



Mathematics of Infrastructure Planning

ZIB Optimization Suite

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Toolbox for **generating** and **solving** constraint integer programs

ZIMPL

- ▷ a mixed integer programming modeling language
- ▷ easily generate LPs, MIPs, and ...

SCIP

- ▷ a MIP and CP solver, branch-cut-and-price framework
- ▷ ZIMPL models can directly be loaded into SCIP and solved

SoPlex

- ▷ a linear programming solver
- ▷ SCIP uses SoPlex as underlying LP solver



ZIMPL – Modeling Language

- ▷ distinguish between data and model
- ▷ easily generate LPs, MIPs, and ...
- ▷ fast prototyping
- ▷ <http://zimpl.zib.de>
- ▷ AIMMS, AMPL, GAMS, MOSEL, OPL, ...

SoPlex – Linear Programming Solver

- ▷ dual and primal simplex
- ▷ has a warm start
- ▷ <http://soplex.zib.de>
- ▷ CLP, CPLEX, GUROBI, MOSEK, XPRESS, ...



SCIP is a framework for Constraint Integer Programming oriented towards the needs of Mathematical Programming experts who want to have **total control of the solution process** and access **detailed information down to the guts of the solver**.

- ▷ framework to solve **constraint integer programs**
- ▷ **branch-and-bound** framework
- ▷ **branch-and-cut** framework
- ▷ **branch-and-propagate** framework
- ▷ **branch-and-price** framework
- ▷ **black box MIP solver**
- ▷ <http://scip.zib.de>
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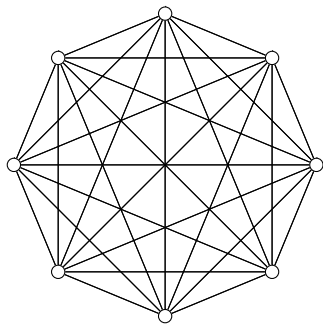


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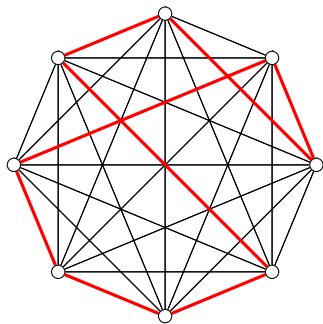


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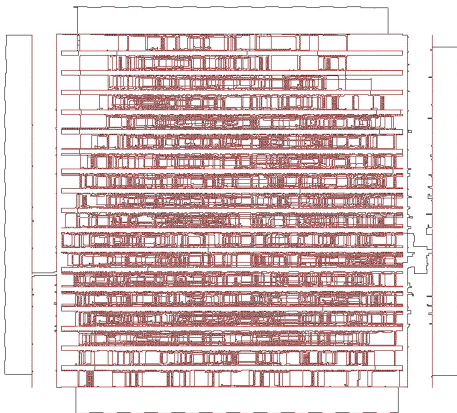
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$\frac{(n-1)!}{2}$ possible solutions: finite, but enumeration intractable!



by Bill Cook et al.

The largest solved instance of the traveling salesman problem consists of a tour through **85,900 cities** in a VLSI application that arose in Bell Laboratories in the late 1980s.

The total amount of computer usage for the computations was appx. **136 CPU years**.



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- ▷ linear function

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- ▷ described by linear constraints

Variable domains:

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Constraint Program

Objective function:

- ▷ arbitrary function

Feasible set:

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Variable domains:

- ▷ arbitrary (usually finite)

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & c(x) \\ \text{s.t.} & x \in F \\ & (x_I, x_N) \in \mathbb{Z}^I \times X \end{array}$$



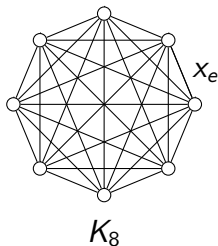
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Binary variables

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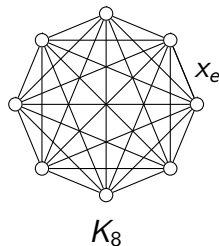
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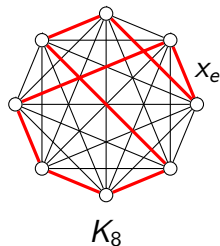
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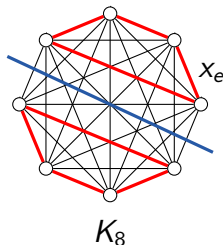
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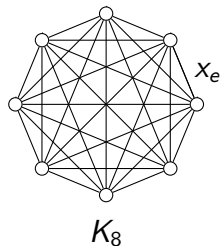
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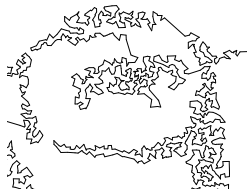
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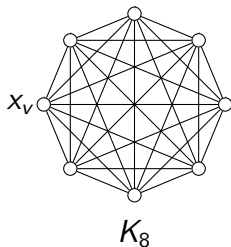


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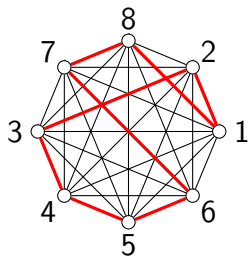
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Remark:

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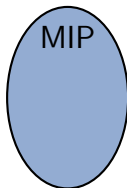
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(CIP formulation of TSP)

Single nosubtour constraint rules out subtours (e.g. by domain propagation). It may also separate subtour elimination inequalities.



- ▷ Mixed Integer Programs

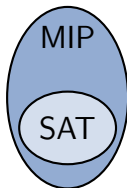


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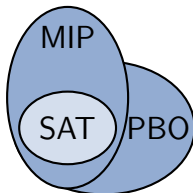


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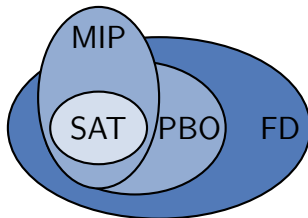


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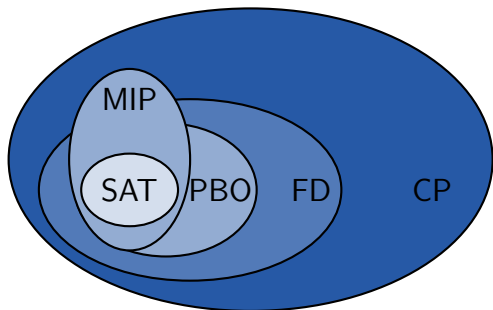
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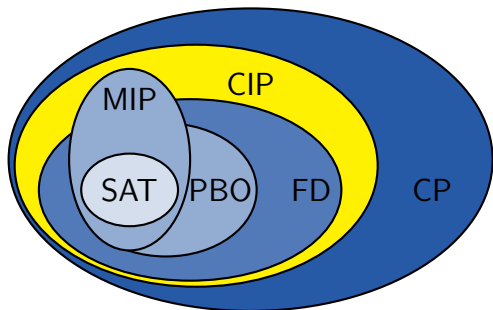


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MIP

- ▷ LP relaxation
- ▷ cutting planes

CP

- ▷ domain propagation

SAT

- ▷ conflict analysis
- ▷ periodic restarts

MIP, CP, and SAT

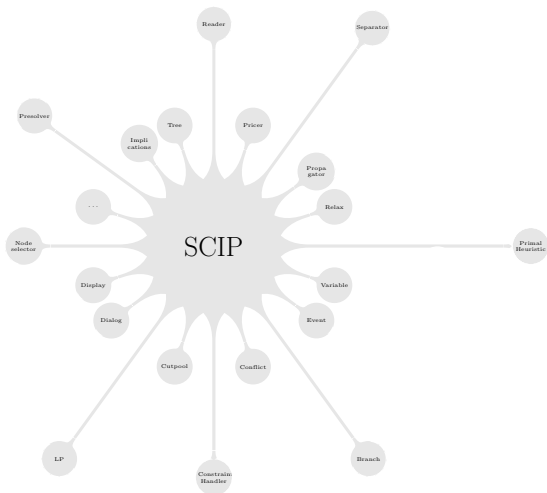
- ▷ branch-and-bound

SCIP



SCIP (Solving Constraint Integer Programs) ...

- ▷ is a branch-cut-and-price framework,
- ▷ is constraint based,
- ▷ incorporates
 - ▶ CP features (domain propagation),
 - ▶ MIP features (cutting planes, LP relaxation), and
 - ▶ SAT-solving features (conflict analysis, restarts),
- ▷ has a modular structure via plugins,
- ▷ provides a full-scale MIP solver,
- ▷ is free for academic purposes,
- ▷ and is available in source-code under <http://scip.zib.de> !





- 1998 SIP – Solving Integer Programs (Alexander Martin)
- 10/2002 Start of SCIP development (Tobias Achterberg)
- 02/2003 First version to solve MIPs
- 09/2005 First public version 0.80
- 09/2006 Version 0.90
- 07/2007 Tobias Achterberg left the SCIP developer team
- 09/2007 Version 1.00
- 09/2007 Part of the [ZIB Optimization Suite](#)
- 09/2008 Version 1.1.0
- 10/2008 [Nonlinear support](#)
- 09/2009 Version 1.2.0
- 05/2010 [First global constraints](#)
- 09/2010 Version 2.0
- 10/2012 Version 2.1



Number of Default Plugins

plugin type	SCIP version							
	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	2.0	2.1
branching rules	6	7	8	8	8	8	8	8
constraint handlers	10	10	11	11	14	16	23	25
node selectors	3	7	3	5	5	5	5	5
presolvers	2	7	5	5	6	6	6	5
primal heuristics	9	14	21	23	24	27	32	33
propagators	0	1	2	2	2	2	3	5
readers	2	4	6	6	11	13	15	16
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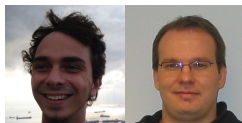
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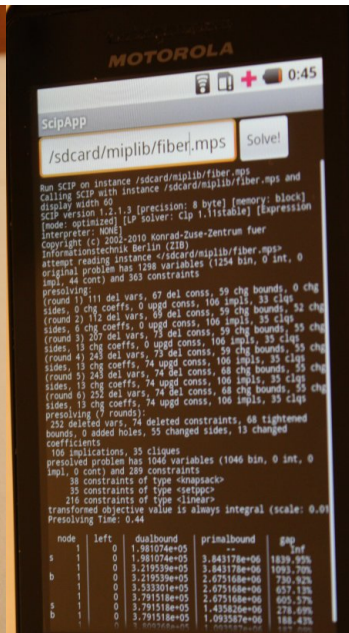
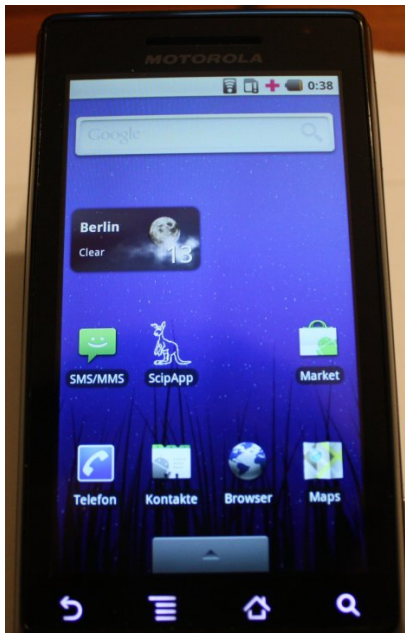


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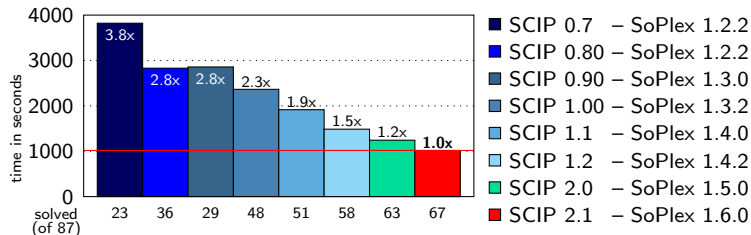
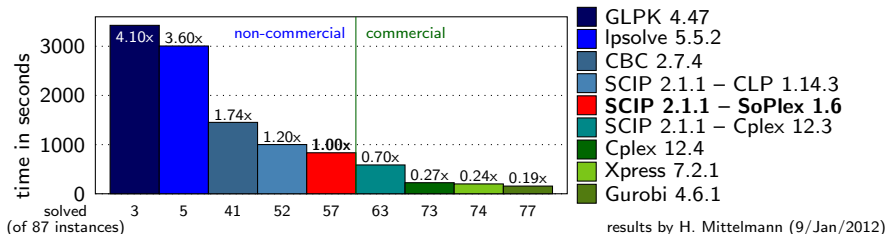


- ▶ more than 300 000 lines of C code
 - 18% documentation
 - 20% assertions
- ▶ 7 examples illustrating the use of SCIP
- ▶ HowTos: each plugin type, debugging, automatic testing, ...
- ▶ C++ wrapper classes, (experimental) python interface
- ▶ 7 interfaces to external linear programming solvers
 - CLP, CPLEX, Gurobi, Mosek, QSOpt, SoPlex, XPRESS
- ▶ 10 different input formats
 - cip, cnf, flatzinc, rlp, lp, mps, opb, pip, wbo, zimpl
- ▶ more than 1000 parameters, 15 “emphasis” settings
- ▶ active mailing list
- ▶ runs on Linux, Windows, Mac (Darwin+PPC), SunOS, ...



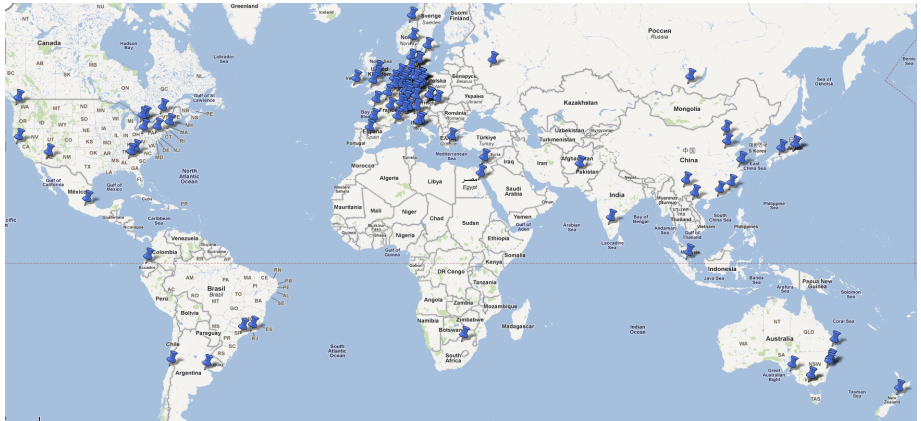


▷ fastest non-commercial MIP solver





Some universities and institutes using the ZIB Optimization Suite:





Linux and Mac users

- ▷ download the ZIB Optimization Suite 2.0.1
<http://zibopt.zib.de>
- ▷ read the INSTALL
 - ▶ `tar xvf ziboptsuite-2.0.1.tgz`
 - ▶ `cd ziboptsuite-2.0.1`
 - ▶ `make`
 - ▶ `make test`
- ▷ requirements: readline and zlib
- ▷ you can also use the virtual machine (see next slide)



Windows user

- ▷ download the virtual machine (VM) form the course web page
 - ▶ CIPvmware.zip (**Attention 2,7 GB**)
 - ▶ >1 GB main memory
 - ▶ 5–8 GB disk space
- ▷ follow the instruction stated in the README.txt
 - ▶ download the VMware Player (free software)
 - ▶ load the VM into the VMware Player
 - ▶ power on the VM
- ▷ ZIB Optimization Suite is already installed
- ▷ Eclipse, emacs, L^AT_EX, JAVA, Kate, Kile, ...



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