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"A layout of the floor plan can really define how profitable a factory is, it is estimated that in total **20-50%** of total operating expenses can be related to the material handling costs and the layout of a factory."

- James A Tompkins, John A White, Yavuz A Bozer, and Jose Mario Azaña Tanchoco.Facilitiesplanning. John Wiley & Sons, 2010



"The optimal location of facilities is one of the most important issues that should be resolved early in the design stage."

Leonardo Chwif, Marcos Ribeiro Pereira Barretto, and Lucas Antonio Moscato. A solution to thefacility layout problem using simulated annealing. Computers in Industry, 36(1-2):125–132, 1998. ISSN 01663615. doi:10.1016/S0166-3615(97)00106-1







Main research question

"How to computationally generate a layout of a vegetable processing factory given a program of requirements and flows between facilities as a matrix using a mathematical approach, minimizing the travel distance of goods needed for a product to be manufactured?"



..Or mathematically

$$MinimizeF = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} C_{ij} f_{ij} d_{ij}$$

Where: c is the cost per unit distance and unit flow

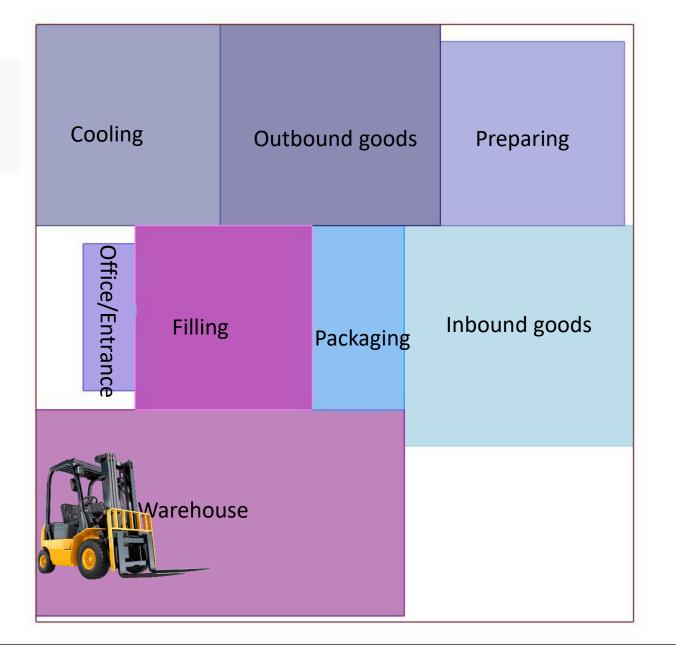
f is the flow per unit time

d is the distance



..Or Visually

To let the computer **generate** us **a layout** for a factory that minimizes traveling distance.



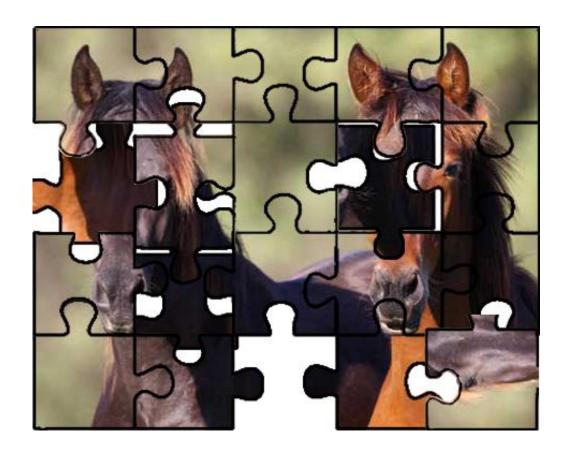


It's like solving a puzzle



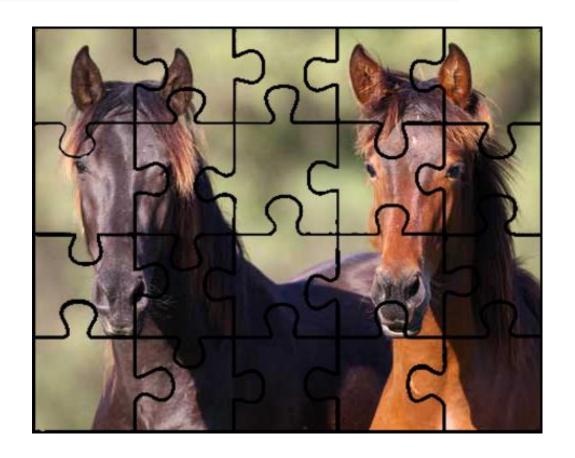


With lots of solutions...



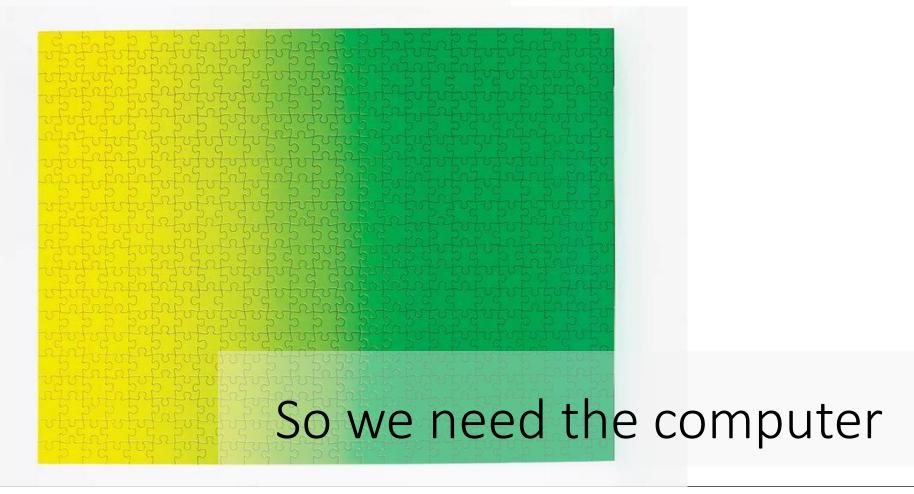


But only one optimal one





Except this puzzle isn't easy





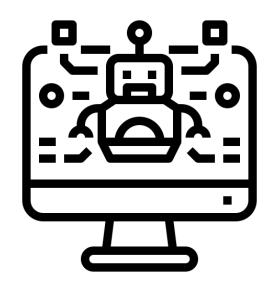
Proposed methodology



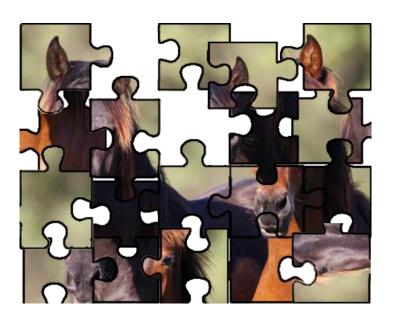
Computer solves the puzzle



Model all the "puzzle pieces" with all constraints



Feed it to the computer



Solution space is too large!



Why is the solution space so large?

There is 10 or more departments

Each department has 4 variables: x position, y position, width and height

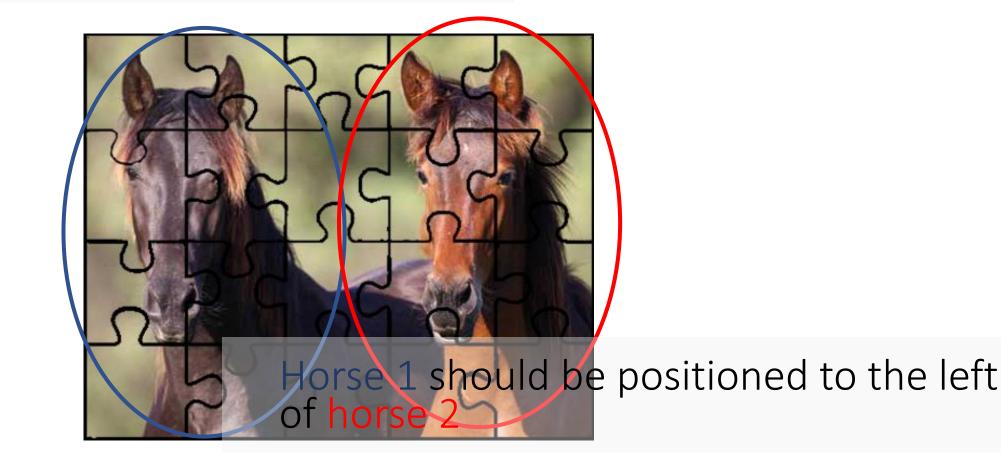
Each variable could have over 1000 different configurations

10 departments * 1000 configurations for x position * 1000 configurations for y position * 1000 configurations for width * 1000 configurations for height

>10,000,000,000,000 Solutions

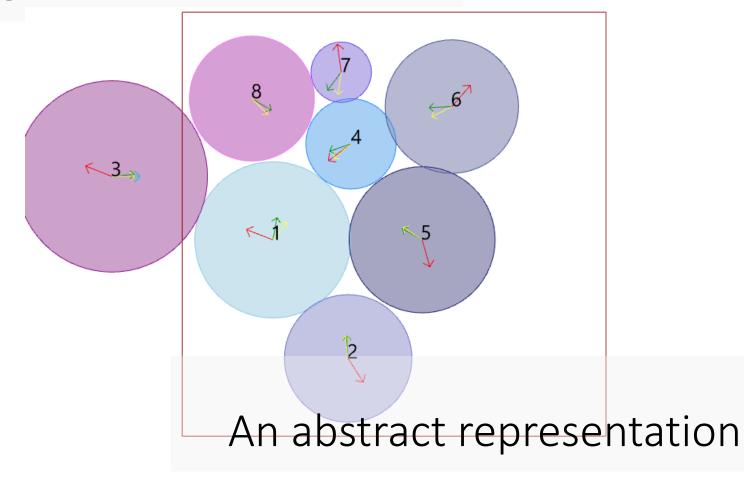


A first-stage model to find constraints to potential good solutions



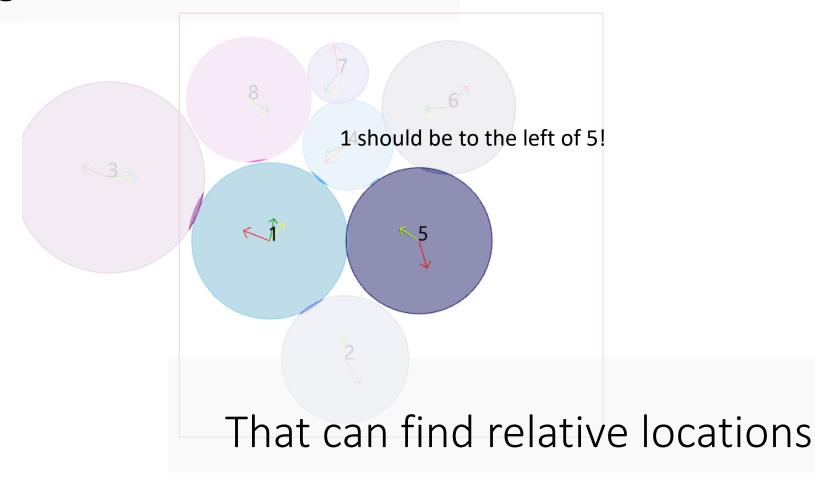


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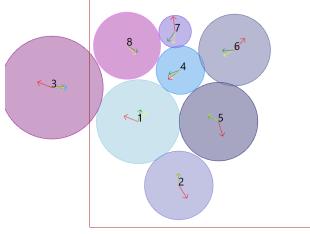
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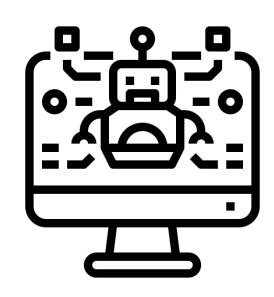


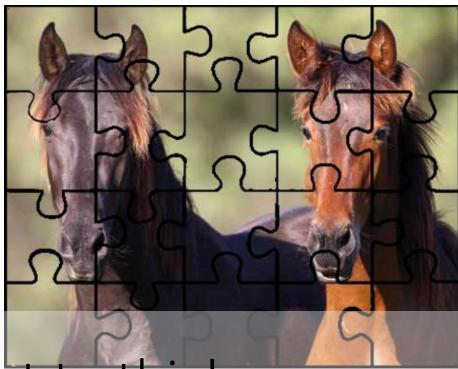


So instead of this...









We can get to this!



First-stage model



The gradient descent approach

The departments are randomly placed on the plane and are moved iteratively in the direction that has the greatest impact on the objective.



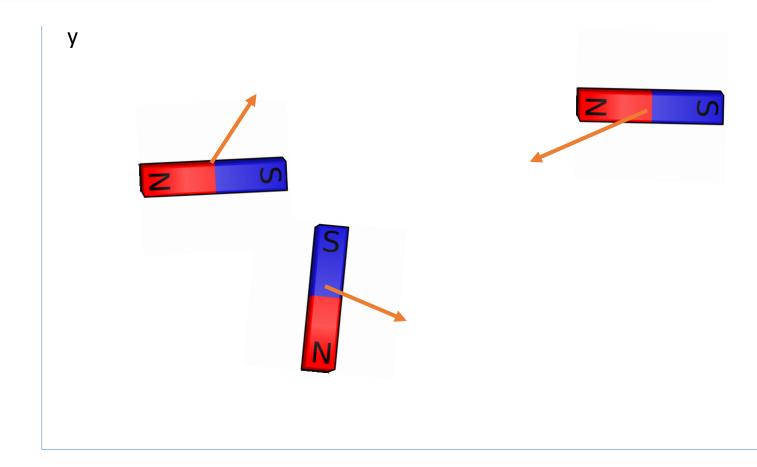
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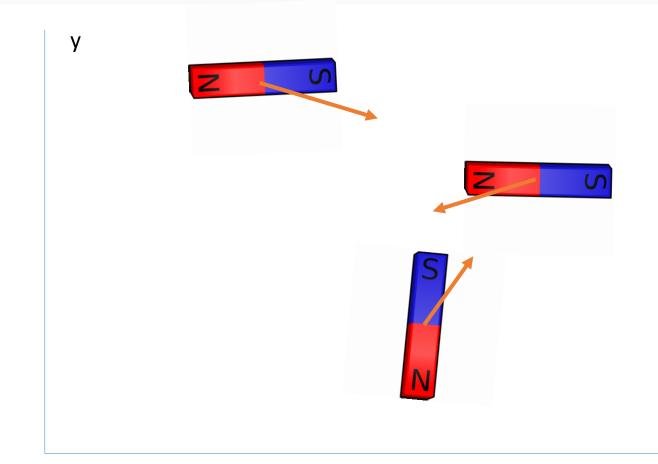
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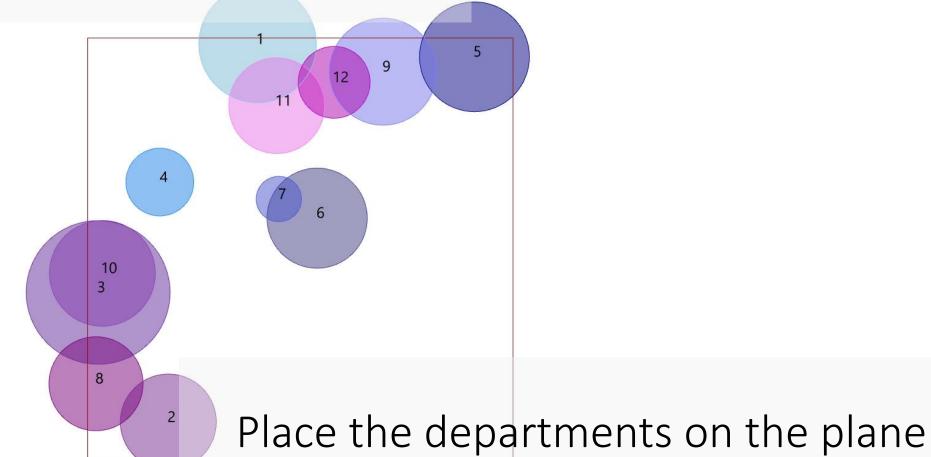
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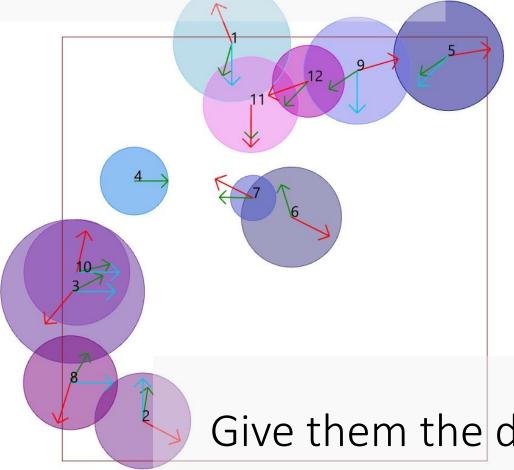


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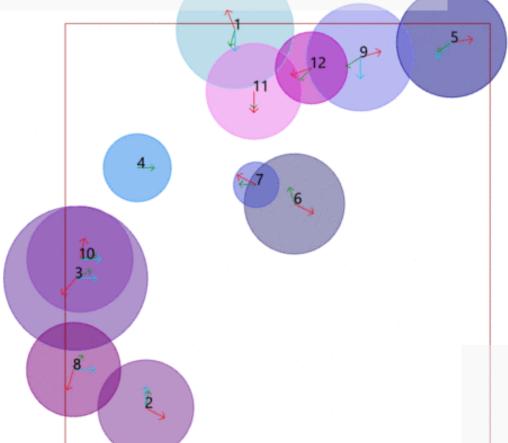


	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	X	5	2	4	1	0	0	6	2	1	1	1
2	5	X	3	0	2	2	2	0	4	5	0	0
3	2	3	X	0	0	0	0	5	5	2	2	2
4	4	0	0	X	5	2	2	10	0	0	5	5
5	1	2	0	5	X	10	0	0	0	5	1	1
6	0	2	0	2	10	X	5	1	1	5	4	0
7	0	2	0	2	0	5	X	10	5	2	3	3
8	6	0	5	10	0	1	10	X	0	0	5	0
9	2	4	5	0	0	1	5	0	X	0	10	10
10	1	5	2	0	5	5	2	0	0	X	5	0
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12	1	0	2	5	1	0	3	0	10	0	2	X





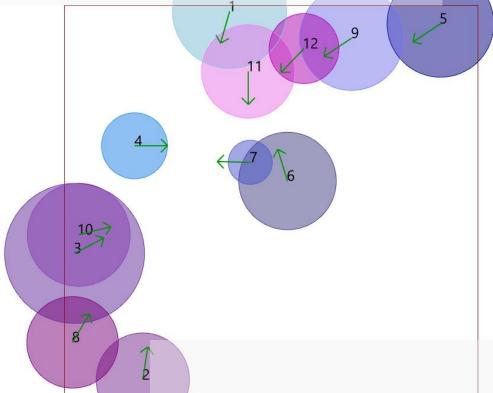
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And start the loop



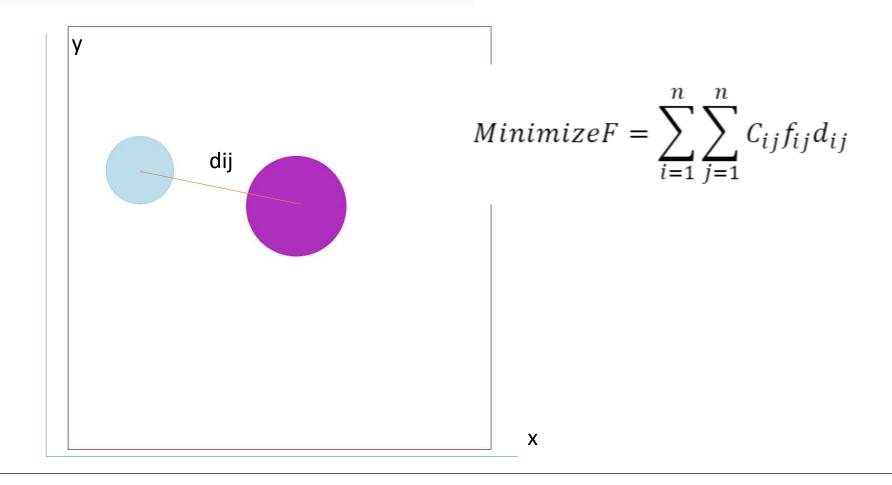
How to find the directions?





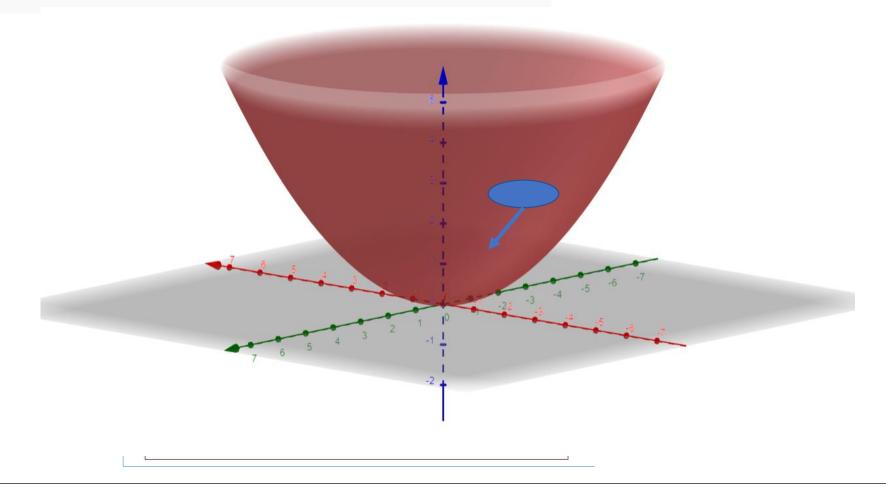


Imagine just two departments



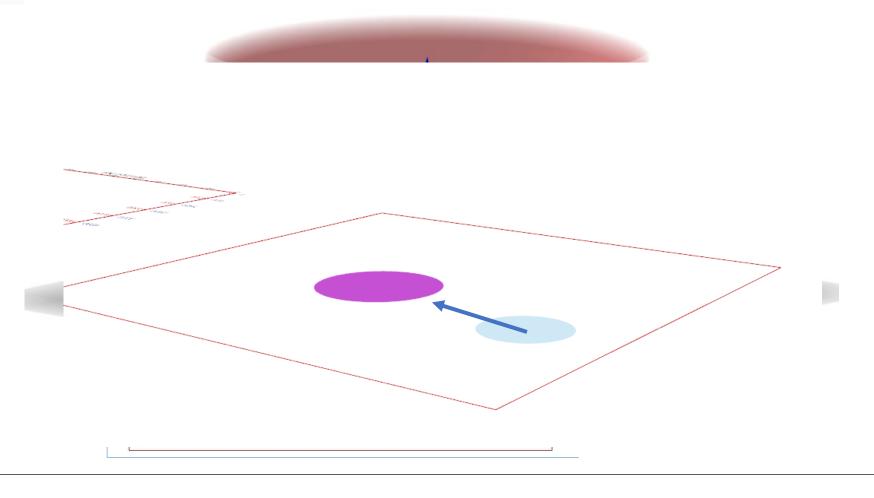


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The gradient descent approach

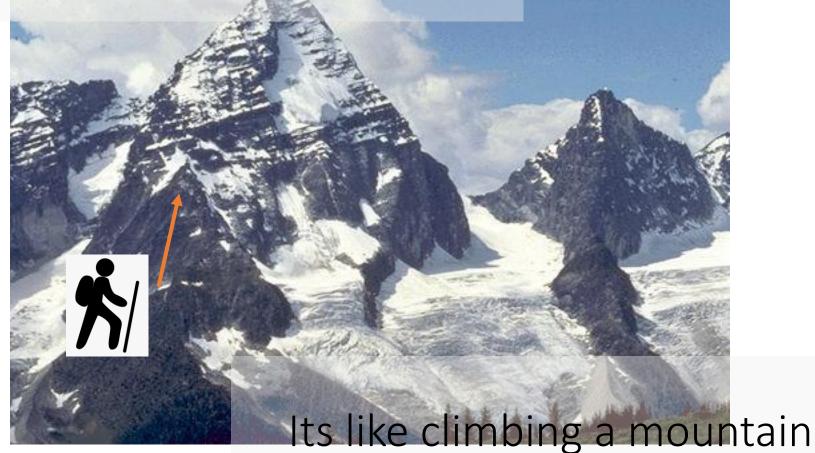
$$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{df}{dx} \\ \frac{df}{dy} \end{bmatrix} \qquad MinimizeF = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} C_{ij} f_{ij} d_{ij}$$

$$\frac{df}{dx_i} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \underbrace{(x_i - x_j) f_{ij}}_{(x_i - x_j)^2 + (y_i - y_j)^2}$$

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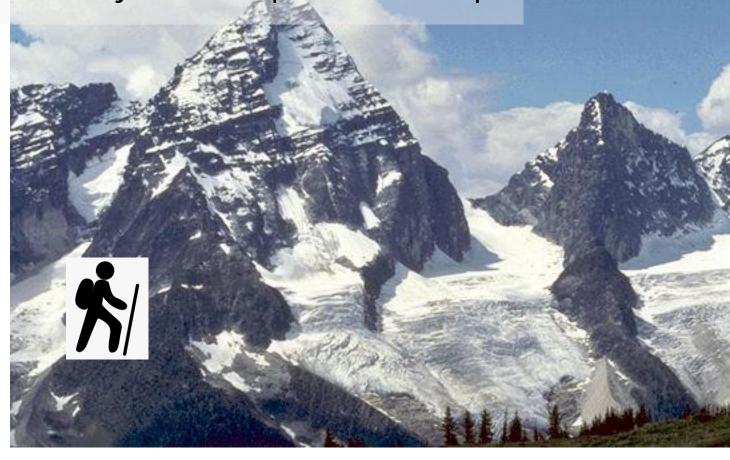








Why don't we just warp to the top?







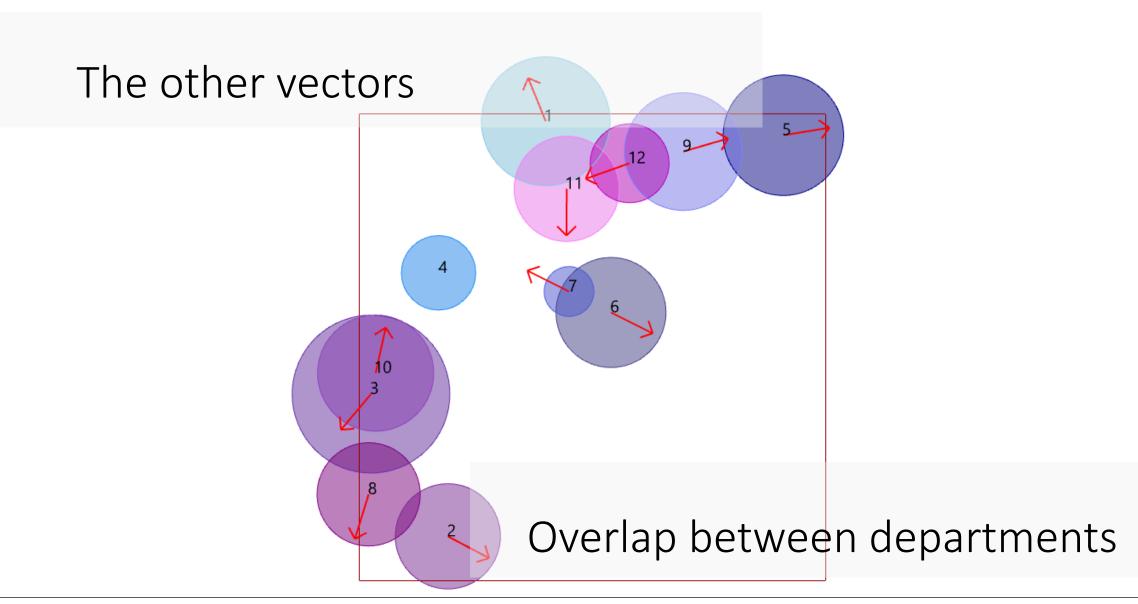


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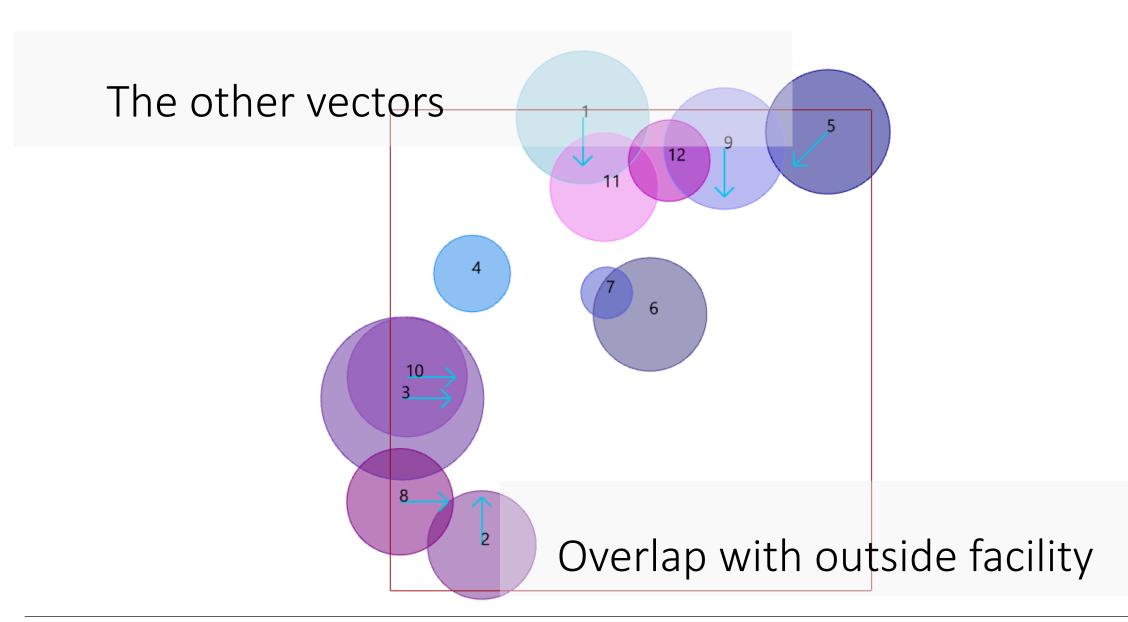


Because all departments move and therefor the mountain range changes



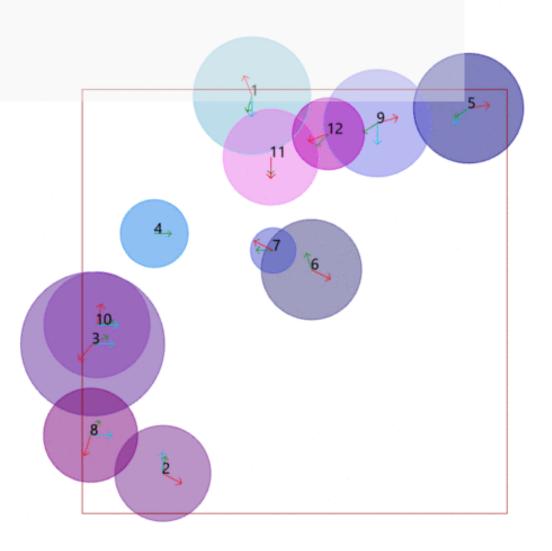




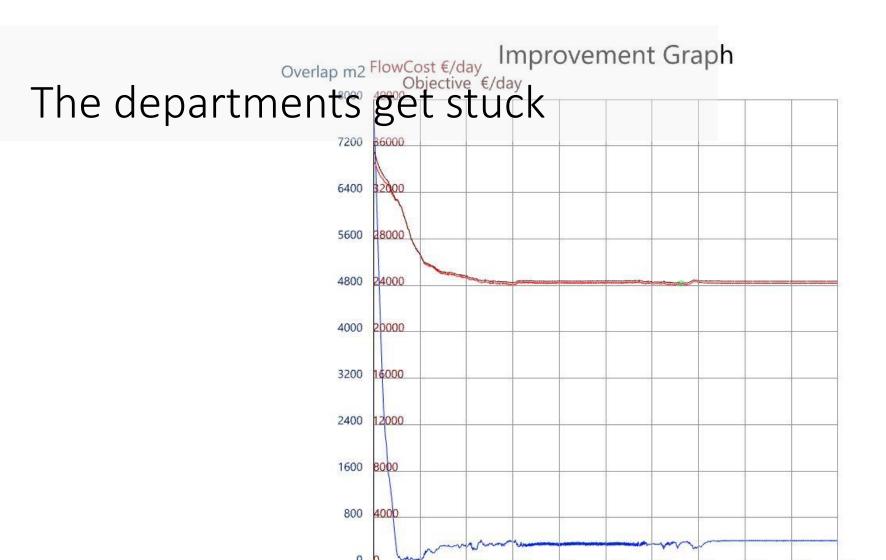




The result









Iteration NR

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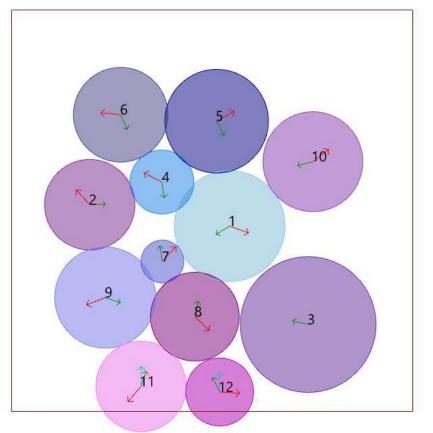
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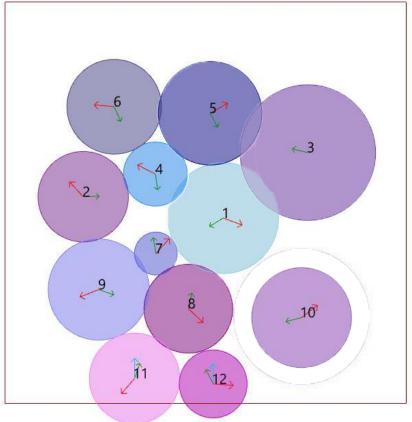
Trapped in local optimum





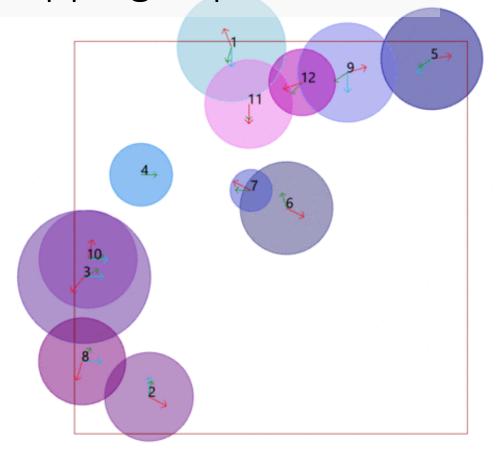
Solution 1: swapping departments





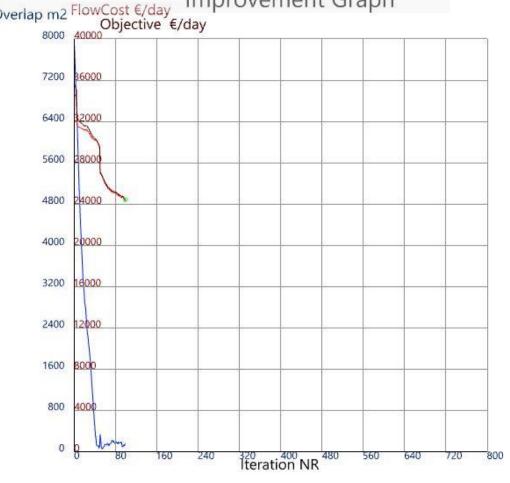


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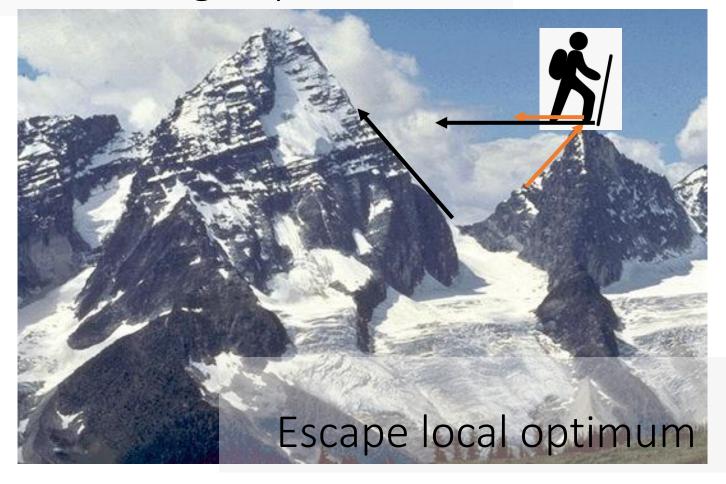


Solution 1: swapping departments Overlap m2 FlowCost €/day Objective €/day



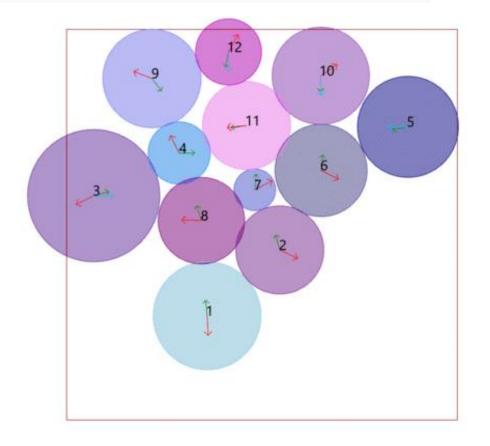


Solution 2: Shooting departments



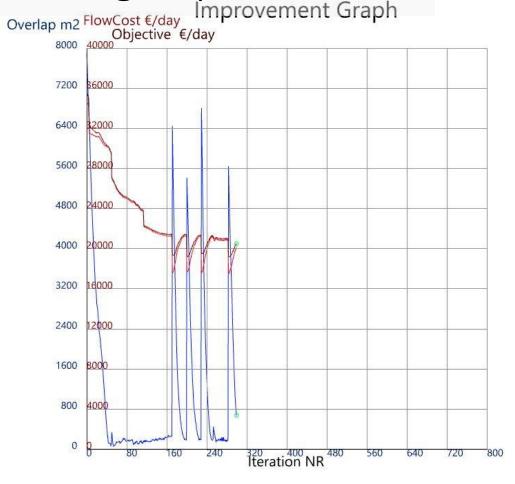


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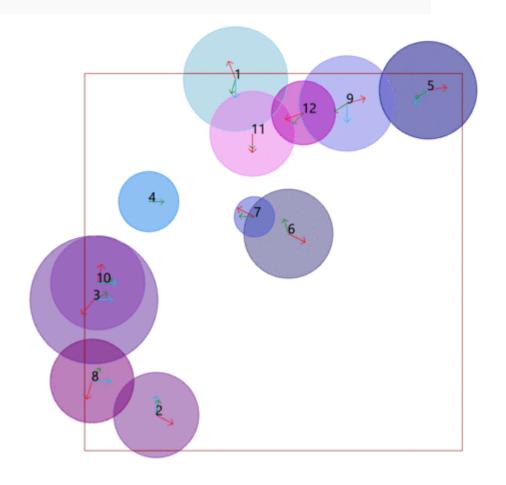


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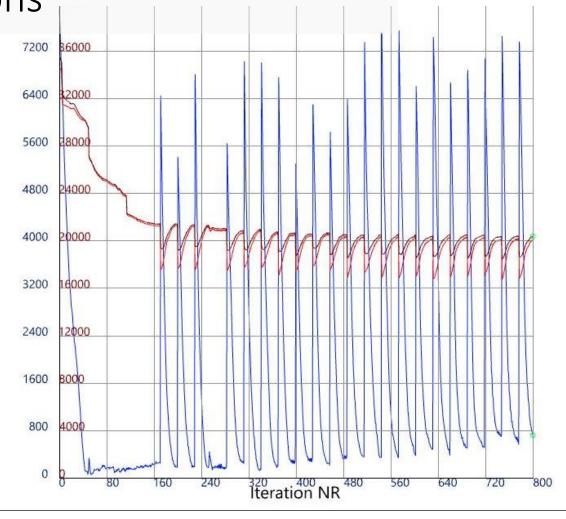


Result with both shooting and swapping over 800 iterations





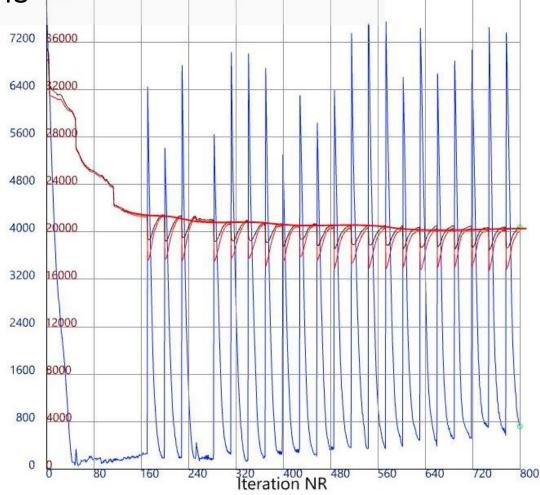
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over 800 iterations





Results for the different appraoches compared

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	864.7	767.6
745.1	747.9	742.5
829.6	1207.9	977.9
16.9	99.2	33.8
1.47	3.14	2.04
0.62	0.7	0.61
3.34	40.7	5.73
0.77	5.63	1.16
757.3	854.6	755.8
727.7	741	723.1
816.8	1200.8	971.4
17.5	99.9	35
521.9	613.1	518.8
141	8	118
799	796	790
197.1	181.2	169.1
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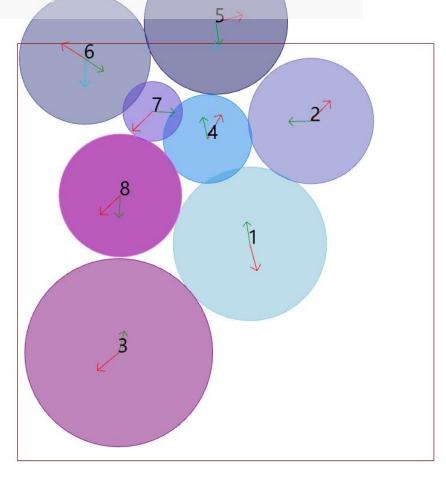


Results for the different appraoches compared

	Swapping	Shooting	Both
Objective			
Average	-15%	-5%	-15%
Minimum	-2%	-2%	-2%
Maximum	-32%	-1%	-20%
Standard deviation	-83%	3%	-65%
Overlap			
Average	-70%	-36%	-58%
Minimum	35%	52%	33%
Maximum	-98%	-72%	-96%
Standard deviation	-96%	-72%	-94%
Flow-cost			
Average	-15%	-4%	-15%
Minimum	28%	30%	27%
Maximum	-33%	-2%	-20%
Standard deviation	-83%	-4%	-67%
Iterations			
Average	10%	29%	9%
Minimum	-	-	-
Maximum	0%	0%	-1%
Standard deviation	-17%	-24%	-29%

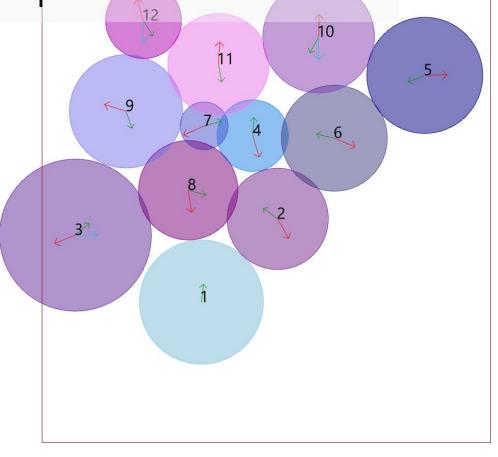


Best result: 8 departments





Best result:12 departments

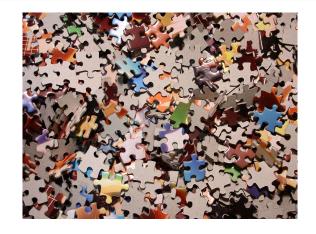


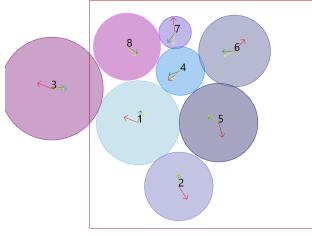


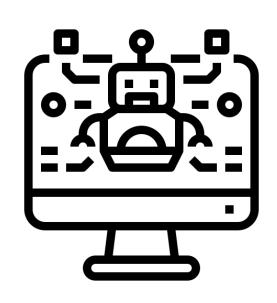
Second-stage model



Reminder





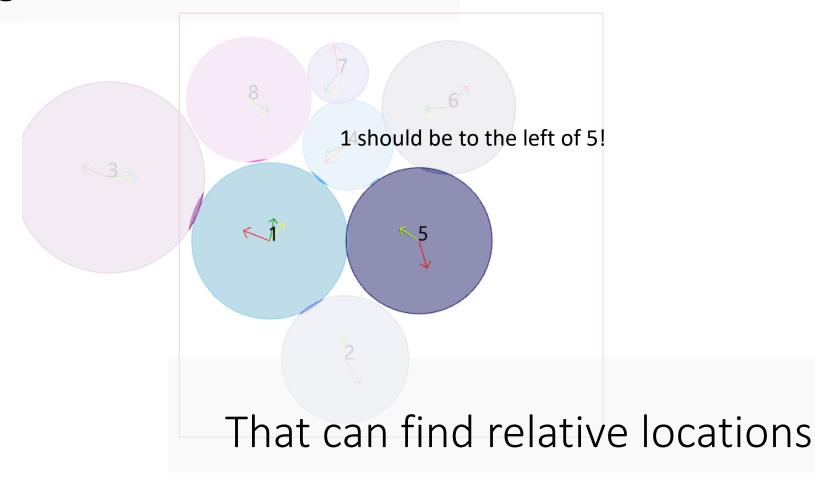




First model needed to reduce the solution space

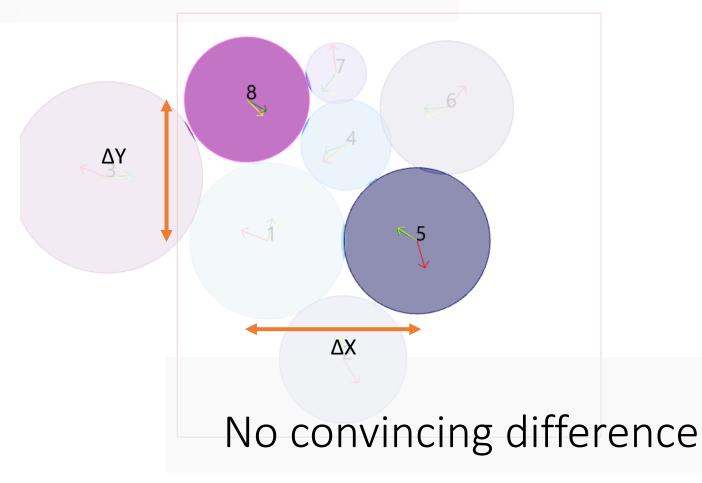


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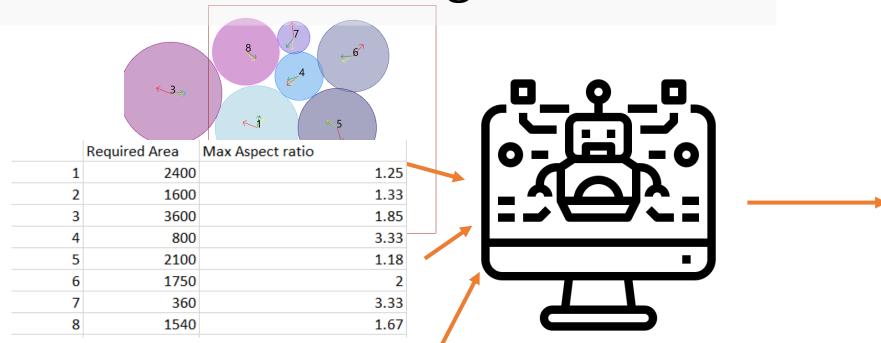


Some departments relative locations are to vague for a constraint





The second-stage model



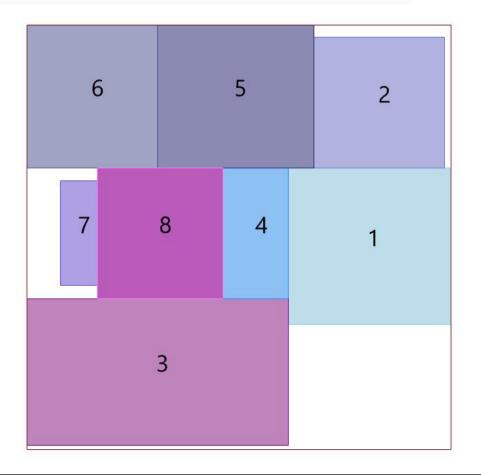
Other constraints:

No overlap with each other No overlap with outside facility

What else to feed the model?

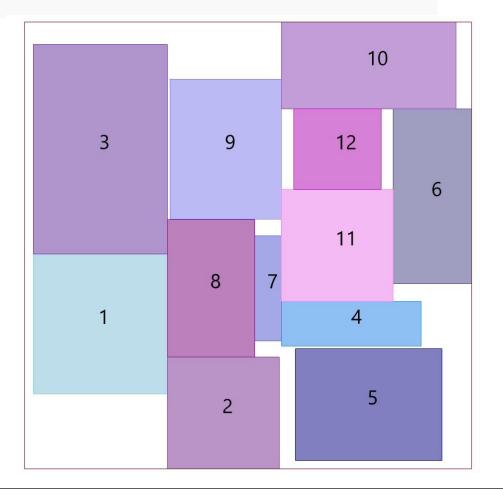


Final result: 8 departments



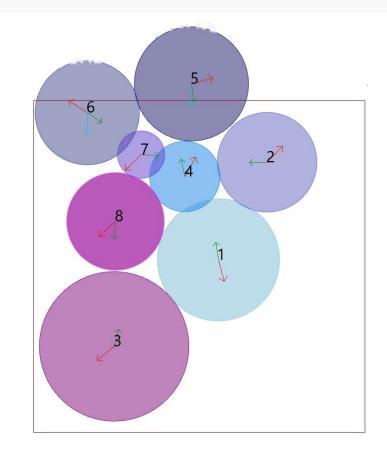


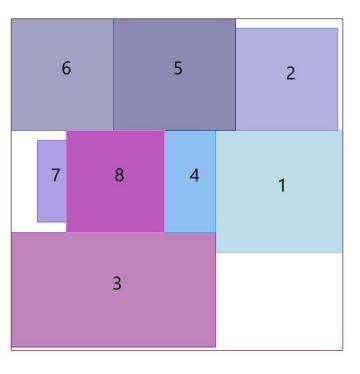
Final result: 12 departments





Final result: 12 departments first stage compared to the second stage







What if we take out the first-stage models constraints?



Other constraints:

No overlap with each other No overlap with outside facility

What else to feed the model?



What if we take out the first-stage models constraints?

	Relational constraints	No relational constraints	Difference%
25s	477.2	528.1	9.6
100s	427.6	520.3	17.8
300s	410.3	515	20.3
	'		

Objective for the 8 department problem

	Relational constraints	No relational constraints	Difference%
25s	1338.9	1678.4	20.2
100s	1302.1	1607.1	19.0
300s	1302.1	1444.0	9.8

Objective for the 12 department problem



How well does the method perform versus other methods?

Departments	OV	Recomputed OV	Tam OV	Chwif OV
8	410.3	967.3	839	-
12	1302.1	3931.4	3162	3684

But..

Our method's layout gives a more compact layout, only 20% empty space versus 37% of Tam and 23% of Chwif



Conclusions



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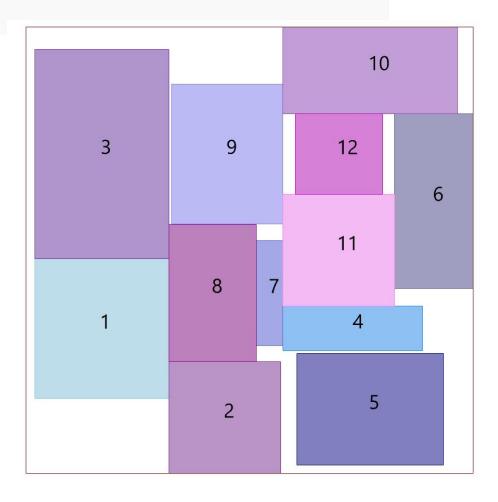
The first-stage model tremendously increases the effectiveness of the second-stage model

The method in total performs slightly less compared to other methods in literature. However, the layout found is more compact.

There is improvements that can be made, but the thesis was a succes as far as I am concerned



Questions?





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