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Balancing stochastic parallel assembly lines

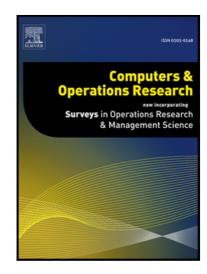
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## Highlights:

- Stochastic parallel assembly lines are considered.
- The problem of balancing parallel assembly lines with stochastic task times is introduced and characterised for the first time.
- A chance-constrained, piecewise-linear, mixed integer programming formulation is proposed to the problem.
- A tabu search algorithm is developed to the problem.
- Proposed TS algorithm is evaluated on a set of newly generated benchmark problems.

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