



## Minisymposium 1 - Discrete Optimization

### **A faster polynomial-time algorithm for the unbalanced Hitchcock transportation problem**

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We present a new algorithm for the Hitchcock transportation problem. On instances with  $n$  sources and  $k$  sinks, our algorithm has a worst-case running time of  $O(nk^2(\log n + k \log k))$ . This algorithm closes a gap between algorithms which have a running time linear in  $n$  but exponential in  $k$  and a polynomial-time algorithm with running time  $O(nk^2 \log^2 n)$ .