



# Greenplan – Dynamic and efficient routes.

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## No partitioning / geo-fencing



- Change traditional model/approach
- Avoid unbalanced tours by complete avoidance of geo-fences (e.g. based on postal code areas)
- Enable knowledge transfer from individuals to organization, i.e. substitute delivery knowledge of single (district) drivers by central database, being available to any delivery person and composed out of individual knowledge

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## Planning in space and time



- Planning physical delivery tour stops in predicted time
- Solving complexity of physical distance and given time constraints (e.g. time windows)
- Considering time-of-day dependent travel times

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Can both targets be realized with realistic computation time?

**Greenplan's success is based on a collaboration between scientific excellence provided by the University Bonn and logistics expertise from DHL and Greenplan – ongoing since 5 years...**



**GREENPLAN**  
The best Way

- Regular exchange with internal and external customers
- Collecting customer requirements across various industries:
  - Courier & Parcel
  - Road Freight
  - Field Services
  - E-Retail and marketplaces
  - Grocery and Home Delivery
- Solving use-case specific problems and defining efficient solutions

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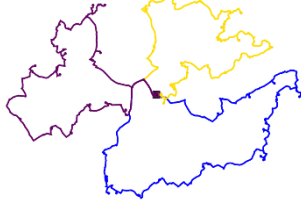


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- Research Institute for Discrete Mathematics
- Leading experts in combinatorial optimization
- Long-term partnership with Greenplan since 2015
- Regular exchange on development roadmap for further enhancements of algorithm
- Supporting development of customized solutions

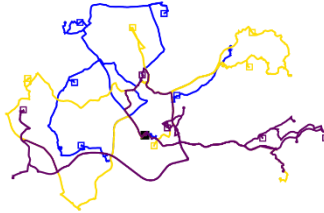
# The complexity of tour planning problems continuously increased...

Relatively **simple** planning problems with few or no constraints



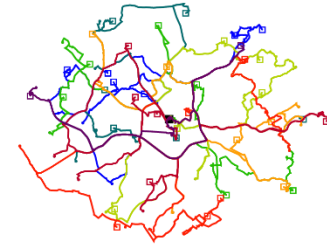
**Sample:** no constraints lead to routes in districts

Consideration of **further constraints**, e.g. time windows results in higher complexity



**Sample:** same-day pickup-to-delivery shipments lead to overlapping tours over time

**Increased volumes** lead to larger instances to be optimized

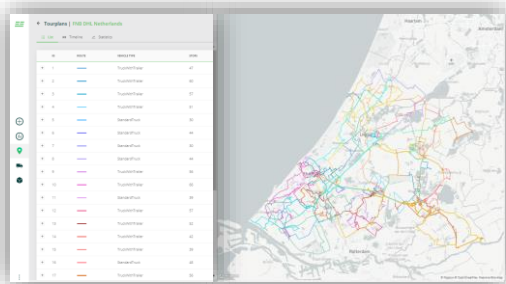


**Sample:** increased volumes lead to additional tours

depots   
undelivered shipments   
pickup points   
delivery points   
routes 

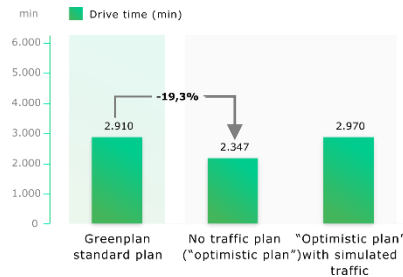
## USP #1: Fully dynamic routes

- Instead of geo-fence based static routes
- Better balancing of volumes
- Tour structure depends on actual shipments of the day, not averages
- Optimization target can be adjusted for a fixed fleet size, i.e. equal workload planning



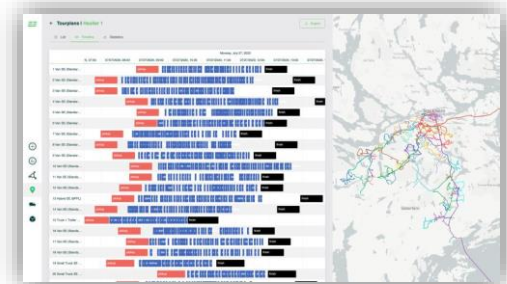
## USP #2: Speed profiles

- Travel times on same road vary significantly during the day, algorithm considers this fact to identify optimal tours
- Relevant data granularity ensured by using street-specific flow velocities
- Optimal route planning and stop sequence depend on day of week and time of day



## USP #3: Optimal start times

- Exploits flexibility of various potential starting times and determines optimal time based on delivery time windows, travel times and work time constraints
- Automates calculation and thus eliminates manual work effort
- Plans more efficient tours, driving "the best way"



Values provided

Less delivery tours

10-30% cost savings

High acceptance by drivers

Reduced carbon emissions

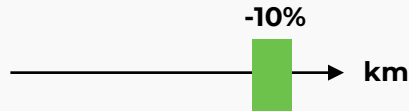
**Typical fleet of 100 vans emits 500 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year**

- A van emits 0,2 CO<sub>2</sub>/km and drives approximately 25.000 km per year
- A fleet of 100 vans drives 2,5 M km/year



**Greenplan minimizes total driven kilometers by 10%**

- Greenplan optimizes routes of last-mile delivery and road-freight operations



**50 Tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year can be saved, an equivalent of planting 1.500 trees**

- One tree absorbs e.g. 33,3 kg CO<sub>2</sub> per year



# A gradual approach: static to dynamic tour planning...

Step 1

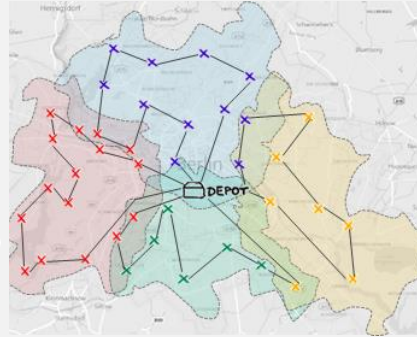
## Fixed districts (optimized stop sequence)



- i** Fixed & non-overlapping districts for each driver, stop sequences are optimized within these static districts
- ✓ Tours stay the same, drivers stay in known district, changes for dispatcher and customers are limited

Step n-1

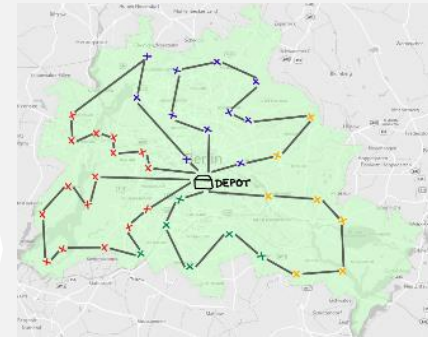
## Overlapping districts (semi-dynamic tours)



- i** Enlarged and overlapping districts, some tour stops can be part of more than one district
- ✓ Gained flexibility, volume-balancing, better time mgmt., drivers still operate in focused and known districts

Step n

## No districts (fully dynamic tours)



- i** No districts, tour structure and no. of tours may vary from day to day
- ✓ Driving time, driving distance, no. of tours and costs are fully optimized in regards to customer requirements, high robustness in case of e.g. driver sickness

**Increased Flexibility, Efficiency, Robustness**

### Create a good change environment...

- **Involve all relevant parties and stakeholders**
  - GP side: project manager, consultant (for logistic processes), IT implementation manager, change manager, ...
  - Customer side: management, IT team, dispatcher, driver, works council, ...
- **Strong buy-in from relevant stakeholders** for driving change
- **Representative data availability during due diligence** and access to subject matter experts
- **Sufficient resource availability of project teams** on Customer and Greenplan side
- **Committed joint Steering Committee** to address decision needs/project risks

### ...and carefully manage change process.



#### Careful & thorough planning of implementation process

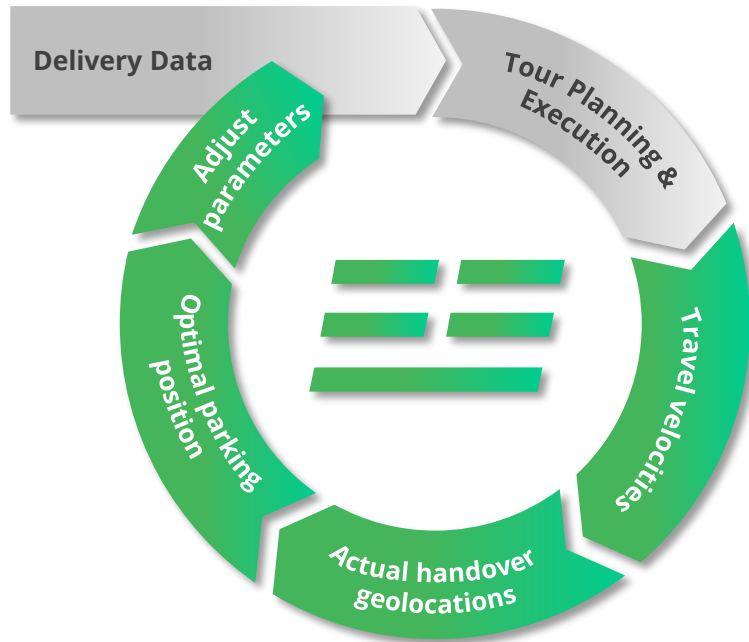
- ✓ During Due Diligence phase create a customized step-by-step plan for the implementation process in regards to the agreed scope and phasing



#### Create and maintain customer address knowledge base

- ✓ Assemble all knowledge in one place
- ✓ Easy access: enable drivers to retrieve information out of this knowledge base anywhere, anytime
- ✓ Includes for example: geocode, opening hours, parking spots, technical information, customer's phone number at delivery location, ...





## Travel velocities:

- Aggregates real speed data from millions of anonymous, consumer GPS devices
- Determines realistic average roadway speeds for all times of the day and for each day of the week
- Accurately predict travel times and choose alternate route or time to travel, when necessary



## Actual handover geolocations:

- Capture geocodes of actual delivery points
- Build up a database of cleansed addresses together with refined geocodes
- Query database to search correct geocodes



## Optimal parking position:

- Collect actual and recommended parking positions based on driver feedback
- Allows to combine several deliveries in one stop, i.e. parking position

# Customer groups

## Courier & Parcel



One of the most demanding industries, parcel & courier services are at the heart of the economy. Greenplan supports to lower operating costs and delight customers with on-time delivery times

## Road Freight



Greenplan supports supply chain operators to optimize their challenging just-in-time transport, specifically when it comes to complex LTL networks.

## Field Services



More flexibility is always needed – Greenplan enables planning for service, repair or expert support. Optimized tour planning saves time and resources and increases satisfaction of customers

## Grocery & Home Delivery



Greenplan supports retail companies and home delivery providers with optimal routing and stop-order solutions – especially in dense city/ urban areas

## E-Retail and Marketplaces

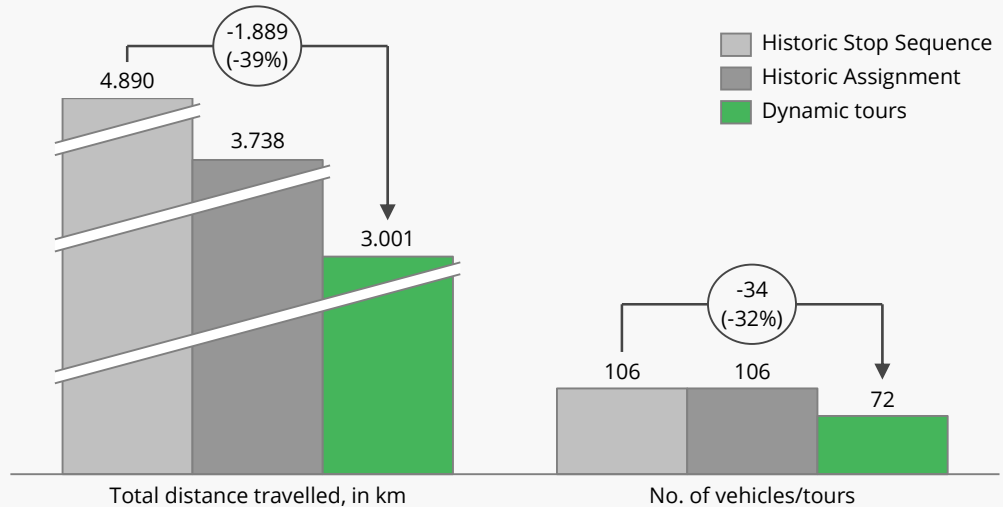


Greenplan enables large online marketplaces and their logistics subsidiaries with better routing solutions for their own delivery and LTL fleets

## E-commerce deliveries in wider Bangkok area

- Scope of benchmark included one depot in Bangkok with 6,326 shipments within one week
- Three scenarios were simulated:
  - Historic tours & stop sequence
  - Historic tours & with GP optimized stop order
  - Fully dynamic tours with GP
- Results:
  - Total driving **distance reduced by 39%**
  - Total number of **tours reduced by 32%**

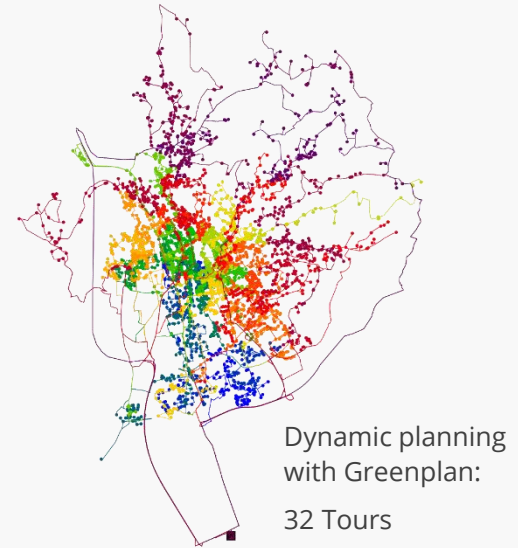
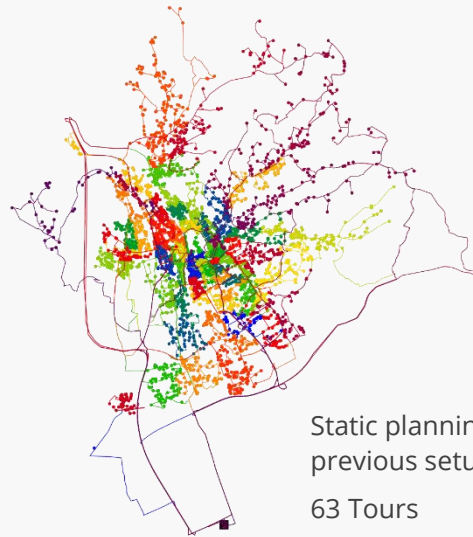
### Optimization Result



## Domestic postal operations in EU country

- Tour planning in city area for one full week, comparing dynamic vs. previous statically planned tours
- Dynamic tour planning reduces number of tours significantly
- Total driving time is reduced by more than 30%
- Dynamic tours have much better balanced working time, independent of stop times
- Handling time for deliveries dominates total work time, cannot be reduced by tour planning

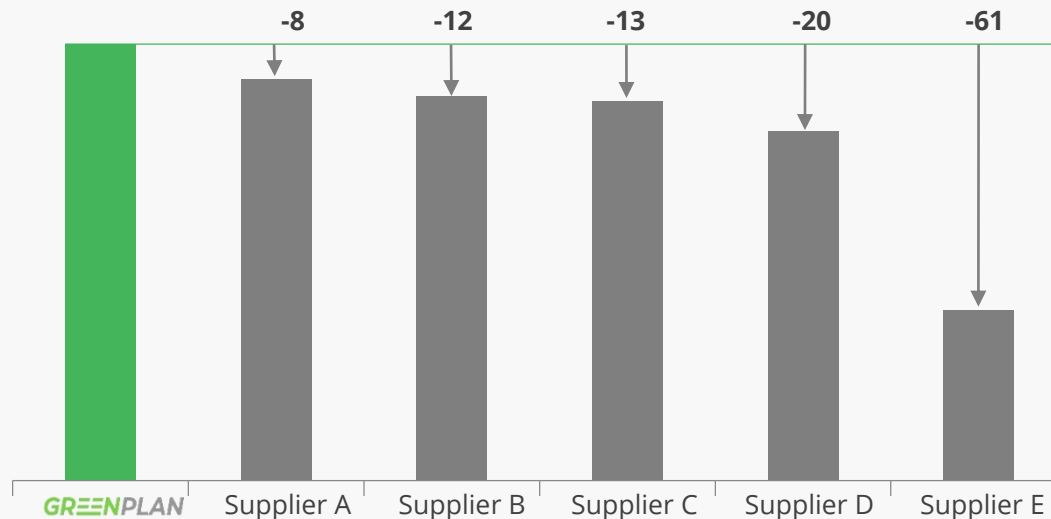
### Comparison Previous Setup vs. Greenplan



## Road Freight LTL benchmark

- Official tender conducted by one of the largest Road Freight providers
- Focusing on long-haul LTL road freight
- Comparing total cost of all tours planned (pickup & delivery)
- Greenplan has beaten several market-leading providers of route planning systems

### Cost Optimization Result (%)\*



\*) Operative PuD (pickup & delivery) planning, optimization of total cost of all tours, depicting gap to best result (Greenplan)

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