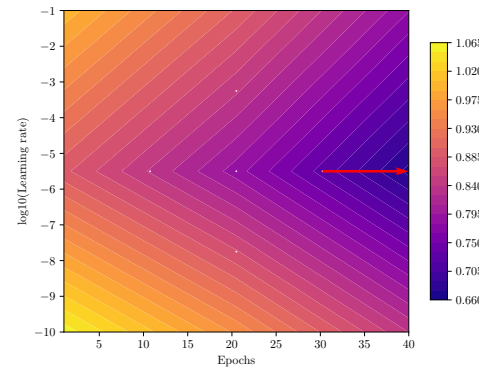


$\gamma = 0.85$



# Sparse Grid Hyperparameter Optimization

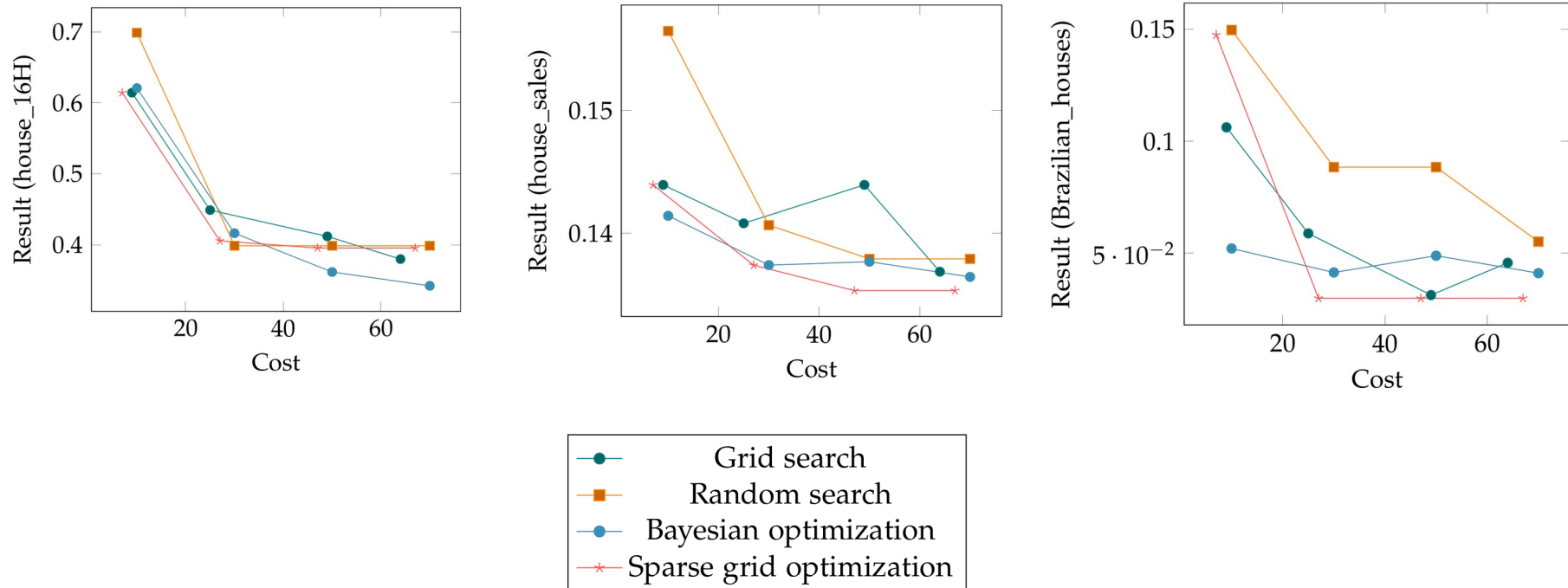
- **Gradient-free optimizers:**  
Nelder Mead, differential evolution, CMA-ES
- **Gradient-based optimizers:**  
Gradient descent, NLCG,  
Newton, Rprop





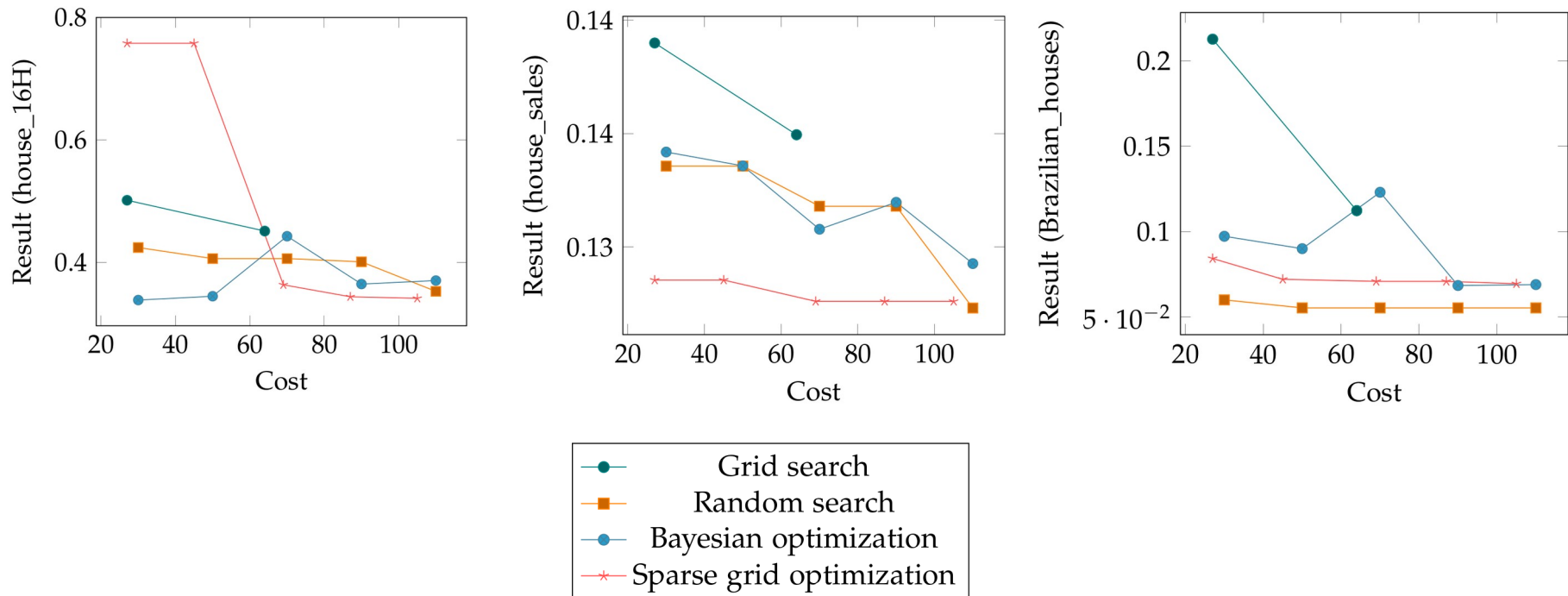
# Numerical Results

## 2D Optimization: Epochs, Learning rate



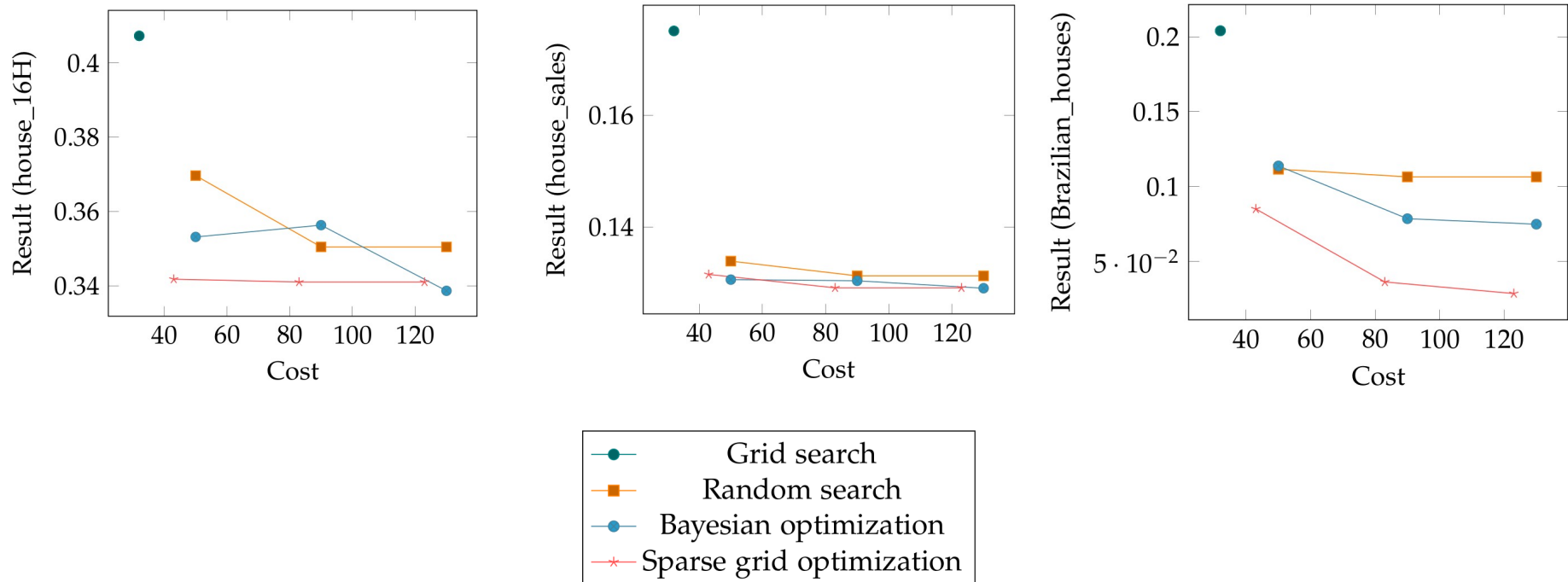
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## 3D Optimization: Epochs, Learning rate, Batch size



# Numerical Results

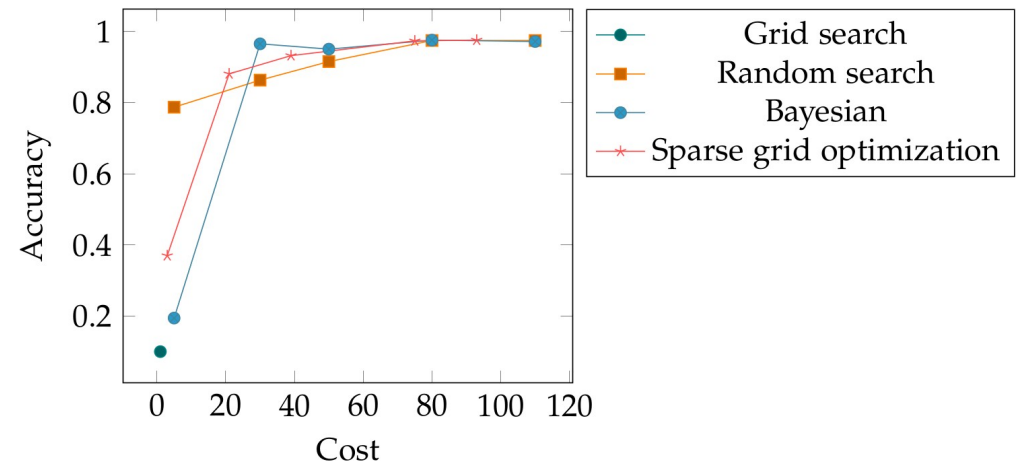
## 5D Optimization: Epochs, Learning rate, Batch size, Number of layers & neurons per layer



# Application: MNIST

## 9D Optimization:

- Epochs
- Batch size
- Learning rate
- Number of convolutional Layers
- Number of fully connected layers
- Kernel size
- Pool size
- Neurons per fully connected
- Dropout probability

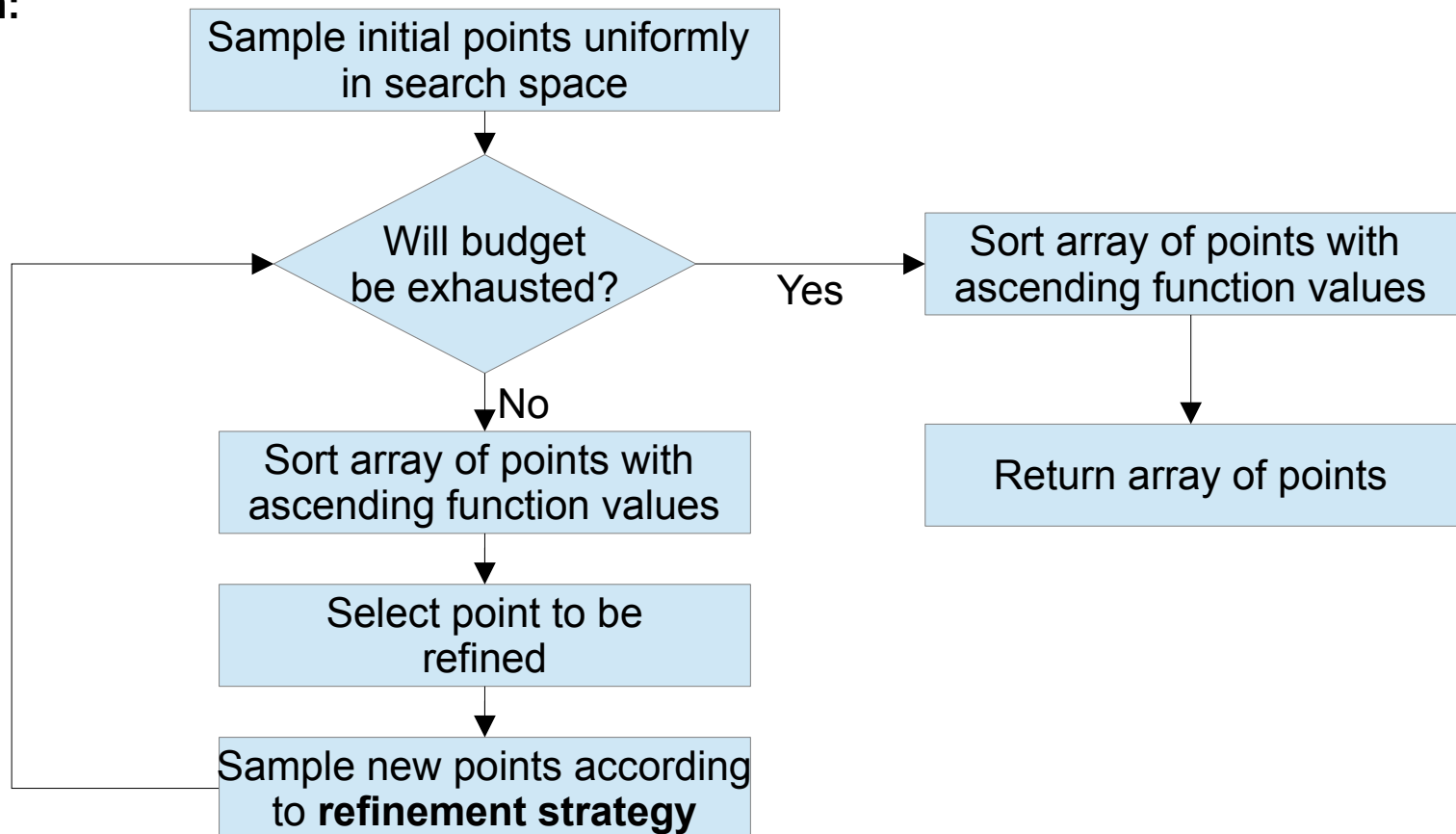


Algorithm	Configuration	Accuracy	Cost
GS	(5, 600, $10^{-6}$ , 2, 2, 2, 2, 4, 0.5)	10.1%	1
RS	(9, 975, 0.0173, 2, 1, 3, 1, 6, 0.619)	97.4%	80
BO	(6, 584, $10^{-2.17}$ , 2, 1, 3, 1, 5, 0.281)	97.5%	80
SG	(7, 400, $10^{-2}$ , 2, 2, 2, 2, 5, 0.5)	97.5%	93

# Improvement of Random Search

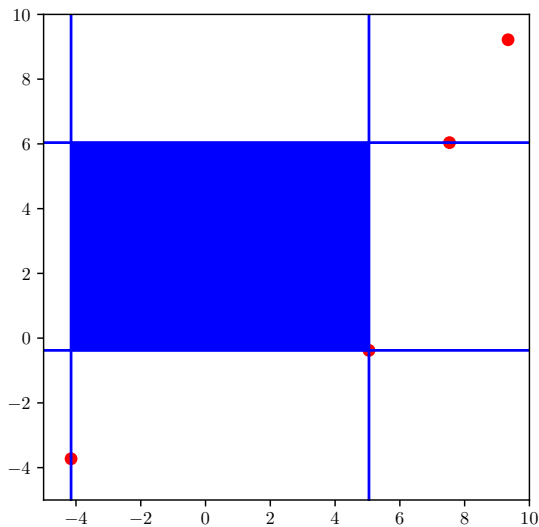
**Idea:** Combine advantages of random search and iterative optimization algorithm

**Algorithm:**

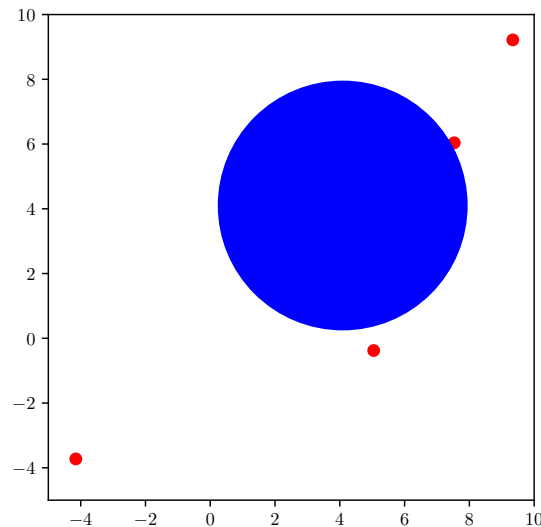


# Refinement Strategies

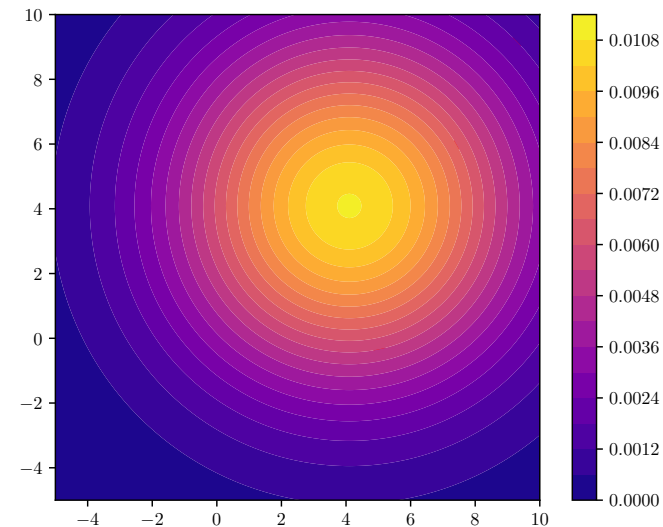
**Interval based refinement**



**Uniform d-ball sampling**



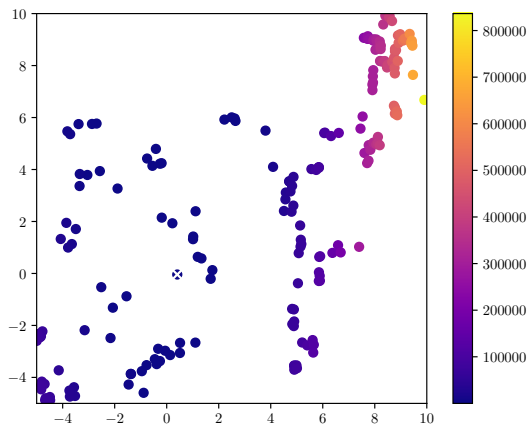
**Normal distribution sampling**



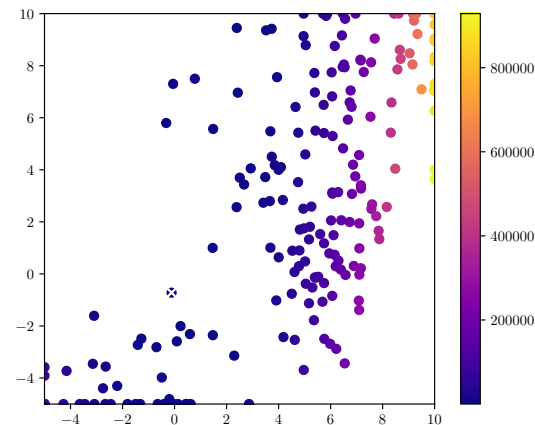
**Refinement criterion:**  $(rank_i + 1)^{1-\gamma} \cdot (level_i + refinements_i + 1)^\gamma$

# Adaptivity parameter $\gamma = 1.0$

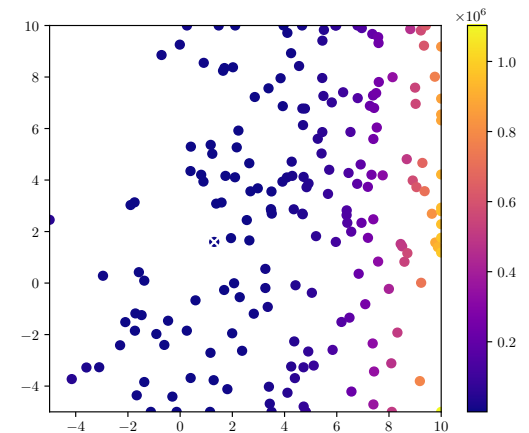
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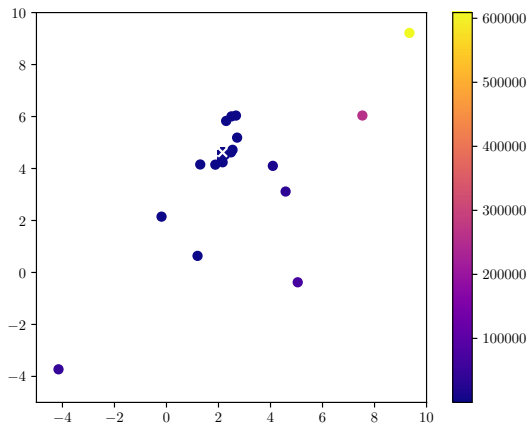
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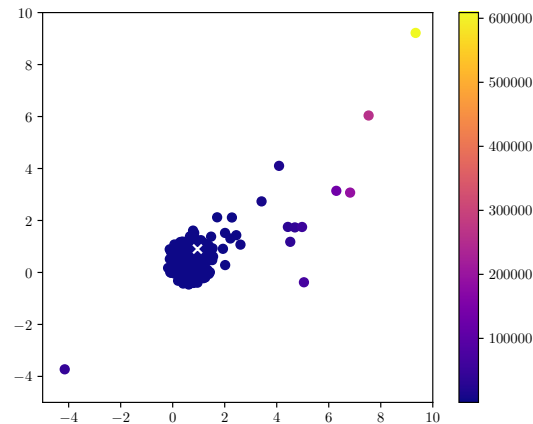
**Refinement criterion:** 
$$\underbrace{(rank_i + 1)^{1-\gamma}}_1 \cdot (level_i + refinements_i + 1)^\gamma$$

# Adaptivity parameter $\gamma = 0.0$

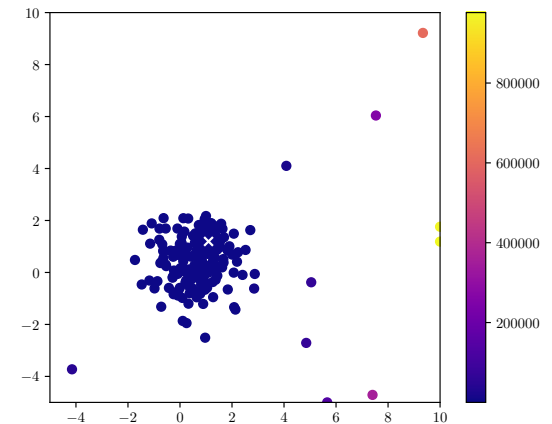
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