

# Solving the Two-Stage Robust Job-Shop Scheduling Problem

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Discrete Optimization

# Flow-shop and job-shop robust scheduling problems with budgeted uncertainty

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# Robust optimization background

## General idea

- ▶ Optimization problems often contain uncertain parameters (e.g. measurement/estimation/implementation errors).
- ▶ Find a solution for the optimization problem that is robust against this uncertainty.
- ▶ First studies at the end of the 90's.

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- Robust optimization
  - uncertainty comes from a known set: the **uncertainty set**
  - **no** information on probability distribution needed
  - seek for a solution with **best worst-case objective** guarantee

# Nominal value: a good idea?

What if we consider averages?

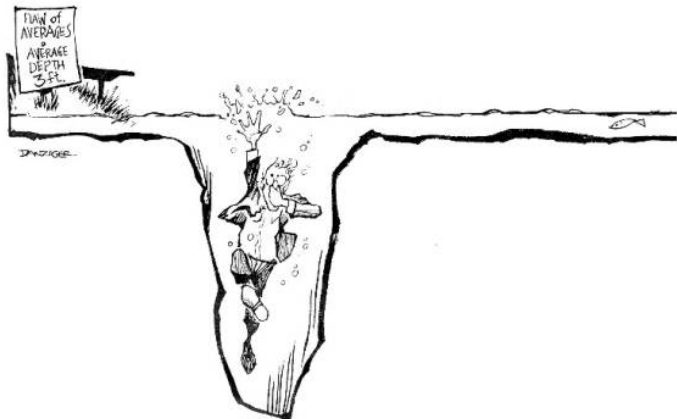


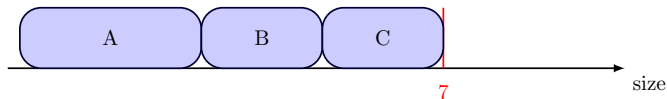
Figure: *The flaw of averages*, S.Savage



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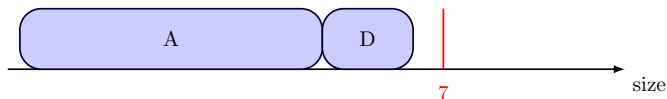
### Nominal values

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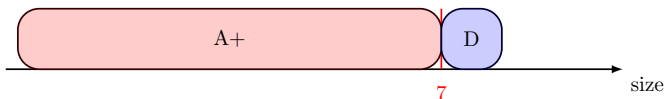
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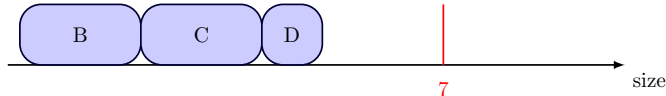
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If probability to get the nominal size was 0.5 and probability to get the extended size was 0.5, the probability of infeasibility for A-D would be 0.5.

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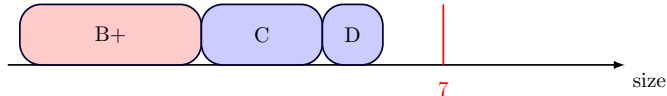
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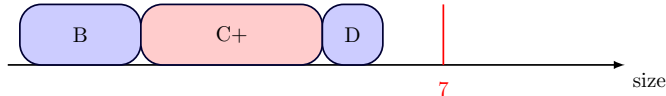
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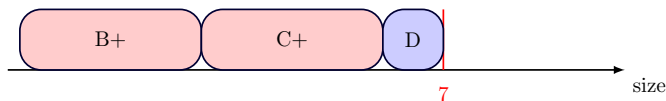
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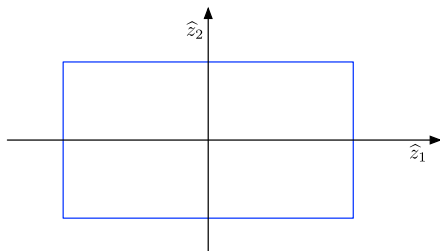
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Still the best solution when  $\Gamma = 2$ .

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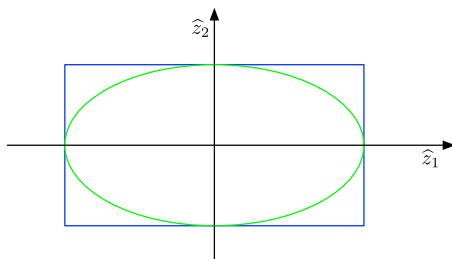




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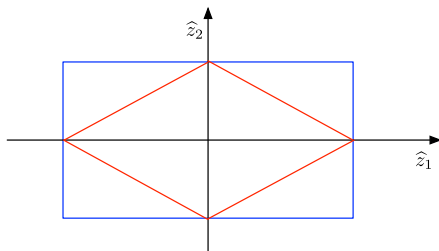
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## Even better!

- first stage: decide  $y \in \mathcal{Y}$  that minimizes

$$cy + \max_{\xi \in \Xi} \min_{x \in F(y, \xi)} dx$$

where

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- 1: First stage/ Here and now decisions
  - Realization of uncertainty
- 2: Second stage/ wait and see decisions



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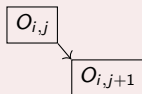
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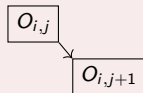
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## Objective function

- Minimize the total time of the schedule (Makespan):  $C_{\max}$

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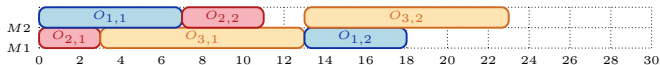


Figure: Nominal solution  $\Gamma = 0$   $C_{\max} = 23$

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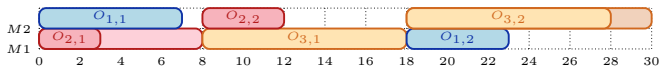


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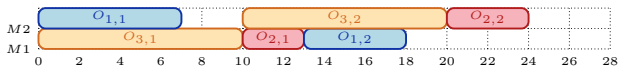


Figure: Robust solution  $\Gamma = 0$   $C_{\max} = 24$

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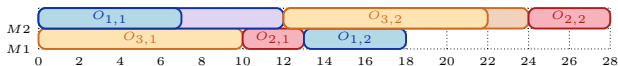


Figure: Robust solution  $\Gamma = 2$   $C_{\max} = 28$



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## Mixed integer linear programming

Disjunctive Model:

- Shen, Dauzère-Pérès, and Neufeld 2018

Decision variables:

- $y_{i,j,k,l}$ : equal to 1 operation  $O_{i,j}$  is processed before operation  $O_{k,l}$
- $t_{i,j,\xi}$ : start time of operation  $O_{i,j}$  in scenario  $\xi$



# Extended Models – Robust JSSP

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$$\min C_{\max}$$

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## Constraint programming

Decision variables:

- $task_{i,j,\xi}$ : interval variable between the start and the end of the processing of operation  $O_{i,j}$  in scenario  $\xi$
- $seqs_{m,\xi}$ : sequence variable of tasks scheduled on machine  $m$  in scenario  $\xi$

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## Constraint programming: *IBM CP Optimizer*

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$$C_{\max} \geq \text{EndOf}(\text{task}_{i,n_i,\xi}) \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{J}, \forall \xi \in \mathcal{U}$$

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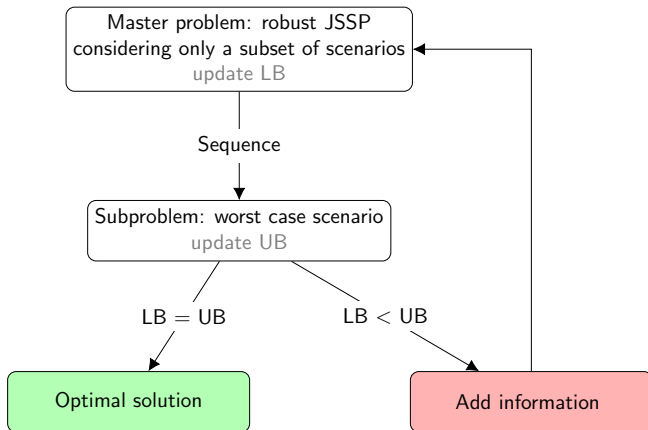
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We need:

- a Master Problem
- identify a worst case scenario
- add information to the Master Problem

# Decomposition algorithm



# Master problem – MILP

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# Master problem - CP

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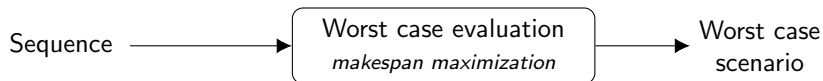
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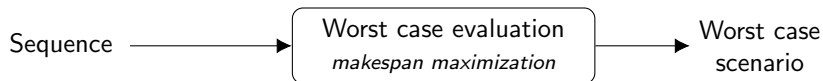
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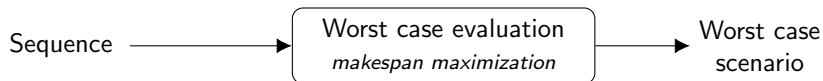
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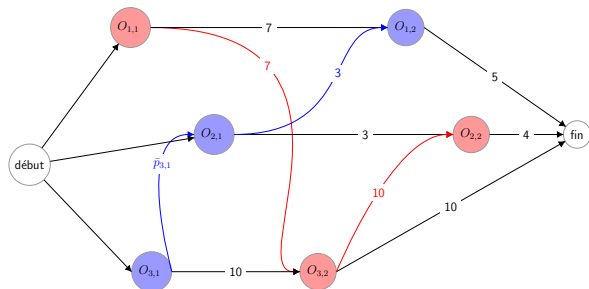
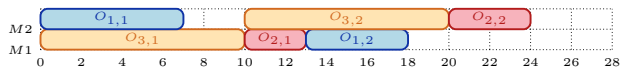


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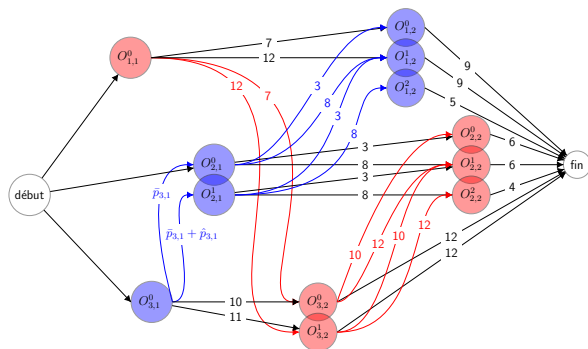
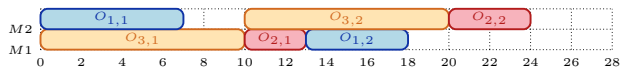
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The subproblem can be solved in polynomial time!

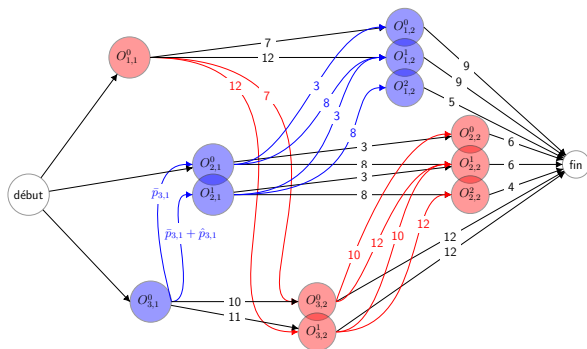
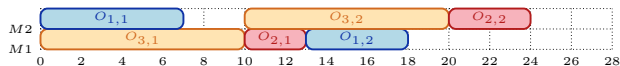
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The worst case is a longest path.

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Longest path:

$$\max \sum_{(u,v) \in \mathcal{A}'} a_{u,v} \text{cost}_{u,v}$$

s.t.

$$\sum_{(start,u) \in \mathcal{A}'} a_{start,u} = 1$$

$$\sum_{(u,end) \in \mathcal{A}'} a_{u,end} = 1$$

$$\sum_{(u,v) \in \mathcal{A}'} a_{u,v} - \sum_{(v,u) \in \mathcal{A}'} a_{v,u} = 0 \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{N}'$$

$$a_{u,v} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall (u, v) \in \mathcal{A}'$$

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Longest path:

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s.t.

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Dual:

$$\min C_{end}$$

s.t.

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$$C_u \geq 0 \quad \forall u \in \mathcal{N}'$$

# Compact model

By combining the dual of the worst case problem with the constraints of the deterministic problem, we can obtain a **compact formulation**.

## Compact Model

$C_{i,j}^\gamma$ : worst-case end date of operation  $O_{i,j}$  considering no more than  $\gamma$  deviations.

$$C_{\max} \geq C_{i,n_i}^\Gamma \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{J}$$

$$C_{i,j+1}^\gamma \geq C_{i,j}^\gamma + \bar{p}_{i,j+1} \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{J}, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n_i - 1\}, \forall \gamma \in \{0, \dots, \Gamma\}$$

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# Adding information

- Logic Benders cuts
- Column and constraint generation with MIP Master
- Column and constraint generation with CP Master

# Adding information I

## Logic Benders cuts

$$C_{\max} \geq C_{\max}^h (1 - \text{NumberOfChanges})$$

# Adding information II

## Column and constraint generation with MIP Master

Variables:

$$t_{i,j}(\xi_h^*) \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{J}, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n_i\}$$

Constraints:

$$C_{\max} \geq t_{i,n_i}(\xi_h^*) + p_{i,n_i}(\xi_h^*) \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{J}$$

$$t_{i,j+1}(\xi_h^*) \geq p_{i,j}(\xi_h^*) + t_{i',j'}(\xi_h^*) \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{J}, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n_i - 1\}$$

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# Adding information III

## Column and constraint generation with CP Master

Variables:

$$\text{task}_{i,j,\xi_h^*} \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{J}, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n_i\}$$

$$\text{seqs}_{m,\xi_h^*} \quad \forall m \in \mathcal{M}$$

Constraints:

$$C_{\max} \geq \text{EndOf}(\text{task}_{i,|\mathcal{M}|,\xi_h^*}) \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{J}$$

$$\text{EndBeforeStart}(\text{task}_{i,j,\xi_h^*}, \text{task}_{i,j,\xi_h^*}) \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{J}, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n_i - 1\}$$

$$\text{NoOverlap}(\text{seqs}_{m,\xi_h^*}) \quad \forall m \in \mathcal{M}$$

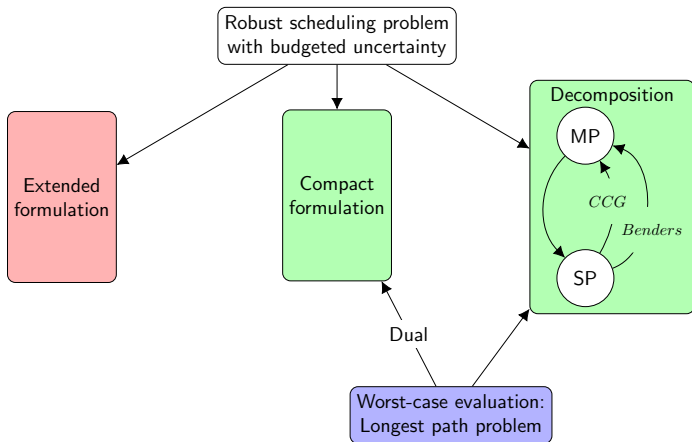
$$\text{SameSequence}(\text{seqs}_{m,1}, \text{seqs}_{m,\xi_h^*}) \quad \forall m \in \mathcal{M}$$

# Solving the problem: Summary

## 6 Methods

- Extended Models
  - ▶ MIP Master
  - ▶ CP Master
- Compact model
- Decomposition methods
  - ▶ Logic Benders cuts
  - ▶ CCG with MIP Master
  - ▶ CCG with CP Master

# Solving the problem: Summary





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**Assign** each operation to exactly one of the eligible machines

**Determine a sequence of operations** on each machine and the **maximum makespan**

first stage :

**Find a start time** for each operation, for each scenario, respecting:

second stage :

- Precedence constraints between operations of the same job
- Sequences on the machines
- The maximum makespan

# Computational experiments

- 90 small instances:
  - ▶ from 4 to 9 jobs
  - ▶ from 4 to 6 machines
  - ▶ nominal duration and deviations randomly generated
- 58 instances from literature:
  - ▶ from 6 to 30 jobs
  - ▶ from 6 to 15 machines
  - ▶ deviations randomly generated
- Uncertainty budget:  $\Gamma \in \{5\%, 10\%, 15\%, 20\%\}$  of the number of operations
- Time limit: 1 hour

# Results

Small instances:

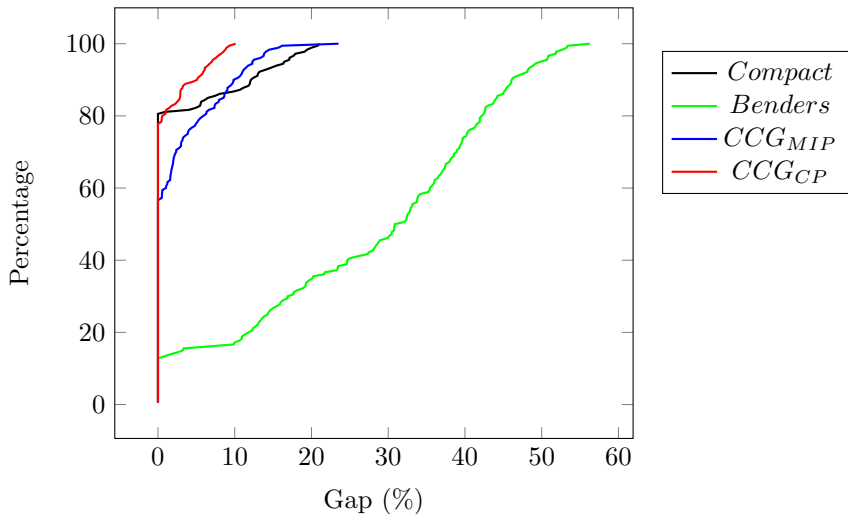
$ \mathcal{J} $	$ \mathcal{M} $	<i>Compact</i>		<i>Benders</i>		<i>CCG<sub>MIP</sub></i>		<i>CCG<sub>CP</sub></i>	
		#opti.	t (s)	#opti.	t (s)	#opti.	t (s)	#opti.	t (s)
4	4	20	0.19	20	0.43	20	0.27	20	0.14
4	5	20	0.28	20	0.56	20	0.64	20	0.7
4	6	20	0.2	20	0.57	20	0.72	20	0.37
5	4	20	0.42	20	31.55	20	1.85	20	0.66
5	5	20	0.45	19	3.88	20	2.42	20	1.45
5	6	20	0.45	18	3.45	20	9.07	20	18.18
6	4	20	1.09	20	420.08	20	10.45	20	3.76
6	5	20	1.36	20	187.05	20	117.45	20	99.62
6	6	20	2.39	20	461.39	19	318.83	20	314.13
7	4	20	7.01	8	1018.85	19	219.45	20	220.39
7	5	20	8.1	10	430.8	16	229.13	18	126.83
7	6	20	59.44	5	995.98	10	463.2	13	720.04
8	4	18	614.37	0	-	16	199.86	20	32.9
8	5	20	123.93	0	-	8	439.96	14	772.53
8	6	20	314.32	0	-	6	697.24	11	254.55
9	4	6	1051.24	0	-	17	502.85	20	12.23
9	5	9	749.57	0	-	6	766.1	16	131.94
9	6	12	1580.57	0	-	4	187.6	8	80.37

# Results

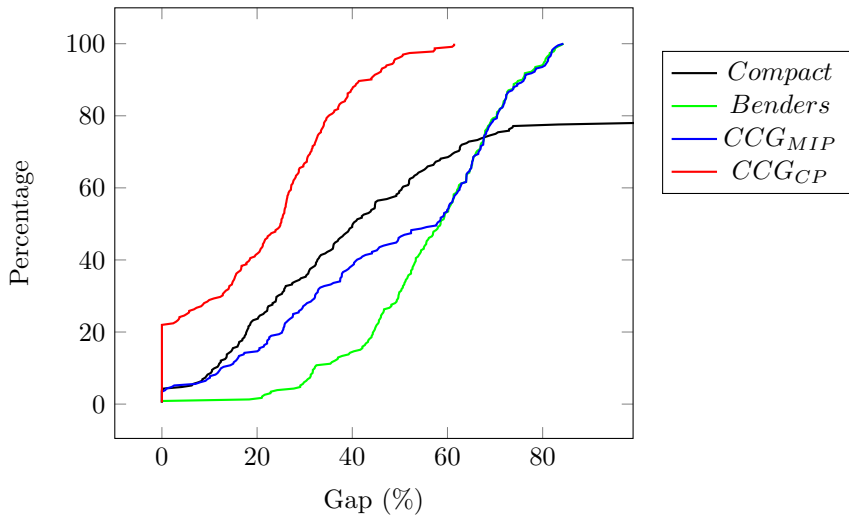
Instances from literature:

$ \mathcal{J} $	$ \mathcal{M} $	#	<i>Compact</i>		<i>Benders</i>		<i>CCG<sub>MIP</sub></i>		<i>CCG<sub>CP</sub></i>	
			#Best	Gap(%)	#Best	Gap(%)	#Best	Gap(%)	#Best	Gap(%)
6	6	4	4	0	4	0	3	2	4	0
10	5	20	18	15.28	10	48.2	7	11.13	15	7.67
10	10	72	29	21.87	30	52.39	9	27.89	11	24.42
15	5	20	12	44.15	19	66.45	6	57.35	19	21
15	10	20	1	44	16	62.9	1	58.15	2	33.8
15	15	20	0	40.7	15	61.95	3	59.5	2	42.4
20	5	24	2	61.92	16	75.67	4	70.5	22	11.5
20	10	20	0	50.9	4	71.15	1	67.65	15	31.85
20	15	12	0	-	3	66.25	0	65.83	9	47.25
30	10	20	0	-	0	80.25	0	79.35	20	19.05

## Jobshop: Small and medium instances

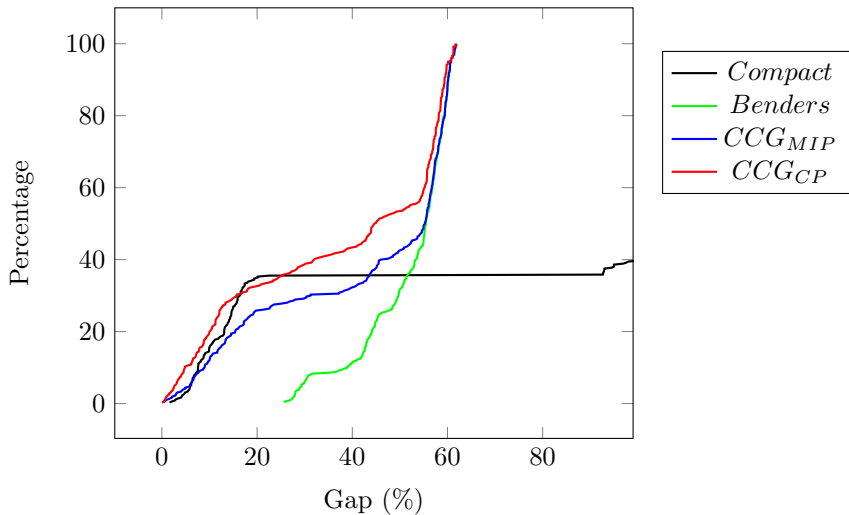


## Jobshop: Instances from literature





## Flowshop: Instances from literature



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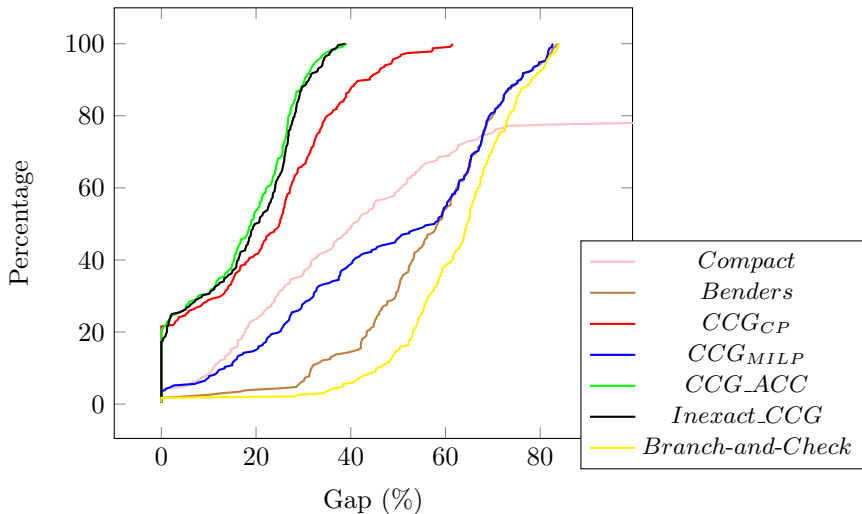
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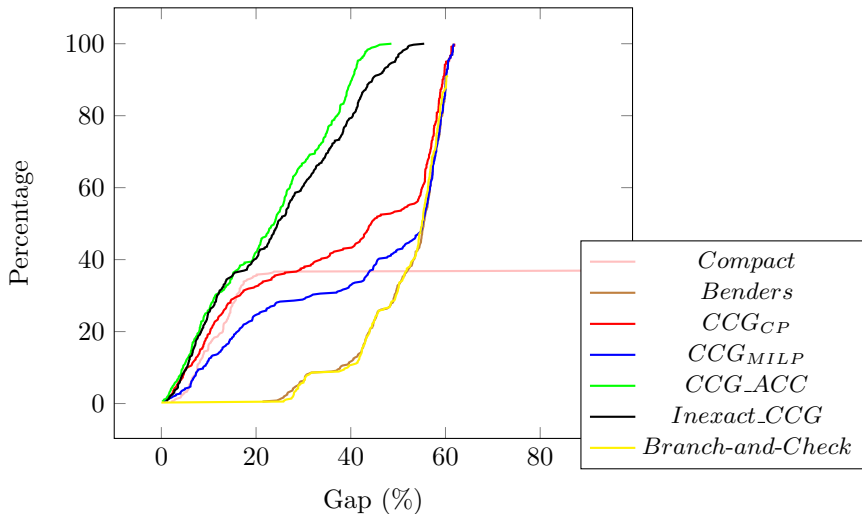
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Acceleration method converges to an optimal solution with finite steps.

## Jobshop: Instances from literature



## Flowshop: Instances from literature





# Conclusion

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- Two-stage jobshop/flowshop scheduling problem with budgeted uncertainty
- Six exact methods

## Further works

- Consider new paradigm for the uncertainty set: DRO.
- Extending the hybrid method to other robust scheduling problems

# No-wait Flowshop problem



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- Minimize makespan

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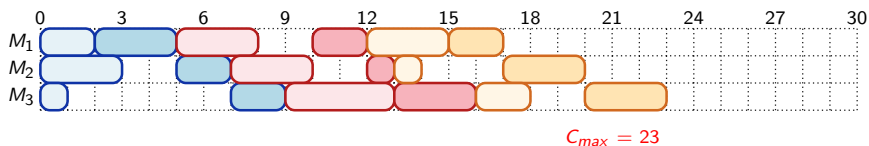
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## CJSP Example

- Data:
  - ▶ 3 Jobs
  - ▶ 3 machines

# No-wait Flowshop problem



# Robust No-wait Flowshop problem

Robust version

Unknown processing times

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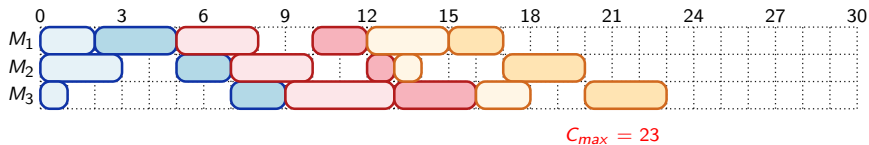
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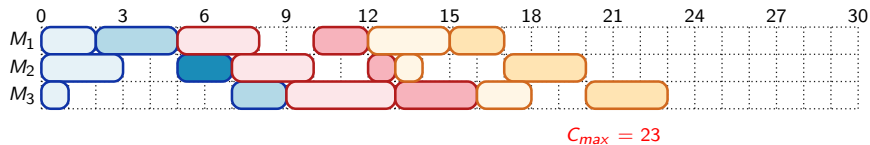
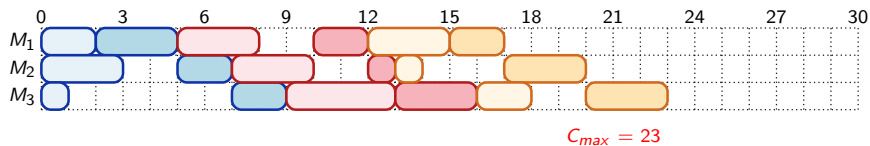
## Model as 2-stage robust optimization problem

- First level variable: sequence
- recourse variables: starting time of all tasks

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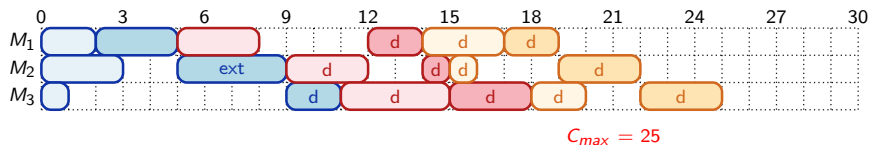
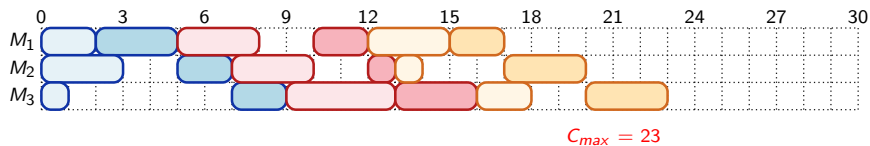


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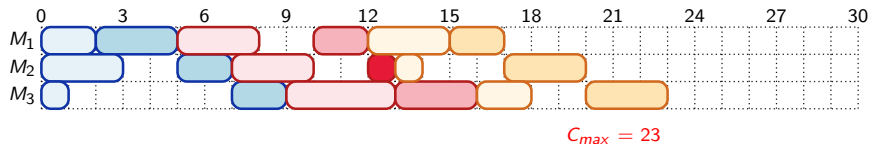
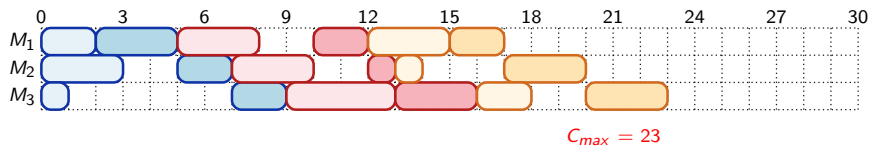




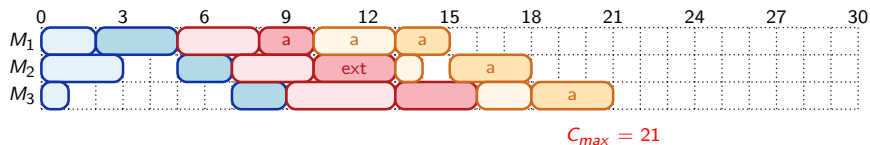
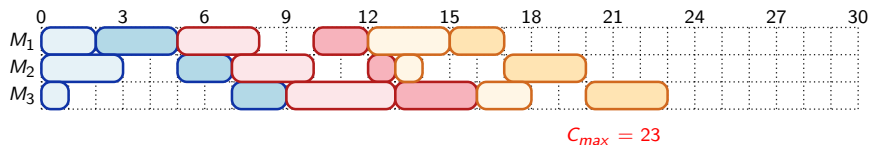
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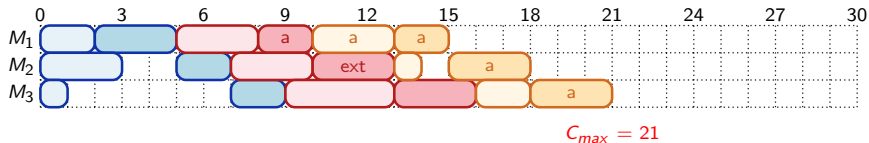
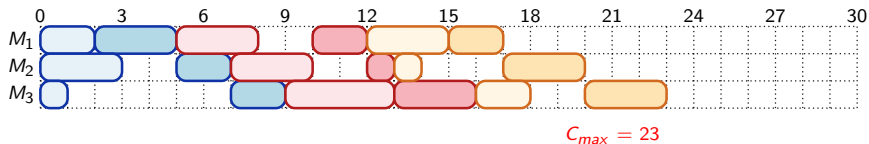
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## Fun fact

Surprisingly, increasing the duration of a task can lead to a lower makespan!

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# Resources I



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# Worst case evaluation - MILP

$$\max C_{\max} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{i \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{O}_i} \xi_{i,j} = \Gamma \quad (2)$$

$$t_{i,j} - (t_{i',j'} + \bar{p}_{i',j'} + \xi_{i',j'} \cdot \hat{p}_{i',j'}) \leq H \cdot (1 - b_{i,j,i',j'}) \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{J}, \forall j \in \mathcal{O}_i, \\ \forall (i',j') \in A_{i,j} \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_{(i',j') \in A_{i,j}} b_{i,j,i',j'} \geq 1 \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{J}, \forall j \in \mathcal{O}_i \mid A_{i,j} \neq \emptyset \quad (4)$$

$$t_{i,1} = 0 \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{J} \mid A_{i,0} = \emptyset \quad (5)$$

$$C_{\max} - (t_{i,n_i} + \bar{p}_{i,n_i} + \xi_{i,n_i} \cdot \hat{p}_{i,n_i}) \leq H \cdot (1 - d_i) \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{J} \quad (6)$$

$$\xi_{i,j} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{J}, \forall j \in \mathcal{O}_i \quad (7)$$

$$b_{i,j,i',j'} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{J}, \forall j \in \mathcal{O}_i, \forall (i',j') \in A_{i,j} \quad (8)$$

$$d_i \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{J} \quad (9)$$

with  $A_{i,j}$  the set of immediate predecessors of operation  $O_{i,j}$

# Worst case evaluation - CP

$$\max C_{\max} task_{i,1}.start = 0 \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{J} \mid A_{i,1} = \emptyset \quad (10)$$

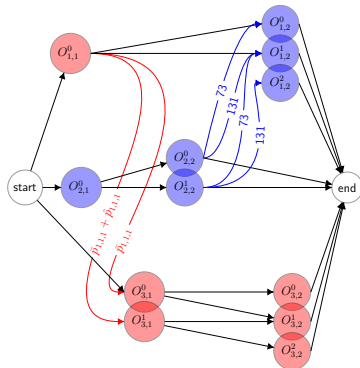
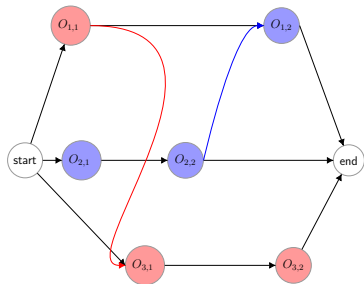
$$task_{i,j}.start = \max(\{task_{i',j'}.end \mid O_{i',j'} \in A_{i,j}\}) \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{J}, \forall O_{i,j} \in \mathcal{O}_i \quad (11)$$

$$StartAtEnd(dev_{i,j}, task_{i,j}) \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{J}, \forall O_{i,j} \in \mathcal{O}_i \quad (12)$$

$$\sum_{i \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{O}_i} HeightAtStart(dev_{i,j}, StepAtStart(dev_{i,j}, 1)) = \Gamma \quad (13)$$

$$C_{\max} = \max(\cup_{i \in \mathcal{J}} (\{task_{i,n_i}.end\} \cup \{dev_{i,n_i}.end\})) \quad (14)$$

# Subproblem - Graph



# Adding information I

## Logic Benders cuts

$$C_{\max} \geq C_{\max}^h (1 - \sum_{(i,j,i',j') \in \mathcal{C}} (1 - y_{i,j,i',j'}))$$

with  $\mathcal{D}_h = \{(i,j,i',j') \mid \bar{y}_{i,j,i',j'}^h = 1\}$ , the set of disjunctions selected at iteration  $h$ .

# Compact model Jobshop

$$\min C_{\max}$$

s.t.

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{\max} &\geq C_{i,n_i}^{\Gamma} && \forall i \in \mathcal{J} \\
 C_{i,j+1}^{\gamma} &\geq C_{i,j}^{\gamma} + \bar{p}_{i,j+1} && \forall i \in \mathcal{J}, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n_i - 1\}, \forall \gamma \in \{0, \dots, \Gamma\} \\
 C_{i,j+1}^{\gamma+1} &\geq C_{i,j}^{\gamma} + \bar{p}_{i,j+1} + \hat{p}_{i,j+1} && \forall i \in \mathcal{J}, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n_i - 1\}, \forall \gamma \in \{0, \dots, \Gamma - 1\} \\
 C_{i,j}^{\gamma} &\geq C_{i',j'}^{\gamma} + \bar{p}_{i,j} - y_{i,j,i',j'} H && \forall m \in \mathcal{M}, \forall (O_{i,j}, O_{i',j'}) \in \mathcal{I}_m^2, \forall \gamma \in \{0, \dots, \Gamma\} \\
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 C_{i,1}^0 &\geq \bar{p}_{i,1} && \forall i \in \mathcal{J} \\
 C_{i,1}^{\gamma} &\geq \bar{p}_{i,1} + \hat{p}_{i,1} && \forall i \in \mathcal{J}, \forall \gamma \in \{1, \dots, \Gamma\}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Robust flowshop – Extended fomulation – MIP

$$\min C_{\max}$$

s.t.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{J}|} z_{i,l} = 1 \quad \forall l \in \{1, \dots, |\mathcal{J}|\}$$

$$\sum_{l=1}^{|\mathcal{J}|} z_{i,l} = 1 \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{J}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{J}|} (p_{i,j}(\xi) z_{i,l+1}) + y_{l+1,m}(\xi) + x_{l+1,m}(\xi) =$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{J}|} (p_{i,j+1}(\xi) z_{i,l}) + y_{l,m}(\xi) + x_{l+1,m+1}(\xi) \quad \forall m \in \mathcal{M} \setminus \{M_{|\mathcal{M}|}\}, \forall \xi \in \mathcal{S}, \forall l \in \{1, \dots, |\mathcal{J}| - 1\}$$

$$\sum_{m'=1}^{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{J}|} (p_{i,j'}(\xi) z_{i,1}) = x_{1,m}(\xi) \quad \forall m \in \mathcal{M}, \forall \xi \in \mathcal{S}$$

$$C_{\max} \geq \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{J}|} p_{i,|\mathcal{M}|}(\xi) + \sum_{l=1}^{|\mathcal{J}|} x_{l,|\mathcal{M}|}(\xi) \quad \forall \xi \in \mathcal{S}$$

# JSSP instances from literature

Benchmark	Reference	#Instances	Size	Processing time
ft6,10,20	fisher1963probabilistic	3	$6 \times 6$ , $10 \times 10$ , $20 \times 20$	[1,10], [1,99]
1a01-40	lawrence1984resource	40	$10 \times 5$ , $15 \times 5$ , $20 \times 5$ , $10 \times 10$ , $15 \times 10$ , $20 \times 10$ , $30 \times 10$ , $15 \times 15$	[5,99]
abz5-9	adams1988shifting	5	$10 \times 10$ , $20 \times 15$	[50,100], [25,100], [11,40]
orb1-10	aplegate1991computational	10	$10 \times 10$	[5,99]

Table: Characteristics of JSSP instances from literature.

# CCG\_ACC

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**Algorithm 2:** Acceleration method for column and constraint generation algorithm (CCG\_ACC)

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**Input:**  $threshold, S^1$

**Initialisation:**

└  $LB \leftarrow 0, UB \leftarrow +\infty, h \leftarrow 1$

**Master problem:**

└ Start a new search to solve  $MP_h$  with  $S = S^h$   
  **repeat**  
    └ Improve the current  $MP_h$  solution  $\sigma_i$   
  **until** *optimality or*  $(obj_{MP_h}(\sigma_i) < UB$  **and**  
     $time(MP_h) \geq threshold)$   
   $\sigma_h \leftarrow \sigma_i$   
└  $LB \leftarrow \max(LB, L_{MP_h})$

**Subproblem:**

└ Solve worst-case scenario evaluation for sequence  $\sigma_h$   
   $UB \leftarrow \min(UB, obj_{SP}^*(\sigma_h))$

**if**  $LB < UB$  **then**

└  $S^{h+1} = S^h \cup \xi_h^*$   
   $h \leftarrow h + 1$   
  Go back to **Master problem**

**else**

└ Return  $\sigma_h$

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