

# ASSISTANT SE Case Study

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## Constraint Based Production Scheduling



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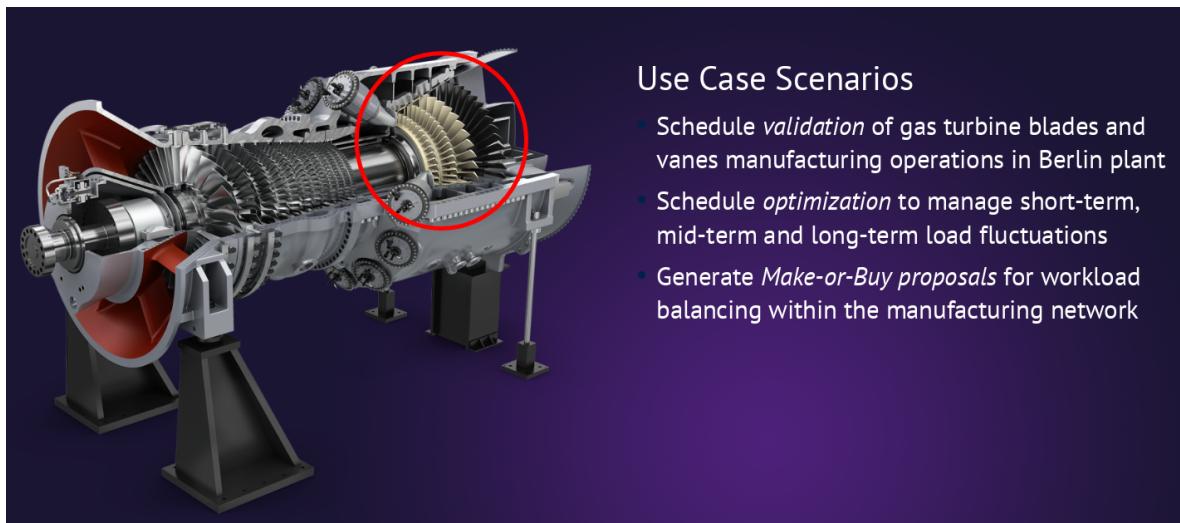
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## Key Points



- Scheduling/Planning tool for manufacturing industry
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# Assistant Siemens Energy Use Case



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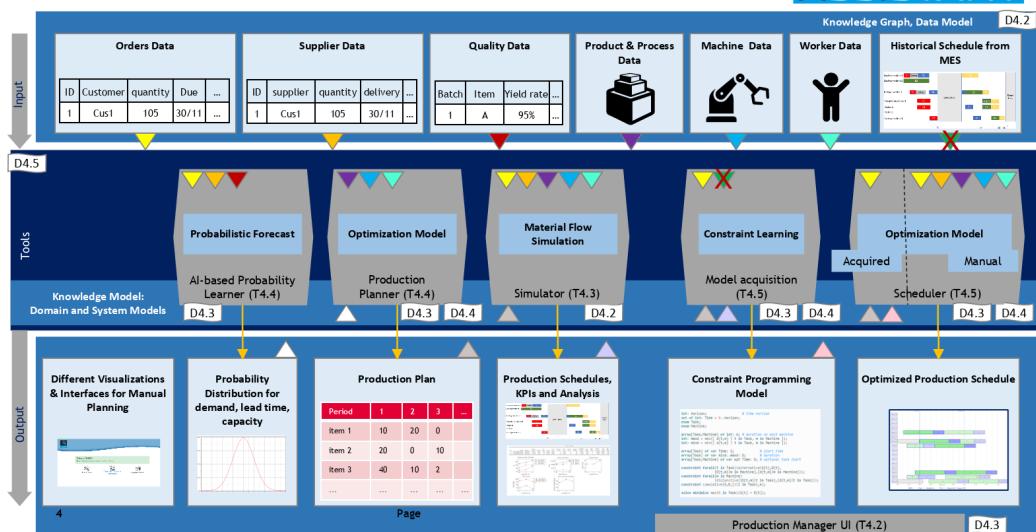
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## ASSISTANT Project Overview



Intelligent digital twin for process planning and scheduling

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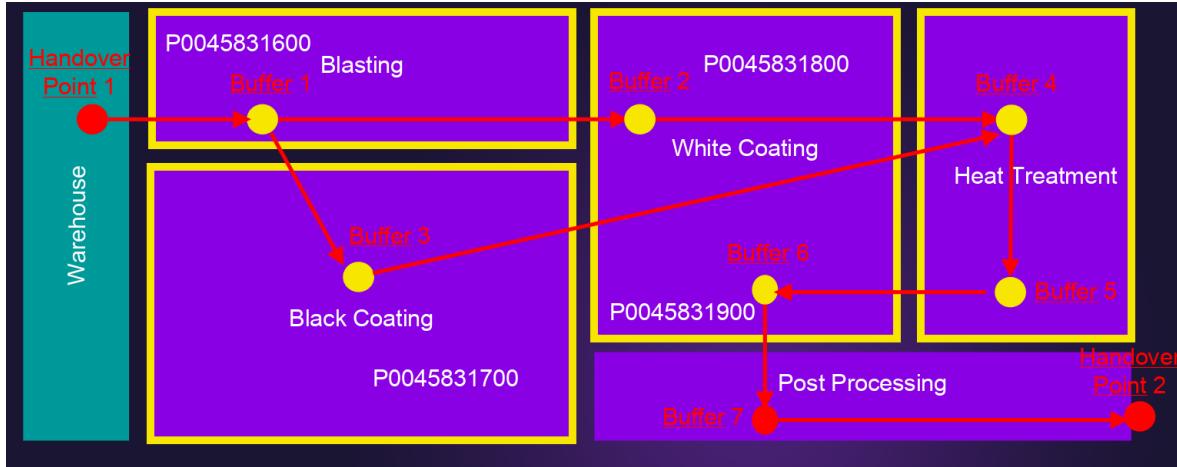


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# SE Product Routing



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## Test Datasets



### Full Scale Datasets

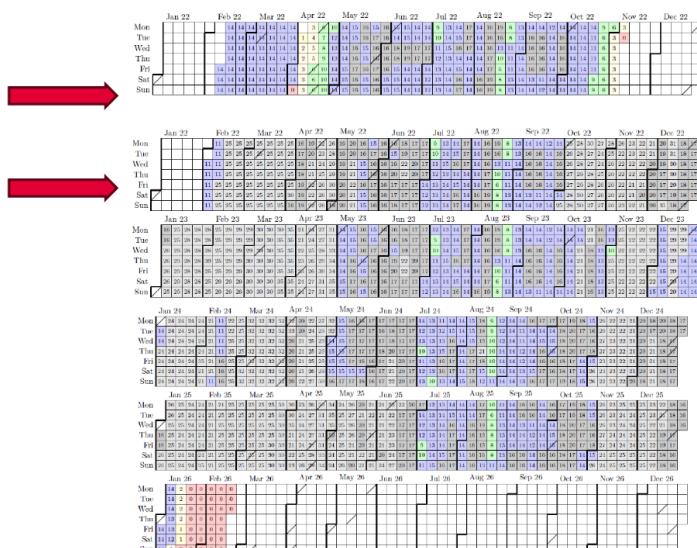
Berlin06: 96 orders, 9 months horizon, previous review

Berlin07: 450 orders, 4 years horizon

Berlin08: 559 orders, Christmas gap added

Berlin08a: 670 orders, filling gaps

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 Yellow and red colors indicate low order volume

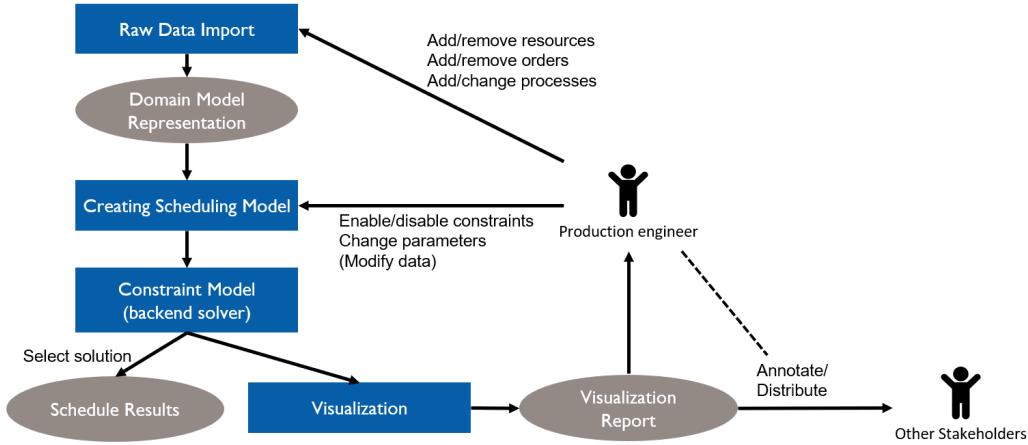


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# Optimizer High Level Structure



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## Raw Data - Manual Data Entry Causes Problems



- Raw data come from spreadsheet
  - 20 tabs
- Excel is a particularly bad input data format
- Realistic, not real data
- Created by hand/automatically from existing test scenarios
- Series of files Berlin01 - Berlin05 were too inconsistent to run
- Berlin06 still contains some errors
- Optimizer explains all issues that it finds

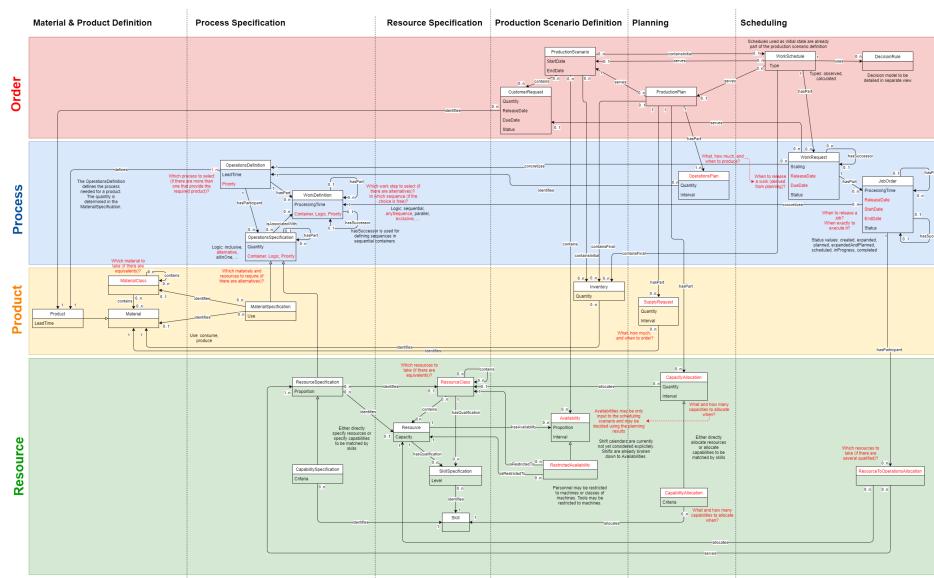
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# Domain Model - Knowledge Graph

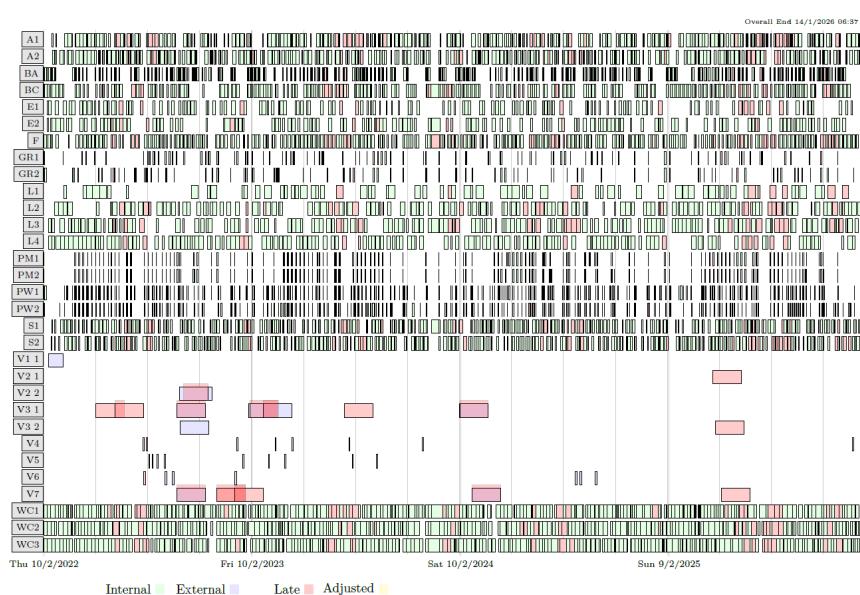


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## Solution for Berlin 08a - Shows Only 20% of Tasks in Model



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# Implementation



- Requirement capture done inside project
- Data checking/cleaning most time consuming aspect
- Some specified functionality was rejected by Betriebsrat
- Built in Java
- Uses IBM's CPOptimizer back-end
- 120k LoC, 110k generated, 3k solver
- Outperforms both
  - Current in-house tool
  - Simulation based tool based on commercial simulator
- System installed at SE site, but not in daily use

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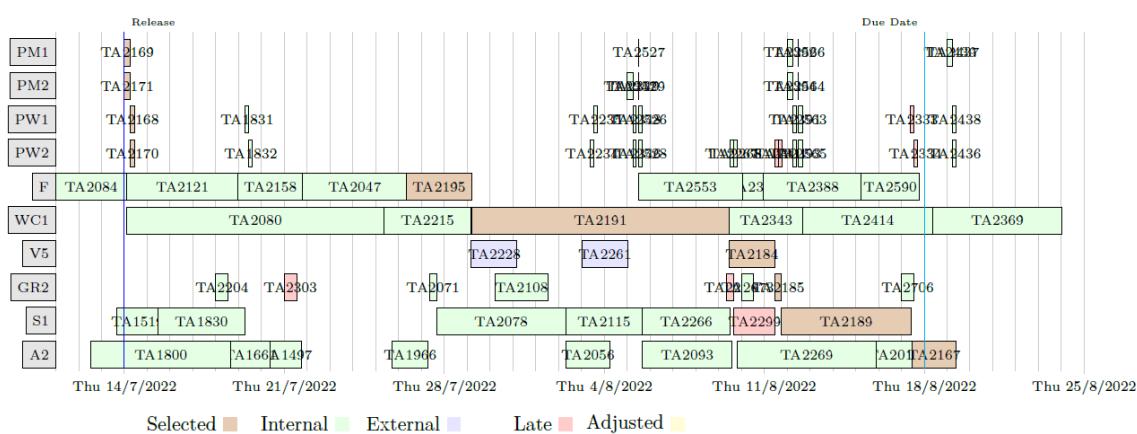
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## Explaining Late Delivery



- Explain why some orders are delivered late
- Find root-cause, show schedule in context



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## Evaluation - KPIs



KPI	Baseline	Optimizer
OTD	> 80 %	92 %
Bottleneck machine utilization	99.5 %	100 %
Manufacturing defects	10-15 %	< 10 %
Scenarios in 8 hours	15-20	> 100,000

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## Conclusion by Siemens Energy



*“Within less than eight hours the ASSISTANT tools provided us thousands of manufacturing scenarios including different make-or-buy recommendations for making deliberate decisions on the way to proceed for strategic planning.”*

from ASSISTANT final project review: Siemens Energy assessment

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