

Smarter Ports with Digital Twins

Use Case: APICA



Port of
Antwerp
Bruges

Who we are

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Port of
Antwerp
Bruges

A global port
in the heart of Europe



One port
Two sites



2nd largest
port in **Europe**



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Largest **car handling**
port in Europe
3,507,461 million cars/year



Number one **export**
port in Europe



20,675
Seagoing vessels/year



Total throughput
287 mio tons/year



Largest **chemical**
hub in Europe



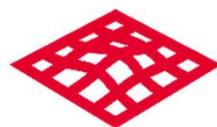
Important **cruise**
port in Benelux
547,374 passenger movements



15% of EU **gas** market



Belgium's most important economic driver



14,322
Hectares



1,400
Companies



€ 20,8 billion
Added value



4.5%
GDP



164,000 jobs
Direct and indirect



Energy transition
frontrunner

Digital Twins



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Digital nervous system

5G

Drones

IoT Sensors

Camera's

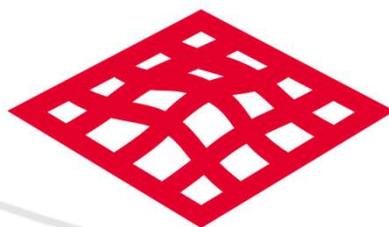
Digital Applications

Digital nervous system

- for efficient, safe and sustainable operations



Digital twin



Sensors

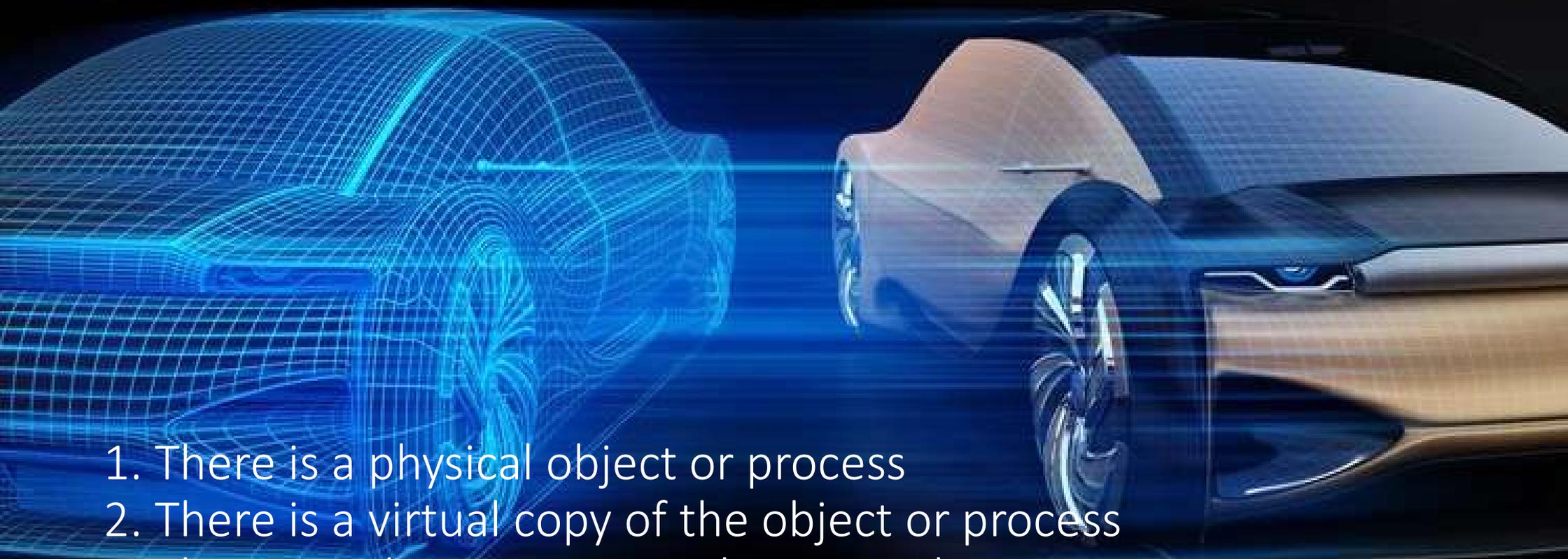


Drones



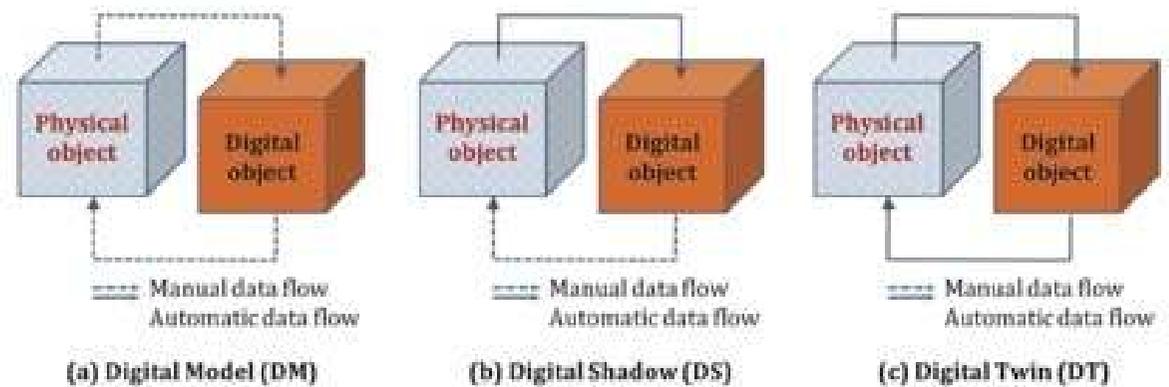
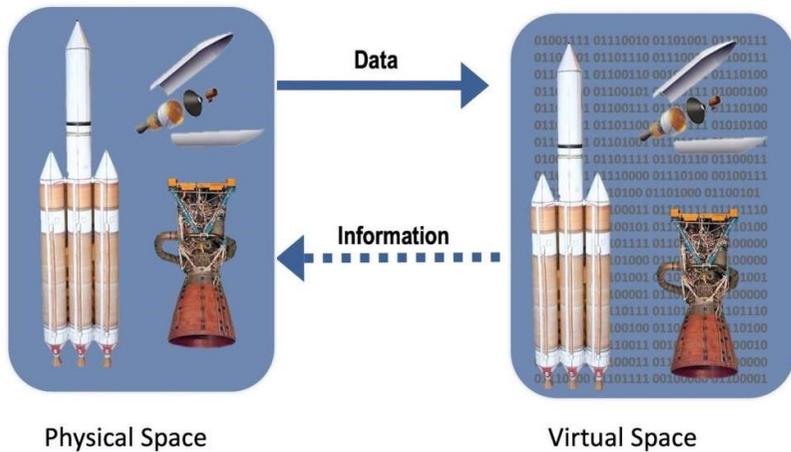
5G

How to define a Digital Twin?

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- A digital car model (left) and a physical car (right) are shown. A blue line connects the two, representing a data connection. The background is dark with blue light effects.
1. There is a physical object or process
 2. There is a virtual copy of the object or process
 3. There is a data connection between the 2

There is an academical literature

Digital Twin Model



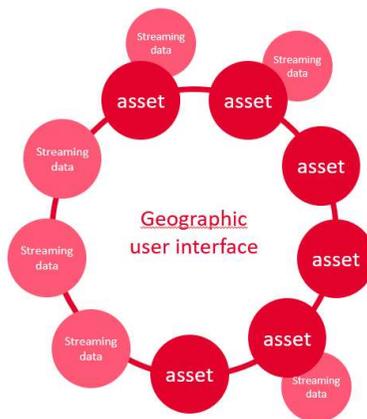
Source: Grieves, M., *Virtually Intelligent Product Systems: Digital and Physical Twins*, in *Complex Systems Engineering: Theory and Practice*, 2019, AIAA

Tijdsaspect

Verleden

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Toekomst



Digital Twin as a vision
Not a single application

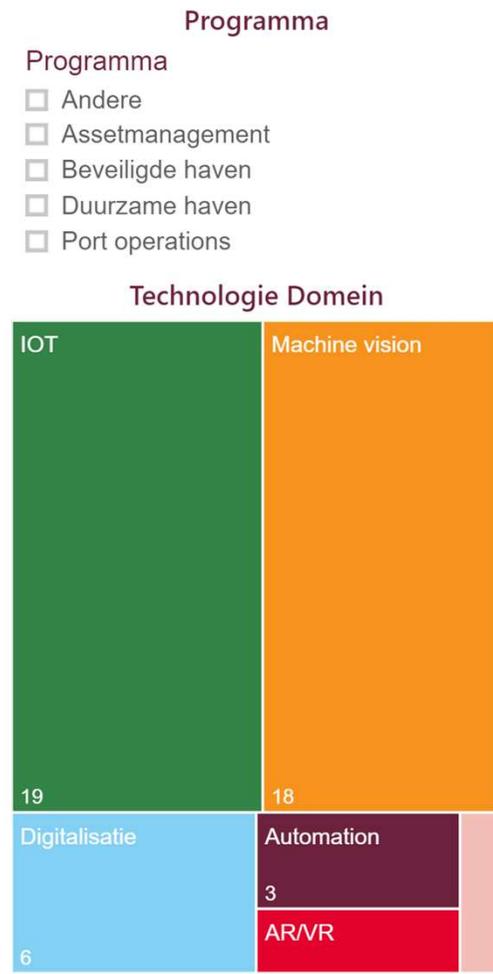
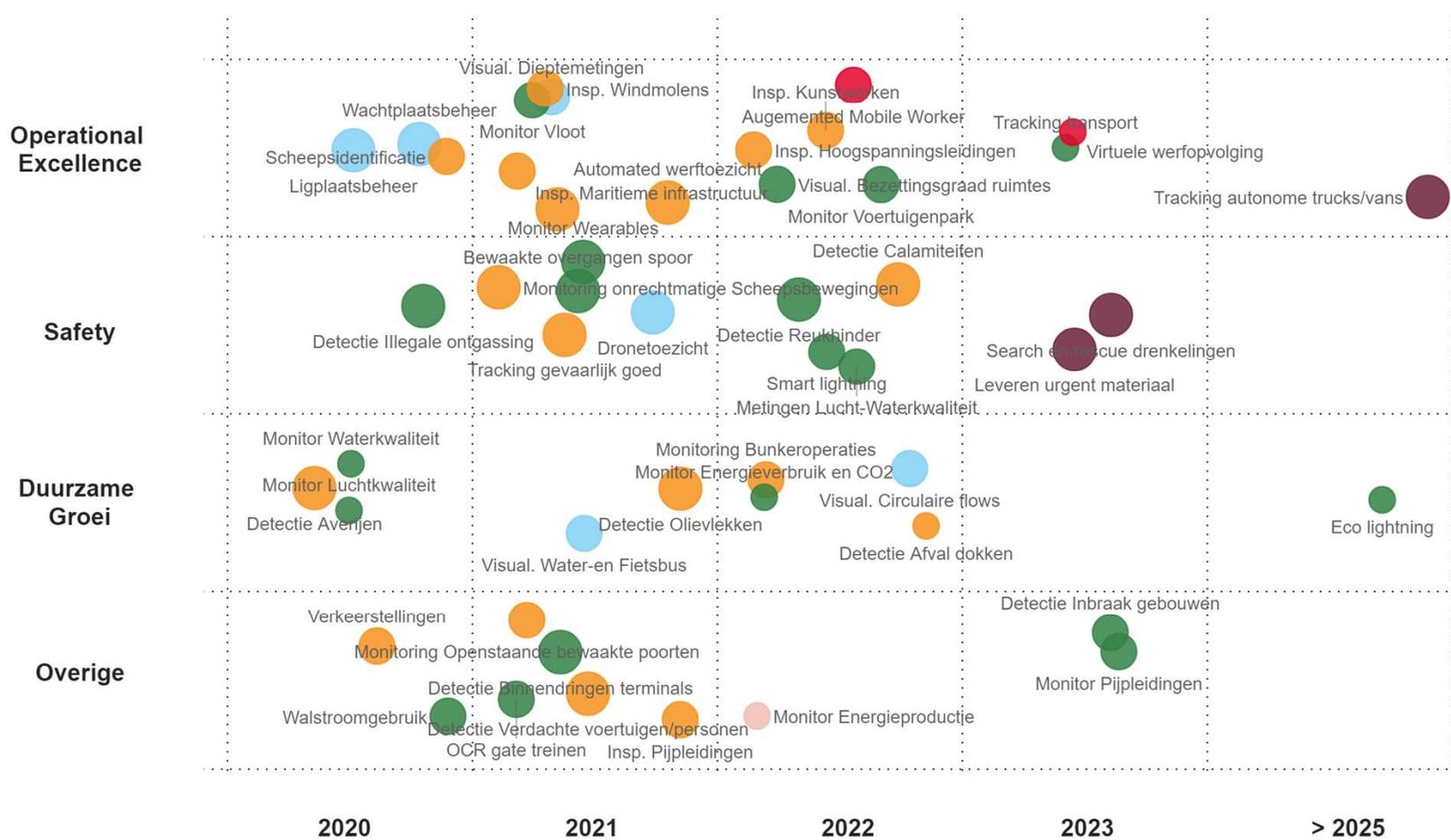


Advanced Port Information & Control Assistant

Digital Twin is the capstone project



Digital Twin Roadmap



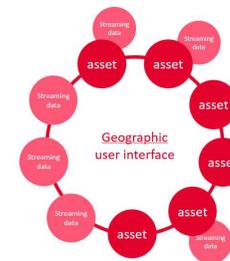
How to define your Digital Twin?

- And be prepared for the road ahead.



**Fluent traffic
in a safe and sustainable Port.**

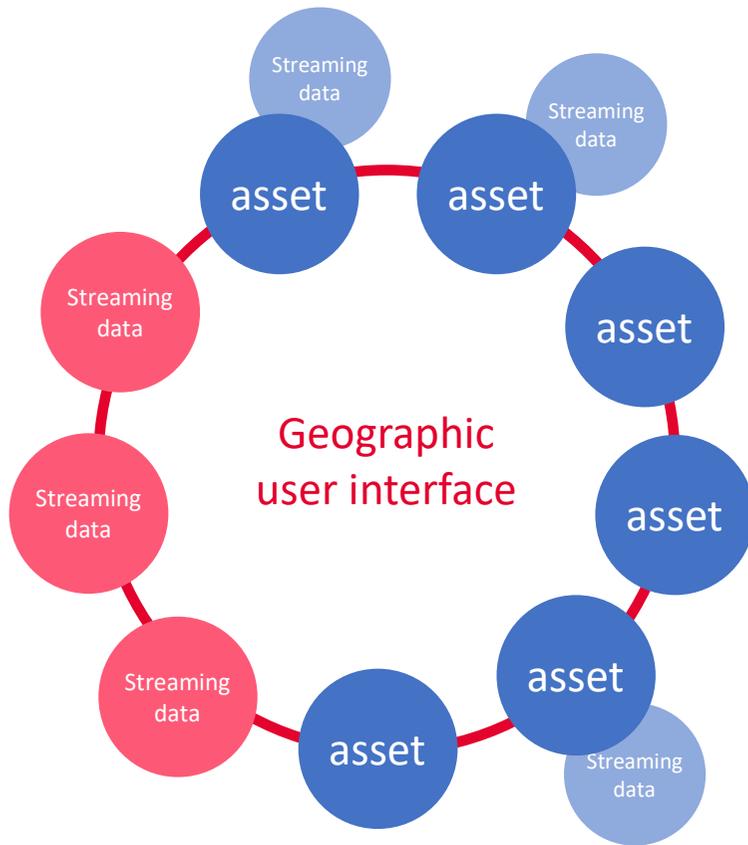
*(More) fluent traffic in a safe(r) and (more) sustainable Port,
within the same territory.*



**Situational awareness
Digital Twin of a territory**

Which is (or was) the target group?





Situational awareness

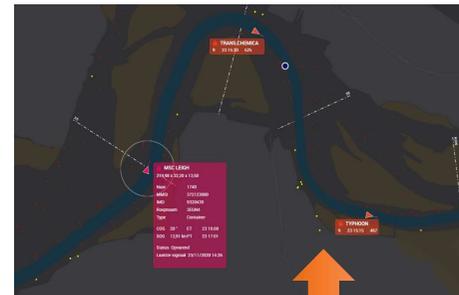
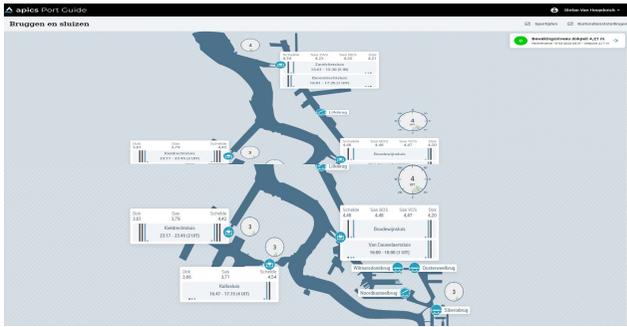
Digital Twin of a territory



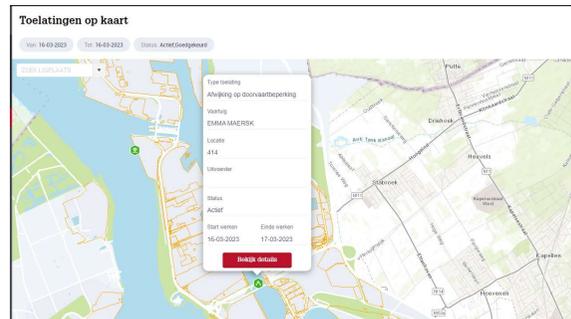
The control room of the Future

Next level – driven by data intelligence

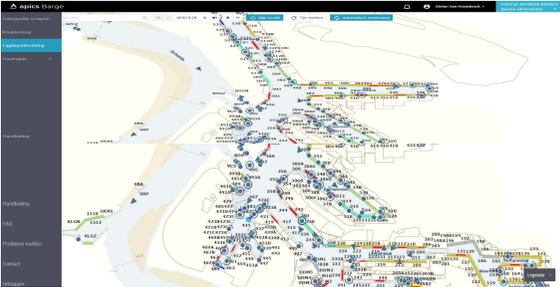




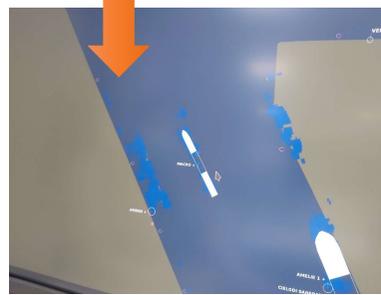
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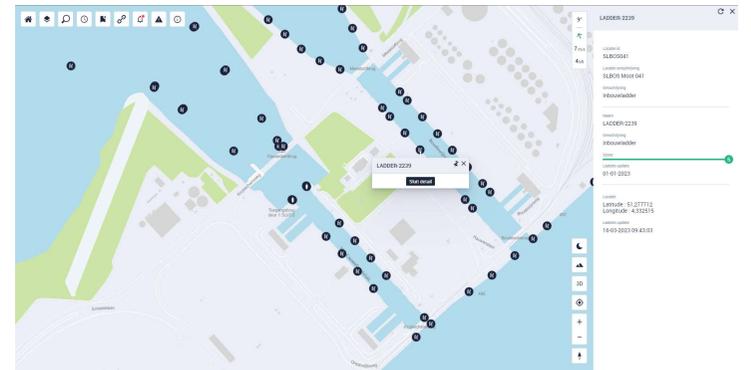
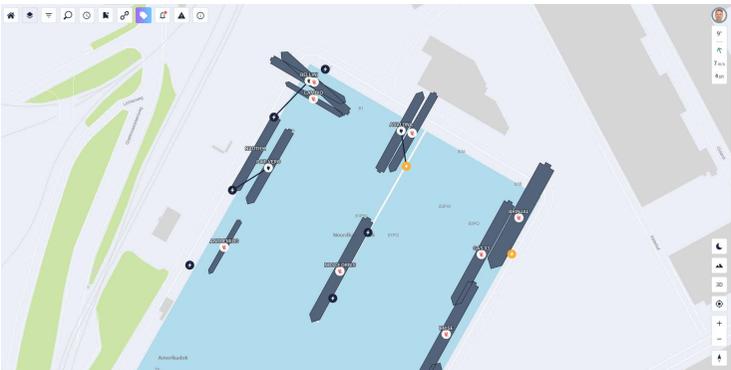
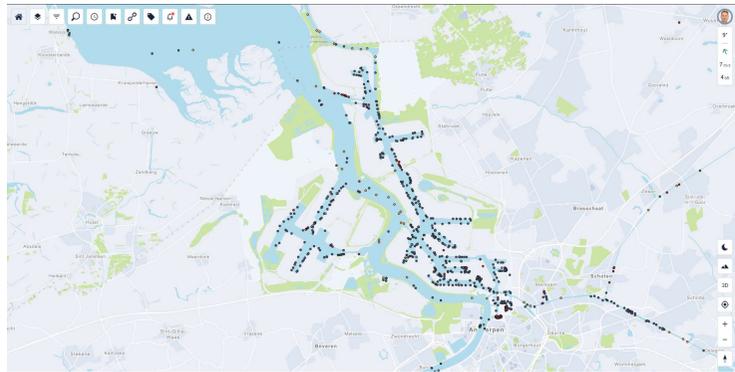
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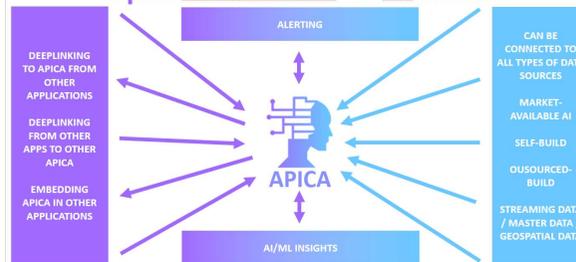
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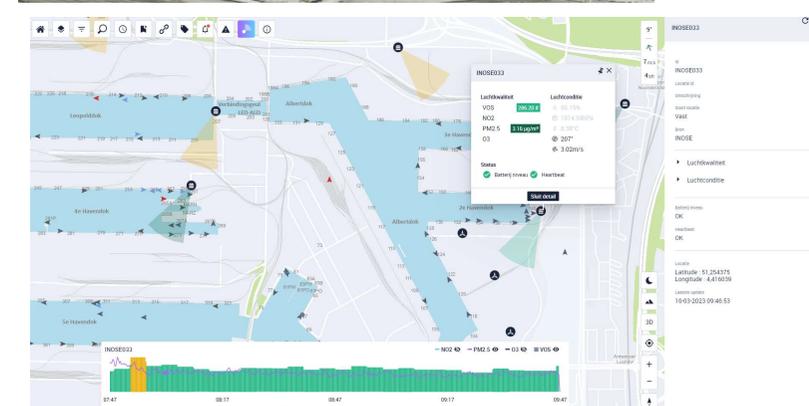
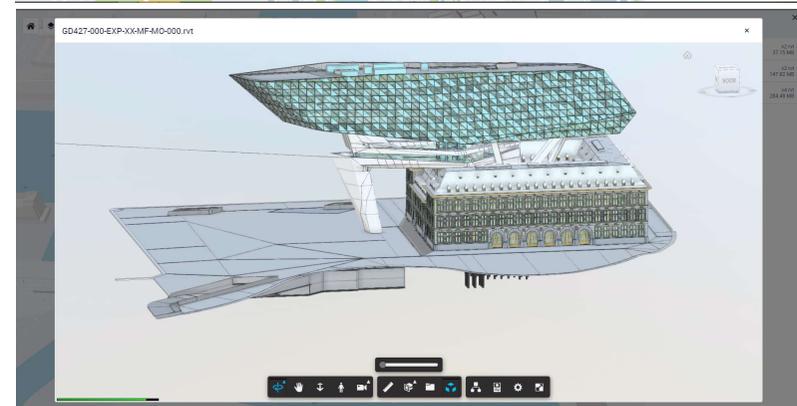
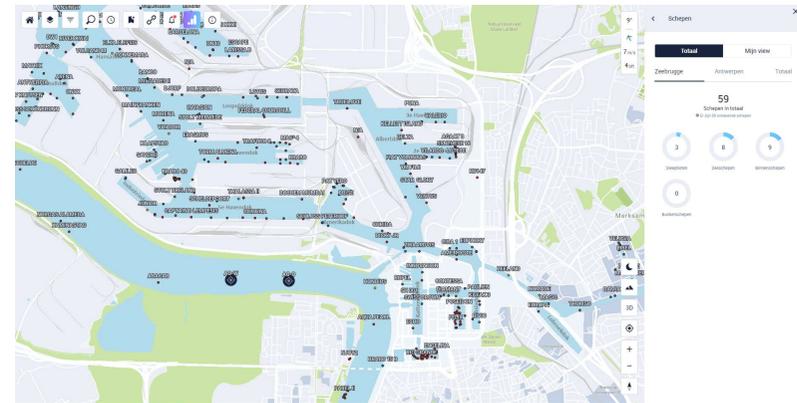
And Many More..



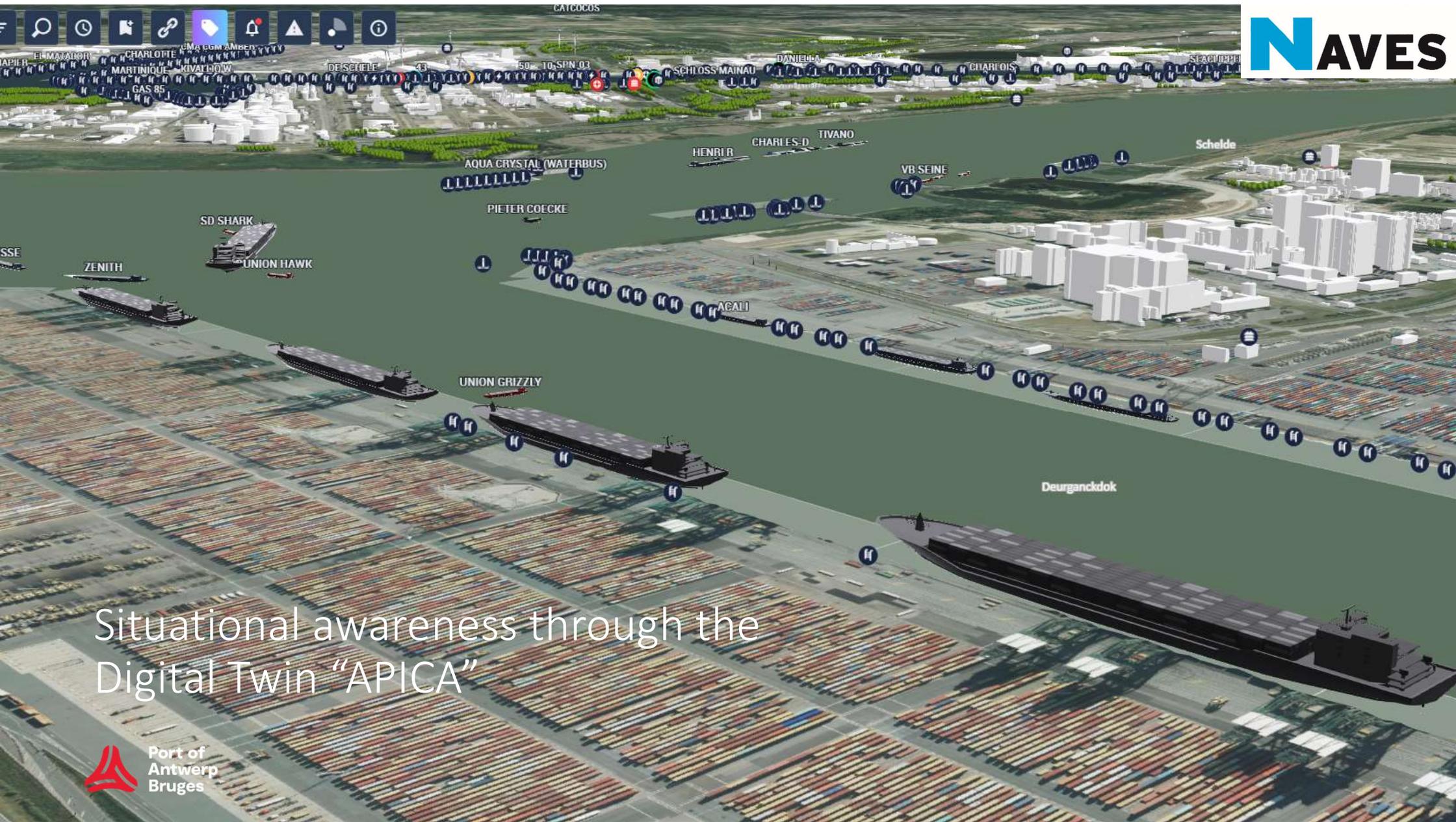
Open architecture on all sides.



Building the skeleton...



“Evolution by inspiration and iteration”



Situational awareness through the Digital Twin "APICA"

MMSI nummer
255806303

Snelheid
0 m/s

Heading
308.996124°

Berekende heading
308°

Koers over de grond
0,1°

Bestemming
227

Haven van herkomst
Porvoo (Borga)

Haven eindbestemming
Naantali (Nadendal)

Geschatte tijd

Berekende tijd

Type schip
Zeeschip

Code
CHTAN

Lengte
126,2m

Breedte
19,02m

Diepgang
6,5m

Stationair sinds
20-03-2023 03:41:08

9°
↑
5 m/s
3 bft

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PENELOP 309924000

Snelheid
3 m/s
Afmetingen
253,5 x 44,04 m

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Toon detail

ANNETTE ESSBERGER 255806303

Snelheid
0 m/s
Afmetingen
126,2 x 19,02 m
Stationaire tijd
8 hours

Sluit detail

Open on all sides &
Product approach

“Not limited to a specific area”



Sensors: an example

iNoses – IoT devices to inspect air condition and air quality. Detection of pollution and air quality issues



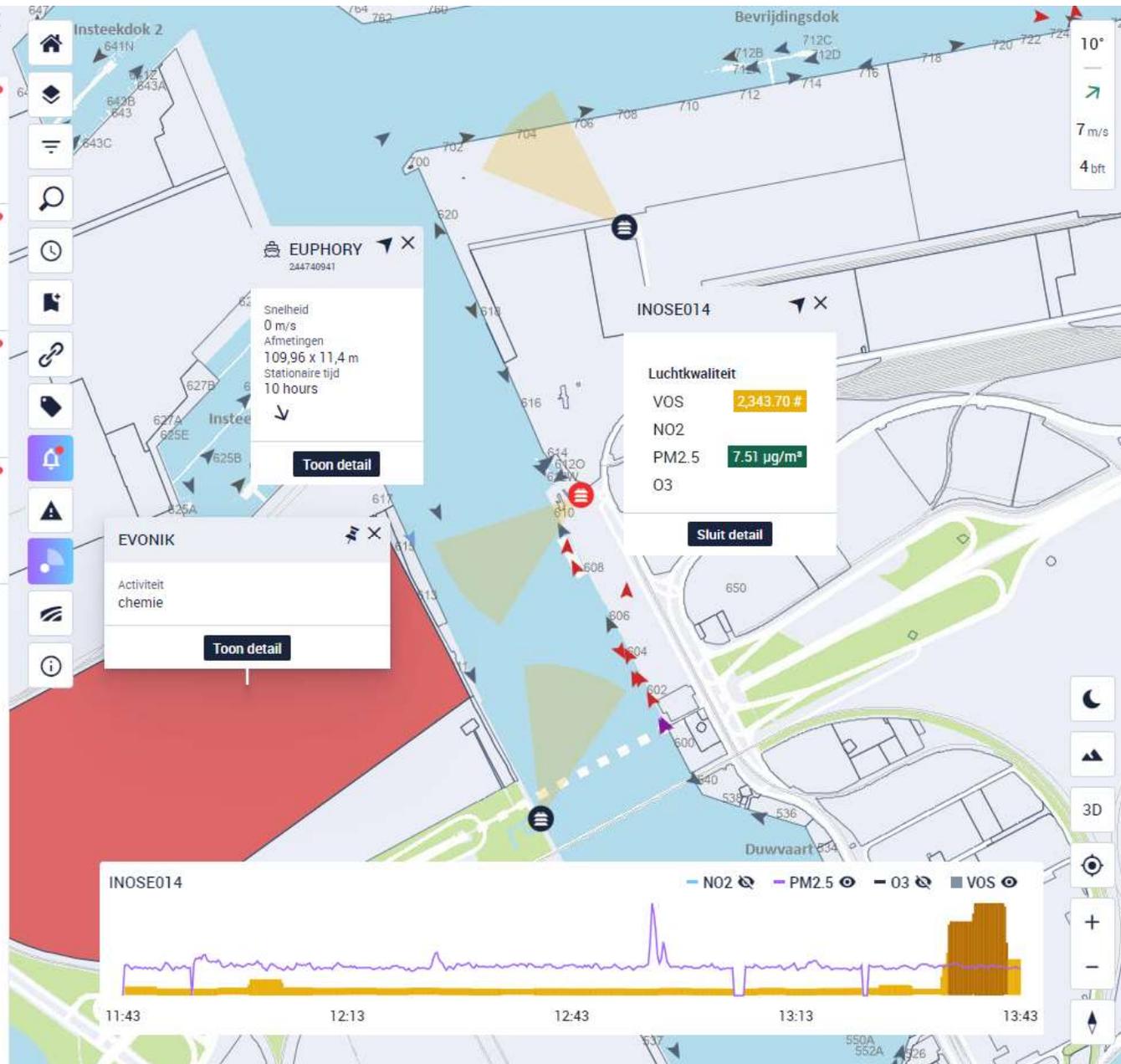
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id
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Locatie id
Omschrijving
Soort locatie
Vast
Bron
INOSE

- ▶ Luchtkwaliteit
- ▶ Luchtconditie

Batterij niveau
OK
Heartbeat
OK

Locatie
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Longitude : 4,319955
Laatste update
20-03-2023 13:43:13



- Meldingen
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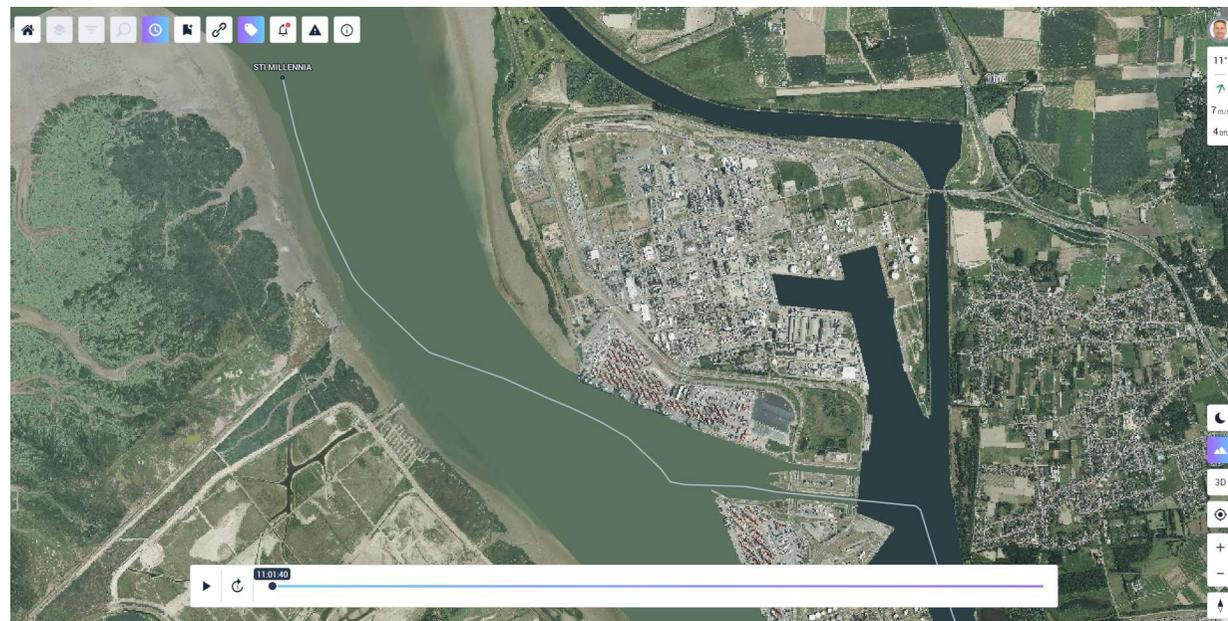
Benefits for Port Operation Management

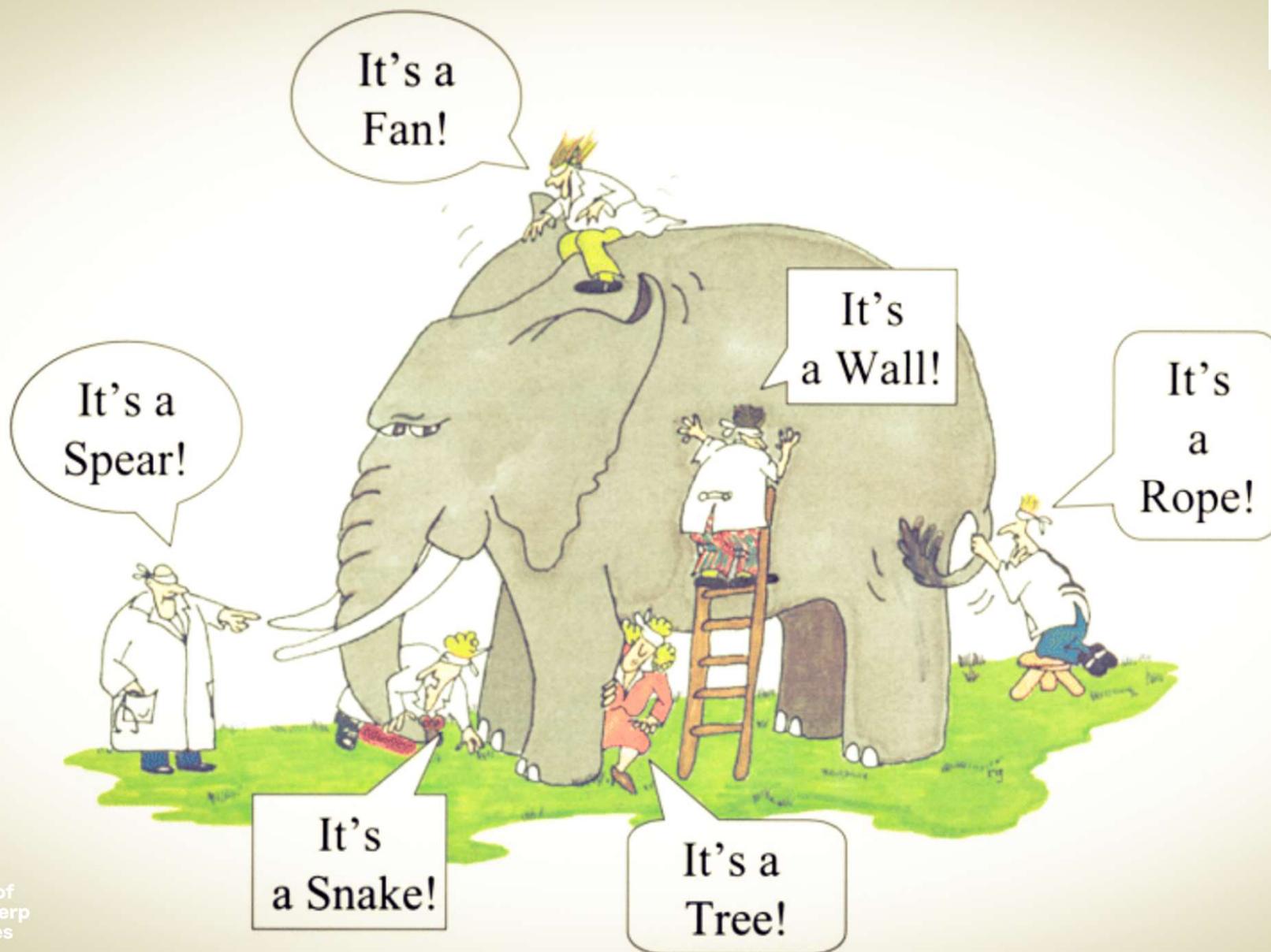
- Bringing real time insight into the port situation (nautical, infrastructure, environmental, meteo...)
- Gaining new insights based on (geographical) data connection across different layers
- Possibility to look back in time when investigating
- Augmented awareness by alerting and forecasting



Traffic Management

- **Ongoing use case**
- Forecast of traffic simulation to 30min
- Based on historic traffic flow, lock planning, tidal windows, current and predicted traffic situation, vessel destinations,...
- Goal: to provide additional insights into predicted situation, possible dangerous situation
- Additionally, provide insights into the emission effect of the simulated situation





Open architecture on all sides.

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DEEPLINKING
TO APICA FROM
OTHER
APPLICATIONS

DEEPLINKING
FROM OTHER
APPS TO OTHER
APICA

EMBEDDING
APICA IN OTHER
APPLICATIONS

ALERTING



APICA

AI/ML INSIGHTS

CAN BE
CONNECTED TO
ALL TYPES OF DATA
SOURCES

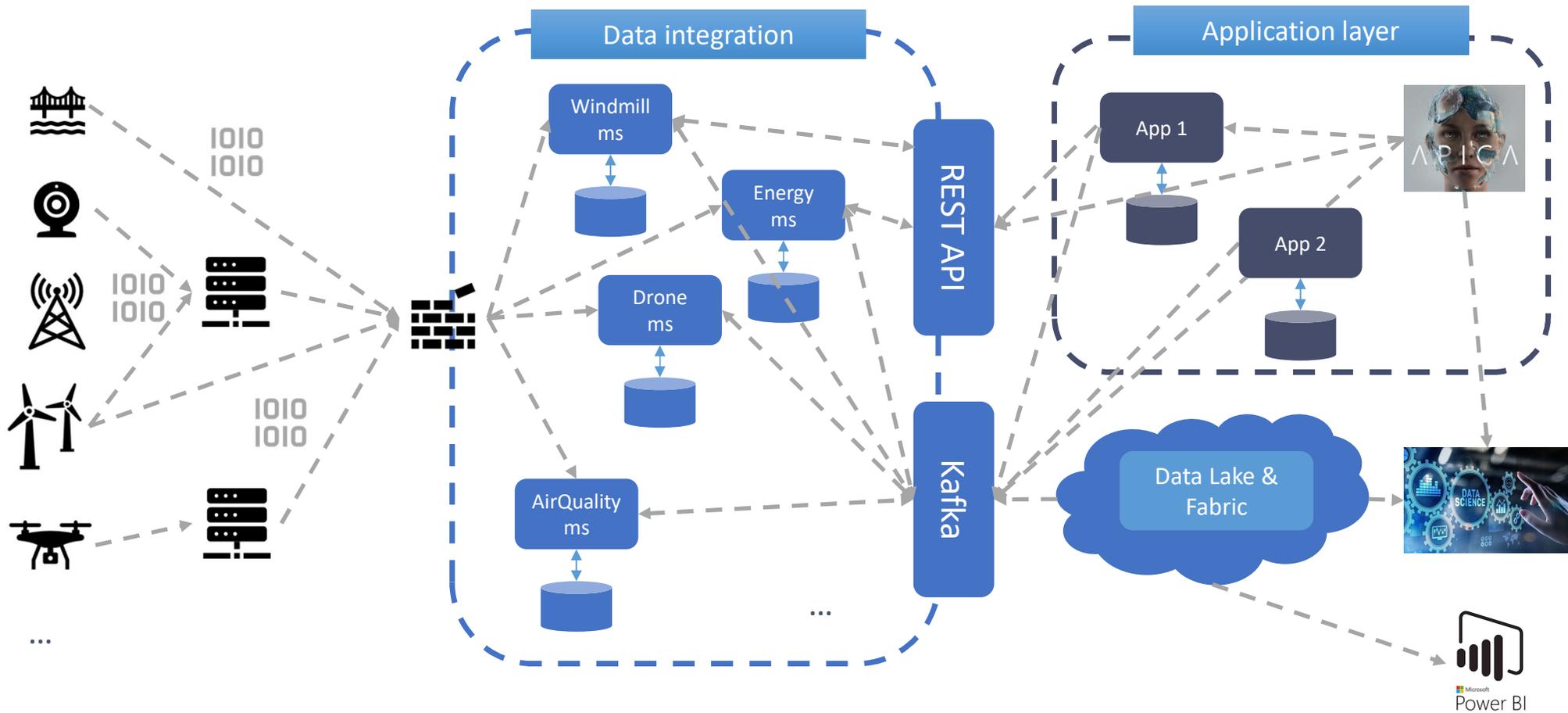
MARKET-
AVAILABLE AI

SELF-BUILD

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BUILD

STREAMING DATA
/ MASTER DATA /
GEOSPATIAL DATA

Data Management & Architecture is key



An aerial photograph of a port at sunset, showing a large container yard with many stacks of colorful containers, several ships docked at the pier, and industrial buildings in the background. A network of white lines and circular icons is overlaid on the image, representing a digital twin. The icons include a circular arrow, a magnifying glass over a person, a camera, a speech bubble, and a grid. The text "A (Port) Digital Twin" is written in red over the top part of the image.

A (Port) Digital Twin

- ✓ Creating a new additional application is NOT the goal, creating a digital twin is a vision
- ✓ Define clear vision, scope, target group(s), goal when starting, BUT... don't be reluctant to change or evolve!
- ✓ Building step by step provides focus and tangibility. By evolution, it inspires and brings new insights
- ✓ Open architecture lowers the integration effort for new use cases
- ✓ Strong data management & integration platform is key