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## Highlights

- We consider the unequal area facility location problem with soft or hard dimensions.
- We introduce two efficient hybrid genetic algorithms.
- We use a decomposition strategy with partial solution deconstructions and reconstructions.
- Structural constraints are imposed on the solutions to enhance the decomposition phases.
- Solutions of excellent quality are obtained for medium- and large-scale instances.

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