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## Parallel Cooperative Hybrid Metaheuristics: some results and trends

Abstract: Finding an optimal solution to some combinatorial optimisation problems is computationally very difficult, for many useful instances. The best results are obtained with hybrid heuristics, which normally require very complex solvers. We propose an alternate solution where hybridization is obtain by means of parallelism and cooperation between simple singleheuristic solvers.

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