

Supply Chain Planning and Management: A Software Architecture

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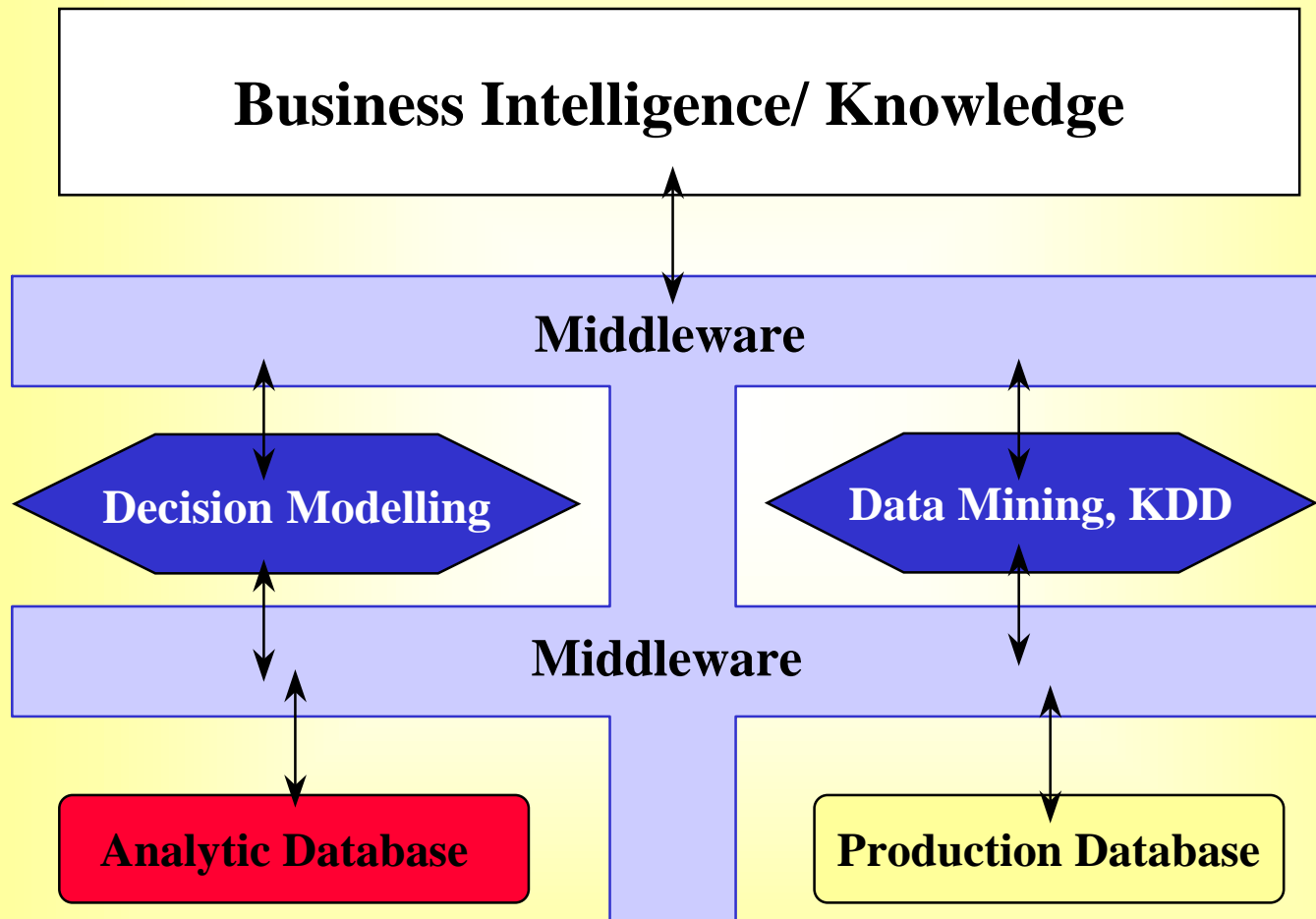
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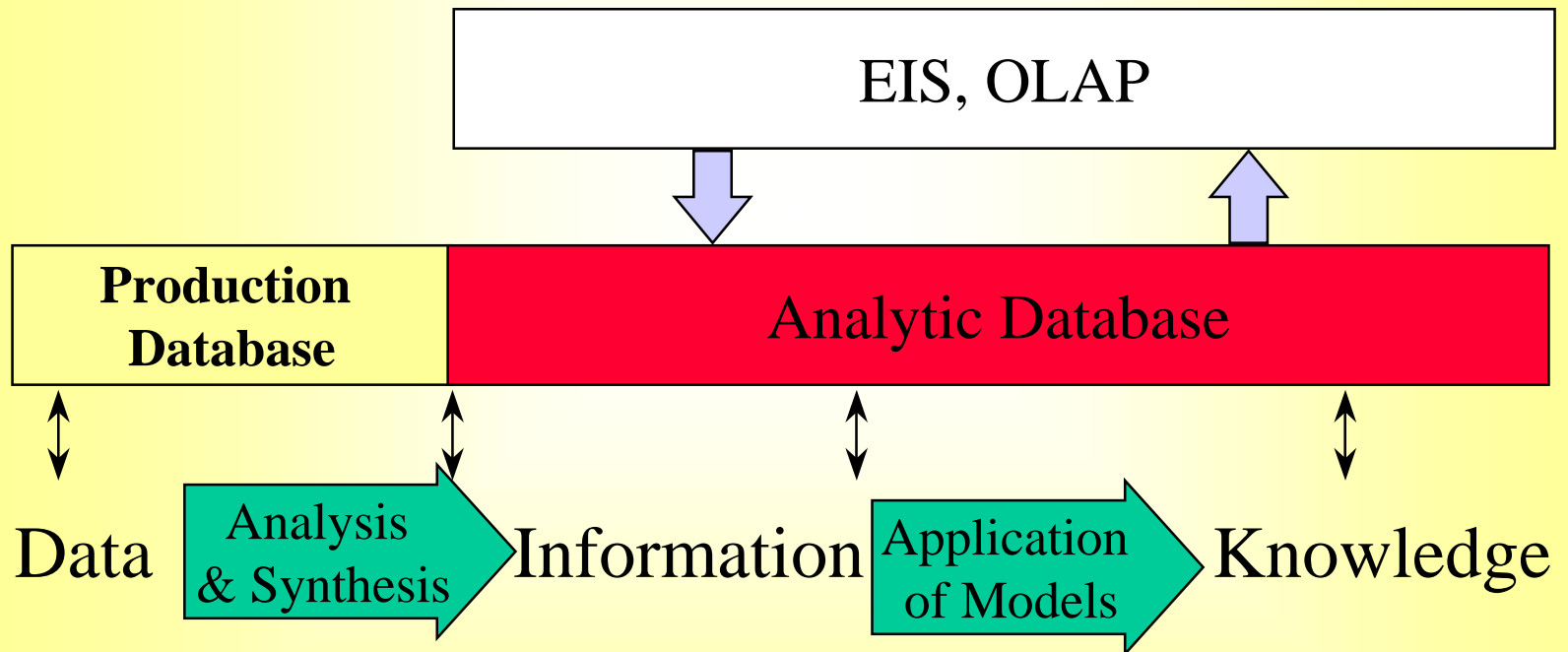
Information Systems and Analytical Solutions

Information and Decision Technologies

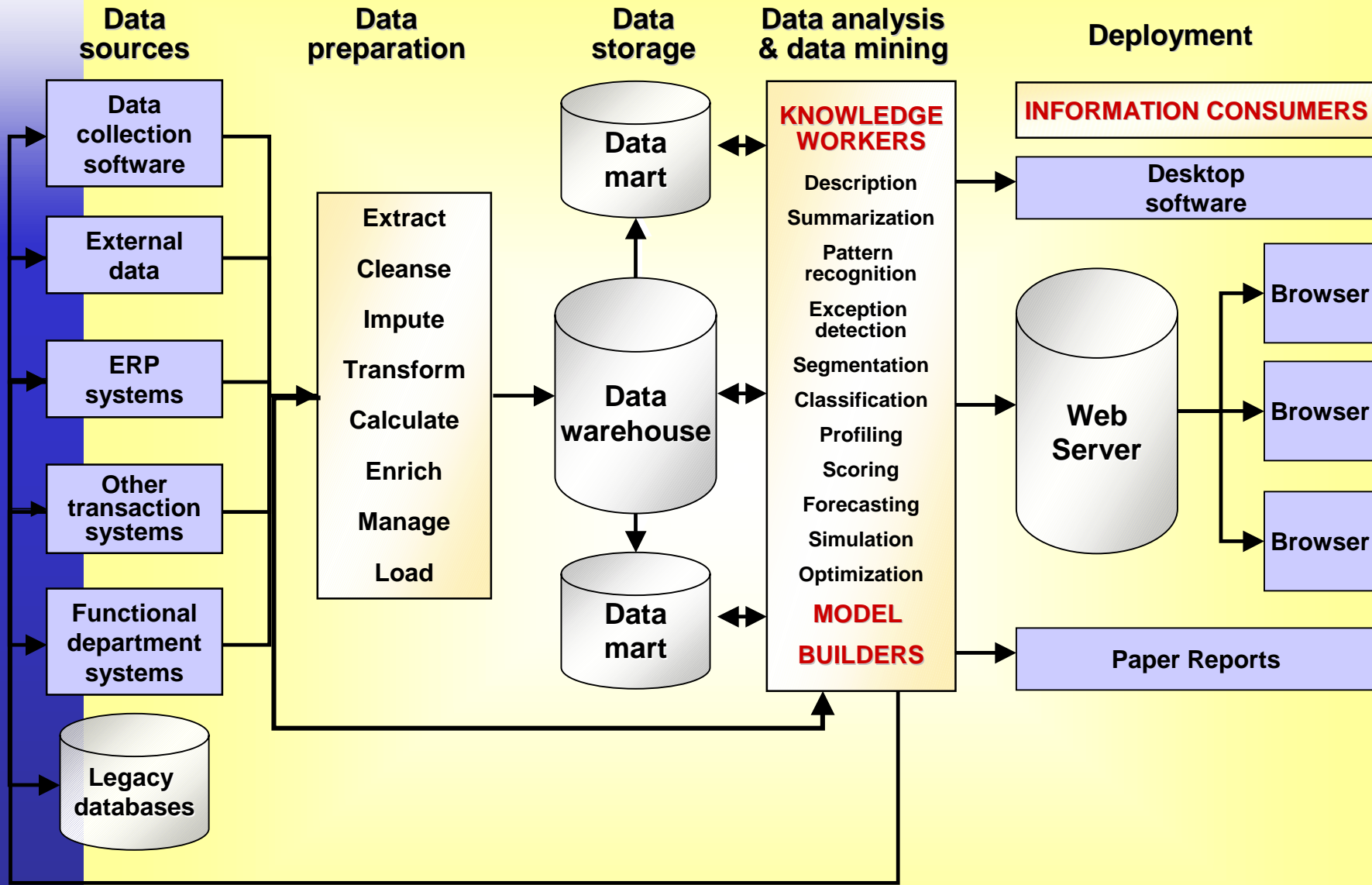


Middleware includes: Client/Server, Agents, Internet, Intranet,...

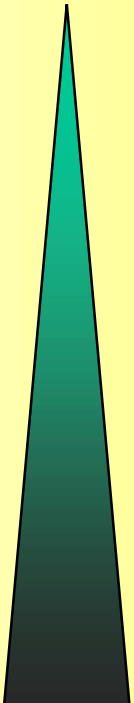
Information and Knowledge: The Value Chain



Alternative View



Hierarchy of Tools and their Interaction

Function(s)	DSS Interaction	Software Tool	User Interaction
Model Solving	Solver	Optimisation Solver (FortMP)	
LP-Optimisation Forecast	Symbolic (Decision) Modelling	Modelling Tool (MPL)	
Roll-Up Drill-Down Slice What if Graphs	Analytic DB - Data Modelling	MDDB	
	Interface for the Analysis of data, Decision Models, Solutions	User Interface GUI, IUI	

Scope of the Models

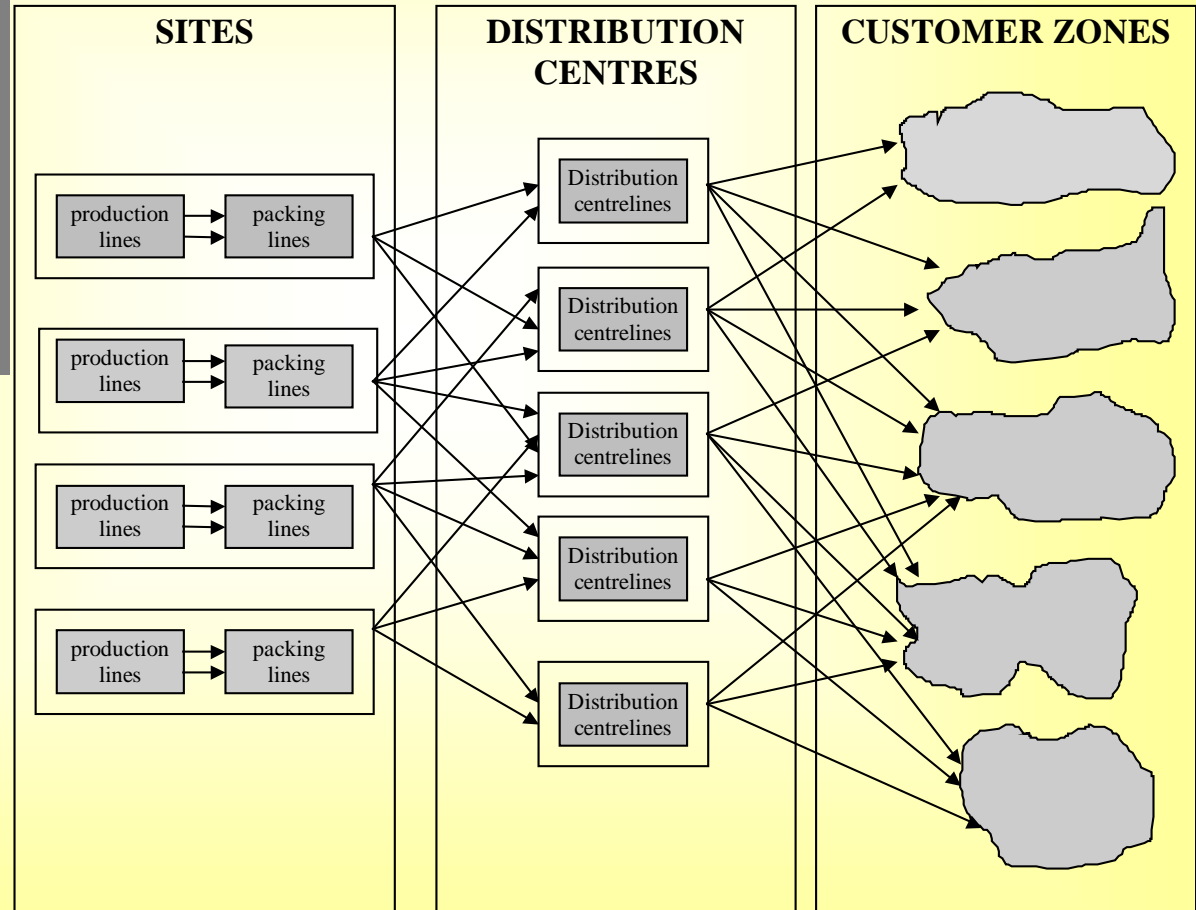
- Strategic ***Planning*** for a large multinational manufacturing company
- Production ***Scheduling*** for a Large Automobile Manufacturer

Investigation of a Planning Model

A Planning Problem

Capacity Planning Problem

- Sites
- Factories
- Lines
- Production
- Distribution
- ...
- Uncertainty



Declarative Model

- Logical constraints
 - Open/Close plant
 - Line capacities at plants
 - Special ordered set constraints
 - Budget constraints
- Operational Constraints
 - Production Balances
 - Meeting Demand accounting for shortfalls
 - Linking constraints

Modelling Issues

- Manufacturing line technologies can be installed, removed or switched to other sites in any year
- Lines can be removed from the system at a number of points in the future
- Rules for Line Start/Shut Down are difficult to model declaratively

Application Objectives

- To determine where, when and what size of new plant to install
- To decide how to configure each plant with different technology lines
- Incorporating uncertainty in the data
 - demand
 - exchange rates
 - ...

Why Stochastic Programming?

Planning Under Uncertainty

Uncertainty \rightarrow may lead to Risk

but,

Uncertainty \neq Risk

Time plays a key role

We do not know the future ... it unfolds

We capture possible future events or realizations as “Scenarios”

To “immunize” our plans against “risk”, we must:

- identify the risk event
- assign a likelihood/probability/weight
- know its “impact”
- compute mathematical expectation “*likelihood x impact*”

Unscheduled maintenance, delays in deliveries, changes in forecasted demand ...

Nature of Planning Decisions

- The decisions concerning investments in assets ... made now
- As the future unfolds ... corrective action is taken to:
 - manage for better results
 - mitigate risk

Of course using the “Wait and See” model we can find “what should have been” the best decision:

But “Here and Now” is a two stage decision model ... it captures the very nature of “time phased decisions”

Strategic Planning Model

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Min } Z &= cx + f^s y^s \\
 \text{s.t. } \quad Ax &= b \\
 Bx + D^s y^s &= d^s \\
 x \geq 0, \quad y^s &\geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

First Stage Decisions x (Strategic)	Second Stage Decisions y (Operational)	
Manufacturing Sites, Distribution Centres, Production Lines, Packing Lines, ...	Production Level, Packing, Distribution, Shortage, Quantities, ...	
Ax		$= b$
Bx	$+ D^s y^s$	$= d^s$
$x = 0, 1$	$y^s \geq 0$	

First and Second Phase

FIRST PHASE

$s=1, \dots, 100$ Scenarios

$$P_{MIP}(s): \text{Min } Z^S = cx + f^S y^S$$

$$\text{s.t. } Ax = b$$

$$Bx + D^S y^S = d^S$$

$$x \in \{0,1\}, \quad y^S \geq 0$$

Solve $P_{MIP}(s) \rightarrow$ (sub)optimal \bar{x}_s

SECOND PHASE

$P_{LP}(s,j):$ $s=1, \dots, 100$ designs/configurations

$j=1, \dots, 100$ scenarios

$$\text{Min } Z = c\bar{x}_s + f^S y^S$$

$$\text{s.t. } D^S y^S = d^j + B\bar{x}_s$$

$$y^S \geq 0$$

Model Statistics for a Single Scenario

Model Dimensions		
Network Dimensions	Prototype Model	Planning Model
The number of Sites, I :	2	8
The types of packing line technology, Y_C :	1	4
The types of production line technology, Y_R :	1	2
The number of distribution centres, J :	3	15
The types of DC line technology types, Y_D :	1	2
The number of Customer Zones, H :	4	30
The number of Products, P :	2	13
The number of time periods, T :	6	6
Model Statistics		
<i>Logical Constraints:</i> Sites, DCs opening and closing, Limit on number of Sites, DCs, and Lines	268	1460
<i>Continuous Constraints:</i> Production, Packing, Ordering, Transportation, Balance, Demand, and also Production and Packing Capacities.	347	4520
<i>Discrete Decision Variables:</i> Sites, DCs, Production lines, Packing lines, DC lines.	172	1195
<i>Continuous Variables:</i> Production, Packing, Ordering, Transportation, and Shortage quantities.	226	44021
Non-zeros	2265	118884
Density	1.4%	0.05%
Scenarios	50	100

Investigation of a Scheduling Model

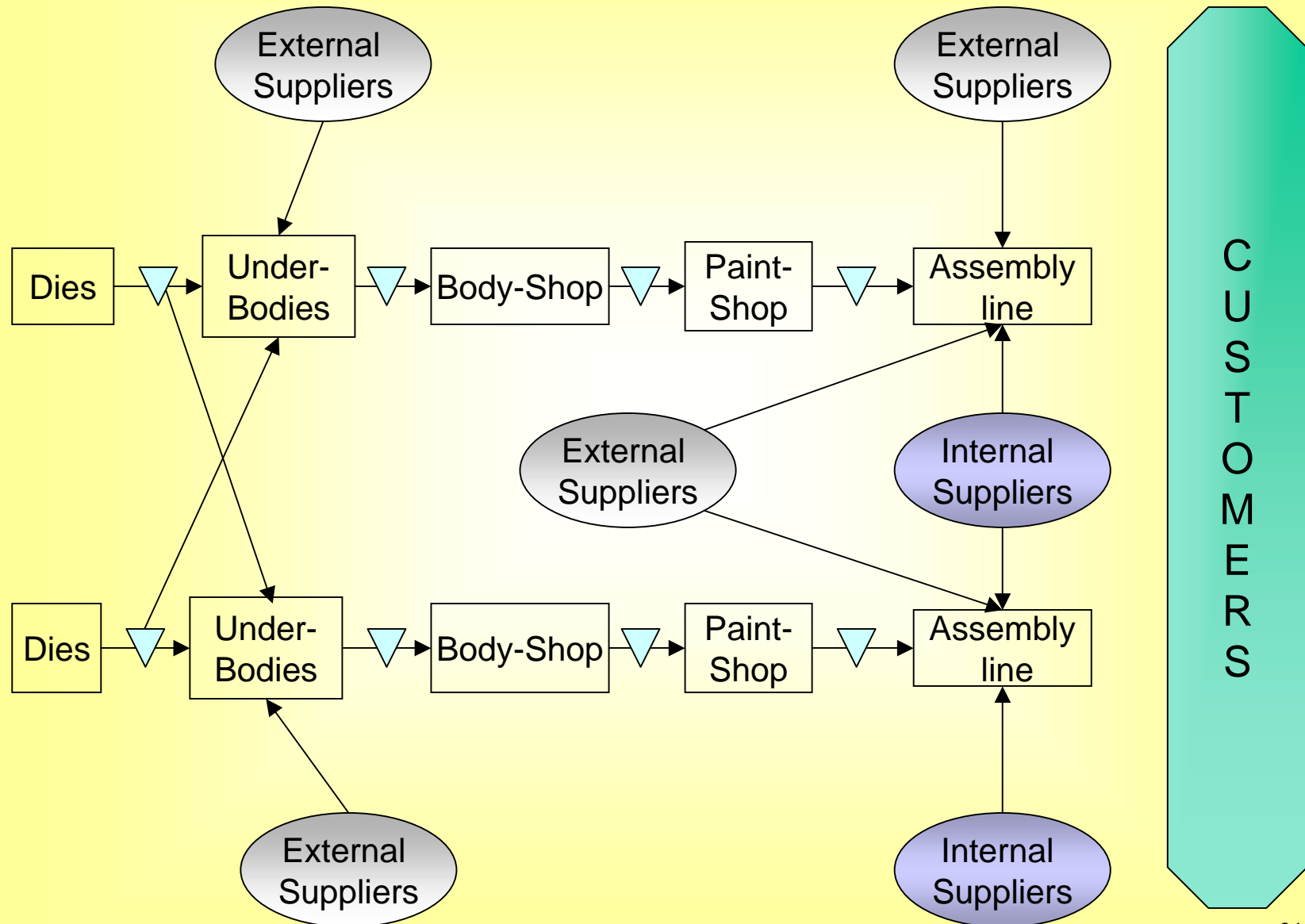
A Scheduling Problem

Target:

A Multi-product, Multi-Level, Multi-Plant, Multi-Period Model for Production Planning with:

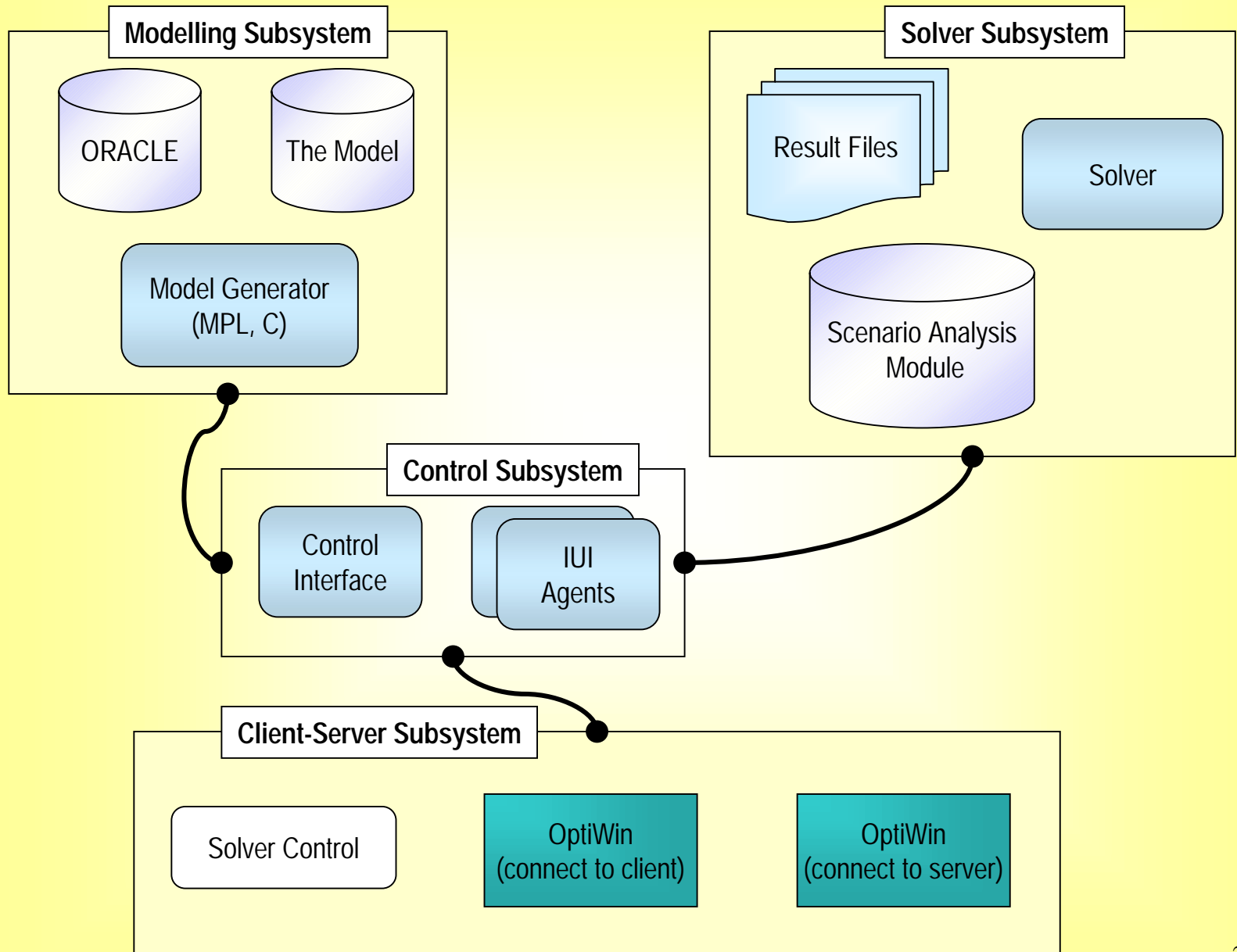
- Multiple Demand Sources
- Alternate Bills of Materials
- Alternate Parts
- Effective Period Segments
- Capacity Constraints
- Standard and Expediting Components
- Procurement Models

Sub-Assembly Line Flow

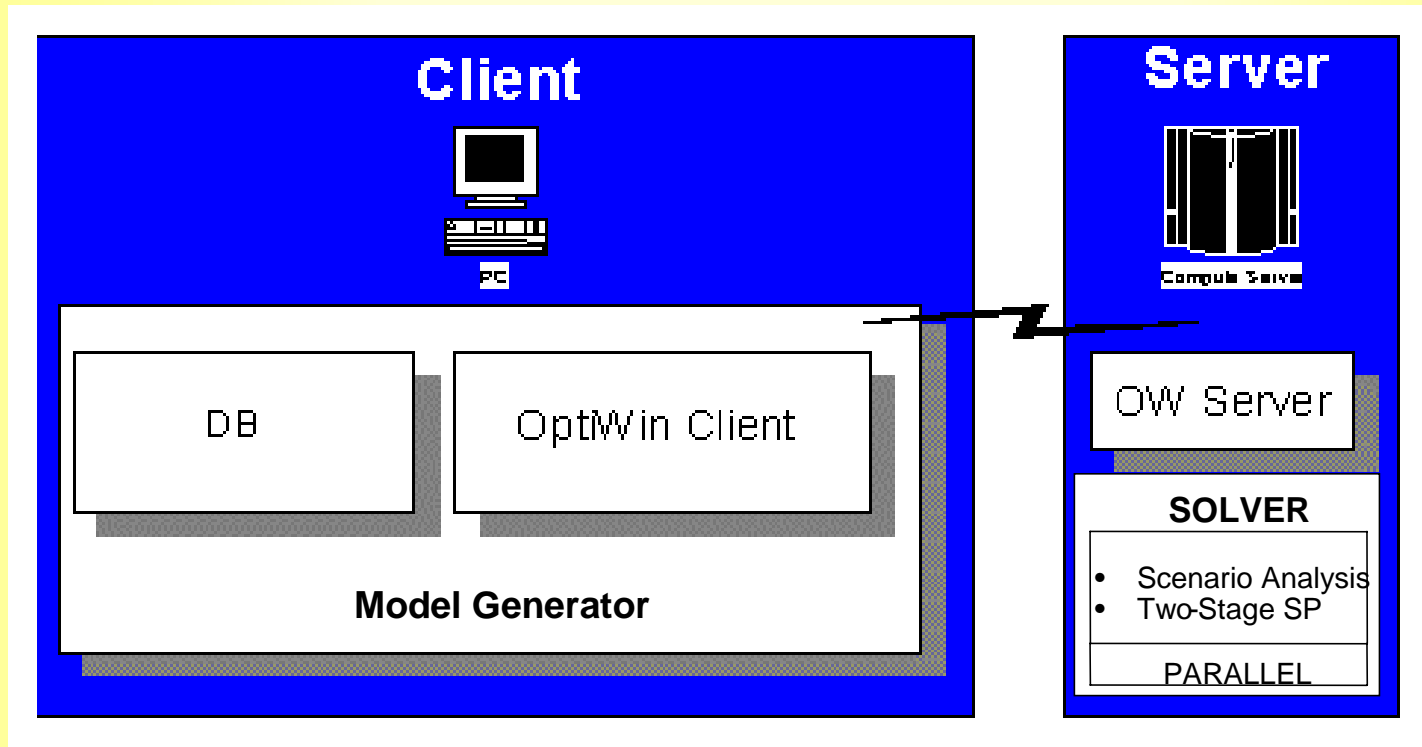


Software Architecture

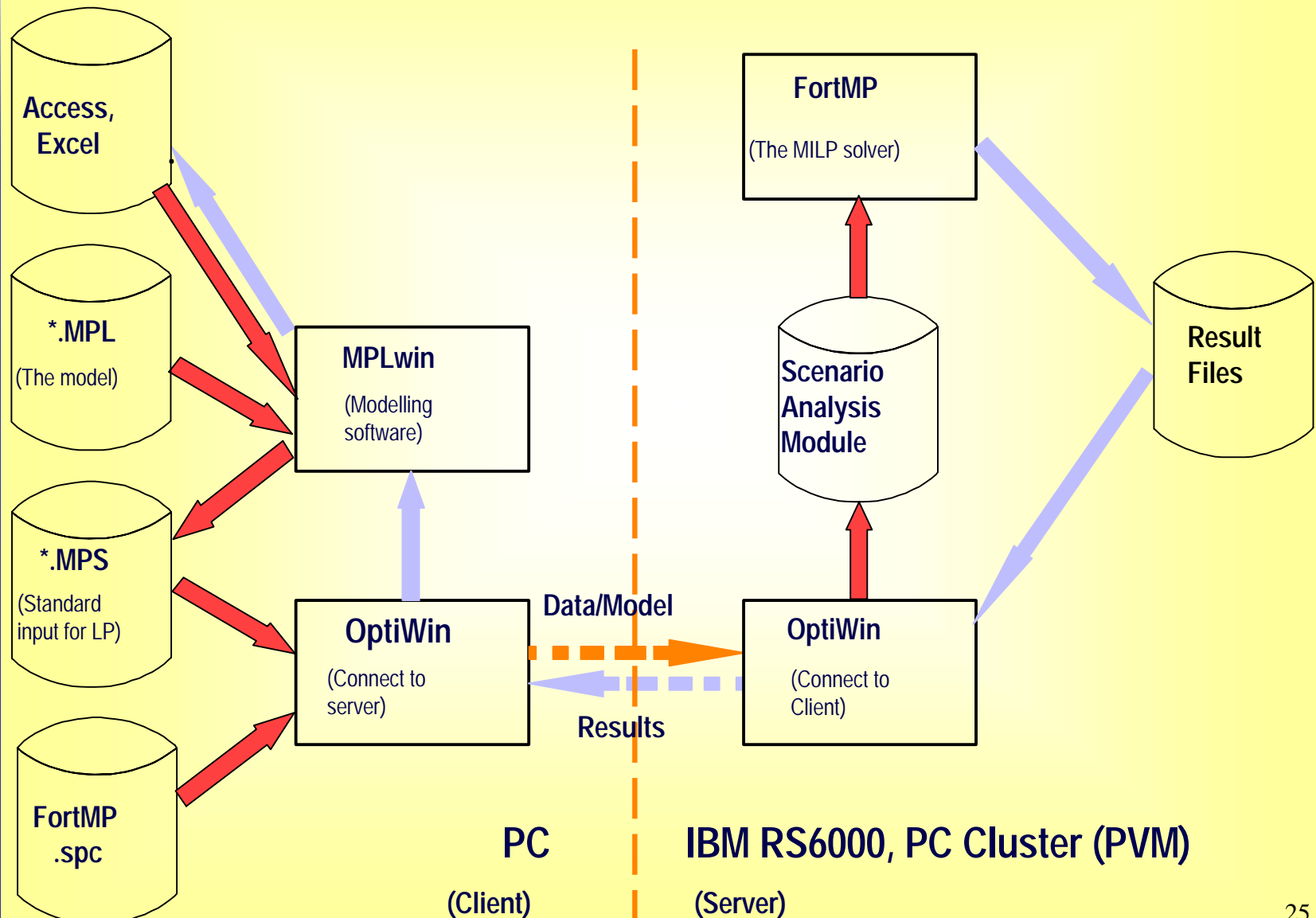
Software Architecture



Fat Client Architecture



The “OSIRIS” Computational System



Scenario Analysis

Phase 1

Solve a “Wait-and-See” Model for each Scenario

... Configuration (Design) Generator

Phase 2

Stochastic evaluation of Design

Configurations against All Scenarios

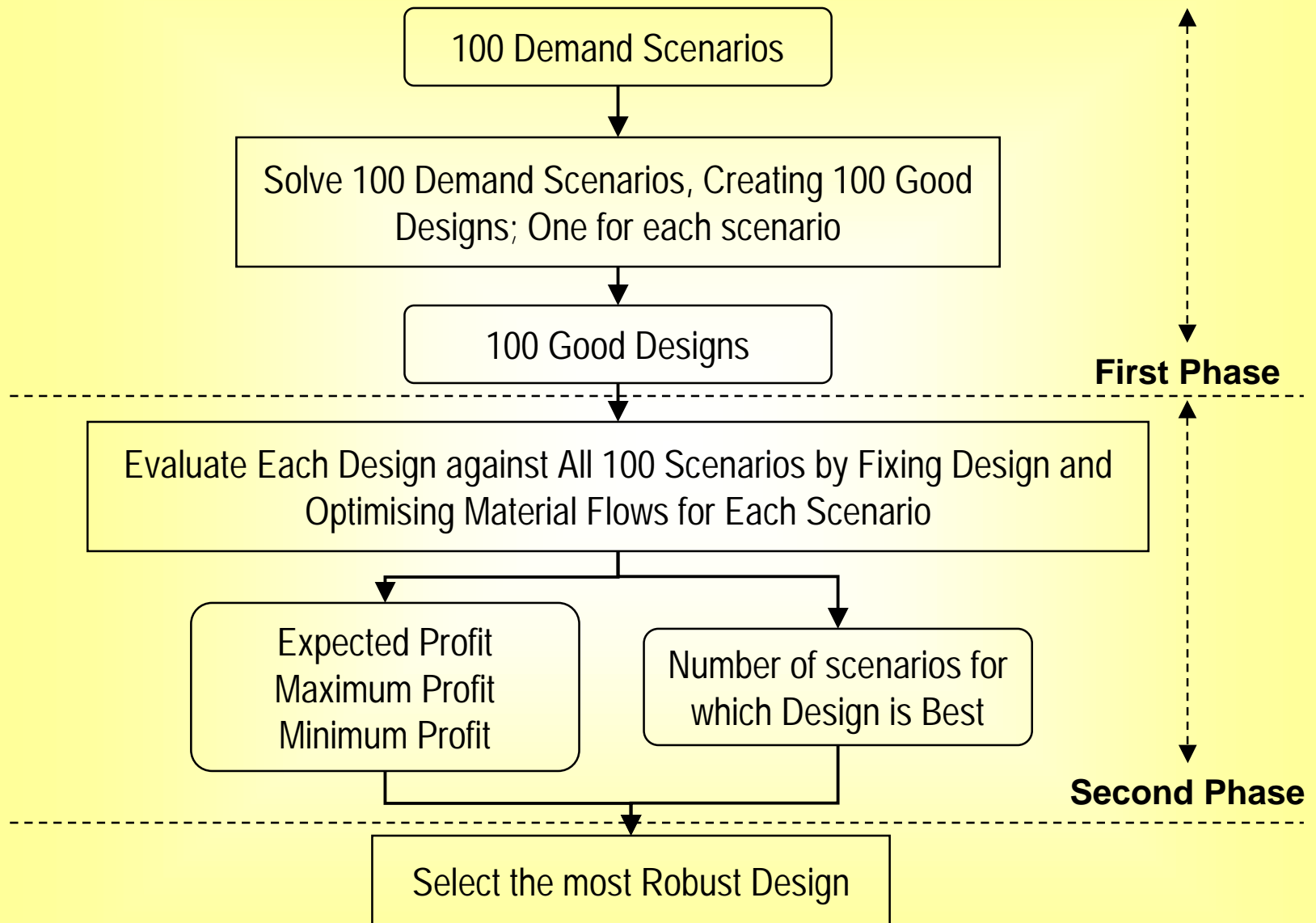
... Quality of Decision

Phase 3

Match Common Decisions

... Good Quality Design

The “Scenario Analysis” Approach



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MPL for Windows 4.0 - [C:\unzipped\test\osiris.mpl]
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order[tp <=tlim,j,p] -> q :
    SUM(i,dtype : ord_qty[tp,i,j,dtype,p] ) = SUM(h : trancz_qty[tp,j,h,p] );

! Packing Constraints

q_pack[tp <=tlim,i,p] -> o :
    SUM(ctype : pack_qty[tp,i,ctype,p] ) = SUM(j,dtype : ord_qty[tp,i,j,dtype,p] );

! Production Constraints

q_prod[tp <=tlim,i,p] -> r :
    SUM(rtype : prod_qty[tp,i,rtype,p] ) = SUM(ctype : pack_qty[tp,i,ctype,p] );
{*****}

! Capacity Constraints

cap_pr1[tp<=tlim-1,i,rtype] -> d      :
    SUM(lr,ur : exprodtype*exprodtypeavail*exprodtype*yr where exprodtypeleft >= tp) +
    SUM(lrn : newprodtype*newprodtype*yrnew where newprodtypebeg <= tp ) >=
    SUM(p : prod_qty[tp,i,rtype,p] / ur[p,rtype] where ur[p,rtype]>0);

! note that exprodtypeleft is life left from 1 year while that for new lines is for tp=tlim
! Also the model does not consider the case when an existing line will be used beyond the end of planning horizon

cap_pr6[tp = tlim,i,rtype] -> df      :
    SUM(lr,ur : exprodtype*exprodtypeavail*exprodtype*yr*exprodtypeleft-
    exprodtype*exprodtypeavail*exprodtype*yr*(tlim-1) where exprodtypeleft >= tp) +
    SUM(lrn : newprodtype*newprodtype*yrnew where newprodtypebeg <= tp ) >=
    SUM(p : prod_qty[tp,i,rtype,p] / ur[p,rtype] where ur[p,rtype]>0 );

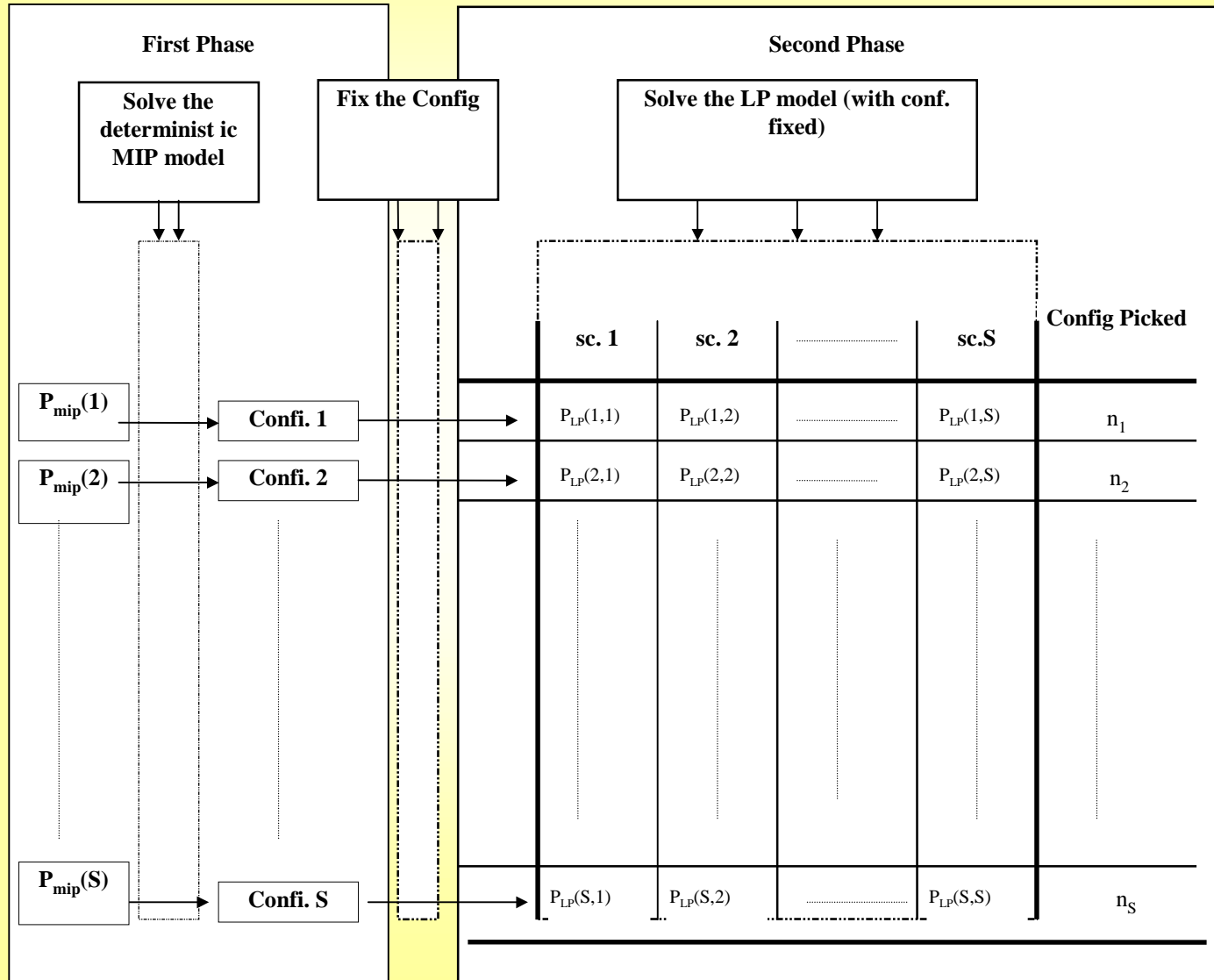
cap_pk1[tp <=tlim-1,i,ctype] -> e      :
    SUM(lc,vc : expackdtype*expackdtypeavail*expackdtype*yc where expackdtypeleft >= tp ) +
    SUM(lcn : newpackdtype*newpackdtype*ycnew where newpackdtypebeg <= tp)>=
    SUM(p : pack_qty[tp,i,ctype,p] / uc[p,ctype] where uc[p,ctype]>0);

cap_pk6[tp = tlim,i,ctype] -> ef      :
    SUM(lc,vc : expackdtype*expackdtypeavail*expackdtype*yc*expackdtypeleft-

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Main model file: production.mpl 428:1

Scenario Analysis Methodology



User-Interface

OptiWin Capacity Planning

File Model Database Options

General Control

Model (*.MPS):
 Browse...

Normal Mode
 Match on

Results Control:

No Export
 Design Variables
 Flow Variables
 Export All

Run

Clear

Parallel Control:

Number of Slaves: 0

Processors...

Normal Mode

	Scen 1	Scen 2	Scen 3	Scen 4	Scen 5	Scen 6	Scen 7
Conf 1							
Conf 2	1	2	1				
Conf 3		1	2	1			
Conf 4	1	1	1	2	1		
Conf 5							
Conf 6		1				2	
Conf 7							
Conf 8							
Conf 9							
Conf 10							
Conf 11							
Conf 12							
Conf 13							
Conf 14							
Conf 15							
Conf 16							
Conf 17							
Conf 18							
Conf 19							
Conf 20							
Conf 21							

Best Configuration for a given Scenario

Problem Processed

Control Panels

Osiris

File About

Login:

Password:

User:

Processor Control

Available Processors

Slave Processors

lok1.brunel.ac.uk
cray.brunel.ac.uk
molnit.brunel.ac.uk
vax.brunel.ac.uk

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OK

DBExport-Wizard

Step by Step Instruction for exporting out of db

Step 1. Specify where to find the Demand

Step 2. Specify the table containing the Price

Step 3. Specify the field Scenario

Step 4. Specify the field Product

Step 5. Specify the field Time

Step 6. Specify the field Customer

Step 7. Click on Export to start the process

Database and Table Selection:

Available Tables:

DC_Rate
DC_Site_Cost
DC_Technology
DC_Variable_Cost
Demand_Scenario
Exist_DC_Storage_Unit
Exist_DC_Storage_Unit_Config
Exist_Pack_Line
Exist_Pack_Line_Config
Exist_Prod_Line
Exist_Prod_Line_Config
Invest_Allowance
Line_Shift_Cost

Select

Export

Exit

Ready

Database: Export Table:

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Current Paths

MPL path:

Database:

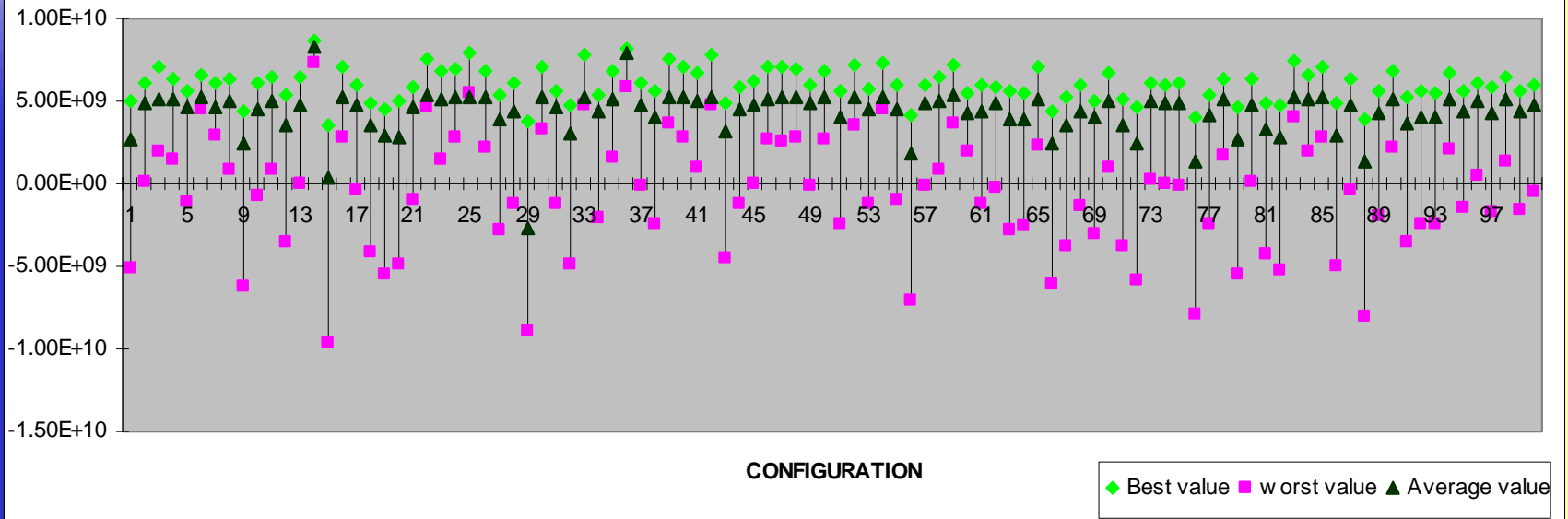
Result DB:

Archive path:

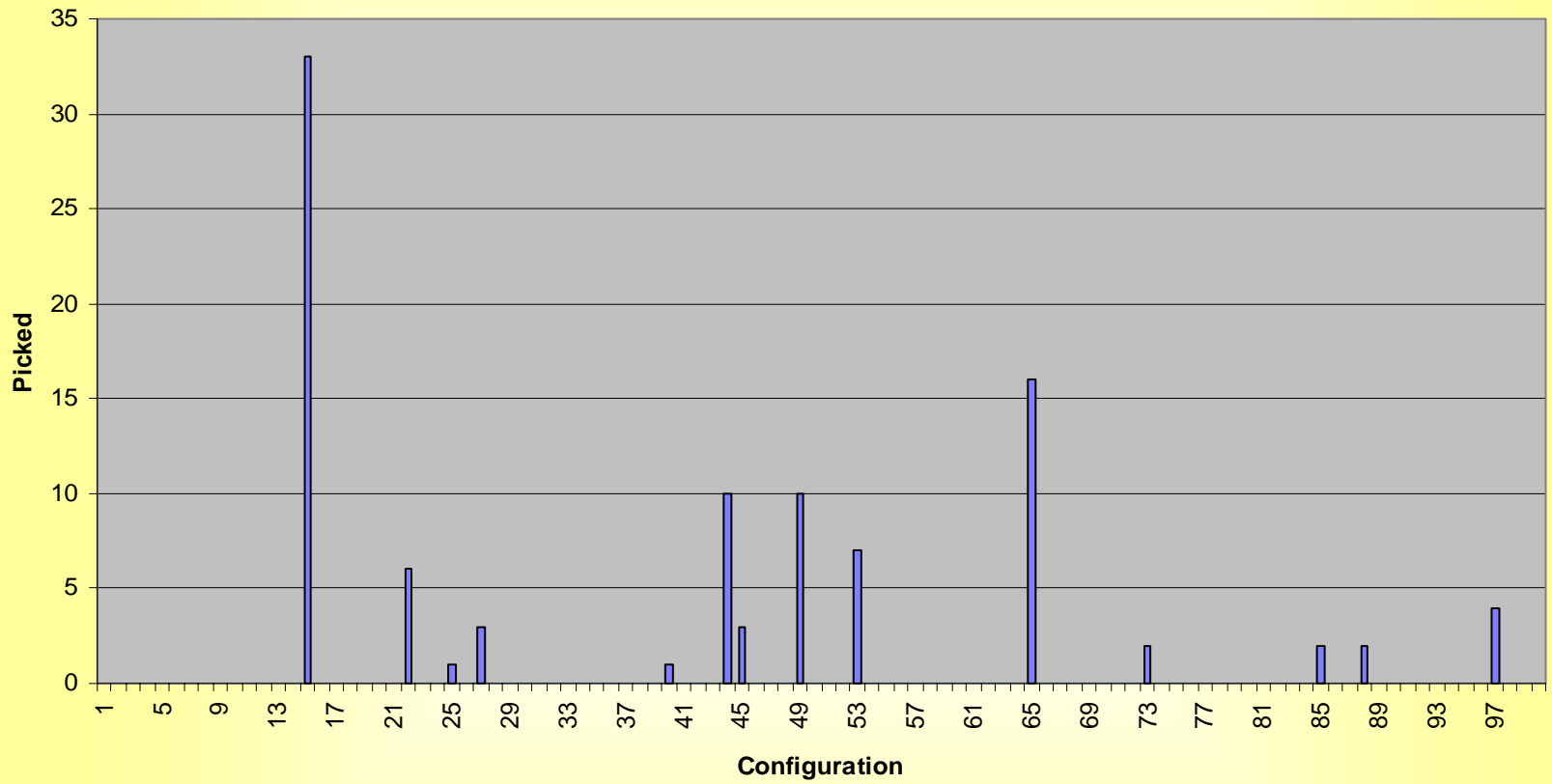
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- Figure 7 - Expected, best and worst Optimum Values for each configuration



No. of times a configuration is picked



Unique Selling Points

- Large Scale Discrete Optimisation Model
- Representation of Uncertainty
- Use of Cluster Technology
 - Portable
 - Continual Upgrade Path
- Web Compliant
 - Thin Client
 - Any Server

Discussion