

ASSISTANT SE Case Study

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Constraint Based Production Scheduling

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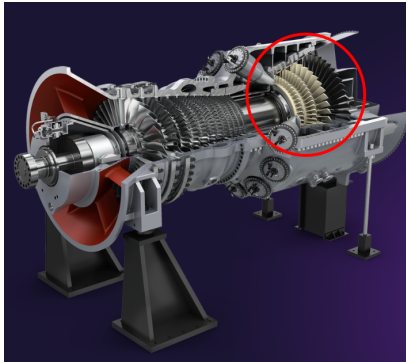
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Key Points



- Scheduling/Planning tool for manufacturing industry
- Developed as part of European ASSISTANT project
- Focused on key make-or-buy decisions
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- Key Technology: Optimization and Constraint Programming

Assistant Siemens Energy Use Case



Use Case Scenarios

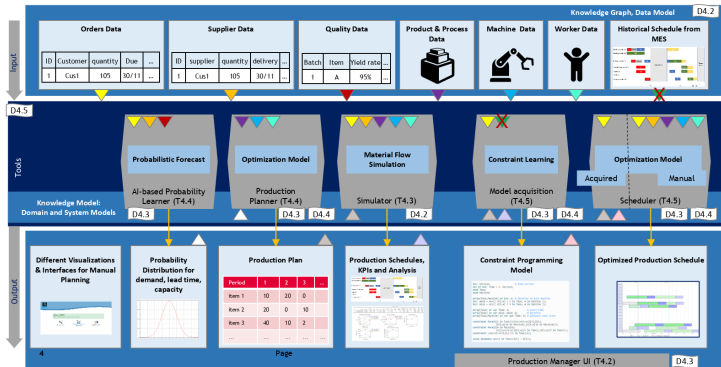
- Schedule *validation* of gas turbine blades and vanes manufacturing operations in Berlin plant
- Schedule *optimization* to manage short-term, mid-term and long-term load fluctuations
- Generate *Make-or-Buy proposals* for workload balancing within the manufacturing network

ASSISTANT Project Overview

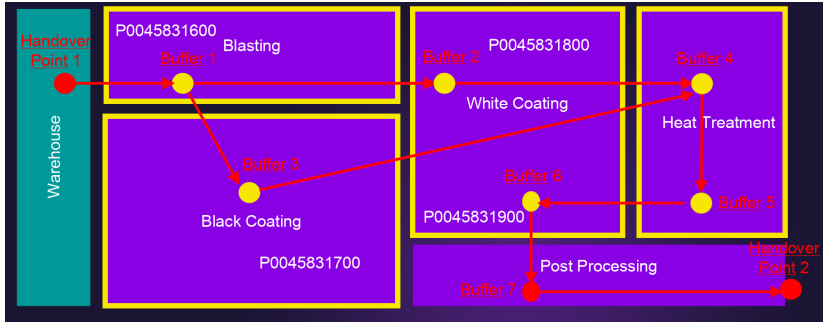


Intelligent digital twin for process planning and scheduling

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SE Product Routing



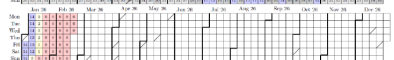
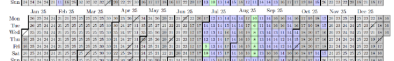
Full Scale Datasets

Berlin06: 96 orders, 9 months horizon, previous review

Berlin07: 450 orders, 4 years horizon

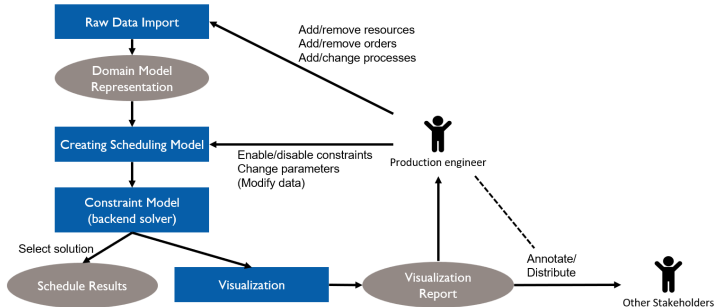
Berlin08: 559 orders, Christmas gap added

Berlin08a: 670 orders, filling gaps



Value in cell indicates active orders
Yellow and red colors indicate low order volume

Optimizer High Level Structure



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

ASSTANT Project Services Energy Use Case - Insight SPT Centre for Data Analytics

File Edit Scenarios View Window Help

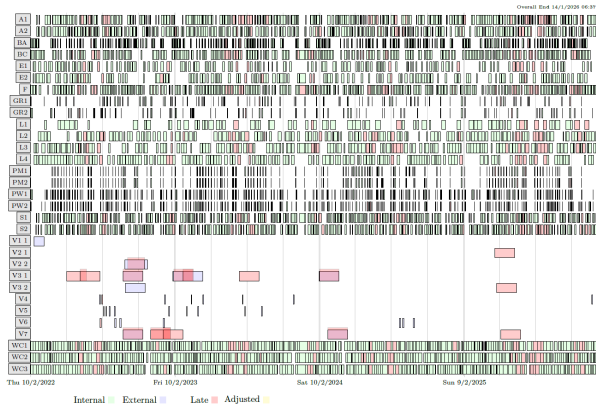
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Filter



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



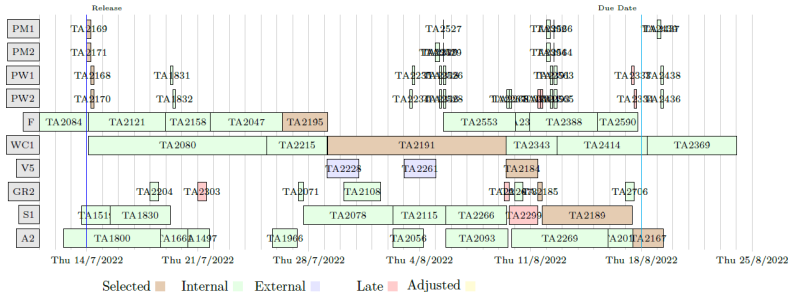


- Requirement capture done inside project
- Data checking/cleaning most time consuming aspect
- Some specified functionality was rejected by Betriebsrat
- Built in Java
- Uses IBM's CPOptimizer back-end
- 120k LoC, 110k generated, 3k solver
- Outperforms both
 - Current in-house tool
 - Simulation based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

Explaining Late Delivery



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



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

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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