Data Analytics and Optimization for Smart Industry

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Outline

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MCIS-E Production-Logistics-Energy Optimization with Feedback

PDDE-based Quality Analytics and Dynamic Optimization

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Smart industry

Taking the cyber-physical systems realized by the Internet of Things as carrier, sensors are used to collect on-site perceived data through the network. According to the obtained data, data analytics technology is used to accurately understand, measure, diagnose and forecast the production, logistics and energy flow processes. On this basis, optimal decisions are made on production planning, scheduling, operation and control to realize the intelligent ability of factories.



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1. Data Analytics and Optimization



1. Data Analytics and Optimization – Steel Production Process

Features: continuous and discrete production, huge devices, high-temperature operations, massive consumption of energy and resource



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1. Data Analytics and Optimization

- New Characteristics
 - Complex physical and chemical processes
 - Large variety and low volume products
 - Complicated logistics structure



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Perceptual cognition is the basis of rational cognition; and rational cognition is the sublimation of perceptual cognition, which are unified in practice.





Brain-inspired Intelligence

— Victor Hugo

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Mathematical modeling is used to formulate the identifiable and quantifiable parts of the production, logistics and energy optimization problems. Meanwhile, data analytics supplements the mathematical model for constructing the parts that are hardly to model and forming the parameters of the model.



DAO based System Modeling

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Logistics: Space-time Network Flow Modeling Engineering perspective Crane Removal coils ໌ 7 ໄ 4 2 (9) Obstacle coils Other coils 1 3 5 6 ز 8 *)* (10) 6 (ご) Null position **Modeling perspective Space** \otimes \otimes \otimes \otimes \otimes \otimes \otimes 2 \otimes \otimes \otimes \otimes \otimes \otimes \otimes \otimes \odot $(\bigcirc$) \otimes \otimes \otimes Route of coils Remova Route of crane Time 0 2 3 5 6 8 4 7

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Q. Guo, L. Tang, J. Liu, S. Zhao. Continuous-time formulation ... in aluminium industry. *International Journal of Production Research*, 2021, 59(10): 3169-3184. I.E. Grossmann, F. Trespalacios. Systematic modeling of discrete-continuous optimization models through generalized disjunctive programming. *AIChE*, 2013, 59(9): 3276 - 3295

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1. Data Analytics and Optimization — DAO based Solution



DAO based Octopus-topology Solution

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Data Analytics and Optimization for Smart Industry

Integer Optimization — Branch & Price

- A Branch & Price approach is proposed based on set packing model.
- Discover the trapezoidal feature of the cost structure and construct a new lowdimensional dynamic programming algorithm, which overcomes the highdimensional feature of the conventional dynamic programming algorithm.
- Propose a multi-layer branching strategy with sub-problem structure.
- For the first time, it realizes the optimal solving of the same kind of problem.



Integer Optimization — Lagrangian Relaxation

- The coupling/complex constraint is relaxed into the objective function by Lagrangian multiplier, thus decouple and decompose the full problem into several independent sub-problems.
 - > **Decomposition**: batch decoupling strategy, stage-based decomposition
 - Dual problem solution: hybrid backward and forward dynamic programming



L. Tang, H. Xuan, J. Liu. A new Lagrangian relaxation algorithm for hybrid flowshop scheduling to minimize total weighted completion time. *Computers* & *Operations Research*, 2006, 33(11): 3344-3359.

1. Data Analytics and Optimization — DAO based Solution



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Integer Optimization — Branch & Cut

- Branch & Cut is developed.
- The model tightening technique is proposed based on the reformulation with compact lower bound.
- A series of valid inequalities (e.g., subtour elimination) is used to accelerate the convergence of the algorithm.
- Variable reduction
- The algorithm can solve the real scale problems to optimal, and is superior to CPLEX in performance.



	CPLEX				B&C		
Instance	sol	time	Gap	sol	time	number of	
		(s)	(%)	301	(s)	cuts	
1	47	5.273	0	47	2.902	4	
2	82	123.225	0	82	73.586	10	
3	92	232.270	0	92	55.427	8	
18	432	85.099	0	432	73.554	4	
19	460	248.010	0	460	81.979	26	
20	73	3.978	0	73	3.728	12	
Avg		142.119	0		70.180	30	

X. Cheng, L. Tang and P.M. Pardalos. A Branch-and-Cut algorithm for factory crane scheduling problem. *Journal of Global Optimization*, 2015, 63(4): 729-755.

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China is the Largest Steel Producer

- China has been the largest steel producer in the world for the last twenty consecutive years.
- In 2022, China's steel output has reached about 1.013 billion tons, accounting for about 53.93% of the world's steel output.
- Steel industry has been one of the pillar industries in China's national economy.





Challenges Faced by Steel Industry



Steelmaking

Logistics

Hot rolling

Cold rolling

Triple transfer and one feedback (MCIS-E)



E (*ECO-System*) = Production + Logistics + Energy + Information

Triple Transfer and One Feedback (MCIS-E)



Steel Production



Production: Iron-making/Steelmaking/Hot Rolling/Cold Rolling

Production Scheduling



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L. Tang, G. Wang, J. Liu, J. Liu. A combination of Lagrangian relaxation and column generation for order batching in steelmaking and continuous-casting production. *Naval Research Logistics*, 2011, 58(4): 370-388.







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- ✤ A new kind of batch scheduling
- We analyze the semi-continuous batch scheduling problem, and present the optimal algorithm.



Traditional batching machines are mainly divided into three types: (1) burn-in (2) fixed batch (3) serial batching The heating process of tube-billets in heating furnace



L. Tang, J. Liu, A. Rong, Z. Yang. A multiple traveling salesman problem model for hot rolling scheduling in Shanghai Baoshan Iron & Steel Complex. *European Journal of Operational Research*, 2000, 124(2): 267-282.



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Logistics: Loading/Transportation/Shuffling/Storage/Stowage
Logistics Scheduling



L. Tang, X. Xie, J. Liu. Crane scheduling in a warehouse storing steel coils. *IISE Transactions*, 2014, 46(3): 267-282.



L. Tang, R. Zhao, J. Liu. Models and algorithms for shuffling problems in steel plants. *Naval Research Logistics*, 2012, 59(7): 502-524.

For statistic and dynamic reshuffling problem, an improved mathematical formulation and a simulation model are established.

- Five polynomial time heuristics and their extended versions are proposed and analyzed theoretically.
- The proposed heuristics outperforms existing methods.



L. Tang, W. Jiang, J. Liu, Y. Dong. Research into container reshuffling and stacking problems in container terminal yards. *IISE Transactions*, 2015, 47(7): 751-766. (*IISE Transactions* Best Applications Paper Award)



L. Tang, J. Liu, et al. Modeling and solution for the ship stowage planning Modeling and solution for the ship stowage planning problem of coils in the steel industry. *Naval Research Logistics*, 2015, 62(7): 564-581.

Energy Scheduling



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Gas scheduling

Comprehensive allocation of gas system

- Determine: allocation plan of BFG, COG, LDG
- Multi-objective: minimize consumption cost, purchase cost, emission

cost, and energy holding cost

• Solution method: soft constraint handling NSGA-II







Y. Zhang, G. G. Yen, and L. Tang. Soft constraint handling for a real-world multiobjective energy distribution problem. *International Journal of Production Research*, 2020, 58(19): 6061-6077.

Steam scheduling



Objectives

• Maximize electricity generation upon demand $z = \max \sum_{t} \sum_{i} \left(u_i + v_i x_{ti,j=1} + w_i R_{ti} \right)$

Supply capacity constraints

$$a_{i}^{0} < \sum_{j=1}^{4} x_{iij} < a_{i}^{1}, \ b_{ij}^{0} \le x_{iij} \le b_{ij}^{1}, \ r_{i}^{0} \le R_{ii} \le \min\left(x_{ii1}, r_{i}^{1}\right), \ q_{i}^{0} \le Q_{ii} \le \min\left(x_{ii1}, q_{i}^{1}\right)$$
$$x_{iij} = \min\left\{a_{i}^{1}, \max\left(a_{i}^{0}, S_{i}^{D} - \sum_{i \in I_{1} \cup I_{2} \cup I_{3}}\left(x_{ii,3} + R_{ii} + Q_{ii}\right)\right)\right\}$$

Fluctuation, safe flow constraints

$$F_{t}^{D} = \max\left(0, \sum_{i} \sum_{j \in J_{3}} (x_{tij} + R_{ti} + Q_{ti}) - e^{D}\right) \quad F_{t}^{Z} = \max\left(0, \sum_{i} x_{tij} - e^{Z}\right)$$
$$\left|\sum_{i} \sum_{j} (x_{tij} + R_{ti} + Q_{ti}) - \sum_{i} \sum_{j \in J_{3}} (x_{t-1,ij} + R_{t-1,i} + Q_{t-1,i})\right| \le \delta^{D}$$

Steam demand constraints

$$\eta^{Z} \sum_{i} x_{iij} > S_{t}^{Z}$$
 $\eta^{D} \sum_{i} \sum_{j} (x_{iij} + R_{ti} + Q_{ti}) > S_{t}^{D}$

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Oxygen scheduling



Supply Modes

- Supplied by oxygen generator
- Supplied by liquid oxygen system



Minimize operating cost of oxygen system

$$Z = \sum_{t} \sum_{i \in E} \left(c_i \cdot F_{ti} + c_i^A \cdot A_{ti} + c_i^Y \cdot Y_{ti} + \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{ti} \cdot c_i \cdot 0.7 B_i \right)$$

Oxygen generators capacity, operating requirements

$$O_{ti} - O_{t-1,i} \Big| \leq \beta_{ti} \varepsilon$$
 $G_{ti} = G_{t-1,i} + Y_{ti} - D_{ti},$ $G_i^0 \leq G_{ti} \leq G_i^1,$

$$argama_{ti} = \max\left\{0, \left(eta_{ti} - eta_{t-1,i}
ight)
ight\} \quad d_t = \sum_{i \in E} D_{ti}, \qquad d_t < \sum_{i \in E} G_{t-1,i}$$

Pipeline pressure, fluctuation limitations

$$(H_t - H_{t-1}) + \sum_{j=1}^{N} S_{ij} < \sum_{i \in E} A_{ii} \qquad H^0 \le H_t \le H^1$$
$$\left| \frac{H_t - H_{t-1}}{H_{t-1}} \right| \le \delta \qquad A_{ti} \le \beta_{ti} a_i \qquad A_{ti} < O_{ti}$$

Oxygen demand constraints

$$\sum_{j} S_{tj} + \sum_{i \in E} Y_{ti} + (H_t - H_{t-1}) + F_t = \sum_{i \in E} O_{ti}$$

G. Che, Y. Zhang, L. Tang, S. Zhao. A deep reinforcement learning based multi-objective optimization for the scheduling of oxygen production system in integrated iron and steel plants. Applied Energy, 2023, 345: 121332.

Integrated Multi-Energy Scheduling

* Research Background

In steel enterprises, by-product gases, steam, and electricity constitute a coupled system and the supply and demand balance of all energy carriers is maintained within the scheduling period.



Reinforcement Learning Based Improved Lagrangian Relaxation Algorithm

A reinforcement learning based method for step size update is proposed to dynamically adjust the multipliers Lagrangian relaxation algorithm.



C. Miao, S. Zhao, L. Tang, J. Liu, Y. Zhang. A Reinforcement Learning Based Lagrangian Relaxation Algorithm for Multi-Energy Allocation Problem in Steel Enterprise. *Computers & Chemical Engineering*, 2024. (Revision)

Integrated Scheduling of Production and Energy

* Research Background

Cold rolling in steel production is a typical power intensive process. Steel companies can take advantage of processing flexibility to make better use of electric power, and thus reduce the energy cost.



The integrated scheduling problem of the rolling sector with consideration of energy consumption under timeof-use electricity prices was proposed to optimize the coordination of production and electricity consumption, and minimize the typical production costs.

* MINLP modeling with generalized disjunctive programming constraints

Based on a continuous time representation, the MINLP/GDP model was formulated with nonlinear and disjunctive constraints, and then reformulated as a tight MILP model through hull reformulation and exact linearization.



GDP is used to formulate the possible interactions of a time slot with a constant time period

S. Zhao, I. E. Grossmann, L. Tang. Integrated scheduling of rolling sector in steel production with consideration of energy consumption under time-ofuse electricity prices. *Computers & Chemical Engineering*, 2018, 111:55-65

Information Feedback



A series of manufacturing optimization software systems are developed which have been successfully applied to more than 40 enterprises in steel, equipment manufacturing, logistics, and energy industries.



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3. PDDE-based Quality Analytics and Dynamic Optimization — Quality discovery (D)



X. Wang, T. Hu, and L. Tang. A multiobjective evolutionary nonlinear ensemble learning *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems*, 2022, 33(5): 2080-2093. C. Liu, L. Tang, J. Liu, Z. Tang. A dynamic analytics method based on multistage modeling for a BOF steelmaking process. *IEEE Transactions on Automation Science and Engineering*, 2019, 16(3): 1097-1109.

3. PDDE-based Quality Analytics and Dynamic Optimization — Quality discovery (D)



X. Wang, Y. Wang, L. Tang, Q. Zhang. Multiobjective ensemble learning with multiscale data for product quality prediction in iron and steel industry, *IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation*, 2024, 28(4): 1099-1113. X. Wang, Y. Wang, L. Tang. Strip hardness prediction in continuous annealing using multiobjective sparse nonlinear ensemble learning *IEEE Transactions on Automation Science and Engineering*, 2022, 19(3): 2397-2411.

Quality analytics and optimization for production process



Significance: Improve product quality and economic efficiency, reduce energy consumption, and make the production process in optimized operating state.

3. PDDE-based Quality Analytics and Dynamic Optimization — Process design and optimization (E)



L. Tang, C. Liu, J. Liu, X. Wang. An estimation of distribution algorithm with resampling and local improvement for an operation optimization problem in steelmaking process. *IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics: Systems*, 2020.

3. PDDE-based Quality Analytics and Dynamic Optimization — Process design and optimization (E)



3. PDDE-based Quality Analytics and Dynamic Optimization — Product quality design (D)



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Material Discovery

- Microstructure: In steel smelting process, metallographic organization identification is a critical step. The idea of fusing neural network and optimal control model is proposed, which is combined with fractal theory to solve the problem. Ultimately, a quantitative analysis of the metallographic organization is achieved.
- Topological phase transition: In steel industrial production, process parameters determine the organization properties. A material structure prediction model based on thermodynamic model and topological phase transition is constructed from the mesoscopic viewpoint to realize dynamic regulation and optimization of material structure.





Material Design

- Material design: From the mesoscopic view of steel materials, the mapping relationship between material composition, structure, and properties is established based on networks and multi-objective evolutionary methods, with synergistic control and optimization of steel property design and material selection for new material design.
- Process design: In response to steel performance requirements, the integration of mechanism and deep learning model is applied. A differential evolutionary algorithm is used to dynamically adjust the steelmaking process parameters to control and optimize the metallurgical organization.



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Enterprise Industry

System



A tree

A single enterprise material transformation basic unit



A forest

Homogeneous enterprise similar products a whole collection



An Eco-system

Heterogeneous enterprise elements connection ecosystem

4. MCIS Environmental Analytics and Optimization

MCIS from Steel Industry to Equipment Manufacturing (F Ring)

The steel industry provides important raw material for equipment manufacturing, and the metallurgical equipment, logistics equipment, energy equipment and high-end equipment produced by equipment manufacturing serve the steel industry, forming a manufacture-circulation industrial system (MCIS) with Northeastern characteristics of the modern industrial system.



Carbon Emissions of Steel Industry

- In 2023, China's CO₂ emissions is approximately 12.6 billion tons. Power, steel, aluminum, cement, petrochemical, and coal chemical, as well as two fields including transportation and construction cover over 90% of the country's total CO₂ emissions.
- Over the decade from 2011 to 2020, the average growth rates of the value added by domestic manufacturing and crude steel production were 7.9% and 5.1%, respectively, providing stable support for the high-quality development of China's manufacturing industry.
- The global steel industry accounts for approximately 7% of the total emissions from the energy system, making it the manufacturing sector with the highest carbon emissions, primarily stemming from the use of fossil fuels.

The CO₂ emissions from the steel industry account for about 14% of total industrial CO₂ emissions in China, with approximately 2 tons of greenhouse gases emitted per ton of steel produced, of which 90% originates from the pre-iron and ironmaking.



4. MCIS Environmental Analytics and Optimization

Environment Perception

- Solution involves multiple processes, pollutants, and carbon emissions. Extreme conditions affect data accuracy and stability. Representing pollutant and carbon information in a single modal feature is difficult.
- Perception method: fusion perception technology uses structured data, text, voice, and images for accurate, realtime, and stable acquisition of pollution and carbon emission data. Multi-source data mining enables feature fusion, enhancing prediction reliability.



Environment Discovery

- Background: Pollutants, carbon emissions, production processes, output, product quality, energy, and raw material consumption have complex coupling relationships.
- Discovery method: mechanism and data fusion method leverages mechanism and data analytics models to analyze multi-source data patterns, identify key pollutant emission areas and abnormal conditions, and obtain pollutant emission characteristics and trend predictions.



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Real-time Process Optimization

- Solution Solution
- Process optimization: Analyze relationship between process control parameters, emissions and energy consumption. Formulate multi-objective process optimization model based on mechanism and multi-modal data to minimize pollutant and carbon emission.



Process Design Optimization

- Seckground: Carrying out full process design and formula optimization from source blockage to end-point treatment is an important guarantee for reducing pollution and carbon emissions.
- Process Design: investigate full process optimization design from the systematic point of view to form a pollution and carbon reduction path. Optimize the ingredient scheme to achieve harmless manufacturing of steel materials based on source blockage.



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DAO for STEEM





Professor Ignacio Grossmann visited DAO Lab in 2014 and 2017





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President, University of California, Los Angeles ~ Gene Block



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China-Japan University Presidents Forum Speech



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Trustee, Waseda University ~ GEMMA Masahiko

Vice President, Kyoto University ~ KONO Yasuyuki


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Dean, Engineering and Information Technology, University of Melbourne ~ Thas Nirmalathas



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Harvard University ~ Professor Peter Sicinski



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