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# Open-source Shape Optimization

An application to Bulbous Bow

**FINCANTIERI**  
The sea ahead



wolf dynamics

 **DLTM**  
DISTRETTO LIGURE  
DELLE TECNOLOGIE MARINE



**OPTIMAD**  
ENGINEERING

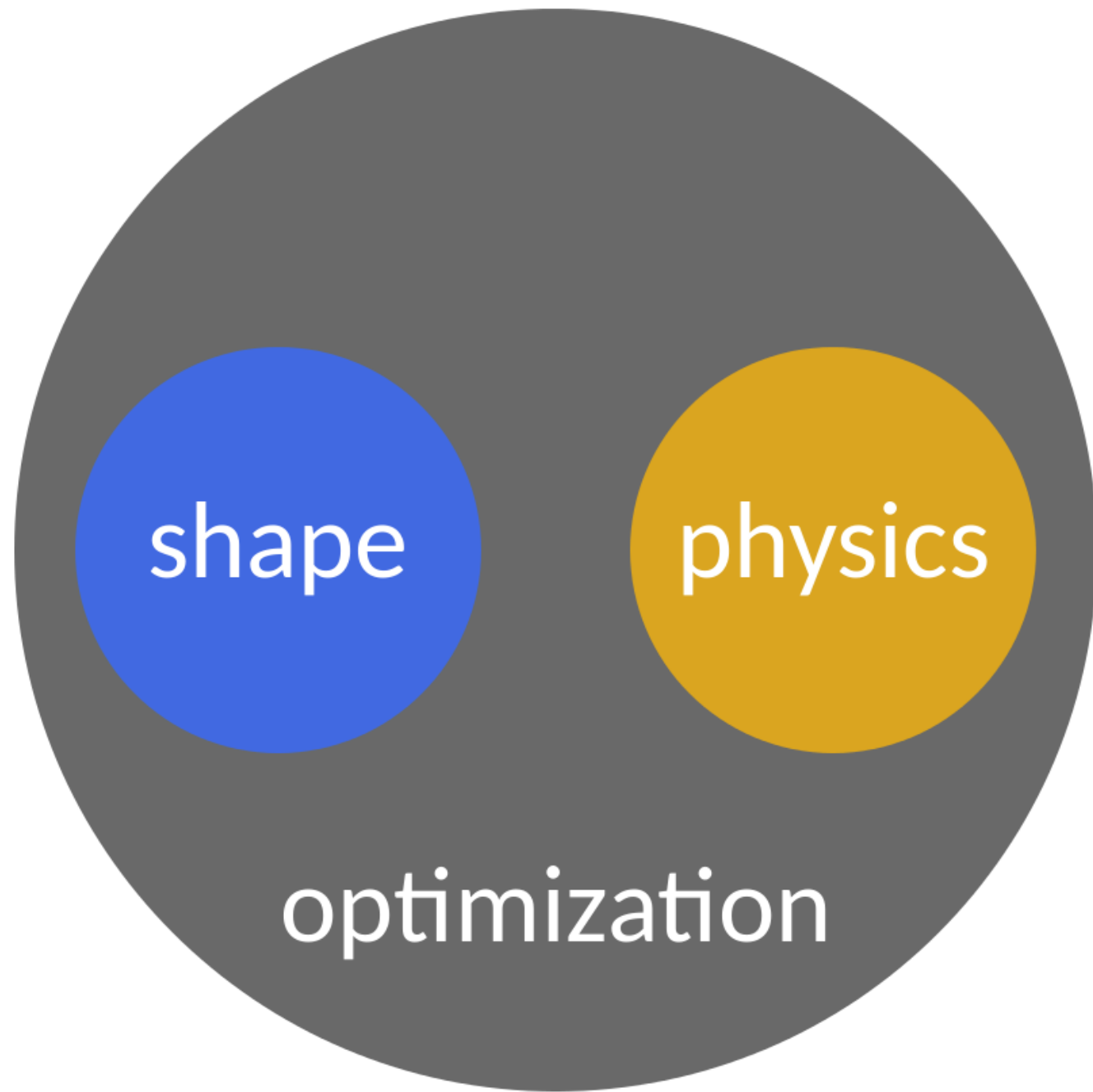
# Purpose

*Build an Open Source Shape Optimization  
Framework for Fluid Dynamics*

Why?

Numerical

Open source

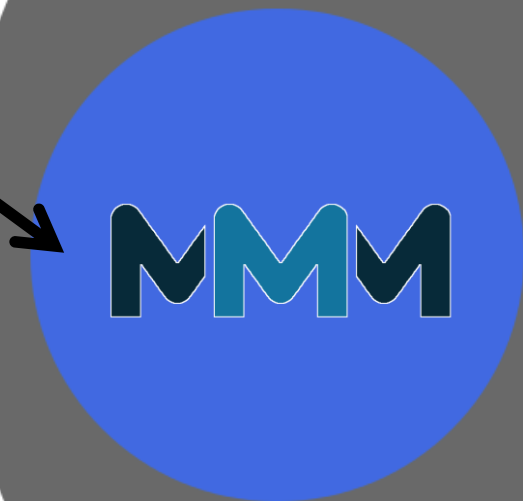


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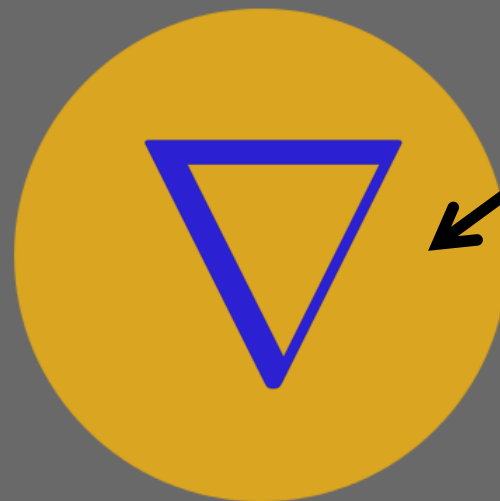
physics

optimization

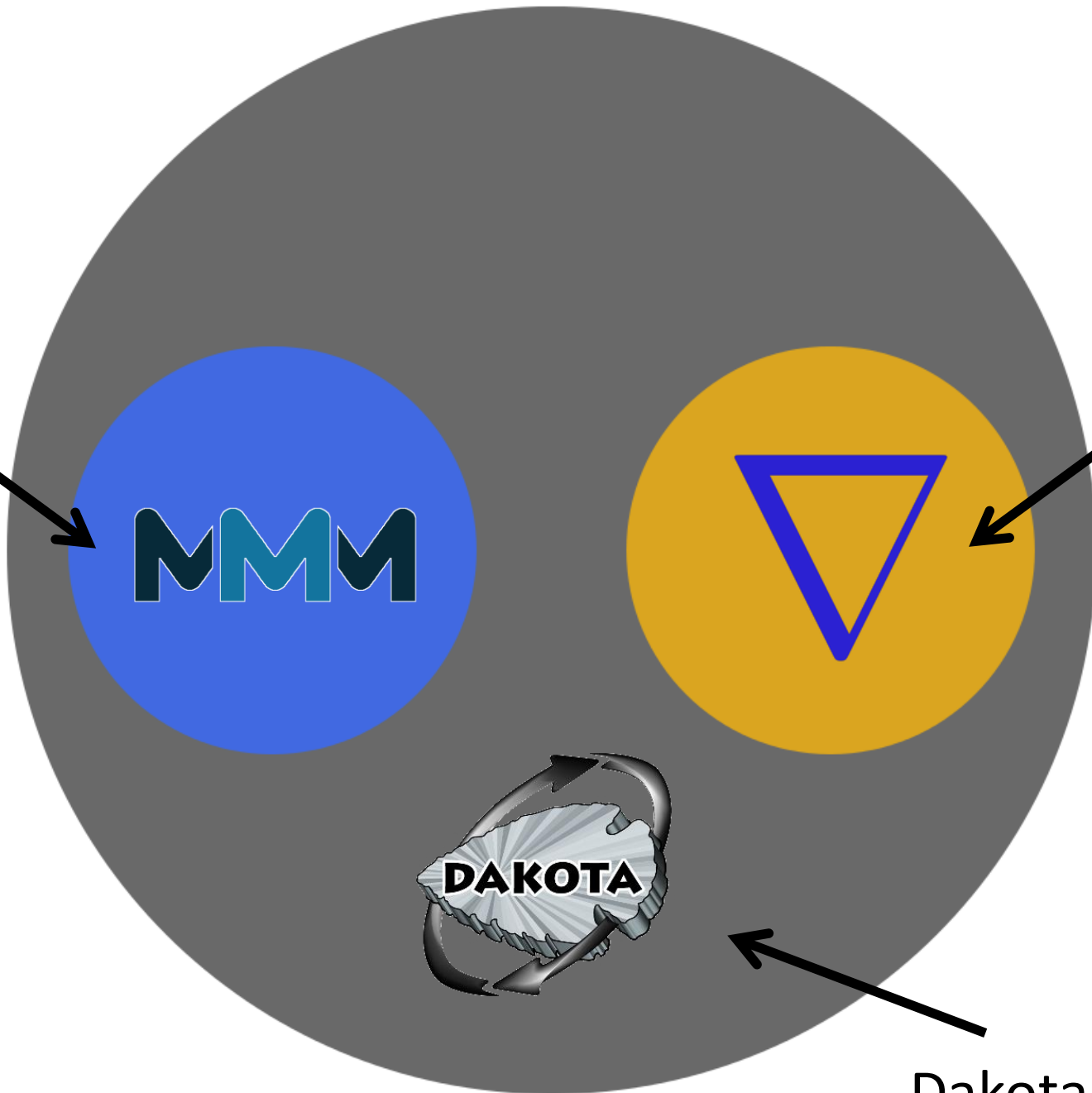
MiMMO Library



OpenFOAM



Dakota toolkit

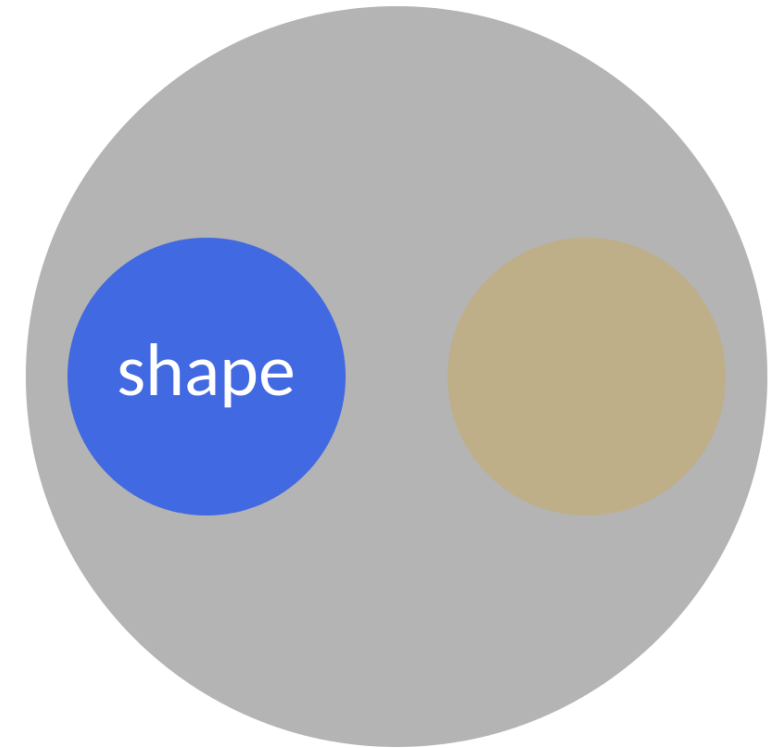


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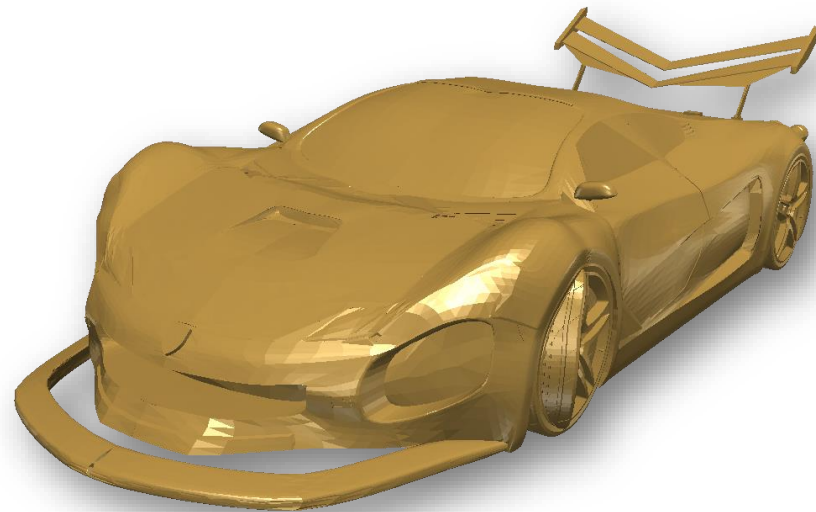
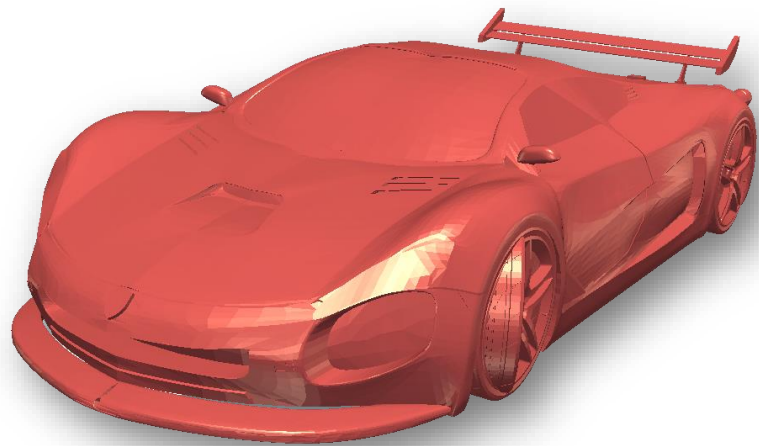
Radial Basis Functions

Control Points/Selection Box

No need to generate geometries

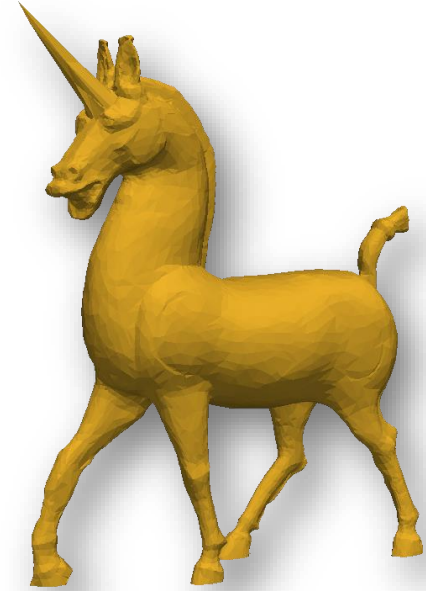
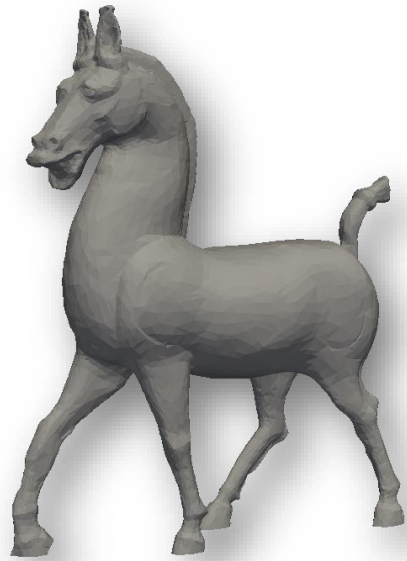


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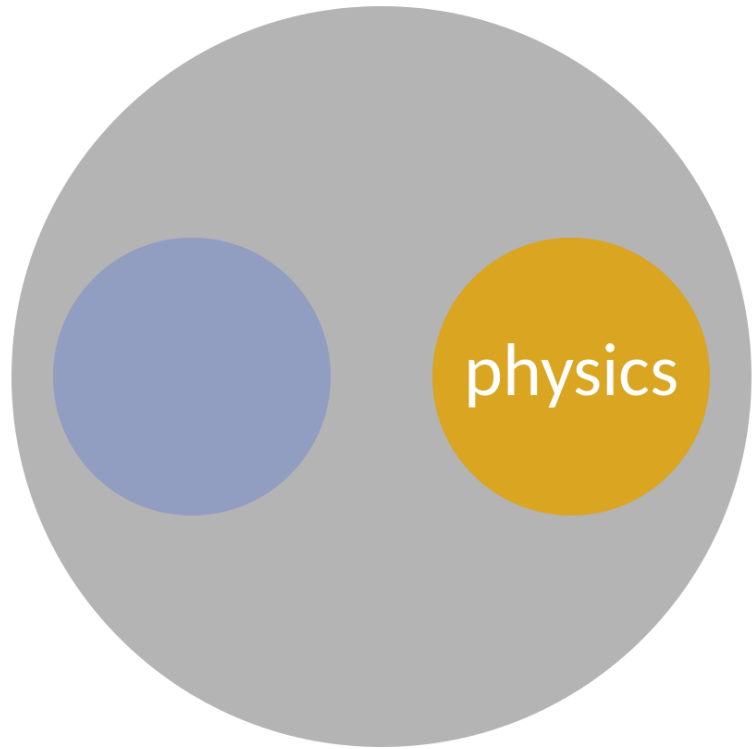


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Shape morphing



OpenFOAM

Simulates the physics

Benchmark with experiment

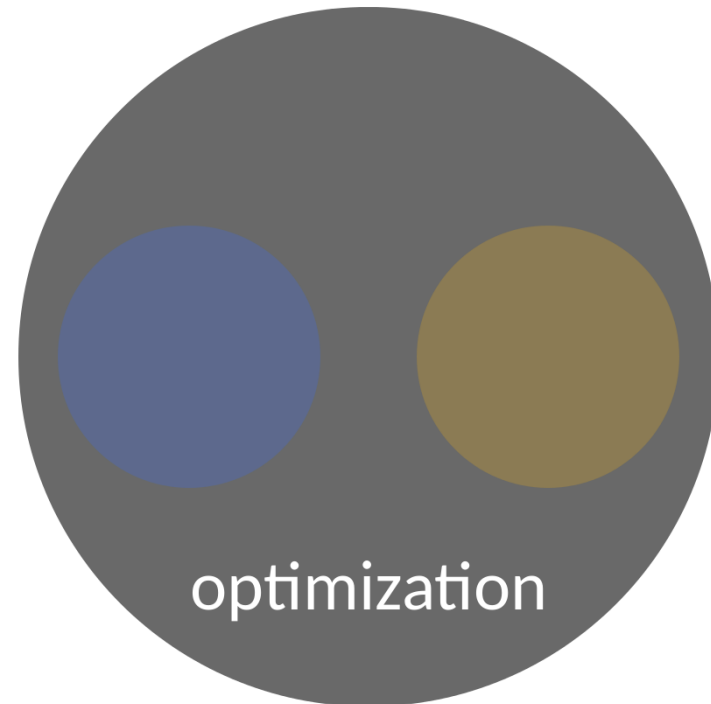
Accuracy/Costs trade-off

Physics simulation



# Optimization

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of making something  
(design, system, or decision)  
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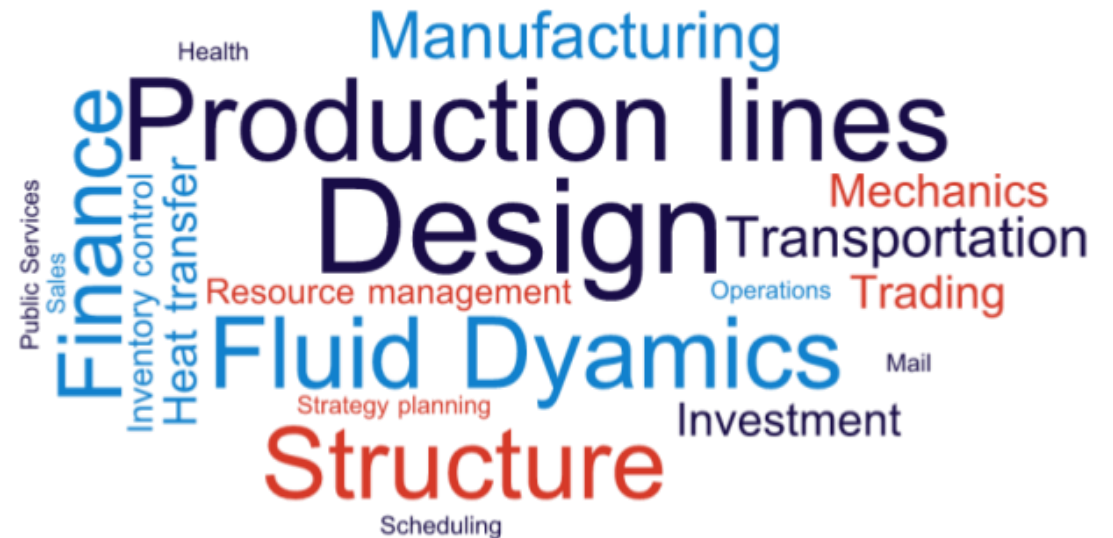
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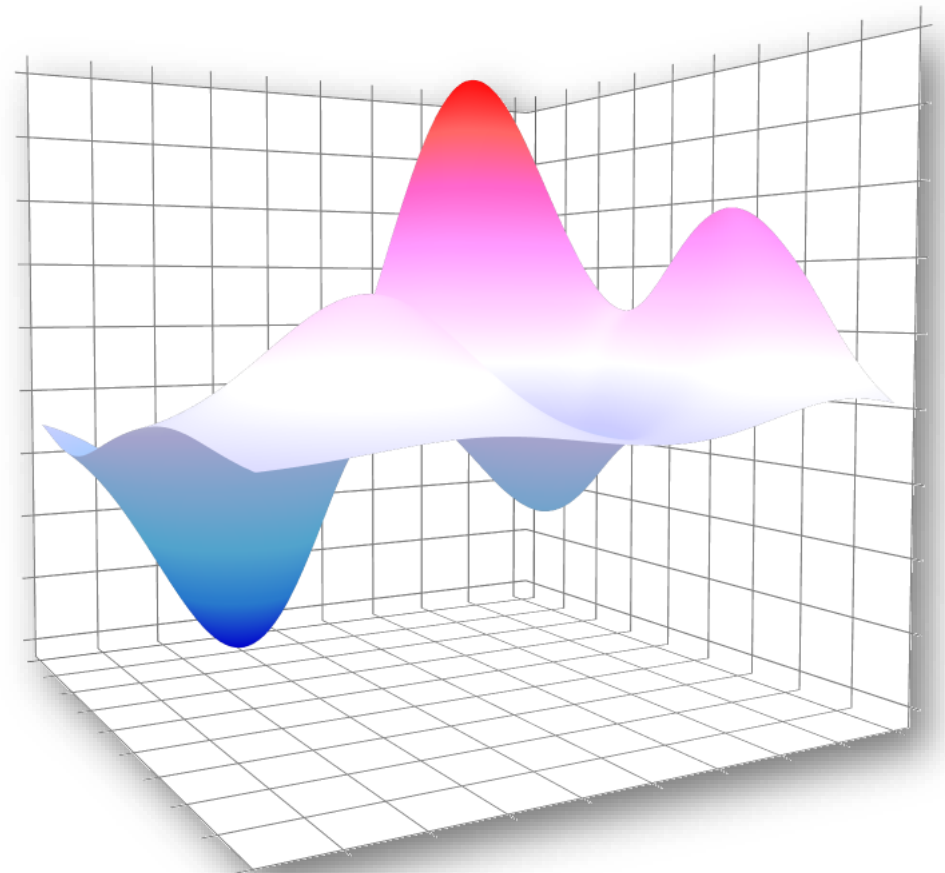
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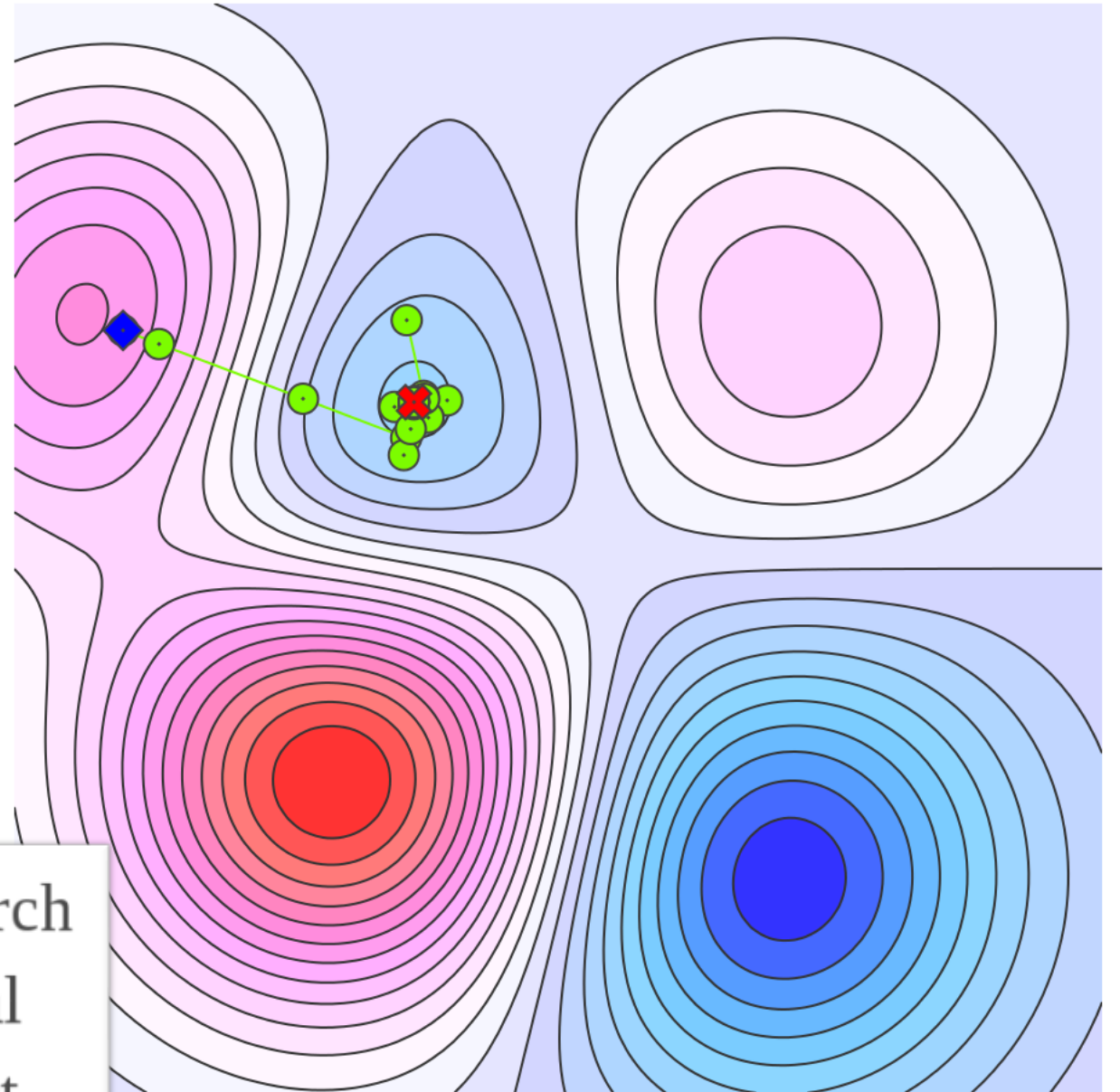
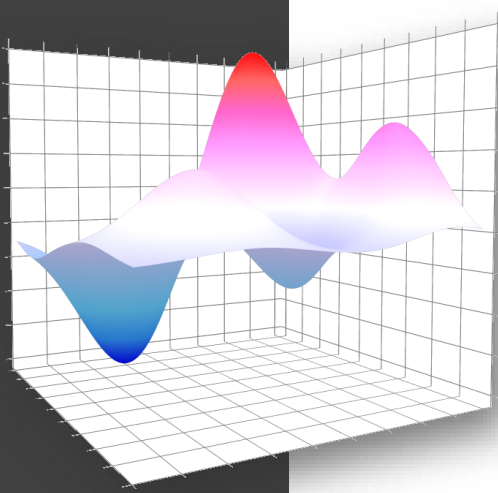
Ex.

- 2 design variables
- 1 outcome
- Multimodal behavior
- $t = 10 \text{ h}$

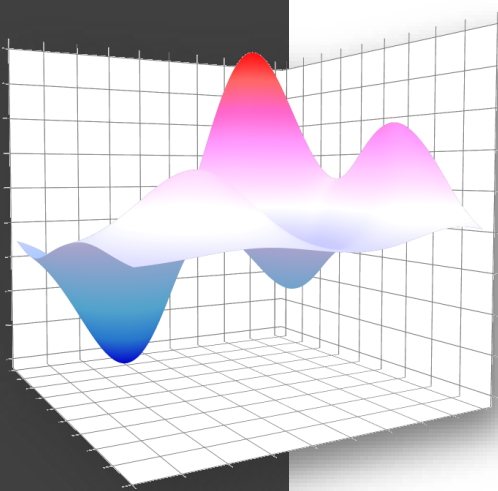


# Gradient based

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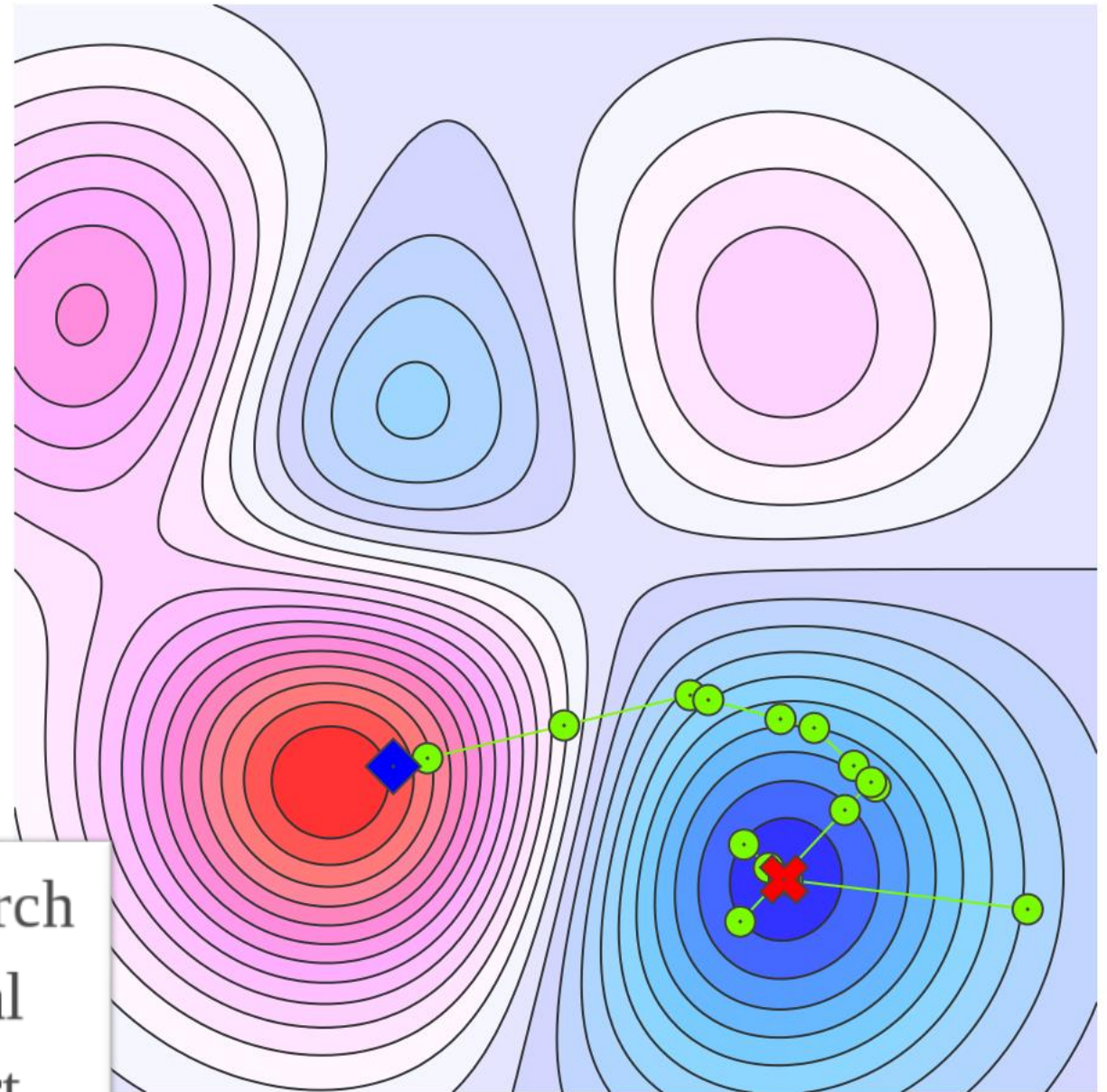
- Search
- ✕ Final
- ◆ Start



# Gradient based

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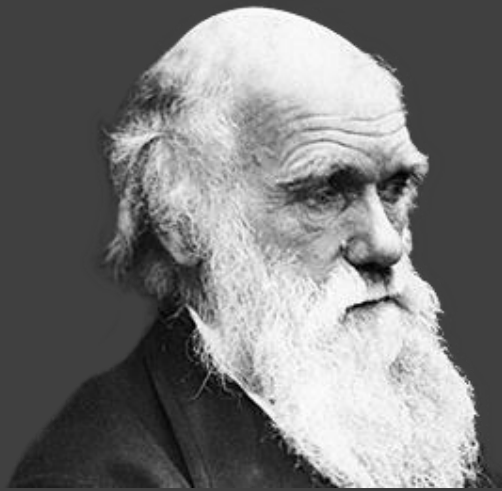
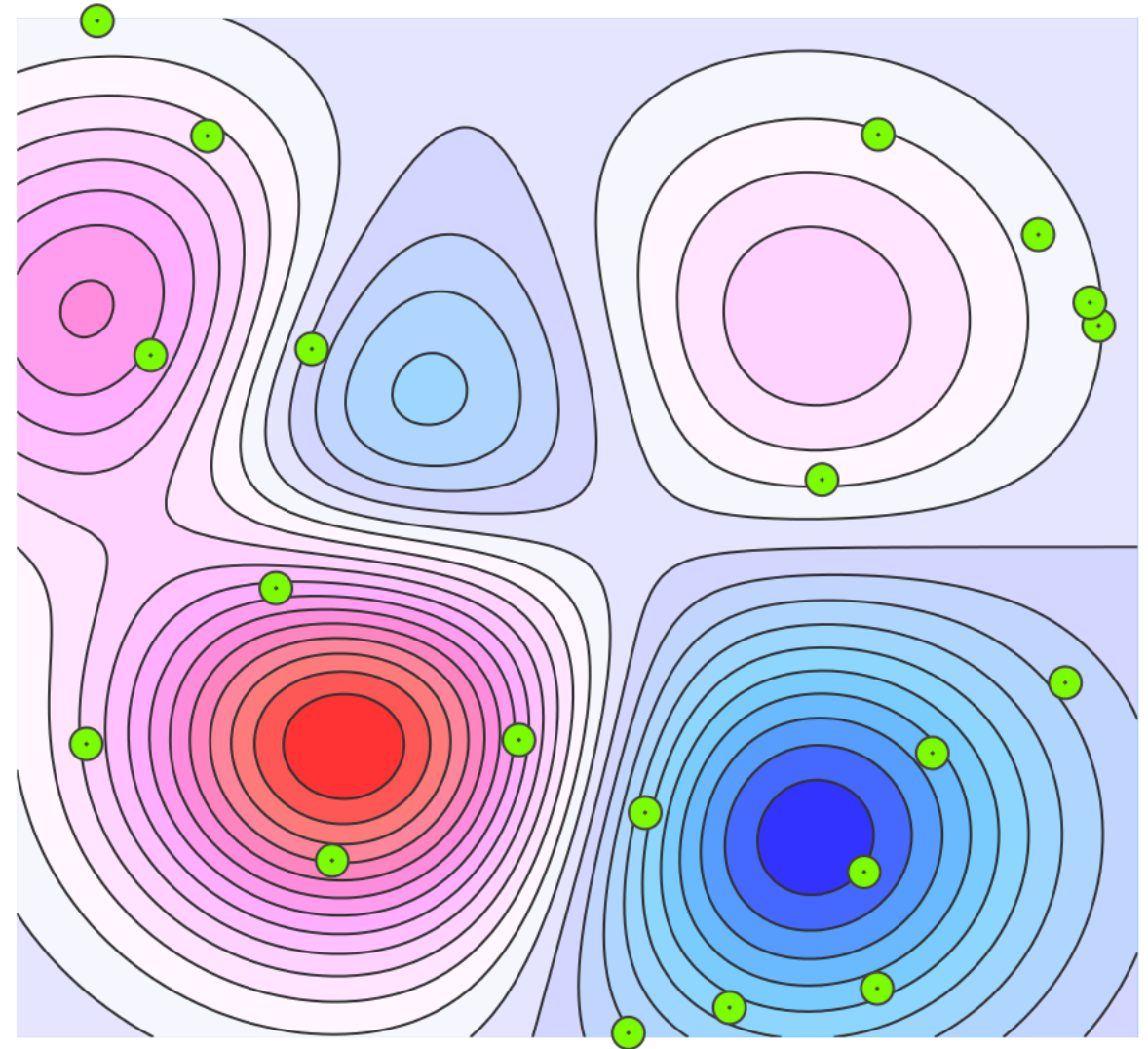
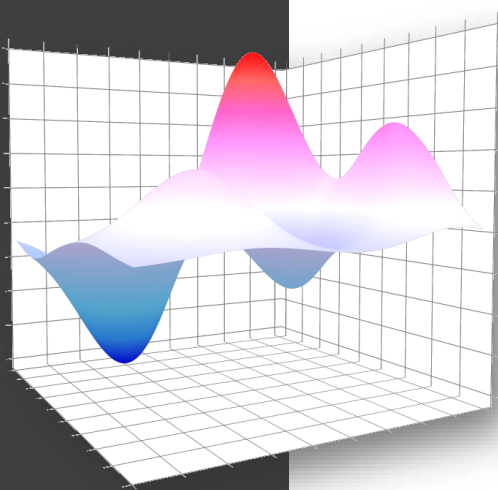
22 points +  
14 gradient =  
**36** evaluations  
**15 days**





# Evolutionary algorithm

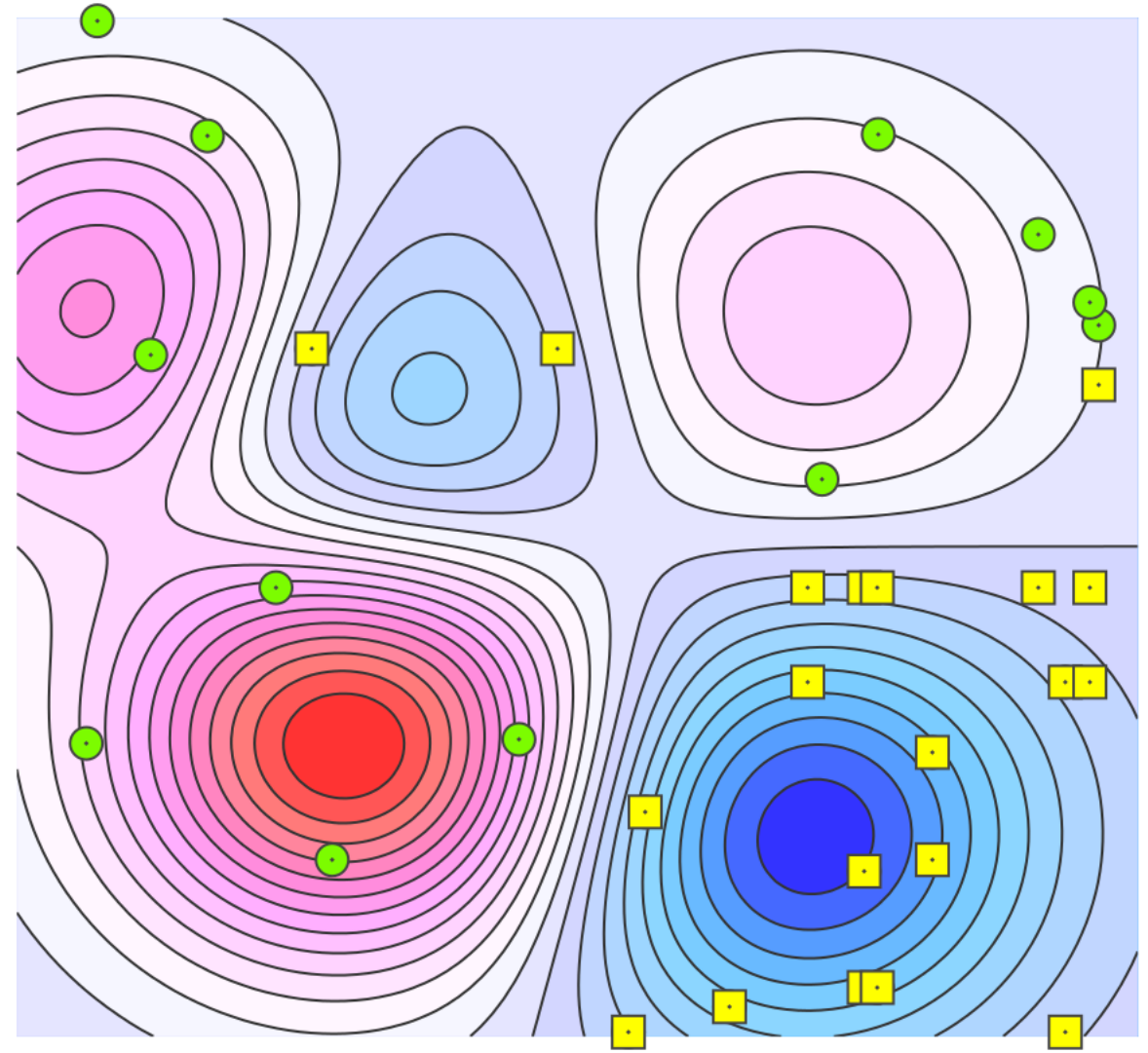
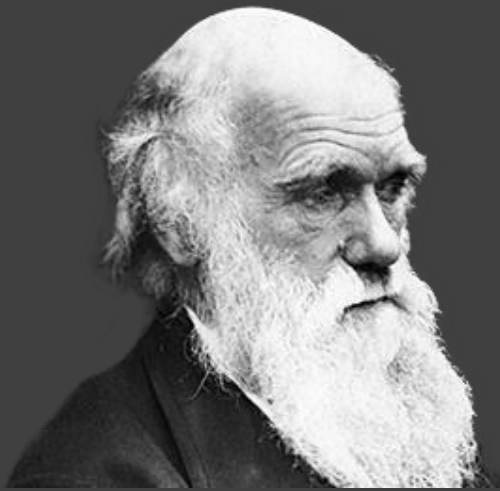
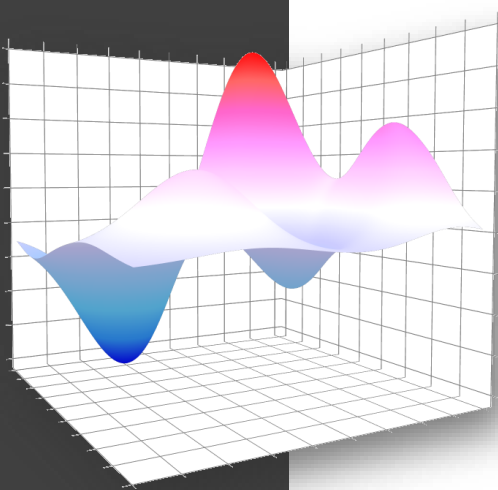
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 Population 0

# Evolutionary algorithm

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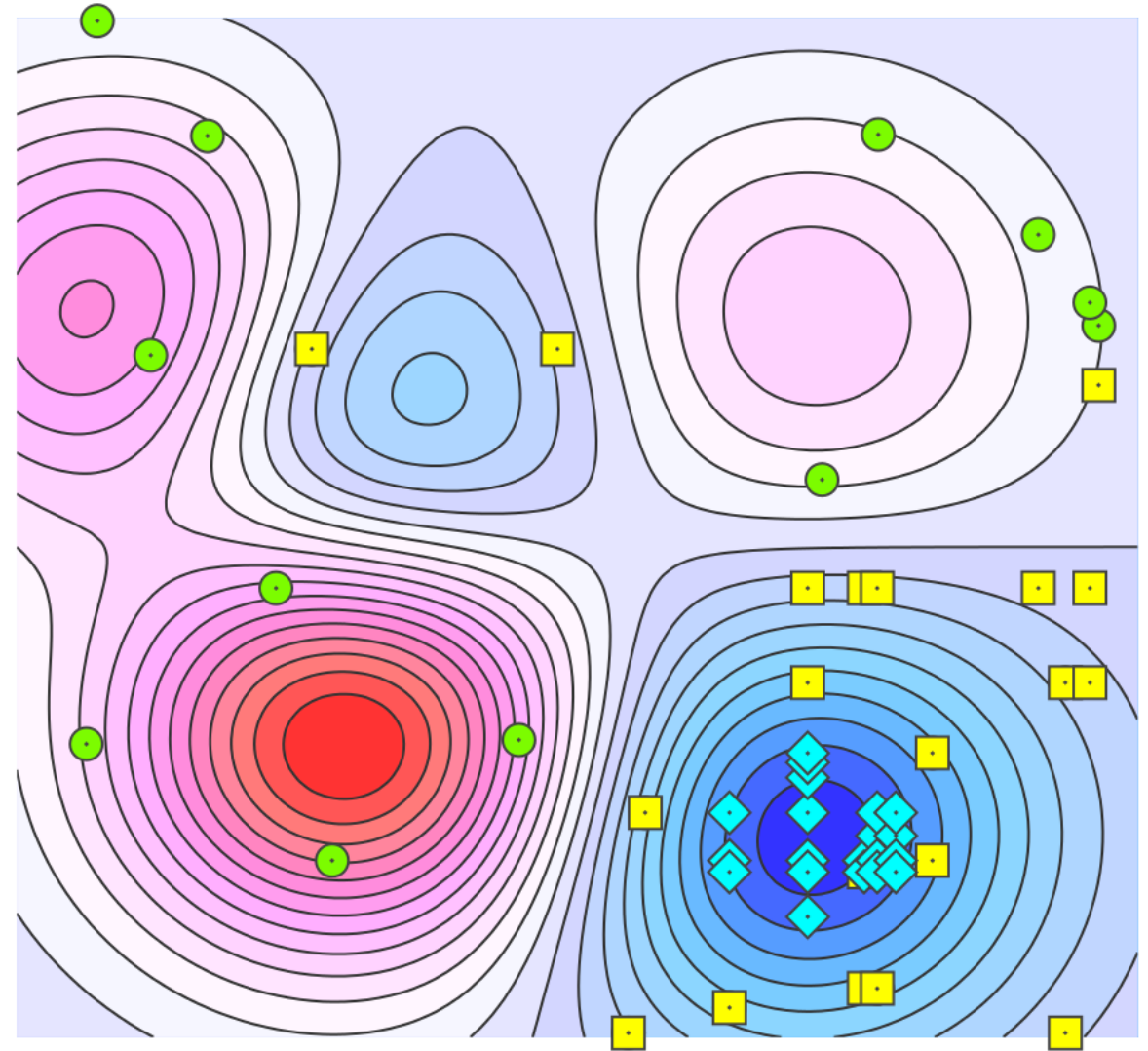
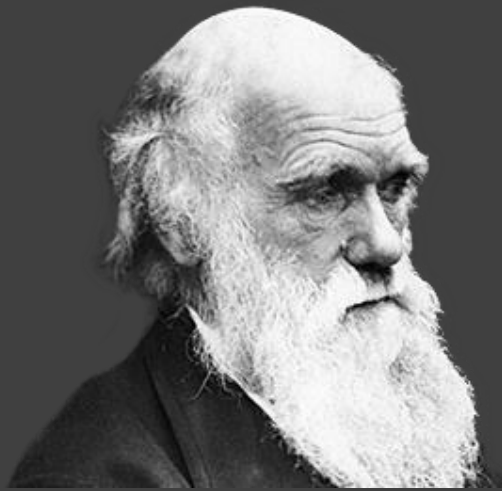
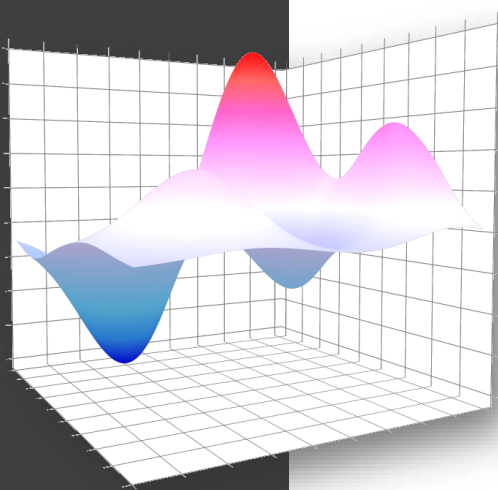


■ Population 3



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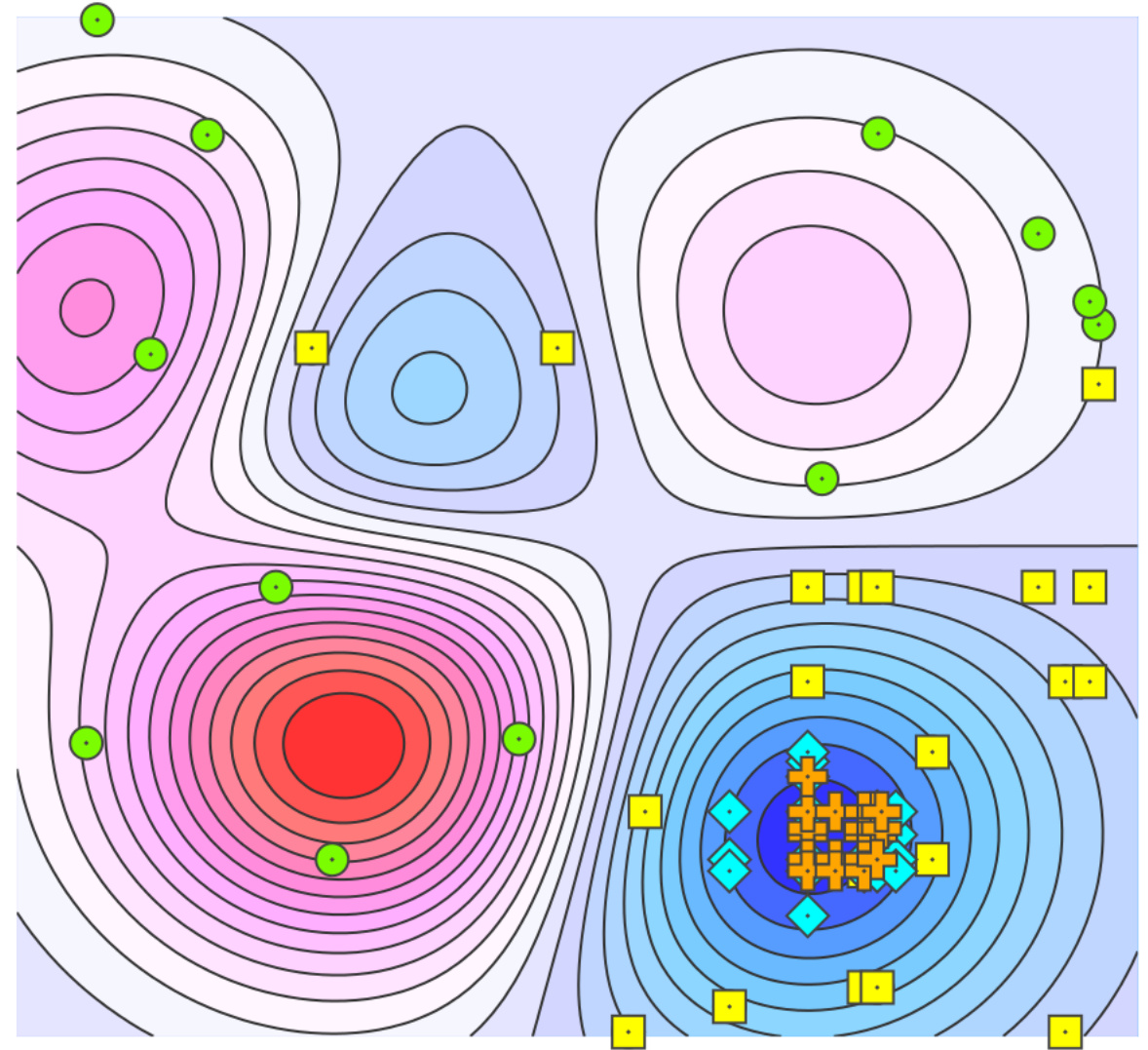
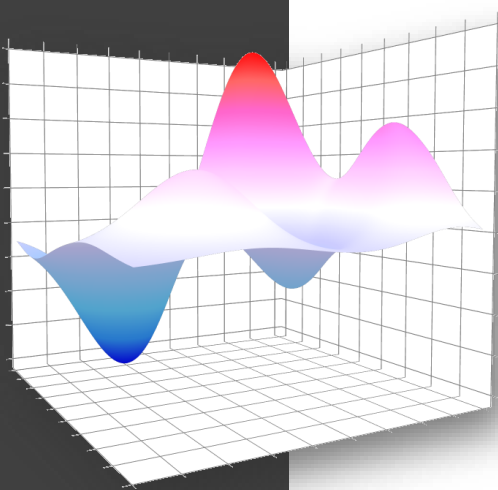
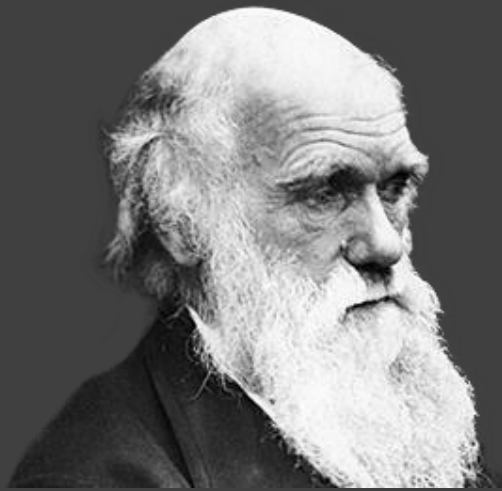
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◆ Population 20

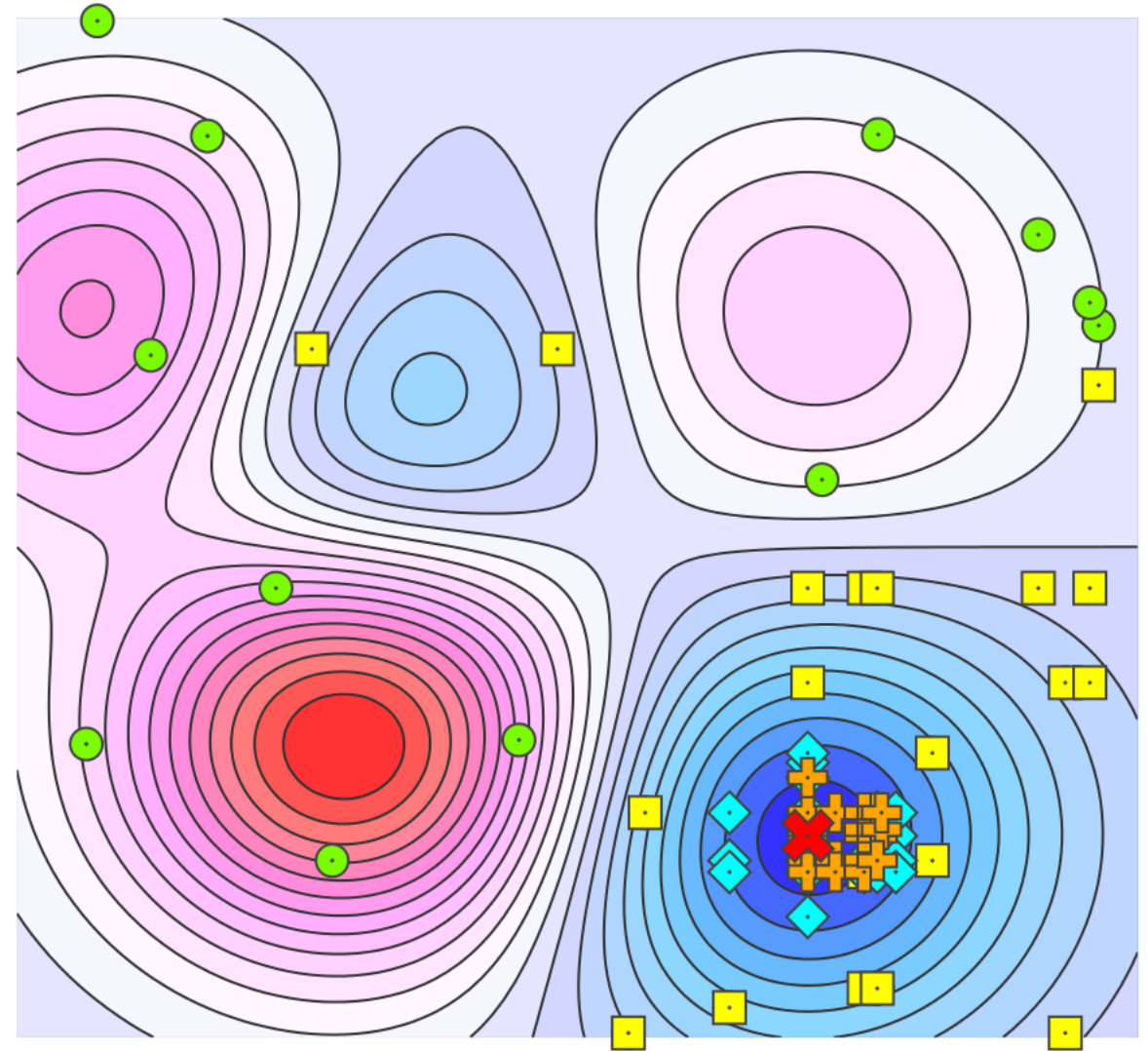
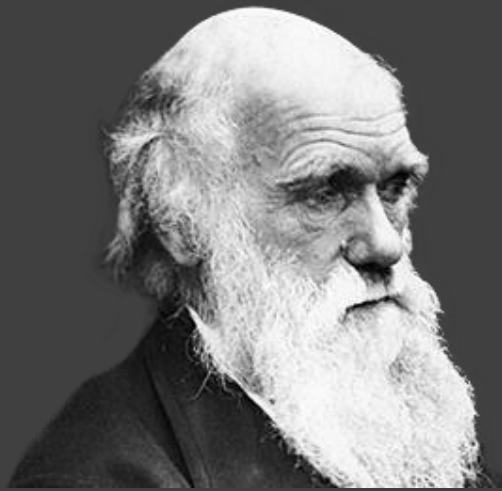
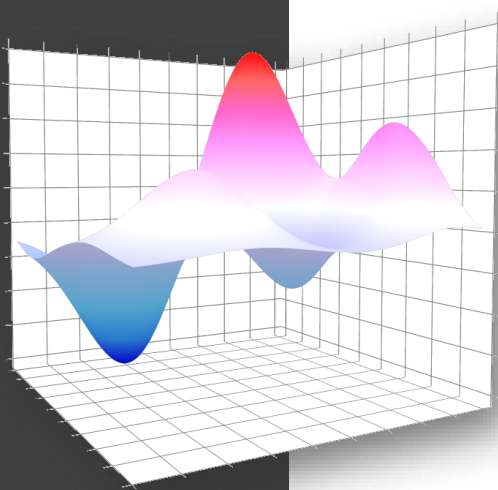
# Evolutionary algorithm

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 Population 40

# Evolutionary algorithm

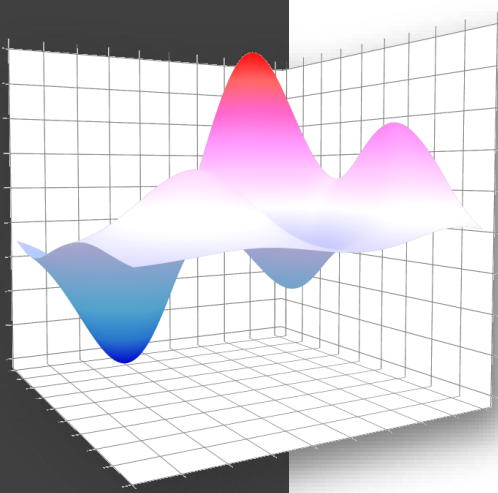


**X** Final

3 months  
**200** evaluations

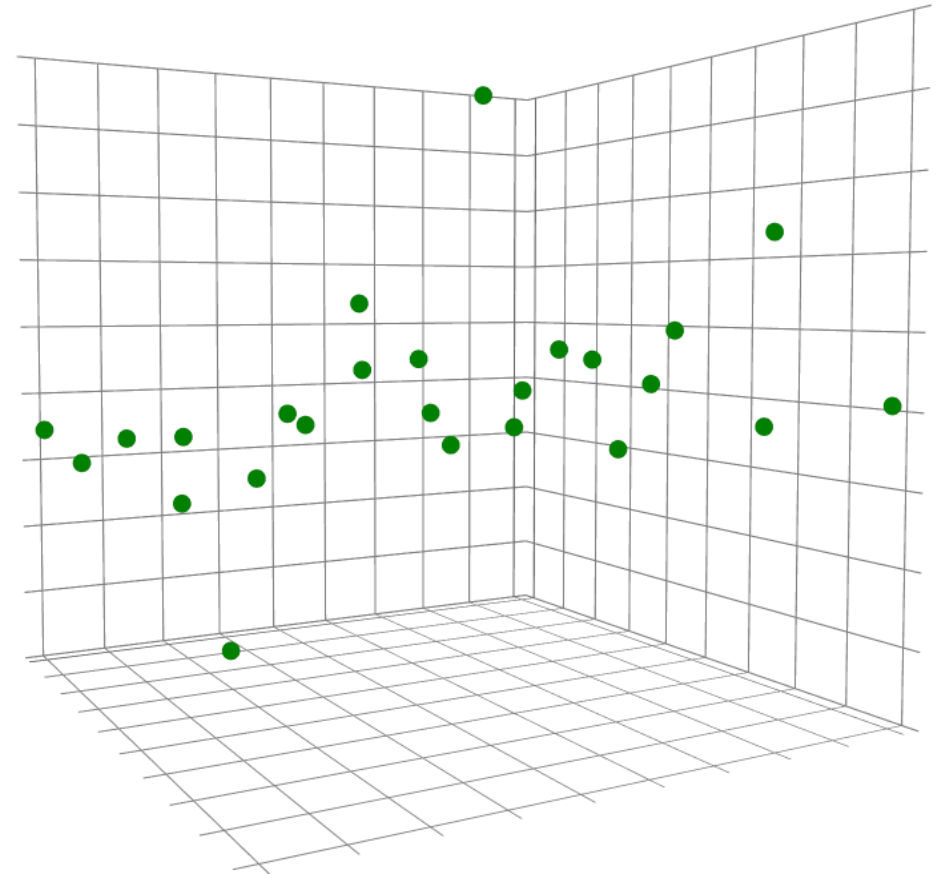
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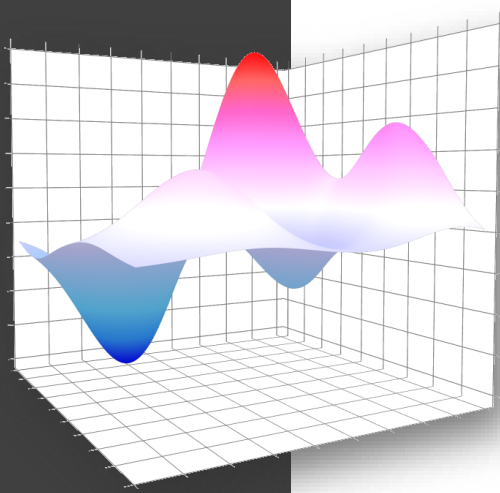


Ex.

- Full Factorial Sampling
- 25 design points

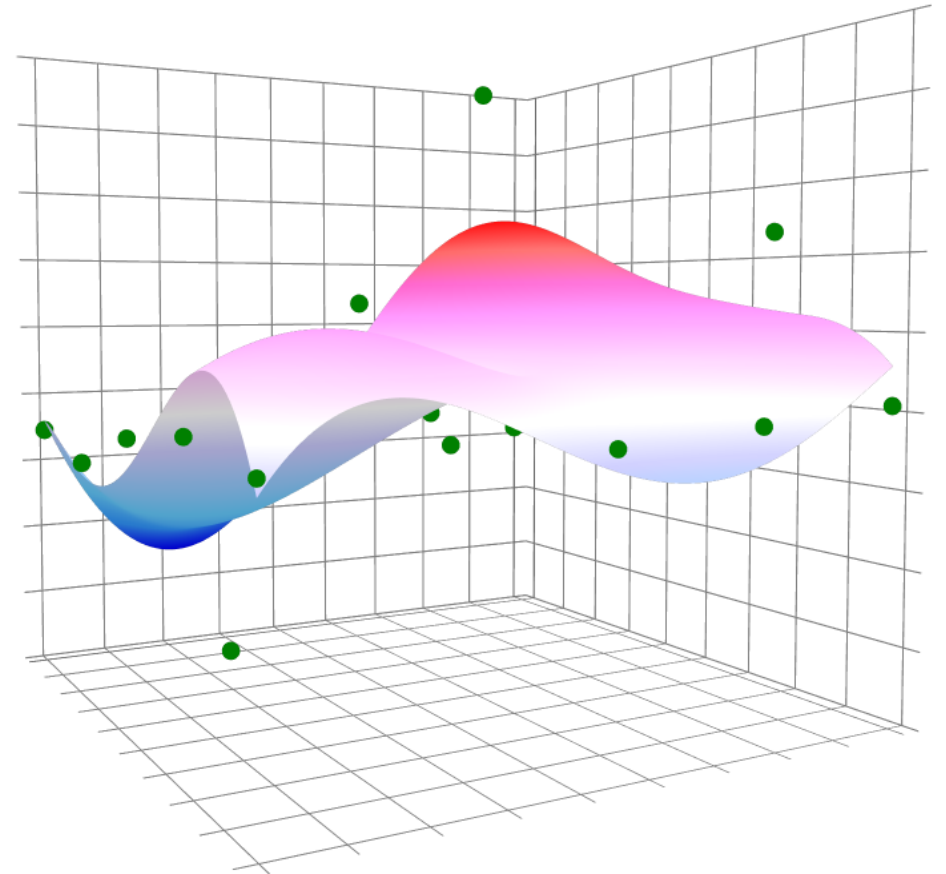


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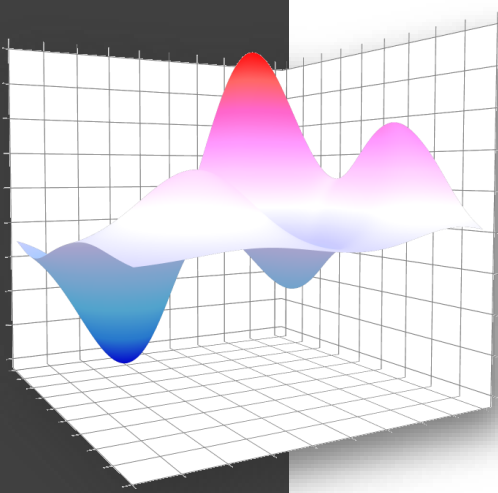
Ex.

- 4-order polynomial regression



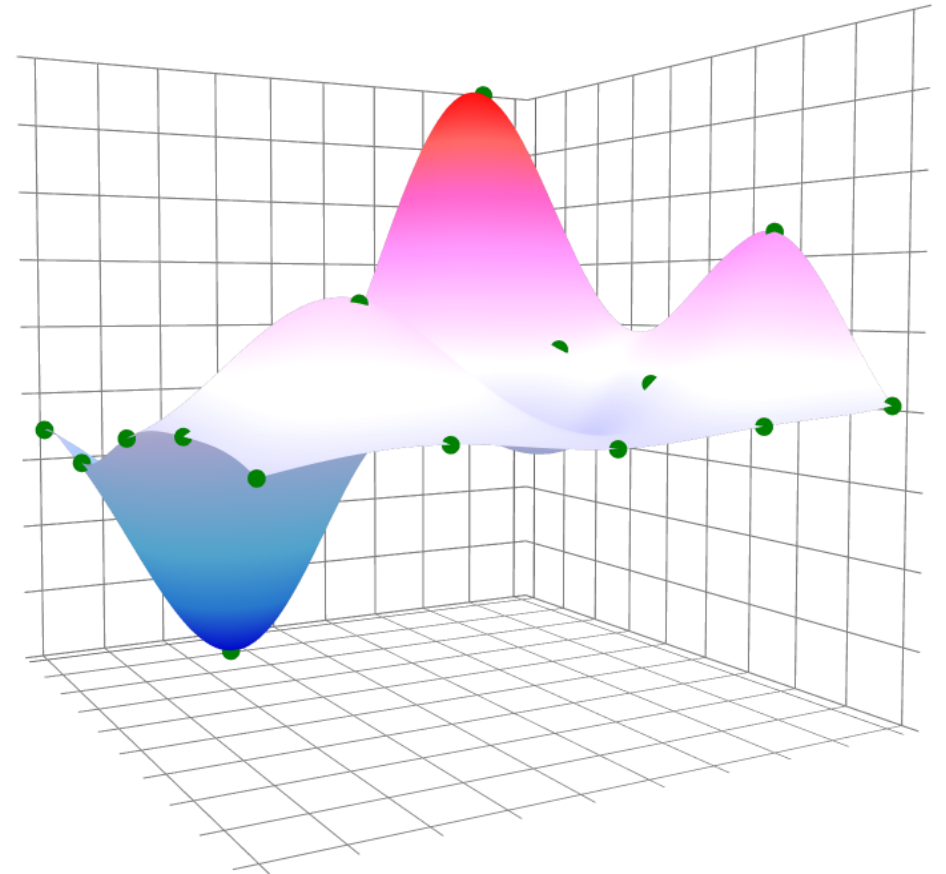
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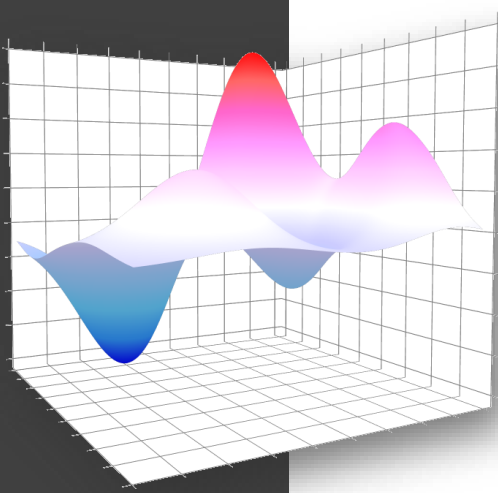
- Kriging interpolation





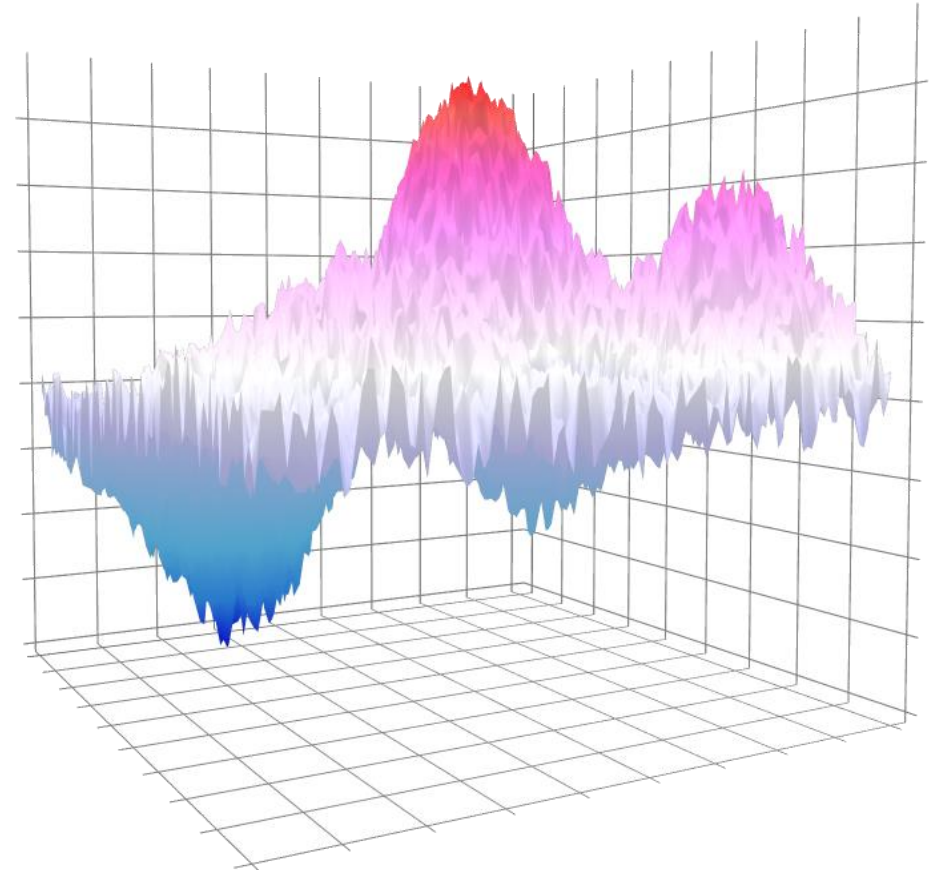
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Attention!

- Deterministic "noise"

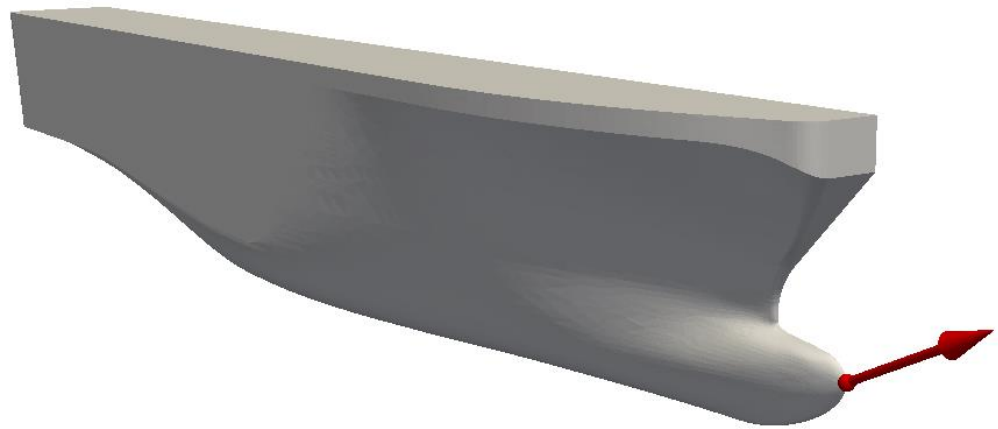
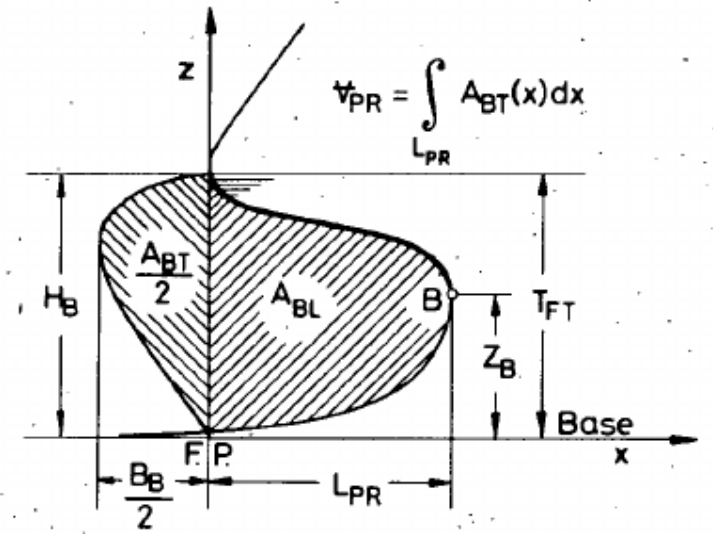


# Case study

Bulb design variables:

$$C_{LPR} = \frac{L_{PR}}{L_{PP}}$$

$$C_{ZB} = \frac{Z_B}{T_{FT}}$$





## Case study

Assumptions:

- Model scale
- Calm water
- Bare hull
- Fixed trim condition
- Symmetry

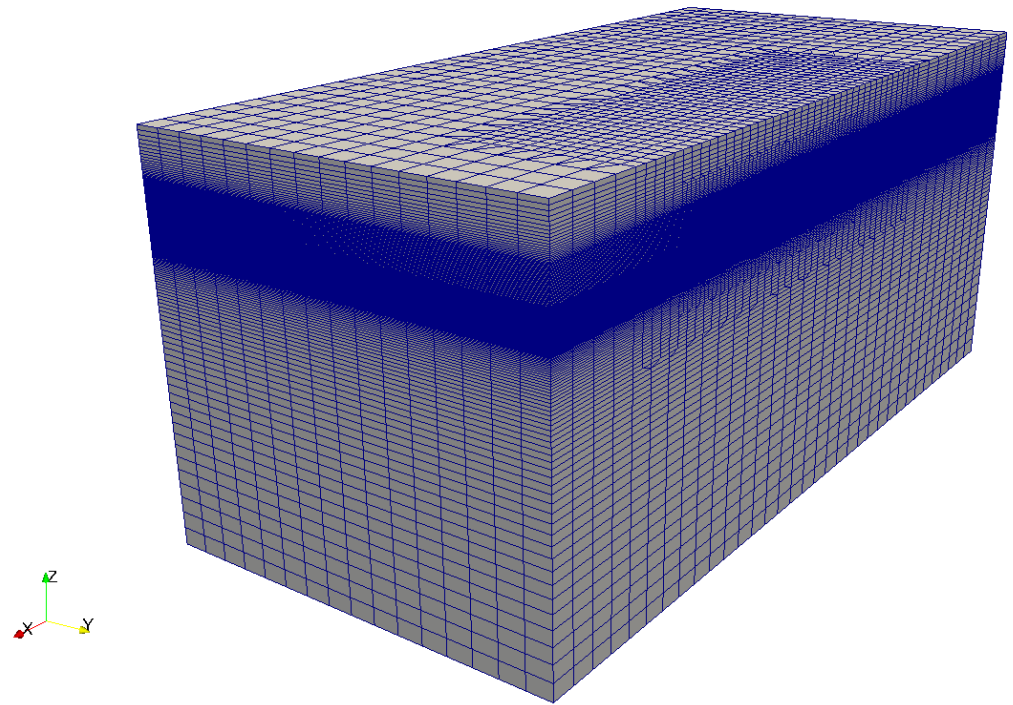
$$Fn_{model} = Fn_{ship}$$

$$\frac{V_{model}}{\sqrt{gL_{model}}} = \frac{V_{ship}}{\sqrt{gL_{ship}}} \implies V_{model} = \frac{V_{ship}}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

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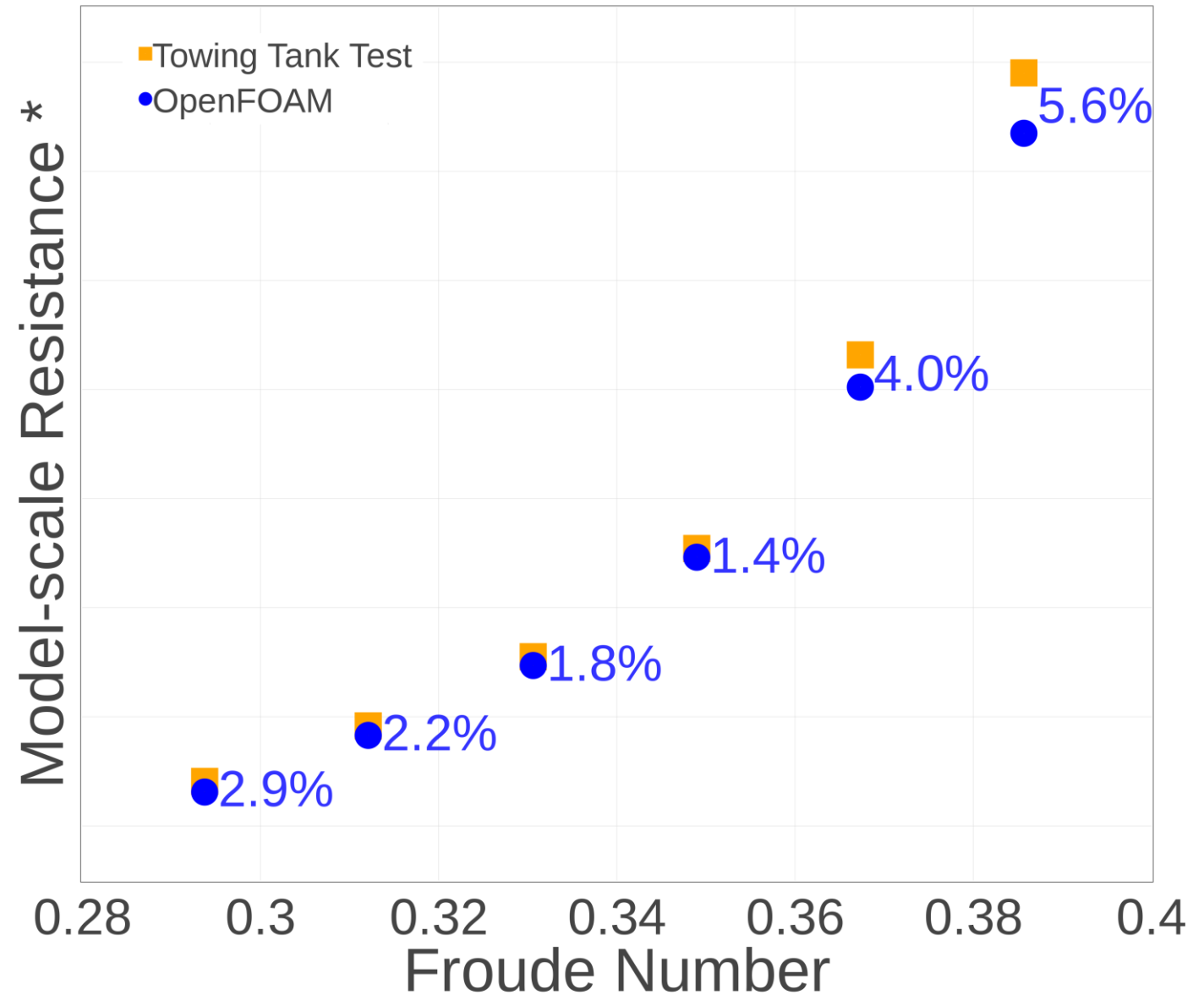
Numerical model:

- Mesh 700k cells
- Local Time Stepping (LTS)
- **interFoam** solver (VOF)
- k- $\omega$  SST



# Benchmark

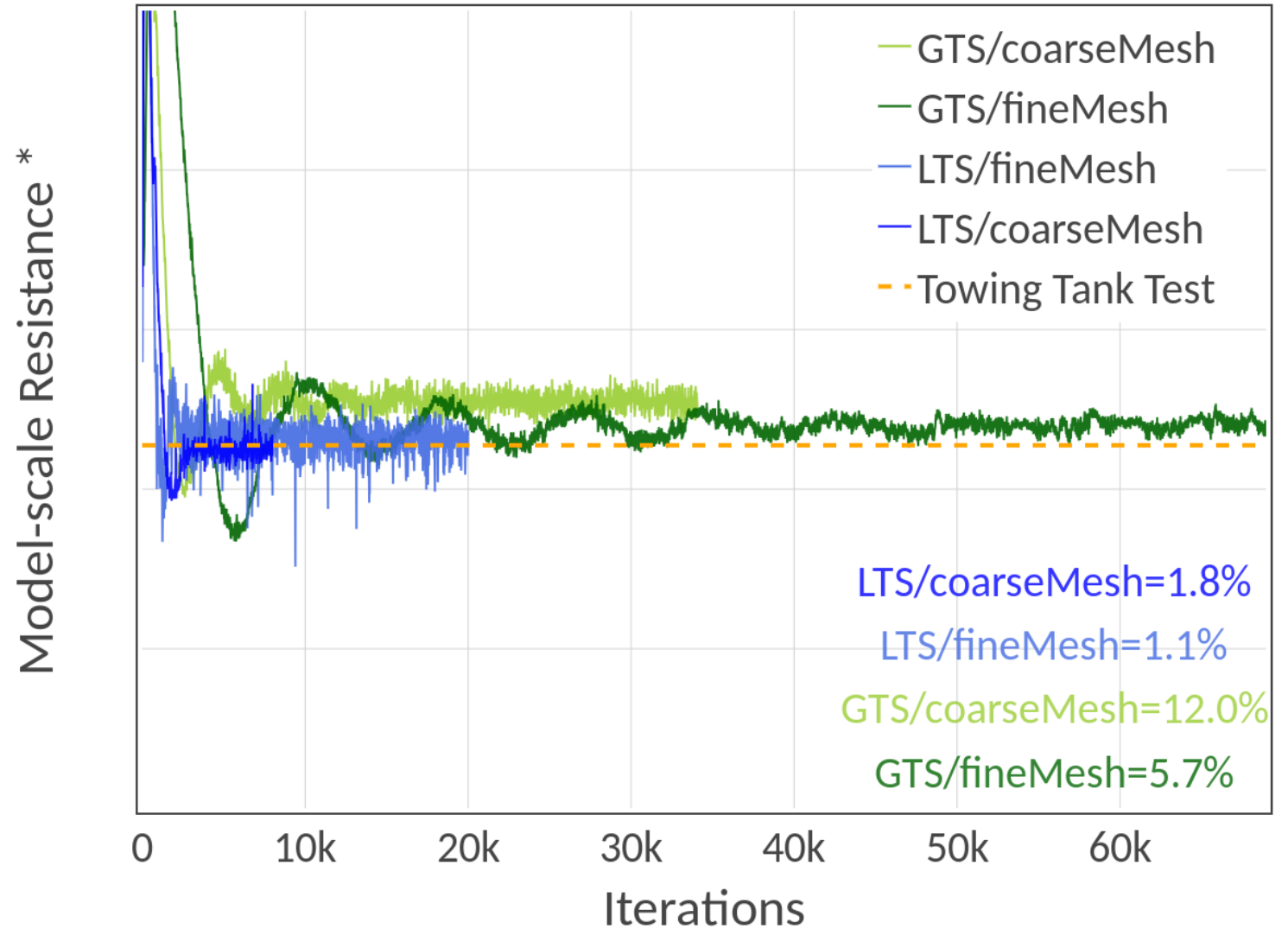
## Velocity-Resistance Trend



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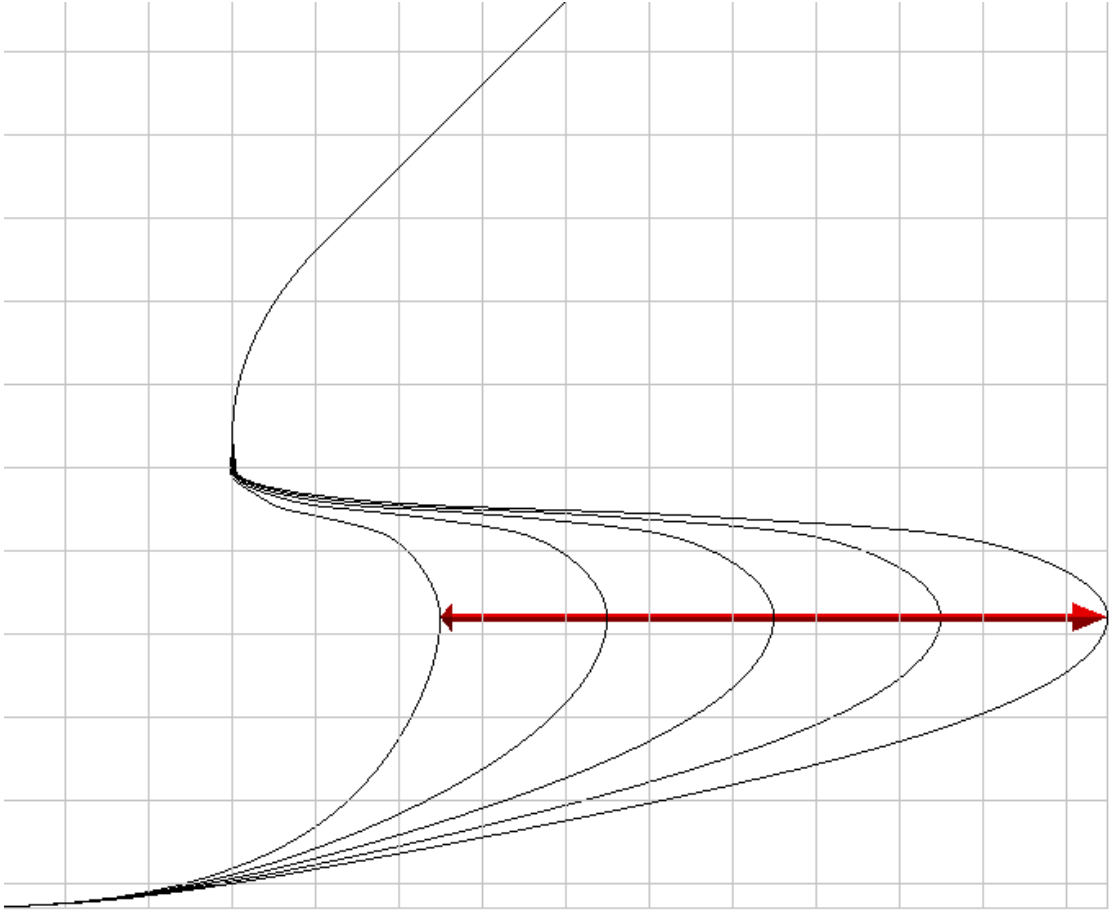
## Numerical dependencies



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# One-design-variable

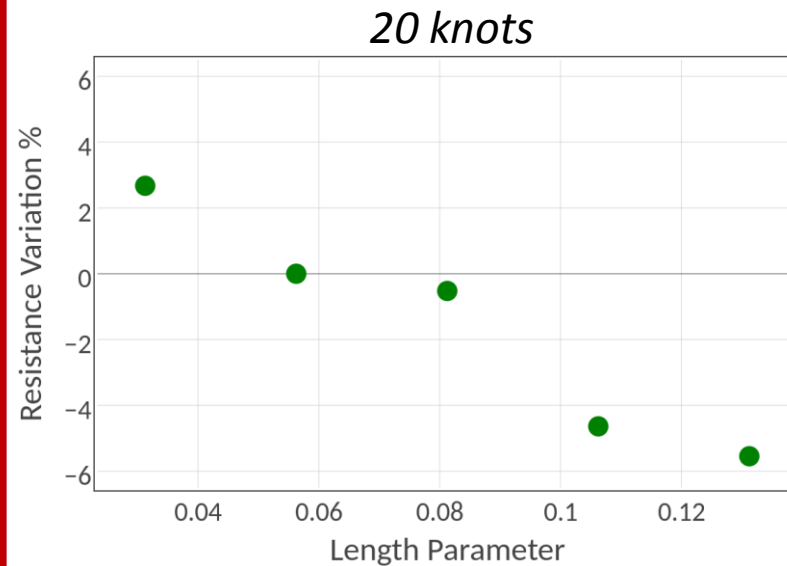
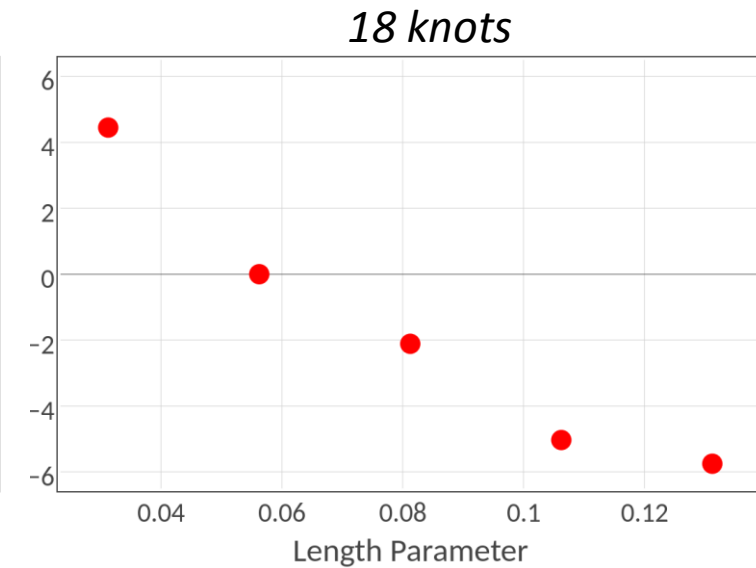
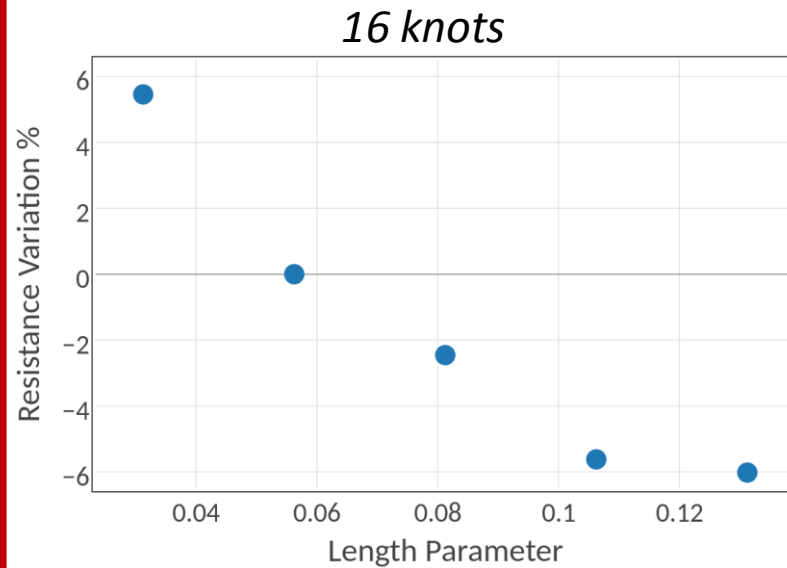
## Results



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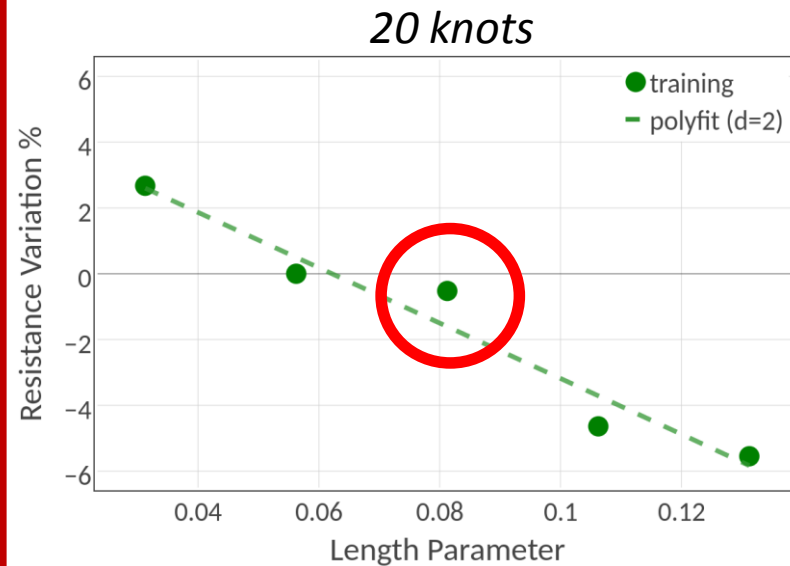
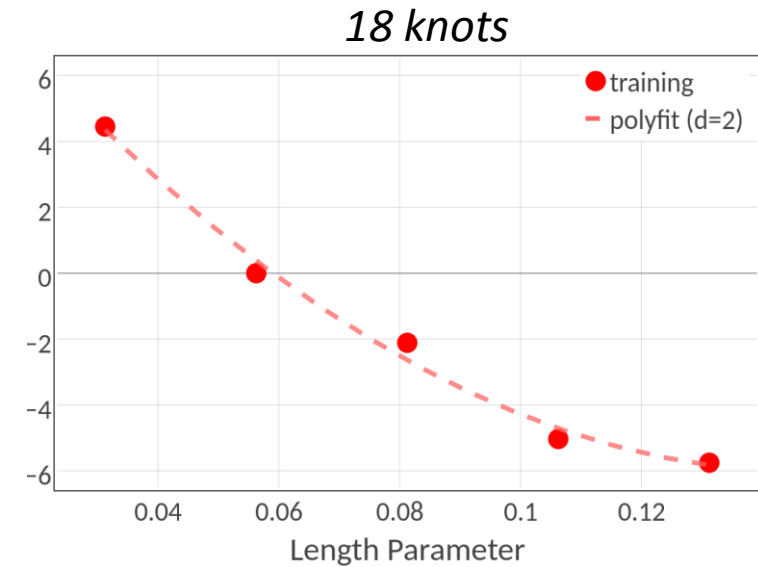
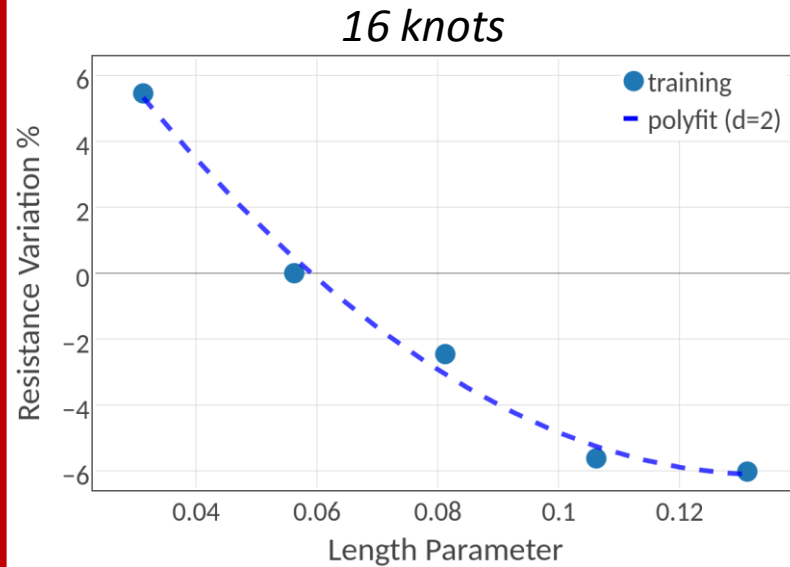


$$\Delta R_{\%} = \frac{R_{morphed} - R_{original}}{R_{original}} 100$$

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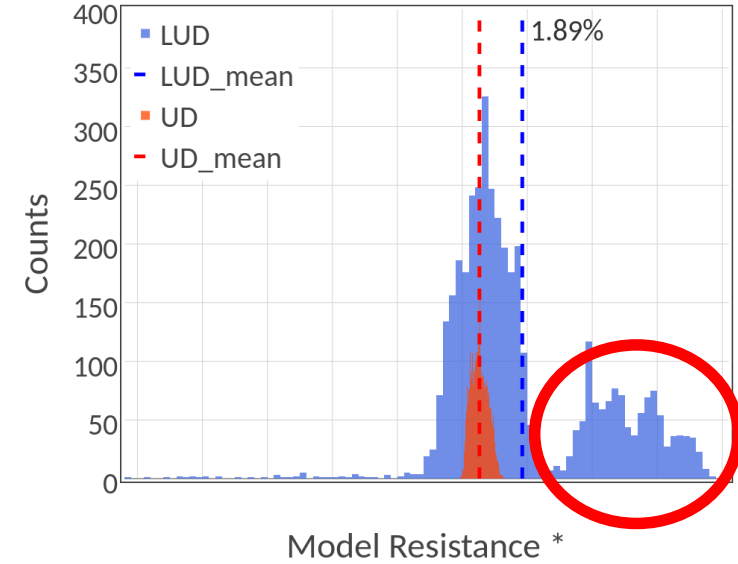
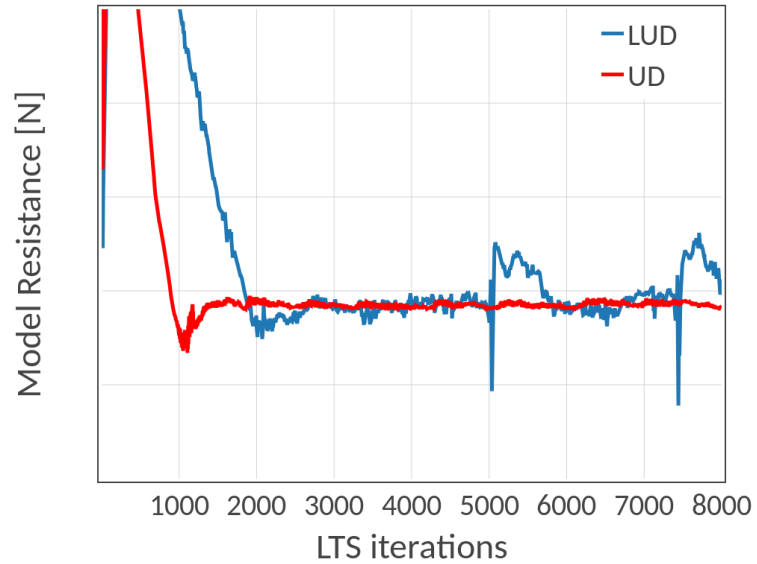


Let's check  
the noise

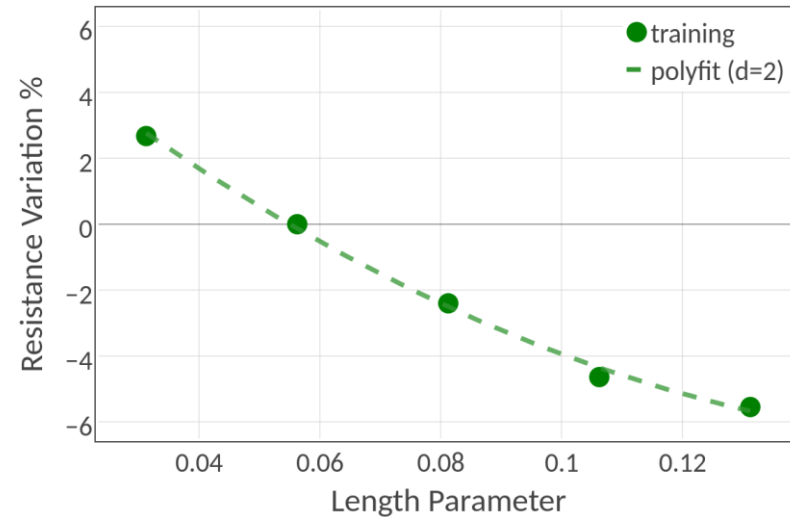
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## One-design-variable



20 knots



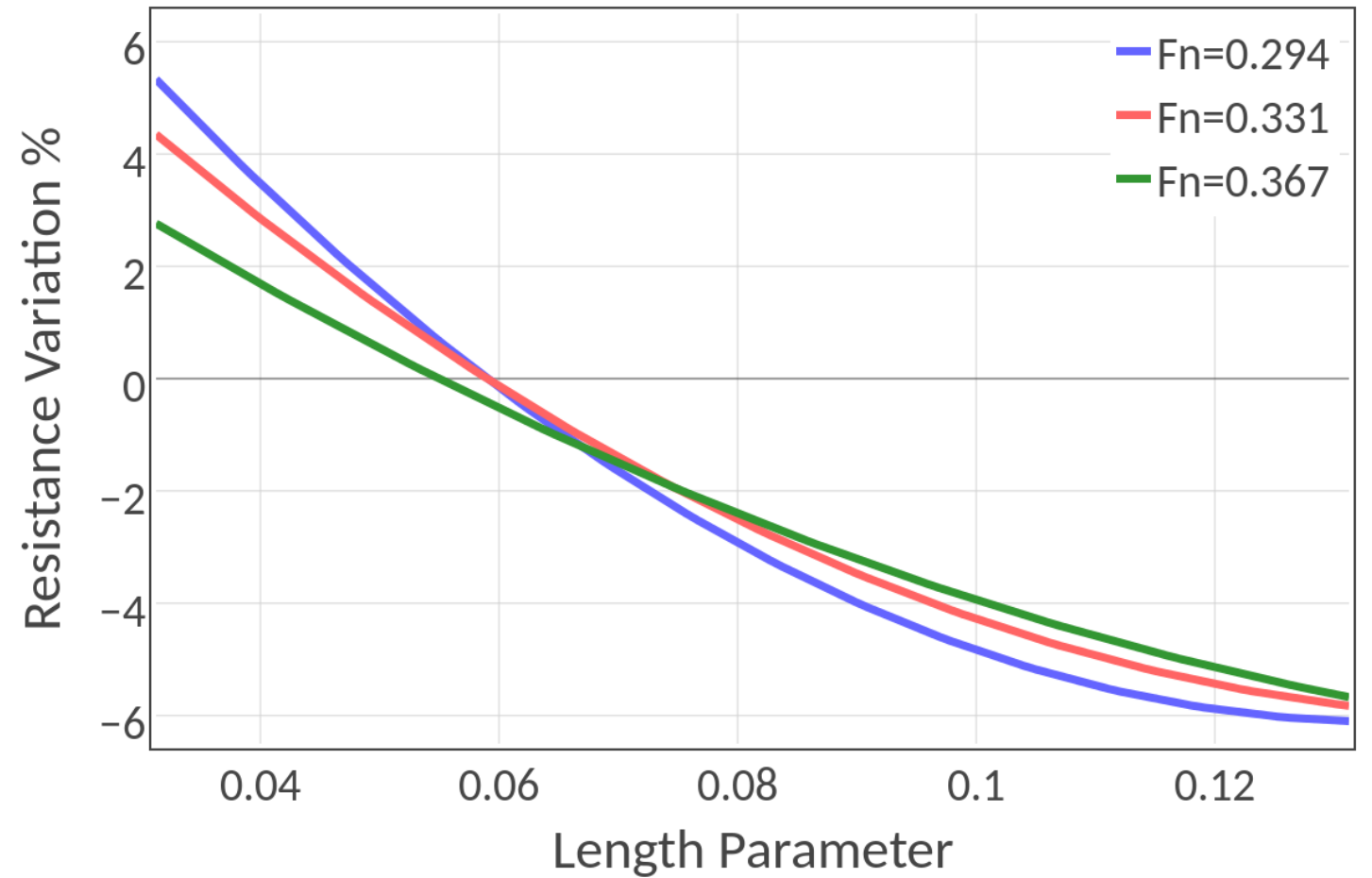
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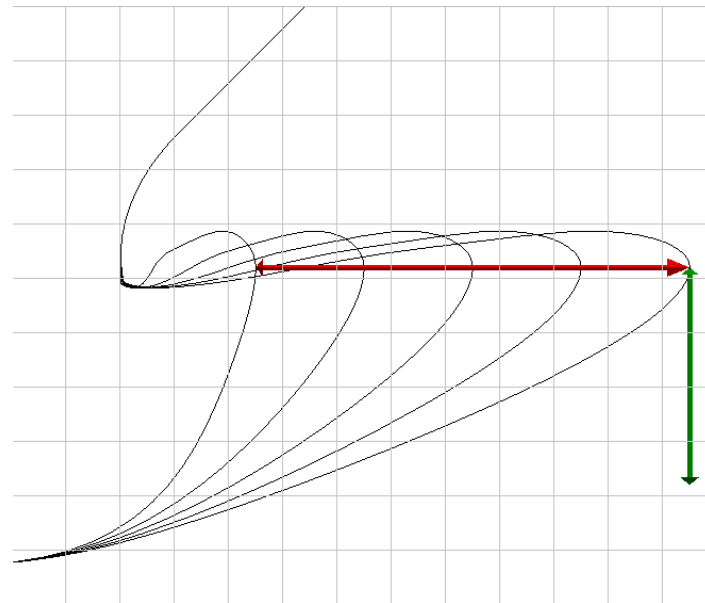
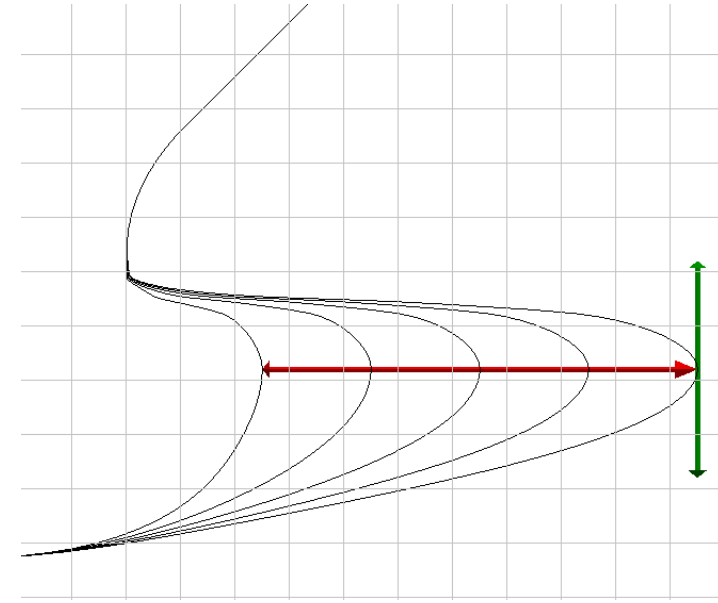
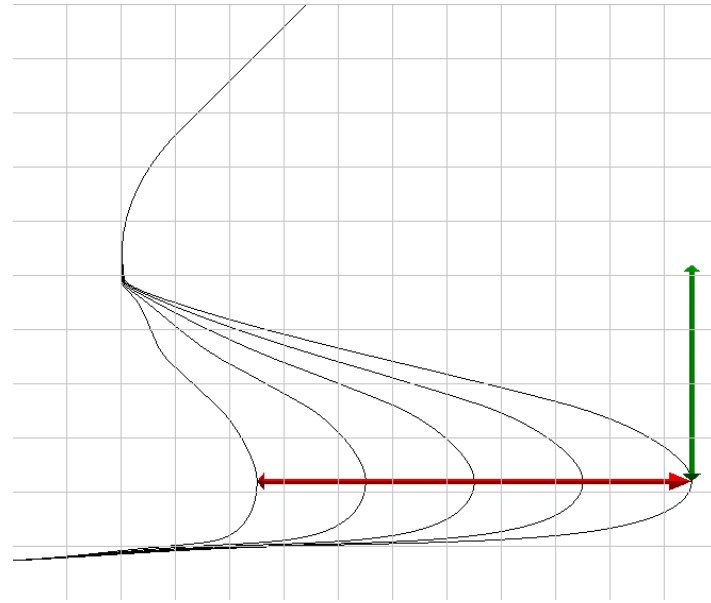


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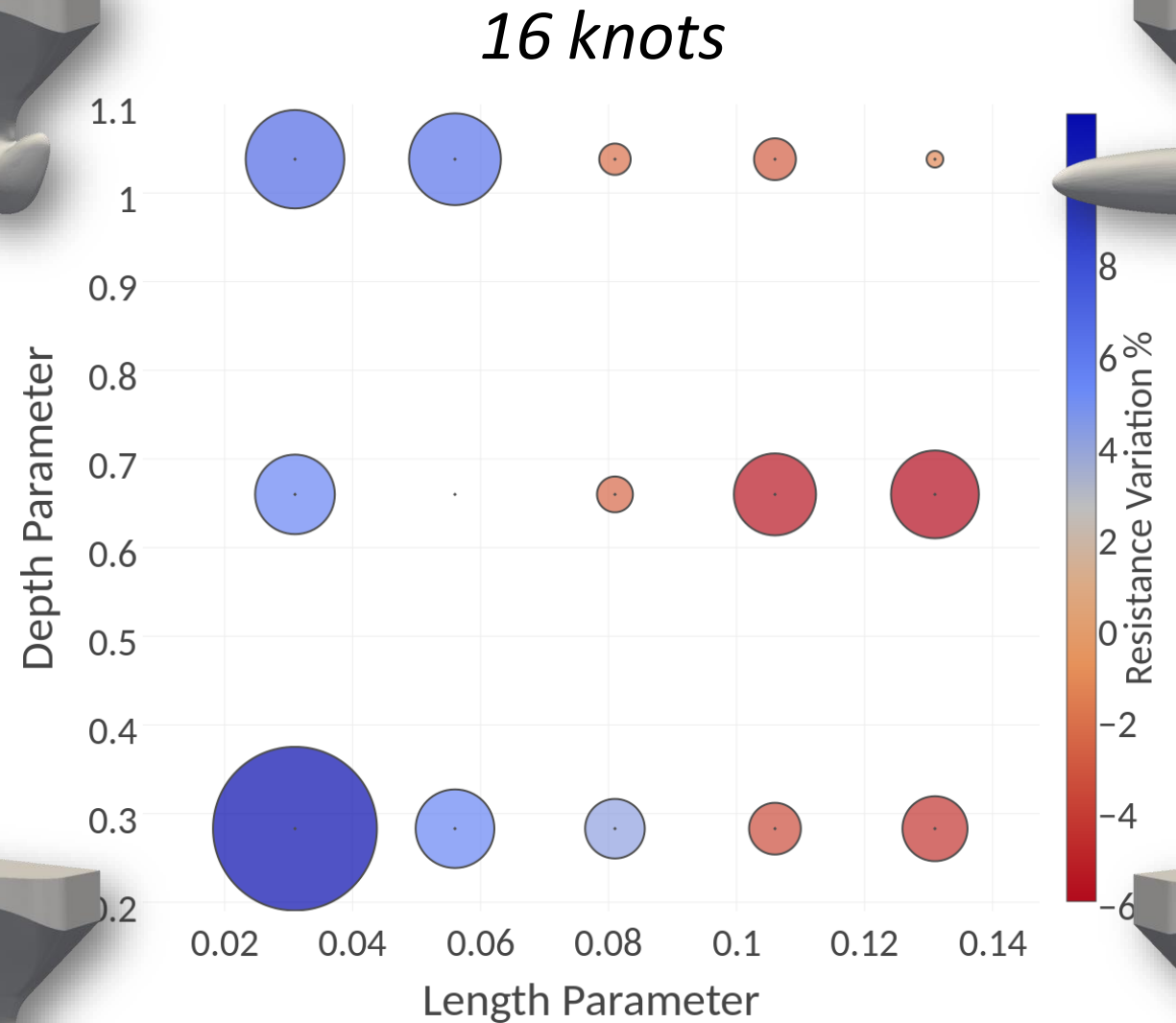
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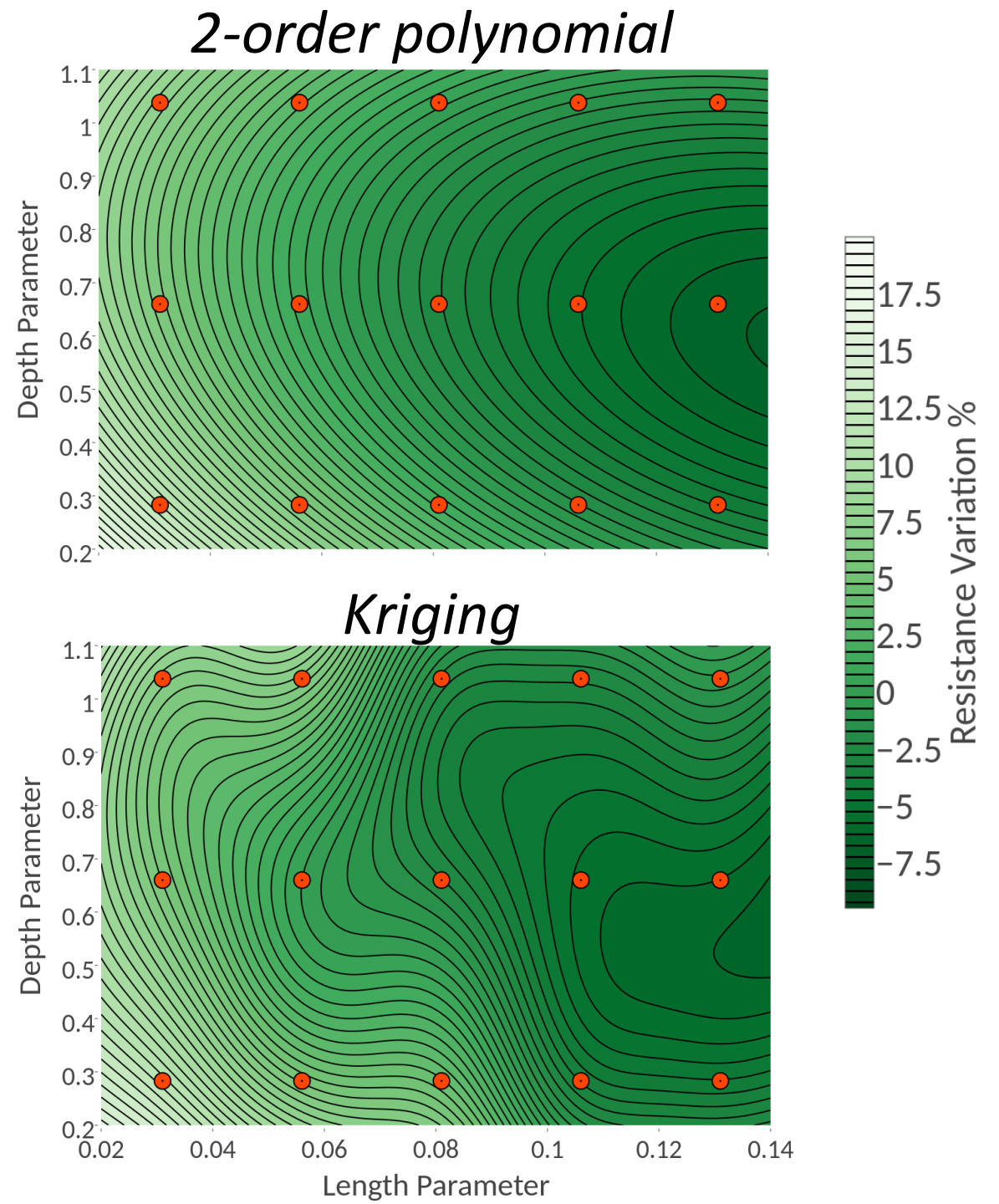
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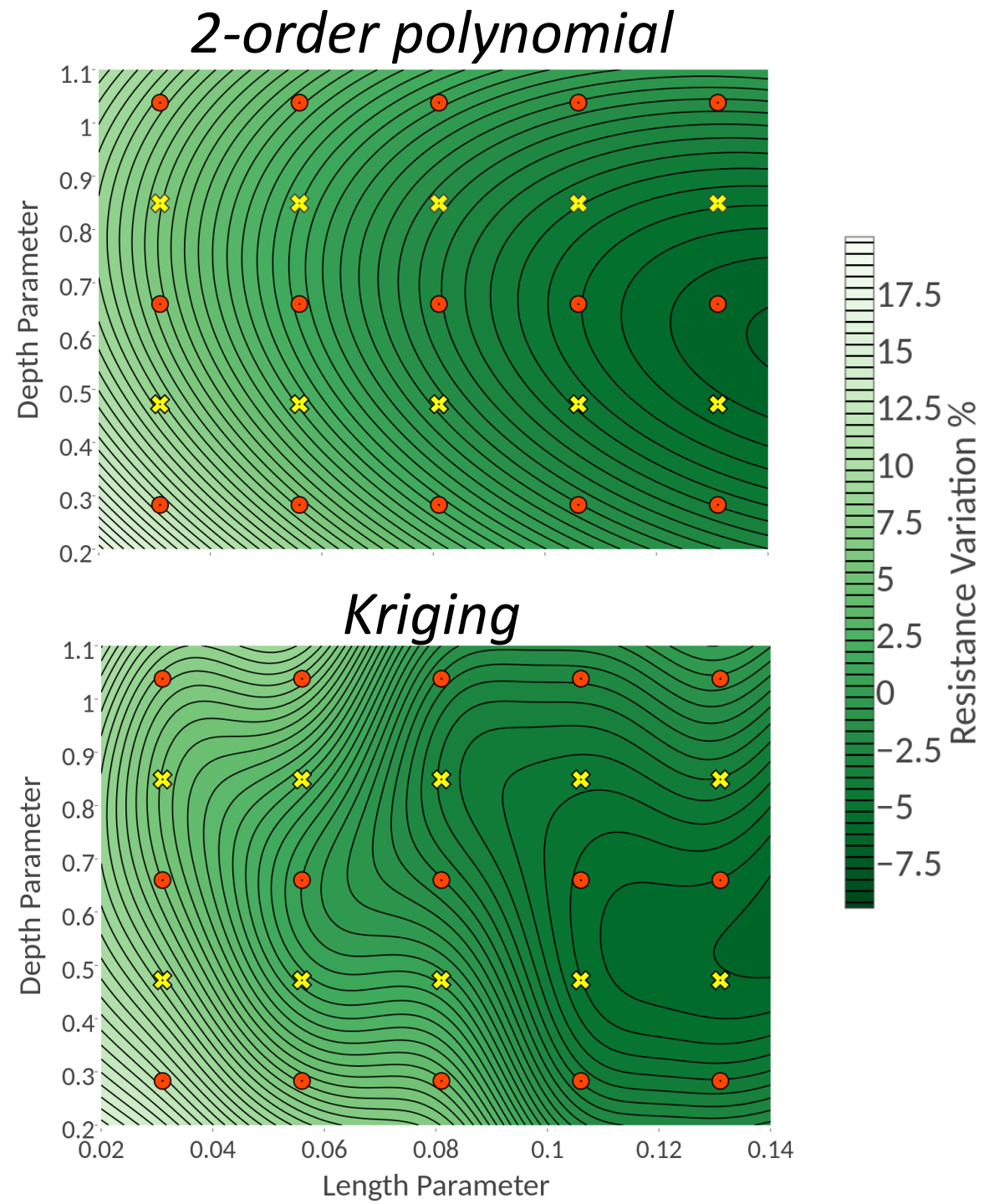
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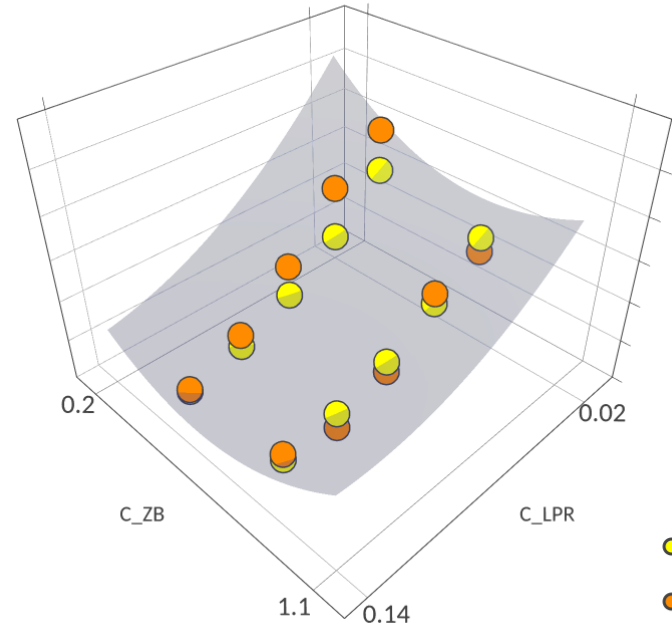
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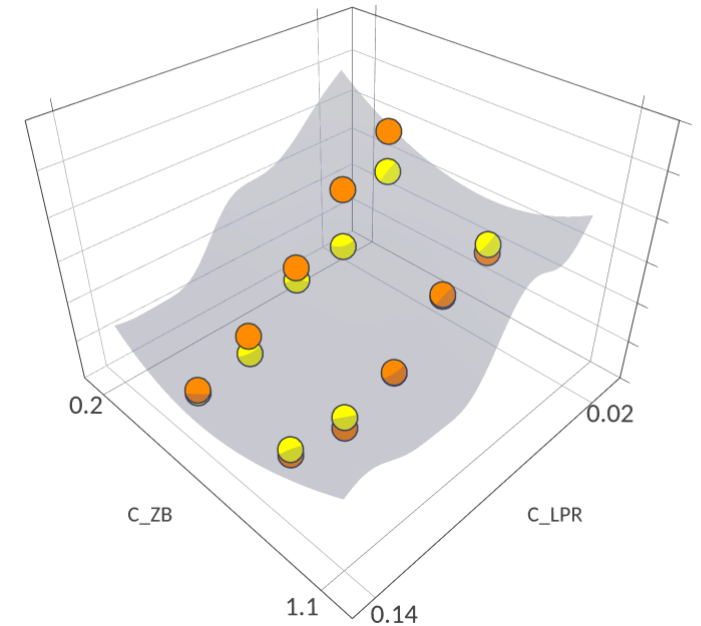
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2-order  
Polynomial



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Kriging

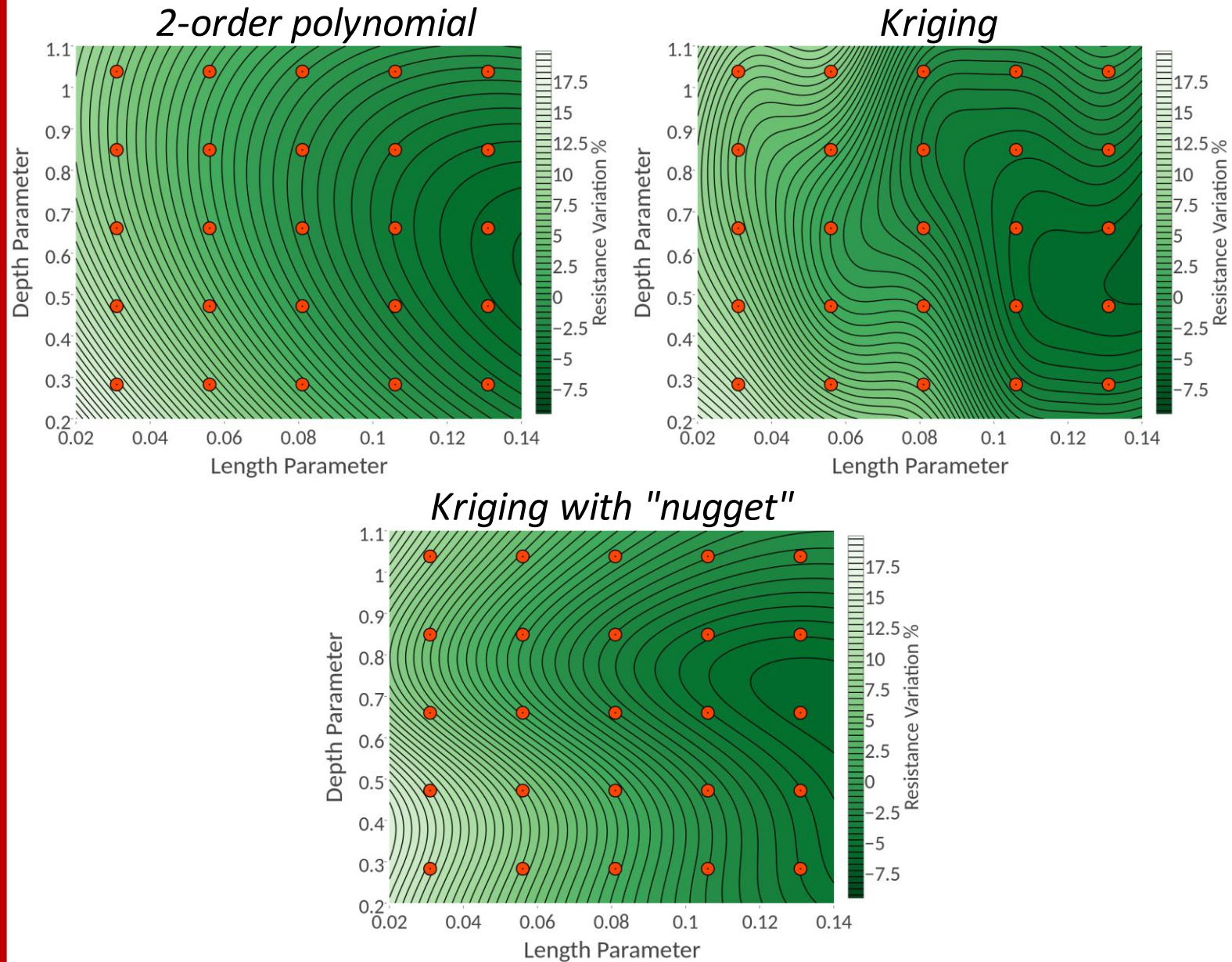


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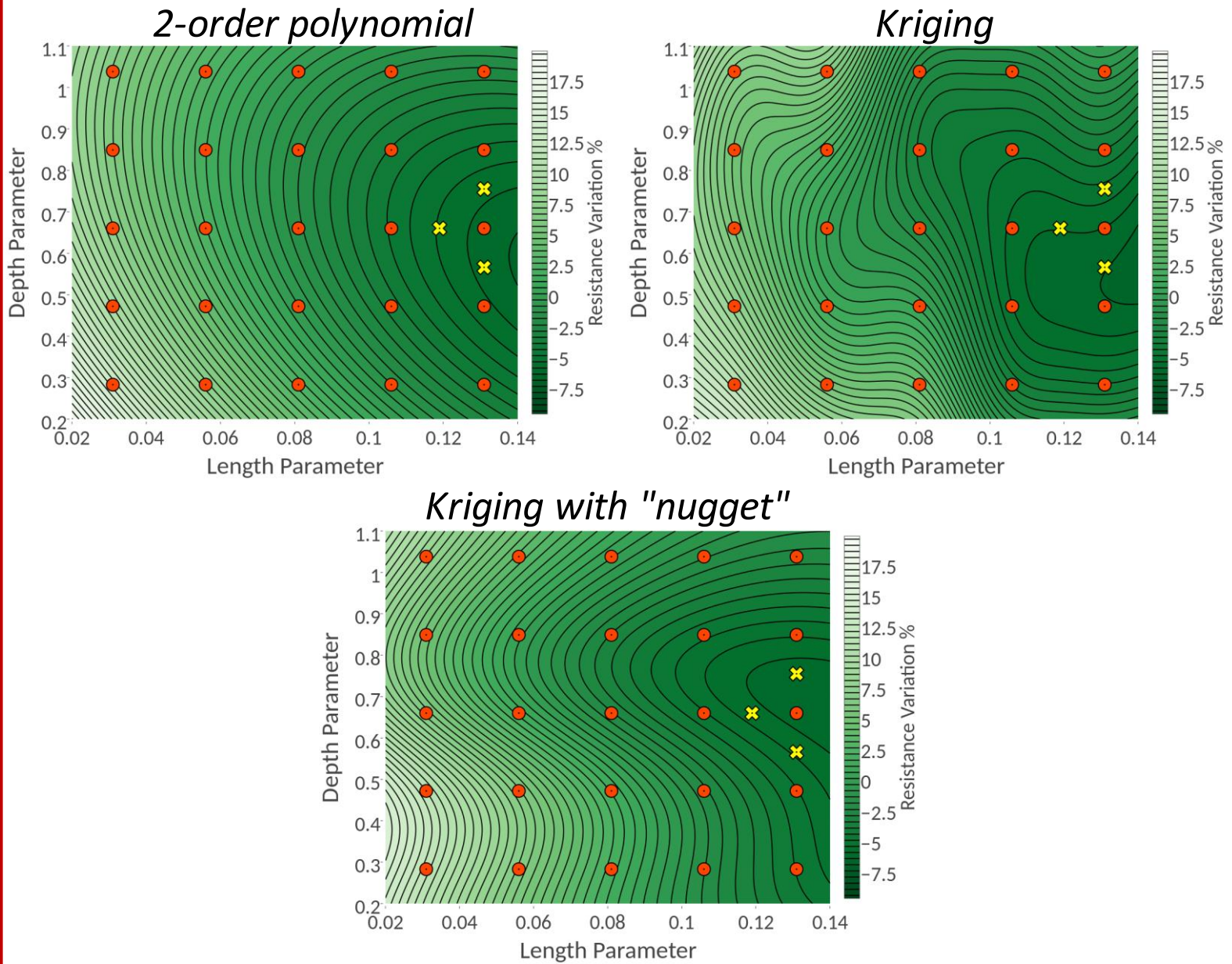
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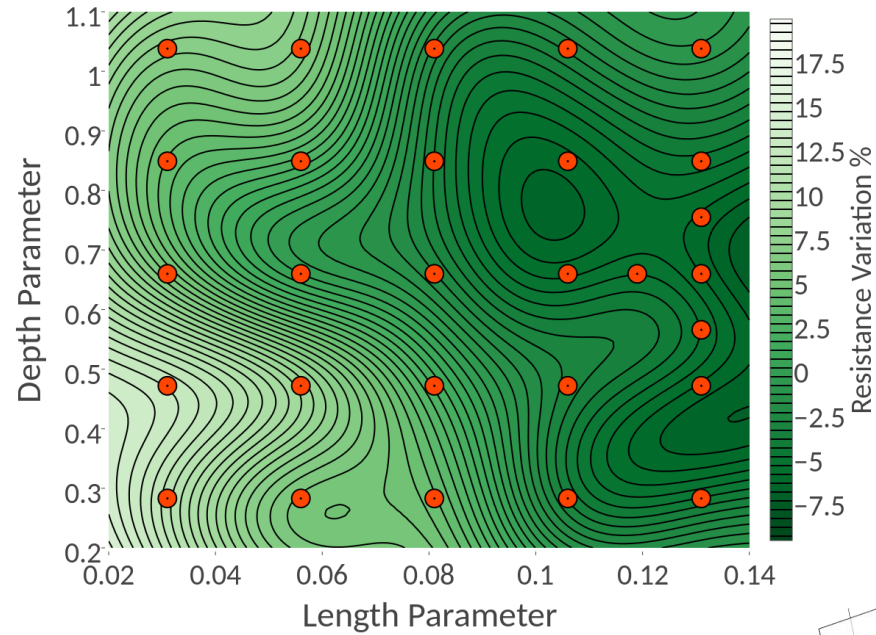


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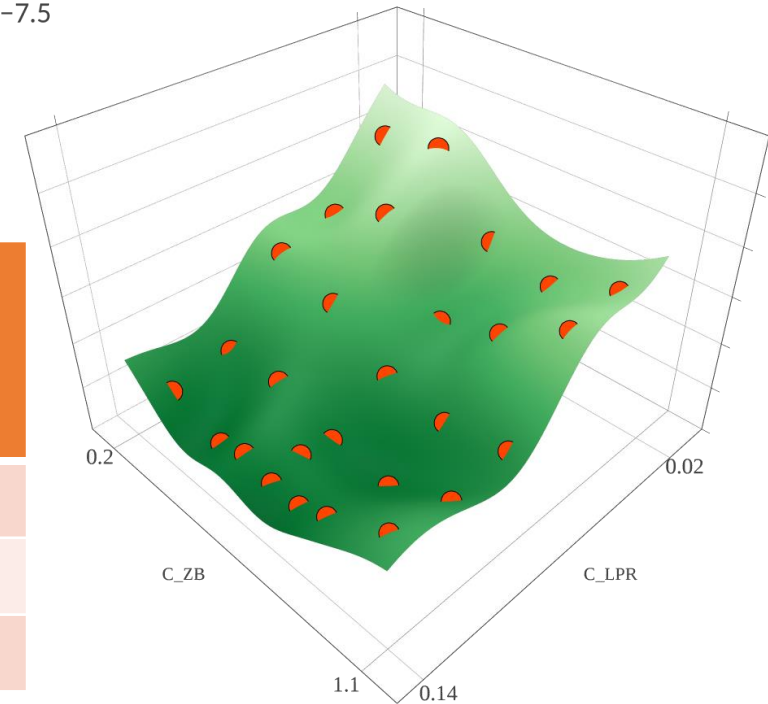


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*Kriging*

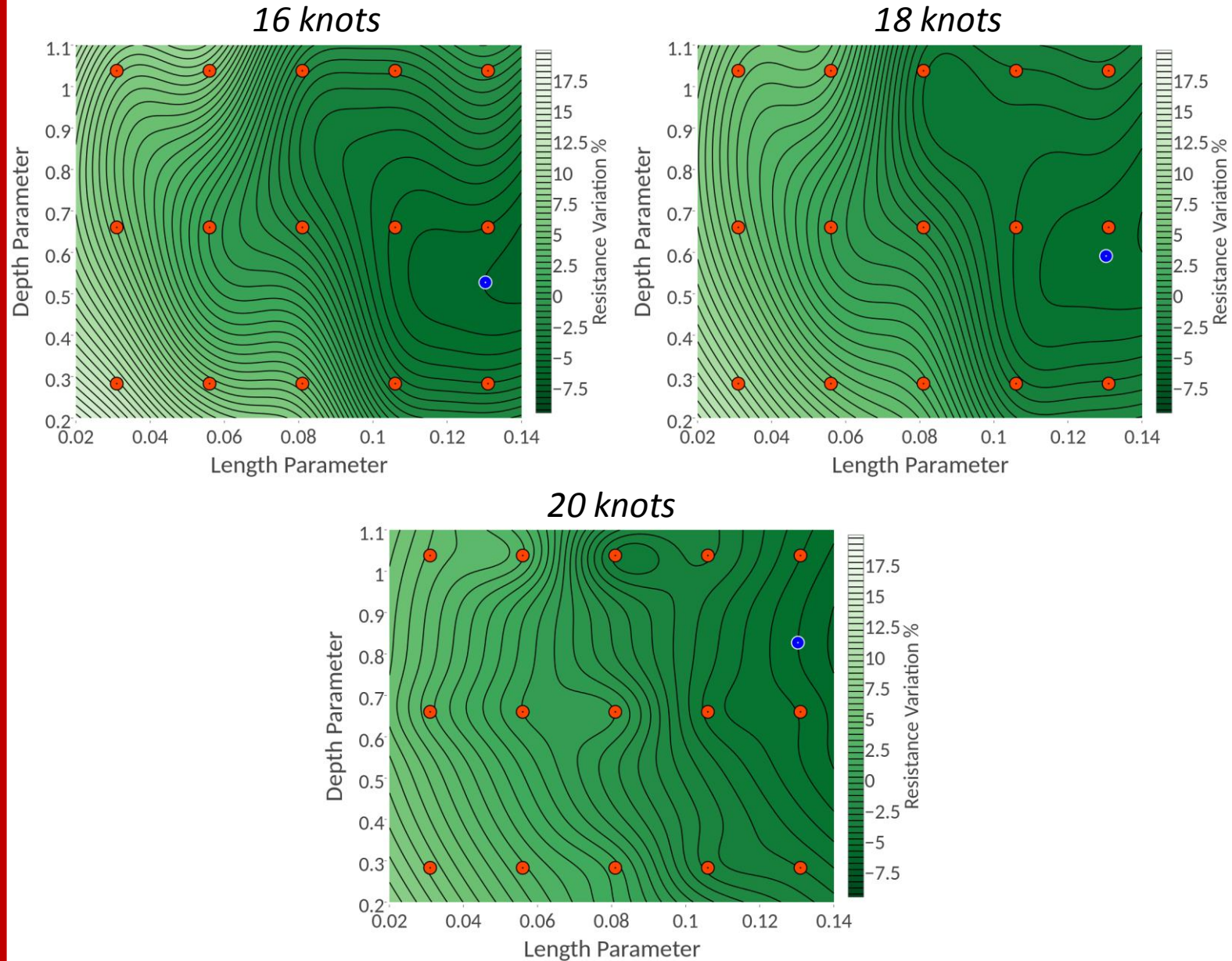


CLPR	CZB	$\Delta R\%$ Kriging	$\Delta R\%$ OpenFOAM
0.119	0.660	-5.77	-6.14
0.131	0.566	-6.48	-6.04
0.131	0.755	-6.07	-6.65

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# An approach to "robust" solution

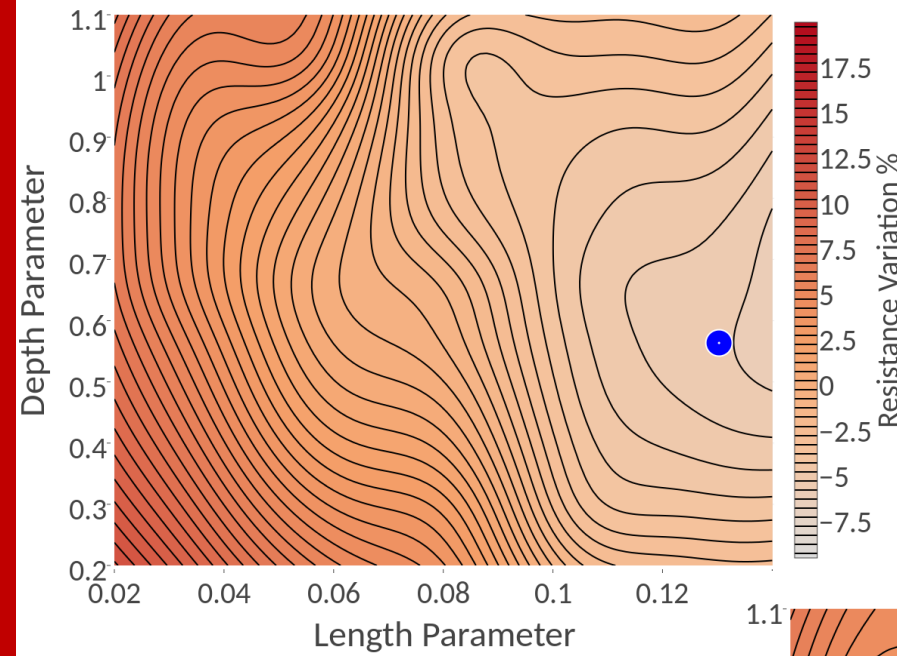
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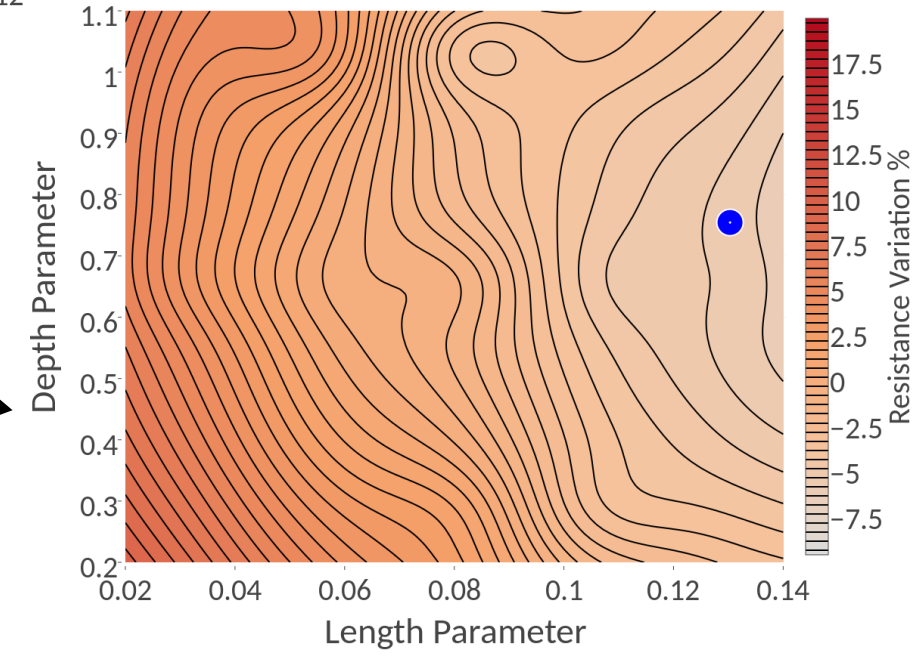
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## An approach to "robust" solution



Same weights

Preference for 20 knots



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# Conclusions

- A completely free optimization framework has been built
- The application to a naval case has given interesting and satisfactory results

# Future Developments

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- Dictionaries improvement
- More than two variables
  - Better parametrization
  - Latin Hypercubes Sampling
- Mesh morphing
- Dynamic simulations
- Multi-objective optimization

# That's all

Thanks for attention