

Using Simulation and Optimization in Complex Manufacturing Operations

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 High level overview of the operation, its complexities and challenges
- Solution Overview Simulation & Optimization through ExtendSim
 Opstat Modeling overview
- Lessons Learned The Journey through multi-level advanced planning
 Resolved Roadblocks and collateral benefits

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High Level Manufacturing Processing Overview



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Customer Service challenges and observed results

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What decision can we drive with simulation?

1. <u>How the bottleneck moves?</u>

Direct throughput impact by adding pockets of capacity in different steps of the manufacturing process

2. <u>The importance of planning parameters</u>

Direct impact (Time/Throughput or Customer Service) by changing planning parameters such as Yields, OEE, Shift Availability, Batch Sizes, etc.

3. How to best fulfill the demand

Through an iterative process, modeling of different demand fulfillment scenarios by varying demand timing or target inventory

Where to invest company resources to maximize a given objective



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Simulation & Optimization Modeling



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- Demand

- **Processing Times**
- Change Over Matrix
- Yields
- Working Schedule
- **Product Attributes**
- Mfg. Rules
- Rhythm Wheels

- Synchronized Schedule on a Calendar format
- Machine Utilization
- Bottleneck views
- Projected Pipeline Inventory
- "All you can think" in terms of reports...





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One level down from the front page



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Schedule view output



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- Schedule takes into account the best sequencing following a predefined rhythm wheel
- 2. Respect manufacturing best practices, such as MOQ's, Max number of change-Overs, etc.
- 3. Takes into account a change-over matrix to properly account for the timing of each operations
- 4. Generate a "by-the-hour" schedule in a calendar format
- 5. Enables the planning for preventive maintenance

Bottlenecks can move - Equipment and Inventory



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Equipment backlog and utilization tracked



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Lessons Learned

- 1. <u>The model is as good as the quality of the master data loaded into it</u> For certain areas, time studies were necessary, while for other, a good estimate was enough
- 2. <u>Planners significantly increase their understanding of manufacturing complexities</u> Manufacturing interdependencies and the trade-off of parameters become extremely clear for planners

3. <u>Don't underestimate the importance of change management</u> The models enables clear exposure of operational gaps by comparing actuals vs. plans. Manufacturing must see the value of such initiative and partner during the solution implementation to minimize resistance



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