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Produce better schedules while considering more restrictions! Colruyt wants to avoid traffic congestions

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# About Colruyt

	retail	Non-food	Wholesale and foodservice	Other	Corporate activities
Belgium	  	  	  	    	
France	 				

Corporate sustainability is embedded in Colruyt Group's DNA. With a minimum of resources, energy and human effort, we want to create sustainable added value in retail.

# About Colruyt: Colruyt Lowest Price (CLP)

*Founded in 1976*

*Turnover 4973,2 M€*

*225 stores*

*Average store surface 1400 m<sup>2</sup>*

*5 Distribution centers*

*15257 FTE*



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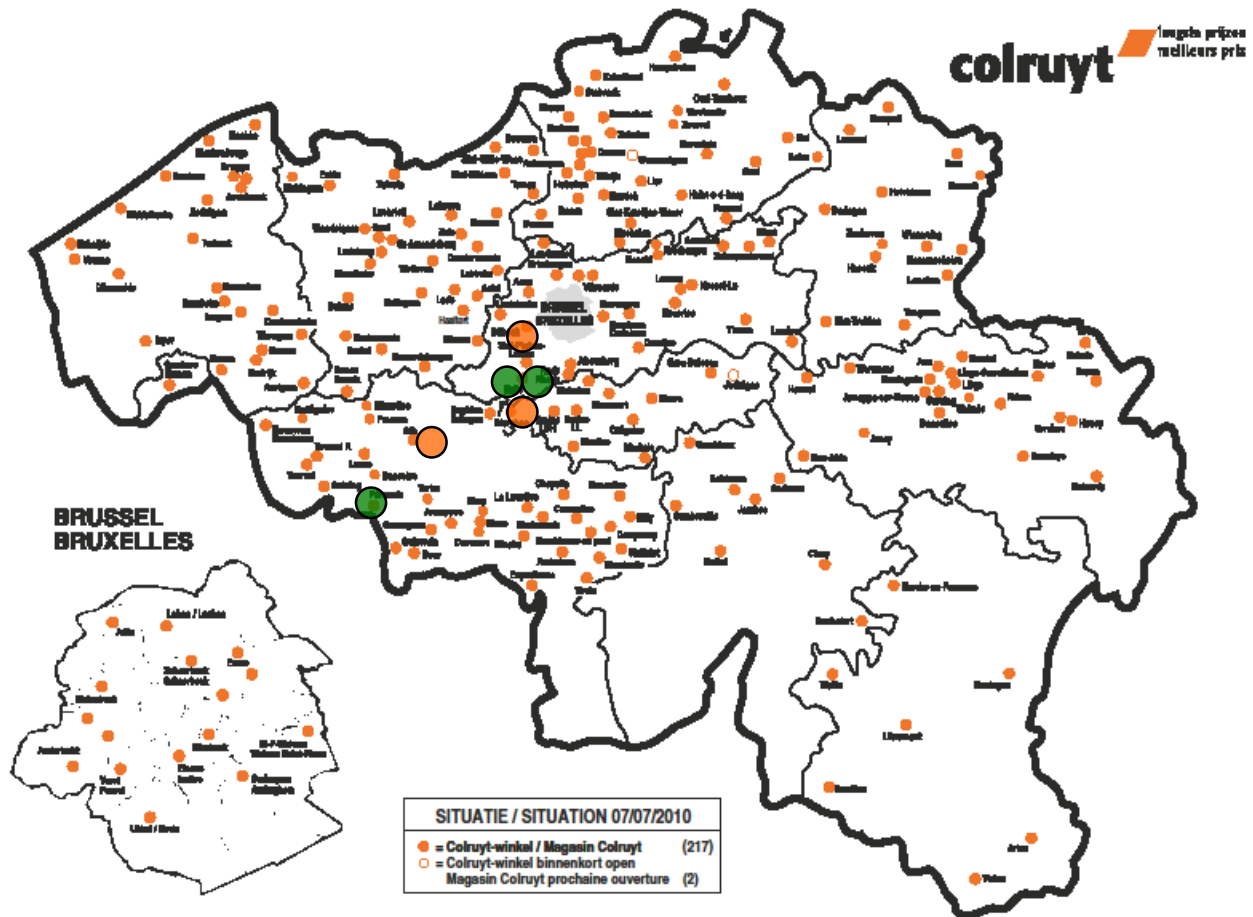
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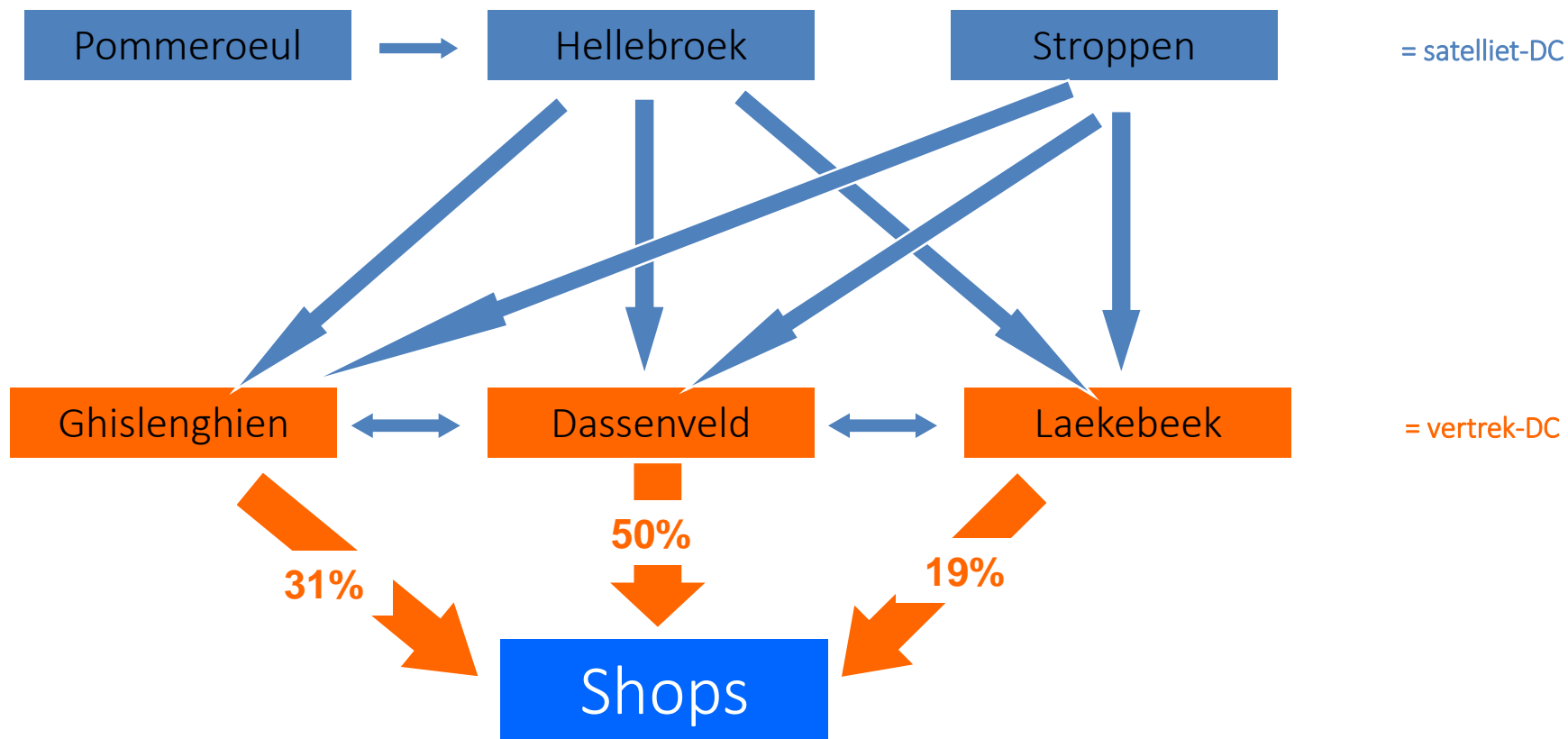
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# Transportmodel: master data

## 1. Delivery Time Windows

- When may we deliver?
- Dependencies:
  - Laws
  - Neighbours
  - Environment
- Decision (D): prospection  
→ transport signs problems

→ Static

= Hard restriction on transport (and logistics).



# Transportmodel: master data

## 2. Delivery Time Windows

- When can we deliver?
  - Dependencies:
    - Mobility
    - Size of the transit area
    - Customer density (parking are, cool area,..)
  - Desicion (D): transport
    - consolidate with shops (C) and prospection (IB)
- Static and/or dynamic

Soft restriction for transport (and logistics).

→ to be considered as company restrictions

# Transportmodel: master data

## 3. Delivery type of goods (content trailer)

- Restrictions on type of goods (departments)
  - Vegetables before 06u00
  - Collishop between 14h00 and 08u30
  - ... **Dynamic**
- Specific wishes of shops
  - No fresh food in delivery 1
  - Time window unavailable
  - ... **Dynamic**
- Decision (D): Transport
  - (C): Shops (management)
  - (IB): Logistics

**ASIS:** Transport (logistics) follows the wishes/restrictions of the shops

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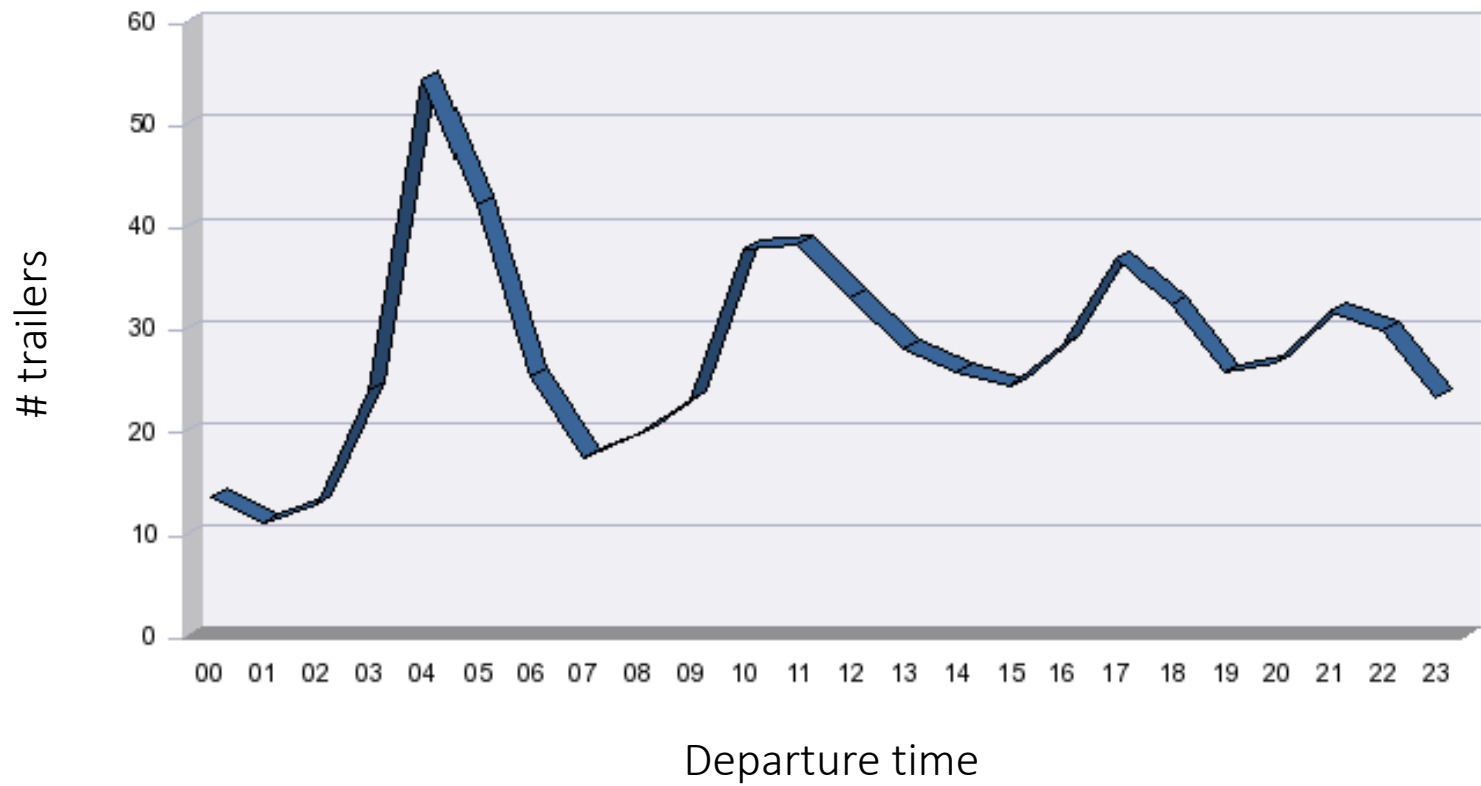
Colruyt is a Belgian family company that is one of the major players in the country's retail network.

The Colruyt empire counts more than 300 stores spread over the whole of Belgium which results into a significant amount of time spent on the road. Sustainability is very important for Colruyt. The fact a number of Colruyt trucks get stuck in traffic jams on a daily bases, therefore conflicts with their efforts to create sustainable added value through value driven craftsmanship in retail. By re-evaluated the delivery methods Colruyt found the optimal feasible planning avoiding as much congestion as possible.



# Case description

## Transport planning (april 2012)



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## Pressure on logistical organisation

Inefficient use of time and resources  
Physical restriction on growth (m<sup>2</sup>)  
Stress and frustrations

## Pressure on mobility and sustainability

Congestion time  
Fuel consumption and emissions

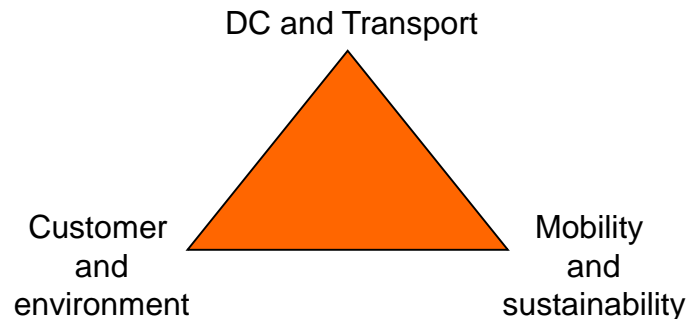
## Pressure on the customer (shops)

Lack of transparency  
Commitments (SLE)  
Flexibility

# Goal

Maximize the degree of freedom within delivery while balancing

- Feasibility workload DC and transport (logistics)
- Needs and wishes of the customer and its environment
- Mobility and sustainability



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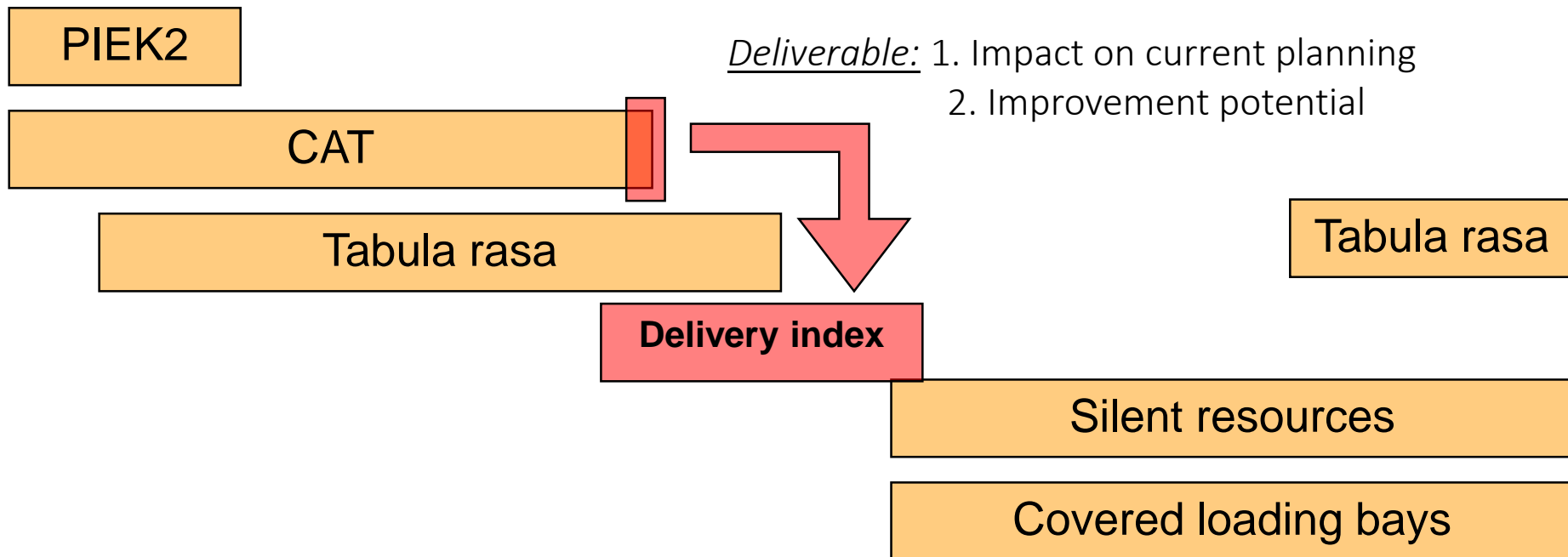
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# Approach

## Program 'spread deliveries'









*“Solutions for big complex non-standard top business planning problems making use of cutting edge optimization technologies”*

# Traffic congestion: a persistent pain



legende

-  gemiddeld 1 à 2 dagen file per werkweek (20 - 40%)
-  gemiddeld 2 à 3 dagen file per werkweek (40 - 60%)
-  gemiddeld meer dan 3 dagen file per werkweek (60 - 100%)

A black and white photograph of Steve Jobs, wearing his signature round glasses and a dark turtleneck. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a subtle smile. In his left hand, he holds an iPhone, displaying its home screen with various app icons. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

“A lot of times, people don’t know  
what they want  
until you show it to them.”

# Project Scope



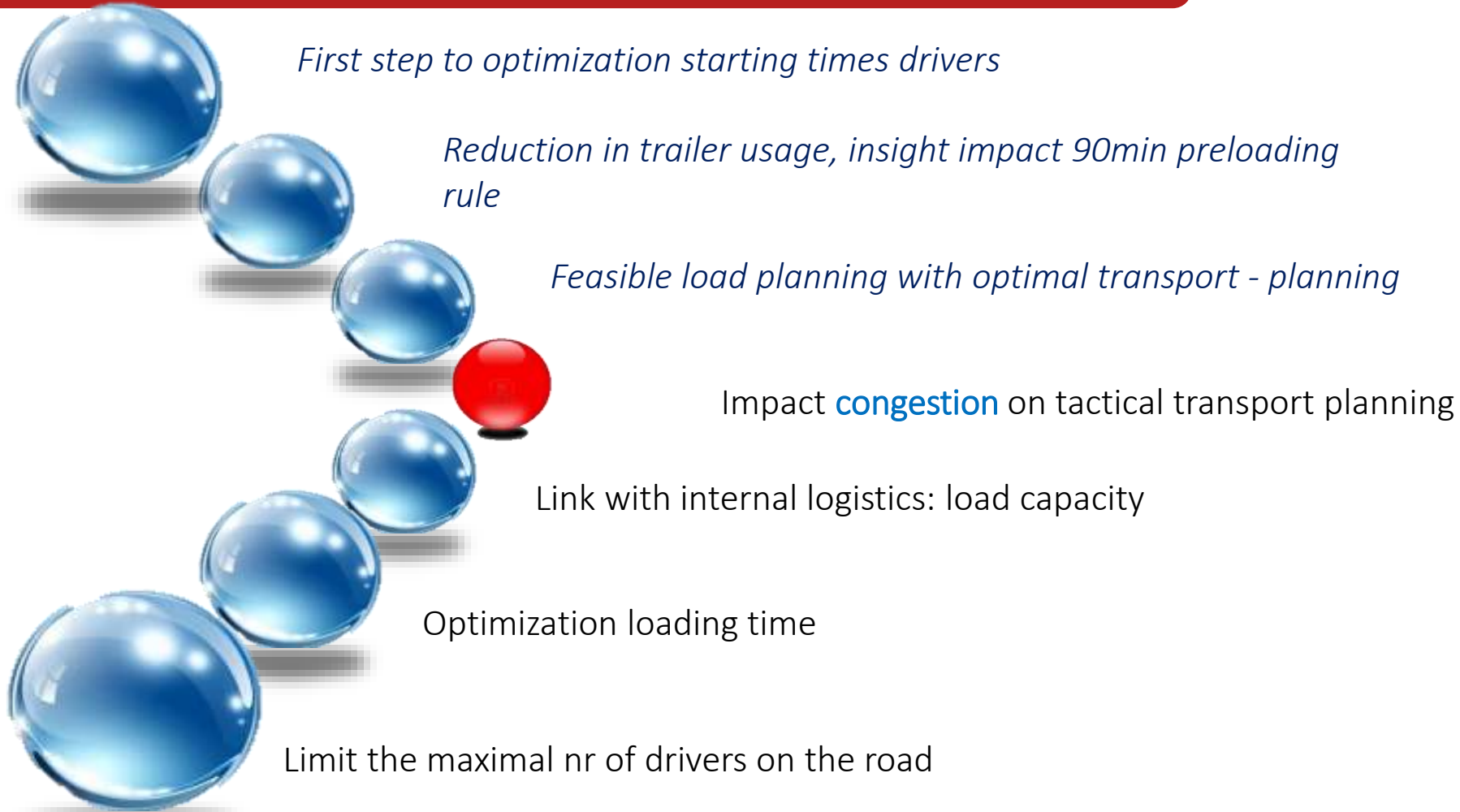
Impact **congestion** on tactical transport planning

Link with internal logistics: load capacity

Optimization loading time

Limit the maximal nr of drivers on the road

# Project Scope



# Data input

## General data

Distance and Times

Locations

Shop time windows

Transport type time windows

Load/unload times per type transport

## Specific data

Transport planning

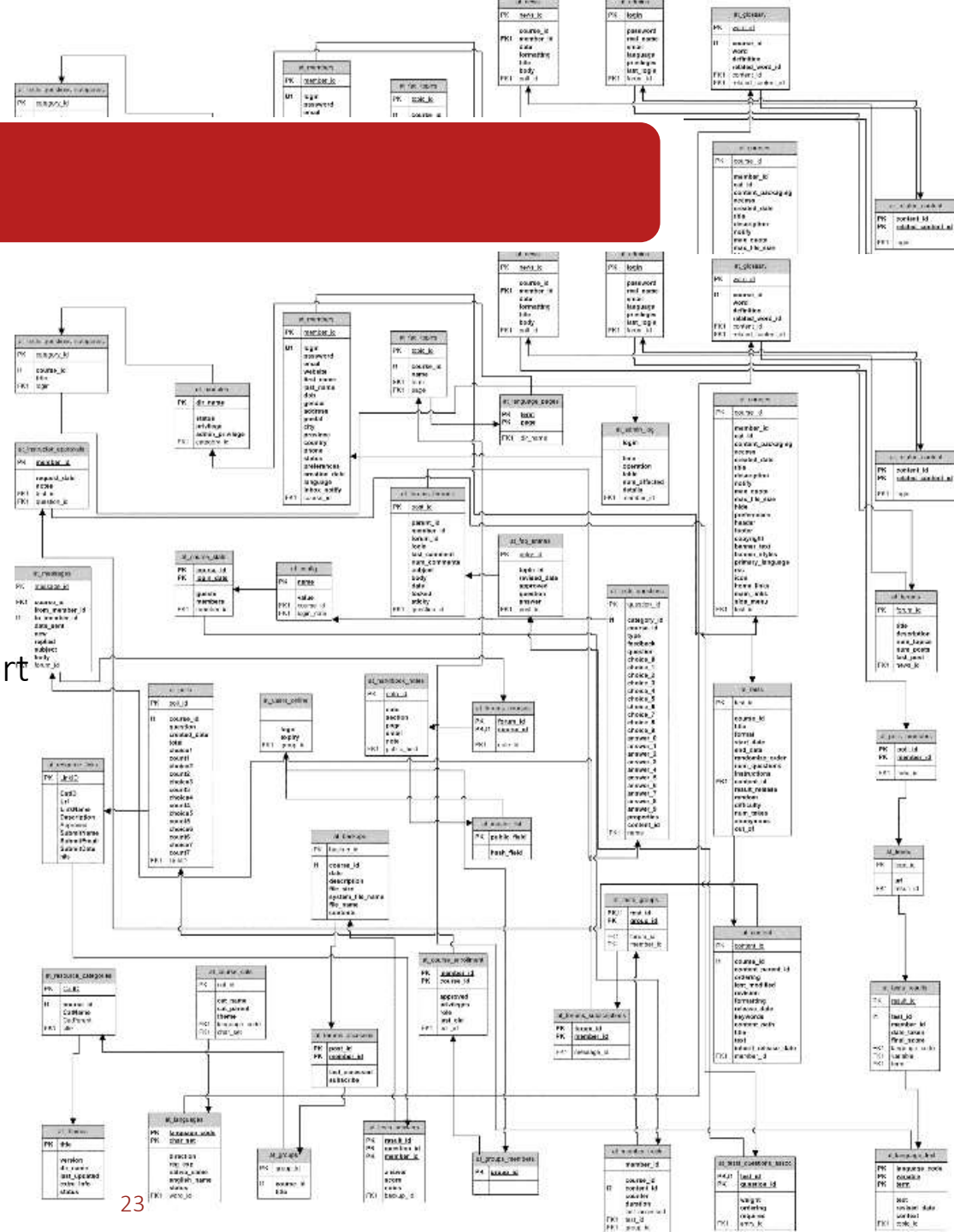
DC information

departures/hr

load capacity/hr

trailer stock

...





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164 dvar int+ contentMoves[d in dcs, ds in dists, contents, tf in tf_ids];
165
166 dvar int Shr[d in dcs, tt in trailerTypes, h in tf_ids];
167 dvar int+ shortage[d in dcs, tt in trailerTypes, h in tf_ids];
168
169 dvar int ShrContent[d in dcs, c in contents, h in tf_ids];
170 dvar int+ shortageContent[d in dcs, c in contents, h in tf_ids];
```

# IBM ILOG CPLEX model

## Cplex

### Optimize

1. Departure time
2. Loading time

### Respecting all hard constraints

### Minimizing the overall cost and congestion time

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176 //resources
179 int dc_out[d in dcs, rc in resourceCodes, h in tfs] = sum(dcout in dcouts : dcout.code==rc && dcout.dc==d.id && dc
180
181 //trailers
182 dexpr int dc_in[d in dcs, tt in trailerTypes, tf in tf_ids] = sum(a in alternats, h in tfs : a.rt.typeI==tt && h.i
183 dexpr int dc_outasis[d in dcs, tt in trailerTypes, tf in tf_ids] = sum(a in alternats, h in tfs : a.rt.typeI==tt &
184 dexpr int trailerMoves_in[d in dcs, tt in trailerTypes, tf in tf_ids] = sum(d_from in dcs) trailerMoves[d_from, d, tt
185 dexpr int trailerMoves_out[d in dcs, tt in trailerTypes, tf in tf_ids] =
186 sum[d_to in dcs, ds in dists: ds.id1==d.id && ds.id2==d_to.id && ftoi(ceil((tf*60+ds.time)/60))<24] trailerMoves[d,
187
188 //content
189 dexpr int dc_inContent[d in dcs, c in contents, tf in tf_ids] = sum(a in alternats, h in tfs, r in retourcontent :
190 a.rt.id==r.id && r.code==c && h.id==tf && a.dc==d
191
192 dexpr int max_dc_inContent[d in dcs, c in contents, tf in tf_ids] = sum(a in alternats, h in tfs, r in retourconte
193 a.rt.id==r.id && r.code==c && h.id==tf && a.dc==d
194
195 dexpr int contentMoves_in[d in dcs, c in contents, tf in tf_ids] = sum(d_from in dcs) contentMoves[d_from, d, c, tf];
196 dexpr int contentMoves_out[d in dcs, c in contents, tf in tf_ids] = sum(d_to in dcs, ds in dists: ds.id1==d.id && ds
contentMoves[d, d_to, c, ftoi(ceil((tf*60+ds.tim
198
199 //COSTS
200 dexpr float trailerMoveCost = sum(d_from in dcs, d_to in dcs, tt in trailerTypes, tf in tf_ids, d in dists, p in pa
trailerMoves[d_from, d_to, tt, tf]*(d.time*p.costMin+d.distance*p.costKm)
+sum(d_from in dcs, d_to in dcs, tt in trailerTypes, tf in tf_ids, d in dists: d.id1==d_
trailerMoves[d_from, d_to, tt, tf]*costFerInternalMove[tt];
204
205 dexpr float contentMovesCnt[d_from in dcs, d_to in dcs, tf in tf_ids]=sum(c in contents, d in dists: d.id1==d_from.
206
207
208 dexpr float contentMoveCost = sum(d_from in dcs, d_to in dcs, tf in tf_ids, d in dists, p in pars: d.id1==d_from.id
contentMovesCnt[d_from, d_to, tf]*p.unloadCost*2
+sum(d_from in dcs, d_to in dcs, c in contents, tf in tf_ids, d in internalcontentmove:
contentMoves[d_from, d_to, c, tf]*d.cost;
212
213
214 dexpr float wrongContentCost = sum(a in alternats, al in allows, rc in retourcontent2: a.rt.id==rc.id && a.dc==al.d
215 dexpr float wronContentCost[a in alternats] = sum(al in allows, rc in retourcontent2: a.rt.id==rc.id && a.dc==al.d
216
217 dexpr int shortageCost = sum(d in dcs, tt in trailerTypes, tf in tf_ids) shortage[d, tt, tf]*10000;
218 dexpr int shortageContentCost = sum(d in dcs, c in contents, tf in tf_ids) shortageContent[d, c, tf]*10000;
219 dexpr float retourCost = sum(a in alternats, p in pars) allocation_sol[a]*(a.duration*p.costMin+a.distance*p.cost
220
221 dexpr int cntTrailerMoves = sum(d_from in dcs, d_to in dcs, tt in trailerTypes, tf in tf_ids) trailerMoves[d_from,
222 dexpr int cntContentMoves = sum(d_from in dcs, d_to in dcs, c in contents, tf in tf_ids) contentMoves[d_from, d_to,
223
224 /*****
225 *
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228 *****/
229
230 minimize trailerMoveCost + shortageCost + retourCost + contentMoveCost + shortageContentCost + wrongContentCost;
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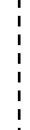


# Potentieel en aantal trailers

As Is situation



First optimization



Optimization

Incl. load capacity,  
Trailer stock

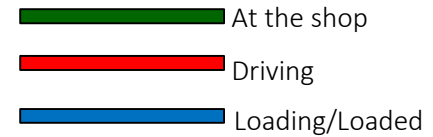
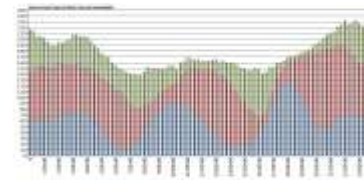
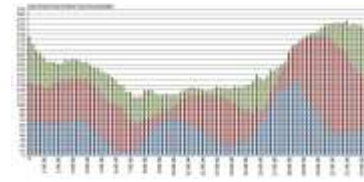
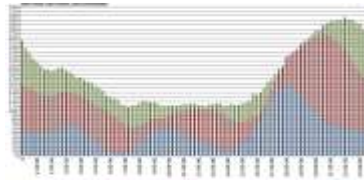


Optimization incl

Load capacity/ trailer  
capacity/ driver capacity



Number of trailers

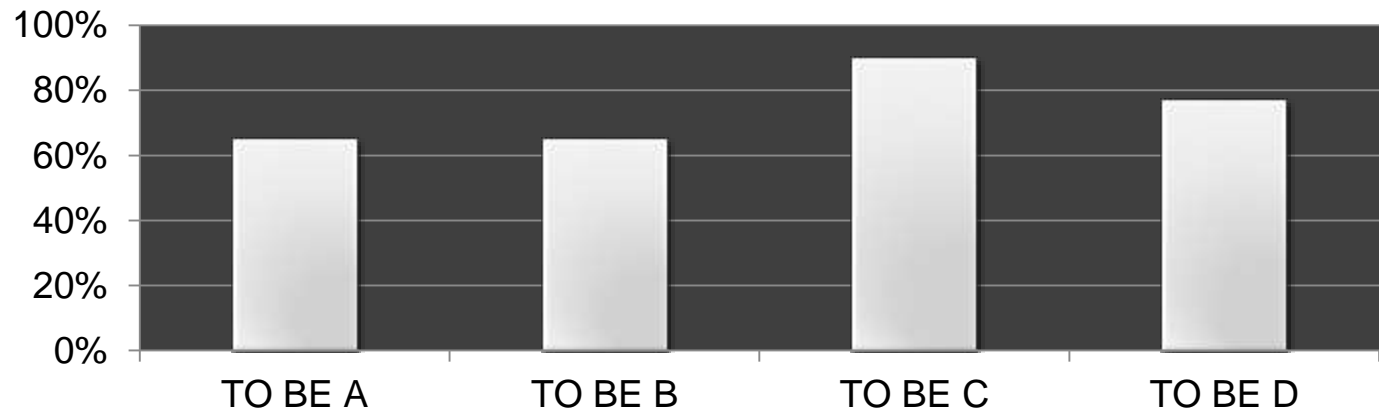


Conclusion: Optimization preserves the savings, while adding extra constraints on trailers, loading capacity and driver capacity!

# Summary potential savings

	TO BE A	TO BE B	TO BE C	TO BE D
Optimization	V	V	V	V
No preloading		V		
Tabula rasa delivery			V	
Extended time windows				V

Saved time from traffic congestion



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# CAT conclusions

Congestion Avoiding Traffic planner

## Conclusions

Improvement potential of 62% traffic time by better exploitation of current degrees of freedom

Supplementary improvement potential of 12% congestion reduction by minimal extension of degrees of freedom

Supplementary improvement potential of 25% congestion reduction by maximal extension of degrees of freedom

Traffic time is impossible to avoid for the full 100%



# CAT conclusions

The optimization completes the puzzle while unveiling an unexpected potential in the trailers, load capacity & driver areas!

Some parts of the traffic congestion is unavoidable as single shop deliveries need to be spread out with a minimal delay

Antwerp, East-Flanders and Brussel destinations represent +- 60% of all congestion time

With a good congestion prediction model one can realize up to 75% of the potential improvements!

# Tabula rasa

Rethink degrees of freedom within transport planning

initial assessment: difficult exercise with the commercial management  
(cost/benefit analysis)

Conclusion after CAT

significant potential for improvement without commercial or organizational impact  
(= prio 1)

Exercise with commercial management remains necessary to realize extra potential  
(= prio 2)

Mapping bottlenecks (= delivery index = prio 2a)

Use clear decision structure (= decision matrix = prio 2b)

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Colruyt reduces congestion time by 60%!







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