# **PROTO-PI** Digital Gateway to the **PHYSICAL INTERNE**

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### PROTO-PI PROJECT GOALS

### Development of an integrated conceptual framework for a digital gateway to the Physical Internet

- (1) A larger number of different **transport service providers** must be integrated into an envisaged transport management platform;
- (2) Their **service offerings** must be sensibly segmented according to certain criteria so that they also contribute to higher profitability through more adequate logistics structures;
- (3) The **role of the platform operator** must be defined in such a way that it does not have a negative impact on the actors involved.
- (4) Standardized **returnable transportation items** should be integrated into the concept.

### **Prototypical implementation** of an advanced web-based transportation management platform ("G2PI-platform")

- by digitalizing the transport management process as far as possible
- and integrating all relevant players in the process (TSPs, HUB-operators, logistical service providers)

### Benefit evaluation through use cases of the companies involved in the project

- increasing the shipment size and utilization of truck capacity and therefore generating cost savings
- through case study simulation and prototyping with company partner

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## **REALITY CHECK** OPEN LOGISTICS SYSTEM WITH INTERCONNECTIVITY THROUGH ENCAPSULATION

### There is no way to deliver these 4 items on the same day to the same hospital with the same truck..

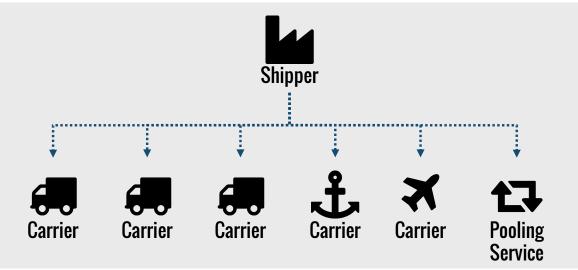
even if these items would be ordered from the same supplier for the same delivery date



- there are **bans** on loading between certain goods (medicine/food);
- specific temperatures are required for transport (chilled/frozen goods);
- larger devices are usually supplied with a crew of 2 (technical services);
- certain goods require a higher delivery service or shorter delivery times (same-day services).

## **REALITY CHECK USE OF TRANSPORT SERVICE PROVIDERS**

..this is why companies (as shippers) use a large number of transport/logistical service providers (TSP/LSP)



Typical structure of TSP used enlarges:

- the bigger the company (or the more significant transportation costs)
- and the greater the variety of **services** offered
- the greater the number of transport service providers used.

	Small Enterprise	Medium-size Enterprise	Large Enterprise	
parcel service	0-1	1-3	1.5	
groupage freight forwarder	1-2	1-5	3-7	<b>IPIC</b> 2019
FTL carrier	0-3	1-10	5-25	

## REALITY CHECK MODERN TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

### Starting Point: complete outsourcing of transports through a TMS

selected examples from the Austrian market

ELOGGATE YOUR GATE TO E-LOGISTICS	<ul> <li>Key Features:</li> <li>web-based transportation order allocation</li> <li>administration of service provider tariffs</li> <li>mobile feedback via app</li> </ul>
SPOT Supply Chain Visibility & Collaboration Platform	<ul> <li>Key Features:</li> <li>digital platform for automating the procurement and delivery process</li> <li>transportation and freight price module</li> </ul>
TRANSPOREON	<ul> <li>Key Features:</li> <li>contracting platform for shippers</li> <li>connection to a large number of TSPs</li> <li>individual services available</li> </ul>
	Key Features: digital trading platform for FTL transports truck loads are priced and sold based on algorithms



- in most cases, these TMS are used particularly as digital purchasing platforms for transportation services
  - little optimization of the goods flow (through bundling)
  - almost no **cooperation** between different TSPs (therefore fewer multimodal transport chains)
  - not designed for returnable transportation items (RTIs)

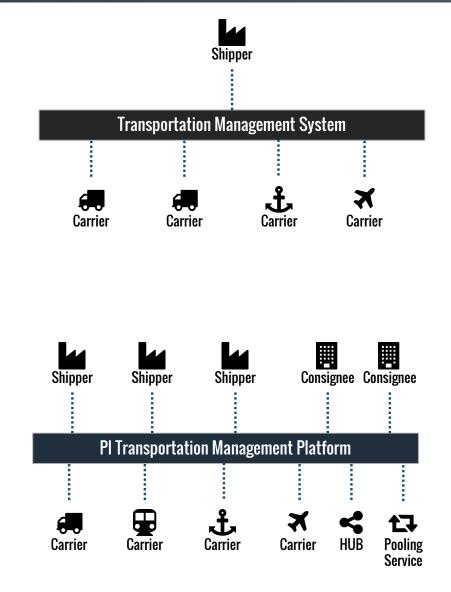


## STARTING POINT TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS SECTOR IN AUSTRIA

- a highly segmented market
- € 44.1 billion turnover
- **213,224** annual average number of **employees**
- 11,082 **Enterprises** in the freight transport sector
- 1,645 freight forwarders
- 109 railway operators
- with a rather low level of process digitalization



## **CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK:** FROM THE TRADITIONAL TO OPEN-TMS MODEL



- restricted proprietary service provider pool
- static integration of new service providers through tenders
- service provider **tariffs** apply only to the individual shipper
- new service providers are de facto unknown
- mainly carriers are listed
- transport documents are not shared

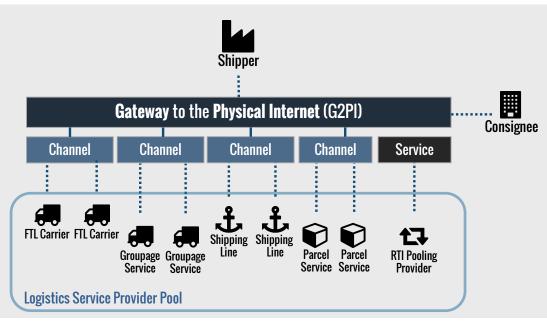


- joint, open pool of service providers
- dynamic integration of new service providers
- service provider **tariffs** might apply to all shippers
- a history is available for each service provider
- neutral HUB operators and pooling services will be listed
- transport documents are shared

## **CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK:** SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE / BUSINESS MODEL

### **Role of the Platform Operator**

- is a neutral platform provider, financed by a commission rate for each freight assignment and fixed listing fees of the TSP
- manages channels and respective TSPs (inviting, qualifying and auditing them = 3-step supplier development)
- offers a variety of additional services (reports, analysis, connectivity links,...)



.. in this respect, the platform operator acts as a kind of neutral and comprehensive **4PL logistics provider**.

### **Definition of a Transportation Channel**

- Pl channels improve **bundling** of mutually compatible goods via an adequate system configuration
- with a concrete service description (e.g. temperature-controlled transport of standardized parcels and individual pallets within a country in the next-day logistics network with delivery van with lifting platform).

## The Physical Internet thus consists of a multitude of PI channels existing side by side, which have the following practical characteristics - a system of systems (B. Montreuil):

- a) Industry-specific channels, e.g. for temperature logistics, hazardous goods logistics.
- b) Channels related to **means of transport**, e.g. parcel service, sea and air freight.
- c) **Receiver-related channels**, e.g. cross docking systems for branch distribution

### **New functionalities** for open-TMS (PI-Hypersystem):

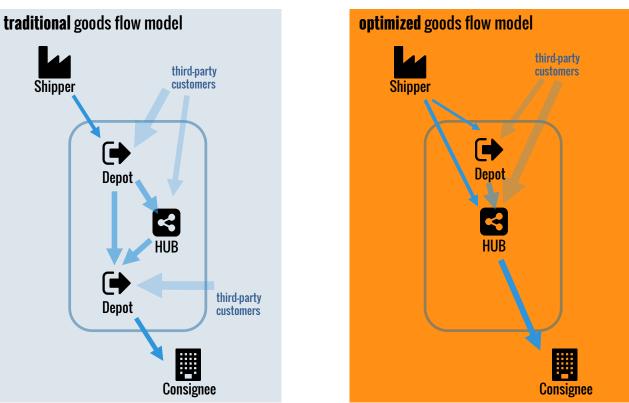
- (1) PLATFORM OPERATOR:
- (2) PLATFORM OPERATOR:
- (3) SHIPPER:
- (4) PLATFORM ALGORITHM:

Setup and administration of Transportation Channels Managing the TSP listed inside the Transportation Channel Requesting the TSP of a specific Channel to provide transportation offers Help the shipper to find the best TSP with the most specific service description



## SOLUTION APPROACH: OPTIMIZING THE GOODS FLOW THROUGH SPECIALIZED TRANSPORT CHANNELS...

- receiver-related bundling (through more specific Transportation Channels)
- via appropriate hubs, open to any PI-certified users (with neutral HUB operators as part of the concept)

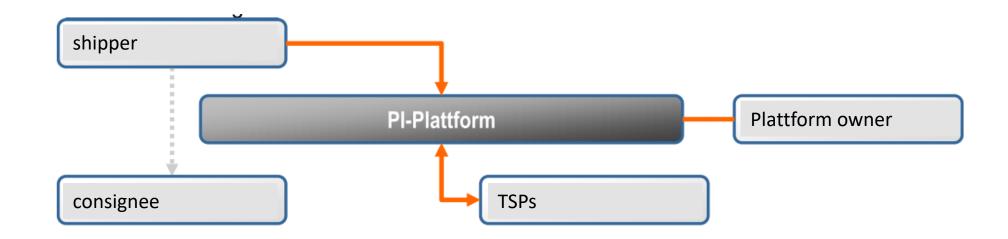


### **Practical example from the project:**

 Through the use of the more specific C&C-distribution channel (instead of a general cargo channel for the whole of Austria), the prices offered by the C&C-channel operator were -20% lower, significantly increasing bundling of deliveries at the same time.

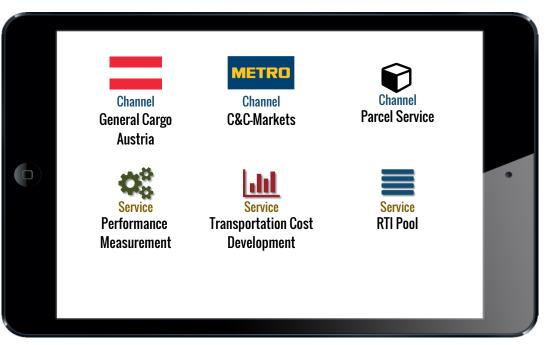
### SOLUTION APPROACH: 62PI PI-HYPERSYSTEM





## DEMONSTRATION: PROTOTYPICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 62P PLATFORM

- web-based JAVA application (G2PI = Gateway to the Physical Internet) with integrated mobile apps
- evaluated in the course of the project



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### **Key Findings**:

- Choosing the right channel for a shipment is more important than choosing the right TSP, because the more specific the channel is, the higher is the **bundling rate** in customer delivery.
- Based on a underlying generic data platform a variety of channels as well as services (e.g. data analysis tools, management of RTI,...) can be offered / implemented.

## DEMONSTRATION: G2PI PI-HYPERSYSTEM DEMONSTRATION PROTOTYPE

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### - order management

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# **EXAMPLE:** LOI PARTNER $\rightarrow$ USE CASE TRANSALP CORRIDOR



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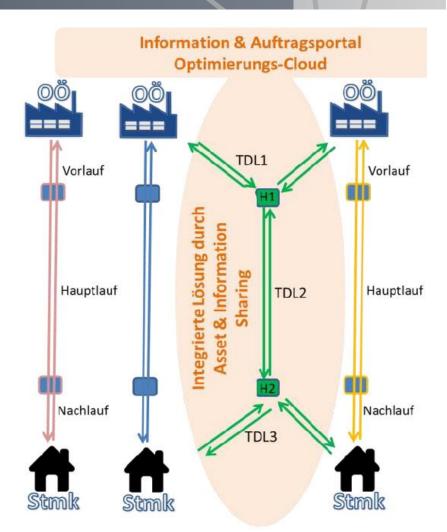
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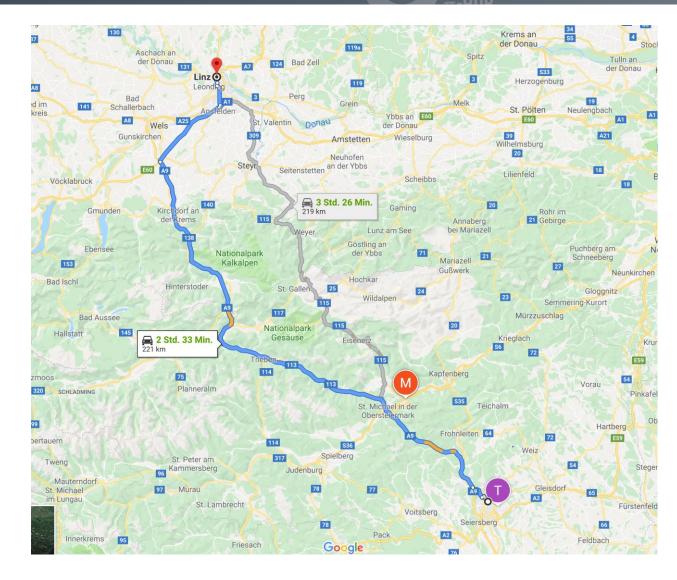
#### **THE LAGERHÄUSER**

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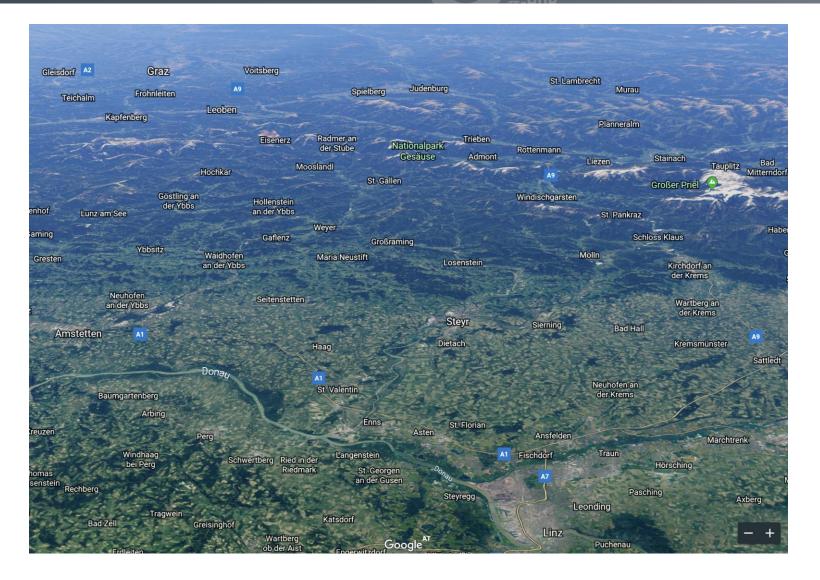


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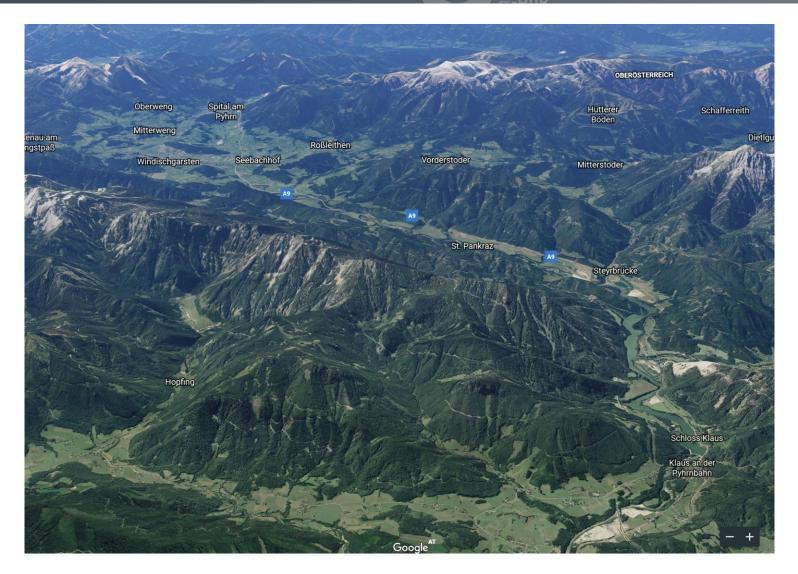
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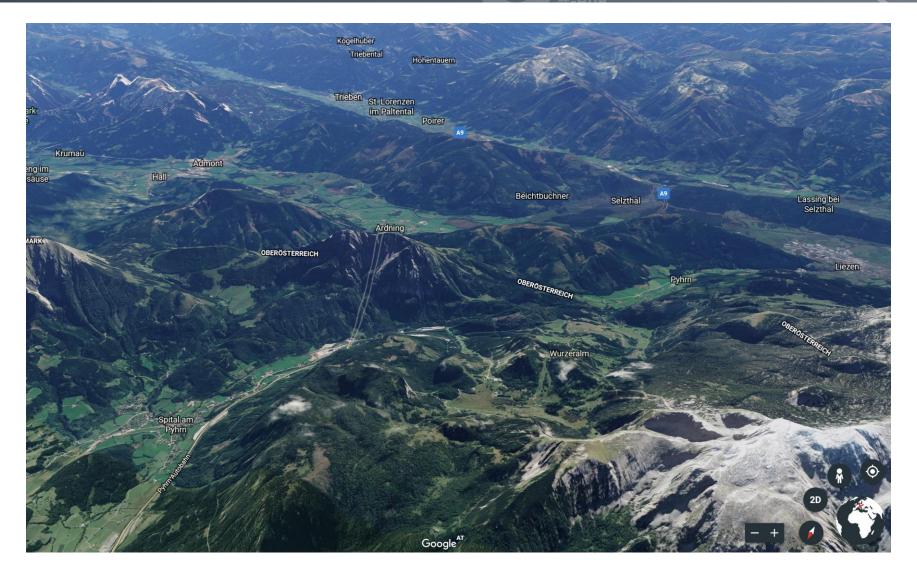




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#### (1) **Reduction of transport costs**

- by using specialized TSPs in specifically defined PI Channels
- therefore changing the physical goods flow to a direct delivery from a dedicated HUB location

Total Cost per pallet	€32,00	Total Cost per pallet	€29,17	€25,00	€22,50
Last Mile Delivery	€ 17,50		,-	- ,	,
Depot handling	€2,00	Direct stop costs (€ 50,-/ stop)	€ 16,67	€ 12,50	€10,00
Main run Upper Austria-Styria	€ 12,50	Main run (as direct run)	€ 12,50	€ 12,50	€ 12,50
Traditional Groupage System	per pallet	Direct Delivery from HUB	3 pallets	4 pallets	5 pallets

#### Stronger **bundling** in delivery (2)

through consolidating small items according to delivery addresses at a dedicated HUB location 

#### Savings in loading space due to the use of **PI containers** (3)

through improved stackability & folding of PI grid boxes 

#### Full digitization of the transport order process (4)



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### **EXAMPLE:** FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF A PI CONTAINER BASED ON A STEEL BOX PALLET

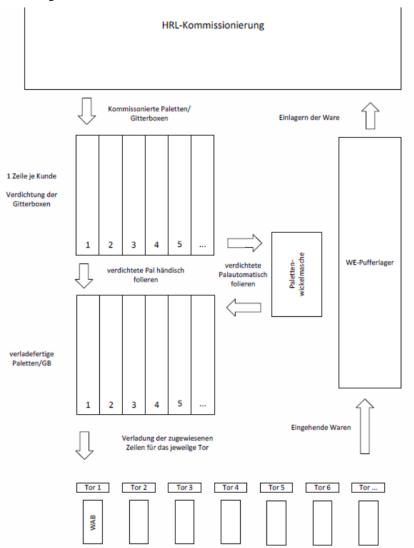
### - Comparison of Key Requirements

Standard steel box pallet	PI-Container
standard height (2.5m) of a truck fully usable	flexible size due to modular design
stackable	stackable
non foldable	foldable for space-saving storage and transportation of empty containers
box with grids on the sides	lockable
compatible with euro pallets	compatibility with truck load space
space for RFID tags in the stand blocks	integrated RFID tag for identification
space for further sensors in the stand blocks	integrated sensor technology for measuring environmental influences
space for tracking system in the stand blocks	integrated tracking system
easy assembly/disassembly by one person	easy assembly/disassembly by one person
cost-effective production	cost-effective production
boxes are stacked and secured against lateral slippage	integration of several containers to a single shipping unit
handling with conventional equipment (forklift, etc.) possible	handling with conventional equipment (forklift, etc.) possible

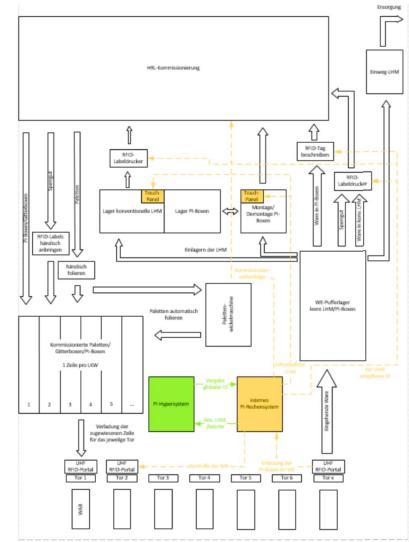


## **EXAMPLE:** FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF WAREHOUSES

### - Current layout



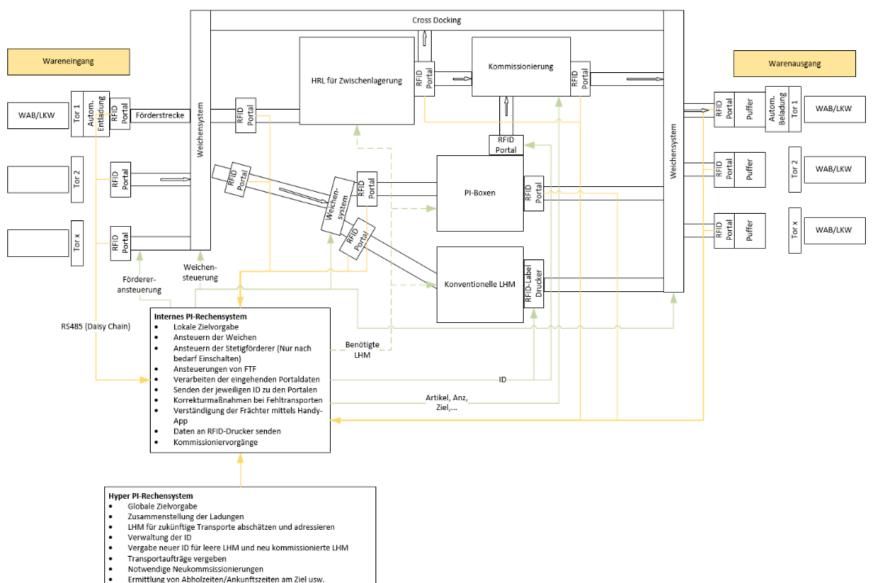
### - Ideal layout



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## **EXAMPLE - GENERALIZATION: FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF A WAREHOUSES**

Generalized layout



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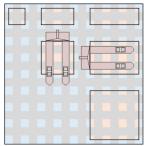


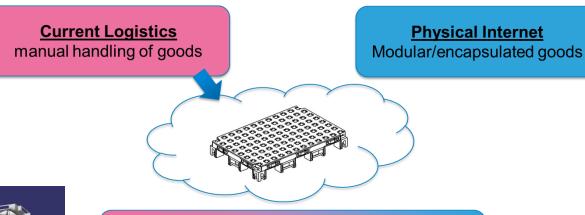
# **One more thing!**



## PROTOTYPE PI-PALLET

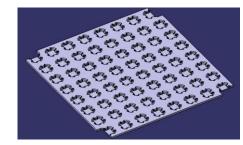
- Ongoing discussions from MODULUSHCA on (2015) show: there is a need for a pallet
- PI-Pallet: Interlocks with M-boxes or any other physical connection
- Modular up to 1200 x 1200 mm

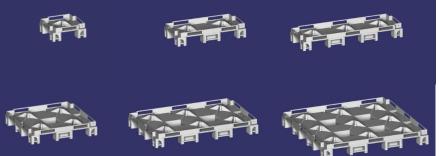






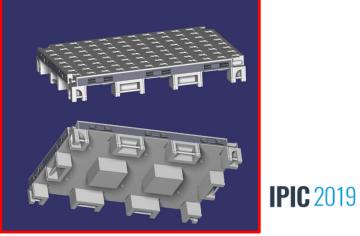
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Physical Internet Logistics Manual handling of modular/encapsulated goods within first-mile and last-mile transportation





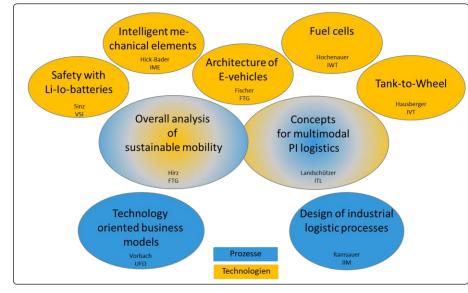
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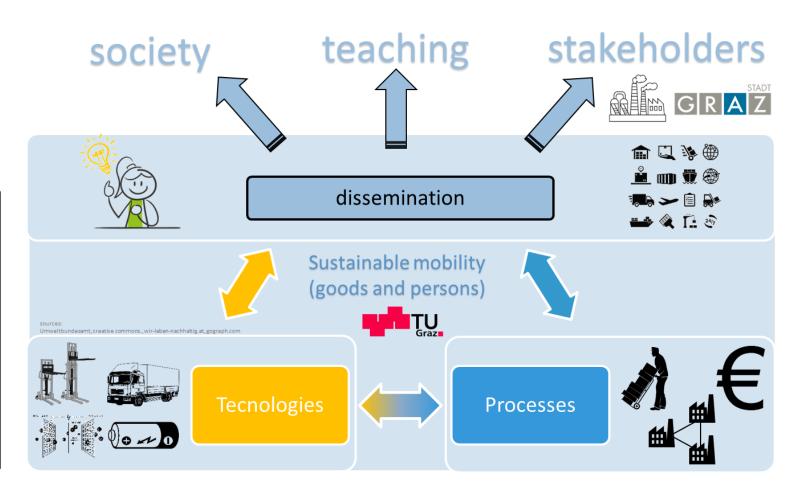


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