

Bio-inspired Algorithms in Grid

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- **Agenda Session**

- *General Introduction (10').*

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- *Grid-Based Metaheuristics Applied to Nuclear Fusion (15').*

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- *DIOGENES: Application Oriented Task Scheduling Using Genetic Algorithms (15').*

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- *Other works in bio-inspired strategies and grid (10').*

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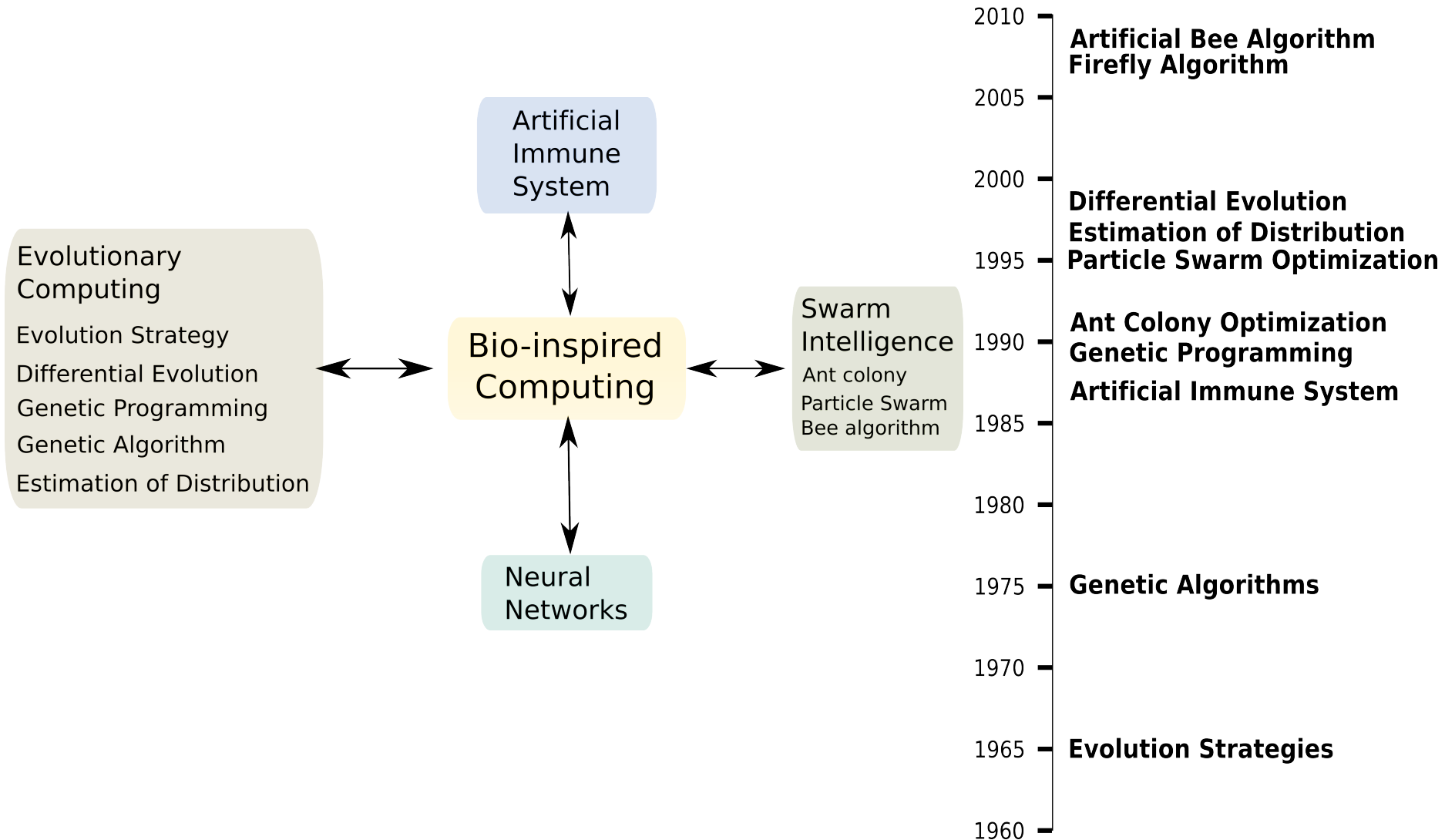
Questions (10').

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- **Introduction.**
- **Bio-inspired Strategies. Taxonomies.**
- **Use in Science and Technology. Bio-inspired in Grid.**
- **Four Adaptation Models.**

- **Biologically inspired computing** is a field of **Soft Computing** (previously called **Artificial Intelligence**).
- Bio-inspired computing is a major subset of **Natural Computation**.
- It makes use of nature as inspiration for the development of problem solving techniques.
- Computing inspired by nature includes:
 - Evolutionary computation
 - Neural networks
 - Artificial immune systems
 - Swarm intelligence

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Scientific Problem

Bio-inspired Strategy

Computing Platform

Examples:

fusion, optics, telecommunication,
grid application scheduling, chess,
mathematics.

- **Scientific or Technical Problems**

- Wide portfolio of uses.
- Optimization: search of minimum/maximum, or multi-objective.
- Huge search space.
- Complex problems.
- Improve previous sub-optimal solutions.

Scientific Problem

Bio-inspired Strategy

Computing Platform

- **Up to today.**
 - Not deeply exploited in grid.

- **Bio-inspired Strategy**
 - Wide portfolio of strategies.
 - Genetic Algorithms.
 - Multi-agents: ants, bees, swarms.
 - Neural Networks.
 - Some nice examples in EGEE.

Scientific Problem

Bio-inspired Strategy

Computing Platform

- **In Grid.**
 - Reluctance of use grid. Other platforms most widely used: clusters, supercomputer, FPGU, GPU.
 - Suitable to hold bio-inspired algorithms.

- **Grid Computing.**

- Four models of implementation.
- Not the most frequent computing platform.
- Excellent for tune production.
- Excellent for large production.

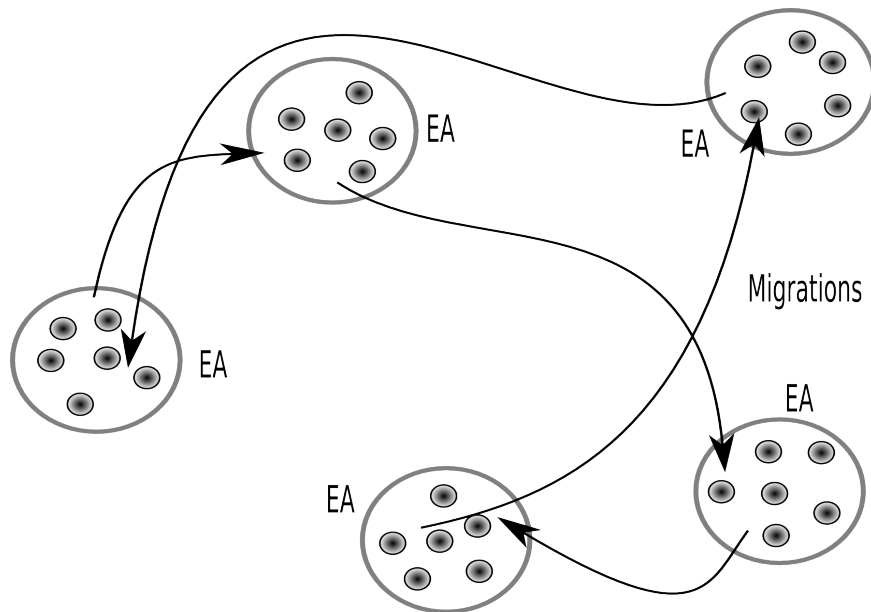
- **Four Adaptation Models.**

- N. Melab proposes three major parallel models for Evolutionary Algorithms.
- Better understanding of the problem handled.
- Useful for the porting process.
- Models:
 - Island (a)synchronous cooperative model.
 - Parallel evaluation of the population.
 - Distributed evaluation of a single solution.
 - Independent island.

N. Melab et al. / J. Parallel Distrib. Comput. 66 (2006) 1052 – 1061

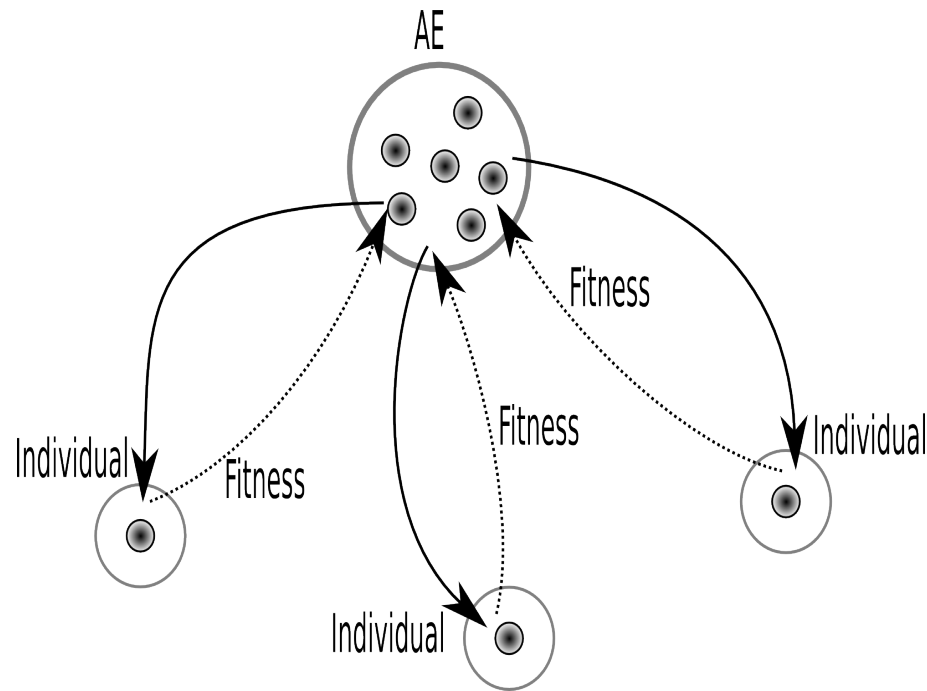
- **Island (a)synchronous cooperative model.**

- Different EAs are simultaneously deployed to cooperate for computing better and more robust solutions.



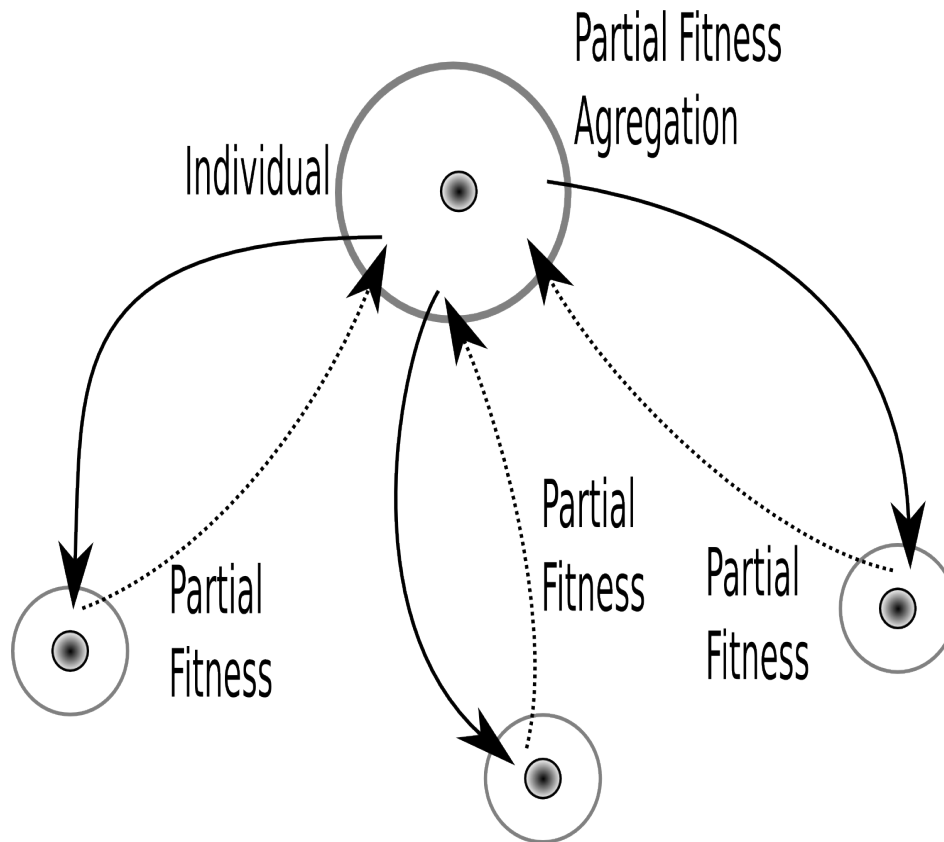
- Larger population than single processor.
- Higher level of convergence.
- Best individuals guide the search.
- Manage the parallelisms: when and how interchange individuals?
- Waste of CPU-time in synchronous mode.

- **Parallel evaluation of the population.**
 - Suitable when the evaluation is the most time-consuming.
 - Master-Slave model



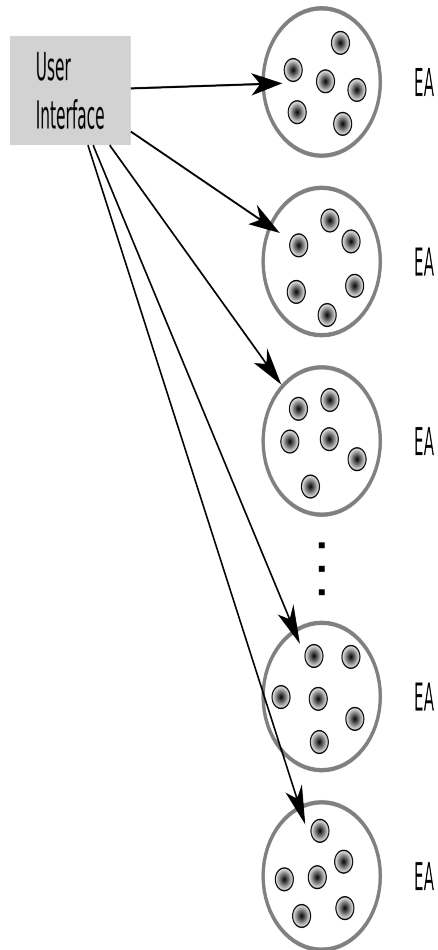
- Speed-up of the overall process
- Waste of CPU-time in synchronous mode

- **Distributed evaluation of a single solution.**
 - Suitable when the evaluation fitness function can be itself parallelized, being CPU time intensive.



- Speed-up of the overall process
- Waste of CPU-time if each part of the fitness function are very different in execution time

- **Independent island.**

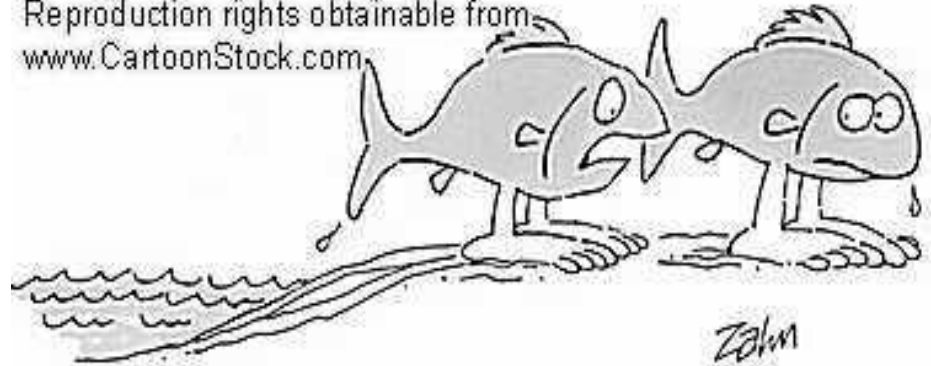


- Larger population than single machine.
- Easy implementation in grid.
- Starting from scratch each job.
- Good individuals are not interchanged.
- Lower level of convergence than cooperative models.

- Thanks.
- Gracias.
- Merci.

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"What in hell do you think we're evolving into?"

Now some nice examples ...