

# Breeding Artificial Brains on Supercomputers

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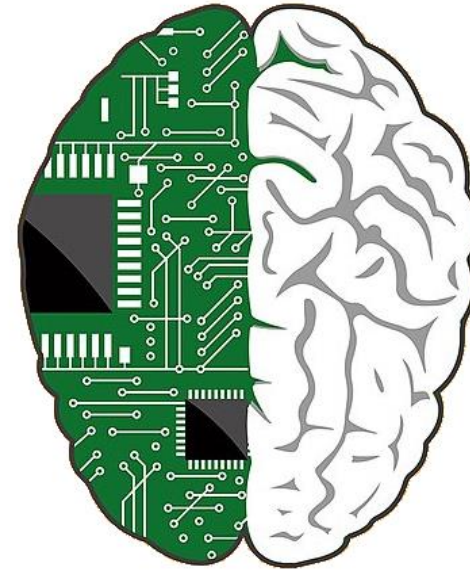


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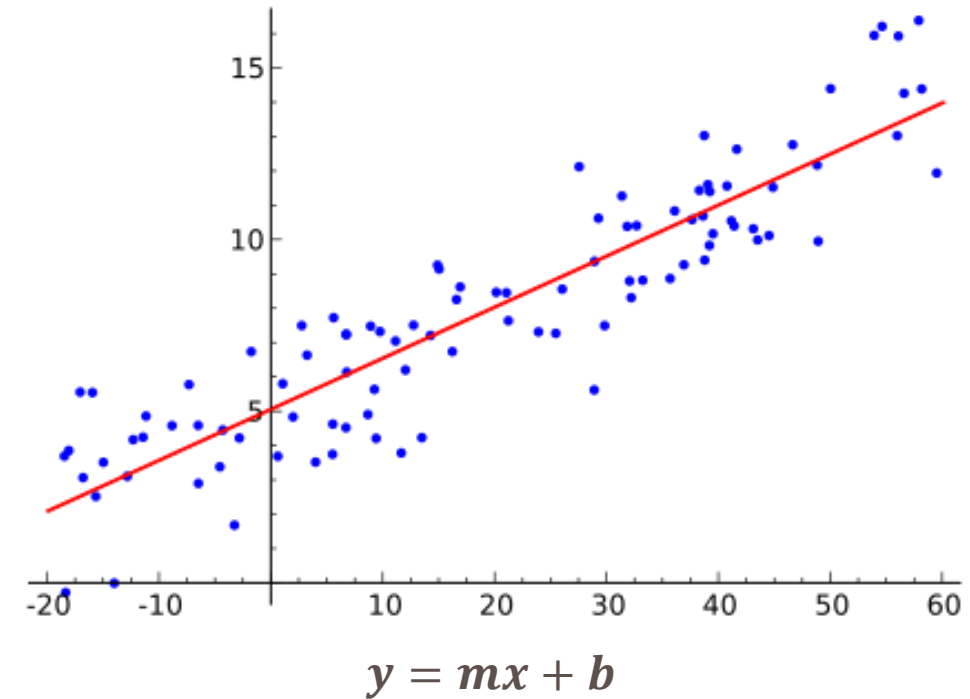
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Choose  
Hyperparameters



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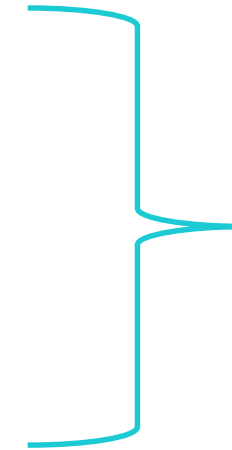


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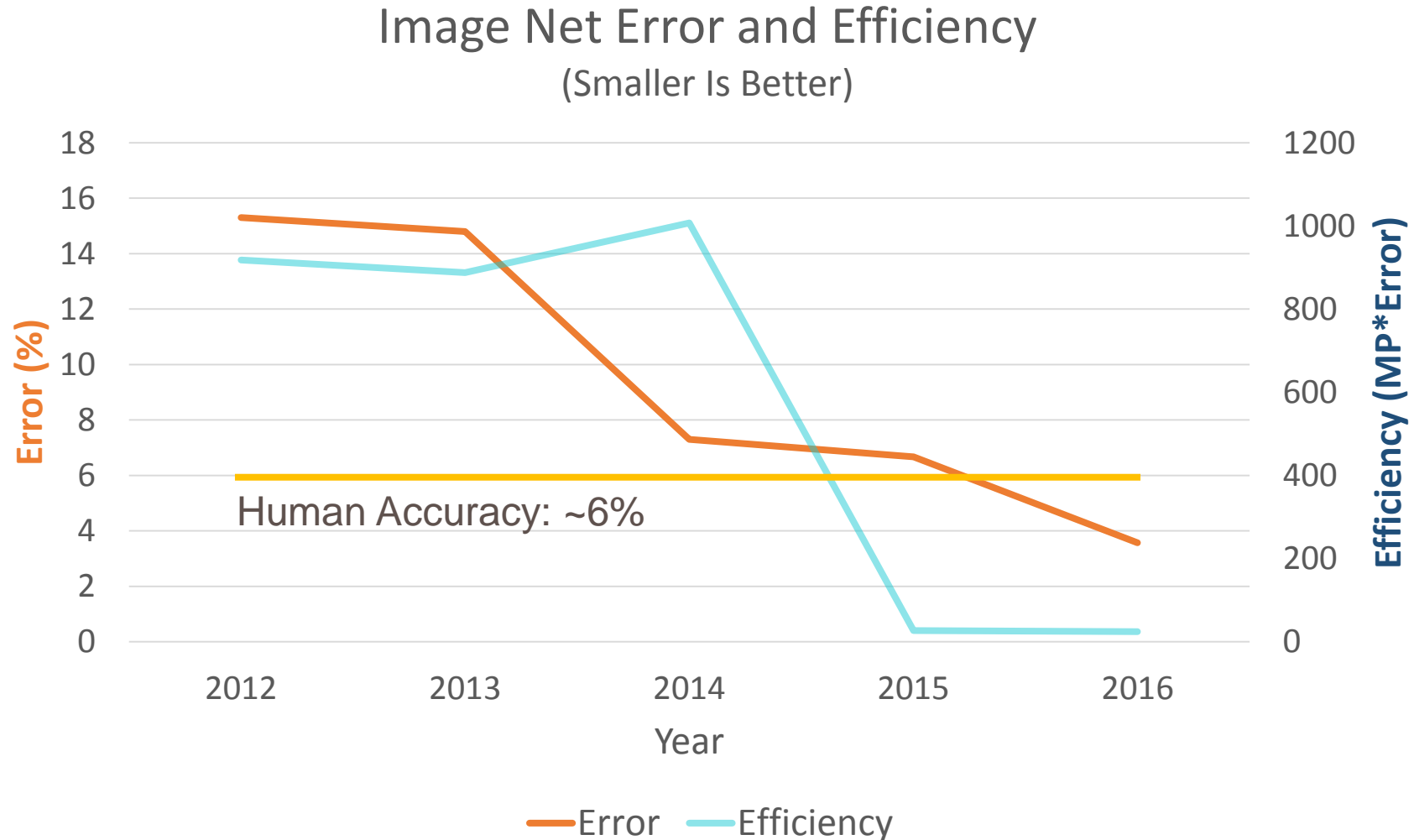


**Breeding**

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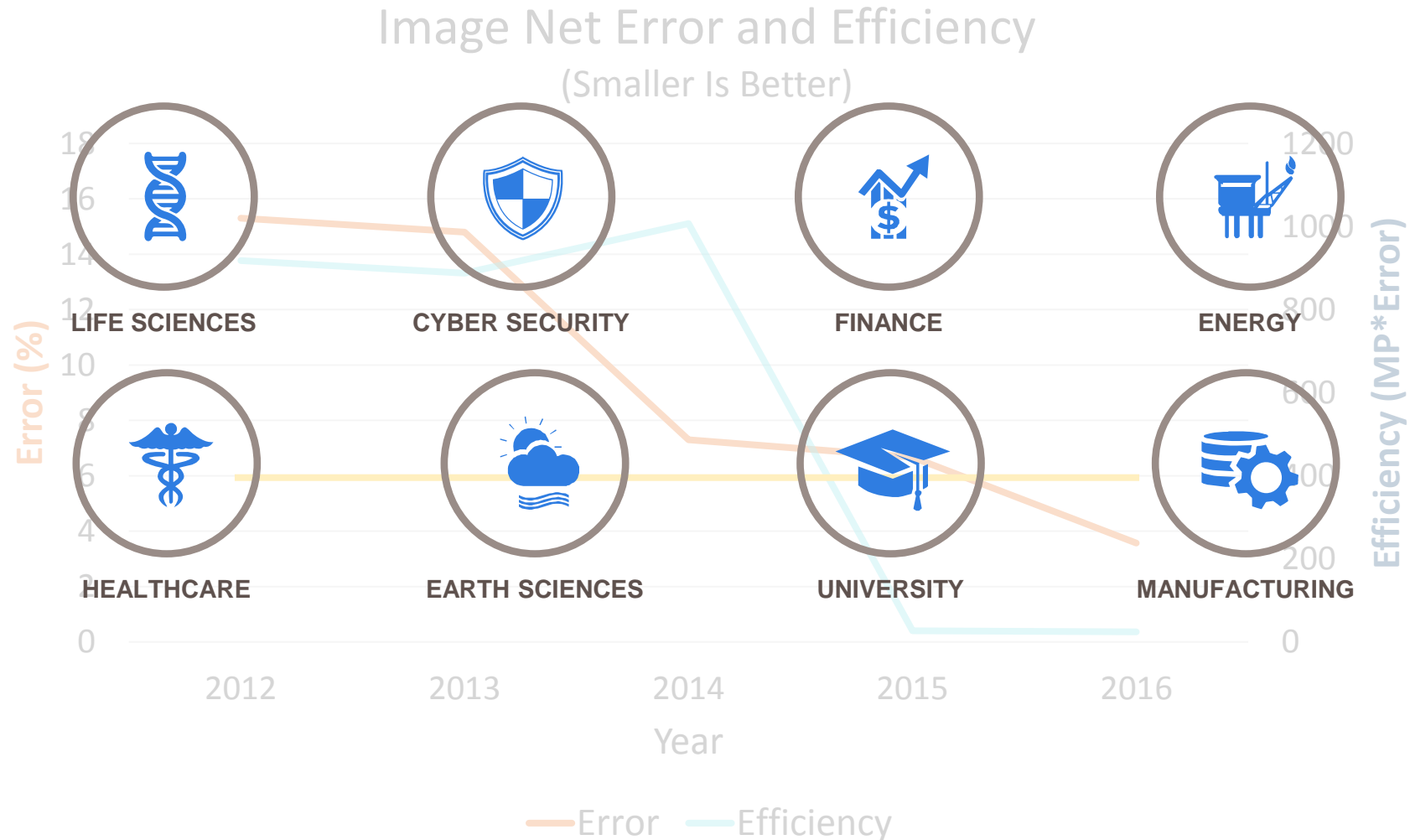
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# Breeding NNs with HPC – Superhuman





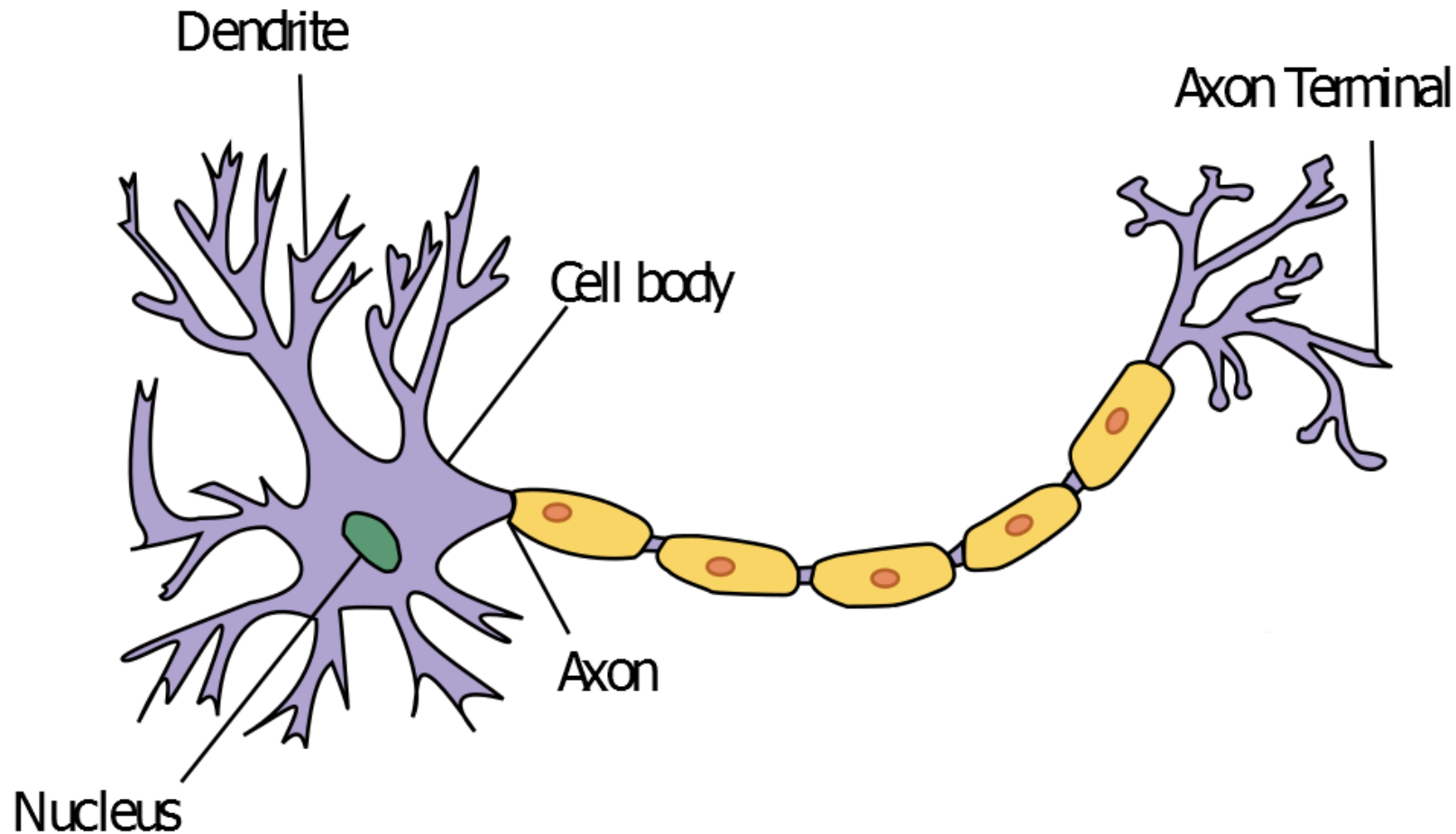
# Breeding NNs with HPC – Cross-Industry



# Neural Network Introduction



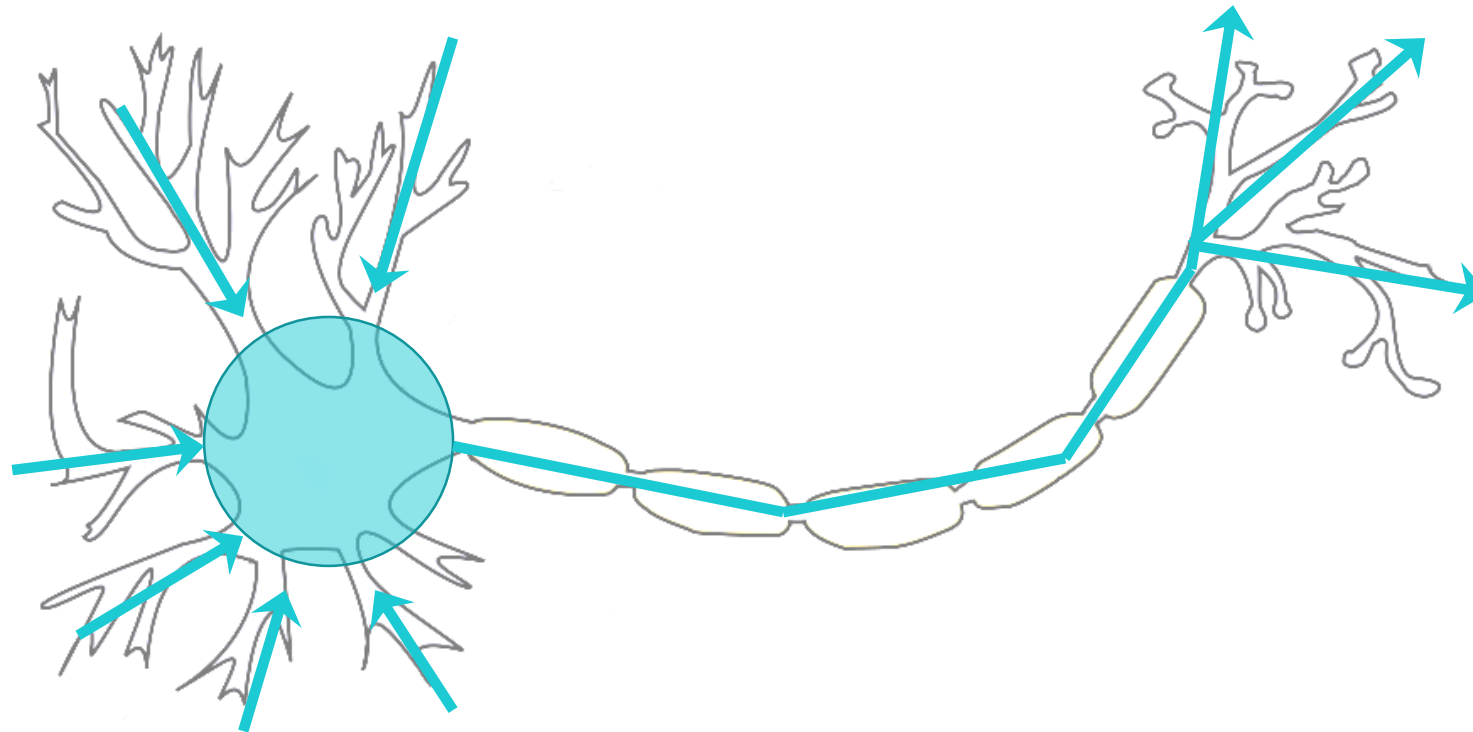
# ANN Overview – Perceptron Model – Neuron



- Perceptron as a model for a neuron (Frank Rosenblatt, 1957)

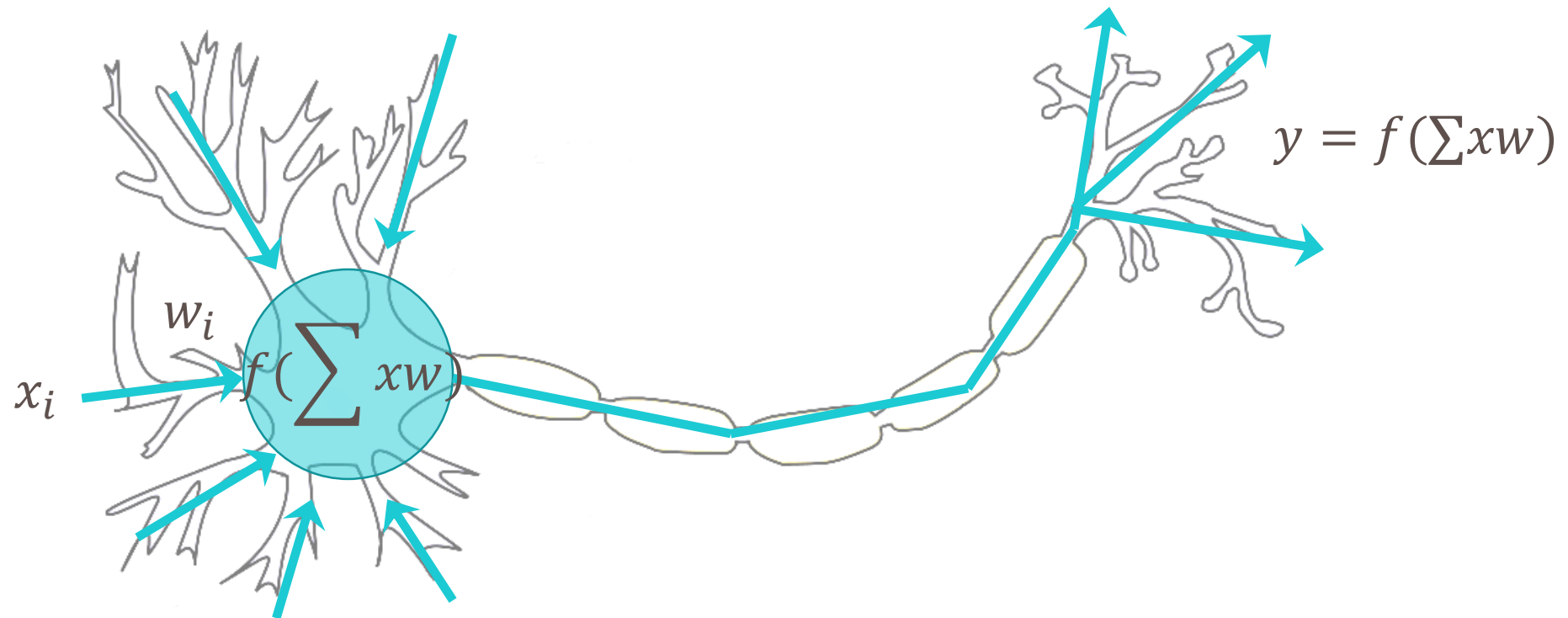


# ANN Overview – Perceptron Model – Info Flow



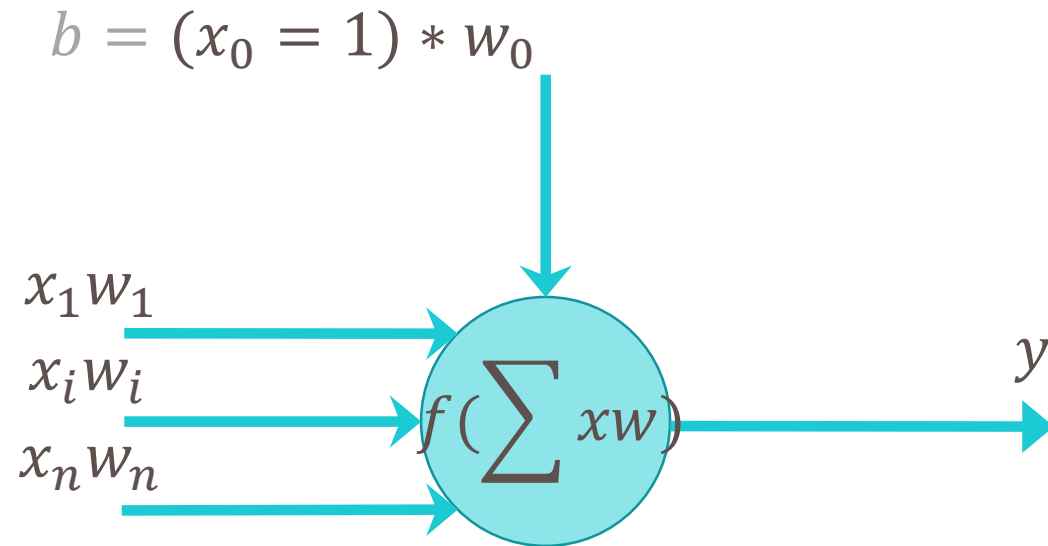
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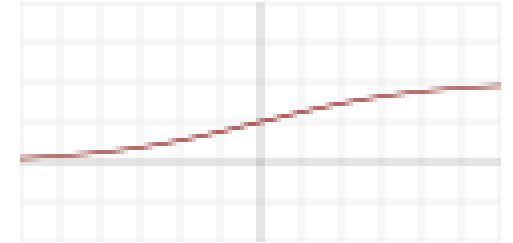
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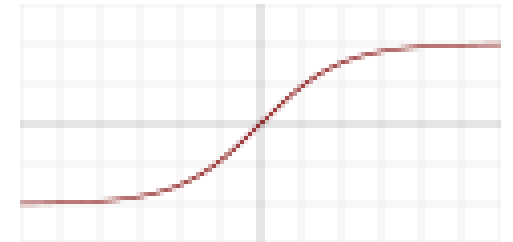
- Linear model wrapped by a non-linear function:
  - $y = f(wx + b)$

$$y = f(\sum xw)$$

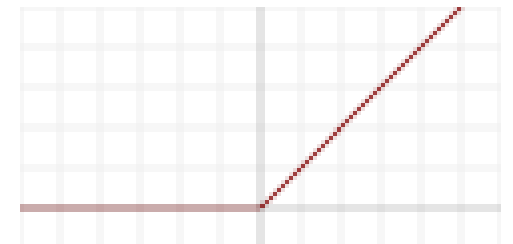
Sigmoid



TanH

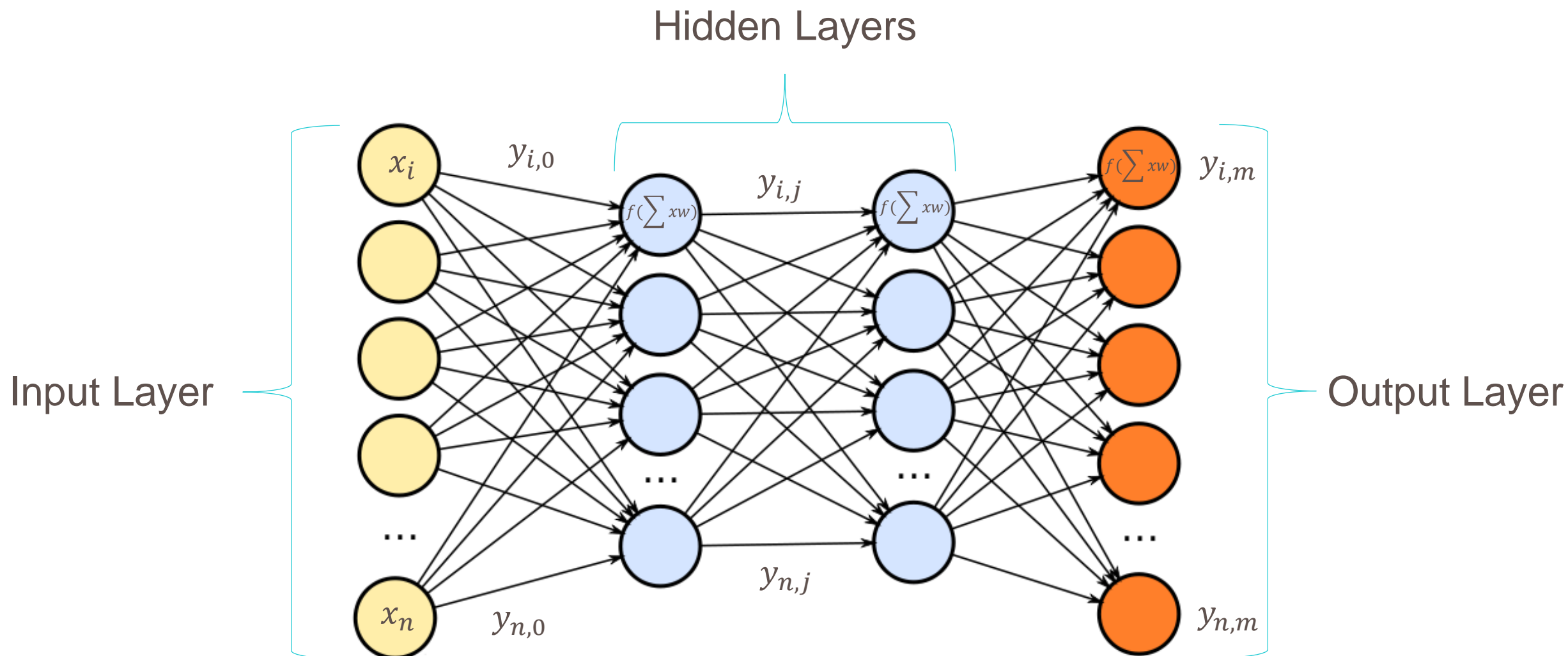


ReLU

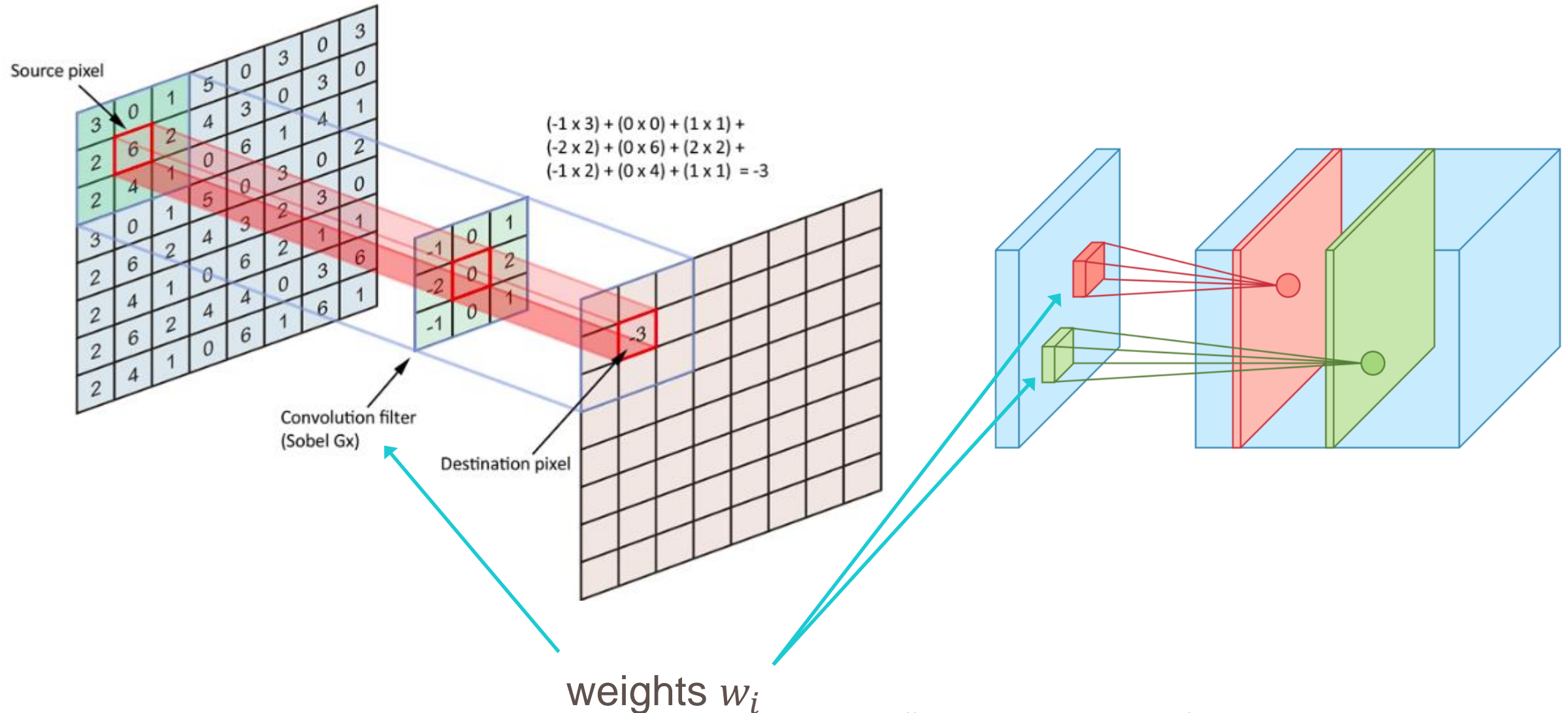




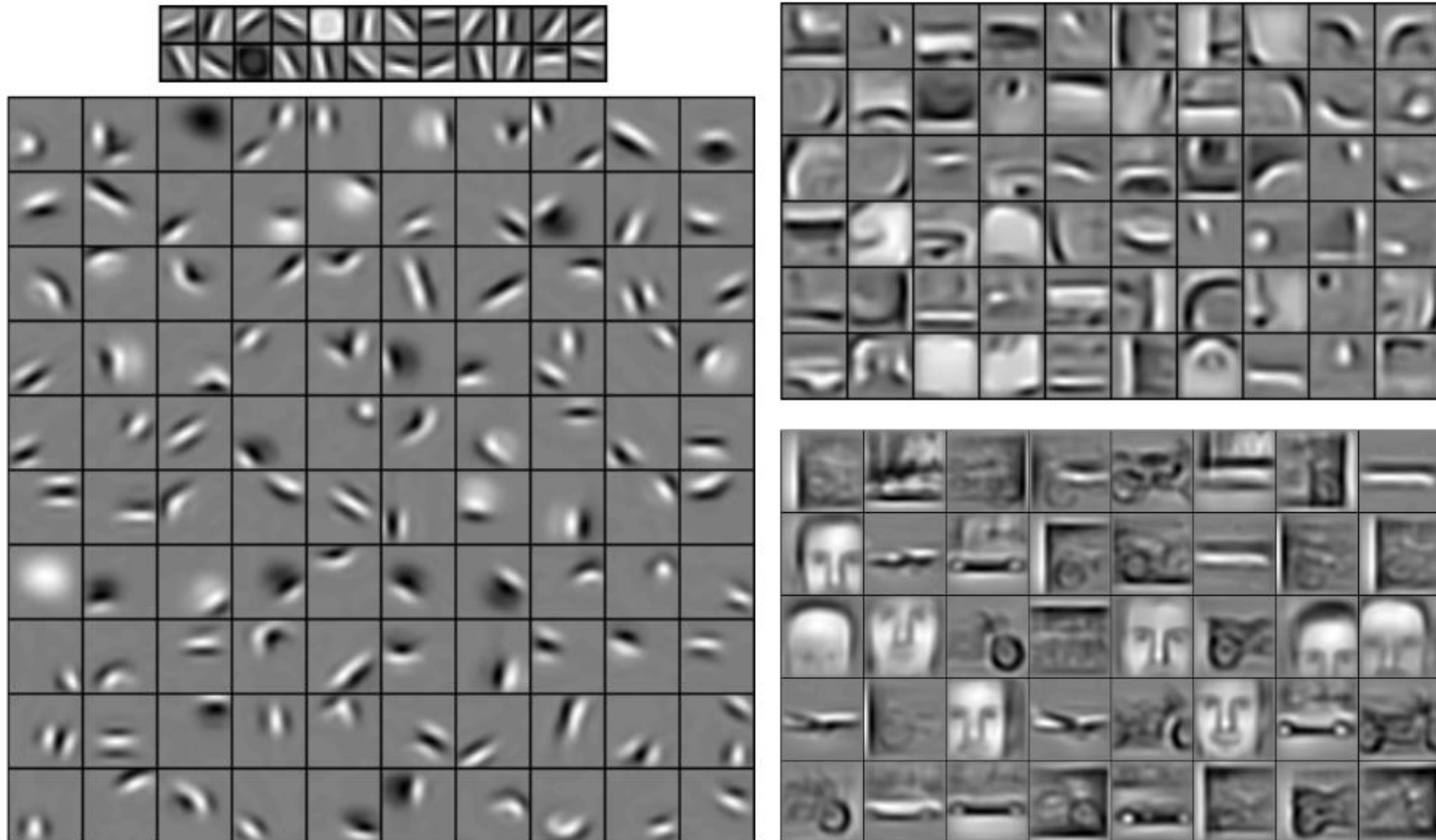
# ANN Overview – Deep Neural Networks



# ANN Overview – Convolutional Neural Networks



# ANN Overview – CNN Filters Visualized





# ANN Overview – CNN Architecture



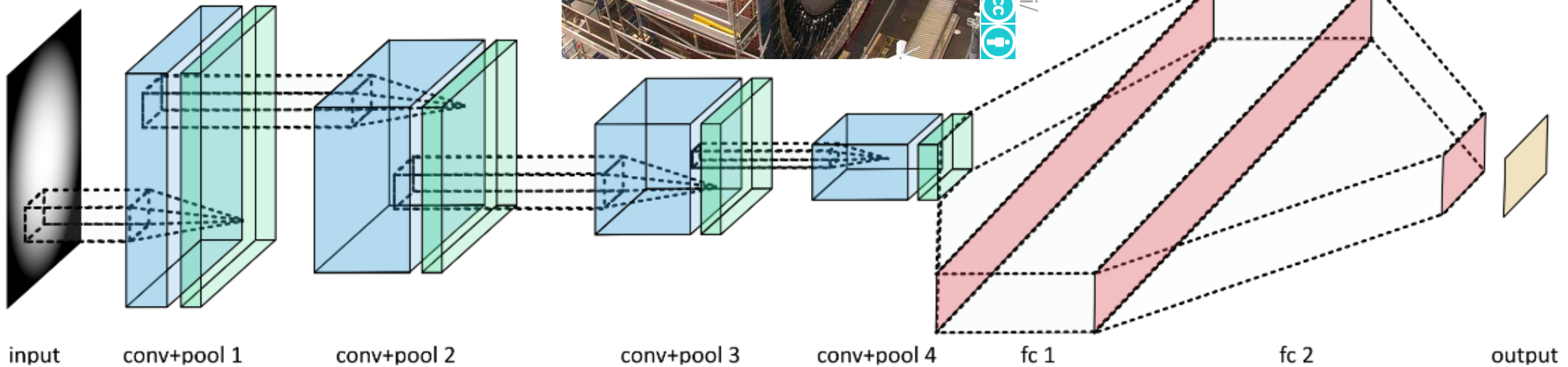
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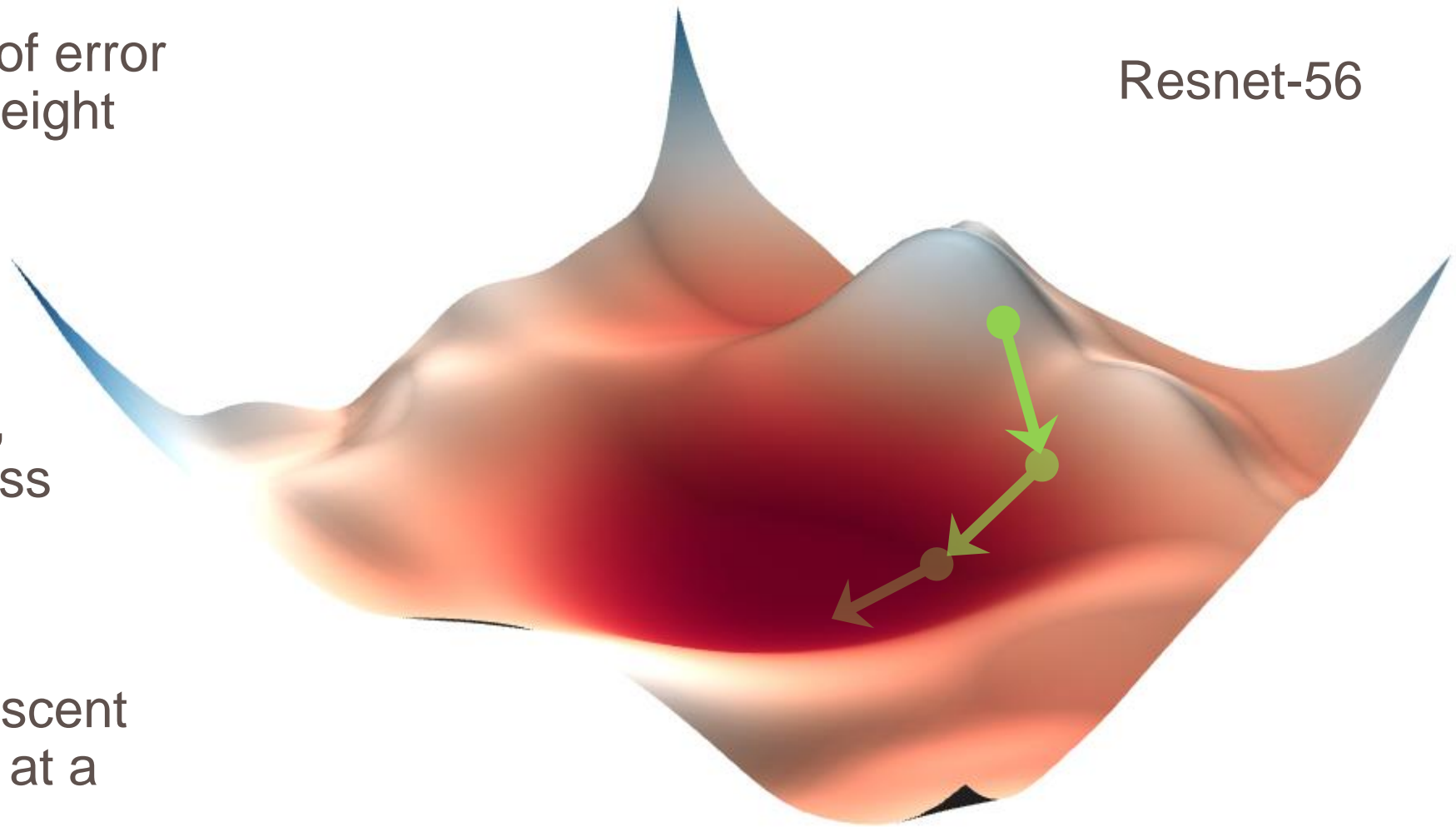
# ANN Overview – Backpropagation

- Find partial derivative of error with respect to each weight (chain-rule):

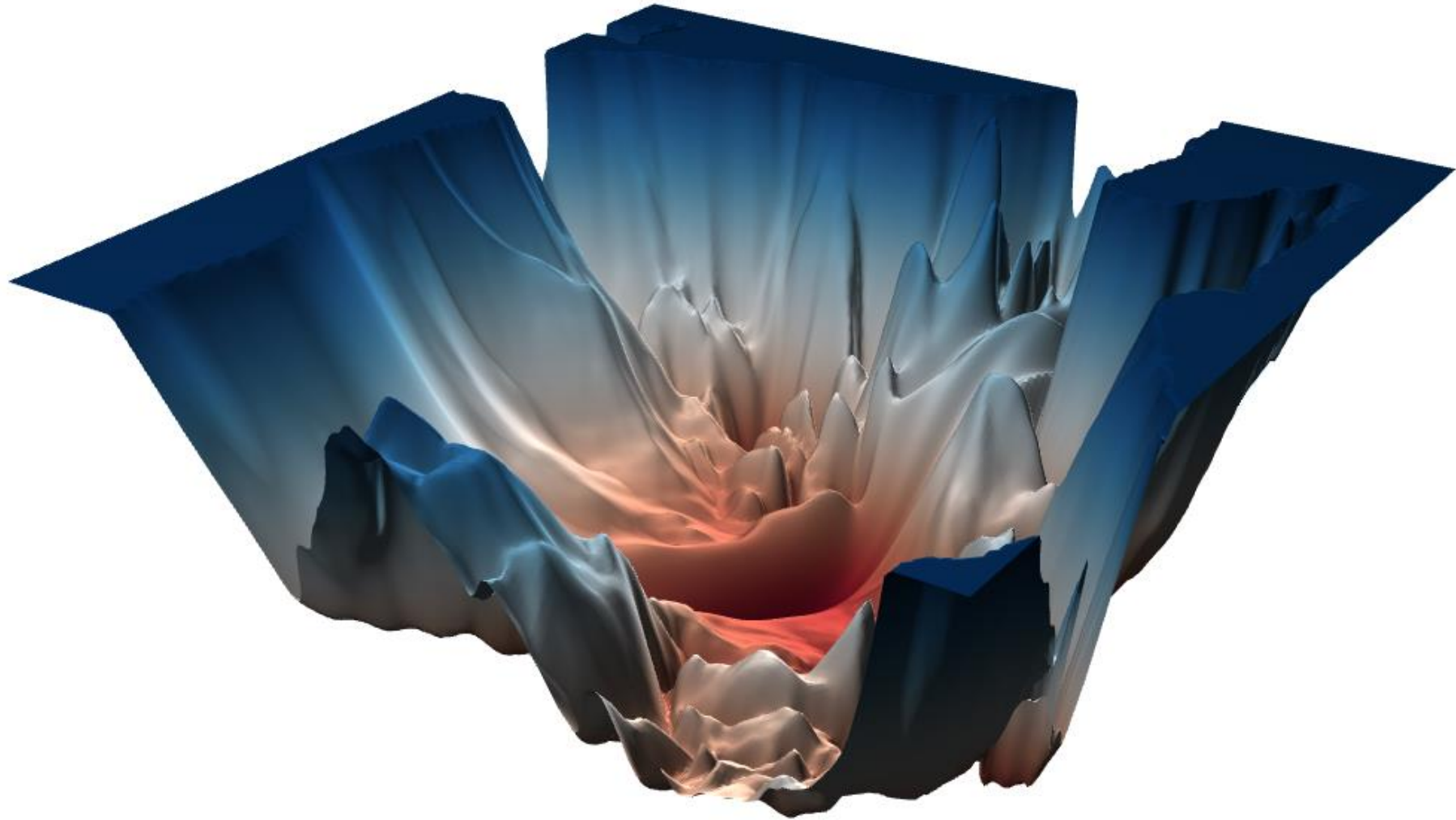
$$\nabla w_{ij} = -\eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{ij}}$$

- Challenge to compute, synchronize  $\nabla w_{ij}$  across compute elements
- Stochastic gradient descent (SGD) with mini-batch at a time

Resnet-56



# ANN Overview – Parameter Optimization



Resnet-56 (no skip)

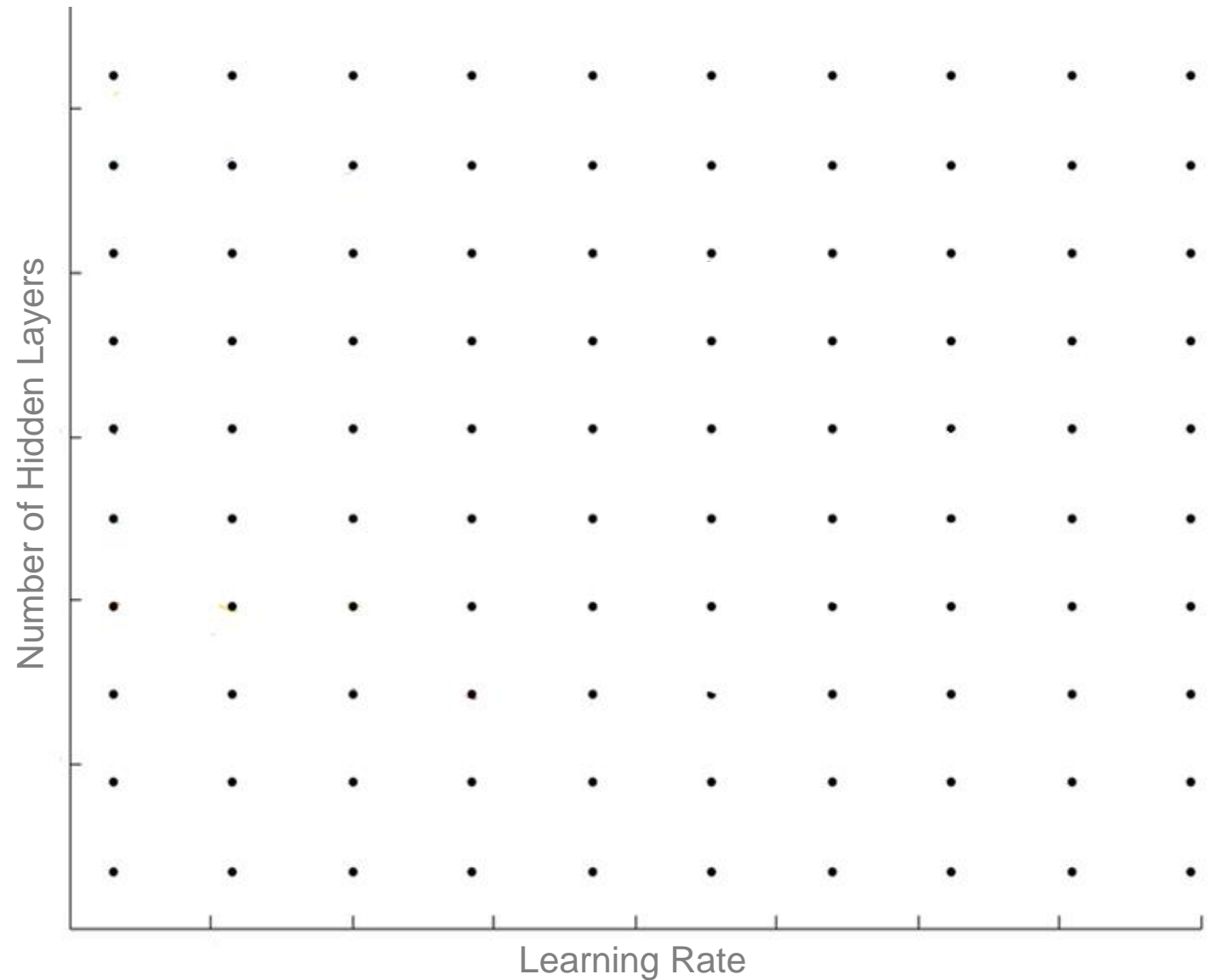


# Hyperparameter Optimization



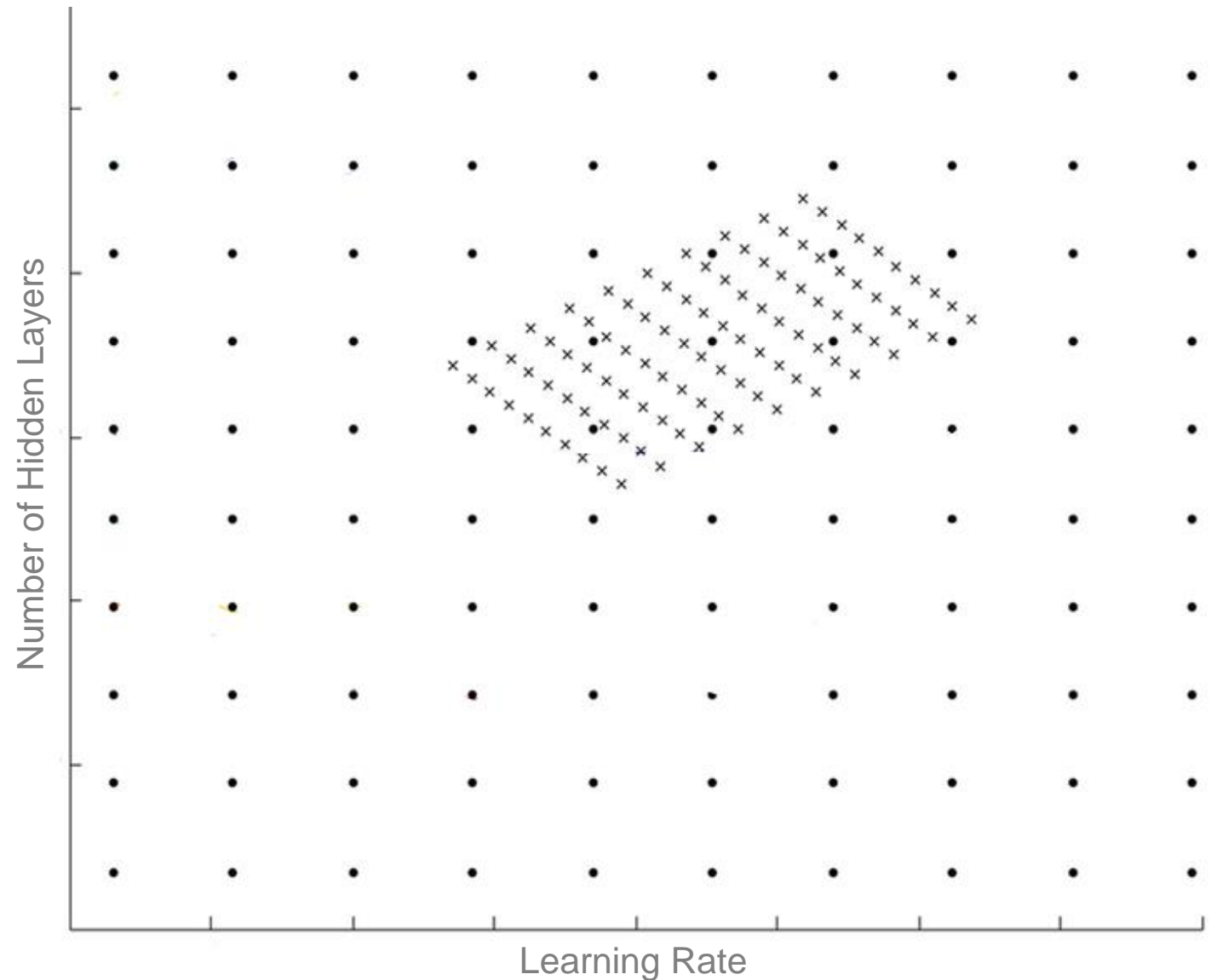
# NN HPO – Basic Grid Search

- Simple
- Easily parallelizable
- Curse of dimensionality
- Computation expense



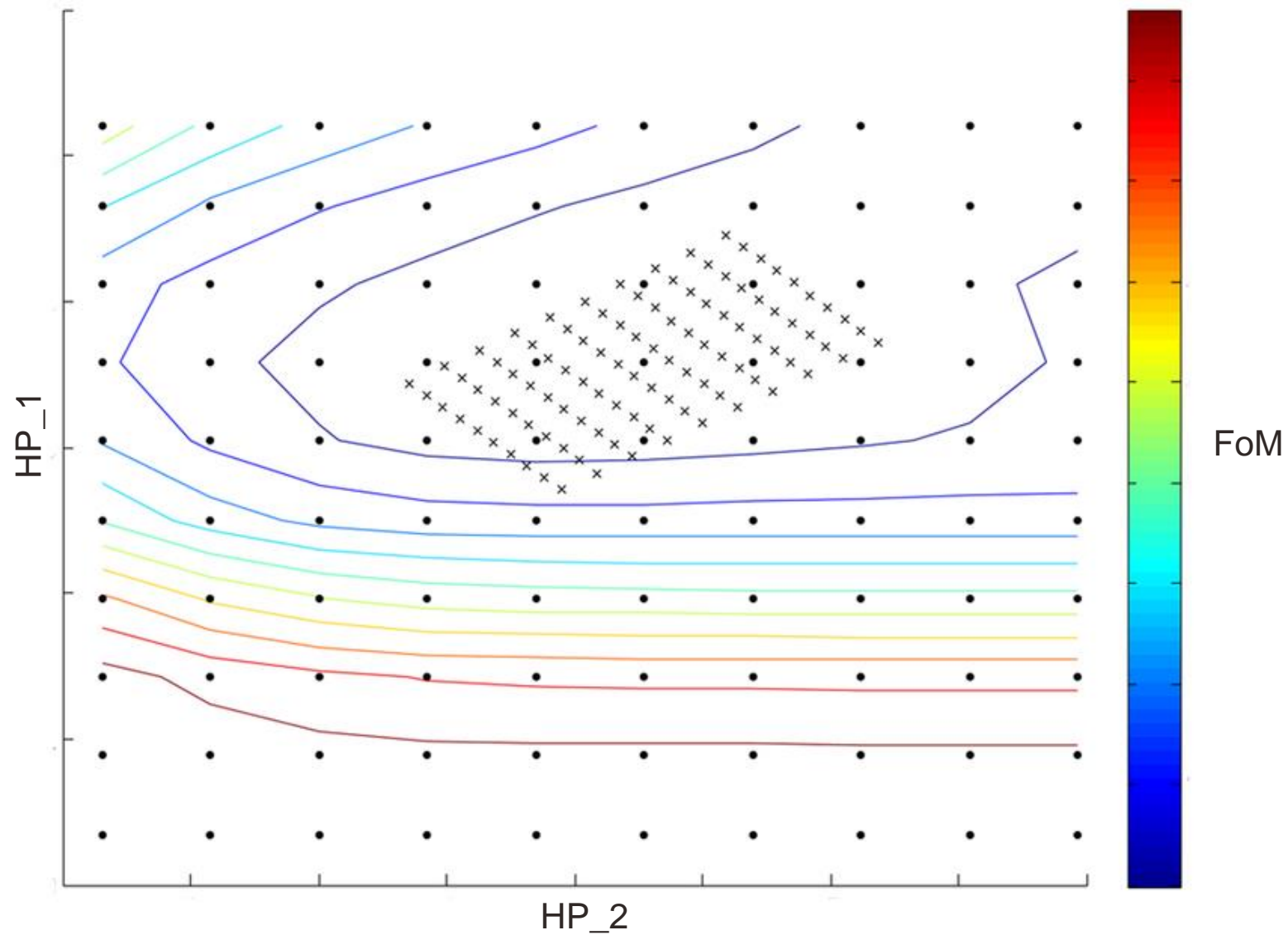
# NN HPO – Iterative Grid Search

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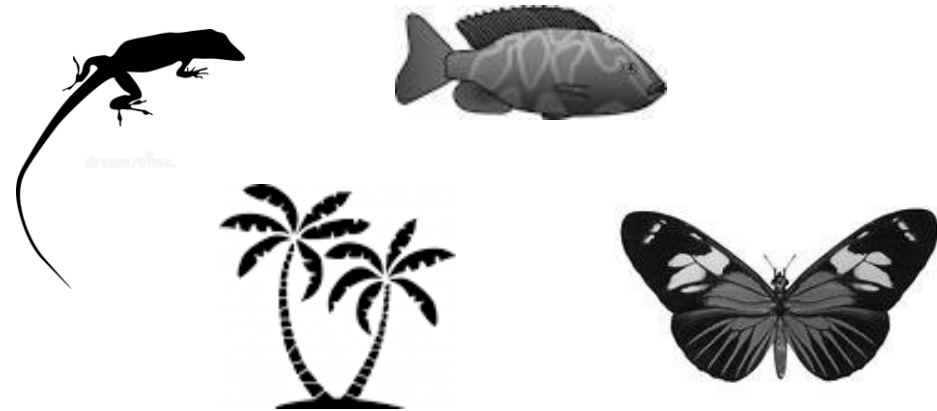
# NN HPO – Iterative Grid Search with FoM Surface



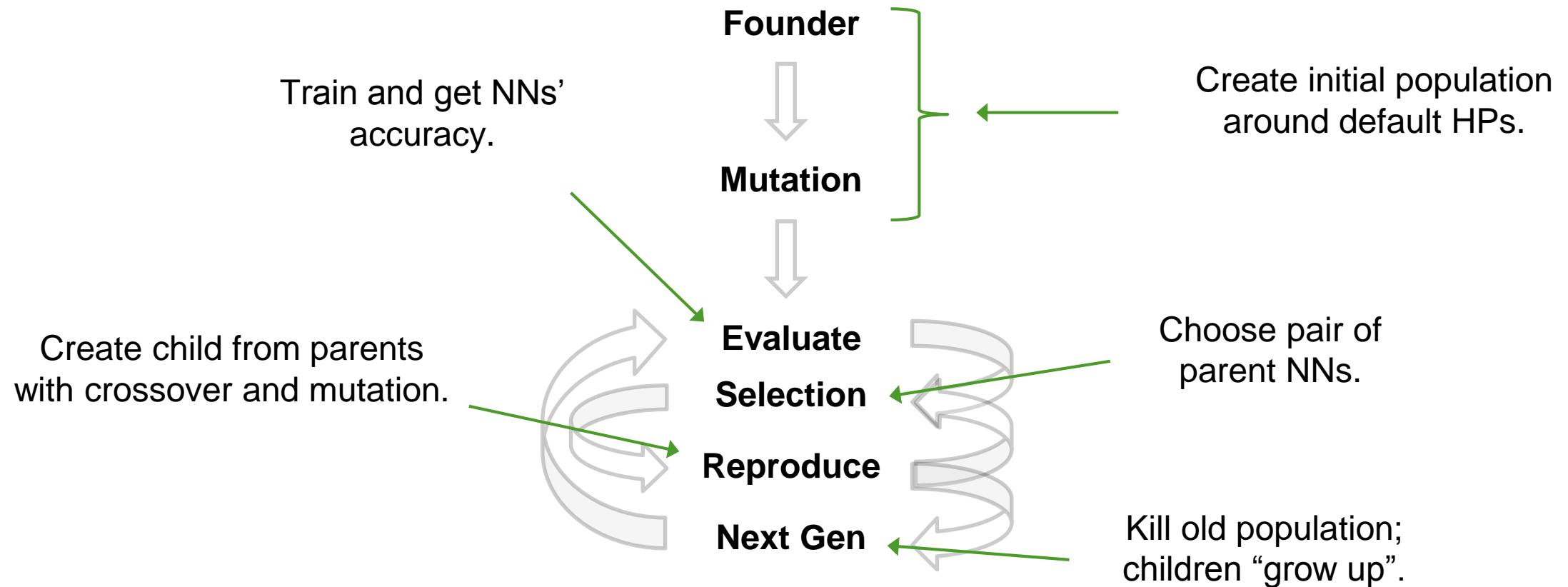


# NN HPO – Genetic Algorithms

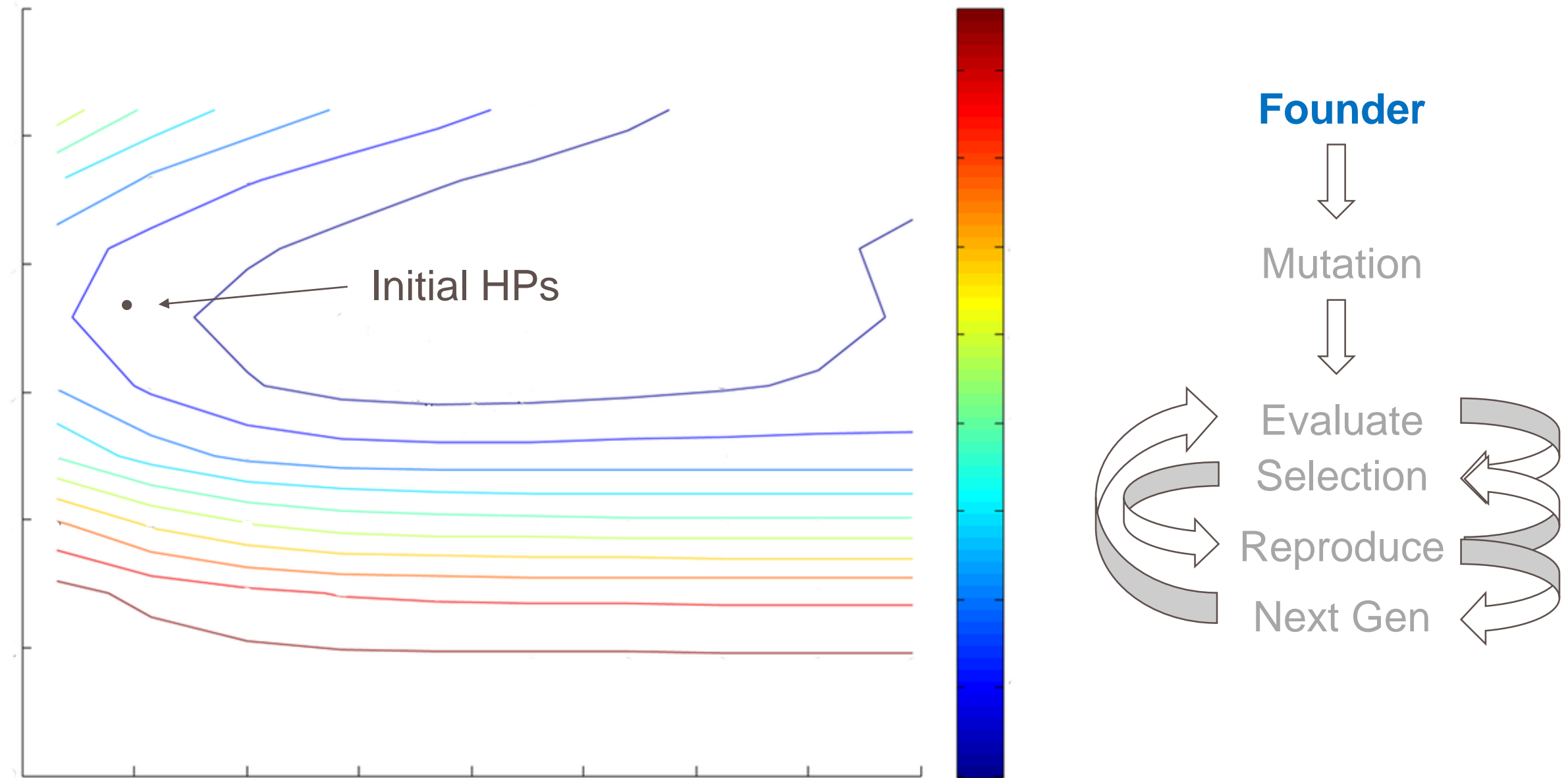
- Think of a GA on HPO as:
  - “Automatic, iterative, stochastic grid search with pruning”
- Inspired by biological systems found in nature:
  - Mutation
  - Crossover
  - Selection



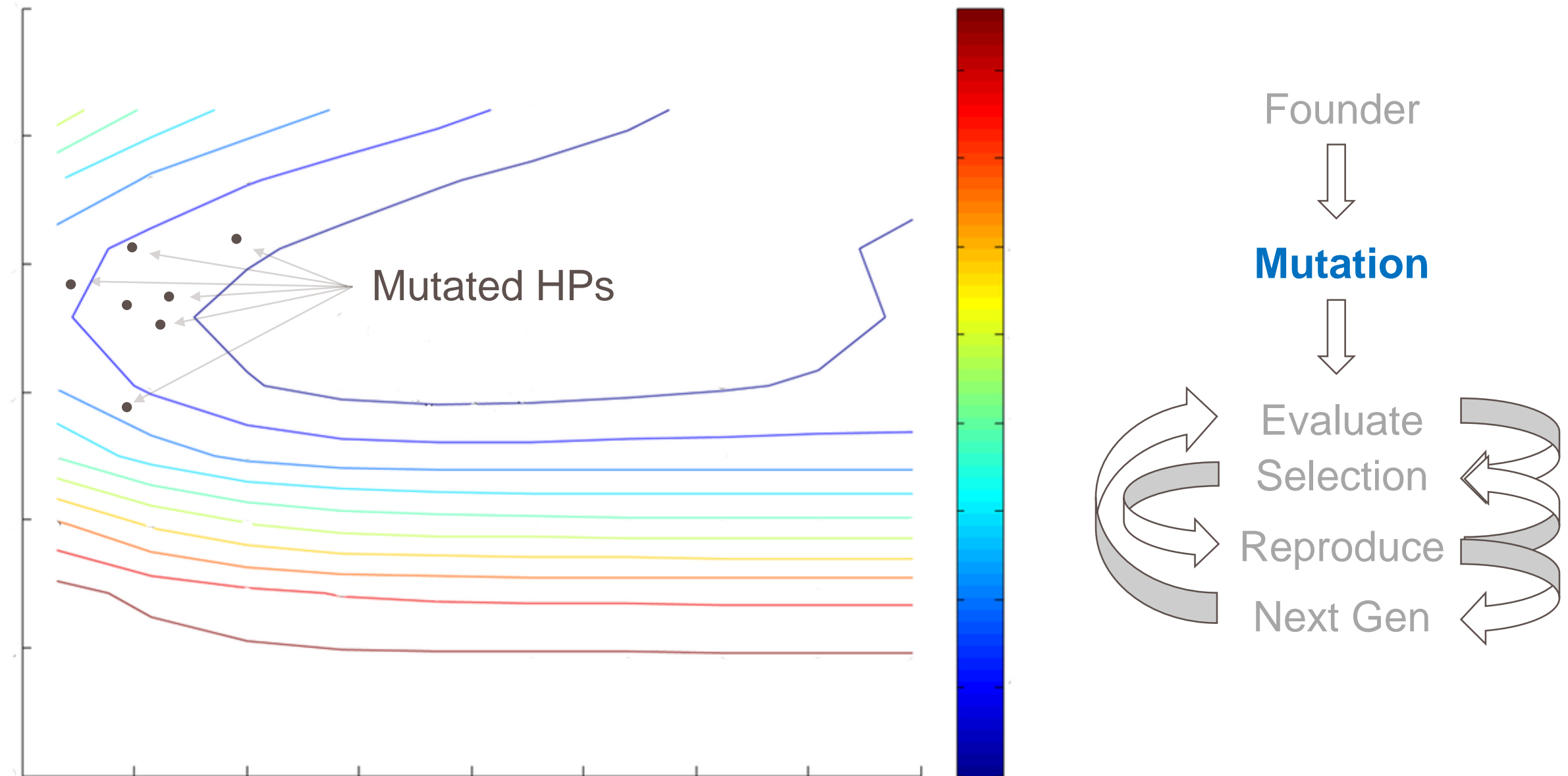
# NN HPO – Genetic Algorithm Generation Cycle



# NN HPO – HPO with GAs: Founder

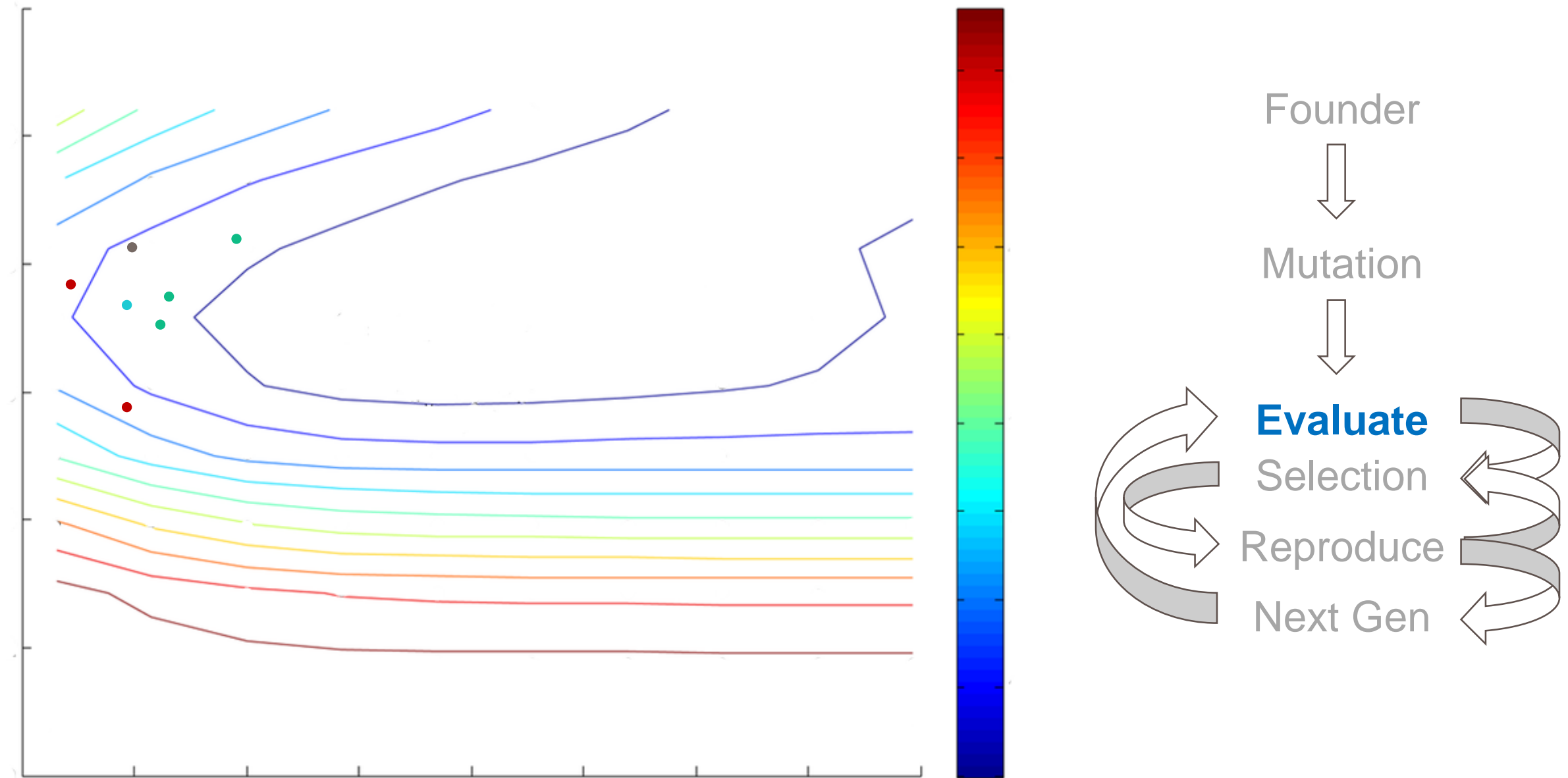


# NN HPO – HPO with GAs: Initial Mutation

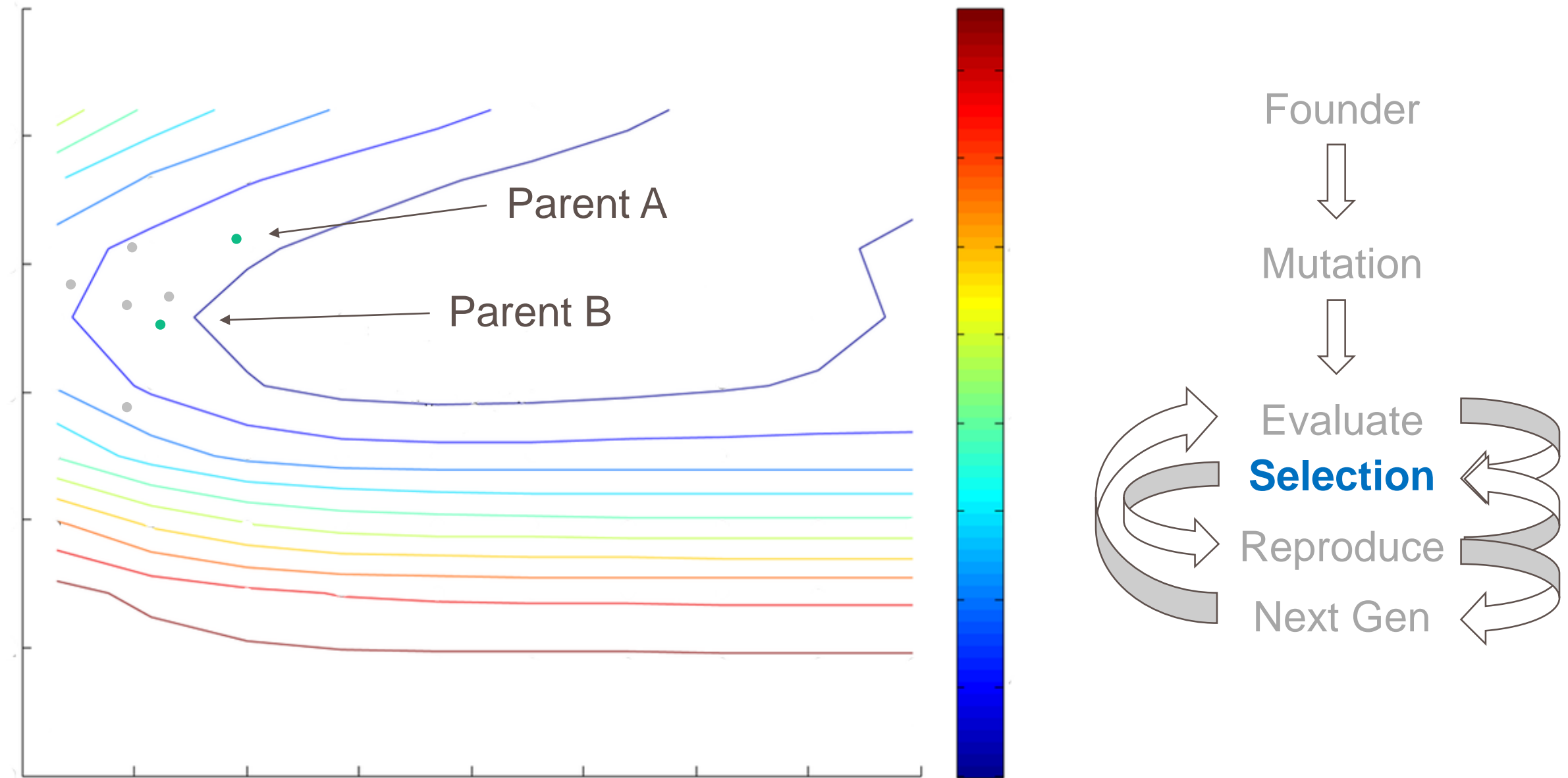




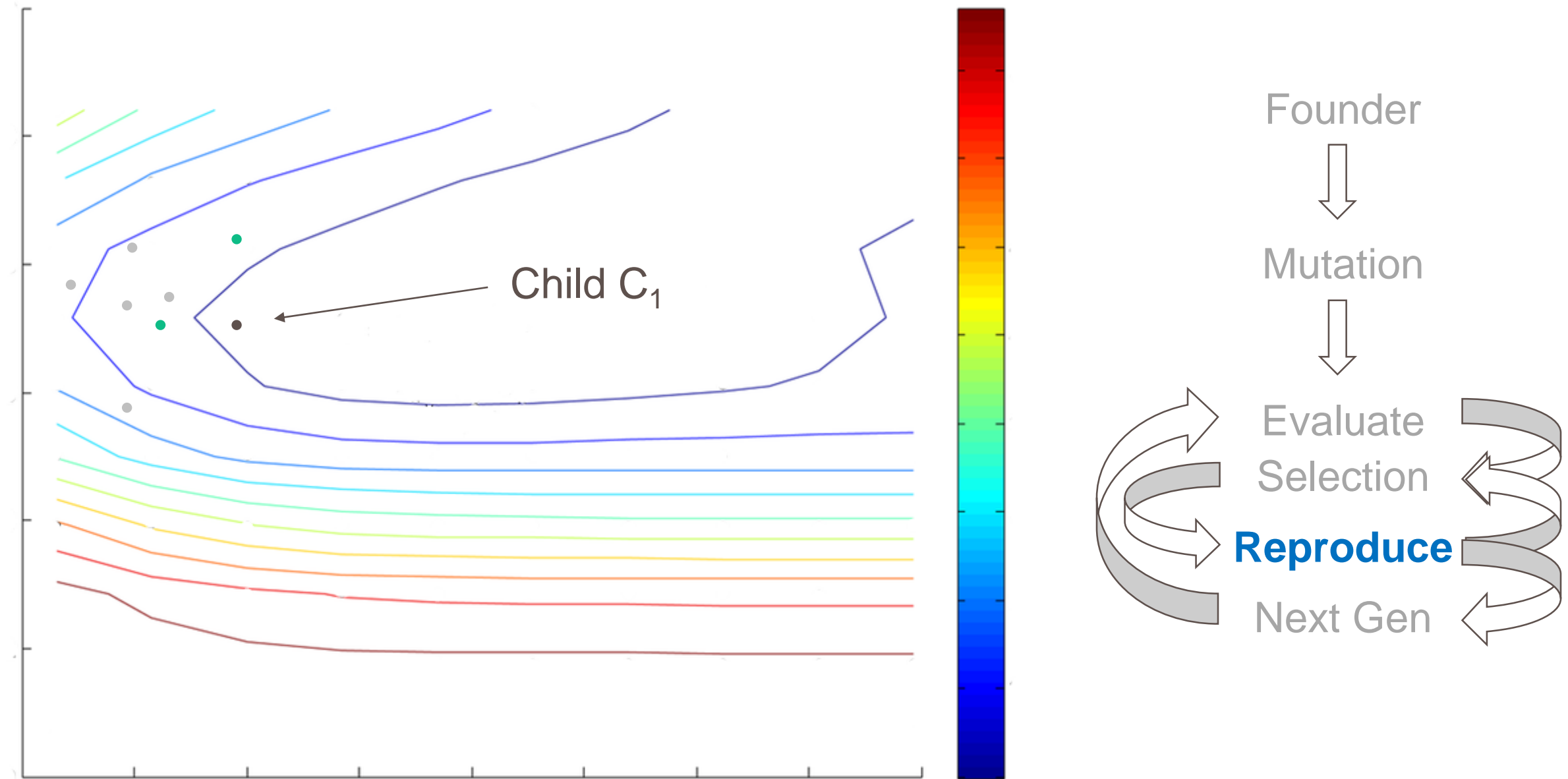
# NN HPO – HPO with GAs: Evaluate Fitness 1



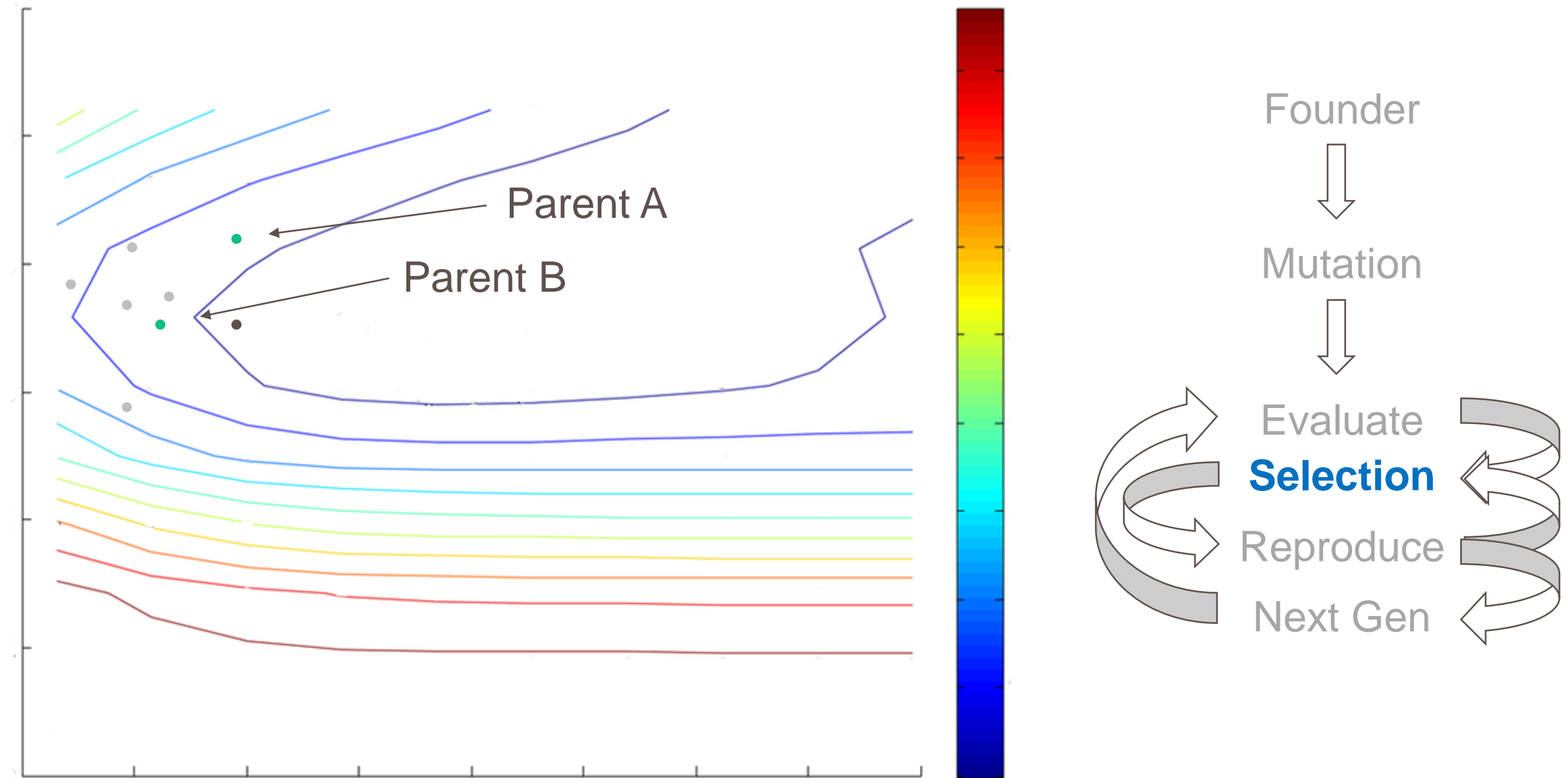
# NN HPO – HPO with GAs: Mate Selection 1



# NN HPO – HPO with GAs: Reproduction 1

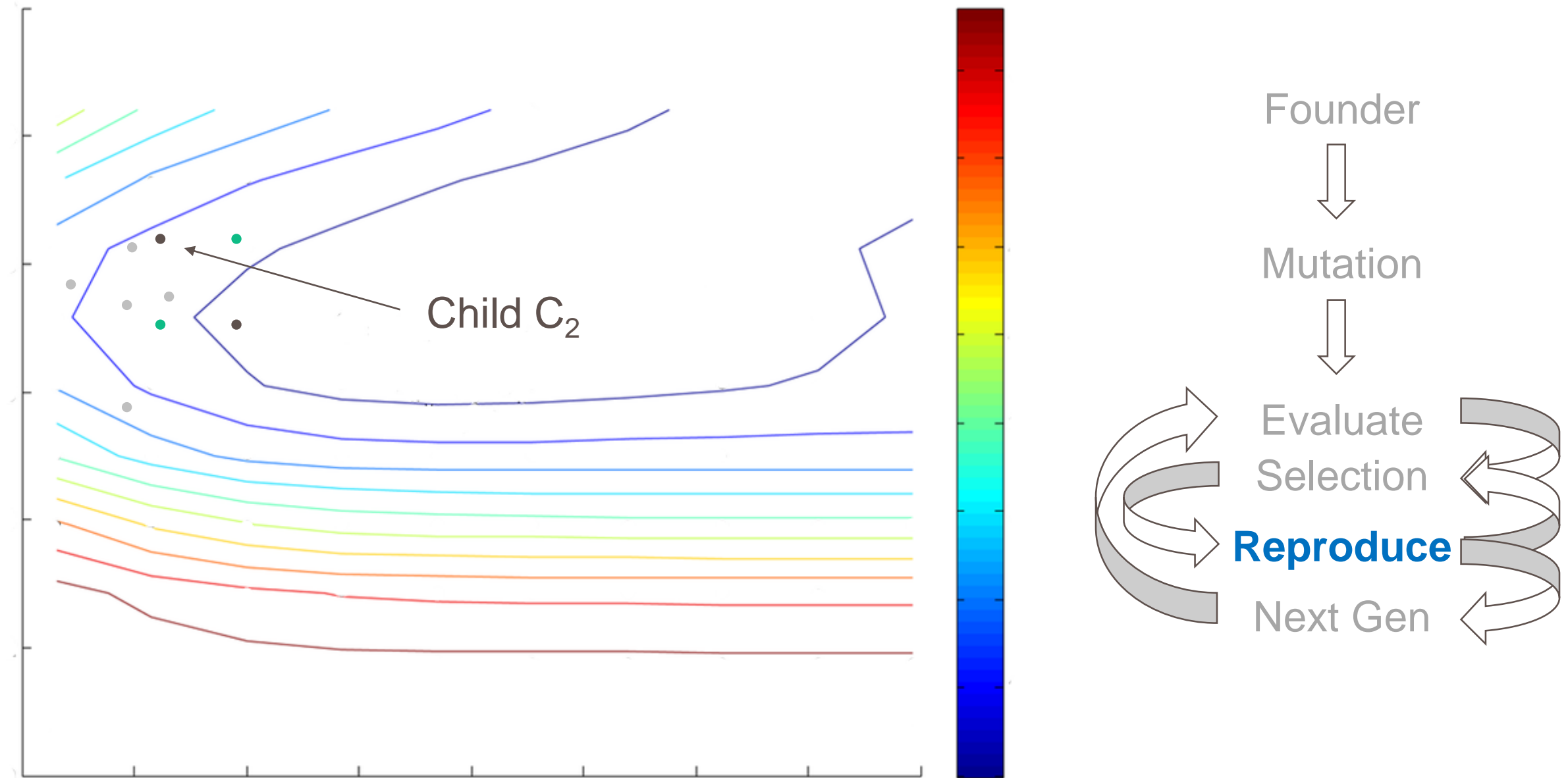


# NN HPO – HPO with GAs: Mate Selection 2

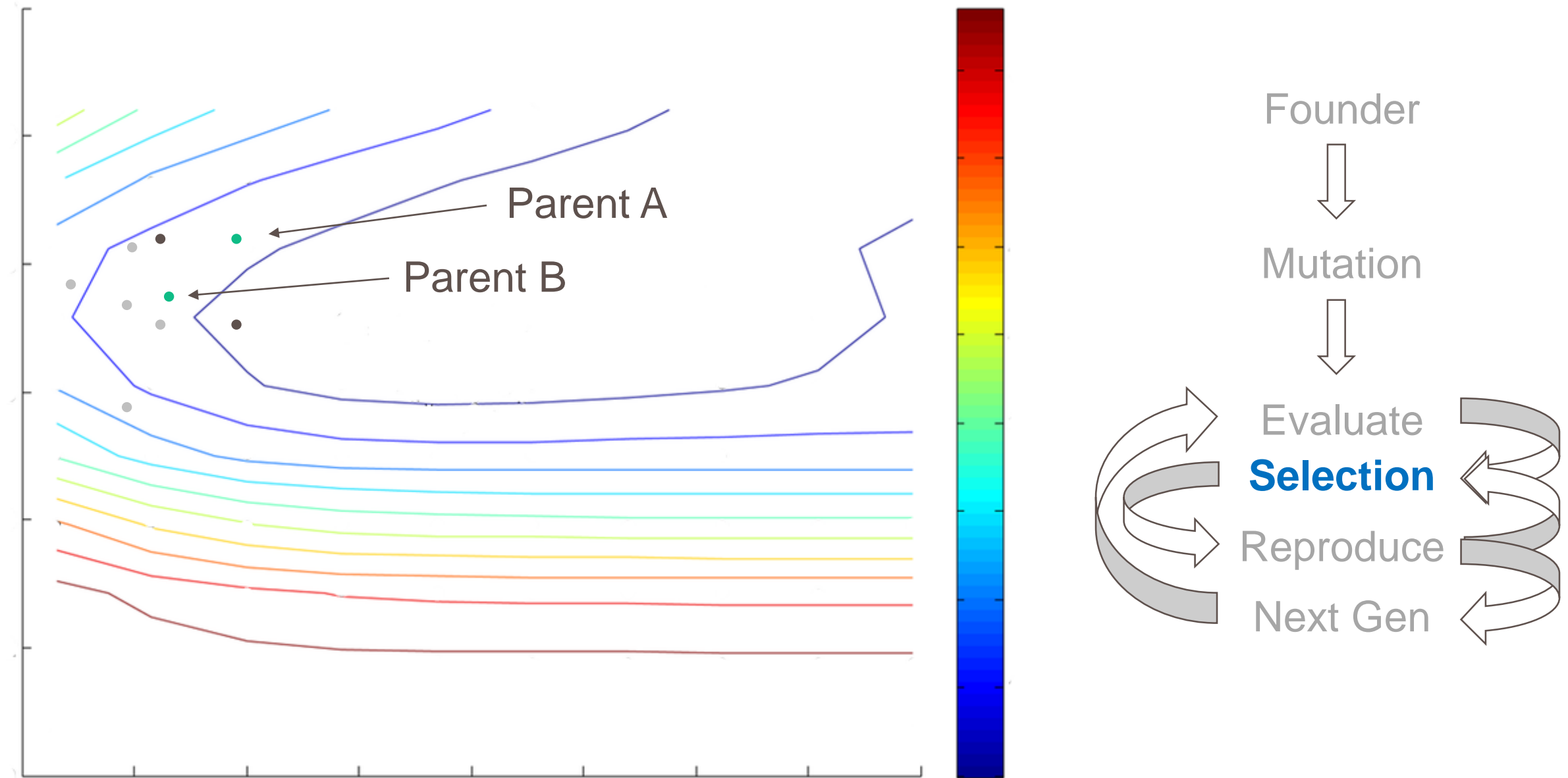




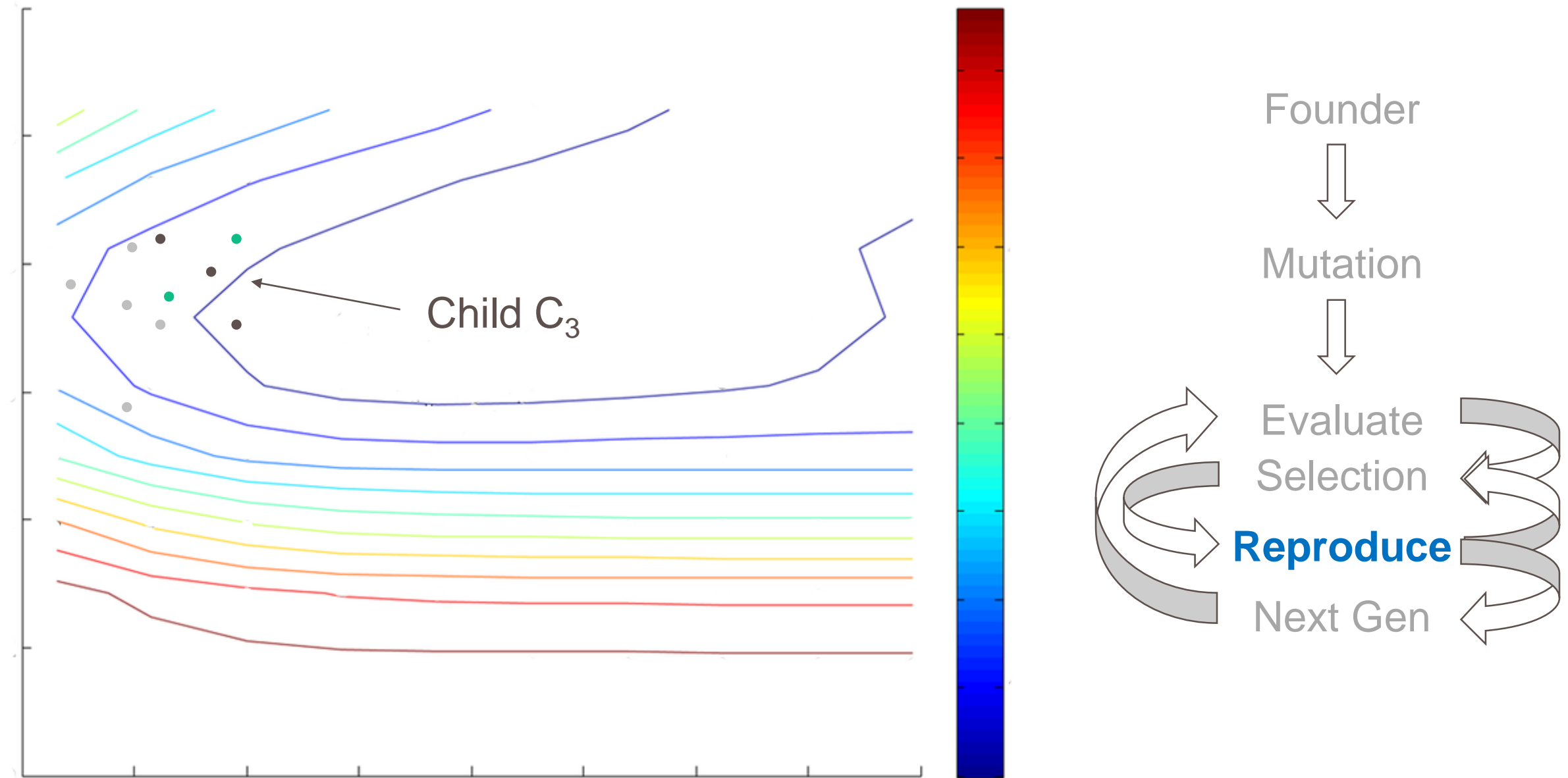
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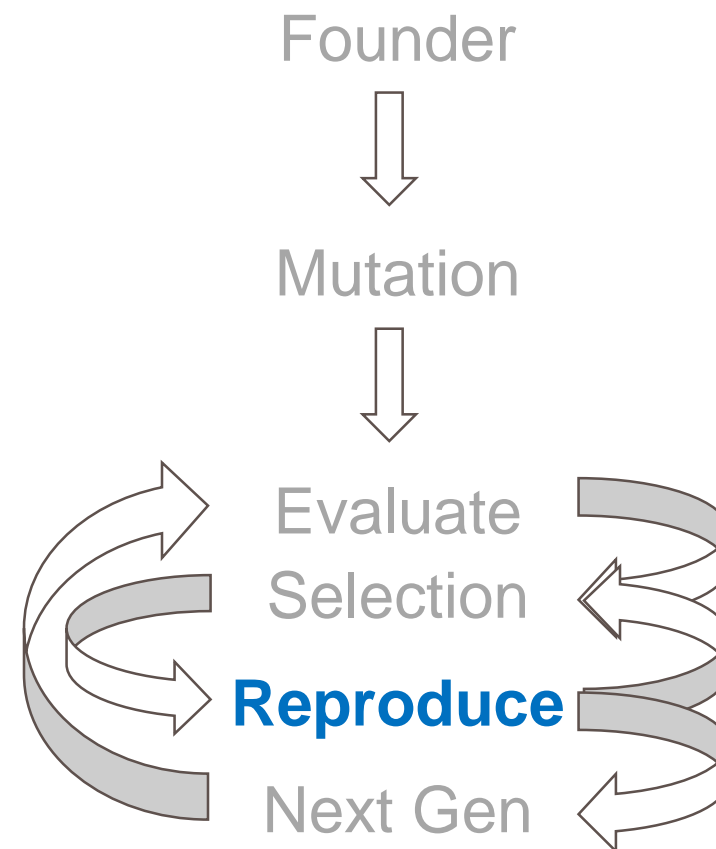
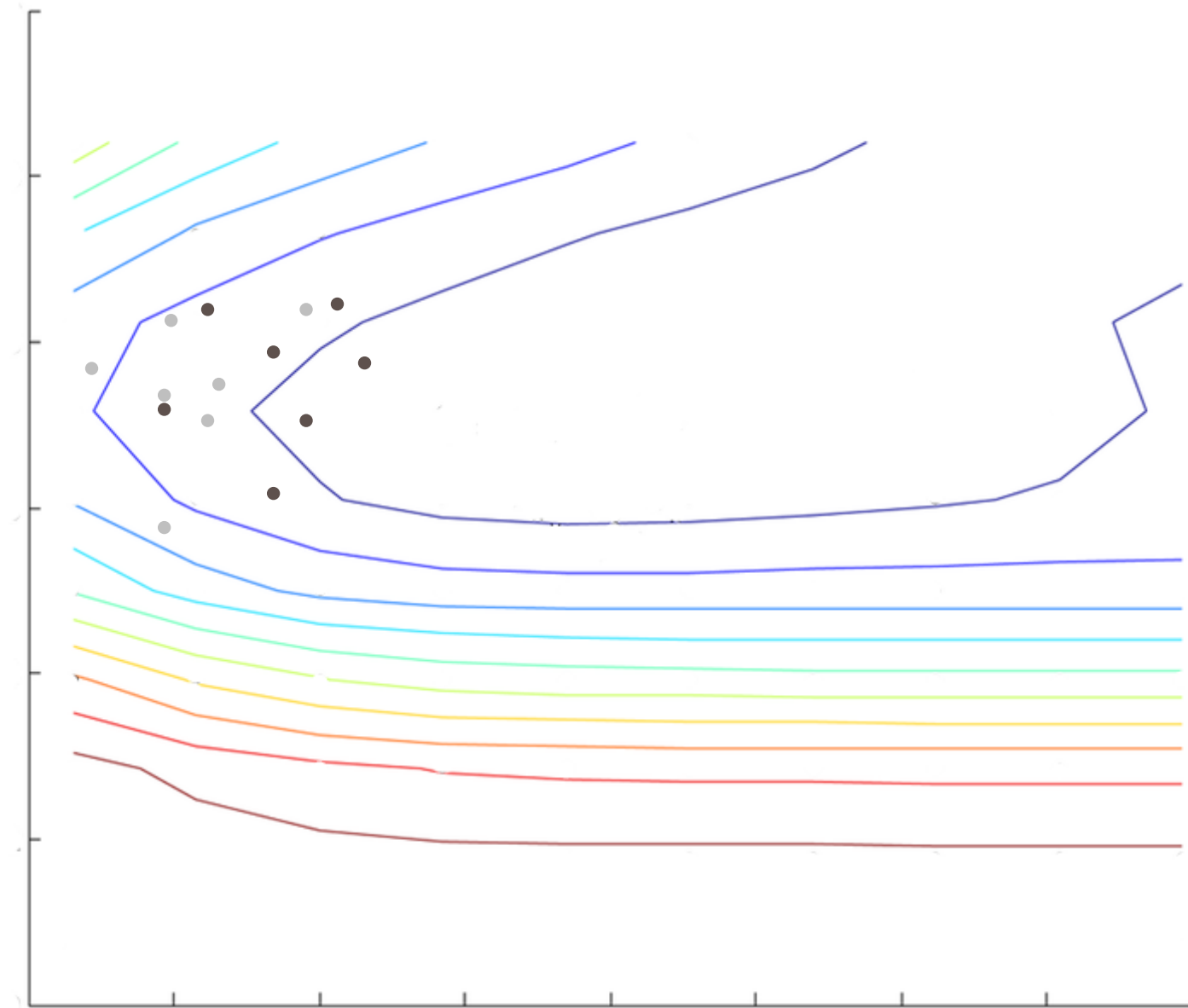
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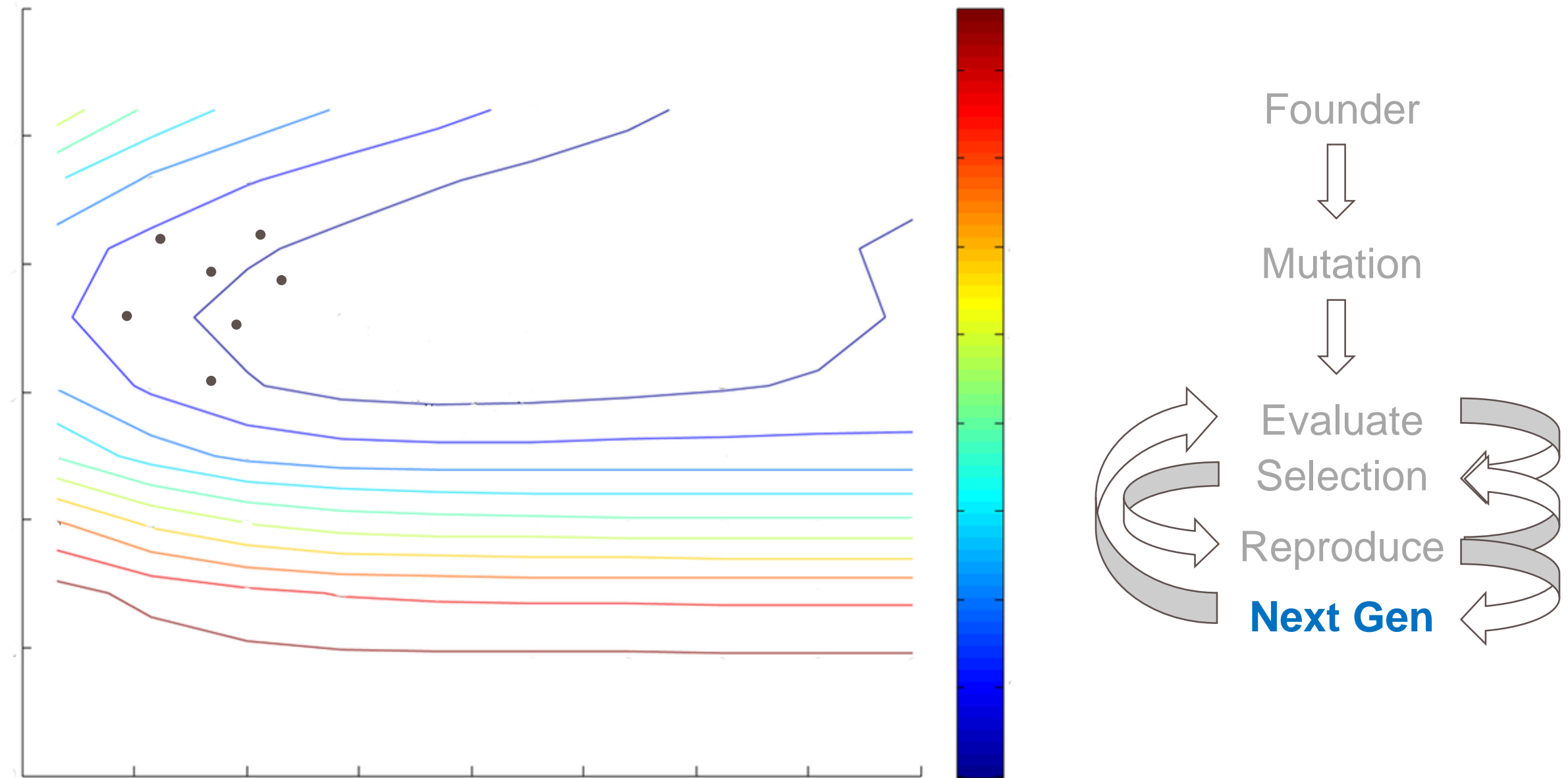


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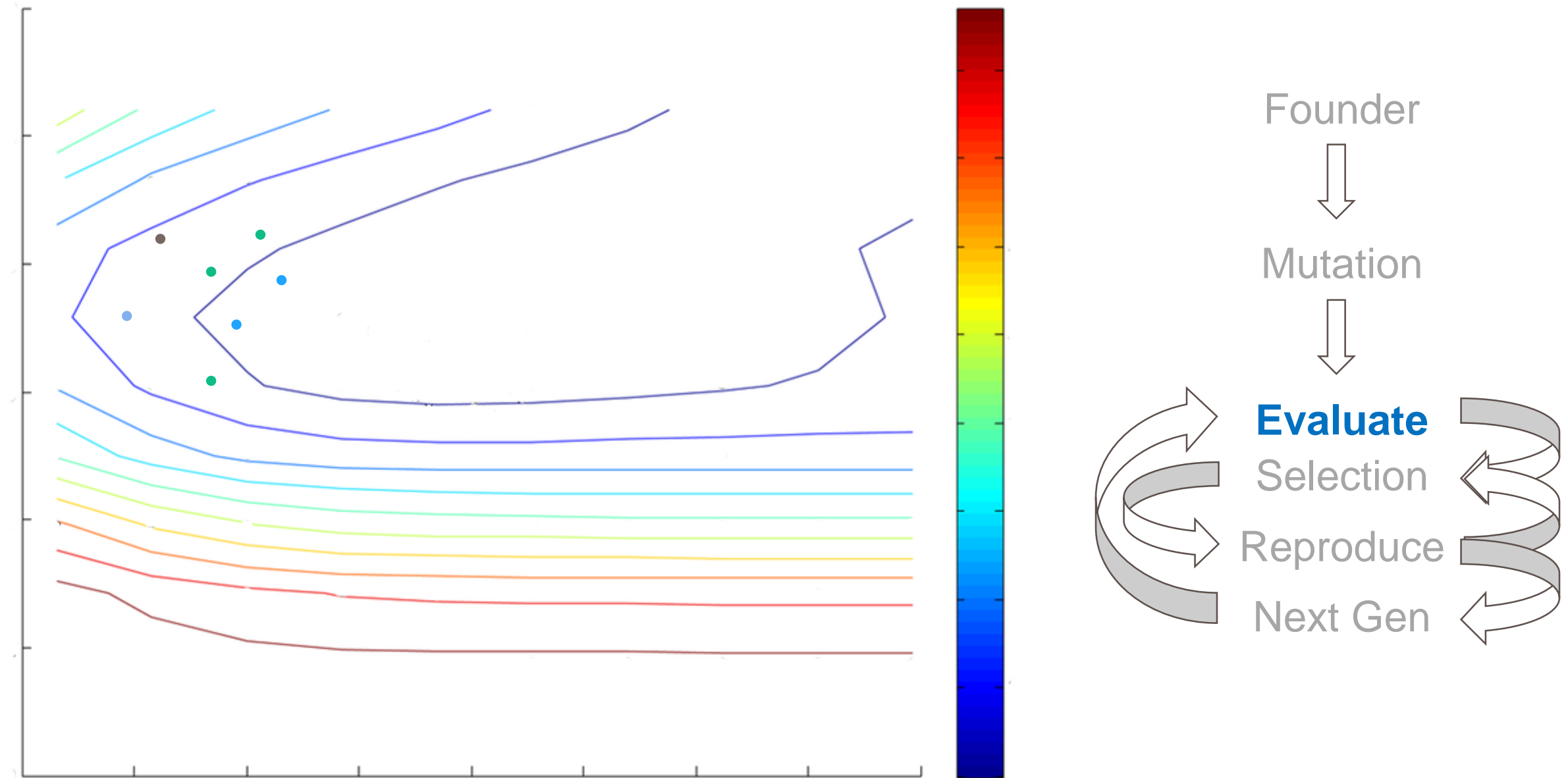




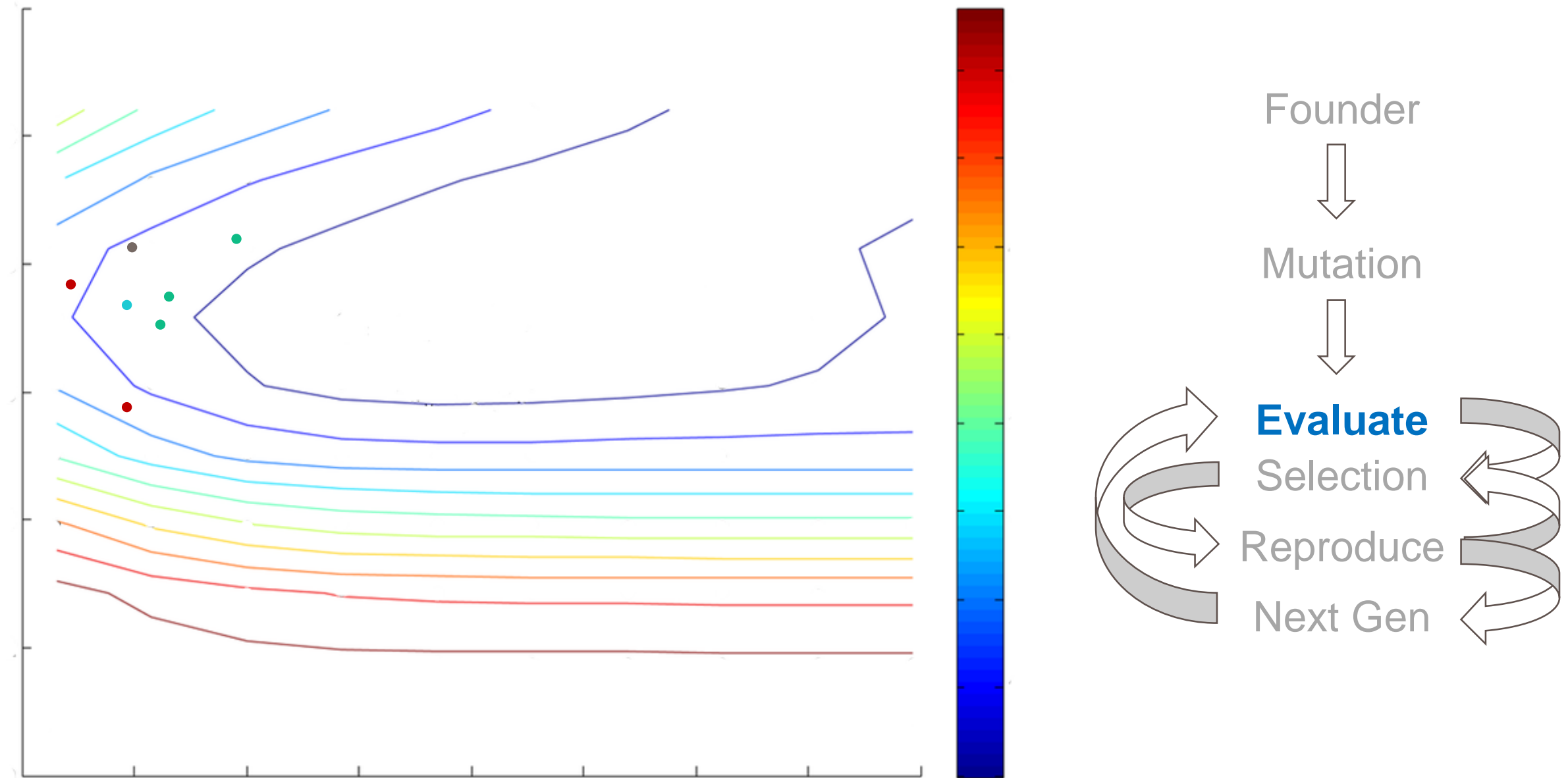
# NN HPO – HPO with GAs: Next Generation



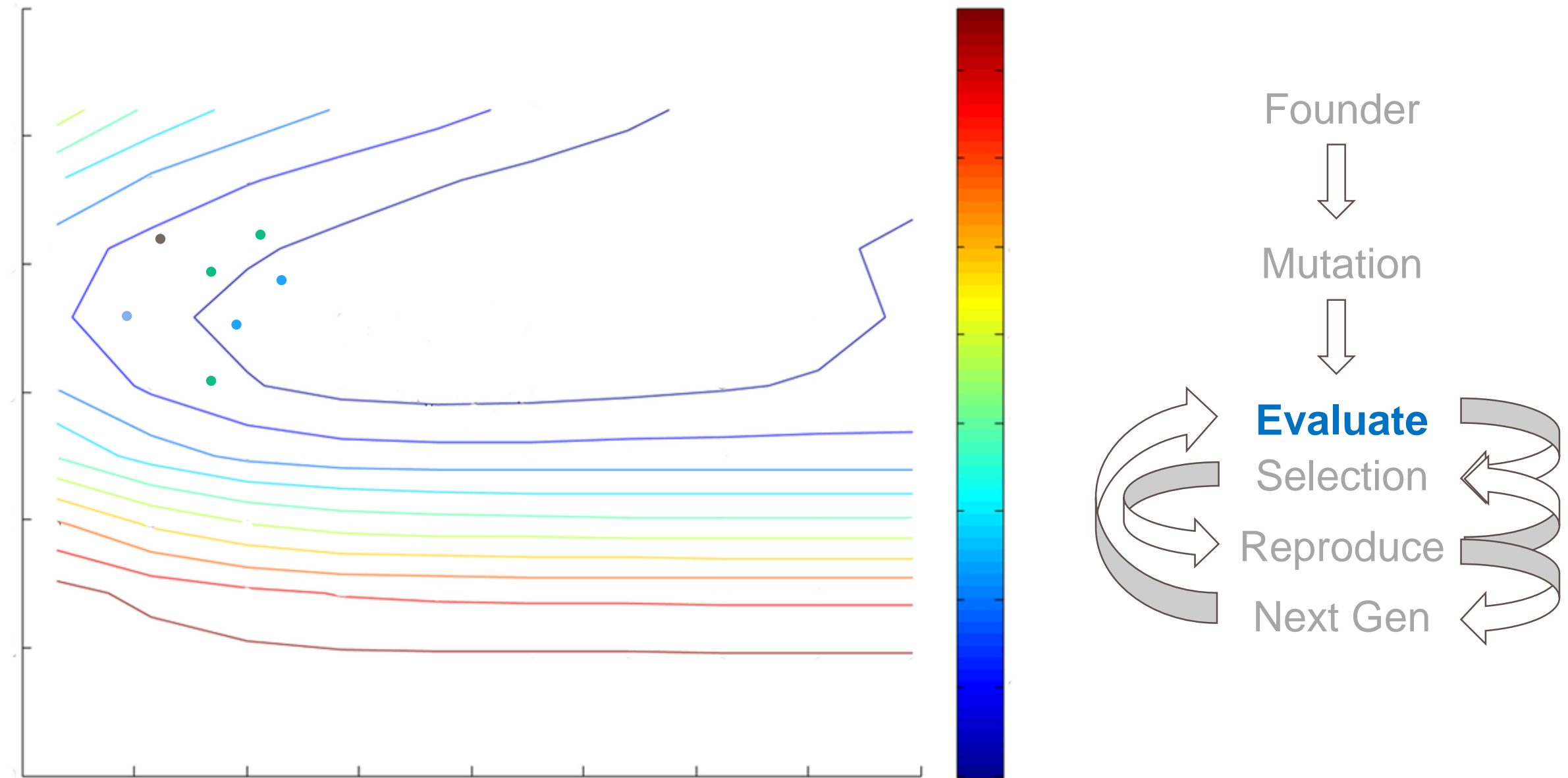
# NN HPO – HPO with GAs: Evaluate Fitness 2



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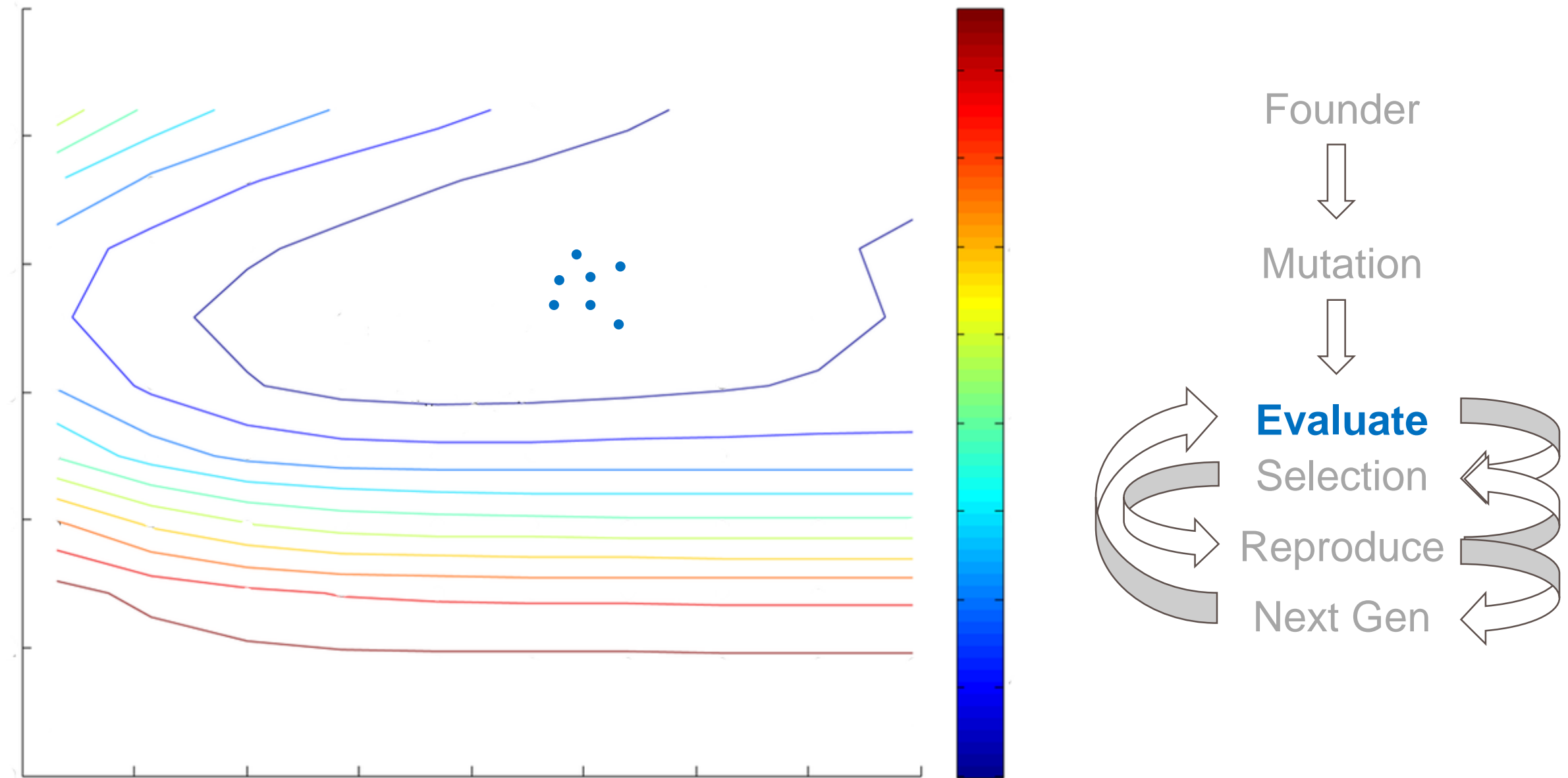


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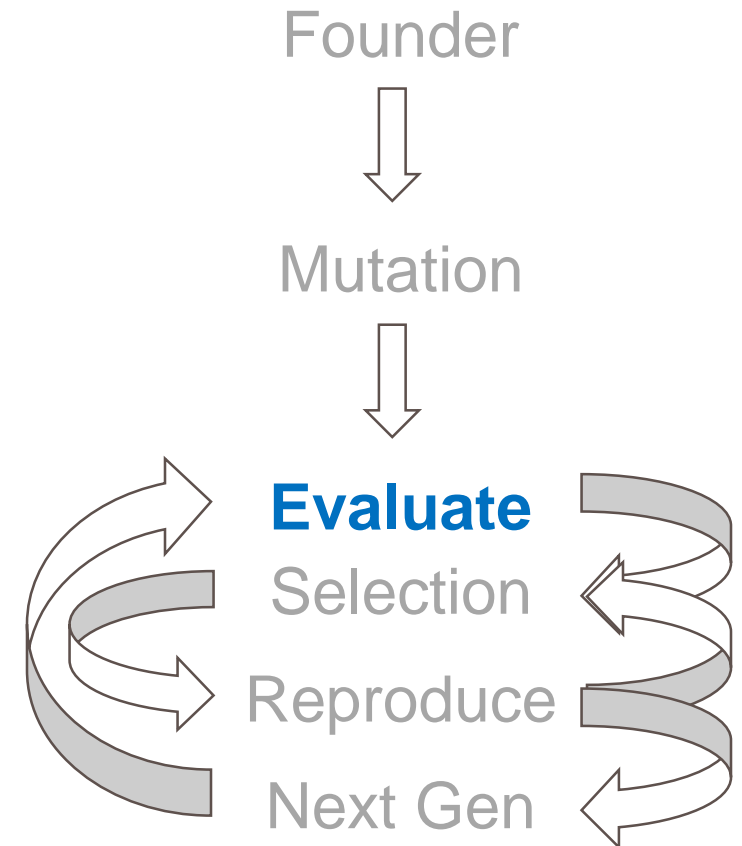


# NN HPO – HPO with GAs: Evaluate Fitness N



# NN HPO – HPO with GAs: Math

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 $g \leftarrow 0$   
 $\mathbb{P}_g \leftarrow \text{initial\_population}$   
while  $g < \text{PARAM\_GENERATIONS}$ :  
  for each  $p$  in  $\mathbb{P}_g$ :  
     $p.fom \leftarrow \text{execute}(p)$   
     $p.fitness \leftarrow e^{-\sigma((p.fom - \text{minfom}) / (\text{maxfom} - \text{minfom}))^2}$   
   $\mathbb{P}_{(g+1)} \leftarrow \emptyset$   
  while  $|\mathbb{P}_{(g+1)}| < \text{PARAM\_POPULATION\_SIZE}$ :  
     $a \leftarrow \text{choose } p \text{ from } \mathbb{P}_g \text{ with probability proportional to } p.fitness$   
     $b \leftarrow \text{choose } p \text{ from } \mathbb{P}_g \text{ with probability proportional to } p.fitness$   
     $\alpha \leftarrow \text{choose } p \text{ from } \mathbb{P}_g \text{ with probability proportional to } p.fitness$   
     $c.hparams \leftarrow \text{mutate}(\text{crossover}(a.hparams, b.hparams))$   
     $c.params \leftarrow \alpha.params$   
     $\mathbb{P}_{(g+1)} \leftarrow \mathbb{P}_{(g+1)} \cup \{c\}$ 
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# Put It All Together

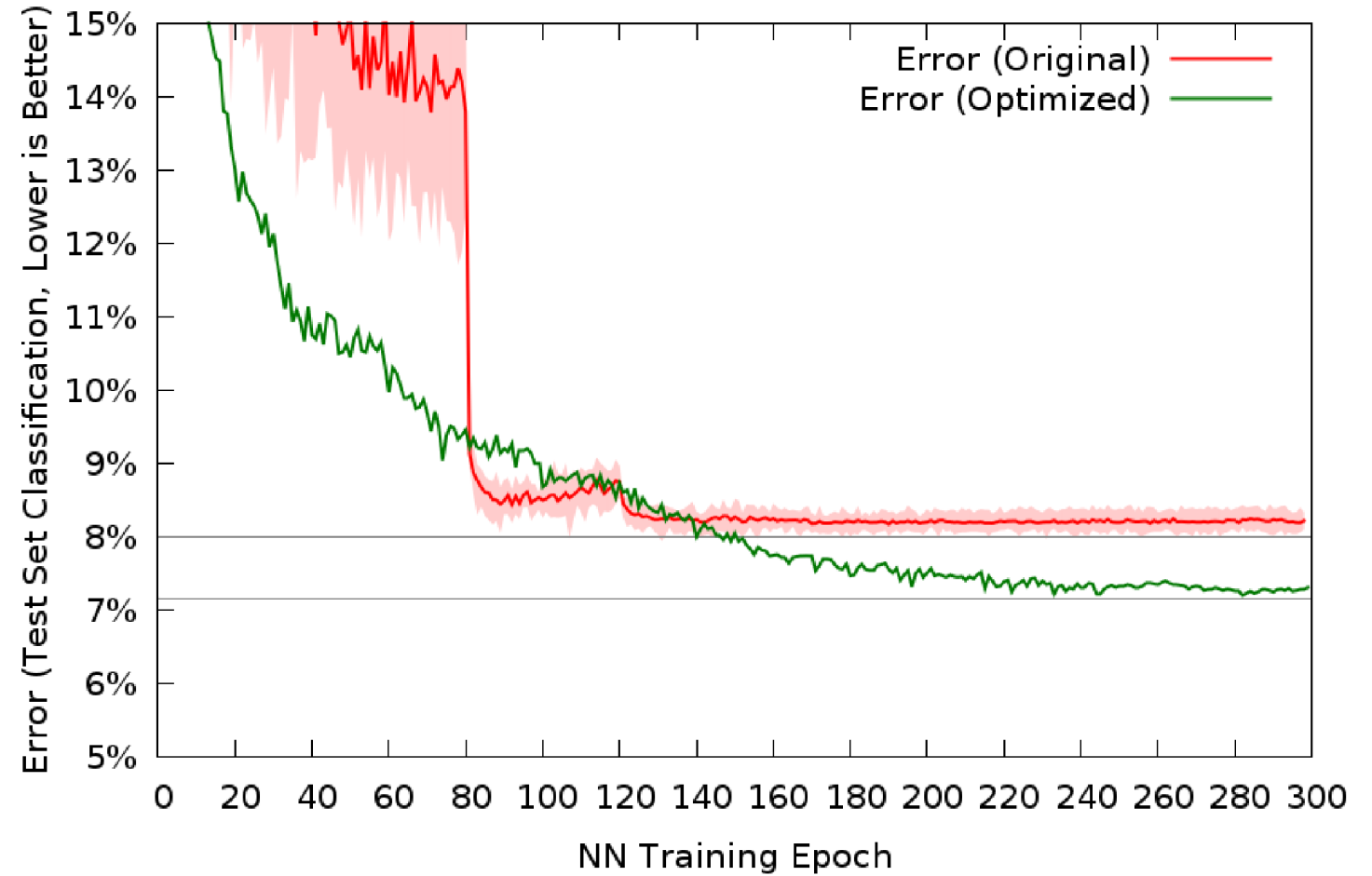




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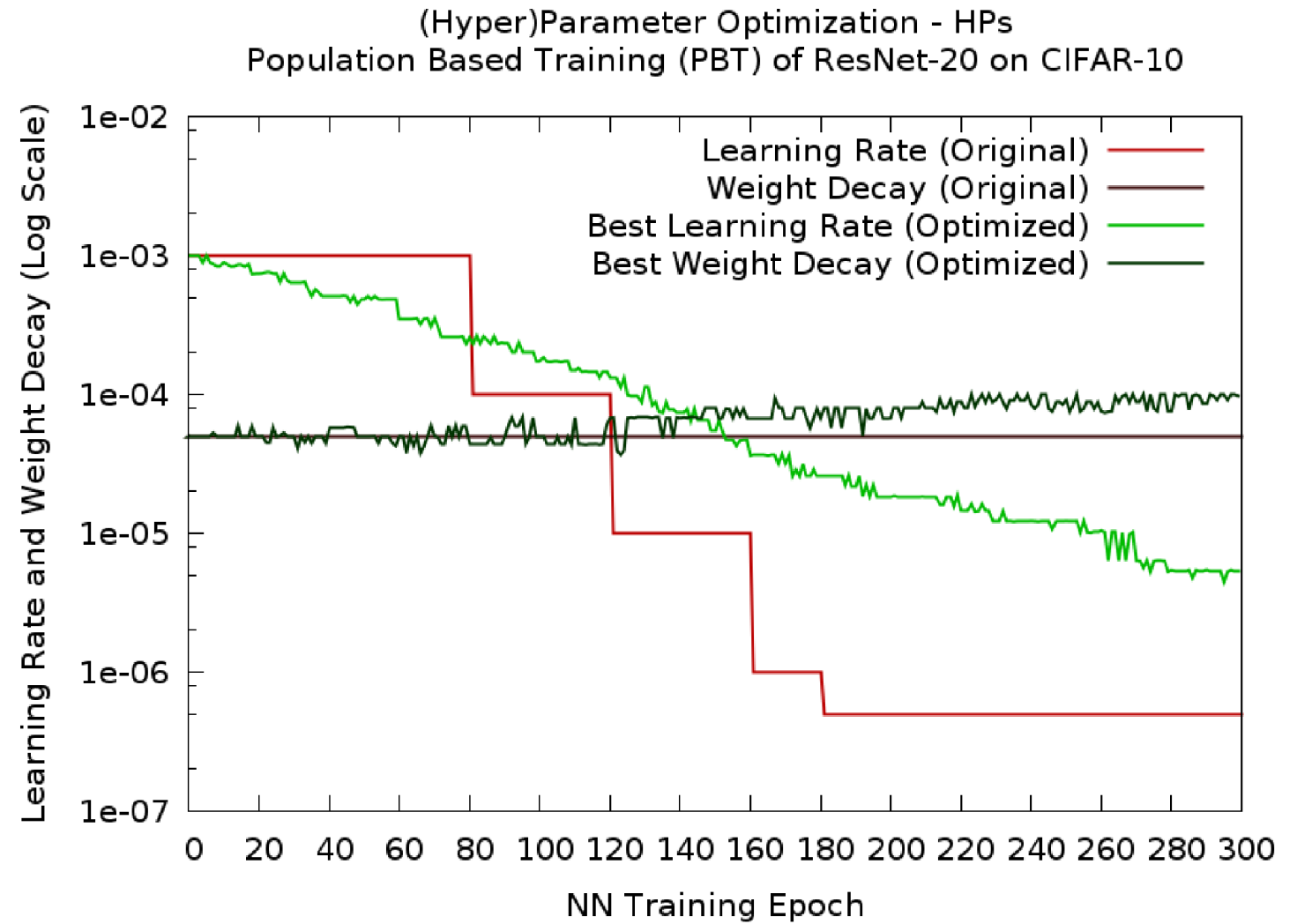
(Hyper)Parameter Optimization - Error  
Population Based Training (PBT) of ResNet-20 on CIFAR-10





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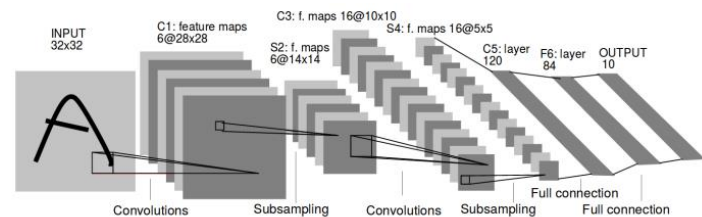
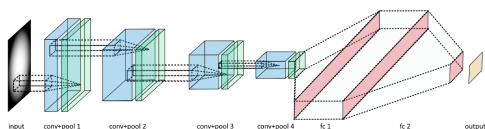
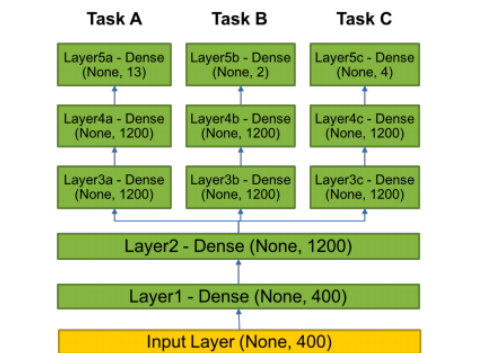


# NN HPO – Population-Based Training Results

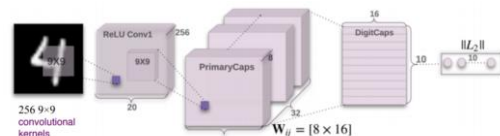
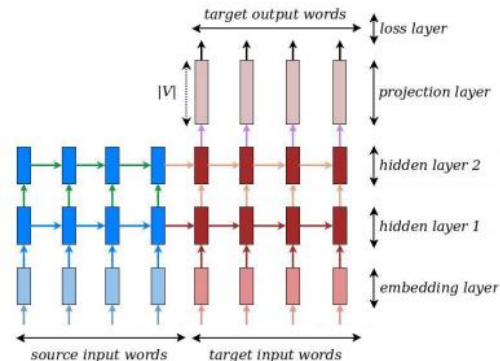
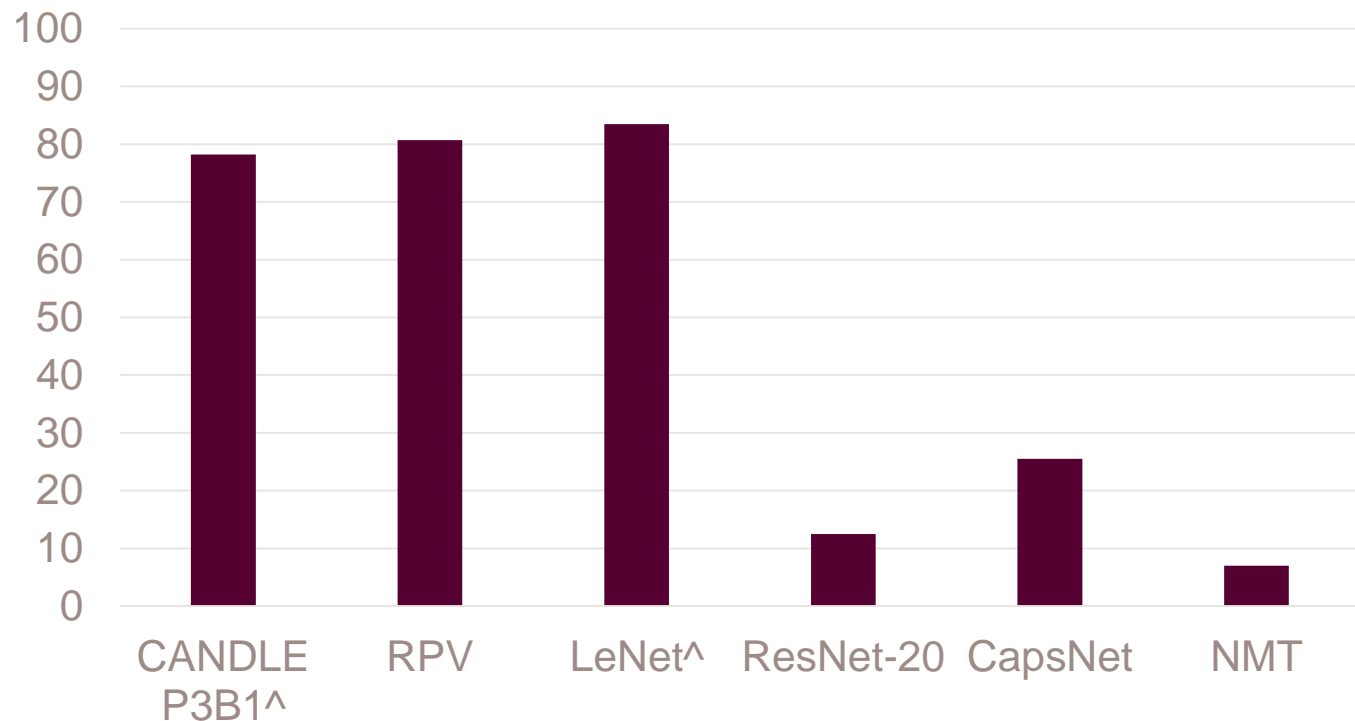
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Model w/ CIFAR10	Size (MParam)	Implementation Accuracy	Original Paper^
ResNet-20 (HPO:PBT)	0.27	93.00%	--
ResNet-20	0.27	92.16%	91.25%
ResNet-32	0.46	92.46%	92.49%
ResNet-44	0.66	92.50%	92.83%
ResNet-56	0.85	92.71%	93.03%
ResNet-110	1.70	92.65%	93.39%

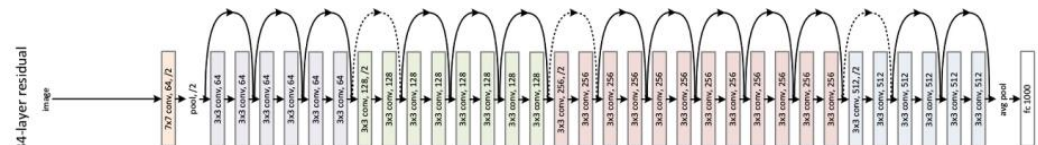
# NN HPO – HPO Results



Improvement  
(Final Error or ^Time to Error, Relative)



FoM Improvement (%)



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