

# Search-Based Software Project Scheduling



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# Introduction

- Current software projects are **very complex**
- They can involve **hundreds of people and tasks**
- An **efficient way** of assigning employees to tasks is required
- An **automatic software tool** can assist to the software project manager
- **Problem:** assign **employees to tasks** with a given dedication degree

## Employee

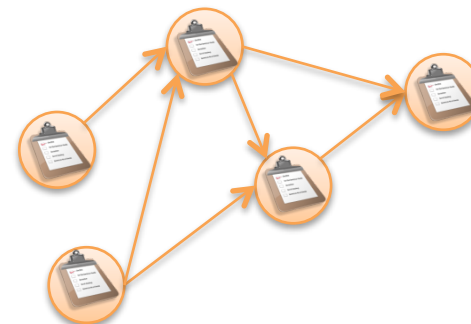


Salary  
Maximum dedication  
Skills

## Task



Effort  
Required skills  
TPG



# Introduction

- Several authors proposed different formulations in the literature

## Article

Annals of Software Engineering

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## Information and Software Technology

### Original Paper

Central European Journal of Operations Research  
September 2008, Volume 16, Issue 3, pp 281-306

First online: 29 March 2008

## Compete selection assignment

Walter J. Gutjahr

### The use of search-based optimization techniques to schedule and staff software projects: an approach and an empirical study

Massimiliano Di Penta<sup>1,\*</sup>, Mark Harman<sup>2</sup>  
and Giuliano Antoniol<sup>3</sup>

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## Issue



### Software: Practice and Experience

Special Issue: Practical Aspects of Search-Based Software Engineering

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# Basic Problem Formulation

# Basic Problem Formulation: duration

- Project duration (computation)

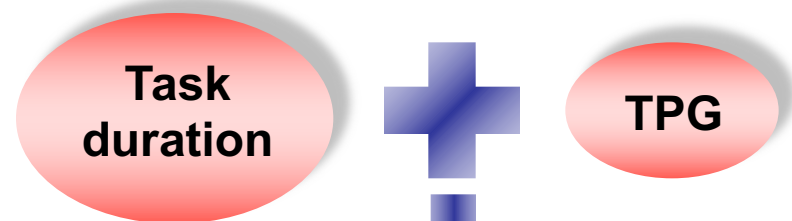


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| E1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.0 |
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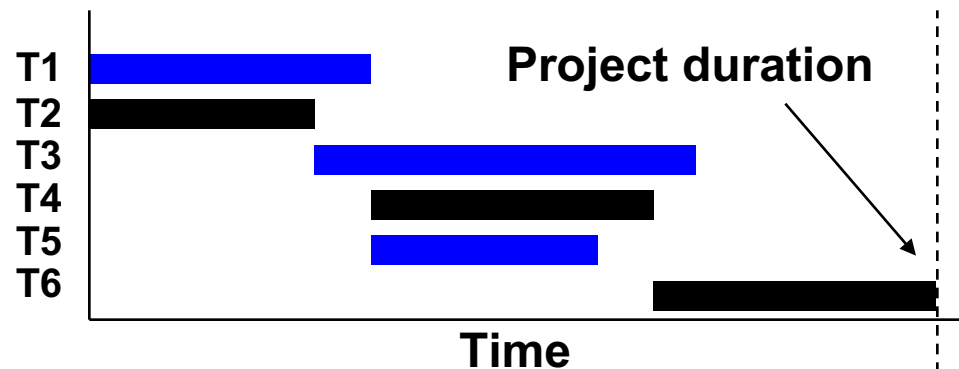
$\Sigma$  0.8

Effort T2

= Duration T2



Gantt diagram of the project



# Basic Problem Formulation: cost

- Project cost (computation)

|    | T1           | T2           | T3           | T4   | T5           | T6           |
|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|--------------|--------------|
| E1 | 0.3          | 0.2          | 0.5          | $\Sigma$ = time the employee spends on the project |              |              |
| E2 | Dur. T1<br>× | Dur. T2<br>× | Dur. T3<br>× | Dur. T4<br>×                                       | Dur. T5<br>× | Dur. T6<br>× |
| E3 | 0.2          | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.6  | 1.0          | 1.0          |
| E4 | 0.4          | 0.6          | 0.0          | 0.0  | 0.0          | 1.0          |

Cost of employee E1 due to its participation

Cost of employee E2 due to its participation

Cost of employee E3 due to its participation

Cost of employee E4 due to its participation






Time employee E3 spends on task T4

$$\Sigma = \text{Project cost}$$

# Basic Problem Formulation: constraints

- Constraints

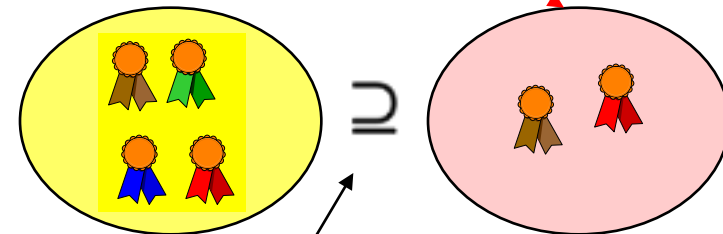


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|  | E4       | 0.4        | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
|   | $\Sigma$ | <b>0.9</b> |     |     |     |     |     |

$$\Sigma \mathbf{0.9} > \mathbf{0}$$

**C1. All tasks must be performed**

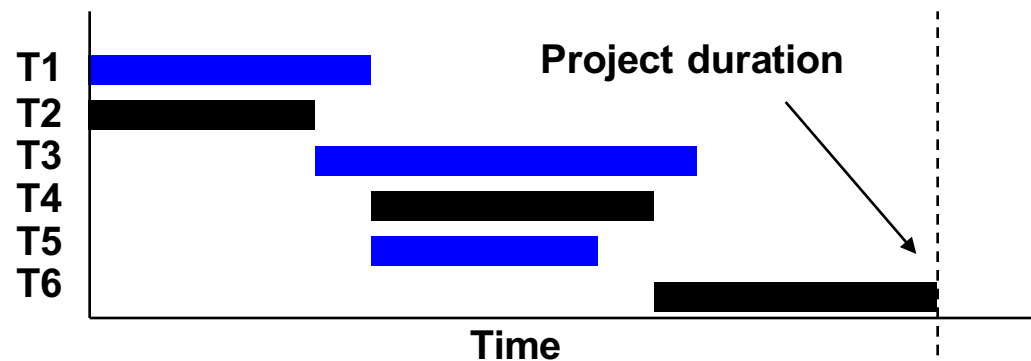
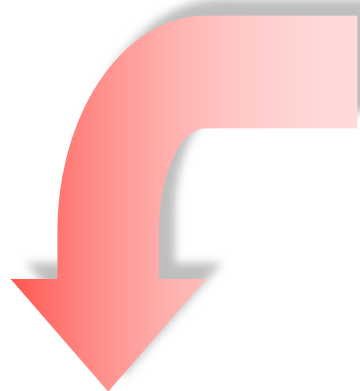
**C2. The union of the work team skills must include the required skills of the task they perform**



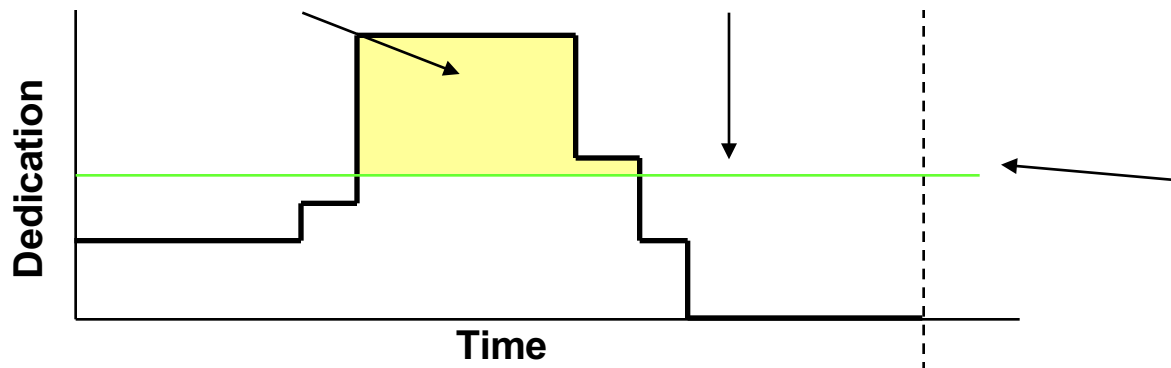
# Basic Problem Formulation: constraints

- Constraints (cont.)

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|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| E1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.0 |



Overwork      Maximum dedication



**C3. No employee must exceed her/his maximum dedication**



# Basic Problem Formulation: fitness

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1/q & \text{if the solution is feasible} \\ 1/(q + p) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$q = w_{cost} \cdot p_{cost} + w_{dur} \cdot p_{dur}$$

**Project cost**                      **Project duration**

$$p = w_{penal} + w_{undt} \cdot undt + w_{reqsk} \cdot reqsk + w_{over} \cdot p_{over}$$

**Undone tasks**                      **Required skills**                      **Overwork**

| Peso        | Valor     |
|-------------|-----------|
| $w_{cost}$  | $10^{-6}$ |
| $w_{dur}$   | 0.1       |
| $w_{penal}$ | 100       |
| $w_{undt}$  | 10        |
| $w_{reqsk}$ | 10        |
| $w_{over}$  | 0.1       |

# Basic Problem Formulation: algorithm & representation

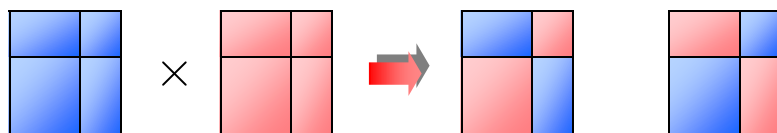
- **Steady State GA** with binary representation
- **Maximum dedication** set to 1.0 for all employees  $\rightarrow x_{ij} \in [0,1]$
- **Matrix elements are discretized to eight values (3 bits per element)**

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| E1 | 010 | 001 | 100 | 101 | 110 | 000 |
| E2 | 000 | 000 | 001 | 001 | 100 | 110 |
| E3 | 001 | 000 | 000 | 100 | 111 | 111 |
| E4 | 010 | 100 | 000 | 000 | 000 | 111 |

## 2D recombination



## Chromosome

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## Basic Problem Formulation: experiments

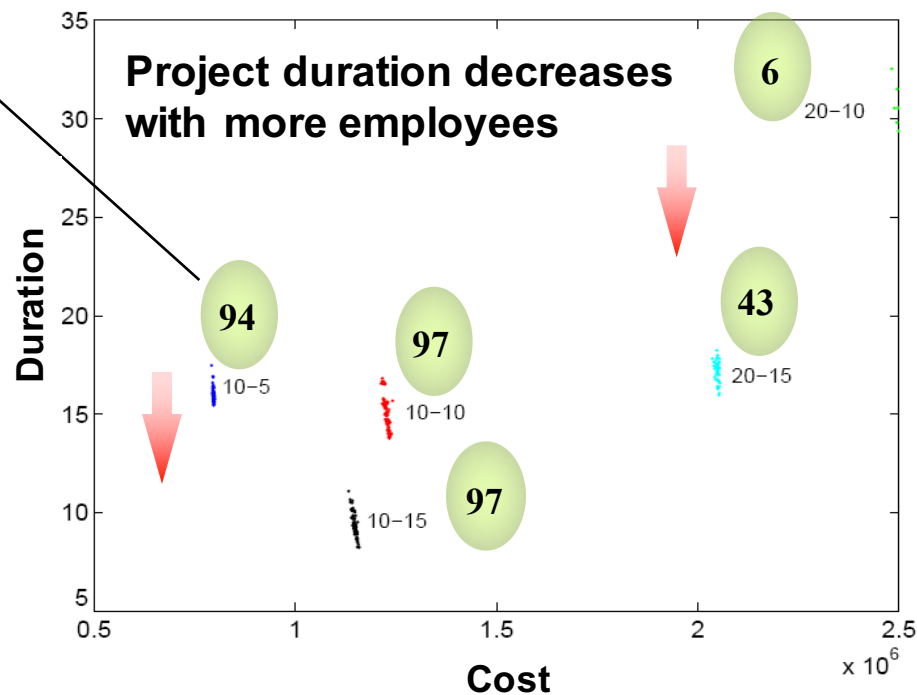
- **48 generated instances** in 5 groups
- In the first three groups (12 instancias) only one parameter change
  - ❖ Employees (5, 10, 15, 20)
  - ❖ Tasks (10, 20, 30)
  - ❖ Skills of employees (2, 4, 6, 8, 10)
- Fourth and fifth groups: all parameters simultaneously change
- **100 independent runs**

| GA param.      | Value                              |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Population     | 64                                 |
| Selection      | Binary tournament                  |
| Recombination  | 2D crossover                       |
| Mutation       | Bit flip ( $p_m=1/\text{length}$ ) |
| Replacement    | Elitist                            |
| Stop condition | 5000 generations                   |

# Basic Problem Formulation: experiments

## Fourth group of instances

Hit rate

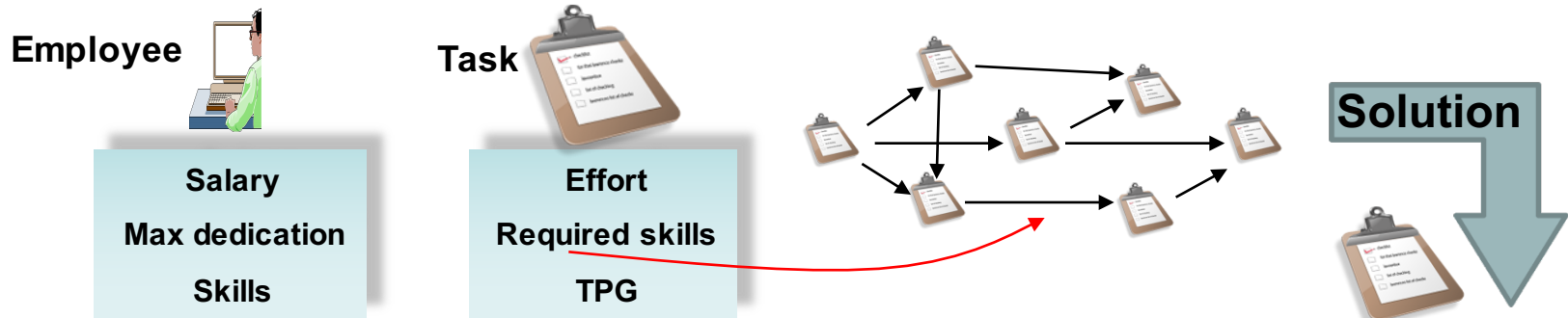


4-5 skills per employee

# Multi-Objective Formulation

# Multi-Objective Problem Formulation

## Multi-Objective Software Project Scheduling



### Objectives

- Minimize **the project cost**
- Minimize **the project duration**

### Constraints

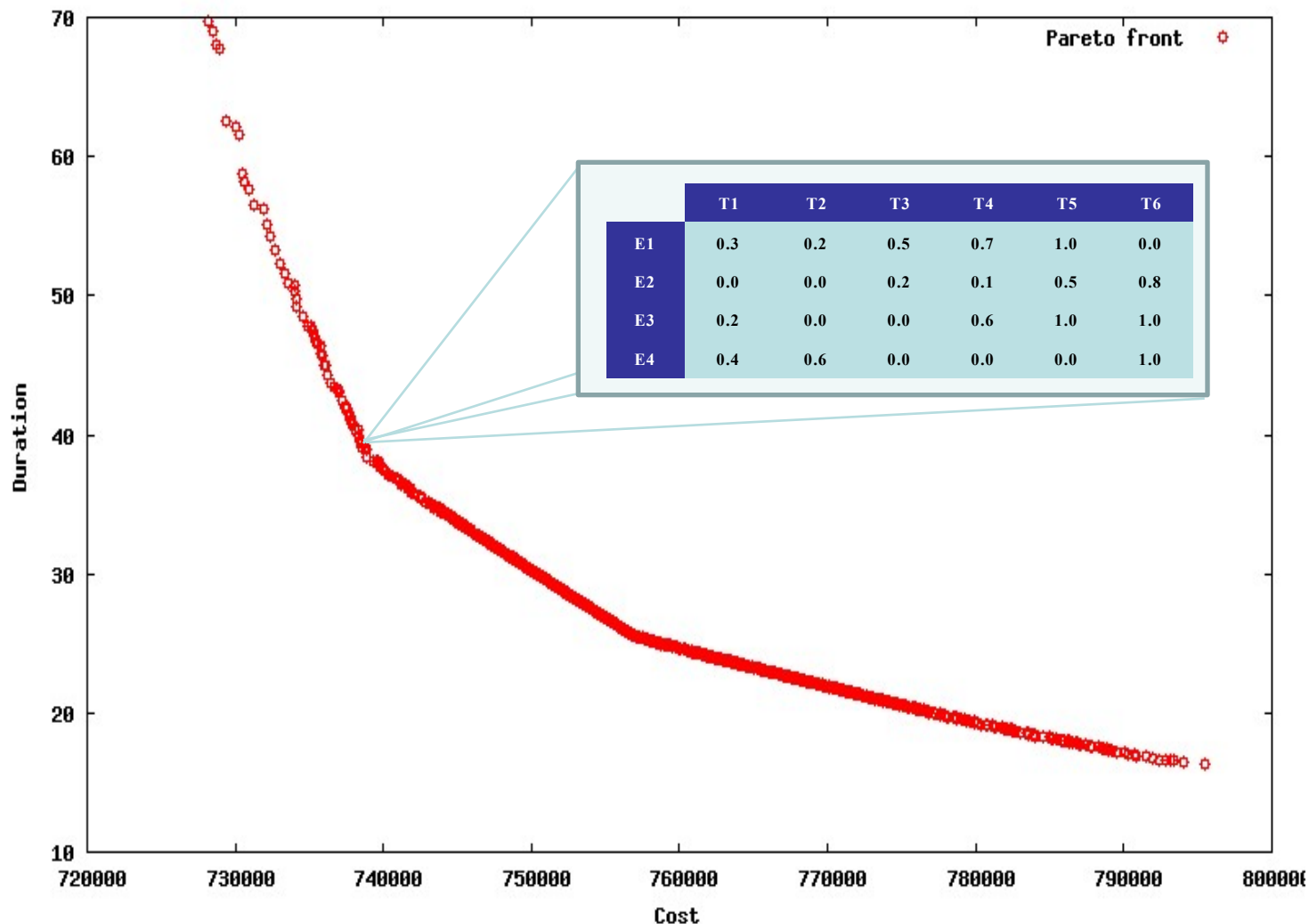
- **C1: All tasks must be performed** by some employee
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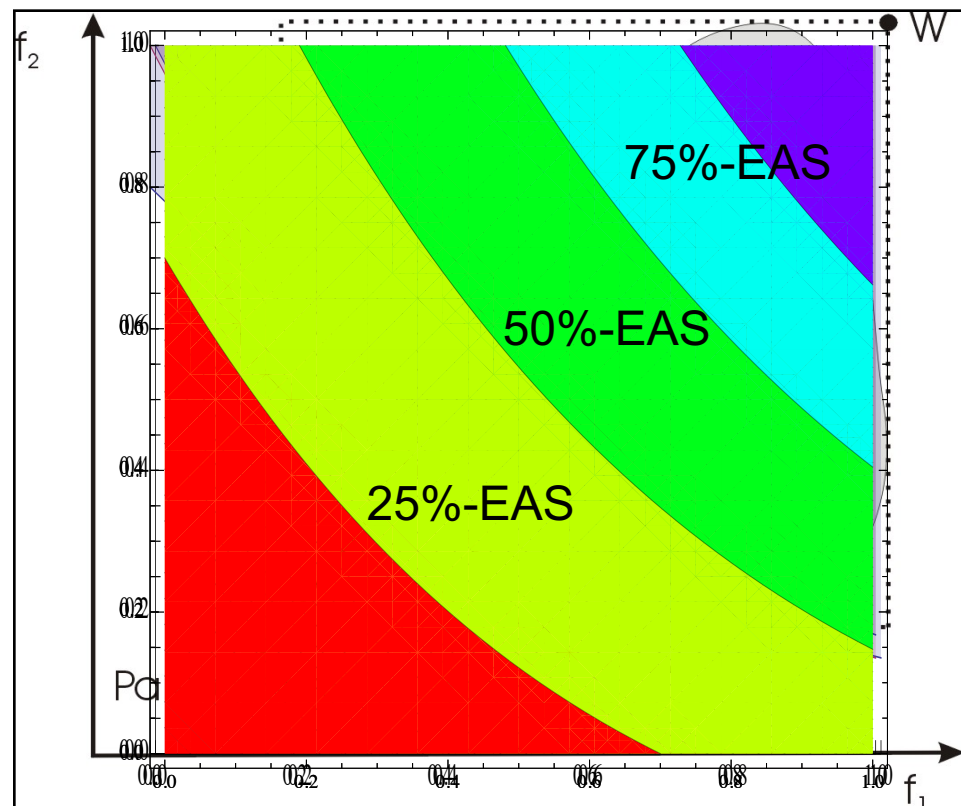
**Dedication of E1 to T4**

# Multi-Objective Problem Formulation



# Multi-Objective Problem Formulation: quality indicators

- **Hypervolume (HV)**
  - **Volume covered** by members of the non-dominated set of solutions
  - Measures both **convergence and diversity** in the Pareto front
  - Larger values are better
- **Attainment surfaces**
  - **Localization statistics** for fronts
  - The same as the **median** and the **interquartile range** in the mono-objective case





## Multi-Objective Problem Formulation: algorithms

### NSGA-II

- Generational GA
- Ranking & Crowding

### SPEA2

- Generational GA + External Archive
- Strength raw fitness & K-nearest neighbor

### PAES

- (1+1) Evolution Strategy + External Archive
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### MOCcell

- Cellular GA + External archive
- Ranking & Crowding from NSGA-II

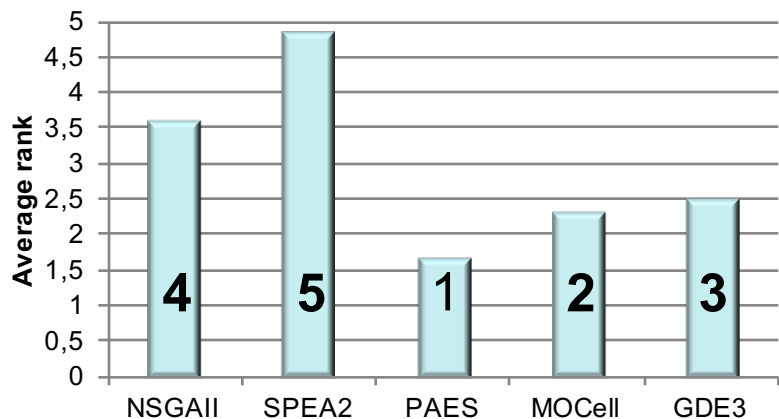
### GDE3

- Differential Evolution
- Ranking & NSGA-II's improved crowding

# Multi-Objective Problem Formulation: results

| Instances | Algorithms |       |      |        |      |
|-----------|------------|-------|------|--------|------|
|           | NSGAII     | SPEA2 | PAES | MOCeII | GDE3 |
| i10-5g5   | 4          | 5     | 3    | 1      | 2*   |
| i10-5g10  | 3          | 5     | 4    | 1      | 2*   |
| i10-10g5  | 4          | 5     | 1    | 3*     | 2*   |
| i10-10g10 | 4          | 5     | 3    | 1      | 2*   |
| i10-15g5  | 4          | 5     | 1    | 3      | 2    |
| i10-15g10 | 4          | 5     | 1    | 3*     | 2*   |
| i20-5g5   | 4          | 5     | 3*   | 2*     | 1    |

## HV-based rank

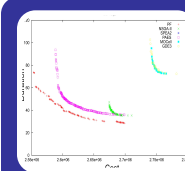


|          |     |     |    |     |     |
|----------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| i30-15p5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 1  | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| i10-5p7  | 3   | 5   | 4  | 1   | 2*  |
| i20-5p7  | 4   | 5   | 3  | 1   | 2*  |
| i30-5p7  | 4   | 5   | 1  | 2   | 3   |
| i10-10p7 | 4   | 5   | 3  | 1   | 2*  |
| i20-10p7 | 4   | 5   | 1  | 3   | 2   |
| i30-10p7 | 4   | 5   | 1  | 2   | 3   |
| i10-15p7 | 4   | 5   | 3* | 2*  | 1   |
| i20-15p7 | 4   | 5   | 1  | 3   | 2   |
| i30-15p7 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 1  | 3.5 | 3.5 |

- **Ranking** of the algorithms based on the **median** of their HV values
- **PAES** has reached the approximated fronts with the **better (higher) HV**
  - Best in **25** out of 36 instances
  - It assigns a **low dedication to employees** → avoid constraint violation for larger instances
- **MOCeII** and **GDE3** performs specially well for **small instances**
- Neither **NSGA-II** nor **SPEA2** have ranked the first nor second for any instance
- **Crossover operators** (in NSGA-II, SPEA2, and MOCeII) and **Differential Evolution recombination** (in GDE3) generate many **unfeasible solutions** in large instances

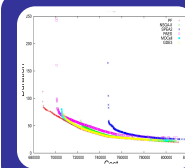
# Multi-Objective Problem Formulation: results

- They graphically represent the **median**
- PF is the **reference Pareto Front** build for each instance
- They clearly explain the **high HV values** of PAES
- Five **different behaviors** remain **hidden** to a scalar indicator such as HV



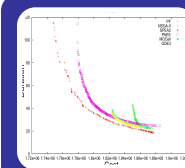
## Scenario 1

- PAES outperforms all the others
- Project plans with low cost and long durations



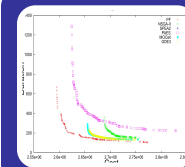
## Scenario 2

- All the algorithms perform the same
- But SPEA2



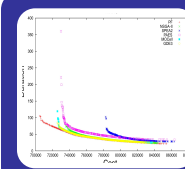
## Scenario 3

- The attainment surfaces of NSGA-II, MOCell, and GDE3 cross that of PAES
- PAES is slightly worse in concrete regions



## Scenario 4

- PAES fails at reaching short but costly project plans
- Its HV remains the higher because of its extension

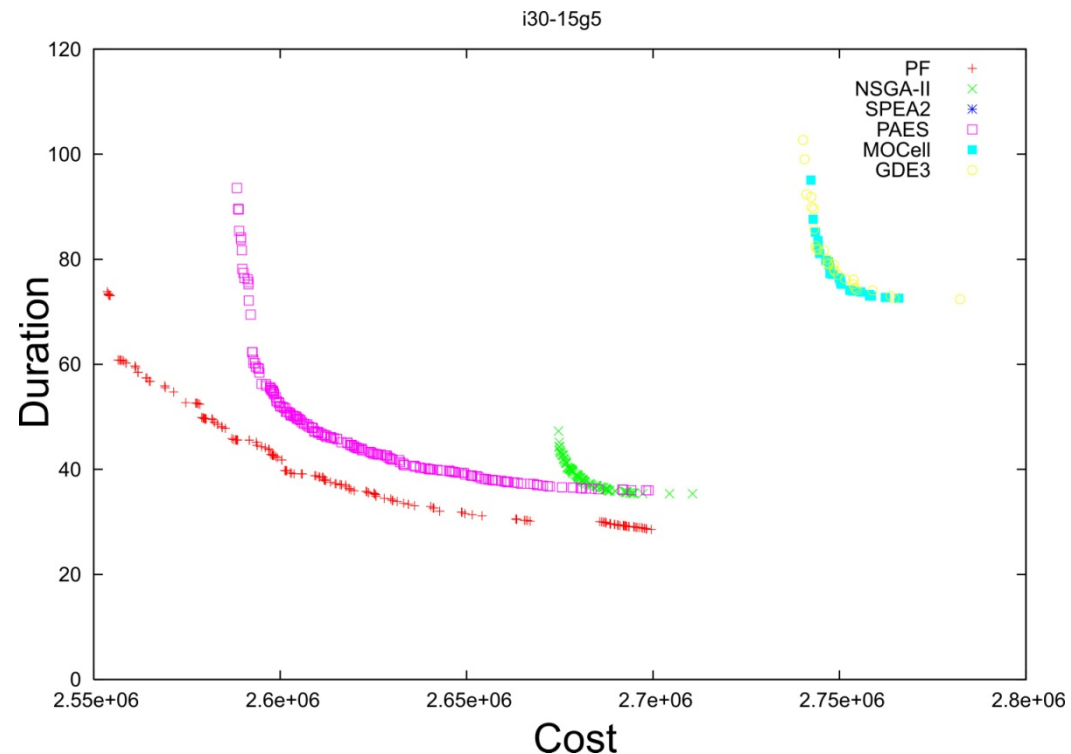


## Scenario 5

- PAES is clearly outperformed
- It happens in the smaller (easier) instances

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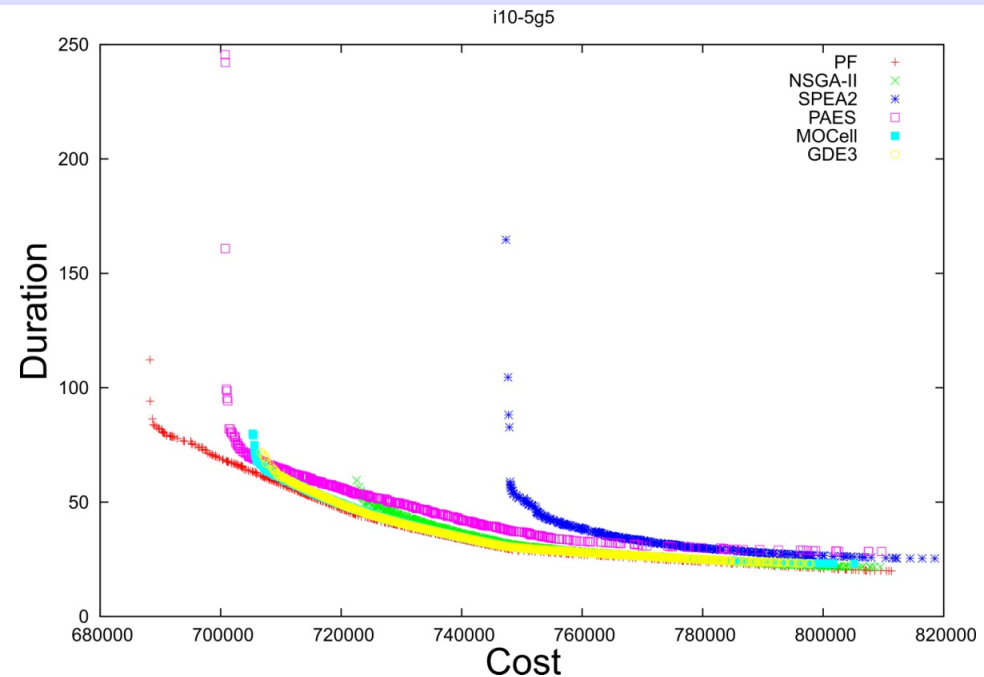


## Scenario 1

- **PAES** clearly **dominates** the solutions reached by all the other algorithms
- This algorithm has also reached project plans with **low cost and long durations**

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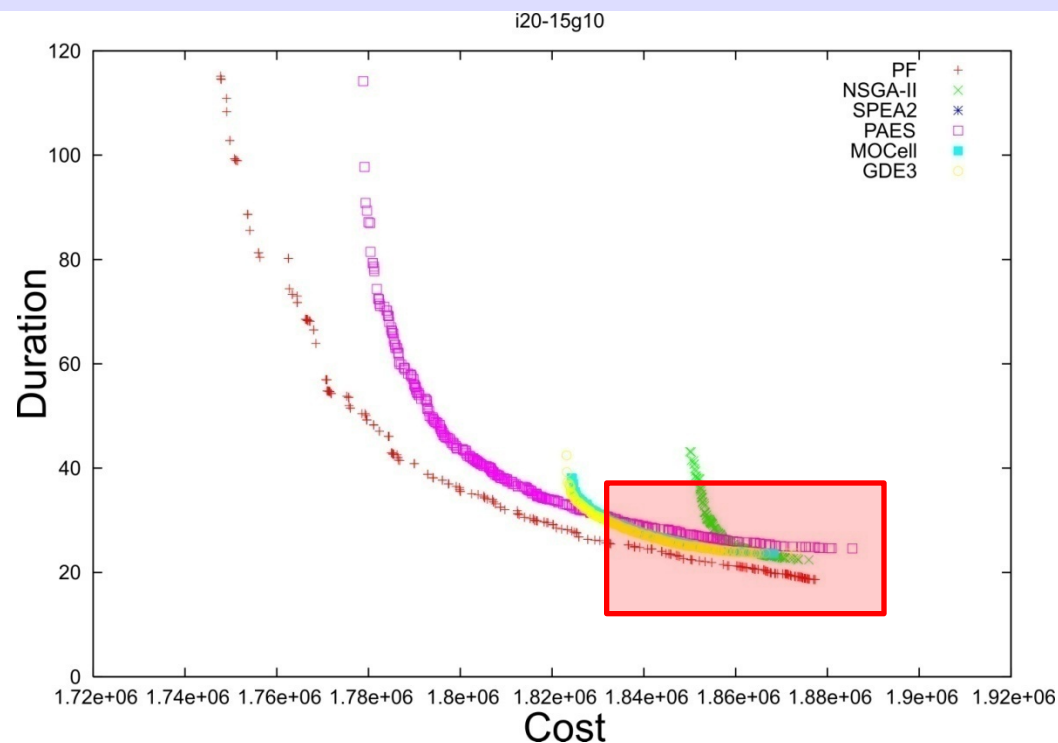


## Scenario 2

- All the algorithms but SPEA2 **perform the same**
- On average, their approximated fronts are **overlapped** in almost the entire objective space
- They are also very **close to the reference Pareto Front (PF)**

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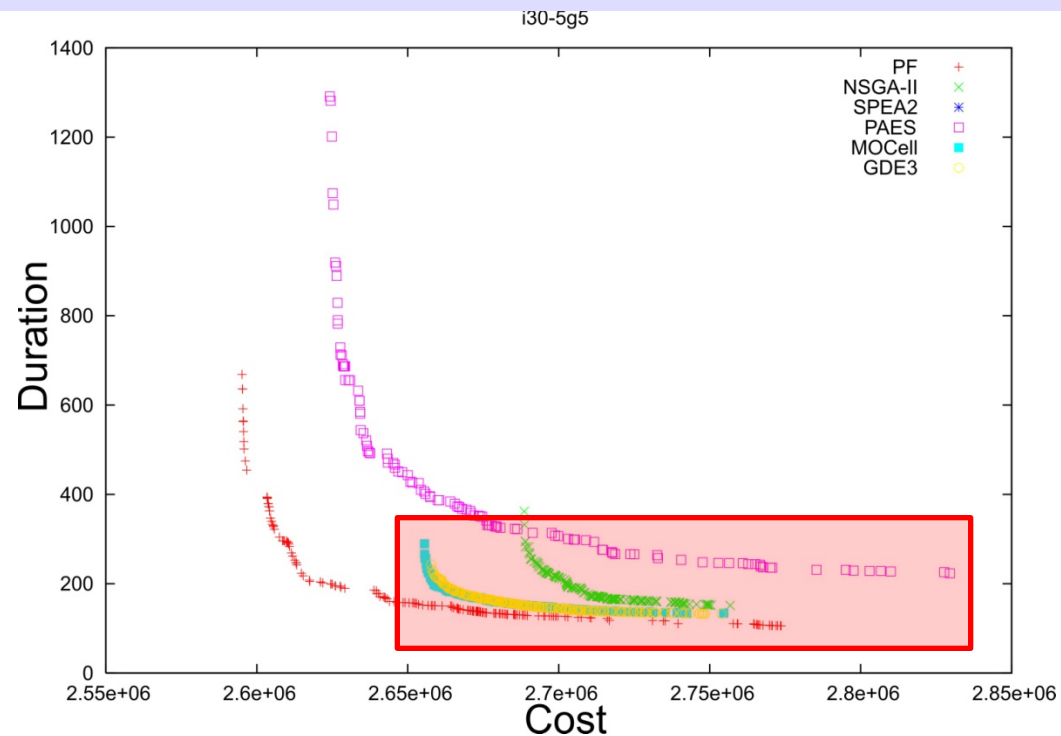


## Scenario 3

- The attainment surfaces of **NSGA-II, MOCcell, and GDE3** cross that of **PAES** → the region of project plans **with short durations and high cost**
- **PAES** still obtains the **best HV values** because it covers a larger portion of the objective space

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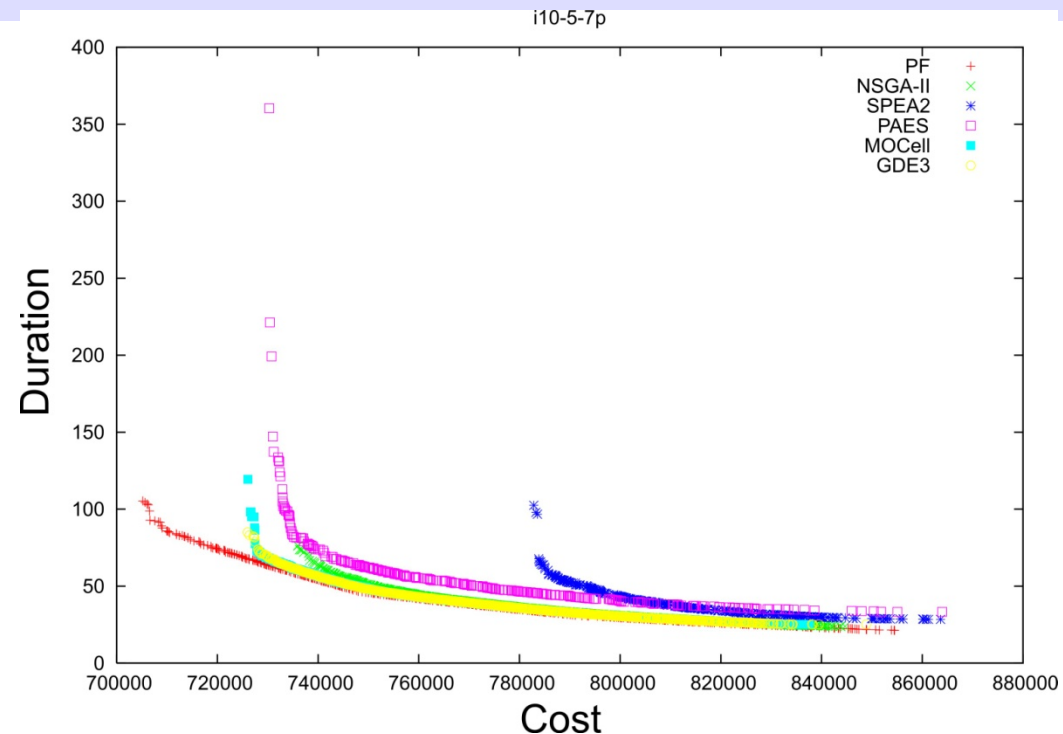


## Scenario 4

- PAES is clearly the **worse** algorithm at reaching project plans **with short durations and high cost**
- This happens in **18 out of the 36** instances
- PAES still gets the best HV value → **Is HV suitable to make decisions?**

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## Scenario 5

- **NSGA-II, MOCeII and GDE3** clearly **dominates** the attainment surface of PAES
- The HV values now **reflect** this fact
- It always happens in the **smaller** (easier) instances



# Multi-Objective Problem Formulation: results

- Spearman rank correlation**

coefficients of the solutions in an approximat

The workload is increased in t4 and t14, t16 and t20 has positive correlation with the project duration → not optimal assignment reached by PAES

t1 and t2: negative correlation because t2 does not require much effort so its influence on the project cost or duration is small

e7, e8, e9, e10 are the cheapest employees → they are chosen for cheaper and longer projects

e2, e3, e4, e5, e6, e11, e12, e13, e14, e15 increase their dedication as shorter and more expensive projects are reached

Corr: between objectives and employees

Correlation

between

tasks and employees

Correlation

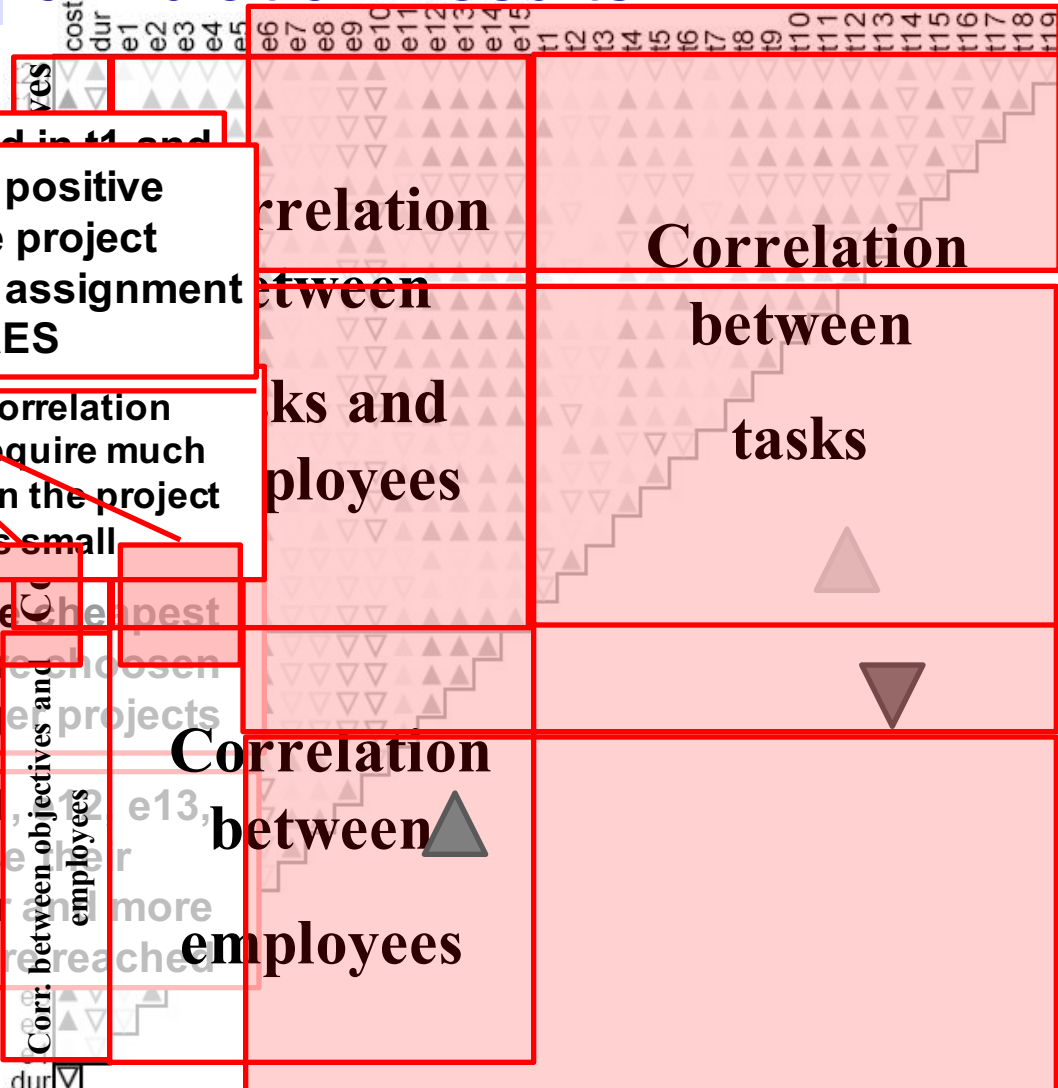
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Correlation

between

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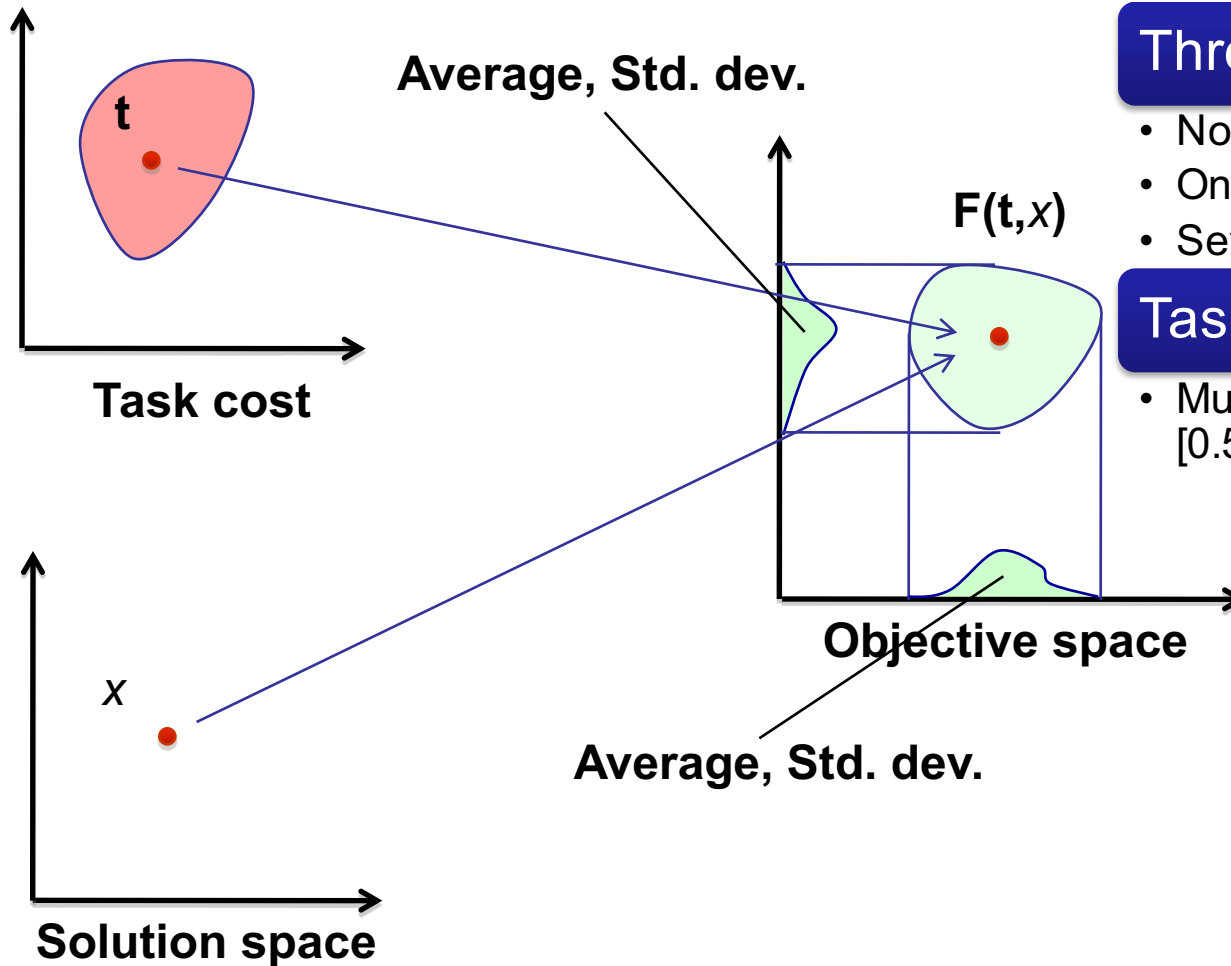


# Second (and Robust) Formulation

## Motivation for the Second Formulation

- The problem formulation is **far from realistic**:
  - Task effort is not an exact value (as assumed), we can only estimate it
  - Skills are not 0 or 1, there are degrees
  - Durations are not real values, they are discrete
- How to model:
  - Task effort inaccuracy ▶ **robust optimization**
  - Non-binary skills ▶ **productivity matrix**
  - Discrete durations ▶ **discrete event simulator**

# Robustness



## Three approaches

- No robustness (NR)
- One task changes (OTR)
- Several tasks change (STR)

## Task change

- Multiply by a random value in  $[0.5, 2]$

# Instance Information

## Employee

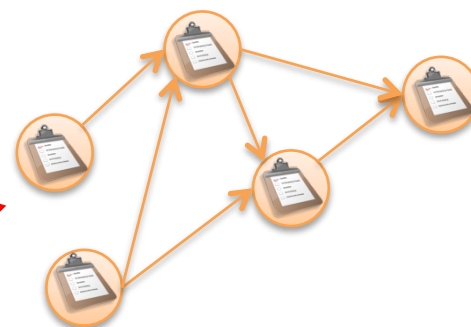


Salary

## Task



Cost  
TPG



Productivity matrix

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|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
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| E4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 |



# Solution

## Priorities matrix



| q  | T1 | T2 | T3 | T4 | T5 | T6 | d   |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| E1 | 3  | 1  | 5  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0.3 |
| E2 | 0  | 0  | 2  | 1  | 5  | 0  | 1.0 |
| E3 | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0.2 |
| E4 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0.4 |

**Dedication vector**

## Delays vector

| r | 3 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

- The evaluation of a solution is based on a simulation of the project
- **Objectives:**
  - **Makespan:** the minimum time slot in which all tasks are done
  - **Cost:** salary multiplied by the dedication and worked hours

## Algorithms in the Comparison

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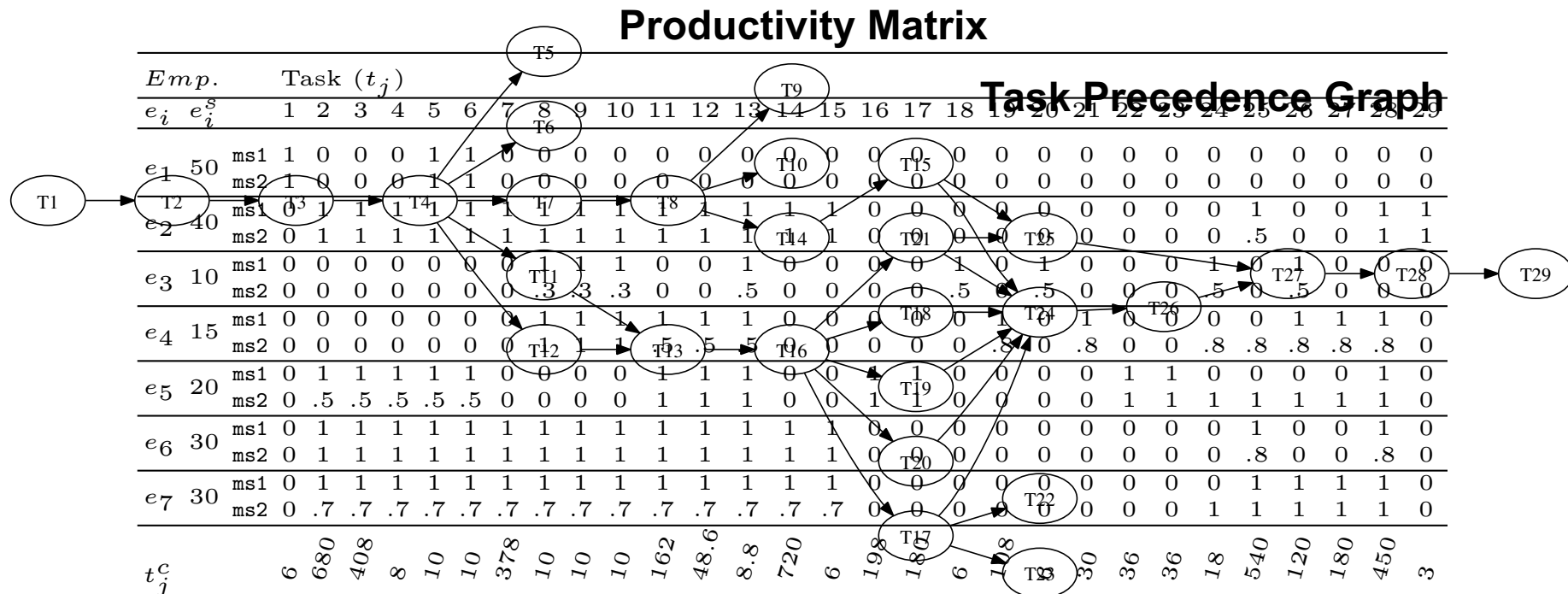
### MOCeII

- Cellular GA + External archive
- Ranking & Crowding from NSGA-II

# Experiments: Instances

## Problem instances

- 2 instances based on a MS Project repository real example: ms1 and ms2





# Experiments: Algorithm-Specific Parameters

## NSGAII

Population: 100

Binary  
tournament

DPX ( $p_c=0.9$ )

Uniform mutation  
( $p_m=1/L$ )

## SPEA2

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tournament

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## PAES

Population: 1

Uniform  
mutation  
( $p_m=1/L$ )

## MOCeII

Population: 100

Binary  
tournament

DPX ( $p_c=0.9$ )

Uniform mutation  
( $p_m=1/L$ )

# Experiments: Global Parameters

## Global Parameters

- Stopping condition: **1 000 000 function evaluations**
- Approximated Pareto front size: **100 solutions**
- Sampling **H=100**
- **100 independent runs** for each algorithm-instance
- **Statistical tests** for significance differences (95%)
- Representation: integer matrix + real vector + integer vector

# Results: Hypervolume Comparison

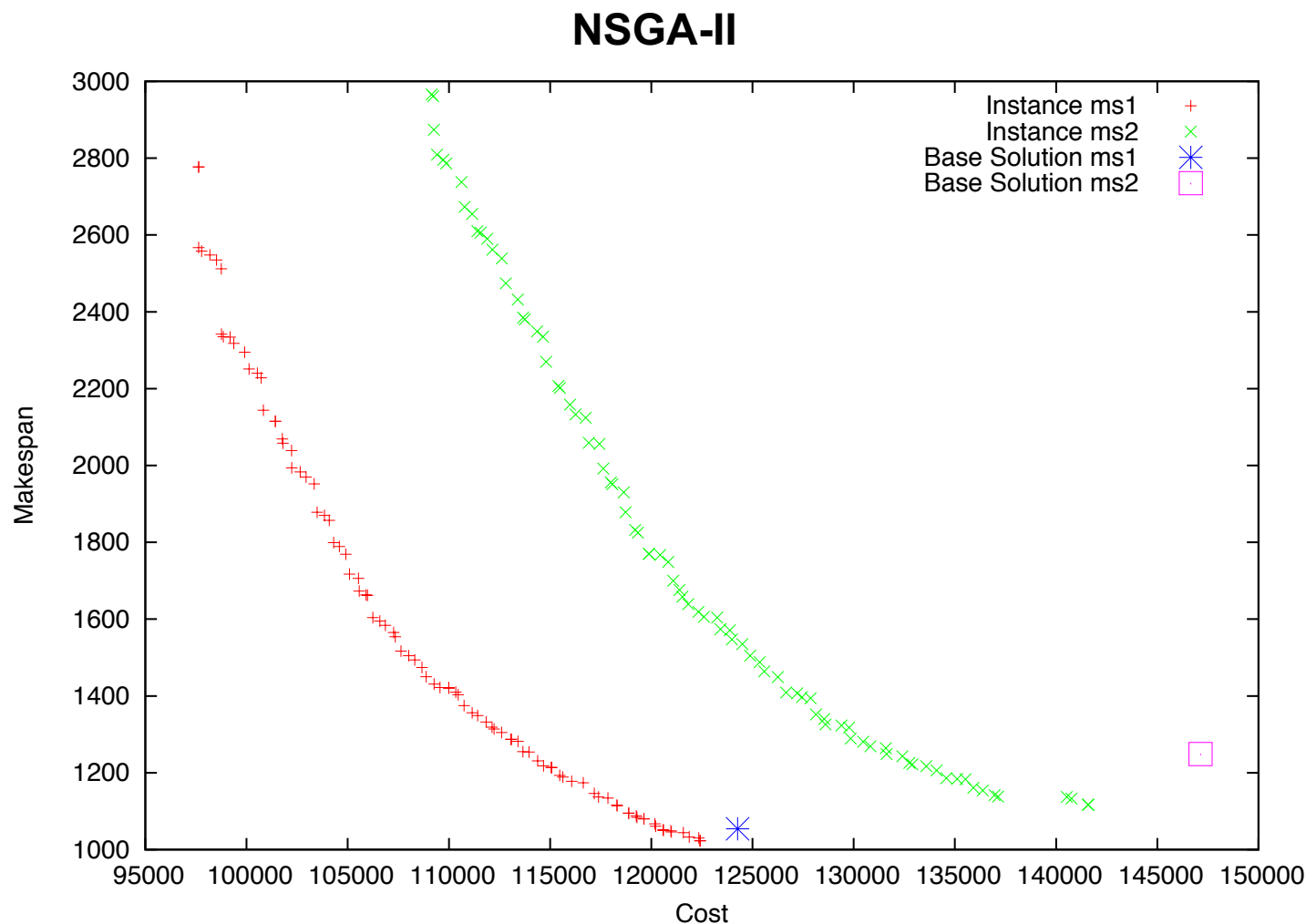
## Hypervolume (HV)

- NSGA-II and MOCell are the best algorithms
- NSGA-II is specially good in robust versions of the problem
- MOCell is good in the non-robust version
- PAES is the **worst algorithm** in the comparison
- Running time between 2.5 and 5 minutes in NR and around 5 hours in OTR and STR

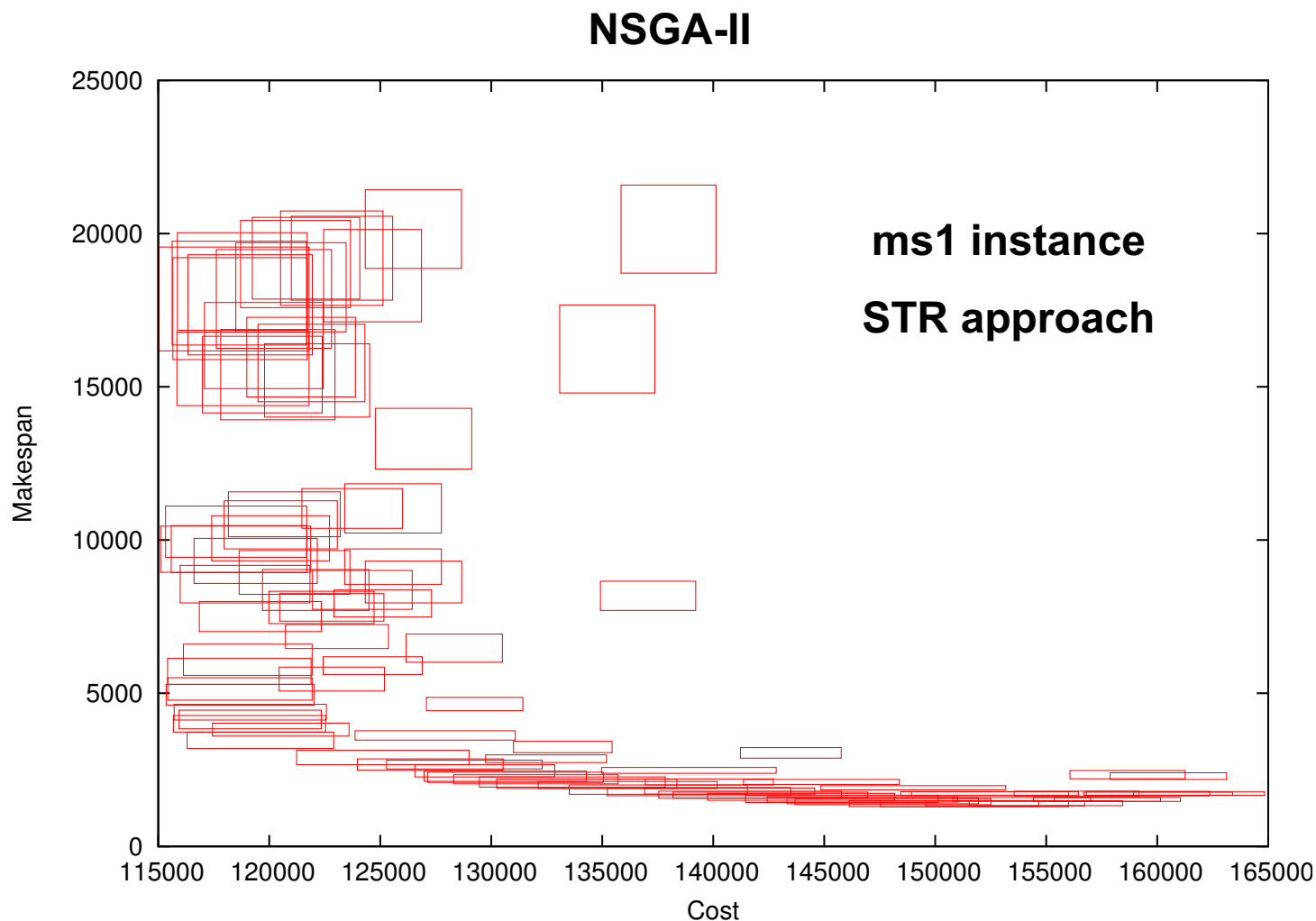
### Median and interquartile range

|      | NSGAI                   | SPEA2                   | PAES                    | MOCell                 | NSGAI                    | SPEA2                    | PAES                     | MOCell                   |
|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Rob. | ms1                     |                         |                         |                        | ms2                      |                          |                          |                          |
| NR   | 0.943* <sub>0.000</sub> | 0.943* <sub>0.000</sub> | 0.518* <sub>0.065</sub> | 0.944 <sub>0.000</sub> | 0.904* <sub>±0.000</sub> | 0.905* <sub>±0.001</sub> | 0.543* <sub>±0.031</sub> | 0.905 <sub>±0.000</sub>  |
| OTR  | 0.829* <sub>0.027</sub> | 0.807* <sub>0.030</sub> | 0.328* <sub>0.039</sub> | 0.816 <sub>0.032</sub> | 0.738 <sub>±0.025</sub>  | 0.730 <sub>±0.018</sub>  | 0.287* <sub>±0.020</sub> | 0.695* <sub>±0.043</sub> |
| STR  | 0.746 <sub>0.028</sub>  | 0.688* <sub>0.063</sub> | 0.345* <sub>0.036</sub> | 0.742 <sub>0.025</sub> | 0.764 <sub>±0.025</sub>  | 0.717* <sub>±0.030</sub> | 0.387* <sub>±0.032</sub> | 0.769 <sub>±0.022</sub>  |

# Results: Comparison with a (Human) Base Solution



# Results: 50%-Attainment Surface

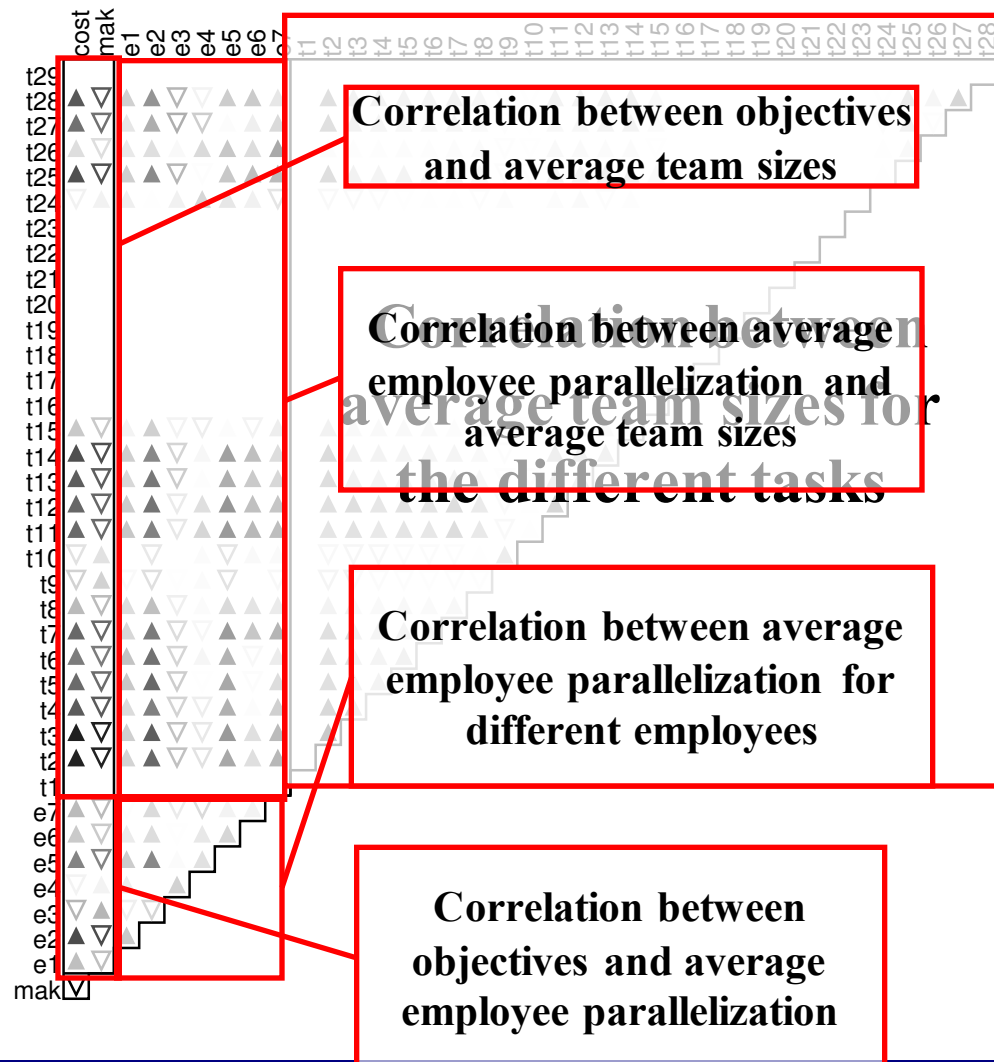


# Results: Analysis of the Solution Features

- **Spearman rank correlation coefficients** of the solutions in an approximated Front

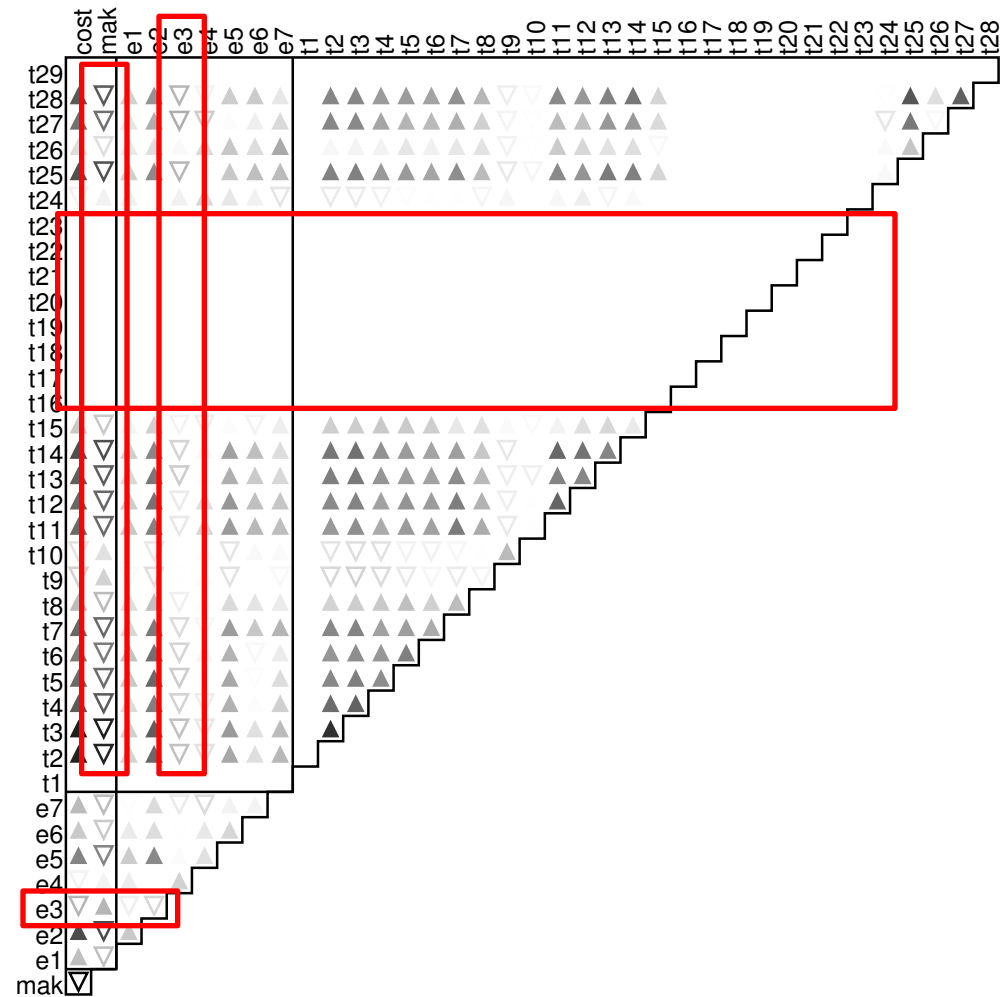
- ▲ : **positive** correlation
- ▼ : **negative** correlation
- Gray scale: **absolute** value of correlation

- An example for an approximated Pareto front of **MOCeII** using the NR approach in the **ms2** instance



# Results: Analysis of the Solution Features

- Increasing the size of the working teams the makespan is reduced
- Employee  $e_3$  is the only one able to perform a task in the critical path
- No correlation is observed in tasks for which only one employee can do the work



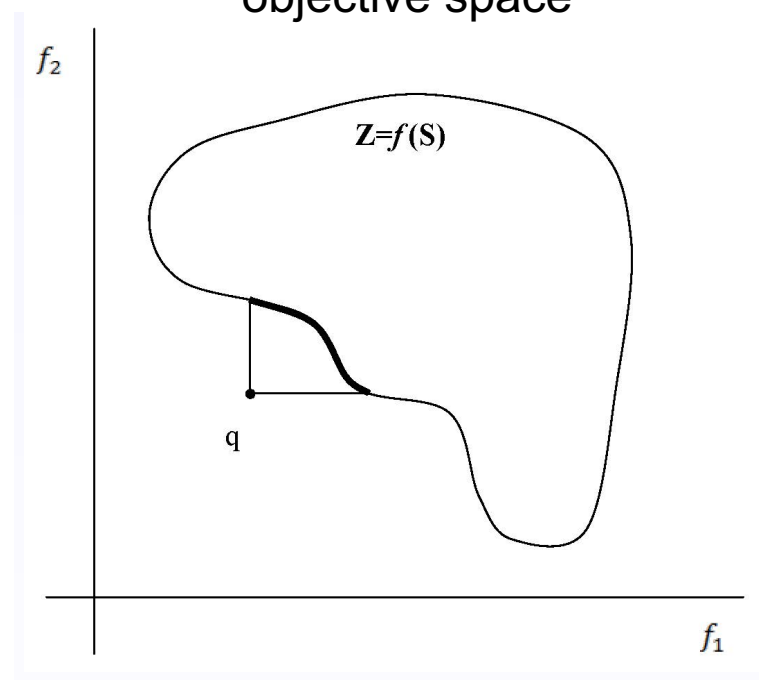
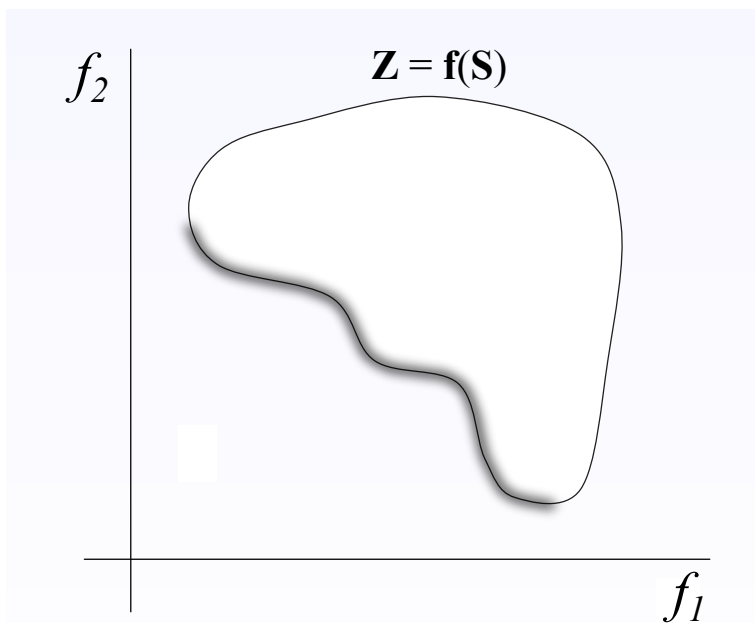
# Interactive Preference- Based Resolution



# Expressing Preferences in Objective Space

- Sometimes the decision maker is not interested in the whole Pareto front...

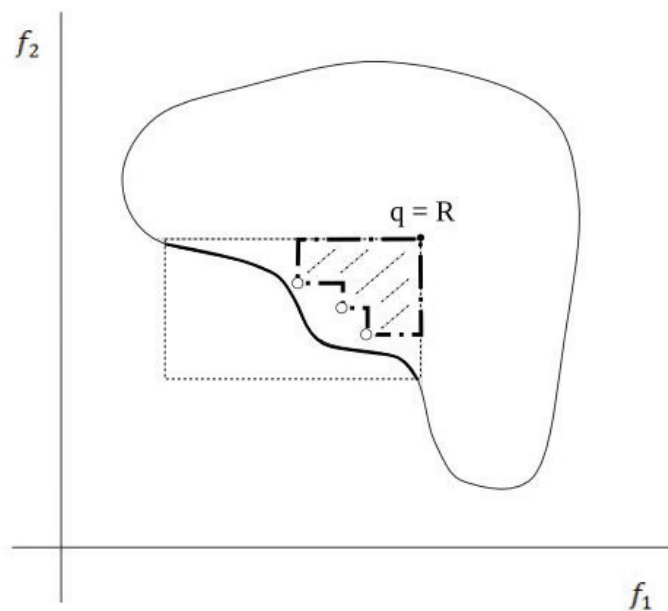
... only in a region of the objective space



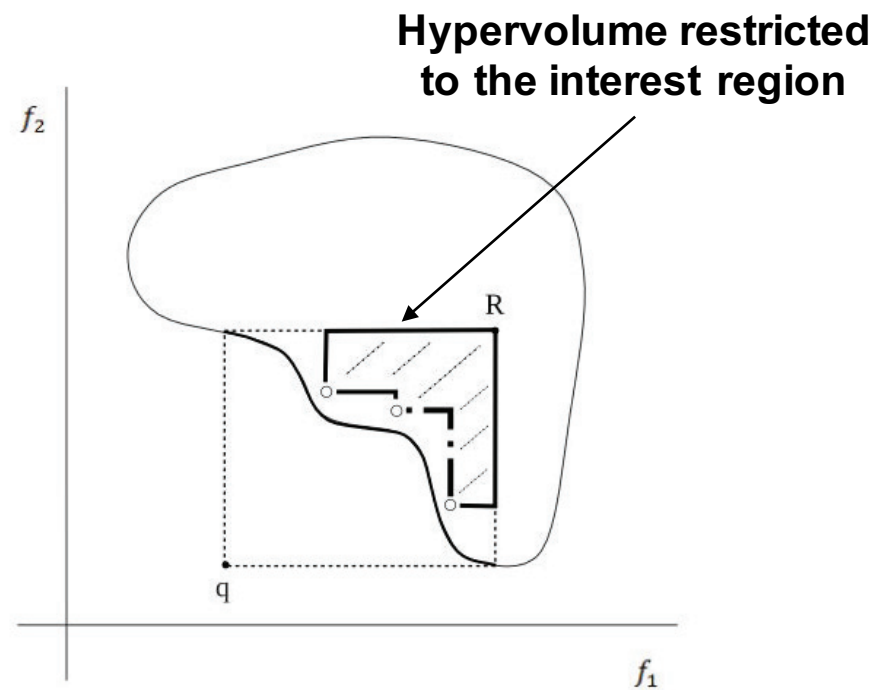
The algorithm can save computational effort if it focuses on the region of interest

# Expressing Preferences in Objective Space

- The region of interest can be determined by a single point in the objective space: **the reference point**



Reachable reference point

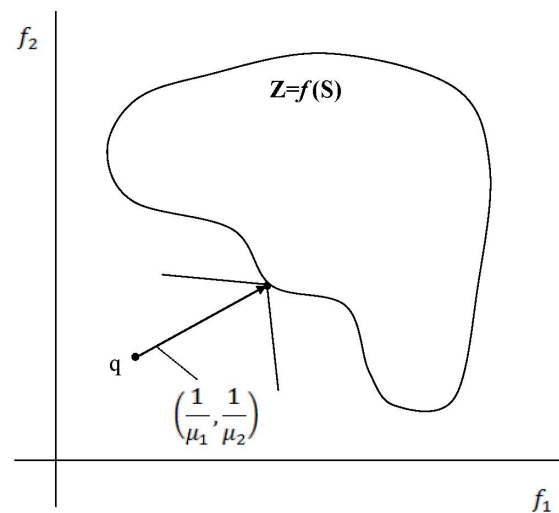


Unreachable reference point

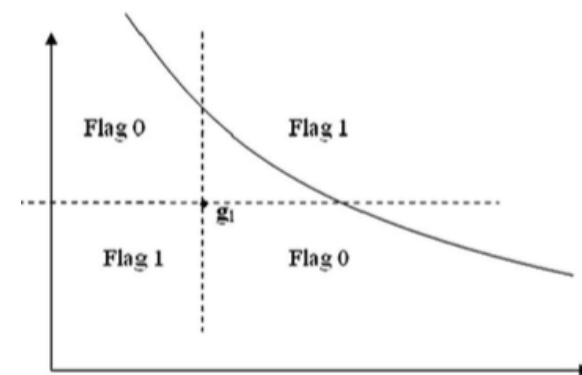
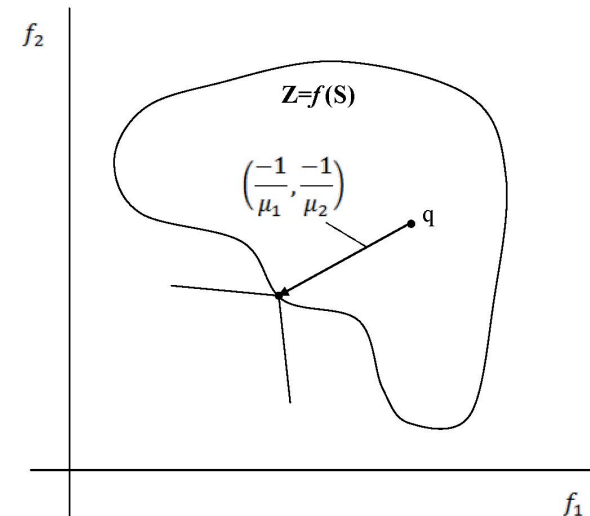
# Algorithms

- Some algorithms to solve the problem

- **WASF-GA**

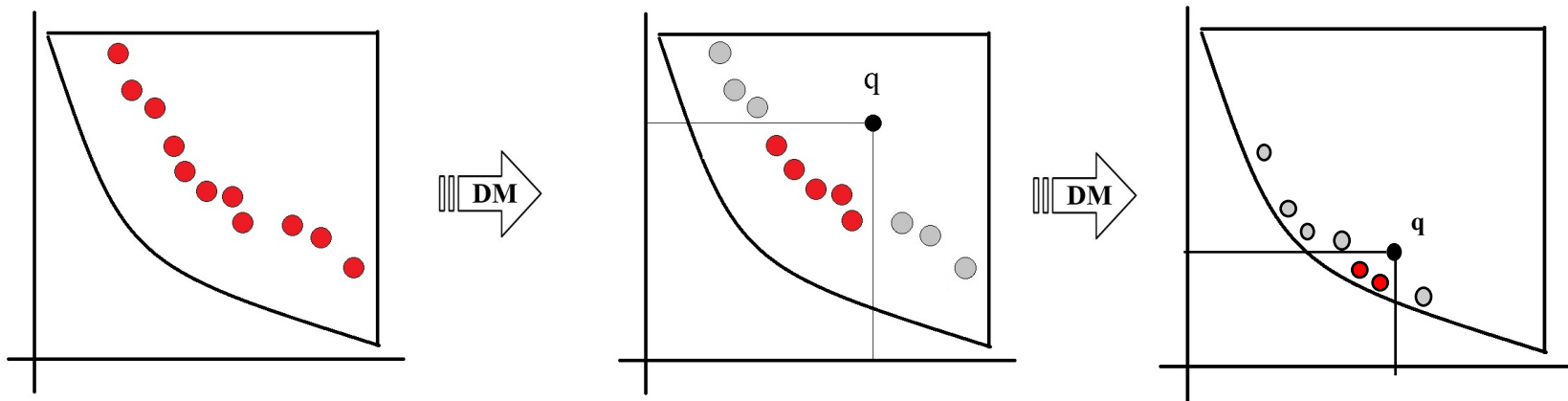


- **g-NSGA-II** (based on g-dominance)
- **P-MOGA** (similar to WASF-GA)



## Interaction with Decision Maker

- If the decision maker is available, he can **interactively guide** the search by defining different reference points

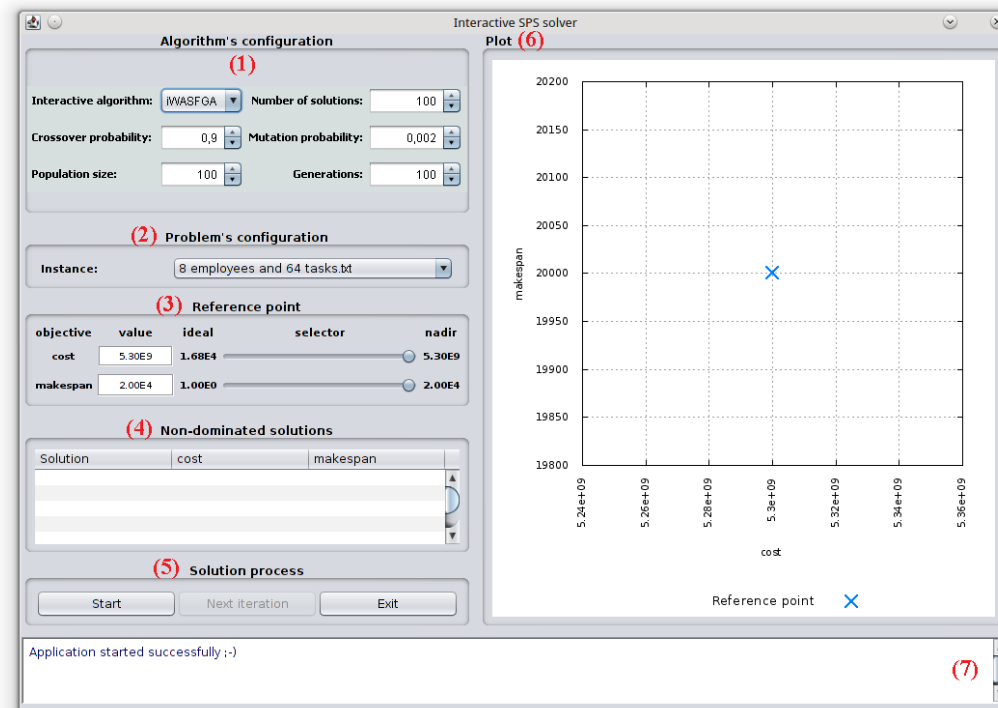


# Software Tool

- We developed a tool for interactive preference-based resolution



Demo



## Concluding Remarks

- Search algorithms are **useful to take decisions** at the management level
- Some published ideas have been shown in this presentation...
- ...but **much more opportunities are waiting for us**
  - New algorithmic proposals
  - More realistic models
  - ...
  - ... **and real data**



Thanks for your attention !!!



# Resultados

## First instances group

| Employees | Hit rate | Duration              | $E^*p_{dur}$           |
|-----------|----------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 5         | 87       | 21,88 <sub>0,91</sub> | 109,40 <sub>4,54</sub> |
| 10        | 65       | 11,27 <sub>0,32</sub> | 112,74 <sub>3,17</sub> |
| 15        | 49       | 7,73 <sub>0,20</sub>  | 115,90 <sub>2,95</sub> |
| 20        | 51       | 5,88 <sub>0,14</sub>  | 117,56 <sub>2,74</sub> |

- **Duration decreases** as number of employee increases



# Resultados

## Second group of instances

| Tareas | Tasa éxito | Coste                   | Duración              | $\rho_{\text{cost}} / \rho_{\text{dur}}$ |
|--------|------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 10     | 73         | 980000 <sub>0,00</sub>  | 21,84 <sub>0,87</sub> | 44944,34 <sub>1720,76</sub>              |
| 20     | 33         | 2600000 <sub>0,00</sub> | 58,29 <sub>3,76</sub> | 44748,12 <sub>2265,24</sub>              |
| 30     | 0          | -                       | -                     | -  |

- La **duración disminuye** al aumentar el número de empleados
- La **duración aumenta** con el número de tareas

# Resultados

## Segundo grupo de instancias

| Tareas | Tasa éxito | Coste                   | Duración              | $\rho_{\text{cost}} / \rho_{\text{dur}}$ |
|--------|------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 10     | 73         | 980000 <sub>0,00</sub>  | 21,84 <sub>0,87</sub> | 44944,34 <sub>1720,76</sub>              |
| 20     | 33         | 2600000 <sub>0,00</sub> | 58,29 <sub>3,76</sub> | 44748,12 <sub>2265,24</sub>              |
| 30     | 0          | -                       | -                     | -  |

- La **duración disminuye** al aumentar el número de empleados
  - La **duración aumenta** con el número de tareas

# Resultados

## Tercer grupo de instancias

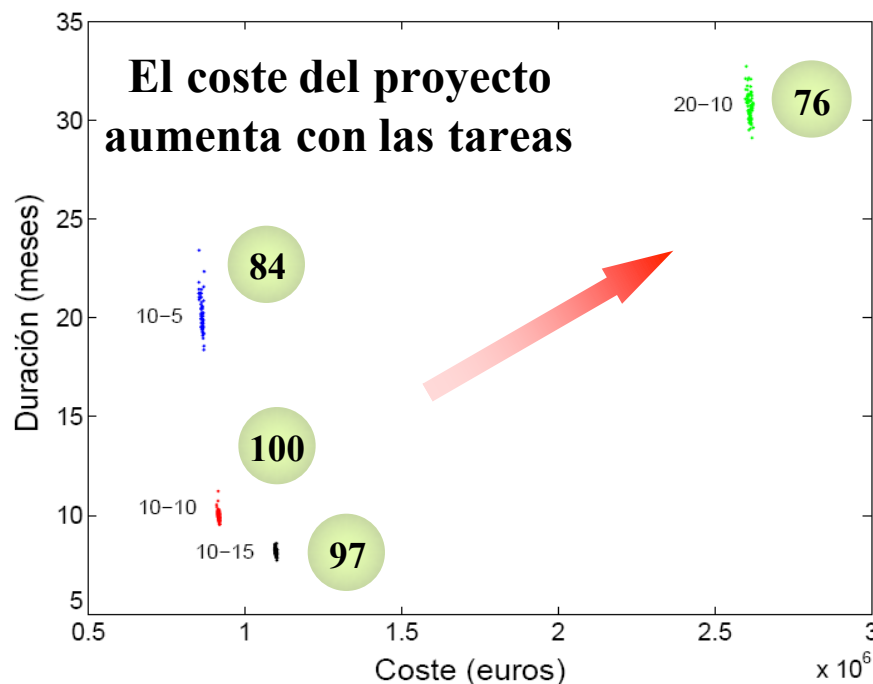
| Habilidades | Tasa éxito | Duración              | $p_{\text{cost}} / p_{\text{dur}}$ |
|-------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2           | 39         | 21,71 <sub>0,97</sub> | 45230,22 <sub>1957,89</sub>        |
| 4           | 53         | 21,77 <sub>0,75</sub> | 45068,66 <sub>1535,53</sub>        |
| 6           | 77         | 21,98 <sub>0,84</sub> | 44651,29 <sub>1593,47</sub>        |
| 8           | 66         | 22,00 <sub>0,87</sub> | 44617,01 <sub>1717,67</sub>        |
| 10          | 75         | 22,11 <sub>1,15</sub> | 44426,93 <sub>2051,03</sub>        |

- La **duración disminuye** al aumentar el número de empleados
  - La **duración aumenta** con el número de tareas
  - **Asignación más eficiente** con plantilla especializada

E. Alba & F. Chicano, Software Project Management with GAs, Information Sciences 177, pp. 2380-2401, 2007

# Resultados

## Cuarto grupo de instancias



**6-7 habilidades por empleado**

E. Alba & F. Chicano, Management of Software Projects with GAs, MIC 2005, pp. 13-18

## Algorithms: NSGA-II

```
1: proc Input:(nsga-II) //Algorithm parameters in 'nsga-II'
2: P ← Initialize_Population() // P = population
3: Q ← ∅ // Q = auxiliary population
4: while not Termination_Condition() do
5:   for i ← 1 to (nsga-II.popSize / 2) do
6:     parents←Selection(P)
7:     offspring←Recombination(nsga-II.Pc,parents)
8:     offspring←Mutation(nsga-II.Pm,offspring)
9:     Evaluate_Fitness(offspring)
10:    Insert(offspring,Q)
11:   end for
12:   R ← P ∪ Q
13:   Ranking_And_Crowding(nsga-II, R)
14:   P ← Select_Best_Individuals(nsga-II, R)
15: end while
16: end_proc
```

# Algorithms: PAES

```
1: proc Input:(paes)      //Algorithm parameters in ‘paes’
2: archive  $\leftarrow \emptyset$ 
3: currentSolution  $\leftarrow$  Create_Solution(paes) // Creates an initial solution
4: while not Termination_Condition() do
5:   mutatedSolution $\leftarrow$ Mutation(currentSolution)
6:   Evaluate_Fitness(mutatedSolution)
7:   if IsDominated(currentSolution, mutatedSolution) then
8:     currentSolution  $\leftarrow$  mutatedSolution
9:   else
10:    if Solutions_Are_Nondominated(currentSolution, mutatedSolution) then
11:      Insert(archive, mutatedSolution)
12:      currentSolution  $\leftarrow$  Select(paes, archive)
13:    end if
14:  end if
15: end while
16: end_proc
```