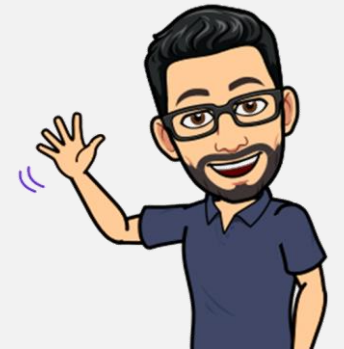


# Next Generation Performance Optimization powered by ML



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# ONE COMPANY, MANY BRANDS



Moviri consultant offers professional services providing 15 years of expertise in Performance Engineering, Security, Data Analytics, and IoT.

## Performance

AKAMAS

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An innovative solution based on machine learning approaches for auto-tuning. It dramatically reduces time and effort to improve in-production critical services performance and resources usage. Customers feedbacks talks about disruptive results.

## Security



cleafy.com

Cleafy protects web and mobile applications from tampering attempts and deploys countermeasures to guarantee data and content integrity at scale.

## Analytics



contentwise.tv

ContentWise is the leading user experience automation solution for pay TV, broadcast, OTT and streaming operators. ContentWise helps its customers' marketing, editorial and content acquisition teams predict user intent, personalize the watching experience, optimize content performance and automate programming.


## IoT



arduino.cc

Arduino is an open source computer hardware and software company, project, and user community that designs and manufactures single-board microcontrollers and microcontroller kits for building digital devices that can sense and control objects in the physical and digital world.

# What we are going to cover

- 1 Continuous Performance Testing
- 2 Continuous Performance Optimization
- 3 A look at the techniques powering Akamas optimizers
- 4 Going further: comparing with Twitter optimizers 

# Traditional Performance Testing

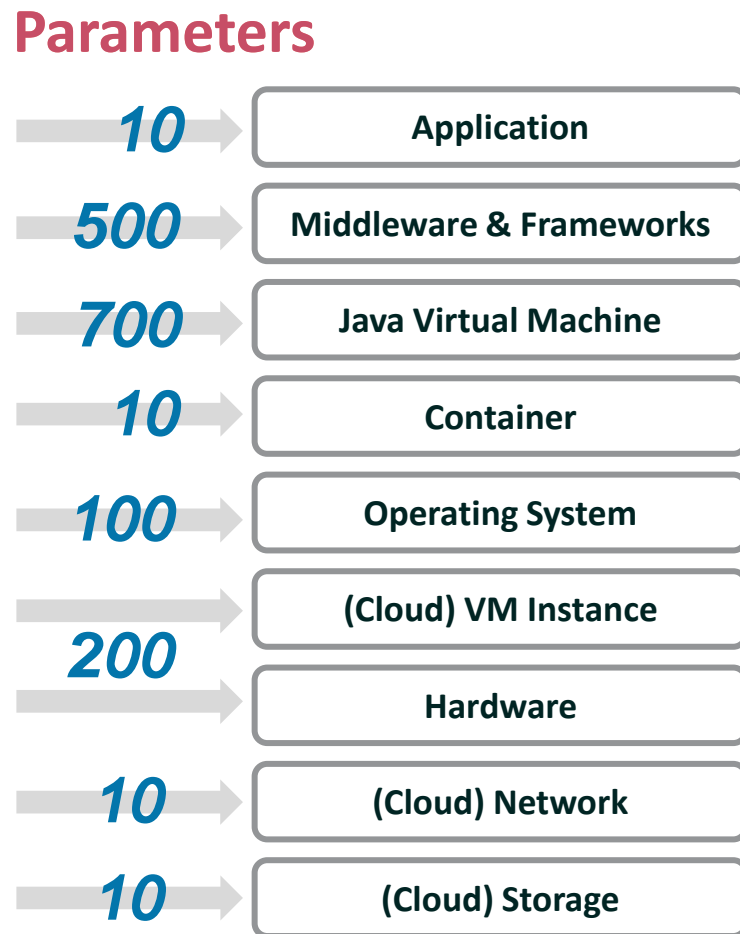




# Akamas

## Machine Learning for IT Optimization

# Hyper-configuration beyond Human scale

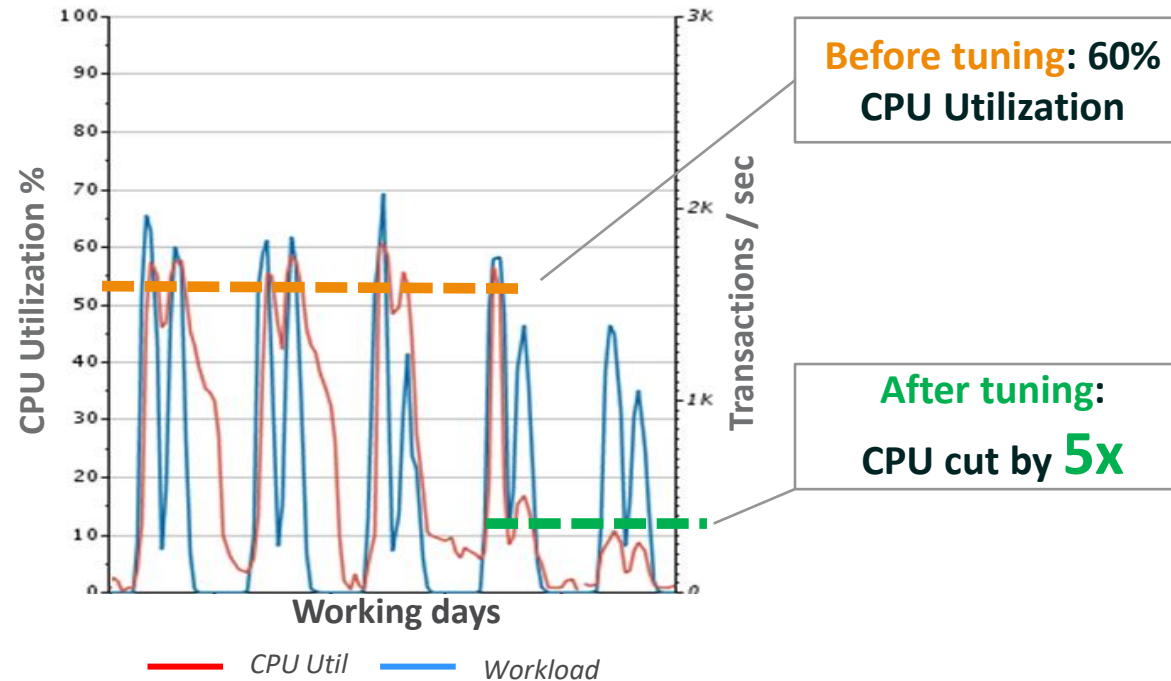


Looking for the optimal settings? It's easy, just try

$$2^{100} =$$

121,267,650,600,228,229,4  
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configurations...

# Configurations significantly impact performance and costs



Source: Moviri Computer Measurement Group Best Paper, Texas, 2015





TODAY'S PERFORMANCE TUNING?

FLYING AN AIRPLANE  
IN THE LAST CENTURY

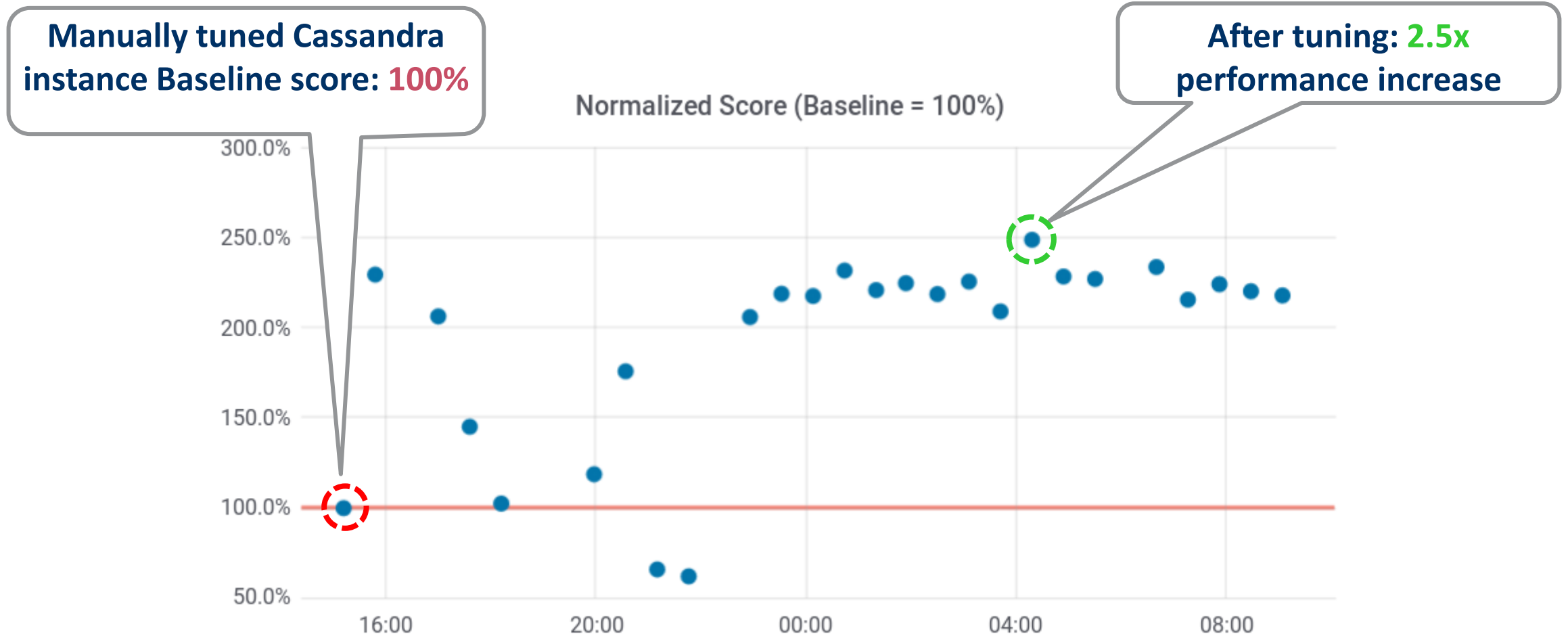


PERFORMANCE TUNING DONE  
RIGHT?

BEING TAKEN TO DESTINATION BY  
A SELF-DRIVING VEHICLE

What can Akamas achieve?  
A look at the Results

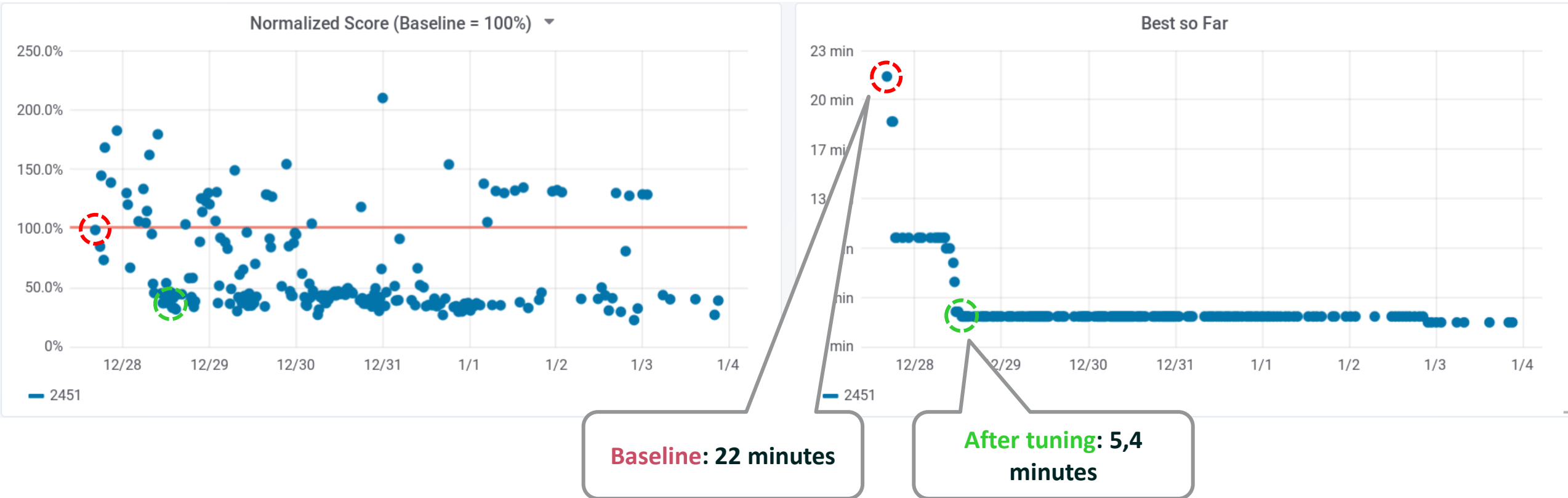
# Example: Automatically Optimizing a Cassandra Database





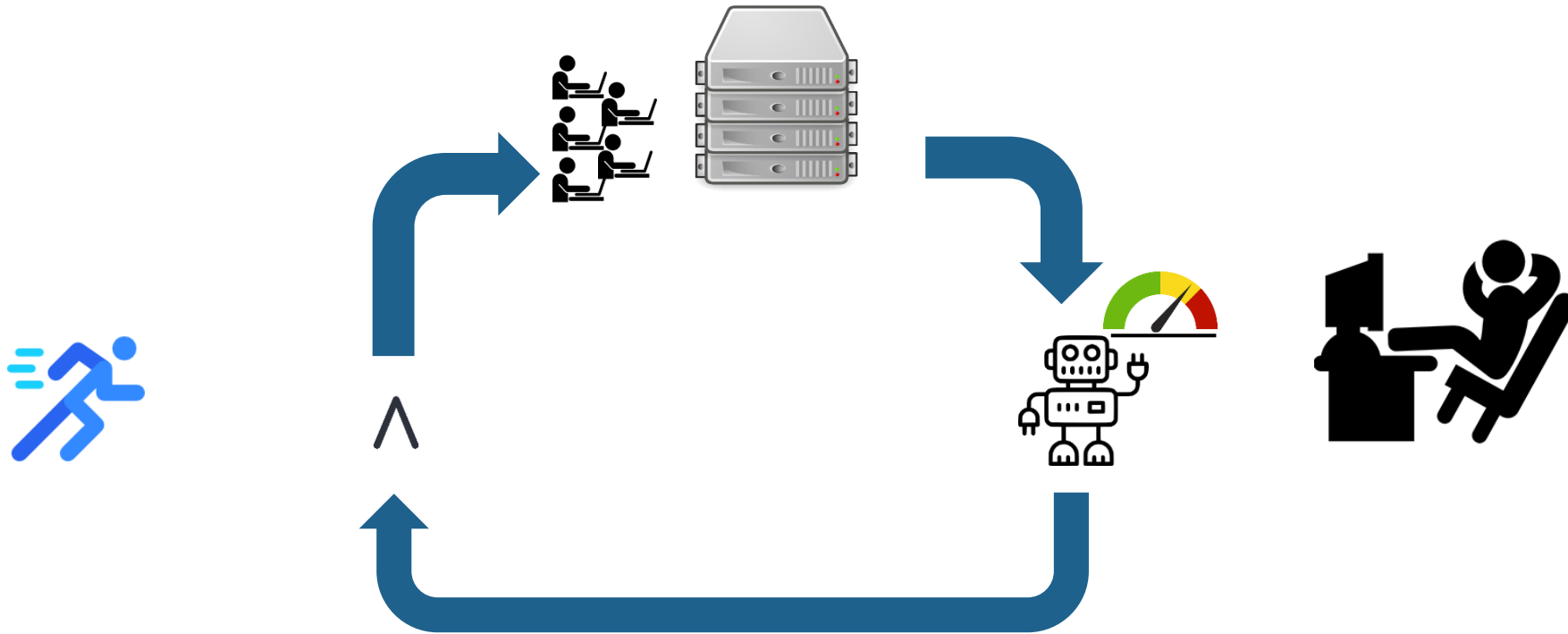
# Reduce batch job execution time via Spark tuning

**-75%**  
in 27 hours!

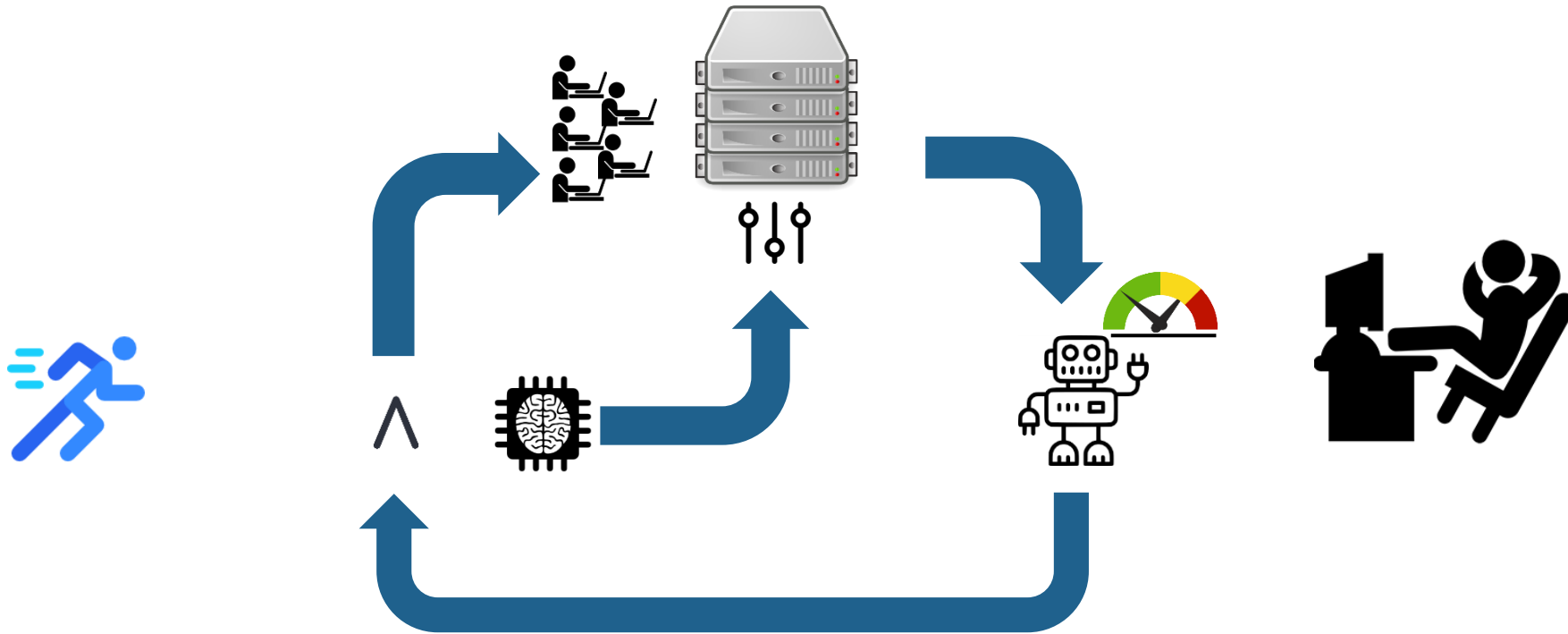


What's Akamas secret sauce?  
A peek under the hood

# Continuous Performance Testing



# Continuous Performance ~~Testing~~ Optimization





# State of the Art: ML techniques applied to the problem



## Model Based

Queuing Networks

Petri Networks

Linear Programming



## Simulation Based

Random Forests

Statistical Machine Learning



## Test Based

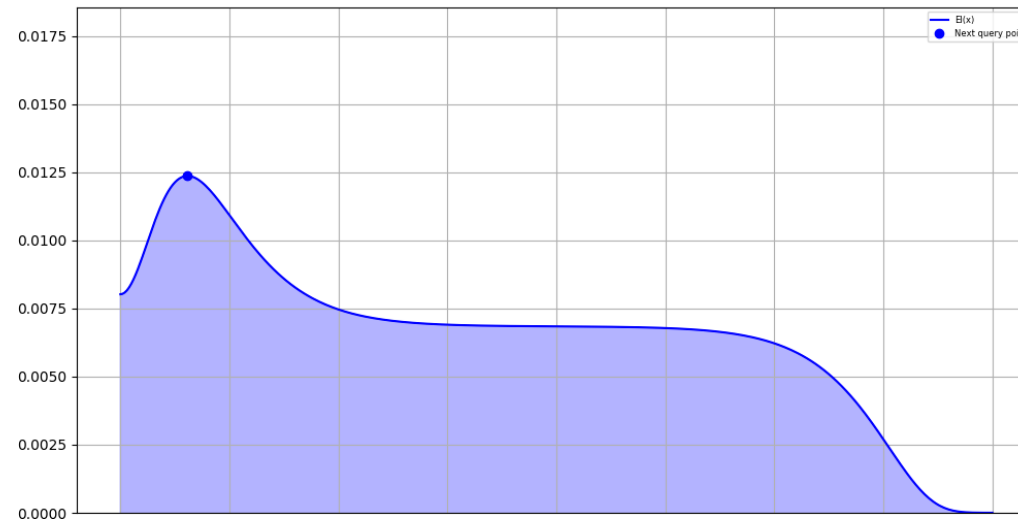
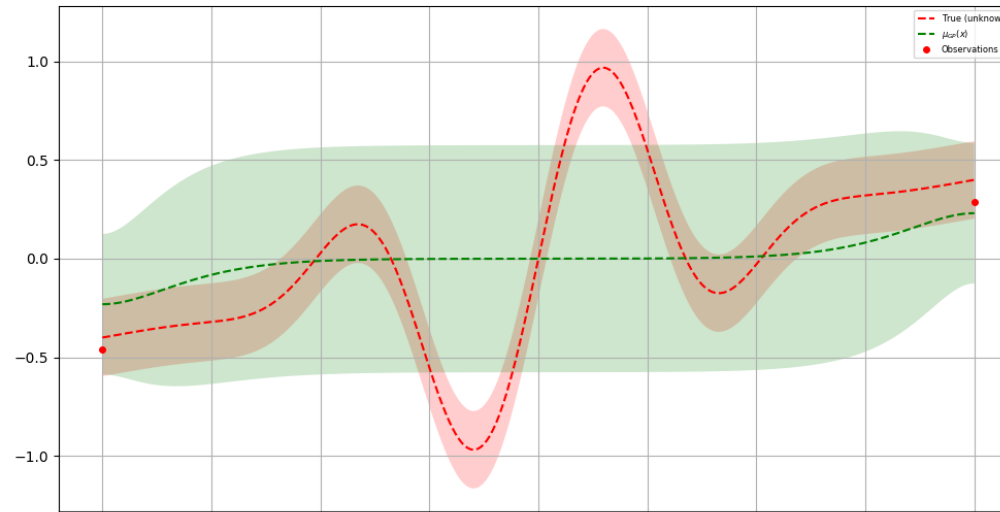
Random Search

Reinforcement Learning

Bayesian Optimization

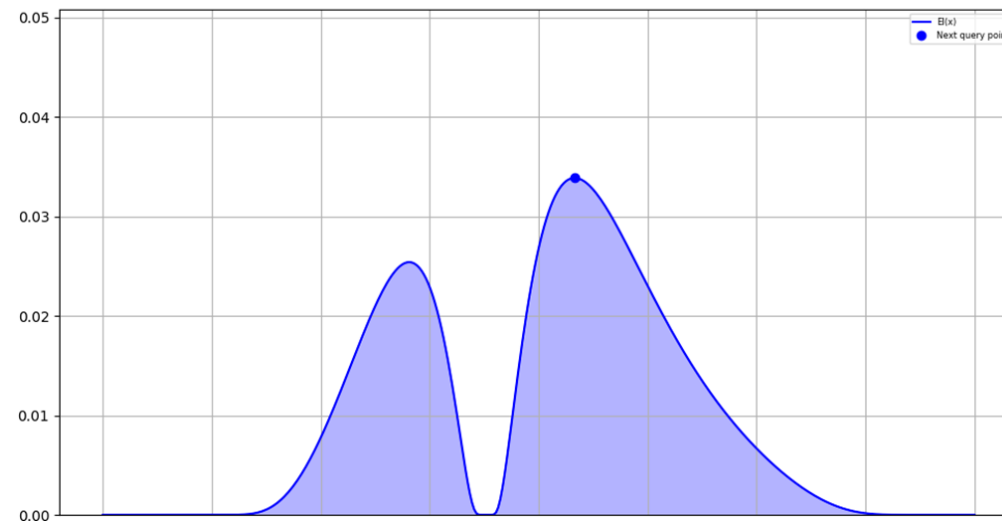
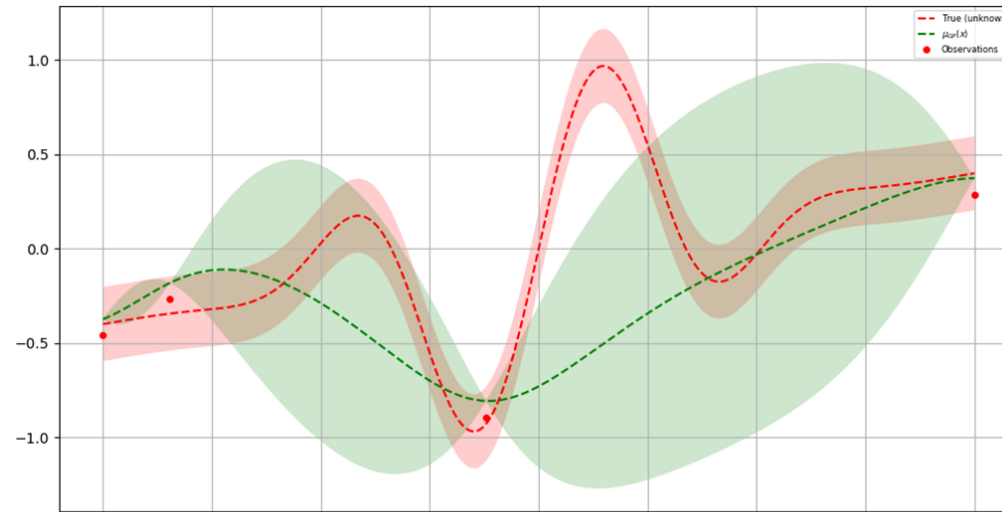
Parzen Trees

# Bayesian Optimization in a nutshell



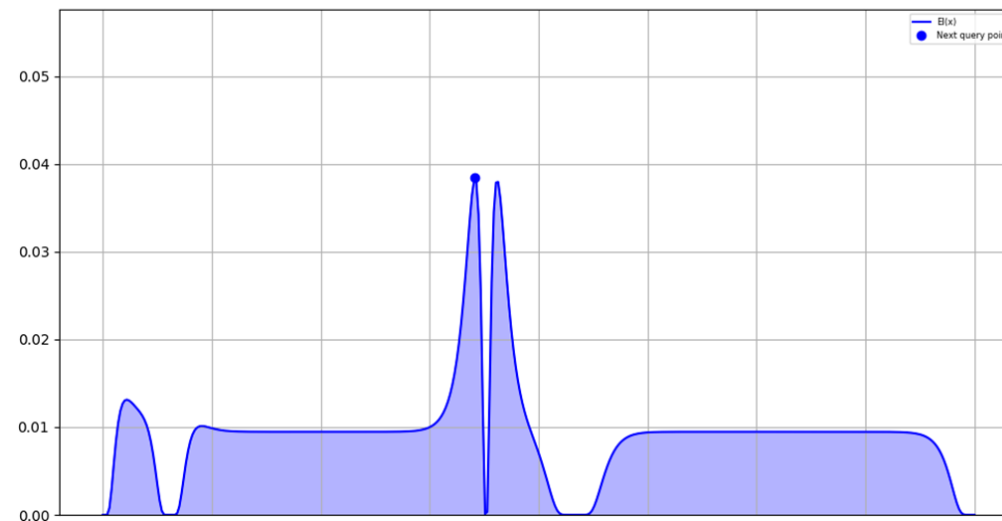
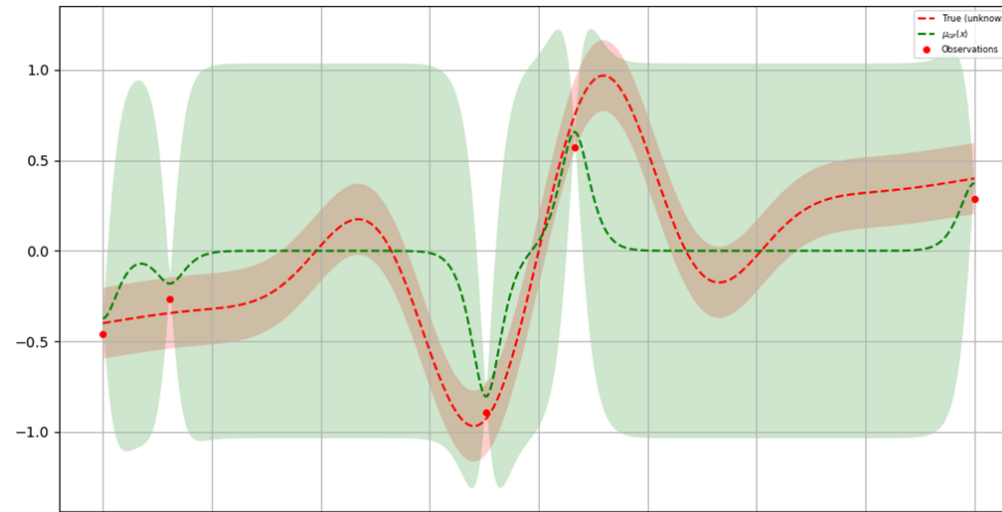
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Best so far: -0.46

# Bayesian Optimization in a nutshell



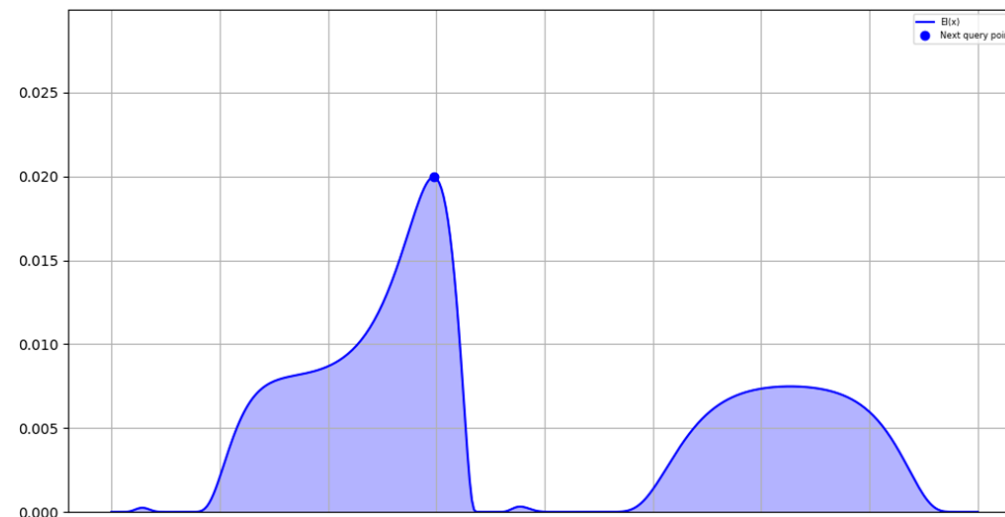
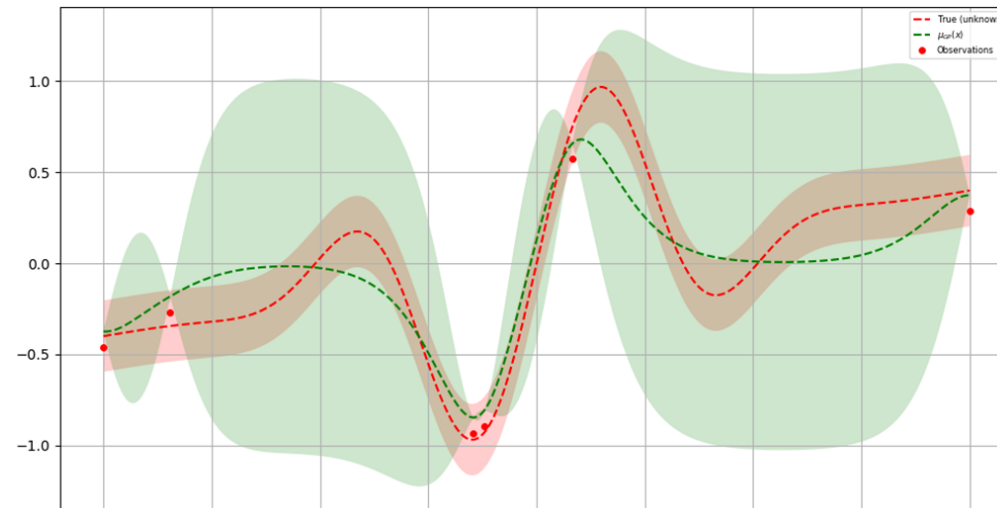
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Best so far: -0.89

# Bayesian Optimization in a nutshell



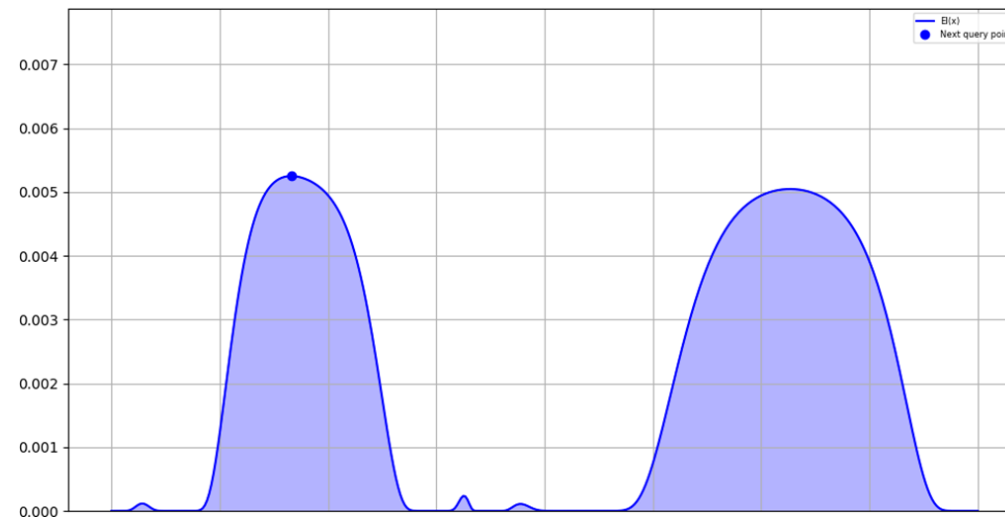
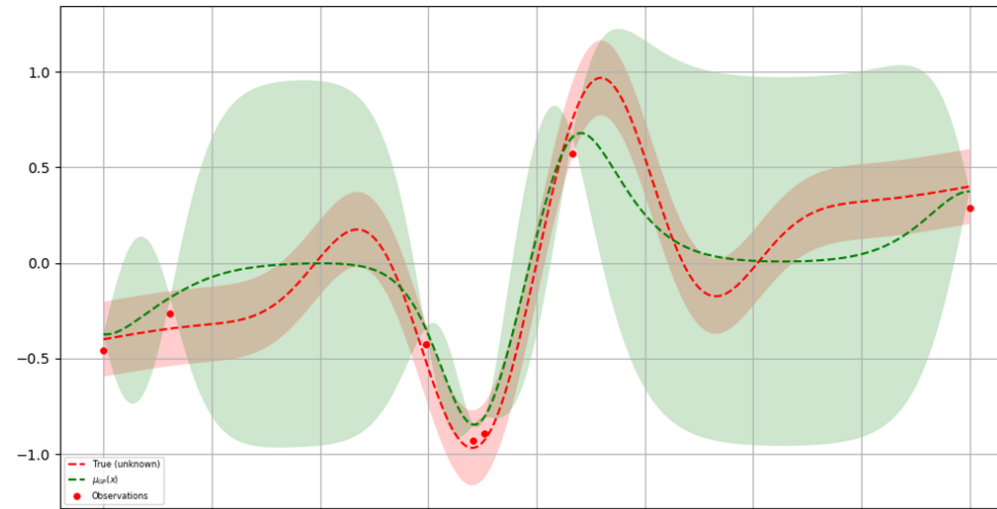
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Best so far: -0.89

# Bayesian Optimization in a nutshell



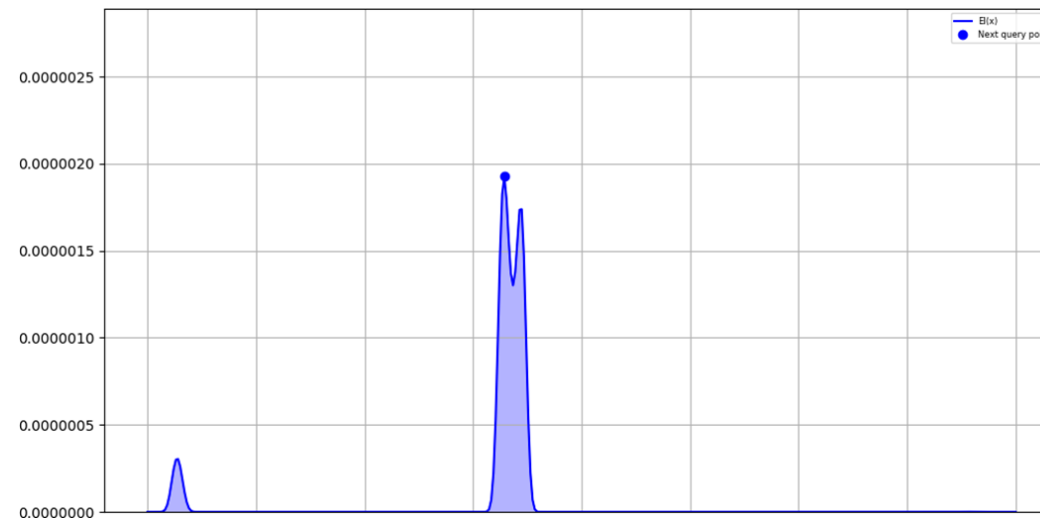
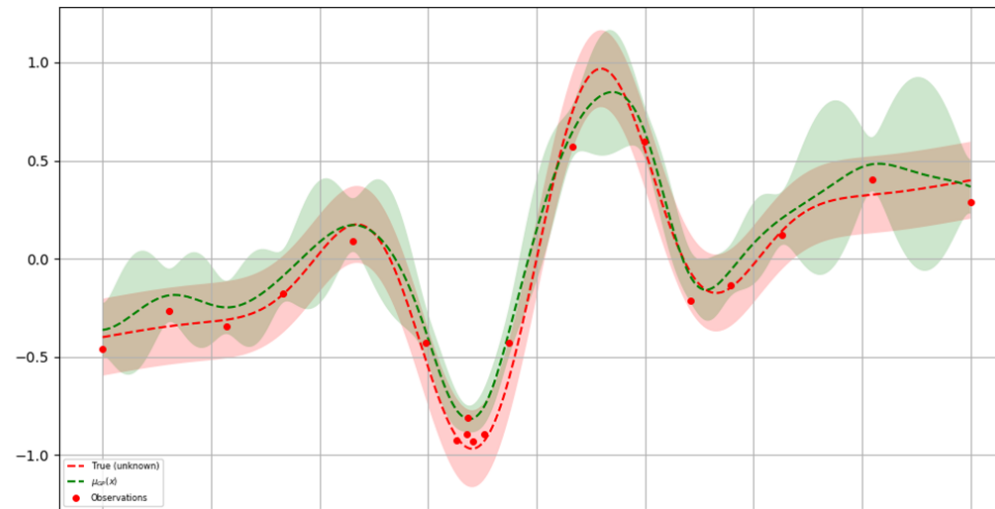
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# Bayesian Optimization in a nutshell



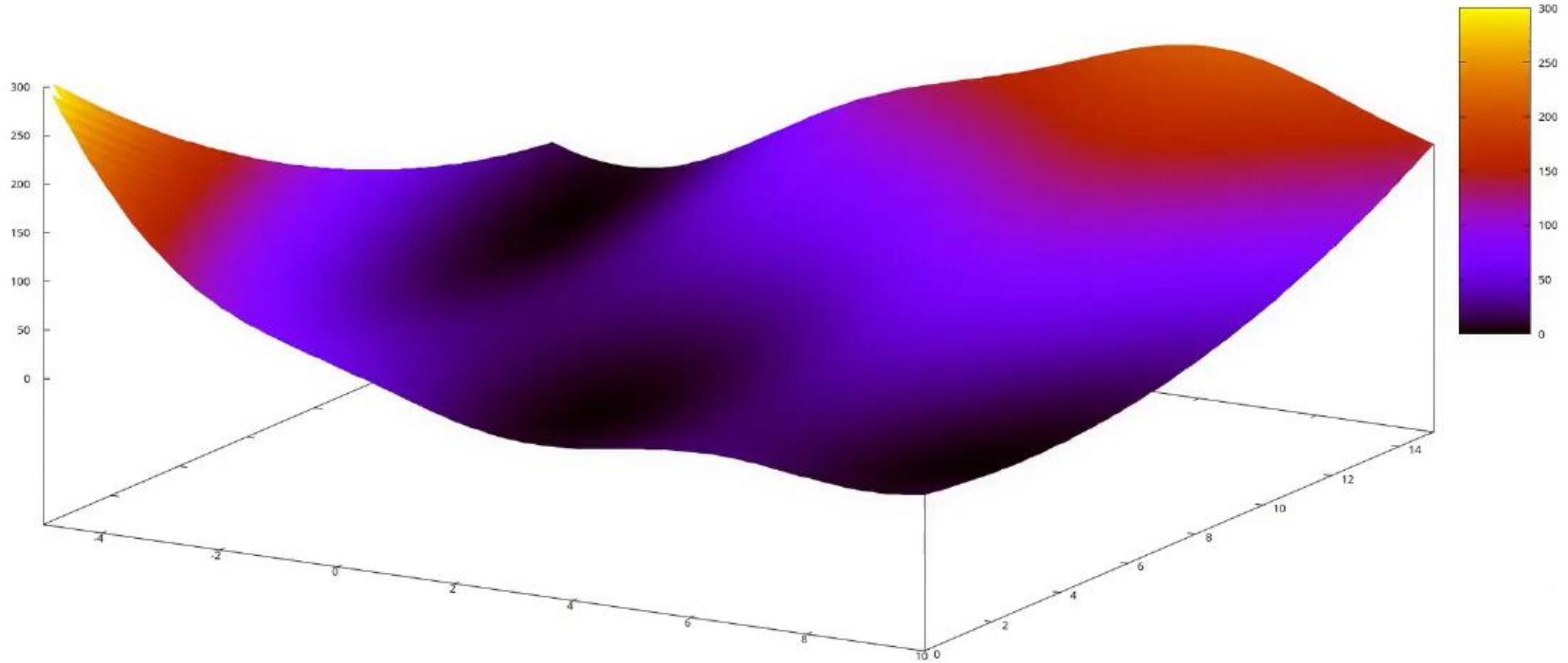
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# Bayesian Optimization in a nutshell



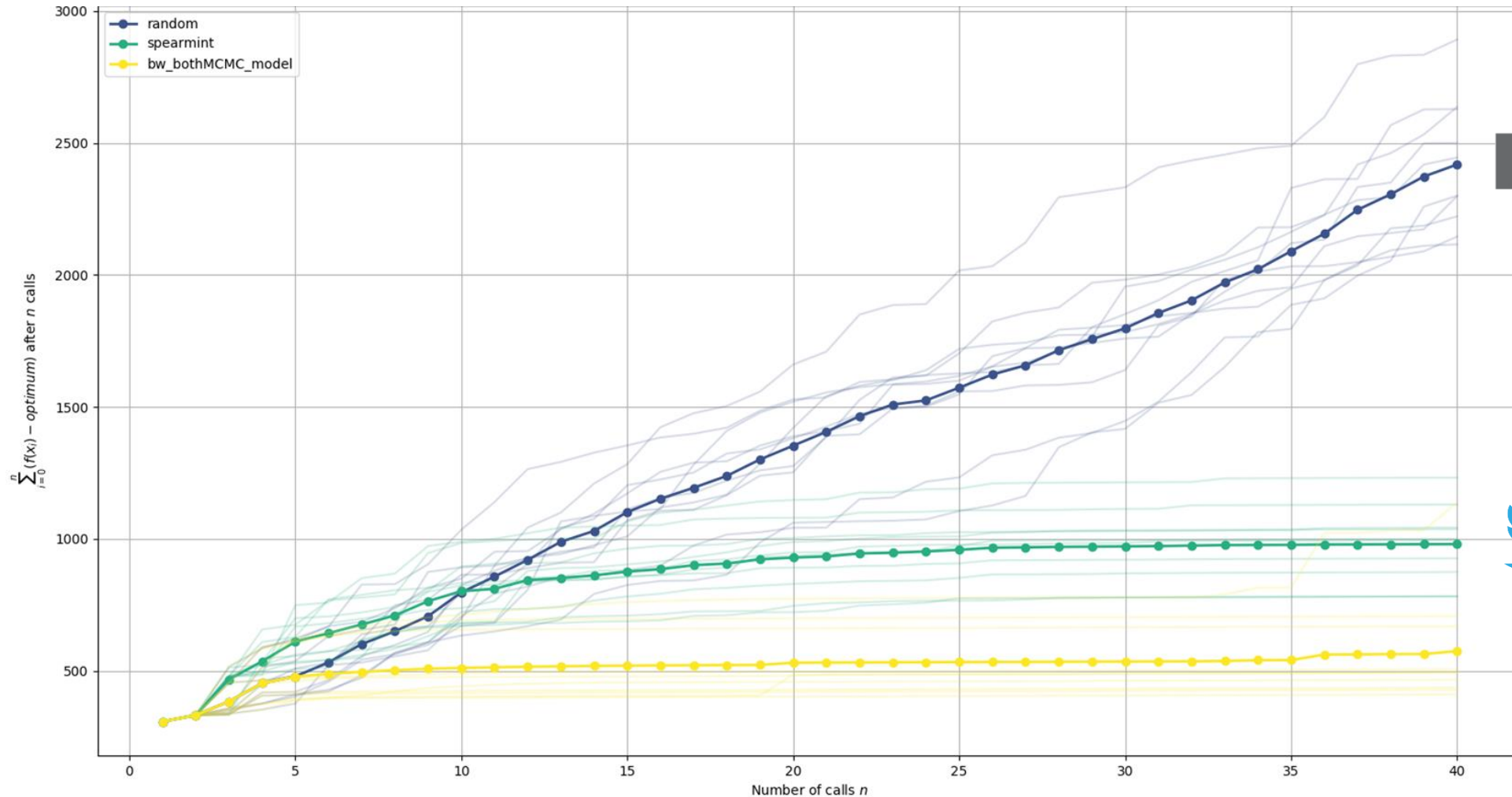
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Best so far: -0.93

# Bayesian Optimization in action





# Research: Comparing with State of the Art



Regret

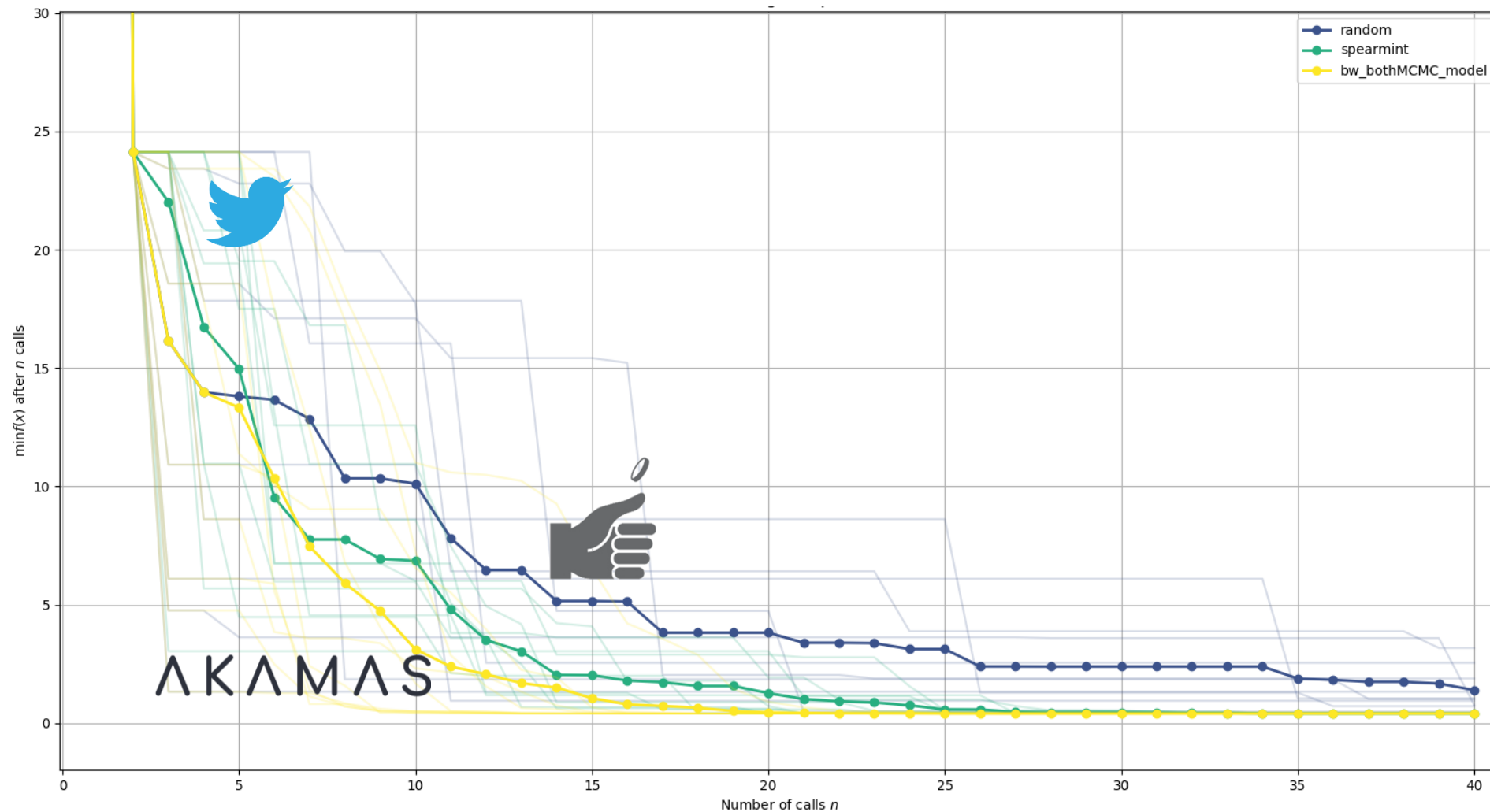


Takes into account the **best value** found and the “**cost**” of bad decisions



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# Research: Comparing with State of the Art

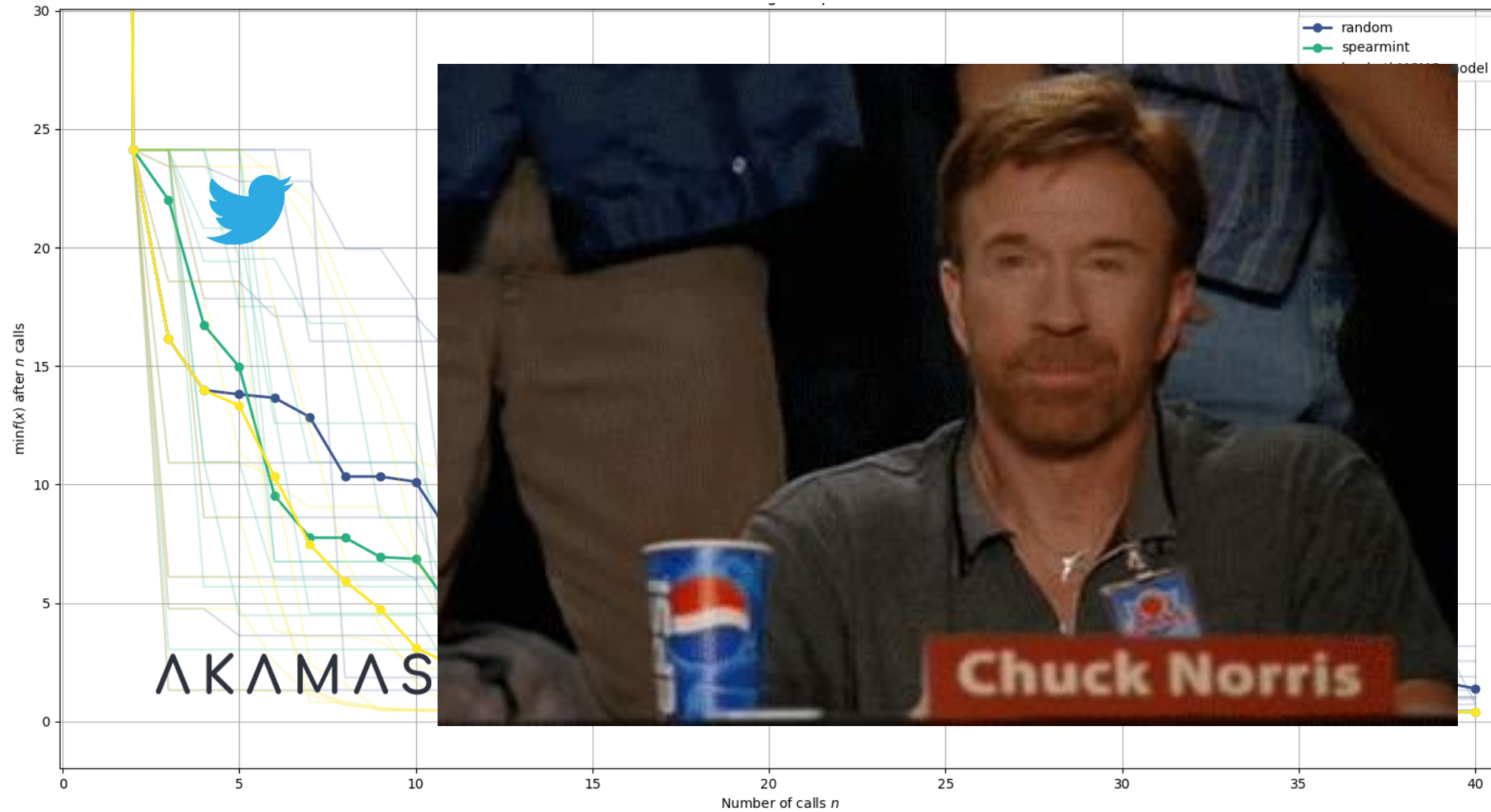




Regret 

AUC 

Takes into account the **best value** found and the **time it took** to get there

# Research: Comparing with State of the Art



Regret   
AUC 

Interested in what we do?

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- 1 Tackle high impact industrial problems
- 2 Apply and advance state of the art
- 3 Work with recognized experts in the field
- 4 Drink beer on fridays...

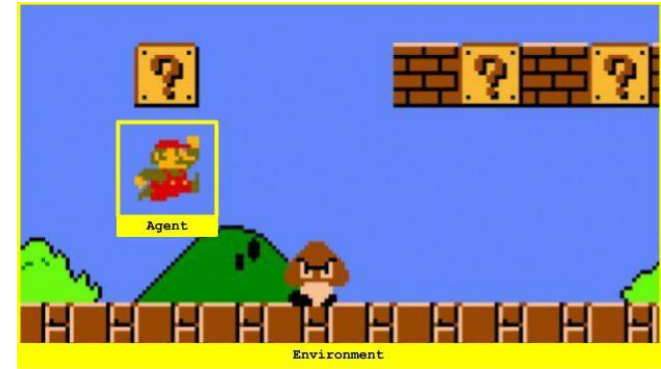


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master thesis?  
Let's talk!**

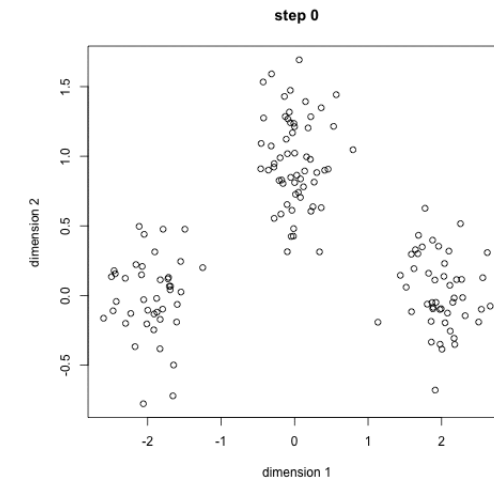
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# Past Thesis

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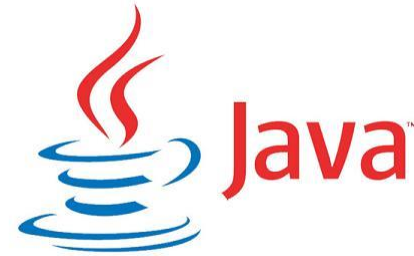


**2** Workload characterization for application performance prediction

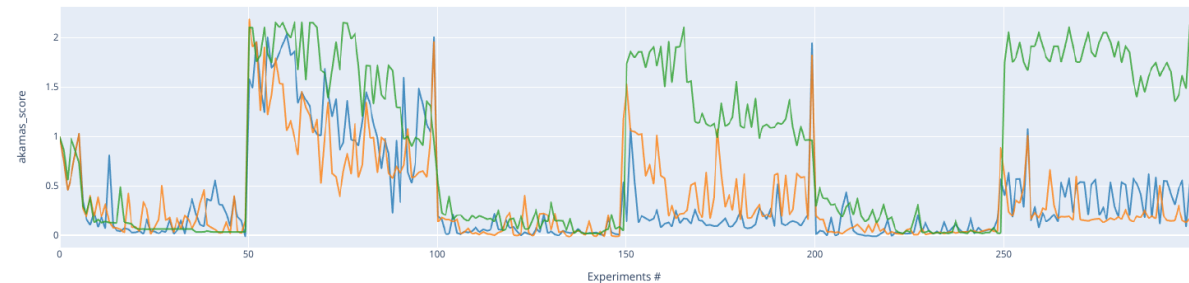


# Ongoing Thesis

## 1 Java optimizations with Tree-Structured Configuration Spaces



## 2 Online optimization via workload identification



# Available Thesis (examples)

- 1 Surrogate Applications for Performance Optimization
- 2 Constraints embedding
- 3 Transfer Learning
- 4 Embedding strategies for online performance optimization