

# Recent Developments in Disjunctive Programming

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## Introduction

### Accepted Formulations

Formulations **MILP y MINLP** are the most used in the academia and companies to solve problems with discrete decisions

### Algorithms for MINLP

- Outer Approximation (OA) **Dicopt ++**
- Branch & Bound (**B&B**)
- Generalized Benders Decomposition (**GBD**)
- Extended Cutting Plane (**ECP**)

### Modelling Environments

Modeling environments used for posing and solving a MINLP problem: **GAMS, AMPL, other**

## Alternative Formulation to MINLP

### Hybrid Formulation (Disjunctions and 0-1 variables)

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & Z = \sum_k c_k + f(x) + d^T y \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \end{aligned}$$

$$g(x) \leq 0$$

$$r(x) + Dy \leq 0$$

$$Ay \geq a$$

$$\bigvee_{i \in D_k} \begin{bmatrix} Y_{ik} \\ h_{ik}(x) \leq 0 \\ c_k = \gamma_{ik} \end{bmatrix} \quad k \in SD$$

$$\Omega(Y) = \text{True}$$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n, y \in \{0,1\}^q$$

$$Y \in \{\text{True}, \text{False}\}^m, c_k \geq 0$$

- $x, c_k$  are continuous variables
- $y$  (0-1) are variables
- $Y_{ik}$  are Boolean variables to establish whether the disjunctive term is true or not
- $f(x)$  objective function
- $d^T y$  linear cost terms
- $g(x)$  constraints that are independent of the discrete decisions
- $r(x) + Dy \leq 0$  mixed-integer constraints
- $Ay \geq a$  integer constraints
- $\Omega(Y)$  propositional logic relating Boolean variables

## Disjunctive Formulation

### From Hybrid formulation

$$\min Z = \sum_k c_k + f(x) + d^T y$$

s. t.:

$$g(x) \leq 0$$

$$r(x) + Dy \leq 0$$

$$Ay \geq a$$

$$\vee_{i \in D_k} \left[ \begin{array}{c} Y_{ik} \\ h_{ik}(x) \leq 0 \\ c_k = \gamma_{ik} \end{array} \right] \quad k \in SD$$

$$\Omega(Y) = \text{True}$$

$$x \in R^n, \quad y \in \{0,1\}^q, \quad Y \in \{\text{True}, \text{False}\}^m, \quad c_k \geq 0$$

## MINLP formulation

### From Hybrid formulation

$$\min Z = \sum_k c_k + f(x) + d^T y$$

s.t.:

$$g(x) \leq 0$$

$$r(x) + Dy \leq 0$$

$$Ay \geq a$$

$$\forall_{i \in D_k} \begin{bmatrix} Y_{ik} \\ h_{ik}(x) \leq 0 \\ c_k = \gamma_{ik} \end{bmatrix} \quad k \in SD$$

$$\Omega(Y) = \text{True}$$

$$x \in R^n, y \in \{0,1\}^a$$

$$Y \in \{\text{True}, \text{False}\}^m, c_k \geq 0$$

## Relaxations for a disjunctive set

### Big-M relaxation

#### Linear case

$$F = \bigvee_{i \in D} [a_i^T x \leq b_i] \quad x \in R^n$$

$$a_i^T x \leq b_i + M_i(1 - y_i)$$

$$y_i = 1$$

$$M_i = \max\{a_i^T x - b_i \mid x^{lo} \leq x \leq x^{up}\}$$

#### Non-linear case

$$F = \bigvee_{i \in D} [h_i(x) \leq 0] \quad x \in R^n$$

$$h_i(x) \leq M_i(1 - y_i)$$

$$y_i = 1$$

$$M_i = \max\{h_i(x) \mid x^{lo} \leq x \leq x^{up}\}$$

## Relaxations for a disjunctive set

### Convex Hull

#### Linear case

(Balas, 1985)

$$F = \bigvee_{i \in D} [a_i^T x \leq b_i] \quad x \in R^n$$

$$x - v_i = 0 \quad x, v_i \in R^n$$

$$a_i^T v_i - b_i y_i \leq 0$$

$$y_i = 1, \quad 0 \leq y_i \leq 1, \quad i \in D$$

$$0 \leq v_i \leq v_i^{up} y_i$$

#### Non linear case

(Lee y Grossmann, 1999)

$$F = \bigvee_{i \in D} [h_i(x) \leq 0] \quad x \in R^n$$

$$x - v_i = 0 \quad x, v_i \in R^n$$

$$y_i h_i(v_i / y_i) \leq 0$$

$$y_i = 1, \quad 0 \leq y_i \leq 1, \quad i \in D$$

$$0 \leq v^i \leq v_i^{up} y_i$$

## Relaxations for a disjunctive set

### Properties

Increased number of  
variables and constraints

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Big-M

Convex Hull

The **Big-M relaxation** of a disjunctive set implies a **mixed-integer formulation** of the discrete decision

The **Convex-Hull relaxation** is related to a **disjunctive formulation** of the discrete decision

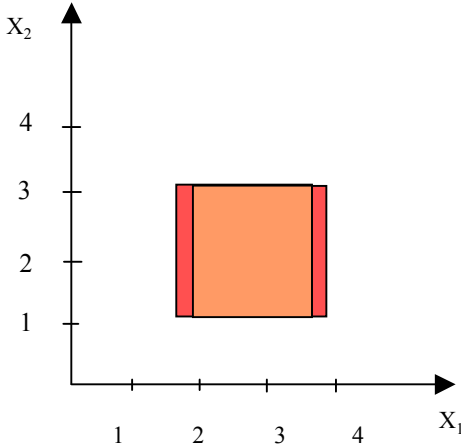
**Property**

The **Convex-Hull** of a disjunctive set provides a relaxation that is **tighter or equal** to the **Big-M** model

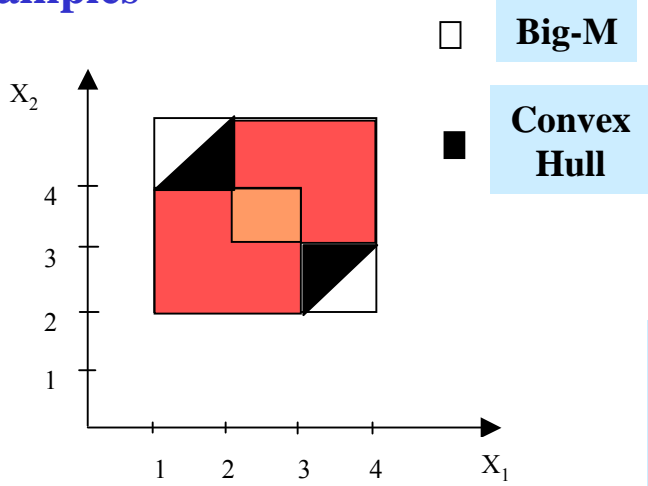


# Covex Hull vs. Big-M

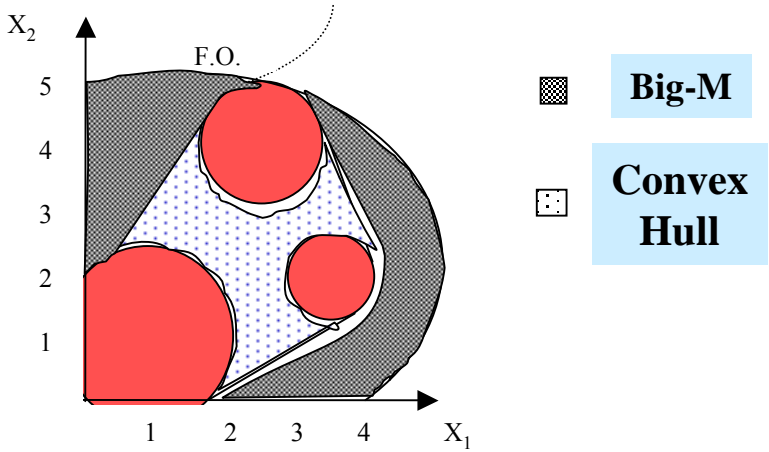
## Illustrative examples



Both relaxations can be equivalent



The Convex Hull is tightest



## Language for disjunctions and logic propositions

### Operators, Operands and Sentences

- **Booleans Variables:** true and false values, binaries can be used instead
- **Logic Operators:**  $\wedge$  (“and”),  $\vee$  (“or”),  $\underline{\vee}$  (“exclusive or”),  $\sim$  (“not”,  $!$ ,  $\neg$ ),  $\rightarrow$  (implication),  $\leftrightarrow$  (equivalence)
- **Selection Sentences** (conditionals) for expressing disjunctions. We propose **IF..THEN..ELSE..ENDIF** sentences.
- **Special sentences** to facilitate the expressions of logic constraints  
Sentences like : **atmost, exactly or adjacent.**

# Language for the expression of disjunctions

## Two terms disjunction

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{True} \\ \text{Constraints set 1} \end{array} \right] \vee \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{False} \\ \text{Constraints set 2} \end{array} \right]$$

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IF (logic expression) THEN
    Apply constraints set 1
ELSE
    Apply constraints set 2
ENDIF
    
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$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} Y_j \\ vt_j \geq \log(2S_{ij}^*) + b_{i,j+1} \\ vt_j \geq \log(2S_{ij}^*) + b_{i,j} \\ b_{ij} - b_{i,j+1} \leq \phi \\ b_{ij} - b_{i,j+1} \geq -\phi \end{array} \right] \vee \left[ \begin{array}{c} \neg Y_j \\ vt_j = 0 \\ b_{ij} - b_{i,j+1} = 0 \end{array} \right]$$

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IF ( $Y_j$ ) THEN
     $t_j \geq \log(2S_{ij}^*) + b_{i,j+1}$ 
     $vt_j \geq \log(2S_{ij}^*) + b_{i,j}$ 
     $b_{ij} - b_{i,j+1} \leq \phi$ 
     $b_{ij} - b_{i,j+1} \geq -\phi$ 
ELSE
     $vt_j = 0$ 
     $b_{ij} - b_{i,j+1} = 0$ 
ENDIF
    
```

## Language for the expression of disjunctions

### Several terms disjunctions

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{1} \\ \text{Constraints set 1} \end{array} \right) \vee \left( \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{2} \\ \text{Constraints set 2} \end{array} \right) \vee \dots \vee \left( \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{N} \\ \text{Constraints set N} \end{array} \right)$$

**IF** (*Logic expression 1*) **THEN**

*Apply constraints set 1 when logic expression 1 is true*

**ELSE IF** (*Logic expression 2*) **THEN**

*Apply constraints set 2 when logic expression 2 is true*

**ELSE IF** (*Logic expression 3*) **THEN**

...

**ELSE IF** (*Logic expression N*) **THEN**

*Apply constraints set N when logic expression N is true*

**ENDIF**

## Language for the expression of disjunctions

### Example: Several terms disjunctions

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} Y_1 \\ (x_1 - 4)^2 + (x_2 - 2)^2 \leq 0.5 \end{array} \right] \vee \left[ \begin{array}{c} Y_2 \\ (x_1 - 3)^2 + (x_2 - 4)^2 \leq 1 \end{array} \right] \vee \left[ \begin{array}{c} Y_3 \\ (x_1 - 1)^2 + (x_2 - 1)^2 \leq 1.5 \end{array} \right]$$

**IF ( $Y_1$ ) THEN**

$$(x_1 - 4)^2 + (x_2 - 2)^2 \leq 0.5$$

**ELSE IF ( $Y_2$ ) THEN**

$$(x_1 - 3)^2 + (x_2 - 4)^2 \leq 1$$

**ELSE IF ( $Y_3$ ) THEN**

$$(x_1 - 1)^2 + (x_2 - 1)^2 \leq 1.5$$

**ENDIF**

## Language for the expression of logic propositions

Logic operators :  $\wedge$  (“and”),  $\vee$  (“or”),  $\underline{\vee}$  (“exclusive or”),  $\sim$  (“not”,  $!$ ,  $\neg$ ),  
 $\rightarrow$  (implication),  $\leftrightarrow$  (equivalence) for the expression of relationships between  
the discrete variables

Example:  $Y_8 \rightarrow Y_3 \vee Y_5 \vee (\neg Y_3 \wedge \neg Y_5)$   
 $Y_1 \underline{\vee} Y_2$   
 $Y_4 \underline{\vee} Y_5$   
 $Y_6 \underline{\vee} Y_7$

The modeler formulates these relationships that are translated into integer constraints

## Language for the expression of logic constraints

### Special sentences

**atmost** (*parameter list*)

Atmost one component of the parameter list must be true

**atleast** (*parameter list*)

Atleast one component of the parameter list must be true

**exactly** (*parameter list*)

Only one component of the parameter list must be true

**adjacent** (*lista de argumentos*)

Two adjacent components of the parameter list must be true

**alldifferent** (*parameter list*)

All components of the parameter list must take different values

## Language for the expression of logic constraints

### Illustrative examples

**atmost** ( $Y(i)$ )

**exactly** ( $Y1, Y2, Y6, Y8$ )

**atleast** ( $Y(i), Y2, Y6, Y8$ )

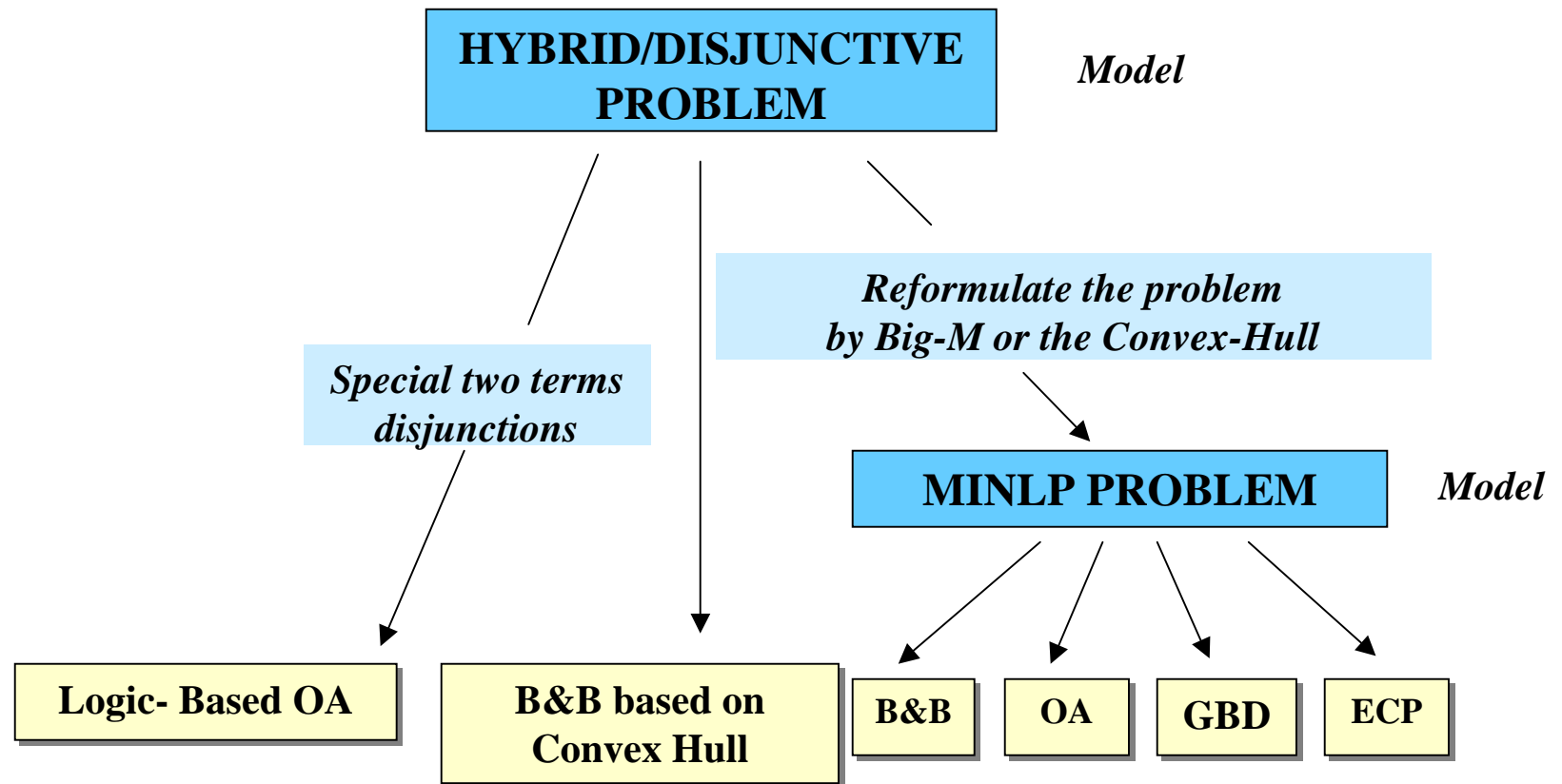
**exactly** ( $Y1, Y2, Y6, Y8$ )

**atleast** ( $Y(i), Y2, Y6, Y8$ )

**alldifferent** ( $n(i)$ )



# Models and Algorithms



## Reformulation of a disjunctive problem into a MINLP

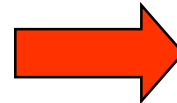
### Disjunctive Formulation

$$\min Z = \sum_k c_k + f(x)$$

s. t.:

$$g(x) \leq 0$$

$$\bigvee_{i \in D_k} \left[ \begin{array}{l} Y_{ik} \\ h_{ik}(x) \leq 0 \\ c_k = \gamma_{ik} \end{array} \right] \quad k \in SD$$



$$\Omega(Y) = \text{True}$$

$$x \in R^n, Y_{ik} \in \{\text{True}, \text{False}\}^m, c_k \geq 0$$

### MINLP Formulation

$$\min Z = \sum_{ik} \gamma_{ik} y_{ik} + f(x)$$

s. t.:

$$g(x) \leq 0$$

$$x = \bigvee_{i \in D_k} v_{ik}, \quad k \in SD1$$

$$y_{ik} h_{ik}(v_{ik}/y_{ik}) \leq 0, \quad i \in D_k, k \in SD1$$

$$0 \leq v_{ik} \leq y_{ik} U_{ik}, \quad i \in D_k, k \in SD1$$

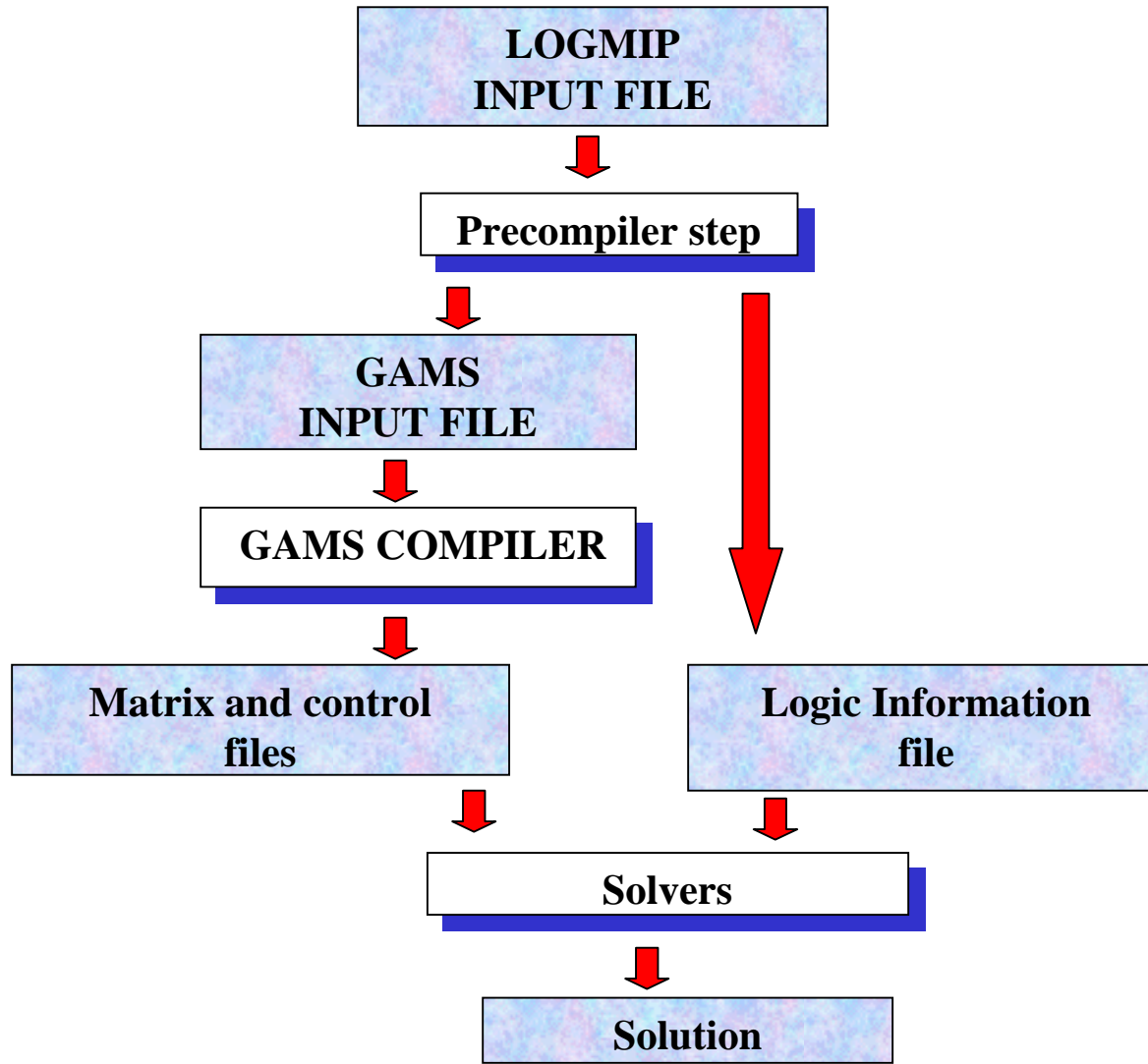
$$h_{ik}(x) \leq M_{ik}(1 - y_{ik}), \quad i \in D_k, k \in SD2$$

$$y_{ik} = 1, \quad k \in SD$$

$$Ay \leq a$$

$$x, v_{ik} \geq 0, y_{ik} \in \{0, 1\}, SD1, SD2 \in SD$$

# LOGMIP Implementation



## **LOGMIP Implementation**

### **Precompiler**

**The implementation implies the expansion of the capabilities of a mathematical programming at the level of modeling and solution techniques for non-linear discrete problems**

**The objective of the precompiler step is:**

- **check the syntax and semantics for disjunctions, logic propositions logic constraints, special sentences**
- **obtain the logic information and record into a file**
- **generate a file ready to be compiled by GAMS**

# LOGMIP Implementation

## Algorithms Implemented

*Formulation*

*Algorithms*

**MINLP**



**OA/ER/AP : Dicopt++**

**B&B : SBB**

**ECP : Prototype**

**Disjunctive**



**Logic-Based OA** (for special two terms disjunctions)

**Hybrid**



**Logic-Based OA extended** (for special two terms disjunctions)

## LOGMIP Implementation

### Problem solving

If the model is an MINLP

**By default** we apply (DICOPT++)

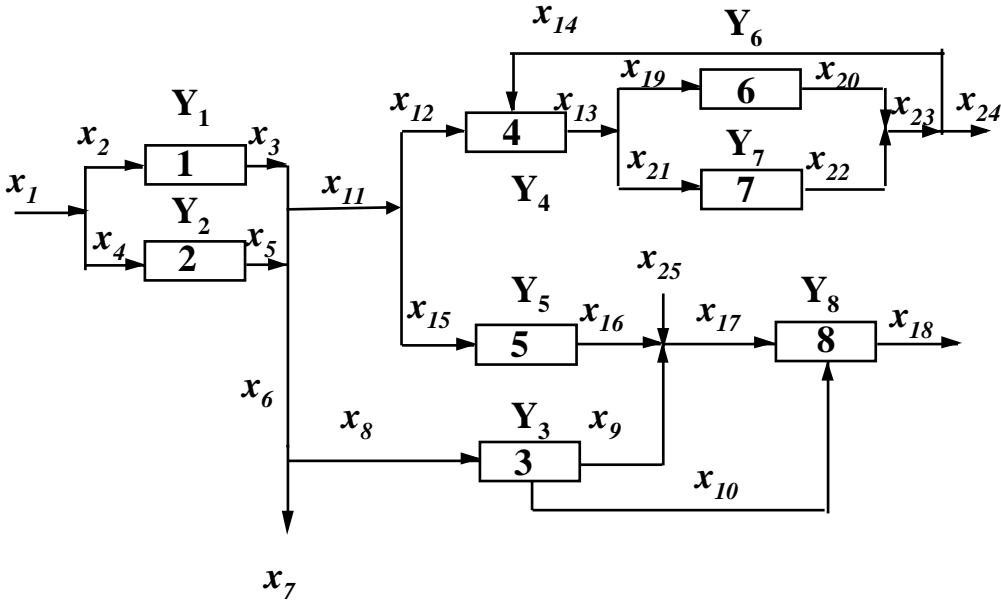
**Alternatives** SBB or ECP

If the model is a hybrid/disjunctive program

We **reformulate** the problem as **MINLP** and proceed

**Alternative:** Logic-Based OA for special two terms disjunctions

# 8 Process Superstructure



## Results : 8 Process superstructure

<b>Model</b>	<b>Algorithm</b>	<b>Relaxed optimum</b>	<b>Iterations</b>	<b>Variab.</b>	<b>Constr.</b>	<b>Discrete V.</b>
	<b>Dicopt++</b>	<b>15.08</b>	<b>1 NLP 4 major</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>MINLP</b>	<b>ECP</b>	<b>-25.13*</b>	<b>6 MIP</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>GDB</b>	<b>15.08</b>	<b>1 NLP 14 major</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>MINLP (Convex hull)</b>	<b>Dicopt++</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>1 NLP 2 major</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Disjunct.</b>	<b>Logic-Based OA</b>	-----	<b>3 NLP 1 major</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Hybrid</b>	<b>Logic-Based OA ext.</b>	-----	<b>2 NLP 1 major</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Optimum</b>		<b>68.09</b>				



## Results: prediction of infrared spectroscopy parameters

$$\min Z = w_j + 2 \sum_{k,i} y_{ki}$$

$$w_j = \sum_k \{ [(c_{kj} - \sum_i p_{ki} a_{ij})^T * R^{-1}] * (c_{kj} - \sum_i p_{ki} a_{ij}) \} \quad \forall j$$

*Disyunciones*

*i = wave number(10)*

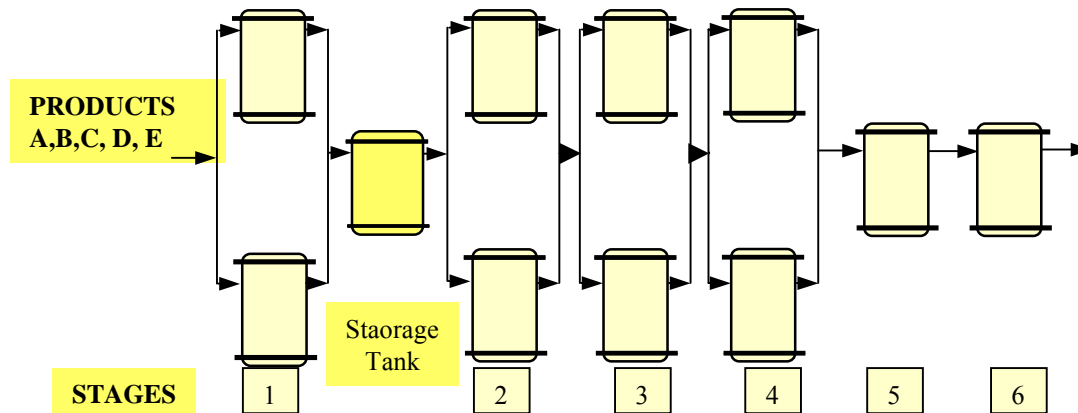
*j= experimental data (8)*

*k= components (3)*

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} Y_{ki} \\ P_{ki}^{min} \leq P_{ki} \leq P_{ki}^{max} \\ c_{ki} = 1 \end{array} \right] \vee \left[ \begin{array}{c} \neg Y_{ki} \\ P_{ki} = 0 \\ c_{ki} = 0 \end{array} \right]$$

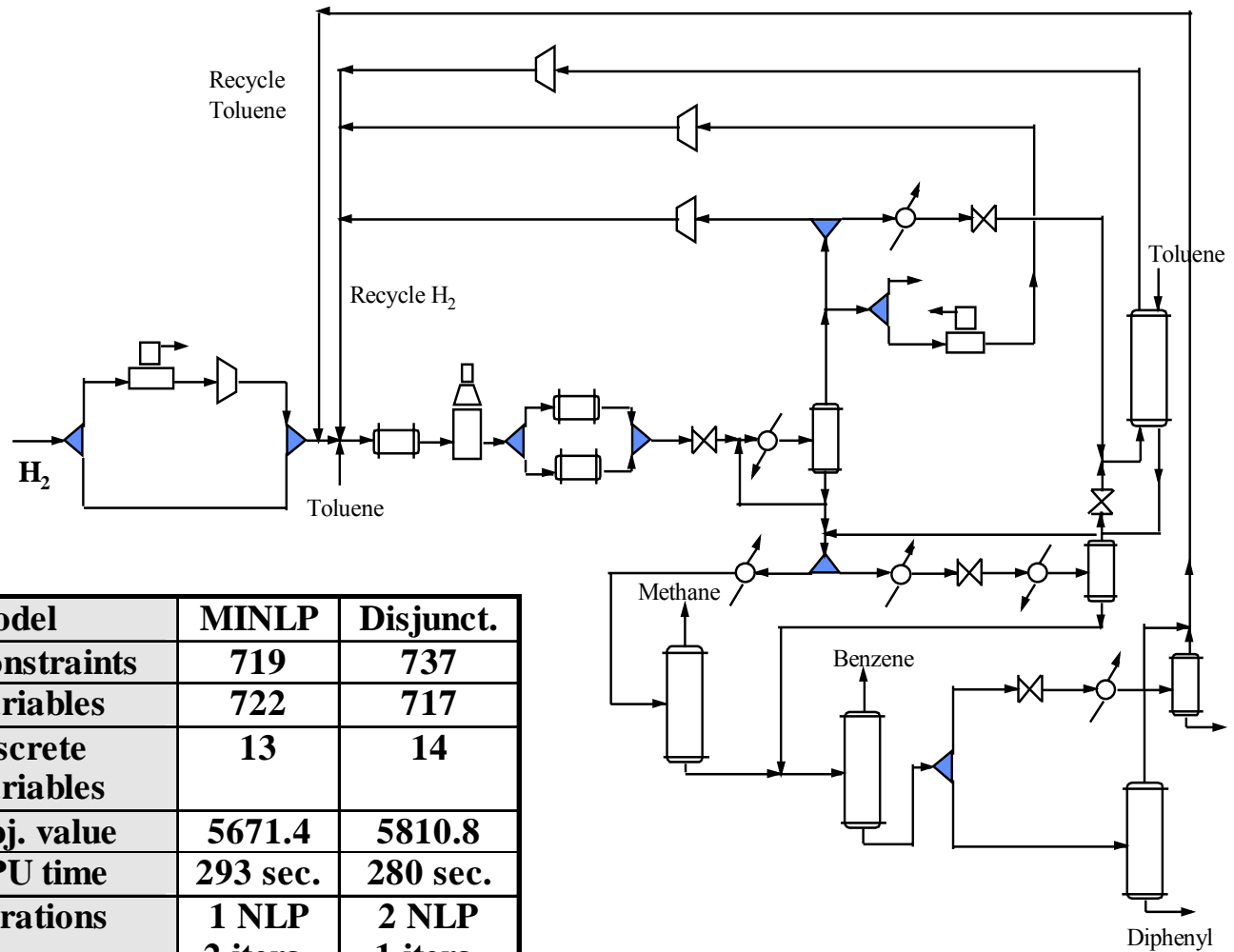
Model	MINLP	Disjunctive
Constraints	39	102
Variables	69	99
Discrete Var.	30	30
Optimum	13.98	13.98
CPU Time	55 sec	7 sec
Iterations	6	4

## Results: Multiproduct Batch Plant Design



Model	MINLP	Hybrid
Constraints	186	187
Variables	112	113
Discrete variables	53	53
Obj. value	261883	261883
CPU Time	287 sec.	80 sec.
Iterations	1 NLP 10 itera	1 NLP 4 itera

## Results : HDA process synthesis



Model	MINLP	Disjunct.
Constraints	719	737
Variables	722	717
Discrete Variables	13	14
Obj. value	5671.4	5810.8
CPU time	293 sec.	280 sec.
Iterations	1 NLP 2 itera.	2 NLP 1 itera.

## Conclusions

- ❑ **Hybrid and Disjunctive Programming provide advantages in modeling and solution techniques that complements Mixed Integer Non Linear Programming (MINLP)**
- ❑ **We propose a language for the expression of disjunctions and logic propositions to extend the mathematical modeling languages**
- ❑ **Starting with a hybrid/disjunctive model we propose to reformulate it to MINLP and then solve with any standard algorithm.**
- ❑ **Objective of this approach is to give the modeler several alternatives for modeling and solving a continuous/discrete non-linear program problem**