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#### Impact of Modular Containerization and Continuous Consolidation on Hyperconnected Parcel Logistics Hub Design and Performance

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## Introduction:

-Customers are gaining more power in the parcel logistics industry.

-To stay competitive, service providers must offer a broader and more convenient range of products.

-This adds pressure to an already stressed supply chain.

-We focus on using pre-sorting and modular PI containers to gain efficiencies within the parcel hubs.





# Proposition:

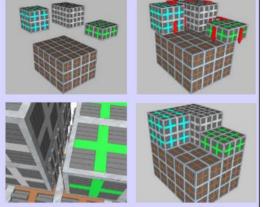
-Utilize Modular PI containers to enable pre-consolidation.

-Allow pre-consolidated parcels to bypass sorting and move straight to loading dock.

-Save time, space, machine and worker cost for sorting area of hub.



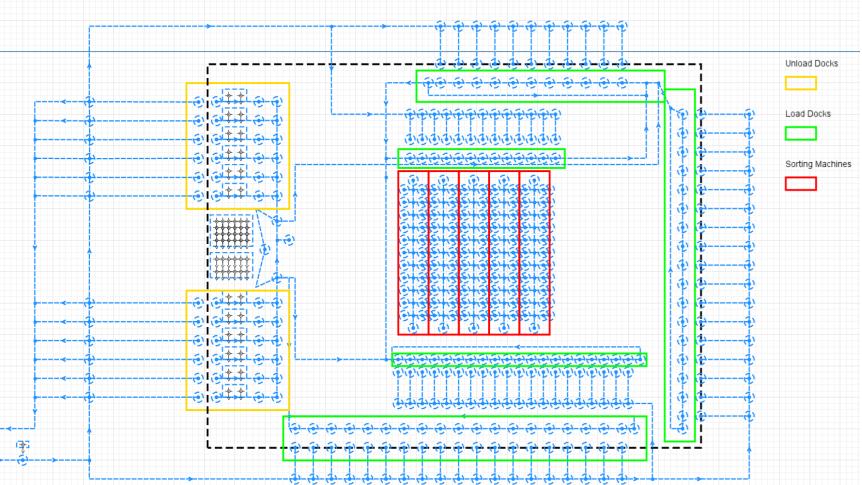




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### Simulation:



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Key Results:

-With Just 20% of arriving parcels being pre-consolidated: -Average Parcel Time in Hub decreased by 30 minutes from 2hrs to 1.5hrs -Percentage of Parcels On Time increases from 84% to 92%

-With 60% of arriving parcels being pre-consolidated: -Average Parcel time in hub decreases by another 30 minutes to 1hr -Percentage of Parcels On Time increases another 6% to 98%

# Next Steps:

-Evaluate the impact of considering parcel sizes and not just weights.

-Investigate breakeven point for consolidation/deconsolidation time.

-Investigate the addition of wavesorting concepts with preconsolidation.



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