Performance analysis of manufacturing systems:

a practitioner's point of view

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View on performance analysis and EPT



Performance analysis: why?

Our customers ask for performance analysis of manufacturing systems, when

- they want to (re)design their manufacturing system
- they need a business case in order to get budget for large investments

Provide certainty with respect to

- expected output and throughput times, required buffer sizes
- consequences for the rest of the factory







To give high-level insight, use queueing formulas



M To take detailed design decisions, use simulation (planning, buffer sizes)



Projects



Examples (1/3)

1. Shipbuilding

Consequences of planning on required space



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2. Designing a machine for production of contact lenses

Consequences of design choices for logistic process inside the machine (mini-factory)



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Examples (3/3)

3. Producer of boxes of corrugated board

Consequences of new, faster machine on transportation and buffer system



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Situation

Main buffer





Conclusion

- Simulation and animation helps a lot to provide certainty
- Real world is very complex, many relevant characteristics cannot yet be captured by ready-to-use formulas
- We are very much interested in
 - further development of formulas for finite buffer manufacturing lines
 - using EPT instead of modeling the explicit occurrence of breakdowns

