

# Evolutionary algorithms for hyperparameter optimization in machine learning for application in high energy physics

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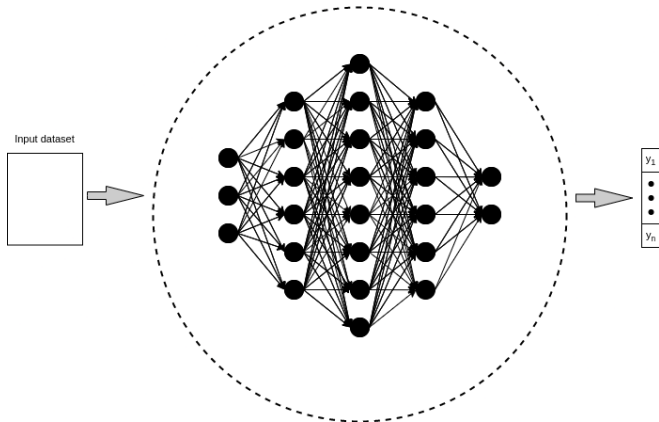
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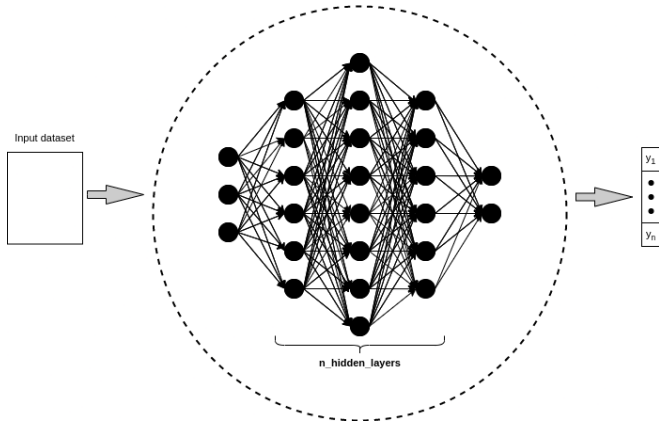
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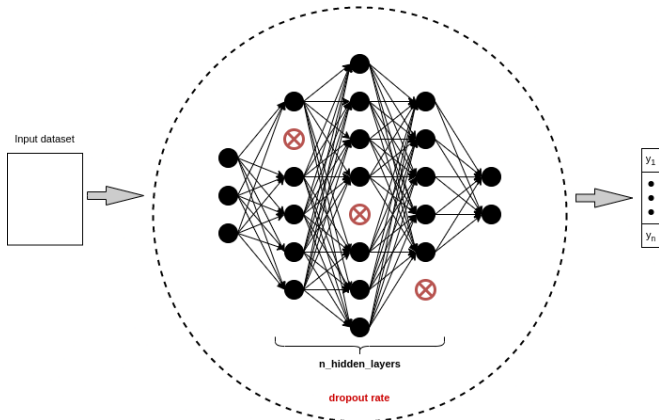
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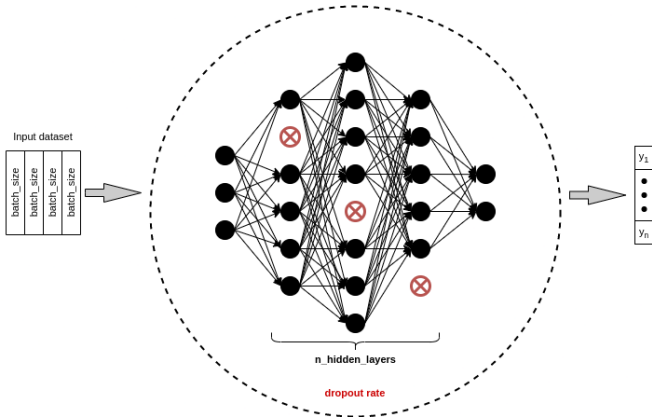
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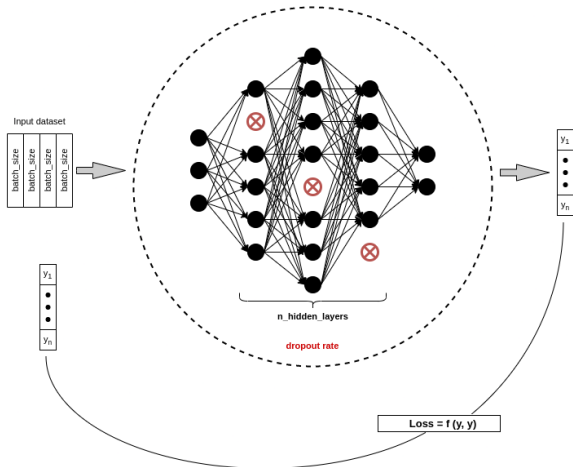
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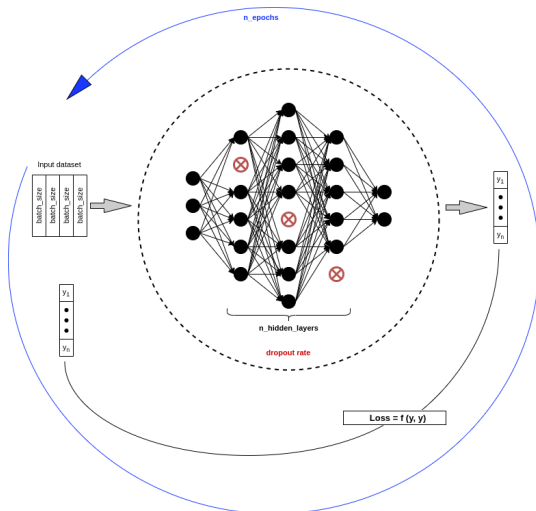
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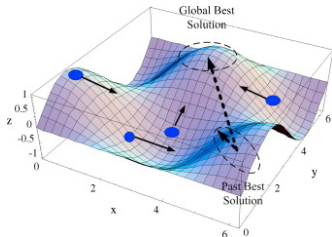
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- ▷ Significant impact on performance
- ▷ Manual hyperparameter optimization
- ▷ Automation
- ▷ HH  $\rightarrow$  multilepton
- ▷ Choice of best strategy unclear
- ▷ Parallelization @ HPC



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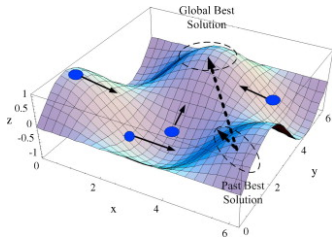
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$$\mathbf{x}_{gb} = \operatorname{argmax} \{ [\mathbf{x}_{pb}^s \in_R \mathcal{S}]^{(N_{info})} \}$$

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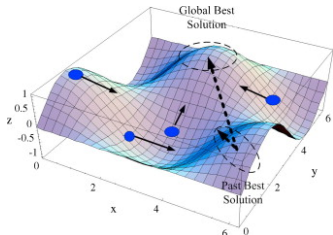


$$\mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_i^k + w \cdot \mathbf{p}_i^k + \mathbf{F}_i^k$$

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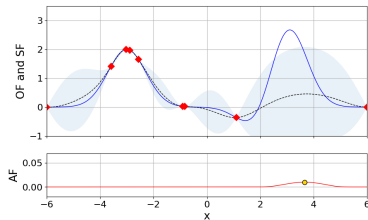
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$$\mathbf{p}_i^{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_i^k$$



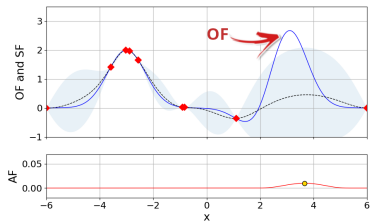
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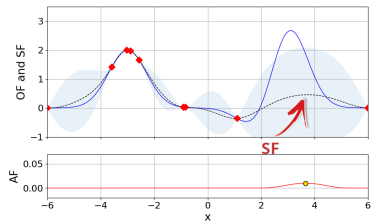
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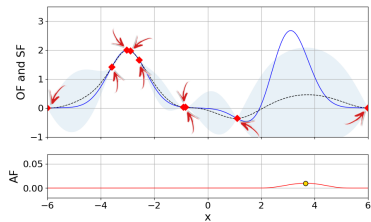
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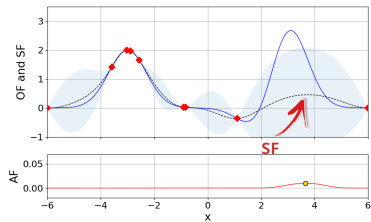
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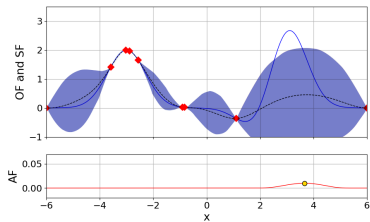
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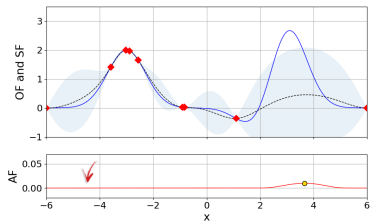
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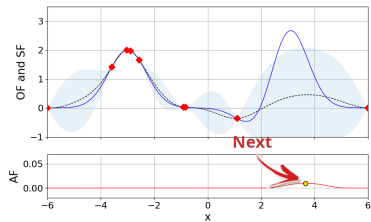
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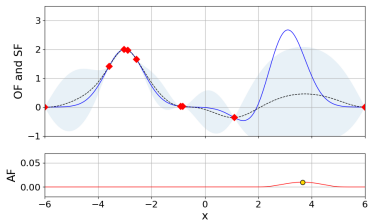
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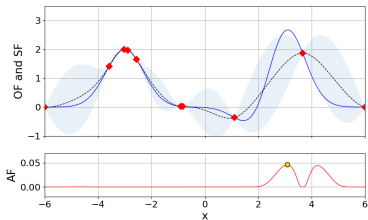
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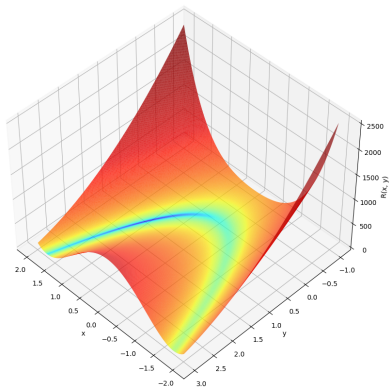
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# Rosenbrock function

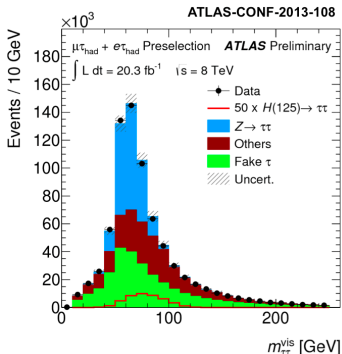
$$R(x, y) = (a - x)^2 + b(y - x^2)^2$$

- ▷ Well known trial function
- ▷  $(x, y)_{min} = (a, a^2)$
- ▷ Objective function  
Rosenbrock function itself.



# ATLAS Higgs boson machine learning challenge (HBC) (i)

- ▷ Kaggle competition
- ▷ Run-1 simplified ATLAS  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  analysis
- ▷ Signal:  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$
- ▷ Backgrounds:
  - ▷  $Z \rightarrow \tau_h\tau_h$
  - ▷  $t\bar{t} \rightarrow \tau_h + \mu/e$
  - ▷ W-boson decay
- ▷ More representative task of ML in HEP analysis



# ATLAS Higgs boson machine learning challenge (HBC) (iii)

**Table:** The seven chosen XGBoost hyperparameters to be optimized

	min	max
num-boost-round	1	500
learning-rate	$10^{-5}$	1.0
max-depth	1	6
gamma	0.0	5.0
min-child-weight	0.0	500.0
subsample	0.8	1.0
colsample-bytree	0.3	1.0



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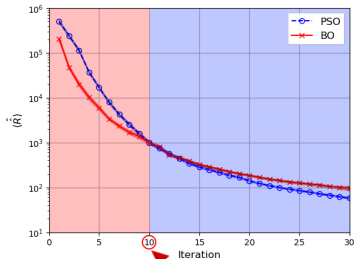
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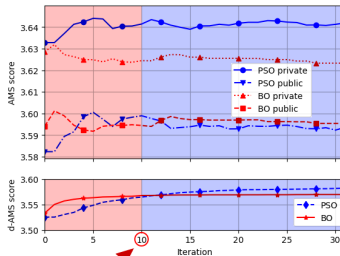
$$dAMS = AMS_{test} - \kappa \cdot \max(0, [AMS_{test} - AMS_{train}])$$

# Performance

## Rosenbrock function

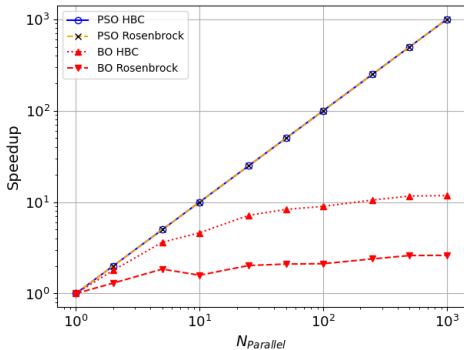


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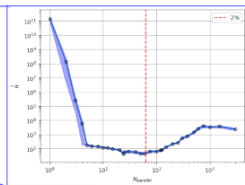
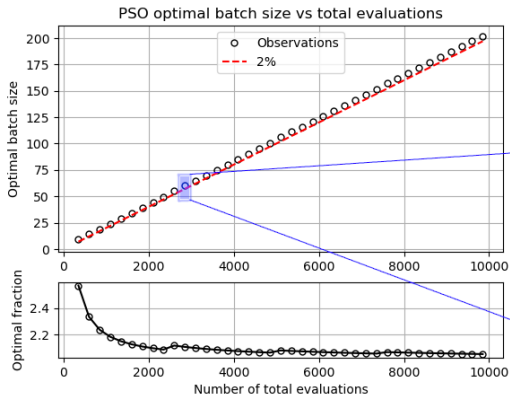


# Parallelization (Amdahl's law)

$$S_{latency}(s) = \frac{1}{(1-p) + \frac{p}{s}}$$



# Parallelization (PSO)





## Performance summary

	PSO	BO
Faster convergence	later	earlier
Parallelization capabilities	✓✓	✓
Suitable for low resources	✓	✓✓
Computational overhead	✓	?
Optimal $N_{parallel}^{relative}$	$\sim 2\%$	<

HH → multilepton:  $\sim 10\%$  improvement

# Backup

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	Time
Bayesian optimization + HBC ( $N_{iter} = 30$ & $N_{parallel} = 100$ )	3000 CPUh
Rosenbrock	0.06 CPUs
Particle swarm optimization	0.01 CPUs
HBC	$\mathcal{O}(30 \text{ CPUmin})$

Intel Xeon E5 processor