



# Evolving Robust and Reconfigurable Multi-Objective Controllers for Advanced Power Systems

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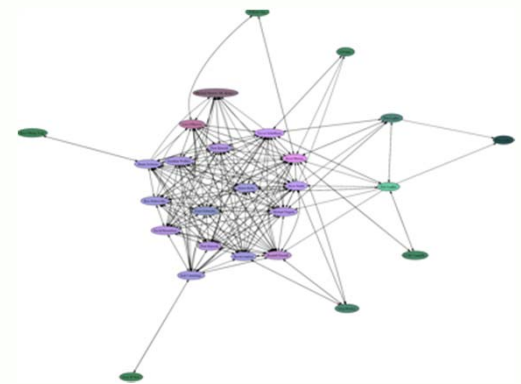
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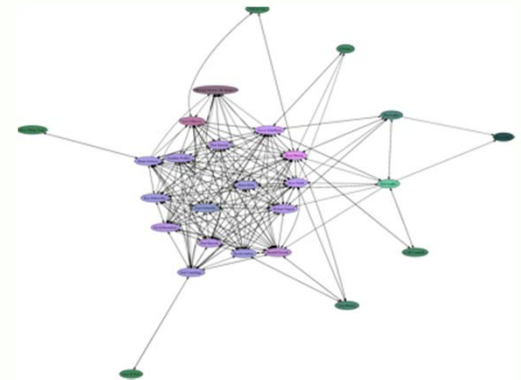
# Motivation: Energy Systems

- Where are we?
  - Advanced energy systems becoming more interconnected
  - Computation pushed further down the pipe
  - More powerful, cheaper, smaller devices
- Where are we going?
  - Hybrid systems
  - Competing objectives
  - Smart sensors, actuators



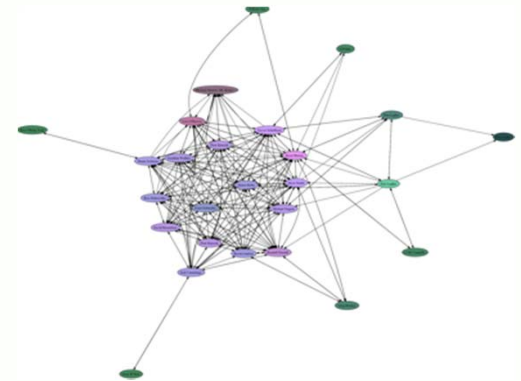
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- Where are we?
  - Difficult to model
  - Distributed decision making
  - Scaling
- Where are we going?
  - Even more difficult to model
  - Even more distributed decision making
  - Even more scaling



# Motivation: Energy Systems

- We need to account for?
  - Difficult to model systems
  - Thousands of actors (sensors, controllers, users)
  - Failing components
  - Competing objectives
  - Dynamic and stochastic environments
  
- And still control systems to result in safe, efficient operation



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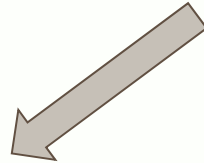
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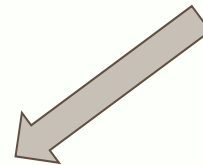
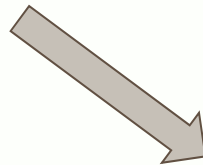
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# Distributed multi-objective Control?

Multiagent control



Many agents, one objective  
- Who does what ?



Many agents , many objectives

# Roadmap and Objectives

- Learning-Based Control

Objective 1

- Multiagent
  - Biomimetic distributed subsystem-level control
  - System-level results

Objective 2

- Multi-objective
  - Simultaneously optimize multiple competing objectives

Objective 3

- Reconfigurable
  - Adapt to changing power system needs
  - Develop new policies with previously un-considered objectives

# Project Milestones

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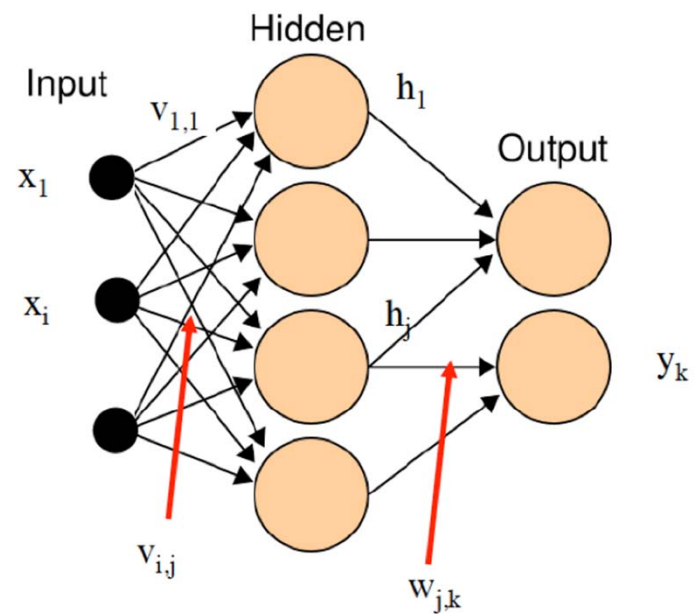
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# Milestone 1: Abstract simulator

- Use statistics to generate “simulator”
- No physics
- Map inputs to output given
- Use function approximation: multi-layered feed-forward neural network

# Training a Neural Network

- Given: input  $x$ , target  $y$ , and network weights  $W$
- Find: change in weights  $\Delta W$  to minimize network error
  - Gradient descent



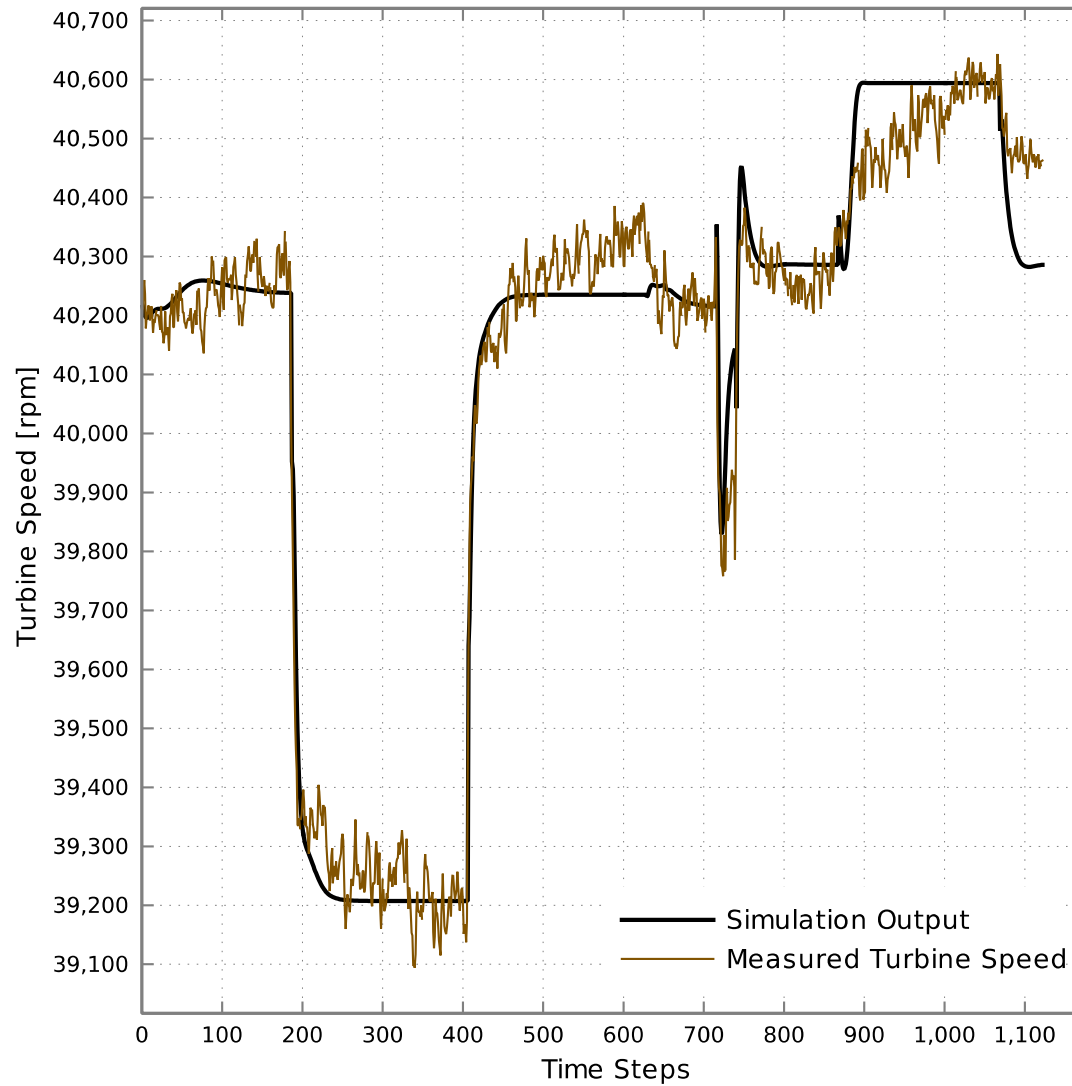
# NN Plant Simulator

- Use data from real HyPer runs to train abstract simulator
  - Neural network maps current plant state and control actions to next plant state
  - Can use neural network to make a time domain simulator of the plant
- Are we claiming you can replace high-fidelity simulator ???

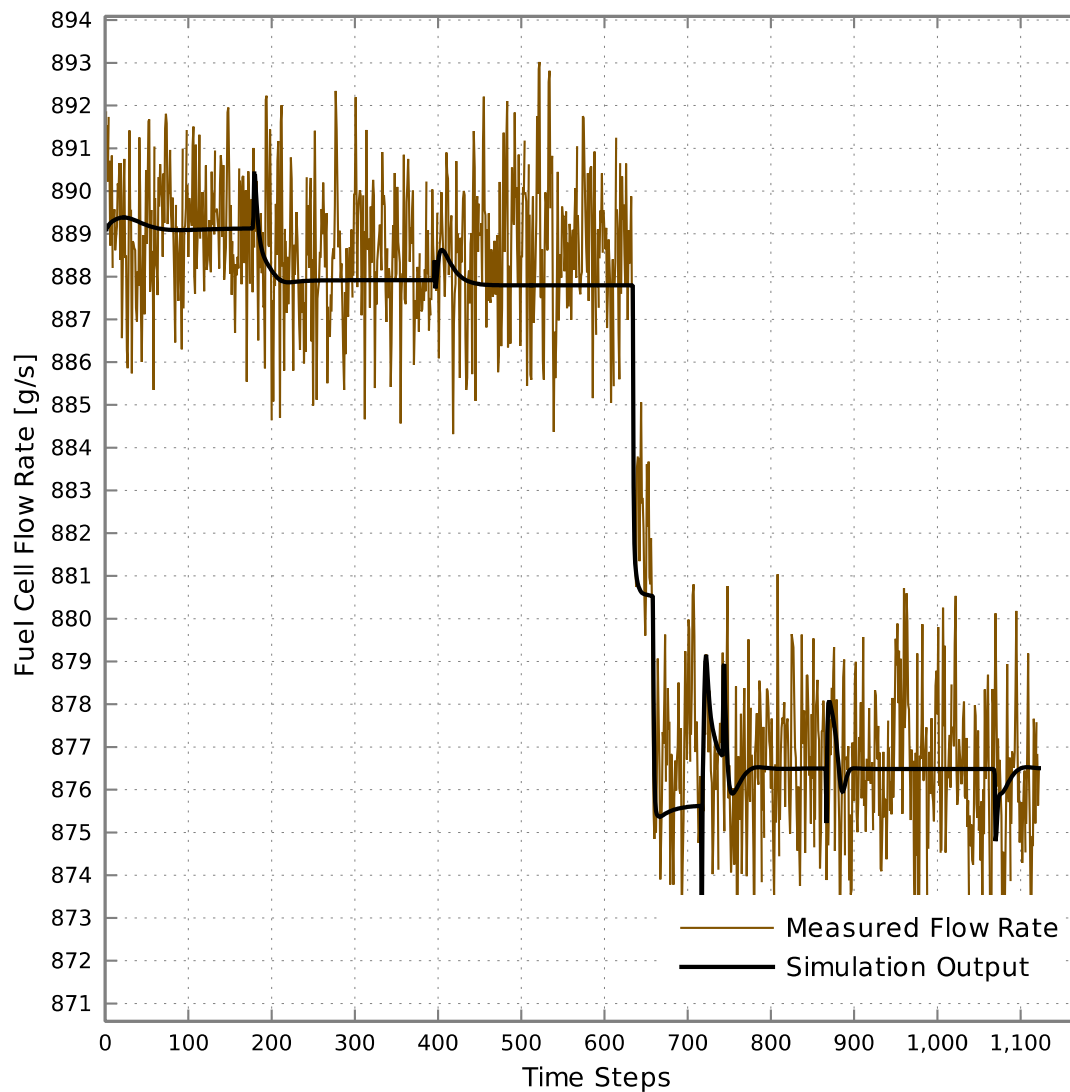
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Claim: You can approximate high-fidelity simulator in parts of state space to develop policies you can test/tune on the real simulator

# NN Plant Simulator: Results (Turbine Speed)



# NN Plant Simulator: Results (Fuel Cell Flow Rate)



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# Evolutionary Algorithms

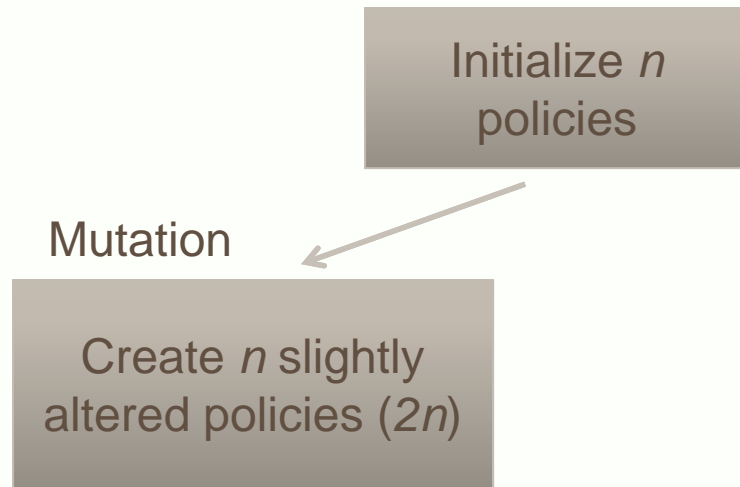
- Stochastic, population-based search algorithm
- Operators: Mutation, Fitness Assignment, Selection
- Useful in problems where gradient information is not available



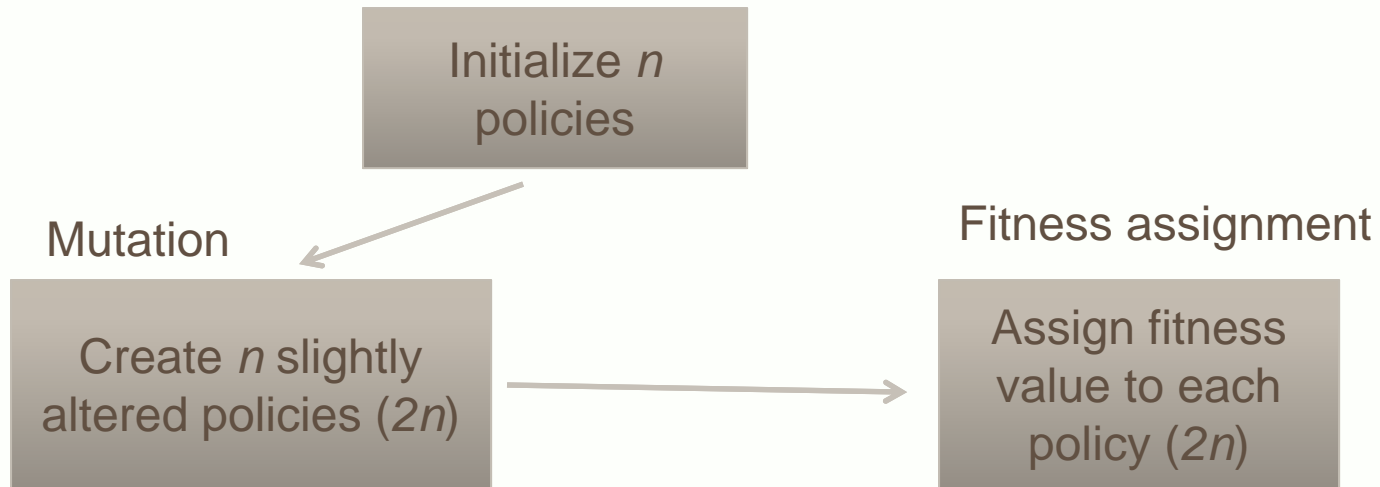
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Initialize  $n$   
policies

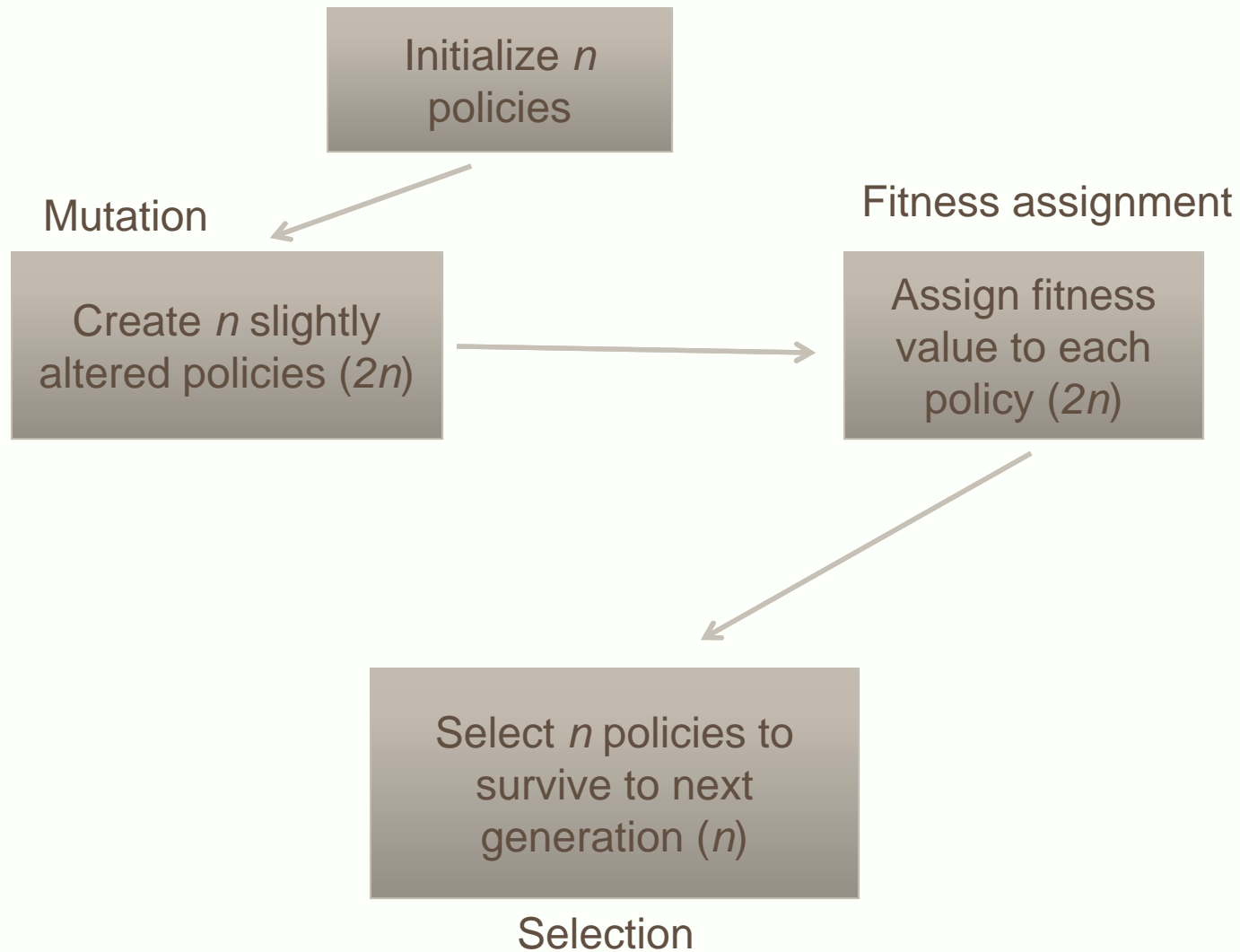
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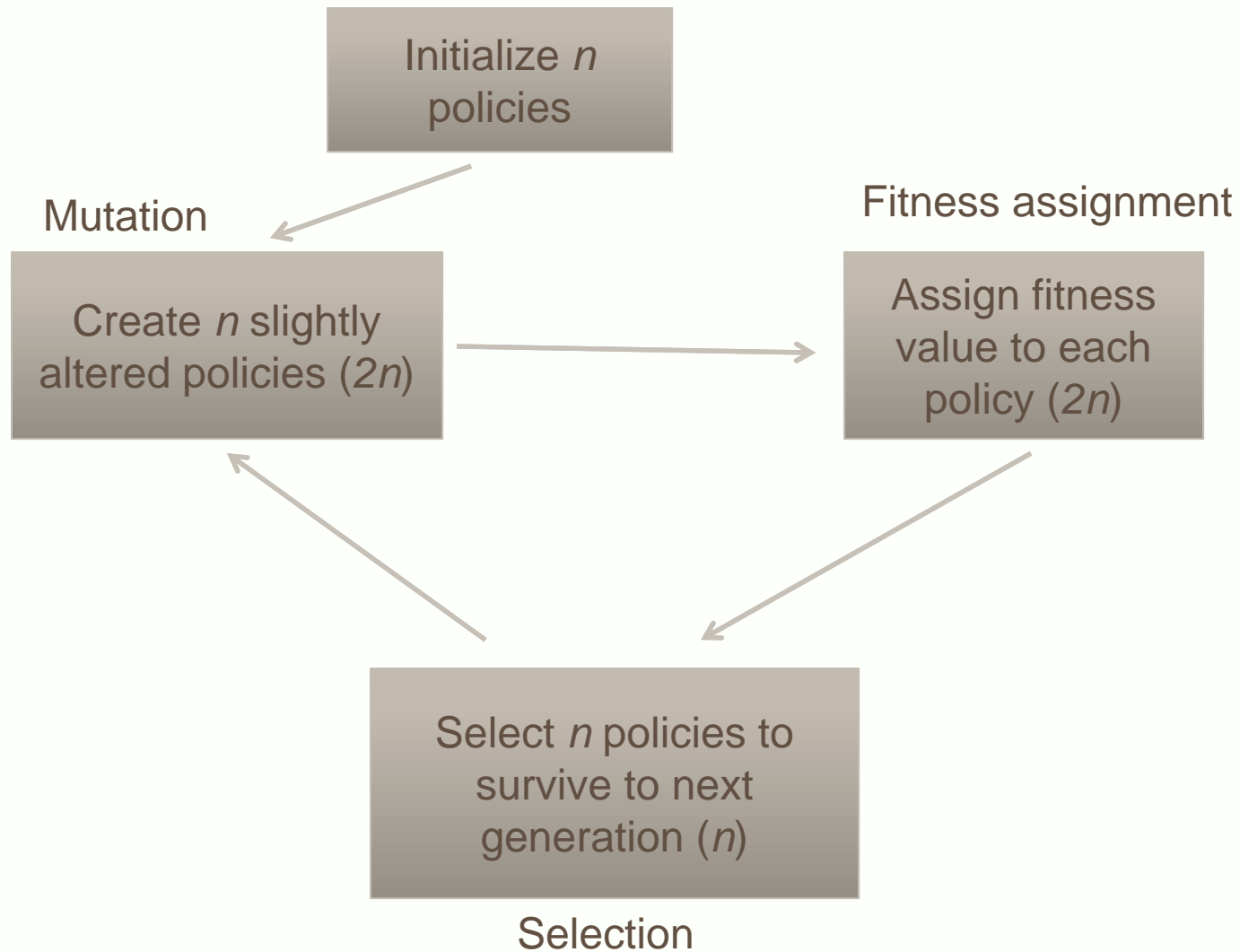
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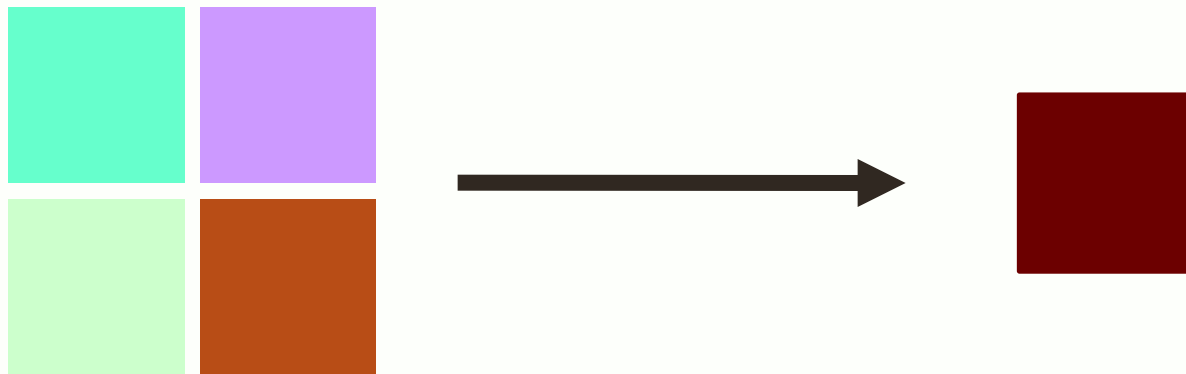


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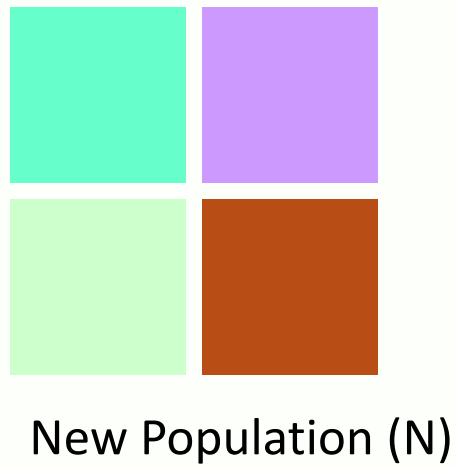
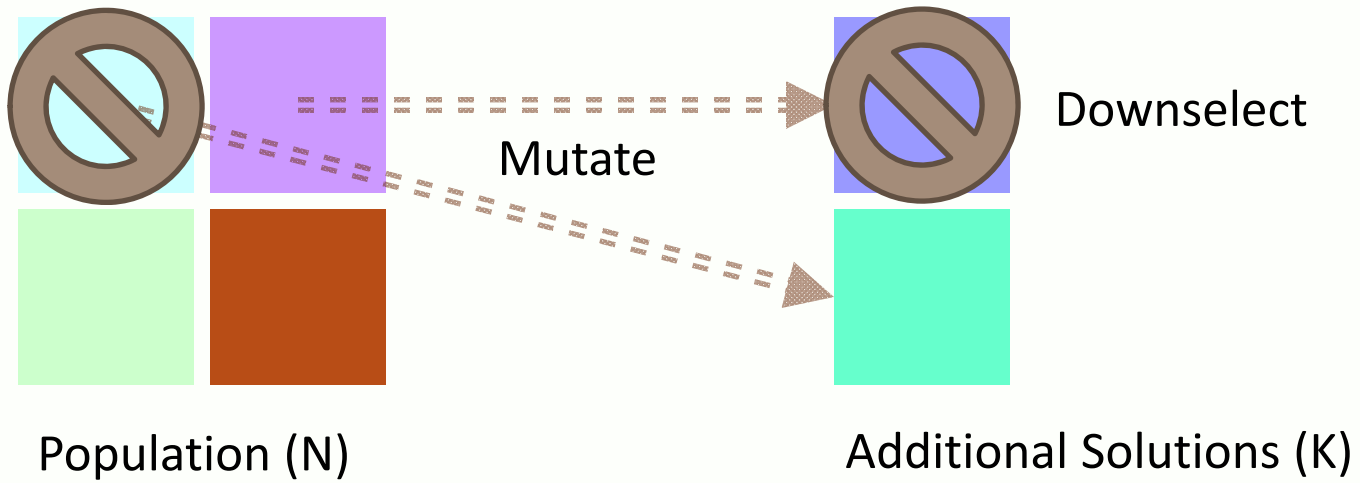


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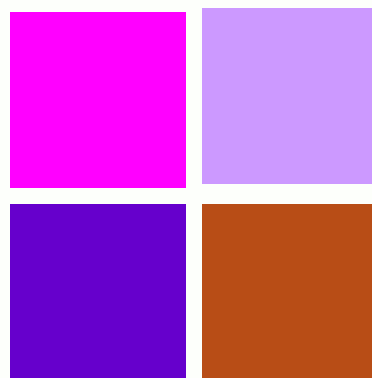
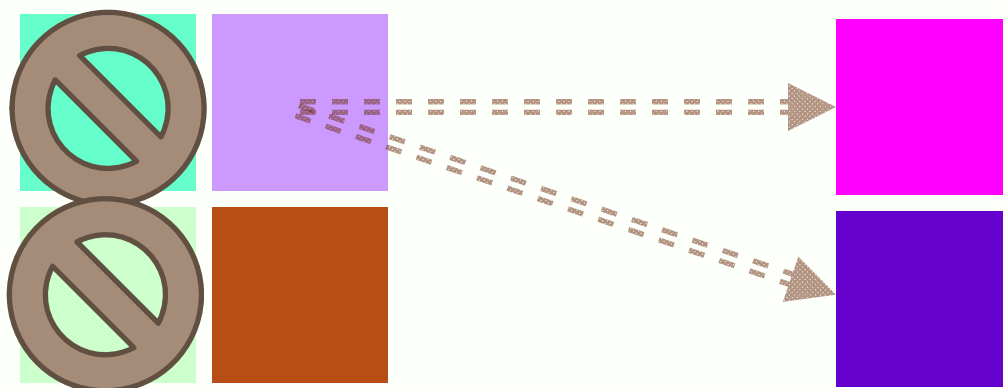
Population (N)



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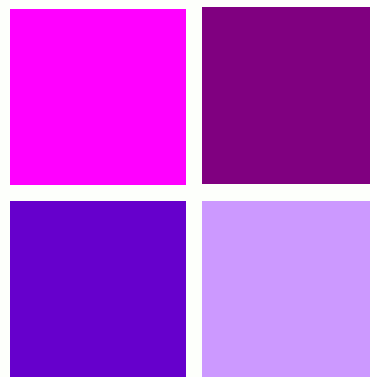
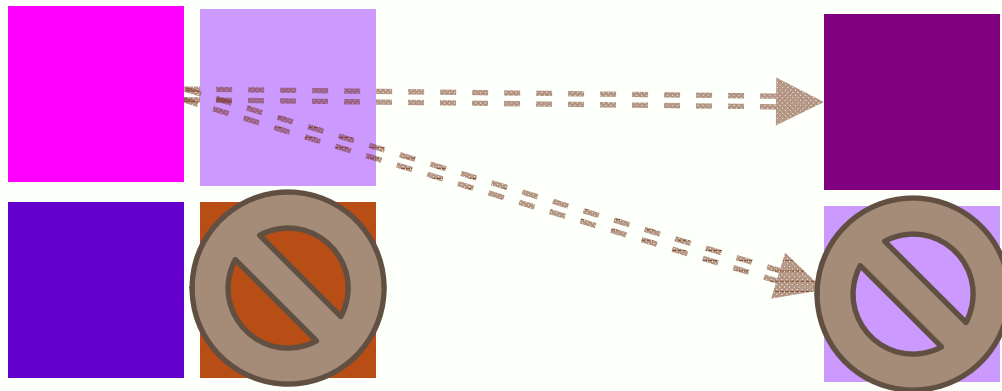


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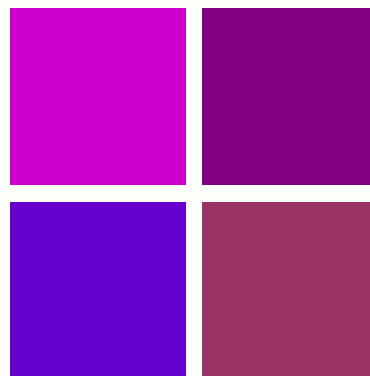
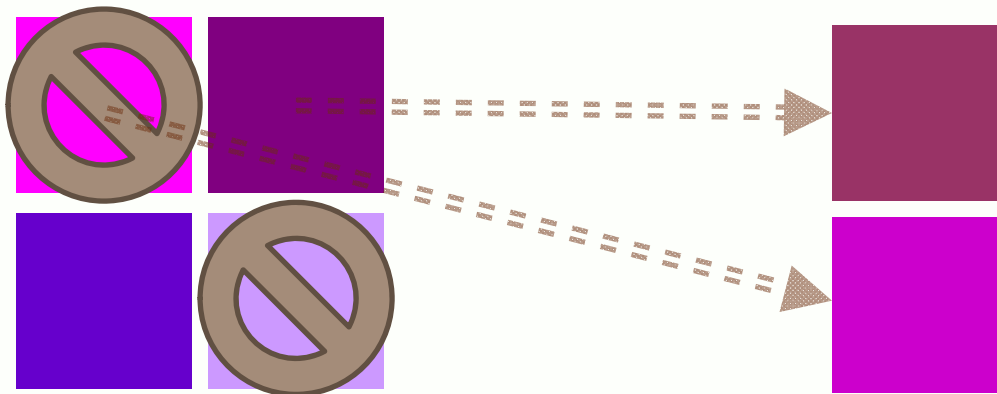




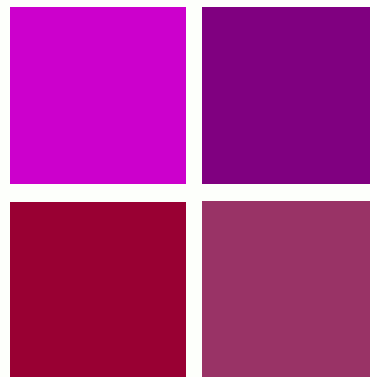
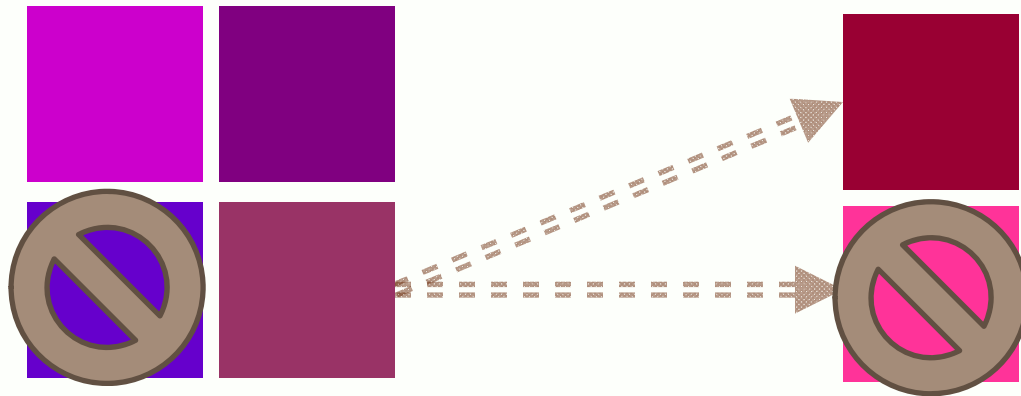
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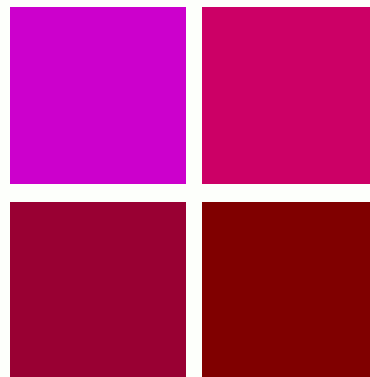
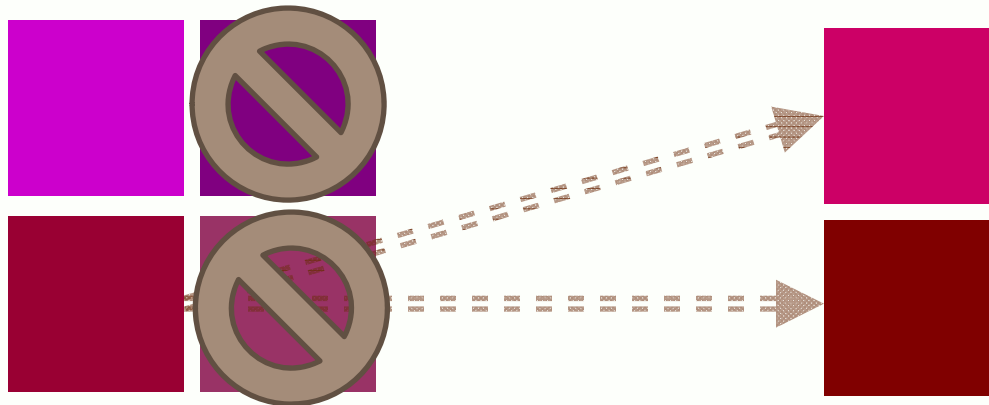
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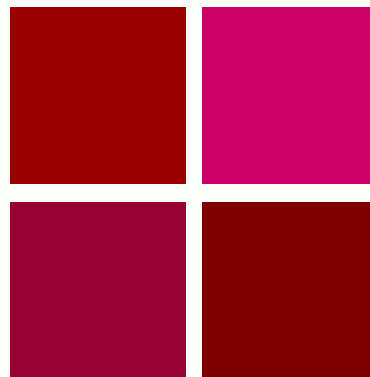
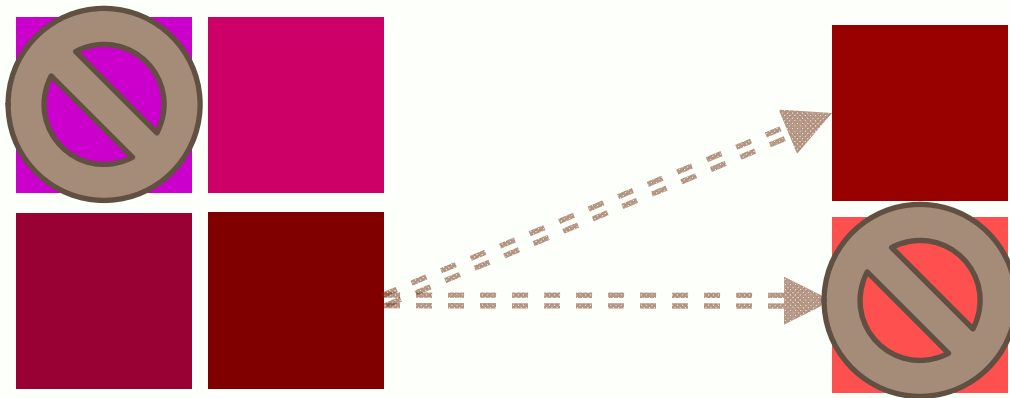
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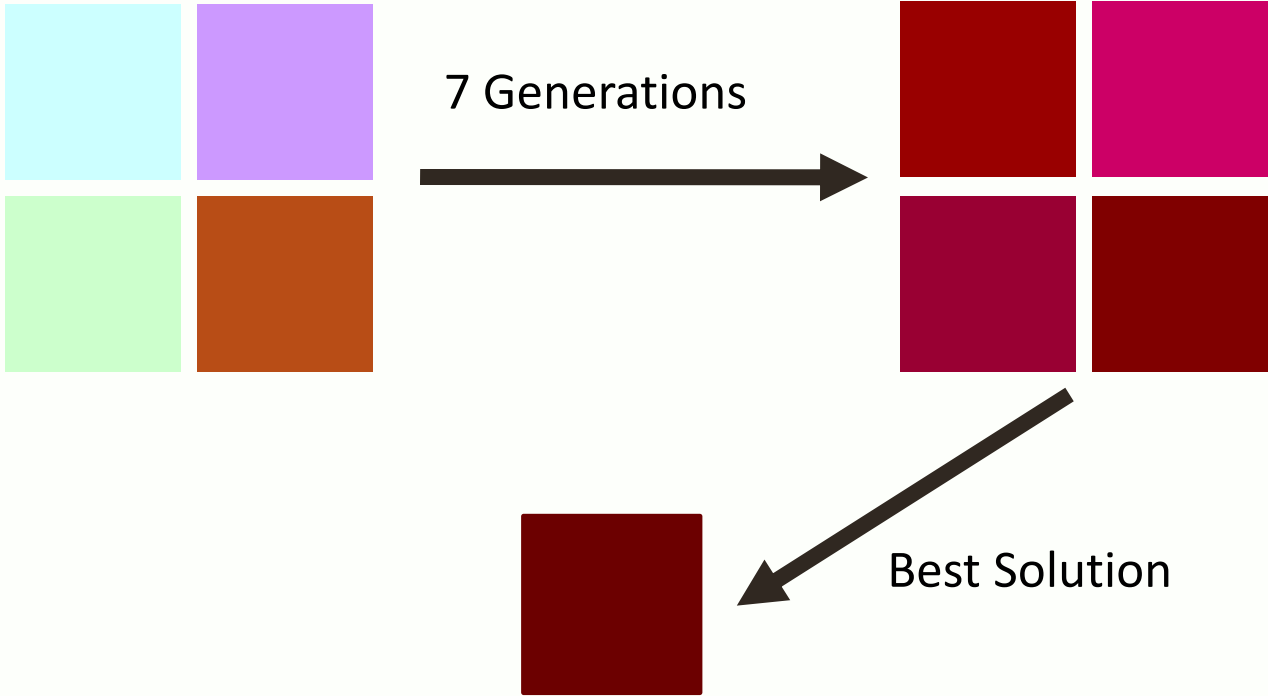
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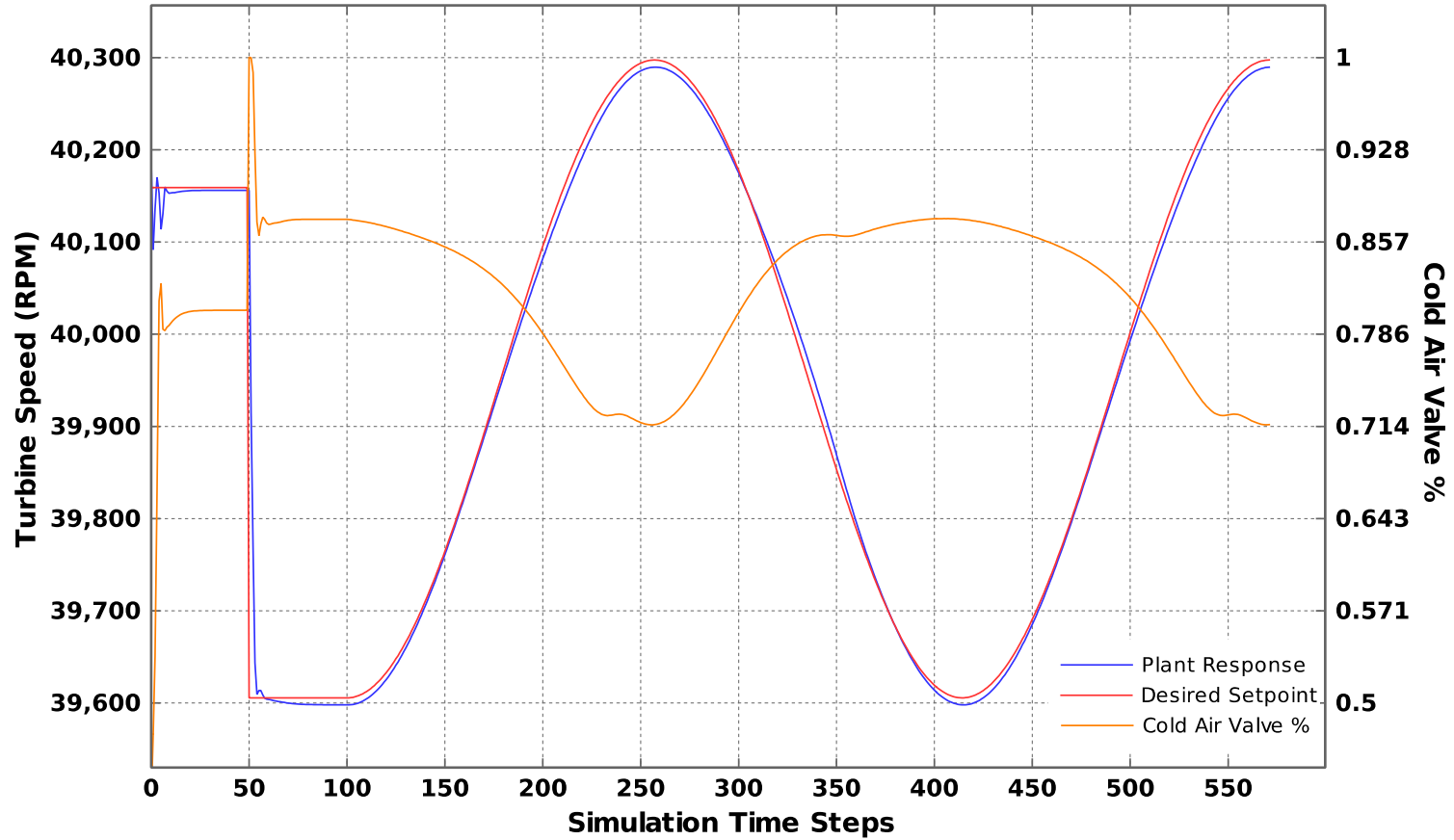


# Neuro-evolutionary Control

- Evolve neural network controllers
  - Explore weight space
  - Determine effectiveness of control policies
- Goal: track an arbitrary turbine speed trajectory

weight mutation  
selection

# Control Results: Track step+sinusoid





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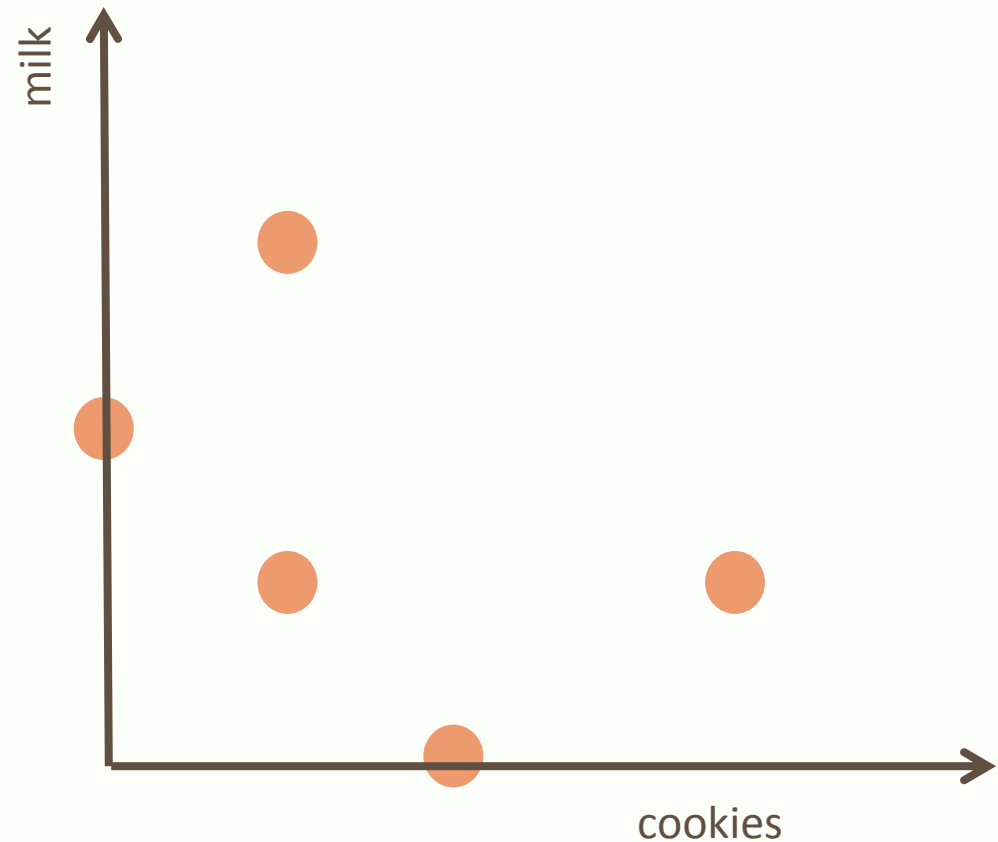
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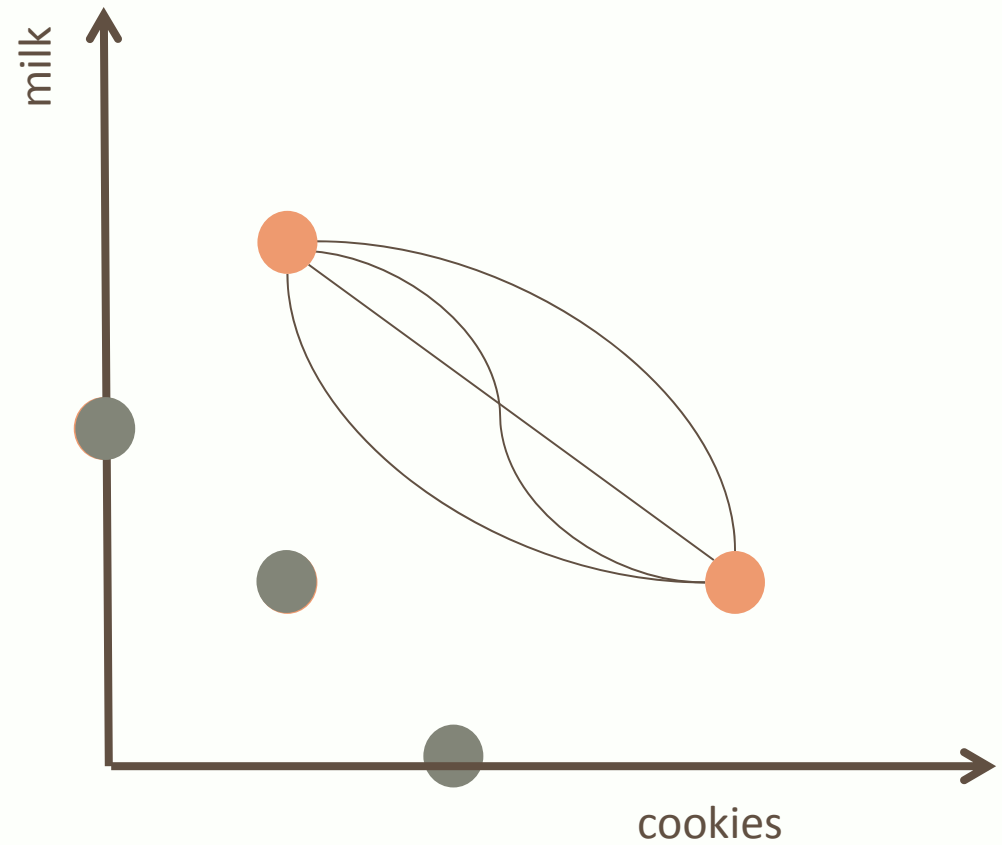
- You have one than one objective
- How do you trade-off one for the other

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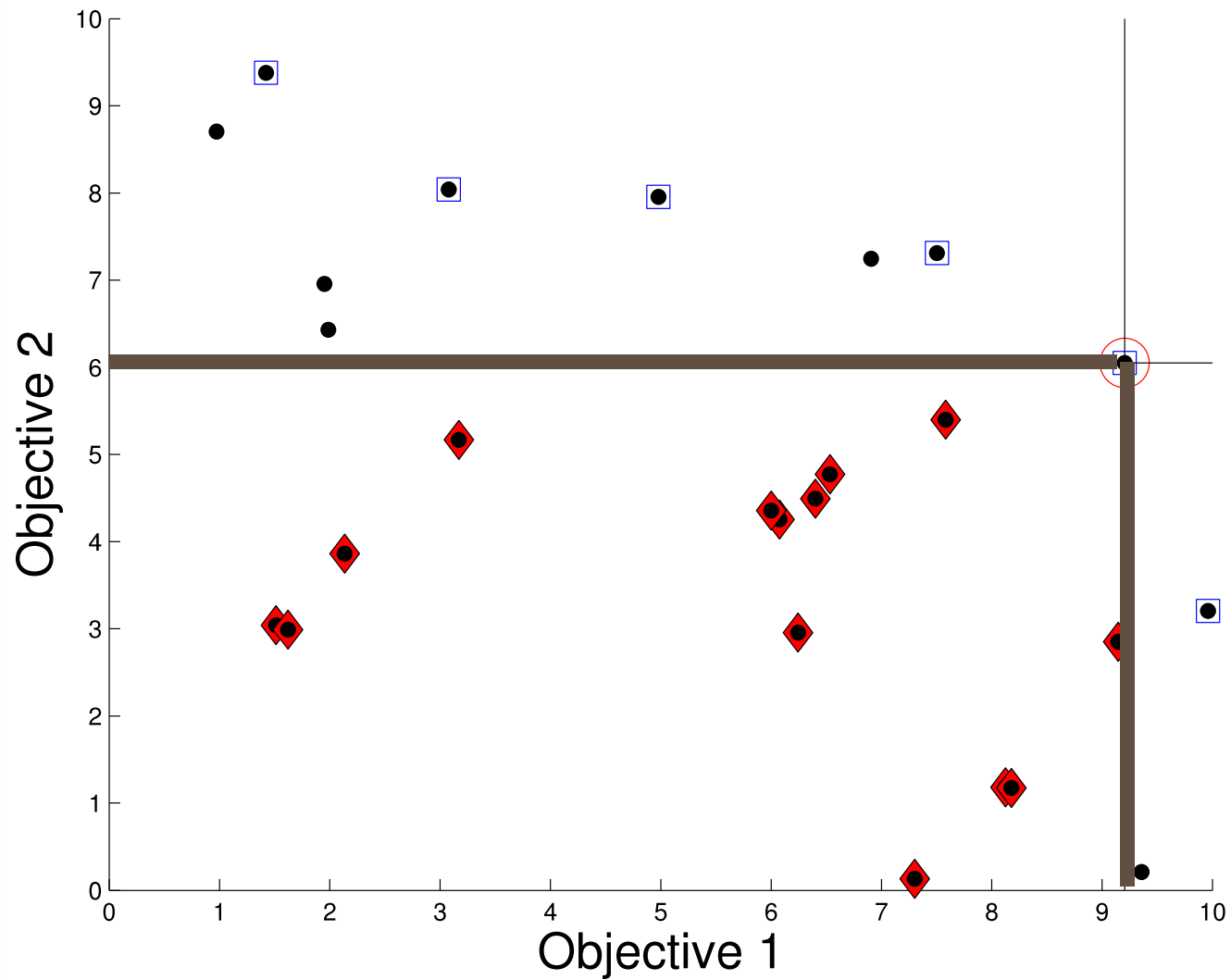
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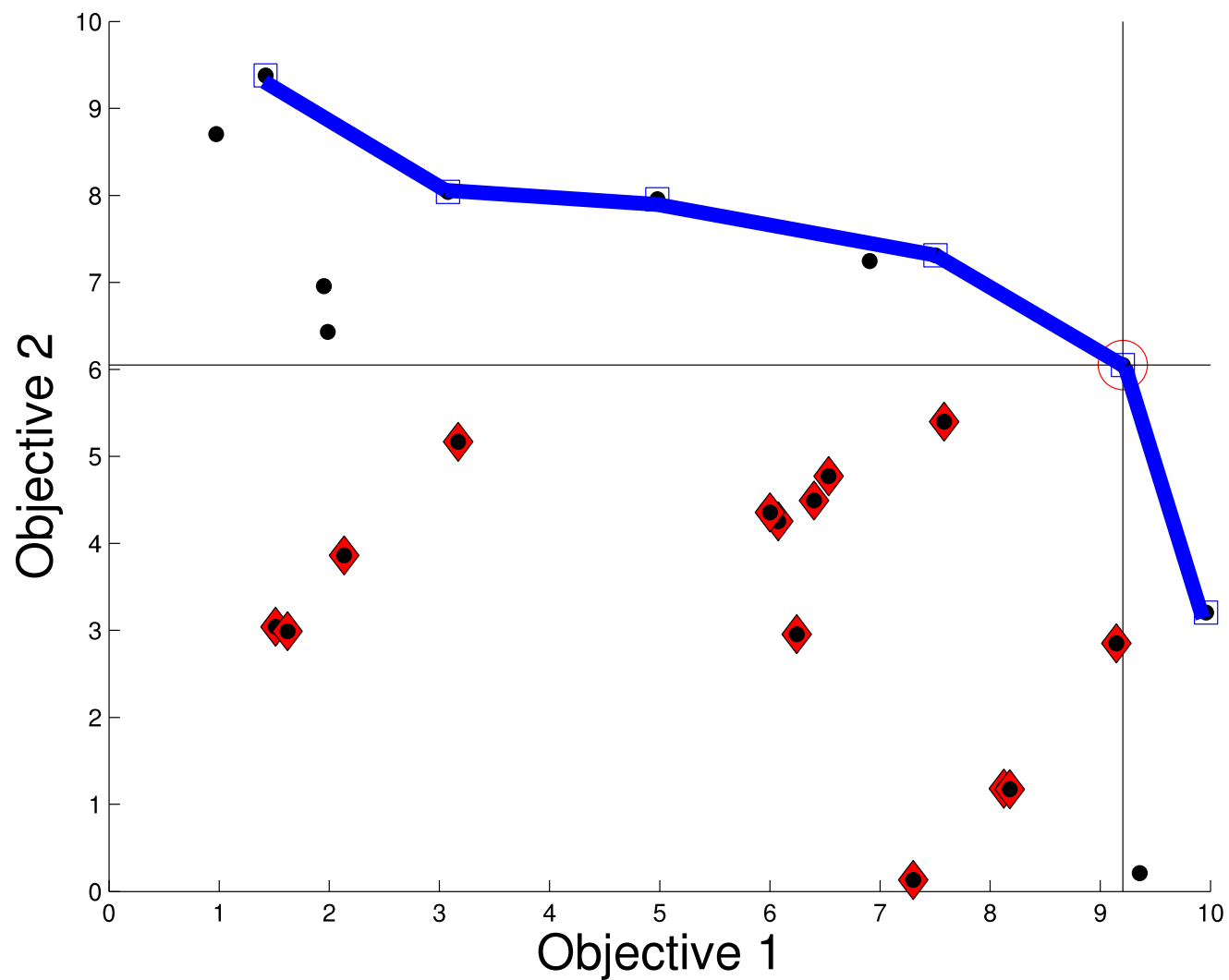
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# Multi-Objective Concepts: Dominance



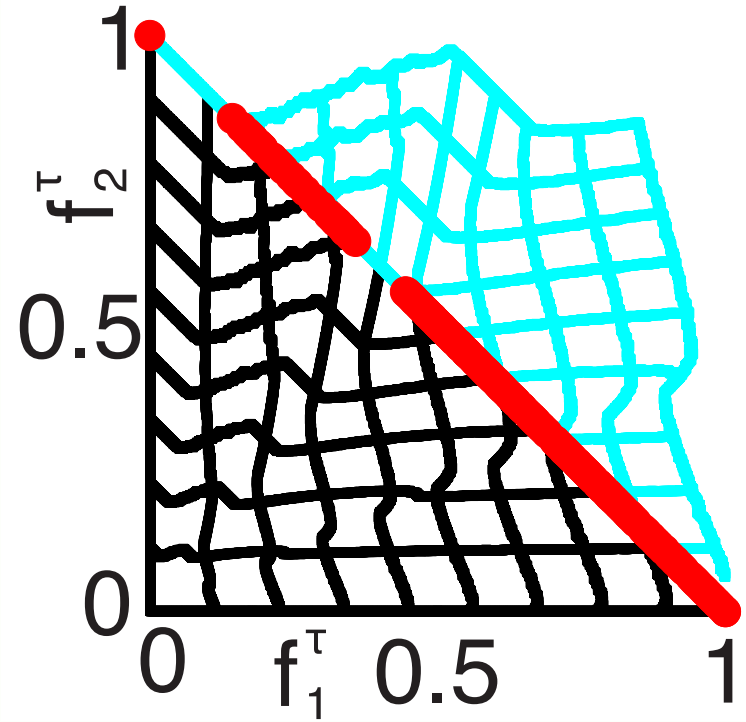
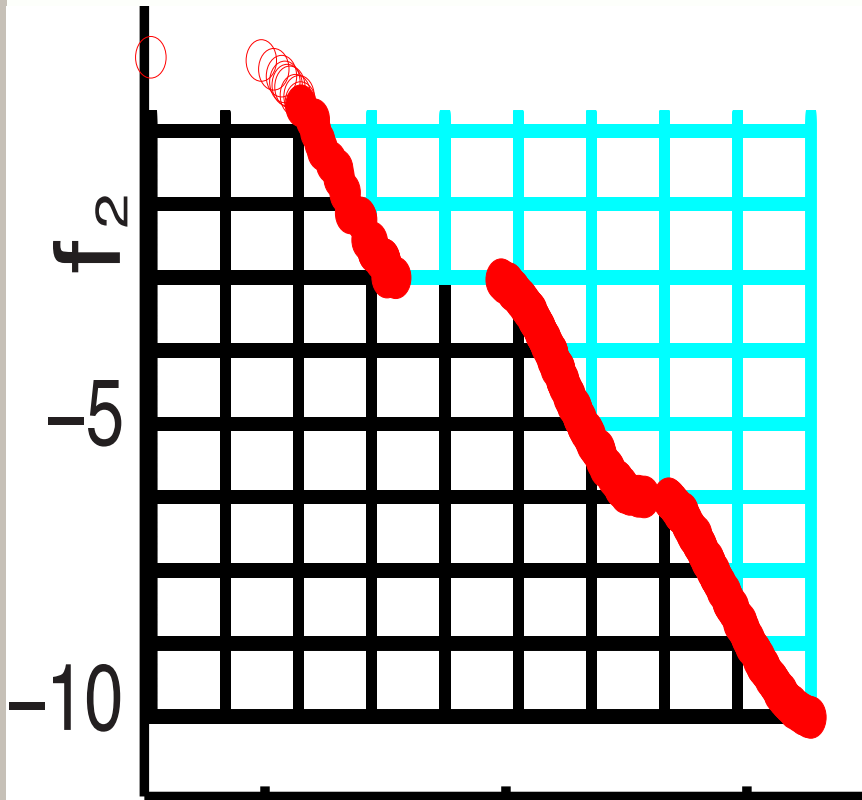
# Multi-Objective Concepts: Pareto Front



# Key Points

- “Seeing” the performance is easy with two objectives
- With higher than three objectives, it is very difficult
  
- Linear combination misses entire areas of search space
  - Suboptimal
  - Poor trade-offs
  
- Population based searches are slow. Very, very slow

# New Result





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