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# EVOLUTIONARY COMPUTATION

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## Adaptive Differential Evolution

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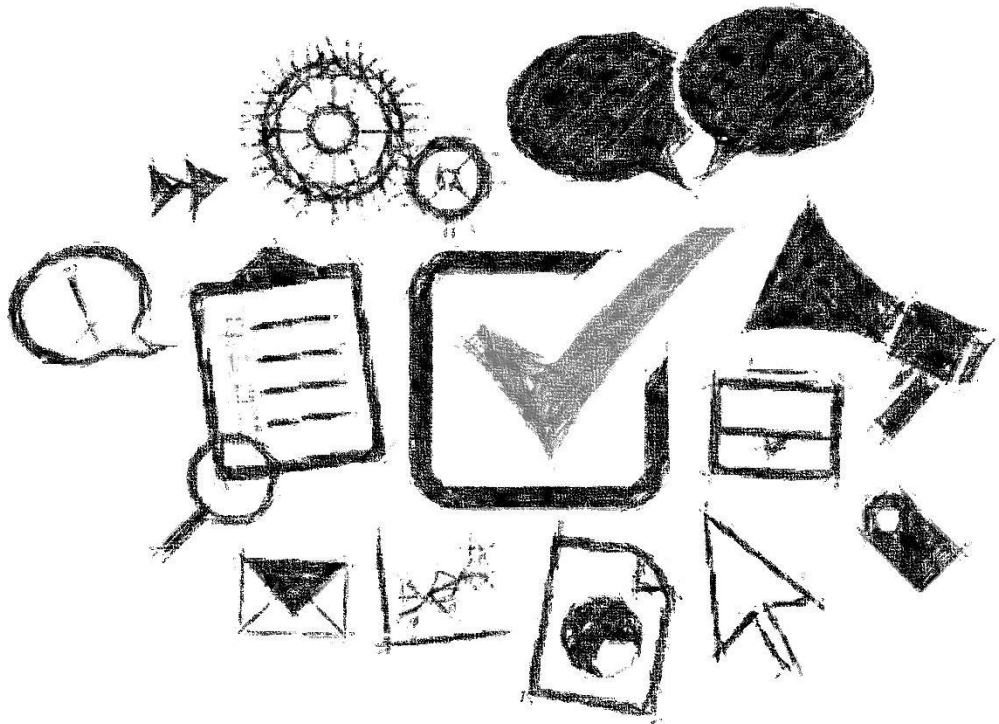
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# TOC

- Differential Evolution
- Control parameter adaptation
- DISH/DISH-XX
- Waste-to-Energy application



# Differential Evolution

- **Metaheuristic optimizer / Evolutionary computation technique / Evolutionary algorithm**
- Rainer Storn & Kenneth V. Price – 1995
- Great for numerical single objective optimization
  
- Given  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{dim}$
- Find a set of parameters  $\mathbf{x}_0$ :
- $f(\mathbf{x}_0) \leq f(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $\forall \mathbf{x} \in A$
  
- 1. Generate random set of solutions (**first generation**)
- 2. While stopping criteria not met do
  1. Use **mutation** and **crossover** operators to produce candidate solutions
  2. Select better one from the target and candidate solutions for the next generation
- 3. Return best-found solution

# Control parameters

1. **Population size –  $NP$**
  2. **Scaling factor –  $F$**
  3. **Crossover rate –  $CR$**
- User-dependent algorithm setting
  - Optimization performance – massively influenced
  - “No free lunch” theorem

# Population

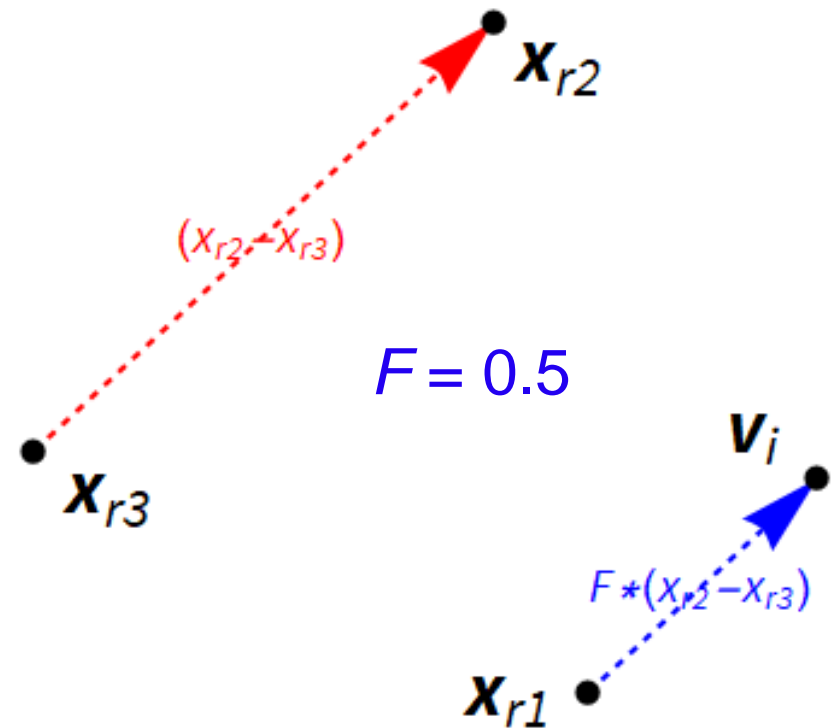
## 1. Population size – $NP$

- Range – [4, inf]
- Smaller population => more generations
- Larger population => better search space coverage



# Mutation operator

- Example: rand/1
- $\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{x}_{r1} + F \cdot (\mathbf{x}_{r2} - \mathbf{x}_{r3})$ 
  - $i \neq r1 \neq r2 \neq r3$
- 2. **Scaling factor –  $F$** 
  - Usual range [0, 2]



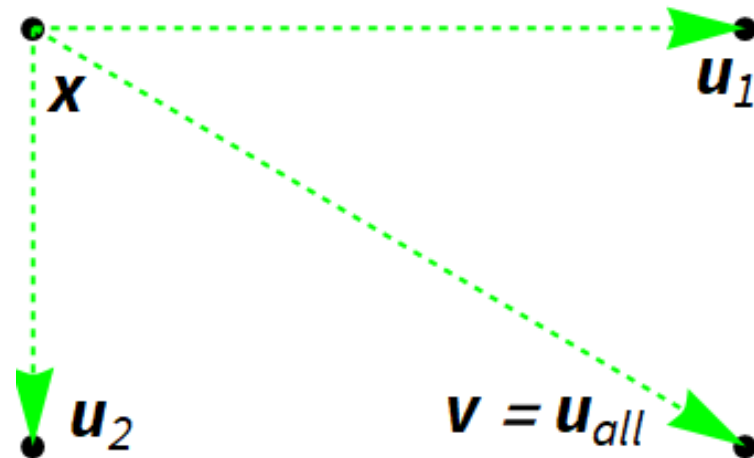
# Crossover operator

- Example: binomial

$$u_{j,i} = \begin{cases} v_{j,i} & \text{if } U[0,1] \leq CR \text{ or } j = j_{rand} \\ x_{j,i} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

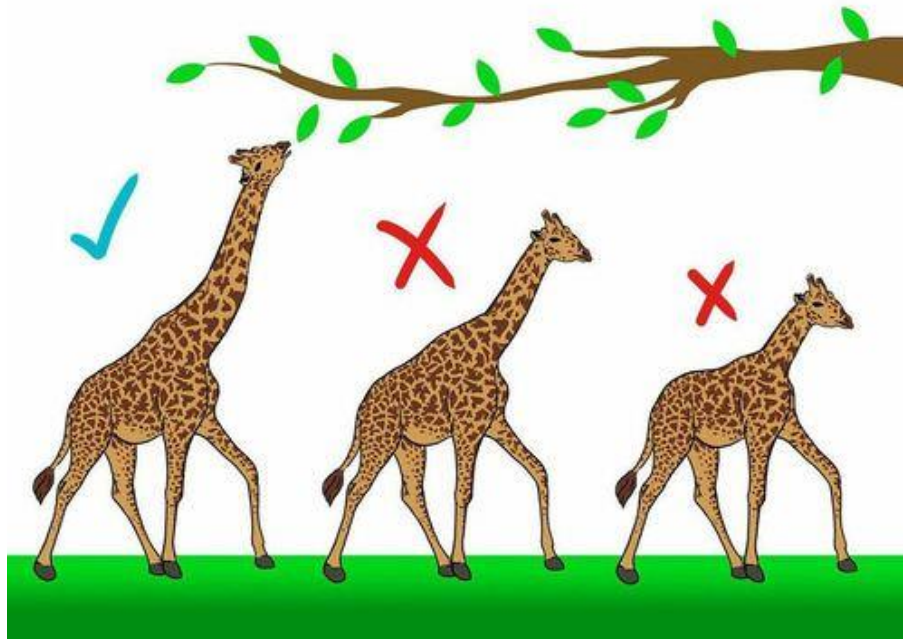
### 3. Crossover rate – CR

- Range [0, 1]



# Selection

- Target vs. candidate solution
- $\mathbf{x}_i$  vs.  $\mathbf{u}_i$
- If  $f(\mathbf{u}_i) \leq f(\mathbf{x}_i)$  then  $\mathbf{u}_i$  goes to the next generation.





# Control parameter adaptation

- “The answer to practitioners prayers.”
- **Deterministic / Adaptive / Self-adaptive**
- Relatively easy for  $F$  and  $CR$
- Not so easy for  $NP$
- Usual practice
  - Find out what worked in the past ( $F$  and  $CR$ ) and try similar values – **Adaptive**
  - Start with big population and gradually decrease its size – **Deterministic**

# DISH timeline

What	How	When	IEEE CEC comp
DE	Original	1995	-
JADE	Current-to- <i>p</i> best/1	2009	-
SHADE	Historical memories	2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> (2013)
L-SHADE	Linear decrease of population size	2014	1 <sup>st</sup> (2014)
iL-SHADE	Optimization phase <i>F</i> and <i>CR</i> update	2016	4 <sup>th</sup> (2016)
<b>Distance based parameter adaptation</b>	<b>Redefined success</b>	<b>2017</b>	-
jSO	Current-to- <i>p</i> best-w/1	2017	2 <sup>nd</sup> (2017)
<b>DISH</b>	<b>Distance adaptation for jSO</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> (2019)</b>
<b>DISH-XX</b>	<b>Double crossover</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>? (2020)</b>

Table 1. DISH history overview.

# WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITY PLACEMENT

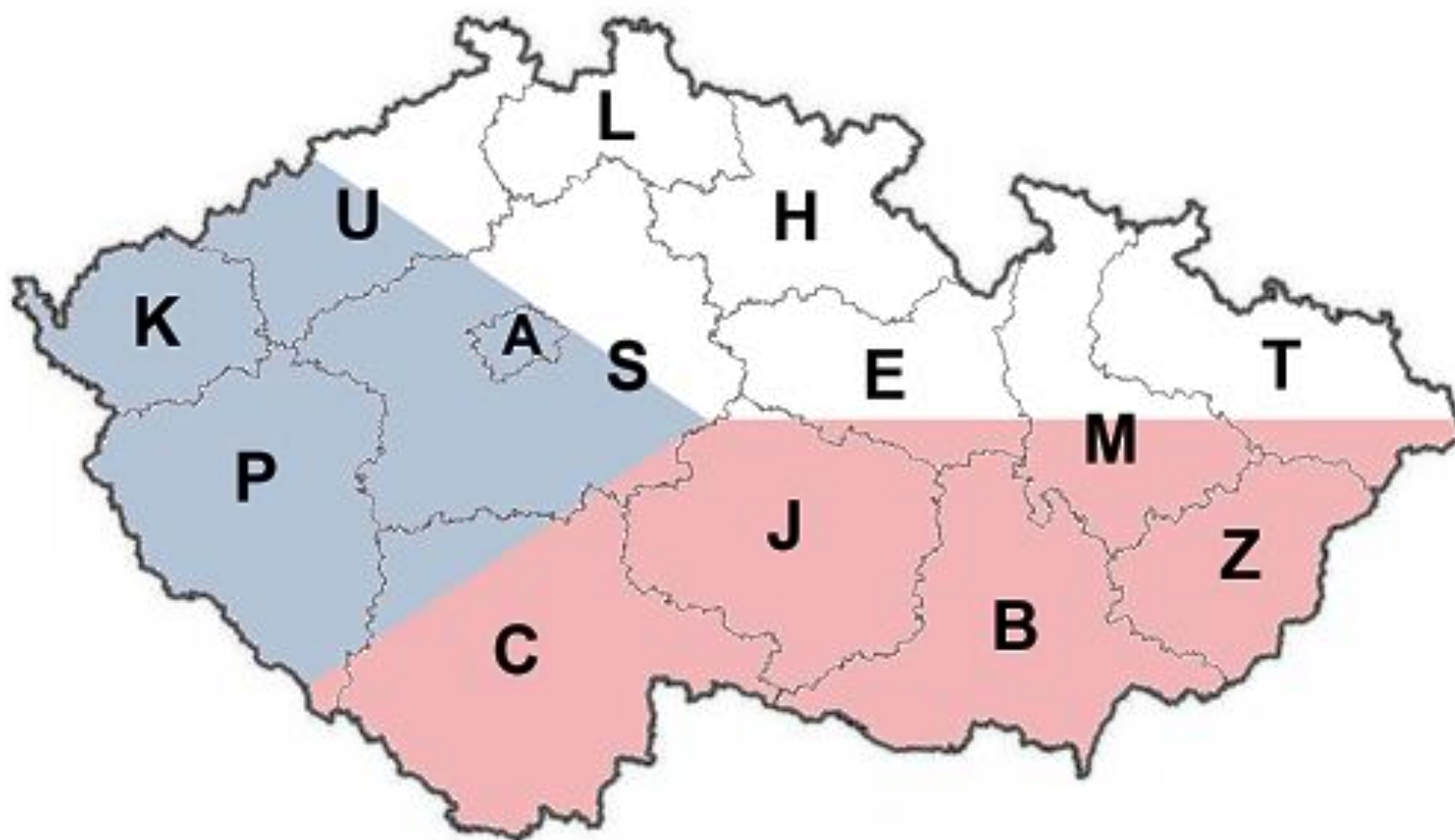
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Application example

# Czech Republic



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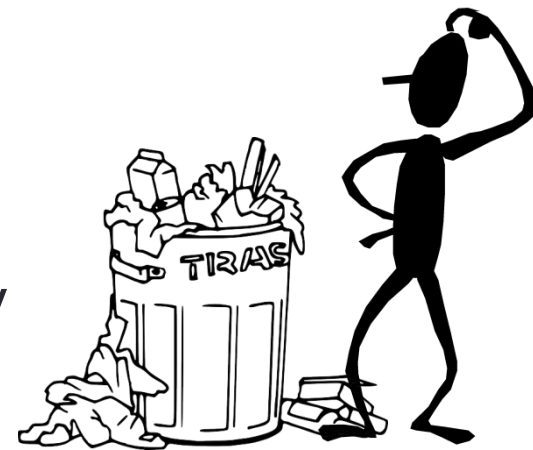


# Application

- Waste-to-Energy facilities in Czech Republic
- **Waste production (2018)** **3.20 Mt**
- **Used for energy recovery (~23%)** **0.75 Mt**
- **The rest** **landfills**
  
- **Facility optimization (placement, capacity, producers)**
- Mixed-integer non-linear problem

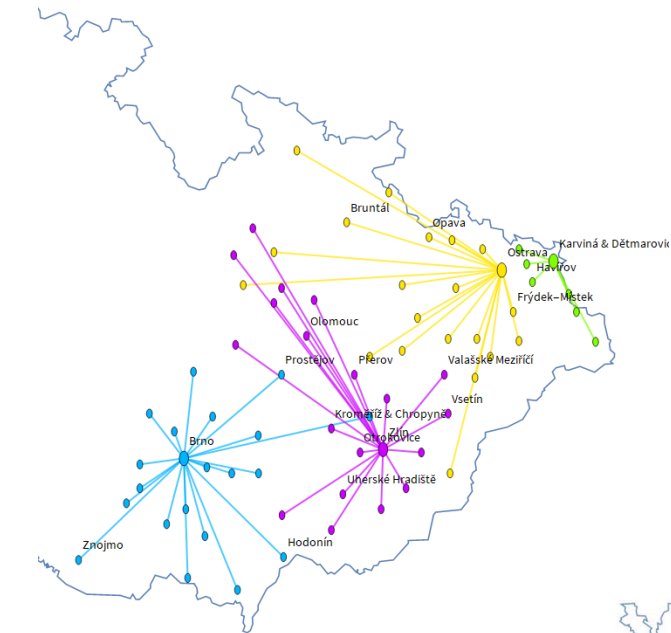
# Scale of the problem

- 4 existing facilities (2 ready for extension)
- 36 possible new facility locations
- Each facility has from 2 to 27 various options for its capacity
- 204 waste producers
- Non-linear penalization for unused capacity



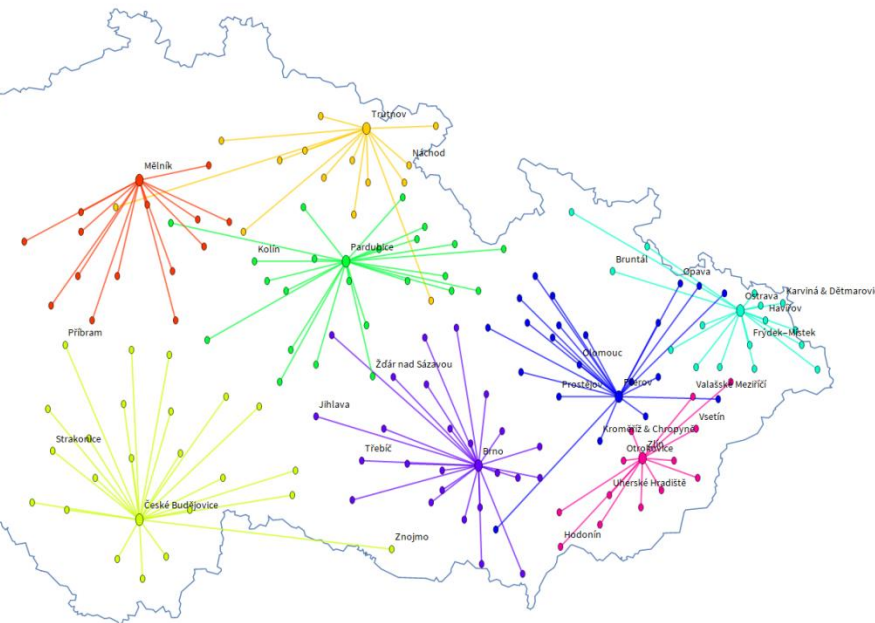
# Facility placement – example solutions

Solved by DR\_DISH algorithm



4 regions

9 regions



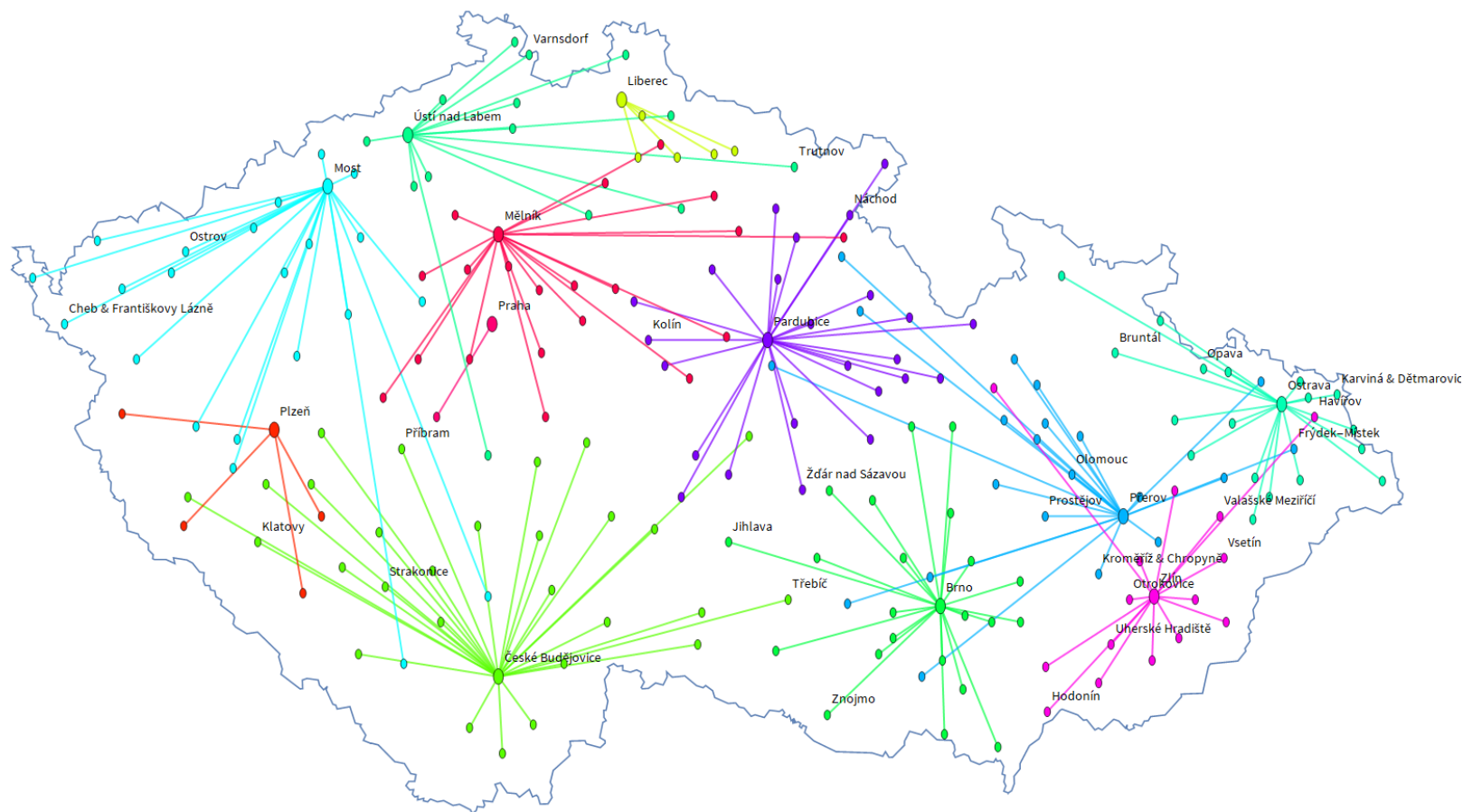


# Comparison to conventional solver

Nr. of regions	Objective function value [EUR]			Computing time [h:mm:ss]		Nr. of fac. [-]	
	DICOPT	DR_DISH	Diff. [%]	DICOPT	DR_DISH	DICOPT	DR_DISH
1	2.10E+07	2.10E+07	0	0:00:04	0:01:48	1	1
4	9.45E+07	1.02E+07	7.94	0:01:15	0:08:22	9	4
5	1.06E+08	1.11E+08	4.72	0:01:39	0:09:46	6	4
8	1.60E+08	1.62E+08	1.25	3:55:32	0:17:09	12	6
9	2.11E+08	2.12E+08	0.47	5:54:08	0:22:21	14	8
10	-	2.42E+08	-	-	0:23:44	-	9
14	-	3.02E+08	-	-	0:40:53	-	12

Table 2. Result comparison between conventional optimizer (DICOPT) and metaheuristic optimizer (DR\_DISH).

# Solution for the whole Czech Republic





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