

GECCO 2016 Tutorial on Evolutionary Multiobjective Optimization

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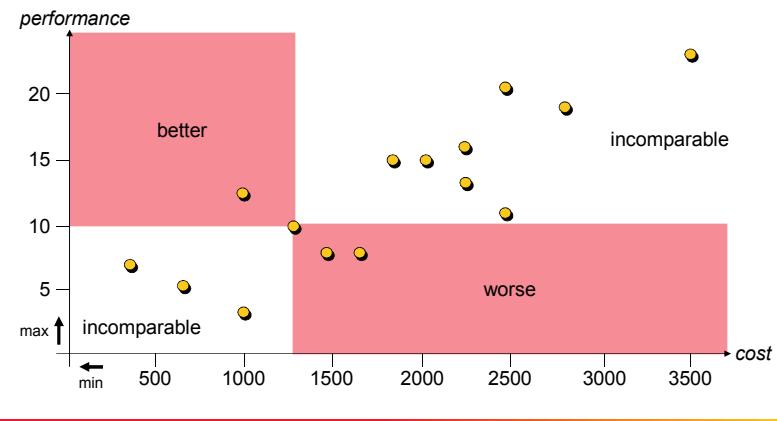


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A Brief Introduction to Multiobjective Optimization

Multiobjective Optimization

Multiple objectives that have to be optimized simultaneously

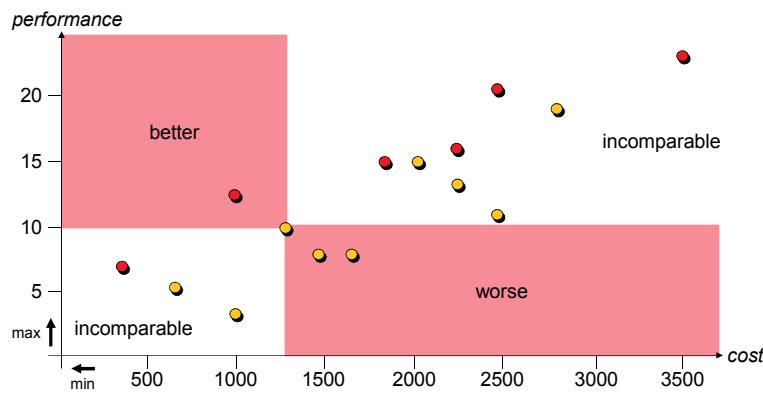


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Observations: ① there is no single optimal solution, but
② some solutions (●) are better than others (○)



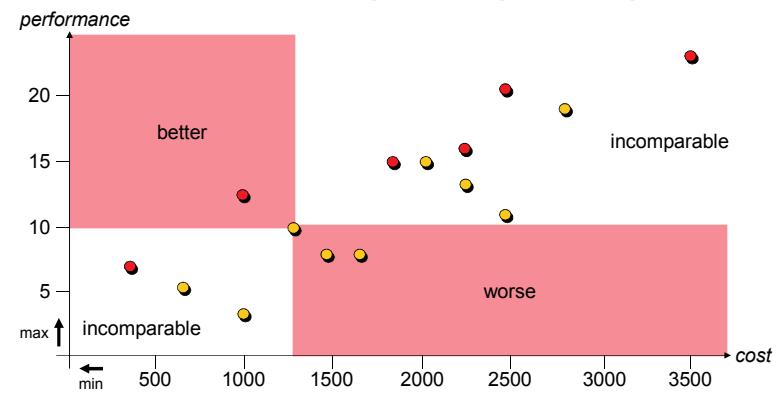
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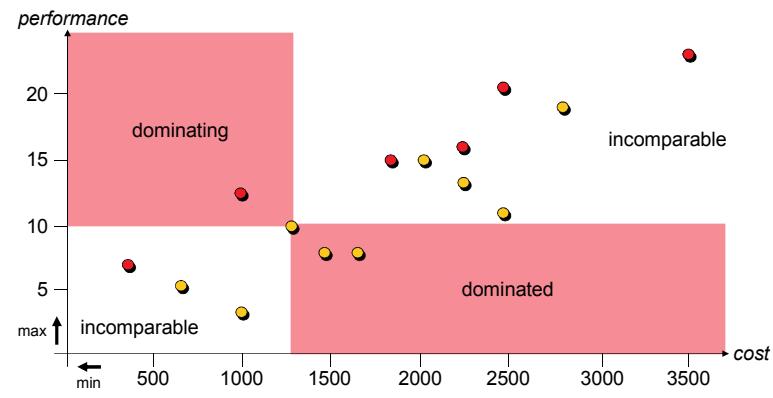
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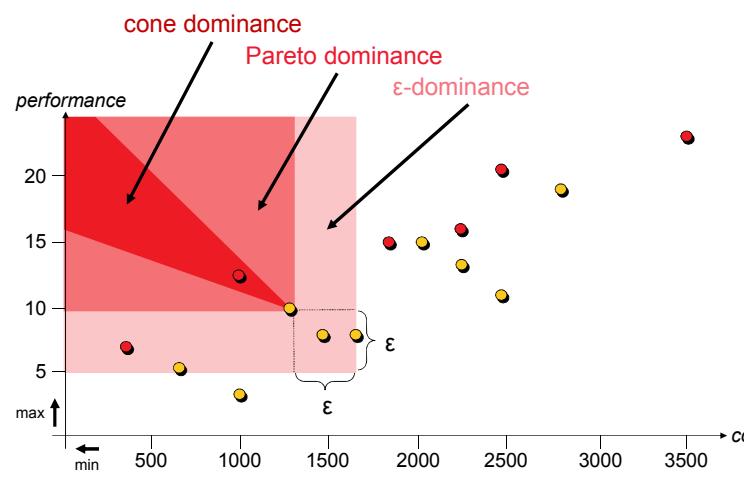
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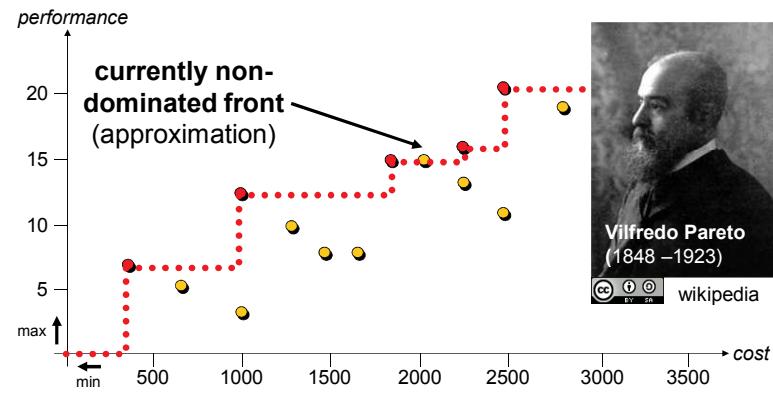


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Pareto set: set of all non-dominated solutions (decision space)
Pareto front: its image in the objective space

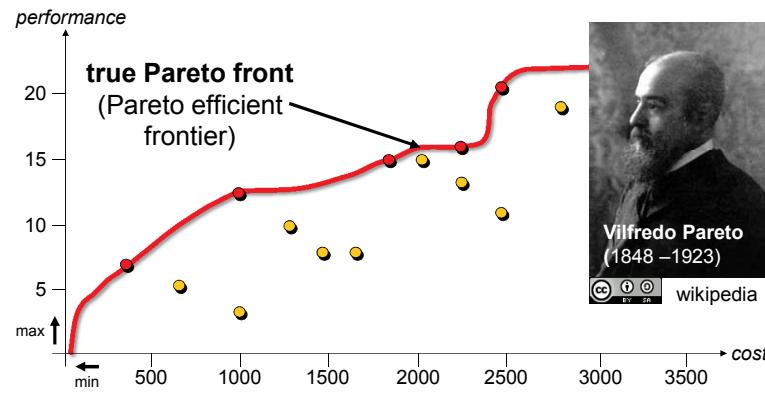


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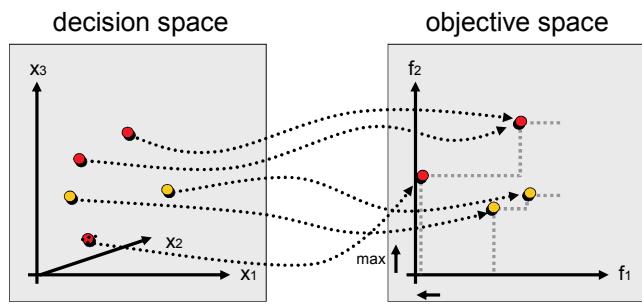
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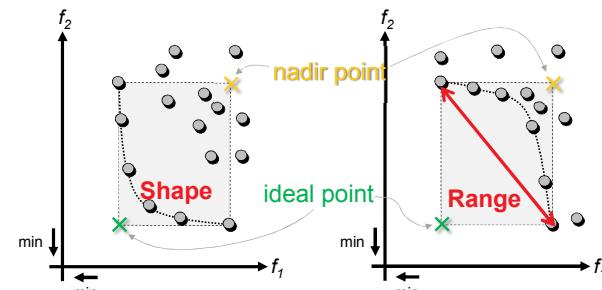


solution of Pareto-optimal set ● vector of Pareto-optimal front
non-optimal decision vector ● non-optimal objective vector

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ideal point: best values }
nadir point: worst values } obtained for *Pareto-optimal* points

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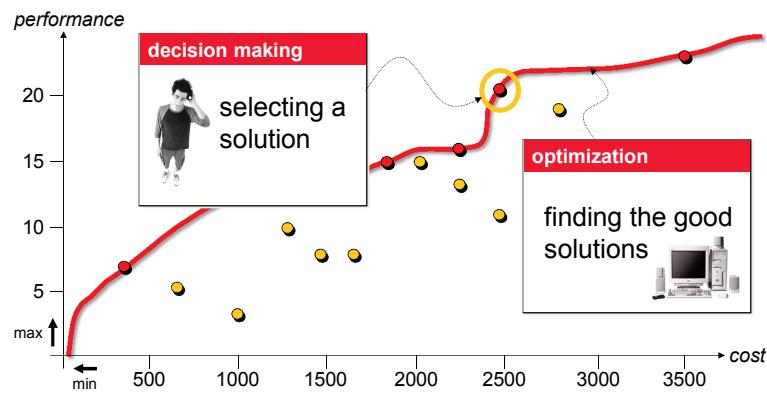
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Optimization vs. Decision Making

Multiobjective Optimization

combination of optimization of a set and a decision for a solution



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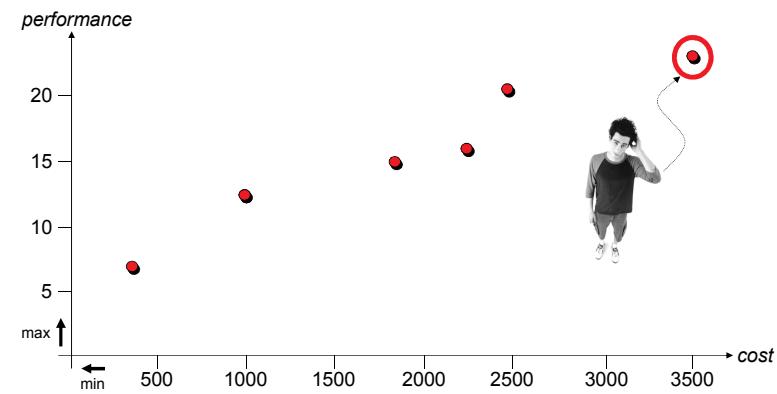
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Selecting a Solution: Examples

Possible Approaches:

① ranking: performance more important than cost



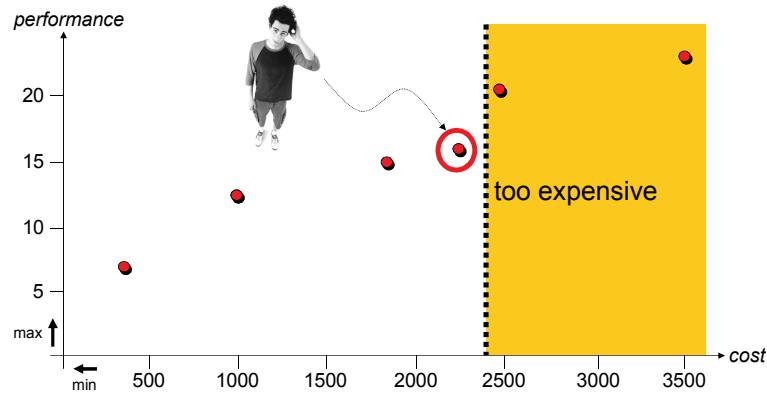
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Selecting a Solution: Examples

Possible Approaches: ① ranking: performance more important than cost
② constraints: cost must not exceed 2400



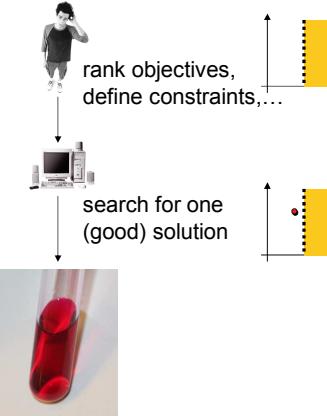
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When to Make the Decision

Before Optimization:



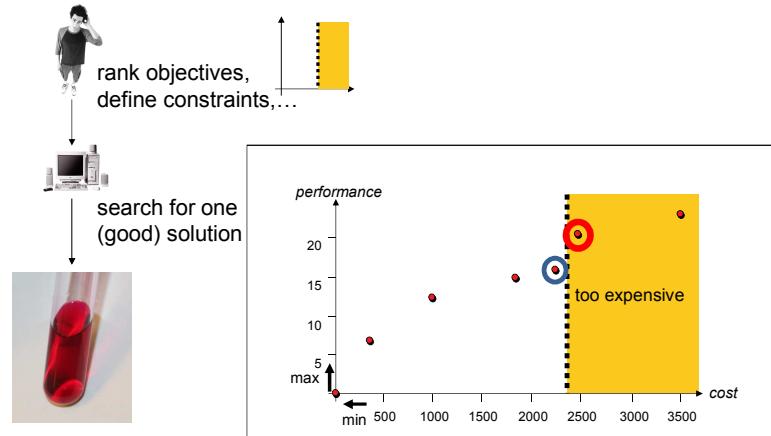
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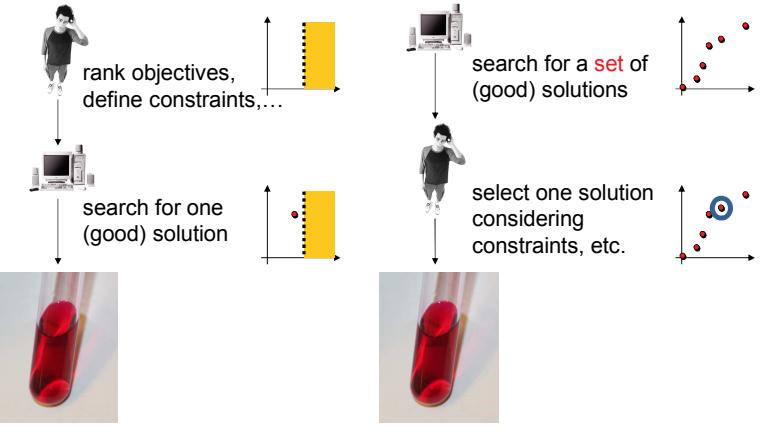
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When to Make the Decision

Before Optimization:

After Optimization:



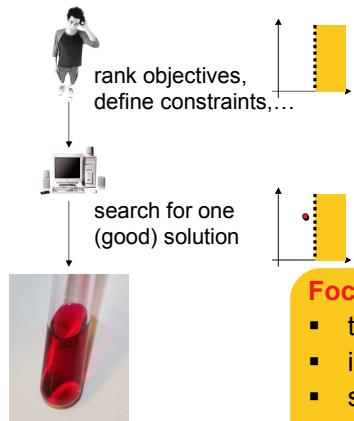
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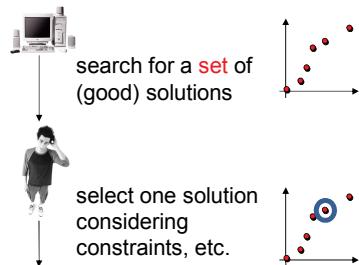
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When to Make the Decision

Before Optimization:



After Optimization:



Focus: learning about a problem

- trade-off surface
- interactions among criteria
- structural information
- also: interactive optimization

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Two Communities...



International Society on
Multiple Criteria Decision Making



- established field
(beginning in 1950s/1960s)
- bi-annual conferences since 1975
- background in economics, math, management and social sciences
- focus on optimization and decision making
- quite young field
(first papers in mid 1980s)
- bi-annual conference since 2001
- background in computer science, applied math and engineering
- focus on optimization algorithms

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...Slowly Merge Into One



- MCDM track at EMO conference since 2009
- special sessions on EMO at the MCDM conference since 2008
- joint Dagstuhl seminars since 2004

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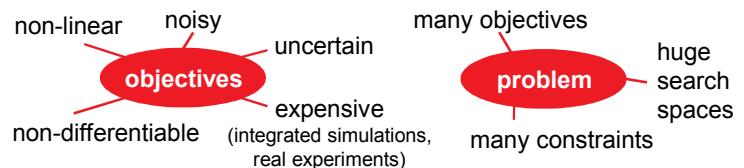
One of the Main Differences

Blackbox optimization

$$x \in X \xrightarrow{f} (f_1(x), \dots, f_k(x))$$

only mild assumptions

→ EMO therefore well-suited for real-world engineering problems



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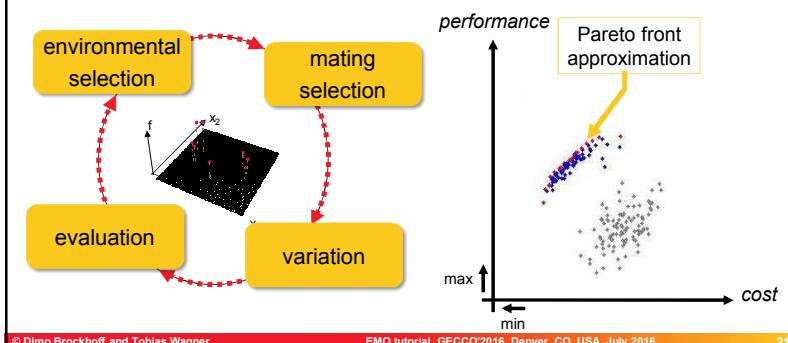
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The Other Main Difference

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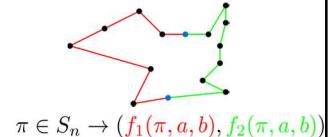
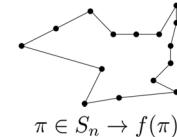
- set-based algorithms
- therefore possible to approximate the Pareto front in one run



Multiobjectivization

Some problems are easier to solve in a multiobjective scenario

example: TSP
[Knowles et al. 2001]



Multiobjectivization

by **addition** of new “helper objectives” [Jensen 2004]

job-shop scheduling [Jensen 2004], frame structural design [Greiner et al. 2007], VRP [Watanabe and Sakakibara 2007], ...

by **decomposition** of the single objective

TSP [Knowles et al. 2001], minimum spanning trees [Neumann and Wegener 2006], protein structure prediction [Handl et al. 2008a], ...

also backed up by theory e.g. [Brockhoff et al. 2009, Handl et al. 2008b] related to **constrained** and **multimodal** single-objective optimization

see also this recent overview: [Segura et al. 2013]

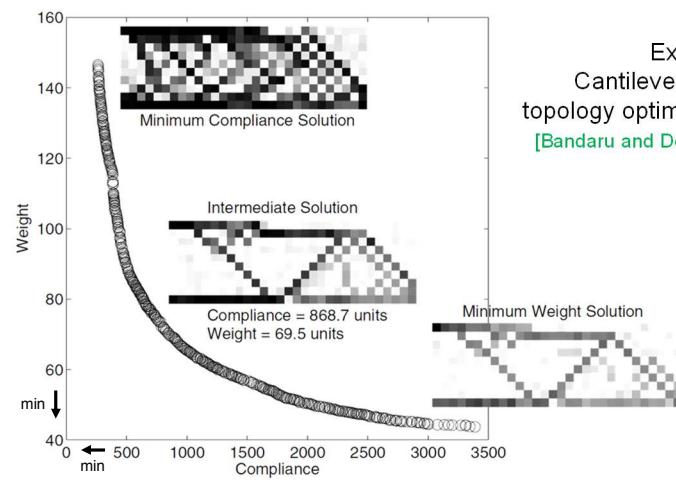
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Innovation

Often innovative design principles among solutions are found

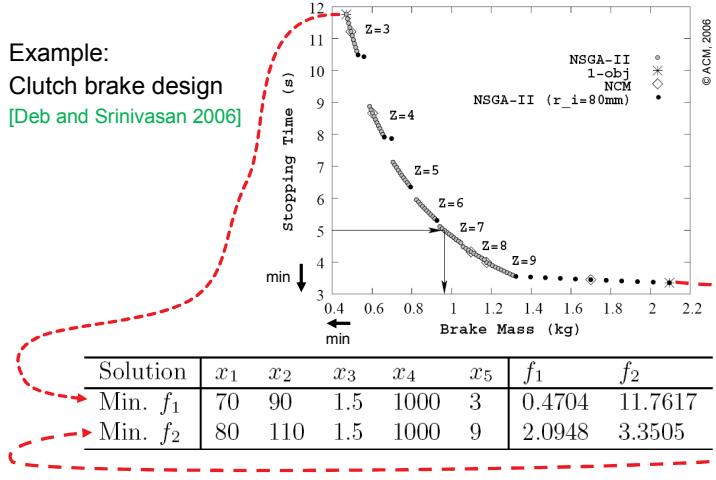


Example:
Cantilever beam topology optimization
[Bandaru and Deb 2015]

Innovation

Often innovative design principles among solutions are found

Example:
Clutch brake design
[Deb and Srinivasan 2006]



Innovation

Often innovative design principles among solutions are found

Innovation [Deb and Srinivasan 2006]

- = using machine learning techniques to find new and innovative design principles among solution sets
- = learning from/about a multi-objective optimization problem

Other examples:

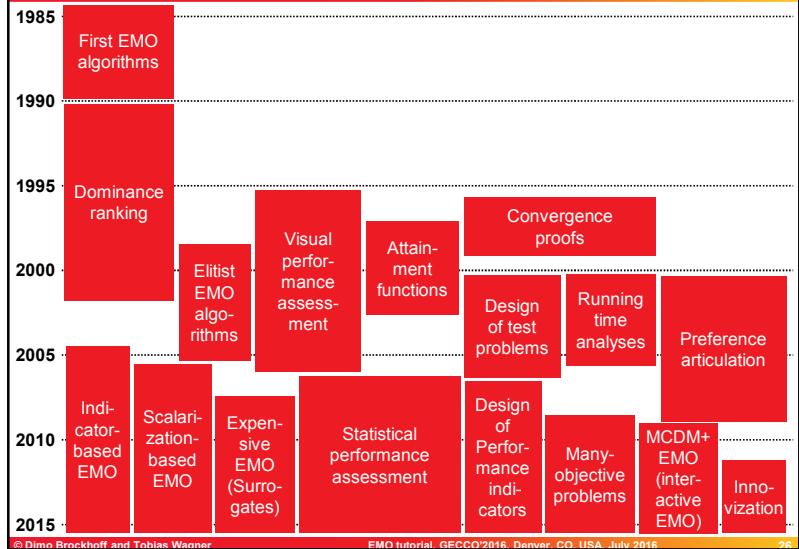
- SOM for supersonic wing design [Obayashi and Sasaki 2003]
- Bioclustering for processor design and knapsack [Ulrich et al. 2007]
- Successful case studies in engineering (noise barrier design, polymer extrusion, friction stir welding) [Deb et al. 2014]

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The History of EMO At A Glance

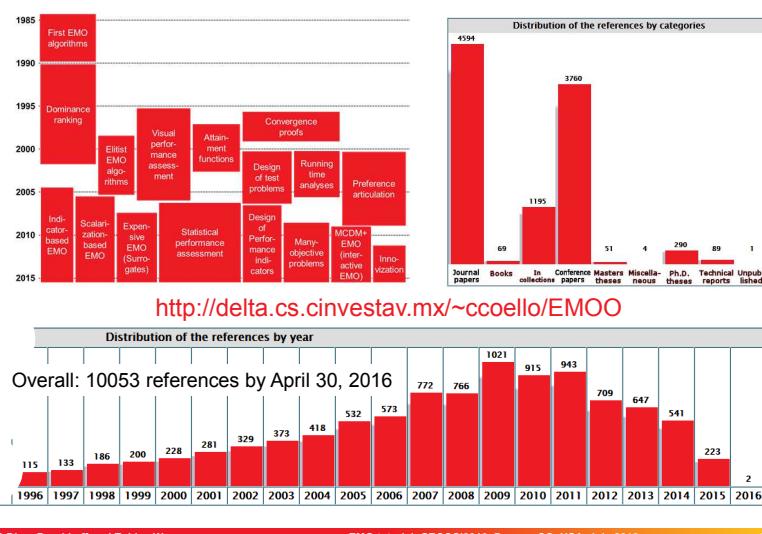


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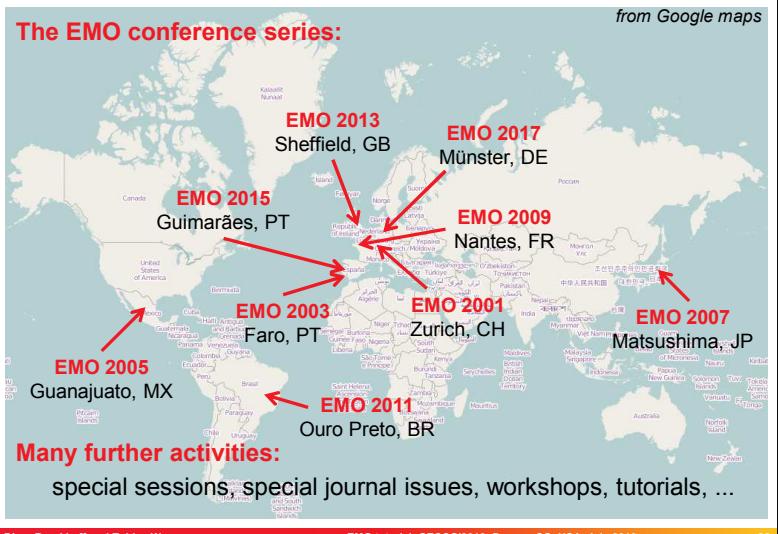


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The EMO Community



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Overview

The Big Picture

Basic Principles of Multiobjective Optimization

- algorithm design principles and concepts
- performance assessment

Selected Advanced Concepts

- preference articulation
- surrogate-based EMO

A Few Examples From Practice

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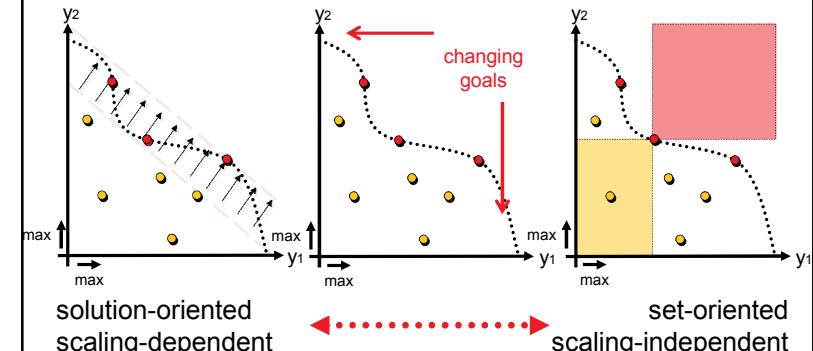
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Fitness Assignment: Principal Approaches

aggregation-based

problem decomposition
(multiple single-objective optimization problems)



solution-oriented
scaling-dependent

criterion-based

VEGA

changing goals

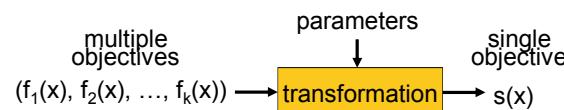
SPEA2, NSGA-II
"modern" EMOA

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Solution-Oriented Problem Transformations



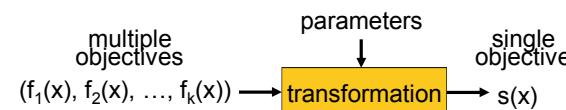
A scalarizing function s is a function $s : Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that maps each objective vector $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n) \in Z$ to a real value $s(u) \in \mathbb{R}$

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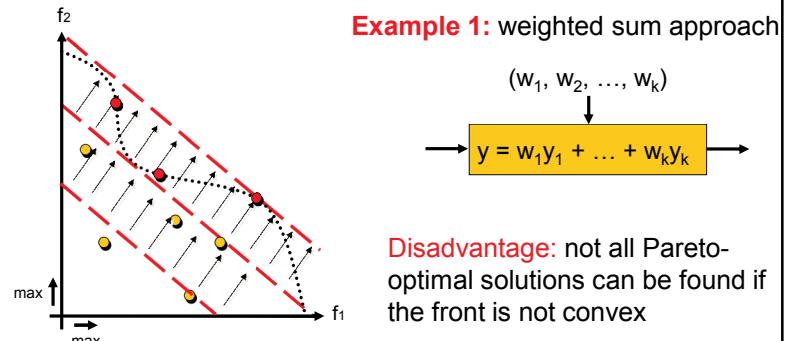
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Solution-Oriented Problem Transformations



Example 1: weighted sum approach

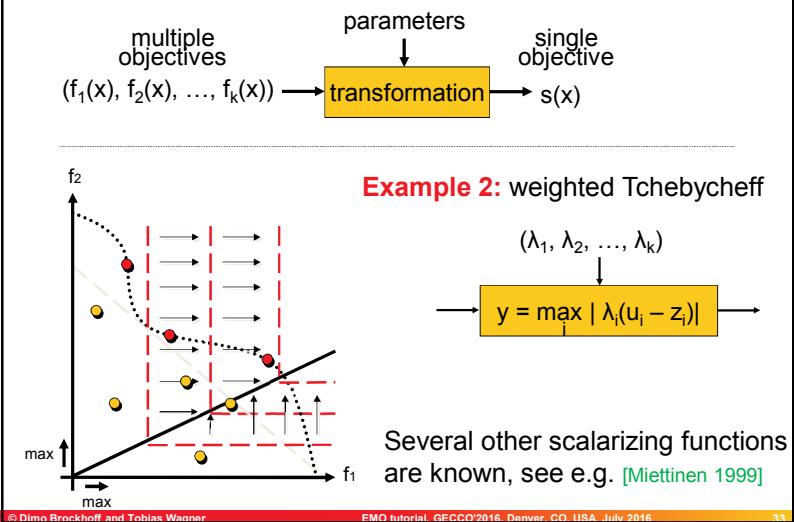


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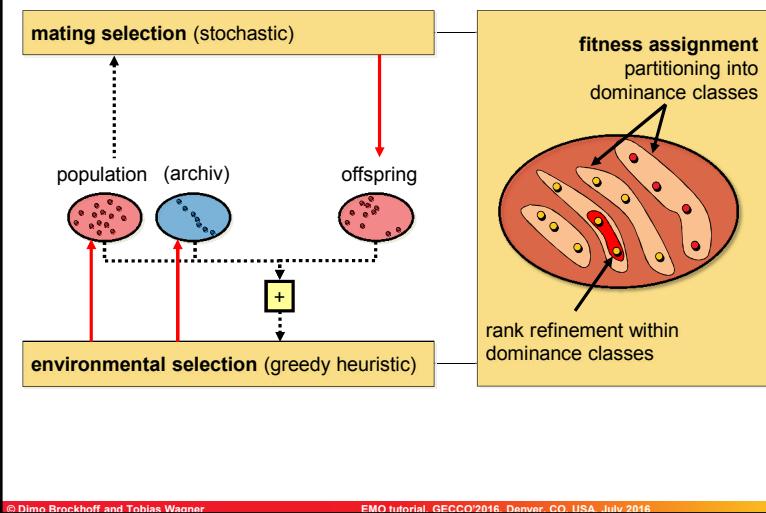
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Solution-Oriented Problem Transformations



General Scheme of Most Set-Oriented EMO



Ranking of the Population Using Dominance

... goes back to a proposal by David Goldberg in 1989.
... is based on pairwise comparisons of the individuals only.

- **dominance rank:** by how many individuals is an individual dominated?
MOGA, NPGA
- **dominance count:** how many individuals does an individual dominate?
SPEA, SPEA2
- **dominance depth:** at which front is an individual located?
NSGA, NSGA-II, most of the recently proposed algorithms

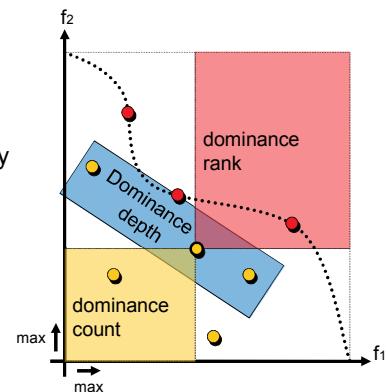
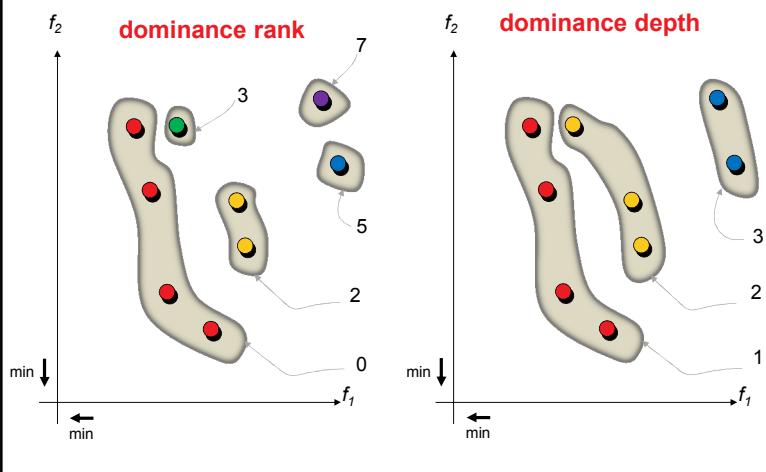


Illustration of Dominance-Based Partitioning



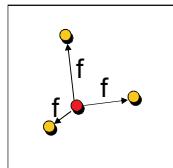
Refinement of Dominance Rankings

Goal: rank incomparable solutions within a dominance class

● Diversity information

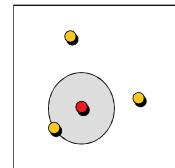
Kernel method

diversity =
function of the
distances



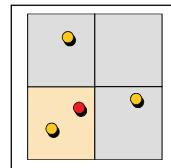
k-th nearest neighbor

diversity =
function of distance
to k-th nearest neighbor



Histogram method

diversity =
number of elements
within box(es)



● (Contribution to a) quality indicator

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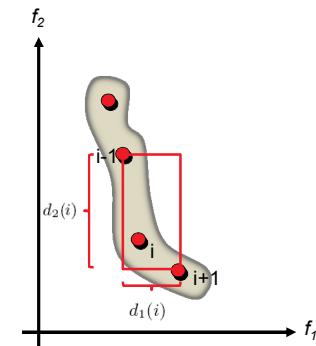
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Example: NSGA-II Diversity Preservation

Crowding Distance (CD)

- sort solutions with regard to each objective
- assign CD maximum value to extremal objective vectors
- compute CD based on the distance to the neighbors in each objective

$$CD(i) = \frac{d_1(i)}{f_{1,\max} - f_{1,\min}} + \dots + \frac{d_m(i)}{f_{m,\max} - f_{m,\min}}$$



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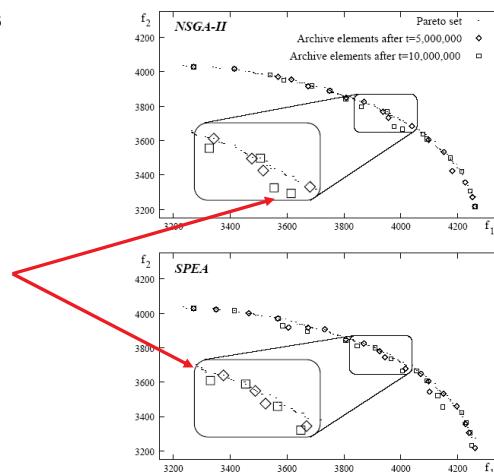
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SPEA2 and NSGA-II: Deteriorative Cycles

Selection in SPEA2 and NSGA-II can result in
deteriorative cycles

non-dominated
solutions already
found can be lost



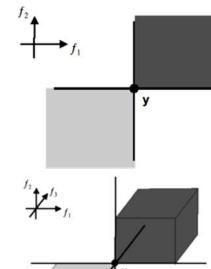
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Remark: Many-Objective Optimization

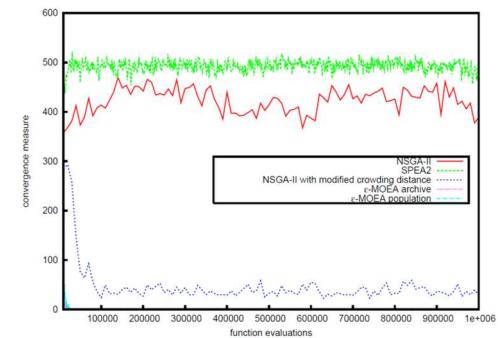
- high number of objectives
→ percentage of non-dominated solutions within a random sample quickly approaches 100 %
→ optimization is mainly guided by diversity criterion
→ apply secondary criterion compliant with dominance relation



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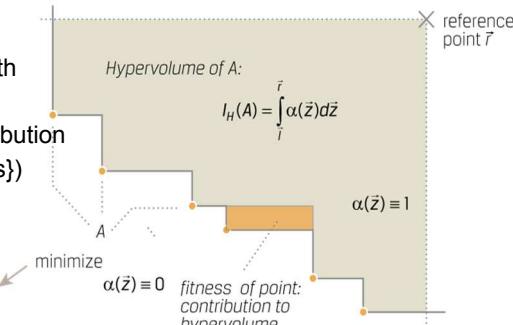
Hypervolume-Based Selection

Latest Approach (SMS-EMOA, MO-CMA-ES, HypE, ...)

use hypervolume indicator to guide the search: refines dominance

Main idea

Delete solutions with
the smallest
hypervolume contribution
 $d(s) = I_H(P) - I_H(P / \{s\})$
iteratively



But: can also result in cycles if reference point is not constant [Judit et al. 2011]
and is expensive to compute exactly [Bringmann and Friedrich 2009]

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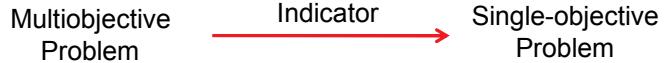
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Indicator-Based Selection

- Concept can be generalized to any quality indicator

A (unary) quality indicator I is a function $I : \Psi = 2^X \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ that assigns a Pareto set approximation a real value.



- for example: R2-indicator [Brockhoff et al. 2012], [Trautmann et al. 2013], [Díaz-Manríquez et al. 2013]
- Generalizable also to contribution to larger sets
HypE [Bader and Zitzler 2011]: Hypervolume sampling + contribution if more than 1 (random) solution deleted

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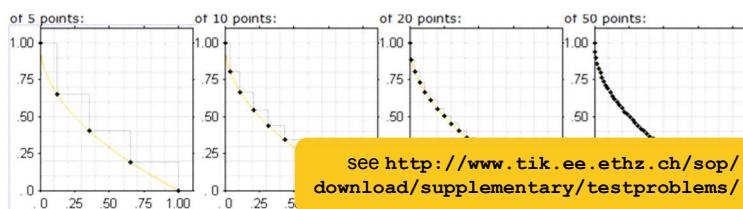
The Optimization Goal in Indicator-Based EMO

When the goal is to maximize a unary indicator...

- we have a single-objective problem on sets
- but what is the **optimum**?
- important: population size μ plays a role!

Optimal μ -Distribution:

A set of μ solutions that maximizes a certain unary indicator I among all sets of μ solutions is called **optimal μ -distribution** for I . [Auger et al. 2009a]



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Optimal μ -Distributions for the Hypervolume

Hypervolume indicator refines dominance relation
⇒ most results on optimal μ -distributions for hypervolume

Optimal μ -Distributions (example results)

[Auger et al. 2009a]:

- contain equally spaced points iff front is linear
- density of points $\propto \sqrt{-f'(x)}$ with f' the slope of the front

[Friedrich et al. 2011]:

optimal μ -distributions for the hypervolume correspond to ε -approximations of the front

$$\begin{aligned} \text{OPT} &= 1 + \frac{\log(\min\{A/a, B/b\})}{n} \\ \text{HYP} &= 1 + \frac{\sqrt{A/a} + \sqrt{B/b}}{n-4} \\ \text{logHYP} &= 1 + \frac{\sqrt{\log(A/a) \log(B/b)}}{n-2} \end{aligned}$$

! (probably) does not hold for > 2 objectives

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Indicator-Based EMO

Open Questions:

- How do the optimal μ -distributions look like for >2 objectives?
- how to compute certain indicators quickly in practice?
 - several recent improvements for the hypervolume indicator [Yildiz and Suri 2012], [Bringmann 2012], [Bringmann 2013]
- how to do indicator-based subset selection quickly?
 - also here several recent improvements [Kuhn et al. 2014], [Bringmann et al. 2014], [Guerreiro et al. 2015]
- what is the best strategy for the subset selection?

further open questions on indicator-based EMO available at
<http://simco.gforge.inria.fr/doku.php?id=openproblems>

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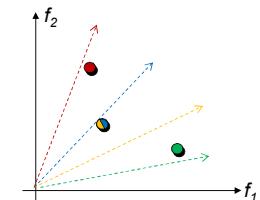
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Decomposition-Based Selection: MOEA/D

MOEA/D: Multiobjective Evolutionary Algorithm Based on Decomposition [Zhang and Li 2007]

Ideas:

- optimize N scalarizing functions in parallel
- use best solutions of neighbor subproblems for mating
- keep the best solution for each scalarizing function
- update neighbors
- use external archive for non-dominated solutions
- several variants and enhancements



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Remark: Variation in EMO

- at first sight not different from single-objective optimization
- most research on selection mechanisms (until now)
- but: convergence to a set \neq convergence to a point

Open Question:

- how to achieve fast convergence to a set?

Related work:

- set-based gradient of the HV [Emmerich et al. 2007]
- multiobjective CMA-ES [Igel et al. 2007] [Voß et al. 2010]
- RM-MEDA [Zhang et al. 2008]
- set-based variation [Bader et al. 2009]
- set-based fitness landscapes [Verel et al. 2011]
- offline and online configuration based on libraries of variation operators [Bezerra et al. 2015] [Hadka and Reed 2013]

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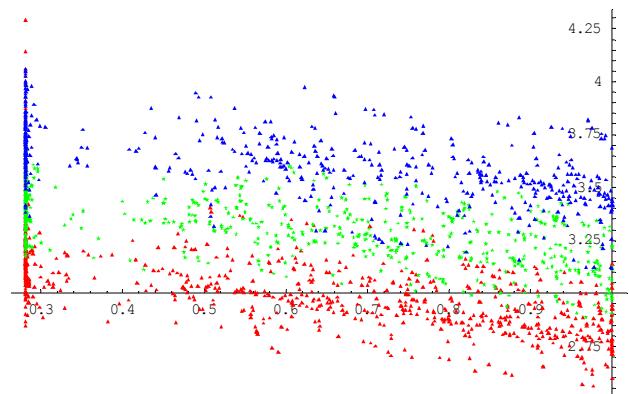
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Once Upon a Time...

... multiobjective EAs were mainly compared visually:



ZDT6 benchmark problem: **IBEA**, **SPEA2**, **NSGA-II**

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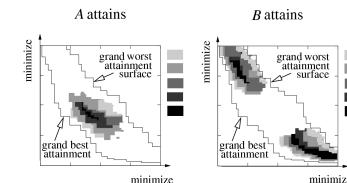
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Two Approaches for Empirical Studies

Attainment function approach

- applies statistical tests directly to the approximation set
- detailed information about how and where performance differences occur



Quality indicator approach

- reduces each approximation set to a single quality value
- applies statistical tests to the quality values

Indicator	A	B
Hypervolume indicator	6.3431	7.1924
ϵ -indicator	1.2090	0.12722
R_2 indicator	0.2434	0.1643
R_3 indicator	0.6454	0.3475

see e.g. [Zitzler et al. 2003]

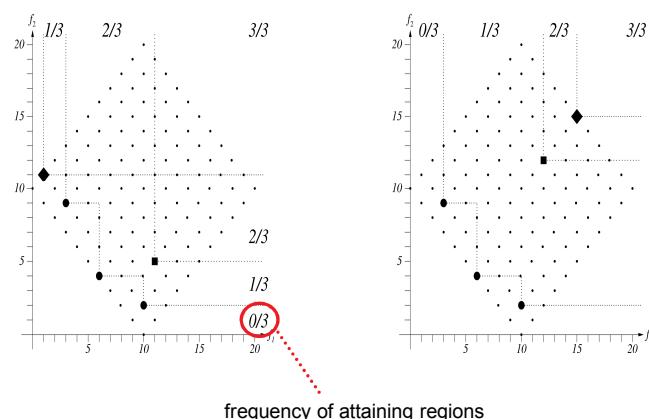
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Empirical Attainment Functions

three runs of two multiobjective optimizers



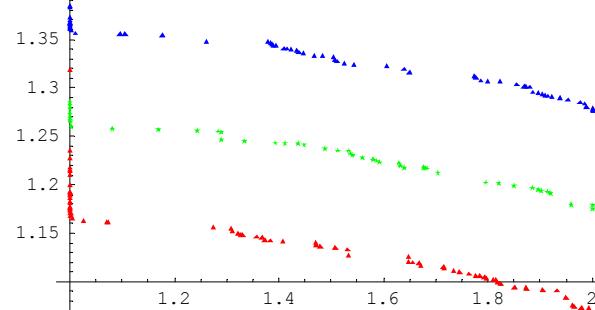
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Attainment Plots

50% attainment surface for **IBEA**, **SPEA2**, **NSGA2** (ZDT6)



latest implementation online at

<http://eden.dei.uc.pt/~cmfonsec/software.html>

see [Fonseca et al. 2011]

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Quality Indicator Approach

Idea:

- transfer multiobjective problem into a set problem
- define an objective function ("quality indicator") on sets
- use the resulting total (pre-)order (on the quality values)

Question:

Can any total (pre-)order be used or are there any requirements concerning the resulting preference relation?

⇒ Underlying dominance relation should be reflected!

$$A \preceq B : \Leftrightarrow \forall_{y \in B} \exists_{x \in A} x \leq_{par} y$$

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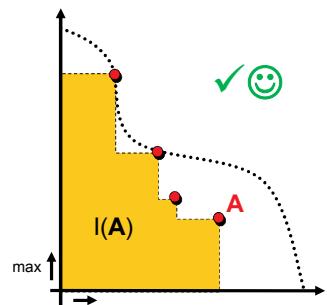
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Example: Refinements Using Indicators

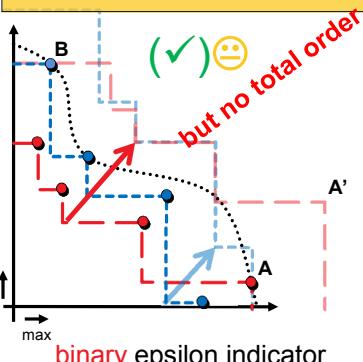
$$A \stackrel{\text{ref}}{\preceq} B : \Leftrightarrow I(A) \geq I(B)$$

$I(A)$ = volume of the weakly dominated area in objective space



$$A \stackrel{\text{ref}}{\preceq} B : \Leftrightarrow I(A, B) \leq I(B, A)$$

$I(A, B)$ = how much needs A to be moved to weakly dominate B



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E4

Refinements and Weak Refinements

① $\stackrel{\text{ref}}{\preceq}$ refines a preference relation \preceq iff

$$A \stackrel{\text{ref}}{\preceq} B \wedge B \not\stackrel{\text{ref}}{\preceq} A \Rightarrow A \stackrel{\text{ref}}{\preceq} B \wedge B \not\stackrel{\text{ref}}{\preceq} A \quad (\text{better} \Rightarrow \text{better})$$

⇒ fulfills requirement

② $\stackrel{\text{ref}}{\preceq}$ weakly refines a preference relation \preceq iff

$$A \stackrel{\text{ref}}{\preceq} B \wedge B \not\stackrel{\text{ref}}{\preceq} A \Rightarrow A \stackrel{\text{ref}}{\preceq} B \quad (\text{better} \Rightarrow \text{weakly better})$$

⇒ does not fulfill requirement, but $\stackrel{\text{ref}}{\preceq}$ does not contradict \preceq

! sought are total refinements...

[Zitzler et al. 2010]

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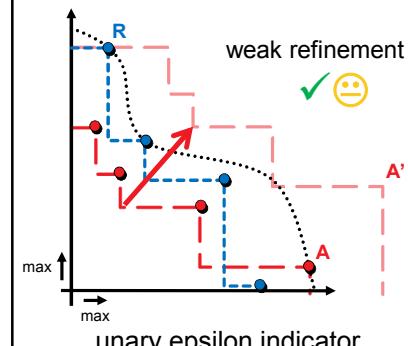
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Example: Weak Refinement / No Refinement

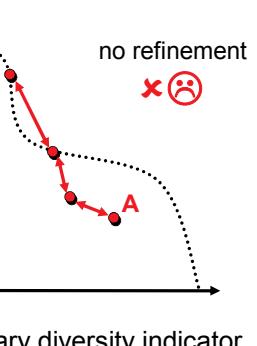
$$A \stackrel{\text{ref}}{\preceq} B : \Leftrightarrow I(A, R) \leq I(B, R)$$

$I(A, R)$ = how much needs A to be moved to weakly dominate R



$$A \stackrel{\text{ref}}{\preceq} B : \Leftrightarrow I(A) \leq I(B)$$

$I(A)$ = variance of pairwise distances



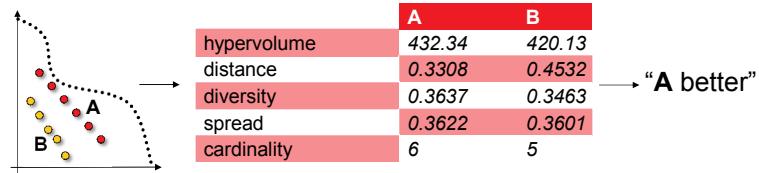
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Quality Indicator Approach

Goal: compare two Pareto set approximations A and B



Comparison method C = quality measure(s) + Boolean function



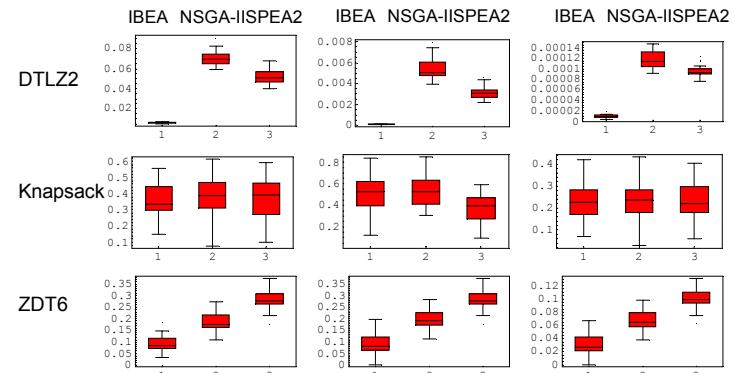
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Example: Box Plots

epsilon indicator hypervolume R indicator



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Statistical Assessment (Kruskal Test)

ZDT6
Epsilon

		is better than		
		IBEA	NSGA2	SPEA2
is better than			~0	😊
IBEA			~0	😊
NSGA2	1		~0	😊
SPEA2	1	1		

Overall p-value = 6.22079e-17.
Null hypothesis rejected (alpha 0.05)

DTLZ2
R

		is better than		
		IBEA	NSGA2	SPEA2
is better than			~0	😊
IBEA			~0	😊
NSGA2	1			1
SPEA2	1		~0	😊

Overall p-value = 7.86834e-17.
Null hypothesis rejected (alpha 0.05)

Knapsack/Hypervolume: H_0 = No significance of any differences

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Set Quality Indicators

Open Questions:

- are there other unary indicators that are (weak) refinements?
- how to compute indicators efficiently (enough for practice)?
 - especially for >3 objective functions
- how to achieve good indicator values?

Automated Benchmarking

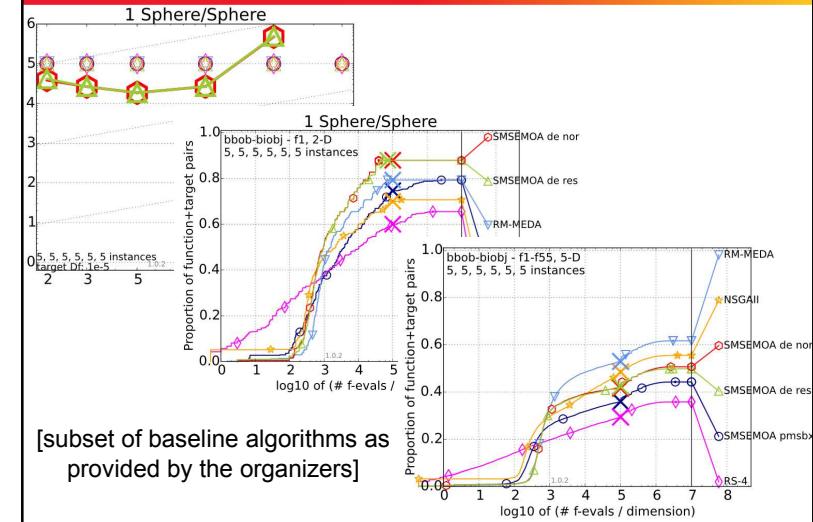
- State-of-the-art in single-objective optimization: Blackbox Optimization Benchmarking (BBOB) with COCO platform
<https://github.com/numbbo/coco>
- This year: first release of a bi-objective test suite and corresponding BBOB-2016 workshop @ GECCO
- Focus on target-based runlengths
 - gives (nearly) anytime, interpretable results
 - defines problem=(test function instance, single-objective goal e.g. min. indicator difference to reference set, target precision)
 - reports Expected Runtimes (ERT) to reach target precision
- COCO provides data profiles, scaling plots, scatter plots, tables, statistical tests, etc. automatically

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R1

Exemplary BBOB-2016 Results



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R2

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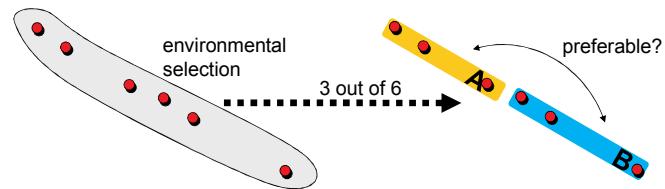
Articulating User Preferences During Search

What we thought: EMO is preference-less

Search before decision making: Optimization is performed without any preference information given. The result of the search process is a set of (ideally Pareto-optimal) candidate solutions from which the final choice is made by the DM.

[Zitzler 1999]

What we learnt: EMO just uses weaker preference information



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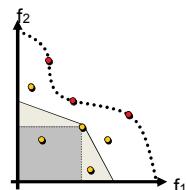
Incorporation of Preferences During Search

Nevertheless...

- the more (known) preferences incorporated the better
 - in particular if search space is large
- [Branke and Deb 2004] [Branke 2008] [Bechikh et al. 2015]

① Refine/modify dominance relation, e.g.:

- using goals, priorities, constraints
[Fonseca and Fleming 1998a,b]
- using different types of dominance cones
[Branke and Deb 2004]



② Use quality indicators, e.g.:

- based on reference points and directions [Deb and Sundar 2006, Deb and Kumar 2007]
- based on the hypervolume indicator [Brockhoff et al. 2013] [Wagner and Trautmann 2010]
- based on the R2 indicator [Trautmann et al. 2013]

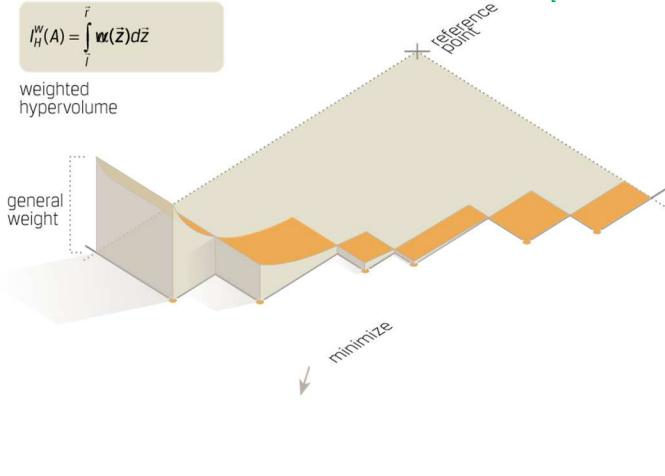
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Example: Weighted Hypervolume Indicator

[Brockhoff et al. 2013]

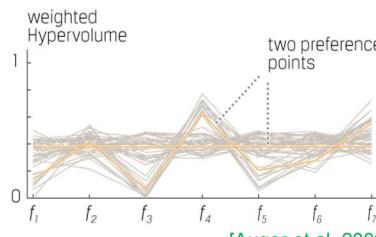
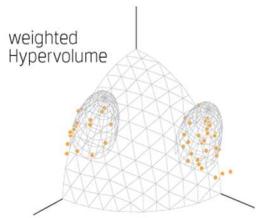
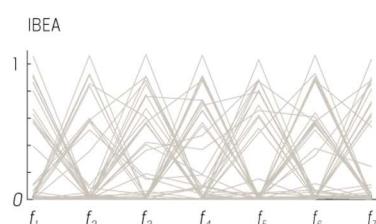


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Weighted Hypervolume in Practice



[Auger et al. 2009b]

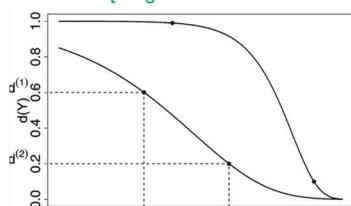
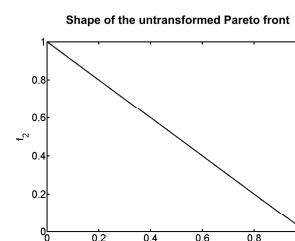
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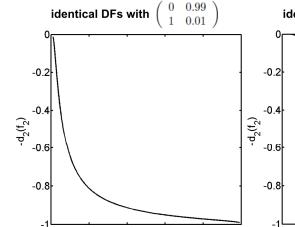
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Example: Desirability Function (DF)-SMS-EMOA

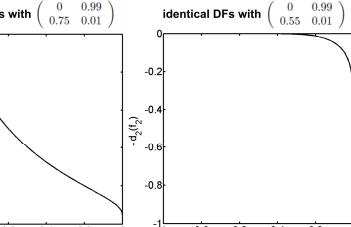
[Wagner and Trautmann 2010]



Shape of the transformed front for identical DFs with $(0, 0.99, 1, 0.01)$



Shape of the transformed front for identical DFs with $(0, 0.99, 0.75, 0.01)$



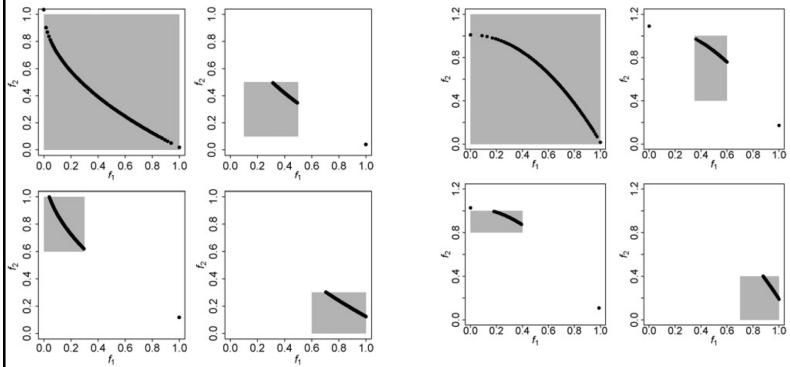
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DF-SMS-EMOA in Practice



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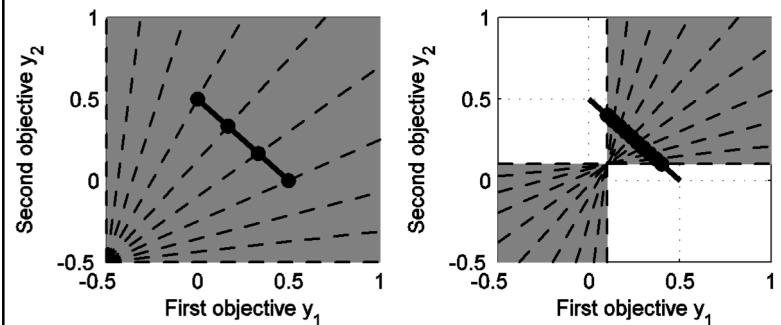
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Example: R2-EMOA

Concept

Integration of preferences by varying the scalarizing functions

Position of ideal point



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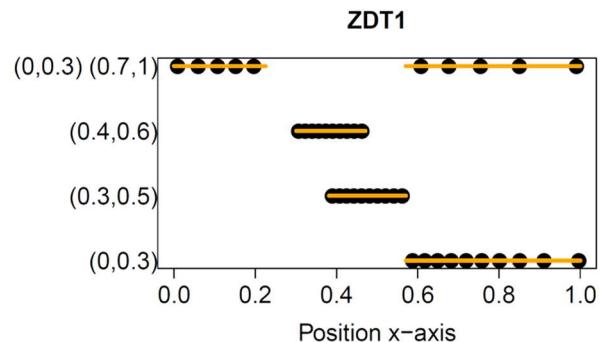
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Example: R2-EMOA

Concept

Integration of preferences by varying the scalarizing functions

Restriction of the weight space



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Interactive Approaches

Successive Preference Articulation = Interactive EMO

- recent interest of both EMO and MCDM community
- important in practice

Examples

- first interactive EMO: [Tanino et al. 1993]
- good overview: [Jaszkiewicz and Branke 2008]
- more recent work: [Brockhoff et al. 2014] [Branke et al. 2014]

Issues/Open Questions

- realistic scenarios/ value functions
- evaluation of interactive algorithms [López-Ibáñez and Knowles 2015]

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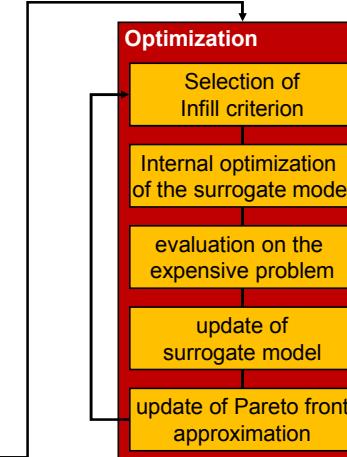
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Surrogate-Based EMO

EMO + modeling and sequential experimental design

Modelling

- formalization of the process
- initial design
- selection of surrogate model
- fitting of surrogate model
- validation of surrogate model



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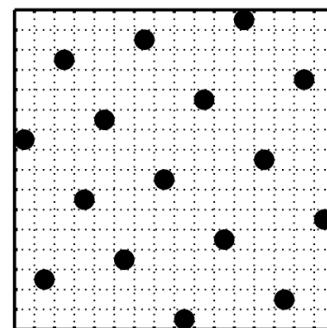
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Initial design

Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS)

- Space-filling coverage of the decision space
- Maximum resolution for each parameter



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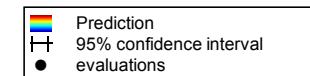
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Selection of Surrogate Model

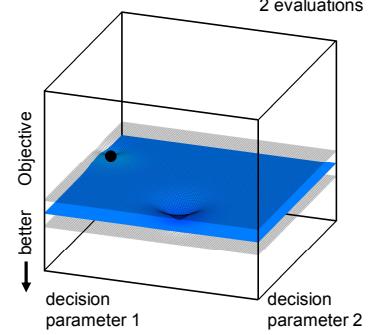
Design and Analysis of Computer Experiments (DACE)

[Sacks et al. 1989]

- based on kriging models
- local modeling of the available evaluations
- possibility of adaptive refinement



2 evaluations



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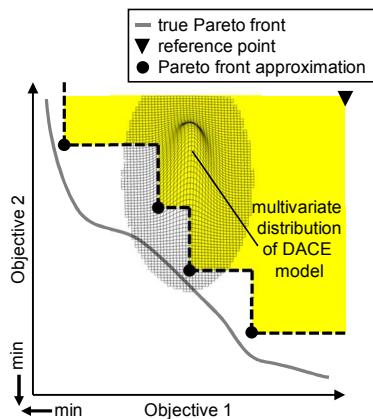
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Selection of infill criterion

Aim

- refinement of the Pareto front approximation
- maximization of the dominated hypervolume
- improvements through experiments in the currently nondominated area
- see [Wagner et al. 2010] for a survey and first theoretical results



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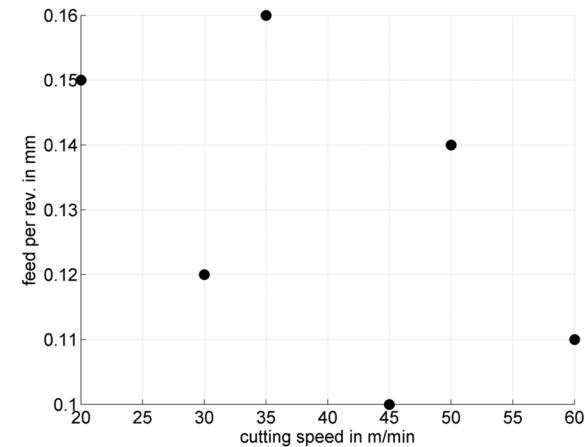
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Practical application (drilling of Inconel 708)

Initial design

[Zhang et al. 2012]



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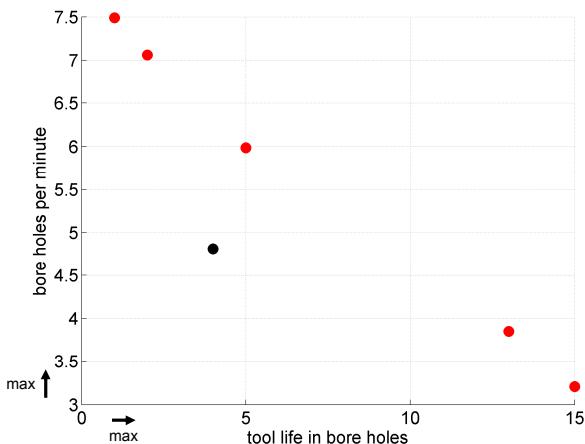
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Initial Pareto front approximation

[Zhang et al. 2012]



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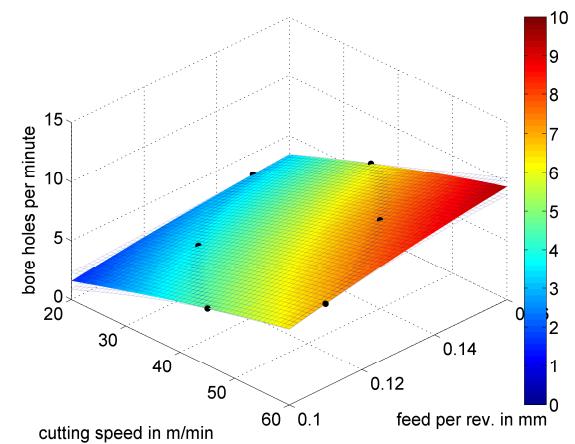
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Initial model for objective 1 (productivity)

[Zhang et al. 2012]



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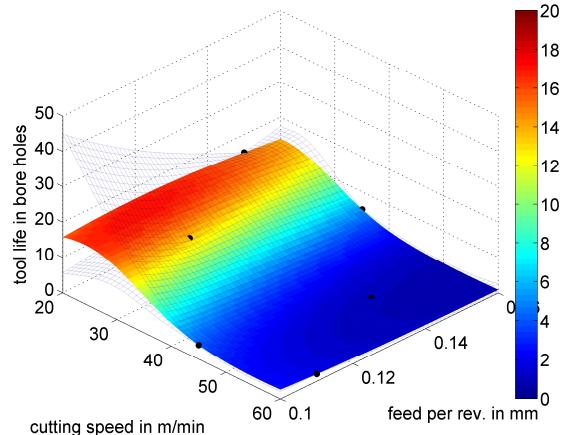
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Initial model for objective 2 (tool life)

[Zhang et al. 2012]



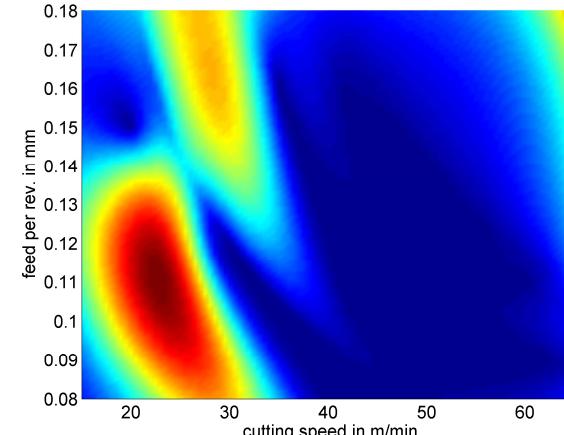
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R1

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Optimization of Infill criterion



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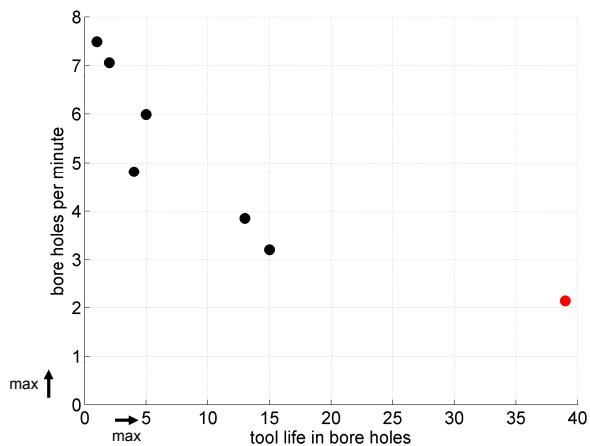
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R2

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Updated Pareto front approximation

[Zhang et al. 2012]



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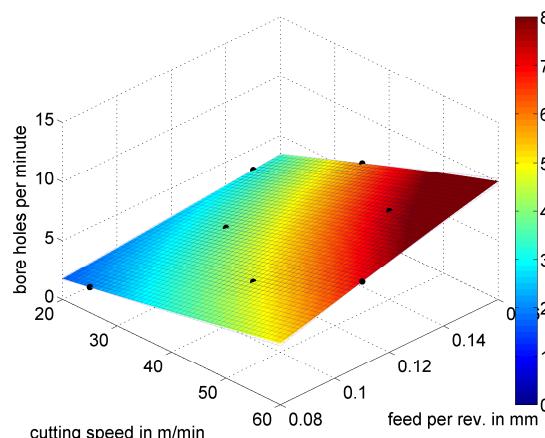
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R3

Practical application (drilling of Inconel 708)

Updated model for objective 1 (productivity)

[Zhang et al. 2012]



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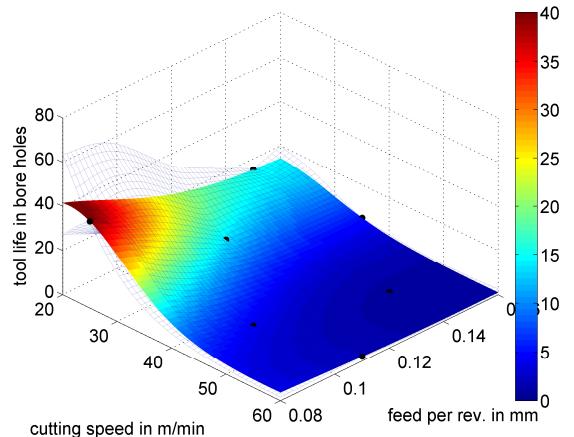
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R4

Practical application (drilling of Inconel 708)

Updated model for objective 2 (tool life)

[Zhang et al. 2012]



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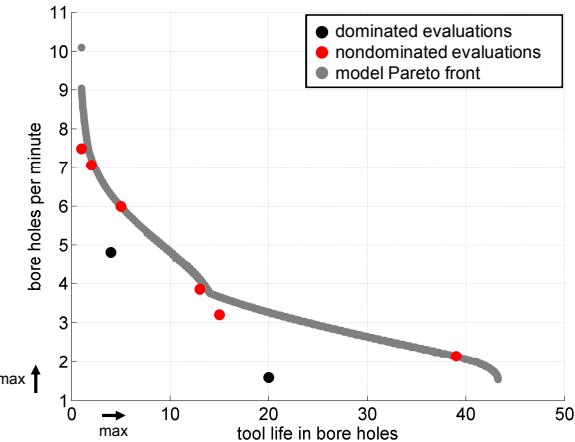
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Final Pareto front approximation

[Zhang et al. 2012]



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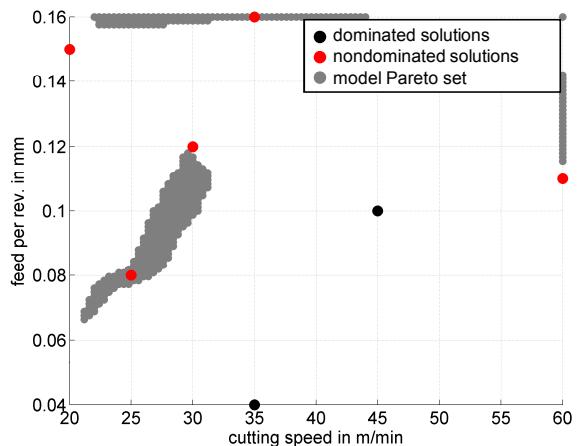
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Final Pareto set approximation (Innovization)

[Zhang et al. 2012]



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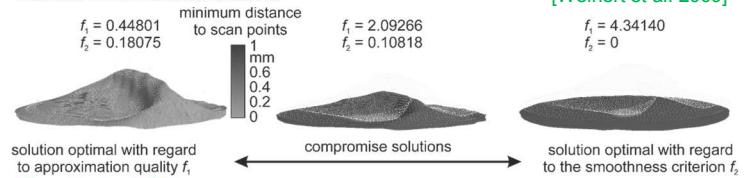
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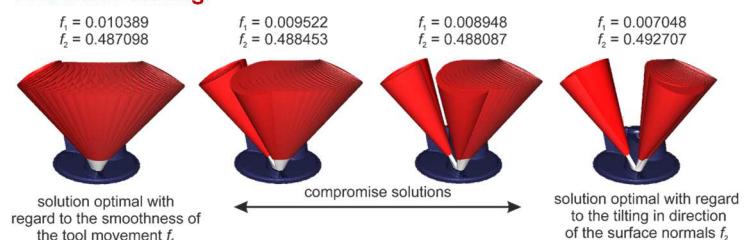
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Applications of EMO

Surface reconstruction



Five-Axis Milling



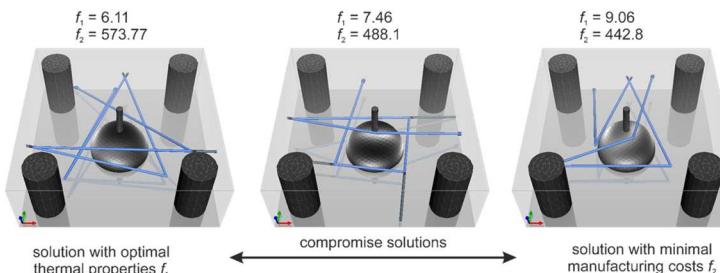
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Applications of EMO

Mold Temperature Cooling Systems



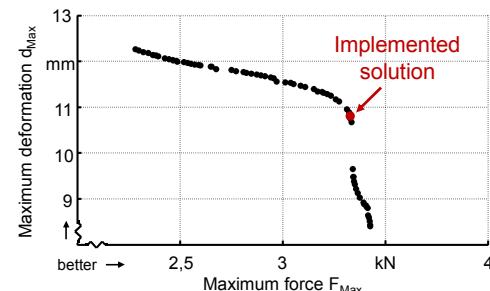
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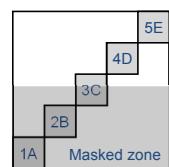
Applications of EMO

Hot Compaction of Thermoplastic Composites



[Wagner et al. 2008]

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{PH}}^* &= 146 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}, \\ t_{\text{PH}}^* &= 174 \text{ s}, \\ t_{\text{M}}^* &= 170 \text{ s}, \\ p_{\text{P}}^* &= 1.1 \text{ MPa}, \\ T_{\text{p}}^* &= 169 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}, \\ t_{\text{p}}^* &= 180 \text{ s} \end{aligned}$$



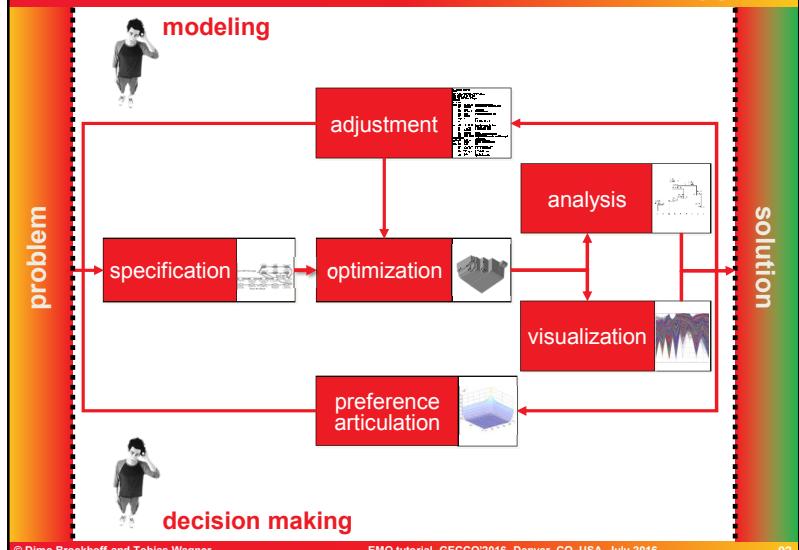
Position	T_{M} [°C]	F_{Max} [kN]	d_{Max} [mm]
1A	54	2.4	10.7
2B	84	2.8	9.8
3C	121	3.3	8.8
4D	147	3.3	8.3
5E	100	3.2	9.3

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Conclusions: EMO as Interactive Decision Support



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The EMO Community

Links:

- EMO mailing list: <https://lists.dei.uc.pt/mailman/listinfo/emo-list>
- MCDM mailing list: <http://lists.jyu.fi/mailman/listinfo/mcdm-discussion>
- EMO bibliography: <http://www.lania.mx/~ccoello/EMOO/>
- EMO conference series: <http://www.dep.uminho.pt/EMO2015/>

Books:

- Multi-Objective Optimization using Evolutionary Algorithms**
Kalyanmoy Deb, Wiley, 2001
- Evolutionary Algorithms for Solving Multi Evolutionary Algorithms for Solving Multi-Objective Problems Objective Problems**, Carlos A. Coello Coello, David A. Van Veldhuizen & Gary B. Lamont, Kluwer, 2nd Ed. 2007
- Multiobjective Optimization—Interactive and Evolutionary Approaches**, J. Branke, K. Deb, K. Miettinen, and R. Slowinski, editors, volume 5252 of *LNCS*. Springer, 2008 [(still) many open questions!]
- and more...

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Software

The screenshot displays three software platforms for multi-objective optimization:

- PISA**: Platform and Programming Language Independent Interface for Search Algorithms. It includes sections for Principles and Documentation, Downloads, Performance Assessment, Publications, Bugs, Contact & License, and a forum.
- jMetal**: Java-based framework for multi-objective optimization with metaheuristics. It features a summary of features, examples, downloads, documentation, support, and a download link from SourceForge.
- MOEA Framework**: A free and open source Java framework for multiobjective optimization. It highlights its object-oriented architecture and provides links for demo application, compiled binaries, source code, and user manual.

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Perspectives

Challenging Open (Research) Directions

- from algorithms to toolkits
 - libraries of modules for each task (selection, variation, etc.)
 - problem-specific algorithm configuration/ parameter tuning
- benchmarking
 - comparison with classical approaches
 - design/selection of practically relevant problems
 - Algorithm/toolkit recommendations for practice
- integration of EMO and MCDM into one field
- interactive preference articulation and learning
- interactive problem design
- integration of problem-specific knowledge

Questions?

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Additional Slides

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