

# Black-Box Optimization Benchmarking Template for Noiseless Function Testbed

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## ABSTRACT

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## Categories and Subject Descriptors

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## General Terms

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## Keywords

Benchmarking, Black-box optimization

## 1. CPU TIMING

In order to evaluate the CPU timing of the algorithm, we have run the **MY-ALGORITHM-NAME** on the function  $f_8$  with restarts for at least 30 seconds and until a maximum budget equal to  $400(D+2)$  is reached. The code was run on a **Mac Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-2400S CPU @ 2.50GHz** with **1** processor and **4** cores. The time per function evaluation for dimensions 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 40 equals *xx*, *xx*, *xx*, *xx*, *xxx*, and *xxx* milliseconds respectively.

## 2. RESULTS

Results of PSO DE from experiments according to [?] on the benchmark functions given in [?, ?] are presented in Figures 1, 2, 3, and 4 and in Tables 1.

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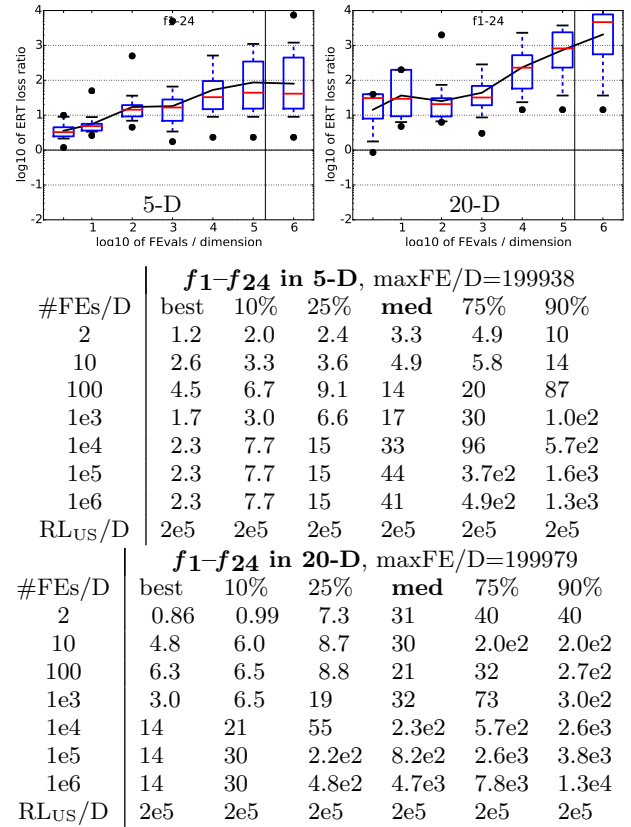


Figure 3: ERT loss ratio versus the budget in number of  $f$ -evaluations divided by dimension. For each given budget FEvals, the target value  $f_t$  is computed as the best target  $f$ -value reached within the budget by the given algorithm. Shown is then the ERT to reach  $f_t$  for the given algorithm or the budget, if the GECCO-BBOB-2009 best algorithm reached a better target within the budget, divided by the best ERT seen in GECCO-BBOB-2009 to reach  $f_t$ . Line: geometric mean. Box-Whisker error bar: 25-75%-ile with median (box), 10-90%-ile (caps), and minimum and maximum ERT loss ratio (points). The vertical line gives the maximal number of function evaluations in a single trial in this function subset. See also Figure 4 for results on each function subgroup.

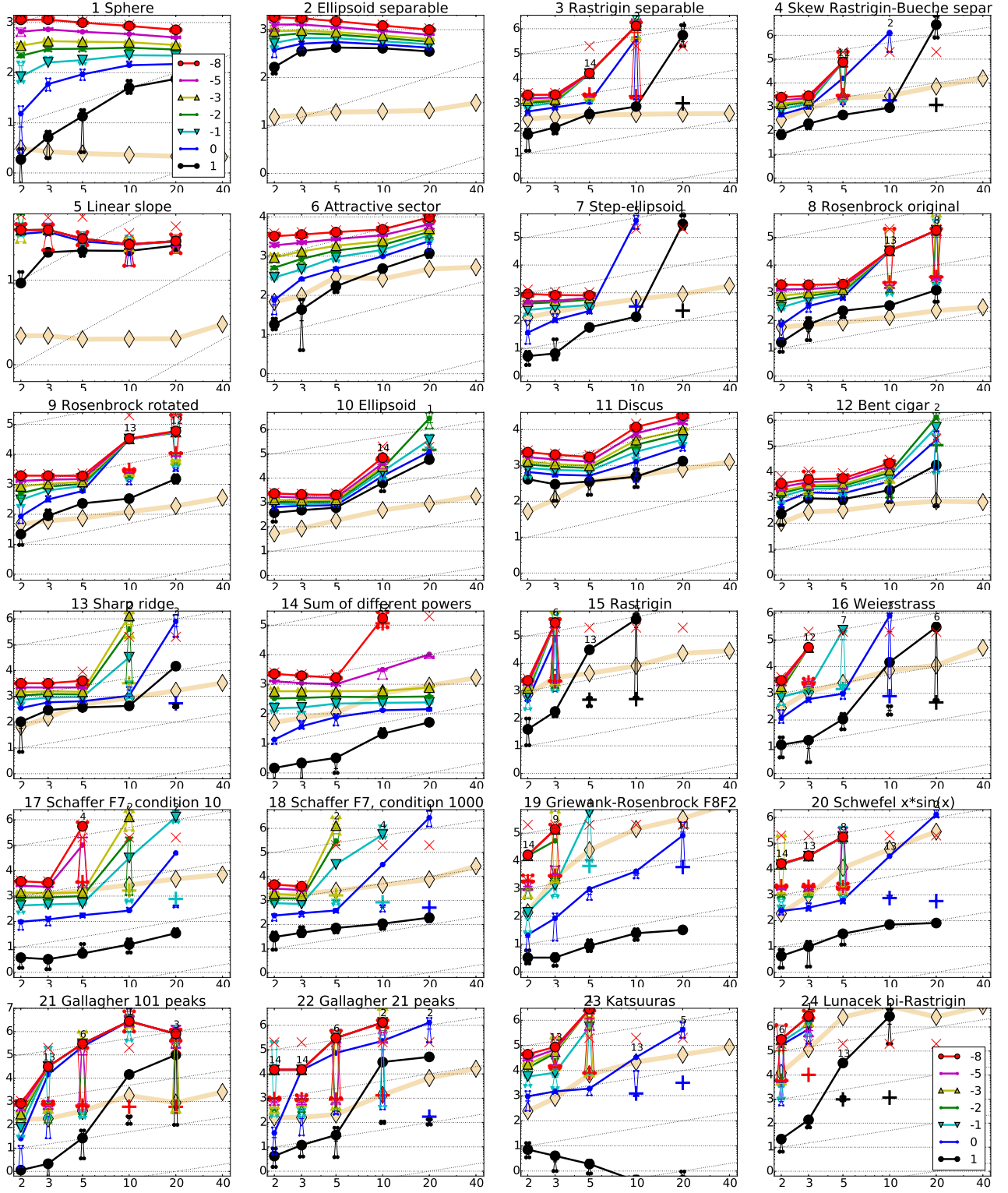
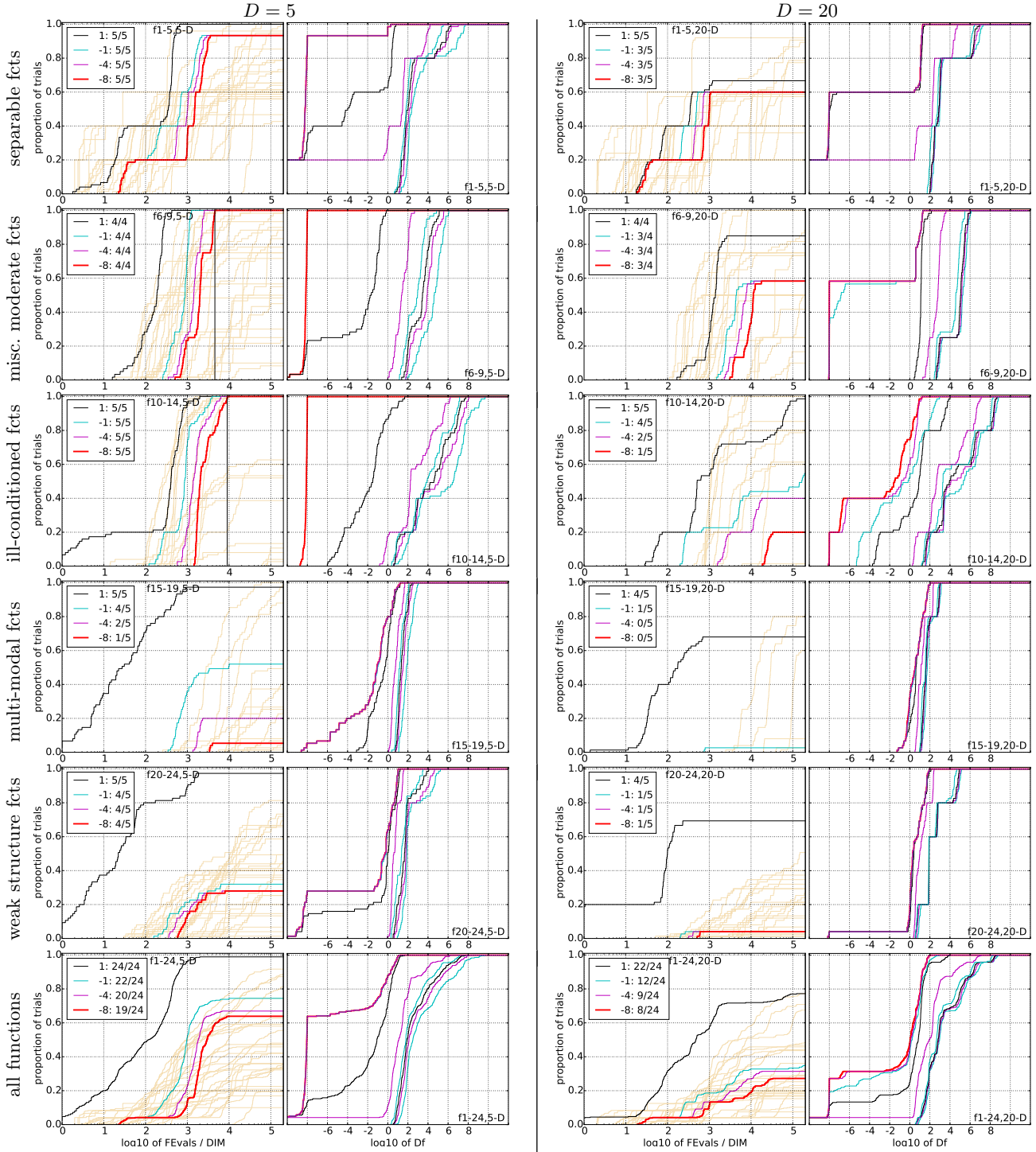


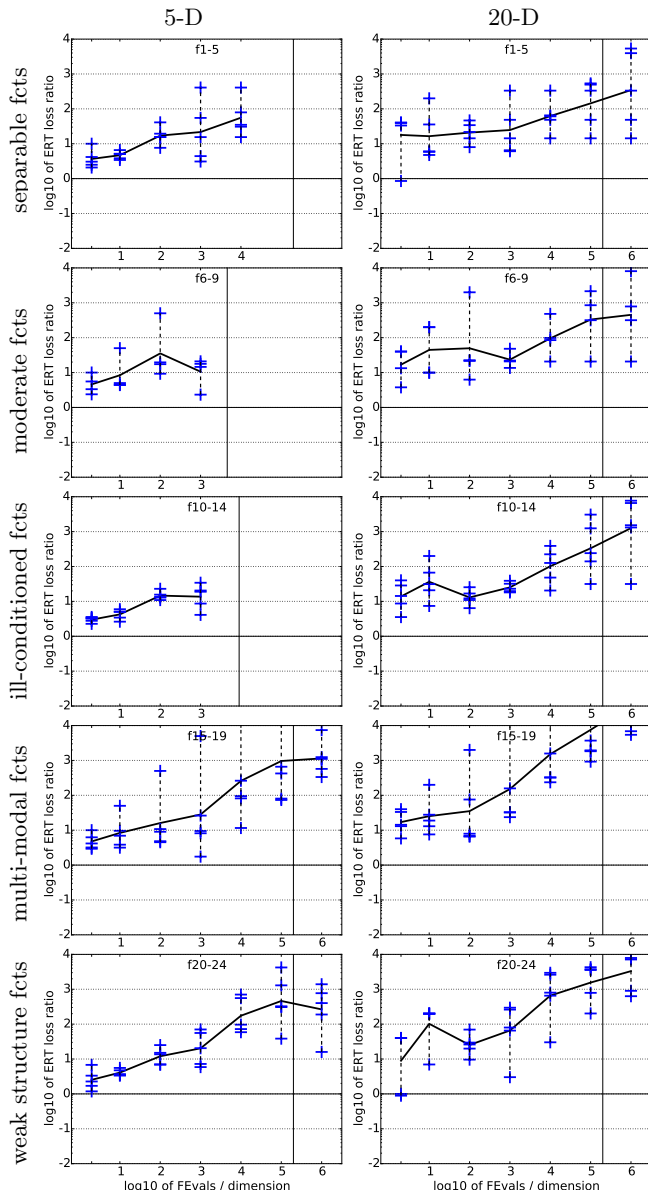
Figure 1: Expected number of  $f$ -evaluations (ERT, lines) to reach  $f_{\text{opt}} + \Delta f$ ; median number of  $f$ -evaluations (+) to reach the most difficult target that was reached not always but at least once; maximum number of  $f$ -evaluations in any trial ( $\times$ ); interquartile range with median (notched boxes) of simulated runlengths to reach  $f_{\text{opt}} + \Delta f$ ; all values are divided by dimension and plotted as  $\log_{10}$  values versus dimension. Shown are  $\Delta f = 10^{\{-8, -5, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1\}}$ . Numbers above ERT-symbols (if appearing) indicate the number of trials reaching the respective target. The light thick line with diamonds indicates the respective best result from BBOB-2009 for  $\Delta f = 10^{-8}$ . Horizontal lines mean linear scaling, slanted grid lines depict quadratic scaling.



**Figure 2: Empirical cumulative distribution functions (ECDF), plotting the fraction of trials with an outcome not larger than the respective value on the  $x$ -axis. Left subplots: ECDF of the number of function evaluations (FEvals) divided by search space dimension  $D$ , to fall below  $f_{\text{opt}} + \Delta f$  with  $\Delta f = 10^k$ , where  $k$  is the first value in the legend. The thick red line represents the most difficult target value  $f_{\text{opt}} + 10^{-8}$ . Legends indicate for each target the number of functions that were solved in at least one trial within the displayed budget. Right subplots: ECDF of the best achieved  $\Delta f$  for running times of  $0.5D, 1.2D, 3D, 10D, 100D, 1000D, \dots$  function evaluations (from right to left cycling cyan-magenta-black...) and final  $\Delta f$ -value (red), where  $\Delta f$  and  $Df$  denote the difference to the optimal function value. Light brown lines in the background show ECDFs for the most difficult target of all algorithms benchmarked during BBOB-2009.**

5-D								20-D								
$\Delta f$	1e+1	1e+0	1e-1	1e-2	1e-3	1e-5	1e-7	#succ	1e+1	1e+0	1e-1	1e-2	1e-3	1e-5	1e-7	#succ
$f_1$	11 6.2(5)	12 38(9)	12 73(13)	12 123(19)	12 170(15)	12 267(25)	12 359(14)	15/15	43 35(5)	43 69(9)	43 102(8)	43 134(8)	43 166(10)	43 234(7)	43 299(15)	15/15
$f_2$	83 25(2)	87 32(2)	88 38(3)	89 44(4)	90 49(3)	92 62(2)	94 73(3)	15/15	385 18(0.9)	386 22(1)	387 26(1)	388 29(2)	390 33(1)	391 40(1)	393 47(2)	15/15
$f_3$	716 2.6(0.3)	1622 3.5(0.5)	1637 48(153)	1642 48(0.7)	1646 48(152)	1650 49(152)	1654 50(151)	15/15	5066 2172(1577)	7626 $\infty$	7635 $\infty$	7637 $\infty$	7643 $\infty$	7646 $\infty$	7651 $\infty$	15/15
$f_4$	809 2.8(0.6)	1633 48(153)	1688 220(591)	1758 212(994)	1817 205(412)	1886 199(398)	1903 198(263)	15/15	4722 1847(26856)	7628 $\infty$	7666 $\infty$	7686 $\infty$	7700 $\infty$	7758 $\infty$	7758 $\infty$	9/15
$f_5$	10 11(4)	10 14(7)	10 16(6)	10 16(5)	10 16(3)	10 16(7)	10 16(7)	15/15	41 13(4)	41 14(4)	41 14(3)	41 14(3)	41 14(4)	41 14(5)	41 14(5)	15/15
$f_6$	114 7.5(4)	214 11(5)	281 17(5)	404 17(2)	580 16(3)	1038 13(1)	1332 14(1)	15/15	1296 18(9)	2343 21(5)	3413 20(4)	4255 20(5)	5220 19(11)	6728 19(4)	8409 20(3)	15/15
$f_7$	24 12(8)	324 3.4(1)	1171 1.6(0.4)	1451 2.0(0.3)	1572 2.1(0.5)	1572 2.1(0.5)	1597 2.2(0.3)	15/15	1351 4446(7403)	4274 $\infty$	9503 $\infty$	16523 $\infty$	16524 $\infty$	16524 $\infty$	16969 $\infty$	15/15
$f_8$	73 15(11)	273 12(2)	336 14(3)	372 15(3)	391 17(2)	410 20(2)	422 23(2)	15/15	2039 12(4)	3871 911(1803)	4040 874(743)	4148 853(963)	4219 839(1891)	4371 812(2738)	4484 794(224)	15/15
$f_9$	35 33(5)	127 23(7)	214 20(3)	263 20(5)	300 20(4)	335 22(3)	369 24(3)	15/15	1716 18(0.3)	3102 341(640)	3277 328(306)	3379 324(297)	3455 322(291)	3594 319(556)	3727 317(804)	15/15
$f_{10}$	349 8.7(2)	500 7.7(1)	574 6.3(1)	607 9.2(1)	626 10(1)	829 9.4(1)	880 11(1)	15/15	7413 155(56)	8661 278(116)	10735 694(382)	13641 4175(4881)	14920 $\infty$	17073 $\infty$	17476 $\infty$	15/15
$f_{11}$	143 13(2)	202 13(4)	763 4.6(0.4)	977 4.3(0.5)	1177 4.2(0.5)	1467 4.4(0.3)	1673 4.7(0.3)	15/15	1002 26(7)	2228 31(7)	6278 17(4)	8586 18(6)	9762 20(4)	12285 27(4)	14831 30(8)	15/15
$f_{12}$	108 40(32)	268 27(22)	371 32(15)	413 35(14)	461 36(16)	1303 17(6)	1494 17(9)	15/15	1042 350(873)	1938 1777(4260)	2740 3872(3230)	3156 8303(6959)	4140 $\infty$	12407 $\infty$	13827 $\infty$	15/15
$f_{13}$	132 14(3)	195 17(2)	250 18(1)	319 18(2)	1310 5.7(0.5)	1752 6.2(0.3)	2255 7.6(0.4)	15/15	652 450(1)	2021 7904(10367)	2751 $\infty$	3507 $\infty$	18749 $\infty$	24455 $\infty$	30201 $\infty$	15/15
$f_{14}$	10 1.6(3)	41 9.4(5)	58 19(3)	90 21(5)	139 21(3)	251 20(2)	476 15(1.0)	15/15	75 14(3)	239 12(2)	304 16(2)	451 17(2)	932 17(3)	1648 124(67)	15661 3795(7688)	15/15
$f_{15}$	511 305(2)	9310 $\infty$	19369 $\infty$	19743 $\infty$	20073 $\infty$	20769 $\infty$	21359 $\infty$	15/15	30378 $\infty$	1.5e5 $\infty$	3.1e5 $\infty$	3.2e5 $\infty$	3.2e5 $\infty$	4.5e5 $\infty$	4.6e5 $\infty$	15/15
$f_{16}$	120 4.5(8)	612 7.9(4)	2662 432(469)	10163 $\infty$	10449 $\infty$	11644 $\infty$	12095 $\infty$	15/15	1384 4333(7931)	27265 $\infty$	77015 $\infty$	1.4e5 $\infty$	1.9e5 $\infty$	2.0e5 $\infty$	2.2e5 $\infty$	15/15
$f_{17}$	5.2 5.3(7)	215 4.1(0.9)	899 2.8(0.6)	2861 1.7(0.3)	3669 1.9(0.3)	6351 80(118)	7934 254(283)	15/15	63 11(6)	1030 956(1941)	4005 6386(9787)	12242 $\infty$	30677 $\infty$	56288 $\infty$	80472 $\infty$	15/15
$f_{18}$	103 3.5(2)	378 5.1(0.8)	3968 40(0.3)	8451 178(502)	9280 700(673)	10905 $\infty$	12469 $\infty$	15/15	621 6.2(4)	3972 13964(8420)	19561 $\infty$	28555 $\infty$	67569 $\infty$	1.3e5 $\infty$	1.5e5 $\infty$	15/15
$f_{19}$	1 44(51)	1 4867(5552)	242 11422(12298)	1.0e5 $\infty$	1.2e5 $\infty$	1.2e5 $\infty$	1.2e5 $\infty$	15/15	1 651(285)	1 1.6e6(2e6)	3.4e5 $\infty$	4.7e6 $\infty$	6.2e6 $\infty$	6.7e6 $\infty$	6.7e6 $\infty$	15/15
$f_{20}$	16 10(8)	851 3.7(1)	38111 23(26)	51362 17(34)	54470 16(23)	54861 16(27)	55313 16(18)	15/15	82 20(4)	46150 563(454)	3.1e6 $\infty$	5.5e6 $\infty$	5.5e6 $\infty$	5.6e6 $\infty$	5.6e6 $\infty$	14/15
$f_{21}$	41 3.3(3)	1157 988(1511)	1674 895(1490)	1692 886(738)	1705 879(1463)	1729 868(1588)	1757 854(1563)	15/15	561 3562(7118)	6541 2444(3818)	14103 1133(779)	14318 1117(698)	14643 1092(1842)	15567 1027(1861)	17589 909(852)	15/15
$f_{22}$	71 2.2(2)	386 943(1939)	938 1599(2129)	980 1530(1273)	1008 1488(1981)	1040 1443(2160)	1068 1406(2338)	15/15	467 2145(4280)	5580 4654(3580)	23491 $\infty$	24163 $\infty$	24948 $\infty$	26847 $\infty$	1.3e5 $\infty$	12/15
$f_{23}$	3.0 3.2(3)	518 18(5)	14249 195(351)	27890 503(439)	31654 443(592)	33030 424(779)	34256 409(445)	15/15	3.2 2.7(2)	1614 5149(4971)	67457 $\infty$	3.7e5 $\infty$	4.9e5 $\infty$	8.1e5 $\infty$	8.4e5 $\infty$	15/15
$f_{24}$	1622 98(617)	2.2e5 $\infty$	6.4e6 $\infty$	9.6e6 $\infty$	9.6e6 $\infty$	1.3e7 $\infty$	1.3e7 $\infty$	15/15	1.3e6 $\infty$	7.5e6 $\infty$	5.2e7 $\infty$	5.2e7 $\infty$	5.2e7 $\infty$	5.2e7 $\infty$	5.2e7 $\infty$	3/15

Table 1: Expected running time (ERT in number of function evaluations) divided by the best ERT measured during BBOB-2009. The ERT and in braces, as dispersion measure, the half difference between 90 and 10%-tile of bootstrapped run lengths appear in the second row of each cell, the best ERT in the first. The different target  $\Delta f$ -values are shown in the top row. #succ is the number of trials that reached the (final) target  $f_{\text{opt}} + 10^{-8}$ . The median number of conducted function evaluations is additionally given in *italics*, if the target in the last column was never reached. Bold entries are statistically significantly better (according to the rank-sum test) compared to the best algorithm in BBOB-2009, with  $p = 0.05$  or  $p = 10^{-k}$  when the number  $k > 1$  is following the  $\downarrow$  symbol, with Bonferroni correction by the number of functions.



**Figure 4: ERT loss ratios (see Figure 3 for details). Each cross (+) represents a single function, the line is the geometric mean.**