ABSTRACT - Warehouse automation is increasing rapidly due to advances in technology, increases in ecommerce and inherent difficulties of large scale warehouse operations dominated by human operators. This automation leads to many interesting optimization problems. Some of these are typical routing and scheduling problems, while others are more unique. Working with a team led by Dr. Julian Yarkony (PhD CS, UCI 2012) we are developing a number of formulations and solution techniques which combine recent advances in column generation methods for large scale integer programs, classical multi-attribute pathfinding methods and well know metaheuristics to solve the rich problems in this domain.

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