

# Digital Twins

## Analytics for Port Optimizations

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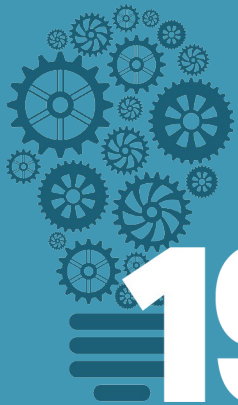
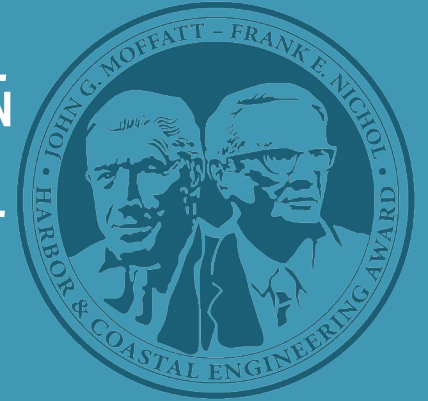
**14,000+**  
PROJECTS COMPLETED



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FOUNDED IN

**1945**

**50+**  
OFFICES



**80%**  
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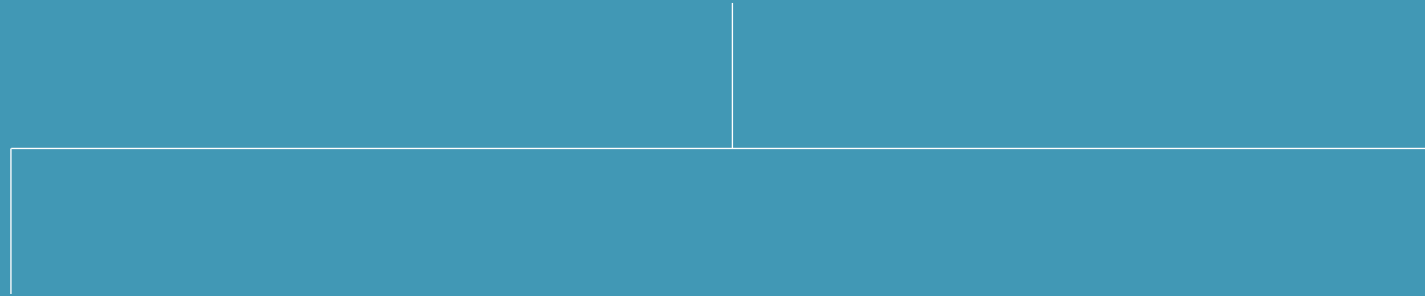


**1,200+**  
EMPLOYEES





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 NEXTPORT

# The world is changing...

Young children used to learn by playing with real toys first and slowly transitioned into more abstract learning.



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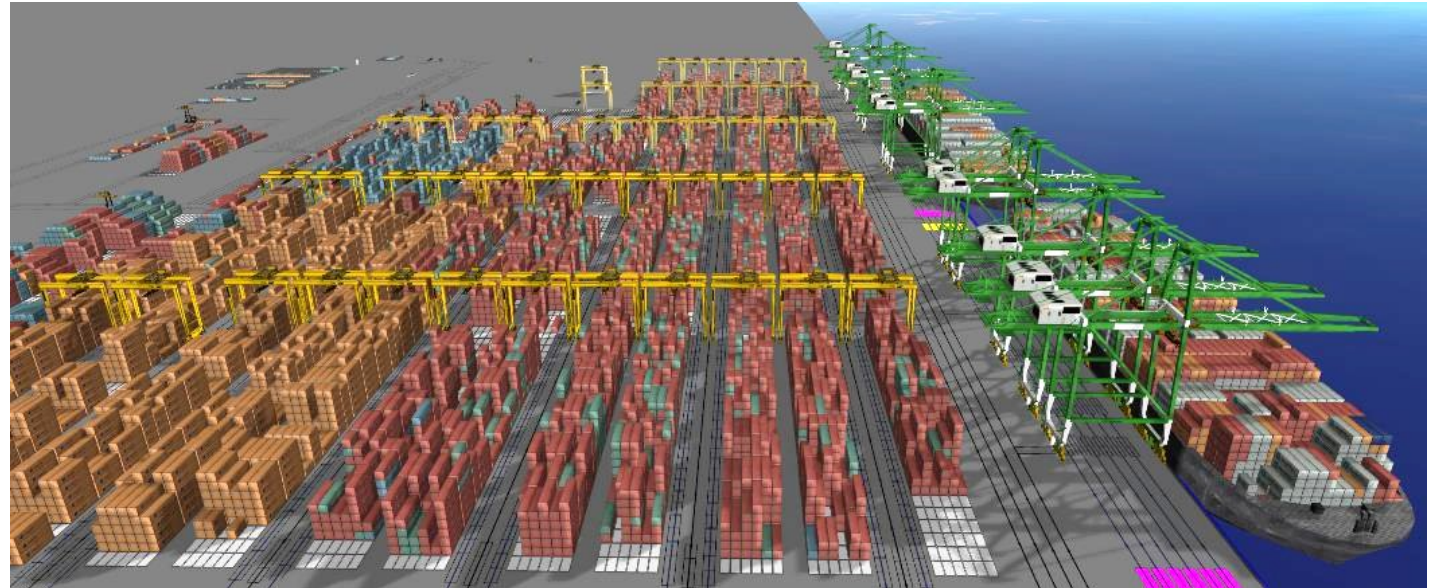
Today is different —  
the abstract world is  
at their fingertips...

# Industrial Digital Twins



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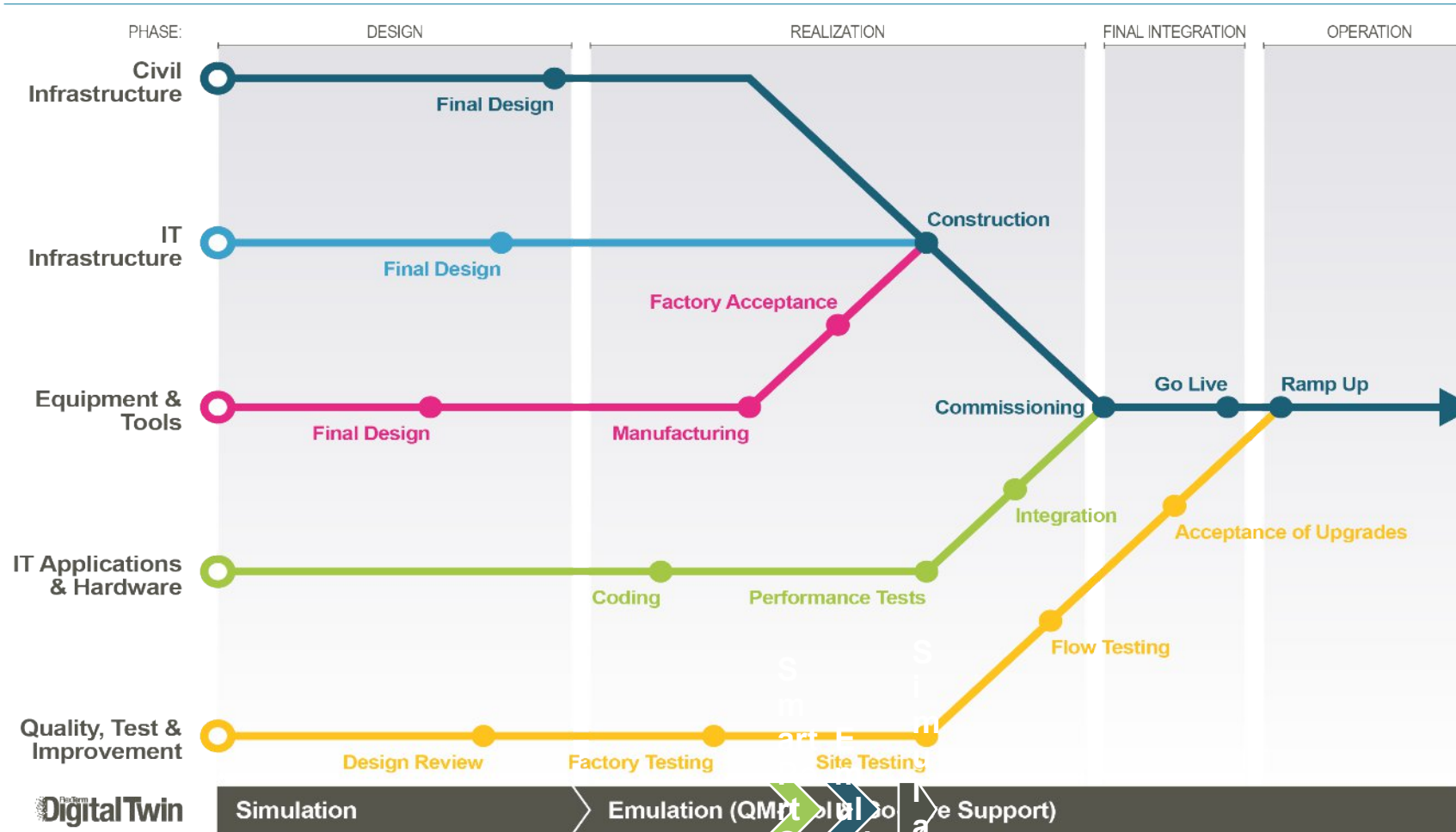
- › **Real-Time Mirroring** – A replication of the real world in real time.
- › **Simulation** – An abstract model to play out future scenarios.
- › **Emulation** – Real software systems and behaviors integrated in a virtual world.
- › **Smart Ports Solutions** – Comprehensive Data Platform to optimize operations.



# Path to Completion



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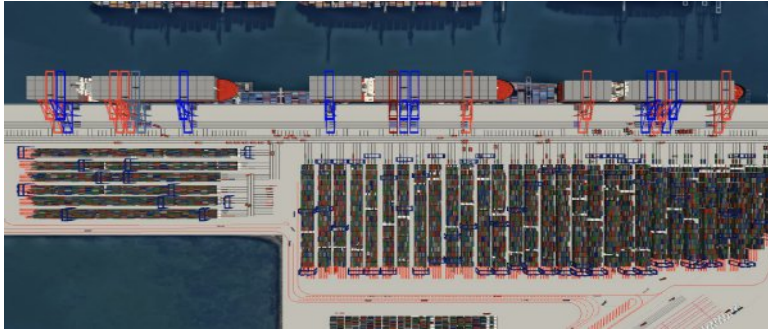


- › The typical work streams and integration challenge.
- › Regardless of procurement strategy, this needs to be done.
- › Quality Management is key.

# Terminal Planning



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- › Define diverse terminal configurations and equipment solutions.
- › Try different yard planning techniques and methods.
- › Evaluate performance with simulation or emulation.

# Simulation

- › Optimize container terminal design.
- › Test the infrastructure before:
  - › Pouring concrete.
  - › Ordering equipment.
  - › Or even, drafting designs.

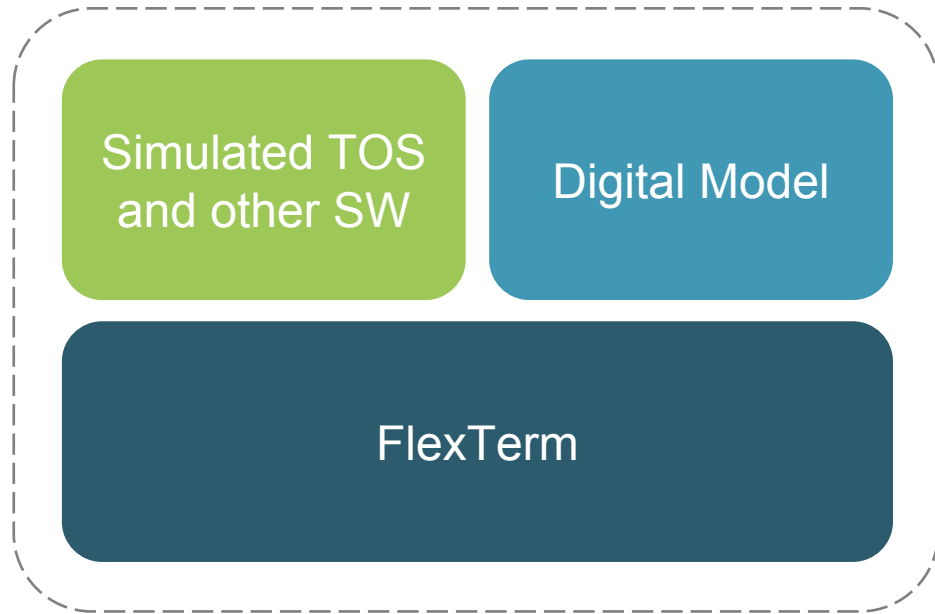


## Address questions like:

- › **What system design? (RTGs vs. automated RMG, terminal tractors vs. AGVs)**
- › **For a given concept, what terminal layout is best?**
- › **For a concept and layout, how much equipment is necessary to meet operational goals?**
- › **What operational capacity can be achieved?**
- › **For an existing site, what changes (layout, equipment changes, more equipment) would lead to operational improvement?**

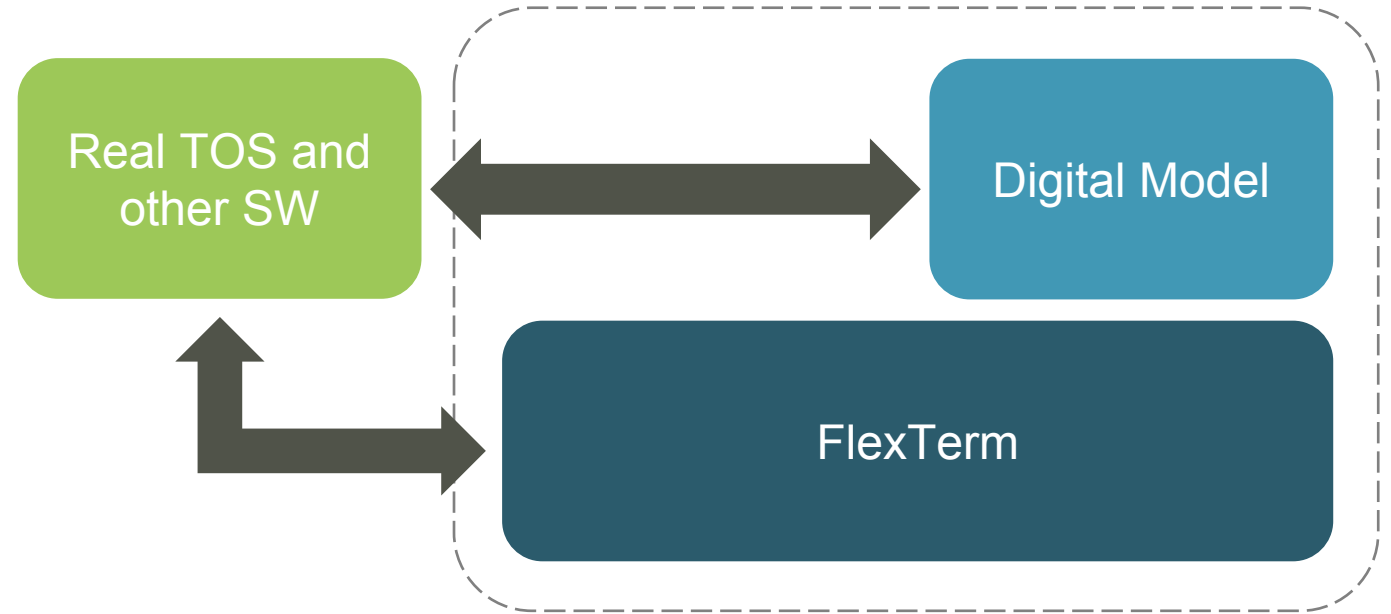
# From Simulation to Emulation

**Simulation =**  
**FlexTerm + Digital Model + SimTOS**



**Optimize infrastructure**

**Emulation =**  
**FlexTerm + Digital Model + TOS**



**Test systems, Optimize operations,  
Train operational staff**

# Emulation: The Quality Assurance Solution

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Testing, Training and Optimization

## ■ Testing

- ò Integration
- ò Missing functionality
- ò Bugs

## ■ Training

- ò Happy day scenarios
- ò Process variation
- ò Exception handling

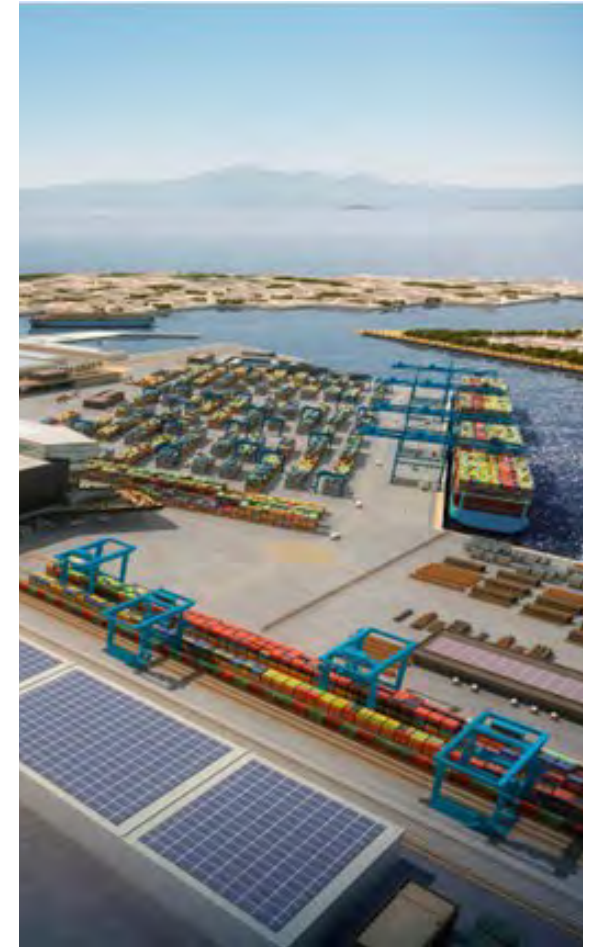
## ■ Optimization

- ò Scenarios
- ò Configurations
- ò Variations

**Is the  
integration  
complete?**

**Staff skilled  
for the job?**

**Are systems  
configured the  
right way?**

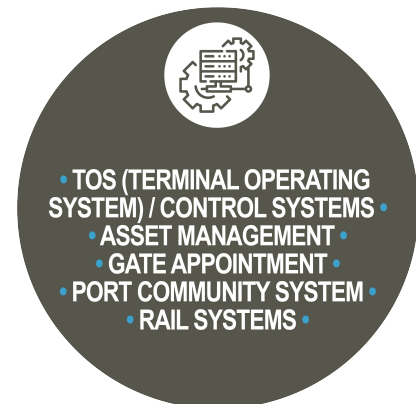


# 'Smart Port' Concept

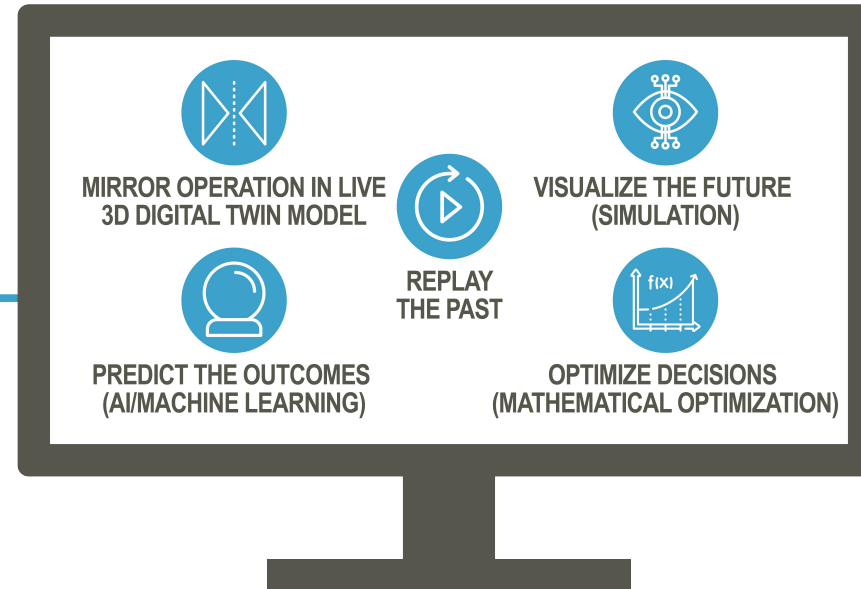
BRING ALL THE DATA TOGETHER



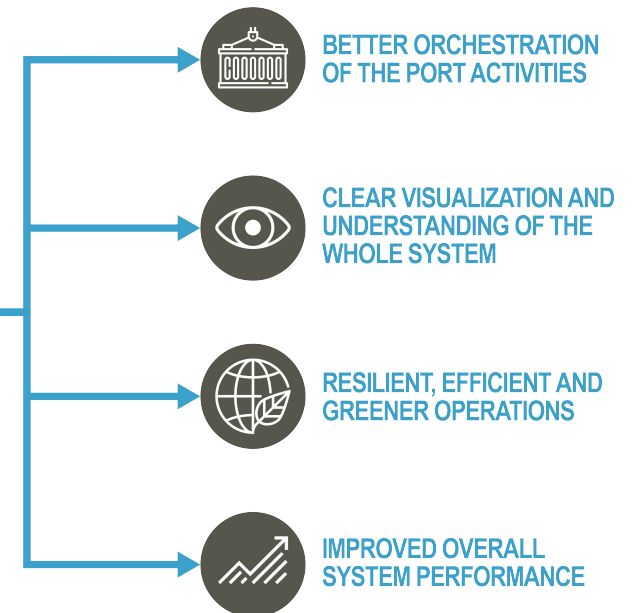
INTEGRATE ALL SYSTEMS



IN A DIGITAL TWIN



TO ACHIEVE



# Digital Twin Opportunities



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## Optimize Traffic Flows

### Examples:

- › Vehicle booking system integration – Planning at port level and no longer at terminal level.
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## Sustainability

### Examples:

- › Smart ports plan to significantly increase throughput in same footprint and same or even reduced emissions.
- › Compliance with regulation and transparent energy/emission KPIs measure.

# Optimize Your World



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**Simulate**

To assure you are  
building it right

**Emulate**

To assure you  
configure and  
integrate it right

**Smart Port  
Solutions**

To assure you  
optimize and use it  
right

# Thank you

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