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**Pilot 1 – Intelligent scheduling of production**

**FIIF event**

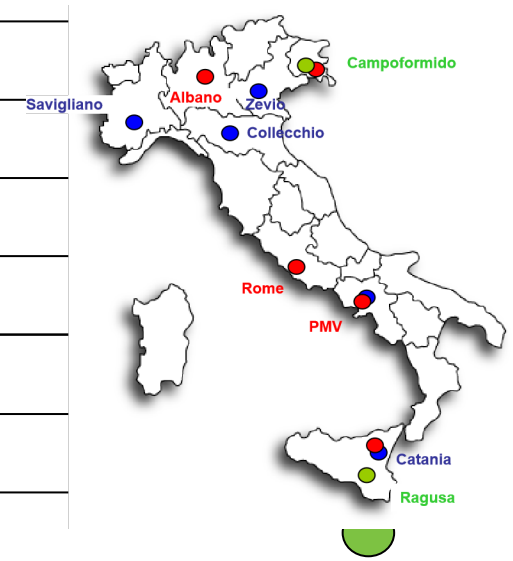
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# Parmalat Italy Operation: products/ plants matrix



	UHT carton	UHT HDPE-PET	yogurt	Cream	Juice carton PET	MF milk	Pasteur. Milk PET Carton	ESI-UHT Cream	dessert	Mozzarella scamorza provola Montasio
Collecchio	●	●	●	●	●					●
Zevio	●	●								
Savigliano	●			●				●		●
Catania	●			●					●	
Albano						●	●	●		
PMV		●					●	●		
Rome						●	●	●		
Ragusa										●
Campoformido			●					●		●



# Collecchio Plant

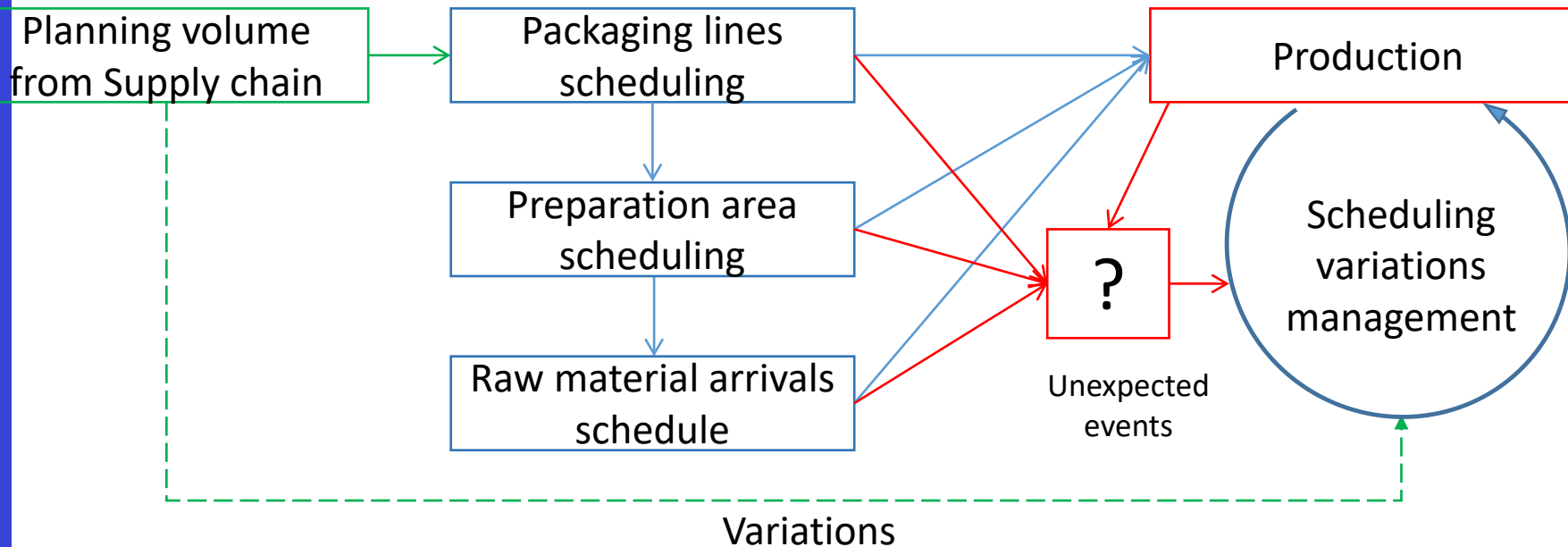


- **Totale Area** **143.000 m<sup>2</sup>**
- **Totale Covered Area** **45.000 m<sup>2</sup>**
- **Warehouse (Distrib Center)** **29.000 pallets**

# Current situation

## Scheduling process

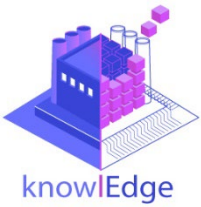
The process of scheduling packaging lines with a finite capacity has many constraints and requires a lot of knowledge for operations to proceed at an efficient and possibly leveled pace within the plant, in order to eliminate bottlenecks and organize resources in the best possible way.



- SINAPSI is used to support the scheduling process, but all the constraints and optimizations are managed by human being
- Difficult to swiftly react to unexpected events



# KnowlEdge Contribution



- Our expectation is to create a **finite capacity scheduling tool**, able to optimize production sequences respecting constraints and limits of the entire production process, improving efficiencies and reducing losses.
- The connection with the field data and their analysis will offer a **realistic model of the production plant**, allowing to recognize in **real time the limits** of the plant's production capacity and therefore to react more promptly to changes.
- Through the use of **AI technologies** we would like to be able to carry out **predictive simulations** reducing human input to a minimum (prediction of demand for capacity planning)
- Provide convenient and **intuitive real-time** visualisation tools

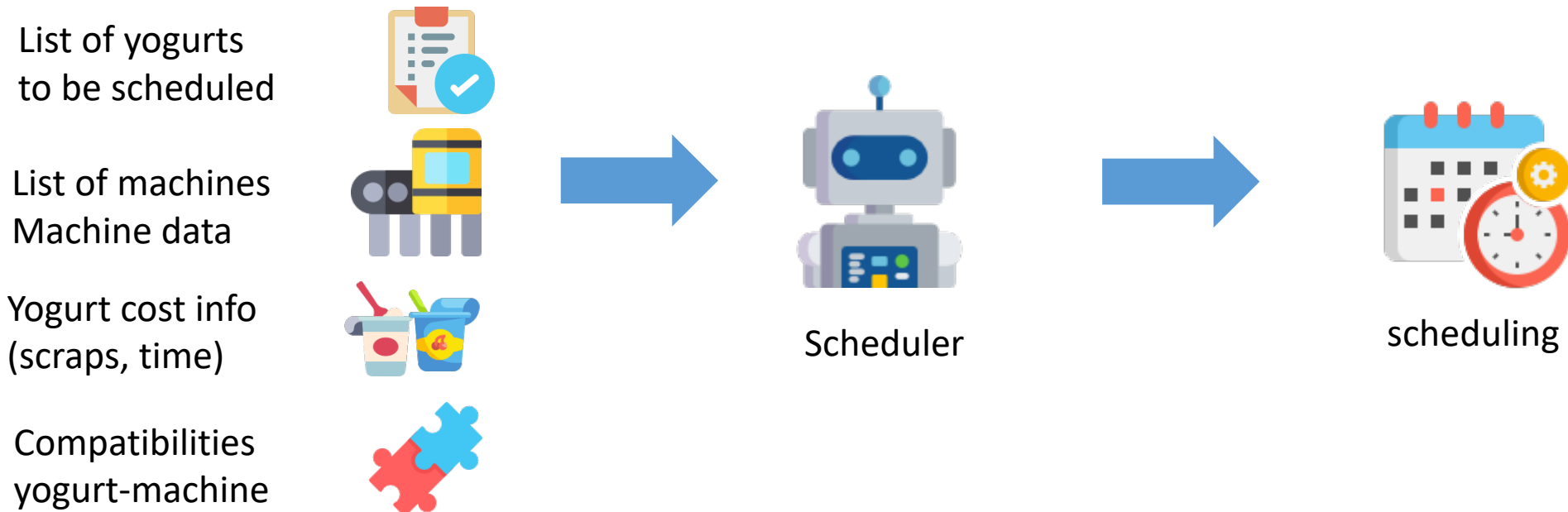


# What-if Production Scheduling



# Parmalat AI-Scheduler

- The goal is to generate a production plan given a set or orders.



- The plan minimizes the money loss generated by the scraps for fruit and mix yogurt types and the time from changing fruits.
  - Yogurt quantities are computed in minutes of work **using the kg and the speed of machines**
  - When starting an order, it starts on a single machine and does not stop until it is finished.
  - **Yogurt quantities are converted to the corresponding money loss**
  - **The sum of the different money losses is minimized**

```
model_v2.mzn
1 include "alldifferent_except.mzn";
2
3 % COMMON HEADER, probably independent of modelling.
4 enum MACHINE;
5 enum YOGHURT_TYPE;
6 array[MACHINE, YOGHURT_TYPE] of bool: compatibility; % Whether a machine can produce
7 array[MACHINE, YOGHURT_TYPE, YOGHURT_TYPE] of int: clean_machine_time; % How long
8 array[MACHINE, YOGHURT_TYPE] of int: yoghurt_speed; % Assuming yoghurt_speed represents
9
10 % Parmalat constraints
11 array[MACHINE, YOGHURT_TYPE, YOGHURT_TYPE] of int: kg_fruit_change; % kg of scraps
12 array[MACHINE, YOGHURT_TYPE, YOGHURT_TYPE] of int: kg_mix_change; % kg of scraps
13 array[MACHINE, YOGHURT_TYPE, YOGHURT_TYPE] of int: monetary_kg_fruit_change;
14 array[MACHINE, YOGHURT_TYPE, YOGHURT_TYPE] of int: monetary_kg_mix_change;
15 array[MACHINE, YOGHURT_TYPE, YOGHURT_TYPE] of int: monetary_time_fruit_change;
16 %array[MACHINE, YOGHURT_TYPE, YOGHURT_TYPE] of float: monetary_kg_raw_change;
17 %array[MACHINE, YOGHURT_TYPE, YOGHURT_TYPE] of int: kg_raw_scraps; % kg of scraps
18
19 % Different orders with different amounts requested and time to deliver (before e
20 int: num_orders;
21 set of int: ORDER = 1..num_orders;
22 array[ORDER] of YOGHURT_TYPE: order_type;
23 array[ORDER] of int: yogh_minutes; %yoghurt - free time unit
24 array[ORDER] of int: deadline;
```

Snapshot of the model



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## List of solutions sorted by loss

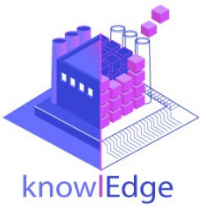
### Per each solution:

- Per each machine:
  - List of assigned yogurt order, time start, time end
- Loss

```
start time: [7657, 106, 6204, 6908, 6483, 285, 5699, 1097, 5735, 7193]
end time: [7876, 144, 6234, 6964, 6660, 669, 251274, 6119, 7194]
workers: [COMAN, HAMBAA6, COMAN, ILPRA, HAMBAA7, HAMBAA6, COMAN, COMAN, HAMBAA6, COMAN, ILPRA, HAMBAA6]
Loss value: 48.0
-----
start time: [6659, 7905, 7704, 6624, 9496, 1394, 5392, 6874, 5399, 4945]
end time: [6878, 8082, 7734, 6630, 9534, 1778, 5448, 6912, 5783, 4946]
workers: [COMAN, HAMBAA7, COMAN, COMAN, HAMBAA6, HAMBAA4, COMAN, COMAN, HAMBAA7, COMAN, ILPRA, HAMBAA6]
Loss value: 47.0
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start time: [9692, 7277, 5616, 8553, 6163, 608, 2270, 2988, 2524, 6560]
end time: [9911, 7454, 5646, 8609, 6195, 1066, 2326, 3020, 2982, 6561]
workers: [COMAN, HAMBAA7, COMAN, ILPRA, HAMBAA4, HAMBAA6, COMAN, COMAN, HAMBAA7, COMAN, ILPRA, HAMBAA6]
Loss value: 0.0
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```

Example of direct output from the model (\* no postprocessing included)

# Demo



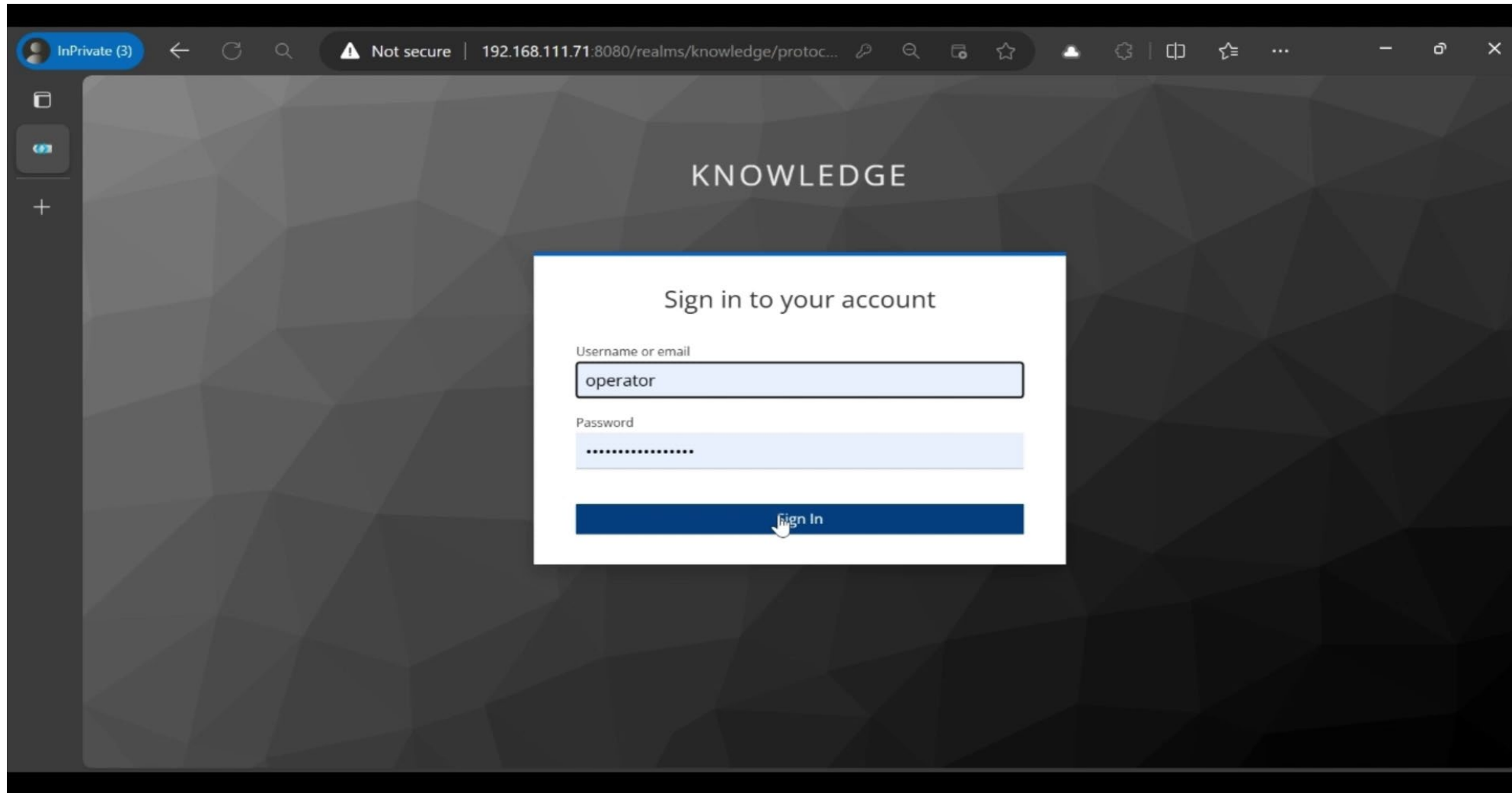
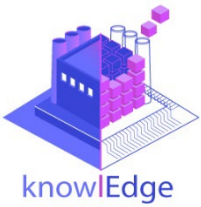
The screenshot displays the Postman REST client interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Workspaces', and 'API Network'. A search bar for 'Postman' is visible. The main workspace shows a collection named 'Parmalat' with a sub-collection 'POST Post schedule production'. The selected request is a POST method to the endpoint 'http://192.168.111.73:8086/schedule\_production'. The request body is a JSON object with the following structure:

```
1 {
2   "task": 3,
3   "task_name": "Parmalat production scheduling",
4   "method": {
5     "strategy_list": ["ParmalatScheduler"],
6     "preprocessor": "ParmalatSchedulerPreprocessor",
7     "arguments": {
8       "params": {
9         "num_orders": 28,
10        "order_type": ["y4042110", "y4037510", "y4030710", "y4026526", "y4021338", "y4021342", "y4021340",
11        "y4042110", "y4037510", "y4030710", "y4026526", "y4021338", "y4021342", "y4021340",
12        "y4042110", "y4037510", "y4030710", "y4026526", "y4021338", "y4021342", "y4021340",
13        "y4042110", "y4037510", "y4030710", "y4026526", "y4021338", "y4021342", "y4021340"],
14        "yogh_quantity": [80000, 6480, 10800, 2160, 6480, 80000, 2160,
15        80000, 6480, 10800, 2160, 6480, 80000, 2160,
16        80000, 6480, 10800, 2160, 6480, 80000, 2160,
17        80000, 6480, 10800, 2160, 6480, 80000, 2160],
18        "deadline": [10000, 10000, 10000, 10000, 10000, 10000, 10000, 10000,
19        10000, 10000, 10000, 10000, 10000, 10000, 10000,
20        10000, 10000, 10000, 10000, 10000, 10000, 10000, 10000,
21        10000, 10000, 10000, 10000, 10000, 10000]
22      }
23    },
24    "input_attributes": ["*"],
25    "target_attributes": []
26  },
27  "processing": [
28  ]
29 }
```

The response is a 200 OK status with a response time of 151 ms and a size of 3.55 KB. The response body is a JSON object:

```
2 "agentId": "aiml_parmalat_agent",
3 "deployStatus": "deploy:pending",
4 "environmentId": null,
5 "environmentType": null,
6 "instanceId": "db2af4be_333c_4a5f_955d_5d123e709bc9",
7 "meta": {"ENVS": [{"TASK_CONFIG": [{"task": 3, "task_name": "Parmalat production scheduling", "method": {"strategy_list": ["ParmalatScheduler"], "preprocessor": "ParmalatSchedulerPreprocessor", "arguments": {"params": {"num_orders": 28, "order_type": ["y4042110", "y4037510", "y4030710", "y4026526", "y4021338", "y4021342", "y4021340", "y4042110", "y4037510", "y4030710", "y4026526", "y4021338", "y4021342", "y4021340", "y4042110", "y4037510", "y4030710", "y4026526", "y4021338", "y4021342", "y4021340", "y4042110", "y4037510", "y4030710", "y4026526", "y4021338", "y4021342", "y4021340"]}}}}]}}
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# Monitoring and Proactive Reaction to Events



# Impact

KPI	Goal
Scheduling hours	Decrease time devoted for production planning or scheduling.
Yogurt OEE	Improve the theoretical OEE of yogurt production
Response time	Time to create a new production plan responding to real-time changes/variations based upon real-time data will decrease more than 50%
Productivity	Decrease the number of man hours needed to produce one ton of product
Downtime	Decrease the time of downtime and setups
Scrap	Decrease the amount of scrap