



# Systems simulation and optimisation at VTT

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#### VTT TECHNICAL RESEARCH CENTRE OF FINLAND

### SYSTEMS RESEARCH 2006-2013

Models, analyses, simulation and software for better control, safety and productivity of complex systems

#### Computer Simulation Models and Technology

- Large scale dynamic simulation models
- Integration of simulation and design with semantic information models
- Simulation based automation testing and training

#### Systems Control

- System dynamic simulation in operations management
- Large scale optimisation in logistics and production control
- Automation architectures, design processes and requirements management

#### Systems Analysis

- Probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) and decision support
- Assessment of safety critical automation (I&C)
- Complex stochastic systems

#### Human Factors Engineering (HFE) and Systems Usability

- Human activity and Human-Technology Interaction (HTI) in control centres
- Development and evaluation of control room operations and technology
- Competence development and training









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### **Optimisation of systems**

- Multiple objectives
- Optimisation in practise



### **Operative systems optimisation**

- Production control
- Operational optimisation future prospects



### **Predictive process control**

- Predictive simulation
- Dynamic optimisation



#### **Process simulation**

- Integration of simulation and process design
- Vision for industrial information management





### **Optimisation**

### **Optimisation example**

If you liked to have the maximum number of apples and pears, which of the four alternatives would you choose?



**Optimisation** 



### **Optimisation of systems**

- There are always several goals for optimal action
- The goals can be formulated as objective functions, soft constraints or hard constraints
- Mathematically and by the use of computational methods a possible Pareto optimal solution can be found among the set of feasible solutions
- The choice of the solution depends on the preferences of the decision maker
- The preferences may be different in different situations
- In practice, operational processes are optimised by using mathematical optimisation, simulation, continuous improvement, trial and error ...

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#### **Operative optimisation**

### **Production planning in a sawmill**





- Create an optimal plan for sorting of logs into batches for sawing
- The model covers the production process from incoming logs to individual timber product deliveries
- Maximise customer order fulfilment and profits, minimise unsalable production



#### **Operative optimisation**

### **Production planning in a sawmill**

- Profit is theoretically maximised when violation of order fulfilment is not penalised
- Fulfilment of all orders substantially decreases profit
- How much is a customer order worth?
- The production plans can be adjusted to market conditions
- Customers are classified to different groups
- Weights for violation of orders may be different
- Optimisation gives better fulfilment of orders than human planning





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**Operative optimisation** 

### **Future prospects of operational optimisation**

- A detailed optimisation model typically improves even an established way of action by a few per cent
- The input data needed for optimisation is obtained from enterprise information systems
- Parallel computing with multicore processors makes it possible to solve bigger and bigger problems in decent time
- The participation of operational management in specification and testing is essential
- Large scale planning problems are very difficult for humans especially in changing environment



### PREDICTIVE PLANNING AND CONTROL OF BATCH TYPE PROCESSES

### **Predictive operator support**

- A simulation model describes the production line
- The initial state is obtained from the plant automation and information systems
- The operator gives the operational schedule
- An optimal schedule is found by what-if-analysis or computational optimisation for, e.g., 1-7 days
- OPERCOP development environment

#### **Benefits**

- Steady operation of the plant, better quality
- Efficient use of the existing capacity, increase in yield
- Management of disturbances and unexpected situations
- Planning of the product changes and service intervals
- Systematic optimisation over the shifts

### References

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### Käyttökokemuksia

"Pystymme hyödyntämään tehtaan kapasiteetin kaikissa tilanteissa optimaalisesti ja toteuttamaan lasketut tuotantotavoitteet luotettavasti."

-tuotantopäällikkö Ilpo Harju

- Tasaisempi tuotanto tasaisempi laatu
- Työvuorojen yli ulottuva objektiivinen ennuste
- "Riittävän tarkka ja yksinkertainen"





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### Apros -Hierarchical Modelling

Application modelling without the need to write equations: draw the PI diagrams and input the parameter values

New instances of process components can be composed with the new Modeller Interface





### **Dynamic process simulation with Apros**

### Control system model



... or real/virtual automation application can be connected to the process model.

### Process model

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Conservation equations for mass, momentum and energy

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### **District Energy Planning**

Integration of new energy production or regeneration concepts, network concepts, energy storage concepts, behaviour patterns, peak handling, control concepts, testing of local market concepts...

### **VTT District Energy Planning**

Detailed smart city & district energy planning, integrating

- Building types, new & retrofit
- Behaviour patterns
- Generation units:

Heat, Power, Combined (CHP), Heat Pumps Building or Process Integrated - e.g. Solarthermal, Photovoltaics

• Energy Storages:

Various Thermal, Gas, Electric Electric car integration

• Grids:

Electrical, Gas, Steam, Heating and Water networks





#### **Based on APROS and Simantics platform**

APROS has users in 26 countries: Power plants, Paper mill engineering, Engineering offices, Safety authorities, Research organisations, Universities, Plant manufacturers: Andritz, Daewoo, Doosan, Foster Wheeler, Metso, Alstom, ..







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