

Global Optimization of MINLP by Evolutionary Algorithms

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The Optimization Problem



MINLP

Mixed Integer Nonlinear Programming



The Optimization Problem



General MINLP problem:

$$\text{Minimize } f(x, y) \quad (x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{con}}, y \in \mathbb{Z}^{n_{int}}, n_{con}, n_{int} \in \mathbb{N})$$

$$\text{subject to: } g_i(x, y) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m_e \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$g_i(x, y) \geq 0, \quad i = m_e + 1, \dots, m \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$x_l \leq x \leq x_u \quad (x_l, x_u \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{con}})$$

$$y_l \leq y \leq y_u \quad (y_l, y_u \in \mathbb{N}^{n_{int}})$$

- No information on $f()$ or $g()$ available [**Blackbox**]
 → non-convex, no gradients, stochastic noise
- Integers must be integers (no relaxation)



Evolutionary Algorithms



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Key Features of Evolutionary Algorithms

- 1 Evolution: Random Mutations + Survival of the fittest
- 2 Goal: Find a good solution in reasonable time
- 3 **GOOD**: **[Black-Box]** Robust & (Very) Easy to use
- 4 **BAD**: No guarantee & Many Evaluation
- 5 **Very popular**

"optimization algorithm"	gets	<u>1,500,000</u>	Google hits
"evolutionary algorithm"	gets	<u>730,000</u>	Google hits
"numerical algorithm"	gets	<u>390,000</u>	Google hits
"deterministic algorithm"	gest	<u>180,000</u>	Google hits



Evolutionary Algorithms



Evolutionary Algorithms for MINLP

- 1 (Very) young field → lot's of unexplored research opportunities
- 2 Very few software codes available
- 3 Hardly any comparison with deterministic MINLP algorithms

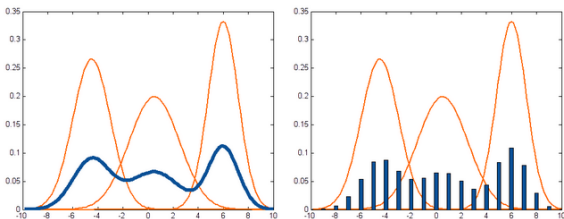


ACO - Ant Colony Optimization



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(or: Stochastic Gauss Approximation Algorithm)



ACO - Ant Colony Optimization



ACO in a Nutshell

- 1 Terminology: Ant = Solution (x, y) & Fitness = Objective $f(x, y)$
- 2 Step 1: Randomly choose a number of P Ants \rightarrow Initial Solutions
- 3 Step 2: Select the number of K Ants with the best fitness
- 4 Step 3: Use Gauss-PDF (on K best Ants) to create P new Ants

Repeat Step 2 & 3

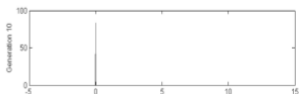
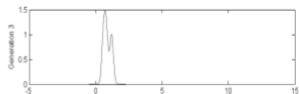
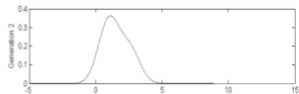
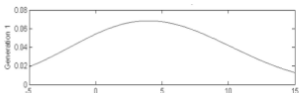
- 5 P stands for *Population* size, P must be larger than K
- 6 K stands for *Kernel* size in multi-kernel Gauss PDF's
- 7 Every Step 2 is called a *Generation* of Ants
- 8 Step 3 can be **(massively) parallelized**



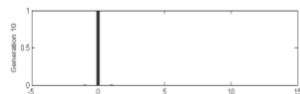
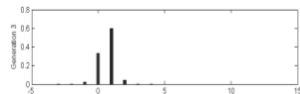
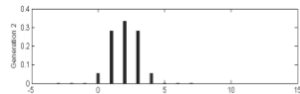
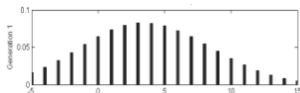
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ACO convergence of multi-kernel PDF's



PDF for continuous x
(Solution $x = 0$)



PDF for discrete y
(Solution $y = 0$)

Oracle Penalty Method



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Oracle Penalty Method



The Oracle Penalty Method in a Nutshell

- 1 **Idea:** Help the algorithm by providing expert knowledge → Oracle
- 2 **Example:** Engineer has an application with currently cost 1000\$

ACO algorithm finds in 1st Generation three solutions:

Solution 1: $f(x) = 2000\$$ (feasible)

Solution 2: $f(x) = 800\$$ (slightly infeasible)

Solution 3: $f(x) = 100\$$ (very infeasible)

Which solution should be further investigated by ACO ?

Static Penalty: Solution 1 is preferred

Oracle Penalty: Solution 2 is preferred



Oracle Penalty Method



What if the expert **has no clue** about the (global) optimal $f(x)$ value ?

→ **Automatic Oracle Update** (MIDACO Default)

ACO Run 0 with oracle $\Omega = \infty$ → solution 1100\$ (feasible)

ACO Run 1 with oracle $\Omega = 1100$ → solution 900\$ (feasible)

ACO Run 2 with oracle $\Omega = 900$ → solution 855\$ (feasible)

ACO Run 3 with oracle $\Omega = 855$ → solution 850\$ (feasible)

ACO Run 4 with oracle $\Omega = 850$ → solution 848\$ (infeasible)

ACO Run 5 with oracle $\Omega = 850$ → solution 849\$ (infeasible)

Overall solution 850\$ found with an oracle $\Omega=855$

The savest oracle is slightly above the global optimal $f(x)$

Careful: Underestimated oracles often lead to infeasible solutions



Oracle Penalty Method



Mathematical formulation of the penalty (merit) function $p(x)$, depending on the oracle parameter Ω

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} \alpha \cdot |f(x) - \Omega| + (1 - \alpha) \cdot \text{res}(x) & , \text{ if } f(x) > \Omega \text{ or } \text{res}(x) > 0 \\ -|f(x) - \Omega| & , \text{ if } f(x) \leq \Omega \text{ and } \text{res}(x) = 0 \end{cases}$$

where α is given by:

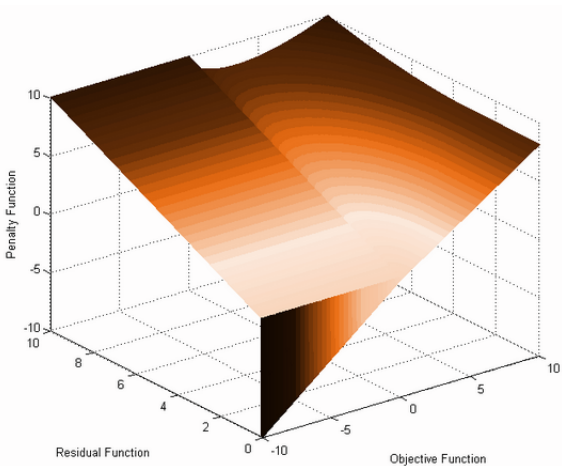
$$\alpha = \begin{cases} \frac{|f(x) - \Omega| \cdot \frac{6\sqrt{3}-2}{6\sqrt{3}} - \text{res}(x)}{|f(x) - \Omega| - \text{res}(x)} & , \text{ if } f(x) > \Omega \text{ and } \text{res}(x) < \frac{|f(x) - \Omega|}{3} \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\frac{|f(x) - \Omega|}{\text{res}(x)}}}} & , \text{ if } f(x) > \Omega \text{ and } \frac{|f(x) - \Omega|}{3} \leq \text{res}(x) \leq |f(x) - \Omega| \\ \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{|f(x) - \Omega|}{\text{res}(x)}}} & , \text{ if } f(x) > \Omega \text{ and } \text{res}(x) > |f(x) - \Omega| \\ 0 & , \text{ if } f(x) \leq \Omega \end{cases}$$

Note that $\text{res}(x)$ is the constraint violation, e.g. L_1 -Norm

Oracle Penalty Method



Graphical illustration of the oracle penalty function for $\Omega = 0$)



The Optimization Software



Mixed Integer Distributed Ant Colony Optimization

MIDACO-SOLVER

Global Optimization Software for Mixed Integer Nonlinear Programming



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Mixed Integer Distributed Ant Colony Optimization

MIDACO is a solver for general optimization problems. MIDACO can be applied on continuous (NLP), discrete/integer (IP) and mixed integer (MINLP) problems. Problems may be restricted to equality and/or inequality constraints. MIDACO is suitable for problems with up to several hundreds to some thousands optimization variables. MIDACO implements a derivative-free, heuristic algorithm that treats the problem as black-box which may contain critical function properties such as non-convexity, discontinuities or stochastic noise. For cpu-time expensive applications, MIDACO offers an efficient [parallelization](#) strategy. The software is available in several programming languages, such as [Matlab](#), [Python](#), [C/C++](#) and [Fortran](#).

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News

MIDACO @ [SC13 Conference](#).
New best solution for [ESA-GTOP](#).
MIDACO gets embedded in [MDS](#).
日本語サポート、公開しました。
New parallelization [application](#).
Python gateway is [available](#).
Parallelization examples [available](#).
MIDACO version 4.0 is available.
New homepage is online.

The Optimization Software



Key features of MIDACO:

- 1 Written entirely from scratch in F77 (7+ Years of Development)
- 2 No sub-solvers or external libraries (e.g. LAPACK or BOOST)
- 3 Written in (blind) reverse communication → portable everywhere
- 4 Language: Excel/VBA, Matlab, Octave, Python, C++, Fortran, ...
- 5 MIDACO 4.0 is designed for up to **1000 variables**
- 6 Suitable for **massive parallelization** (Multi-Core, HPC & GPGPU)
- 7 Very user friendly to compile, execute and operate

The Optimization Software



Some (academic) applications of MIDACO

Area	Application	Author(s)
Space	Interplanetary Space Mission (NASA Galileo)	Schlueter et al.
Space	Space Launch Vehicle (Boeing Delta III)	Schlueter et al.
Space	Thermal Insulation System (Heat Shield)	Schlueter et al.
Space	Satellite Constellation	Takano, Marchand
Electr-Eng	Control of Cogeneration Systems	Pandurangan
Robotics	Optimal Camera Placement	Hänel et al.
Climate	Nonlinear Model Predictive Control	Booij, Sijs, Fransman
Finance	Distance-to-Default	Allugundu, Kumar
Finance	Application of Sales Forecasting	Comas
Bio-Tech	Parameter optimization in Bio-Technology	Rehberg et al.
Telecom	Cooperative Wireless Networks	Baidas, MacKenzie
Navy	Structural Optimization of Submarine Hulls	Wong

List of commercial applications available on request.

The Optimization Software



Please visit: <http://www.esa.int/gsp/ACT/inf/projects/gtop/gtop.html>

GLOBAL TRAJECTORY OPTIMISATION PROBLEMS DATABASE



Benchmark Name	Variables	Constraints	Number of submissions	Time between first and last submission
Cassini1	6	4	3	6 Month
GTOC1*	8	6	2	13 Month
Messenger (reduced)	18	0	3	11 Month
Messenger (full)*	26	0	8	55 Month
Cassini2*	22	0	7	14 Month
Rosetta	22	0	7	6 Month
Sagas	12	2	1	-

* Best known solution found by MIDACO

The Optimization Software



MIDACO holds **1st** and **2nd** record solution on Messenger (Full) [Hardest ESA-GTOP problem]

OBJECTIVE FUNCTION (KM/S)	SOLUTION VECTOR	CREDITS:	DATE:
6.943	N/A	M. Schlueter, J. Fiala, M. Gerds, University of Birmingham (found by MIDACO solver)	19/06/2009
6.404	N/A	G. Stracquadanio, A. La Ferla, G. Nicosia, University of Catania (Found by SAGES Self-Adaptive- Gaussian Evolutionary Strategy)	17/11/2009
6.047	N/A	M. Schlueter, University of Birmingham, M. Gerds, University of Wuerzburg, M. Munetomo and K. Akama, Hokkaido University, S. Erb and G. Ortega, ESTEC/TEC-ECM (found by MIDACO solver)	30/11/2009
4.254	N/A	F. Biscani and D. Izzo, ESTEC Advanced Concepts Team. Found using PaGMO	01/12/2009
2.970	CLICK HERE	G. Stracquadanio, Dept of Biomedical Engineering, Johns Hopkins University, A. La Ferla, G. Nicosia, University of Catania (Found by SAGES Self-Adaptive- Gaussian Evolutionary Strategy)	28/02/2011
2.113	CLICK HERE	G. Stracquadanio, Dept of Biomedical Engineering, Johns Hopkins University, A. La Ferla, G. Nicosia, University of Catania (Found by SAGES Self-Adaptive- Gaussian Evolutionary Strategy)	10/04/2012
2.104	CLICK HERE	M. Schlueter, M. Munetomo (found by MIDACO solver)	17/10/2013
1.983	CLICK HERE	M. Schlueter, (found by MIDACO solver)	11/02/2014

Record Nr. 1 (Feb 2014)	Record Nr. 2 (Nov 2013)
1.983 km/sec	2.104 km/sec
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8 Solution submission over a period of **4.5 Years** → **Very Hard**

Numerical Results



MIDACO comparison with arGA (Munawar et al.)



Numerical Results



Test Setup

- 1 Language: C/C++ (i7 CPU Q920@2.67GHz)
- 2 Number of problems: 8 (maximal 17 variables) → **Toy Problems**
- 3 Number of test runs: 30
- 4 Starting point: Lower bounds
- 5 Stopping criteria: Optimum reached within 1% or 100 Seconds
- 6 Accuracy for constraints: 0.01
- 7 MIDACO Version: 4.0



Numerical Results



Comparison of arGA and MIDACO on 8 toy problems

Nr.	arGA			MIDACO			Speed-Up	
	Optimal	Eval	Time	Optimal	Eval	Time	Eval	Time
1	30	1976	0.21	30	1803	0.0011	1.09	190
2	30	11301	1.38	30	9593	0.0068	1.17	202
3	30	24253	2.87	30	21047	0.0171	1.15	167
4	21	14381	1.48	30	2521	0.0018	5.70	822
5	25	41626	5.92	30	26367	0.0248	1.57	238
6	17	26092	3.21	30	483	0.0004	54.02	8025
7	16	92646	10.86	30	101797	0.1934	0.91	56
8	16	73581	8.55	30	6255	0.0044	11.76	1943
	77%			100%			9.67 1455	

→ arGA solves only the first 3 problems robustly

→ MIDACO solves **100%** about **1500 times** faster than arGA

Numerical Results



Conclusions of Comparison of arGA and MIDACO:

- 1 The arGA development took around **1 Year**
- 2 The MIDACO development took around **7 Years**
- 3 Both are evolutionary algorithms
- 4 Both softwares claim to be "*sophisticated*"

MIDACO is significantly stronger than arGA in regard to robustness, algorithmic efficiency and overall cpu-time performance.

→ There is a great variety regarding the quality of implemenations of evolutionary algorithms



Numerical Results



MIDACO comparison with MISQP



MIDACO comparison with MISQP



Test Setup

- 1 Language: Fortran (i7 CPU Q920@2.67GHz)
- 2 Number of problems: 100 (max 100 variables, 66 GAMS instances)
- 3 Number of MISQP test runs: 1
- 4 Number of MIDACO test runs: 10
- 5 MISQP Starting point: Pre-defined X_0 (mostly GAMS default)
- 6 MIDACO Starting point: Lower bounds
- 7 Stopping criteria: Optimum reached within 1% or 300 Seconds
- 8 Accuracy for constraints: 0.0001
- 9 MIDACO Version: 3.0



MIDACO comparison with MISQP



MISQP

<i>Algorithm</i>	<i>Optimal</i>	<i>Feasible</i>	<i>Eval_{mean}</i>	<i>Time_{mean}</i>
MISQP	89	100	500	0.39
MISQP/bmod	71	100	340	0.20
MISQP/fwd	81	100	396	0.11
MISQP/rst0	69	99	241	0.14
MISQPOA	91	100	1,093	0.65
MISQPN	74	98	1,139	0.17
MINLPB4/bin	92	100	1,787	30.91
MINLPB4/int	88	94	218,881	4.11

Maximal
92 Optimal
(30.91 Sec)

MIDACO

<i>Seed</i>	<i>Optimal</i>	<i>Feasible</i>	<i>Eval_{mean}</i>	<i>Time_{mean}</i>
0	96	99	1,656,979	4.54
1	96	99	3,223,015	9.01
2	96	98	1,673,873	4.20
3	97	98	2,235,463	6.53
4	96	98	2,054,099	6.08
5	97	99	1,485,525	4.82
6	95	99	1,641,648	4.07
7	97	99	1,724,627	5.90
8	95	99	1,120,204	2.77
9	96	98	2,313,829	7.93

Maximal
97 Optimal
(6.53 Sec)

Numerical Results



MIDACO comparison with BONMIN & COUENNE



MIDACO comparison with BONMIN & COUENNE



Test Setup

- 1 BONMIN, COUENNE Language: GAMS (Free Gradients?)
- 2 MIDACO Language: Fortran
- 3 Number of problems: 66 (max 48 variables, GAMS MINLP's)
- 4 Number of BONMIN, COUENNE test runs: 1
- 5 Number of MIDACO test runs: 10
- 6 BONMIN, COUENNE Starting point: Pre-defined X_0
- 7 MIDACO Starting point: Lower bounds
- 8 BONMIN, COUENNE Stopping criteria: Autostop or 300 Seconds
- 9 MIDACO Stopping criteria: Autostop (Value 50) or 300 Seconds
- 10 Accuracy for constraints: 0.0001
- 11 MIDACO Version: 3.0 (all solvers run on i7 CPU Q820@1.73GHz)

MIDACO comparison with BONMIN & COUENNE



Performance of BONMIN, COUENNE & MIDACO on 66 GAMS MINLP's

<i>Solver</i>	<i>Optimal</i>	<i>Feasible</i>	<i>Time_{aver}</i>	<i>Time_{total}</i>
BONMIN	49	64	17.99	1187.62
COUENNE	48	64	40.36	2664.31
MIDACO	51 ~ 62	64 ~ 65	31.41	2072.73

BONMIN: 49 Optimal

COUENNE: 48 Optimal

MIDACO: 62 Optimal



Numerical Results



Conclusions of Comparison with BONMIN, COUENNE & MISQP

- 1 Test problems were in favor of BONMIN, COUENNE & MISQP
- 2 Starting points were in favor of BONMIN, COUENNE & MISQP
- 3 Environment was in favor of BONMIN & COUENNE

MIDACO can **outperform** BONMIN, COUENNE & MISQP on small to mid-scale MINLP's in regard to reaching the global optimum (fast).

MIDACO cpu-runtime performance is competitive.

MIDACO needs much more function evaluation. → parallel



MINLP Space Applications



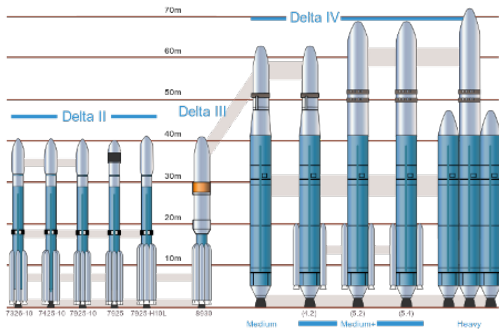
MINLP Space Applications



Ascent of Multi-Stage Launch Vehicle (Delta III)



Ascent of Multi-Stage Launch Vehicle



Boeing Delta Rocket Family



Ascent of Multi-Stage Launch Vehicle (Delta III)



MIDACO has been used to optimize the ascent of a multi-stage launch vehicle. The model was based on a Delta III Space Rocket (Boeing) and the formulation by V. Rao (GPOPS) was considered. The ascent of the vehicle is formulated as optimal control problem of a constrained system of (discretized) ordinary differential equations (ODE's). The number of active strap-on boosters in Stage 1 and Stage 2 is considered to be an integer variable, as well as their manufacturer type.

MINLP problem specifications:

- 1 128 decision variables
- 2 3 integer variables
- 3 127 constraints
- 4 5 equality constraints



Ascent of Multi-Stage Launch Vehicle (Delta III)



Integer Extension

Formulating the type and number of strap-on boosters as variable.
5 Different Booster types. Up to 9 active booster in first stage.

Table 5: Enumeration over all (feasible) booster configurations with $B_1 \geq 6$

Booster-Config.				Best known $f(x,y)$	Booster-Config.				Best known $f(x,y)$	Booster-Config.				Best known $f(x,y)$	
B_1	T_1	T_2	B_1		T_1	T_2	B_1	T_1		T_2	B_1	T_1	T_2		
6	1	1	-6685.71	8	1	1	-6848.21	7	1	1	-6789.90	9	1	-	-6855.30
6	1	2	-6808.53	8	1	2	-6900.99	7	1	2	-6883.25	9	2	-	-7324.23
6	1	3	-6884.45	8	1	3	-6935.36	7	1	3	-6942.60	9	3	-	-7599.88
6	1	4	-6955.92	8	1	4	-6969.11	7	1	4	-6999.74				
6	1	5	-7055.32	8	1	5	-7018.56	7	1	5	-7081.49				
6	2	1	-7075.93	8	2	1	-7297.53	7	2	1	-7213.85				
6	2	2	-7195.10	8	2	2	-7228.32	7	2	2	-7303.58				
6	2	3	-7269.14	8	2	3	-7381.77	7	2	3	-7360.66				
6	2	4	-7339.15	8	2	4	-7414.42	7	2	4	-7415.64				
6	3	1	-7315.13	8	2	5	-7321.22	7	2	5	-7494.50				
6	3	2	-7431.81	8	3	1	-7565.08	7	3	1	-7271.36				
6	3	3	<i>-7504.48</i>	8	3	2	-7614.97	7	3	2	-7556.82				
6	4	1	-7539.17	8	3	3	-7647.50	7	3	3	-7612.70				

Overall best configuration: $y = \{8, 3, 3\}$, $f(x, y) = -7647.5(kg)$

Ascent of Multi-Stage Launch Vehicle (Delta III)



Table 7: 30 runs by MIDACO (max time = 7200) + SQP (max iter=1000)

Run	Booster-Config.			SQP			MIDACO		
	B_1	T_1	T_2	$f(x, y)$	Eval	Time	$f(x, y)$	Eval	Time
1	9	3	1	-7599.88	357908	317.7	-7419.65	3455790	7200.0
2	9	3	1	-7599.88	353114	315.1	-7449.22	3450447	7200.0
3	8	3	3	-7647.50	363366	321.1	-7502.77	3443609	7200.0
4	9	3	1	-7599.88	267022	236.8	-7419.91	3449060	7200.0
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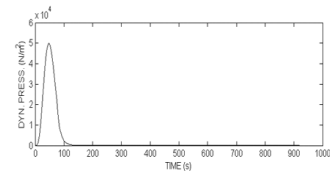
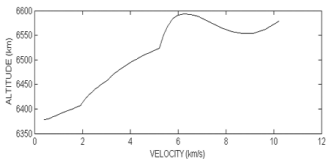
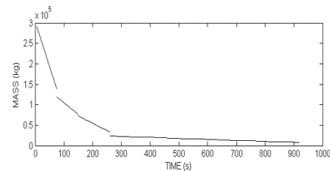
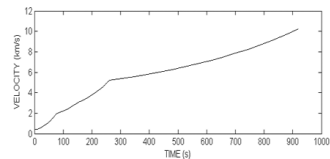
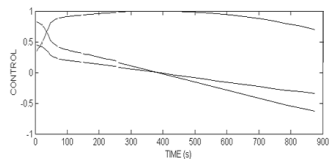
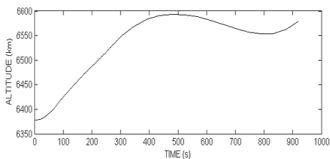
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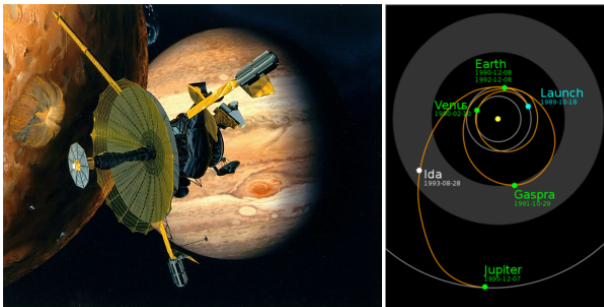
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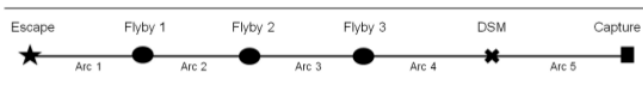


NASA's Galileo Mission (launched 1989)

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Mission Layout (MGA-DSM)



Possible integer choices for Fly-By Planets:

Number	Planet
1	Mercury
2	Venus
3	Earth
4	Mars
5	Jupiter
6	Saturn
7	Uranus
8	Neptune
9	Pluto

MINLP: 21 Variables (3 Integer) & 12 Constraints

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Table 9: Optimization variables x (continuous) and y (integer) with bounds

Variable	Description	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
<i>continuous</i>			
x_1	Launch Date	0 (01 Jan. 1989)	730 (31 Dec. 1990)
x_2	Duration of Arc 1	0 (days)	200 (days)
x_3	Duration of Arc 2	0 (days)	400 (days)
x_4	Duration of Arc 3	0 (days)	800 (days)
x_5	Duration of Arc 4	0 (days)	100 (days)
x_6	Duration of Arc 5	0 (days)	1200 (days)
x_7	Thrust Escape (X direction)	-6000.0 (m/sec)	6000.0 (m/sec)
x_8	Thrust Escape (Y direction)	-6000.0 (m/sec)	6000.0 (m/sec)
x_9	Thrust Escape (Z direction)	-3000.0 (m/sec)	3000.0 (m/sec)
x_{10}	Thrust Capture (X direction)	-6000.0 (m/sec)	6000.0 (m/sec)
x_{11}	Thrust Capture (Y direction)	-6000.0 (m/sec)	6000.0 (m/sec)
x_{12}	Thrust Capture (Z direction)	-3000.0 (m/sec)	3000.0 (m/sec)
x_{13}	Thrust DSM (X direction)	-1000.0 (m/sec)	1000.0 (m/sec)
x_{14}	Thrust DSM (Y direction)	-1000.0 (m/sec)	1000.0 (m/sec)
x_{15}	Thrust DSM (Z direction)	-500.0 (m/sec)	500.0 (m/sec)
x_{16}	Altitude Flyby 1	0.00 ($\sim Alt_{min}$)	1.00 ($\sim Alt_{max}$)
x_{17}	Altitude Flyby 2	0.00 ($\sim Alt_{min}$)	1.00 ($\sim Alt_{max}$)
x_{18}	Altitude Flyby 3	0.00 ($\sim Alt_{min}$)	1.00 ($\sim Alt_{max}$)
<i>integer</i>			
y_1	Planet Flyby 1	1 (Mercury)	9 (Pluto)
y_2	Planet Flyby 2	1 (Mercury)	9 (Pluto)
y_3	Planet Flyby 3	1 (Mercury)	9 (Pluto)

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Table 13: 10 test runs by MIDACO on mission model with 3% sphere of action

Run	Launch	ΔV	Duration	FlyBy 1	FlyBy 2	FlyBy 3
1	6 Nov. 1989	2553	5.88	Venus	Earth	Earth
2	30 Nov. 1989	3310	4.83	Venus	Earth	Earth
3	30 Nov. 1989	3218	4.88	Venus	Earth	Earth
4	10 Jul. 1989	3390	3.97	Venus	Earth	Mars
5	20 Nov. 1989	2890	4.77	Venus	Earth	Earth
6	23 May 1989	2759	5.35	Earth	Venus	Earth
7	21 Mar 1989	<i>infeasible</i>	4.85	Earth	Earth	Mars
8	13 Apr. 1989	3290	4.54	Earth	Venus	Earth
9	30 Nov. 1989	3289	4.79	Venus	Earth	Earth
10	16 Sep. 1989	2684	6.10	Venus	Earth	Earth

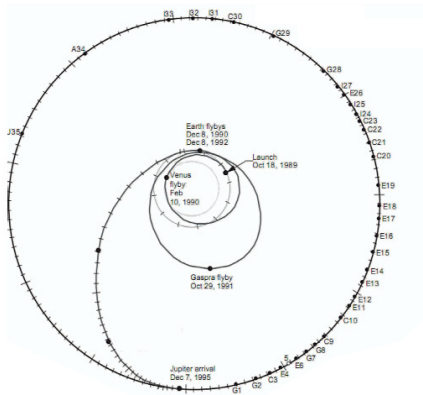
Table 14: Comparison between original Galileo and MIDACO Missions

	Galileo Mission	Mission1 refine 0.5 %	Mission4 refine 0.5 %
Launch	18 Oct. 1989	8 Nov. 1989	6 Jul. 1989
Duration	6.14 Years	6.14 Years	4.15 Years
ΔV	<i>unknown</i>	3,350 m/sec	5,177 m/sec
1st Flyby Planet	Venus	Venus	Venus
Date	10 Feb. 1990	23 Feb. 1990	21 Jan. 1990
Altitude	16,000km	28,901km	3,013km
2nd Flyby Planet	Earth	Earth	Earth
Date	8 Dec. 1990	5 Dec. 1990	4 Sep. 1990
Altitude	960km	473,191km	1,754km
3rd Flyby Planet	Earth	Earth	Mars
Date	8 Dec. 1992	4 Dec. 1992	31 Dec. 1990
Altitude	303km	300km	39km

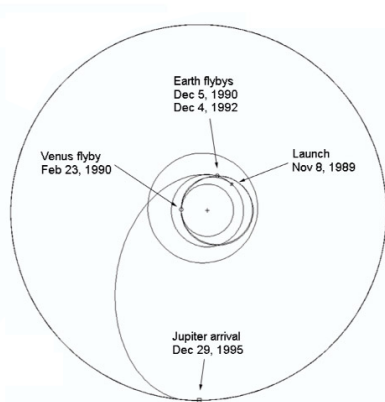
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Comparison of original Galileo Trajectory and MIDACO Mission1



Galileo



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Conclusions



With MIDACO as a representative of evolutionary algorithms, it was shown:

- 1 Evo. alg. for MINLP is a new field, worth of investigation
- 2 Evo. alg. can often find the global optimum fast(er)
- 3 Evo. alg. need many function evaluation → **Not if parallelized!**
- 4 MIDACO is (probably) the **strongest** evolutionary MINLP software
- 5 MIDACO holds **1st** (and 2nd) record on **hardest ESA benchmark.**



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