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Multi-objective Evolutionary Learning of Fuzzy Rule-based Systems for Regression Problems



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Outline

Background

- Fuzzy Rule-Based Systems (FRBSs) and Genetic Fuzzy Systems
- Interpretability Issues in FRBS design

Multi-Objective Evolutionary Fuzzy Systems

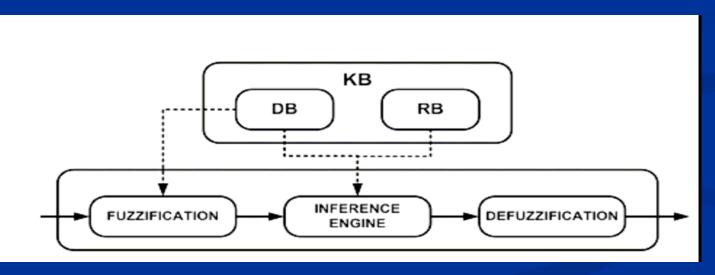
- Multi-objective Evolutionary Data Base Tuning
- Multi-objective Evolutionary Data Base Learning
- Multi-objective Evolutionary Rule Selection
- Multi-objective Evolutionary Rule Learning
- Multi-objective Evolutionary Rule Selection and Data Base Tuning
- Multi-objective Evolutionary Knowledge Base Learning
- How can we compare different approaches?
- Hot Topics and New Challenges
 - Large Datasets
 - High-dimensional Datasets

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Fuzzy Rule-Based Systems

Fuzzy Rule-Based Systems (FRBSs) consist of:

- a rule base (RB) containing the fuzzy rules
- a data base (DB) containing the fuzzy sets associated with the linguistic terms used in the RB
- a fuzzy logic inference engine



Formally, an FRBS is a mathematical model that, given an input vector, computes an output value, exploiting the knowledge coded in the RB and in the DB, and an inference process based on fuzzy logic.



Fuzzy Rule-

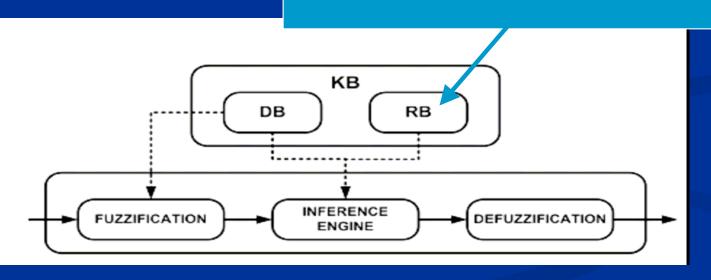
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Mamdani Rules

 $R_1: \text{ IF } X_1 \text{ is } A_{1,2} \text{ and } X_2 \text{ is } A_{2,1} \text{ THEN } X_3 \text{ is } A_{3,1}$ $R_2: \text{ IF } X_1 \text{ is } A_{1,2} \text{ and } X_2 \text{ is } A_{2,2} \text{ THEN } X_3 \text{ is } A_{3,1}$

 R_3 : IF X_1 is $A_{1,1}$ and X_2 is $A_{2,1}$ THEN X_3 is $A_{3,2}$



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FRBS Design Process

- The objective of the FRBS design process is to identify both the Rule Base (RB) and the Data Base (DB) of FRBSs from numerical data, when tackling problems where the knowledge provided by human experts is low or missing
- The RB design process consists of identifying the optimal set of rules that manage to reproduce the behaviour of the approached problem framework
- The DB design process consists of finding the correct number of fuzzy sets for each linguistic variable and their parameters



Evolutionary Learning

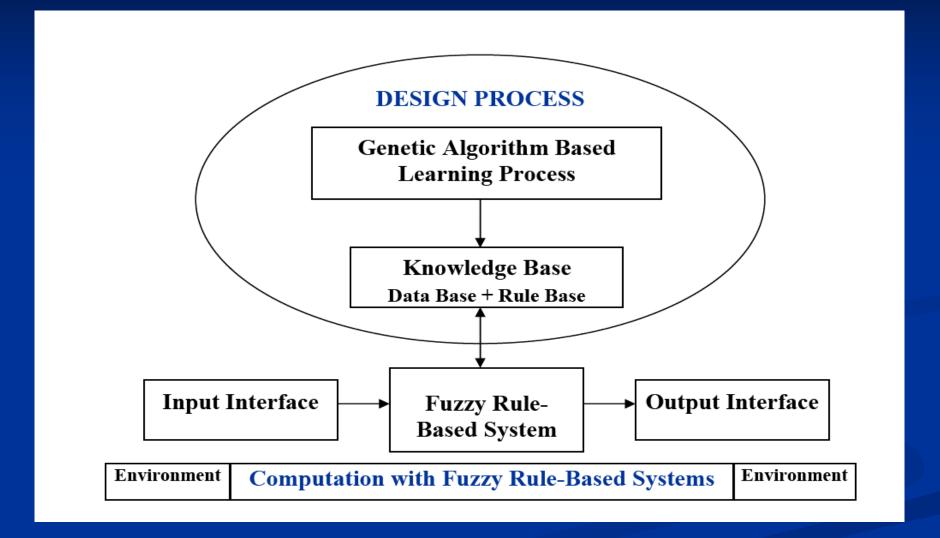
- The automatic definition of the structure and parameters of FRBSs can be considered as an optimization process
- Evolutionary algorithms (EAs) have proved to be very effective to search for optimal solutions in complex search space
- Genetic/evolutionary algorithms have been so extensively used to design FRBSs that a specific term has been introduced in Computational Intelligence

Genetic algorithms + Fuzzy Systems Genetic Fuzzy Systems





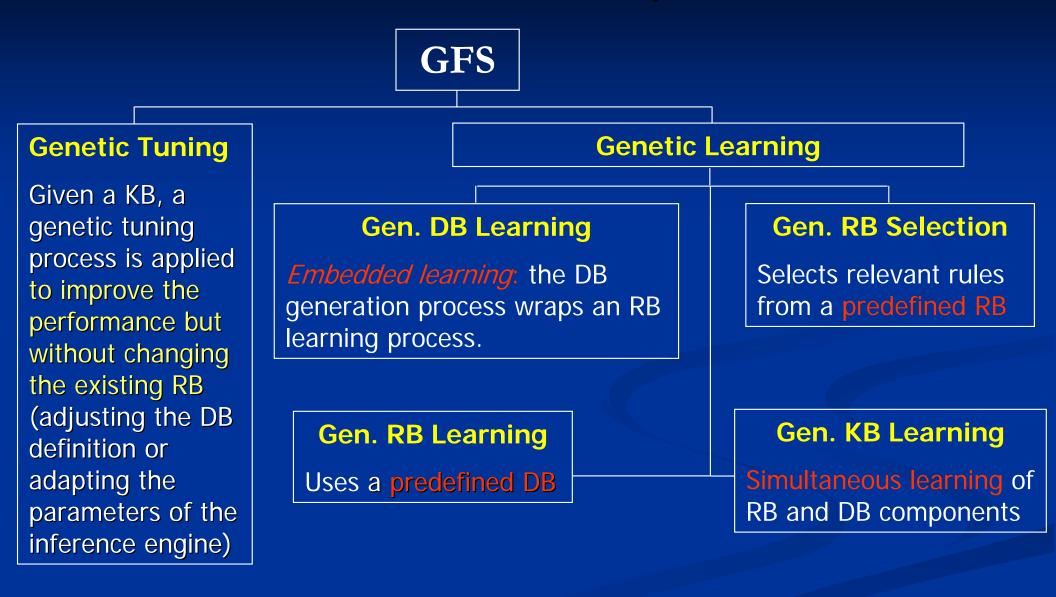
Genetic Fuzzy Rule-Based Systems



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GFS Taxonomy



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What should you optimise?

- Accuracy?
 - Yes, of course.
 - But, we would also like to understand how the FRBS works. Thus, we would like to optimize interpretability of the FRBS

• How?

- We need a universally accepted measure of interpretability of the FRBS
- Does this measure exist?
 - Uhhhmmm... Interpretability is subjective
 - Thus, researchers have focused their attention on discussing some factors which characterize interpretability and on proposing some constraints which have to be satisfied for these factors.



Interpretability Factors

The interpretability of an FRBS is related to the following factors:

- Comprehensibility/Integrity of fuzzy partitions (e.g., linguistic interpretability of each fuzzy set, separation of neighbouring fuzzy sets, number of fuzzy sets per each variable)
- Simplicity/Complexity of the system (e.g., number of input variables, number of fuzzy if-then rules)
- Simplicity of fuzzy if-then rules (e.g., type of fuzzy if-then rules, number of antecedent conditions in each fuzzy if-then rule)
- Simplicity of fuzzy reasoning (e.g., selection of a single winner rule, voting by multiple rules)

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Reviews on Interpretability

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Interpretability: A taxonomy

	Rule Base Level	Data Base Level				
Complexity	Number of Rules Number of Conditions Average Rule Length	Number of Features Number of Membership Functions				
Semantic	Consistency of Rules Number of Rules Fired at the Same Time Transparency of the Structure Cointension	Coverage Normalization Distinguishability Order Relative Measures				

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Accuracy

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Multi-objective FRBS Design

 Unfortunately, increasing interpretability and improving accuracy are often conflicting objectives

> Low Accuracy and High Intepretability

> > Medium Accuracy and Medium Intepretability

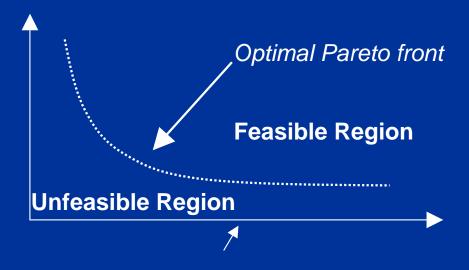
> > > High Accuracy and Low Intepretability

Interpretability



Pareto Optimality

- There exists a set of trade-off solutions, i.e. with different compromises between the objectives
- Two solutions are compared by using the notion of Pareto dominance:
 "s₁ dominates s₂ if s₁ is not worse than s₂ on all the objectives and is better than s₂ in at least one objective"



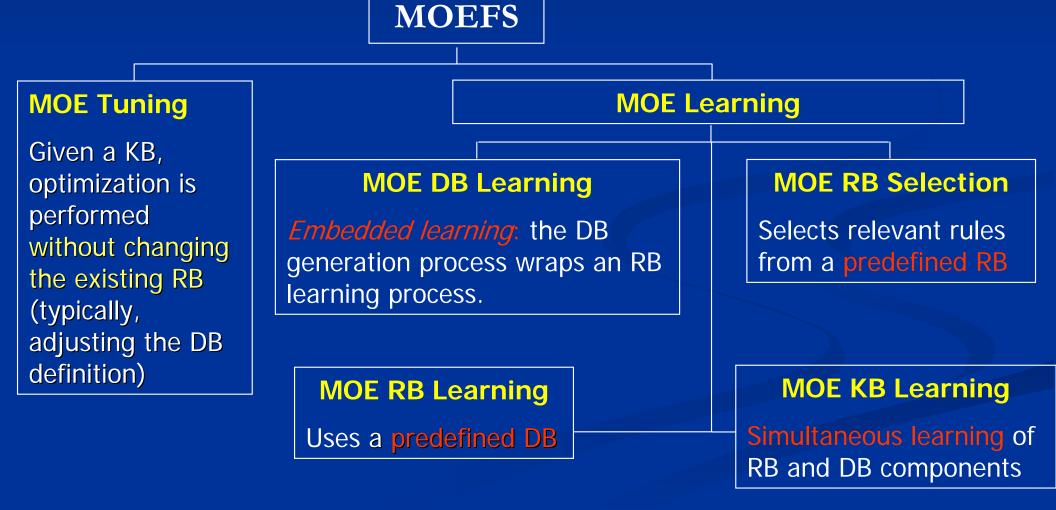
Here the goal is the minimization of both the objectives

- A solution is said to be Paretooptimal if it is not dominated by any other possible solution
- The set of Pareto-optimal solutions is denoted as *Pareto optimal set* and the corresponding objective vectors form the *Optimal Pareto front*



Multi-objective Evolutionary Fuzzy Systems (MOEFSs)

MOEFSs extend the GFS paradigm exploiting MOEAs to design sets of FRBSs with different trade-offs between accuracy and intepretability





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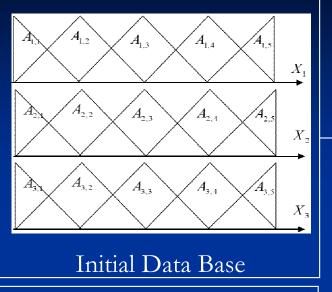
MOEFS

MOE Tuning

Given a KB, optimization is performed without changing the existing RB (typically, adjusting the DB definition)



MOE DB Tuning - Description



 $R_1: IF X_1 is A_{1,2} and X_2 is A_{2,1} THEN X_3 is A_{3,1}$ $R_2: IF X_1 is A_{1,2} and X_2 is A_{2,2} THEN X_3 is A_{3,1}$ $R_3: IF X_1 is A_{1,1} and X_2 is A_{2,1} THEN X_3 is A_{3,2}$

Predefined Rule Base

Training set

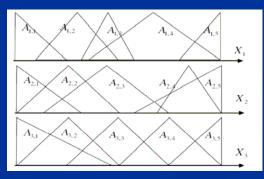
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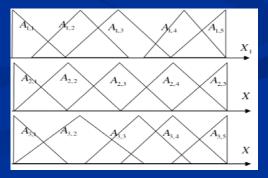
- **Real chromosome which codifies:**
- Linear or non linear tranformation
- Core position and/or support width and position
- Linguistic modifiers
- Lateral displacement

DB Fitness Evaluation

Accuracy: Mean Square Error

Interpretability: Integrity of the Partitions, Relative Measures



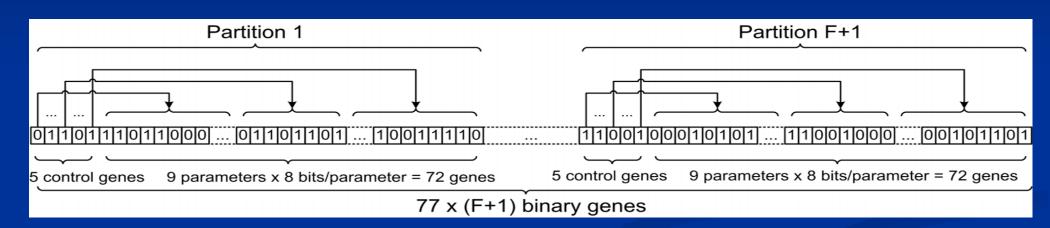


Non-Dominated Final Data Bases



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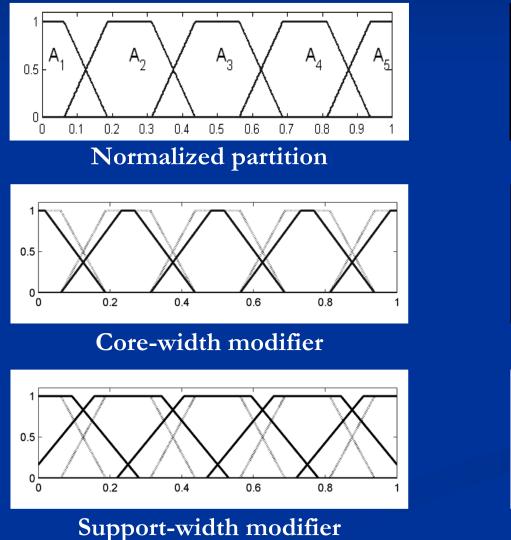
- The chromosome codifies the parameters of 5 operator (a non-linear scaling function and 4 **linguistic modifiers)** used to adapt the DB
- The first five bits, one for each operator, control whether the corresponding operator is applied or not on each fuzzy partition
- The other 72 bits are organized in sub-strings of 8 bits: each sub-string determines the value of a different parameter, via **Gray decoding** and quantization

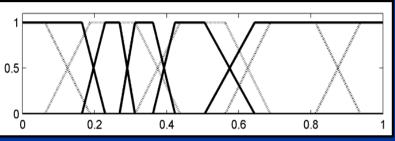


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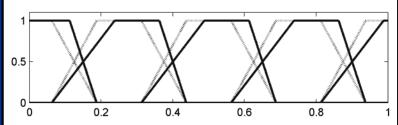
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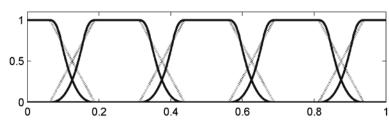




Non-linear Scaling function



Core-position modifier



Generalized positively modifier



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- **NSGA-II** is applied to find a set of non dominated and contextadapted Mamdani FRBSs
- Accuracy is evaluated in terms of mean square error
- Interpretability is evaluated using a novel index which exploits an ordering measure and an empirical binding between crossing points and ordering to assess the integrity level of the adapted partitions

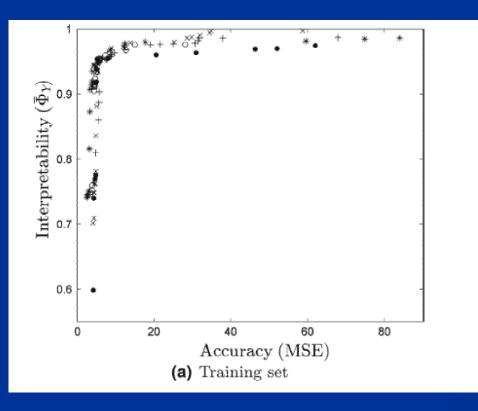


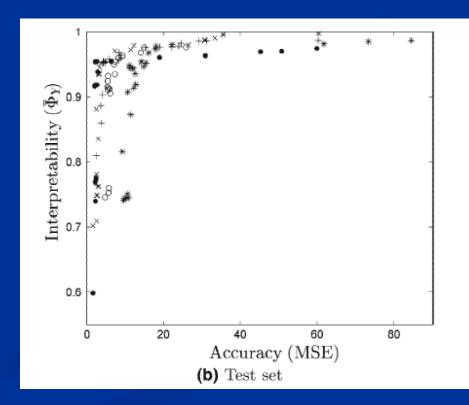
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Results on the Fuel Efficiency dataset which contains 387 input-output patterns (4 input variables)



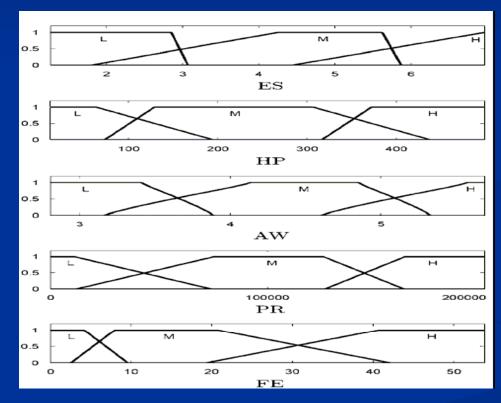




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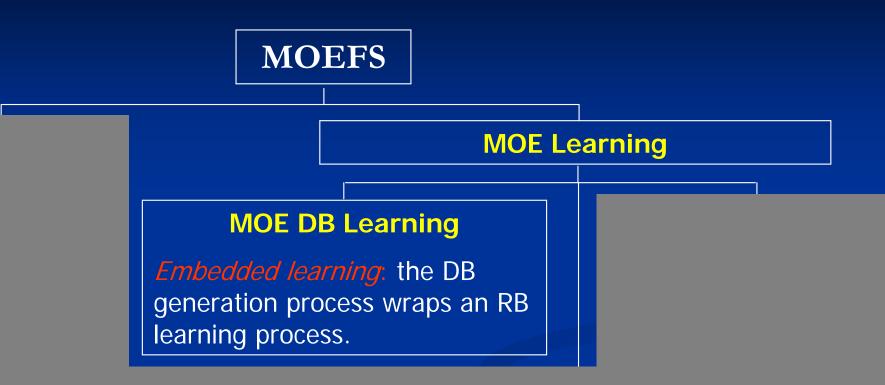
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An example of context adapted DB

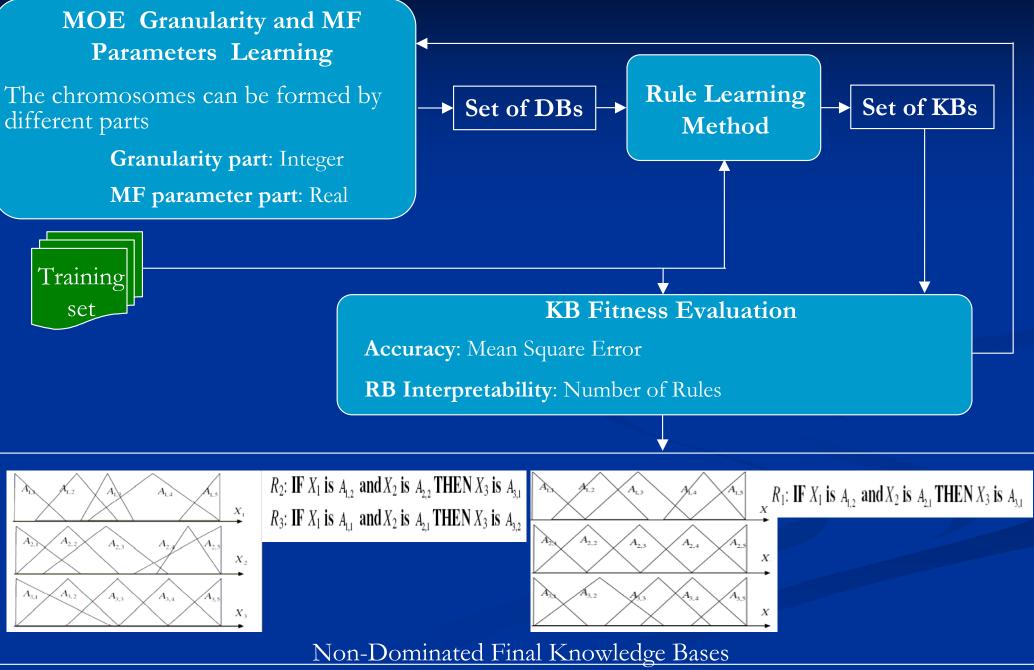
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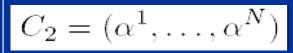
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Double coding scheme:

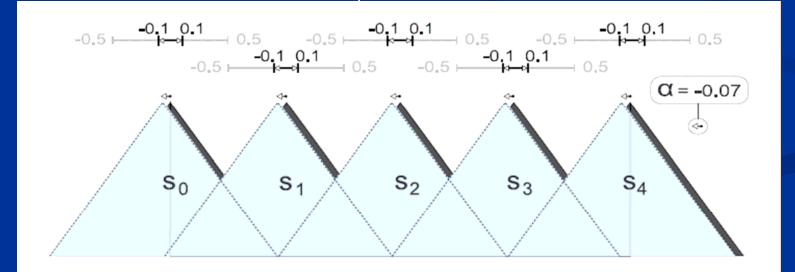
Integer Coding for Granularity Learning and

Input Variable Selection: $L^i \in \{1, ..., 7\}$ for i = 1...N - 1 and $L^N \in \{2, ..., 7\}$



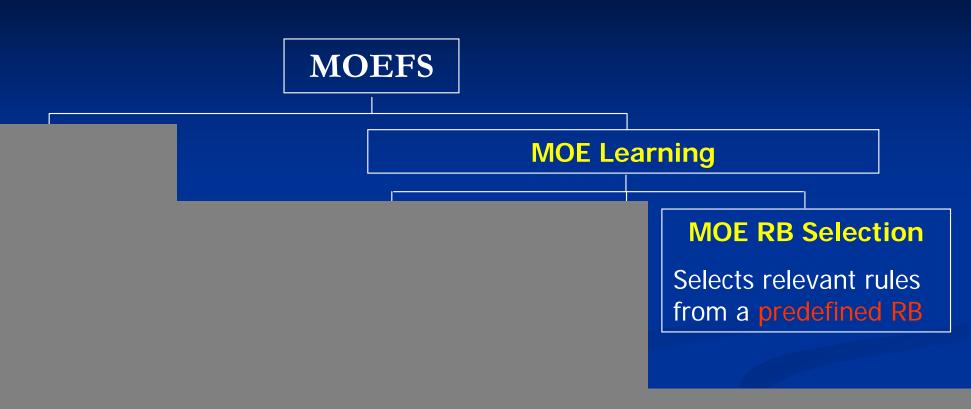
 $C_1 = (L^1, \dots, L^N)$

 $C_2 = (\alpha^1, \dots, \alpha^N)$ Real Coding for Lateral Displacement, where $\alpha^i \in [-0.1, 0.1]$



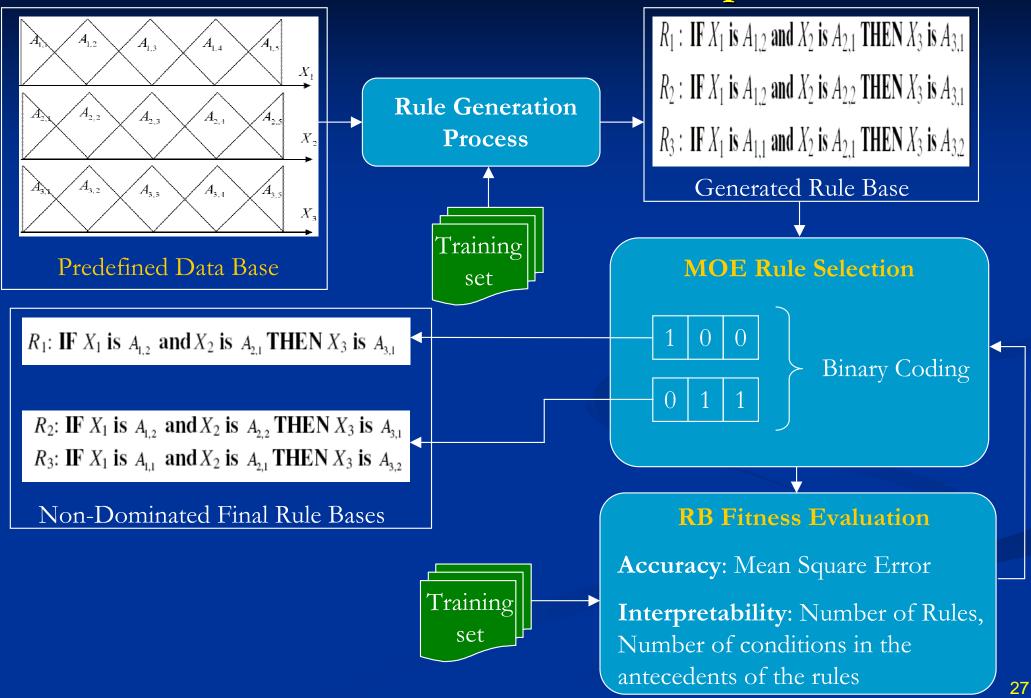


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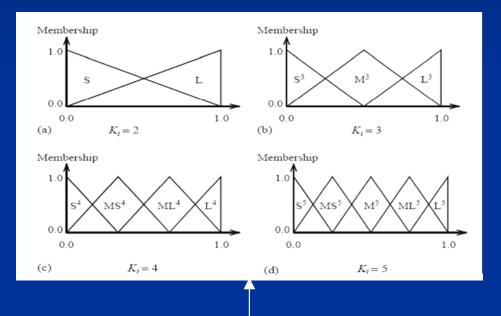
- **Pioneer** work in multi-objective evolutionary fuzzy systems
- Application to **Classification** problems
- Selection based on a weighted fitness function (Number of correctly classified training patterns and number of rules)
- Tentative set of **non-dominated solutions** preserved externally
- Elitist strategy: N_{elite} individuals of the population are randomly replaced with N_{elite} individuals randomly extracted from the tentative set of non-dominated solutions



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MOE Rule Selection – Example 2

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Multiple Granularities for each Selected Rule

Objectives:

Accuracy: Percentage of Corrected Classified Patterns **Interpretability**: Number of Rules, Total Rule Length **Algorithm**: Multi-objective Genetic Local Search (MOGLS)

Membership

DC:

don't care

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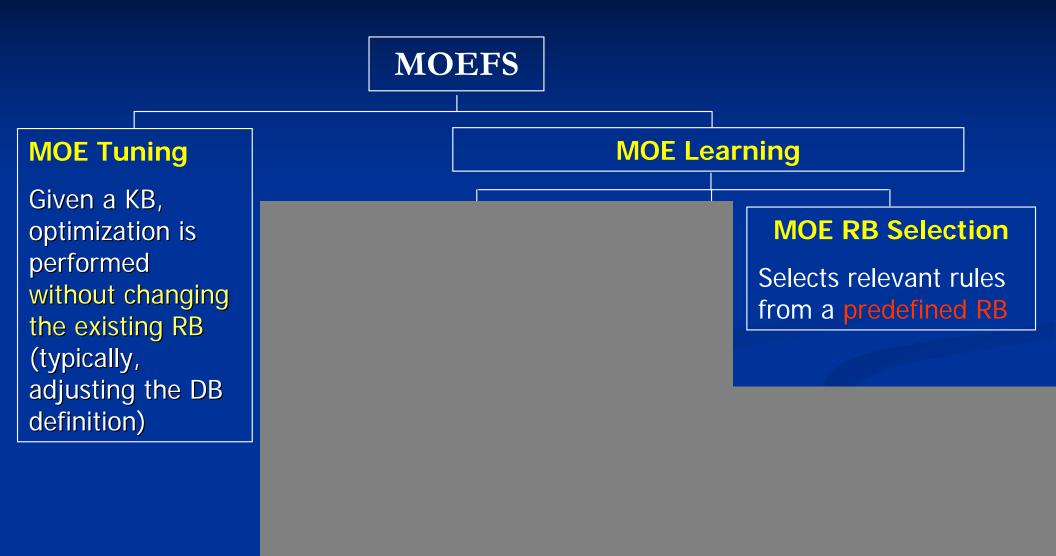
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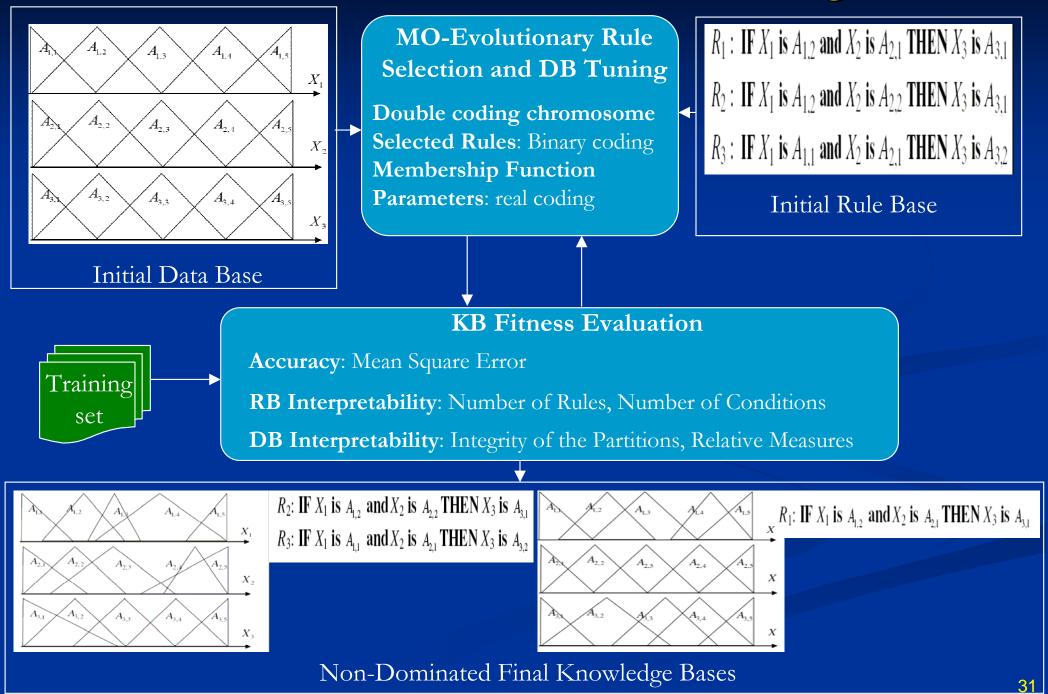
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Double coding scheme:

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 Binary Coding for Rule Selection

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Real Coding for Membership Function Parameters Tuning

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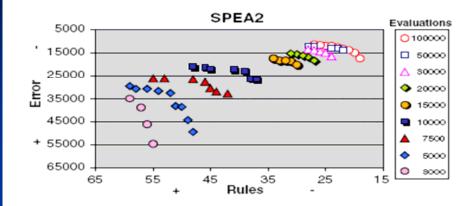


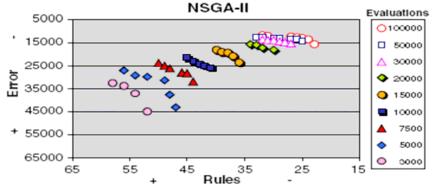
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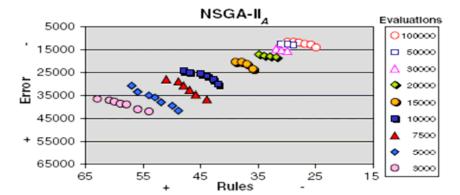
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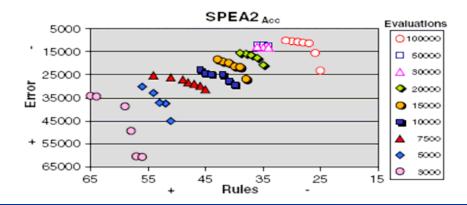
- Ad-hoc modified versions of **NSGA-II** and **SPEA2** are applied to find sets of Mamdani FRBSs with different trade-offs between accuracy and interpretability
- Accuracy is evaluated in terms of mean square error
- Rule Base Interpretability is evaluated in terms of number of rules
- **Partition Intepretability** is ensured by using constraints for the variation intervals of the genes in the DB part of the chromosome

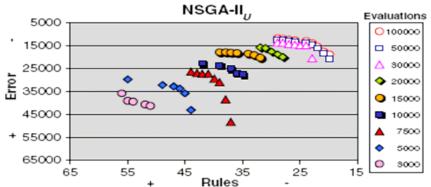
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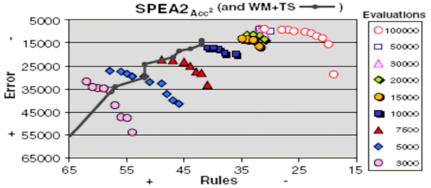




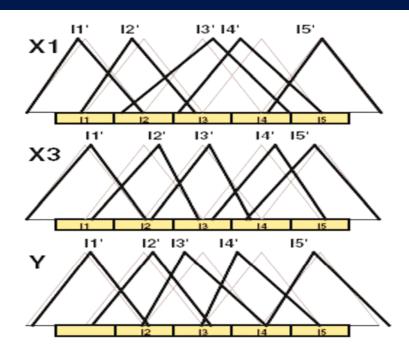


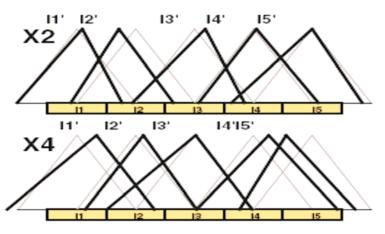






MOE Rule Selection and DB Tuning – Example 1(d)





Labelling the final MFs:

I1' = Very Small

l2' = Small

13' = Medium

l4' = Large

15' = Very Large

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An Example of KB for the **ELE2 dataset**

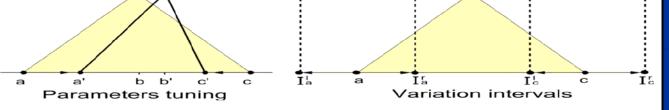


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A new **semantic interpretability index** is exploited in the MOE rule selection and DB tuning process together with the **number of rules** and the **MSE**



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The semantic interpretability index **GM3M**, defined in [0,1] aggregates the following metrics:

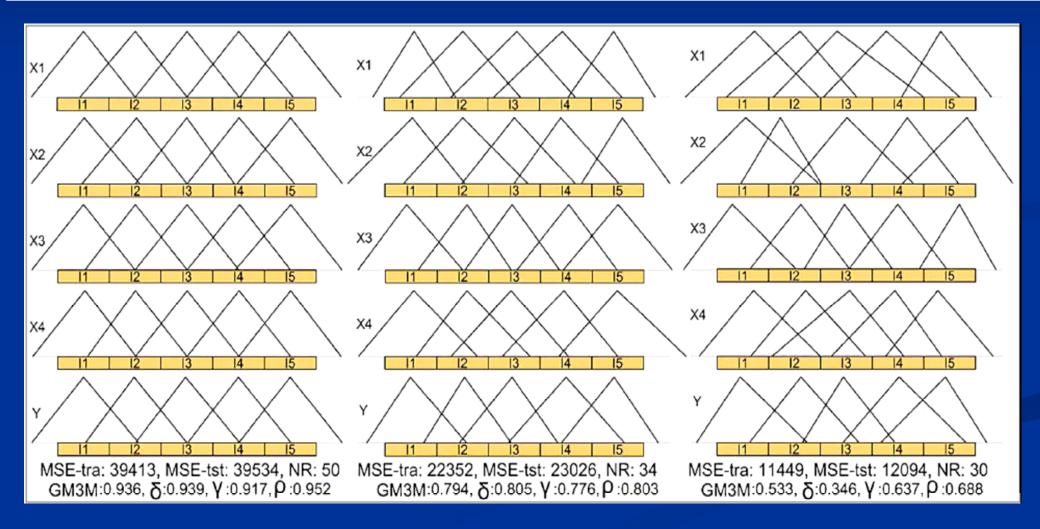
- MF centroids displacement with respect to the original MFs
- MFs **lateral amplitude rate** (ratio between left and right parts of the MF supports equal to the original one)
- MFs area similarity between the new and original MF areas

A new version of **SPEA2**, which includes **incest prevention** and **restarting** strategies, is used to generate sets of Mamdani FRBSs with different trade-offs between accuracy, RB complexity and partition semantic interpretability



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Examples of DBs for the ELE2 dataset

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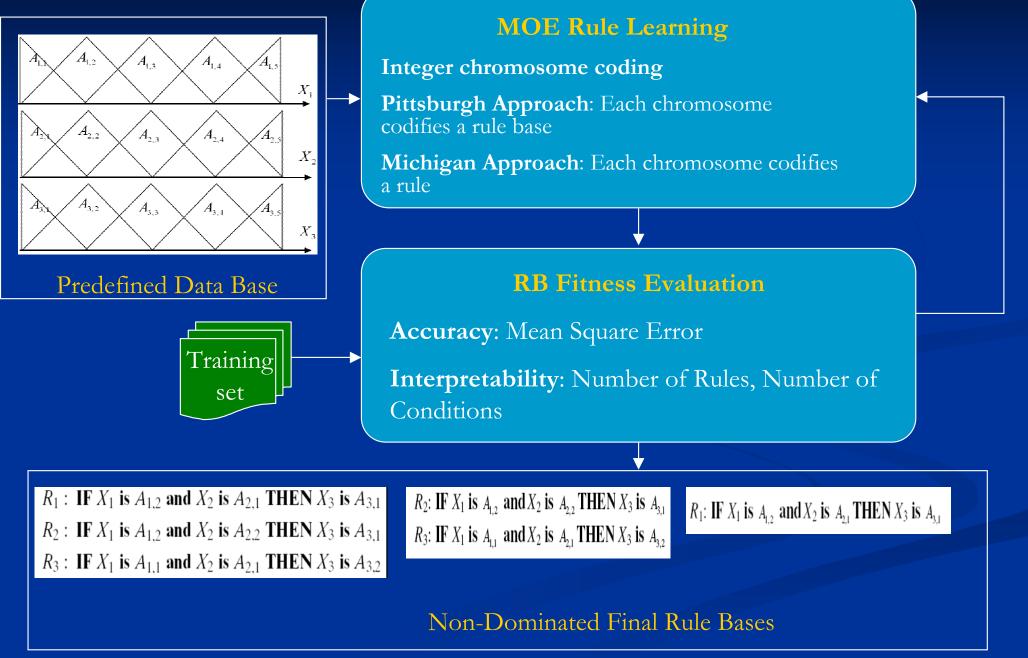
MOE RB Learning

Uses a predefined DB



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MOE Rule Learning - Description





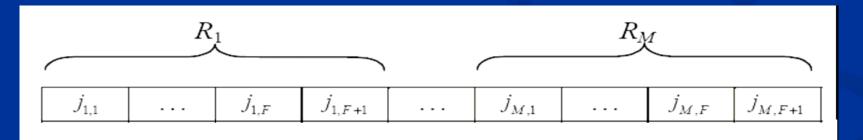
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Given a Mamdani fuzzy rule:

•
$$R_m$$
: IF X_1 is $A_{1,j_{m,1}}$ and ... and X_F is $A_{F,j_{m,F}}$ THEN X_{F+1} is $A_{F+1,j_{m,F+1}}$

Each RB can be codified with an integer chromosome C:



 $j_{m,f}$ identifies the index of the fuzzy set which has been selected for variable X_f in rule R_m



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MOE Rule Learning – Example 1(b)

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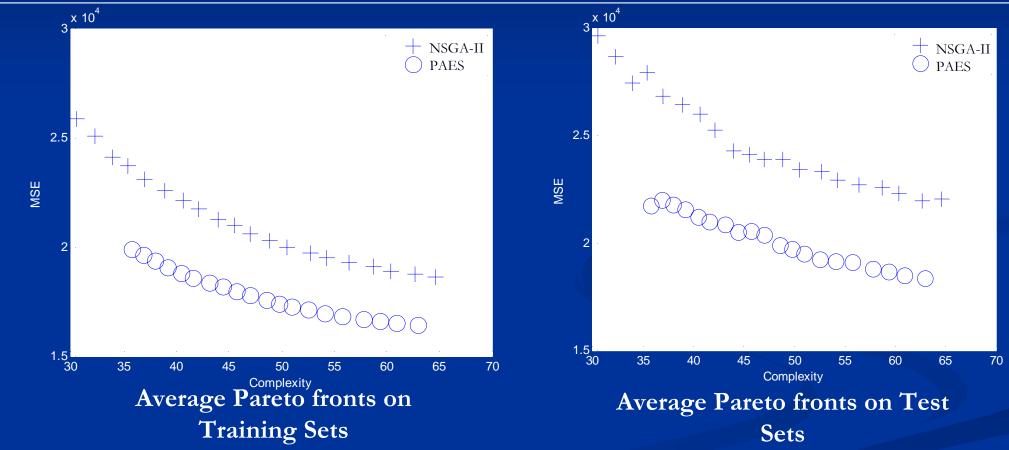
- The interpretability is calculated in terms of complexity of the RB, i.e., as the sum of the conditions in the overall RB
- Accuracy is evaluated in terms of mean square error
- Ad-hoc genetic operators are implemented for the specific integer chromosome coding
- A modified version of the well-known **2+2 PAES** is proposed (**(2+2)M-PAES**)



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MOE Rule Learning – Example 1(c)

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Results on a real word regression problem that consists of estimating the maintenance costs of medium voltage lines in some Spanish towns (ELE2 dataset)
 The data set contains 1059 input-output patterns described with 4 features



MOE Rule Learning – Example 2(a)

J. Casillas, P. Martínez, and A.D. Benítez, 'Learning consistent, complete and compact sets of fuzzy rules in conjunctive normal form for regression problems," Soft Computing, vol. 13, n. 5, pp 451-465, 2009

This work deals with DNF-type fuzzy rules

IF X_1 is A_1 and ... and X_n is A_n THEN Y is B

where X_i takes as values a set of linguistic terms: $\widetilde{A}_i = \{A_{i1} \ or \dots or \ A_{il_i}\}$

- Each rule is encoded by a **binary string** for the antecendent and an **integer coding** scheme for the consequent
- The chromosome is formed by a concatenation of encoded rules

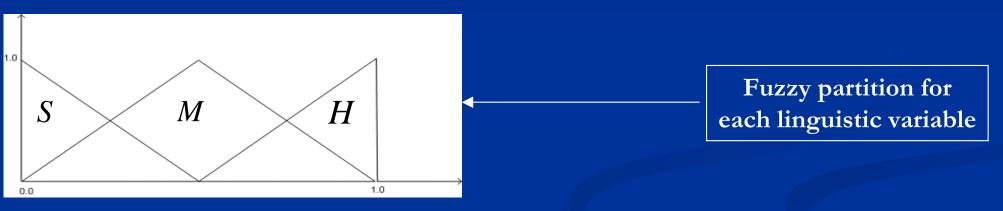


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An example of rule coding



 $\begin{bmatrix} IF X_1 \text{ is S and } X_2 \text{ is } \{M \text{ or } L\} \text{ THEN Y is } M \end{bmatrix} \bullet \mathbb{R}^{\text{ule}}$ $\begin{bmatrix} 100|011||2] \bullet \mathbb{E}^{\text{ncoded rule}} \end{bmatrix}$



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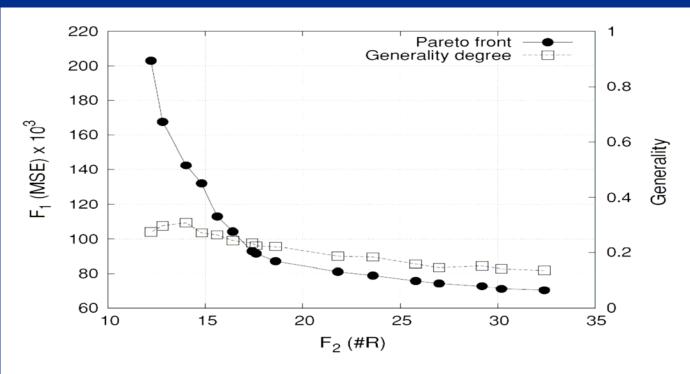
- A set of non-dominated RBs are generated by using NSGA-II
- Accuracy and interpretability are evaluated in terms of mean square error and number of rules, respectively
- Ad-hoc genetic operators are implemented for the specific mixed coding chromosome
- The **Wang and Mendel** algorithm is exploited for generating the initial population
- The proposed method allows controlling the **consistency**, the **completeness**, the **compactness** and the **over-generality** of the generated RBs



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MOE Rule Learning – Example 2(d)

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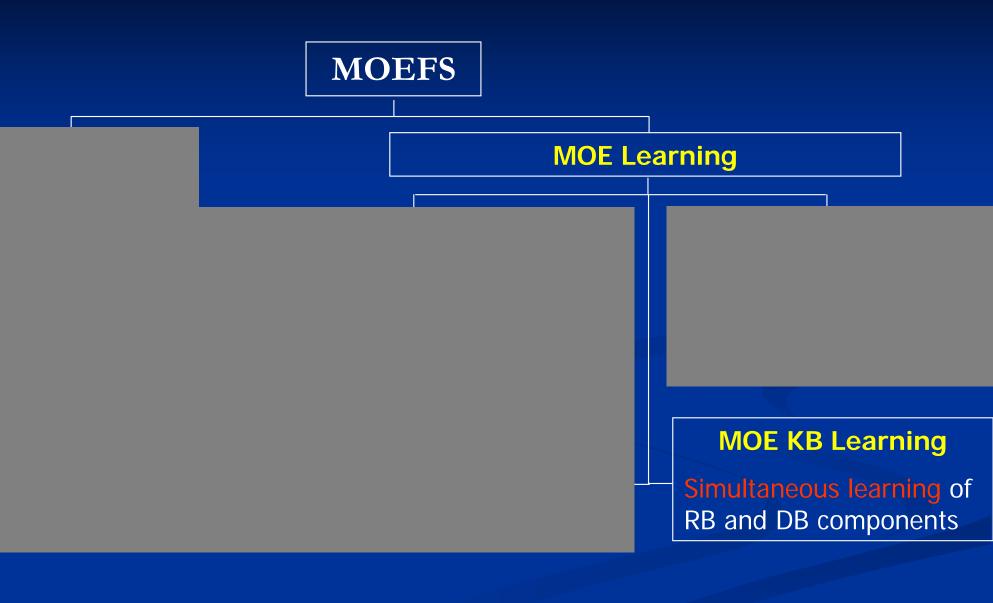
Average Pareto front (*solid circles*) and generality degrees (*empty squares*) obtained in the Ele2 problem

Generality degree: mean number of linguistic terms used per variable in each rule 0 maximum specificity 1 maximum generality





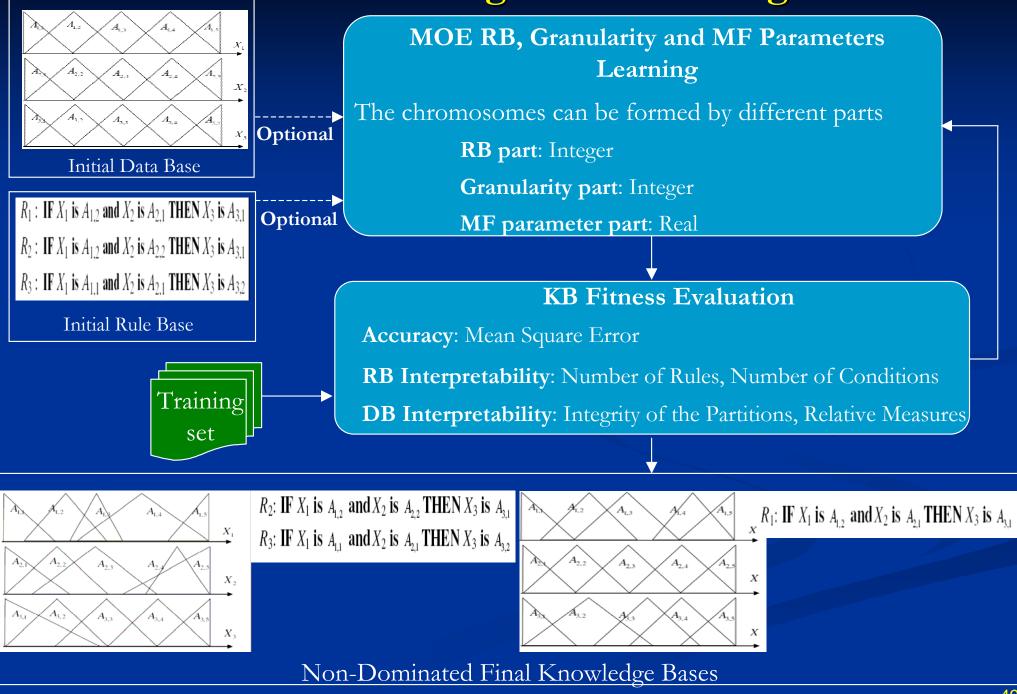
Multi-objective Evolutionary Fuzzy Systems (MOEFSs)





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MOE Knowledge Base Learning



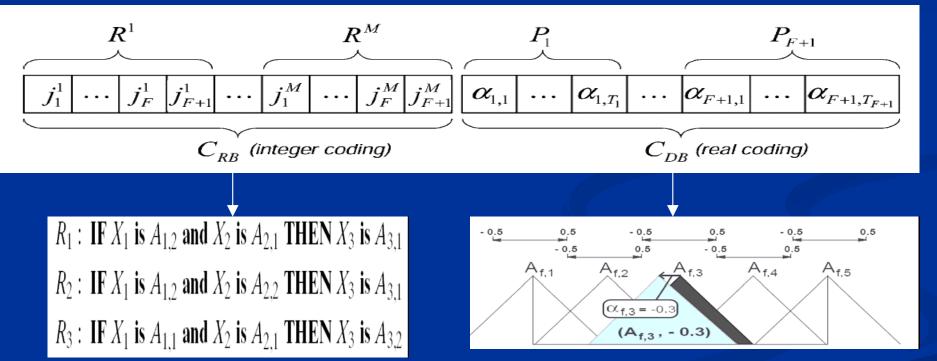


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Coding scheme:



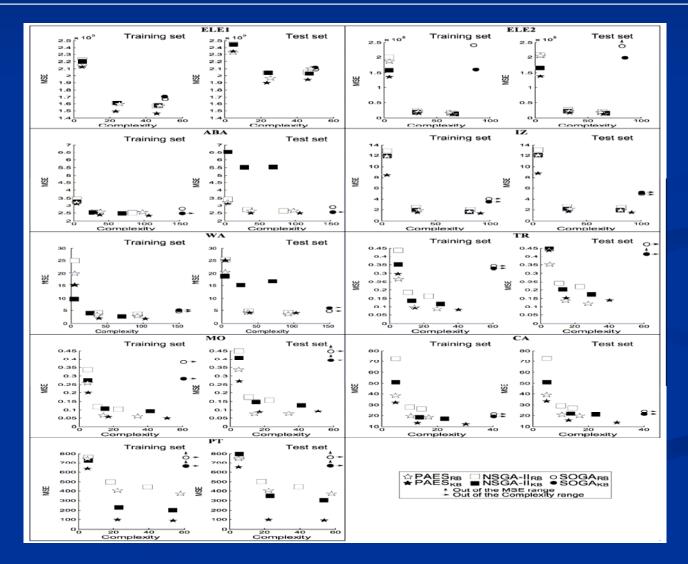
The symbolic translation of an MF is performed by means of the 2-tuple approach: $(A_{f,j}; \alpha_{f,j}), A_{f,j} \in P_f, \alpha_{f,j} \in [-0.5, 0.5)$



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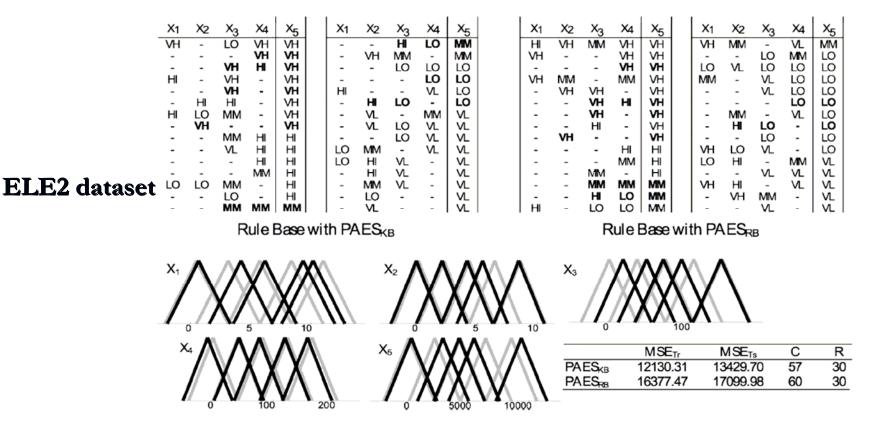


Fig. 6. Example of KBs generated by $PAES_{KB}$ and $PAES_{RB}$ on the same data partition and seed (DBs with and without MF parameter learning are represented in black and gray, respectively). Rules that appear in both the KBs are in bold.

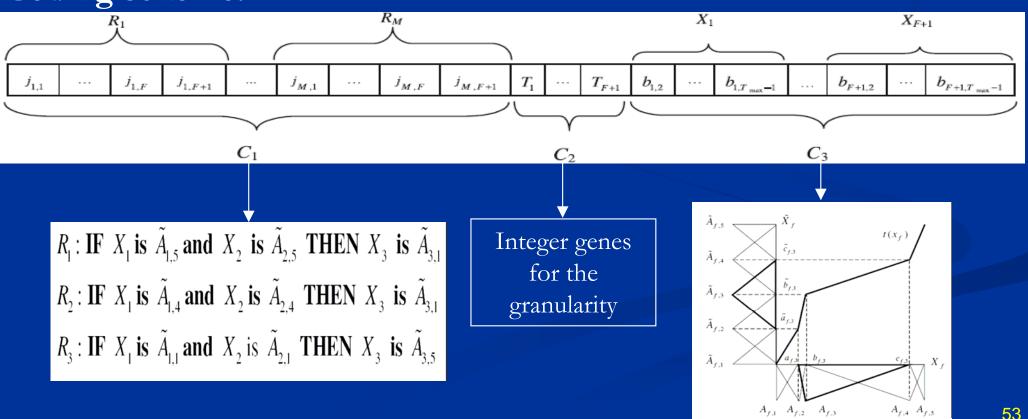


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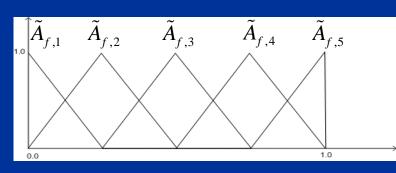
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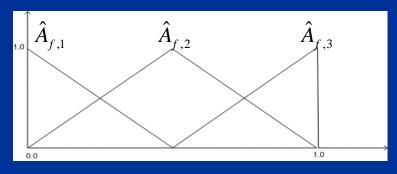


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Virtual Partition



Actual Partition

 $> "if X_f is \tilde{A}_{f,3}" \Rightarrow "if X_f is \hat{A}_{f,2}"$ $> "if X_f is \tilde{A}_{f,4}" \Rightarrow "if X_f is \hat{A}_{f,2} or \hat{A}_{f,3}"$

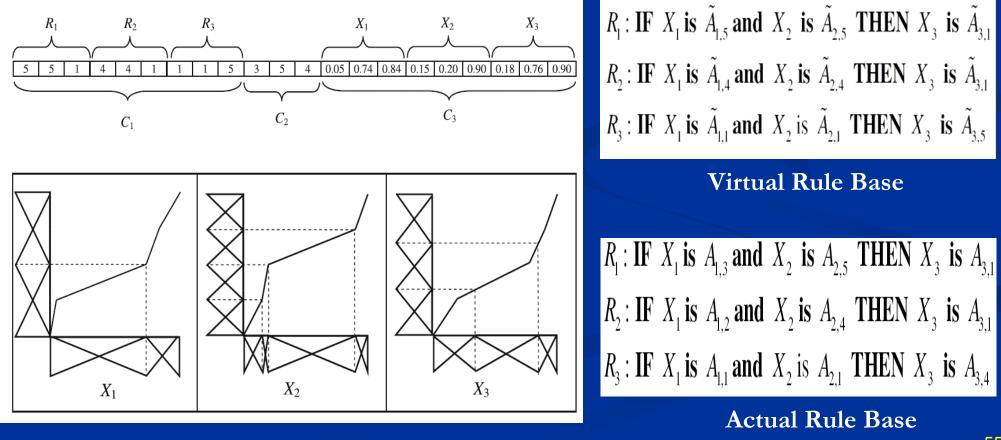


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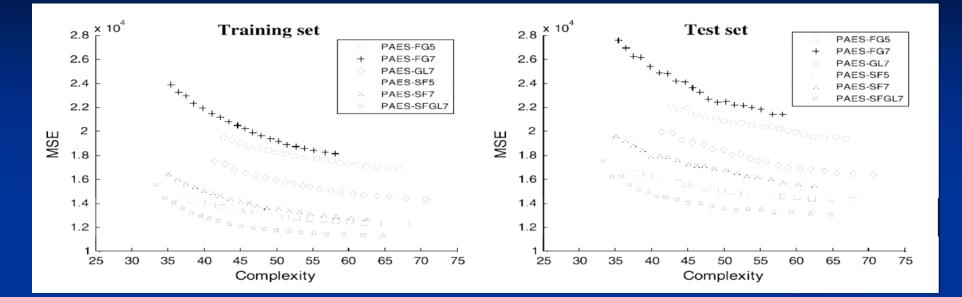
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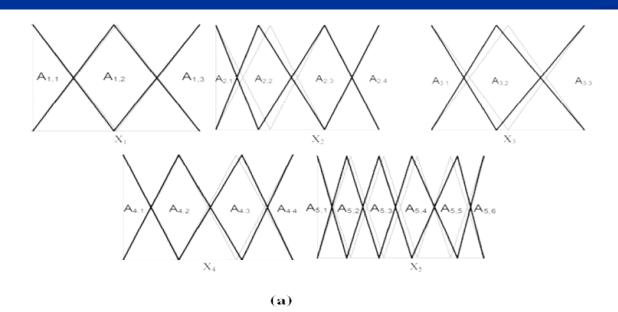




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MOE Knowledge Base Learning – Example 2(f)





\mathbf{X}_{1}	\mathbf{X}_{2}	X ₃	\mathbf{X}_4	X ₅
-	$A_{2,3}$	$A_{3,1}$	$A_{4,4}$	$A_{5,6}$
_	_	_	$A_{4,4}$	$A_{5,6}$
$A_{1,2}$	$A_{2,3}$	$A_{3,3}$	$A_{4,2}$	$A_{5,6}$
—	—	$A_{3,3}$	-	$A_{5,6}$
$A_{1,3}$	$A_{2,3}$	$A_{3,3}$	-	A _{5.6}
-	$A_{2,2}$	$A_{3,2}$	$A_{4,3}$	$A_{5,5}$
$A_{1,3}$	$A_{2,1}$	$A_{3,2}$	$A_{4,2}$	$A_{5,4}$
$A_{1,3}$	_	$A_{3,2}$	$A_{4,1}$	$A_{5,4}$
-	-	$A_{3,2}$	-	$A_{5,4}$
$\mathbf{A}_{1,1}$	_	$A_{3,1}$	$A_{4,2}$	$A_{5,3}$
_	$A_{2,3}$	-	$A_{4,2}$	$A_{5,3}$
$A_{1,2}$	$A_{2,2}$	_	$A_{4,2}$	$A_{5,3}$
$A_{1,2}$	A _{2,3}	$A_{3,1}$	A _{4,3}	A _{5,2}
_	$A_{2,4}$	$A_{3,2}$	$A_{4,1}$	$A_{5,2}$
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(b)				

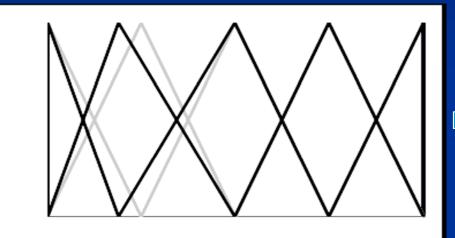
An example of DB (a) and RB (b) generated by PAES-SFGL7 on a representative trial



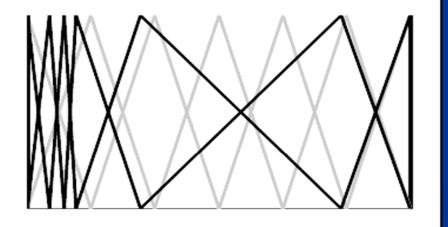
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MOE Knowledge Base Learning – Example 3(a)

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Fuzzy Strong Partitions with a high regularity level



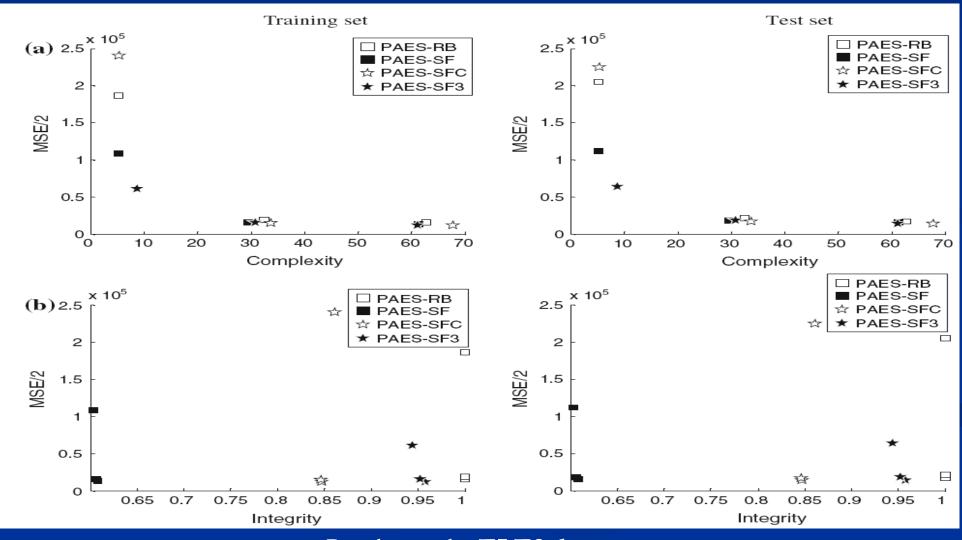
Fuzzy Strong Partitions with a low regularity level



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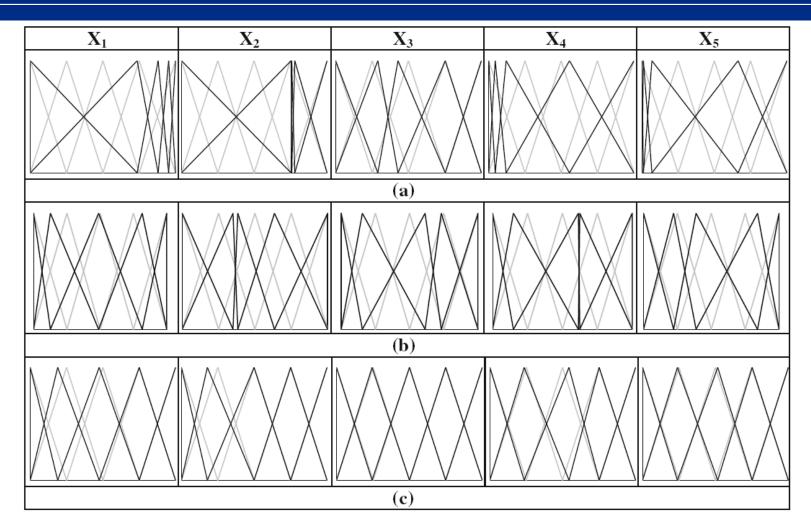


Results on the ELE2 dataset



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Three examples of DB for one of the most accurate MFRBSs generated on a fold for the ELE2 dataset by, respectively, PAES-SF (a), PAES-SFC (b) and PAES-SF3 (c)

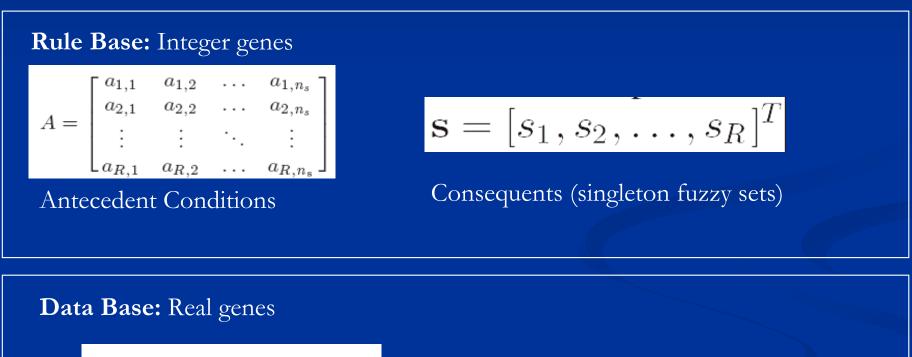


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MOE Knowledge Base Learning – Example 4(a)

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Coding scheme:



$$P = \begin{bmatrix} p_{1,1} & p_{1,2} & \dots & p_{1,\delta} \\ p_{2,1} & p_{2,2} & \dots & p_{2,\delta} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ p_{\rho,1} & p_{\rho,2} & \dots & p_{\rho,\delta} \end{bmatrix}$$

MF parameters of the generalized bells for the input variables

$$\mathbf{0} = [o_1, o_2, \dots, o_{M_{\text{out}}}]^T$$

Positions of output singleton MF



MOE Knowledge Base Learning – Example 4(c)

P. Pulkkinen, and H. Koivisto, "A dynamically constrained multiobjective genetic fuzzy system for regression problems," IEEE Trans. Fuzzy. Syst., vol. 18, n. 1, pp. 161–177, 2010.

- **NSGA-II** is applied to find sets of FRBSs with different trade-offs between accuracy and interpretability
- Accuracy is evaluated in terms of mean square error
- Rule Base Interpretability is evaluated in terms total rule length
- Semantic Partition Intepretability is ensured by using dynamic constraints which enable three-parameter MF tuning to improve the accuracy while guaranteeing the transparency of fuzzy partitions
- The initial population is generated using an approach based on the C4.5 and the Wang and Mendel algorithms. In this way, the initial fuzzy partitions are transparent, and the initial FRBSs contain less rules, rule conditions, and input variables than when only the WM algorithm is used



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How can we compare different approaches?

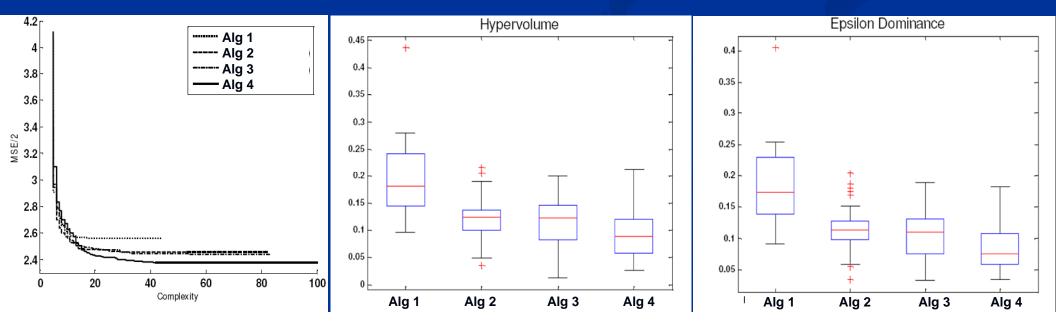




How can we compare different approaches?

Exploiting MOEA indexes

- Attainment surfaces divides the objective space into two parts which contain, respectively, the solutions that are weakly dominated and the solutions that dominate with a frequency of at least 50%
- Hypervolume measures the hypervolume of the portion of the objective space that is weakly dominated by a Pareto front approximation
- Epsilon dominance is a measure of the smallest distance one would need to translate every solution in a front B so that B dominates a reference front A.

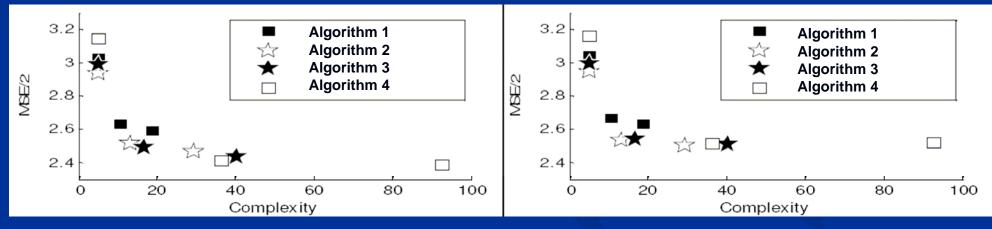




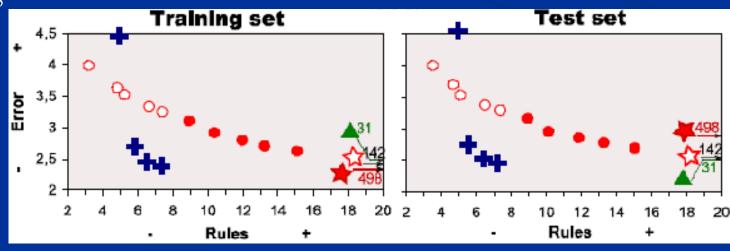
How can we compare different approaches?

The indexes evaluate the exploration and exploitation capabilities of the MOEA. But we are also interested in generalization capabilities of the FRBSs

• Choice of representative solutions (Most accurate, most interpretable, intermediate) and statistical analysis



• Average Pareto fronts





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Hot Topics and New Challenges

Large Datasets

When the dataset is large, the computation of the fitness is very expensive in terms of **computational cost**.

Different approaches have been proposed to reduce this drawback

Parallel evolutionary algorithms

I.Robles, R. Alcalá, J.M. Benítez, and F. Herrera, 'Evolutionary parallel and gradually distributed lateral tuning of fuzzy rule-based systems," Evolutionary Intelligence, vol. 2, n. 1-2, pp. 5-19, 2009.
M.A. de Vega, J.M Bardallo, F.A. Marquez, and A. Peregrin, 'Parallel distributed two-level evolutionary multiobjective methodology for granularity learning and membership functions tuning in linguistic fuzzy systems," in Proc. in Proc. of ISDA 2009, Pisa (Italy), 30 Nov. –2 Dec., 2009, pp. 134–139.
Y. Nojima, H. Ishibuchi, and I. Kuwajima, 'Parallel distributed genetic fuzzy rule selection," Soft Computing, vol. 13, pp. 511-519, 2008.

Fitness approximation

- M. Cococcioni, B. Lazzerini, and F. Marcelloni, "On reducing computational overhead in multi-objective genetic Takagi–Sugeno fuzzy systems," Applied Soft Computing, vol. 11, n. 1, pp. 675-688, 2011.

Instance Selection (IS) techniques

-Y. Nojima, and H Ishibuchi, "Effects of data reduction on the generalization ability of parallel distributed genetic fuzzy rule selection," in Proc. of ISDA 2009, Pisa (Italy), 30 Nov. –2 Dec., 2009, pp. 96-101. - M. Antonelli, P. Ducange, F. Marcelloni, "Exploiting a coevolutionary approach to concurrently select training instances and learn rule bases of Mamdani fuzzy dystems," in: Proc. of the IEEE World Congress on Computational Intelligence, Barcelona (Spain), 18 – 23 Jul., 2010, pp. 1366–1372.



Large Datasets – Example 1(a)

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• The proposed coevolutionary approach is made of

A single objective genetic algorithm (SOGA), which perform the **training set selection**

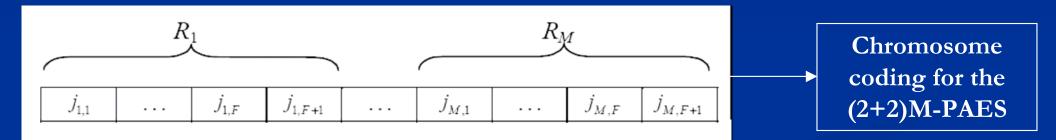
A multi-objective evolutionary algorithm ((2+2)M-PAES) which **learn the RB** with different trade off between accuracy and complexity

• The SOGA and the ((2+2)M-PAES) are cyclically executed one after the other

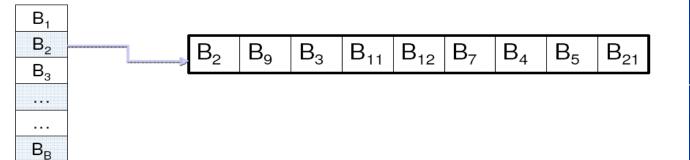


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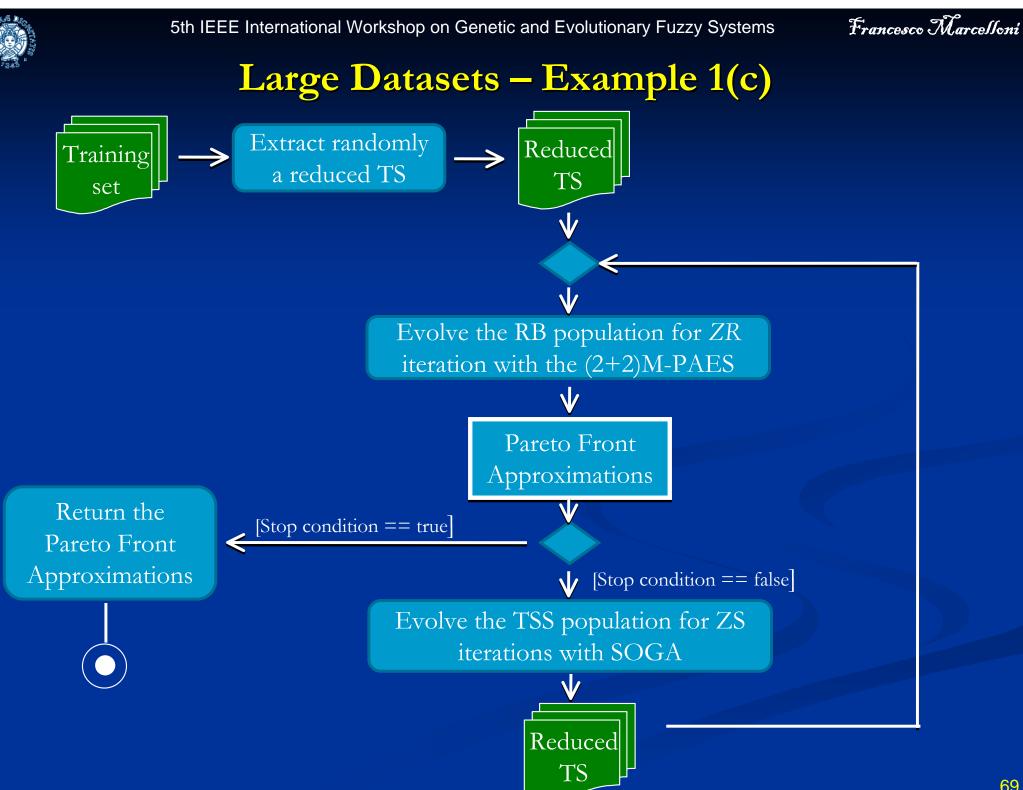
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Original training set



Chromosome coding for the SOGA



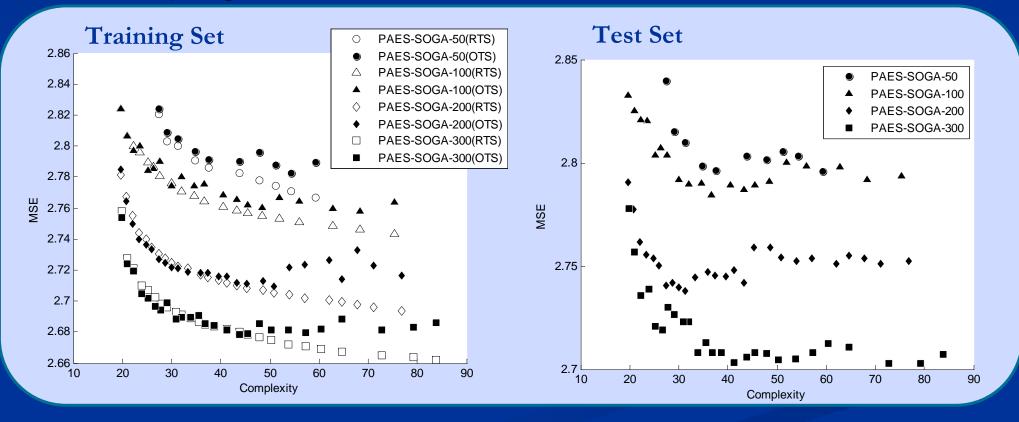




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Results on the Abalone dataset which contains 4177 input-output patterns described by 8 input variables



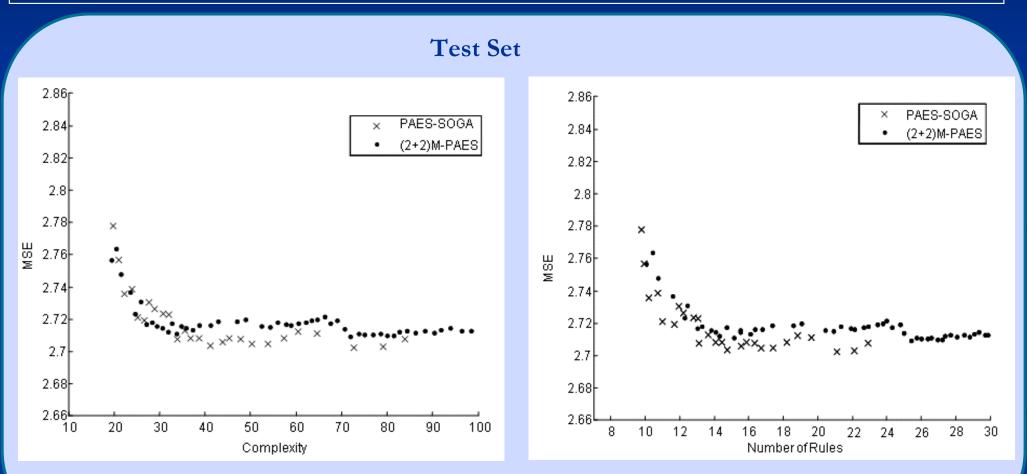
The SOGA selects a reduced training set (RTS) which contains only the 20% of the overall training set (OTS)





Large Datasets – Example 1(e)

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Comparison between PAES-SOGA and (2+2)M-PAES on the test set



High Dimensional Data Sets

- The search space grows as the number of features increases, leading to a slow and possibly difficult convergence of the algorithms
- Furthermore, the FRBSs could suffer from the exponential rule explosion due to the large numbers of features and data examples
- The following approaches have been proposed to reduce these drawbacks

Using feature selection

J. Casillas, O. Cordón, M.J. del Jesus, and F. Herrera, "Genetic feature selection in a fuzzy rule-based classification system learning process, "Information Sciences, vol. 136, pp.135–157, 2001.
O. Cordón, and A. Quirin, "Comparing Two Genetic Overproduce-and-choose Strategies for Fuzzy Rule-based Multiclassification Systems Generated by Bagging and Mutual Information-based Feature Selection", International Journal of Hybrid Intelligent Systems, vol. 7, pp.45–64, 2011.

Exploiting ad-hoc modified MOEAs

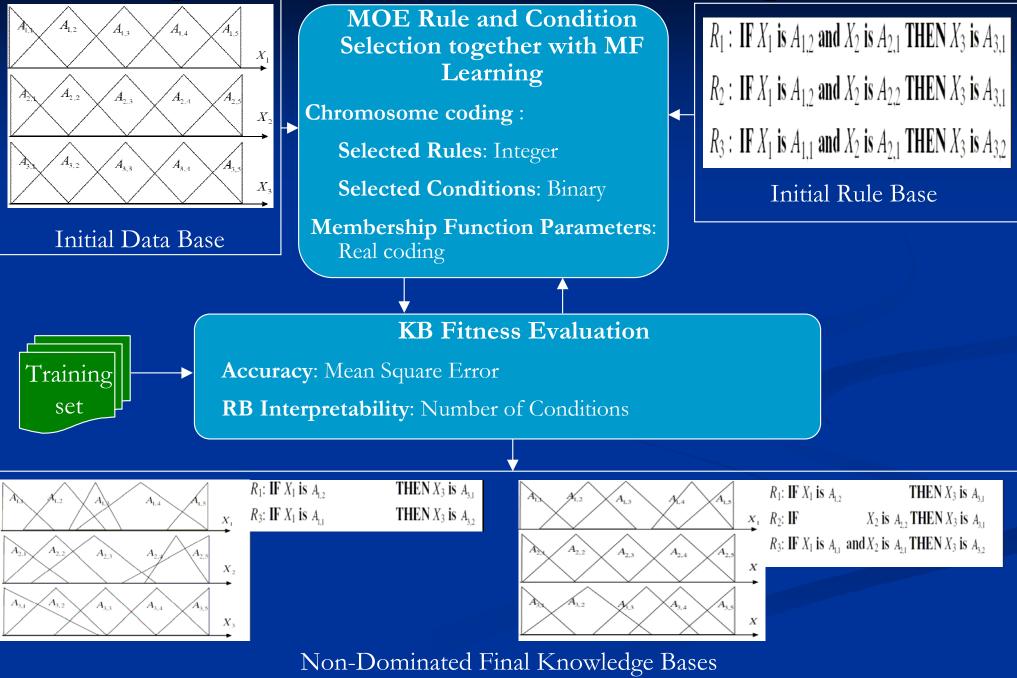
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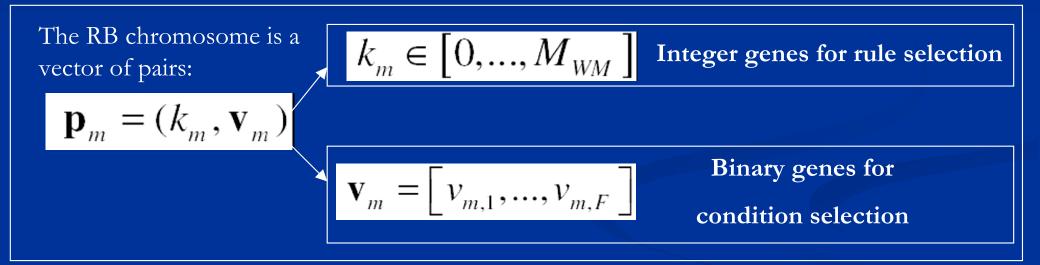




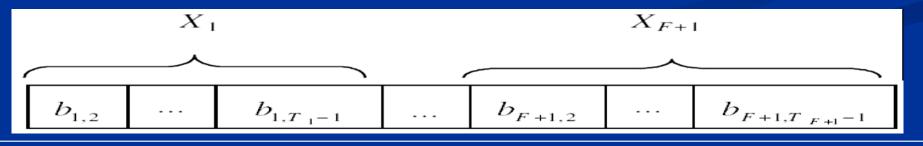
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Coding scheme:



The DB chromosome is a vector of **real genes** which codify the position of the cores of strong fuzzy partitions



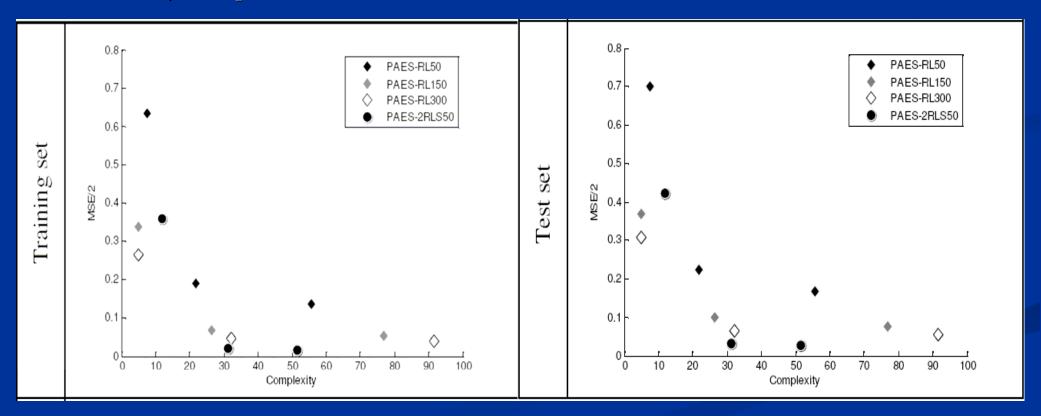
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High Dimensional Data Sets – Example 1(c)

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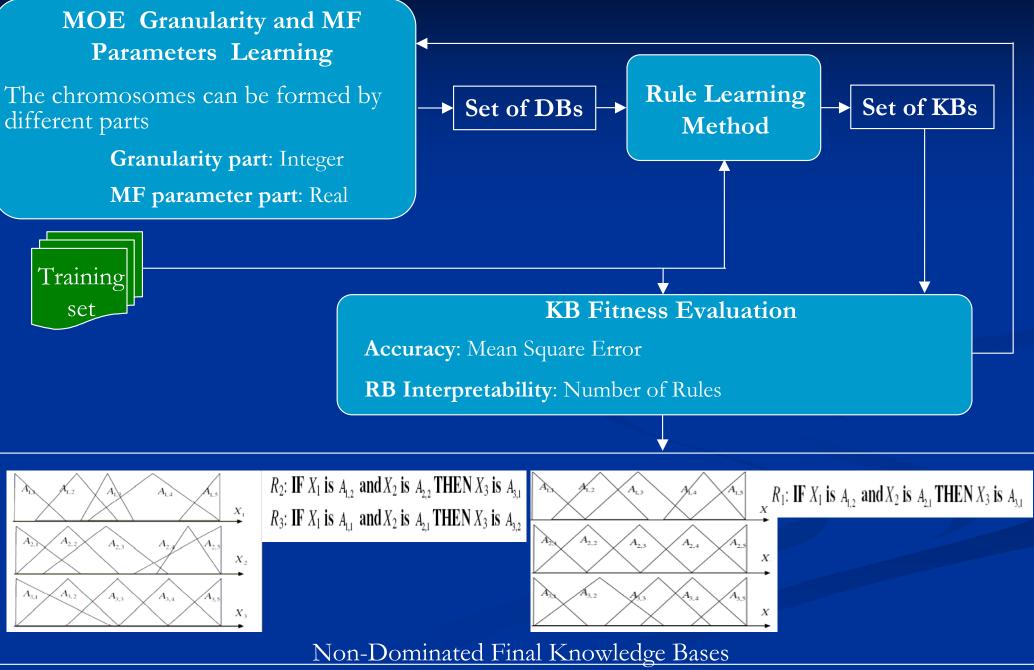
Results on the **Mortgage dataset** which contains 1049 input-output patterns described by 15 input variables





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High Dimensional Data Sets – Example 2(a)





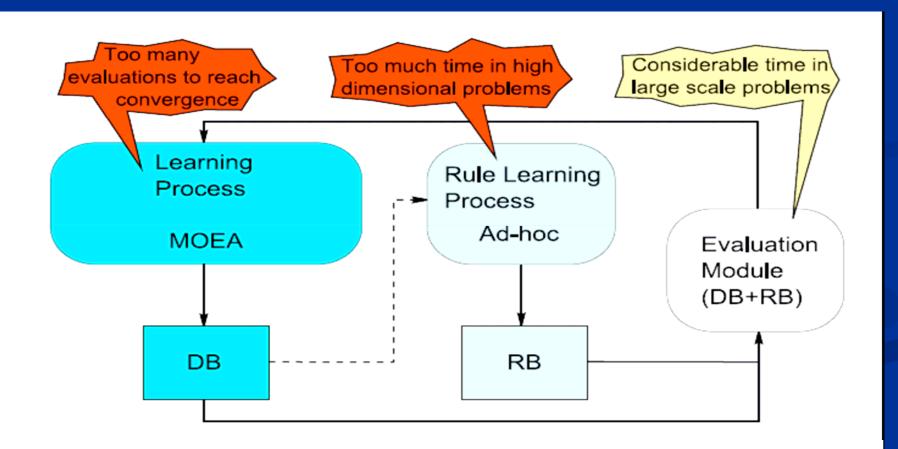
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Problems





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Proposed Solutions:

- Incest prevention, restarting strategy and stopping condition have been integrated into the well-known SPEA2 algorithm
- The granularities and a partition displacement are codified into a **double coded chromosome** and learnt concurrently during the evolutionary process
- The RB is generated exploiting an ad-hoc modification of the **Wang and Mendel (WM)** algorithm which includes a **cropping criterion** in the RB generation process so as to avoid the generation of excessively large RBs
- A **new error estimation procedure** to reduce the computational effort for large datasets is also proposed



High Dimensional Data Sets – Example 2(d)

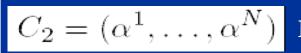
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Double coding scheme:

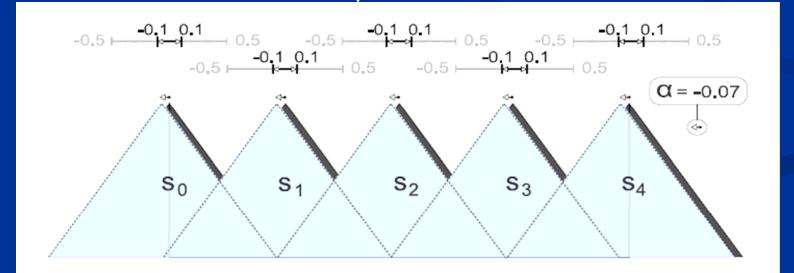


Integer Coding for Granularity Learning and

Input Variable Selection: $L^i \in \{1, ..., 7\}$ for i = 1...N - 1 and $L^N \in \{2, ..., 7\}$



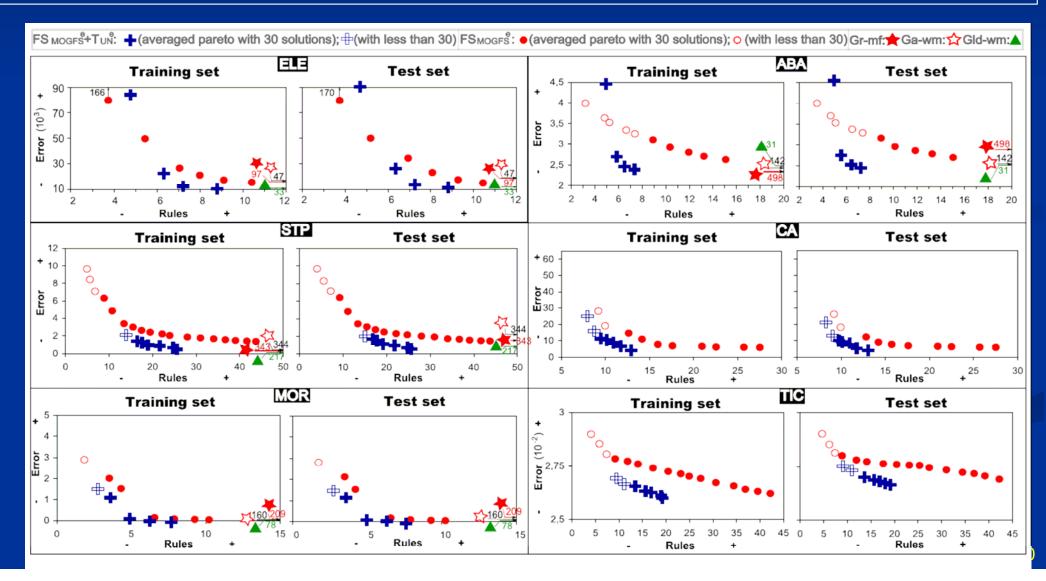
 $C_2 = (\alpha^1, \dots, \alpha^N)$ Real Coding for Lateral Displacement, where $\alpha^i \in [-0.1, 0.1]$





High Dimensional Data Sets – Example 2(e)

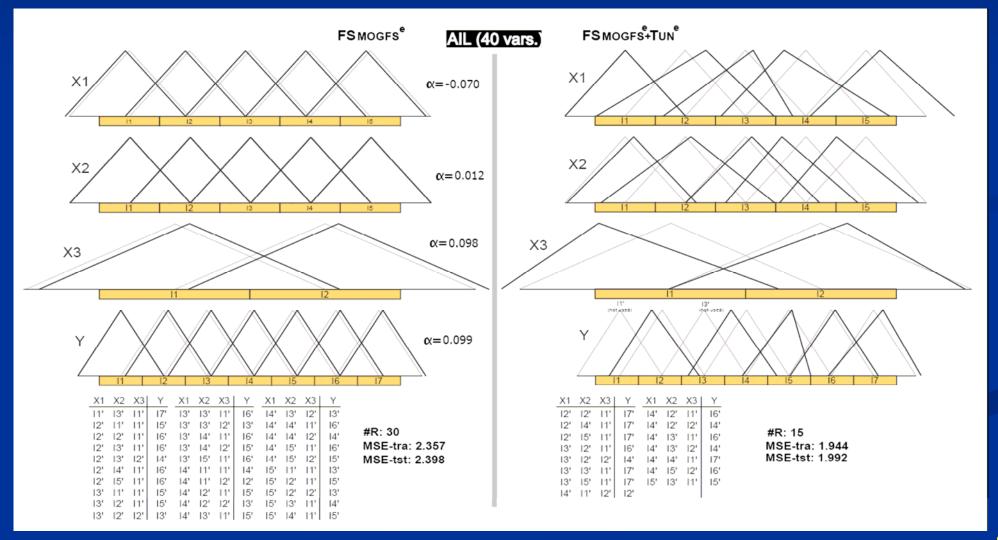
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High Dimensional Data Sets – Example 2(f)

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New Challenges

- Exploit different or new interpretability measures in MOEFS
- Dealing with more than two or three objectives in the framework of MOEFS
- To exploit and/or to develop ad-hoc MOEAs for improving exploration of specific parts of the approximated Pareto fronts
- To provide tools to visualize and statistically compare the results of different MOEFSs



New Challenges

- Real applications (killer application?)
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