

Planning and Acting in Incomplete Domains

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Motivation



Bootstrap Learning
Instruction-based Computing

- Train Agents cheaply
- Perfect Knowledge Engineering is Costly
- Plan and Act with Incomplete Domain Knowledge
- Focus on Incomplete Actions, but complete set of Propositions

Anatomy of an Incomplete Domain

- STRIPS: (P,A,I,G)
 - P: Set of propositions
 - A: Incomplete Actions
 - Known: Preconditions, Adds, Deletes
 - Possible: Preconditions, Adds, Deletes
 - Impossible: Preconditions, Adds, Deletes
 - I: Initial State
 - G: Goal

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Plan Semantics

- Optimistic:
 - Ignore possible preconditions and deletes.
 - Keep possible adds.
- Pessimistic:
 - Assume possible preconditions and deletes.
 - Ignore possible adds.
- Cautiously Optimistic:
 - Don't assume anything
 - Count models under which plan succeeds

Synthesizing Plans

- Optimistic/Pessimistic
 - Translate Instance to STRIPS instance
 - Use favorite classical planner
- Cautiously Optimistic
 - Translate to Conformant Planning
 - Use favorite Conformant Planner (count models)
 - Default Planner
 - Count models
 - Count failure diagnoses

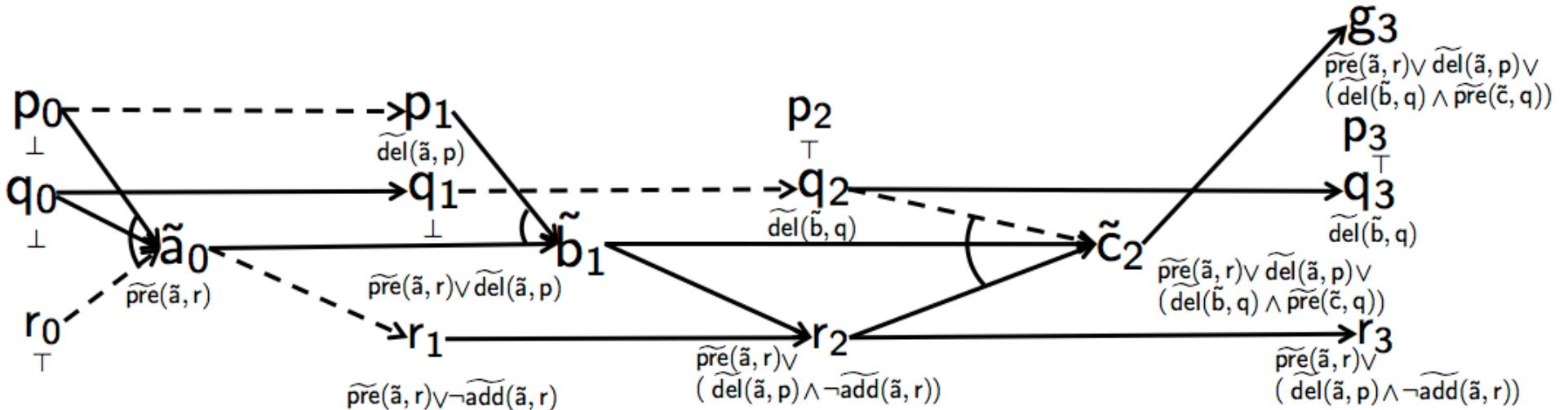
Conformant Planning

- Action Incompleteness → State Incompleteness
 - New propositions (e.g., $\text{pre}(a,p)$, $\text{add}(b,q)$, ...)
 - Initial Belief State (e.g., $\text{unknown}(\text{pre}(a,p))$)
 - Condition each effect on incompleteness
 - $\neg \text{pre}(a,p), r, s \Rightarrow g$
 - $\text{pre}(a,p), p, r, s \Rightarrow g$
 - $\text{add}(b,q), m, n \Rightarrow q$
- Must be Conformant Probabilistic to count (weighted) models
 - Conformant Non-deterministic requires strong plans

DeFault

- Extend [Garland and Lesh, AAAI02] and [Robertson and Bryce, HDIP09] from single fault to multi-fault.
- Foundations in Model-Based Diagnosis [Reiter, AIJ87] and Assumption-Based Truth Maintenance Systems [de Kleer AIJ86].

Plan Failure Explanations



Propositions = { p, q, r, g }

Incomplete Actions = { a, b, c }

Initial State = { p, q }

Goal = { g }

Incomplete Features = { $\text{pre}(a, r), \text{add}(a, r), \text{del}(a, p), \text{del}(b, q), \text{pre}(c, q)$ }

Complete Features: $\text{pre}(a) = \{p, q\}$;

$\text{pre}(b) = \{r\}, \text{add}(b) = \{r\}$;

$\text{pre}(c) = \{r\}, \text{add}(c) = \{g\}$.

State Sequence: ($s_0 = \{p, q\}, s_1 = \{p, q, r\}, s_2 = \{q, r\}, s_3 = \{q, r, g\}$)

Propagating Failure Explanations

$$d(\tilde{a}_t) = d(\tilde{a}_{t-1}) \vee \bigvee_{p \in \text{pre}(\tilde{a})} d(p_t) \vee \bigvee_{p \in \widetilde{\text{pre}}(\tilde{a}_t)} (d(p_t) \wedge \widetilde{\text{pre}}(\tilde{a}_t, p))$$

$$d(p_{t+1}) = \begin{cases} d(p_t) \wedge d(\tilde{a}_t) & : p \in \text{add}(\tilde{a}_t) \\ d(p_t) \wedge (d(\tilde{a}_t) \vee \neg \widetilde{\text{add}}(\tilde{a}_t, p)) & : p \in \widetilde{\text{add}}(\tilde{a}_t) \\ \top & : p \in \text{del}(\tilde{a}_t) \\ d(p_t) \vee \widetilde{\text{del}}(\tilde{a}_t, p) & : p \in \widetilde{\text{del}}(\tilde{a}_t) \\ d(p_t) & : \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Counting Models and Diagnoses

$$pre(a, r) \vee del(a, p) \vee (del(b, q) \wedge pre(c, q))$$

- Propositional Models: 26

- PI1: 2

- PI2: 1

$$pre(a, r) \vee del(a, p)$$

- Propositional Models: 24

- PI1: 2

- PI2: 0

Models (26834 Incomplete Features)

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Heuristics

- Optimistic/Pessimistic
 - FF Heuristic
- Cautiously Optimistic
 - Propagate PFE's, ignore deletes

$$d(\tilde{a}_{t+k}) = \bigvee_{p \in \text{pre}(\tilde{a})} d(p_{t+k}) \vee \bigvee_{p \in \widetilde{\text{pre}}(\tilde{a})} (d(p_{t+k}) \wedge \widetilde{\text{pre}}(\tilde{a}, p))$$

$$d(p_{t+k+1}) = \begin{cases} d(a_{t+k}(p)) & : p \in \text{add}(a_{t+k}(p)) \\ d(a_{t+k}(p)) \vee \neg \widetilde{\text{add}}(a_{t+k}(p), p) & : p \in \widetilde{\text{add}}(a_{t+k}(p)) \end{cases}$$

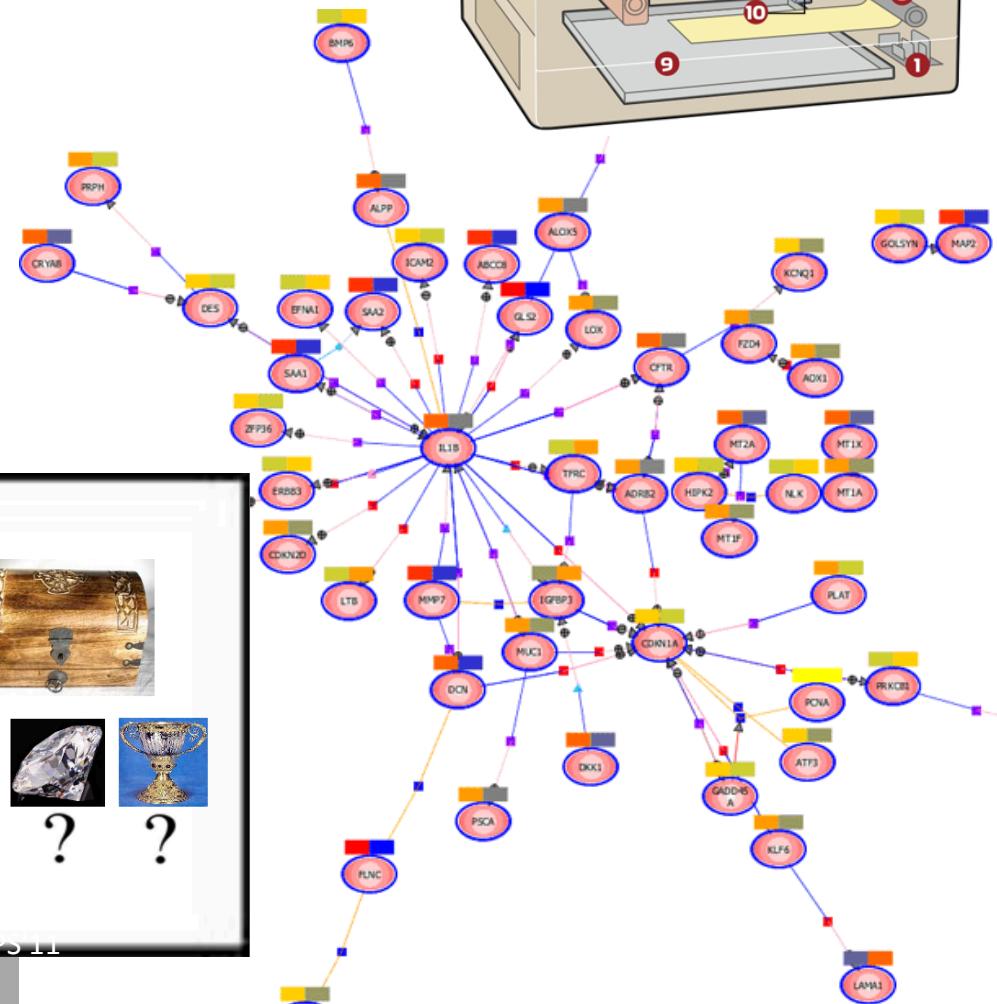
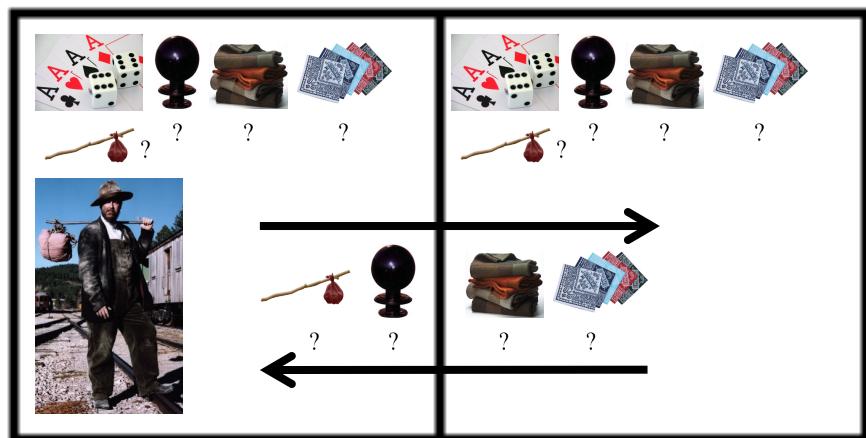
Heuristics Cont'd

- Select Supporting action for each proposition
 - h^M Fewest Models of effect PFE
 - h^{PI} Fewest Prime Implicants (Diagnoses) of effect PFE
- Extract Relaxed Plan using chosen actions

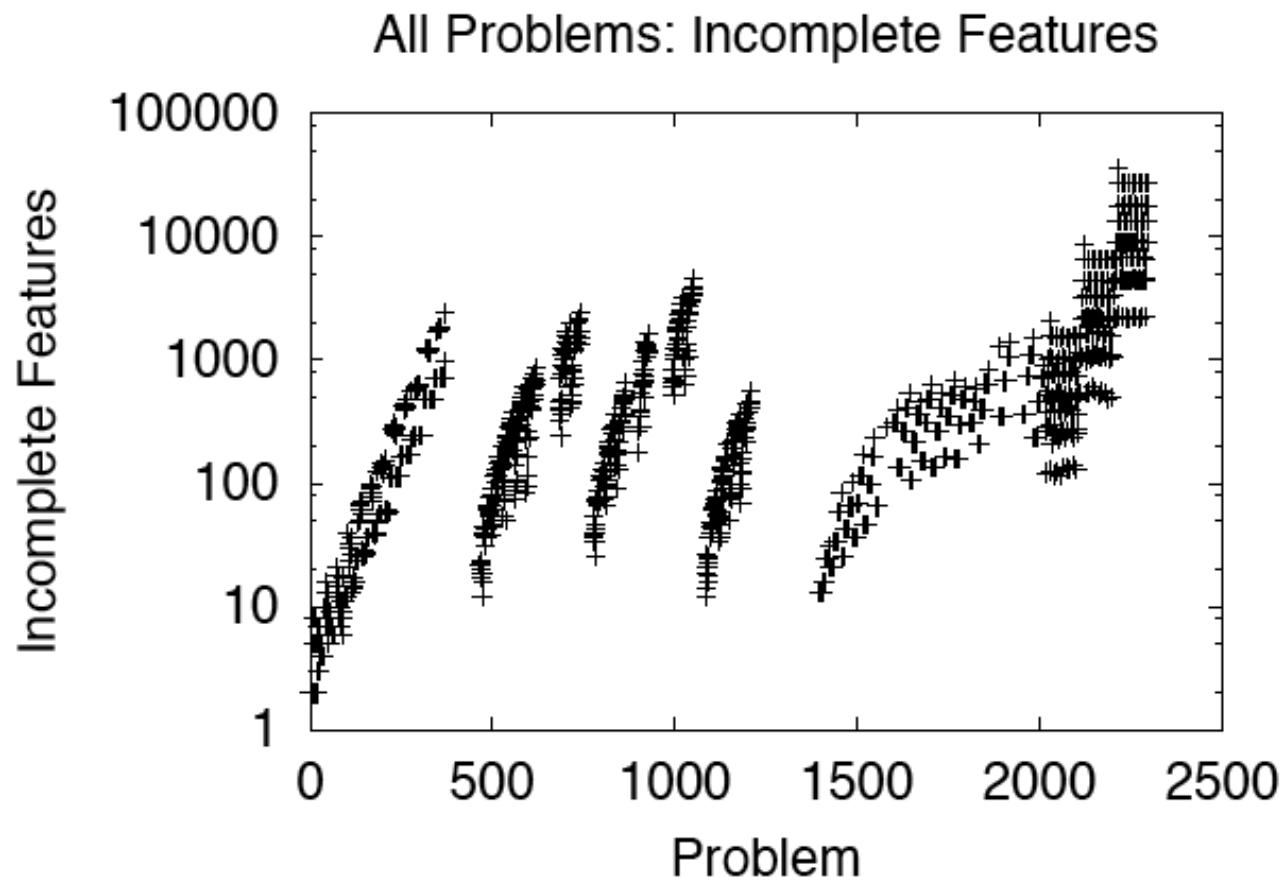
DeFault Planner

- Dual-Queue GBFS w/ Preferred Operators
- Return First Solution
- All code identical except heuristic functions and search nodes
- Compute plan quality after search
- Pure Java
- JDD BDD package

Domains



Incomplete Features



Questions

- Q1: Does reasoning about incompleteness lead to high quality plans?
- Q2: Does counting prime implicants perform better than counting models?
- Q3: As the number of incomplete features grows, does stronger reasoning about incompleteness help?

Q1: Quality

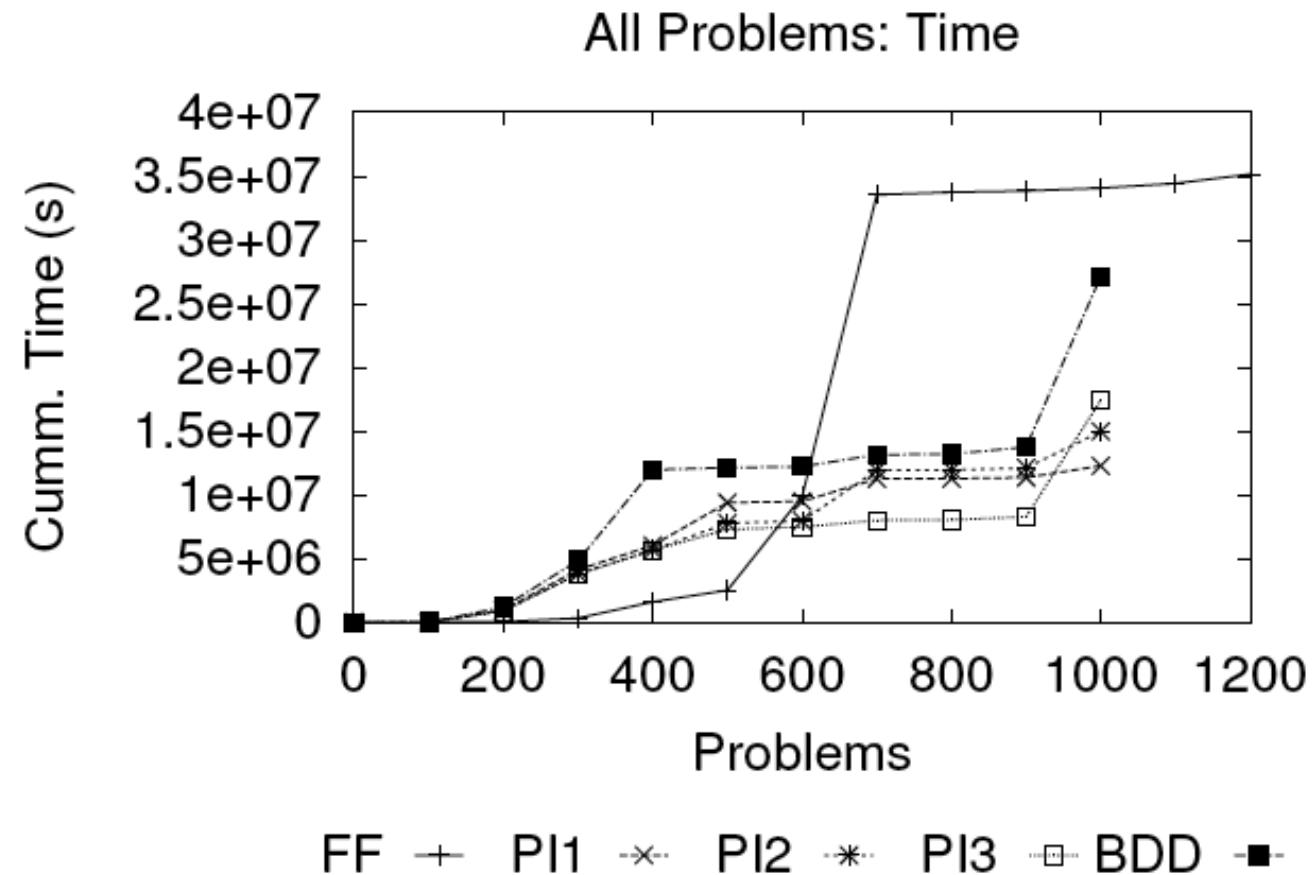
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PI1	603	0	82	80	204
PI2	591	75	0	48	205
PI3	564	59	52	0	194
BDD	494	185	189	186	0

Q2: Counting Performance

Domain	FF	PI1	PI2	PI3	BDD	POND
PARCprinter 0.25	130	83	85	86	80	10
PARCprinter 0.5	130	87	88	87	80	0
PARCprinter 0.75	130	82	83	81	80	0
PARCprinter 1.0	13	10	9	9	8	0
Parcprinter	403	262	265	263	248	10
Barter 0.25	150	106	128	129	108	60
Barter 0.5	150	134	137	134	118	45
Barter 0.75	150	140	138	137	111	27
Barter 1.0	15	14	14	14	11	2
Barter	465	394	417	414	348	155
Pathways 0.25	160	40	40	40	40	19
Pathways 0.5	160	70	60	50	60	13
Pathways 0.75	170	60	50	40	60	12
Pathways 1.0	19	5	6	6	7	2
Pathways	509	175	156	136	167	46

Domain	FF	PI1	PI2	PI3	BDD	POND
Bridges1 0.25	33	19	19	19	19	2
Bridges1 0.5	33	15	15	15	15	2
Bridges1 0.75	32	18	17	17	18	2
Bridges1 1.0	4	2	2	1	2	1
Bridges2 0.25	29	15	16	16	16	3
Bridges2 0.5	31	16	12	12	19	3
Bridges2 0.75	31	13	14	15	16	2
Bridges2 1.0	4	1	1	0	2	1
Bridges3 0.25	36	25	25	25	26	1
Bridges3 0.5	37	22	22	22	23	2
Bridges3 0.75	38	25	25	24	25	1
Bridges3 1.0	4	3	3	3	2	1
Bridges	312	174	171	169	183	21
Total	1689	1005	1009	982	946	232

Q2: Counting Performance



Q3: Counting and Features

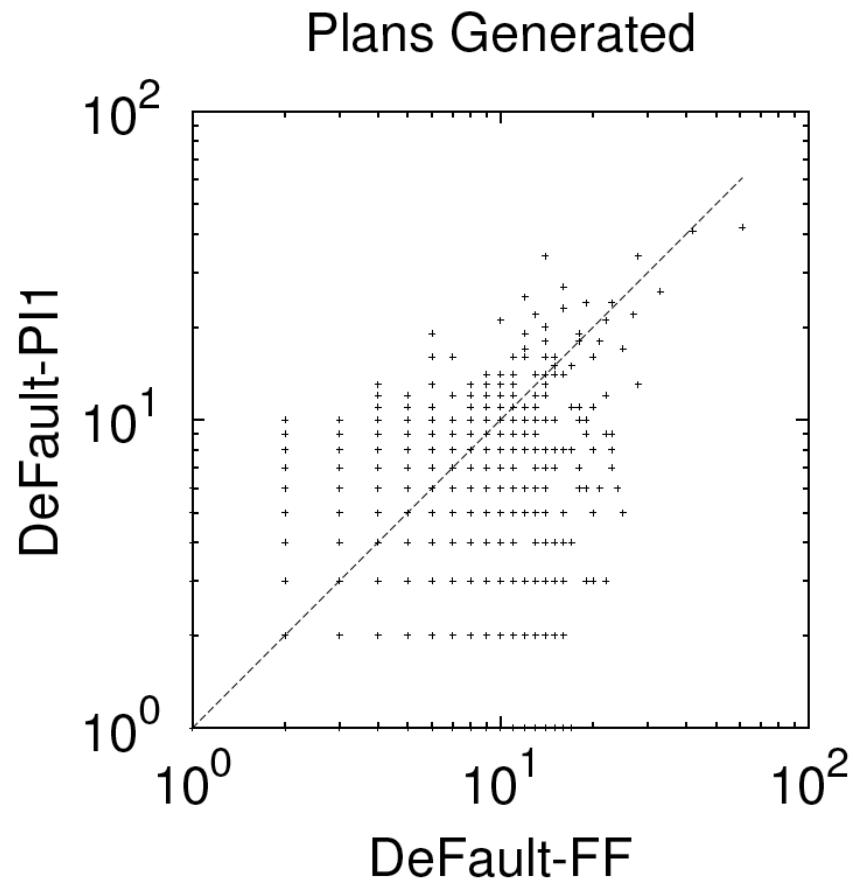
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Bridges2 0.25	29	15	16	16	16	3
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Bridges2 0.75	31	13	14	15	16	2
Bridges2 1.0	4	1	1	0	2	1
Bridges3 0.25	36	25	25	25	26	1
Bridges3 0.5	37	22	22	22	23	2
Bridges3 0.75	38	25	25	24	25	1
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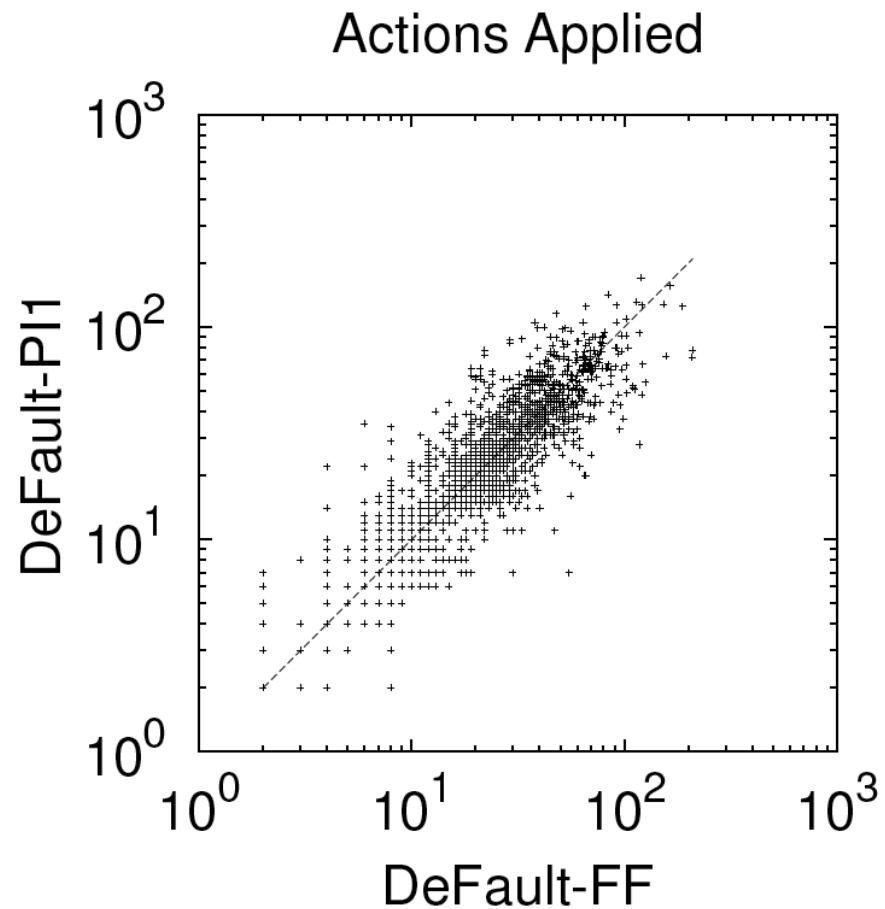
Execution in Incomplete Domains

- [Chang and Amir, ICAPS06]
 - Plan optimistically much like a classical planner
 - Learn adds and dels
 - Emphasizes Compact Filtering
- Goalie
 - Plan with DeFault
 - Learn pre, add, and dels
 - Emphasizes Robust Planning
- Q4: Does reasoning about incompleteness reduce the number of execution failures during execution?

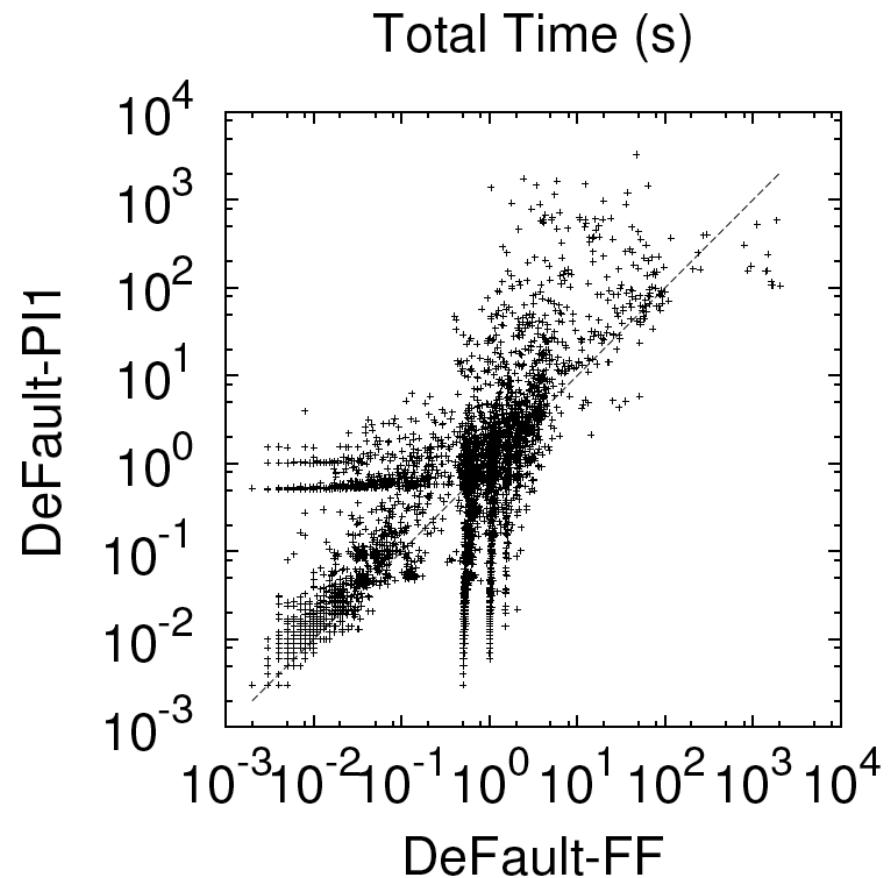
Q4: Planner Invocations



Actions Applied



Total Time



Summary

- First approach to planning in incomplete STRIPS domains
- Counting diagnoses (PIs) is faster than model counting and returns comparable quality plans
- Executing robust Incomplete plans requires less re-planning

Future Work

- More types of models
 - Conditional Effects, Temporal, First-Order, ...
- Correlated Incompleteness
- Priors
- Alternative Representations of Failure Expl.
- Approximate Belief States
- Knowledge Acquisition

Thanks

DeFault and Goalie Java source code and domain
generators available online

<http://www.cs.usu.edu/~danbryce/software/default.jar>