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# A new digital approach to traffic management in stations

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# What is DGEX SOLUTIONS?



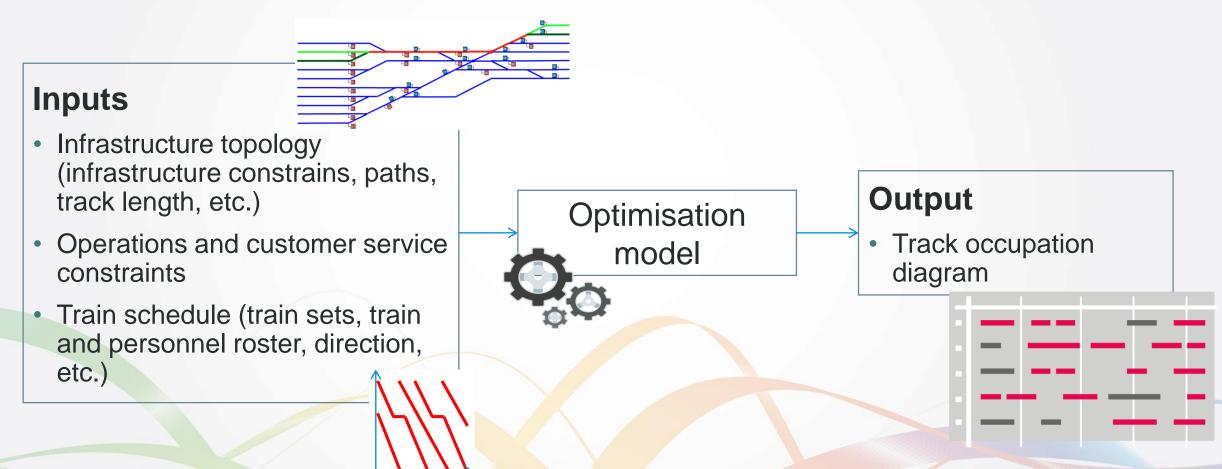
- Customer based approach
- Working hand in hand with and for the field
- Partnerships with schools and research labs
- Over a 100 collaborators
- Teamed with the network operation studies department
- 1 patent
- 20 tools dedicated both to planning and real time

# Planning phase

Case study: OpenGOV

# The train platforming problem

 Which is the best track allocation for a train in a station taking into consideration all of the constraints?



# Addressing Railway operations with Operational Research

#### Operational research

- Problem-solving techniques and methods
- Methods that help to make better decisions
- Solve complex decisionmaking problems

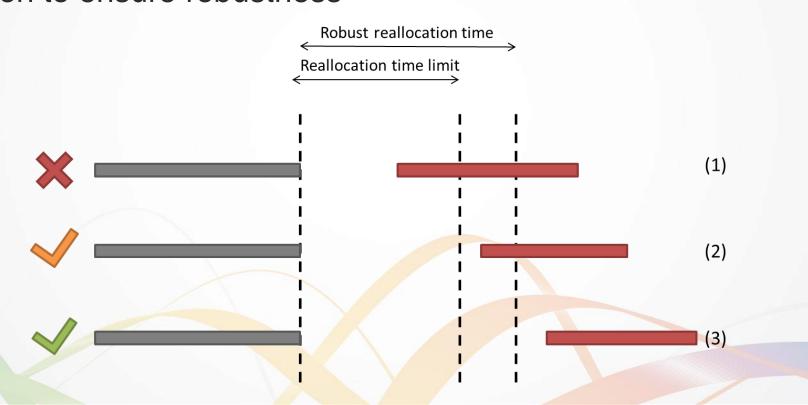
#### Train platforming

- Complex problem
- Millions of potential solutions
- Relying on the know-how specialists

Operational research methods are completely appropriate for train platforming

# How does it work?

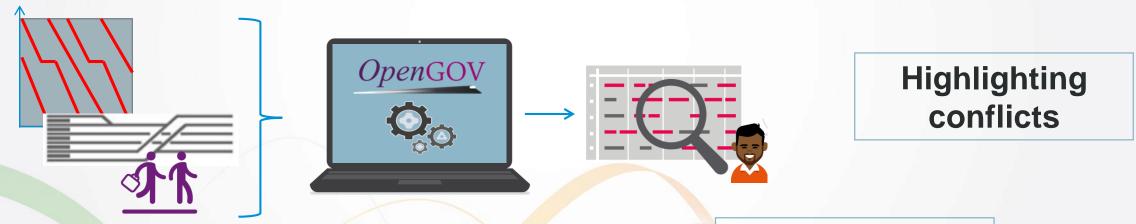
- Minimize a weighted sum subject to constraints :
  - Hard constraint: cannot be violated
  - Soft constraint: can be violated but penalised in the objective function to ensure robustness



# OpenGOV

Helps scheduling experts with their task, in order to guarantee an optimal capacity distribution

Reducing time consuming task



Improving robustness

# Monitoring real time

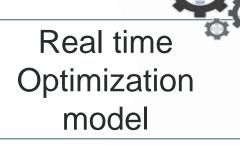
Case study: OpenGOV Real Time

# The operation train platforming problem

How to help decision maker during operation in real time?

#### Inputs:

- Infrastructure topology (infrastructure constrains, routes, track length, etc.)
- Operation and custumer service constraints
- Transportation plan (set of moves, rolling stock set, direction, etc.)
- Real time disruption (delays, rolling stock change, etc.)
- Pre operational train occupation graph



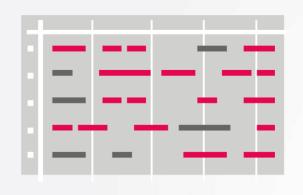
### Output:

 Allocation change proposal

# How does it work?

- A lexicographic multi-objective approach
  - Multiple objectives are declared
  - Objectives are ranked in order of preference
    - Minimise the number of train not assigned to a platform
    - Minimise the number of soft constraints violated
    - Minimise the change compare to the nominal situation (delays, platform change, path change)
  - Local search : quick solution for operation

## What is it for?



Pre-operational data



Real time disruptions (delays, rolling stock changes, infrastructure availability etc.)

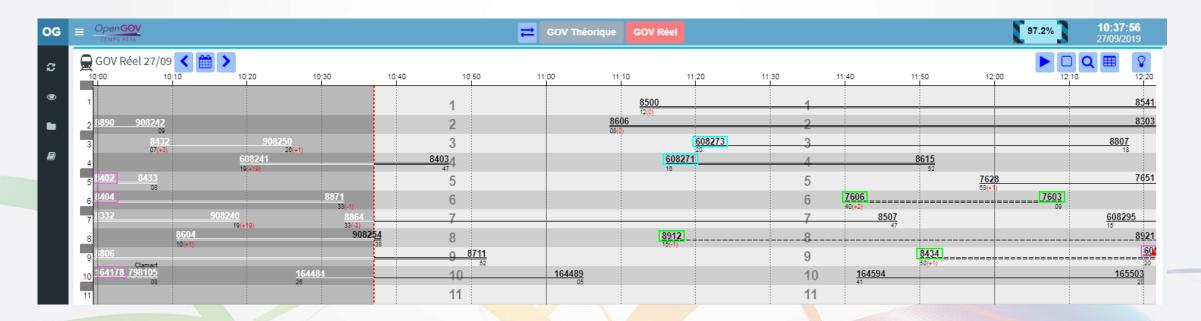
- Pre-operational data is often outdated
- Real time changes must be done
- Quick decisions must be taken
- Big pressure on operators

How can we help operators to make good decisions quickly?

# OpenGOV Real Time



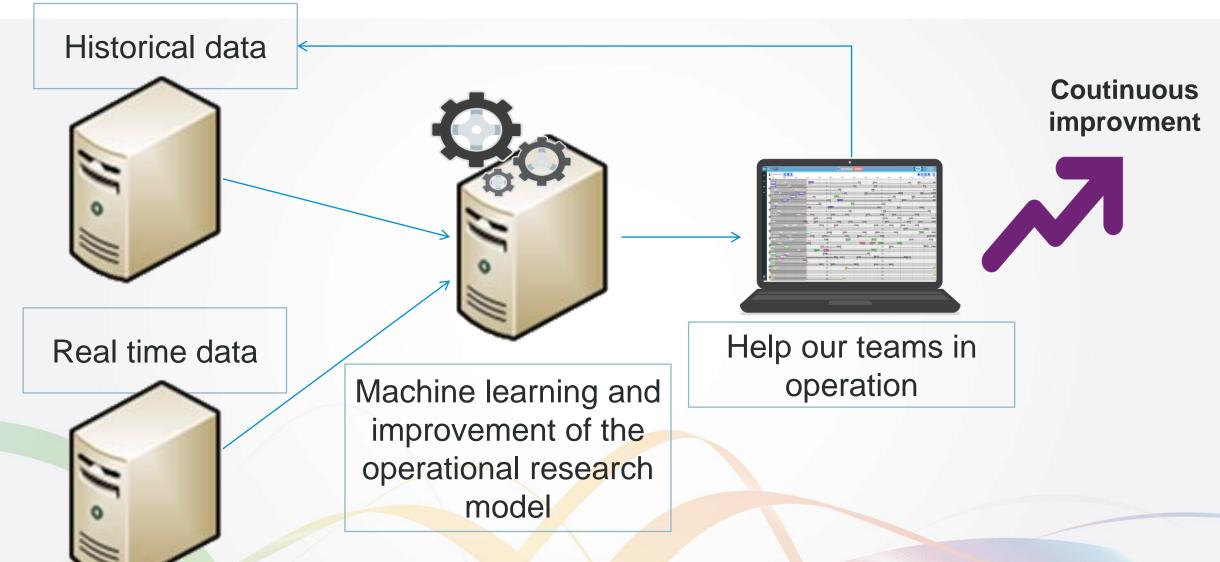
- Based on operational research
- Synchronized with real time data
- Helps supervise the smooth running of operation
- Quick provider of feasible solutions



# NEXT STEPS

### What's next?





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# Thank you!

for your kind attention

