

Implementing Fleet Digitalization: Systems, applications and lessons learned

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Digital Transformation / shipping companies

EURONAV is a Large tanker company

2014 -> FDM (Fleet Data Monitoring) platform in place

Collecting data from vessels + Communication to shore offices

- Accrued benefit now: Domain knowledge & experience in “Digital transformation”
- But original FDM system was now loaded to capacity!

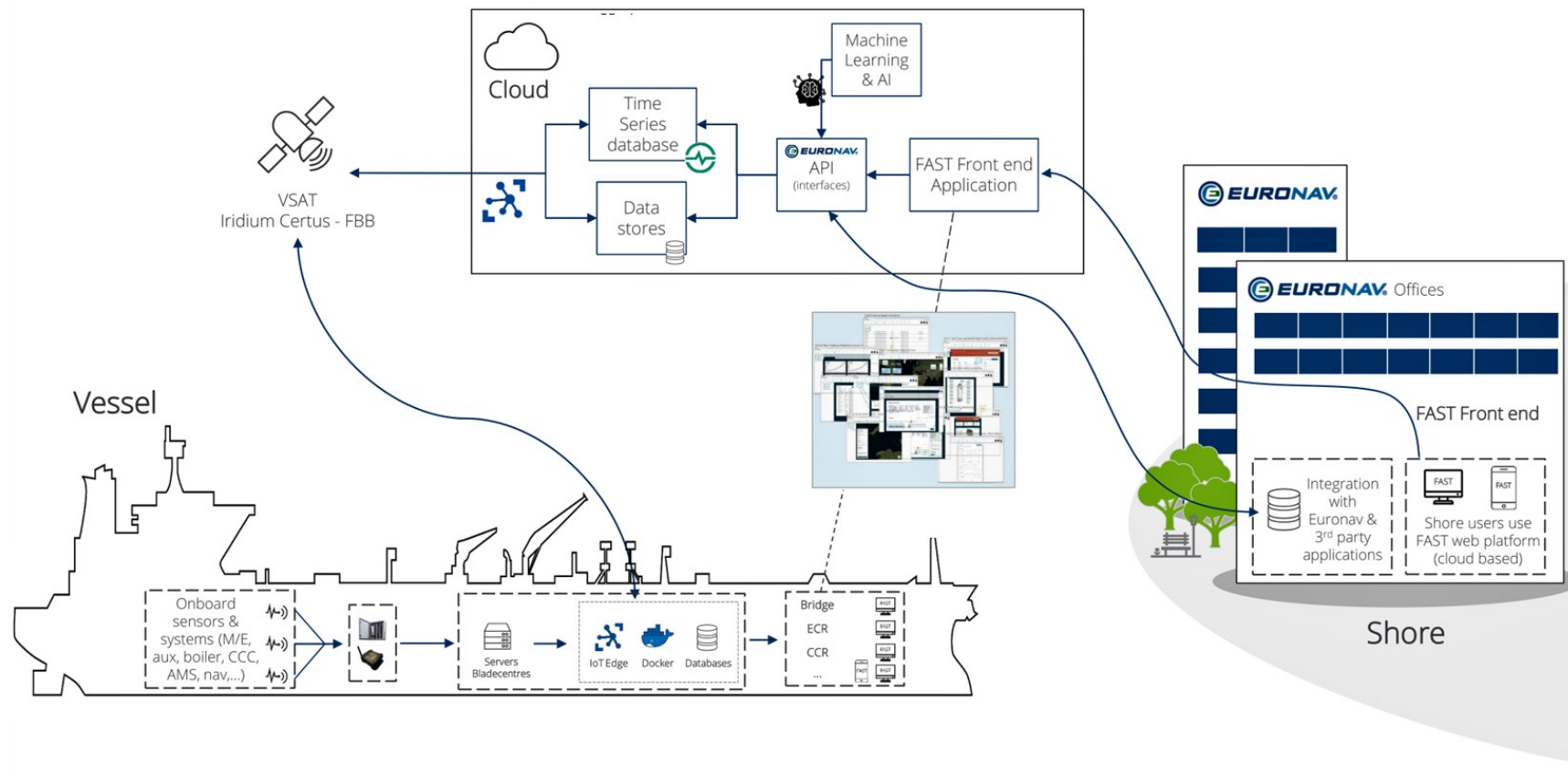
➤ New platform FAST (Fleet Automatic Statistics & Tracking)

Conceived 2018 to replace original FDM system

Approach

- New end-to-end solution

FAST platform (Fleet Automatic Statistics & Tracking)



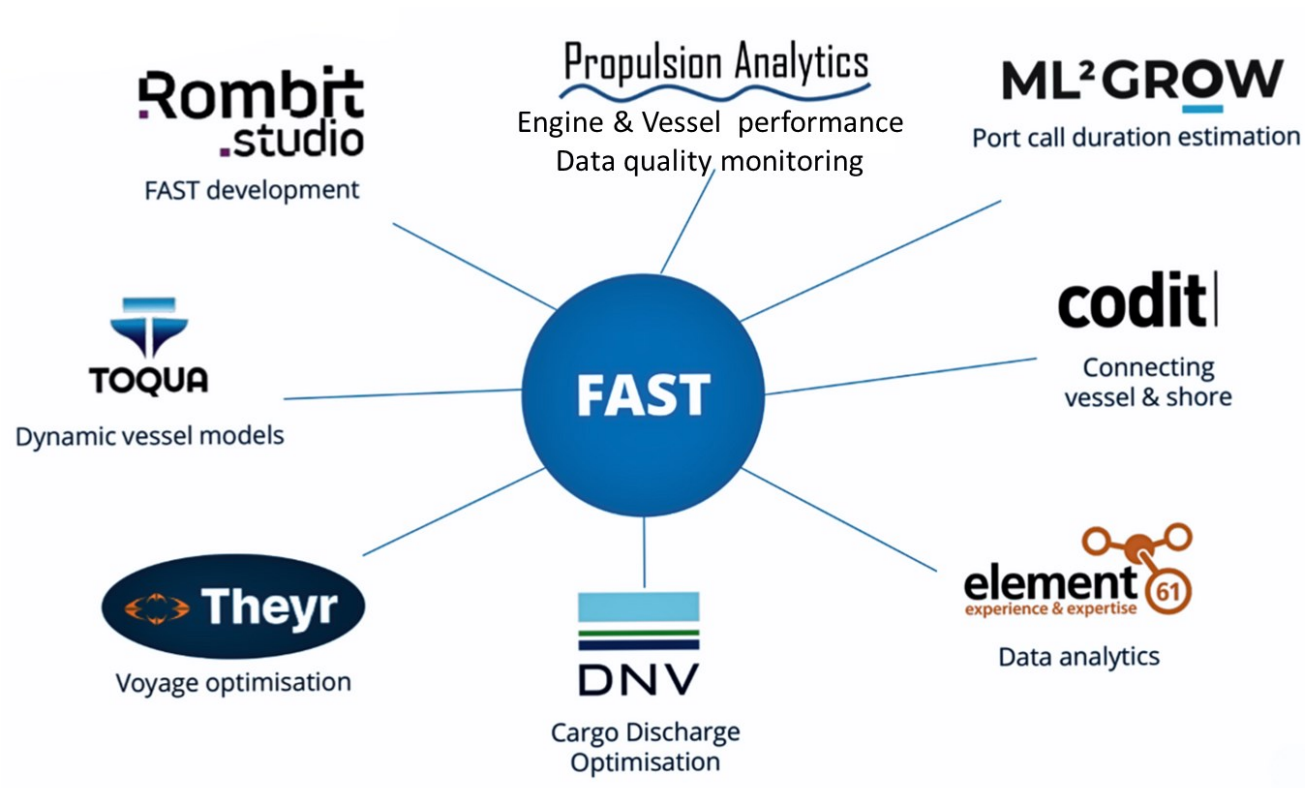
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Digital system and tools

- Complete system can be complex
- Full specification of complete new system is difficult at start
- Concept is linked to people & their individual perceptions/ideas
- Time to complete such system is long -> People & ideas change
- Inhouse vs outsourcing dilemma

Approach

- Euronav partnership with specialist vendors
 - Flexibility
 - Selection
 - Complex project management



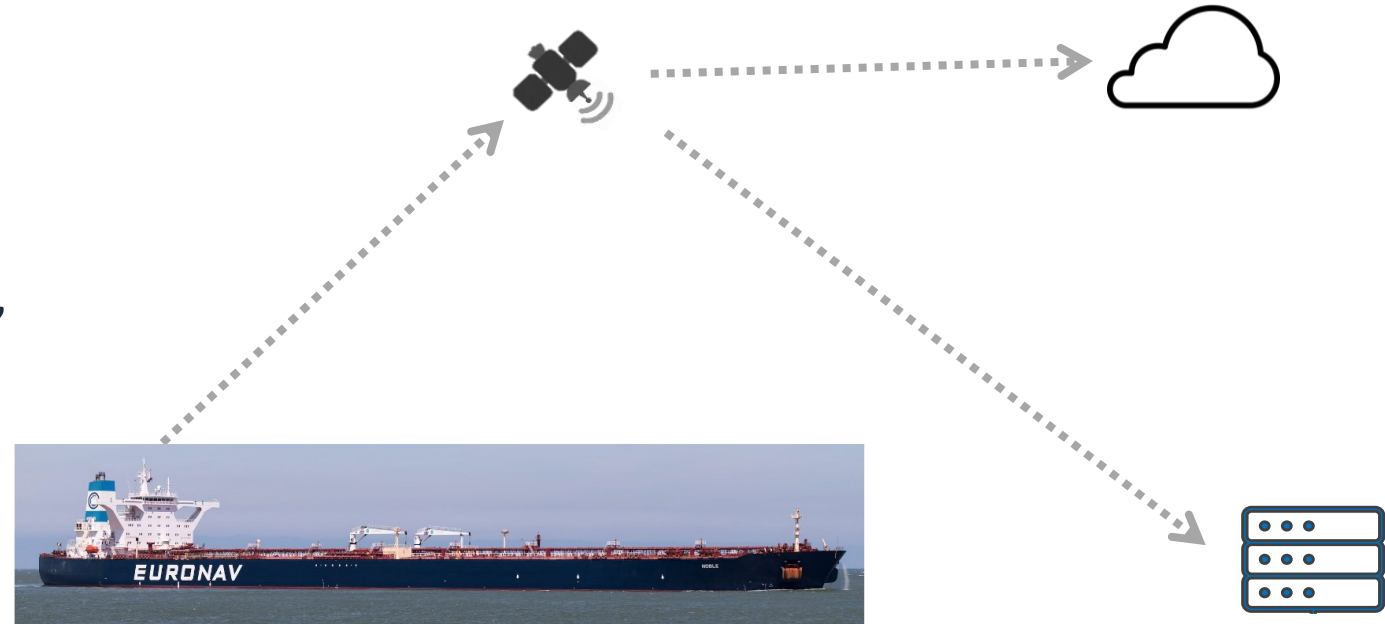
Approach

- Retrofitting Euronav vessels, offices etc. with digital tools → challenging
Schedule of vessels/drydockings/ (pandemic)
- Increased volume of data → complex to manage
Signal quality
Data rate optimization ~600 individual signals
Filtering & validation, → FDQM special app.



FDQM- Data Quality Monitoring

- 100s of signals are collected onboard, transferred ashore and stored
- Sensor errors and drift can **reduce the quality** of stored data:
 - Reduction of high-quality **data availability**
 - Increase in **time/cost** for data **analysis**
 - Increase in **data storage costs** for unusable data



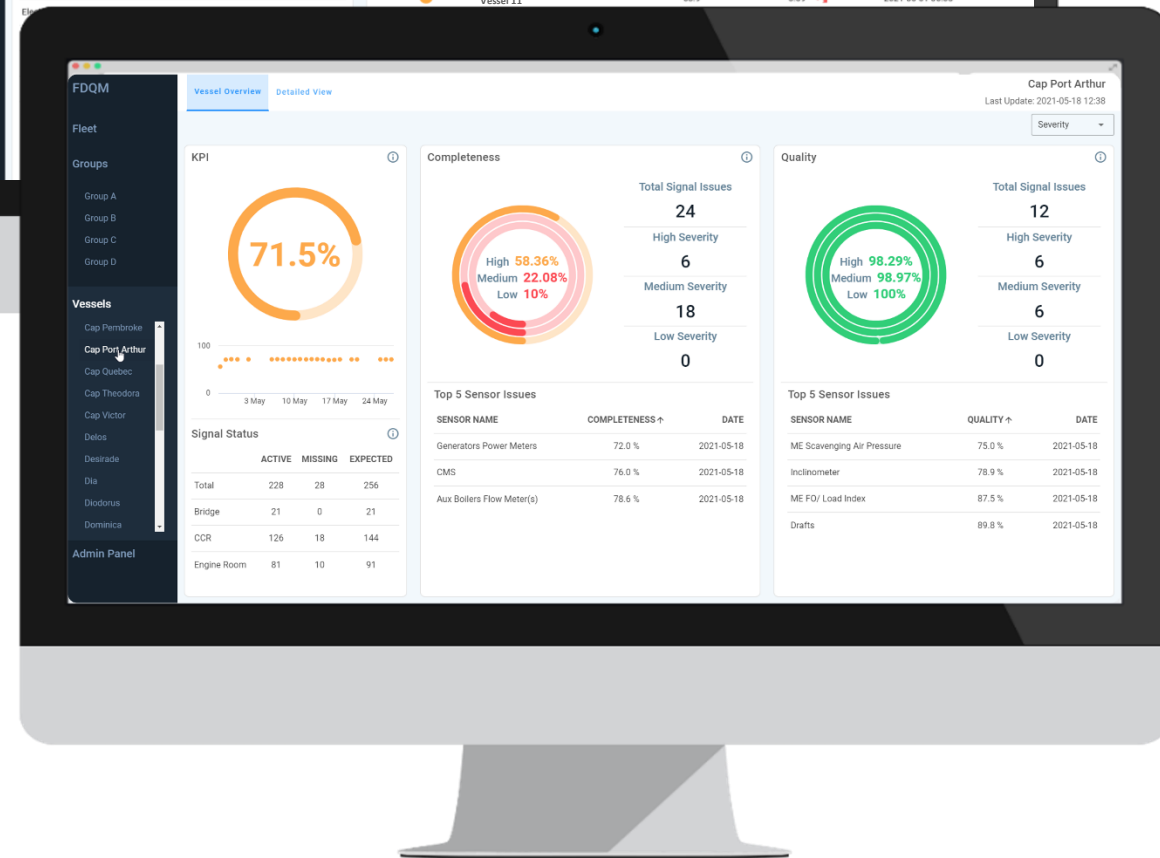
Use of 4 methods
(min/max, statistics, engineering, ML)
to evaluate
Signal Completeness and Quality KPIs



FDQM

- ✓ Immediate identification and alerting of sensor drift/errors and data acquisition issues
- ✓ Evaluation and tagging of data quality for further use
- ✓ Simple overview of fleet data quality

➔ Reduction of analysis and storage cost



Decision support systems in FAST platform

Operations support systems

- Demurrage forecaster
- Port-cost estimator
- Chartering Assistant
- Off-hire assistant

Voyage Performance Management

- Voyage speed optimization
- Weather routing-safety & efficiency
- Trim/Drift/Autopilot optimization
- Voyage Emissions assessment

Condition Based Surface Maintenance (CBSM)

- Hull/Propeller condition assessment
- Vessel performance evaluation, prognostics
- Hull/Propeller roughness management-when/where

Ship System Management

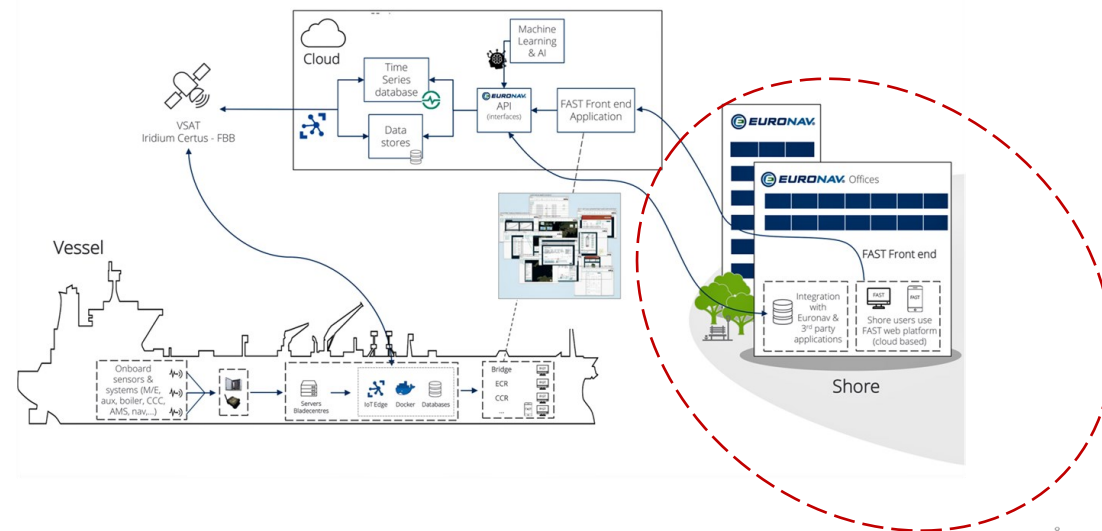
- Efficiency-Emission-Economy 3E optimization
- Cargo Heating/Boiler optimization
- Energy improvement retrofit device assessment

Engine & Machinery health

- Maintenance/Repair when/where
- CBM/PMS
- Spares management/Replenishment assistant
- Main engine performance evaluation
- A/E performance evaluation & Optimization



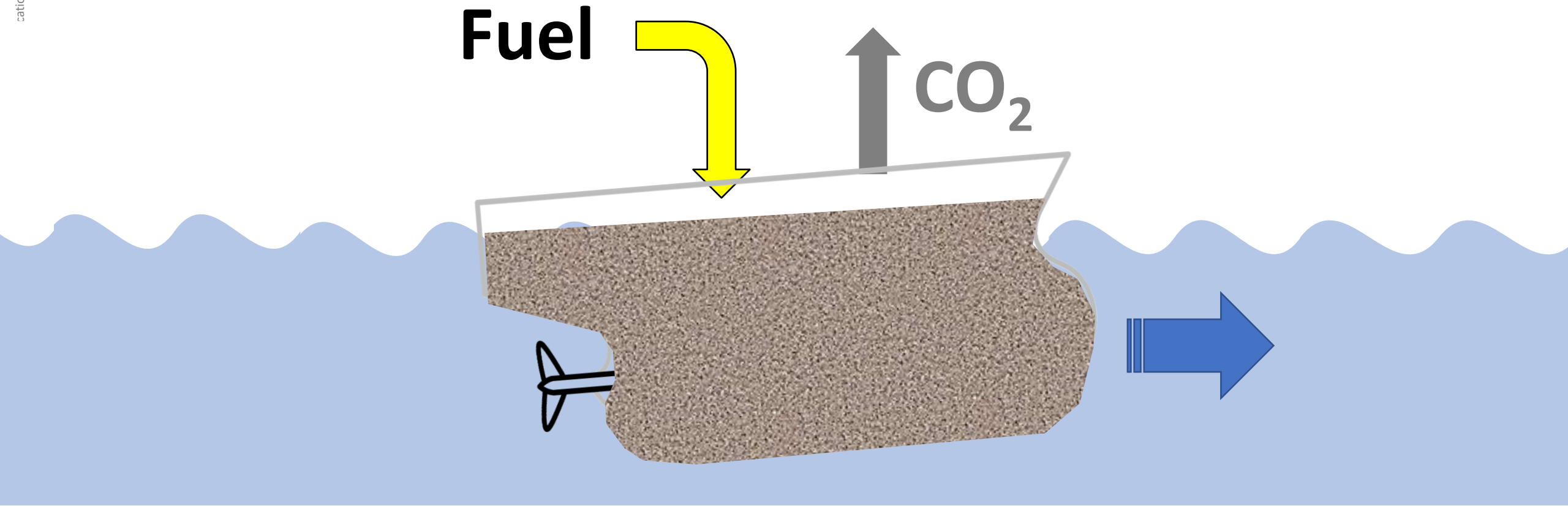
FAST platform (Fleet Automatic Statistics & Tracking)



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The Vessel Performance issue

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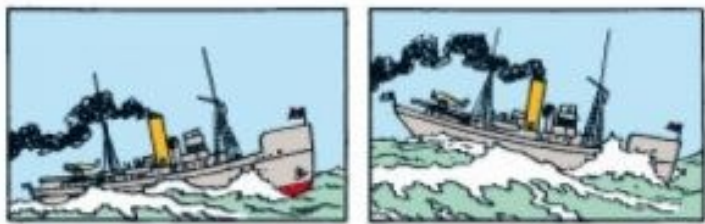


➤ Vessel fouling & Bad weather

Input: **more** Fuel (+ more Emissions)

Output: **sustained** Speed

Core technology

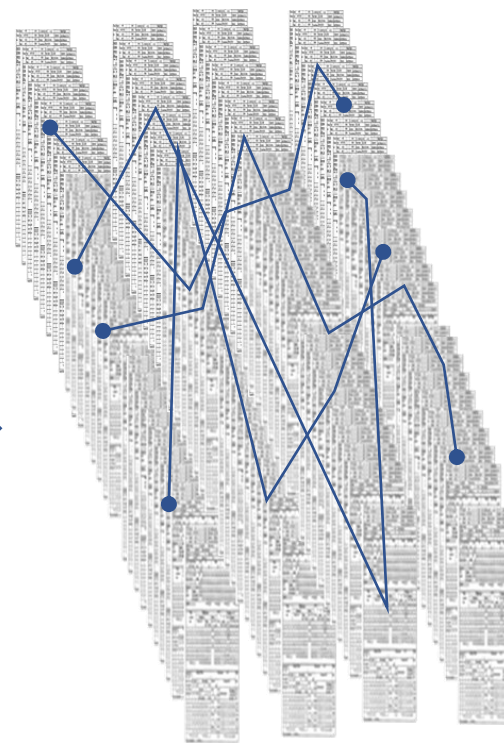


For each sailing condition

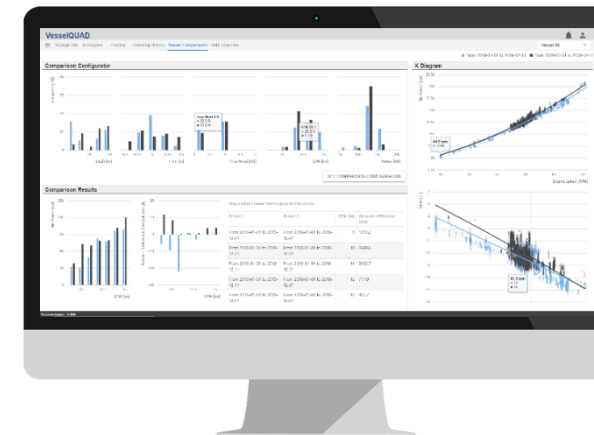


- Time
- Torque
- RPM
- A/F Draft
- Trim
- Rudder
- Heading
- Weather
- Environment
- FO flow
- SOG/STW
- Long./Lat.

Snapshots of instantaneous parameter sets



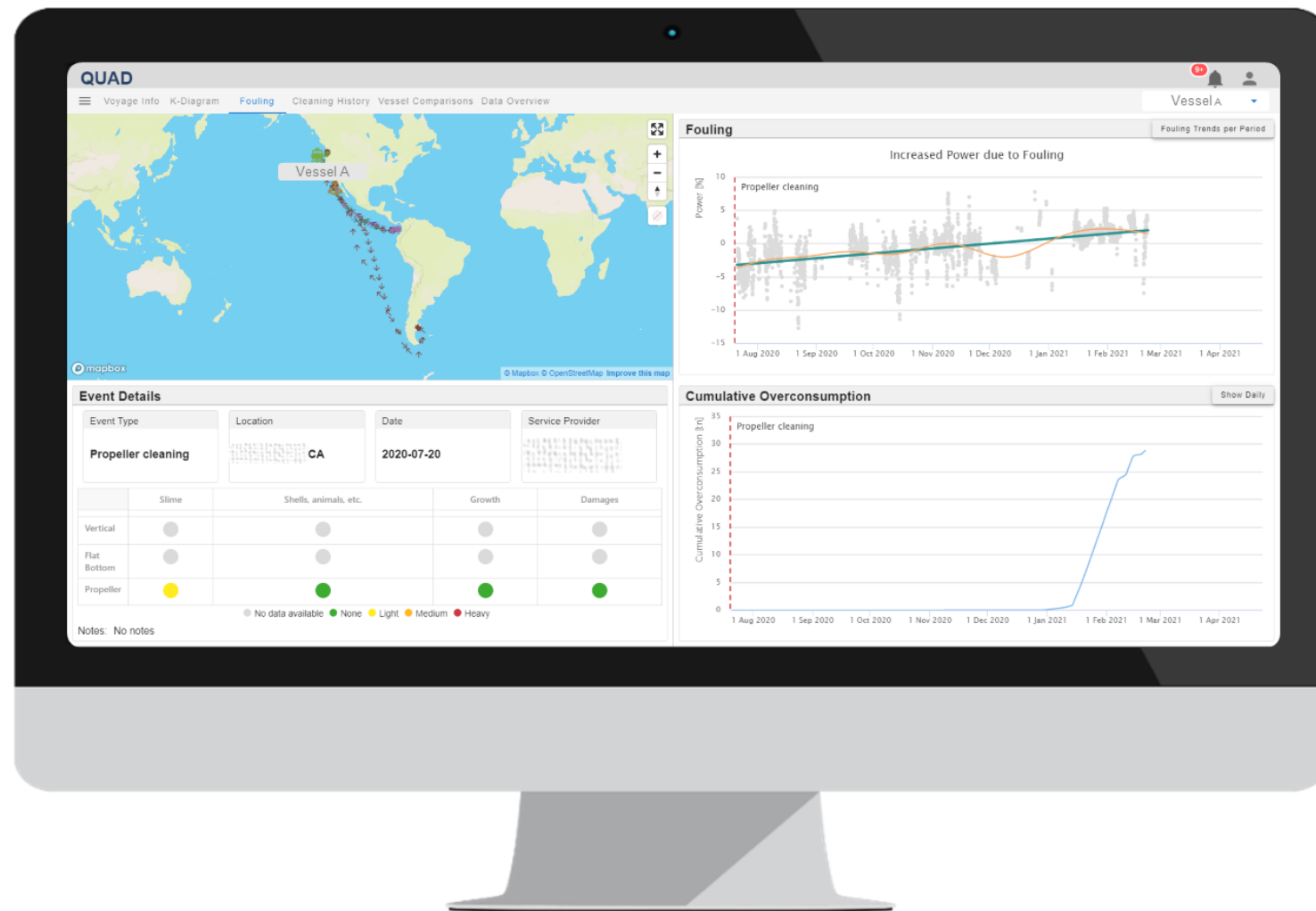
Machine Learning on all sets (Respecting Naval Arch. Principles)



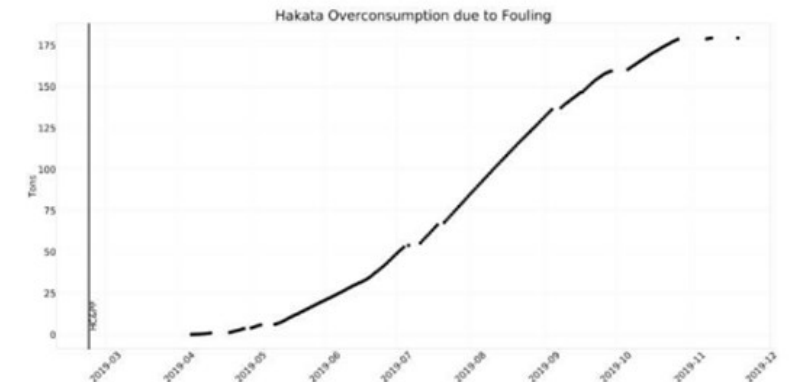
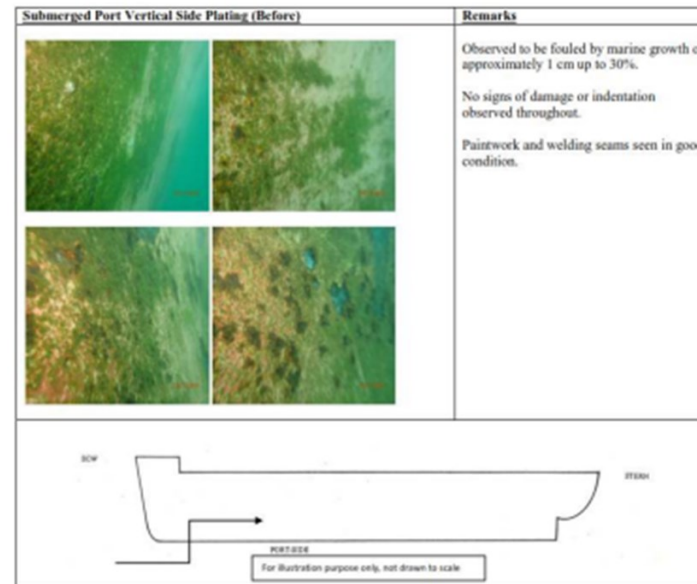
Vessel profile

Vessel Performance Evaluation Software

- ✓ Accurate **current performance of vessel** for weather routing and chartering
- ✓ Detailed **CII analysis** and projections
- ✓ **Comparisons:** eg. Hull paints, Energy-saving devices, Sister vessels
- ✓ Hull/propeller **fouling** and **overconsumption** estimates and **cleaning** decision support

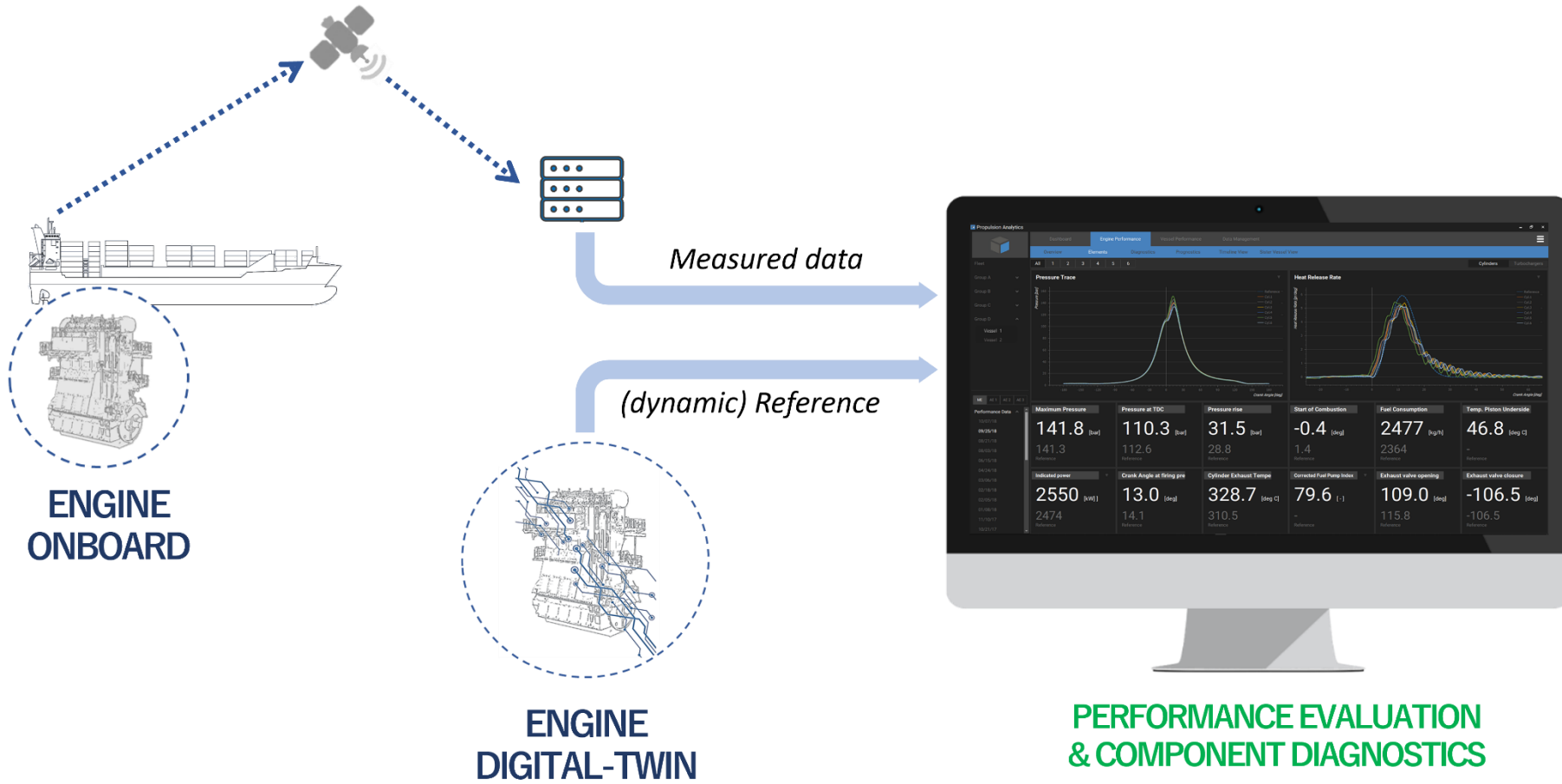


Vessel profiling allows *Fouling predictions*.
 (Estimates repeatedly verified by divers reports.)



➤ Accurate overconsumption predictions for decision support

Engine Performance Evaluation



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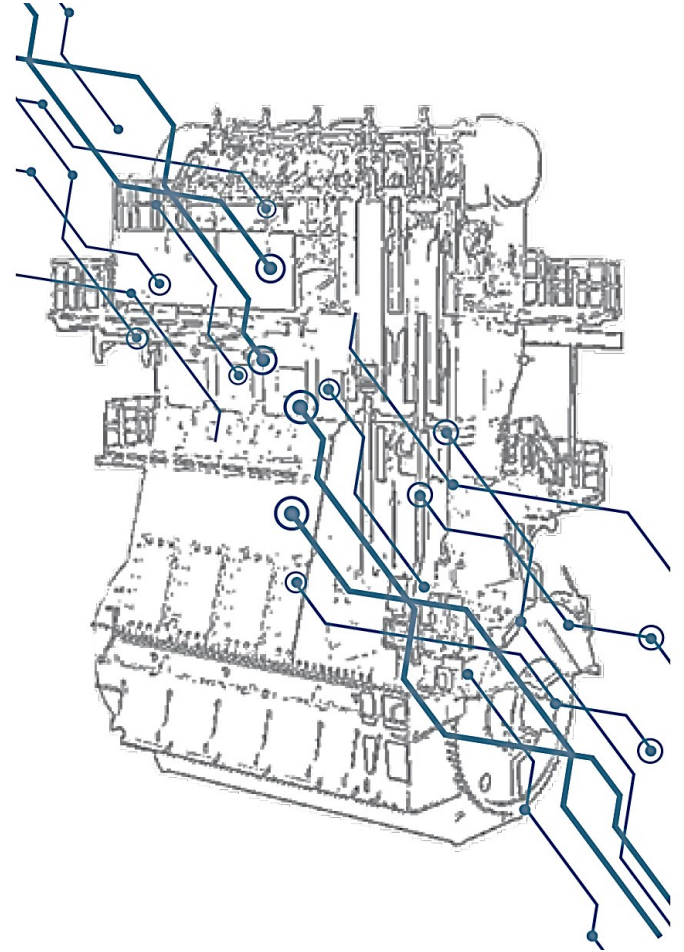
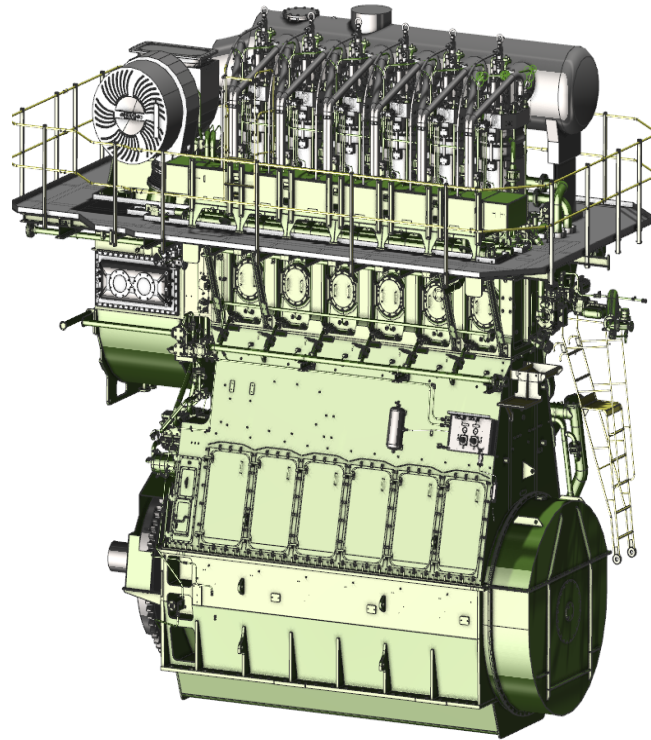


Engine Performance Evaluation Software

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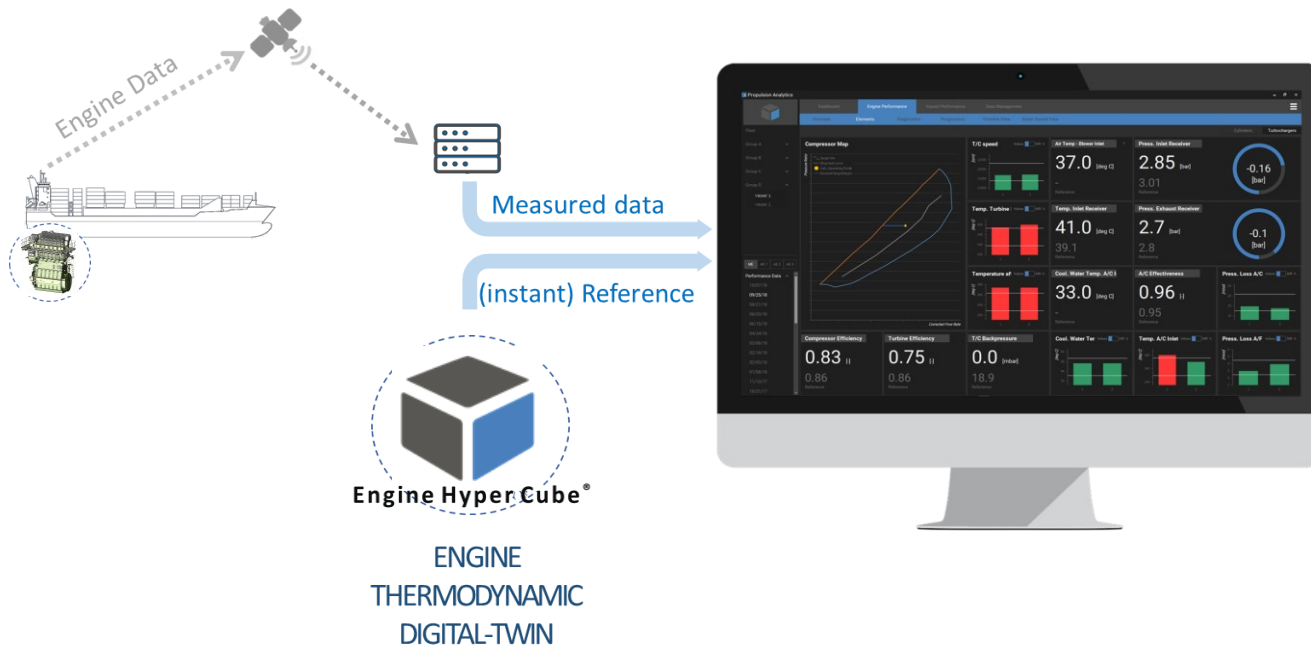
Core technology

The Thermodynamic Digital Twin of **each** individual engine provides the “reference” values of **all** performance parameters at **any** operating condition, leading to accurate diagnostics and predictions



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Engine Performance Evaluation Software



Engine Health Monitoring and Prognostics

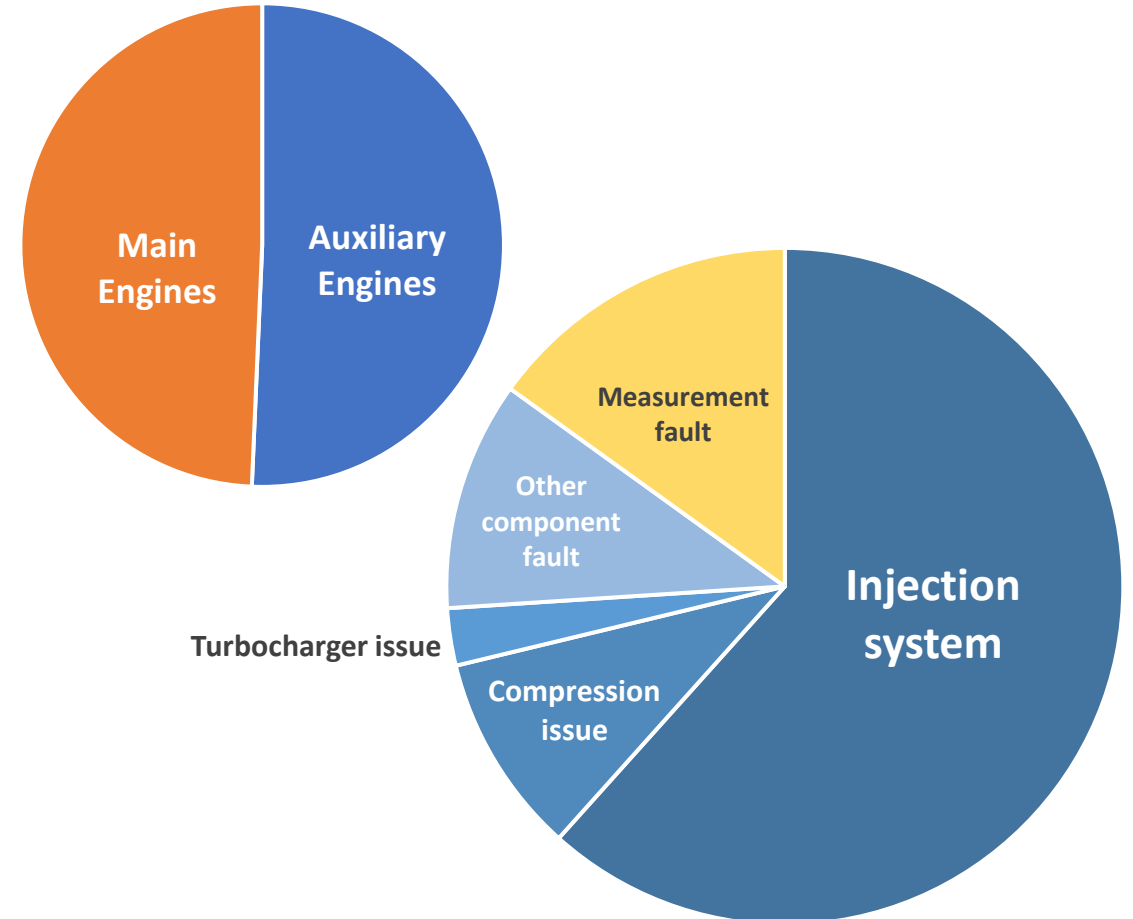
Engine Performance Optimization

Virtual (torque, FOC) Sensor



Engine Fault Statistics for ~20 vessels for 36 months

- Average 2 faults per vessel per year
- Even split between M/E and A/E issues
- >50% of faults in the injection system
- 12% are measurement faults, from incorrect DAQ or faulty sensors



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Examples of Faults Detected

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Suezmax M/E, Turbine fouling

April - May 2020 :

EHC® detected low performance of turbine #2

- (Warning: wheel or nozzle ring damage or fouling)

June 2020:

Inspection found deposits and blocked nozzle ring.

- T/C was overhauled.



→ Engine Hyper Cube® helps with diagnostics and troubleshooting, leading to retaining engine performance

Conclusions-1

Euronav FAST platform (Fleet Automatic Statistics & Tracking) :

- Starting 2020, now 80% of fleet connected
 - Improvement in fleet performance, economic gains
 - Centralized platform vessels/ office, improvements in safety
 - Improvements in fuel efficiency, emissions performance
 - Benefits in sustainability

❖ Reduction in use of FUEL

~1% -> 6 mio USD, 30k tons CO₂ per year for fleet

Conclusions-2

Digitalization- Digital transformation

- Complex project
- Incomplete spec at start
- Time, budget, resource limitations
- Many stakeholders within company: ownership & accountability issues
- Inhouse vs outsourcing dilemma
- Legacy hardware onboard issue
- Delays!

Conclusions-3

Digitalization- Digital transformation

Decision support systems & Applications for fleet operation

- Complexity of specialist apps & difficulty in evaluation by shipco.
- Quality of data must be ensured. (+Migration of legacy data)
- Different interacting applications require “integrator”

End-user involvement

- Initial opposition: Reluctance to change way of working
- Benefits from new apps *slow* to materialize
- Shipco internal capacity issues in day-to-day usage of platform and follow-up actions
- Measure of **success**: users to embrace, see value, suggest improvements!

End of presentation, Thank you!

