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### [6-C-01] Online Bayesian Optimization of Polynomial-Multigrid Cycles for Flux Reconstruction

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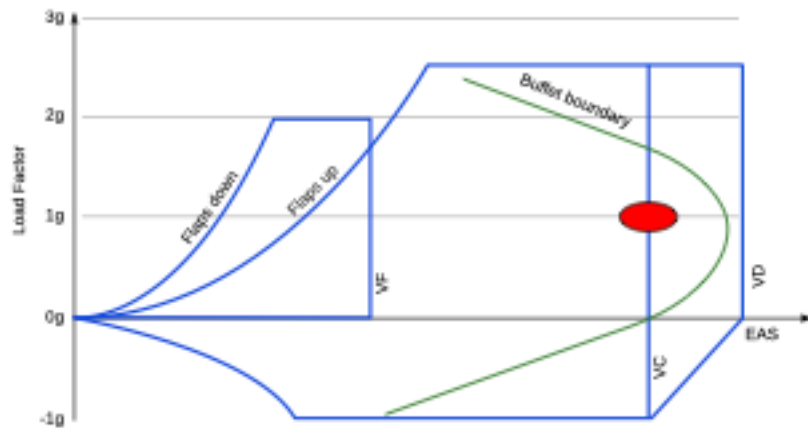
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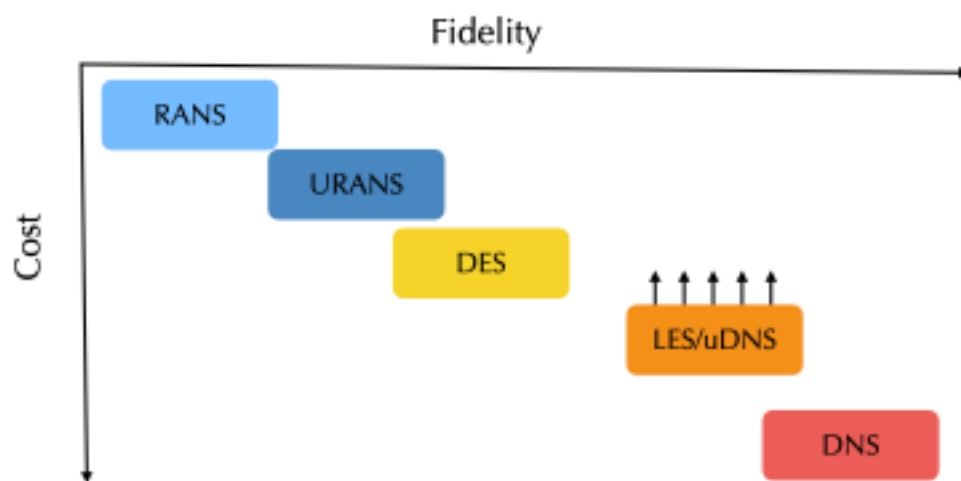


- Computational fluid dynamics (CFD) is the bedrock of several high-tech industries.

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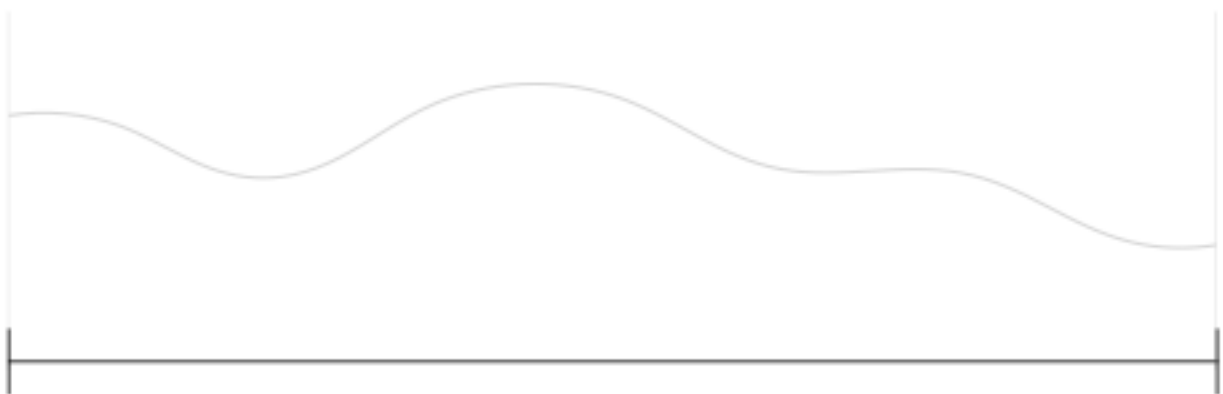


# High-Order Methods

- Our choice of method is the high-order accurate **Flux Reconstruction** (FR) approach of Huynh.
- Combines aspects of traditional finite volume (FVM) and finite element methods (FEM).

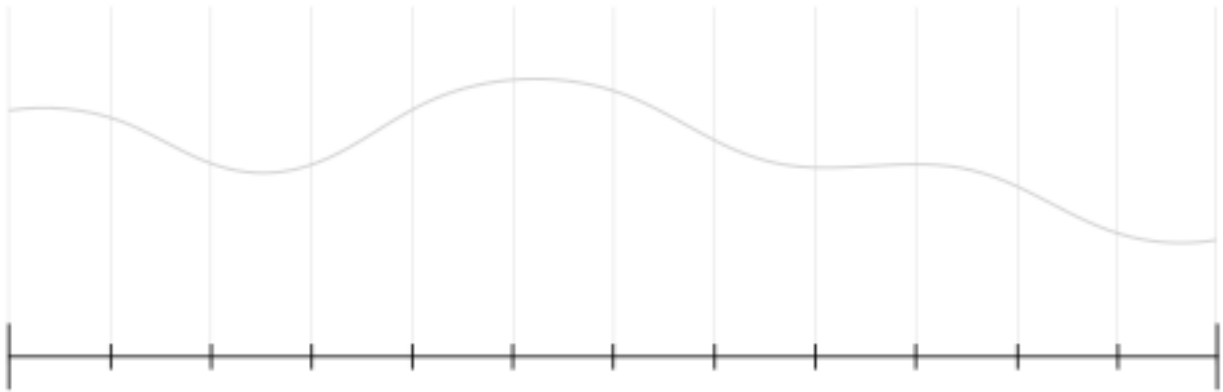
# High-Order Methods

- Consider a smooth function



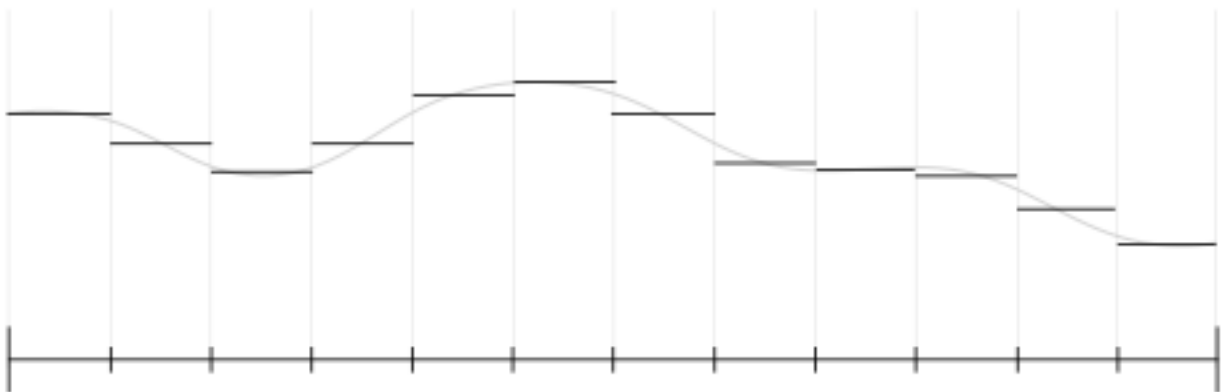
# High-Order Methods

- In FVM we divide the domain into **cells**...



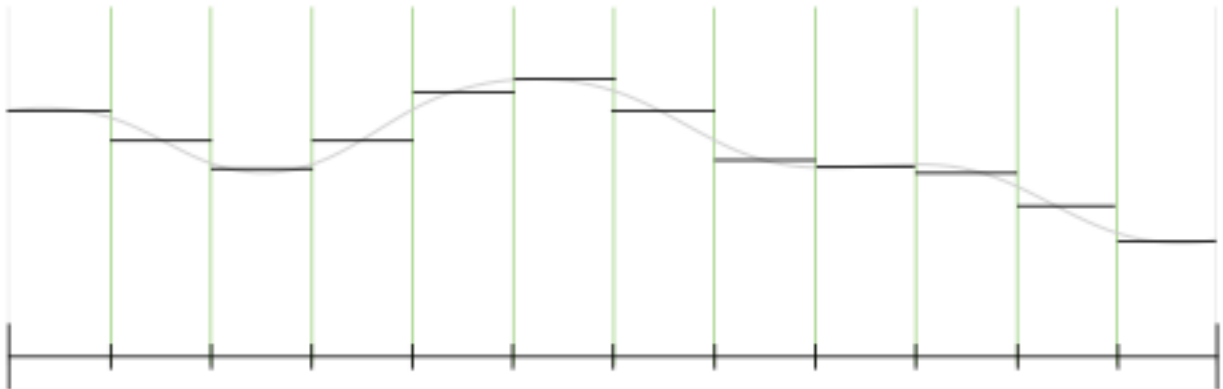
# High-Order Methods

- ...and in each cell store the **average** of the function.



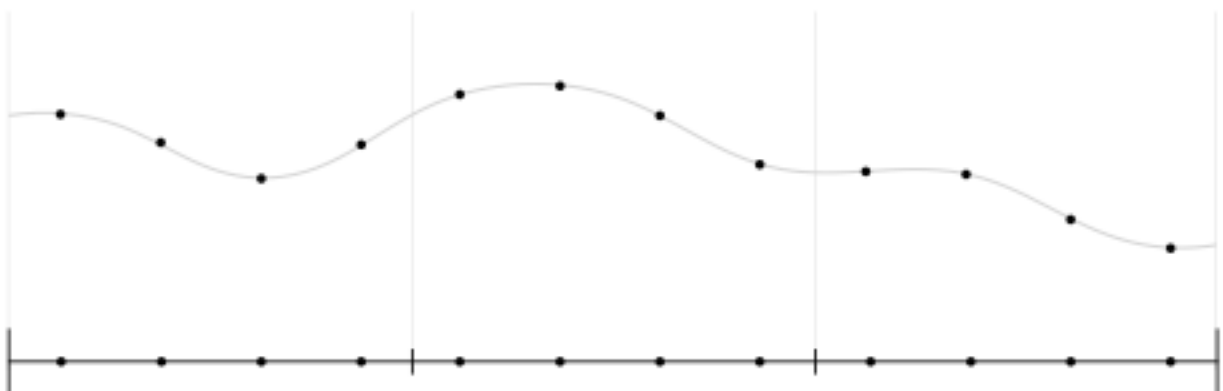
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- Cells are coupled via Riemann solves at the interfaces.



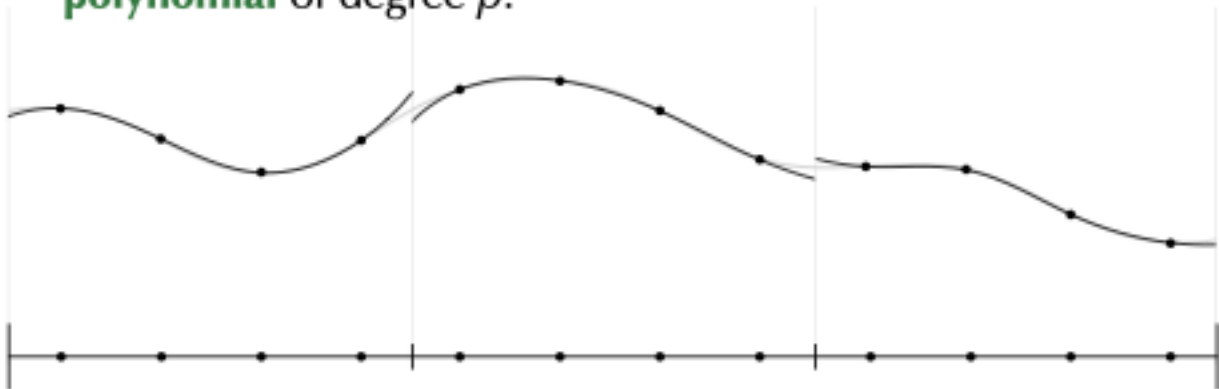
# High-Order Methods

- In FR we divide the domain into **elements**...



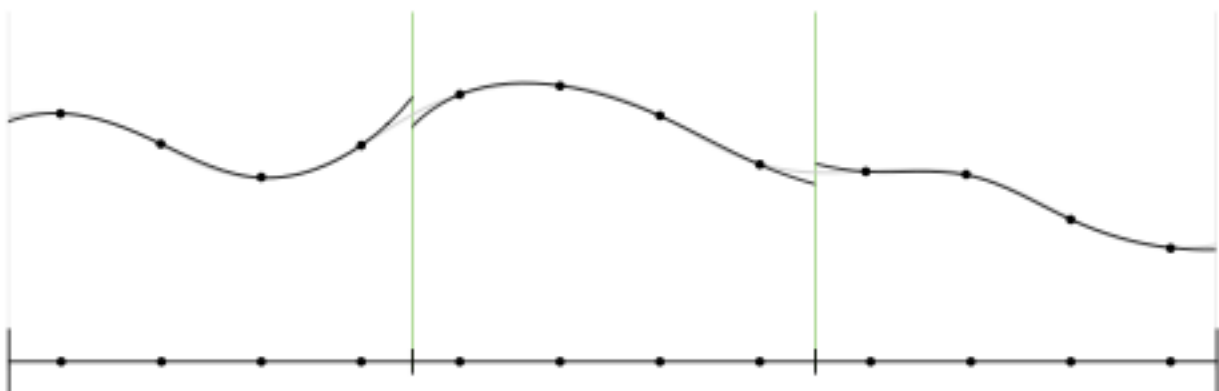
# High-Order Methods

- ...and in each element store a **discontinuous interpolating polynomial** of degree  $p$ .



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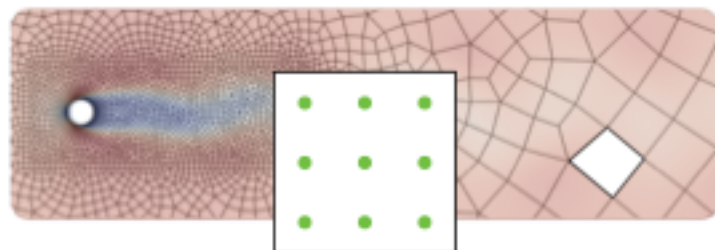
- As before elements are coupled via Riemann solves.



# High-Order Methods

- Greater **resolving power** per degree of freedom (DOF)...
- ...and thus **fewer overall DOFs** for same accuracy.
- Tight **coupling between DOFs** inside of an element...
- ...reduces indirection and **saves memory bandwidth.**

# High-Order Methods



- Direct extension into 2D and 3D.



# Polynomial Multigrid

- Within the context of **implicit time-stepping** it is necessary to solve a **non-linear system of equations** of the form:

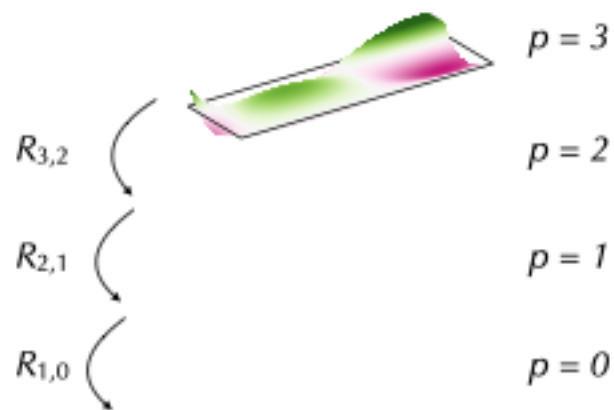
$$\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{u}) = 0,$$

where  $\mathbf{u}$  is our solution and  $\mathbf{R}$  a function.

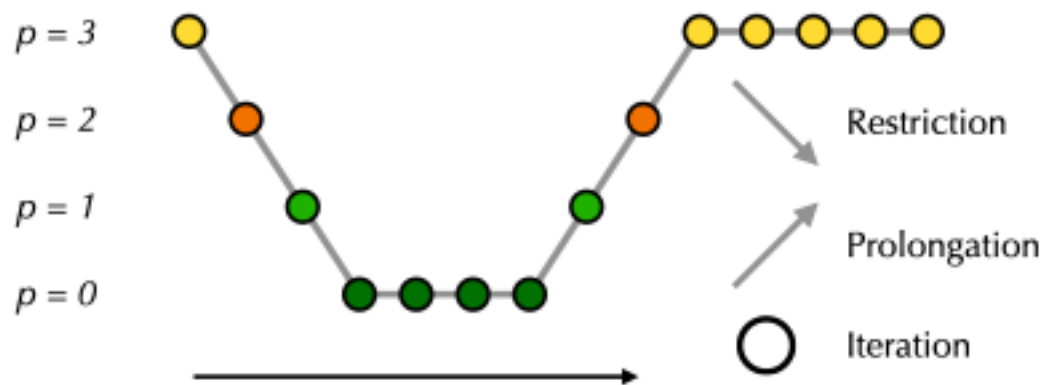
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- For real-world problems this system **must be solved iteratively**.
- We are therefore extremely interested in techniques for **accelerating convergence** with a powerful approach being **polynomial multigrid**.

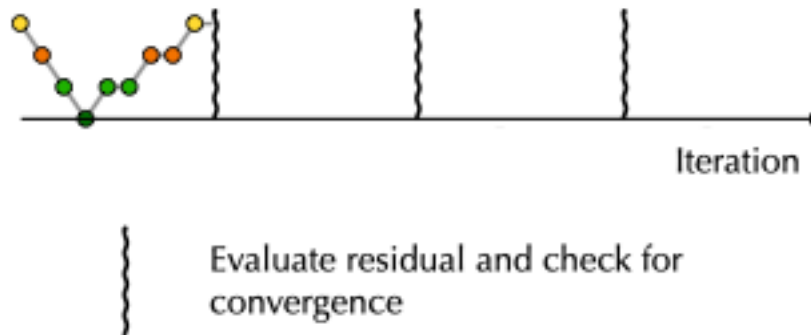
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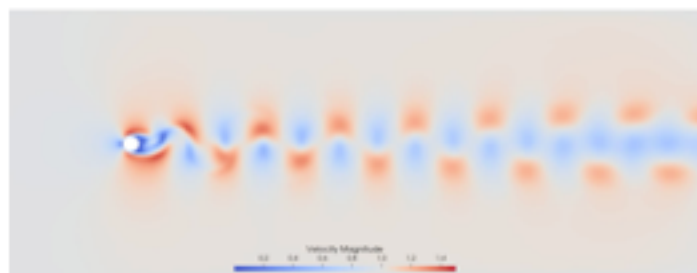


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- Cycle configuration can have a **big impact on runtime performance**.
- Example: Incompressible 2D cylinder at  $Re = 200$ .



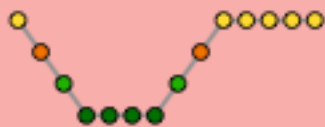
# Polynomial Multigrid



$8.3 \pm 1.1$  seconds per time unit



$7.3 \pm 0.6$  seconds per time unit



$13.6 \pm 3.0$  seconds per time unit



$7.2 \pm 1.6$  seconds per time unit

# Polynomial Multigrid

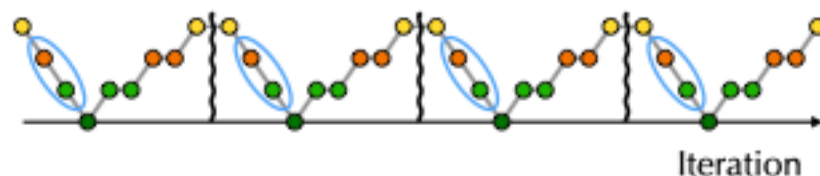
- Idea: use an optimiser to **learn an ideal cycle on the fly**.
- Problems:
  - (i) Cycles are **arbitrary length**.
  - (ii) Iterations are discrete leading to an **integer-programming problem**.

# Parameterising Cycles

- Address the variable-length issue by **restricting ourselves to deep-V cycles with four parameters.**
- Such cycles have been employed in almost all real-world applications of polynomial multigrid for FR.

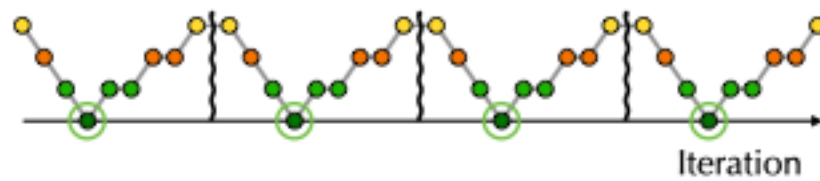
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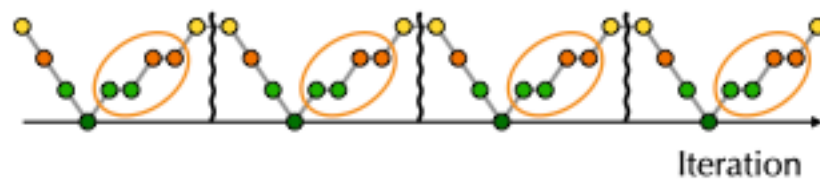
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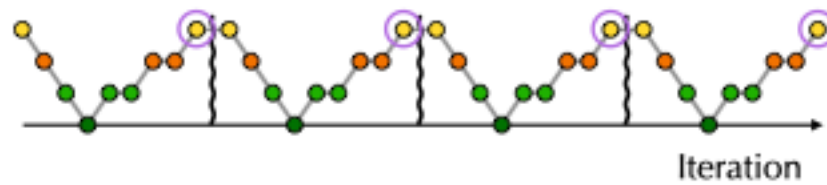
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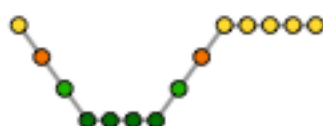
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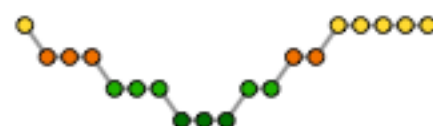
[1, 1, 1, 1]



[2, 4, 4, 4]



[1, 4, 1, 5]



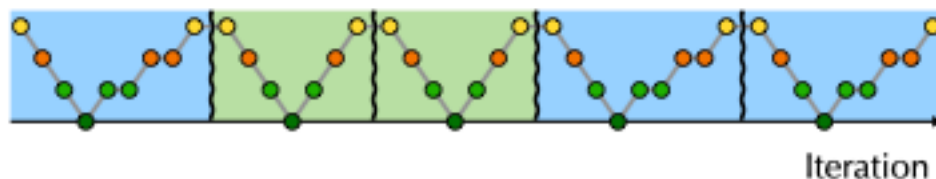
[3, 3, 2, 5]

# Parameterising Cycles

- We enable cycles to have **fractional components** through **stochastic rounding**.
- This is a strategy which was pioneered in the **machine learning community** for enhancing the accuracy of reduced precision data types.

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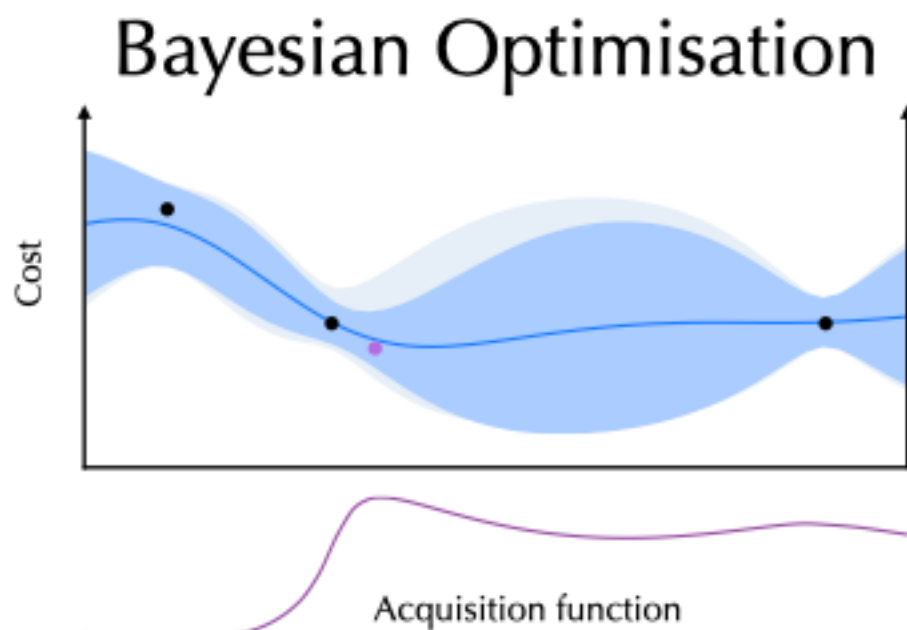
$$[1, 1, \mathbf{1.6}, 1] = \begin{matrix} [1, 1, \mathbf{1}, 1] & \text{with probability } 0.4 \\ [1, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, 1] & \text{with probability } 0.6 \end{matrix}$$





# Bayesian Optimisation

- A powerful **gradient-free algorithm** for non-linear programming is **Bayesian optimisation**.
- It is particularly well suited to problems with **expensive objective functions**.



# Bayesian Optimisation

- There are several different types of acquisition functions with differing properties and computational costs.
- In this work we start with **Knowledge Gradient** [1] then switch to **Expected Improvement** [2].

[1] J. Wu and P. Frazier. The parallel knowledge gradient method for batch Bayesian Optimization, 2016.

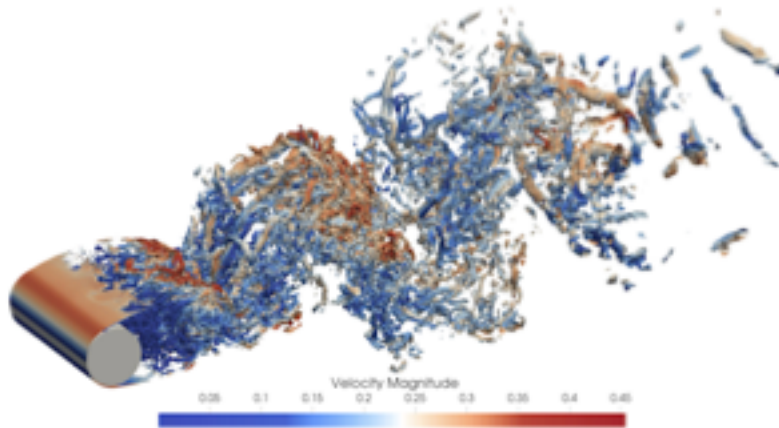
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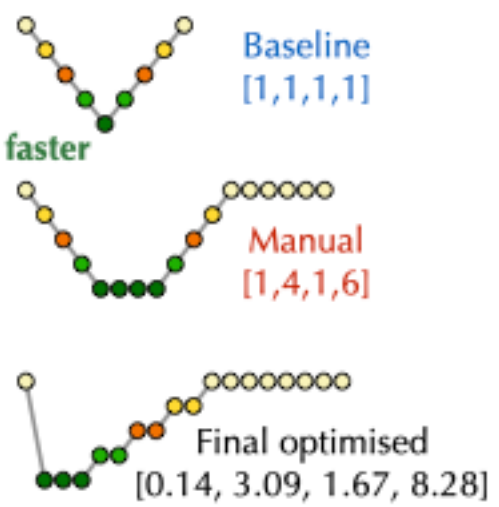
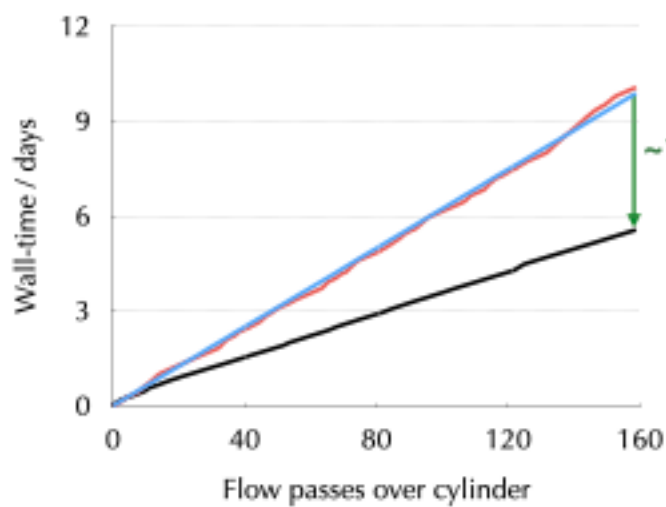
- To make the approach practical it is **necessary for the solver to be able to rewind itself** in case of a bad cycle.
- Additionally, code is required to **automatically adjust the domain** of the optimisation problem.

# Results

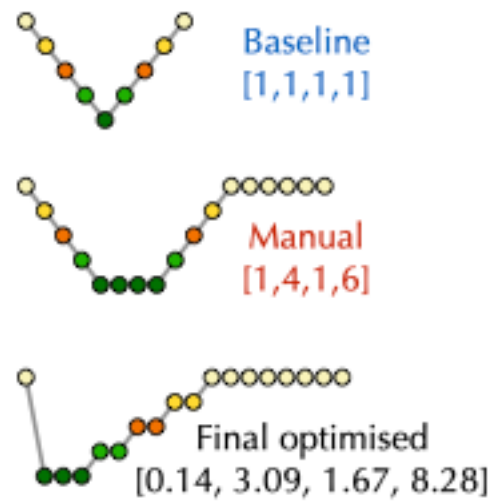
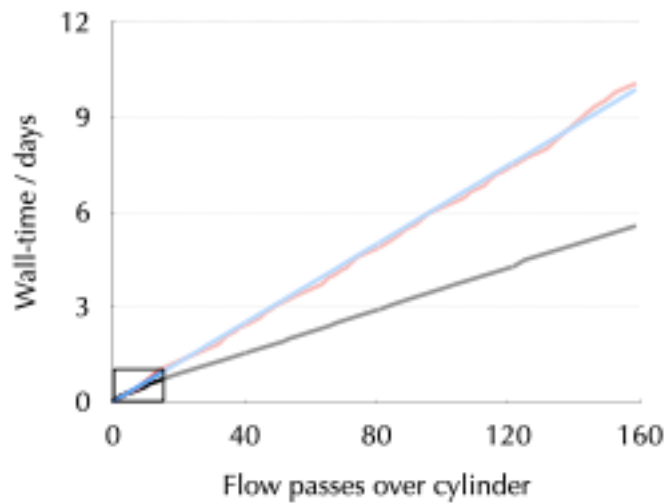
- Cylinder at  $Re = 3900$  on 10 NVIDIA H100 GPUs.



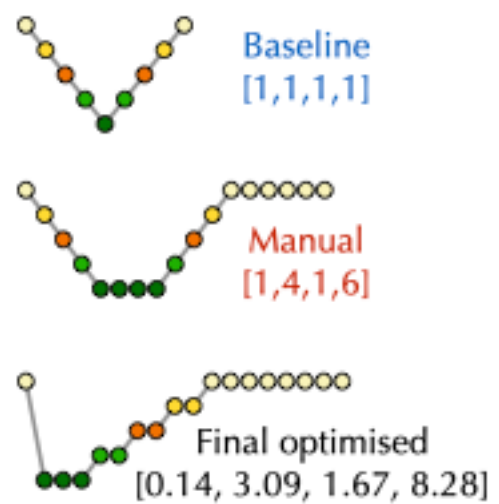
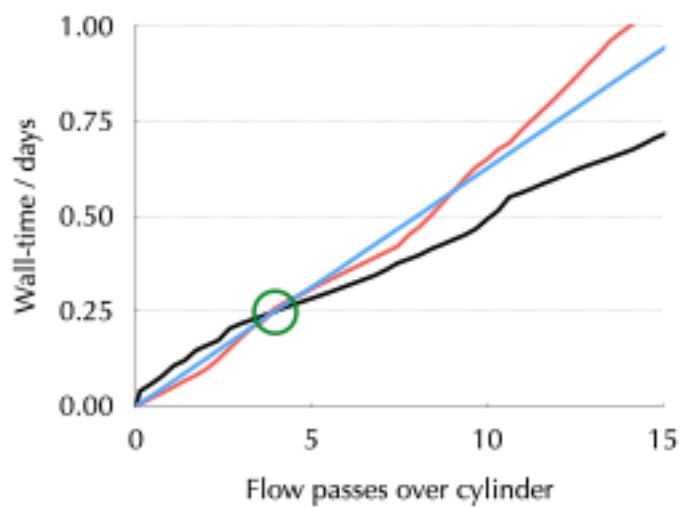
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# Conclusions

- Have shown how **Bayesian optimisation** can be used to learn polynomial multigrid cycles in real-time.
- Shown how this can lead to a **twofold improvement in time-to-solution** for unsteady turbulent flow problems.

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- Further details: S. Mishra, W. Trojak, and F. D. Witherden. AIAA Journal, 2024.

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