

# THE MISSING LINK What does Al mean for Container Terminals?

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## **Constraints in the Supply Chain Landscape**



Lack of space to stack containers Vessels waiting near the shore for days Trucks waiting in line for hours Traffic jams, queues and delays Port congestion drives inflation Expected shift from globalization to regionalization in the supply chains

Reduced shipping distance and delivery time

## Drop in container throughput due to geopolitical and macroeconomic contexts

## **Traditional response to demand**

#### **Create spare capacity**

Increase the pool of equipment

Land extension

Extra shifts

#### **Technology driven solutions**

Low risk

**Financial savings** 

Fast Return on Investment







Wasteful, costly, and fundamentally inefficient

Hesitation in using technologies widely adopted in other industries

## Systemic innovation with AI

Artificial intelligence and Machine Learning are primed to change business processes.

#### Intelligent capabilities will:

Reinforce automation and process optimization Deliver better and faster planning, decision making, and risk forecasting

Do more with less in industries such as manufacturing, retail and transportation

## **Advanced AI Systems**

#### Al can bring higher levels of value as you add two critical vectors

**Context and Business Problem Analysis** 

Operations Research integration (Probabilistic optimization)

CONTEXT AND PROBLEM ANALYSIS

#### **Paradigm shift in resulting solutions**

Al Systems able to predict, plan, and be aware of the world around them at a very high standard

Business KPIs are dynamic, can be varied and drive the operational logic

PROBABILISTIC OPTIMIZATION



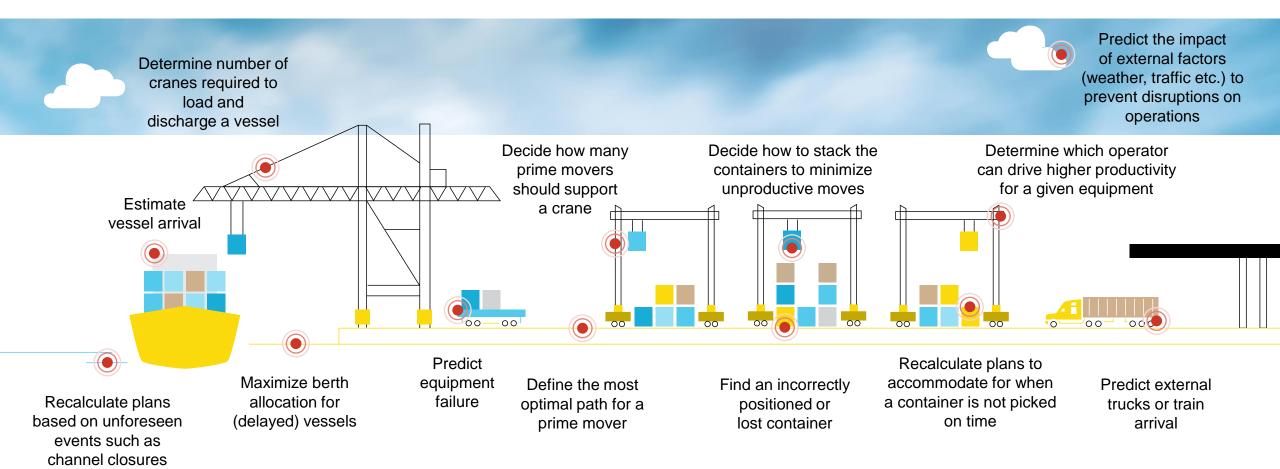
BIG DATA ENGINEERING AND MACHINE LEARNING

## Going beyond the existing status

#### AI Systems are outperforming current systems by:

- Enabling efficient planning based on optimally configured systems
- Adapting to real-time operational changes dynamically
- Re-configuring parameters automatically
- Replacing penalty approach with objective functional realization approach
- Delivering ML-based self-learning
- Eliminating manual updates

## **Opportunities for AI based value**



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## Key take-aways

Global maritime supply chains have been disrupted

Al systems help to deal with the disruptions through better synchronization of cargo flows

Al tools are immediately available and Al systems can be quickly built while expanding capacity takes time

With more optimized infrastructure utilization come many advantages and benefits

Advanced systems start with the business problem, not the technology solution

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