

## Future logistics technologies and self-controlled systems

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## **Selected future challenges**

**Globalisation**

**Supply chain integration**

**Resources**

**Urban sourcing**

**Infrastructure**

**Bottleneck planning**

**Demographics**

**Customized services**

**Communication technology**

**Cloud logistics, open innovation,  
decentralized control**

**Climate, environment, energy**

**CO<sub>2</sub> emission trades**

**Products**

**Dematerialisation, 3D-printing**

**Flexibility**

**Self-controlled systems**

**Challenges for modern logistics are related  
to cooperation and to communication  
between value chain partners and  
stakeholders of dynamic supply chain  
networks on a regional and on a global level.**

1954 – 2014

60 years of innovation in maritime  
economics and logistics

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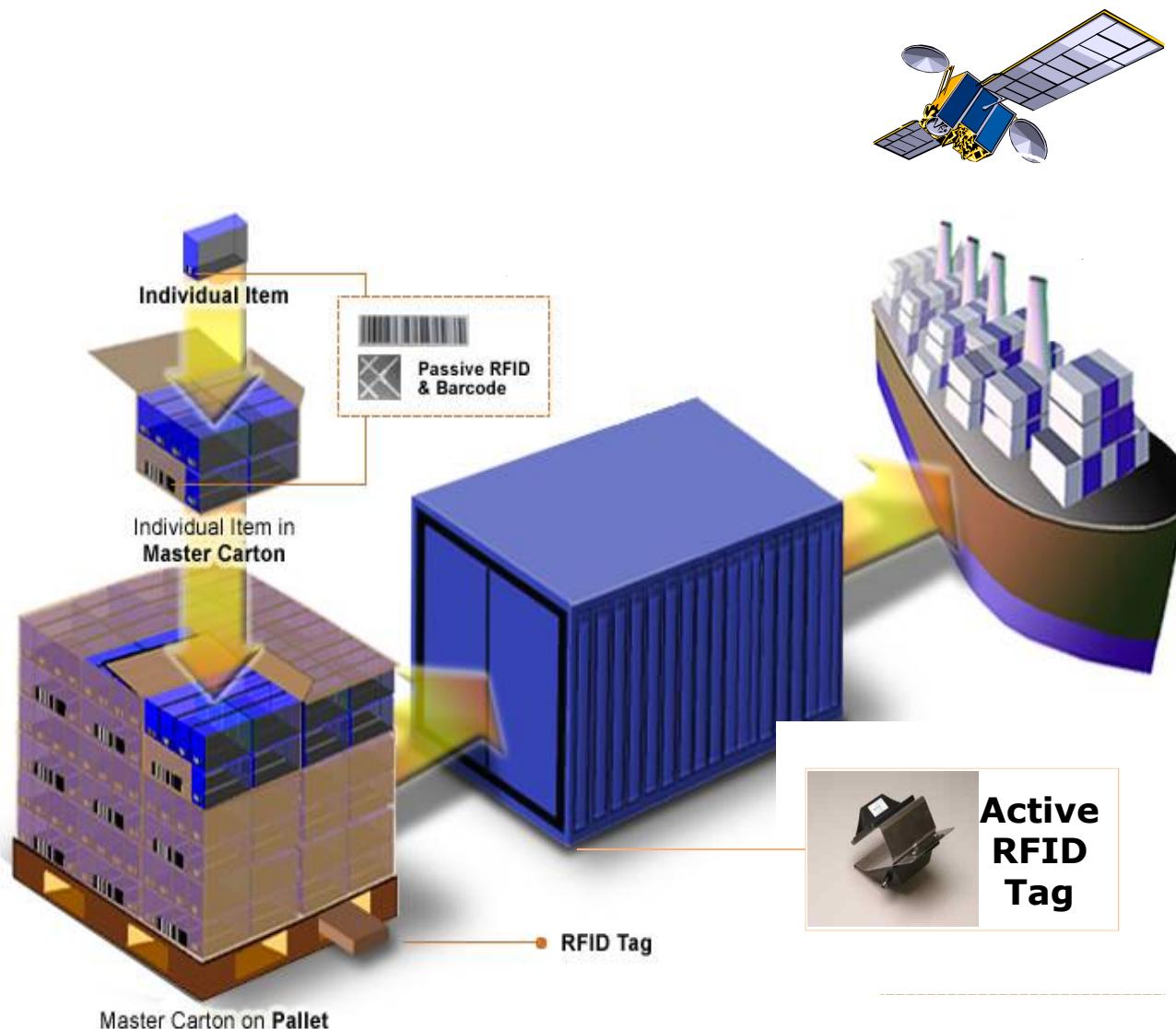
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- Partners:** CEC, Federal Ministries, regional institutions, industry, retailers, LSP, NGOs, worldwide

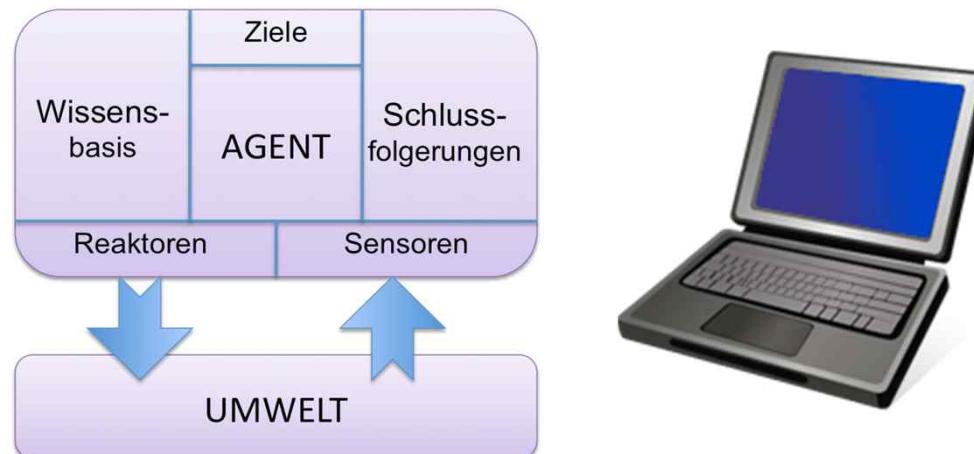
- **Business models, decision processes and economic analysis of dynamics in logistics**
- **Holistic interdisciplinary methods workshop for the modelling, analysis and simulation of dynamics in logistics**
- **Synchronisation of material, information, decision and financial flows**
- **Adaptive and dynamic control methods in logistics**





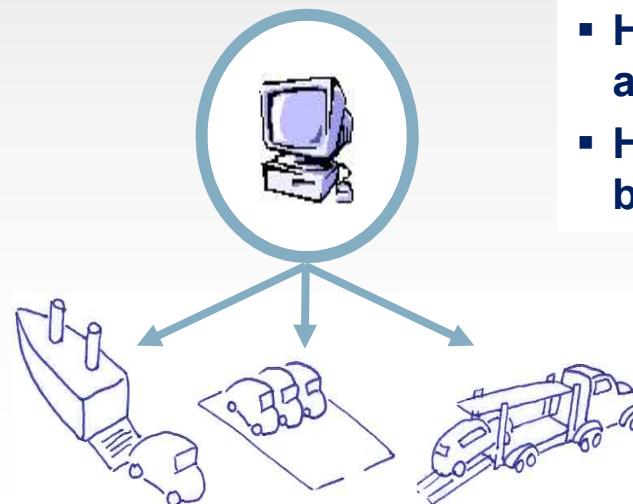
## Agents

- A concept of distributed artificial intelligence
- Autonomous software programs
- Multiple interacting agents - multi-agent system (MAS)
- Still no agreement on a single definition



### Conventional control

- Hierarchical structure
- Global information
- Central planning and control



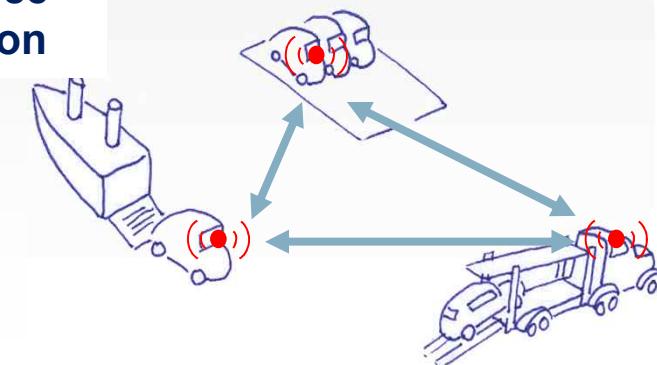
### Multi Agent Technology

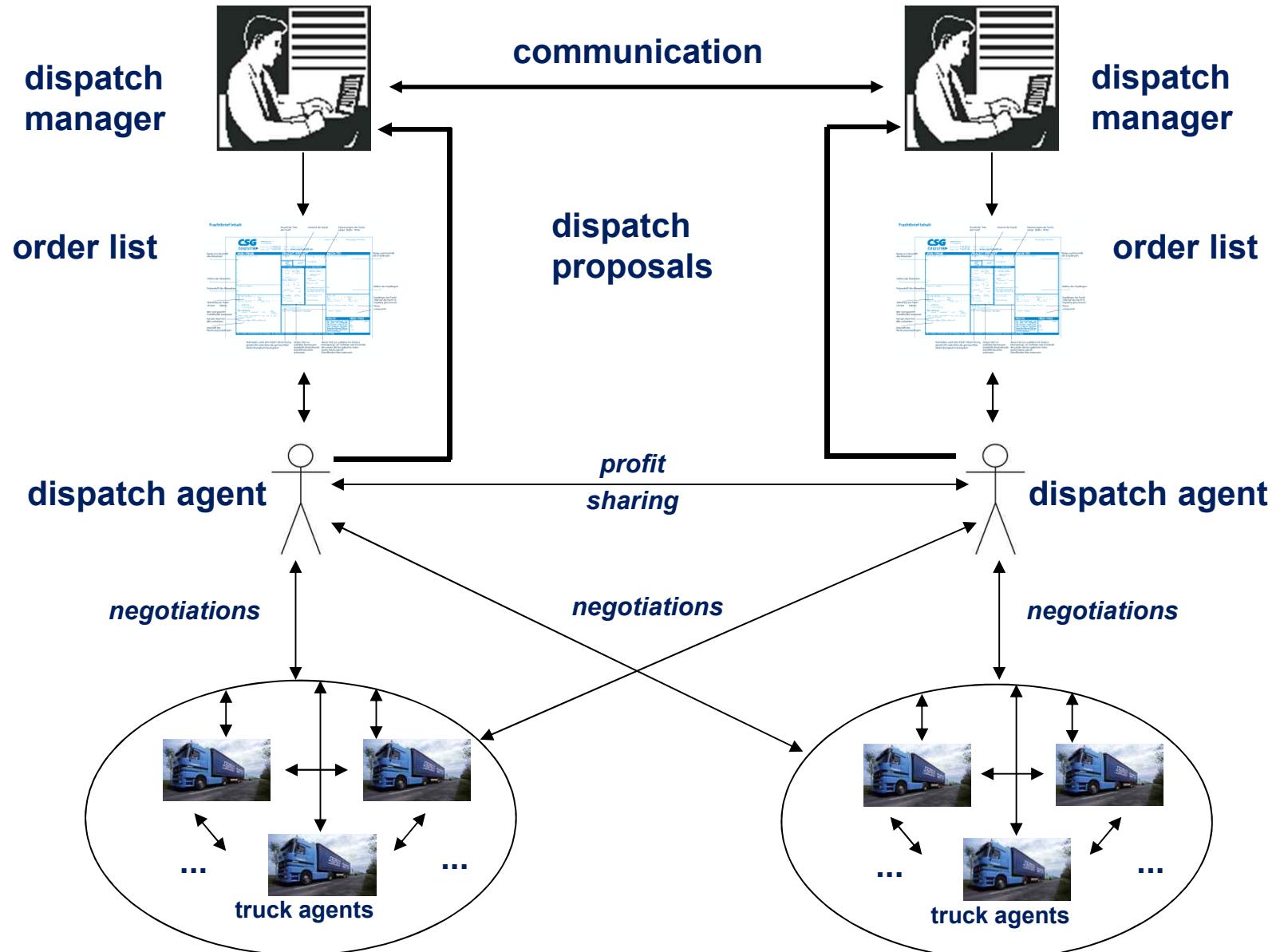
#### Advantages / Benefits

- Higher flexibility by higher and faster adaptability
- Higher robustness and fault tolerance
- Higher performance by self-optimisation

### Autonomous control

- Heterarchical structure
- Local information
- Decentralised control
- Intelligent objects

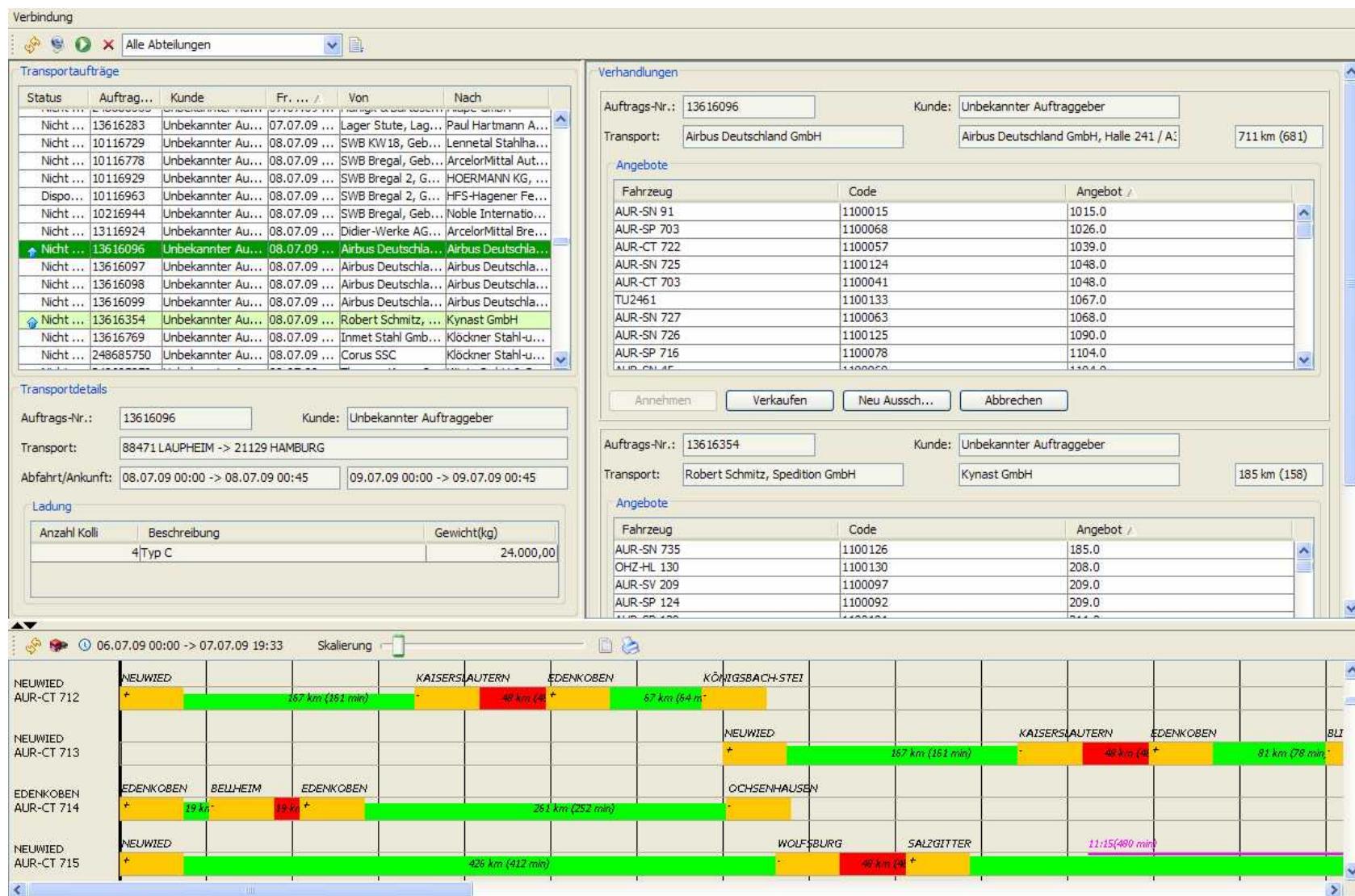




- AMATRAK will be implemented in the existing IT infrastructure consisting of dispatch, trace and communication devices
- The communication of the MAS is based on the contract net protocol
- The allocation algorithm considers different factors such as length of transport and vehicle utilization



## Screen shot



## Results of simulation experiments

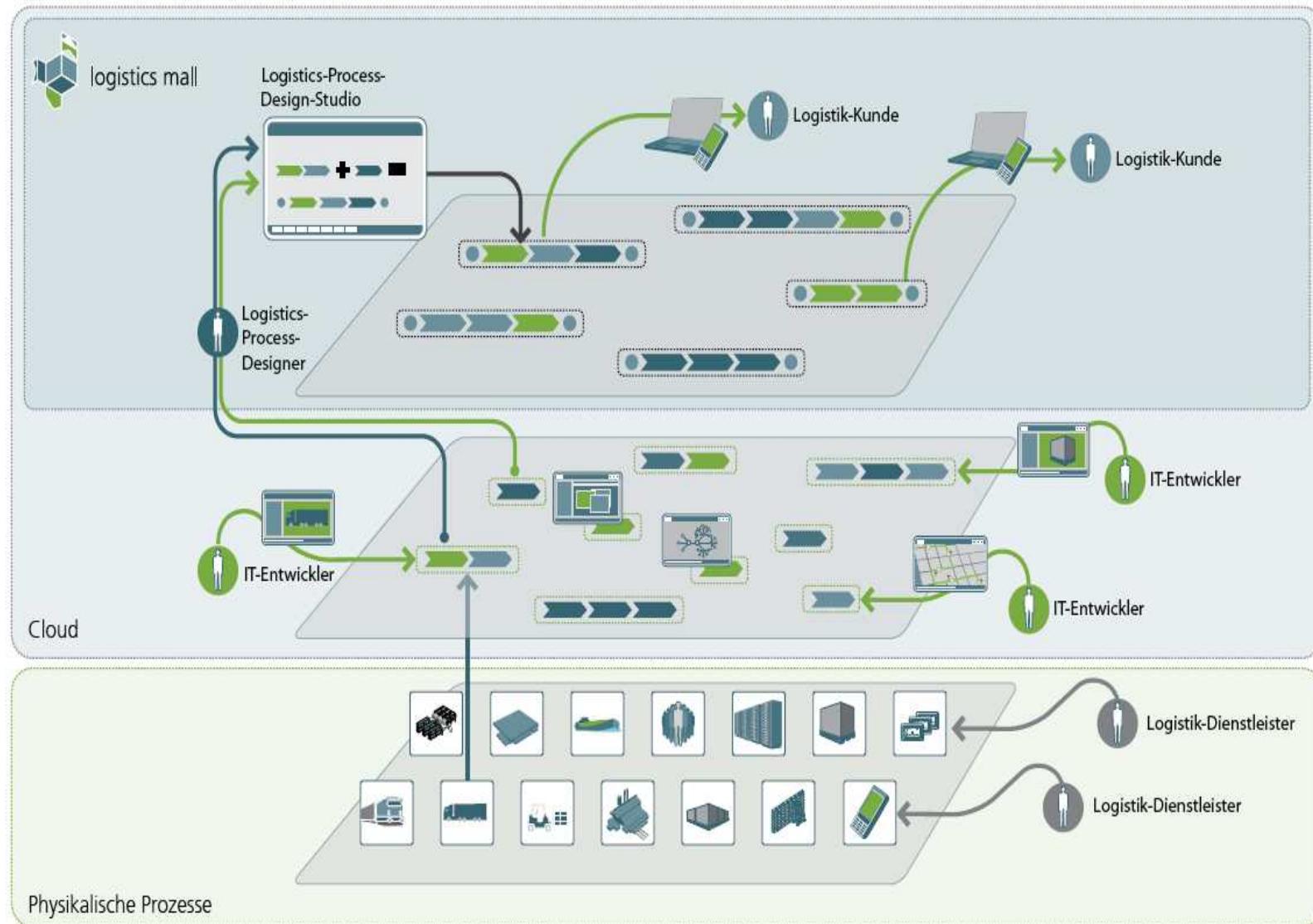
**Data base: 1 day, 70 trucks, 160 orders**

- **Savings in total km:** 10 %
- **Increase in load usage rate:** 12 %
- **Calculation time:** 35 orders per minute

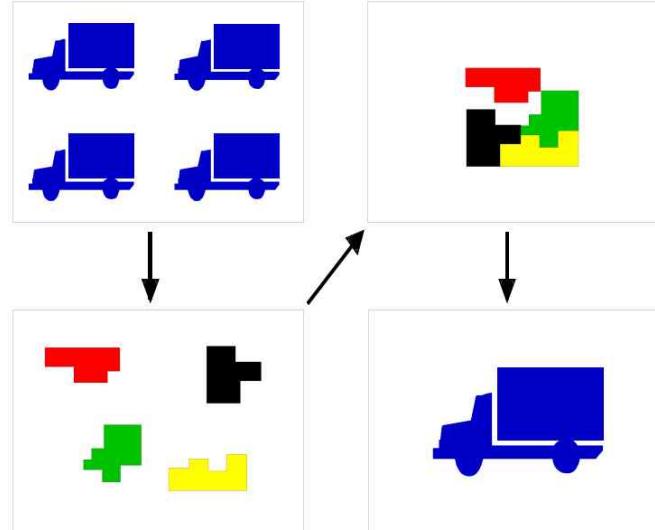
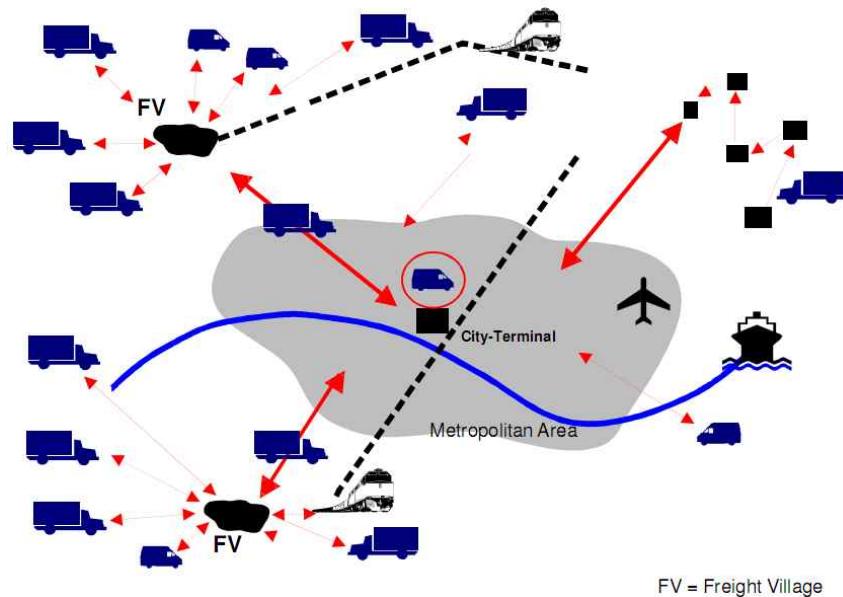
## **Port Management and Self- Controlled Systems**



**Source: bremenports GmbH  
& Co. KG**



## Multi-Agent City Logistics



**Advantages by bundling of goods flows in line with City Logistics concepts:**

- less cargo vehicles in urban traffic
- higher vehicle capacity utilization
- reduction of needless empty drives
- reduction of noxious and noise emissions

- Disturbance/loss of:

- Road
- Rail
- Intermodal terminal
- Freight village

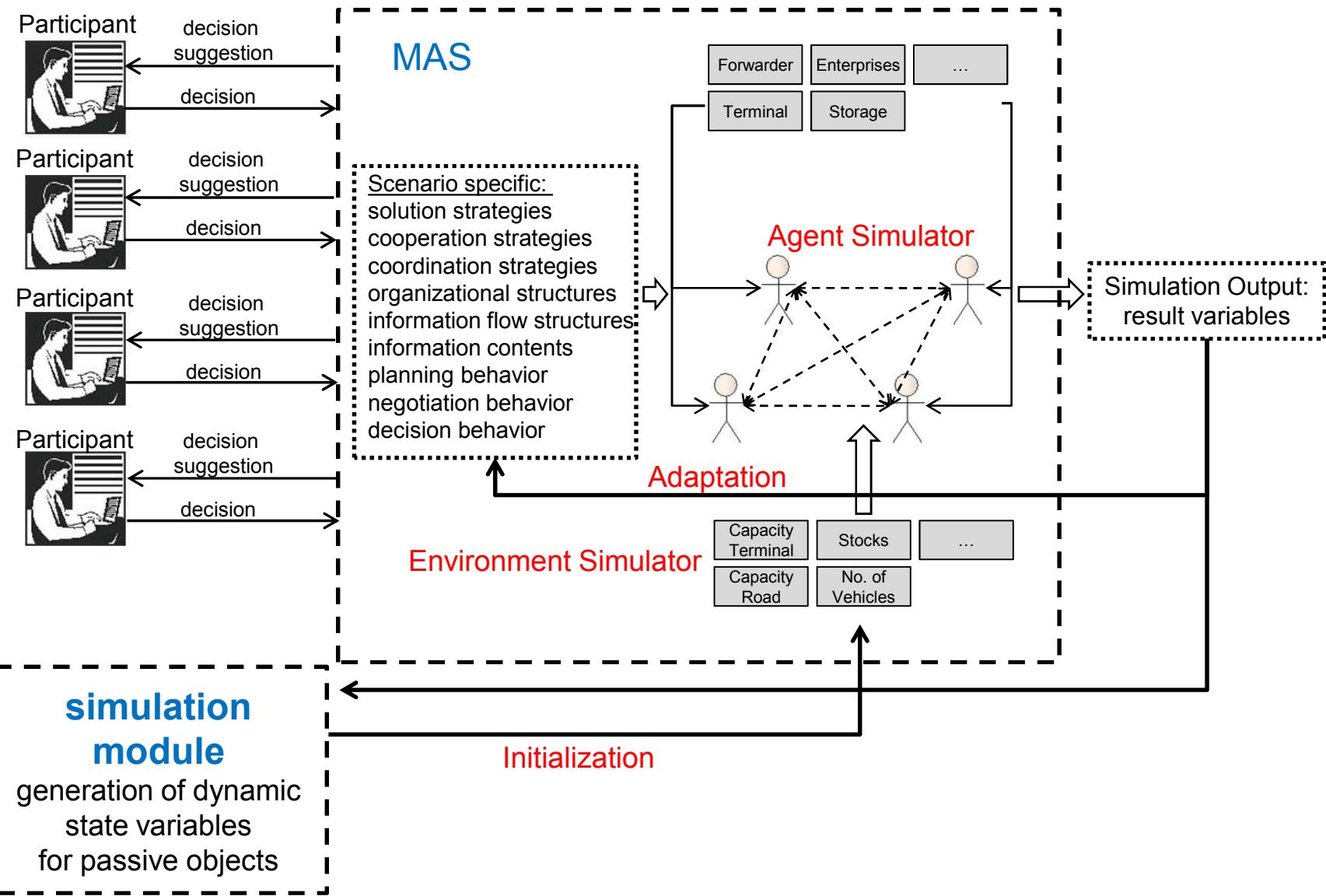


- Damage specific reduction of capacities  
→ damage specific reaction necessary

- Possible damage events:

- Terrorist attacks
- Unexploded ordnance
- Accidents on any mode of transport
- Riots
- Natural disasters







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