# Global Supply Chains Coordination with Optimal Integration of Third Parties

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# **Global multi-enterprise supply chains**



### **State-of-the-Art**



## **Problem statement**

### Current practice <u>disregards</u>:

- $\circ$  Detailed operation
- Echelon characteristics
- Independent objectives
- Simple economic transactions
- Average pricing

Not sufficient to obtain
 a global master plan



**<u>Objective:</u>** To develop a global coordination generic model able to optimize the overall SC planning problem

Third

**Parties** 

## **Global coordination with third parties**



### Mathematical formulations: a holistic tactical model



## **Global coordination- Results**

### **Case study**

#### Polystyrene production SC

- 3 production sites
- 2 storage centers
- 3 markets
- 4 RM suppliers
- WWTP
- 2 products

#### **Energy generation SC**

- 6 energy generation sites
- 3 storage centers
- 4 RMs (biomass and coal)
- 2 fixed clients
- 3 polystyrene markets



#### **Detailed master plan:** RM purchase; production; storage; and distribution levels

# **Global coordination- Results**

✓ 2 optimization scenarios

Optimization	Current practice	Coordination
Minimize Cost (polystyrene SC)	$\checkmark$	-
Minimize Cost (energy generation SC)	$\checkmark$	-
Minimize entire SC Cost	-	$\checkmark$

#### **Polystyrene production**



## **Global coordination- Results**

### **Energy generation**

#### Current practice

- Expensive choices
- Less flexibility





#### **Coordination**

o Flexible energy loadingo Cheaper choices

The coordination leads to flexible and feasible decisions for all actors

## **Global coordination- Economic analysis**



Total savings 2.5% (434 x10<sup>3</sup> m.u)

<u>Unlike the current approaches</u>, the **coordination** based on **detailed description** of all participants leads to **less total cost** and **less resource consumption** for the same market requirements.

## **Optimal integration of third parties**

**<u>Objective:</u>** To develop new joint collaboration tools with different competitive third parties in a coordinated SC environment



#### **Methodological framework**

#### Global coordination

- **Pricing**: joint collaboration tool.
- **Competition:** external actors.
- **Commercial strategies:** price policy
- **Trade-off:** commercial strategy vs SC operation.

#### Optimization and simulation

- Pricing **approximation** models.
- Traditional vs. pricing models.
- **Tactical** and economic decisions



## **Mathematical formulations**



## **Commercial strategies**



#### Optimal integration of third parties

## **Optimal integration- Results**



Optimal integration of third parties

## **Results- Tactical decisions**

### **Polystyrene production SC**









## **Results- Pricing models optimization**

#### **Polystyrene manufacturing SC**



## **Results- Optimization-based simulation**

### **Economic analysis**

- Piecewise → best approximation
   → lowest RM cost
- Average fixed (current practice)

➔ Worst approximation

➔ highest RM cost



							Total Cost (x10 <sup>6</sup> m.u)	
	Model	Single equations	Single variables	Discrete variables	Solver	CPU (sec)	Pricing model	Real policy
Average fixed	LP	2,752	4,991	-	CEPLX	0.05	17.00	16.57
Quartic polynomial	NLP	2,952	5,191	-	CONOPT	0.13	16.26	16.42
Linear polynomial	NLP	2,952	5,191	-	CONOPT	0.11	16.49	16.57
Piecewise	MINLP	3,336	5,495	240	DICOPT	5.80	16.25	16.42

### **Results: Economic analysis**



## Conclusions

**This work** constitutes an **advance in PSE** by proposing **novel flexible decision-support tools** enabling **all possible links** with all possible **participants** 

#### Cooperative-base global coordination

- Improvement of the global **performance**.
- **Less consumption** of resources.

#### **Pricing as collaborative tool**

3<sup>rd</sup> parties control their financial channels.
Discounting pricing enhances competence.
Average approximation is not recommended.

### Don't lose sight when optimizing individual objectives



## Future work

**This work** opens new opportunities for **future research** in the line of multi enterprise-wide coordination (M-EWC) of **multi-participant** SCs.

- Decentralized optimization.
- Competence between main actors.
- Quality of the data.
- Environmental and social issues.
- Complex multi-objective models
- New sources of uncertainty
- Risk-sharing.
- New algorithms to solve complex models



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Tactical

Classical approach: hierarchical - sequential - pyramidal

- Each decision level imposes decisions / constraints to lower levels
- Each decision level maintain its own objectives and manages its own control variables
- Current standards: same approach
  - Purdue Model  $\rightarrow$  ISA 95 (ISO 62264) + ISA 88 (ISO 61512)

#### BUT

- The optimal solutions of the individual levels, are the same as the optimal solution of the individual problems?
- ➔ Alternative: Integration into a Monolithic structure



Process control and monitoring



### Integration benefits: Motivating example (Laínez *et al.,* C&CE, 2009)







Time scale



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**BUT** Complex resulting mathematical problem (large and complex)

**THEN:** Which is the added value? (vs. simplifying assumptions and uncertainty)



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## **Process Engineering**





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Open issues

- Enhance the process operation and flexibility by including the operational knowledge at the design DM problem.
- Integration of planning, scheduling and control at the plant level.
- Ensure consistency, feasibility and optimality across models that are applied over large changes in time scales (years, months, down to days and seconds).





### Tactical DM under uncertainty:

- Availability of production resources
- Raw materials supply
- Operating parameters (lead times, transport times, etc.)
- Market scenario (**demand**, prices, delivery requirements, etc.)

Tools:

- Model Predictive Control (Bose and Penky, 2000),
- **Multi-Parametric Programming** (Wellons and Reklaitis, 1989; Dua *et al.*, 2009)
- Fuzzy Linear Programming (Peidro *et al.*, 2010)
- **Stochastic Programming** (Gupta and Maranas, 2003; You and Grossmann, 2010; Amaro and Barbosa-Póvoa, 2009; Baghalian, 2013; Klibi and Martel, 2012).





#### Proposed approach

- To extend the scope of the SCM approaches under uncertainty by considering new sources of uncertainty
  - Competitors behavior (Exogenous source of the demand uncertainty), interaction with other SCs, etc.
- To develop Reactive and Proactive approaches to manage this new uncertainty source





- It is necessary to interact with the competitors
  - (cooperative and competitive scenarios)
- Cooperative
  - Vertical integration or coordinated models include cooperation among SC entities.
  - Buyer and seller negotiation lead to changes in the contracts.
- Competitive
  - Nash and Stackelberg Equilibriums to fix the price between seller and buyer.





Change the Multi-Objective Optimization paradigm:

- Move from the typical MOO approach that looks for several objectives (contradictory) ightarrow
- Take into account Objectives from different entities
  - SC producers (economic)
  - Customers (Delivery time, quality, etc.)



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# Present and prospective analysis

- General models and solution methodology for decision-making under uncertainty. Extended scope (multilevel).
- Computational requirements to solve practical problems.
- Formalism(s) for robustness and flexibility; reactive view of operational uncertainties.
- Integrated production and transport scheduling.
- To integrate third parties / new objectives.

**Critical points** 

- Computational requirements
- Multiple sources of uncertainty
- Multiple and conflicting objectives







**Present and prospective analysis:** How decision making robustness can be improved? Which are the benefits?

Development of a general decision-support framework for operational analysis of process systems under uncertainty, to further exploit their flexibility, taking advantage of the uncertainty characterization for efficient and robust predictive (proactive) decision-making.

- Study of different sources of uncertainty and their effects at tactical / operational levels.
- Evaluation of robustness measures.
  - ✓ Formalism(s) for production to distribution robustness.
- Equation-based and procedure-oriented approaches.
- Sampling techniques.
- Extensions to the integrated / multilevel view





# Proposed Methodology (general view)

- To extend the same information model / information links to different contexts
- To apply equivalent management / decision making procedures
- STN Representation (Kondili et al., Supply chain context 1993)





- Different plants / production centers 0
- Transport and distribution activities



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