# Planning and Scheduling of Crude Oil Distribution in a Petroleum Plant

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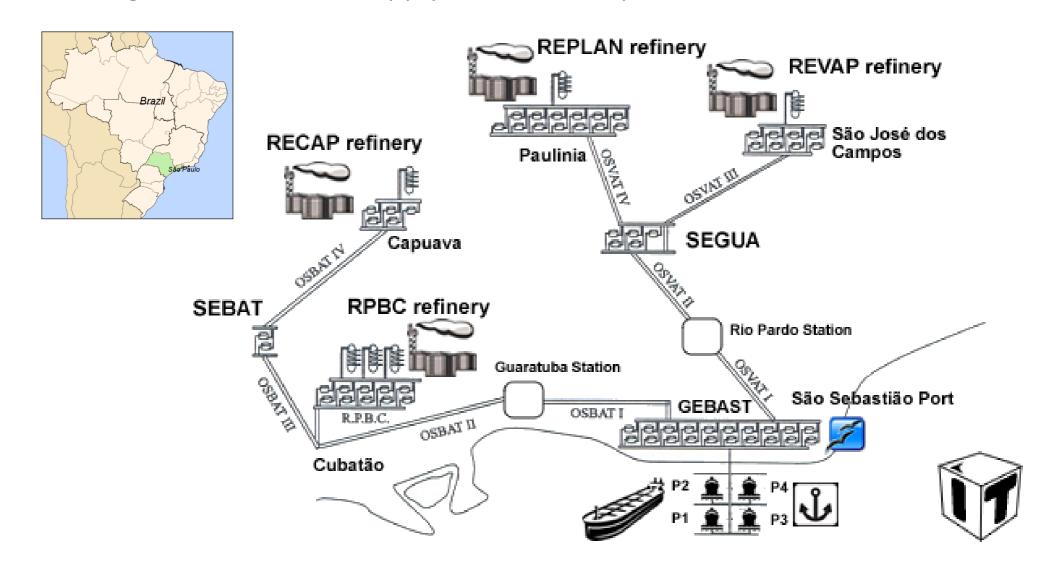
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# Crude Oil Distribution Problem

- Actions: Assignment of tankers to piers (docking); unload tankers to the terminal's tanks (storage); and send oil to refinery through pipelines
- The goal: maintain oil supply and reduce operational costs



# Crude Oil Distribution Problem







## Knowledge Engineering with itSIMPLE

#### Overview

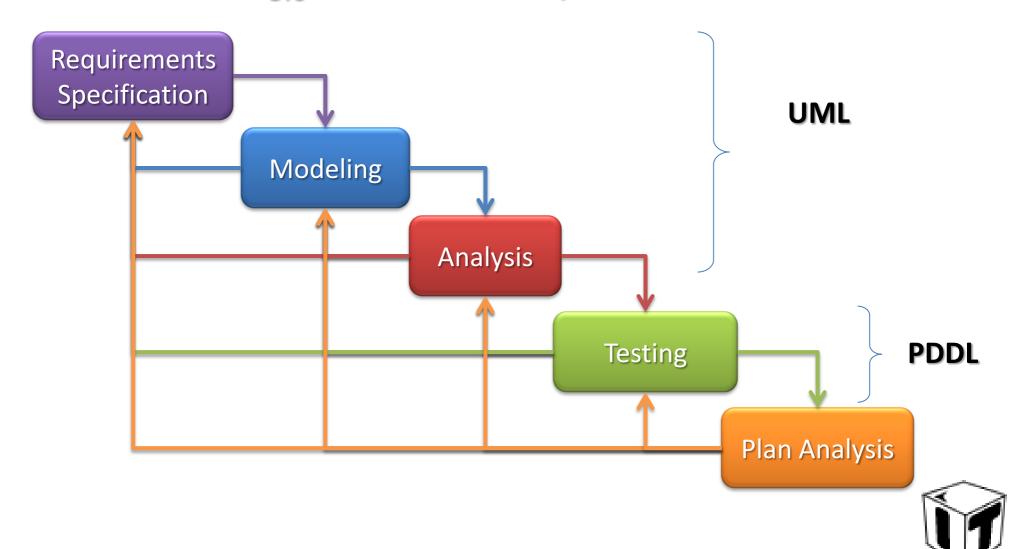
- KEPS tool
- Focus on Design Life Cycle

- itSIMPLE 3.0
- Dealing with the initial design phase
- Specification and Modeling with UML
- It provides an input-ready PDDL model for Al planners



## Knowledge Engineering with itSIMPLE

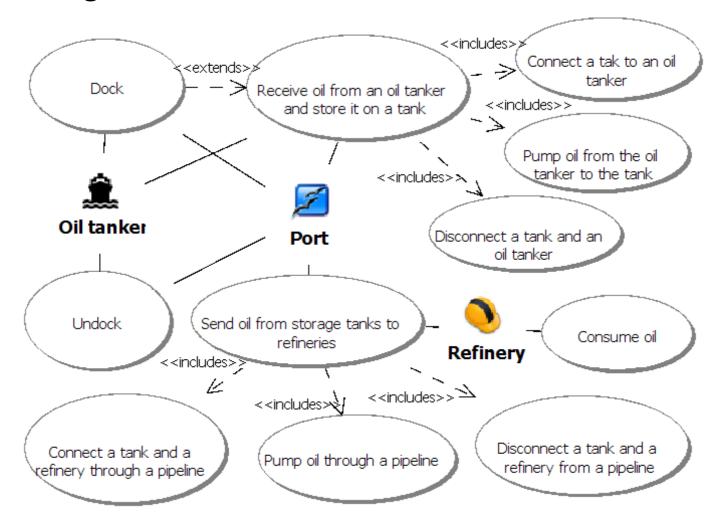
### The itSIMPLE<sub>3.0</sub> Environment/Framework



# The Model

### Specification / Modeling

#### Use case diagram

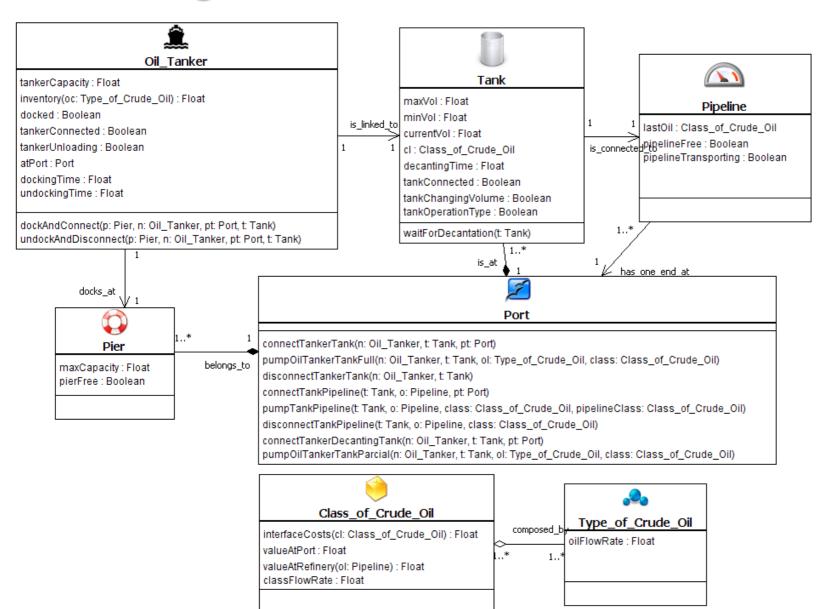




# The model

### Modeling

#### **Class diagram**





volumeNeeded : Float volumeSent : Float



totalInterfaceCost : Float totalLossAtPort : Float totalLossAtRefinery : Float totalNumberOfTimeActions : Float

domainMetric : Float

wIC : Float wLP : Float wLR : Float wNA : Float

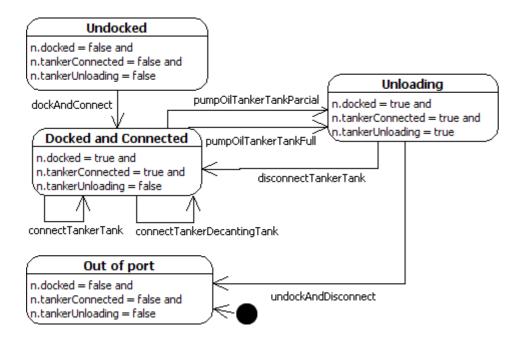
maxClassValue : Float opStopped : Boolean



# The model

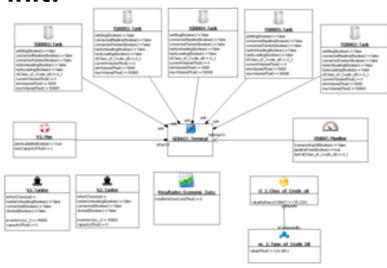
### Modeling

#### **State Machine diagrams**



# Object diagrams (Problem definition)

#### init:



#### goal:

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inventory(oc_05) = 0 tankerCapacity(Float) = dockingTime(Float) = undockingTime(Float) =	inventory(oc_08) = 0 inventory(oc_27) = 0 tanker(Capacity(Float) = dockingTime(Float) = undockingTime(Float) =



# The Model

#### The metrics considered so far:

- <u>totalLossAtPort</u>: losses related to storing oil in tanks that belong to a low quality class;
- totalInterfaceCost: sum of interface costs in the pipeline;
- <u>totalLossAtRefinery</u>: losses related to sending low quality oil to the refineries;
- <u>totalNumberOfTimeActions</u>: just the number of durative-actions.

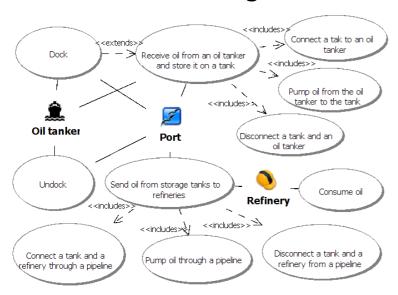
### Not considered yet:

- Docking time of tankers (continuous time);
- Overtime docking costs (continuous time).

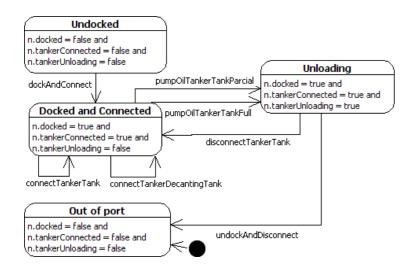


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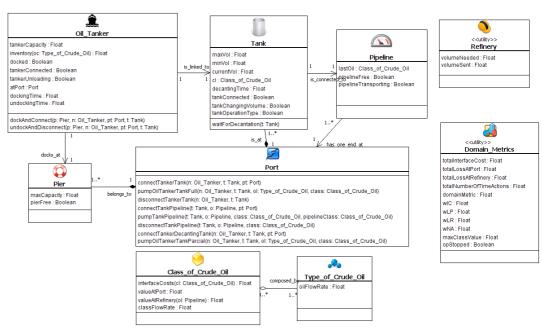
#### Use case diagram



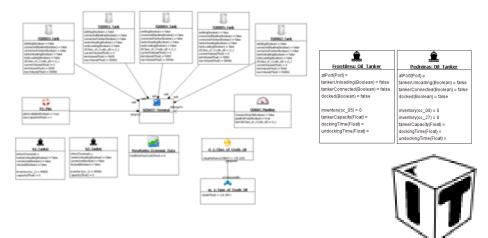
#### **State machine diagrams**



#### **Class diagram**



#### Object diagrams (init and goal states)

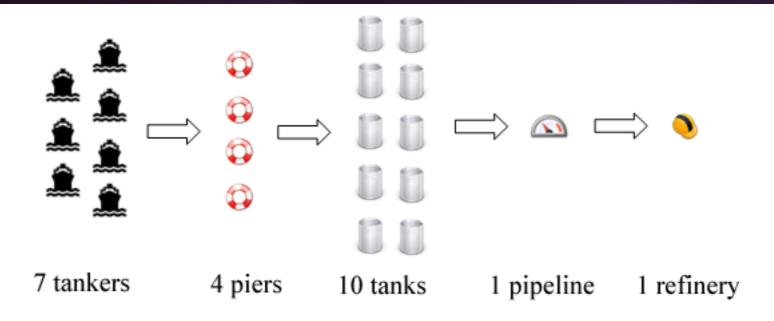


# Experimental Results

- PDDL (2.1) model generated by itSIMPLE's translator (UML to PDDL)
- Pre selection of planners with basic models
  - Results presented in IFAC 2008
- Chosen planner: SGPlan
- Two case studies
  - Semi realistic scenario
  - Realistic scenario



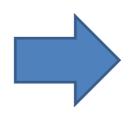
# Experimental Results: Realistic



# Planner (SGPlan) output

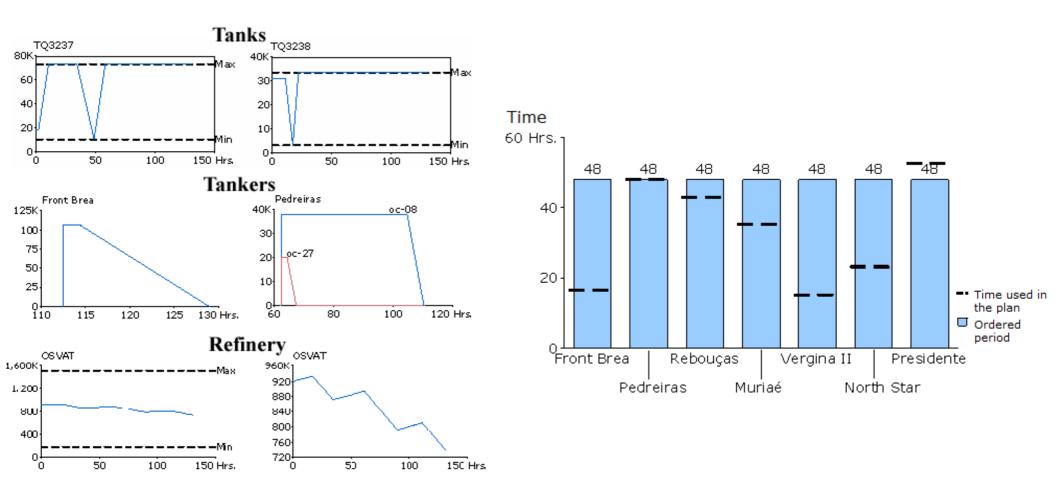
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time	210.09s
Number of actions	88
Metric value	73.789

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2.006: (CONNECTTANKERTANK PRESIDENTE TQ3237 GEBAST) [0.0000]	
2.007: (PUMPOILTANKERTANKPARCIAL NORTH STAR TQ3242 OC26 CL5)	[9.5833]
2.008: (PUMPOILTANKERTANKPARCIAL PRESIDENTE TQ3237 OC29 CL3)	[8.4663]
10.475: (DISCONNECTTANKERTANK PRESIDENTE TQ3237) [0.0000]	





# Experimental Results: Realistic





## Conclusion

- KE tools such as itSIMPLE have an essential role in the design process
- The resulting model is easily communicated
- Few planners deal with such combination of PDDL features
- The resulting PDDL model brings interesting challenges even for the state-of-the-art planners



# Thanks

itSIMPLE<sub>3.0</sub> is available at dlab.poli.usp.br

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