



PROGRAMME  
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NUMÉRIQUE  
POUR L'EXASCALE

# Optimization and AI

## WP2 & WP5

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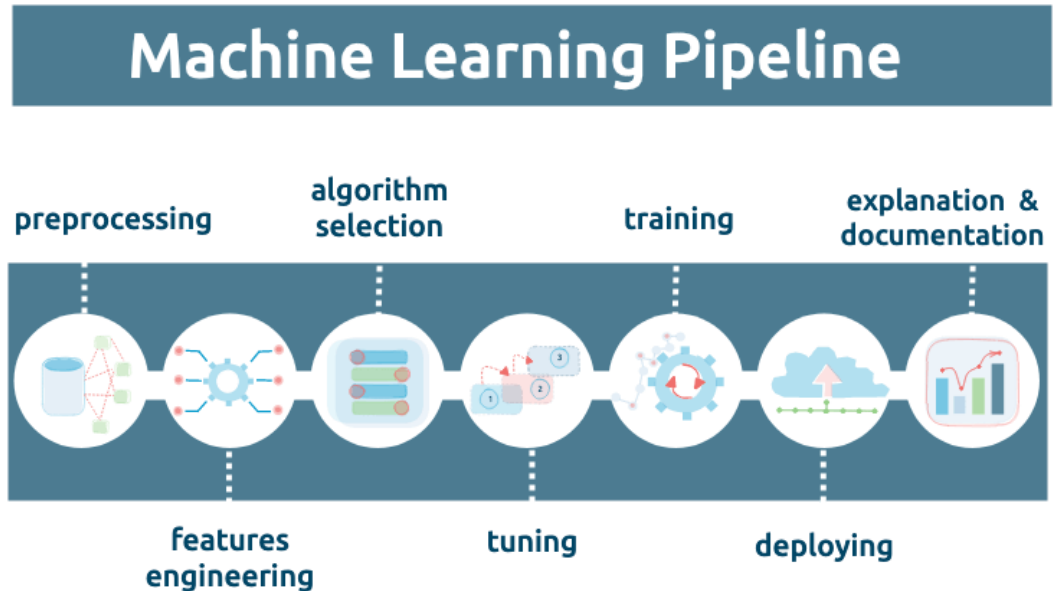
1. Scientific challenges involving both WP2 and WP5
2. Opportunities for the Numpex call HPC and AI.
  - Clusters IA

# 1. Optimization for AI

# AutoML

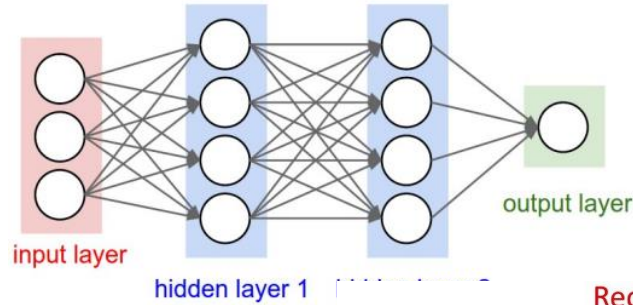
## Sous-titre

- **Machine learning tasks**
  - Supervised learning
  - Unsupervised learning
  - Feature selection
  - Reinforcement learning



## 2. Optimization and deep neural networks (DNNs)

# Deep neural networks



- Feed Forward

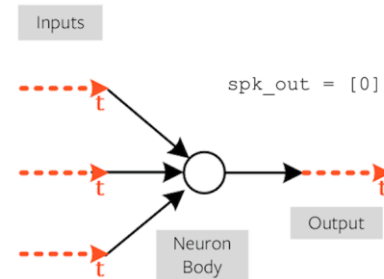
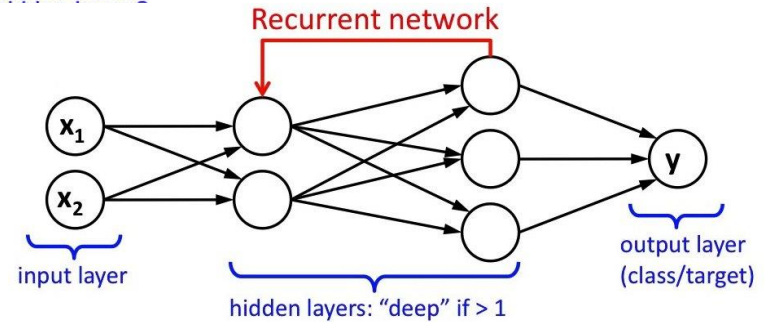
- CNN (Convolution Neural Networks)
- AE (Auto Encoders)
- Transformers (Attention)
- GNN (Graph Neural Networks)
- Generative Adversarial Networks (Game theory)

- Recurrent neural networks (RNN)

- LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory networks)
- GRU (Gated Recurrent Units)
- LLM (Large Language Models)

- Neuromorphic networks

- Collaboration with **PEPR IA (EMERGENCES project)**



# Optimization Problems

- **Neural architectures search (NAS)**
  - Search the optimal DNN **topology** (e.g., number of layers, types of operations, connections between operations)
  - Hyperparameters are supposed to be a priori fixed
- **Hyperparameter optimization (HPO)**
  - Requires an *a priori* definition of the DNN architecture
  - Optimize the hyperparameters of the DNN
  - Two types of hyperparameters
    - **Operation hyperparameters**: features associated to operations
    - **Global hyperparameters**: optimization features of DNN
- **Joint optimization (NAS+HPO)**
  1. **Global optimization**: optimizing all levels at the same time
  2. **Nested optimization**: optimizing the different levels in a hierarchical way.
  3. **Sequential optimization**: NAS problem is solved first. Then, the hyperparameters for the obtained final solution are optimized.

E-G. Talbi, Automated design of deep neural networks, ACM Computing Surveys, 2022.

# Characteristics of the Optimization Problems

- Large-scale optimization problem
  - High number of decision variables.
- Mixed optimization problem
  - **Continuous**: learning rate, momentum, ...
  - **Discrete ordinal** (i.e., quantitative): size of the filter, stride in CNN pooling operations
  - **Discrete categorical** (i.e., qualitative): type of operations, training optimizer
- Variable-size design space
  - Search space **varies dynamically** as a function of some variables values
  - Decision variable is relevant only if another variable takes a certain value.
- Extremely expensive black-box objective function(s)
  - Training the whole DNN (e.g. loss function).
  - Might take **several hours, days or even months**
- Noisy objective function
- Multi-objective optimization problem
  - Various **conflicting objectives**

Ouertatani, H., Maxim, C., Niar, S., & Talbi, E. G. (2024, September). Accelerated NAS via pretrained ensembles and multi-fidelity Bayesian Optimization. *Int. Conf. on Artificial Neural Networks ICANN'2024*

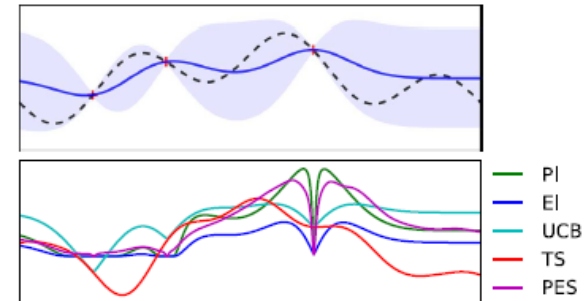
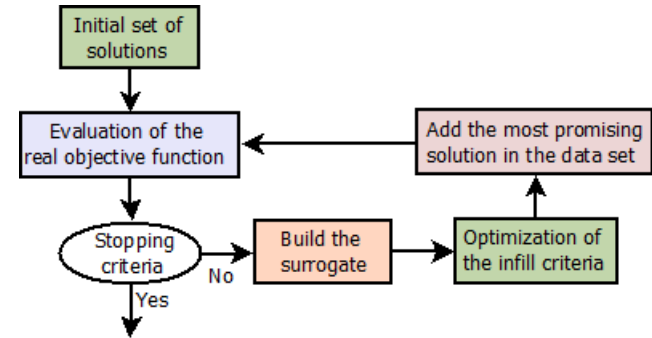


# Multiple objectives

- **Energy consumption**
  - Low-power mobile and embedded areas → Energy consumption (i.e. power)
- **Inference speed**
  - Real-time applications (e.g. video analysis)
- **Computational and memory cost**
  - Number of floating-point operations (FLOPs), Memory usage
  - Can concern both training and inference
- **Hardware cost**
  - Hardware for training and/or inference
- **Number of parameters**
- **Diversity**
  - Ensemble models using diverse DNNs tends to achieve better generalization
  - Diversity measures the discrepancy between the output of a DNN and the outputs of other DNNs

# AI for Optimization

- Bayesian optimization & Surrogate optimization
  - Multi-fidelity models
  - Coupling of surrogates, optimization and sampling
- Construction of surrogates (i.e. reduced models)
  - Deep neural networks
    - PINNs, ...
    - Opérateurs neuronaux pour EDP (Transformers, LLM, ...)
    - Composition de réseaux, ...
    - Problématique optimisation (hyperparametres, entrainement, ...) de ces grands réseaux
- WP2 –WP5 (2 demi-thèses)
  - Une thèse dans chaque WP
  - Collaboration à travers les doctorants, un ingénieur, ...?



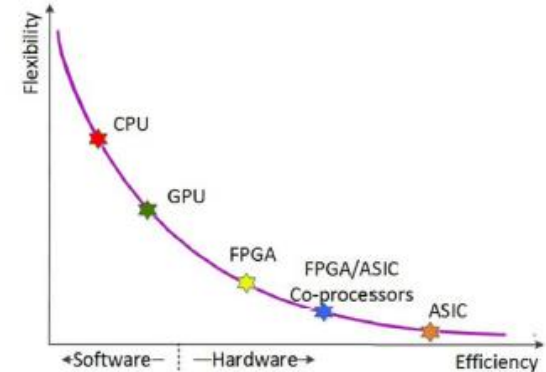
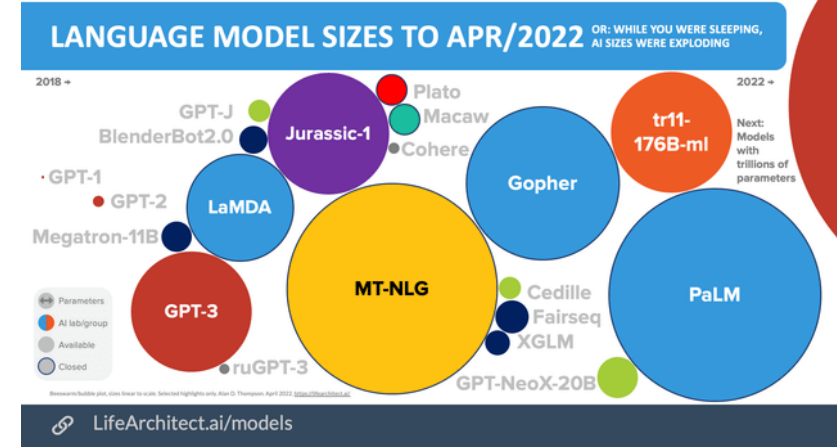
# Optimization algorithms

- A wide variety of algorithms have been used
  - Grid search
  - Monte Carlo Tree Search (MCST)
  - Reinforcement learning (RL)
  - Bayesian Optimization
  - METAHEURSTICS
    - Local-search based (eg. Gradient based)
    - Evolutionary algorithms
    - Swarm Intelligence

J. Keisler, E-G. Talbi, A framework for the optimization of deep neural networks architectures and hyperparameters, JMLR Journal of Machine Learning Research, 2024.

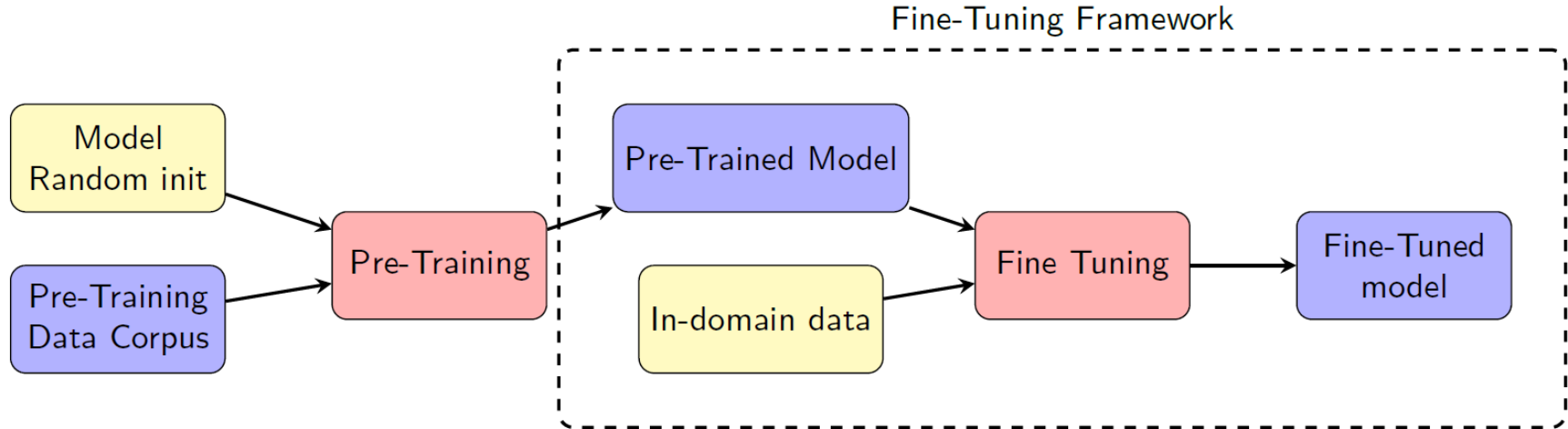
# Parallel Optimization Algorithms

- AutoDNN problems are more and more complex (Generative AI)
  - Dataset, network size
  - LLM: Billions of parameters
  - GPT-4 Trillion parameters
- Rapid development of hardware
  - CPU, GPU, FPGA, ASICS, ...
  - State-of-the-art DNNs required more than 2,000 GPU days.
- Parallel algorithm design
  - Decision space decomposition → Most scalable for Exascale
  - Neighborhood exploration
  - Parallel handling of the population of solutions
  - Parallel handling of the objective function
- Hardware-aware NAS
  - Configuration of hardware : GPUs, ...

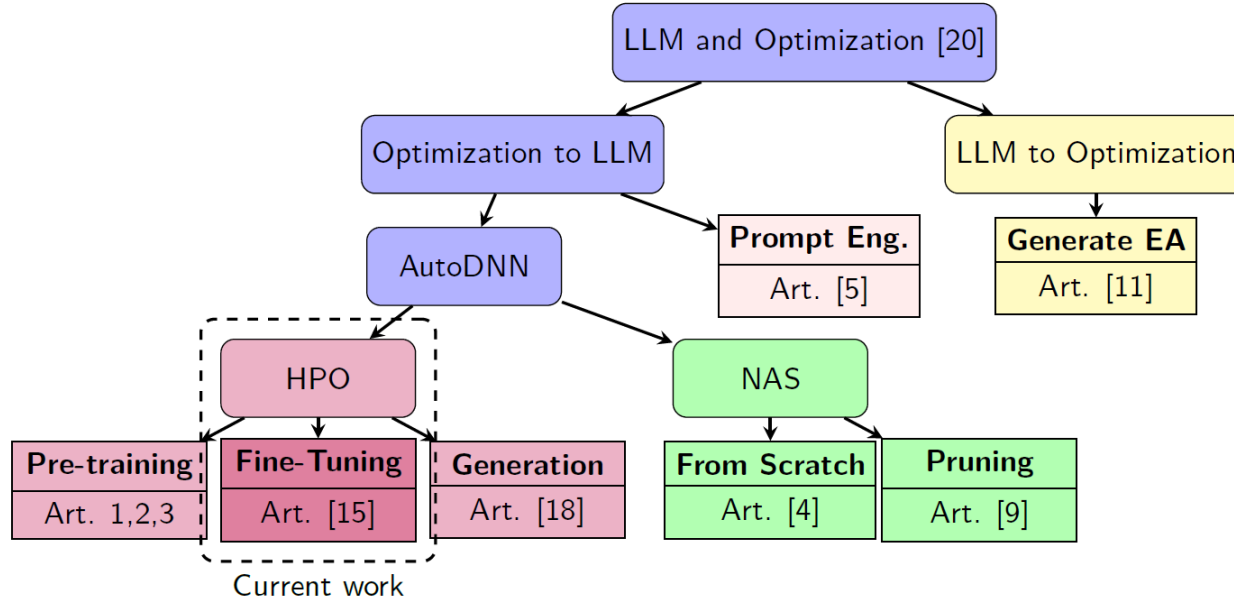


# 3. Optimization and Large Language Models (LLMs)

# Optimization Problems



# Optimization Problems



N. Davouse, E-G. Talbi, LLM fine tuning using Bayesian optimization, OLA'2025 Optimization & Learning Conference

# Parallel Optimization Algorithms

- Decomposition algorithms
  - Fractal decomposition: DIRECT, FRACTAL, SOO, ...
  - Massively parallel → Towards Exascale
  - Costly
- Bayesian optimization
  - Efficient
  - Intrinsically sequential
- Complementarity between decomposition and Bayesian optimization

