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UNLEASH THE FULL POTENTIAL OF THE DELMIA QUINTIQ OPTIMIZER

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ALL ABOUT OPTIMIZATION



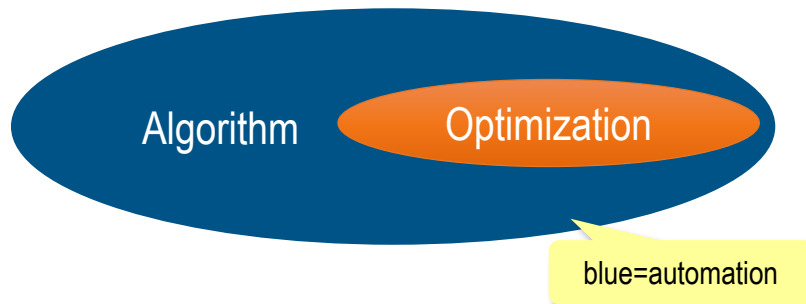
SOME DEFINITIONS

ALGORITHM

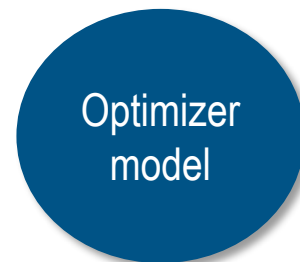
“An algorithm is a series of steps that are programmed into a decision support system to automate parts of planning or scheduling decisions.”

OPTIMIZATION

“An algorithm or set of algorithms that generates, evaluates and chooses the best solution according to a set of key performance indicators (KPI's).”



ABOUT MODELS



THE OPTIMAL SOLUTION?

- Some optimization techniques will **guarantee** that the optimal solution has been found – within the model
- Other optimization techniques will return the **best solution** found within a certain time limit
- Heuristics will return **one solution** without evaluation of the quality



OPTIMIZATION AND HEURISTICS

"I want this drink"



"I want to have a good taste, with minimal sugar and a large container content for the lowest price"

HEURISTICS

- Predefined steps to create a solution
- Typically an automation of manual process

OPTIMIZATION

- Considers multiple options
- Evaluates with weighted KPIs

"Will get you the solution you knew existed"

"Will get you a solution you did not know about"

In practice, most optimizers are a combination of 'true' optimization and heuristics

WHAT KIND OF OPTIMIZERS DO WE HAVE?

Company Planner

A. Techniques

- ➔ - Linear/mathematical programming
- Path optimization
- Heuristics

B. Iterations

- Single
- ➔ - Multiple

C. Elements

- Direct
- ➔ - Combi/Set

D. Approach

- Construction
- ➔ - Improvement



High level planning

OOTB optimizers

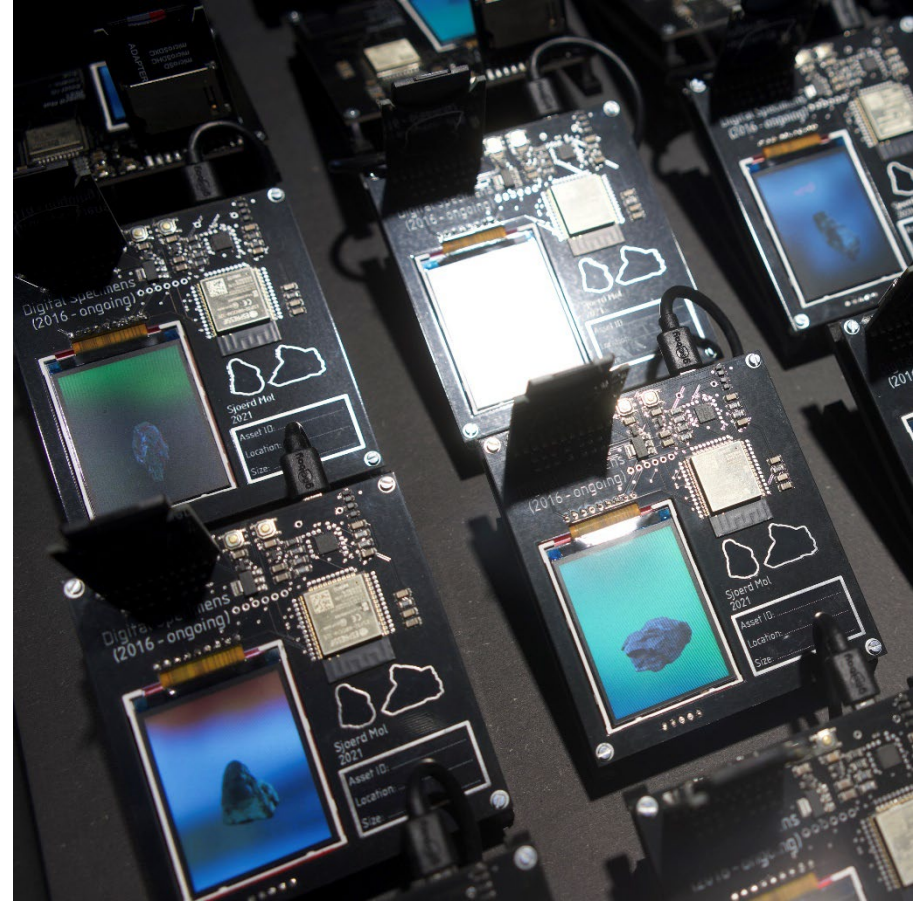
Detailed planning

Customized optimizers



A NOTE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- Existing techniques can be classified as AI
- Explain scheduling delays using Machine Learning
- Generate schedules - experimental algorithms
- Explain outcomes of planning decisions with Large Language Models (LLM)



WHY OPTIMIZATION?



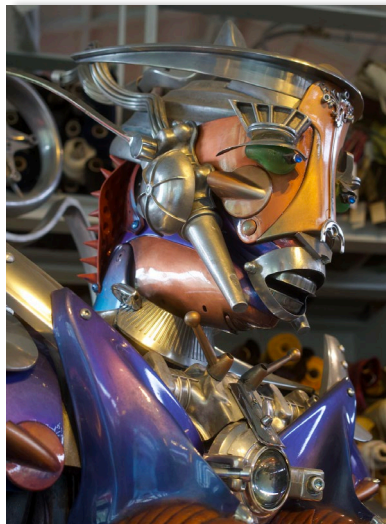
THE PROMISE OF OPTIMIZATION



Much better performance



Solve planning issues



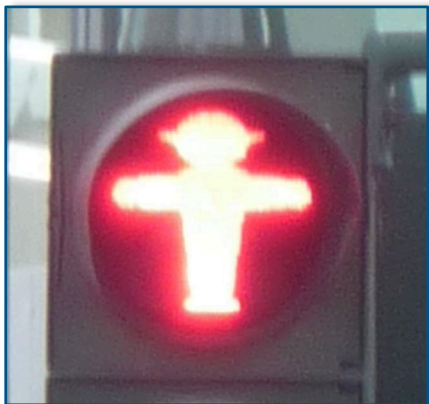
Enter the future



No-touch planning

MOTIVATIONS FOR OPTIMIZATION

- “Mr Wiers, do we have to create a schedule by ourselves?”
- “Why are we implementing this planning system when we still have to do all of the work?”
- “Our plan changes all the time, we need an algorithm to create an optimal plan after every update.”
- “We want to go for no-touch planning, should be fully automatic.”
- “Just propose something, we will tell you whether it is ok.”
- “Tests show that we could get 10% more efficiency if we would have the time to optimize the plan every day.”
- “We are getting more and more orders, and the manual work is becoming too much.”
- “We want to create the right tradeoff between utilization and leadtimes.”
- “The planner needs better decision support for the well-defined part of the planning task.”

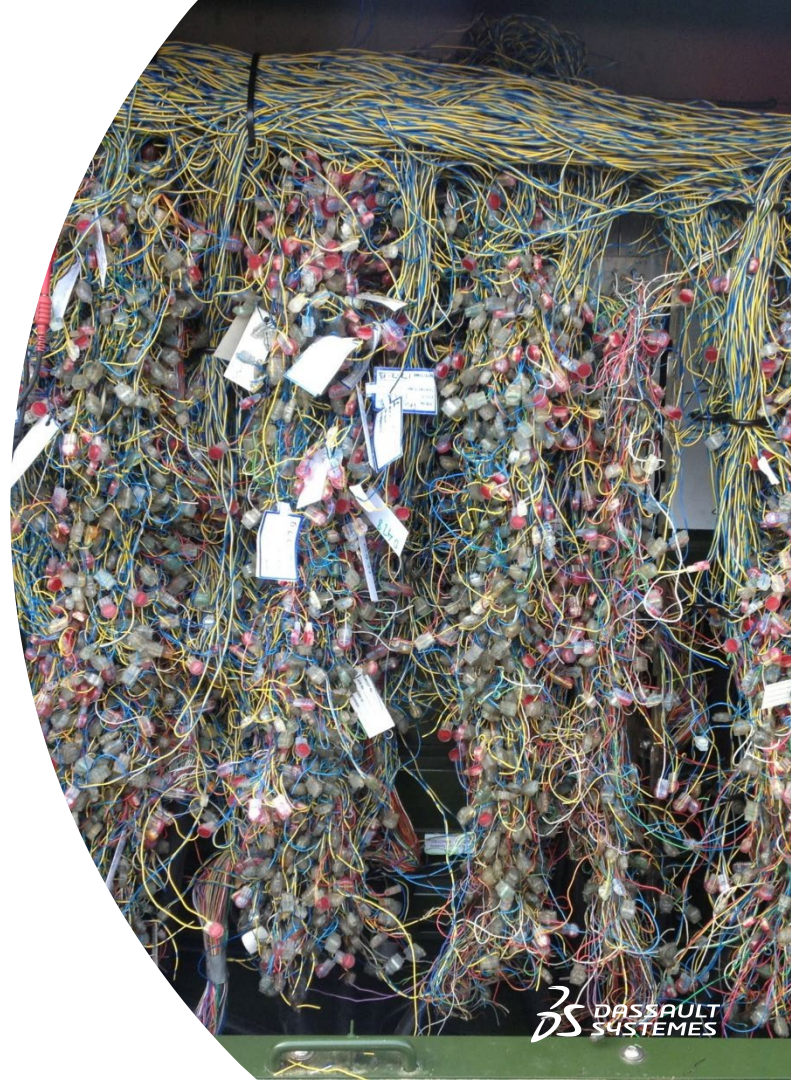


CONDITIONS FOR OPTIMIZATION

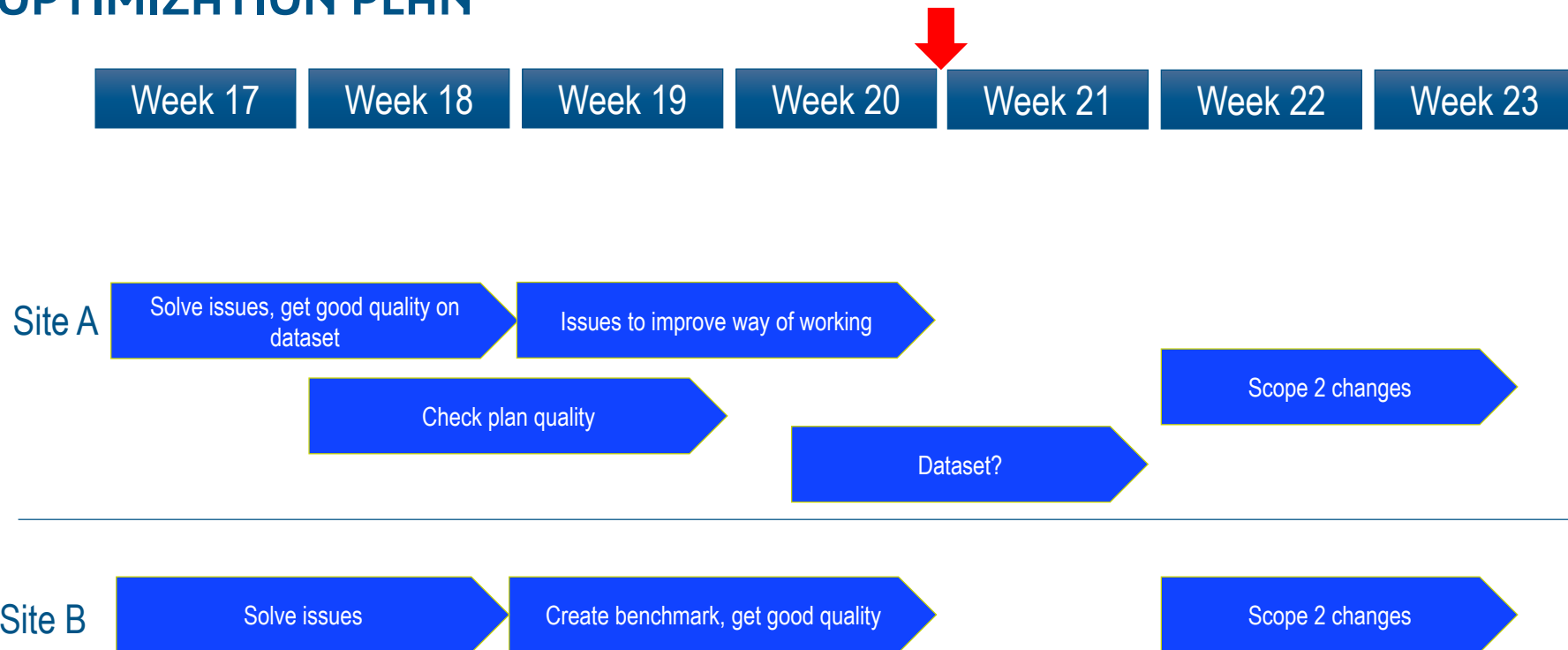
- The model of your planning system is correct and complete
- Your processes are predictable
- There is good adherence to plan/schedule
- Knowledgeable users and experts
- Potential value



DEVELOPING OPTIMIZERS



OPTIMIZATION PLAN



"THE PLAN IS BAD"



"No, it's not"

WE NEED A REFEREE

And its name is Benchmark - powered by the Total KPI

- A benchmark represents an objective criterion to measure whether a plan is 'good enough' or not
- The summed value of the weighted KPI's – the Total KPI – is what needs to be beaten

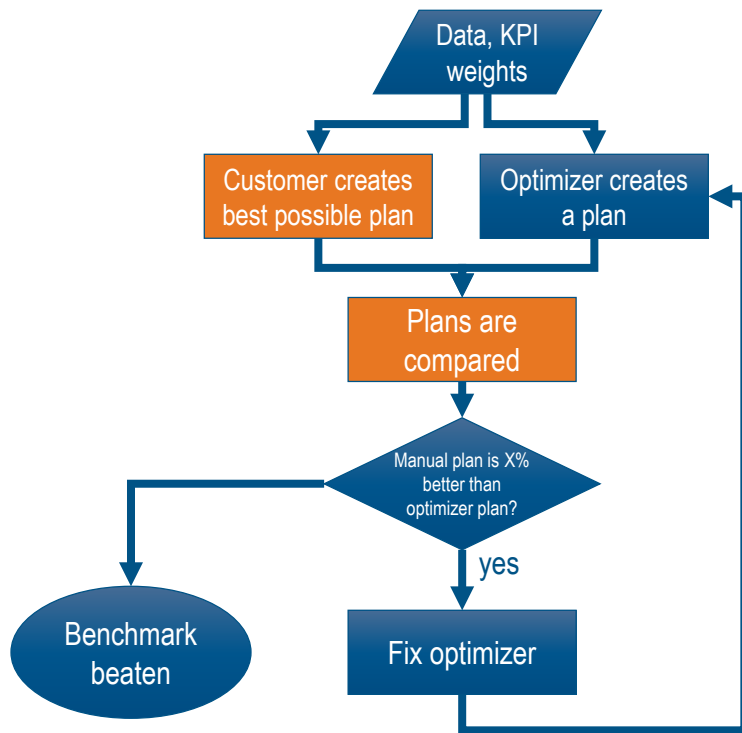
Beaten? Plan is good.

Not beaten? Plan is bad.

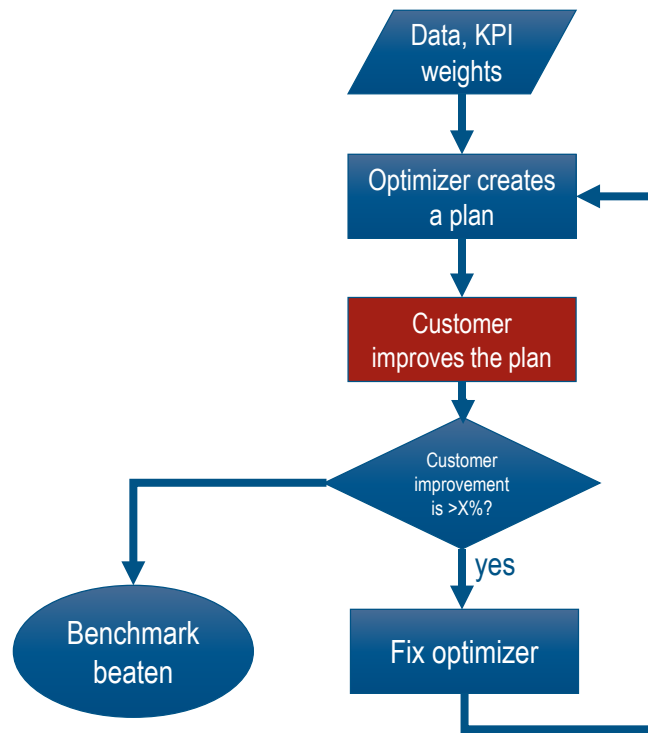
No discussion.



BENCHMARK APPROACH



The 'pure' approach



The 'lazy' approach

SOME CONSIDERATIONS WHEN BENCHMARKING

- No customer on earth can provide the correct KPI weights upfront – iterative process
- A benchmark is one plan, but optimizers might struggle over similar but different plans
- Choose the number of benchmarks wisely – balance between risk avoidance and project work



USING OPTIMIZERS



HOW TO USE OPTIMIZERS

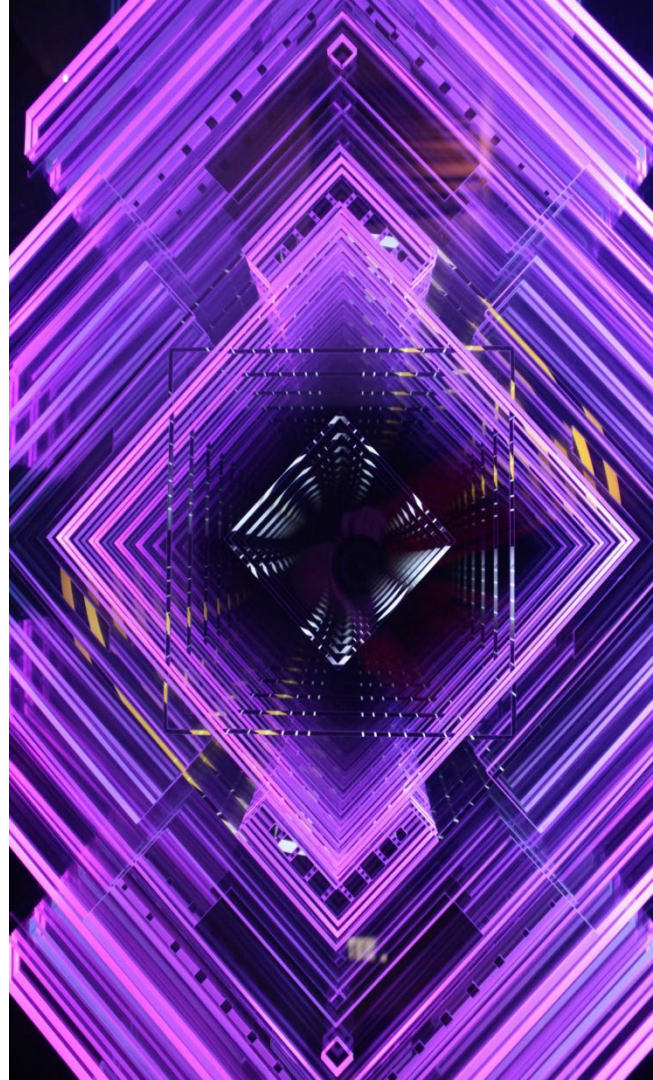
Train, ask questions, experiment, challenge

- Do not fall into the trap of the 'black box syndrome' – make sure you understand how the optimizer works
- Accept that finetuning will be needed and train yourself to work together with the optimizer
- Try out different optimizer strategies
- Analyze individual cases where you do not understand why it was planned like that



LEARNINGS FROM CUSTOMERS USING OPTIMIZERS

- “In the past, we needed a couple of days to change the mix of materials. Now we only need a few hours.”
- “Benefits? We would not be able to do without the optimizer anymore. We recently had a raw material crisis and the optimizer enabled us to create new scenarios quickly. Our old way of working would not have allowed us to do that.”
- “Are you worried about changes in your plan?” Planner: “I just look at my KPI.”
- “Without Quintiq and the optimizer we would only have a 6 weeks horizon and after that not more than assumptions.”



Q&A

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