

Improving customer OTD while facing a strong ramp-up in production

How a leading US-based industrial equipment manufacturing group leveraged data to reduce part shortages and increase the Clear to Build rate



Key achievements in a 8 weeks timespan

-30%

Part Shortages

93%

Clear to Build rate*

+12%

OTD Improvement

-20%

Reduction in Overtime

***Clear to Build rate (CTB rate)** is the percentage of work orders that can proceed without delays due to part shortages.

Clear to Build formula: number of WO with no shortage on BUY part / Total of WOs



Context & Challenges



This industrial equipment group was evolving in a complex production and supply chain environment while facing a strong ramp-up

Ramp-up

70%

YoY Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR)

+8,380

Purchase Orders

49%

OTD

Value at stake

\$598M

Net Sales in 2023

\$9.6M

Financial impact of blocked WIP

14.7%

Past Due Purchase Orders

\$119M

Blocked WIP

Goods produced



HVAC: Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning for Industrial Equipment



Due to the success of its latest HVAC system, this industrial equipment group was facing challenges to ramp-up its production

Daily disruptive factors occurring frequently...

Part shortages



Late supplier deliveries



Quality issues



Specific customer requests



...hindered factory operations...

Difficulties to align teams & prioritize subjects



Time consuming spreadsheets maintenance



Firefighting mode creating high stress levels amongst teams



Lack of visibility on factory forecasts & performance



...affecting supply chain performance

Delayed customer deliveries



Costly last minute solutions



Clear to Build rate below expectations

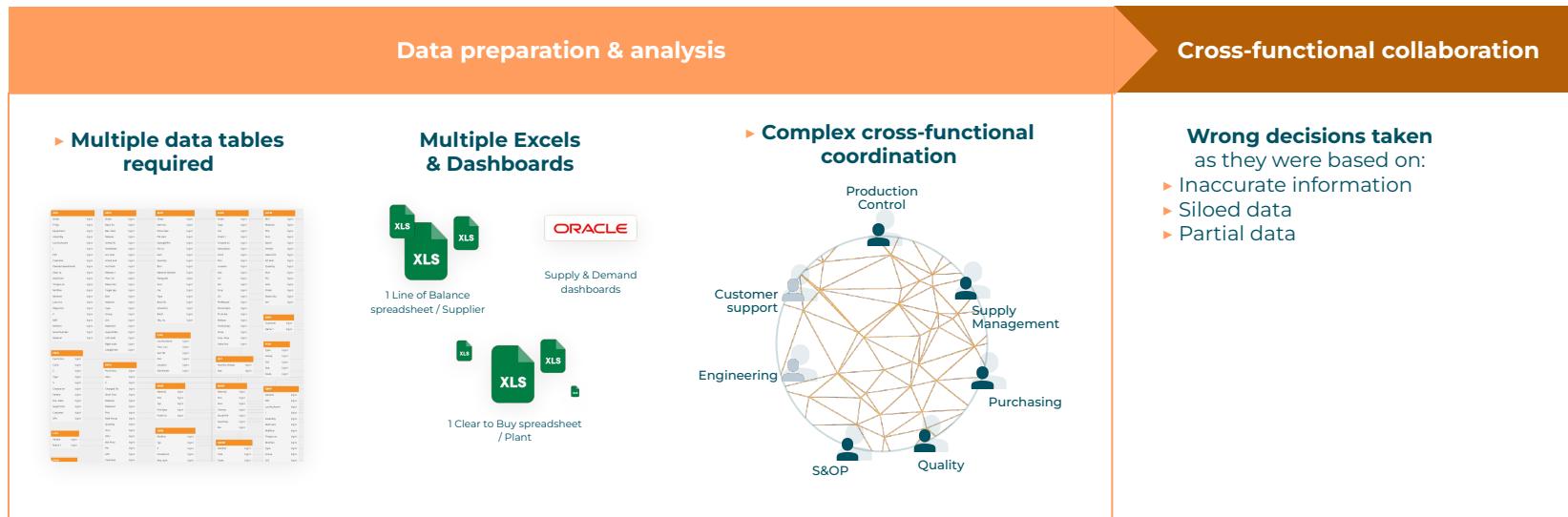


Sub-optimal manpower management



Process latency, inaccurate data and inadapted tooling made the daily adjustment to these disruptions even more challenging

70% of operations teams' bandwidth is allocated to piecing together the data required to adjust repair planning to factory disruptions



On top of this challenging context, this HVAC manufacturer faces an additional complexity factor: the Engineering to Order

The added complexity factors of Engineering to Order

Systematic customization

Each order is customized (weight, height or materials), which also requires BOMs to be created accordingly.

As a result, the BOM cannot be anticipated further than 7 weeks out of the delivery date, when engineers start to work on the order.

Daily early shipping requests

Customers involved in renovation or building processes also have to adapt to the disruptions they face.

For every contractor bailing on them, they'll email the factory teams to adjust the shipping date.

High pressure on OTD commitment

Industrial HVAC products are tightly tied to renovation or building processes.

As a result, OTD is a critical component.

Uncertainty + complexity = crushing stress

Due to the pressure they face, Supply teams tend to challenge Engineering teams a lot, resulting in tensions.

Teams have to deal with a double uncertainty (the ones of their customers and plant) and experience crushing stress.

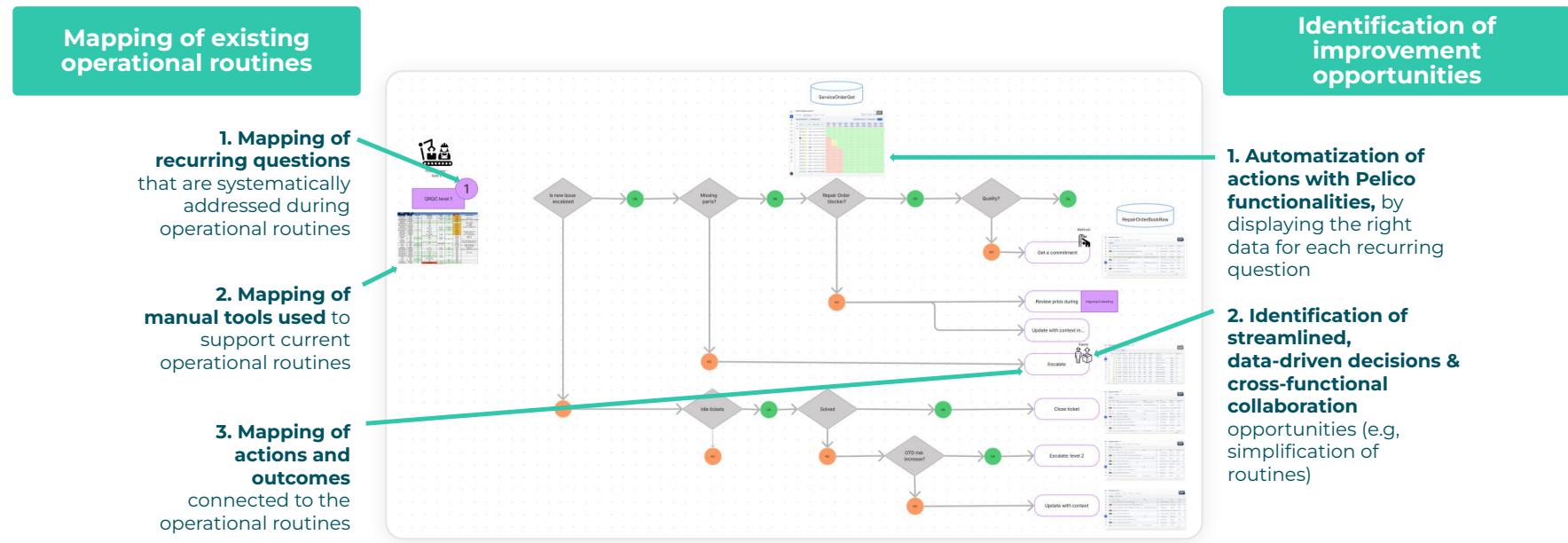


Approach

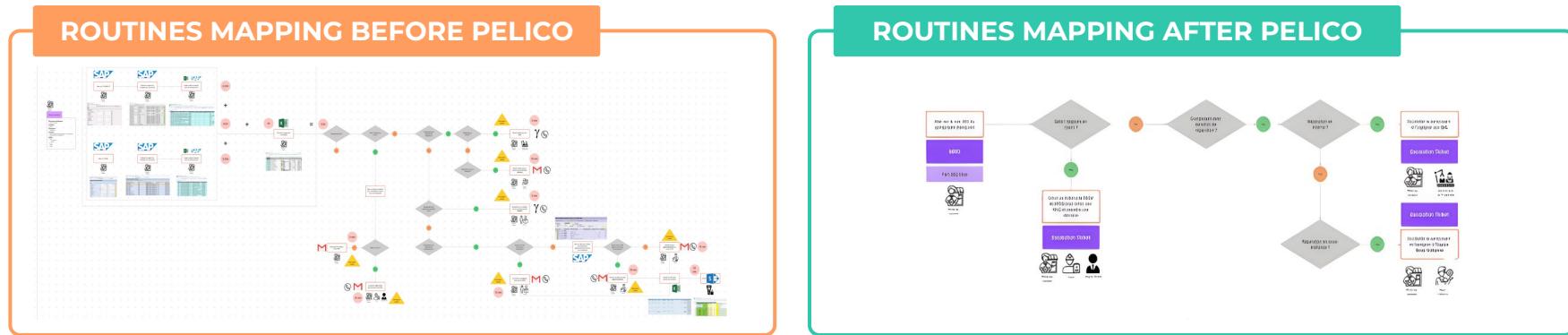


To facilitate the transition to its platform, Pelico mapped existing processes through users' shadowing

To ensure a smooth transition to these new processes, the plant leans on Pelico's team to map their existing processes during on-site user shadowing sessions.



Thanks to this mapping, Pelico was implemented to support the productivity and efficiency of those routines



Time to complete the routines per perimeter: **2 hours** vs. **10 minutes**.



Number of tool(s) required: **6** vs. **1**.



Time required to find a mitigation strategy for each bottleneck: **18 minutes** vs. **5 minutes**.



Once in place, Pelico centralizes all the data in a single platform to accelerate supply chain operations



Maintenance, repairs & overhauls

Status	Service Order	Equipment	Equipment
SO 8281	3	Solar Panels	HE18372
SO 1273	2	Oxidizer Tank	OK2847
SO 3701	3	pneumatic Pusher	YE17381
SO 8991	3	Lox Sump	MA4383
SO 1272	2	Outline Block	Equipment
10/01/2023	4	92158-Ult...	Qty: 12
10/01/2023	4	34245-We...	Qty: 12
	8	SO 7419	Grid Fins

Maintenance, repairs & overhauls

Status	Service Order	Equipment	Suppl. Gas	Gas	Net	Shed	Wrie	Down
SO 2832	Heat Sh...	1	-	1	1			
SO 4619	Main Par...	-	1	1	1			
SO 7256	Grid Fin...	-	1	1	1			
SO 4071	Ring Slos...	-	-	1	1			
SO 17601	Gas Distr...	-	-	1	1			

Alignment of all teams on a single source of data

Escalation room

All tickets (43)	My subscription (21)	My Favorites (42)
Status: All	Problem category: All	+ (4)
Supply 8 tickets		
Tier 1 # 7196	(4)	(4)
Detectors	102 Detection Line +1	
Live rep date	03/02/2023	
Last update	03/02/2023 by John Clark	
Assignee	Society - John Clark	
(4) in progress	(4) comments	
Tier 4 # 1681	(4)	(4)
Tier 2 # 8115	(4)	(4)

Production Control

Part	Sim. Start Date	Sim. Qty
Gas Distributor		
Ullage Rocket		
Cable Tunnel	06/24/2023	11
Merlin Engine		
Solar Panels	06/29/2023	2
Fuel level se...		

Streamlined cross-team collaboration

Simulation Room

Current Simulation	Past simulation			
Progress: 75% + 4%	Progress: 92.5M + 4%			
Impacted Service Orders (4)				
Service Order	Equipment	Material Cate...	Sim. Start Date	Sim. End Date
SO 4071	Combi Tote	REINFORCED	04/20/2023	04/20/2023
SO 7256	Lox Distr...	REINFORCED	04/20/2023	04/20/2023
SO 4071	Ullage R...	REINFORCED	04/20/2023	04/20/2023
SO 4071	East Test	REINFORCED	04/20/2023	04/20/2023

Early anticipation of bottlenecks

Fast decision making

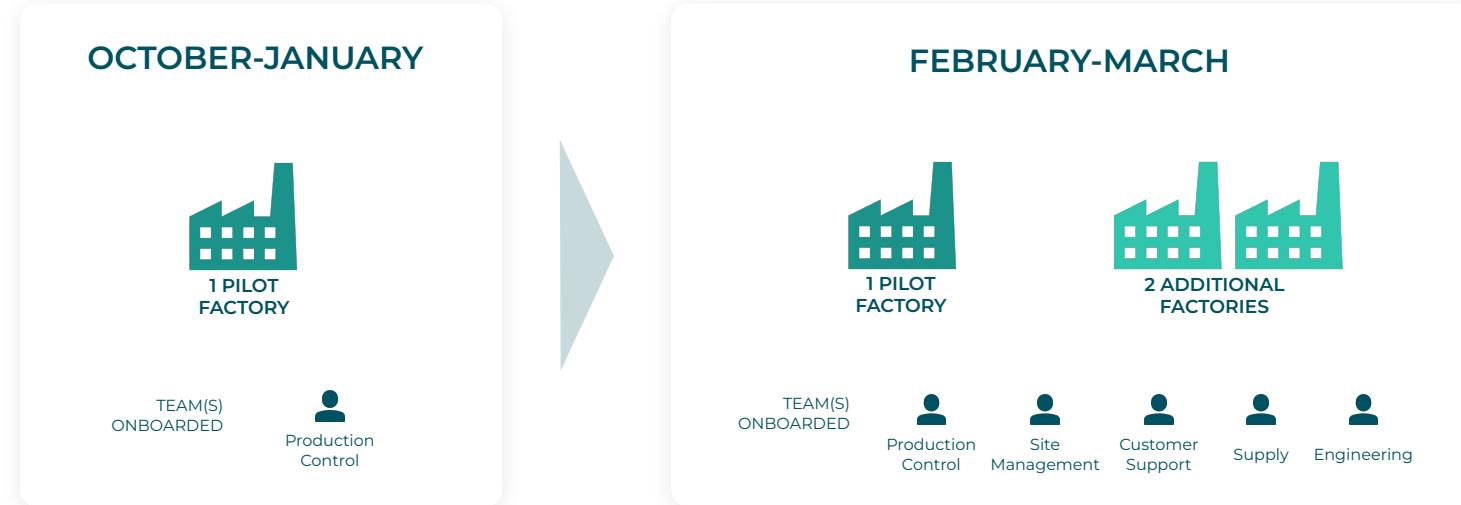
Production Control

Work Order Book	Opportunity	Missing Parts
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Quick simulation of alternative scenario



Deployment plan set: rolling out Pelico to additional sites in less than 4.5 months, expanding from 1 factory to 3 teams across 3 factories



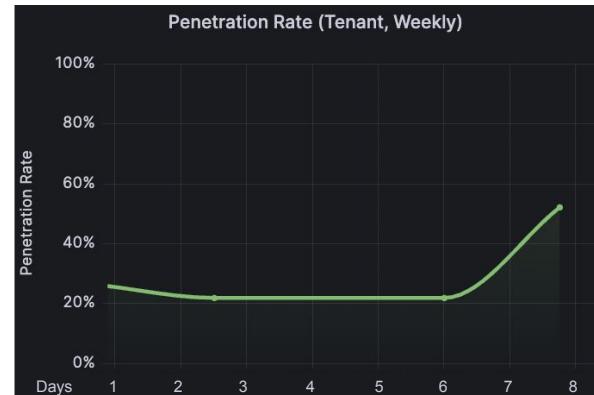
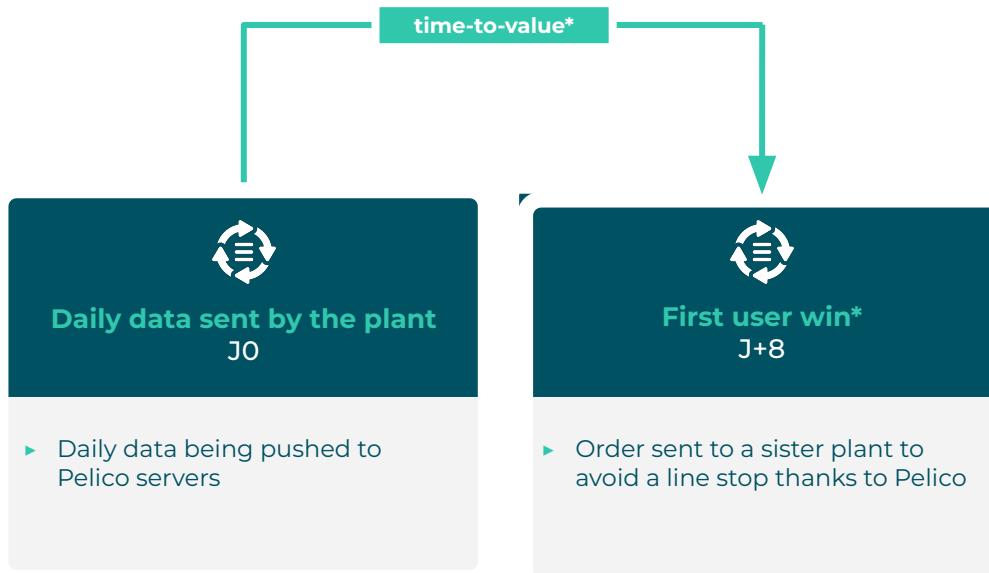
To ensure optimal user adoption, **this US-based group is adopting an iterative and gradual approach**, starting with its flagship factory and its production control team.



Results



It only took 1 month for the flagship plant's team to go from tech setup to value transformation. The secret? A fast and high user adoption



- ▶ 60% of users started deriving value from Pelico in 8 days



Within 2 months, the pilot plant seamlessly migrated its two most critical routines to Pelico, resulting in important time savings

ROUTINE 1

Clear to Build review

Routine: Team reviews the equipments having all the parts ready to be assembled.

People: 10 | **Tool(s):** Spreadsheet(s) | **Pace:** WEEKLY

ROUTINE 2

Identification of part shortages

Routine: Piecing together the up-to-date data to chase missing components.

People: 25 | **Tool(s):** Spreadsheet(s), CRMs, ERPs, emails | **Pace:** DAILY



-90%

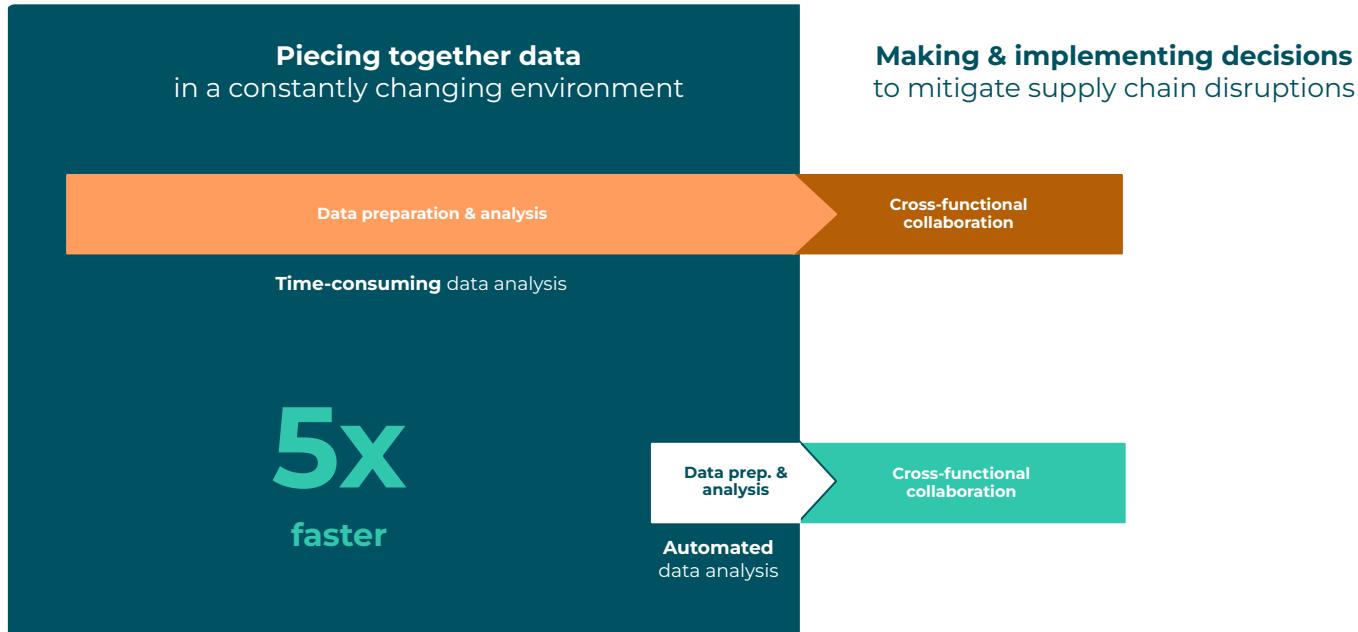
Time to quantify the Clear to Build (CTB)

-80%

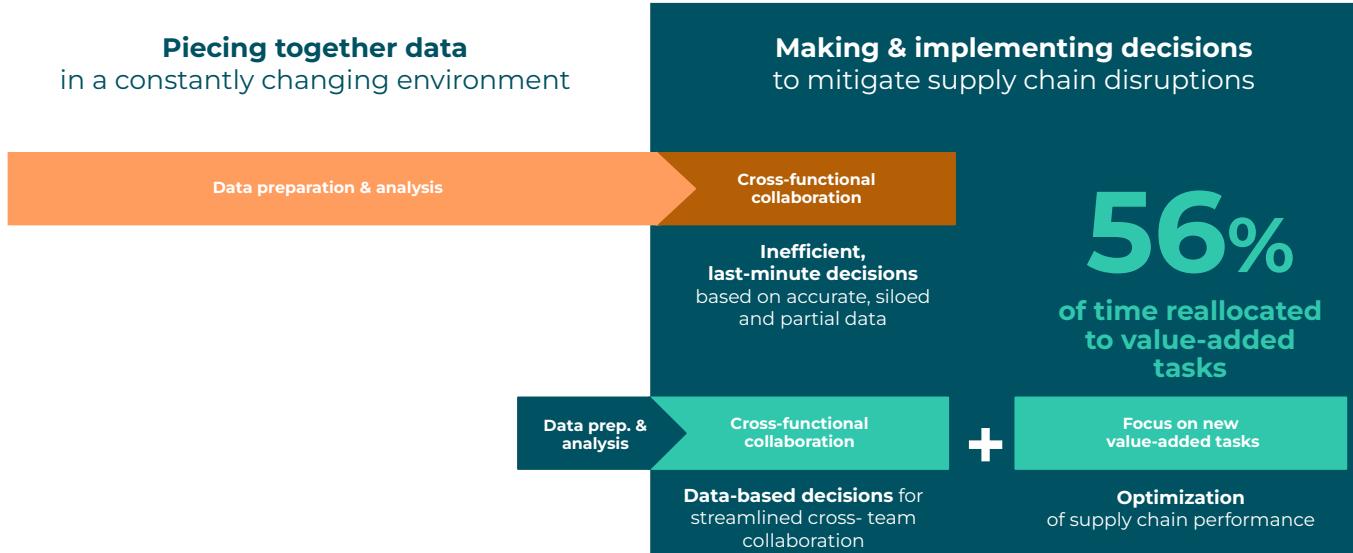
Time to identify daily part shortages and find mitigation actions



Team improved its productivity by 80% in data preparation & analysis, leading to decisions made 5x faster



Team made better decisions and reallocated 56% of the time saved to value-added tasks



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Users' feedback



USERS' FEEDBACKS

Plant Direction & Supply Chain Operations

“We have this big order coming in, 150 units [approx. \$15M], we thought we'd be fine but we discovered we'll be short 100 compressors thanks to Pelico.”

**Site Supply Chain
Operations Director**

“At first, our supply chain manager and I have been running Pelico in parallel of our manual Clear-to-Build calculations. We quickly noticed we could fully rely on the platform, since it was able to help us getting ahead of some shortages that our traditional process was missing.”

Plant Director

“Yesterday, we discovered a flow control valve —crucial to 264 unique parent equipments— was running short in the next few weeks. Thanks to Pelico, we identified we could salvage an \$80K customer order if we got a partial delivery in the short term.”

Site Supply Chain Operations Director



USERS' FEEDBACKS

“When I know that a PO wouldn't be delivered on time because the last two POs were past due, Pelico helps me to simulate cancelation of the third PO. The platform then shares this worst-case scenario with both planning and the supplier during review. It's very helpful.”

Buyer

Buyers & Supply Chain Manager

“As a Supply chain manager, I now task my Buyer to use Pelico's stock transfer opportunity with SLP as a fallback solution if the supplier does not reply within next two weeks.”

Buyer and Supply Chain Manager

“We detected a shortage from Pelico even though we 'knew' that it was not. What happened is that Pelico highlighted a peculiar demand for 3000 pieces on a planned order. Nobody was aware of it and it did not show on the Excel Clear to Buy. “

Buyer and Planner





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