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Order picking is the process of retrieving items from storage areas to meet customer's requirement, and

is the most labor-intensive operation in warehouse. In order to operate efficiently, the order picking process needs to be delicately designed and optimally controlled. In this talk, performance of a low-level picker-to-part order picking system with synchronized zone is studied. First, an analytical model studying the performance of three routing and storage strategy combinations are introduced, followed by a simulation model to further study the impact of various design parameters and operational policies. The results obtained from the analytical models are compared and validated in simulation experiments; and they appear to provide acceptable approximation results. The simulation model in the second section has shown that the routing, storage policies, demand patterns, order, batch and zone sizes have tremendous effect on the efficiency.

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