

Object model for planning and scheduling integration on discrete manufacturing enterprises

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What is a problem?

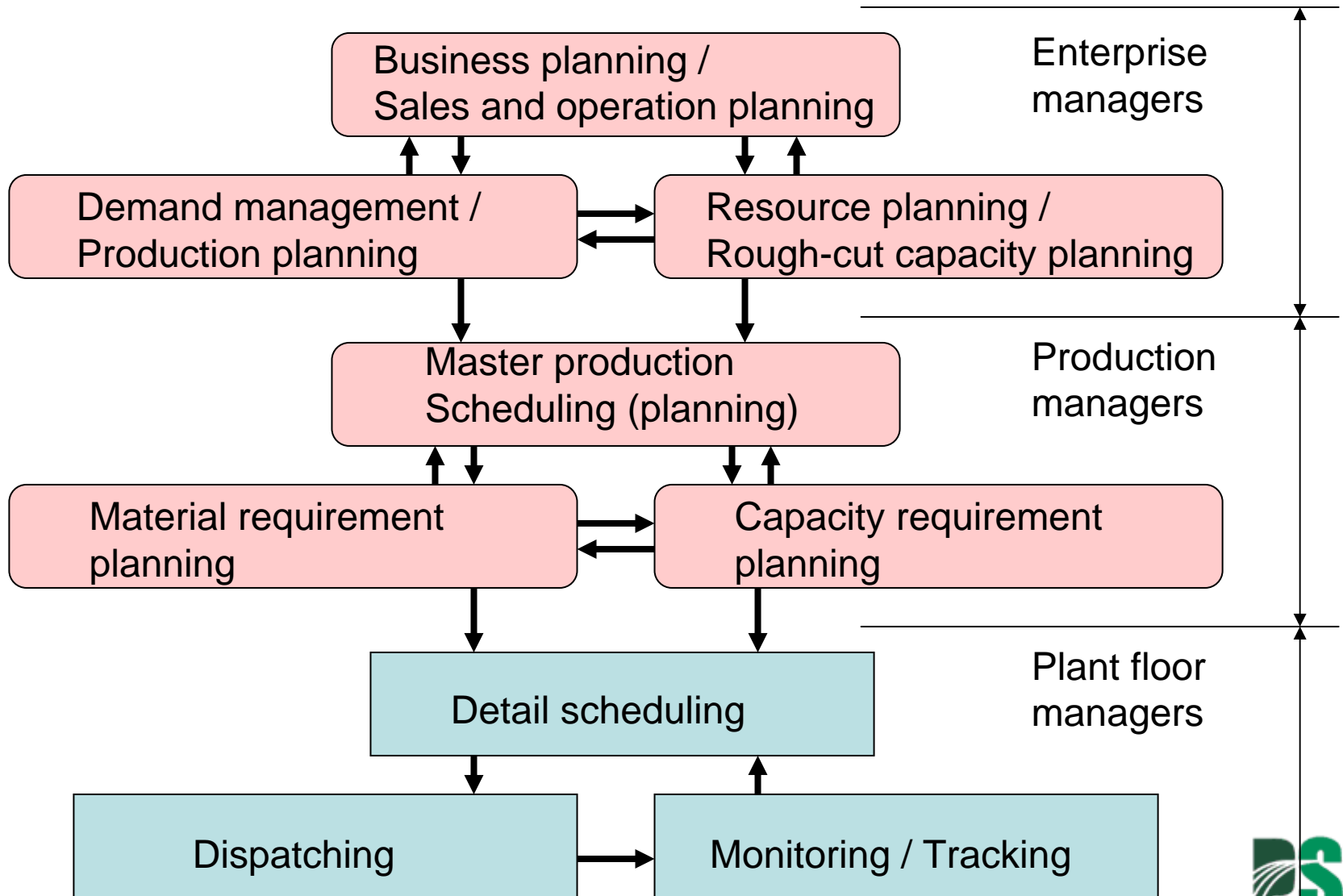
- MPS can not be followed by the detail production schedule that becomes critical in a short term supply chain.
- Types of businesses with customers become more complicated so that a simple MRP technique doesn't work well.
- Detailed production scheduling is hard to have capability to maintain the latest data of products and processes without system integration.
- Scheduling system on computers has not been welcome to plant floor operators because of its invisibility and unreliability.

Source of the problem

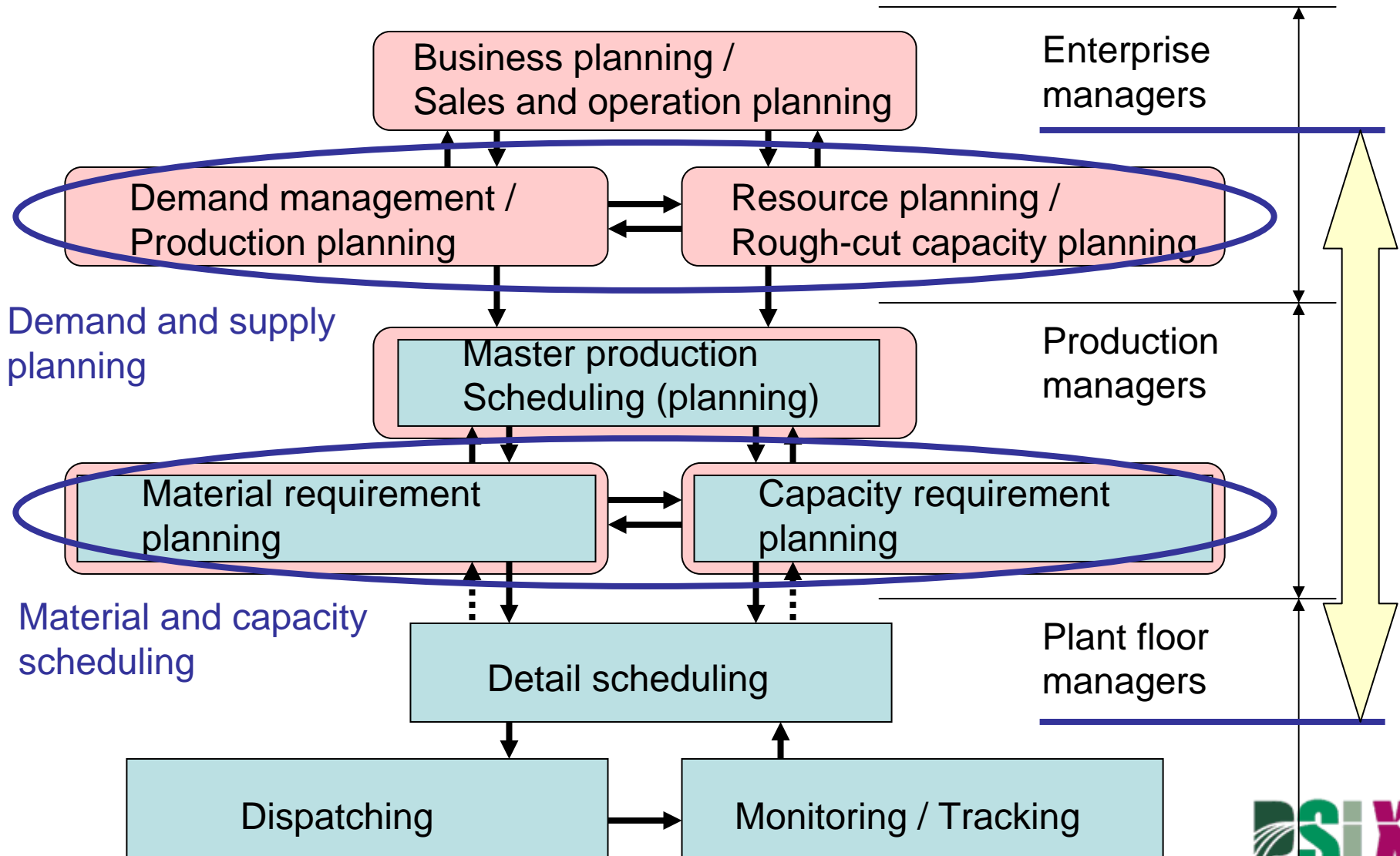
- Management issues
 - Separation of enterprise manager's view and plant floor manager's view
 - Separation of real objects and data in computer systems
- Technical issues
 - Separation of material (item) consideration and capacity (resource) consideration
 - Separation of planning decision process and scheduling decision process

System Framework

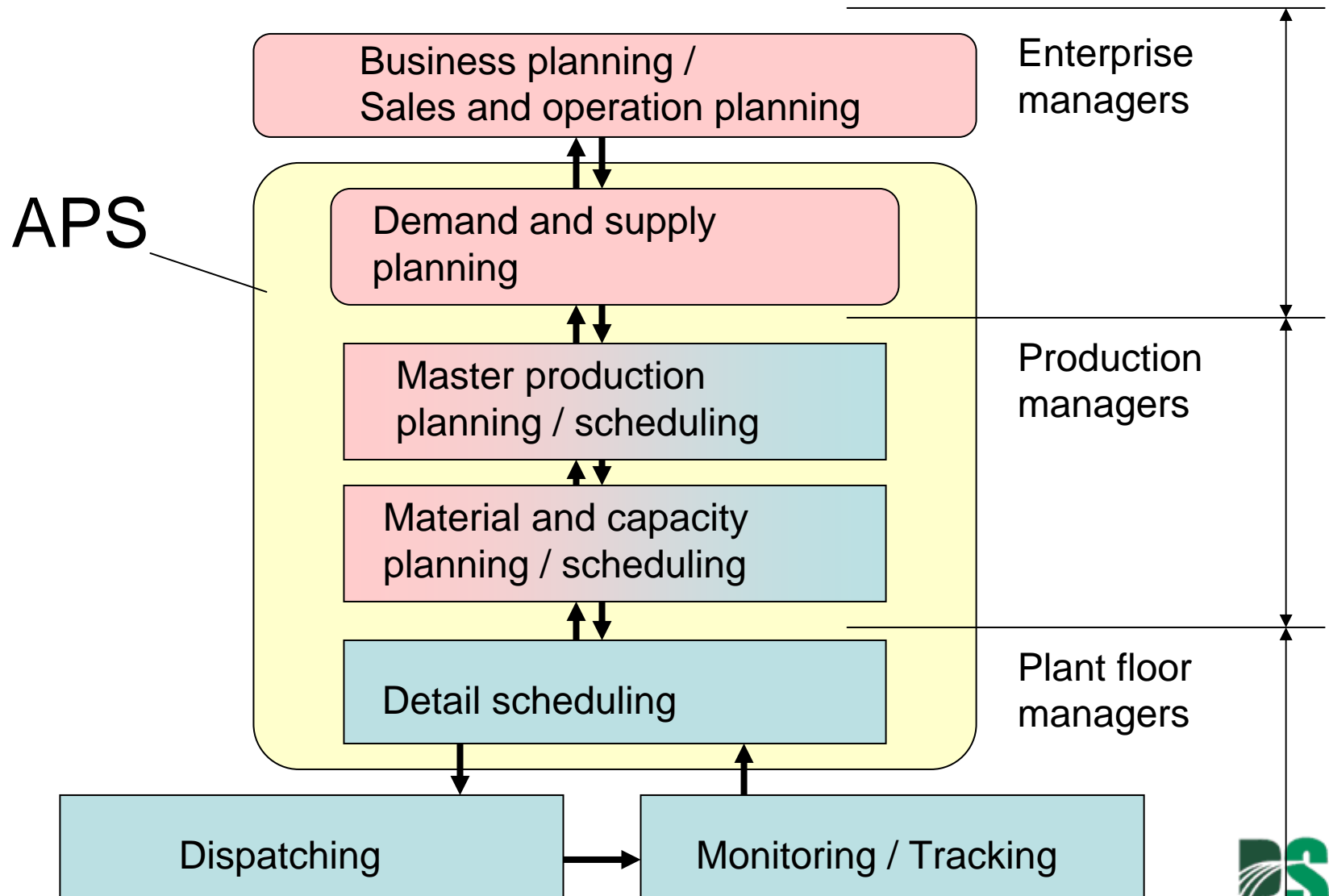
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Advanced planning and scheduling



Definitions

- Planning
 - Decision making relate to activities in general.
 - Given a periodical suffix to a decision variable, the value to determine is not a time.
- Scheduling
 - Decision making of time-dependent problems
 - The final decision variable is a kind of time or sequence of activities.

Ontologies / Object Classes

Primarily important objects

- Order
 - Actual requirements for products or services, which have a certain time and place
- Operation
 - Class of specific activities relative to a production process
- Item
 - Significant object that is produced or consumed by production activities
- Resource
 - Functional capability that is necessary to carry out production activities

Other useful objects

- Process
 - Operations that are requested by orders coming from out of the decision making unit
- Product
 - Items that are requested by orders coming from out of the decision making unit
- Area
 - Aggregation of resources corresponding to local decision making units
- Storage
 - Resources used to keep items for a particular period of time
- Route
 - Resources connecting between storages taking into account traffic availability
- Party
 - Business unit of stakeholders outside from the enterprise

Relational objects

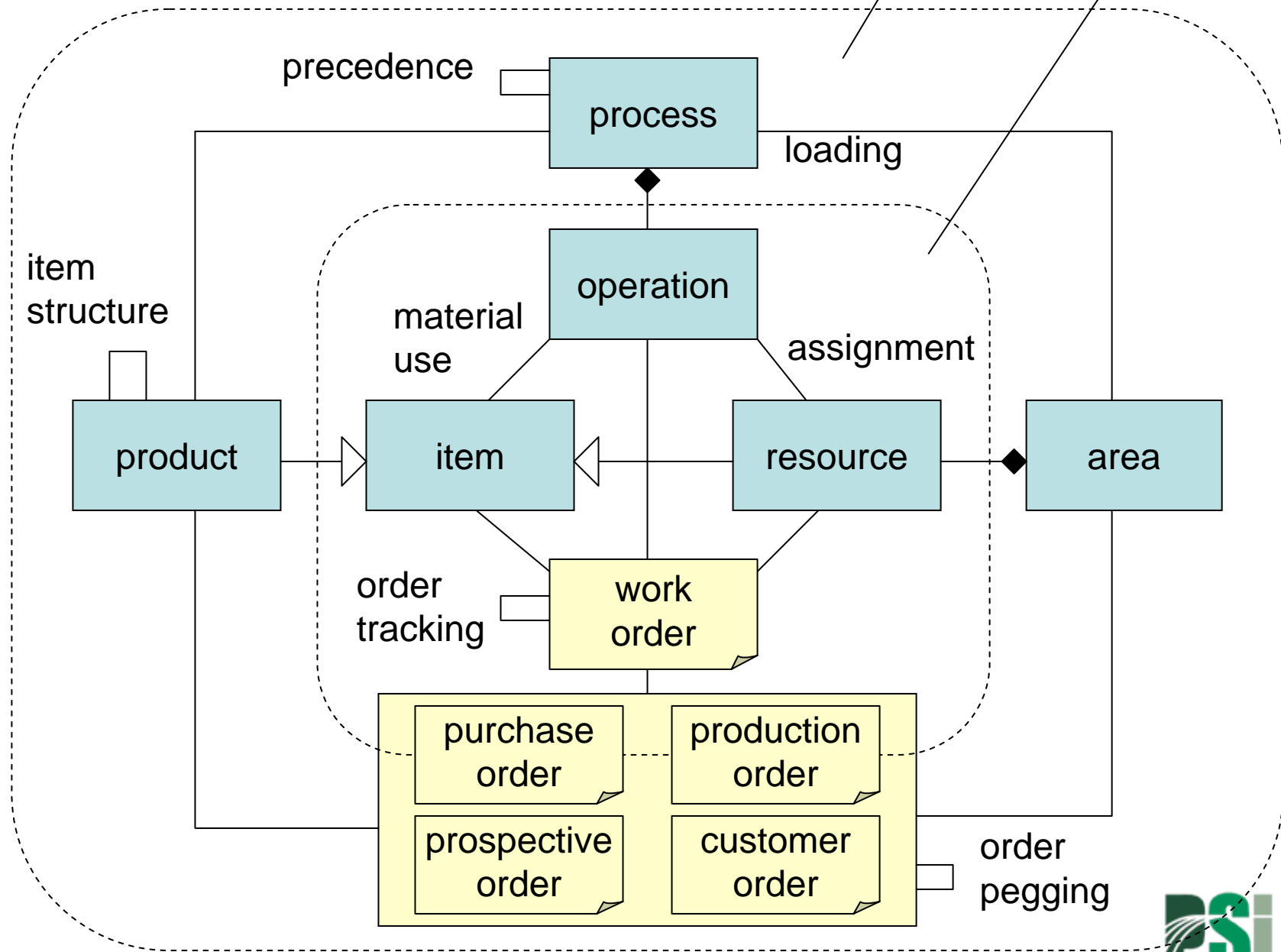
- Source
 - Relation between product and area that can supply the product
- Loading
 - Relation between process and area that can provide capacity during the process
- Assignment
 - Relation between operation and its resource that is used by the operation
- Material use
 - Relation between operation and item that is used as a material for the operation
- Item structure
 - Part-of relation between two items such as a relation of product and its material
- Precedence
 - Relation between two operation such as predecessor and successor

Objects for management

- Inventory
 - A temporal status of storages or areas with respect to the volume of items or products
- Capacity
 - A temporal status of resources or areas to represent availability of making reservations for orders
- MPS (Master Production Schedule)
 - Orders that actually request to produce some products within each period of time
- MRP (Material Requirement Plan)
 - Actual requirement of materials that are needed for accomplishing production requests in MPS
- Lot tracking
 - Connection from one order to another with respect to dependency of their actual production lot
- Order pegging
 - Relation from one order in a plant floor level to a final customer order that is managed by business divisions

Planning

Scheduling



Planning and Scheduling Integration

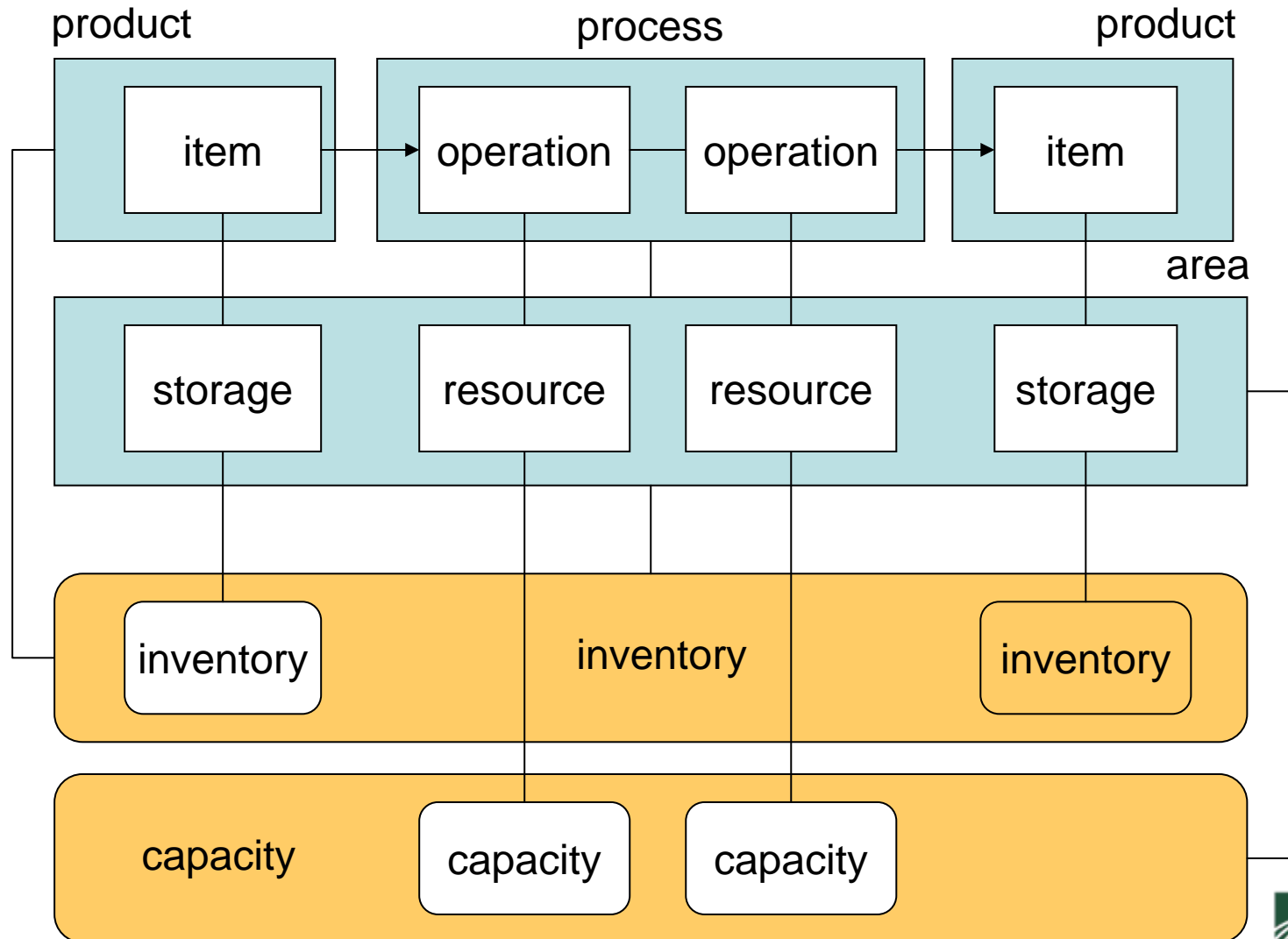
Object for Integration

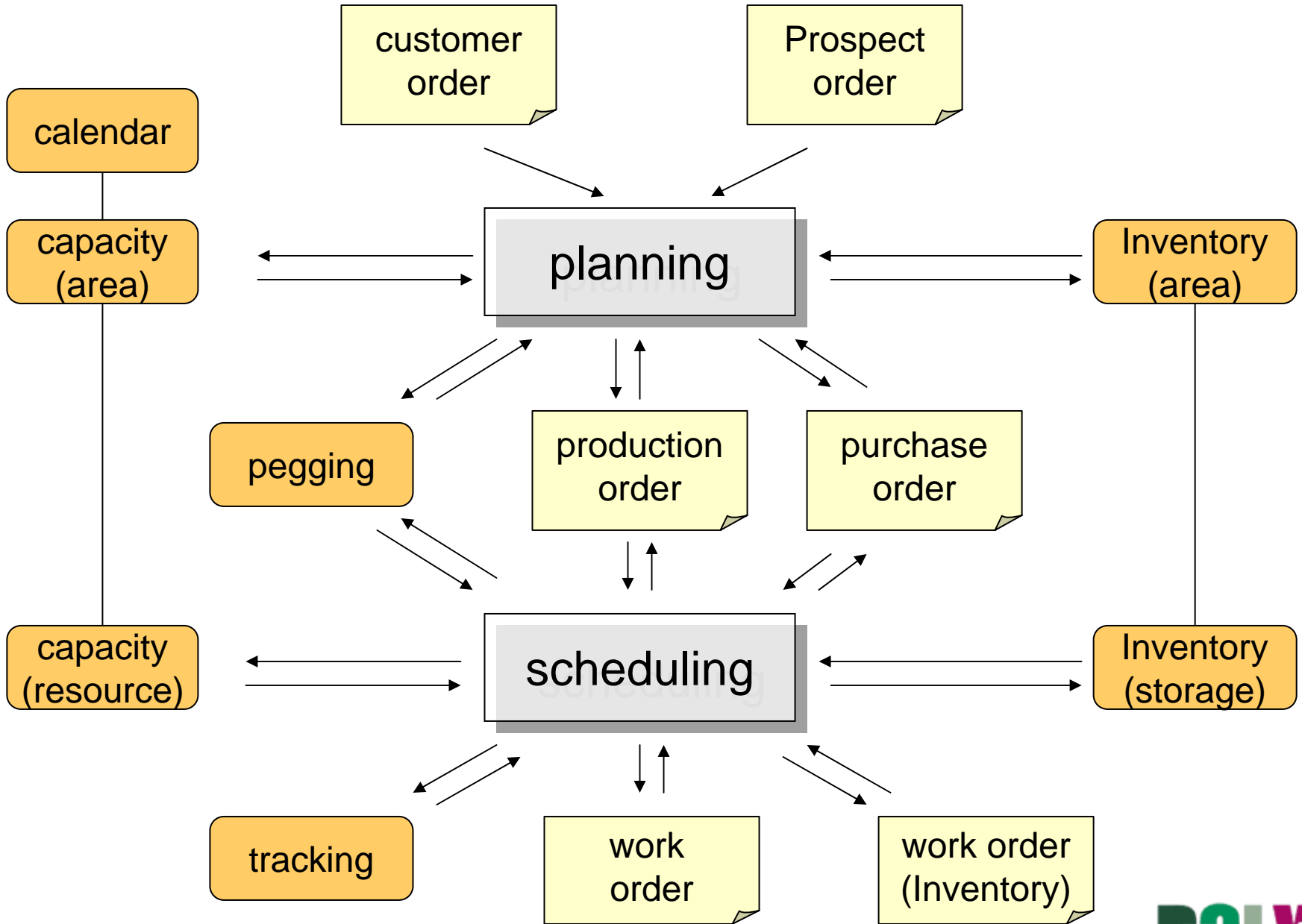
- Sub classes of order are distributed to both planning part and scheduling part
- Pegging classes connect orders across the border
- Product, process and area in planning have their subsidiaries of item, operation and resource respectively in scheduling
- Inventory can be consistently defined both for storage (scheduling) and area (planning)
- Capacity can be consistently defined both for resource (scheduling) and area (planning)

Order management

- Planning level
 - Prospective order (product / capacity)
 - Customer order (product / capacity)
 - Production order (product / capacity)
 - Purchase order (material / process)
- Scheduling level
 - Work order (make / prepare / check / move)
 - Shipping order / Material receipt order
 - Inventory issue order / Inventory receipt order
 - Design order / Maintenance order

Relation in object hierarchy



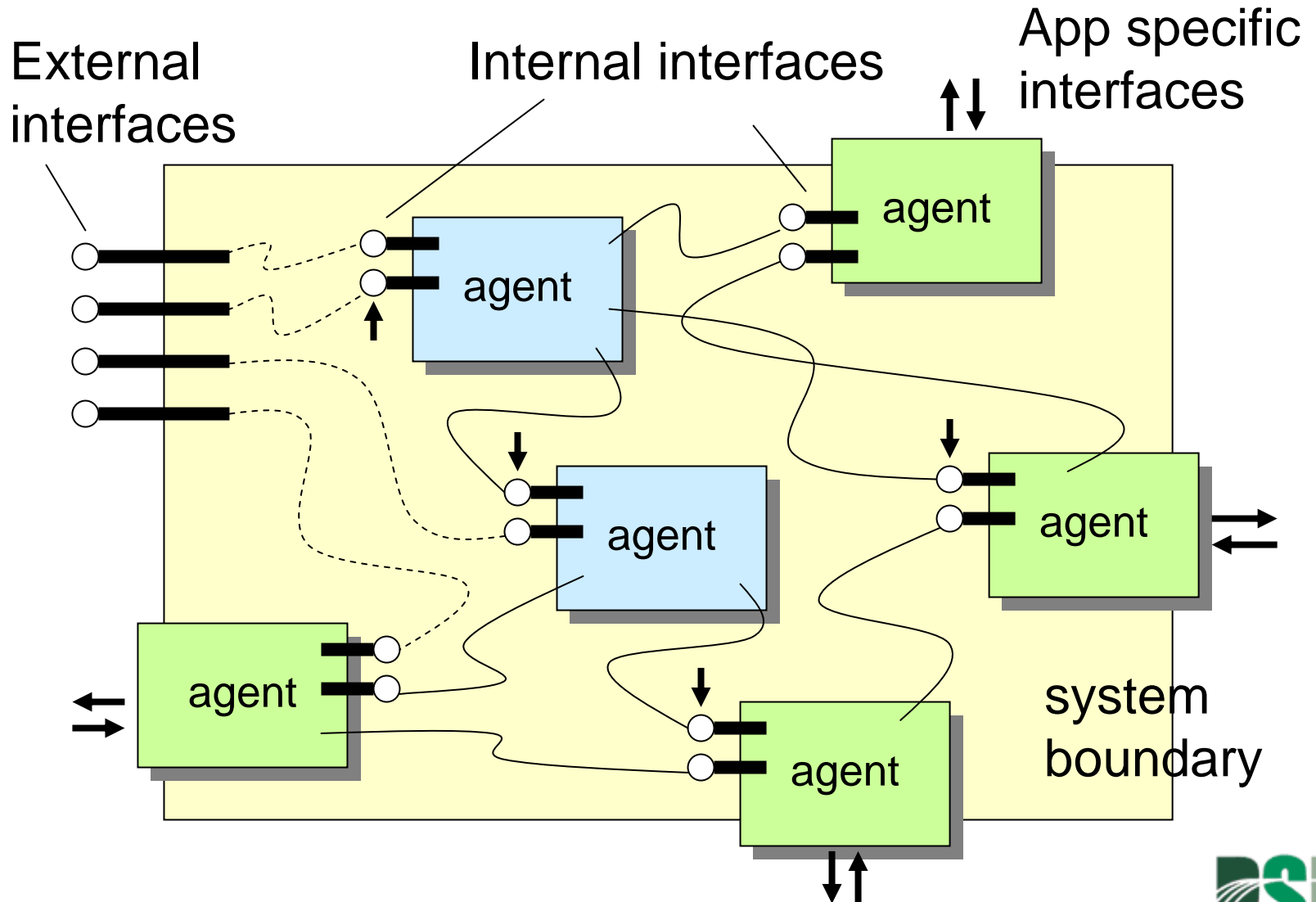


Implementation Issues

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- Software architecture
 - Attachable/detachable software modules for business functions
 - Software suite approach does not work well
- XML messaging
 - Different software modules should communicate on demand basis
 - Application data is decentralized for each business function
- Standard RDB
 - An integrated conceptual data schema as a template
 - Customization should be easy and systematically manageable

Software architecture



XML messaging

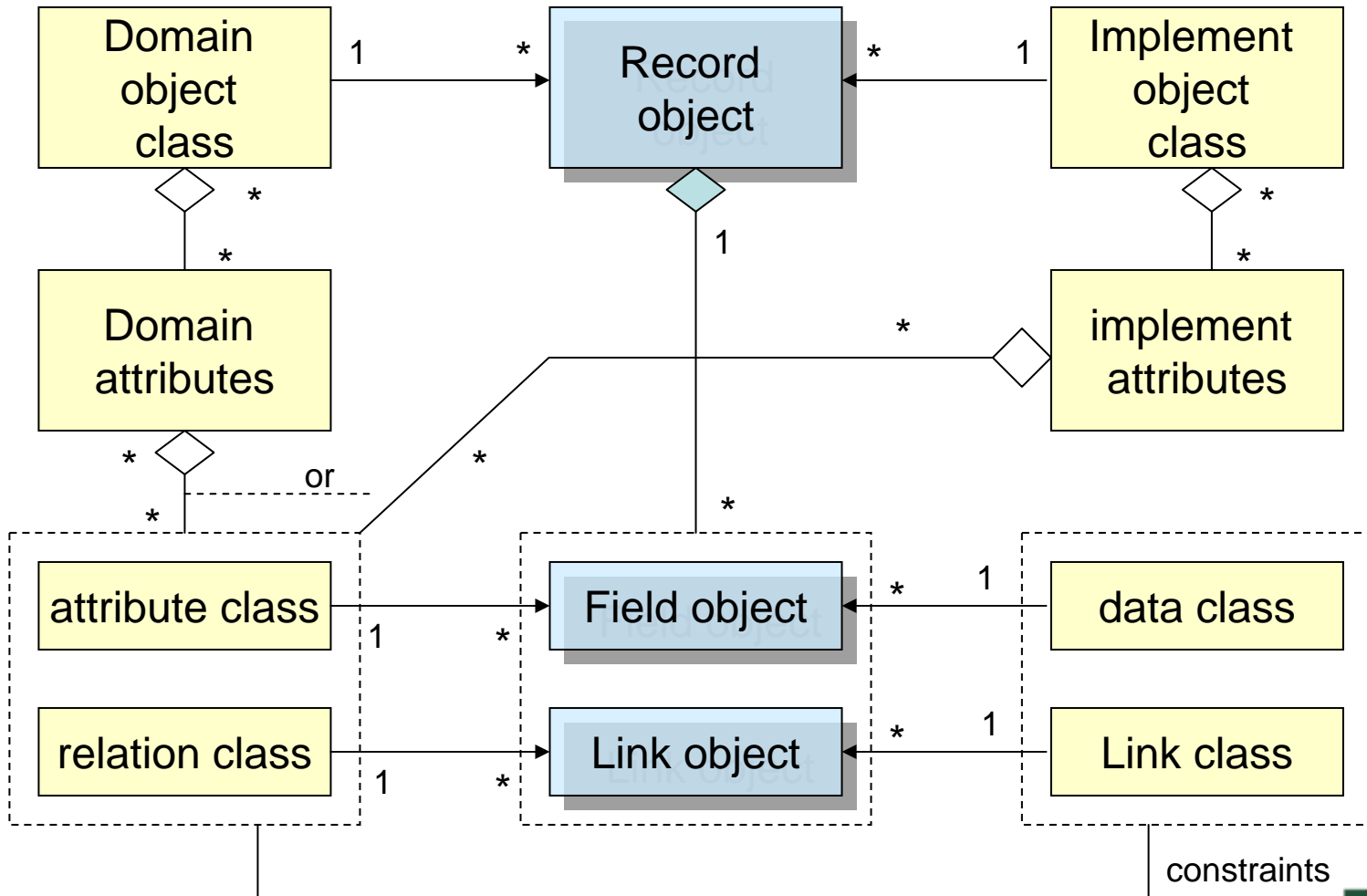
Continuous time scale

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<start><time value="2004-08-09T12:00:00" /></start>  
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</dispatch>
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Discrete time scale

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<scale name="S1" value="P1W" base="2004-08-09T00.00.00"/>  
<resource name="R01">  
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</resource>
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Standard RDB



Implement object class

- Master data class
- Relation table class
- Order data class
- Performance class
- Transaction data class
- Summary data class
- Temporal list class

Customization procedure

- Step 1: Create and delete primitive objects for the application
- Step 2: Modify relational information among the object
- Step 3: Modify properties for each object
- Step 4: Move or duplicate attribute through the links
- Step 5: Define data type object for each attribute

Experimental Results

Case studies

- Case 1:
 - A tier two automotive supplier that repetitively makes pipes.
- Case 2:
 - A firm that provides one-of-a-kind laser cutting manufacturing services
- Case 3:
 - A firm that provides mechanical pumps on a make-to-order basis

RDB table template

- Inventory master
- Staff master
- Area master
- Resource master
- Operation master
- Process master
- Destination master
- Delivery master
- Shift master
- Party master
- Item master
- Assign table
- Precedence table
- Outsourcing table
- Item structure
- Work order
- Purchase order
- Shipping order
- Production order
- Prospective order
- Customer order
- Material table
- Capacity data
- Calendar data
- Invoice data
- Inventory data
- Shipping receipt
- Material requirement
- Master schedule

Applicability of the framework

	Total qty of table	Qty in template	Apply rate (%)	
			table	field
Case 1	9	6	67%	82%
Case 2	8	6	75%	79%
Case 3	11	6	55%	72%

Conclusion

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- Standardized object model for discrete manufacturing enterprise management is illustrated
- The model is designed to integrate production planning and scheduling in order to achieve agile manufacturing
- Industrial case studies are briefly introduced to evaluate applicability of our framework

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