

# Recent Advances in Bayesian Optimization



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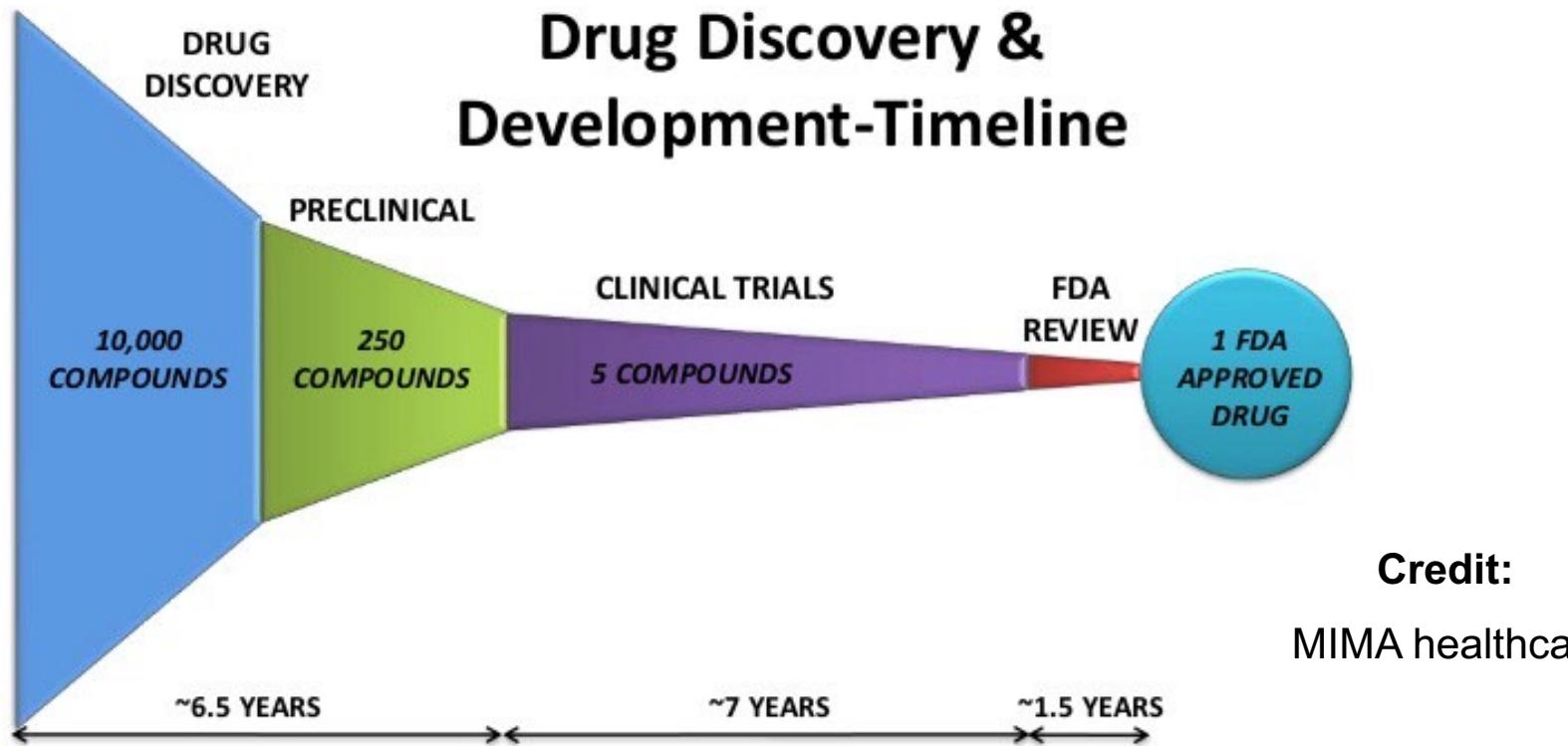
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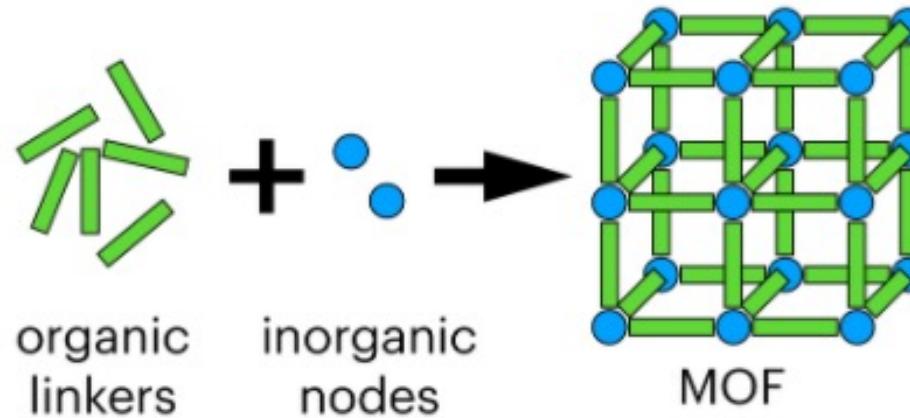


# Drug/Vaccine Design



- Accelerate the discovery of promising designs

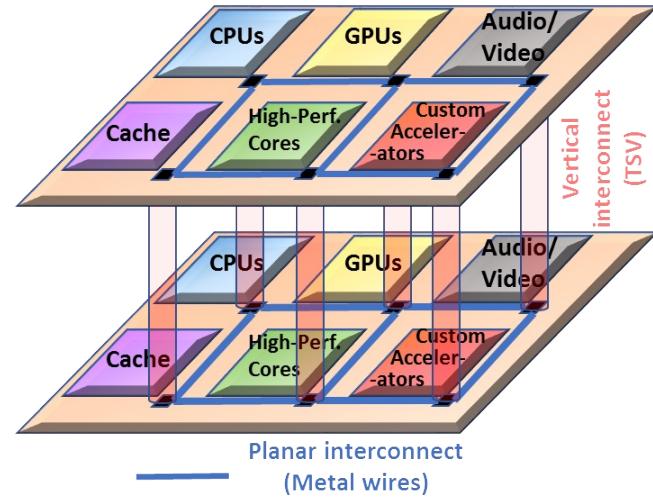
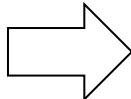
# Nanoporous Materials Design



- **Sustainability applications**

- ▲ Storing gases (e.g., hydrogen powered cars)
- ▲ Separating gases (e.g., carbon dioxide from flue gas of coal-fired power plants)
- ▲ Detecting gases (e.g., detecting pollutants in outdoor air)

# Sustainable Hardware Design for Data Centers



## America's Data Centers Are Wasting Huge Amounts of Energy

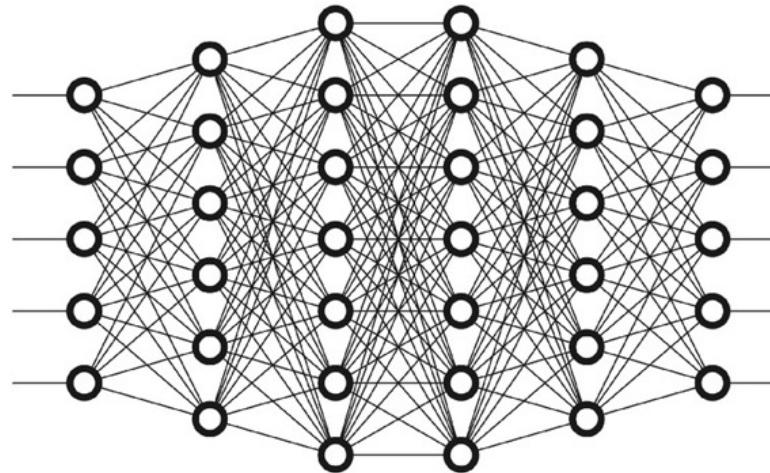
By 2020, data centers are projected to consume roughly 140 billion kilowatt-hours annually, costing American businesses \$13 billion annually in electricity bills and emitting nearly 150 million metric tons of carbon pollution

## High-performance and Energy-efficient manycore chips

Report from Natural Resources Defense Council:

<https://www.nrdc.org/sites/default/files/data-center-efficiency-assessment-1B.pdf>

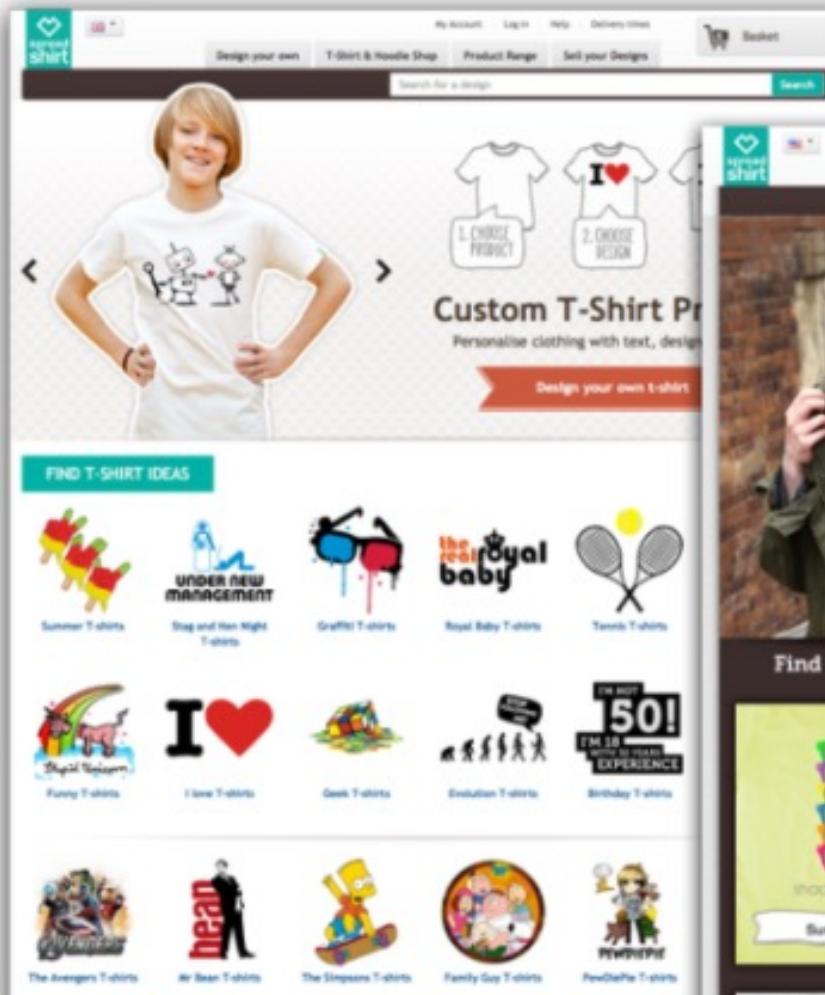
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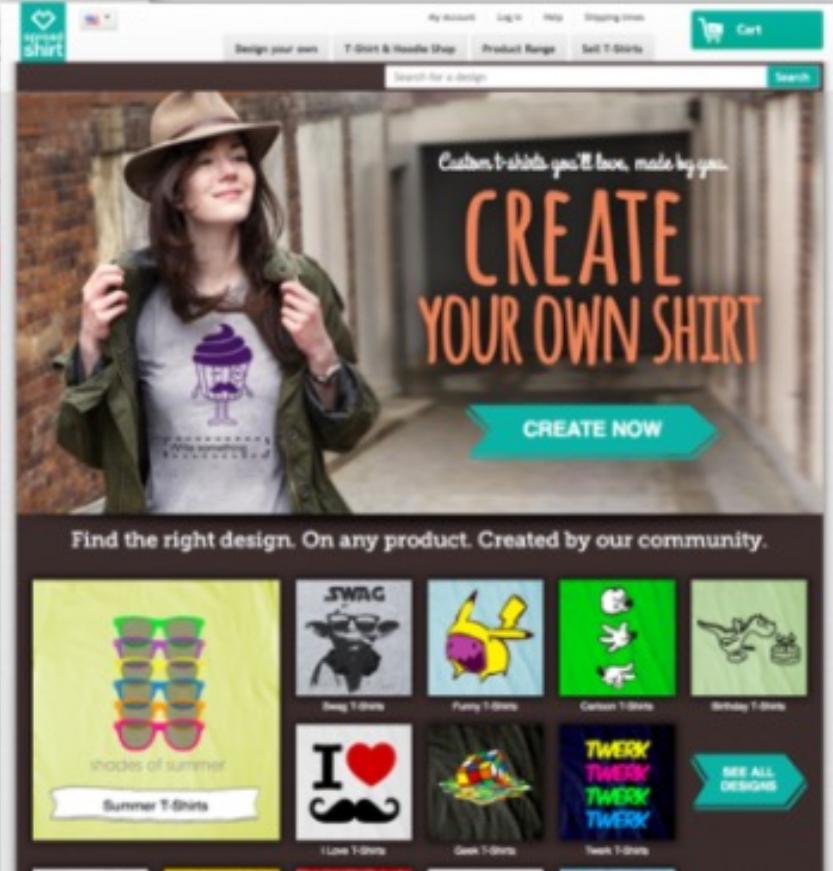
- Accuracy of models critically depends on hyper-parameters
  - ▲ Optimization algorithm, learning rates, momentum, batch normalization, batch sizes, dropout rates, weight decay, data augmentation, ...

# A/B Testing to Configure Websites

Original



Variation



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AAAI-2023 Tutorial on Recent Advances in Bayesian Optimization

# Making Delicious Cookies



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## Bayesian Optimization for a Better Dessert

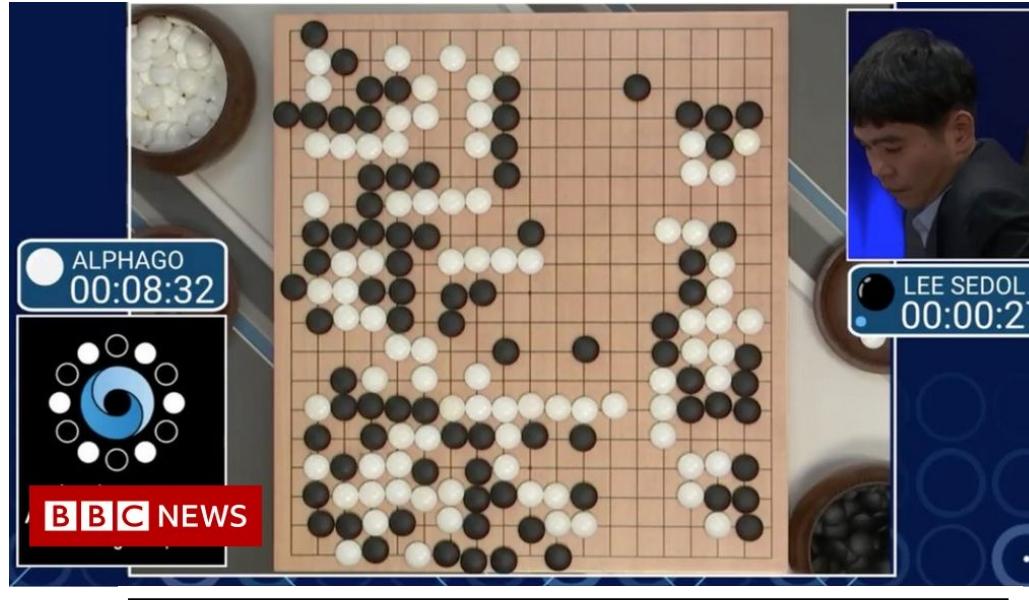
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### Abstract

We present a case study on applying Bayesian Optimization to a complex real-world system; our challenge was to optimize chocolate chip cookies. The process was a mixed-initiative system where both human chefs, human raters, and a machine optimizer participated in 144 experiments. This process resulted in highly rated cookies that deviated from expectations in some surprising ways – much less sugar in California, and cayenne in Pittsburgh. Our experience highlights the importance of incorporating domain expertise and the value of transfer learning approaches.

# Making AlphaGo Better



## Bayesian Optimization in AlphaGo

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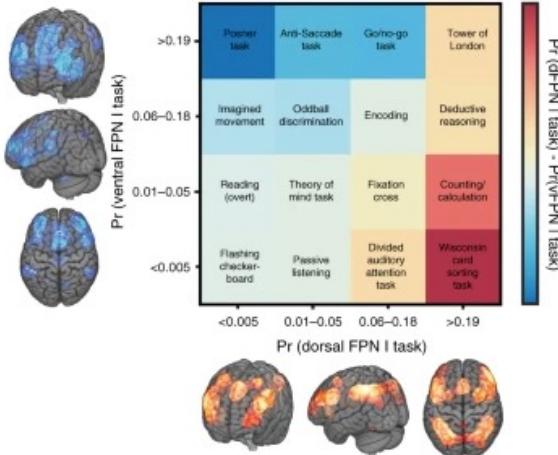
During the development of AlphaGo, its many hyper-parameters were tuned with Bayesian optimization multiple times. This automatic tuning process resulted in substantial improvements in playing strength. For example, prior to the match with Lee Sedol, we tuned the latest AlphaGo agent and this improved its win-rate from 50% to 66.5% in self-play games. This tuned version was deployed in the final match. Of course, since we tuned AlphaGo many times during its development cycle, the compounded contribution was even higher than this percentage. It is our hope that this brief case study will be of interest to Go fans, and also provide Bayesian optimization practitioners with some insights and inspiration.

# Neuroscience and Brain Analytics

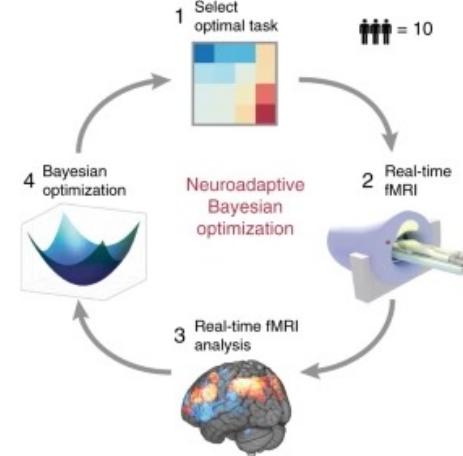
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## Experiment 1

### Task space based on meta-analysis



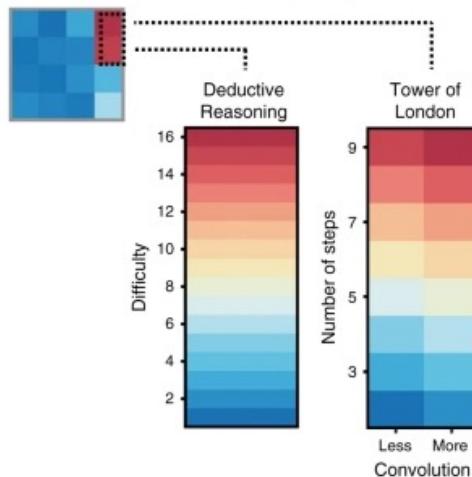
### Real-time experiment: selecting tasks



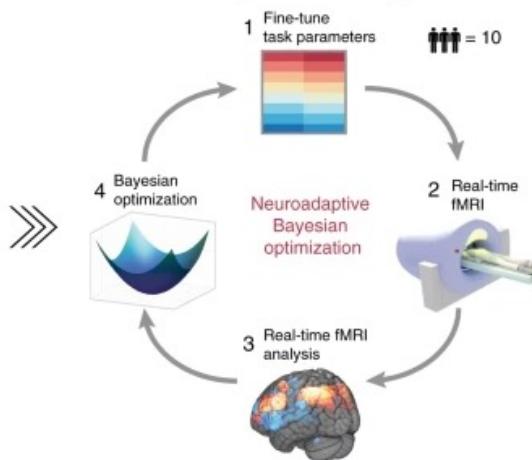
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## Experiment 2

### Modifiable variants of tasks selected in Experiment 1



### Real-time experiment: fine-tuning tasks

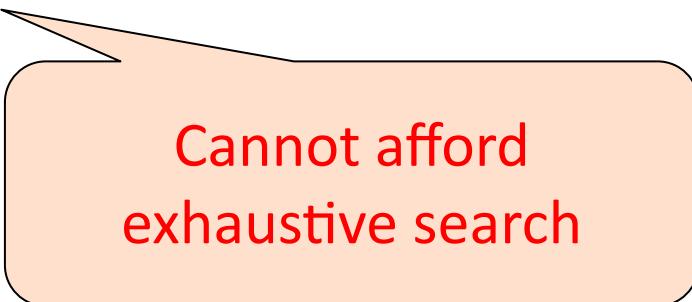


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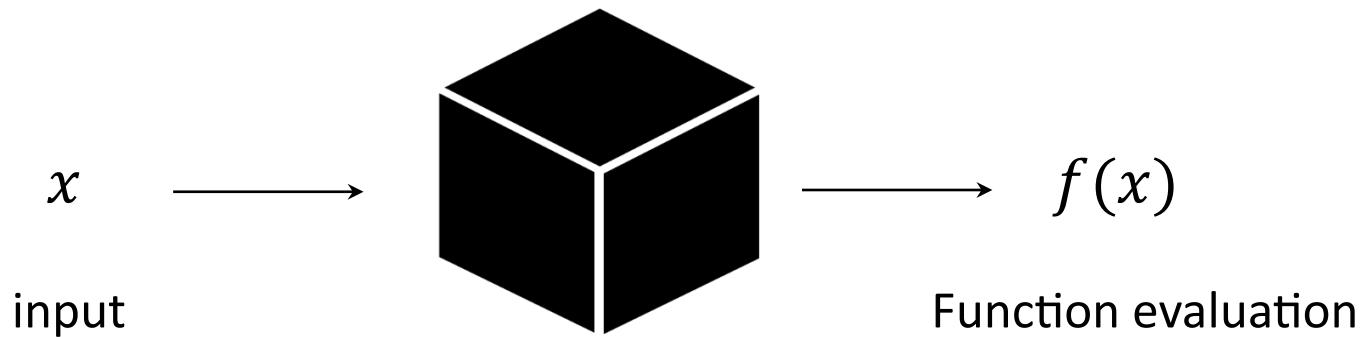


Can we do better than trial-and-error?

# Accelerate Search via Bayesian Optimization

- Efficiently optimize **expensive** black-box functions

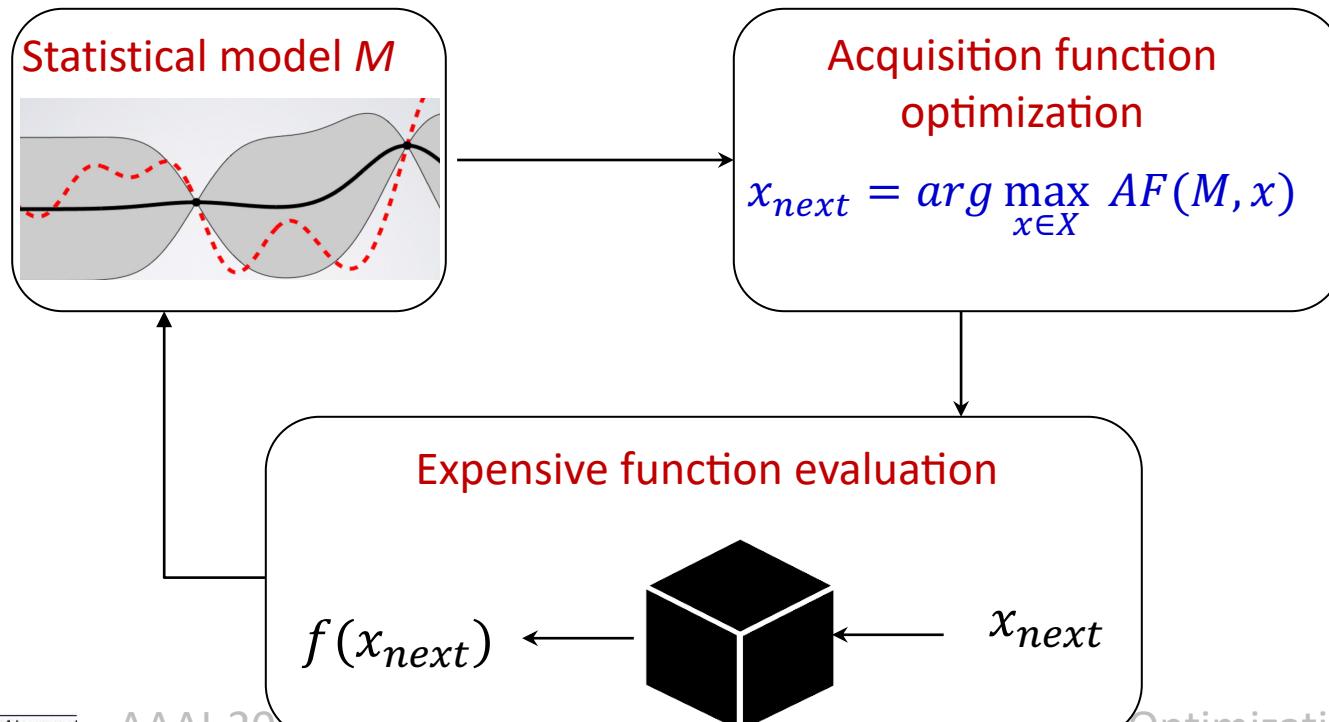
$$x^* = \arg \max_{x \in X} f(x)$$



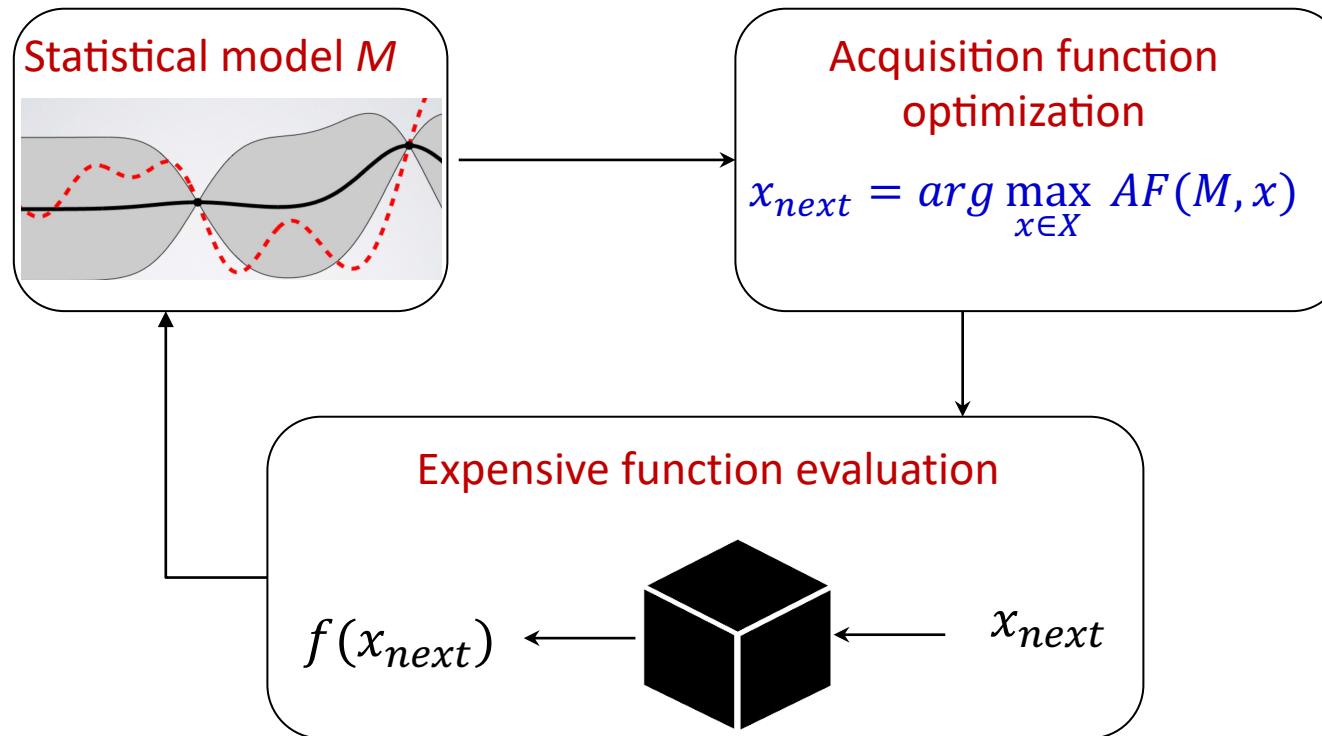
- Black-box queries (aka experiments) are **expensive**

# Bayesian Optimization: Key Idea

- Build a **surrogate statistical model** and use it to intelligently search the space
  - ▲ Replace expensive queries with **cheaper queries**
  - ▲ Use **uncertainty** of the model to select expensive queries



# Bayesian Optimization: Three Key Elements



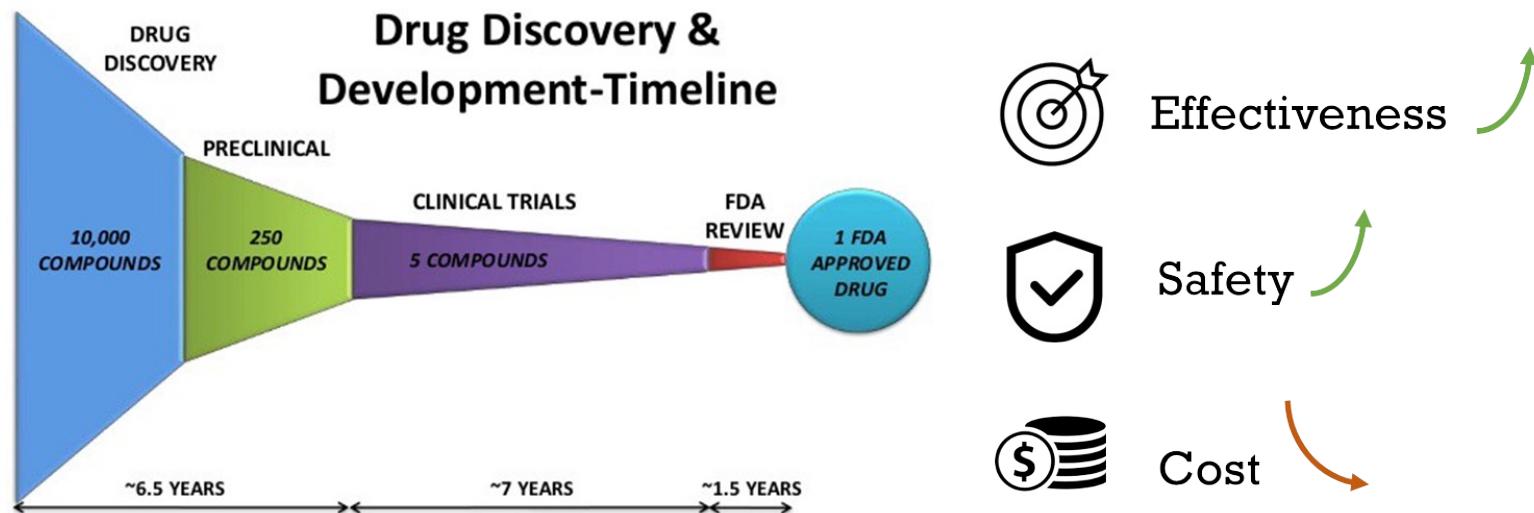
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# BO Dimensions: Input Space

- **Continuous space**
  - ▲ All variables of input  $x$  are continuous
- **Discrete / Combinatorial space**
  - ▲ Sequences, trees, graphs, sets, permutations etc.
- **Hybrid space**
  - ▲  $x$  = mixture of  $x_d$  (discrete) and  $x_c$  (continuous) variables

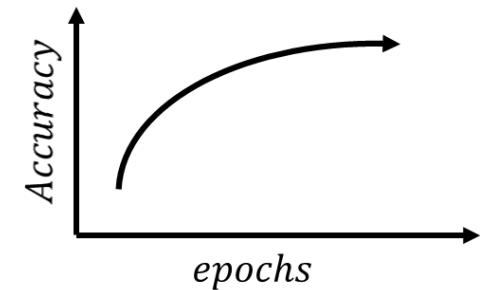
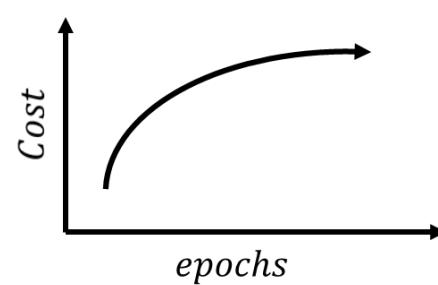
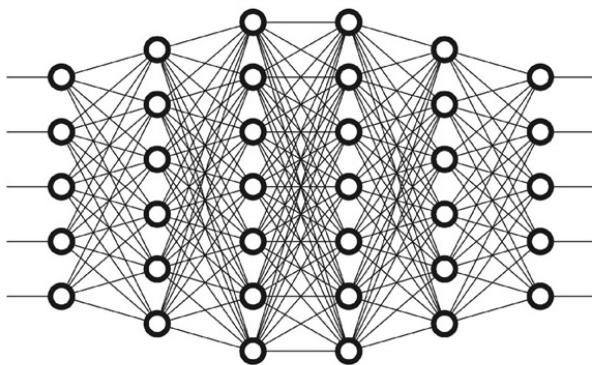
# BO Dimensions: No. of Objectives

- Single objective
  - ▲ For example, finding hyperparameters to optimize accuracy
- Multiple objectives



# BO Dimensions: No. of Fidelities

- **Single-fidelity setting**
  - ▲ Most expensive and accurate function evaluation
- **Multi-fidelity setting**
  - ▲ Function evaluations with varying trade-offs in cost and accuracy

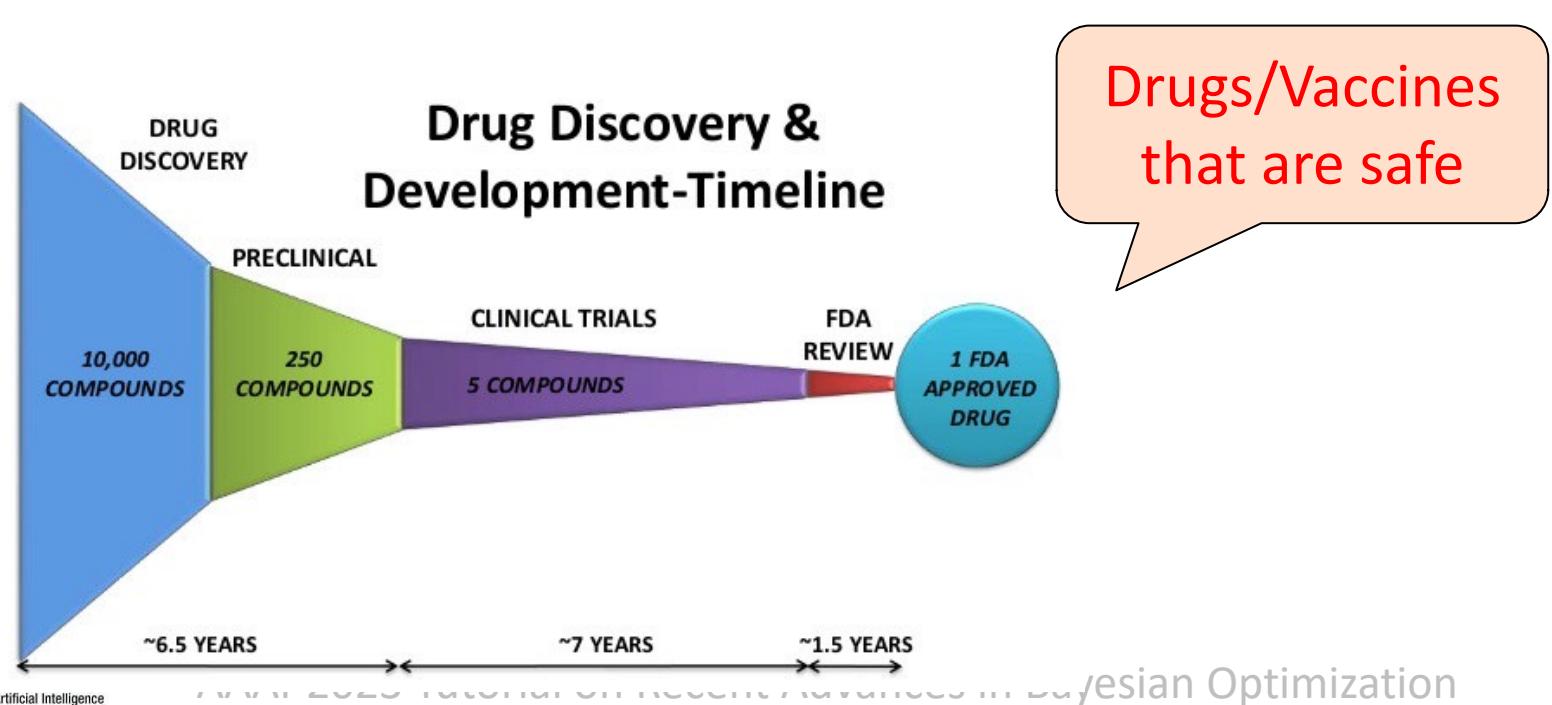


# BO Dimensions: Constraints

- **Unconstrained setting**

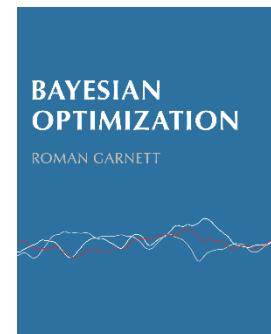
- ▲ all inputs are valid

- **Constrained setting**



# Important References and Software

- **Bayesian Optimization Book by Roman Garnett**
  - ▲ <https://bayesoptbook.com/>
  - ▲ Excellent contribution by Roman to both AI researchers and practitioners! Thanks Roman!!
- **BoTorch Software**
  - ▲ <https://botorch.org/>
  - ▲ Excellent contribution by Meta's Adaptive Experimentation team!



BoTorch

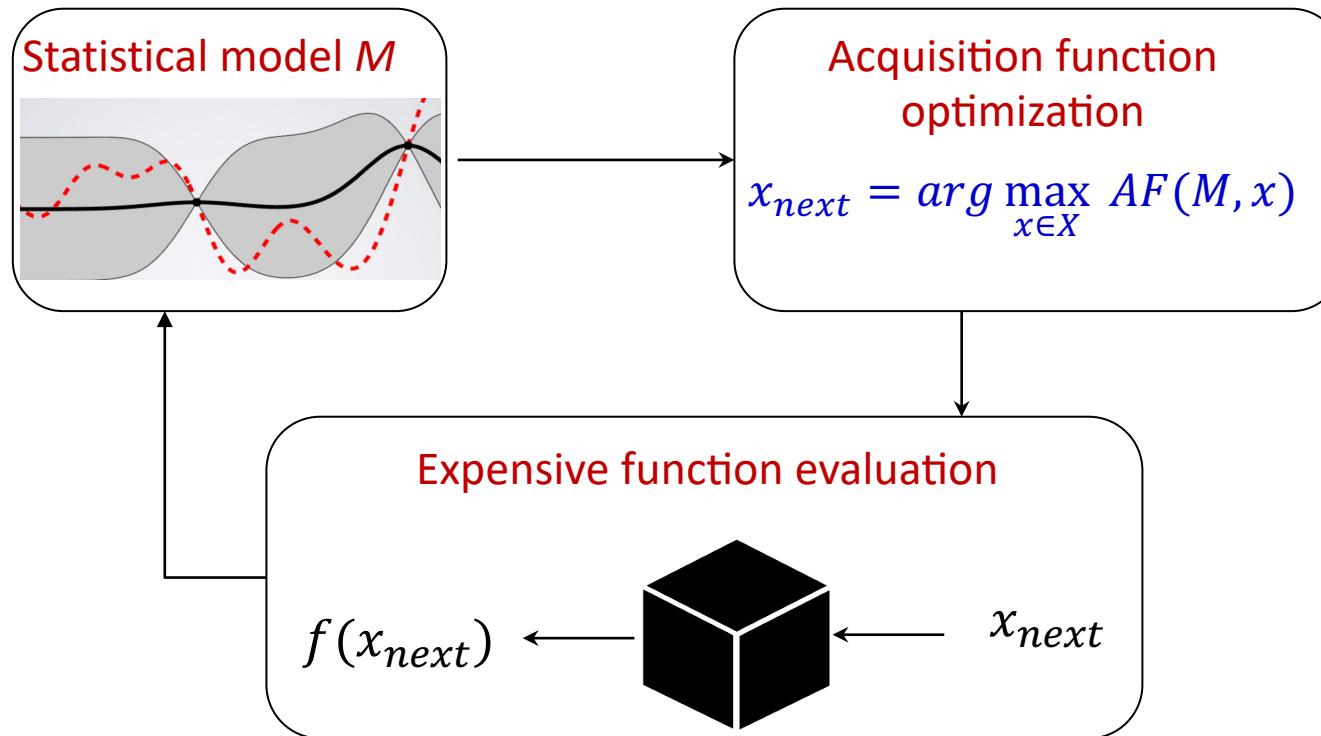
# Outline of the Tutorial

- Overview of the BO Framework, GPs, advances in GPs and acquisition functions, and BoTorch demo 
- Bayesian Optimization over Discrete/Hybrid Spaces 
- Multi-fidelity Bayesian Optimization 

30 mins Break

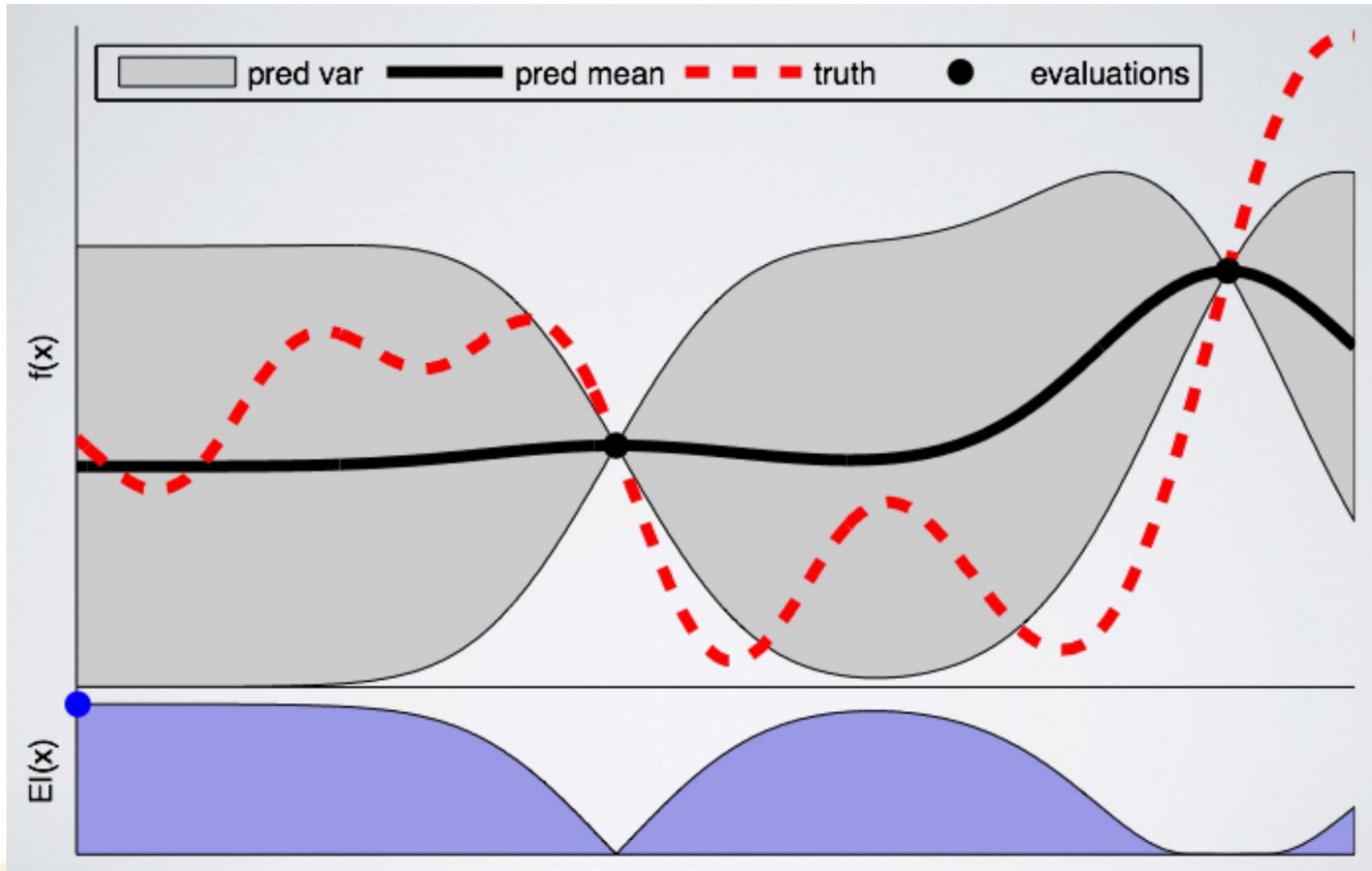
- High-Dimensional BO and BoTorch Hands-on demo 
- Multi-Objective BO and BoTorch Hands-on demo 
- Summary and Outstanding Challenges in BO 

# Bayesian Optimization Framework



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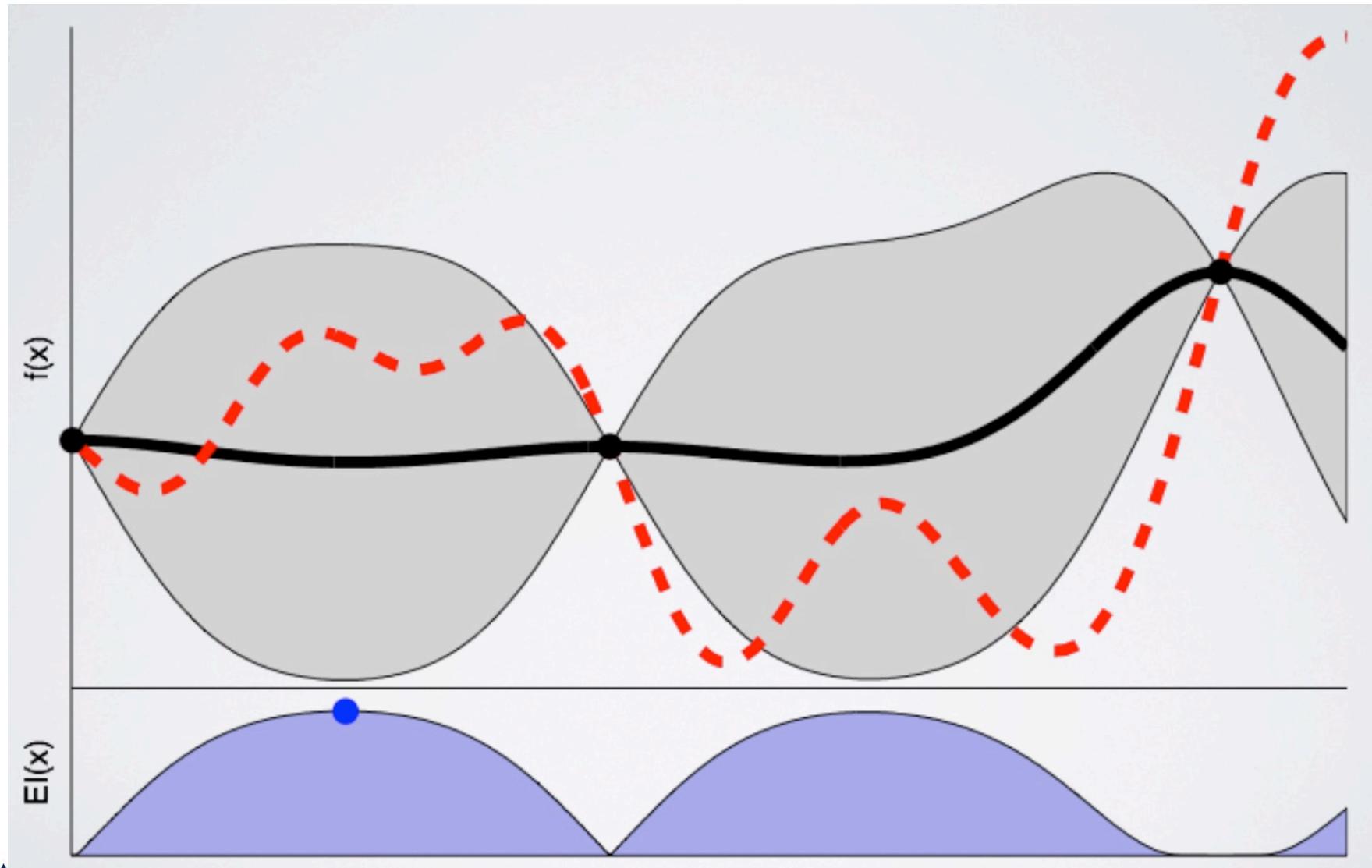
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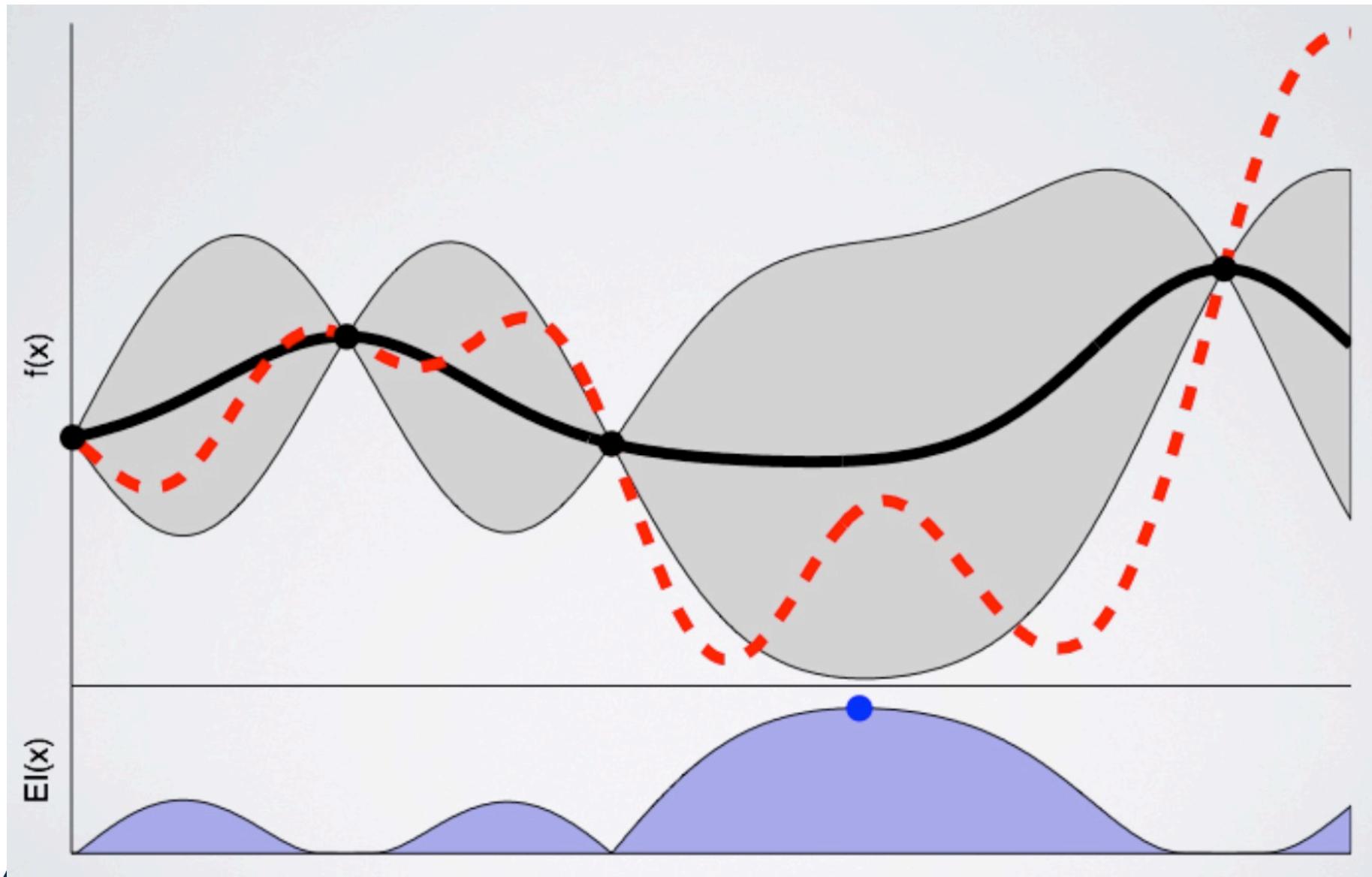
Credit: Ryan Adams

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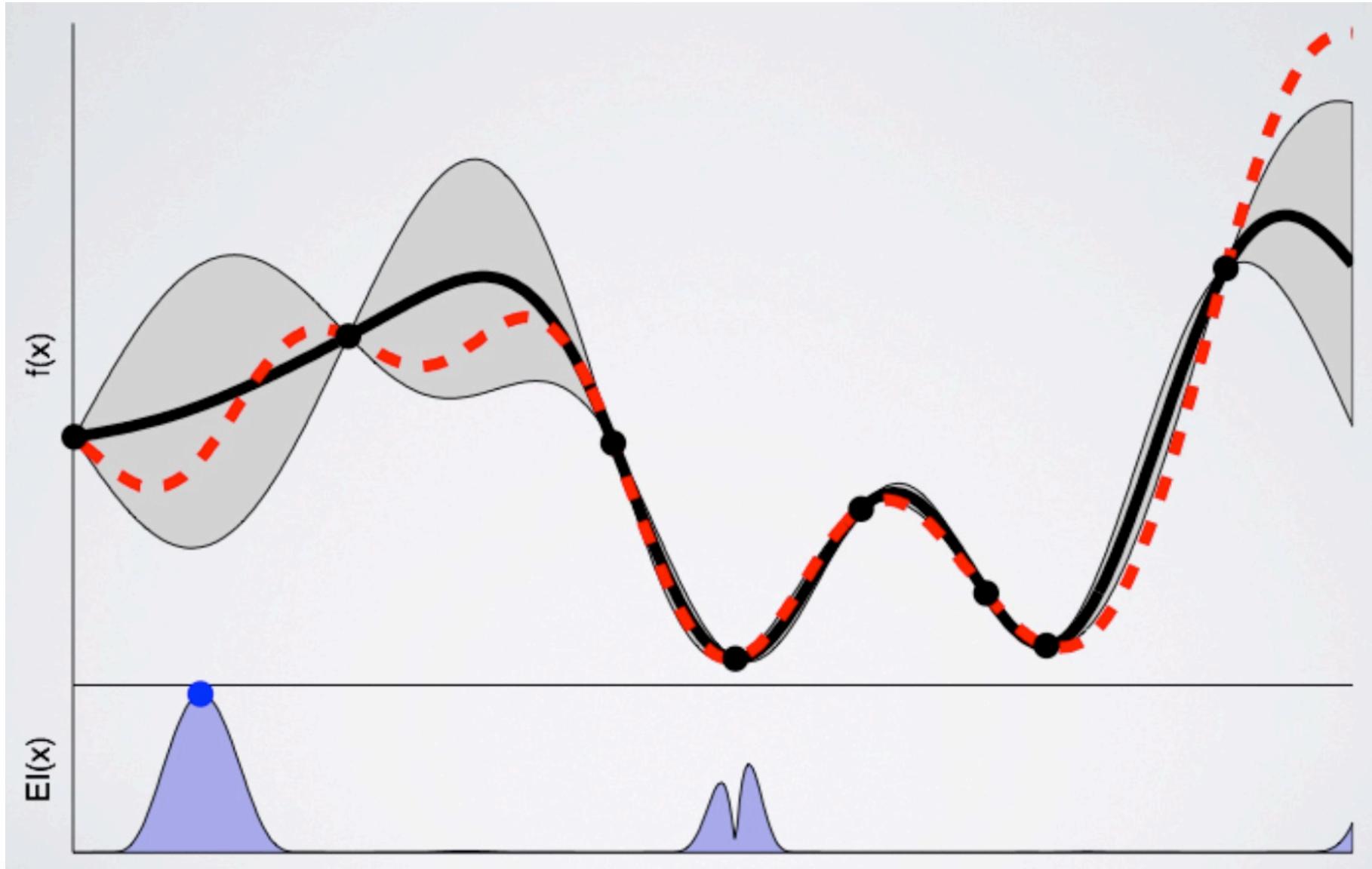
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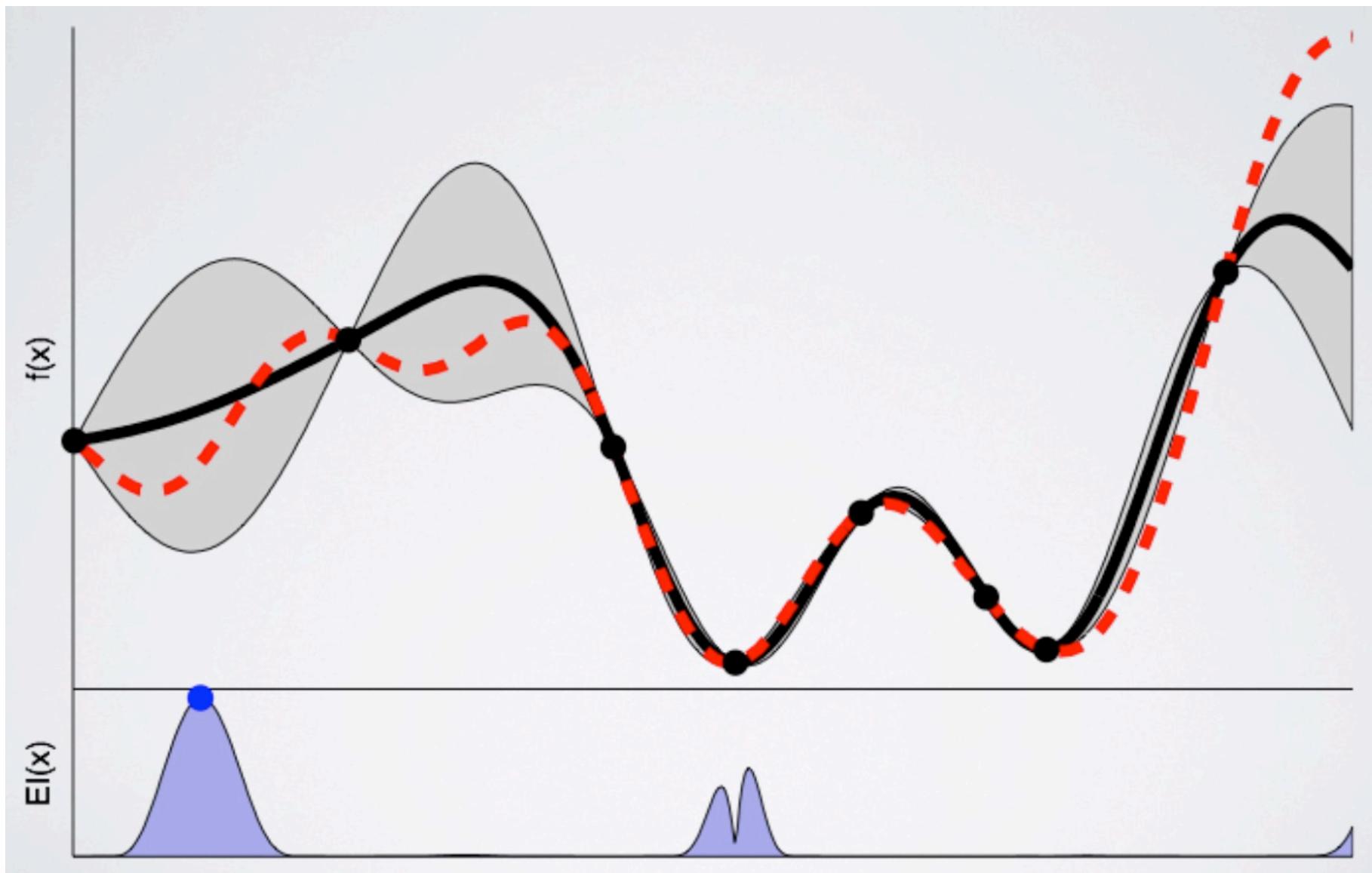
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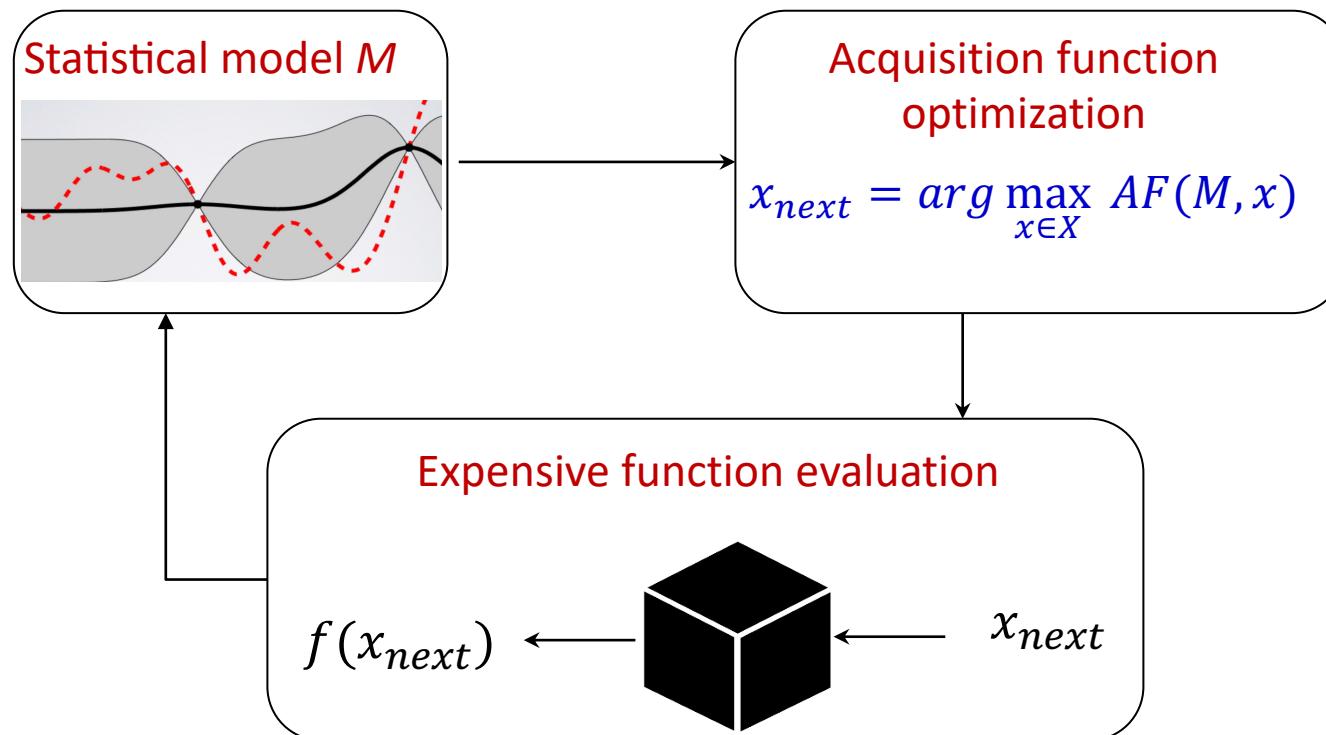
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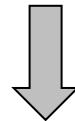


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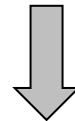
# BO needs a Probabilistic Model

- To make predictions on unknown input
- To quantify the uncertainty in predictions
- One popular class of such models are **Gaussian Processes (also called GPs)**

Non-parametric, Bayesian and Kernel driven model



Flexibility



Principled  
uncertainty  
estimation



Specification of  
prior beliefs about  
rich function  
classes

# Gaussian Process

- **Stochastic process definition**

- ▲ Given any set of input points  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}$ , the output values follows a multi-variate Gaussian distribution

$$[f(x_1), f(x_2), f(x_3), \dots, f(x_m)] \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$$

- The covariance matrix  $\Sigma$  is given by a kernel function  $k(x, x')$ , i.e.,  $\Sigma_{ij} = k(x_i, x_j)$ 
  - ▲ Kernel captures the similarity between  $x$  and  $x'$
- Choice of kernel  $k(x, x')$  is critical for good performance
  - ▲ Allows to incorporate domain knowledge (e.g., Morgan fingerprints in chemistry)



# Gaussian Process: inference and training

- Given training data  $\{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3), \dots, (x_m, y_m)\}$ , the prediction for an unseen point  $x'$

$$f(x') \sim \mathcal{N}(y', \sigma')$$

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= \mathbf{k}^* \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{y} \\ \sigma' &= k(x', x') - \mathbf{k}^* \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbf{k}^* \end{aligned}$$

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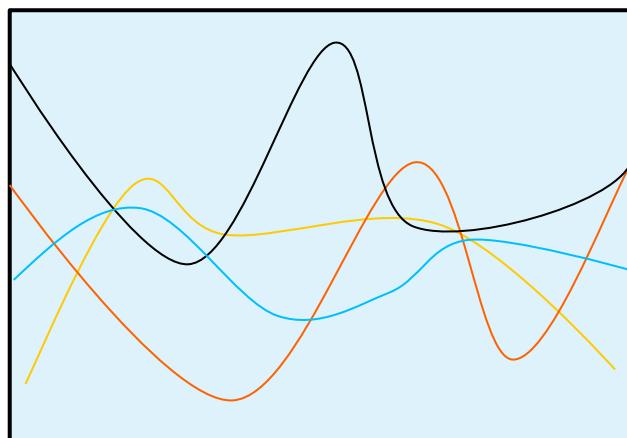
- Training procedure: searching for hyper-parameters by optimizing the marginal log-likelihood

$$\log p(Y) = -\frac{1}{2} Y^T \mathbf{K}^{-1} Y - \frac{1}{2} \log \det(\mathbf{K}) - \frac{n}{2} \log 2\pi$$

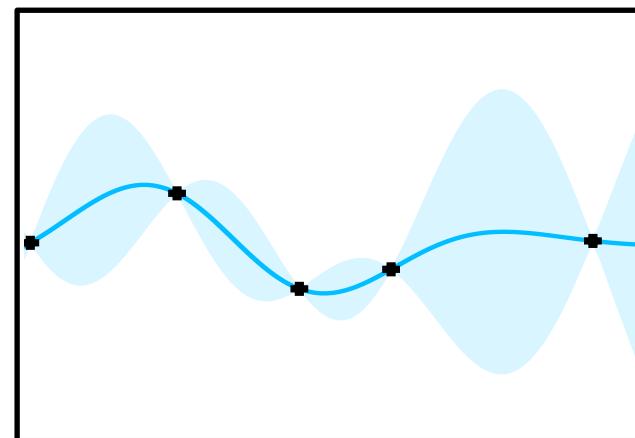
# Gaussian Process: Two Views

- Function space view: distribution over functions
  - ▲ Function class is characterized by kernel

Prior



Posterior



- Weight space view: Bayesian linear regression in kernel's feature space

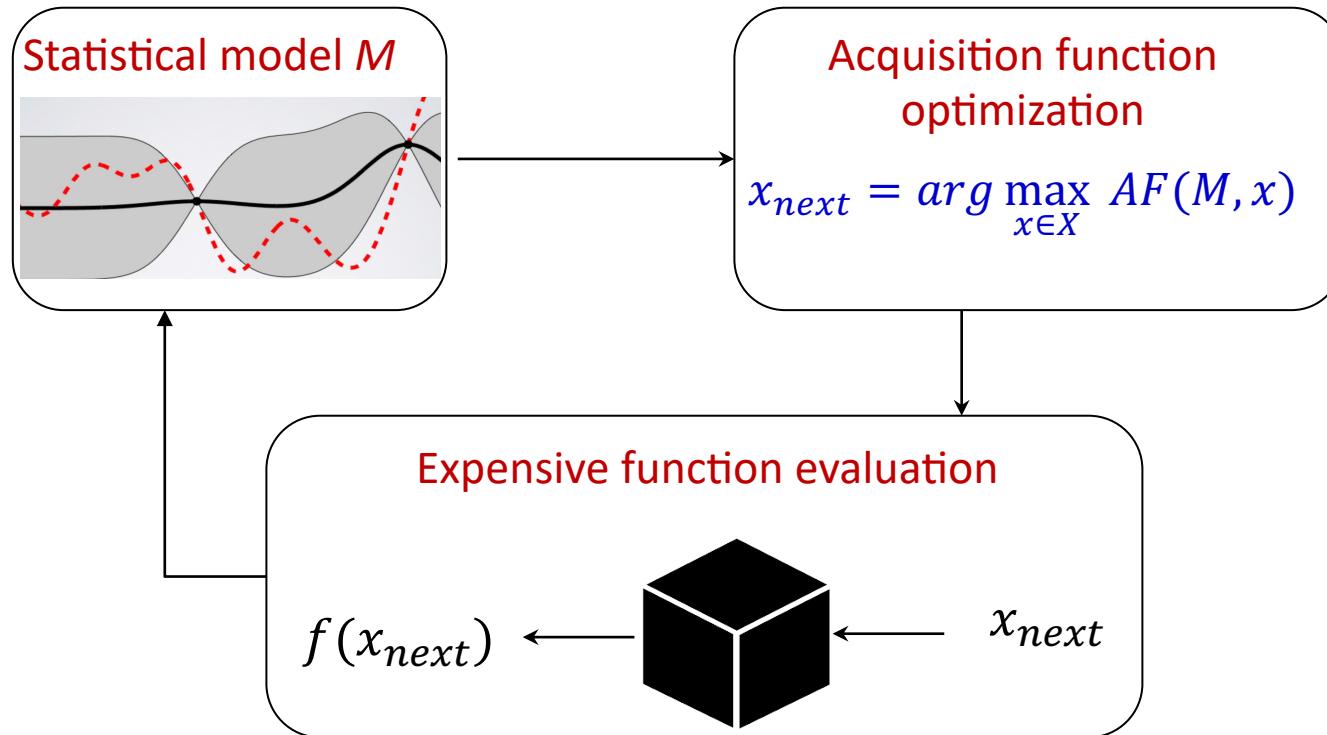
$$f(x) = w^T \tau(x)$$

$$k(x, x') = \langle \tau(x), \tau(x') \rangle$$

# Alternative Surrogate Model Choices

- Random forest [Hutter et al., 2010, 2011]
- Bayesian neural networks
- Classification models
  - ▲ BORE [Tiao et al., 2021] and LFBO [Song et al., 2022]
  - ▲ Can work with any input space (continuous, discrete, hybrid)

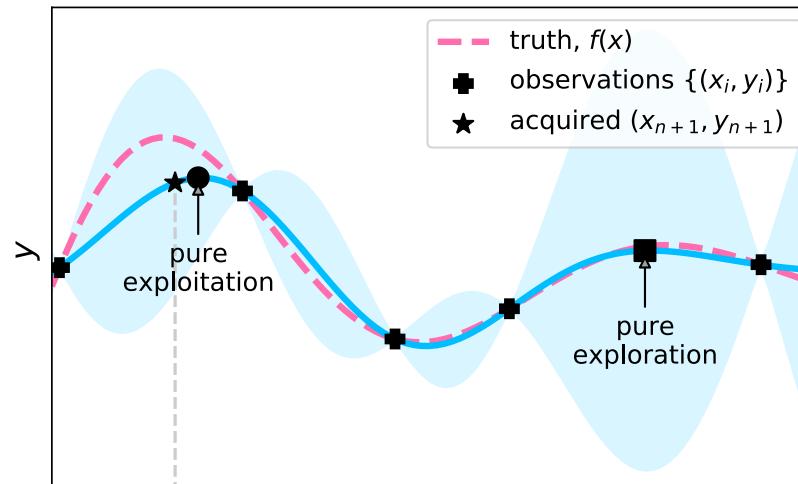
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# Acquisition Function

- **Intuition:** captures utility of evaluating an input
- **Challenge:** trade-off exploration and exploitation
  - ▲ Exploration: seek inputs with high variance
  - ▲ Exploitation: seek inputs with high mean



# Acquisition Function: Examples

- Upper Confidence Bound (UCB)
  - ▲ Selects input that maximizes upper confidence bound
- Expected Improvement (EI)
  - ▲ Selects input with highest expected improvement over the incumbent
- Thompson Sampling (TS)
  - ▲ Selects optimizer of a function sampled from the surrogate model's posterior
- Knowledge Gradient

# Information-Theoretic Acquisition Functions

- Key principle: select inputs for evaluation which provide maximum information about the optimum
- Concretely, pick observations which quickly decrease the entropy of distribution over the optimum

$AF(x) =$  Expected decrease in entropy

$$AF(x) = H(\alpha | D) - E_y[H(\alpha|D \cup \{x, y\})]$$
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- $\alpha$  as input location of optima  $x^*$

- ▲ Entropy Search (ES) / Predictive Entropy Search (PES)
  - ▲ Intuitive but requires expensive approximations

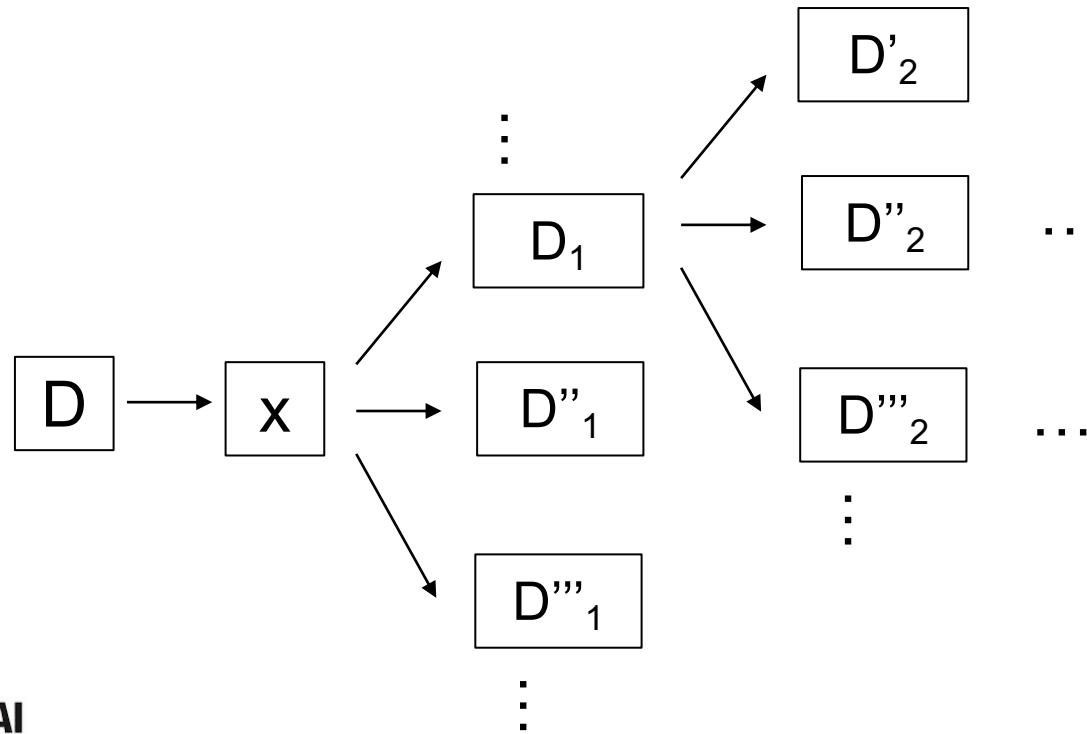
- $\alpha$  as output value of optima  $y^*$

- ▲ Max-value Entropy Search (MES) and its variants
  - ▲ Computationally cheaper and more robust

- Generalization via decision-theoretic entropies [Neiswanger et al., 2022]

# Non-Myopic / Lookahead Acquisition Functions

- Myopic acquisition functions (e.g., EI) reason about immediate utility
- Non-myopic variants consider BO as a MDP and reason about longer decision horizons



# EI and KG as One-step Lookahead

- **Idea:** Expected marginal gain in some utility  $u(D)$

$$AF = \int [u(D') - u(D)]p(y|x, D)dy$$

- For Expected Improvement (EI), utility is the simple reward
  - ▲  $u(D) = \max \mu_D(x)$
  - ▲ maximum picked from points evaluated during BO search
  - ▲ Closed-form expression
- For Knowledge Gradient (KG), utility is the global reward
  - ▲  $u(D) = \max_{x \in X} \mu_D(x)$
  - ▲ maximum picked from the entire search space  $X$

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$$u_k(x|D) = u_1(x|D) + E_y \left[ \max_{x'} u_{t-1}(x'|D \cup \{x, y\}) \right]$$

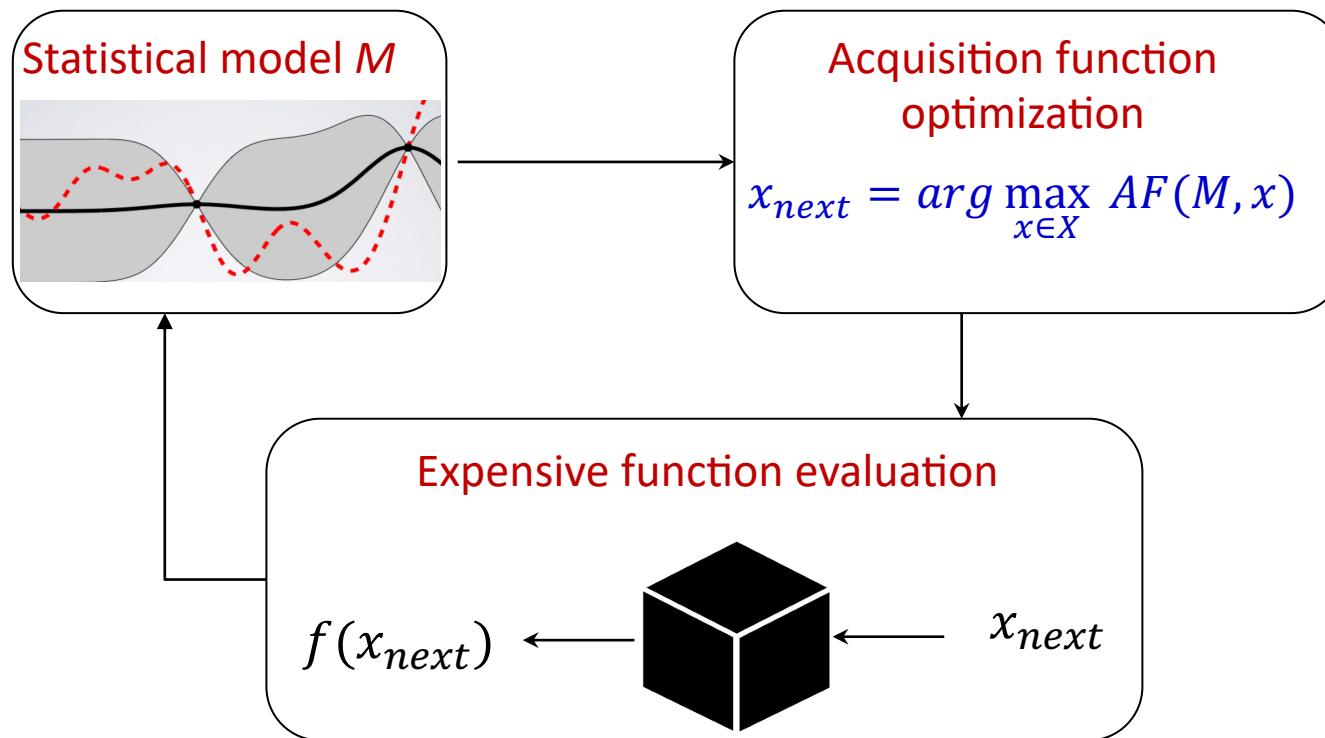
- Challenge: curse of dimensionality

$$u_k(x|D) = u_1(x|D) + E_y \left[ \max_{x_1} \{u(x_1|D_1) + E_{y_1} \left[ \max_{x_2} \{u(x_2|D_2) \dots\} \right] \} \right]$$

- Some solutions [Lam et al., 2016, Lee et al., 2020, Gonzalez et al 2016, Jiang et al 2020]

- ▲ Multi-step lookahead policies with approximations
- ▲ Rollout based approximate dynamic programming

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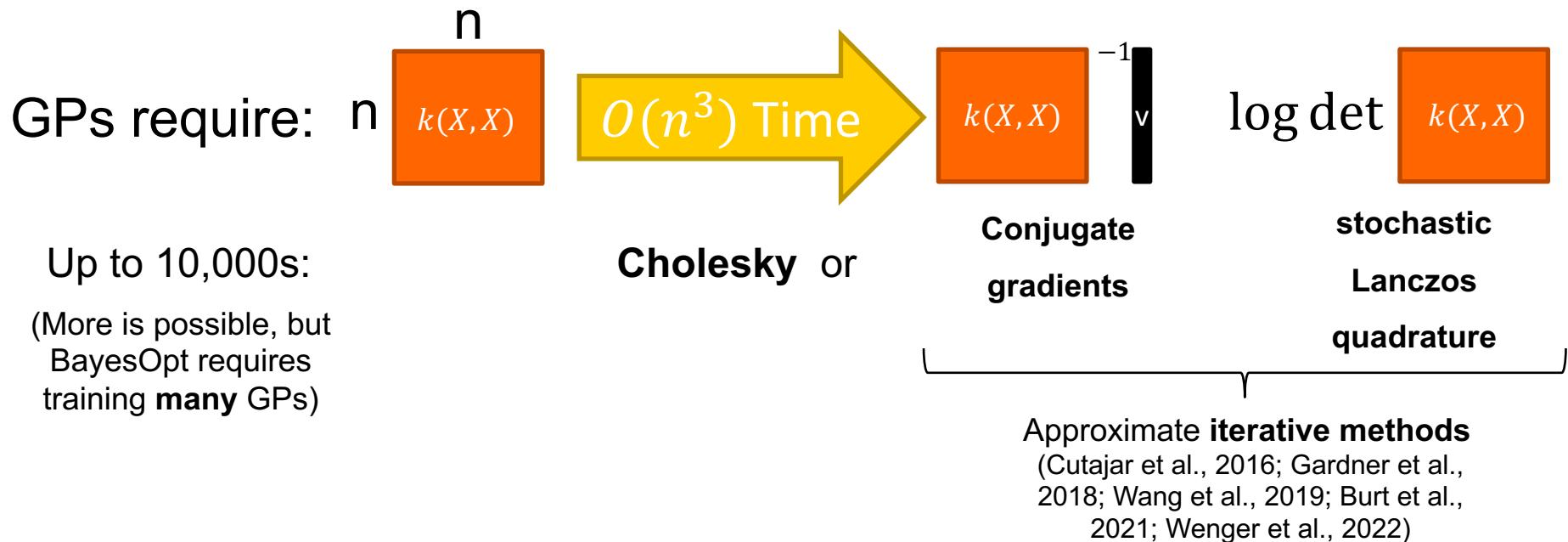


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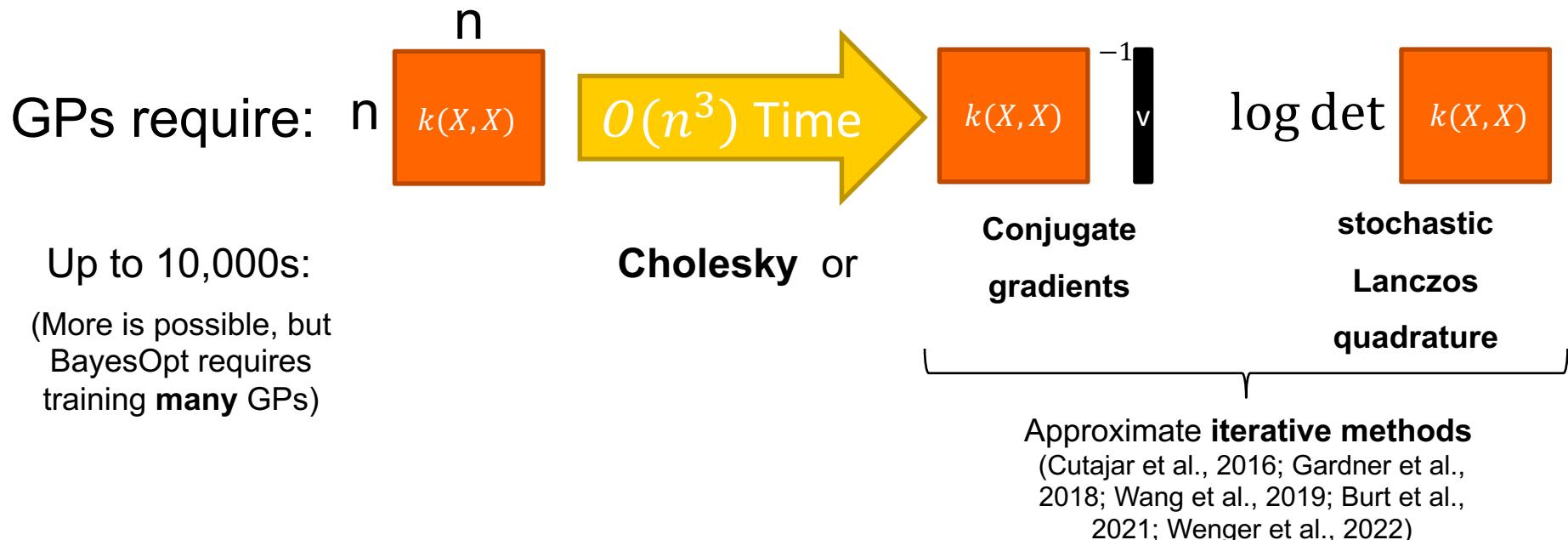
# Acquisition Function Optimizer

- **Challenge:** non-convex/multi-modal optimization problem
- Commonly used approaches for continuous spaces
  - ▲ Space partitioning methods (e.g., DIRECT, LOGO)
  - ▲ Gradient based methods (e.g., Gradient descent)
  - ▲ Evolutionary search (e.g., CMA-ES)

# Scaling GPs for Bayesian Optimization

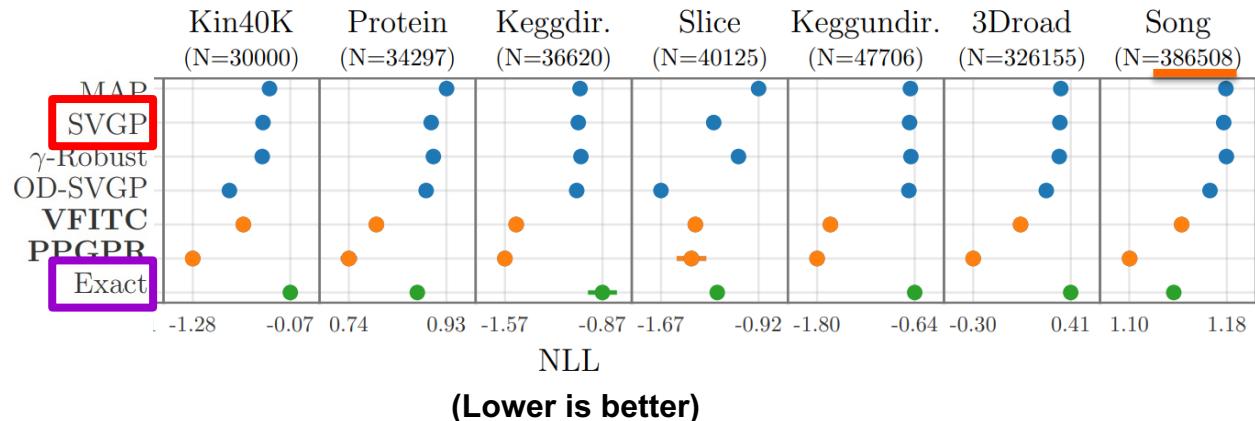


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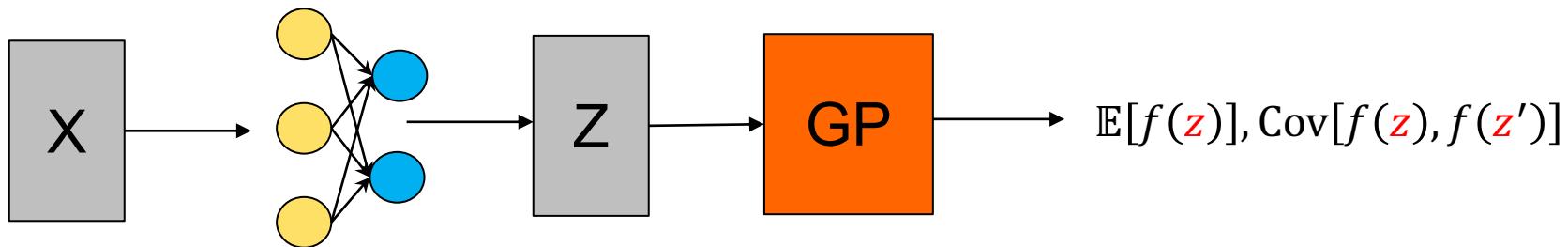
More data: use **Stochastic Variational Inference**

(Hensman et al., 2013; Salimbeni et al., 2018; Jankowiak et al., 2020)



# More Expressive Models for More Data

## GP Model with Deep Kernel:



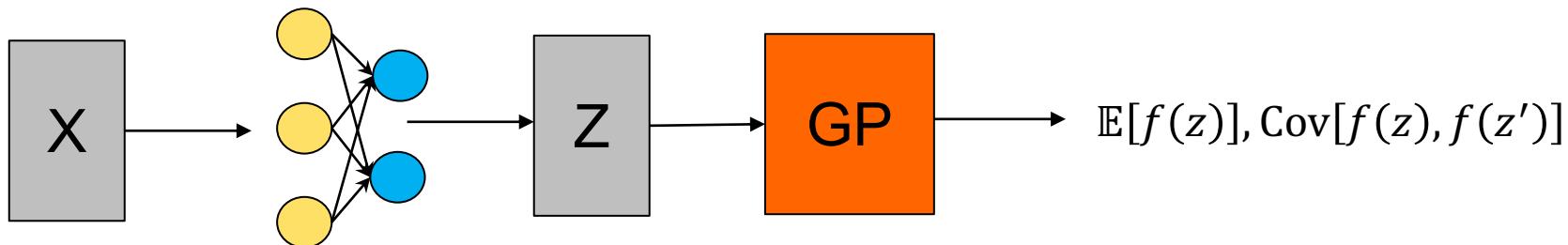
## GPyTorch model implementation:

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class GP(gpytorch.models.ExactGP):
    def __init__(self, train_x, train_y, likelihood):
        super().__init__(train_x, train_y, likelihood)
        self.covar_module = gpytorch.kernels.RBFKernel()
        self.mean_module = gpytorch.kernels.MeanModule()

    def forward(self, x):
        mean_x = self.mean_module(x)
        covar_x = self.covar_module(x)
        return gpytorch.distributions.MultivariateNormal(mean_x, covar_x)
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        self.mean_module = gpytorch.kernels.MeanModule()
        self.feature_extractor = torch.nn.Sequential(
            torch.nn.Linear(train_x.size(-1), 32),
            torch.nn.BatchNorm1d(),
            torch.nn.ReLU(),
            torch.nn.Linear(32, 16),
            torch.nn.BatchNorm1d(),
        )

    def forward(self, x):
        z = self.feature_extractor(x)
        mean_z = self.mean_module(z)
        covar_z = self.covar_module(z)
        return gpytorch.distributions.MultivariateNormal(mean_z, covar_z)
```

# BO Software: BoTorch

- Scalability via automatic differentiation
  - ▲ PyTorch/GPyTorch
- Monte-Carlo acquisition functions
  - ▲ Express acquisition functions as expectations of utility functions
  - ▲ Compute expectations via Monte-Carlo sampling
  - ▲ Use the reparameterization trick to make acquisition functions differentiable
- Other software: Trieste (based on TensorFlow)
- Not actively maintained: GPyOpt, Spearmint

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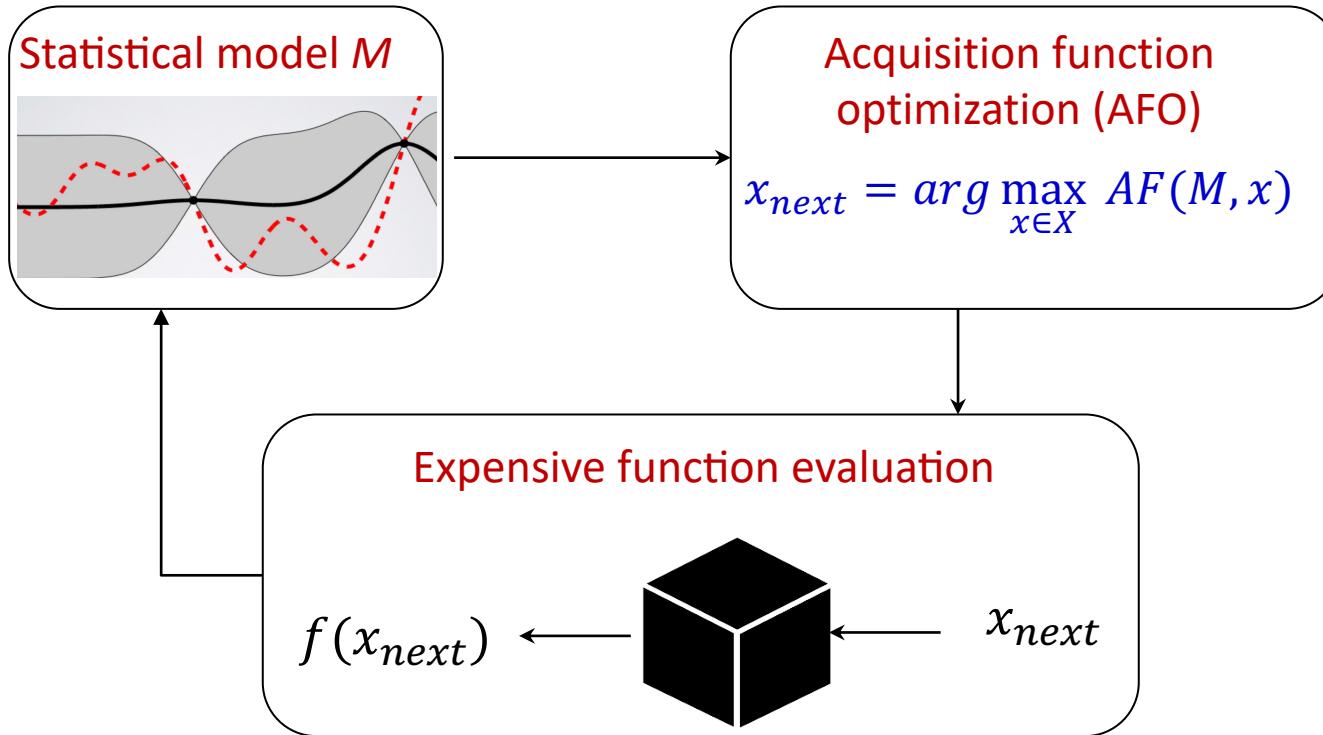
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# Combinatorial/Discrete BO

- **Given:** a combinatorial space of structures  $X$  (e.g., sequences, trees, graphs)
  - **Find:** optimized combinatorial structure  $x^* \in X$
- 
- **Space of binary structures**  $X = \{0,1\}^n$ 
    - ▲ Each structure  $x \in X$  be represented using  $n$  binary variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$
  - **Categorical variables**
    - ▲  $x_i$  can take more than two candidate values
  - **How to deal with categorical variables?**
    - ▲ Option 1: Encode them as binary variables (a common practice)
    - ▲ Option 2: Modeling and reasoning over categorical variables

# Discrete BO: Technical Challenges



- Effective modeling over combinatorial structures (e.g., sequences, graphs)
- Solving hard combinatorial optimization problem to select next structure
  - ▲ Not an issue if we are searching over a **fixed database of structures**

# Discrete BO: Summary of Approaches

- Trade-off complexity of model and tractability of AFO
- Simple statistical models and tractable search for AFO
  - ▲ BOCS [Baptista et al., 2018]
- Complex statistical models and heuristic search for AFO
  - ▲ SMAC [Hutter et al., 2011] and COMBO [Oh et al., 2019]
- Complex statistical models and tractable/accurate AFO
  - ▲ L2S-DISCO [Deshwal et al., 2020] and MerCBO [Deshwal et al., 2021]

# Aside: Discrete BO vs. Structured Prediction

- **Structured prediction (SP)** [Lafferty et al., 2001] [Bakir et al., 2007]
  - ▲ Generalization of classification to structured outputs (e.g., sequences, trees, and graphs)
  - ▲ CRFs, Structured Perceptron, Structured SVM

- Complexity of cost function vs. tractability of inference

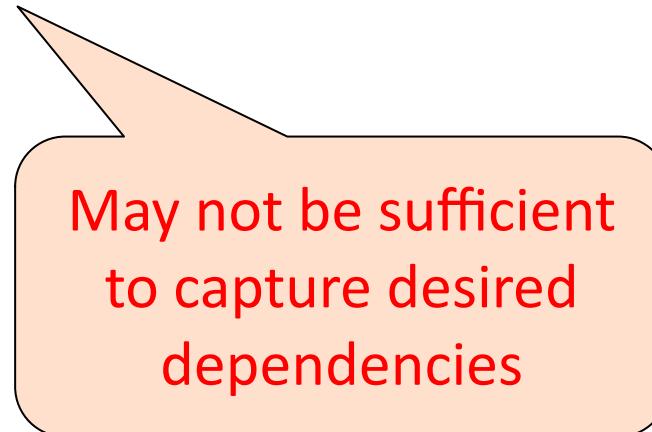
- ▲ Simple cost functions (e.g., first-order) and tractable inference
- ▲ Complex cost functions (e.g., higher-order) and heuristic inference
- ▲ Learning to search for SP [Daume' et al., 2009] [Doppa et al., 2014]

Key Difference:

Small data vs. big data setting

# Surrogate Models: BOCS [Baptista et al., 2018]

- Linear surrogate model over binary structures
  - ▲  $f(x \in X) = \theta^T \cdot \phi(x)$
  - ▲  $\phi(x)$  consists of up to **Quadratic (second-order) terms**
  - ▲  $\phi(x) = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d, x_1 \cdot x_2, x_1 \cdot x_3, \dots, x_{d-1} \cdot x_d]$



May not be sufficient  
to capture desired  
dependencies

# Surrogate Models: SMAC [Hutter et al., 2010, 2011]

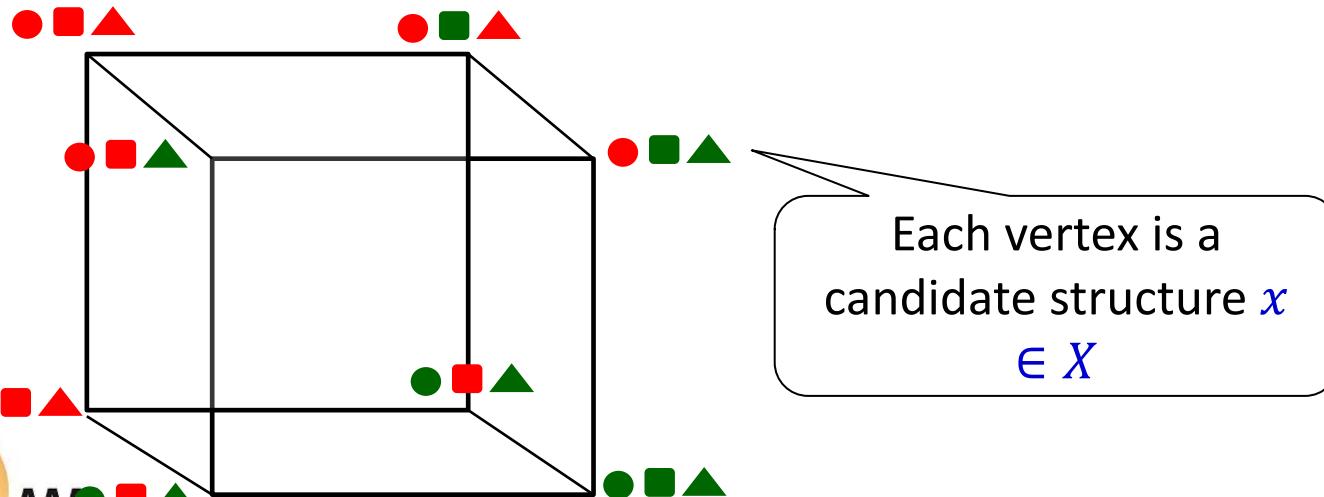
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- GP with diffusion kernel [Kondor and Lafferty 2002]
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- Combinatorial graph representation [Oh et al., 2019]

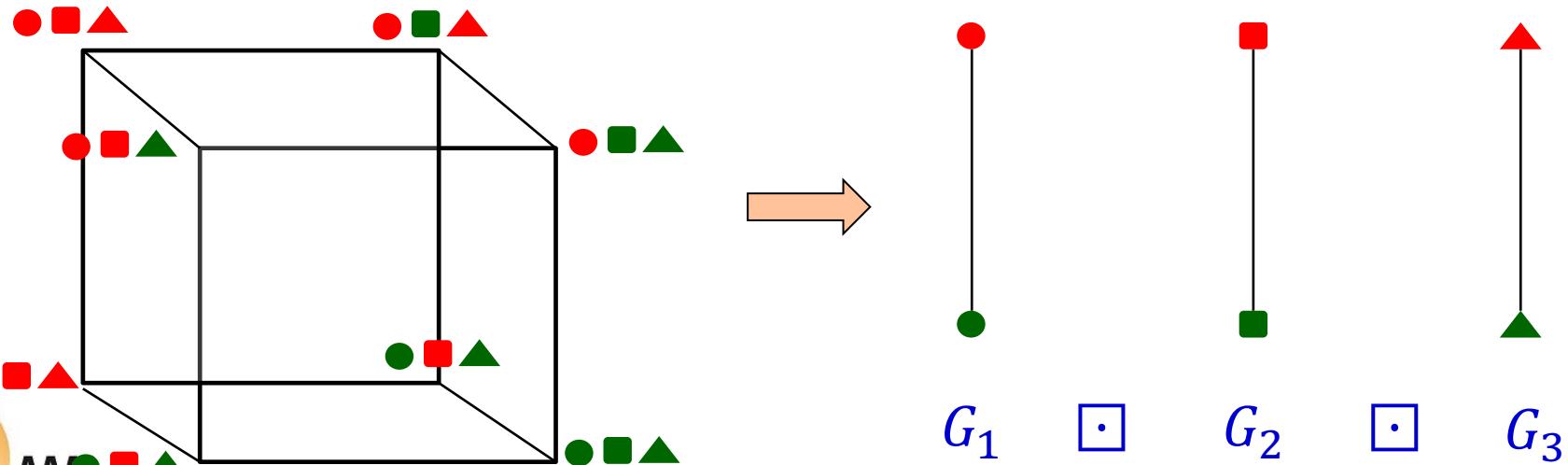


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# Surrogate Models: GP via Structured Kernels

- Leverage prior work on kernels over structured data [Gartner, 2003] to build GP surrogate models
- Some examples from BO literatures
  - ▲ String kernels [Moss et al., 2020]
  - ▲ Kernels for protein design [Gruver et al., 2021]
  - ▲ Permutation kernels [Deshwal et al., 2022; Oh et al., 2021]

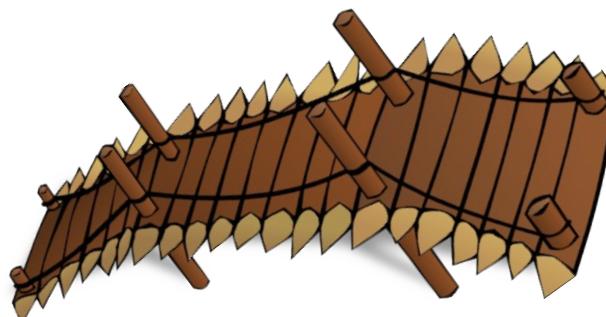
# Acquisition Functions

- Can use acquisition functions that don't require sampling from the posterior model
  - ▲ EI and UCB
- Many advanced acquisition functions **require sampling functions from posterior**
  - ▲ Thompson sampling
  - ▲ Predictive entropy search
  - ▲ Max-value entropy search
  - ▲ ...

# Acquisition Function: Mercer Features [Deshwal et al., 2021]

- Mercer features allow sampling functions from GP posterior
- Missing puzzle to leverage prior acquisition functions
  - ▲ Thompson Sampling (TS)
  - ▲ Predictive Entropy Search (PES)
  - ▲ Max-value Entropy Search (MES)
  - ▲ ...

BO for continuous  
spaces



BO for discrete  
spaces

# Acquisition Function: Mercer Features [Deshwal et al., 2021]

- COMBO surrogate model: GP with discrete diffusion kernel and graph representation  $G$

- **Key Idea:** exploit the structure of combinatorial graph  $G$  to compute its **eigenspace in closed-form**

- **Eigenvalue set:**  $\{0, 2, \dots, 2n\}$ 
  - ▲  $j^{\text{th}}$  eigenvalue occurs with  $\binom{n}{j}$  multiplicity
- **Eigenvector set:** Hadamard matrix ( $H$ ) of order  $2^n$

$$H_{ij} = (-1)^{\langle r_i, r_j \rangle}$$

# Acquisition Function: Mercer Features [Deshwal et al., 2021]

$$K(x_1, x_2) = \sum_{i=0}^{2^n - 1} e^{-\beta \lambda_i} \mathbf{-1}^{} \mathbf{-1}^{}$$

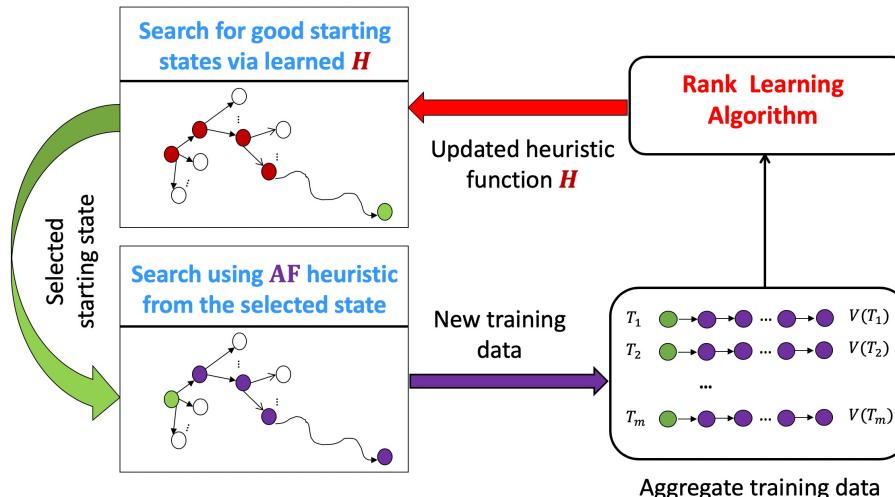
$$K(x_1, x_2) = \phi(x_1)^T \phi(x_2)$$

$$\phi(x)_i = \{\sqrt{e^{-\beta \lambda_i}} \mathbf{-1}^{}\}$$

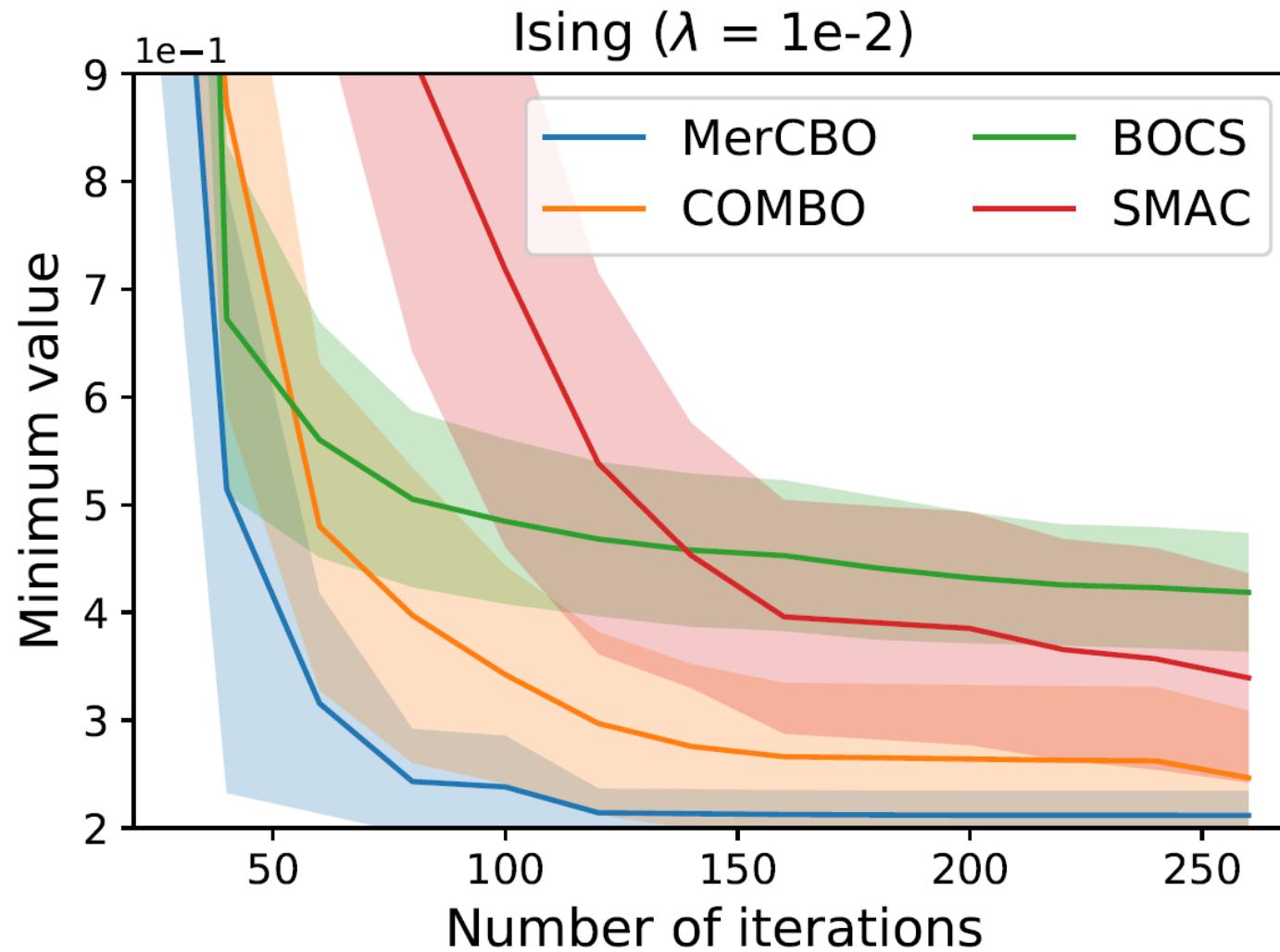
$j^{th}$  order Mercer features: first  $j$  distinct eigenvalues

# Acquisition Function Optimization (AFO)

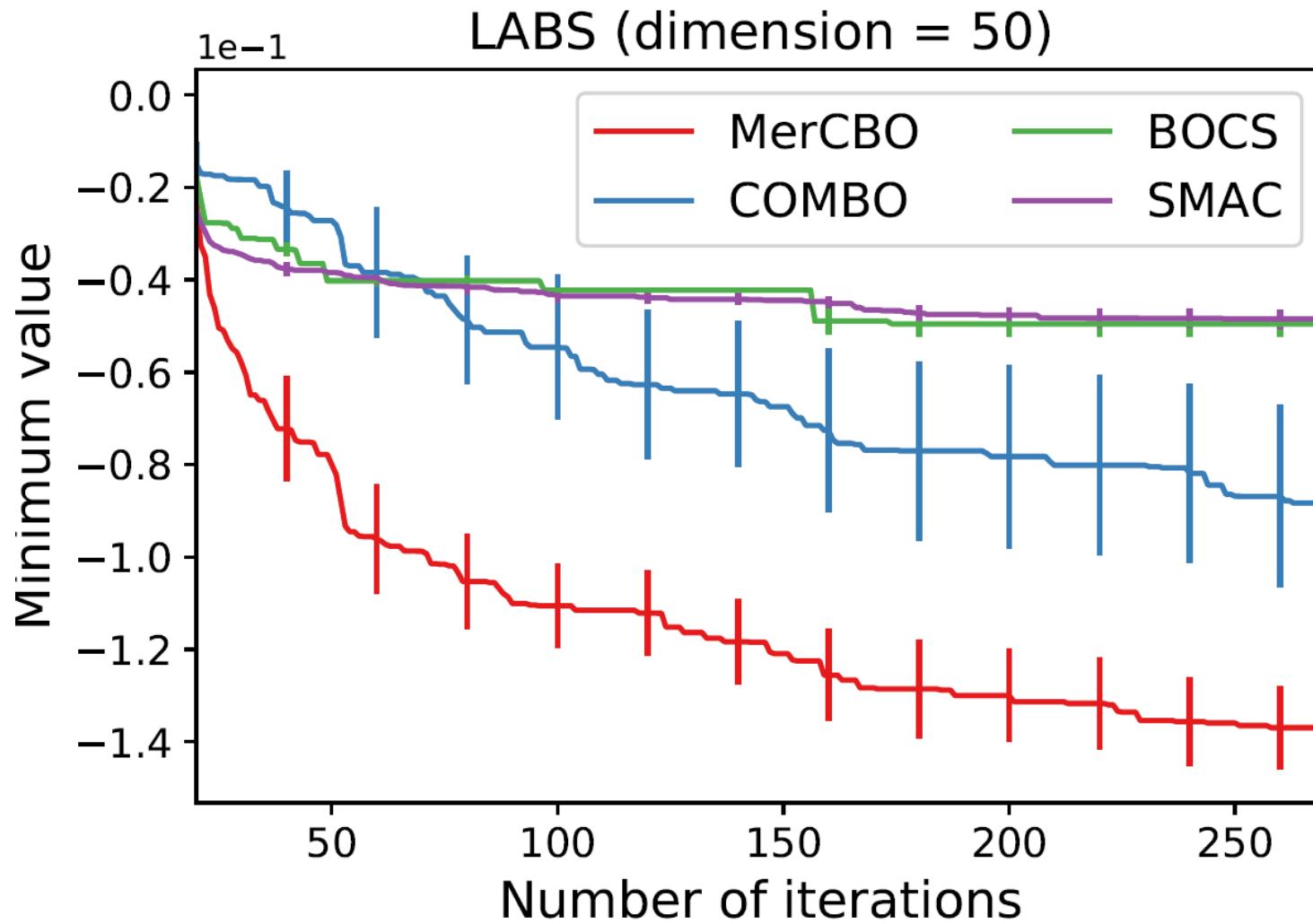
- Tractable search for AFO via Thompson sampling
  - ▲ BOCS [Baptista et al., 2018]
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  - ▲ Neural network + MILP [Papalexopoulos et al., 2022]
- Heuristic search (local search with restarts) for AFO
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- Learning-to-search framework for AFO [Deshwal et al., 2020]



# Discrete BO: Experimental Results #1

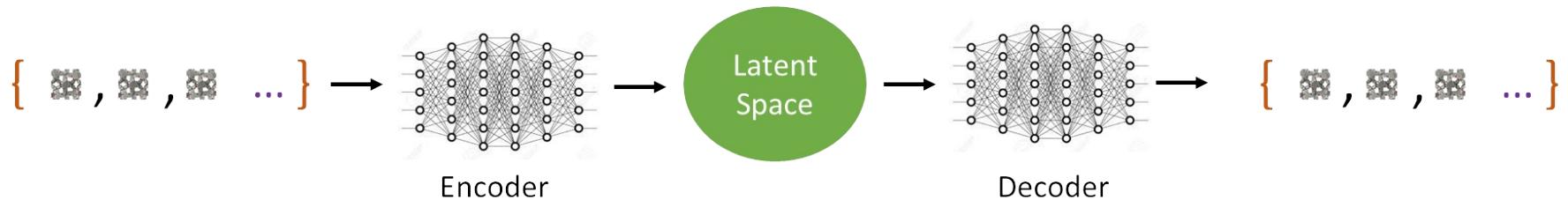


# Discrete BO: Experimental Results #2



# Reduction to Continuous BO [Gómez-Bombarelli et al., 2018]...

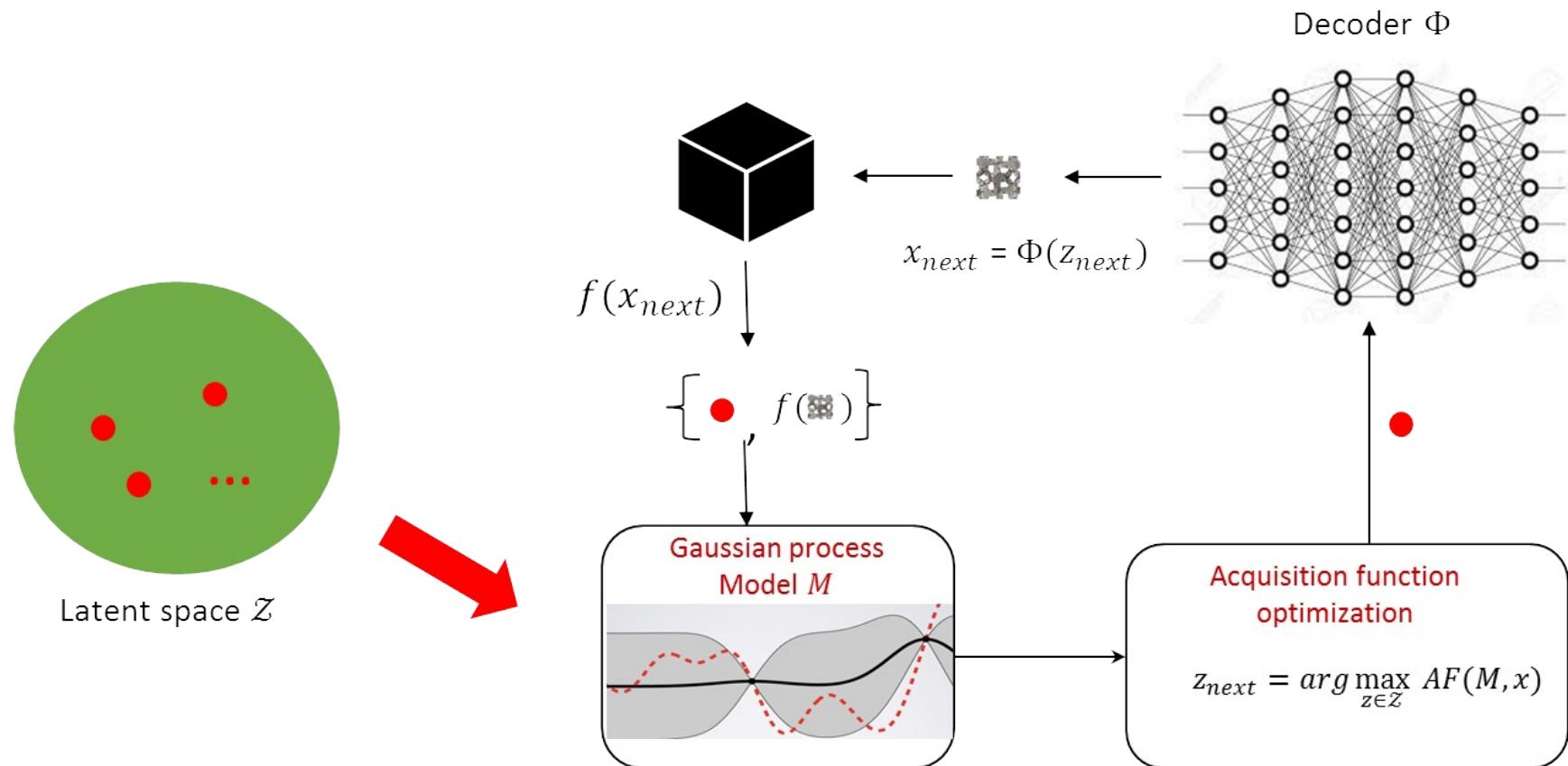
- **Key Idea:** Convert discrete space into continuous space
- Train a deep generative model (VAE) using unsupervised structures



- Perform BO in the learned **continuous latent space**
  - ▲ Surrogate modeling and acquisition function optimization in latent space (vs. combinatorial space)

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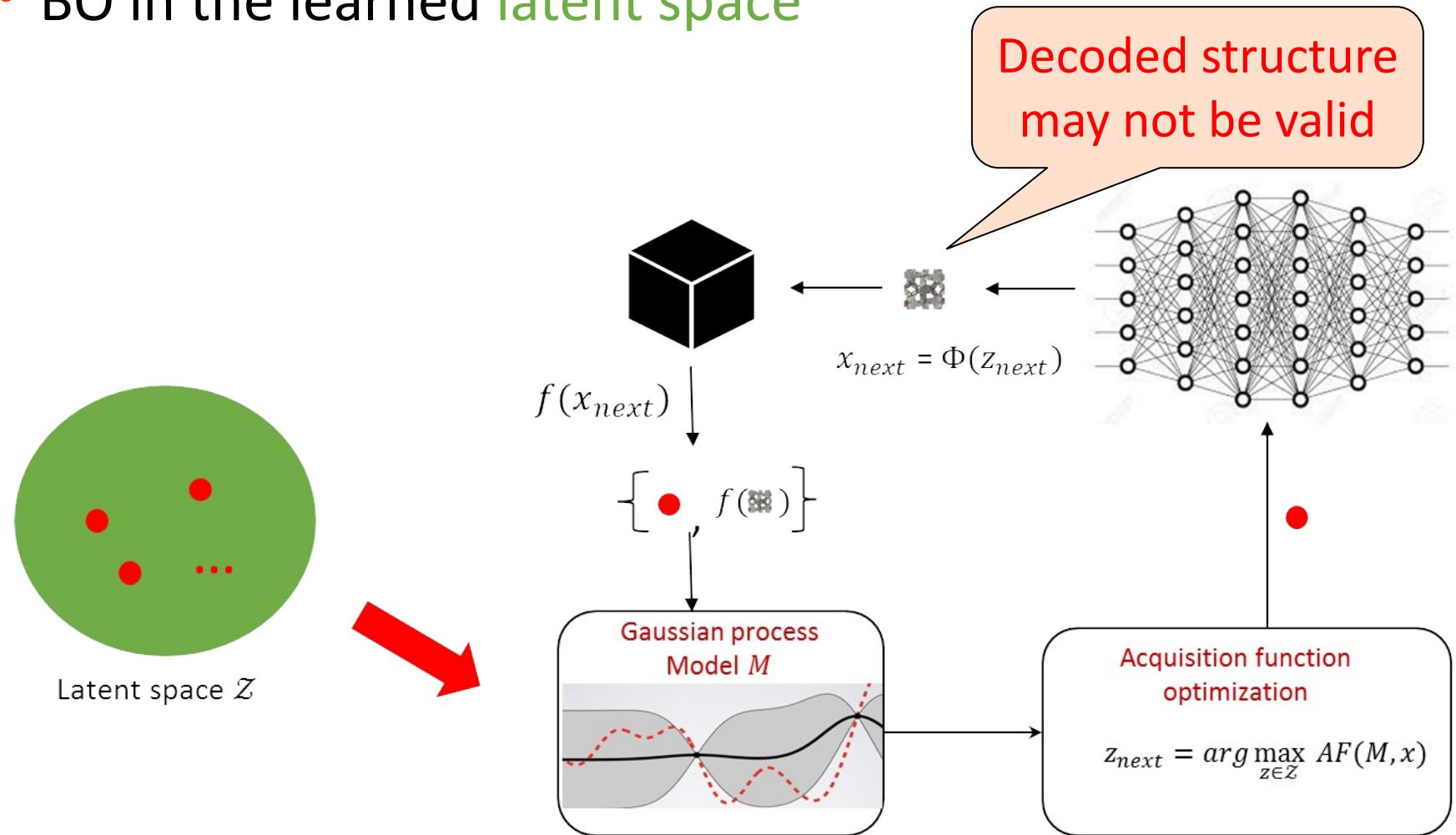
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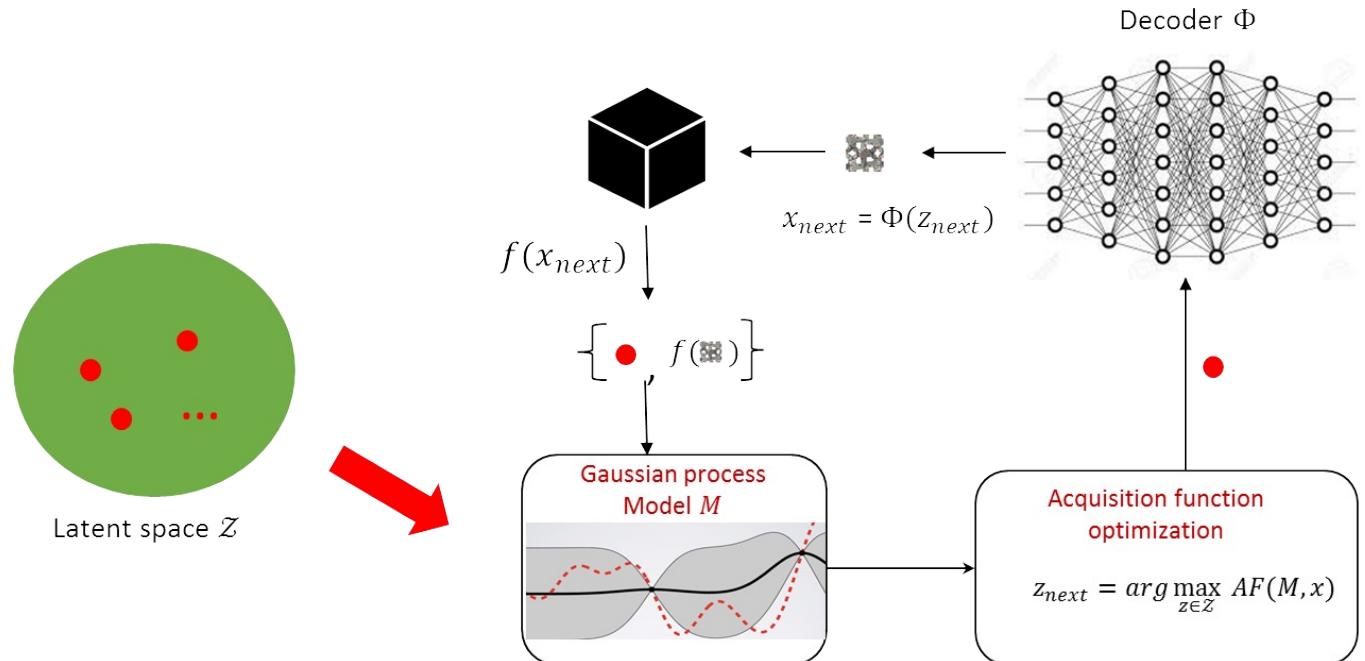
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- Challenges

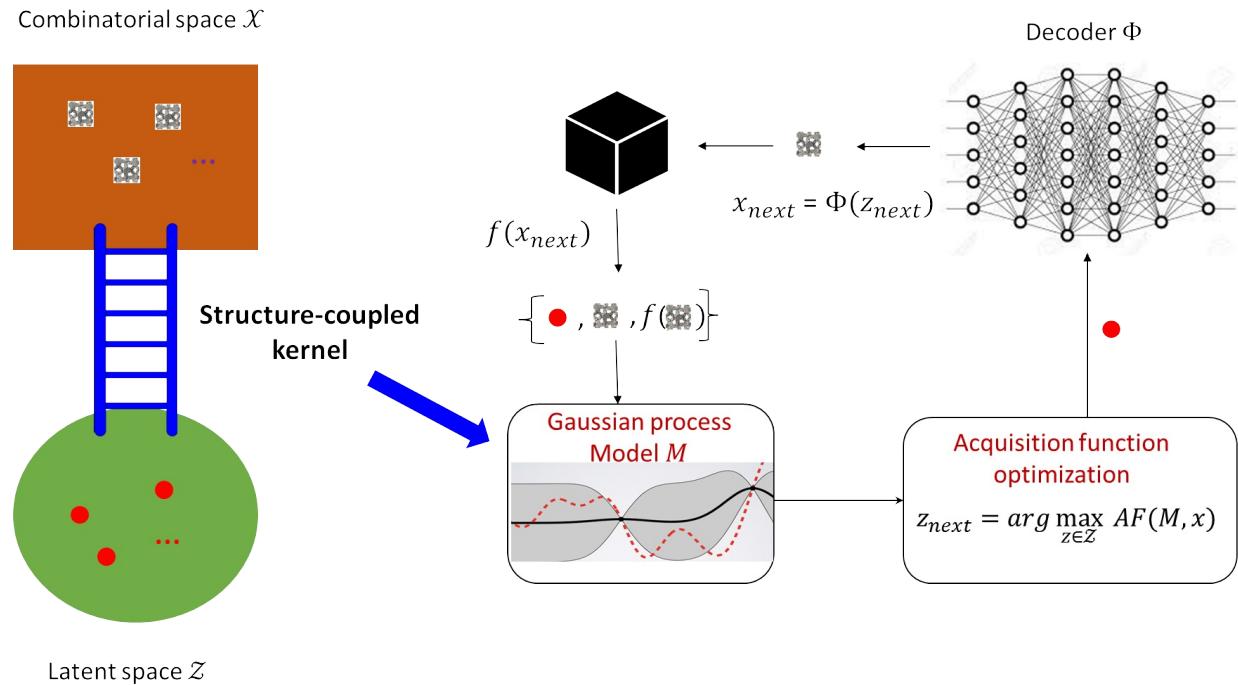
- Doesn't (explicitly) incorporate information about decoded structures
- Surrogate model may not generalize well for small data setting

# Improvements to Latent Space BO

- Weighted retraining [Tripp et al., 2020]
  - ▲ Periodically retrain the deep generative model
  - ▲ Assign importance weights to training data proportional to their objective function value
- Uncertainty-guided latent space BO [Notin et al., 2021]
  - ▲ Leverage the epistemic uncertainty of the decoder to guide the optimization process
  - ▲ No retraining of deep generative model is needed

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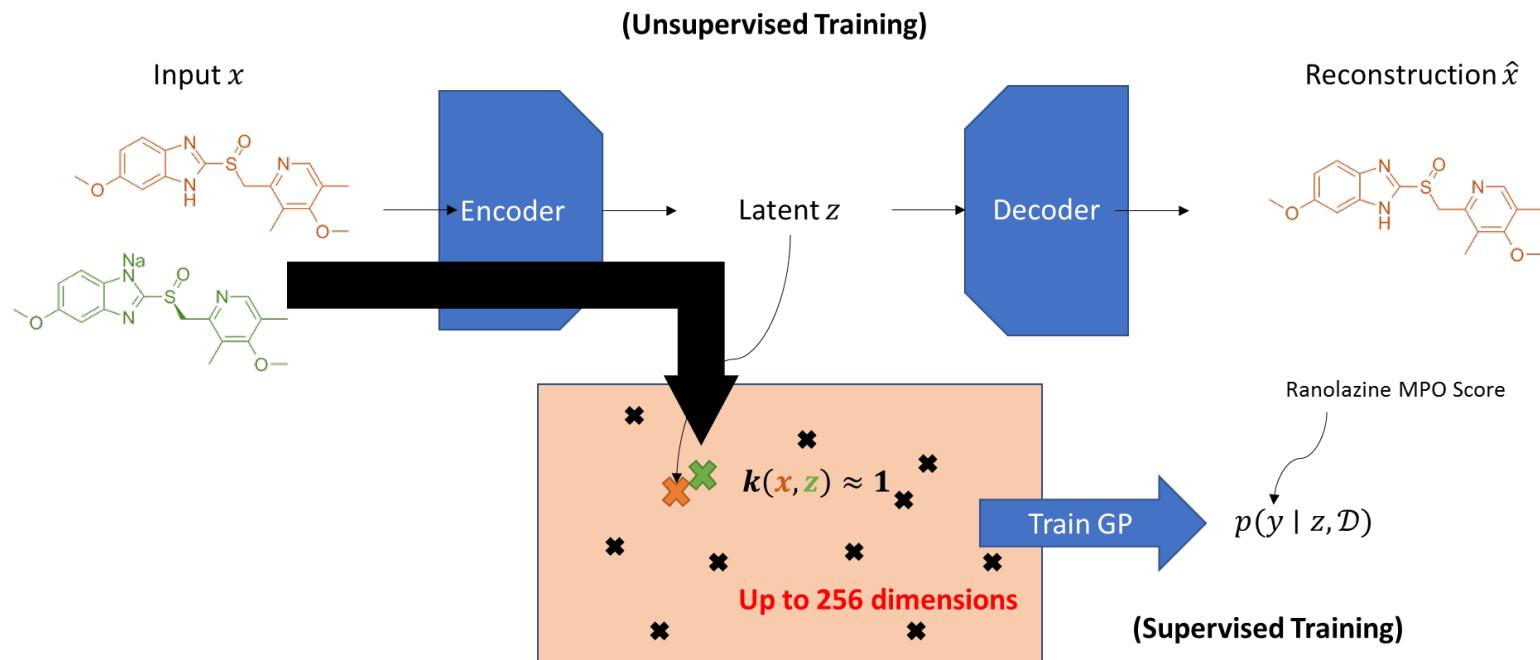
- LADDER algorithm [Deshwal and Doppa, 2021]
  - ▲ Incorporate domain knowledge via (hand-designed) structured kernels



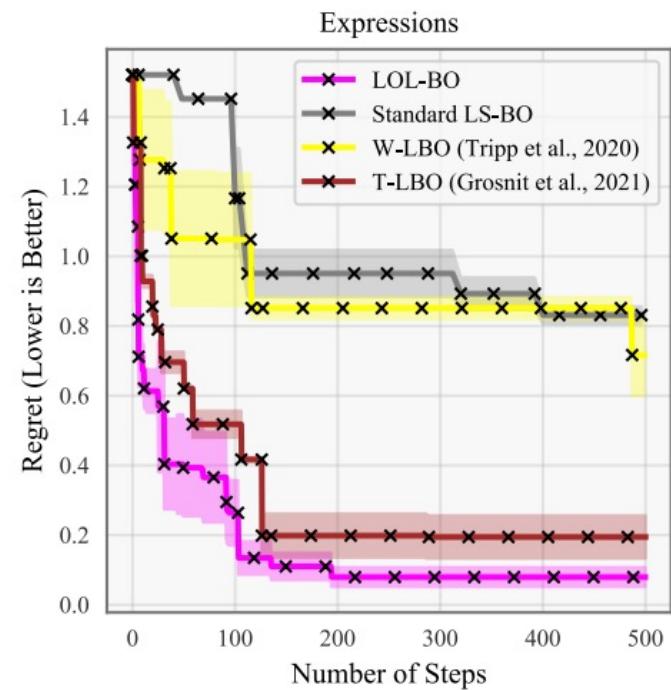
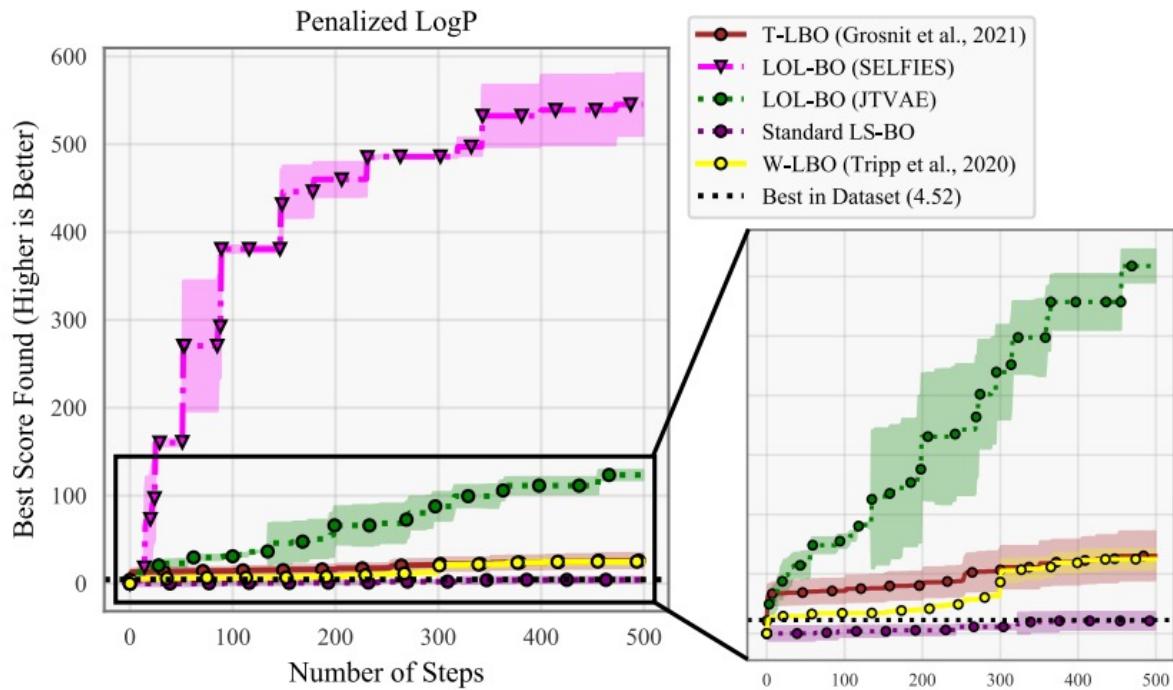
- Key Idea
  - Extrapolate eigenfunctions of the latent space kernel matrix  $\mathbf{L}$  with basis functions from the structured kernel  $\mathbf{k}$

# Improvements to Latent Space BO

- LOL-BO [Maus et al., 2022]
  - ▲ Idea 1: train GP and VAE jointly
  - ▲ Idea 2: adapt high-dimensional BO methods in continuous spaces



# Latent Space BO: Experimental Results



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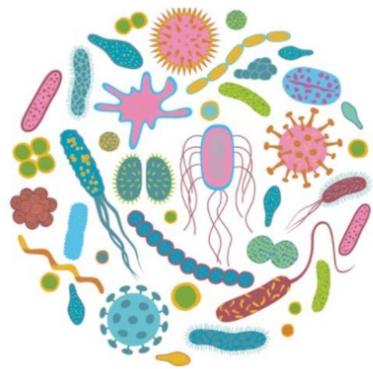
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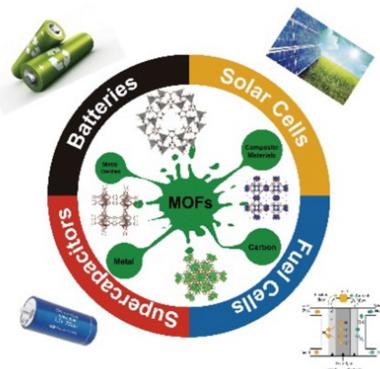
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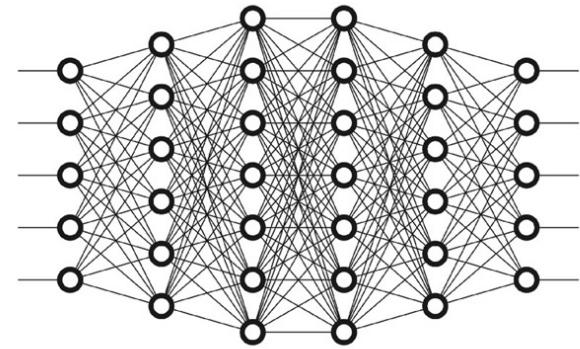
- **Goal:** find optimized hybrid structures via expensive experiments
  - ▲  $x$  = mixture of  $x_d$  (discrete) and  $x_c$  (continuous) variables



Microbiome design



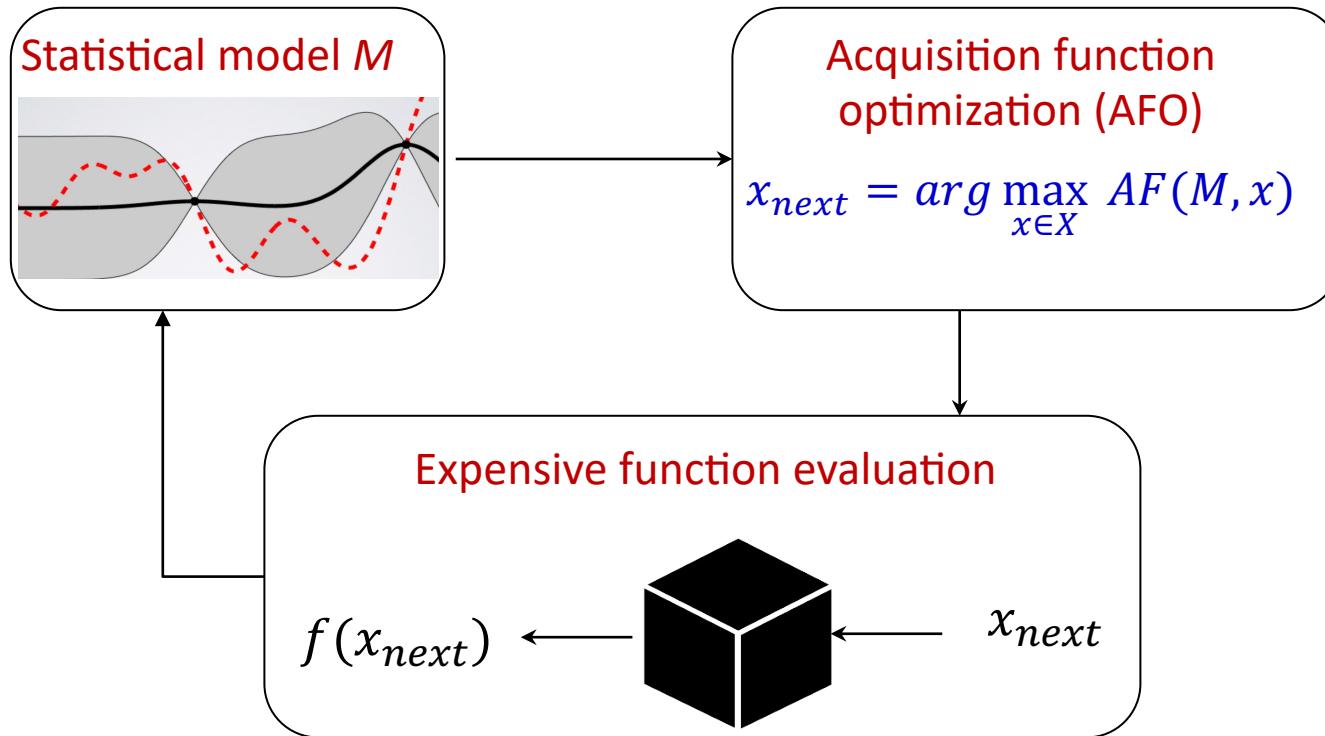
Material design



Hyper-parameter tuning / Auto ML

- Many other science, engineering, industrial applications

# Hybrid BO: Technical Challenges



- Effective modeling over hybrid structures (capture complex interactions among discrete and continuous variables)
- Solving hard optimization problem over hybrid spaces for AFO

# Surrogate Models: MiVaBO [Daxberger et al., 2019]

- Linear surrogate model over binary structures
  - ▲  $f(x \in X) = \theta^T \cdot \phi(x)$
  - ▲  $\phi(x)$  consists of continuous (random Fourier features), discrete (BOCS representation for binary variables), and mixed (products of all pairwise combinations) features

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# Surrogate Models: GP with Sum-and-Product Kernels

[Ru et al., 2021; Wan et al., 2021]

$$k(z, z') = (1 - \lambda) * (k_d(x_d, x'_d) + k_c(x_c, x'_c)) \\ + \lambda * k_d(x_d, x'_d)k_c(x_c, x'_c)$$

Sum

Product

- CoCaBO [Ru et al., 2021]
  - ▲  $k_d(x_d, x'_d) = \sum(x_d^i == x'_d^i)$  // Hamming similarity
  - ▲  $k_c$  is Matern Kernel
- Casmopolitan [Wan et al., 2021]
  - ▲  $k_d(x_d, x'_d) = \exp(\sum l_i(x_d^i == x'_d^i))$  // exponentiated Hamming
  - ▲  $k_c$  is Matern Kernel

# Surrogate Models: GP w/ Diffusion Kernels [Deshwal et al., 2021]

- GP surrogate model with **additive diffusion kernels**
  - ▲ Exploits the general **recipe of additive kernels** [Duvenaud et al., 2011]
  - ▲ Instantiation w/ discrete & continuous **diffusion kernels**
  - ▲ Bayesian treatment of the **hyper-parameters**

$$\mathcal{K}_{HYB} = \sum_{p=1}^{m+n} (\theta_p^2 \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_p} \prod_{d=1}^p k_{i_d}(x_{i_d}, x'_{i_d}))$$

# Surrogate Models:

## GP w/ Frequency Modulation Kernels [Oh et al., 2021]

- Key idea: Generalize the COMBO kernel [Oh et al., 2019] by parametrizing via a function of continuous variables

$$K = \exp(-\beta L(G))$$

$$K = U^T \exp(-\beta \Sigma) U$$

$$K = U^T f(\Sigma, X_c, X_{c'}) U$$

Remember the  
COMBO kernel

- Requirement on  $f$  for  $K$  to be a positive definite kernel

  $f$  should be positive definite w.r.t  $X_c, X_{c'}$

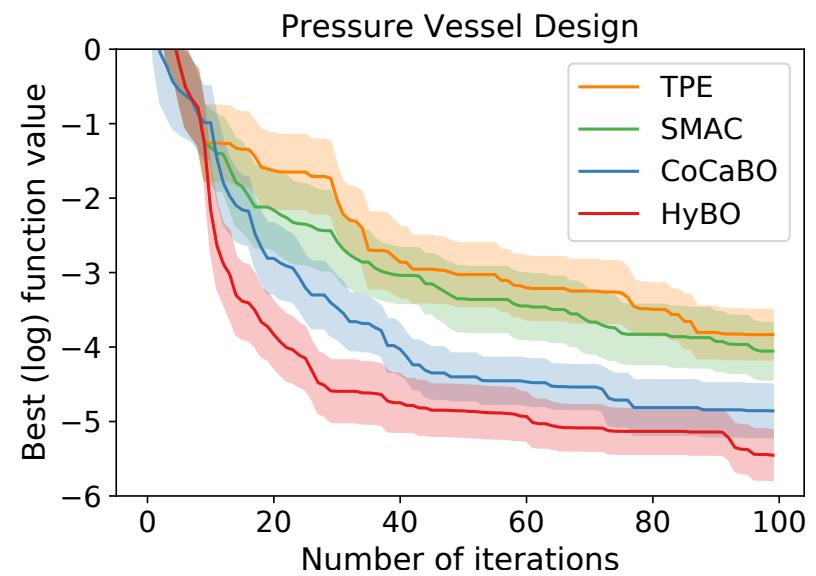
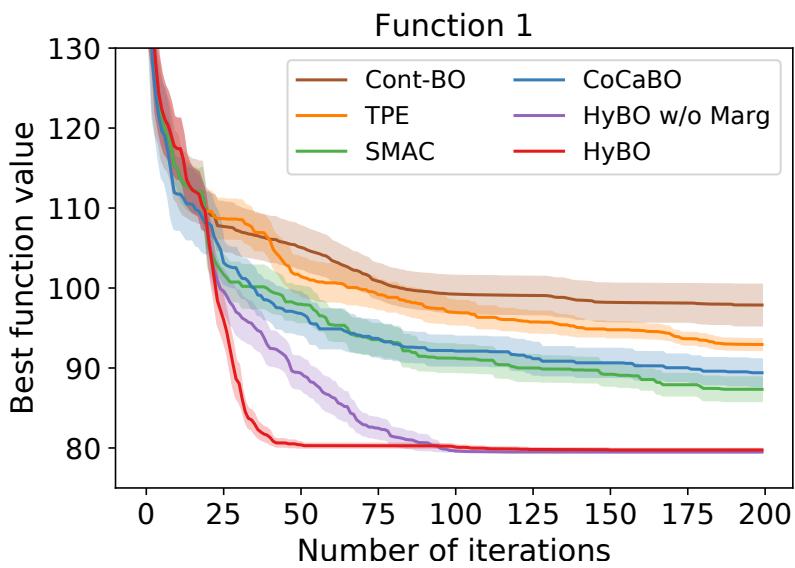
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  - ▲ MiVaBO: linear surrogate model  $f(x \in X) = \theta^T \cdot \phi(x)$
- Expected Improvement
  - ▲ SMAC: random forest model
  - ▲ HyBO: GP with hybrid diffusion kernel
  - ▲ BO-FM: GP with frequency modulated kernel
  - ▲ CoCaBO: GP with sum and product kernel over subspaces

# Acquisition Function Optimization

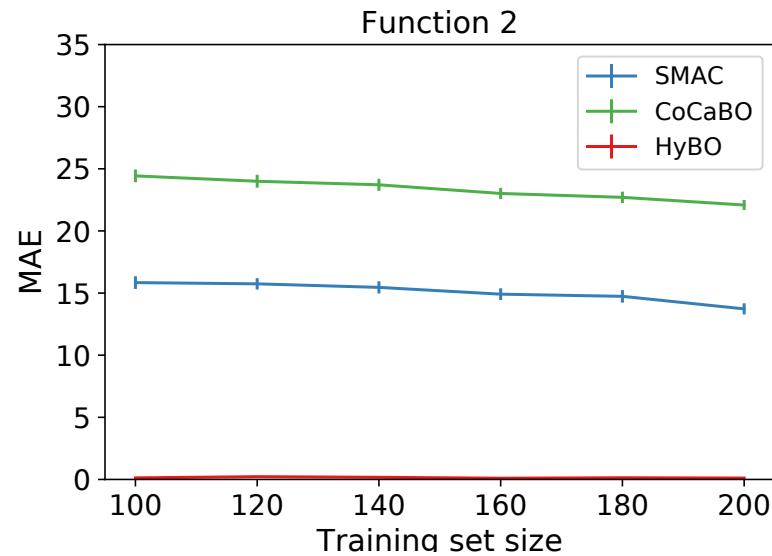
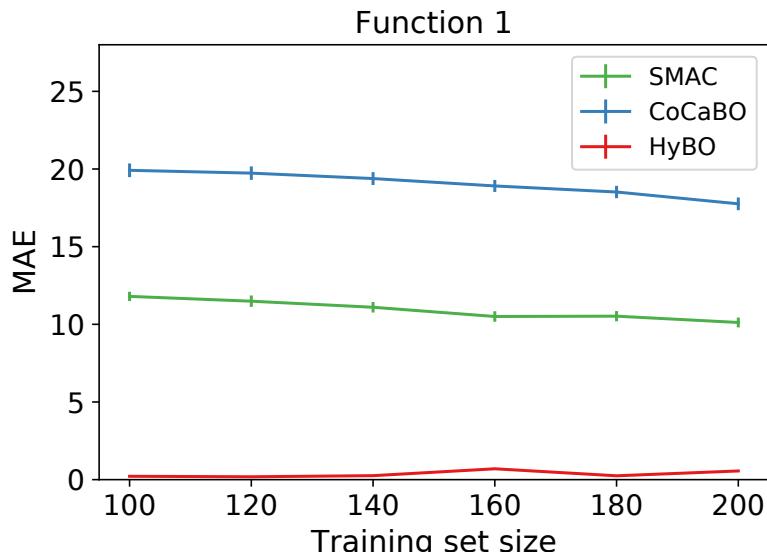
- MiVaBO, HyBO, BO-FM: Alternating search
  - ▲ Step 1: Search over continuous sub-space
  - ▲ Step 2: Search over discrete sub-space using output of Step #1
  - ▲ Repeat if needed
- SMAC
  - ▲ Hand-designed local search with restarts
- CoCaBO
  - ▲ Continuous variables via gradient-based search
  - ▲ Categorical variables via multi-armed bandit algorithms
- Casmopolitan
  - ▲ Trust region-based AFO to scale to high-dimensional spaces

# Hybrid BO: Experimental Results #1



- HyBO performs significantly better than prior methods

# Hybrid BO: Experimental Results #2



- HyBO's better BO performance is due to better surrogate model

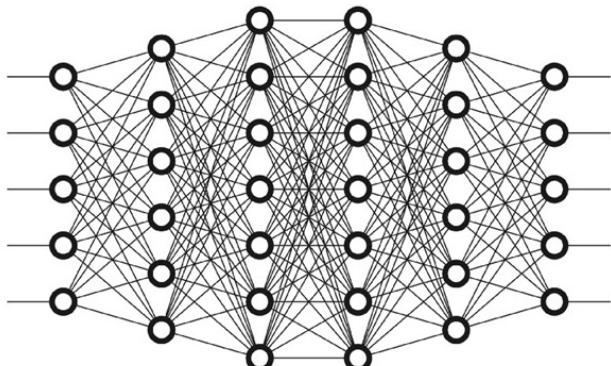
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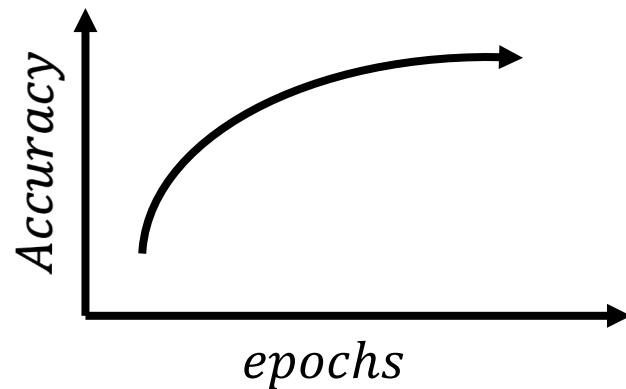
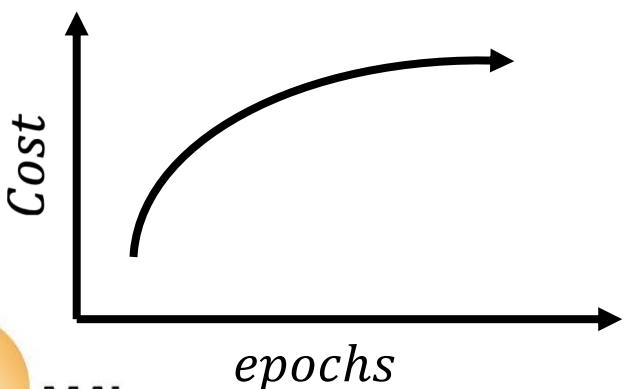
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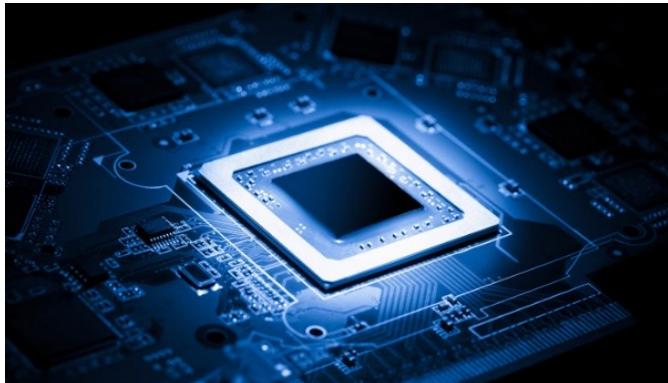
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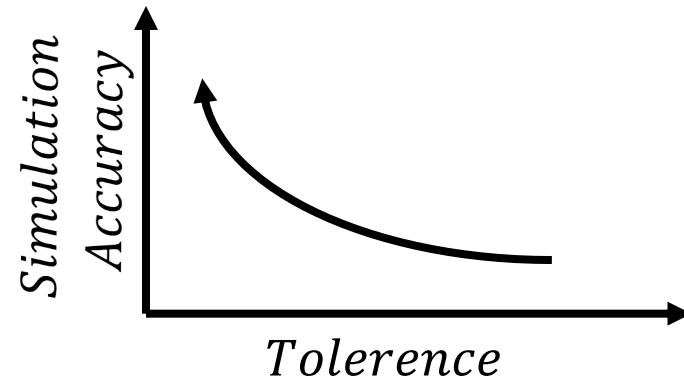
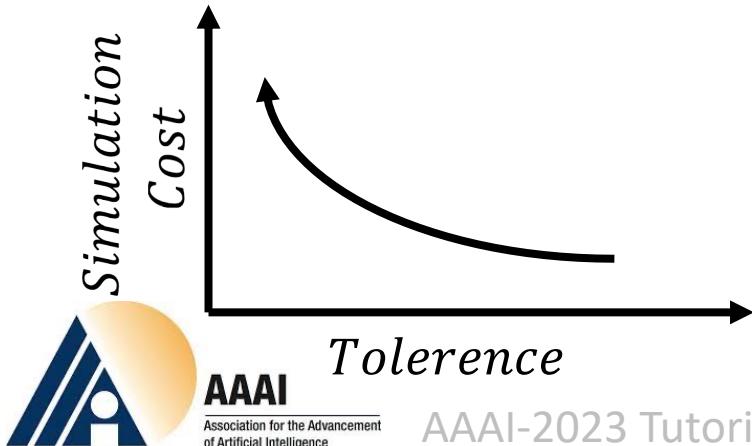
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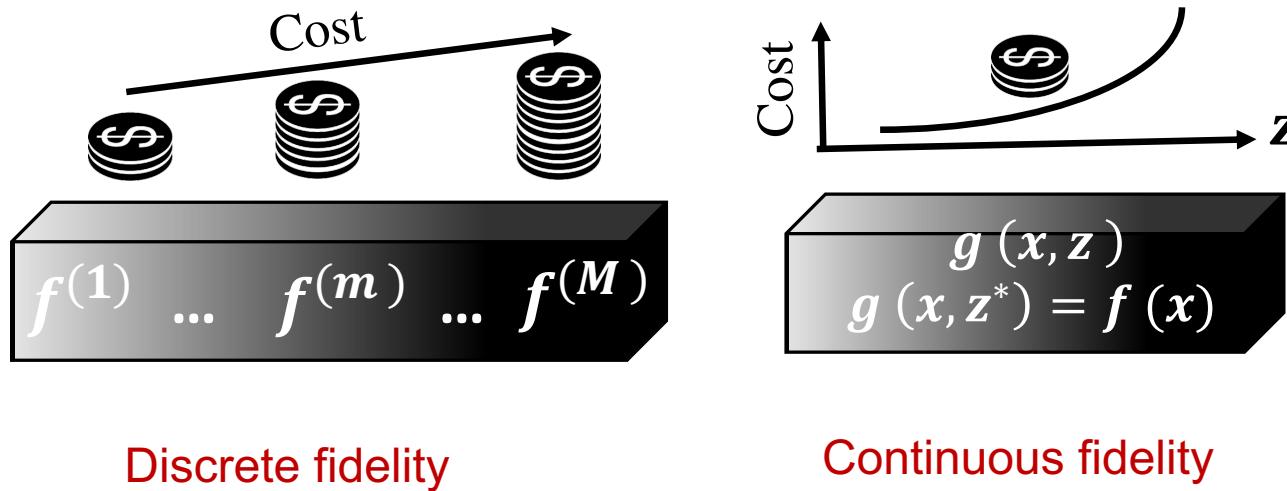
# Application #2: Hardware Design via Simulations



Cost vs. Accuracy trade-offs in evaluating hardware designs



# Multi-Fidelity BO: The Problem



- Cost vs. accuracy trade-offs for function approximations
- Continuous-fidelity is the most general case
  - ▲ Discrete-fidelity is a special case
- **Goal:** Optimize the highest-fidelity function by minimizing the resource cost of experiments

# Multi-Fidelity BO: Key Challenges

- **Intuition:** use cheap (low-fidelity) experiments to gain information and prune the input space; and use costly (high-fidelity) experiments on promising candidates
- **Modeling challenge:** How to model multi-fidelity functions to allow information sharing?
- **Reasoning challenge:**
  - ▲ How to select the input design and fidelity pair in each BO iteration?
  - ▲ How to progressively select higher fidelity experiments?

# Multi-Fidelity GPs for Modeling

- **Desiderata:** model relationship/information sharing between different fidelities
- **Solution:** multi-output GPs with vector-valued kernels
  - ▲ Provides a prediction  $\mu$  and uncertainty  $\sigma$  for each input and fidelity pair

$$k : (\chi \times Z)^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$
$$k(\{x, z\}, \{x', z'\}) = k_\chi(x, x')k_Z(z, z')$$

$$\mu_f(x) = \mu_g(x, z^*) \text{ and } \sigma_f(x) = \sigma_g(x, z^*)$$

# EI Extension for Multi-Fidelity BO

- Multi-fidelity expected improvement (MF-EI)
  - ▲ Extension of EI for multi-fidelity setting
  - ▲ Applicable for discrete-fidelity setting

$$EI(x, z) = E[\max(\tau - y^z)] cov[y^z, y^{z^*}] C_{z^*} / C_z$$

- Acquisition function optimization
  - Enumerate each fidelity  $z$  and find the best  $x$  while fixing  $z$

# Information-Theoretic Extensions for Multi-Fidelity BO

$$\begin{aligned} AF(x) &= H(\alpha | D) - E_y[H(\alpha | D \cup \{x, y\})] \\ &= \text{Information Gain}(\alpha; y) \end{aligned}$$

- Design choices of  $\alpha$  leads to different algorithms
  - $\alpha$  as input location of optima  $x^*$ 
    - ▲ Entropy Search (ES) / Predictive Entropy Search (PES)
    - ▲ Intuitive but requires expensive approximations
  - $\alpha$  as output value of optima  $y^*$ 
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# Information-Theoretic Extensions for Multi-Fidelity BO

$$AF(x, z) = [H(\alpha | D) - E_y[H(\alpha | D \cup \{x, z, y\})]]/C(x, z)$$

= Information Gain per Unit Cost( $\alpha; y$ )

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# Continuous-Fidelity BO: BOCA Algorithm

- Two step procedure to select input  $x$  and fidelity  $z$  separately
- Selection of input  $x$ 
  - ▲ Optimize the AF with respect to highest fidelity
- Selection of fidelity  $z$ 
  - ▲ Reducing fidelity space:

Select higher fidelities

Avoid close neighborhood  
of the highest fidelity

$$Z_t = \{z: \sigma^z(x_{opt}) \geq \gamma(z), |\xi(z)| > \beta \|\xi\|_\infty\} \cup \{z^*\}$$

# Multi-Fidelity BO for HPO: taKG Algorithm

- Trace aware Knowledge Gradient for Hyperparameter optimization:
  - ▲ Use exponential decay kernel for fidelity space
  - ▲ Select the input and fidelity  $(x, z)$  maximizing:

$$\begin{aligned} taKG(x, z) &= \frac{L(\emptyset) - L(x, z)}{C(x, z)} \\ &= \frac{\min_{x'} \mathbb{E}[g(x', z^*)] - \mathbb{E}[\min_{x'} \mathbb{E}[g(x', z^*)] | y(x, z)]}{C(x, z)} \end{aligned}$$

# Code and Software

- Multi-fidelity modeling
  - ▲ <https://mlatcl.github.io/mlphysical/lectures/05-02-multifidelity.html>
- BOTorch
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# High-Dimensional Bayesian Optimization

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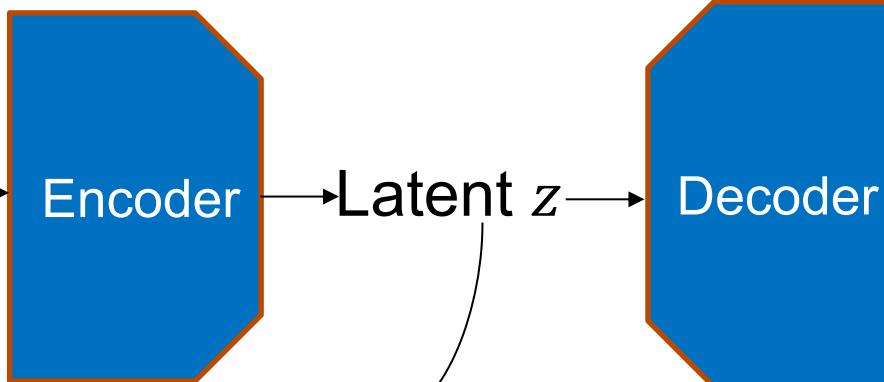
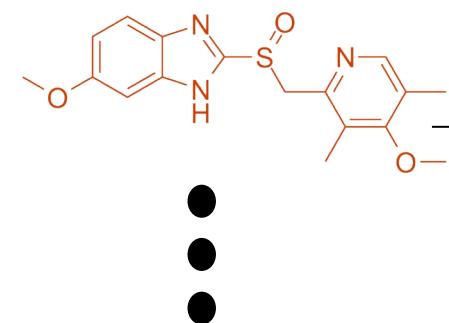
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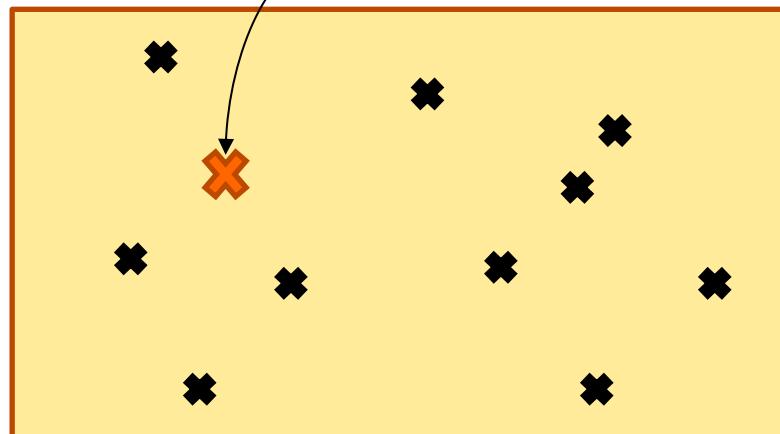
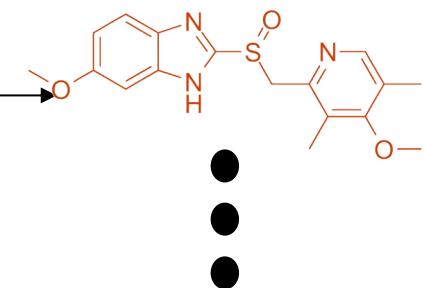
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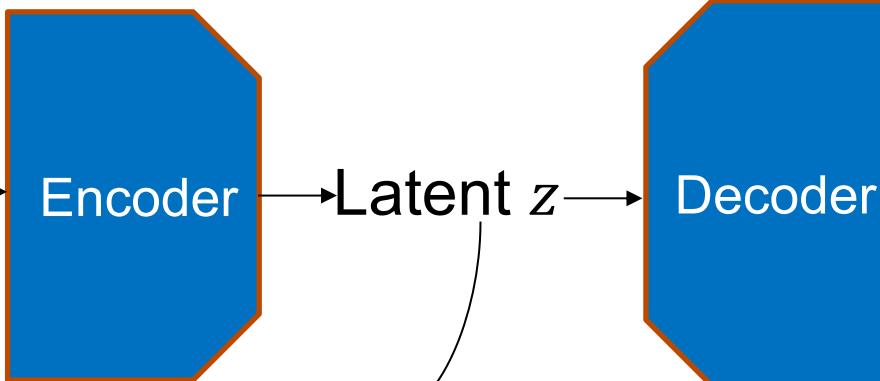
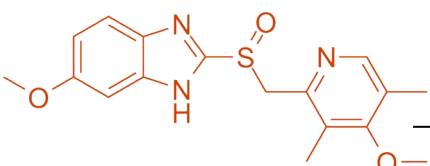


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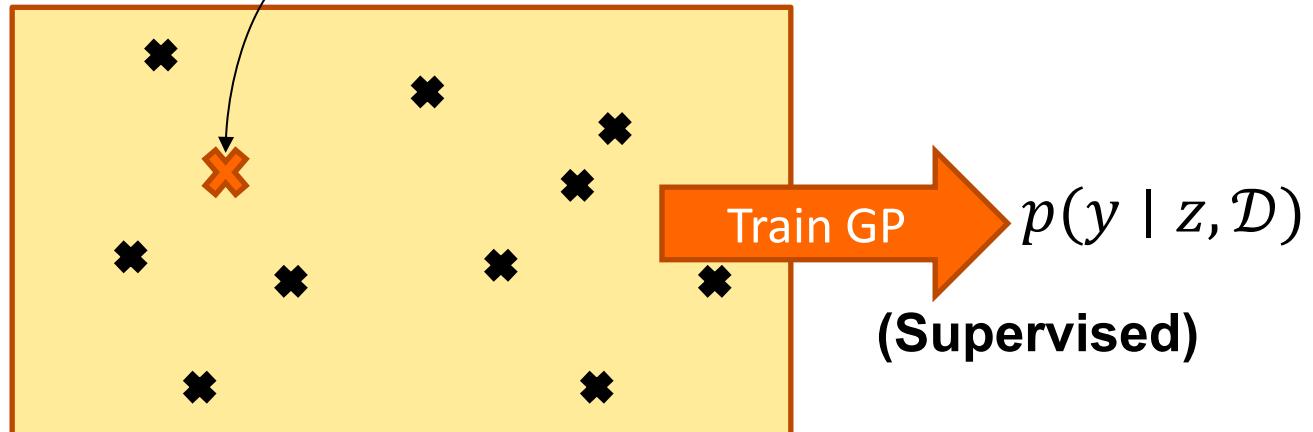
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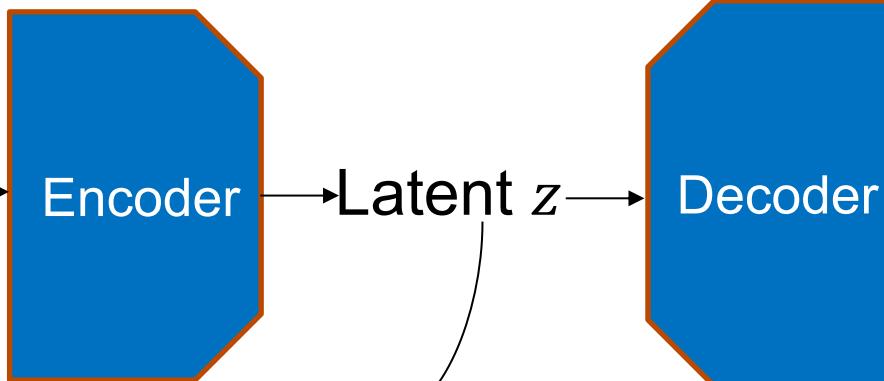
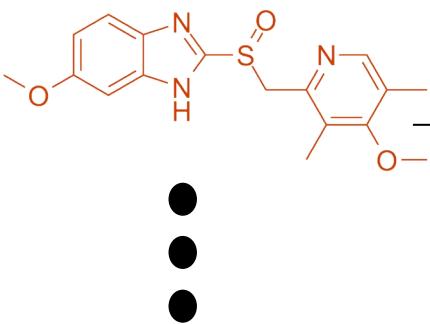


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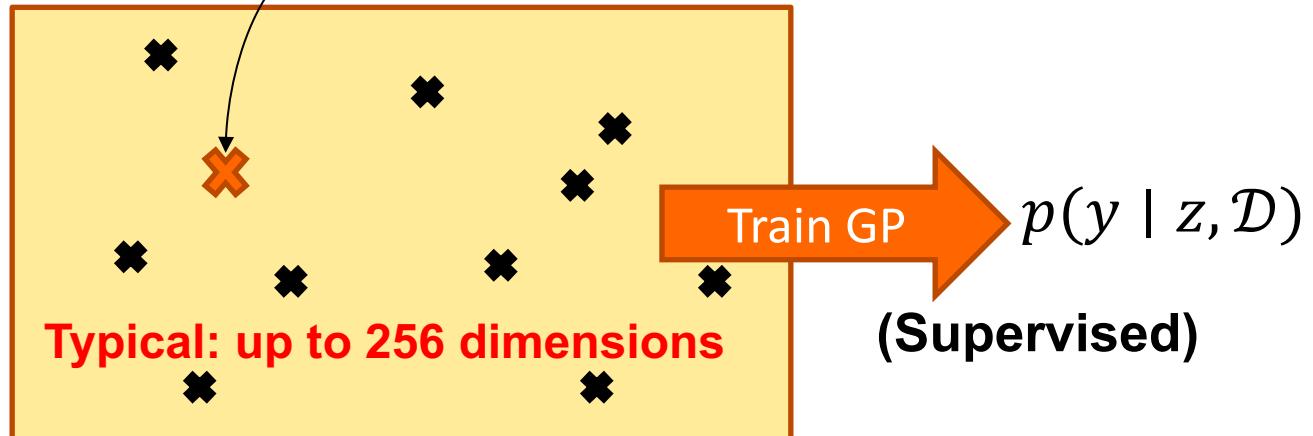
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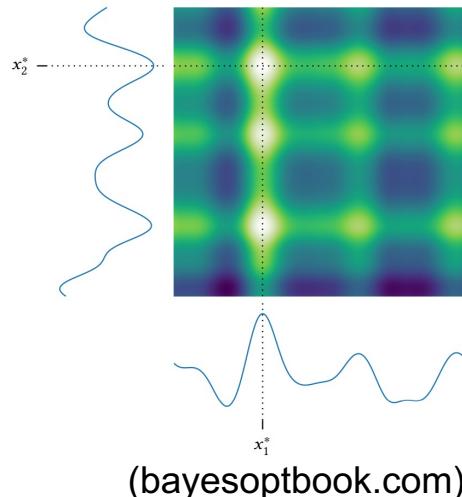


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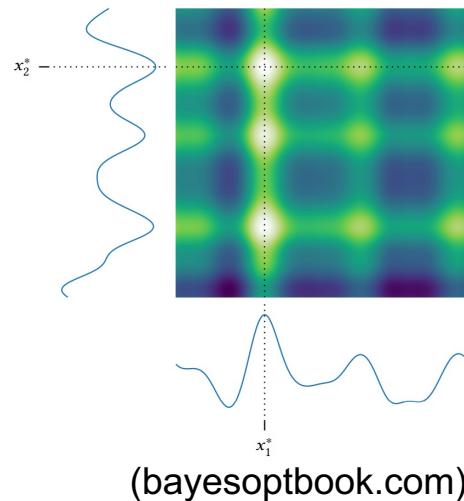


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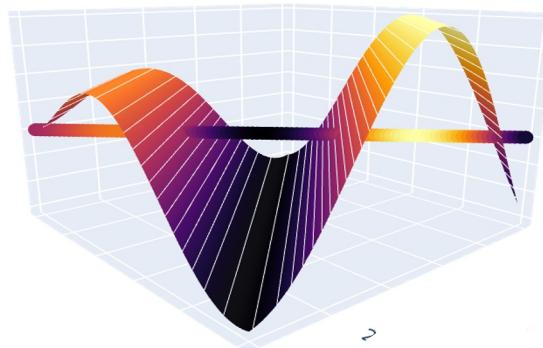
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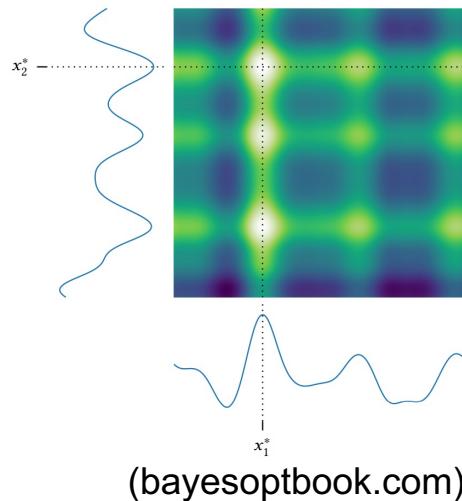
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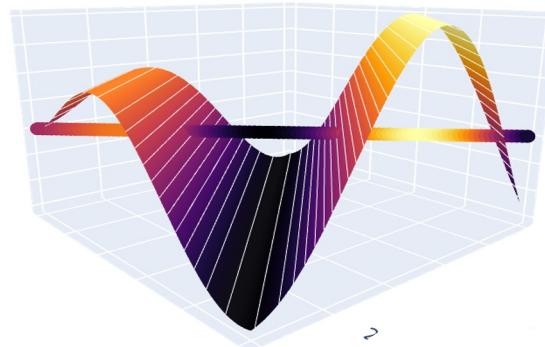
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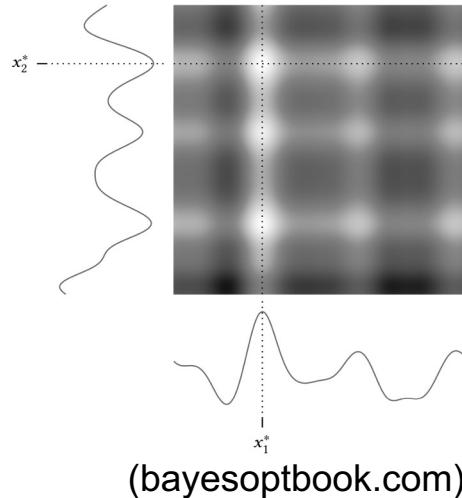
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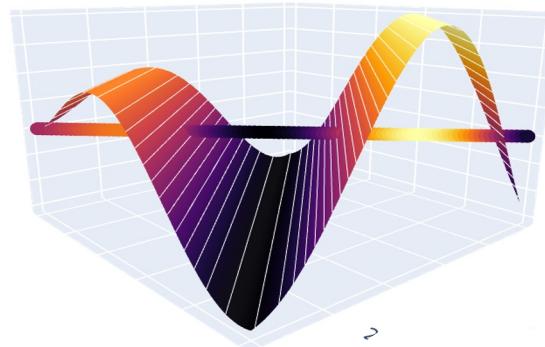
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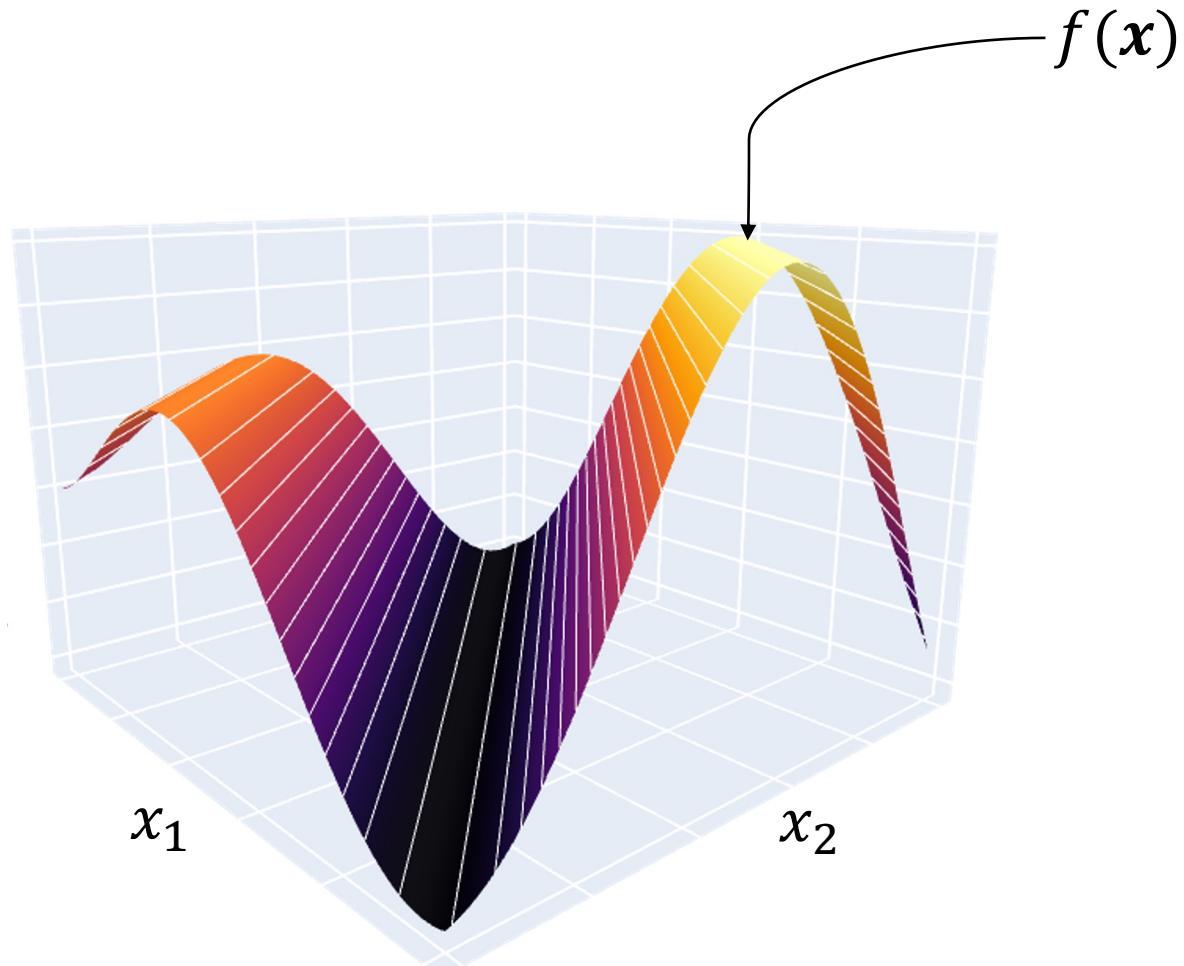
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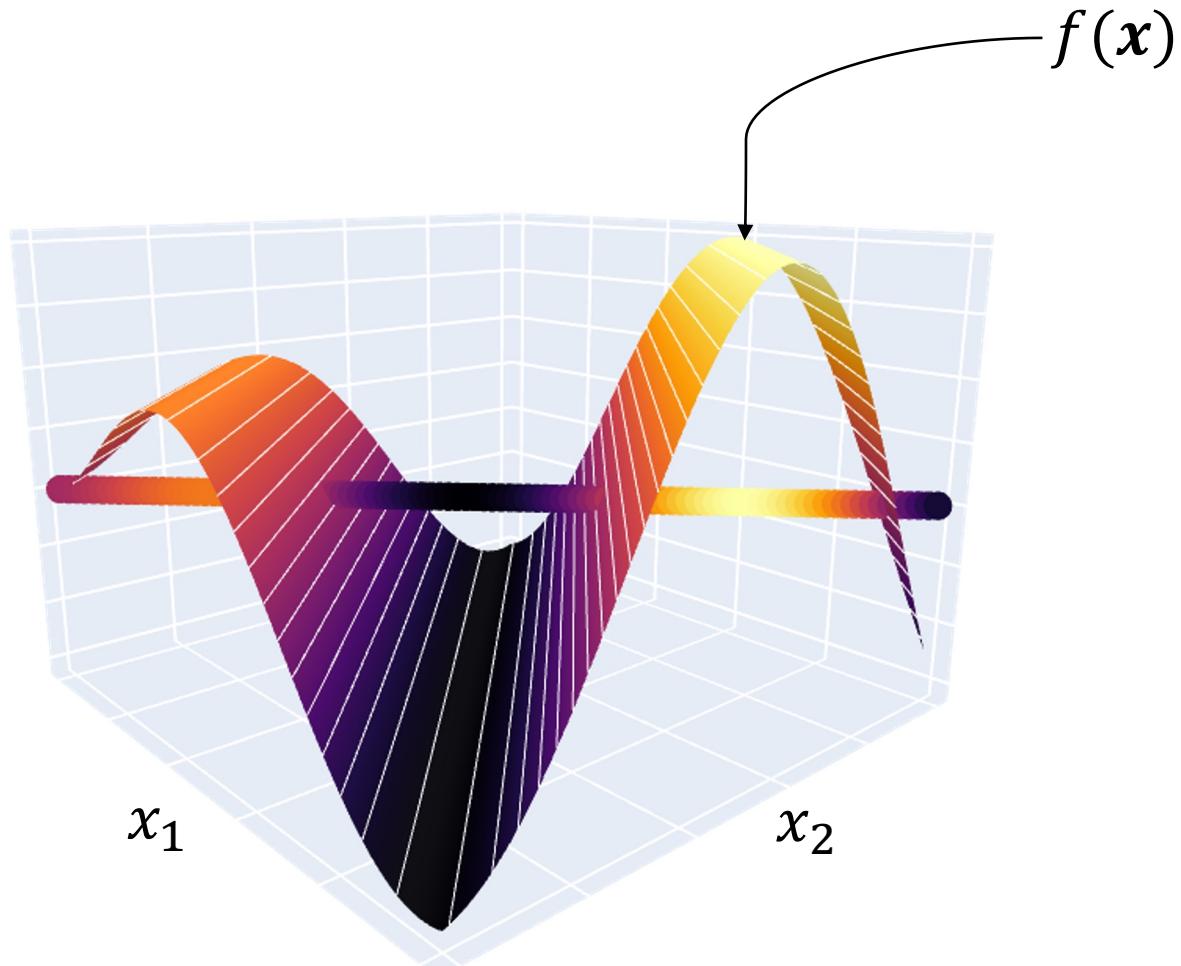
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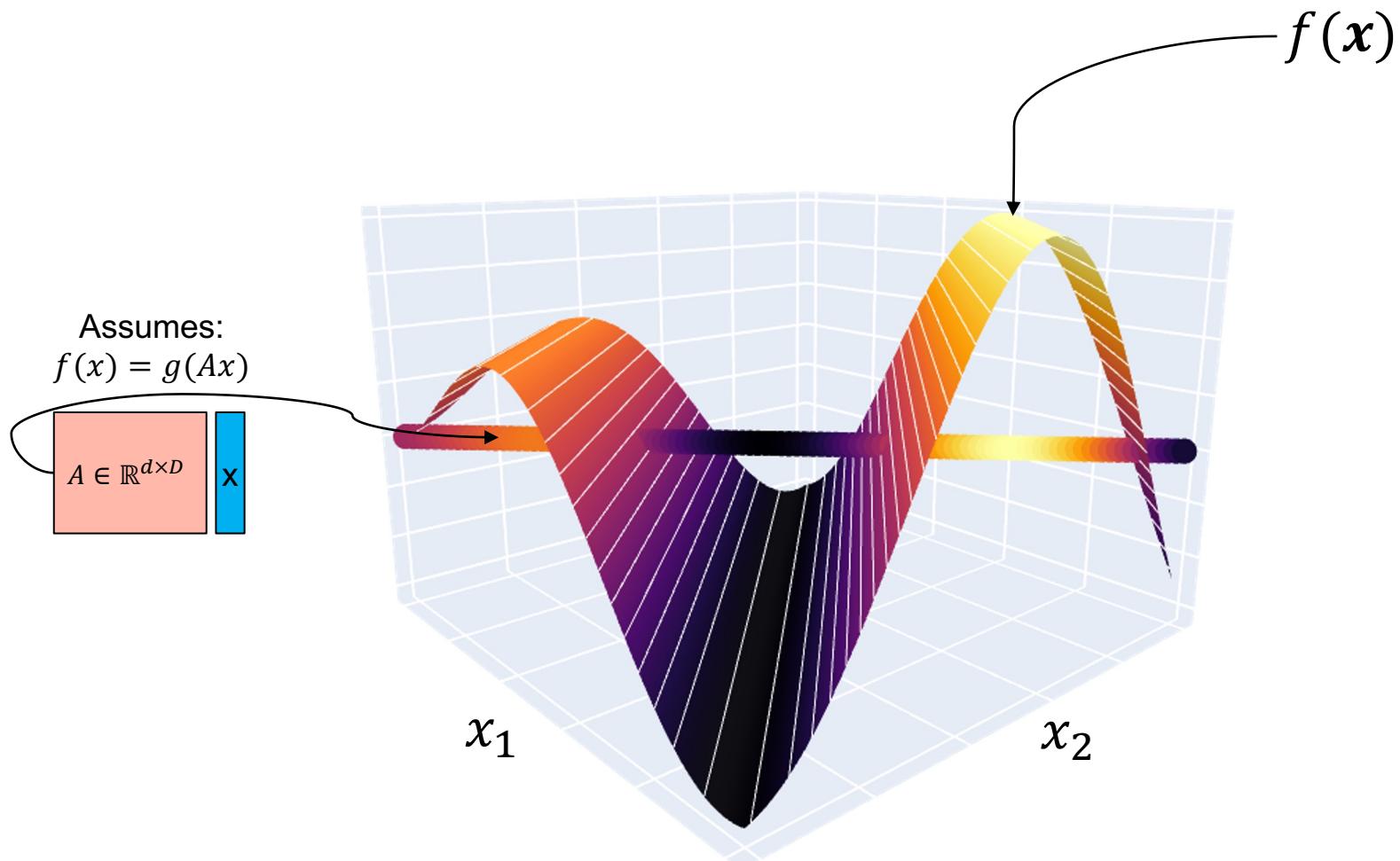
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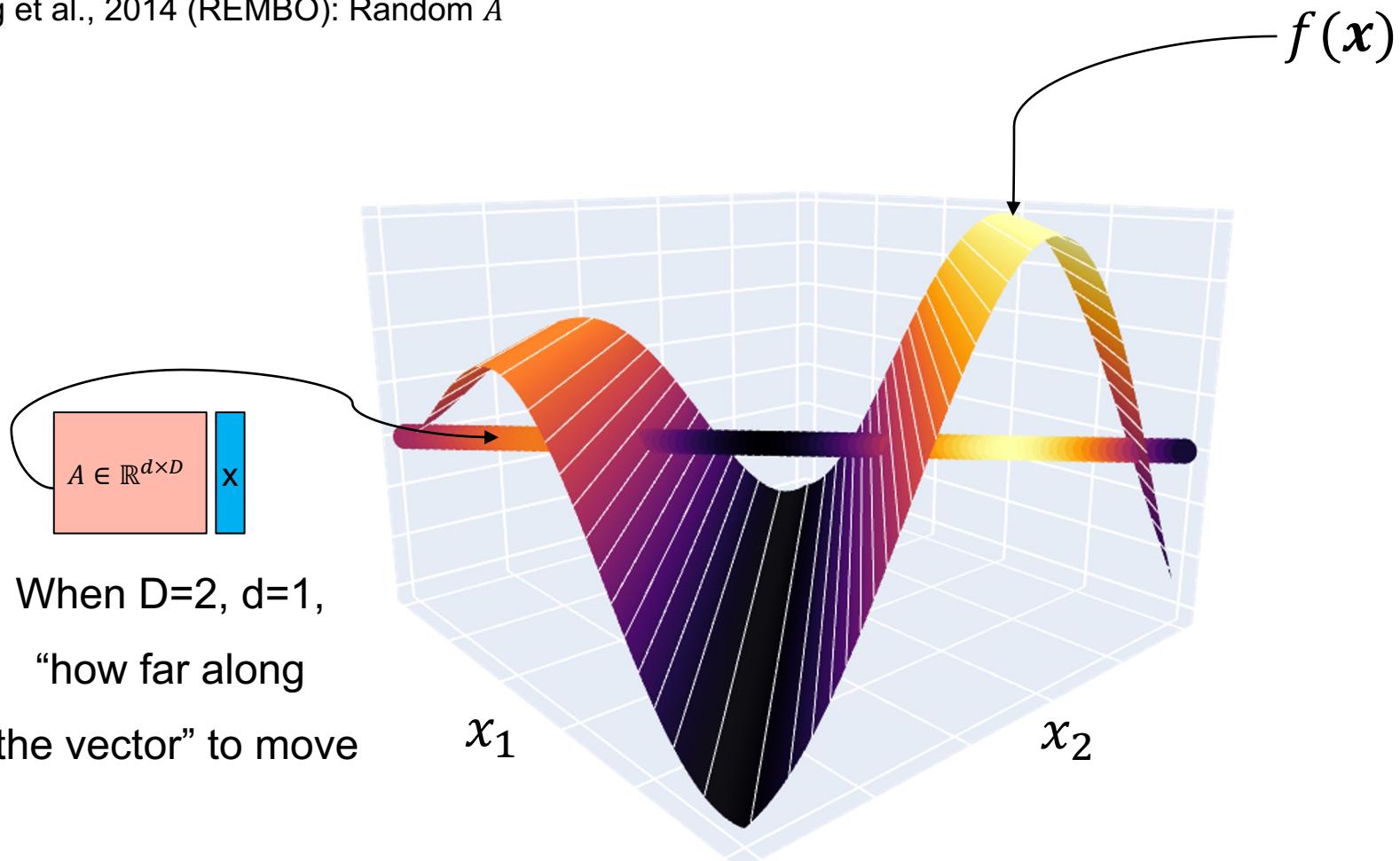


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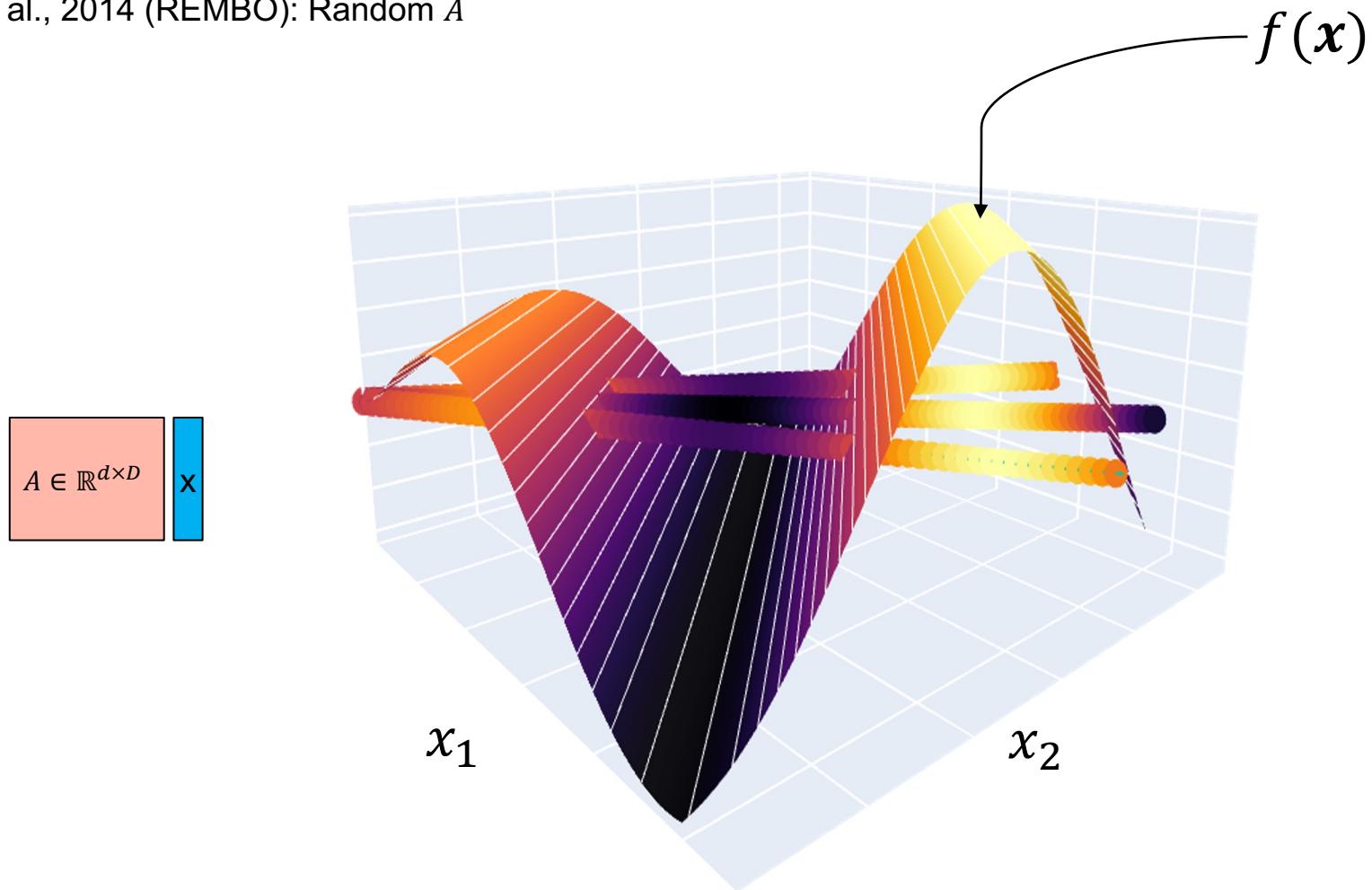
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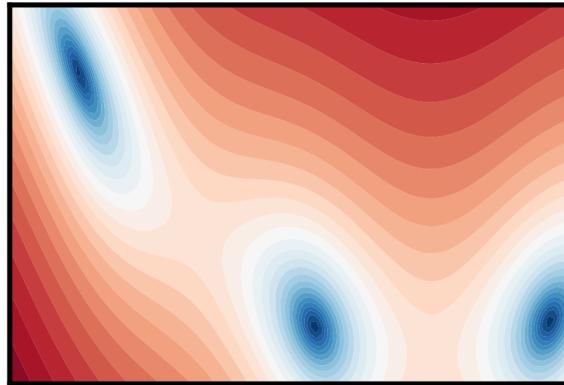


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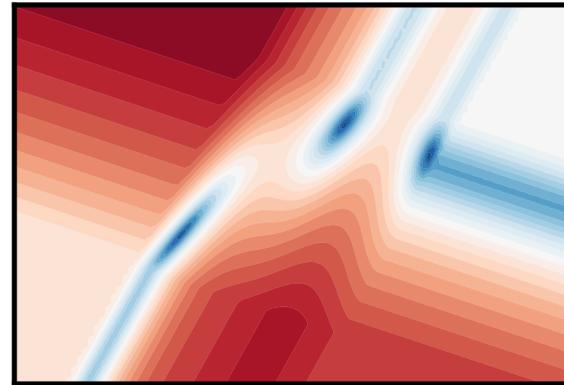
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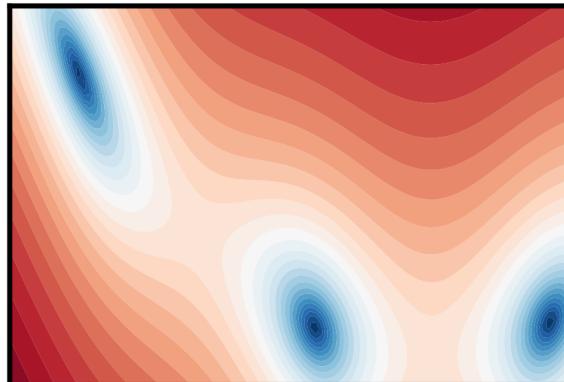
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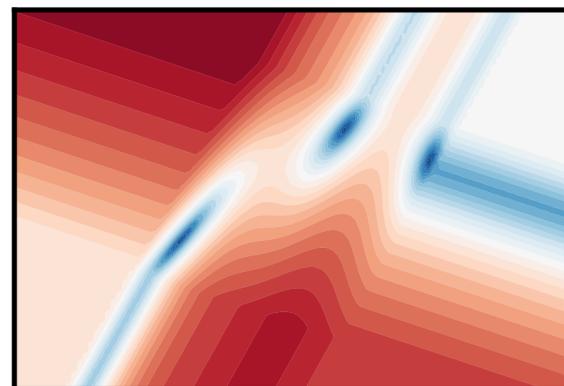
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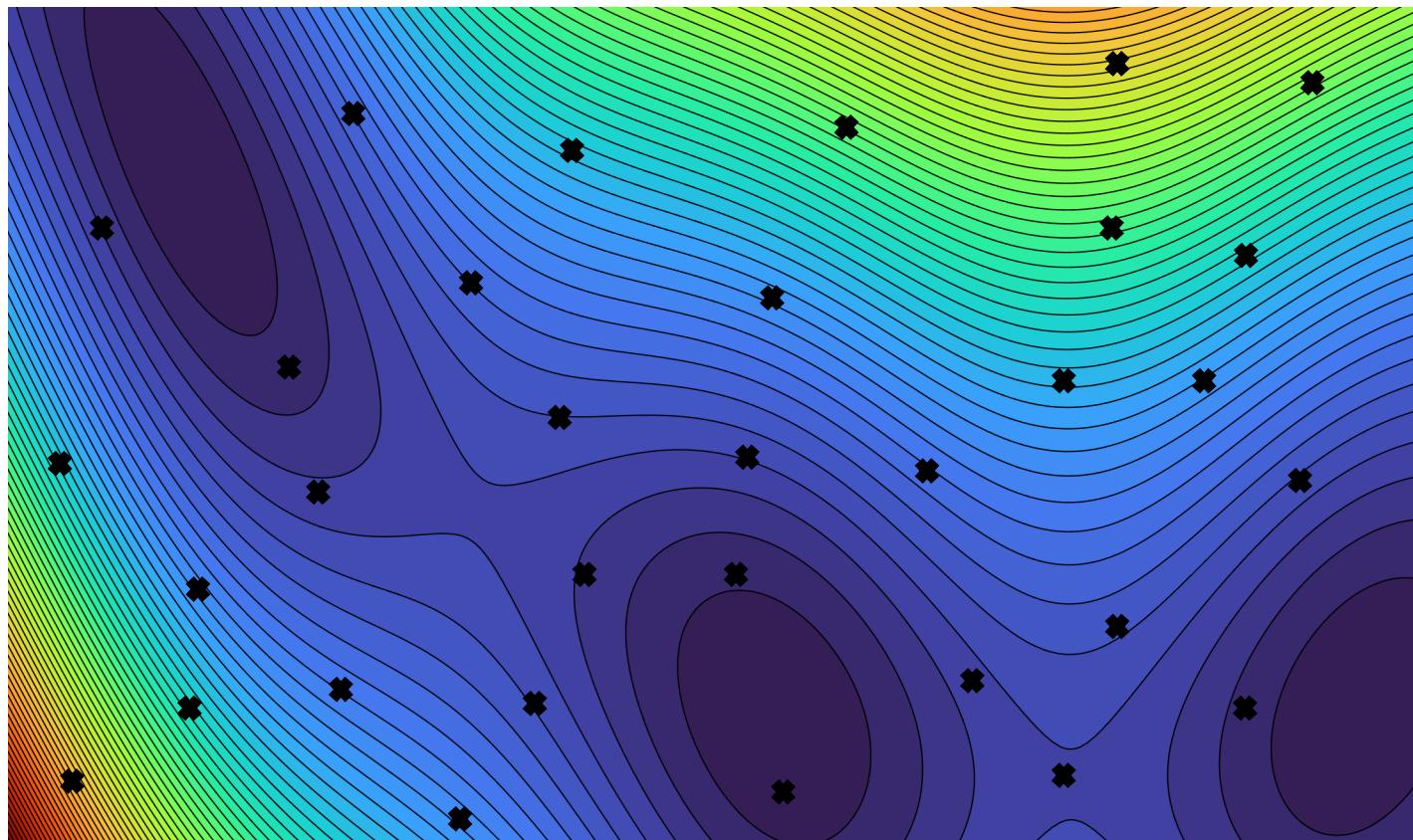


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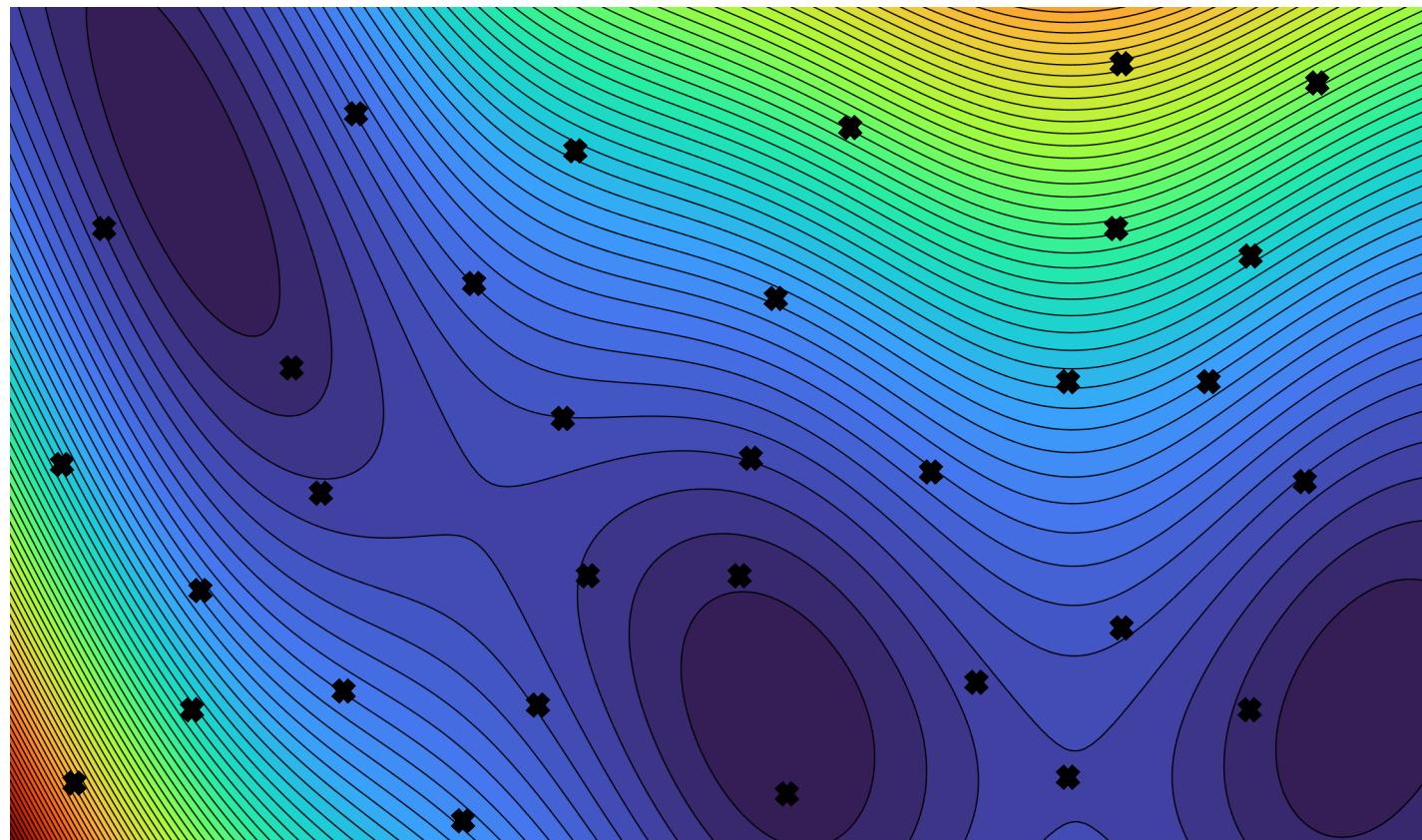
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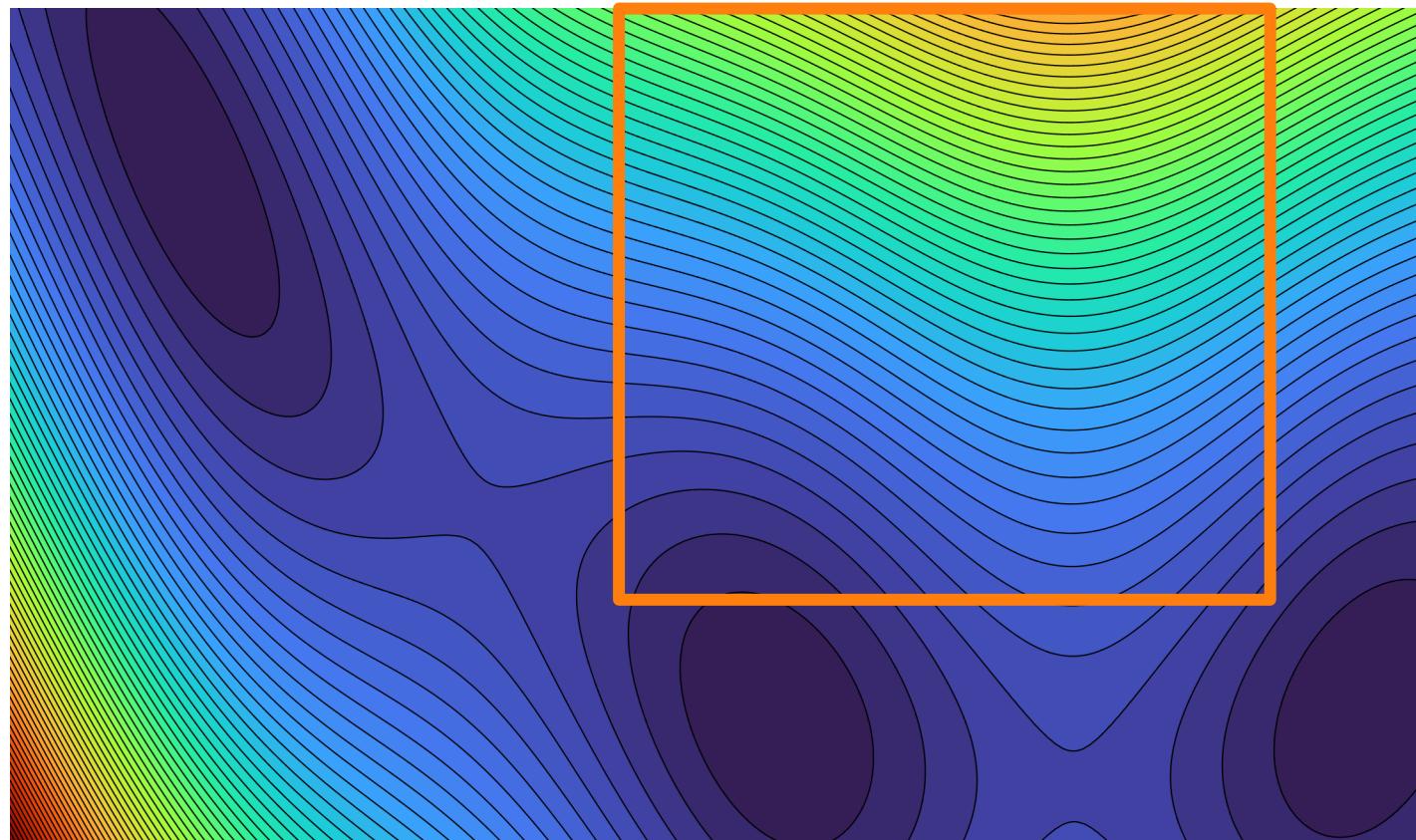
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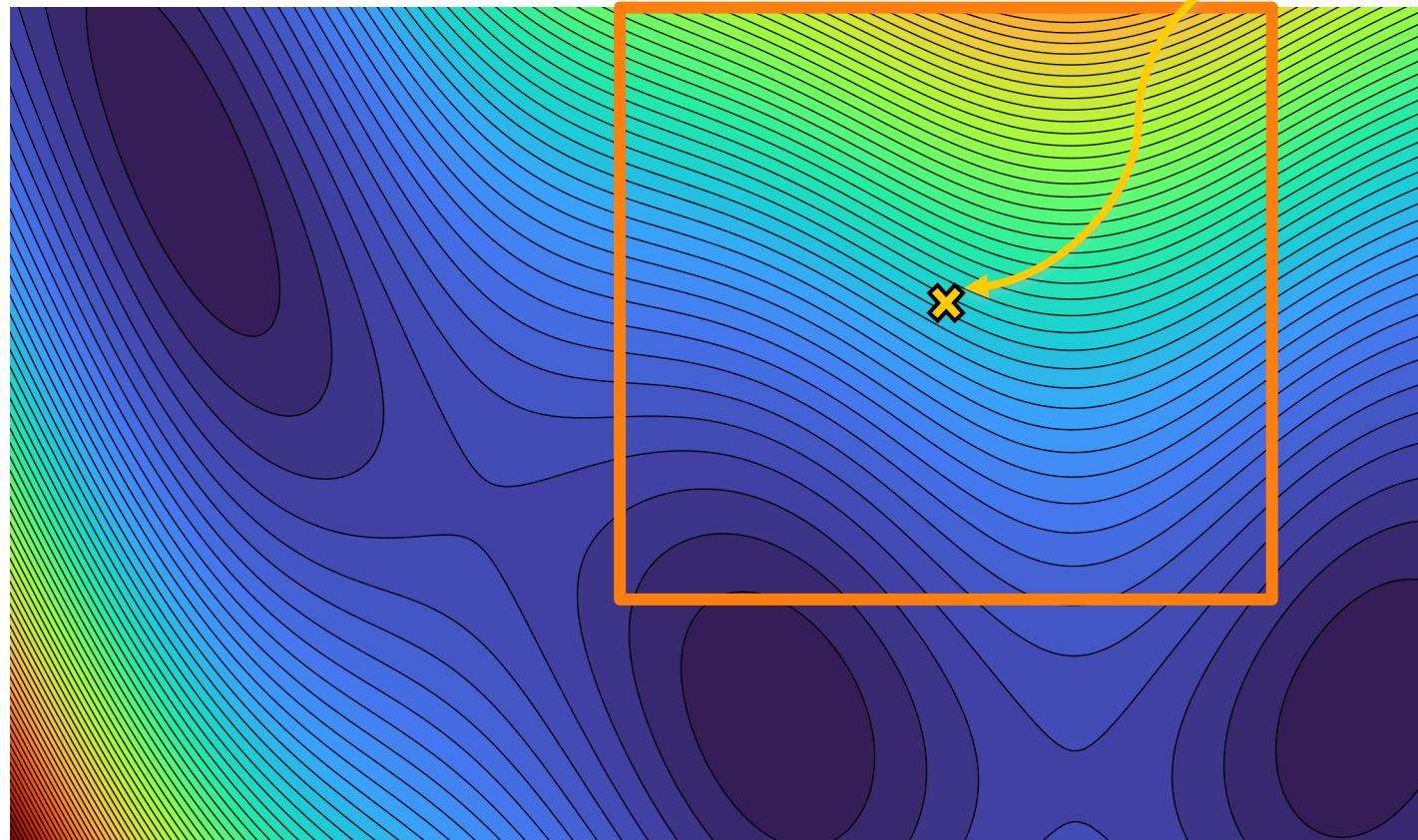
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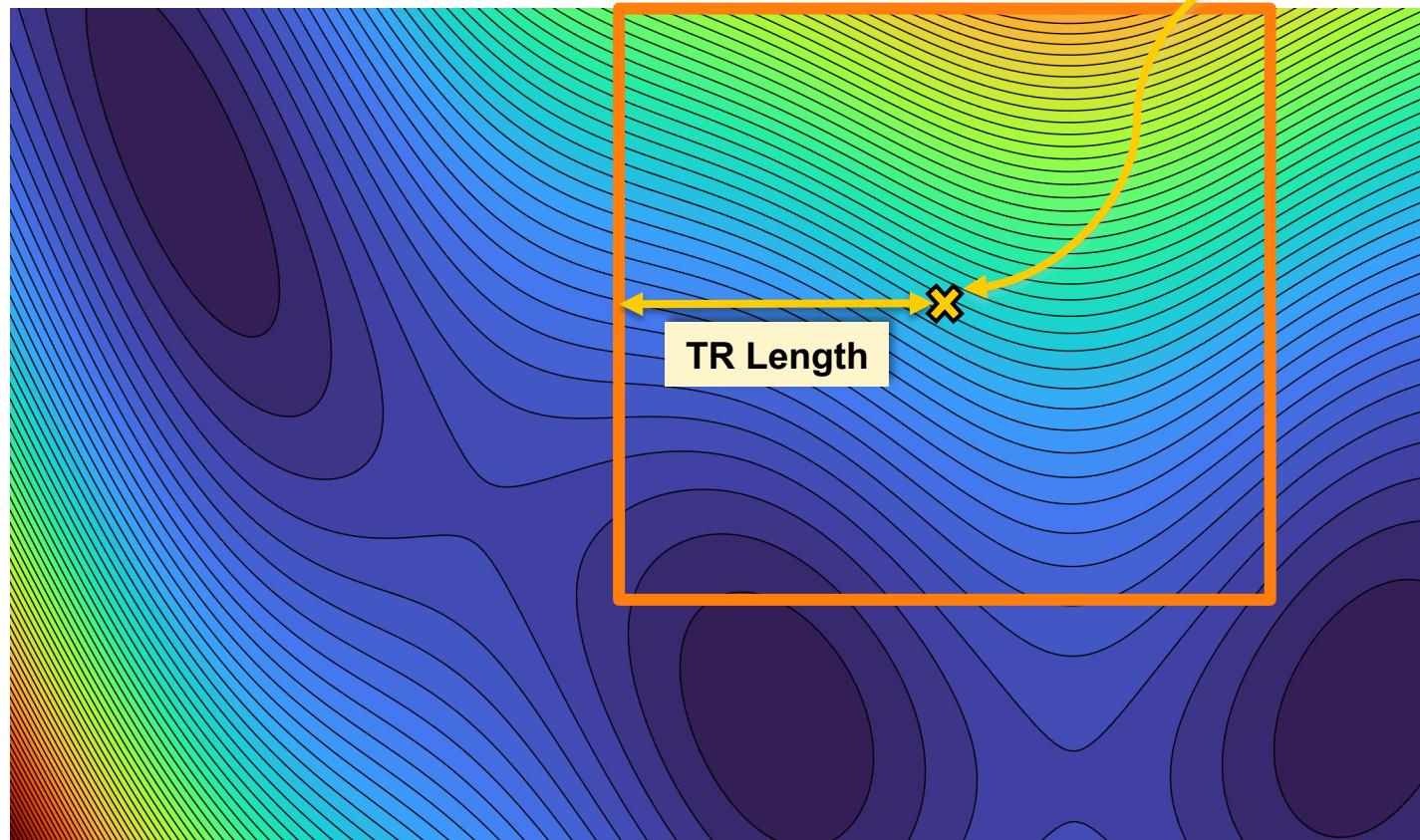
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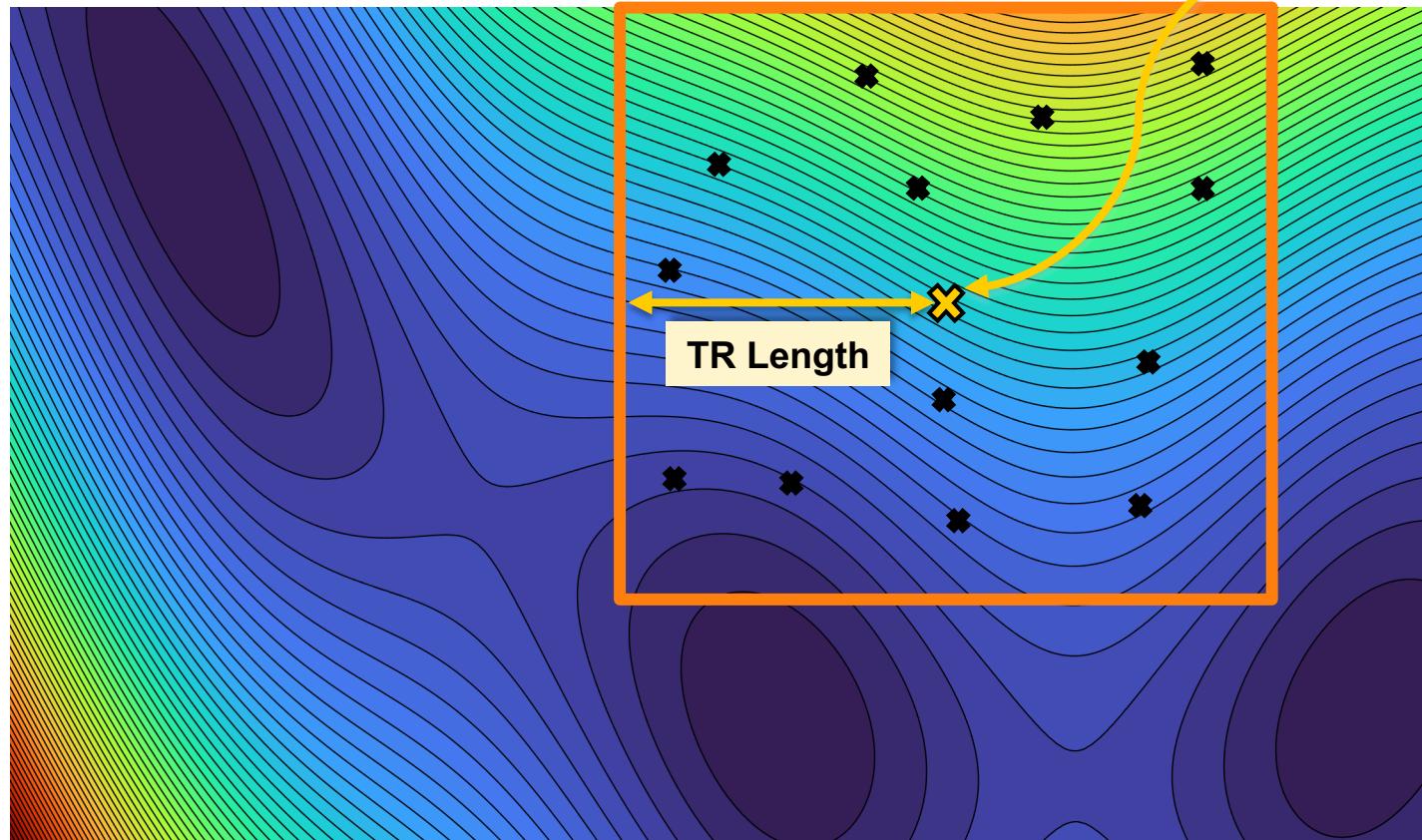
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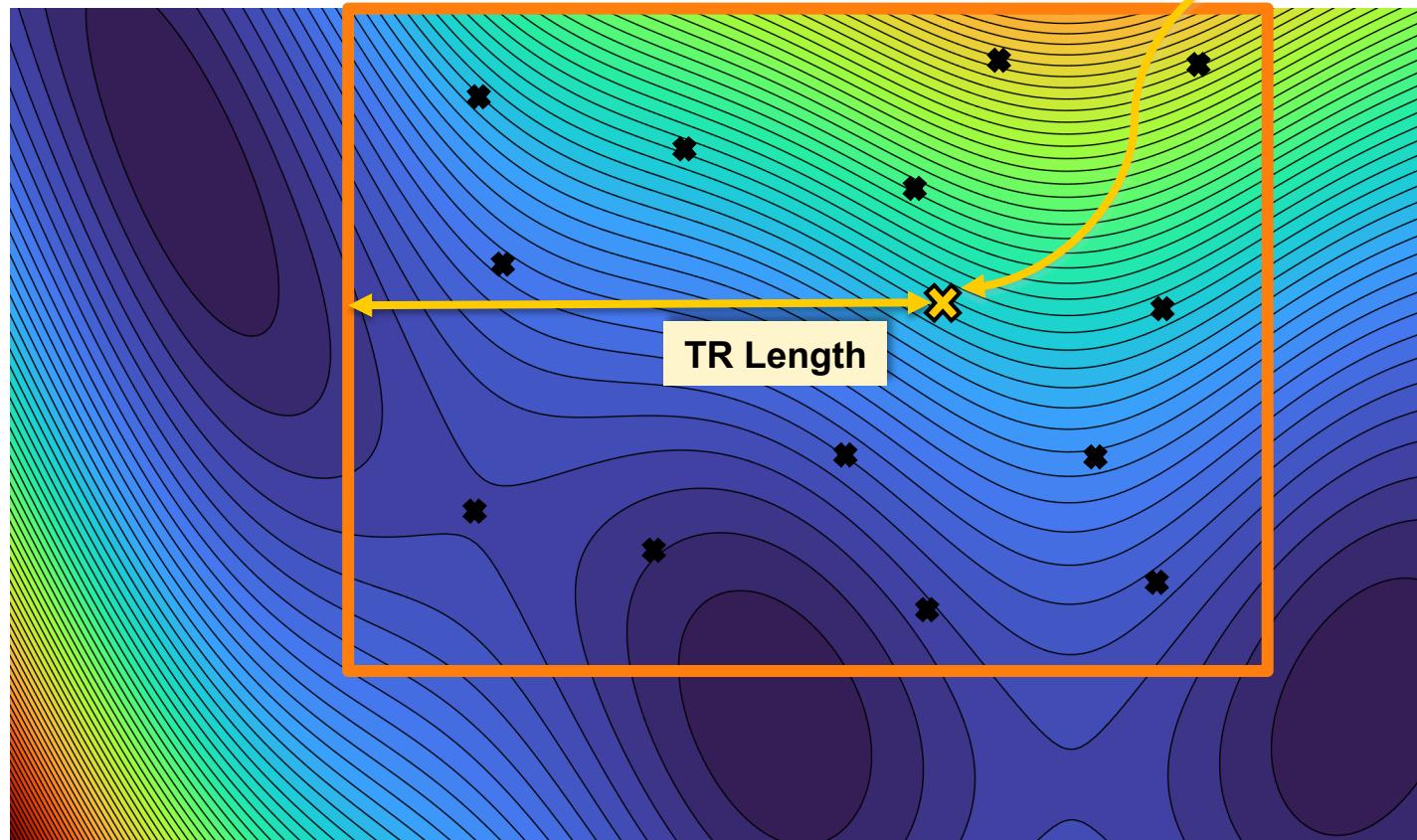
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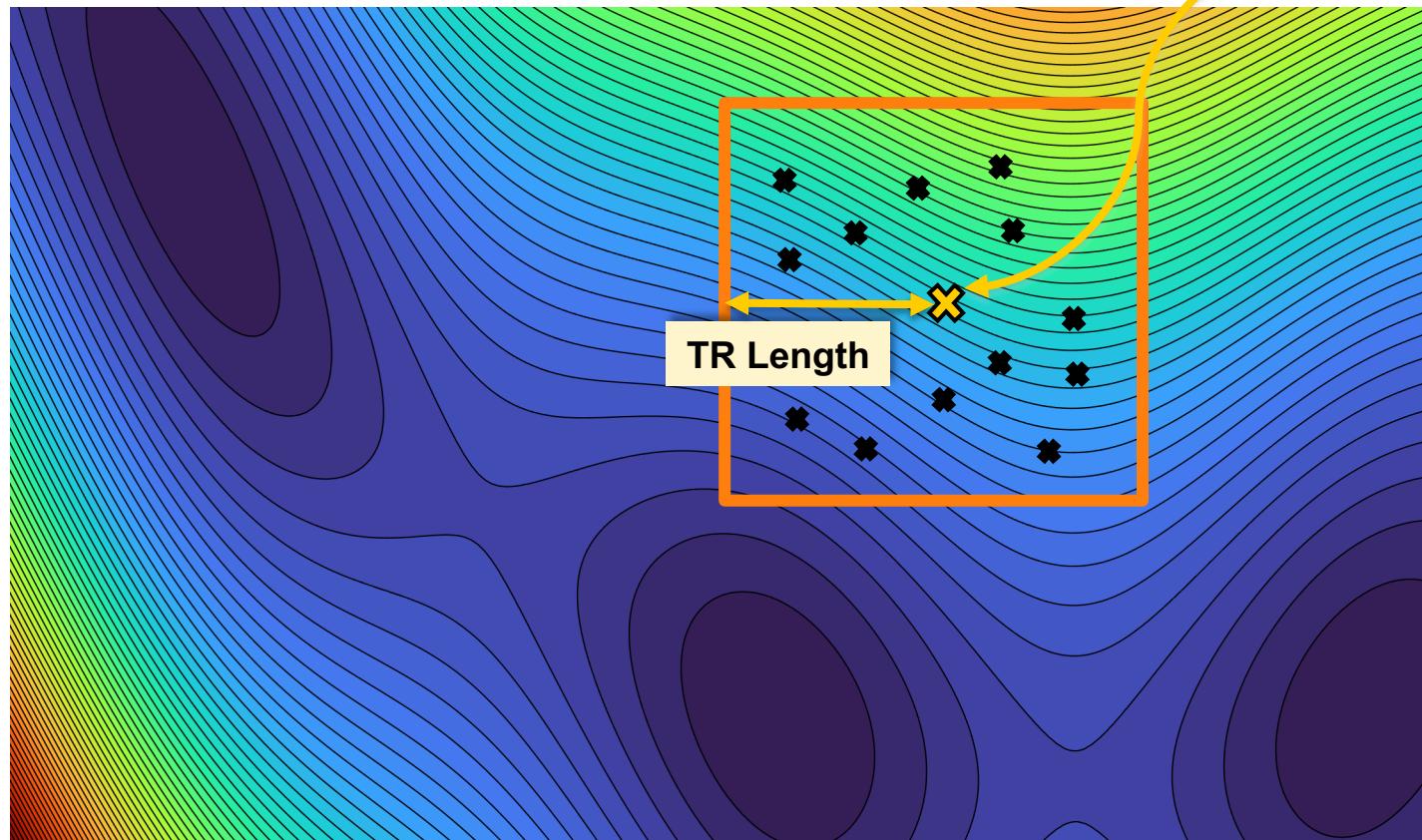


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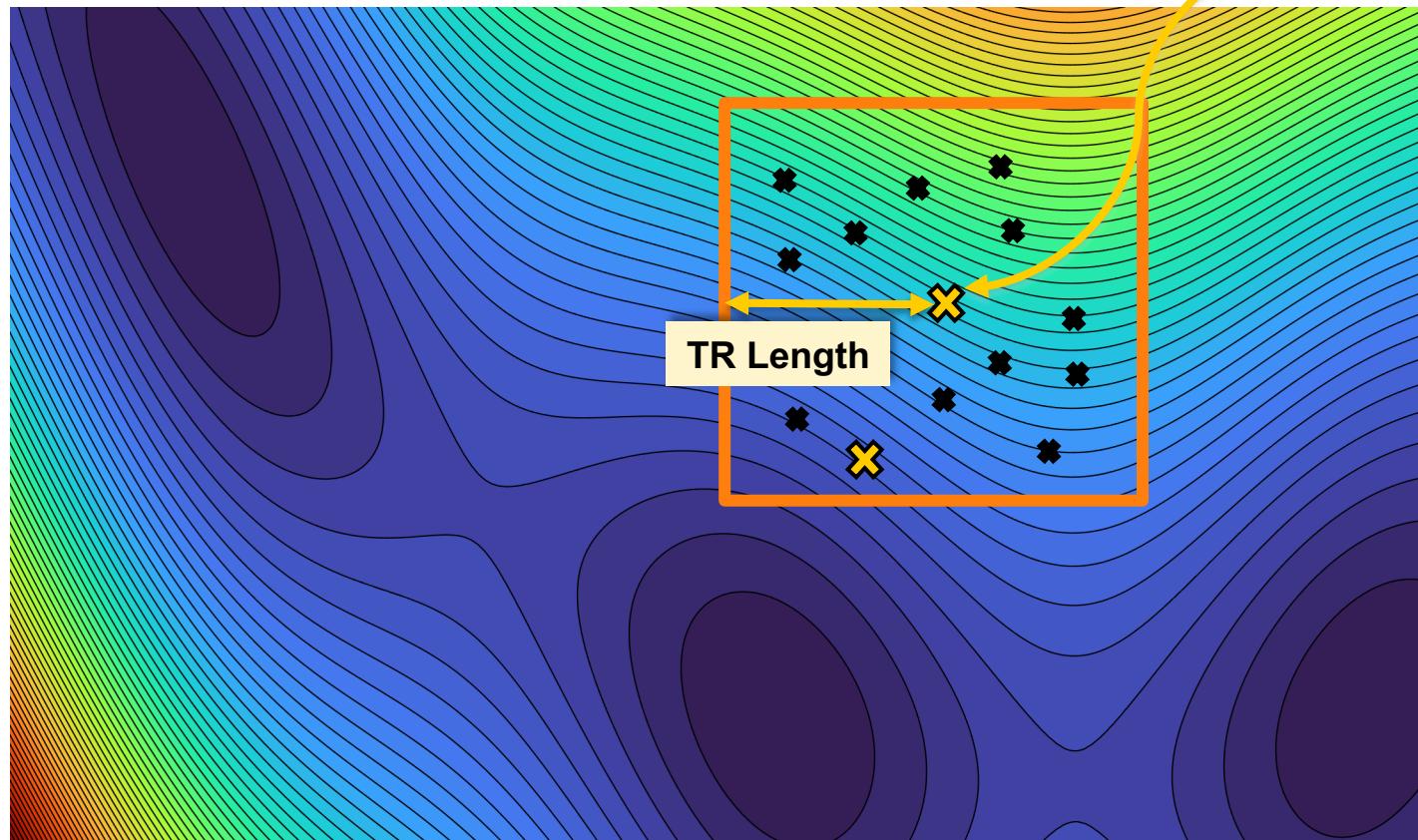
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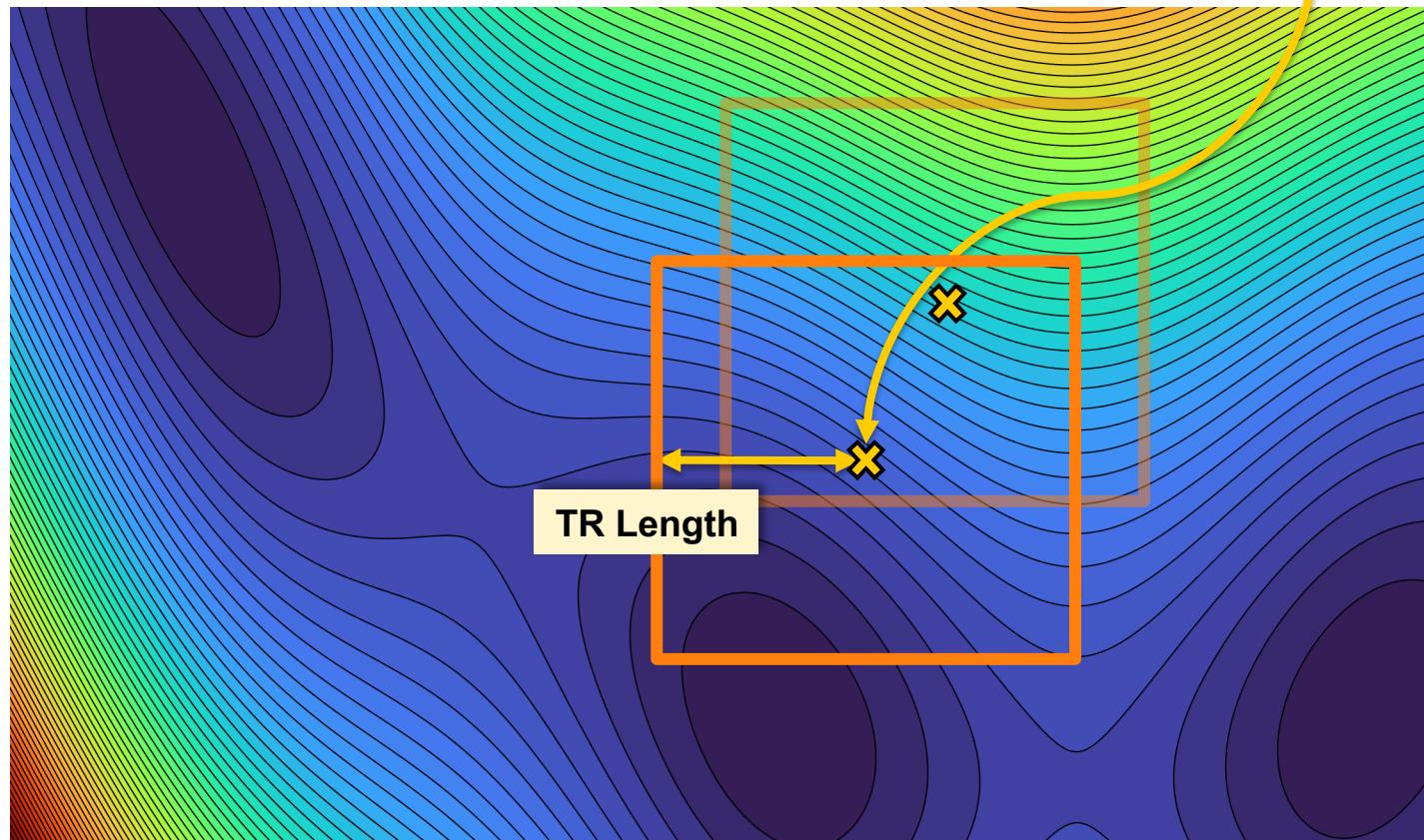
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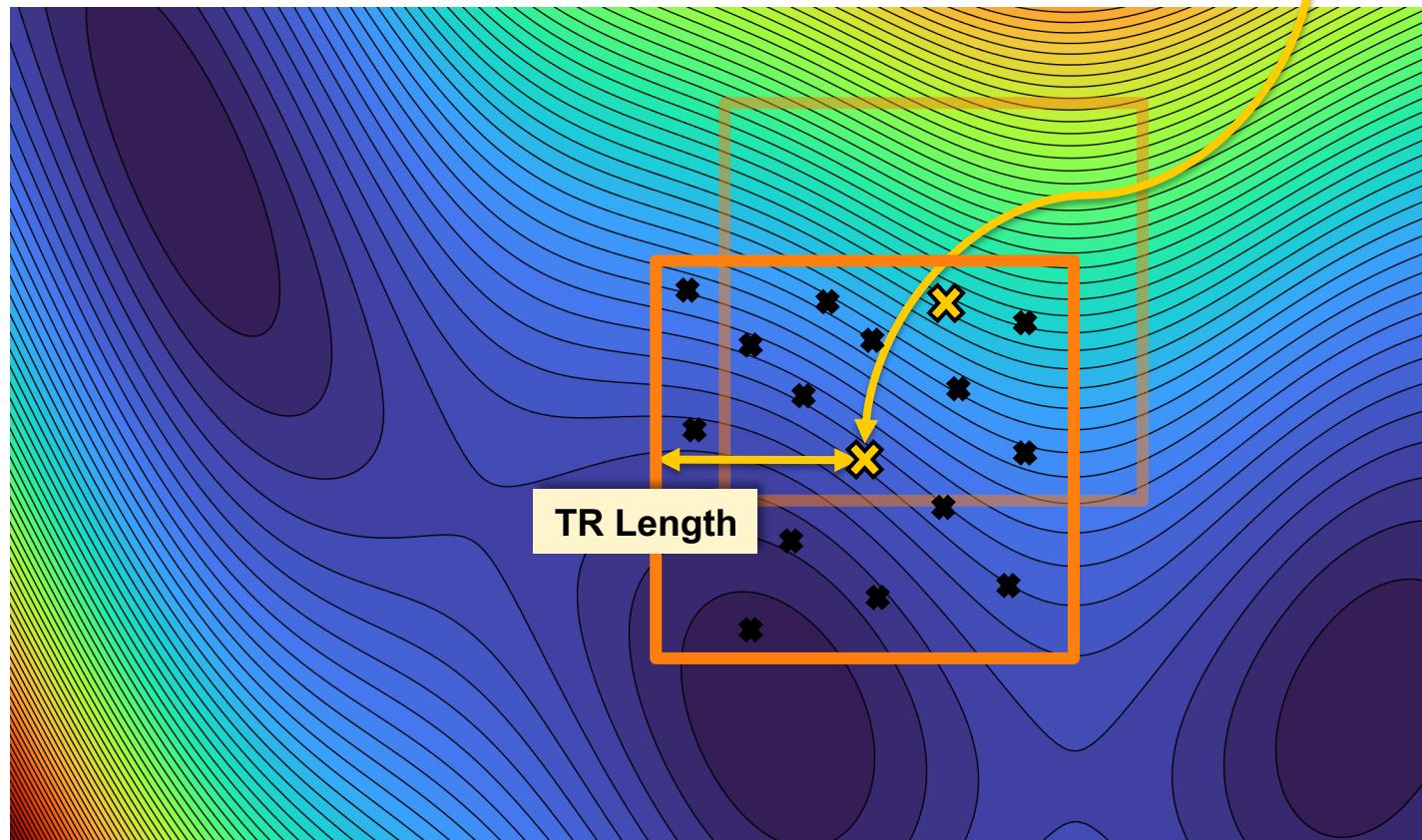
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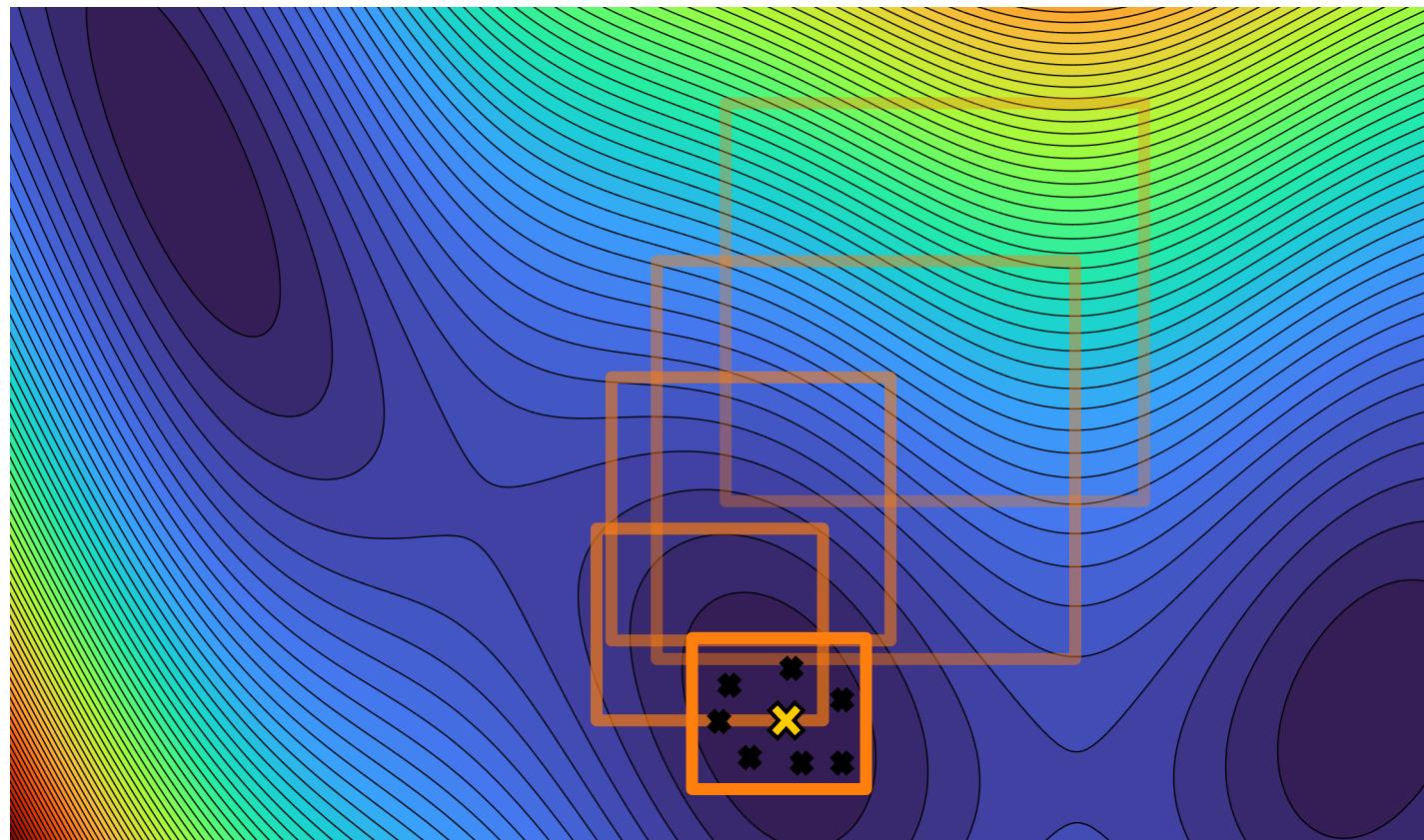
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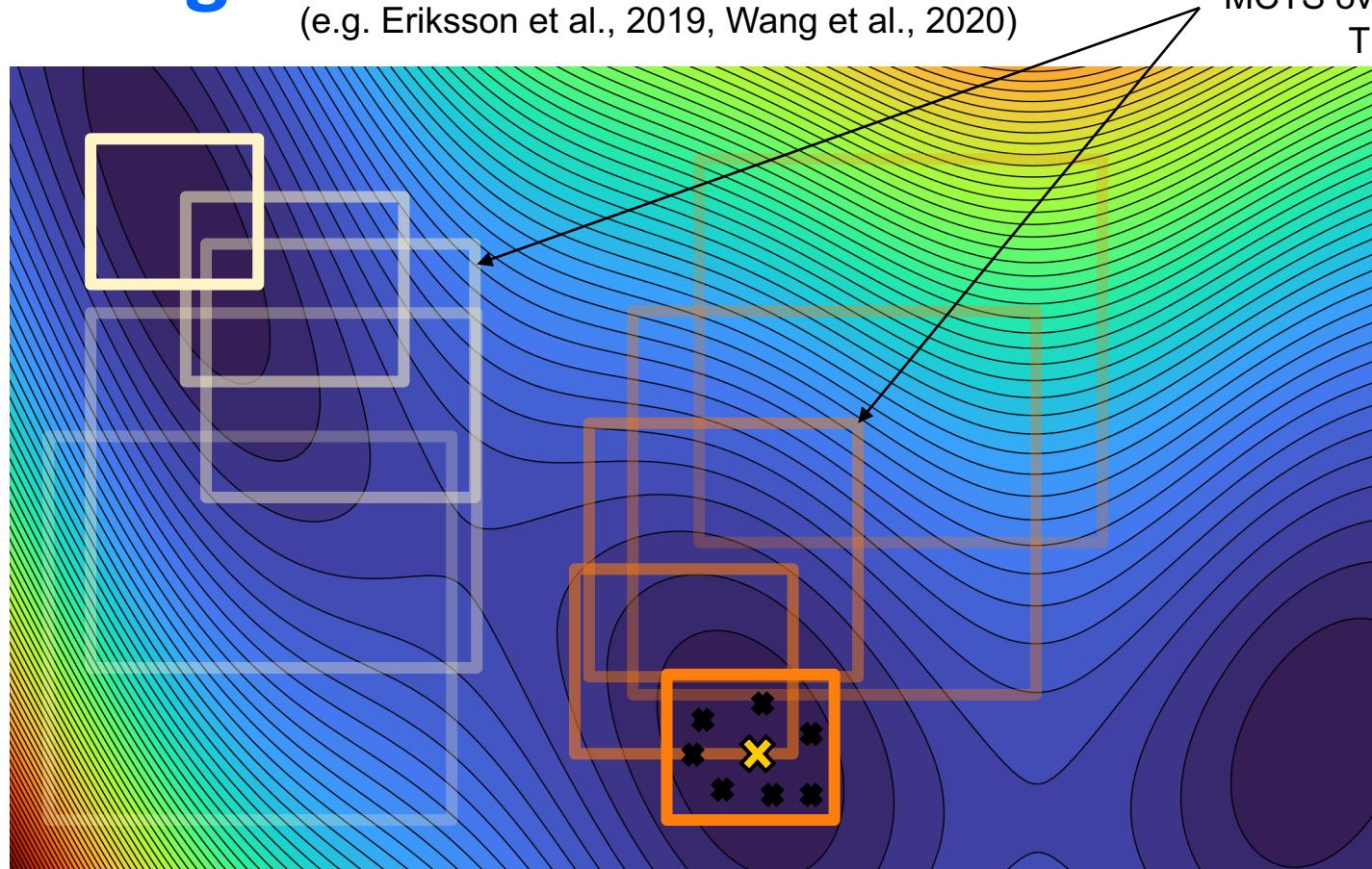
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Out[12]: -29.951505411029295

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Brown et al., 2019

Take away: The “LS” part is pretty much done for you. If that’s what you want.

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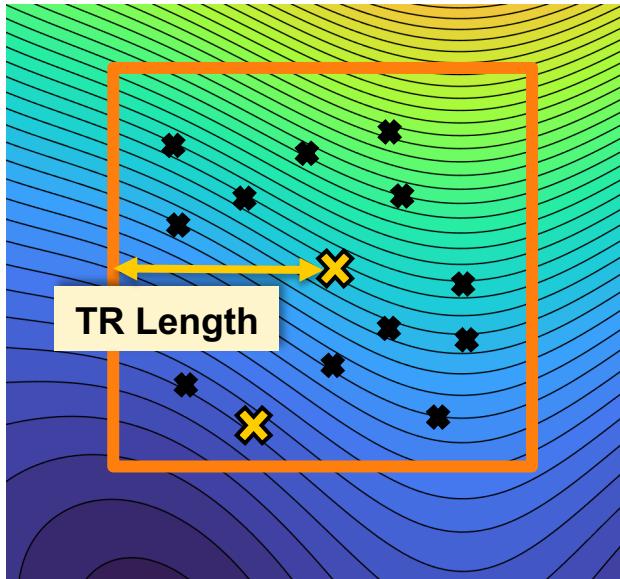
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# PPGPR (Jankowiak et al., 2020)
mll = PredictiveLogLikelihood(likelihood, model.model, num_data=X.size(-2))
# SVGP (Hensman et al., 2013)
mll = VariationalELBO(likelihood, model.model, num_data=X.size(-2))

model = model.train()
optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=0.01)
train_dataset = TensorDataset(train_z, train_y)
train_loader = DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=min(len(train_y), 128), shuffle=True)
for _ in range(n_epochs):
    for (inputs, scores) in train_loader:
        optimizer.zero_grad()
        output = model(inputs)
        loss = -mll(output, scores)
        loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()
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(Soon: <https://github.com/pytorch/botorch/pull/1439/>)

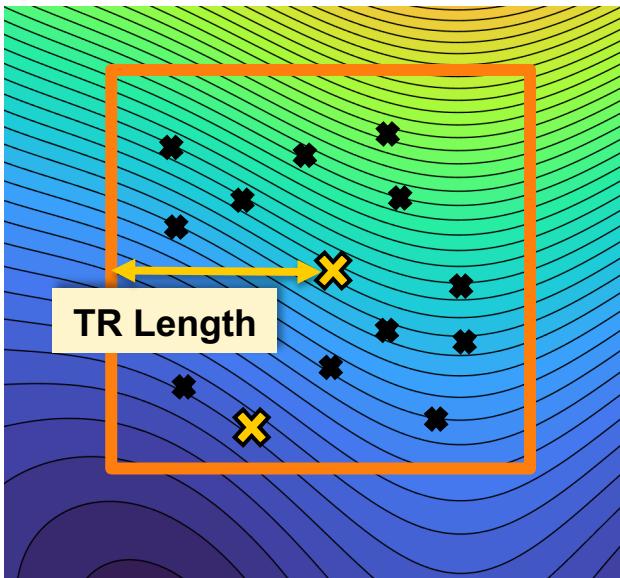
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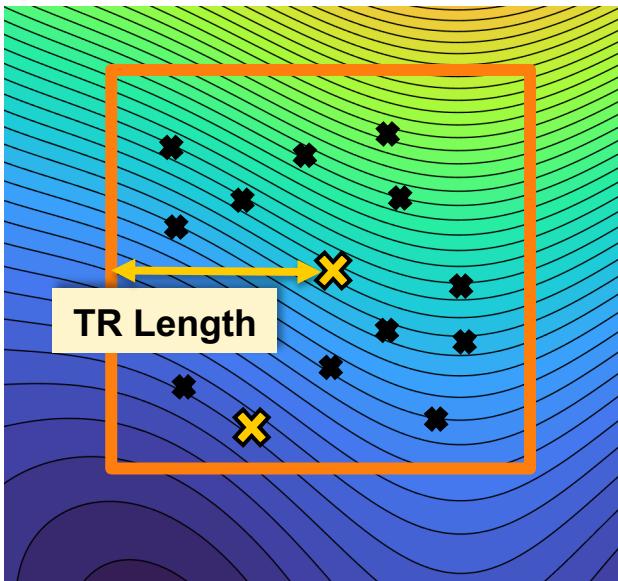


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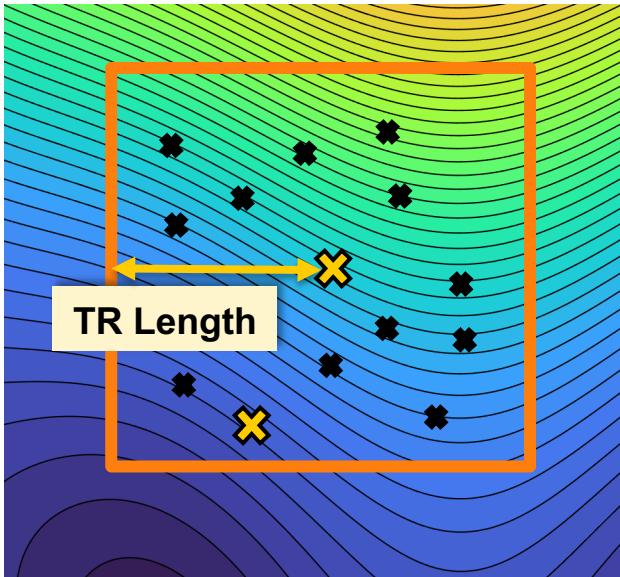


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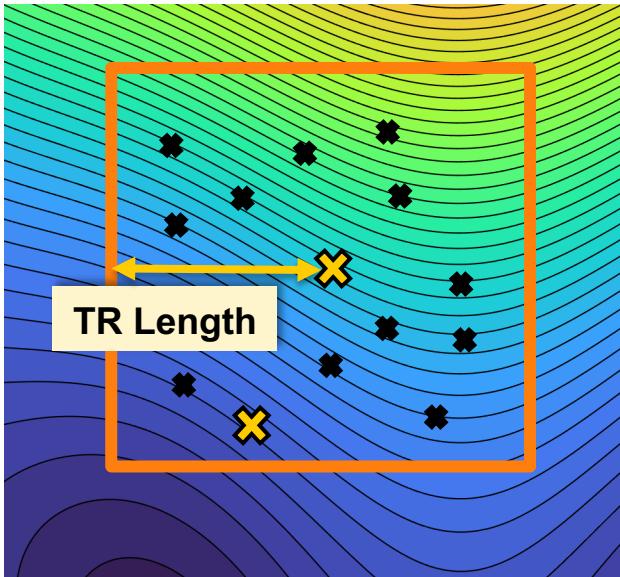


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        state.success_counter += 1
        state.failure_counter = 0
    else:
        state.success_counter = 0
        state.failure_counter += 1

    if state.success_counter == state.success_tolerance: # Expand trust region
        state.length = min(2.0 * state.length, state.length_max)
        state.success_counter = 0
    elif state.failure_counter == state.failure_tolerance: # Shrink trust region
        state.length /= 2.0
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    state.best_value = max(state.best_value, max(Y_next).item())
    if state.length < state.length_min:
        state.restart_triggered = True
    return state
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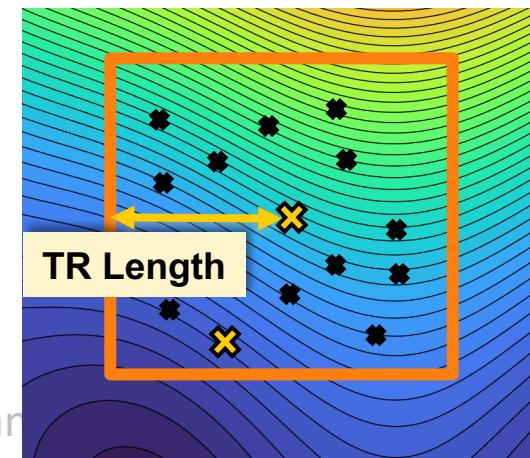
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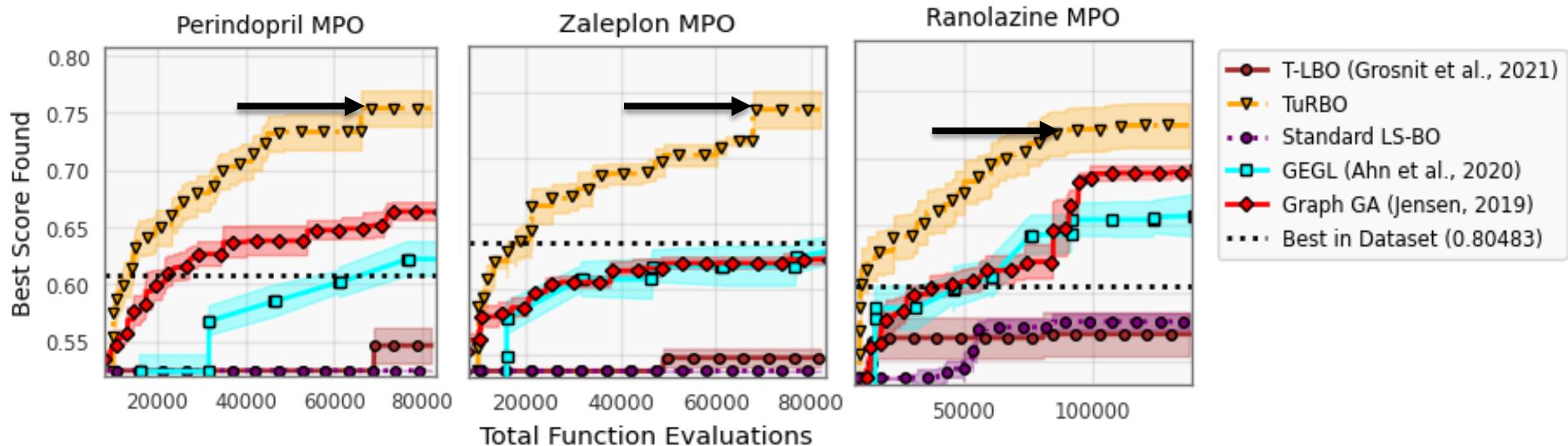
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# Decode batch to smiles, get logP values.  
Y_next = torch.tensor([obj_func(x) for x in X_next], dtype=vae.dtype, device=vae.device).unsqueeze(-1)  
  
# Update TuRBO state  
state = update_state(state=state, Y_next=Y_next)  
  
# Add data  
X = torch.cat((X, X_next), dim=-2)  
Y = torch.cat((Y, Y_next), dim=-2)
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# Results

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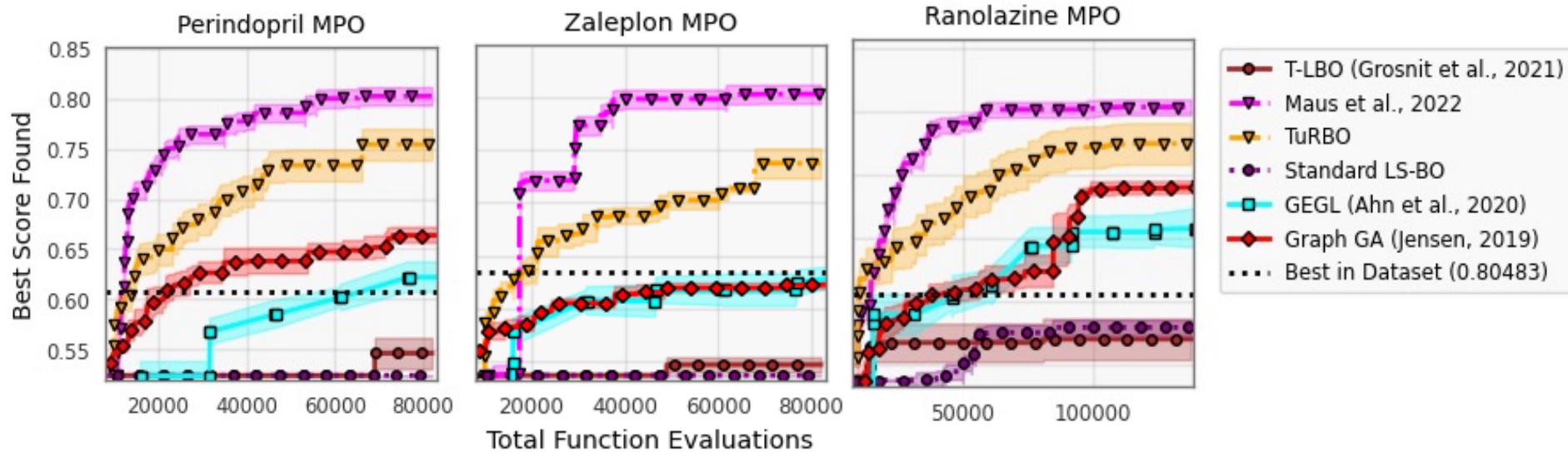
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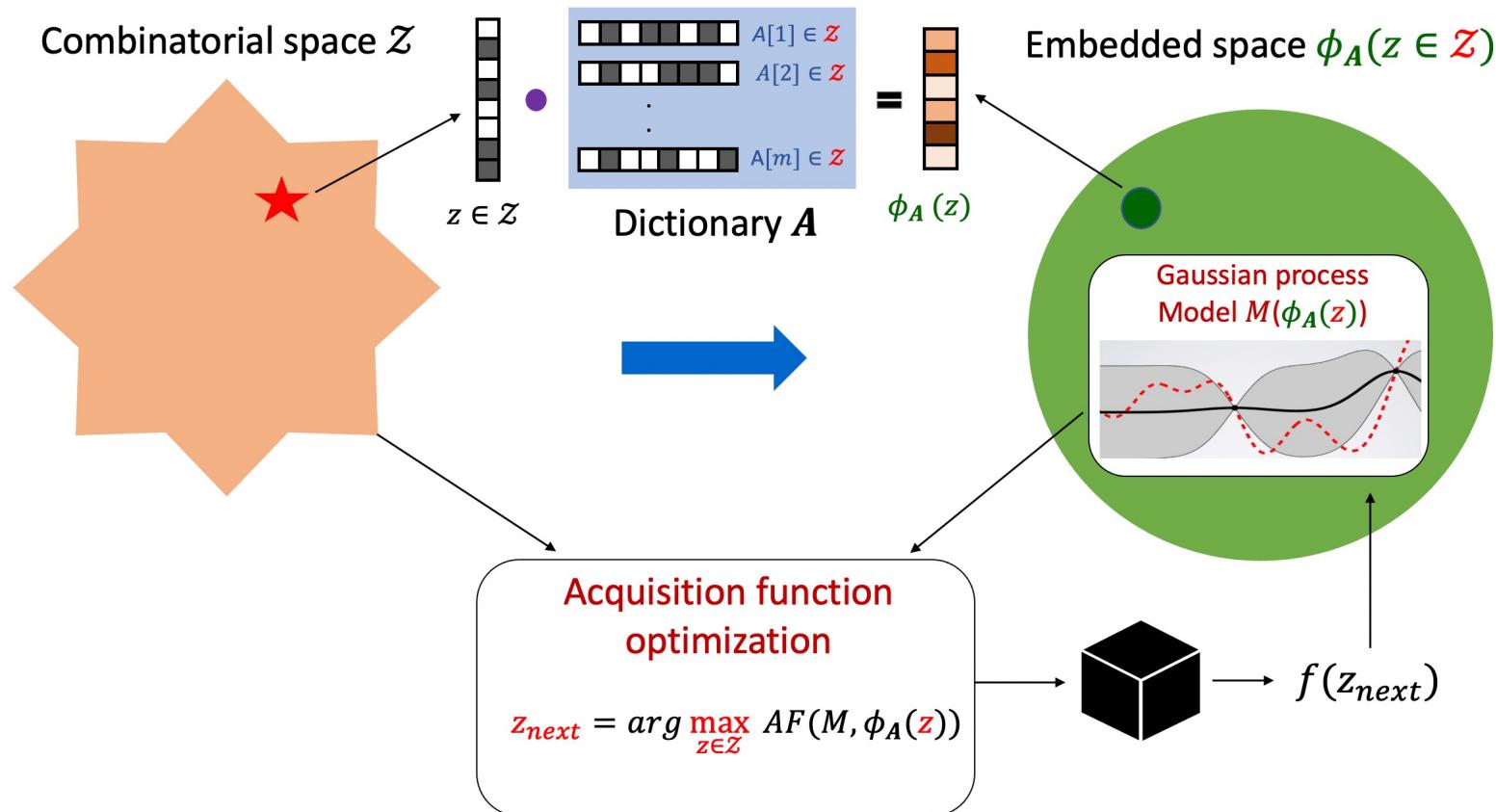
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# BODi: High-dimensional Combinatorial BO via Dictionary-based Embeddings



Deshwal et al., Bayesian Optimization over High-Dimensional Combinatorial Spaces via Dictionary based Randomized Continuous Embeddings, AISTATS-2023.

# BODi: High-dimensional Combinatorial BO via Dictionary-based Embeddings

- $\chi \in \{0, 1\}^d$  where d is large

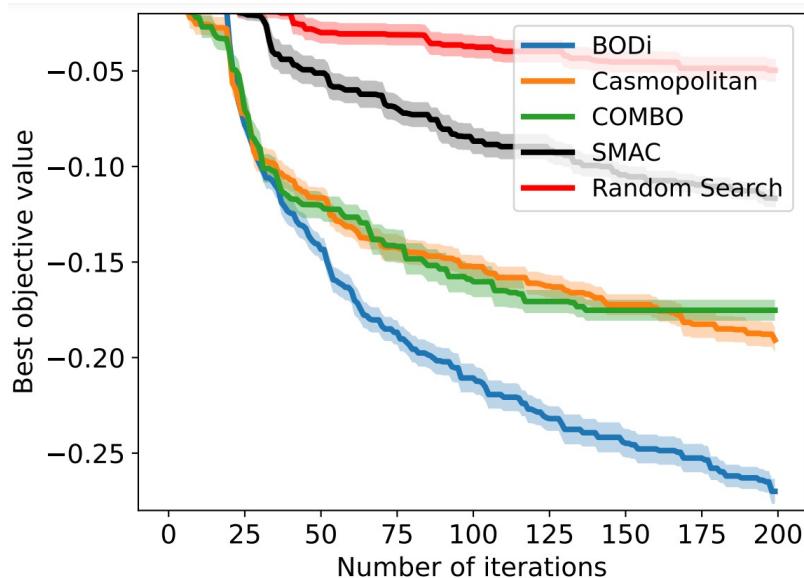
- **Key Idea**

- Embed inputs into low-dimensional embedding using a dictionary of combinatorial structures from  $\chi$
- Allows us to use standard GP surrogate models with continuous kernels in the embedded space

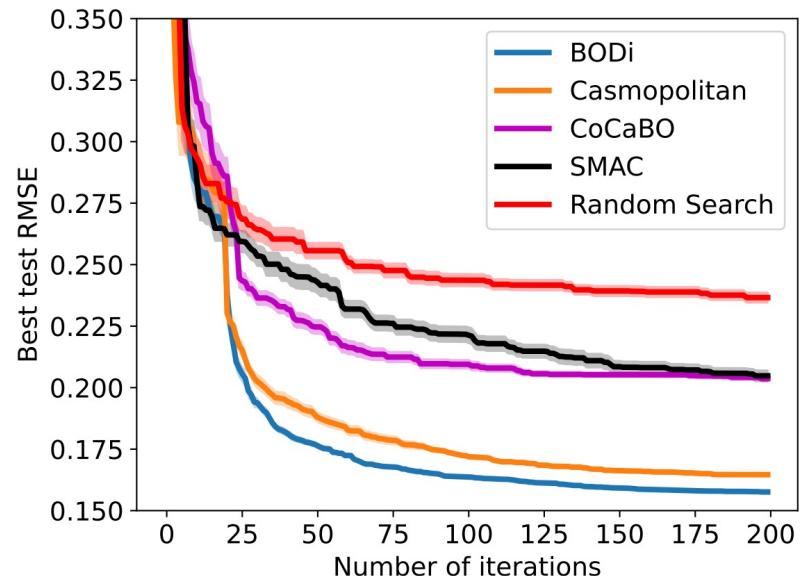
- Dictionary construction by maximizing diversity
  - Wavelet based design for binary spaces
  - Randomized approach for categorical spaces

# BODi: Experimental Results

BODi consistently outperforms all state-of-the-art baselines



**LABS:** 60 dim binary space



**Joint feature selection and hyper-parameter optimization for SVM training**

50 dim binary x 3 dim  
continuous space

# Outline of the Tutorial

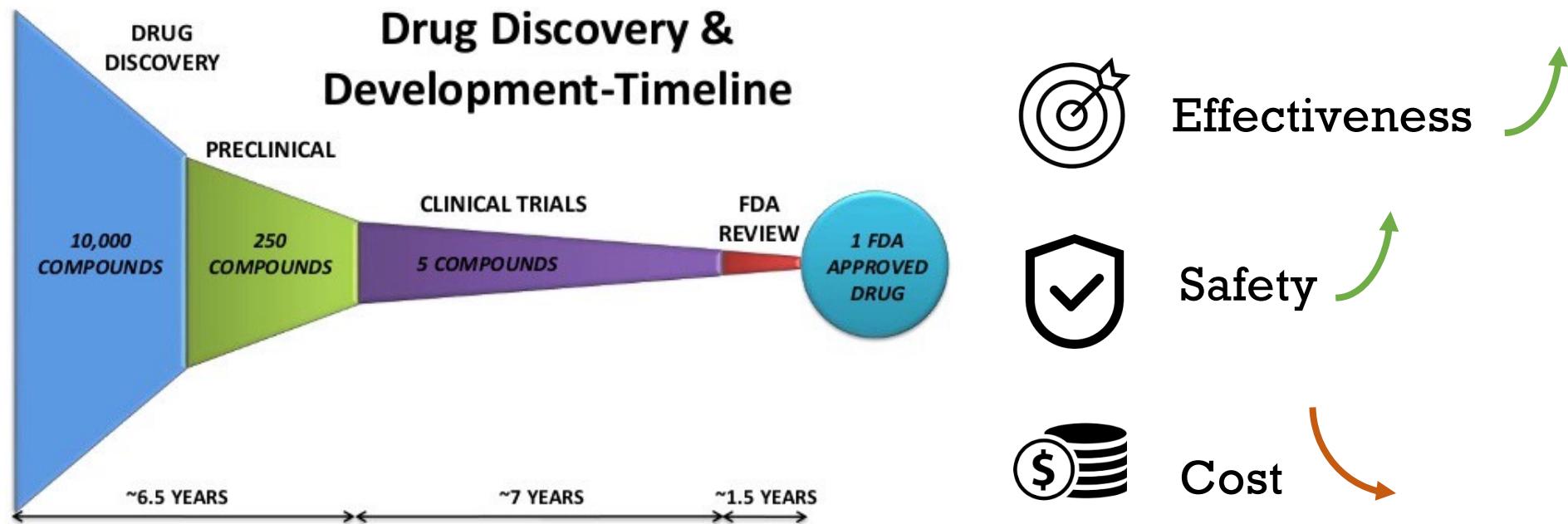
- Overview of the BO Framework, GPs, advances in GPs and acquisition functions, and BoTorch demo 
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- Multi-fidelity Bayesian Optimization 

**30 mins Break**

- High-Dimensional BO and BoTorch Hands-on demo 
- Multi-Objective BO and BoTorch Hands-on demo 
- Summary and Outstanding Challenges in BO 

# Multi-Objective Bayesian Optimization

# Application #1: Drug/Vaccine Design

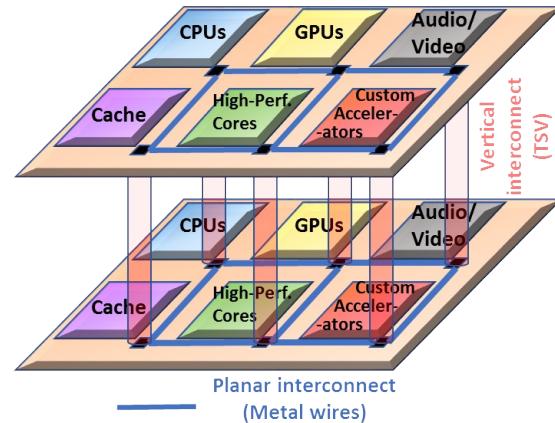


➤ Accelerate the discovery of promising designs

# Application #2: Hardware Design for Datacenters



High-performance and Energy-efficient manycore chips



America's Data Centers Are Wasting Huge Amounts of Energy

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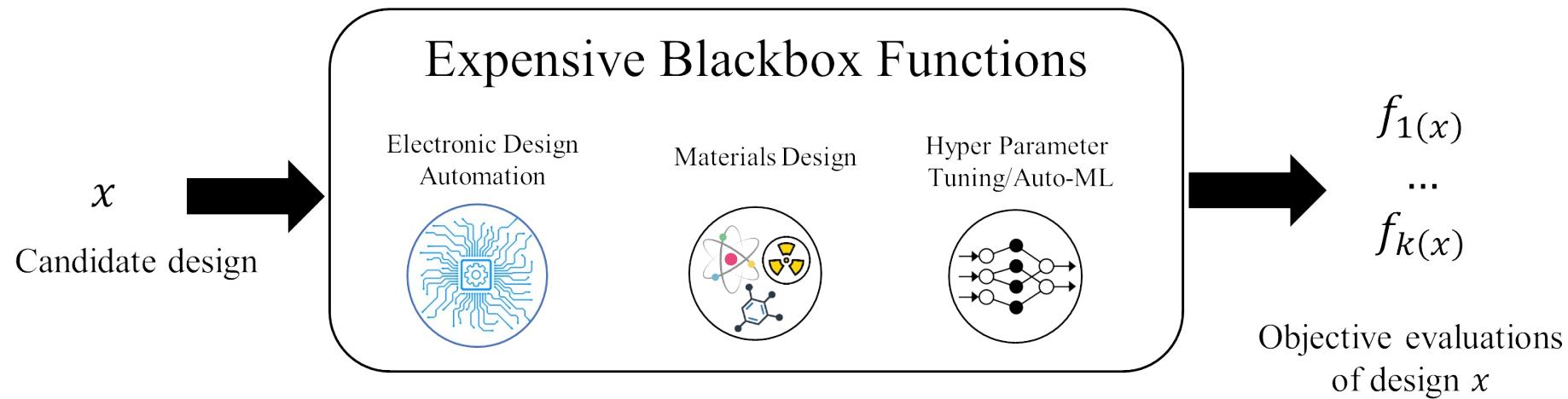
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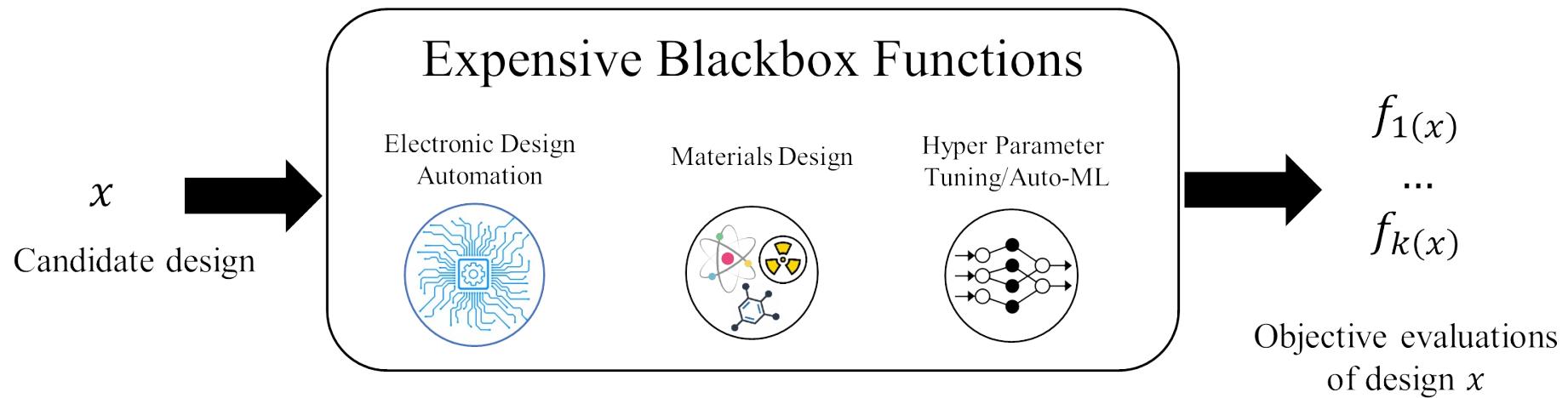
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# Multi-Objective Optimization: The Problem



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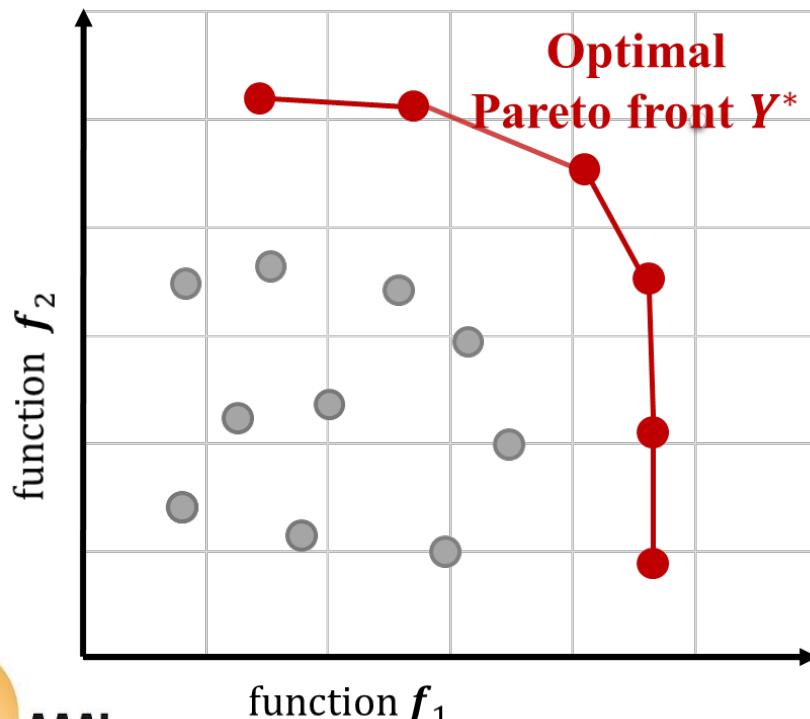
# Multi-Objective Optimization: Key Challenge



- **Challenge:** Optimize multiple **conflicting** objective functions

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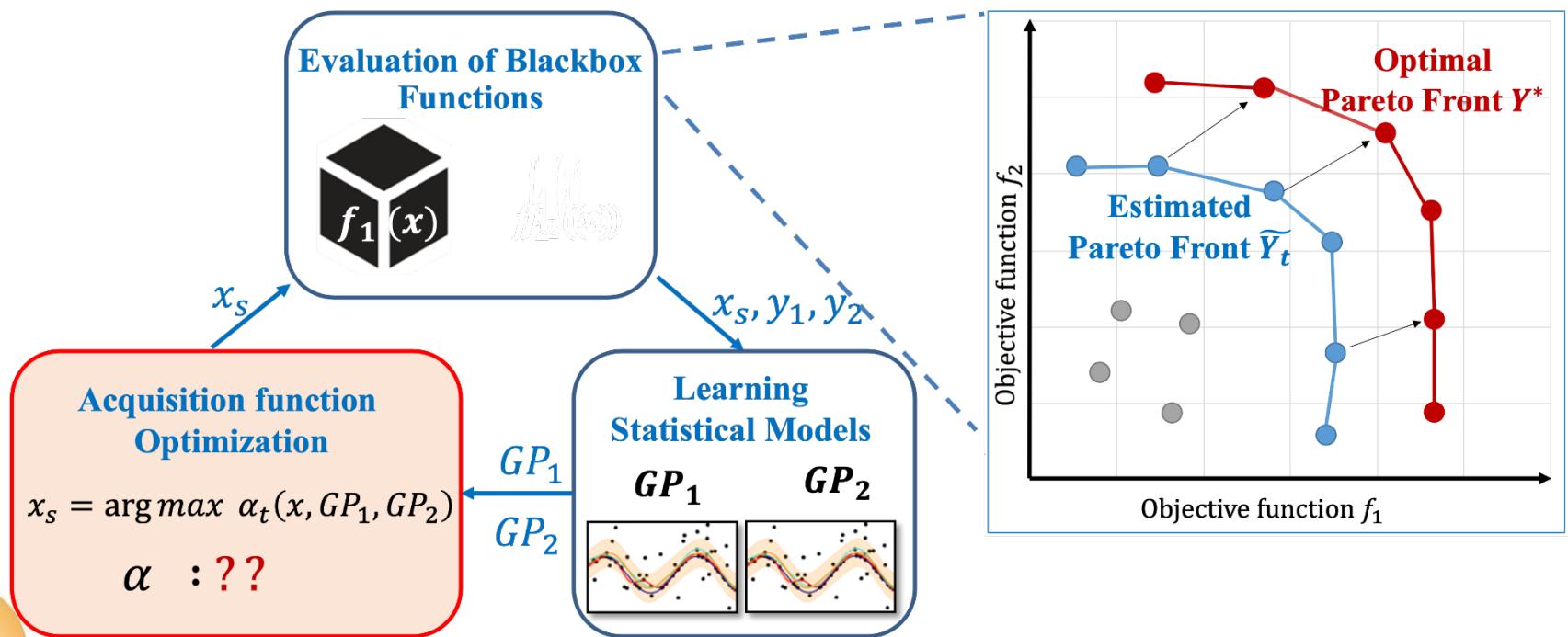
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- Corresponding set of function values called optimal pareto front Pareto front  $Y^*$



- Pareto hypervolume measures the quality of a Pareto front

# Single => Multi-Objective BO

- Challenge #1: Statistical modeling
  - ▲ Typically, one GP model for each objective function (tractability)
- Challenge #2: Acquisition function design
  - ▲ Capture the trade-off between multiple objectives



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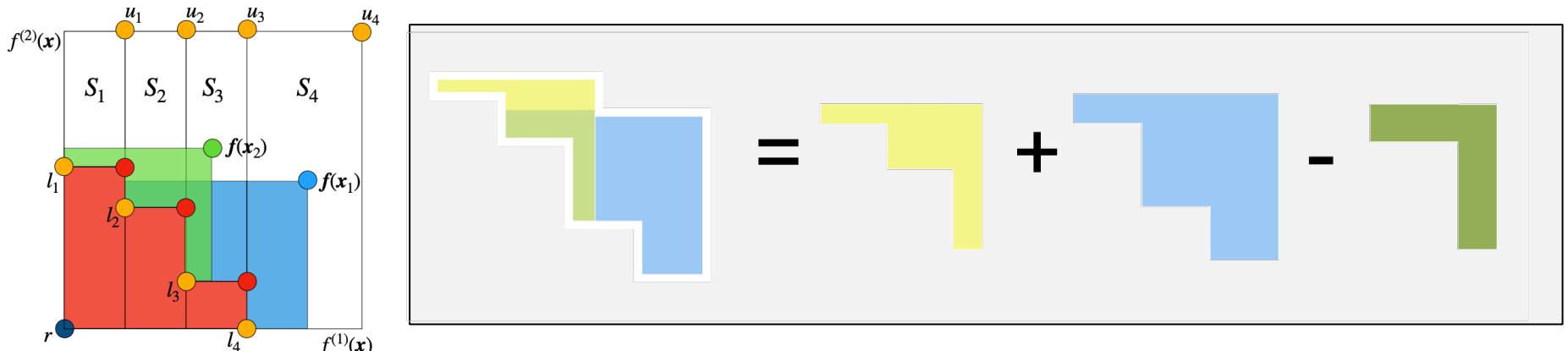
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# qEHVI Algorithm [Daulton et al., 2020]

- Parallel EHVI via the Inclusion-Exclusion Principle



- ▲ Practical since  $q$  is usually small
- ▲ Computation of all intersections be parallelized
- ▲ This formulation simplifies computation of overlapping hypervolumes

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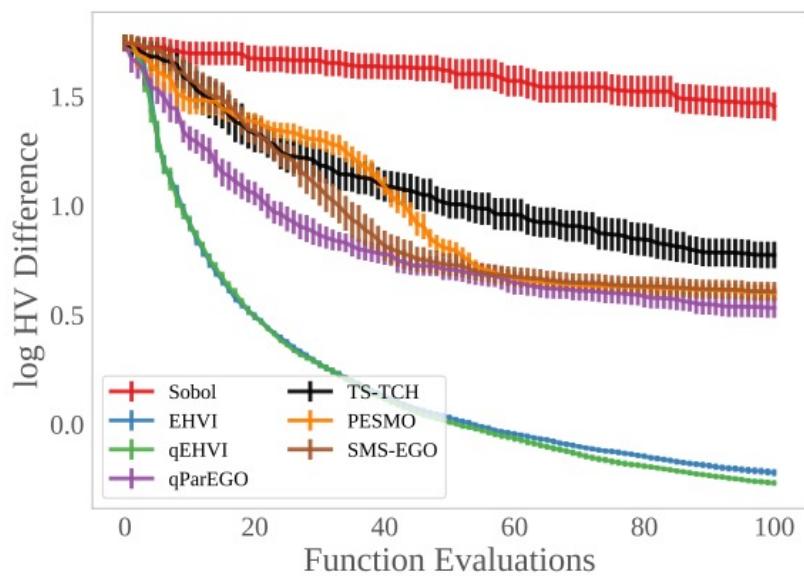
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  - ▲ Unbiased gradient estimator

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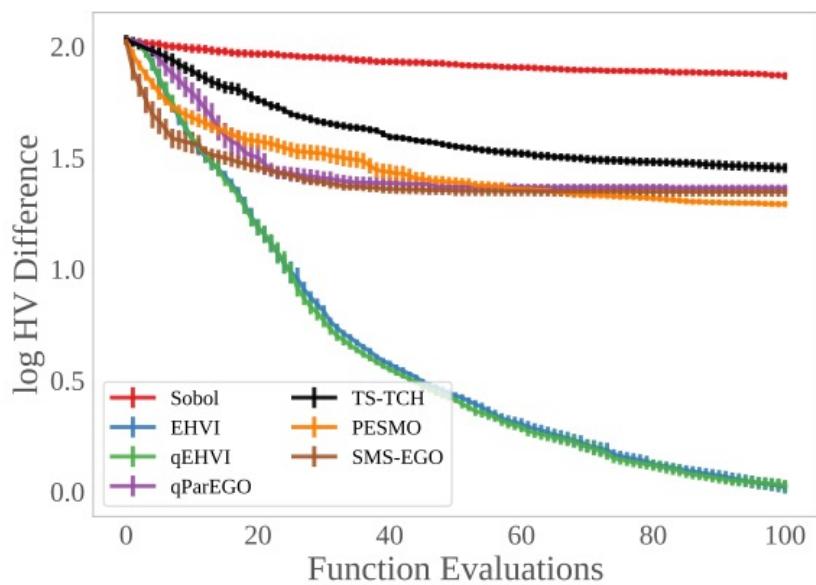
- ▲ q can be selected via joint optimization (dq) or via a sequential greedy approximation
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# Experimental Results for qEHVI [Daulton et al., 2020]

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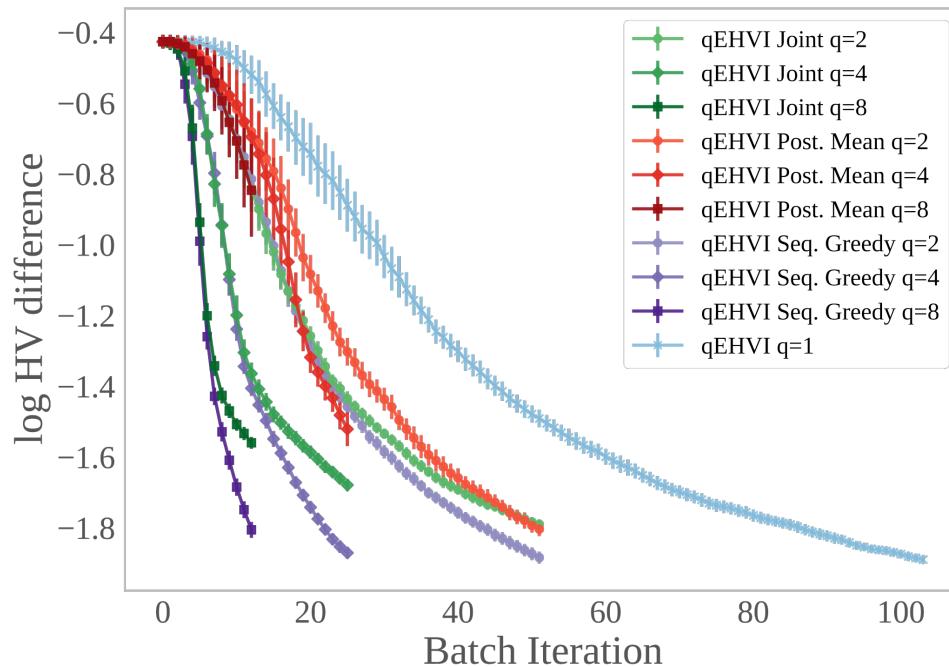


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- qNEHVI Algorithm [Daulton et al., 2021]: Extension to the Noisy setting

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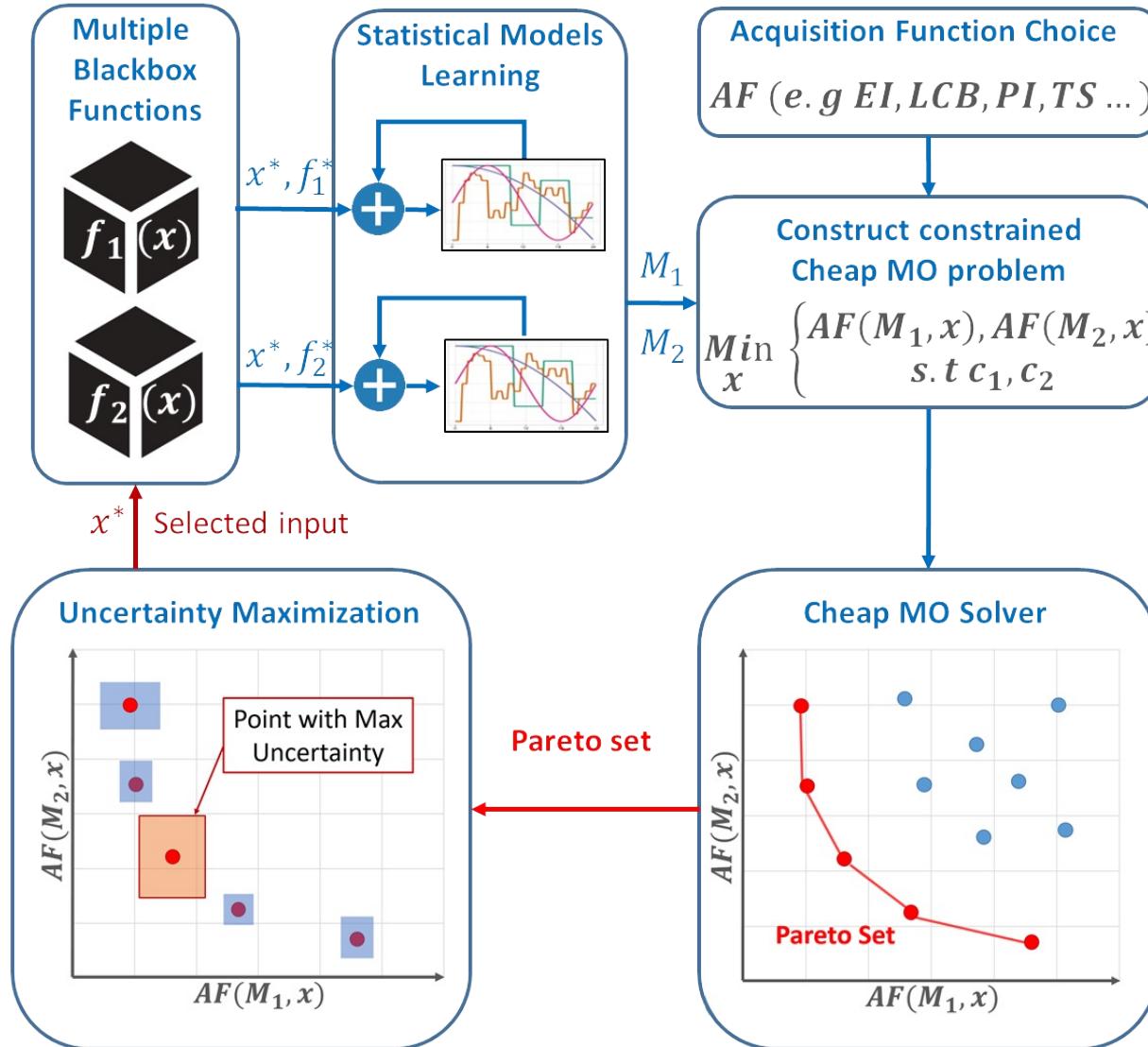
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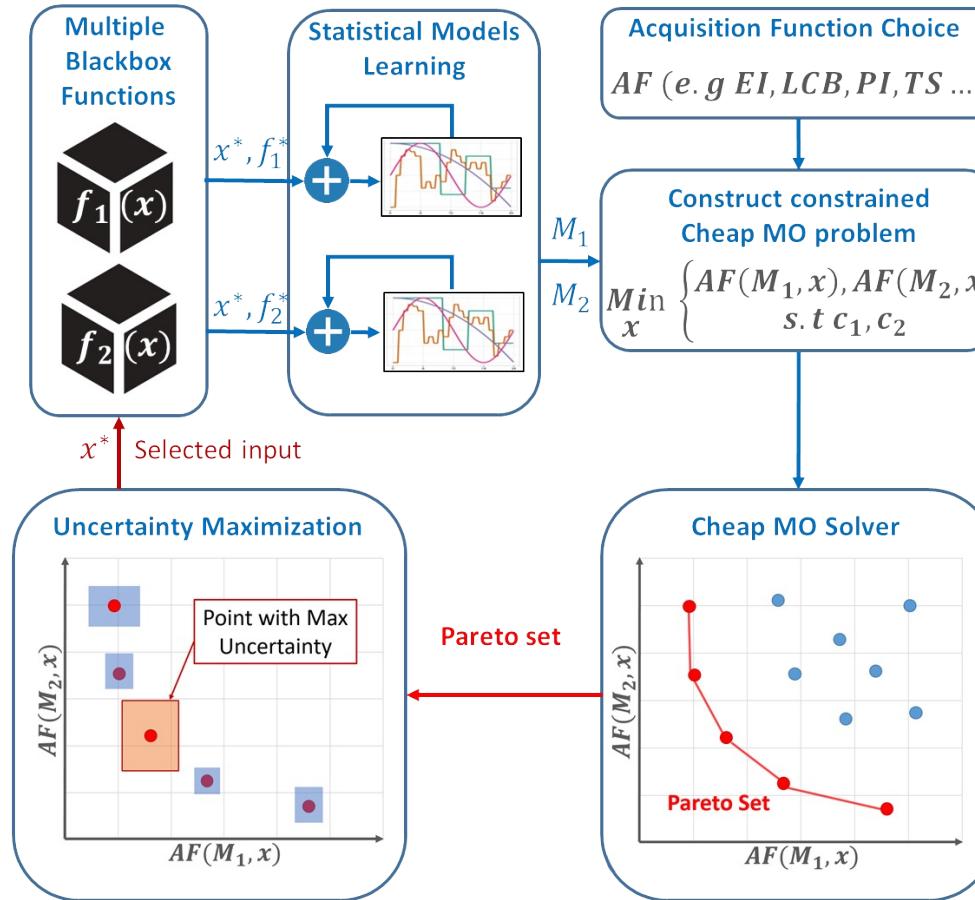
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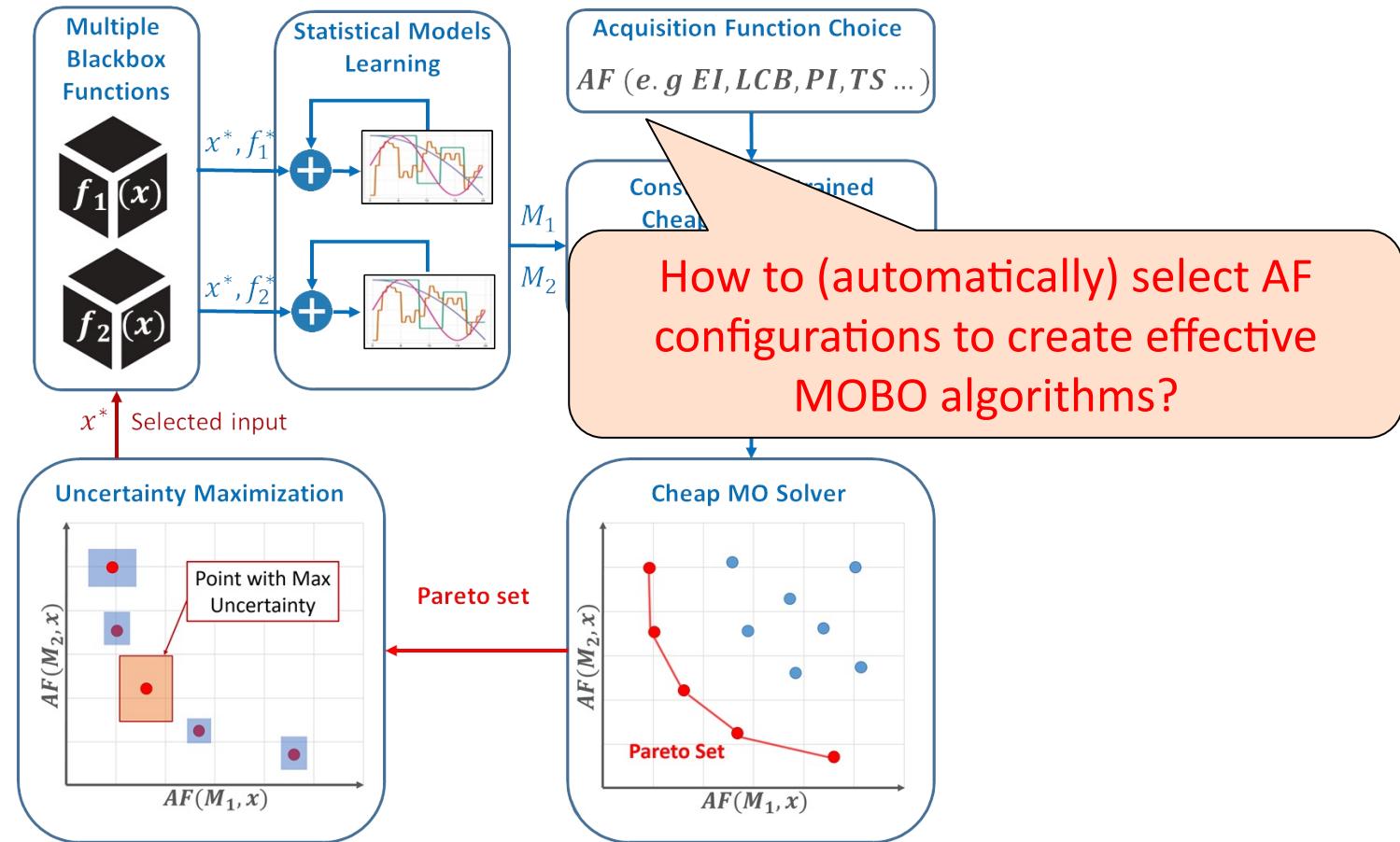


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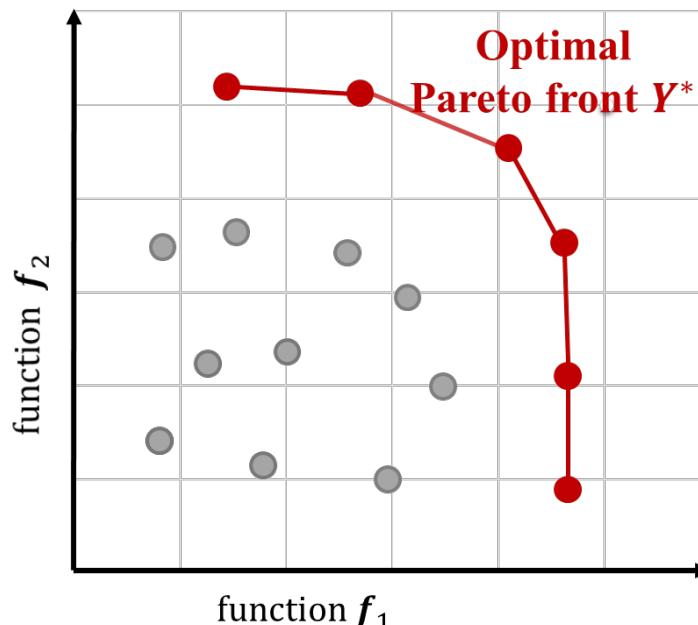
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Output dimension  $k \ll d$

Closed form using properties of entropy  
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- The first term is the entropy of a factorizable  $k$ -dimensional Gaussian distribution  $P(y|D, x)$

$$H(y|D, x) = \frac{K(1 + \ln(2\pi))}{2} + \sum_{j=1}^k \ln(\sigma_j(x))$$

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$$Y_s^* = \{\boldsymbol{v}^1, \dots, \boldsymbol{v}^l\} \text{ with } \boldsymbol{v}^i = \{v_1^i, \dots, v_K^i\},$$
$$y_j \leq y_{j_s}^* = \max\{v_1^1, \dots, v_j^l\} \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, K\}$$

- ▲ Decompose the entropy of a set of independent variables into a sum of entropies of individual variables
- ▲ Model each component  $y_j$  as a truncated Gaussian distribution

$$H(y | D, x, Y_s^*) \approx \sum_{j=1}^K H(y_j | D, x, y_{j_s}^*)$$

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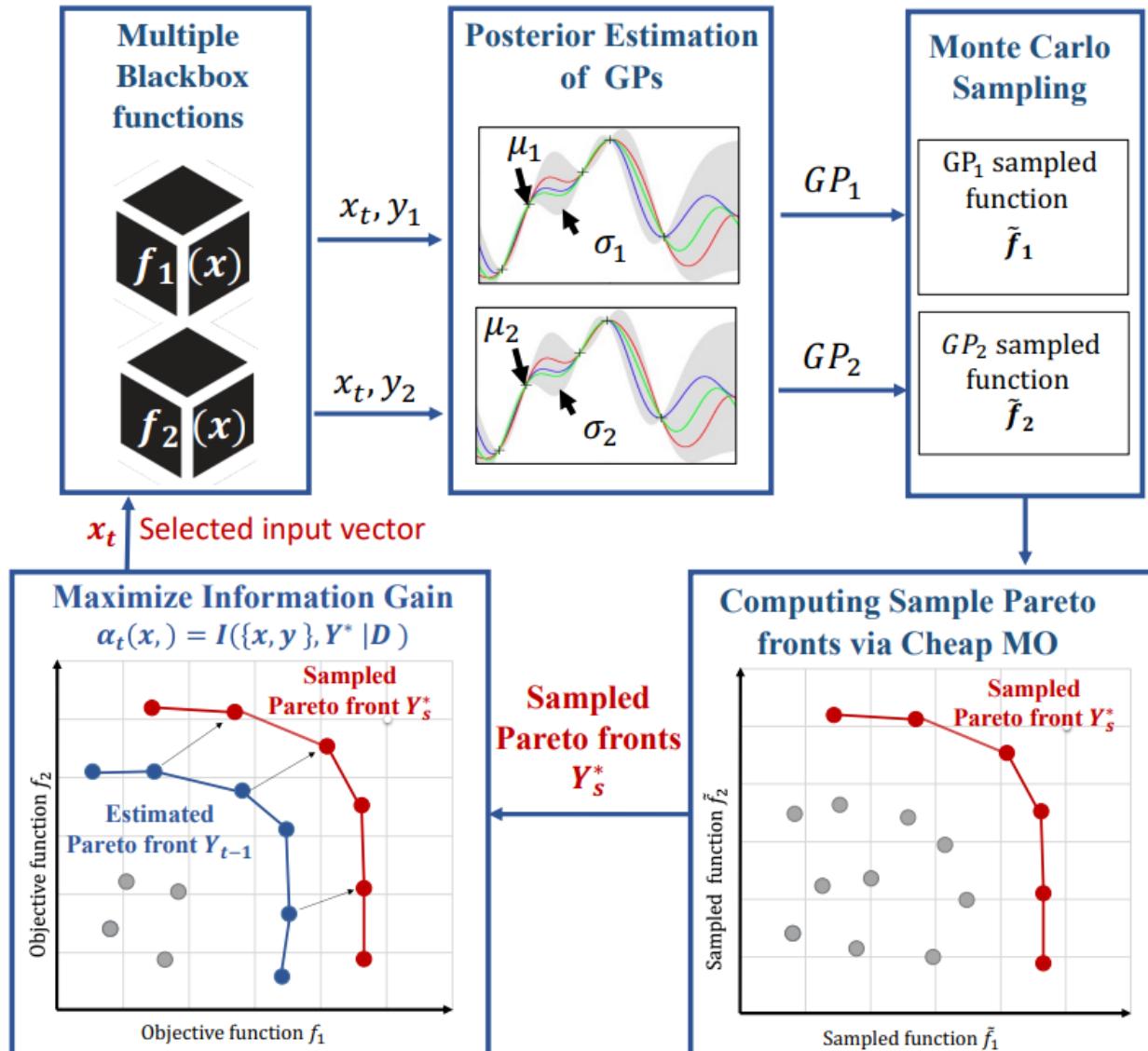
- Final acquisition function

$$\alpha(x) \approx \frac{1}{S} \sum_{s=1}^S \sum_{j=1}^K \left[ \frac{\gamma_s^j(x)\phi(\gamma_s^j(x))}{2\Phi(\gamma_s^j(x))} - \ln\Phi(\gamma_s^j(x)) \right]$$

Closed form

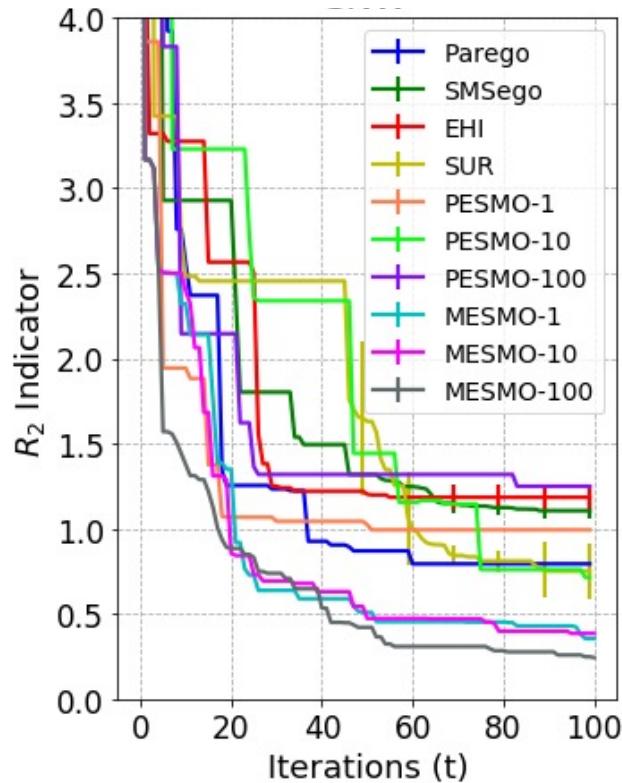
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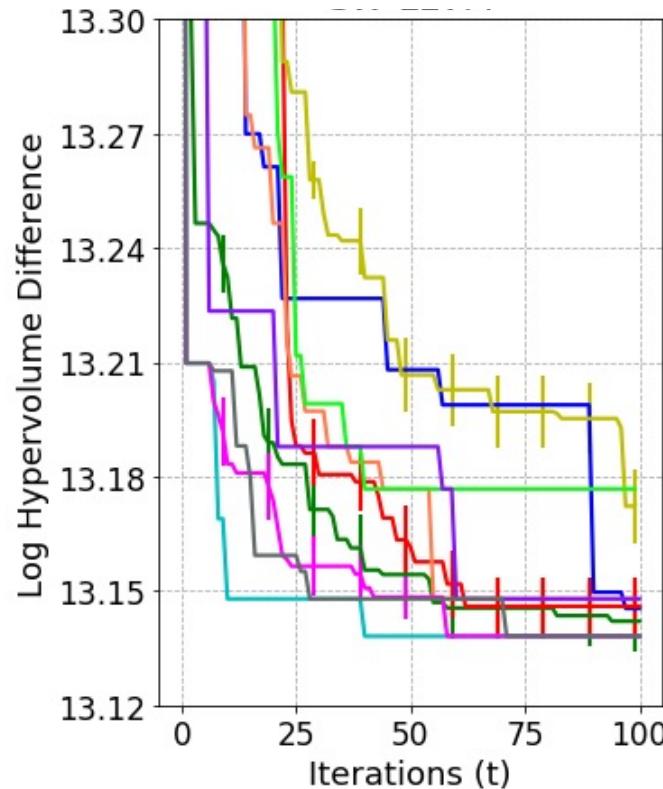


# MOBO Experiments and Results #1

## Network on Chip Design

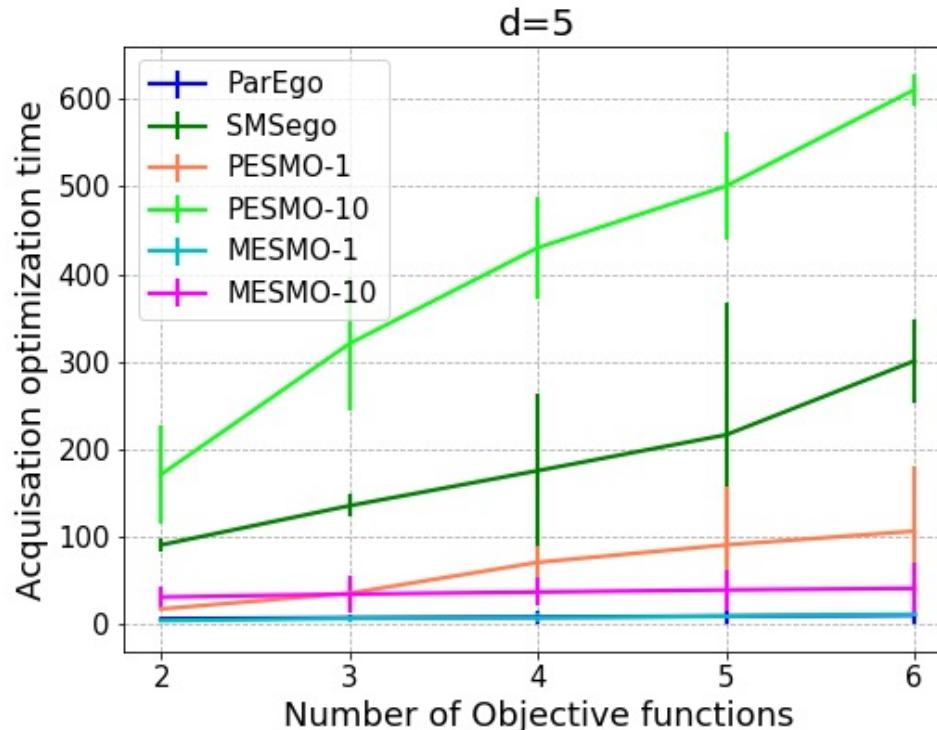


## Compiler Settings Optimization



- MESMO is better than PESMO
- MESMO converges faster
- MESMO is robust to the number of samples (even a single sample!)

# MOBO Experiments and Results #2



- MESMO is highly scalable when compared to PESMO
- MESMO with one sample is comparable to ParEGO
- Time for PESMO and SMSego increases significantly with the number of objectives

# JES Algorithm [Tu et al., 2022]

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- We can approximately compute the second term via Monte-Carlo sampling ( $S$  is the number of samples)

$$\mathbb{E}_{\{\chi^*, Y^*\}}[H(y|D, x, \{\chi^*, Y^*\})] \approx \frac{1}{S} \sum_{s=1}^S H(y|D, x, \{\chi_s^*, Y_s^*\})$$

$$\alpha(x) \approx \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^K \log(\sigma_j(x)) - \frac{1}{2S} \sum_{s=1}^S \sum_{j=1}^K \log(\det(\text{var}(W)))$$

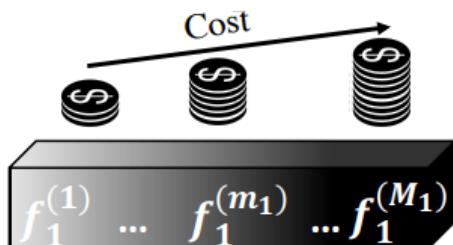
$$W \sim y|x, D, Y_s^*$$

# **Multi-Objective Bayesian Optimization**

**via**

# **Multi-Fidelity Function Evaluations**

# Multi-Fidelity Multi-Objective BO: The Problem



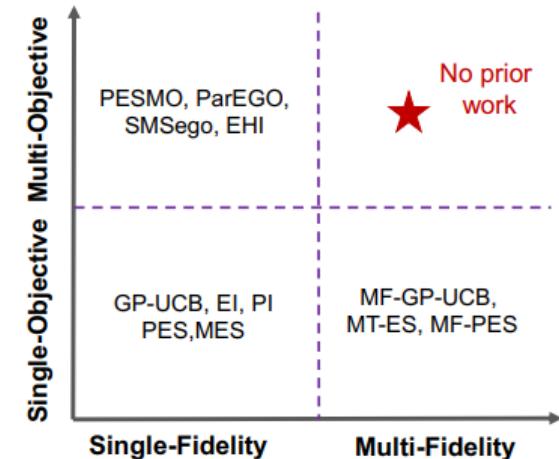
Discrete fidelity



$$g_1(x, z_1) \\ g_1(x, z_1^*) = f_1(x)$$

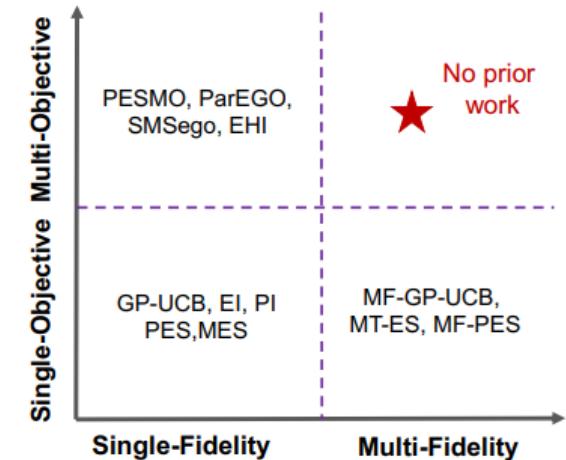
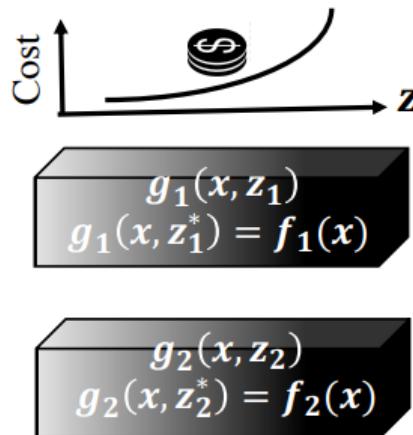
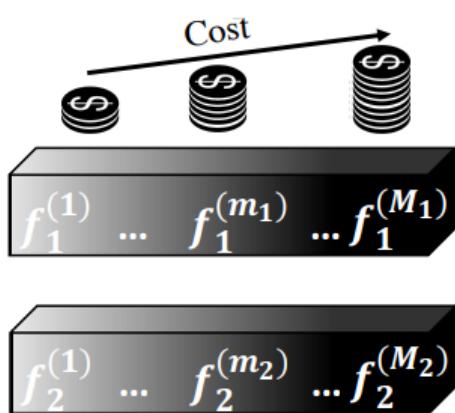
$$g_2(x, z_2) \\ g_2(x, z_2^*) = f_2(x)$$

Continuous fidelity



- Continuous-fidelity is the most general case
  - ▲ Discrete-fidelity is a special case
- **Goal:** find the approximate (optimal) Pareto set by minimizing the total resource cost of experiments

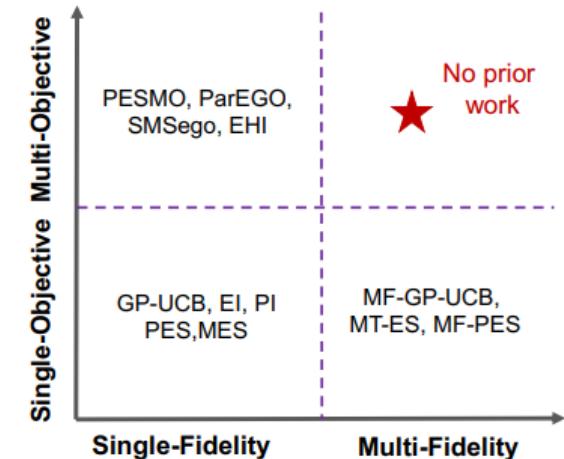
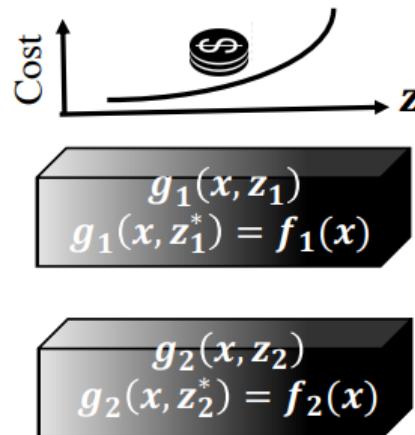
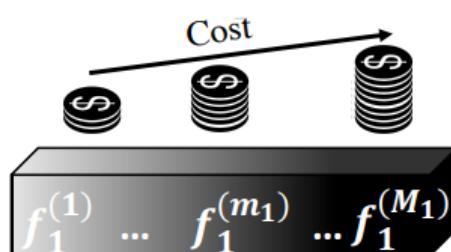
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- How to model functions with multiple fidelities?
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# iMOCA Algorithm [Belakaria et al., 2021]

- **Key Idea:** Select the input and fidelity-vector that maximizes information gain per unit resource cost about the optimal Pareto front  $Y^*$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) &= I(\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}\}, Y^* | D) / C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) \\ &= (H(\mathbf{y} | D, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) - \mathbb{E}_{Y^*}[H(\mathbf{y} | D, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}, Y^*)]) / C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) \\ &= (\sum_{j=1}^K \ln \left( \sqrt{2\pi e} \sigma_{g_j}(\mathbf{x}, z_j) \right) - \frac{1}{S} \sum_{s=1}^S \sum_{j=1}^K H(y_j | D, \mathbf{x}, z_j, f_s^{j*})) / C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z})\end{aligned}$$

where  $C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) = \sum_{j=1}^K \frac{c(\mathbf{x}, z_j)}{c(\mathbf{x}, z_j^*)}$  is the normalized cost over different functions

# iMOCA Algorithm [Belakaria et al., 2021]

- **Assumption:** Values at lower fidelities are smaller than maximum value of the highest fidelity  $y_j \leq f_s^{j^*} \forall j \in \{1, \dots, K\}$
- Truncated Gaussian approximation (Closed-form)

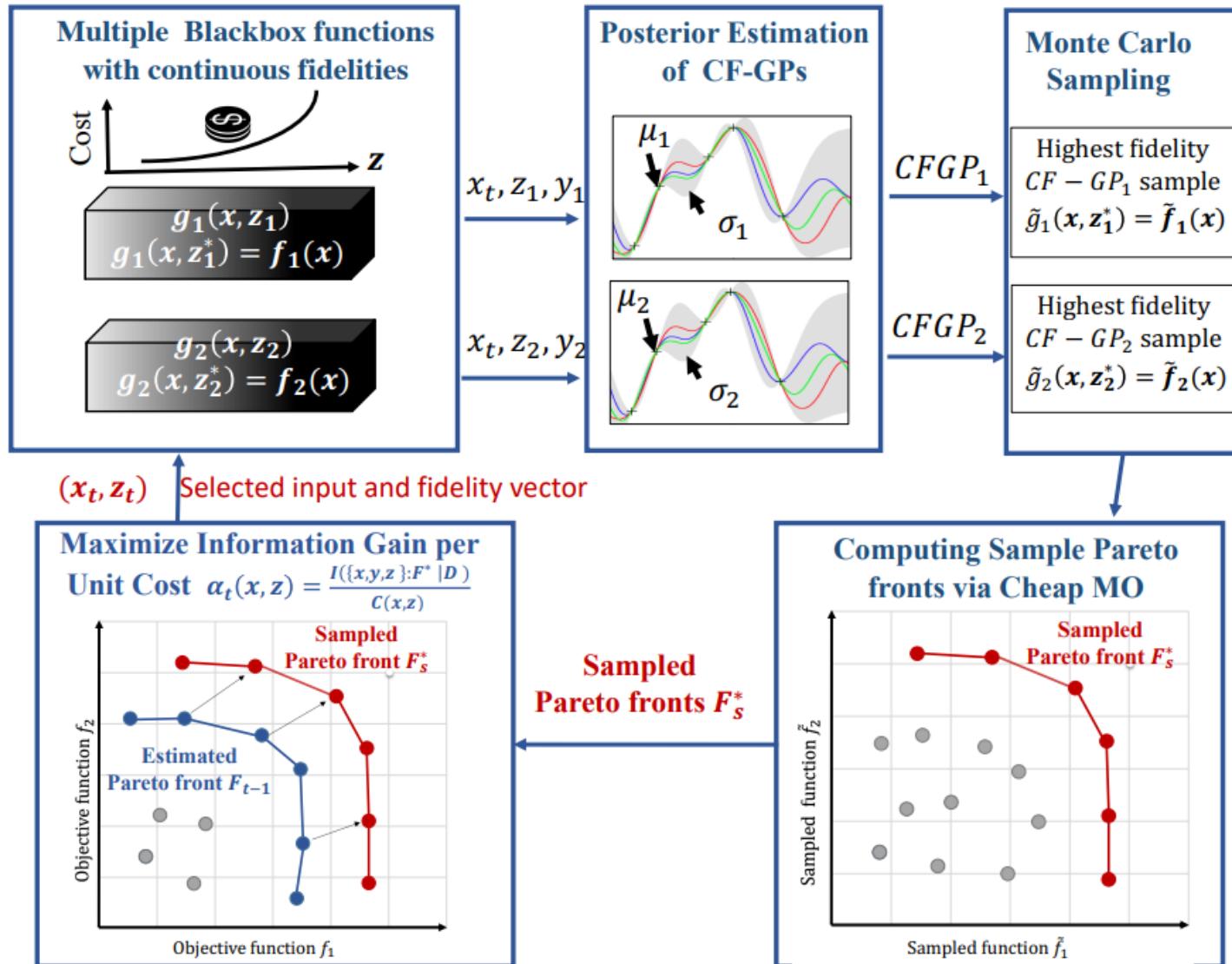
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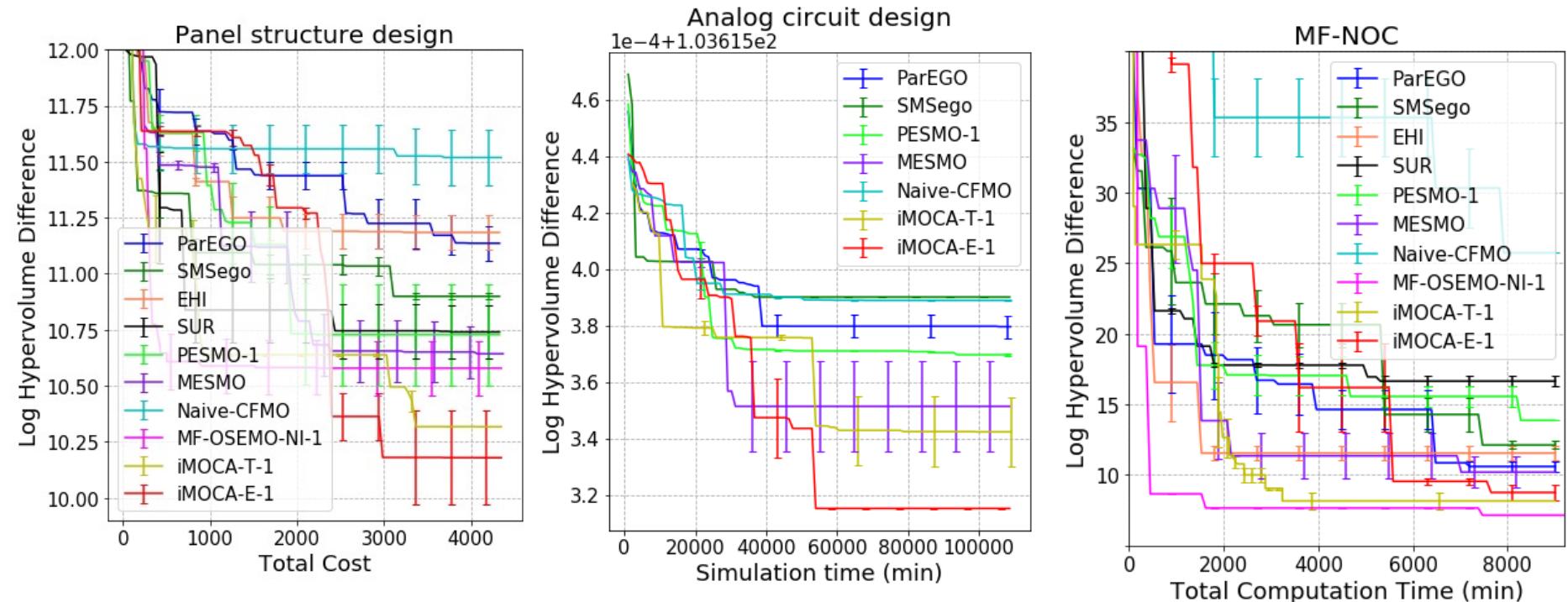
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- Challenges of large (potentially infinite) fidelity space
  - ▲ Select costly fidelity with less accuracy
  - ▲ Tendency to select lower fidelities due to normalization by cost
- iMOCA reduces the fidelity search space using a scheme similar to the BOCA algorithm [Kandasamy et al., 2017]

# iMOCA Algorithm [Belakaria et al., 2021]



# iMOCA Experiments and Results



- iMOCA performs better than all baselines
- Both variants of iMOCA converge at a much lower cost
- Robust to the number of samples

# iMOCA Experiments and Results

- **Cost reduction factor**

- Although the metric gives advantage to baselines, the results in the table show a consistently **high gain ranging from 52% to 85%**

Name	BC	ARS	Circuit	Rocket
$\mathcal{C}_B$	200	300	115000	9500
$\mathcal{C}$	30	100	55000	2000
$\mathcal{G}$	85%	66.6%	52.1%	78.9%

Table: *Best* convergence cost from all baselines  $\mathcal{C}_B$ , *Worst* convergence cost for iMOCA  $\mathcal{C}$ , and cost reduction factor  $\mathcal{G}$ .

# Software and Code

- PESMO: [github.com/HIPS/Spearmint/tree/PESM](https://github.com/HIPS/Spearmint/tree/PESM)
- MESMO: [github.com/belakaria/MESMO](https://github.com/belakaria/MESMO)
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- BoTorch
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# Questions ?

# Outline of the Tutorial



- Overview of the BO Framework, GPs, advances in GPs and acquisition functions, and BoTorch demo
- Bayesian Optimization over Discrete/Hybrid Spaces
- Multi-fidelity Bayesian Optimization



**30 mins Break**

- High-Dimensional BO and BoTorch Hands-on demo
- Multi-Objective BO and BoTorch Hands-on demo
- Summary and Outstanding Challenges in BO



# Open Challenges in BO

- **High-dimensional BO**
  - ▲ Need more effective approaches for high-dimensional spaces
- **BO over Combinatorial Structures**
  - ▲ How to combine domain knowledge, kernels, and (geometric) deep learning to build effective surrogate models?
  - ▲ Effective methods to select large and diverse batches?
- **BO over Hybrid Spaces**
  - ▲ Methods to sample functions from GP posterior?
  - ▲ Effective latent space BO methods?

# Open Challenges in BO

- **Constrained BO**
  - ▲ Need more effective approaches for input spaces, where no. of invalid inputs  $\gg$  no. of valid inputs
- **BO over Nested Function Pipelines**
  - ▲ Relatively less explored problem
- **BO with Resource Constraints**
  - ▲ Real-world experiments need resources and setup time
  - ▲ Critical for BO deployment in science and engineering labs
- **Democratize causal BO for diverse real-world applications**

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- Electric transportation systems



- Catalysis



- Agriculture



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