

NEMO Release Letter

Version 2023-02-03





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Summary

As of February 3, 2023, proALPHA has released NEMO version 2023-02-03.

NEMO – standing for Natural Enterprise Management Optimizer – is a new breed of AaaS – Analytics-as-a-Service – offering from proALPHA. NEMO analyzes all sorts of event data. In particular NEMO analyzes business processes as performed with proALPHA ERP. The objective of NEMO is to enable better daily decisions by relating operational activities (input factors) with financial results (output factors).

NEMO 2023-02-03 introduces Complexity Mining.

Fighting complexity and subsequent complexity costs is one of the hardest undertakings in business. Because in most cases this complexity has grown over many years. With this new capability we are providing complexity visibility and complexity ranking with a newly introduced complexity score. Also, we are weighing complexity in working capital numbers to evaluate the benefit of potential action. Don't hesitate to provide us feedback to round out our offering.

Furthermore, we got already feedback from customers and hence delivered new production metrics.

Also, we applied Kaizen all over the board again. Among others we improved the prediction accuracy in order to make it more consistent with the other statistical numbers. In addition, we made the naming of metrics easier to comprehend. And a lot of reports have been improved as well:

- (SAMPLE) Part ABC Classification
- (SAMPLE) Belated Customer Invoices
- (SAMPLE) Slow Moving Parts
- (SAMPLE) Supplier ABC Classification
- (SAMPLE) Operating Cash Flow
- (SAMPLE) Replenishment Time Analysis
- (SAMPLE) Premature Supplier Payments
- (SAMPLE) Operating Margin
- (SAMPLE) Most Profitable Parts
- (SAMPLE) Stock Controlled Parts
- (SAMPLE) Safety Stock Check
- (SAMPLE) ABC/XYZ Analysis
- (SAMPLE) Part Consumption
- (SAMPLE) Sales Price Analysis
- (SAMPLE) Purchasing Price Analysis
- (SAMPLE) Change In Material Price
- (SAMPLE) Churn
- (SAMPLE) Customer ABC Classification
- (SAMPLE) Most Profitable Customers

In addition, NEMO 2023-02-03 features various error corrections and performance improvements. Also, various housekeeping improvements have been implemented.



Application Signature Features

Natural Performance Index (NPI)

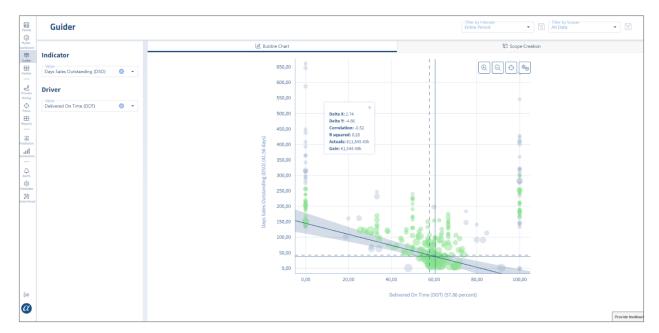
The NPI measures and ranks the fitness of a business. High NPIs indicate a significant improvement potential which is likely to be achieved. They help the user find and decide between the available optimization opportunities and are key to the daily decision support provided by NEMO.

Natural Leverage Index (NLI)

The NLI measures and ranks the degree of efficiency ("Wirkungsgrad") of a certain operational measure. High NLIs indicate a significant leverage which is likely to be achieved. They help the user find and decide between the available opportunities and as such facilitate the daily decision support provided by NEMO.

Unsupervised Learning

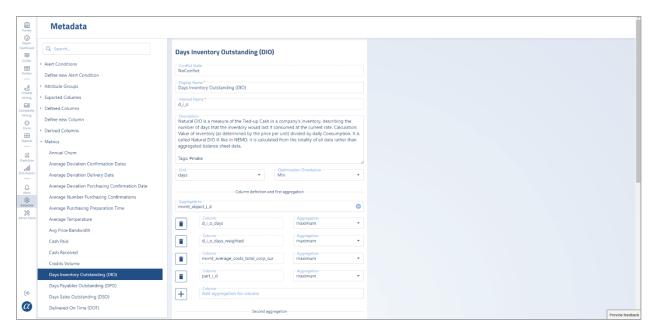
Since there is no optimum for business process optimization typical machine learning approaches don't apply. Hence NEMO leverages robust advanced statistics out of the so-called space of unsupervised learning algorithms.





Meta-data Driven

NEMO is not only data- but also metadata-driven. This means that virtually all metrics and scopes can be formed – either manually or automatically.



Hyper-Dashboard

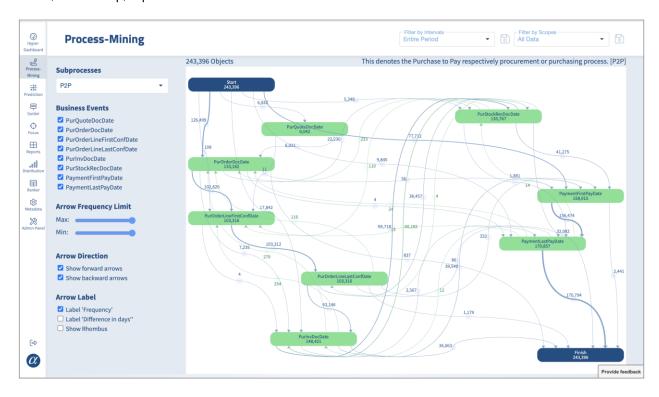
NEMO continuously ranks all business process correlations. This enables dynamic dashboards which are complementing classical dashboards.





Process Mining

Inherently NEMO discovers all executed business processes. Process Mining visualizes these as so-called process maps. The edges (lines, links) represent business process variants. They can be captured in scopes for further analysis (e.g., Focus and Guider). The nodes (vertices, points) represent the business events which, chained up, represent the executed business activities.

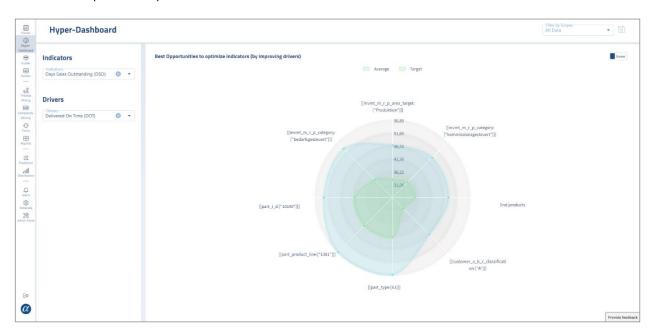




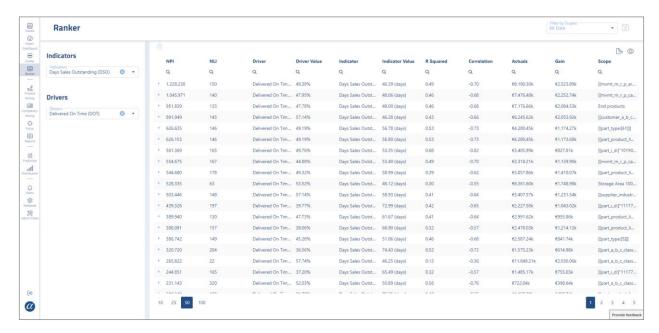
All Details

NEMO works always on details. There is no need to do any pre-aggregations at all. This means that the user can drill down to the detailed business documents at any point in time and instantaneously.

Here an example for the Payment Method Invoice. The Hyper-Dashboard provides an overview of the top measures for process improvements.

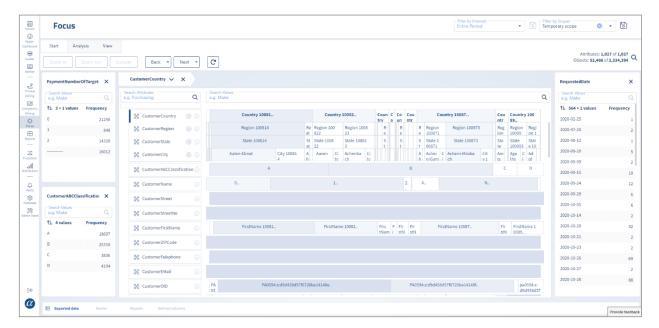


The Ranker table gives the details behind the Hyper-Dashboard.





And the Focus view gives the details behind the Ranker table. And all within seconds.



Dynamic Dashboards

From all details arbitrary dashboards can be derived as well.



Since these so-called Panels are automatically built-in conjunction with Scopes they are correct by nature.

Especially there is no dispute about the calculation of metrics and key figures anymore since those are isolated from the Panels.

Instantly Live

NEMO doesn't need any customization. Even chart-of-account or financial calendar are not needed for NEMO to function.



Technology Signature Features

The NEMO technology is characterized by

- Integration
 - All applications leverage and maintain the same data
- Speed
 - Response times should be as fast as possible
 - Development times customers or us should be as short as possible

These objectives are achieved by leveraging following unique approaches.

Push rather than Pull Data Copying

All data are regularly pushed from the source system to NEMO.

For our ERP we push all essential order types now:

- Purchase Order
- Production Order
- Sales Order

This means following supply chain processes are covered now:

- Source
 - Purchasing, procurement
- Make
 - Inventory
 - Production
- Deliver
 - Sales
- Return Handling
 - Sales
 - Purchasing
- Finance
 - Accounting Journal

Flat Data Structure

There is only one table in NEMO.

There are no aggregations (cubes) nor indices.

There are no Joins at all.

Process Chains

All data are organized along the performed business processes.

Dynamic Calculations

All calculations are performed in real-time.

There are no data preparation runs.



Metrics Driven

All control data (metadata) are available to all applications rather than being specific to a single application.

All control data are dynamically changeable – by the user or by us.

Metrics are maintained as separate entity rather than specific to each application.

In-memory Columnar Data Management

Our data are particularly suited to this mode of data management.

The resulting compression rates (easily 1:10) are very beneficial to the overall performance.

Upside-down Visualization

Rows and columns are inverted compared to MS Excel.

This makes patterns (e.g., populations of columns) easier to spot.

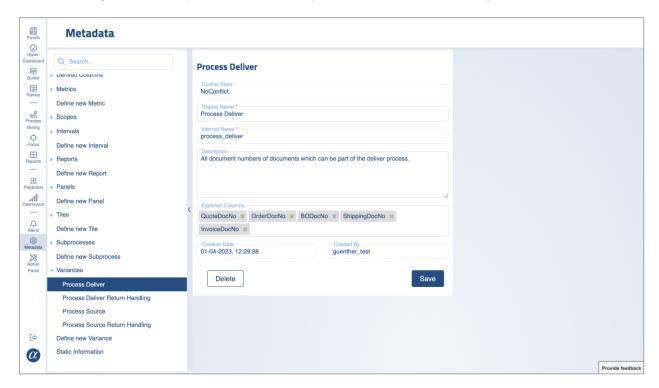


New and Changed Capabilities

Complexity Mining (NEW)

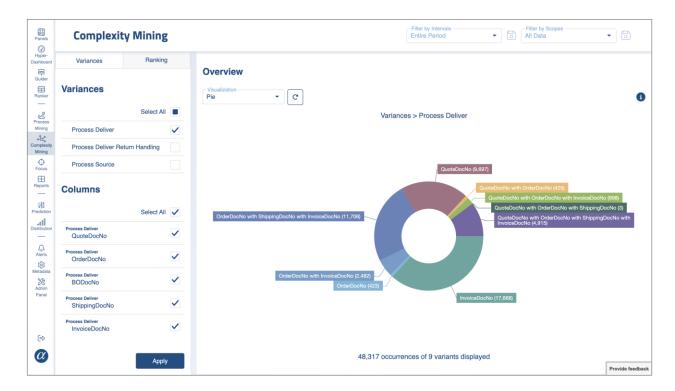
In the NEMO context complexity is defined as the number of business process variants required to execute the business, i.e., as more variants as higher the complexity.

The to be analyzed business process variants are specified in so-called business process variances.



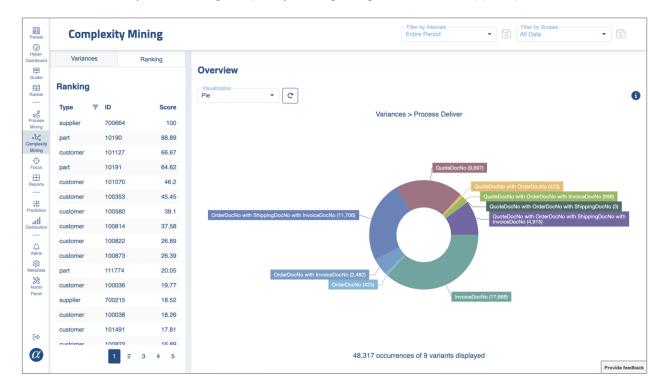
In this case the basic order-to-invoice process should be evaluated for its variants.





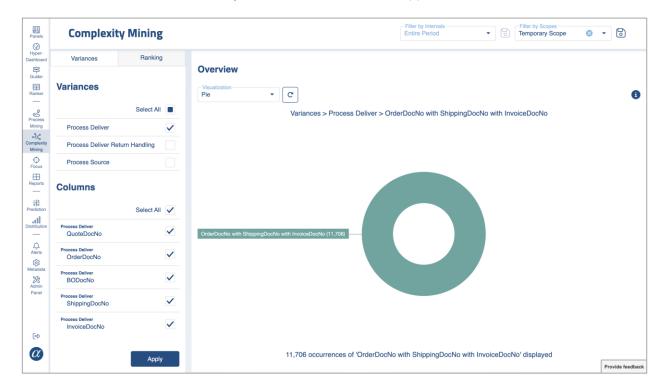
There are 48,317 business process occurrences in nine (9) business process variants.

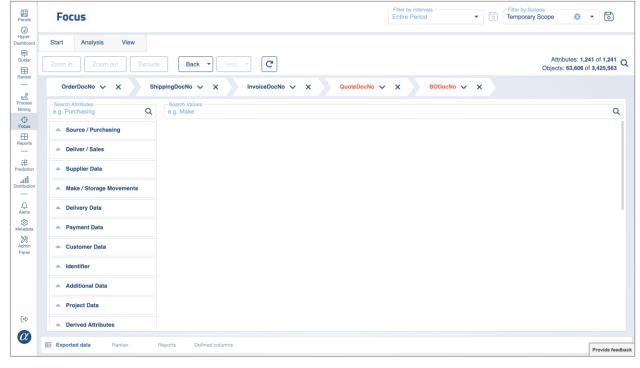
These nine variants yield following complexity ranking along the resources supplier, part, and customer.



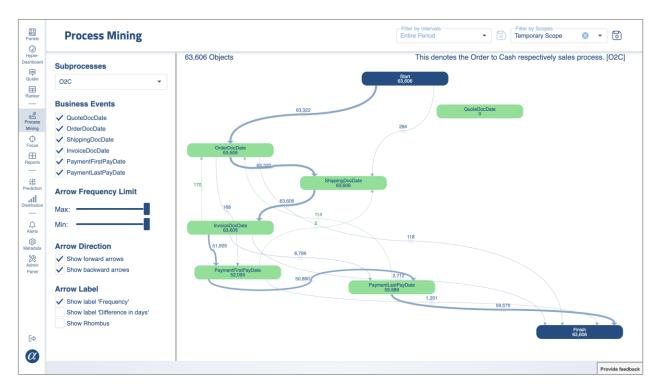


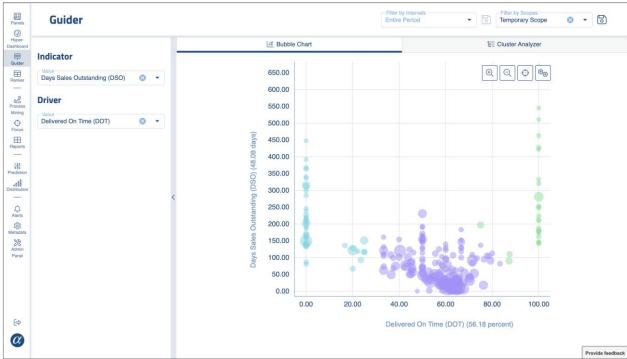
Selected variants can be further analyzed with other NEMO mini-apps.



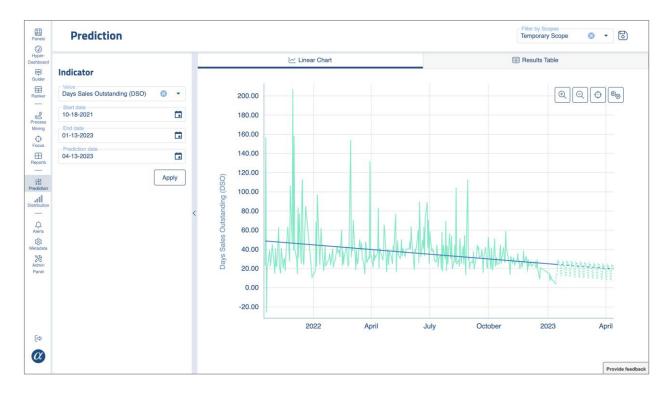




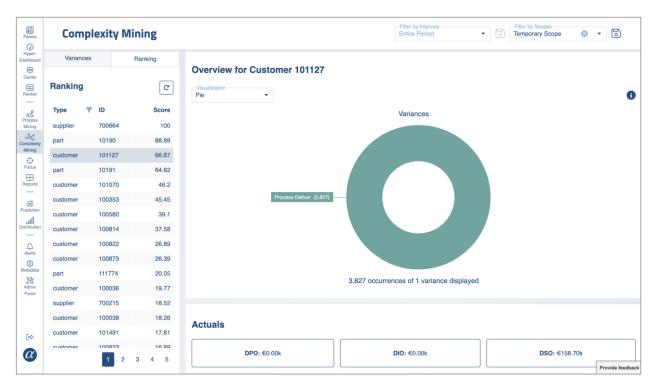








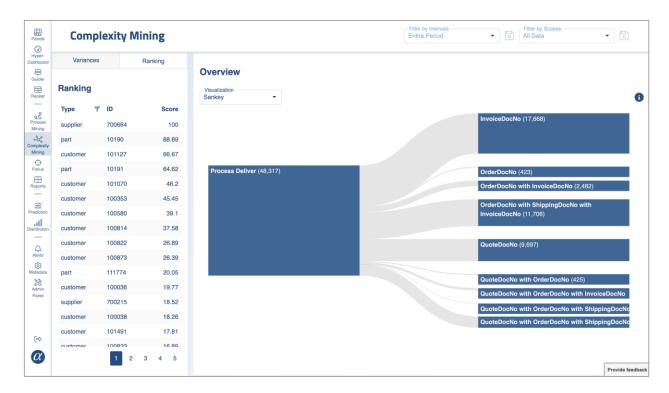
Furthermore, the ranking of the business variants could be analyzed further.



Among others the currently tied up respectively retained working capital is depicted as well.

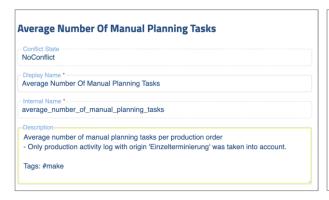
Last but not there is a choice of various other graphical representations of the complexity information.





Production Metrics (NEW)

Various production metrics have emerged out of early customer feedback.



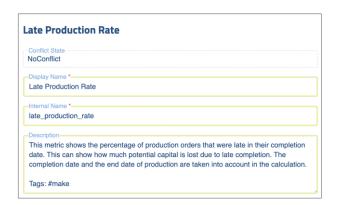


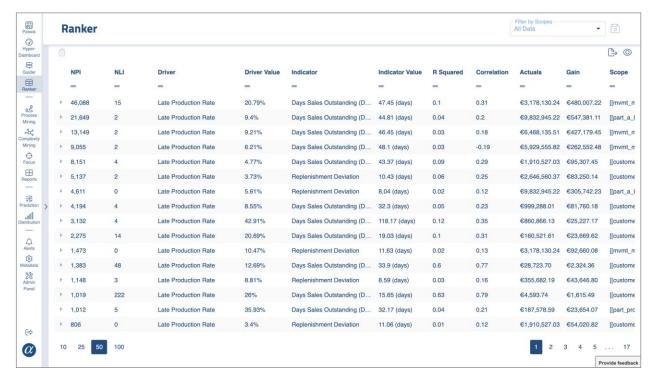




Production Metrics (IMPROVED)

The production metric "Late Production Rate" has been slightly improved.







Newly Exported Columns

Most of the added columns have been requested by our customers. They will become available as soon as new data exports and loads have been performed. Based on these data refreshes we will research the feasibility of new default metrics. Those would become available with the next release provided they deem valuable.

Display Name	Description
ProdOrderActMileStoneDate	Milestone date of production activity #ERP-Origin: MB_Aktivitaet.MeilensteinDatum



Compatibility

NEMO is compatible with all ERP releases from 6.1 onwards.

Functional Limitations

Following functionality is restricted as of now:

- Calculations of Driver and Indicators are not based on Intervals yet.
- Stock movements for material withdrawals are not yet exported in Production
- Warehouse movements for material storage are not yet exported in Production

Component Status

N.A.

Known Issues

None

Documentation

Apart from this Release Letter, the following documentation is available.

- NEMO Glossary 2023-02-03 (updated)
- NEMO Data Structure 2023-01-20 (no update)
- NEMO Formula Syntax 2022-07-22 (no update)

Availability

All production environments have been updated already.