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# Port Digital Twin Development for Decarbonization: A Case Study Using the Pusan Newport International Terminal

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**Abstract:** The maritime industry is a major carbon emission contributor. Therefore, the global maritime industry puts every effort into reducing carbon emissions in the shipping chain, which includes vessel fleets, ports, terminals, and hinterland transportation. A representative example is the carbon emission reduction standard mandated by the International Maritime Organization for international sailing ships to reduce carbon emissions this year. Among the decarbonization tools, the most immediate solution for reducing carbon emissions is to reduce vessel waiting time near ports and increase operational efficiency. The operation efficiency improvement in maritime stakeholders' port operations can be achieved using data. This data collection and operational efficiency improvement can be realized using a digital twin. This study develops a digital twin that measures and reduces carbon emissions using the collaborative operation of maritime stakeholders. In this study, the authors propose a data structure and backbone scheduling algorithm for a port digital twin. The interactive scheduling between a port and its vessels is investigated using the digital twin. The digital twin's interactive scheduling for the proposed model improved predictions of vessel arrival time and voyage carbon emissions. The result of the proposed digital twin model is compared to an actual operation case from the Busan New Port in September 2022, which shows that the proposed model saves over 75 % of the carbon emissions compared with the case.

**Keywords:** carbon emission; port digital twin; just-in-time arrival; vessel digital twin



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## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Background

In the face of mounting environmental challenges, one critical issue that has emerged as a defining concern for the maritime industry is decarbonization. The global shipping sector, which is responsible for transporting approximately 90% of the world's goods, plays a pivotal role in international trade and economic prosperity. However, this essential industry has also been a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. As the consequences of climate change become increasingly evident, the urgency to address maritime decarbonization is reaching a tipping point. Transitioning toward cleaner, more sustainable practices within the maritime sector has become an imperative shared by governments, industry stakeholders, and environmental advocates alike.

Decarbonization within the maritime industry hinges on the seamless coordination of stakeholders in the shipping supply chain. To achieve this, a system capable of monitoring, sharing, and scheduling the operations of each actor becomes essential. One such system is the digital twin, a concept that holds promise as a suitable system for this purpose.

A digital twin represents a virtual counterpart of a physical object, system, or process. It is continually updated with real-time data from its physical counterpart. The term 'digital twin' was first introduced at the SME (Society of Manufacturing Engineering) conference in Troy, Michigan in October 2002 [1]. Initially conceived within the context of product

lifecycle management (PLM), the concept evolved over time, transitioning from PLM to the Mirrored Spaces Model, then to the Information Mirroring Model, and finally, in 2010, it assumed the name 'Digital Twin' [2]. The strength of digital twins lies in their ability to replicate tasks performed in the physical world, commencing from the support and operational stages of the product life cycle. Unlike physical spaces with a single instance, their power resides in their capacity to manifest an infinite number of instances in the digital realm. Digital twin applications become pertinent when an object system is too complex and vast to construct in a real-scale test facility, thereby mitigating high costs. Examples range from simulating entire cities to ports, airports, and industrial plants. Real-time remote monitoring and effective decision-making are facilitated with the development of digital twin cities (DTCs), underpinned by core technologies such as surveying and mapping, building information modeling, 5G-enabled Internet of Things (IoT), blockchain, and collaborative computing [3]. The concept of DTCs holds the potential to enhance not only urban planning, disaster management, construction, and transportation but also the efficiency and sustainability of logistics, energy consumption, and communication.

Given the colossal scale of maritime shipping chain components, conducting tests for informed decision-making is exceedingly challenging. For instance, when managers at a container terminal seek to experiment with a trial scheme to reduce carbon emissions from vessels berthing at the terminal by developing a berth allocation policy, they face formidable financial barriers to conducting validation tests with real ships and berths, as real-scale operational trials incur substantial costs. In contrast, a digital twin model that can be used for simulation testing is a more cost-effective alternative, requiring only the initial investment to construct the model.

Maritime shipping plays an indispensable role in global trade. However, it also exerts a significant influence on greenhouse gas emissions, which are a primary driver of climate change. In 2018, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) reported that shipping accounted for approximately 2.89% of the global greenhouse gas emissions [4]. As the demand for maritime shipping continues to surge, emissions follow suit, presenting a considerable predicament for the shipping industry. The industry must now seek solutions to curtail emissions while upholding its essential role in global trade. Recent regulations on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have been reinforced on a global scale. To counterbalance the cumulative greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere by numerous vessels, the IMO introduced new CO<sub>2</sub> regulations aimed at steering the maritime shipping chain toward "net-zero" emissions during the 80th MEPC (Marine Environment Protection Committee) meeting. Concurrently, the European Union (EU) imposed additional taxes on vessels emitting CO<sub>2</sub> while sailing in EU waters.

The significance of digital twins extends beyond shipping and encompasses port infrastructures as well. A port digital twin serves as a digital replica of a physical port in the real world, encompassing vessels, quay cranes, yard tractors, and hinterland transportation. These digital models allow port stakeholders to monitor and forecast operational efficiency in real time, thereby reducing energy consumption and promoting greener port operations. Moreover, digital twins enable the identification of optimal energy efficiency measures using simulation and data analysis, contributing to emissions reduction and the realization of sustainable port operations. Consequently, a port digital twin is recognized as an indispensable element in attaining carbon neutrality at the port level.

In contrast with the conventional berth planning method used in commercial digital port solutions, which does not incorporate real-time data from moving objects such as ships, terminal equipment, and hinterland transportation, the digital twin model proposed in this study leverages current data for real-time-based simulation and decision-making, thus eliminating time delays. This approach enables efficient operation planning using real-time-based simulation and forecasting.

This study implements a port digital twin to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from vessels and terminals. It showcases the simulation model, the data structure, and case studies that compare CO<sub>2</sub> reduction performance with and without the developed digital twin.

Furthermore, it presents real terminal case results demonstrating carbon emission reductions achieved with the application of the digital twin at the Pusan Newport International Terminal (PNIT).

### 1.2. Literature Review

A digital twin is a research field wherein a twin of a real-world physical entity is made in digital space. As complexity and integration become defining characteristics of various subsystems, the demand for digital twins continues to grow. Particularly, digital twins are essential for testing and simulating intricate and interconnected operations. Augustine [5] underscored the application of digital twins in diverse projects, including space initiatives and aircraft development. Taylor et al. [6] delineated domains where digital twins are useful, with a focus on the manufacturing sector.

Given the intricate dynamics and large-scale operations involving multiple stakeholders such as shipping companies, terminals, tugboats, pilot boats, hinterland trucks, and port authorities, ports represent ideal environments for implementing digital twins. Recent research efforts have aimed to develop specialized digital twins tailored to the unique requirements of port areas. Hofmann and Branding [7] advocated for the implementation of the Internet of Things (IoT) and cloud-based digital twins to support real-time decision-making in port operations. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has suggested the adoption of port community systems to enhance communication between ships and ports during recent facilitation committee meetings [8]. The Digital Container Shipping Association (DCSA) and the Maritime & Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) have also bolstered communication infrastructures between ships and ports to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and improve ship arrival and departure efficiency [9]. The digital twin emerges as a pivotal infrastructure for facilitating data exchange between ships and ports, thus enhancing their interaction.

The maritime industry has embraced digital twins as a valuable tool for validation and integrated simulation. For instance, Liu, Zhou et al. [10] applied digital twin tools to analyze variations in ship voyage performance. Stoumpos et al. [11] performed research to develop high-fidelity digital twins as integrated models for modeling dual-fuel engines and ship control systems. Gao et al. [12] harnessed digital twins for automated storage scheduling in container terminals. Wang et al. [13] integrated digital twins into management infrastructure within smart port contexts. Wang, Hu, and Liu [14] asserted that digital twins are apt tools for managing shipping industry processes and outlined their potential application in the smart port concept.

Digital twin technology has also made inroads into the shipbuilding industry, primarily for performance analysis. Fonseca and Gaspar [15] proposed data modeling for digital twin ships. Coraddu et al. [16] estimated ship fouling using a data-driven digital twin model. Danielsen-Haces [17] introduced a comprehensive digital twin model for simulating electricity-driven model vessels. Vasstein [18] proposed a high-fidelity digital twin framework for testing autonomous vessels, while Raza et al. [19] applied digital twins to an application framework for autonomous ship development.

The existing digital twin research has predominantly focused on either ships [10,11,15–17,19] or terminal yards [7,12]. Even when digital twins have been proposed for an entire port infrastructure [13,14], they often omit critical interfaces between ships, ports, terminals, and dynamic objects. This study strives to establish a coupled operational digital twin platform that facilitates interaction among vessels, terminal assets, and port authorities. Real-world equipment and situational data from actual ports are harnessed to create a functional port digital twin and its associated simulation algorithm.

Research into port call optimization delves into resolving scheduling challenges between ships and ports. Initiatives such as port collaborative decision-making (PortCDM) and just-in-time arrival (JITA) have aimed to reduce ship, tug, and terminal waiting times. Unfortunately, these concepts have not been widely adopted within the industry due to technical limitations of the digital infrastructure among port members and data standard-

ization issues. Jahn and Scheidweiler [20] sought to optimize port calls by exchanging estimated time of arrivals (ETAs), while Cho et al. [21] proposed the development of a digital infrastructure to facilitate communication and data sharing among port stakeholders.

Ports represent significant hubs for addressing carbon dioxide emissions, given the substantial emissions from various moving objects such as ships, yard tractors, container trailers, and quay cranes. Congestion among these moving objects exacerbates carbon emissions in ports. To mitigate congestion and reduce excessive carbon emissions, seamless communication between these objects becomes paramount. Sarantakos, Bowkett et al. [22] introduced digital infrastructure aimed at improving a port's carbon emissions profile. Alamoush, Ölçer, and Ballini [23] conducted a review of the existing regulations and incentives for potentially reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in port areas. Both the European Union (EU) and the United States have established emission control areas (ECAs) to regulate gas emissions in nearshore and port areas. Additionally, the IMO's data collection system (DCS) and the EU's monitoring, reporting, and verification (MRV) framework have been instrumental in monitoring and controlling CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

This study's prime contribution lies in the application of digital twins within the maritime industry, specifically addressing challenges involving terminals, ships, and tugboats. Most previous berth scheduling models primarily focus on one or two elements, often overlooking complex considerations. For instance, Lu and Le [24] focused on equipment planning in the yard to reduce costs, while Ismail et al. [25] considered the berth's surroundings in their berth planning. In order to solve an unexpected delay in a ship's arrival, which affects berth operation plans in addition to terminal conditions, Du, Xu, and Chen [26] solved a berth assignment problem by considering the ship's delay probabilistically. Their study adjusted the time buffer for each ship and supported planner decision-making with a diagram showing the frequency distribution of the time buffer. Xiang, Liu, and Miao [27] addressed uncertainty in berthing schedules using discrete scenarios and accounting for ship arrival and sailing times. Park, Cho, and Lee [28] introduced time buffers to accommodate uncertain ship arrival times in berth scheduling.

In contrast to previous studies that often treated ship arrival times as probabilistic or inserted time buffers into plans to account for ship and terminal scheduling uncertainties, this study leverages real-time ship location data for accurate ship arrival time prediction and terminal operation data to plan schedules, considering a terminal's operational status. By collecting real-time data from ships and terminals and incorporating it into schedule planning, this study enhances operational efficiency using dynamic data integration. Compared with previous port call optimization research, this study distinguishes itself by focusing on schedule optimization among ships, terminals, and tugboats, thus encompassing more than just terminal yard scheduling problems.

### *1.3. Physical Asset in the Real World—Pusan Newport International Container Terminal*

The focus of this study was the Pusan Newport International Terminal (PNIT) located in the Busan New Port of South Korea, which is recognized as the seventh largest container port globally. In 2022, the volume of containers handled at the Busan port amounted to approximately 22 million. To construct a fully operational technical system for the digital twin, real-time operational data from PNIT was harnessed. The development of this system was underpinned by various technologies: Unity for 3D object visualization, the Oracle Database for database management, Java for web application development, and Python for simulation modeling, as illustrated in Figure 1.

Geographic and climatic data, including geometric details, weather forecasts, bathymetry, and static and dynamic elements of PNIT, were transformed into digital representations. Dynamic elements included vessels, quay cranes, yard cranes, yard tractors, and containers, with PNIT typically accommodating 400 vessel arrivals and handling an average of 8,000,000 containers per year. PNIT boasts a 1.2 km quay wall and 27-yard blocks for container stacking. Figure 2 provides an overhead view of the case study, highlighting the PNIT terminal within the broader context of the Busan New Port.

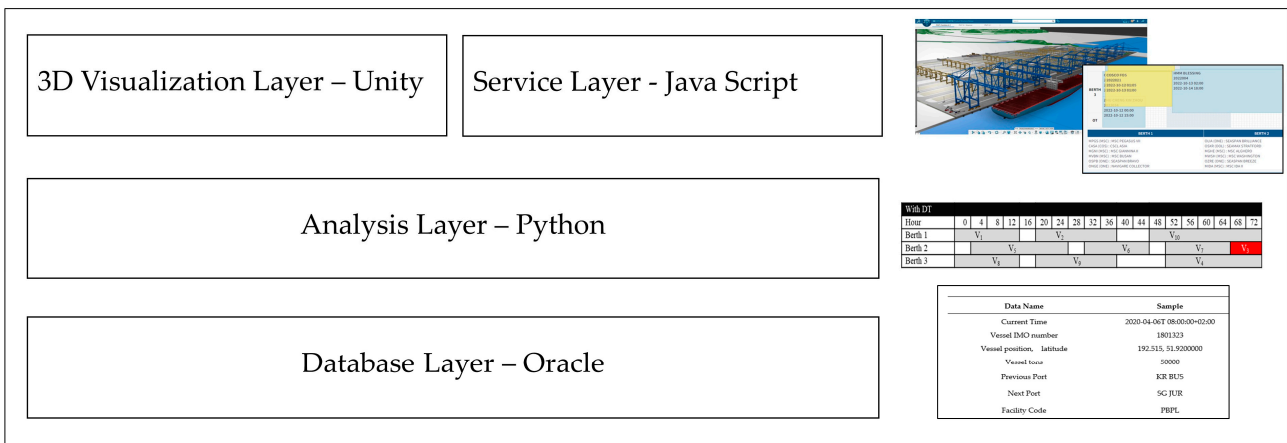


Figure 1. Port digital twin structure and implementation.



Figure 2. Layout of the Pusan Newport International Terminal (PNIT).

Figure 3 illustrates the outcome of this study, showcasing digitally replicated dynamic elements such as vessels, cranes, containers, buildings, roads, gateways, and trailers.

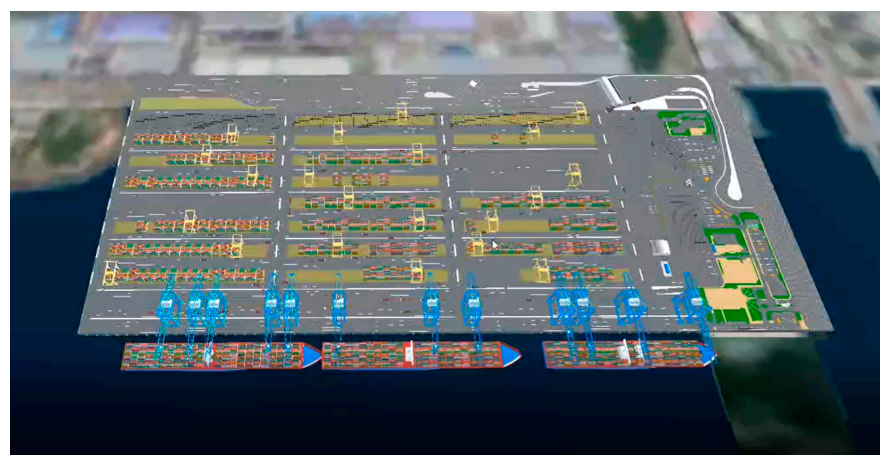


Figure 3. The digital twin of PNIT.

The initial step in this study involved digitally reproducing all real physical assets within the digital twin model. The selection of these digital assets was driven by their capacity to emulate real-world phenomena. Table 1 lists the digital assets incorporated into the target digital twin.

**Table 1.** Digital twin model.

Digital Assets	Number	Detail
Ship	600	200~10,000 TEU container carrier
Quay crane	12	Outreach 65~70 m
Yard crane	42	6 TEU height
Tug	8	10 m length
Yard tractor	82	220 horsepower (HP)
Container	20,000/day	20 ft, 40 ft container
Truck	100	20 ft, 40 ft trailer
Area	625 km <sup>2</sup>	Yard, anchorage, and hinterland

Figure 4 showcases a representative digital twin model from Table 1, including ships, yard cranes, and quay cranes. Each digital asset’s position, speed, and identification were meticulously recorded within the digital twin. Additionally, each object features a cost model that calculated the performance of the digital twin.



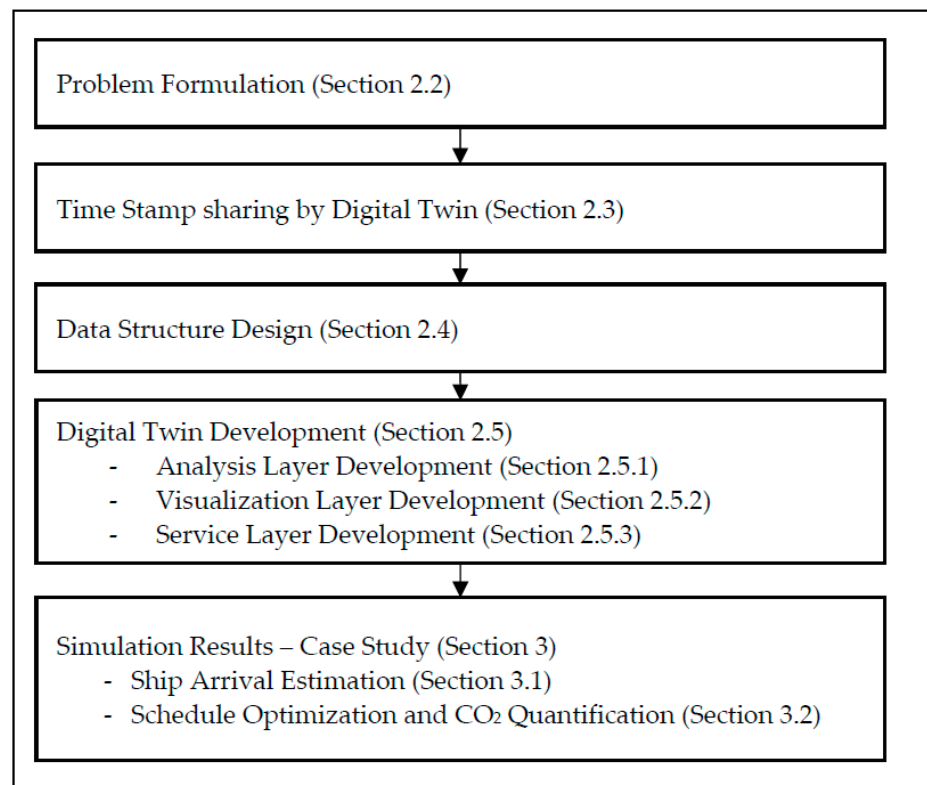
**Figure 4.** Digital twin subjects.

Traditional port system scheduling often operates independently in silos, where the actions of one object do not correspond with others. When delays occur, other related objects can become idle while waiting for congestion to subside, which can exacerbate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Recognizing this issue, the concept of chained scheduling has been proposed by multiple authors [13,14] to address downtime. For instance, when unexpected delays due to weather or prior port conditions occur, a ship may inform the terminal operator and shipping agent via email. However, if changing the original berth schedule to accommodate the delay is more efficient, but the terminal operator cannot make the change without confirmation from another shipper, it becomes challenging to resolve this issue within the current system. Nevertheless, digital twins (DTs) offer a potential solution. DTs can be accessible to all port members, including the port, terminal, and tug operators. This open platform allows everyone to monitor ship arrivals and departures and share their schedules with others using the DT schedule model. Such a system can serve as a valuable tool for collaborative scheduling among port stakeholders.

**2. Materials and Methods**

*2.1. Analysis Framework*

This study proposes a comprehensive five-step framework for the development of a port digital twin model, as depicted in Figure 5. The research formulation for the port’s digital twin is elucidated in Section 2.2, providing insights into the problem formulation and defining the scheduling decision-making problem within the context of the port’s digital twin. Section 2.3 delves into data structure modeling, while Section 2.5.1 explores interactive scheduler modeling, a pivotal development in this study. This section meticulously describes the scheduling interactions among all stakeholders, including ships, tugs, and terminal berth scheduling. In Section 2.5.2, we delve into the visualization aspect of the digital twin. Subsequently, Section 3 highlights a case study that investigates the impact of using the digital twin in port scheduling.



**Figure 5.** Schematic diagram showing the research methodology.

This study offers three significant contributions to its topic. First, it introduces the port digital twin development process, shedding light on the intricacies of its creation. Second, it puts forth a robust data structure and analysis framework essential for facilitating collaborative scheduling aimed at reducing carbon emissions using interconnected scheduling. Third, this study presents a digital twin model that addresses the conventional berth planning problem in operations research. While conventional berth planning research often assumes shipping delays as probability distributions, the developed model can instantaneously resolve berth scheduling based on real-time data concerning the port's moving objects.

## 2.2. Problem Formulation

Unexpected delays can lead to additional carbon emissions at a port, as ships must run their generators while waiting at anchor to supply electricity. Furthermore, the time spent waiting at anchor before berthing can result in ship biofouling, increased fuel consumption, and carbon emissions. One common scenario contributing to delays is a shift in ship arrival time, which can be caused by adverse weather conditions or delays in cargo operations at a previous port.

The port of Busan, for example, sees an average delay of at least 4 hours, contributing to additional carbon emissions. Conventional cargo loading and unloading methods exacerbate sequential delays of ships docking at the same berth, further increasing carbon emissions. These unexpected delays could be mitigated by sharing information about delays; however, the current operational method only exchanges arrival time stamps twice before a vessel's arrival per voyage. In contrast, this study proposes continuous time stamp exchanges, allowing for more frequent communication—every 5 min, leading to 288 communications between ships and the terminal per day under the port digital twin system. This seamless communication enables the early detection of delays for vessels and terminals, ultimately reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Another significant contribution of this study lies in streamlining the communication process for arrival timestamps. Figures 6 and 7 illustrate the difference between the legacy method and the proposed approach. The legacy port system typically requires three steps to generate ETA (estimated time of arrival), RTA (required time of arrival), and PTA (planned time of arrival). ETA represents the expected arrival time of a vessel at its destination, as reported to the terminal based on the voyage plan. RTA is the time required for a ship to arrive at a berth, as determined by the terminal. PTA is derived from timestamp exchanges between a ship and terminal, signifying a mutually agreed-upon arrival time. In general, the required arrival time forms the basis for contracts between a ship and a terminal. If the ship arrives later than the RTA, demurrage charges may apply.

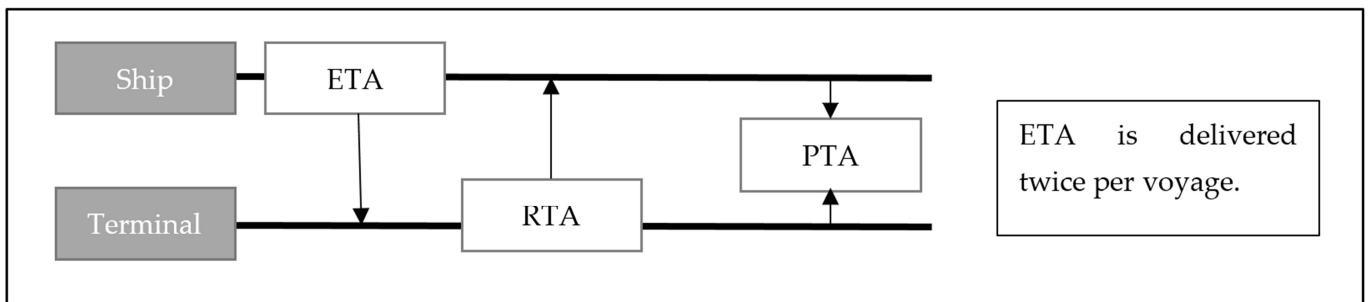


Figure 6. Arrival timestamp decision process of a legacy system.

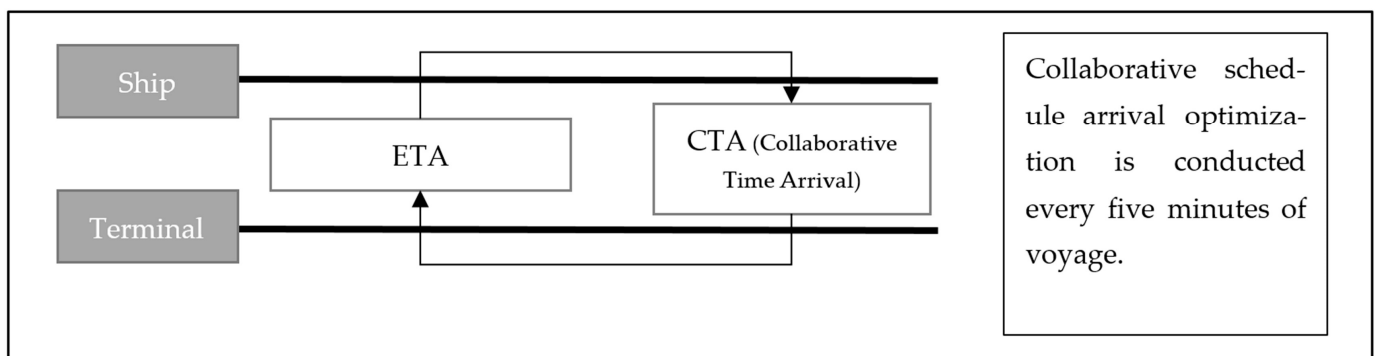


Figure 7. Collaborative scheduling of the digital twin.

In contrast, the proposed method simplifies the timestamp decision-making process by combining two optimization problems into one coupled optimization problem that simultaneously determines the timestamps for both a ship and a terminal. This method offers the advantage of considering CO<sub>2</sub> reduction for both vessels and terminals, thereby reducing overall CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in a port area.

The collaborative time of arrival (CTA) is the timestamp that minimizes overall CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by optimizing the arrival times of ships and a terminal’s berth schedule concurrently. The following formulation presents the combined optimization problem based on the mixed integer linear programming (MILP) model for berth planning, which determines the collaborative time of arrival (CTA) that minimizes CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for both vessels and terminals. The model’s decision variables encompass ship arrival time at a berth and berthing positions, constituting the berth plan.

- Decision variables  
 $BT_i$  (i-th vessel’s berth start time) and  $BP_i$  (i-th vessel’s berth place).
- Objective function

$$\text{Minimize } (vessel\ CO_2(BT_i, BP_i) + terminal\ CO_2(BP_i)) \tag{1}$$

- Constraints



$$BT_i + dwell\ time < BT_{i+1} \tag{2}$$

$$BT_i < RTA_i \tag{3}$$

where  $RTA_i$  is the required time of arrival.

$$0 < BP_i < 80 \tag{4}$$

$$\sum L_i < 1200 \text{ (Berth Length)} \tag{5}$$

where  $L_i$  is the  $i$ -th vessel's overall length.

$$H_i < H_{quay} \tag{6}$$

where  $H_i$  is the  $i$ -th vessel's height and  $H_{quay}$  is the height of the quay crane.

Constraint set (2) ensures that berthing times between vessels do not overlap, and constraint set (3) guarantees that the arrival time can be adjusted by setting the RTA of the ship to be later than the berthing start time. Constraint sets (4)–(6) ensure that the ship can be docked, considering the berthing bitt, the length of the berth, and the height of the quay crane.

- Objective Function Modeling

$$essel\ CO_2(BT_i, BP_i)[ton] = \sum (voyage\ CO_2(S(i)) + waiting\ CO_2(BT_i - WT_i)) \tag{7}$$

where  $S(i) = ship\ speed = Distance_i / (BT_i - Present\ Time)$  and  $WT_i$  is the waiting time of the  $i$ -th vessel.

Ship  $CO_2$  modeling was derived from Kim, Son, and Yoon's works [29–31]. The ship cost modeling was based on the objective function of the autonomous vessel's route decision-making model.  $RTA_i$  is a constraint in the route decision-making algorithm.

$$Terminal\ CO_2(BP_i)[ton] = \sum yard\ tractor\ CO_2(BP_i, BP_{optimal,i}) \tag{8}$$

where if  $BP_i == BP_{optimal,i}$  then =0;

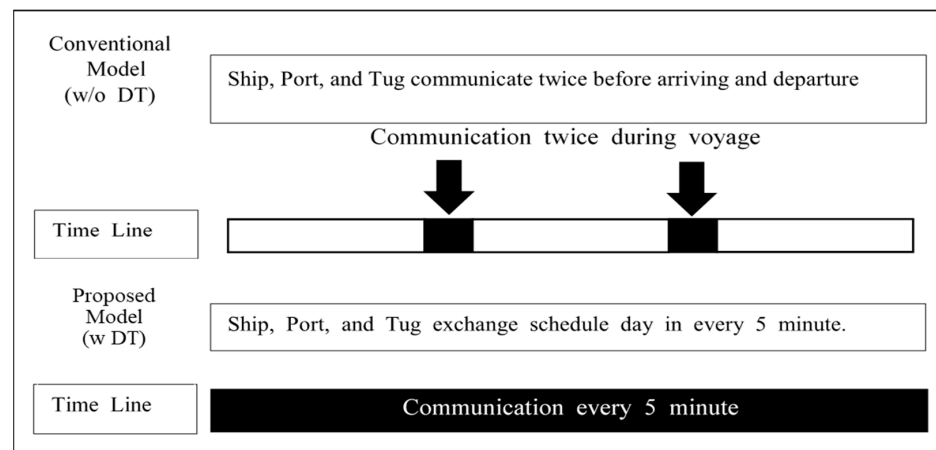
Else, yard tractor  $CO_2 = \sum cargo(j) * (BP_i - BP_{optimal,i})$ ;

where  $cargo(j)$  is the  $j$ -th container cargo.

The calculation for yard tractor  $CO_2$  emissions considers the container cargo's target yard position, which aligns with the vessel's berth position  $BP_i$ . To minimize carbon emissions, it is optimal for a ship's berthing location ( $BP_{optimal,i}$ ) and the yard location to be close. However, if a ship's berthing position changes due to a shift in the berthing order or if berthing does not occur at the optimal position, carbon emissions increase as yard tractors move the container cargo to the target yard position.

### 2.3. Timestamp Exchanging Using the Port Digital Twin

One of the primary benefits of the digital twin infrastructure is that all stakeholders with access to the digital twin can observe the movements and schedules of other parties in real time. Figure 8 illustrates the main distinction between the proposed digital twin model and the legacy system. The proposed model uses a continuous schedule-sharing approach between a ship and a terminal with satellite communication. In contrast, the legacy system only exchanges timestamps twice per voyage. Consequently, if there is a deviation in the arrival time, it cannot be promptly reflected in the schedule, potentially leading to additional congestion.



**Figure 8.** Communication scheme difference between the legacy system and digital twin.

A ship’s arrival estimator can provide continuous predictions of the ship’s arrival. The terminal can then create a CO<sub>2</sub>-minimized schedule based on this real-time estimated time of arrival (ETA). ETA calculations utilize data from the automatic identification system (AIS), environmental forecasts for the voyage route, and historical voyage data [29–31]. This research introduces a schedule exchange structure between the ship, terminal, and tug fleet, enabling the schedule optimization process to occur every five minutes, totaling 288 times per day.

In the digital twin model, the primary aim was to establish continuous, intermediate communication among the terminal, ship, and tug fleet. Each party updates its schedule in real time and proactively reacts to changes in the schedule, ensuring that all stakeholders can monitor each other’s movements and plans.

In contrast, the legacy system struggles to deliver changes in the terminal’s berth schedule to the vessel in a timely manner. As a result, the ship cannot adjust its speed during the voyage, leading to additional fuel consumption and excessive CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at the port. This is because the ship relies on auxiliary diesel engines to generate electricity for accommodation, and fouling affects its hull. Furthermore, for berth planners, without a digital twin, manually monitoring and updating ship arrival and departure times can be challenging. Consequently, adjusting schedules in the event of delays becomes a complex task. Table 2 summarizes the differences in the schedule optimization methods used by port stakeholders in the legacy model compared to the proposed digital twin (DT) model.

**Table 2.** Schedule optimization method.

Entity	Without DT (Legacy Model)	With DT (Proposed Model)
Ship	ETAs updated twice during the voyage	Collaborative time of arrival generated every five minutes during the voyage
Terminal	First-come-first-serve	Mixed integer linear programming
Tug	First-come-first-serve	Mixed integer linear programming

#### 2.4. Data Structure Design

One of the primary contributions of this paper is the proposed data structure for the port’s digital twin. This data structure has the capacity to generate all the necessary schedule decision-making processes required for ship berthing using the digital twin itself. It not only monitors the current movements of all objects within the digital twin but also provides contextual information to predict the next movements of these objects. Figure 9 illustrates the data structure of the digital twin and depicts the relationships among the data. For the sake of brevity, detailed data that can be used to generate a collaborative

schedule for the port’s digital twin are summarized in Tables 3–5. The complete tables, including all their contents, are provided in Appendix A Tables A1–A3.

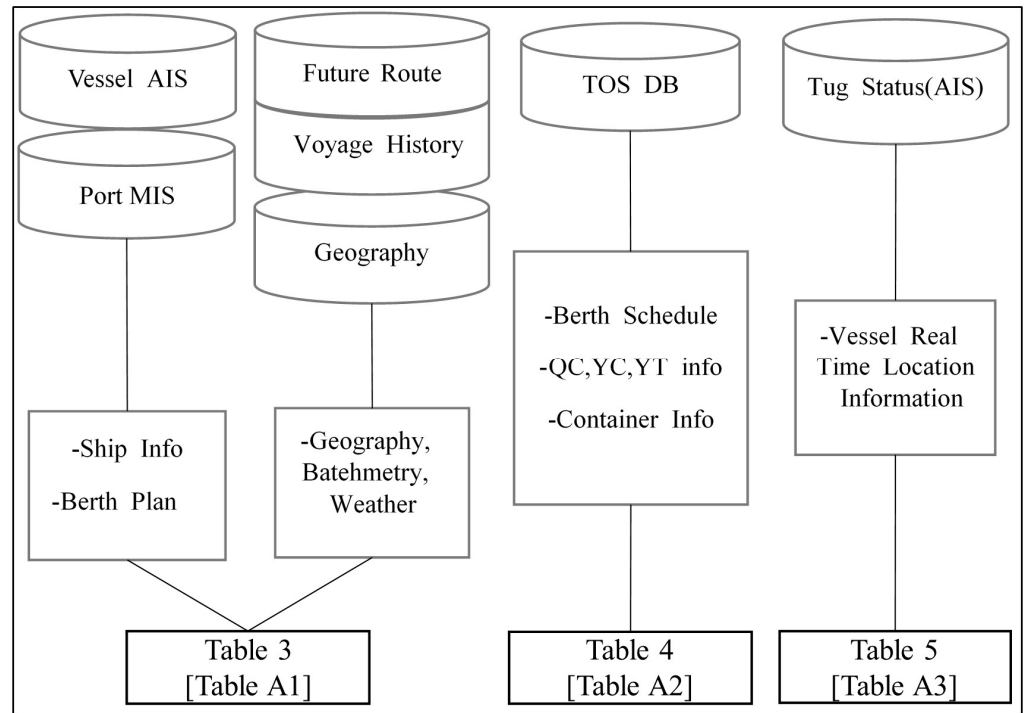


Figure 9. Database structure for a digital twin.

Table 3. Ship data for the DT collaborative scheduler.

Data Name	Sample	Standard
Current Time	2020-04-06T 08:00:00 + 02:00	ISO8601
Vessel IMO number	1801323	IMO
Vessel position, latitude	192.515, 51.9200000	ISO 6709:2008
⋮	⋮	⋮

(Continued in Appendix A)

Table 4. Terminal data for the DT collaborative scheduler.

Data Name	Sample	Standard
Current time	2020-04-06T 08:00:00 + 02:00	ISO8601
Vessel IMO number	1801323	IMO
Vessel tons	50,000	Gross ton
⋮	⋮	⋮

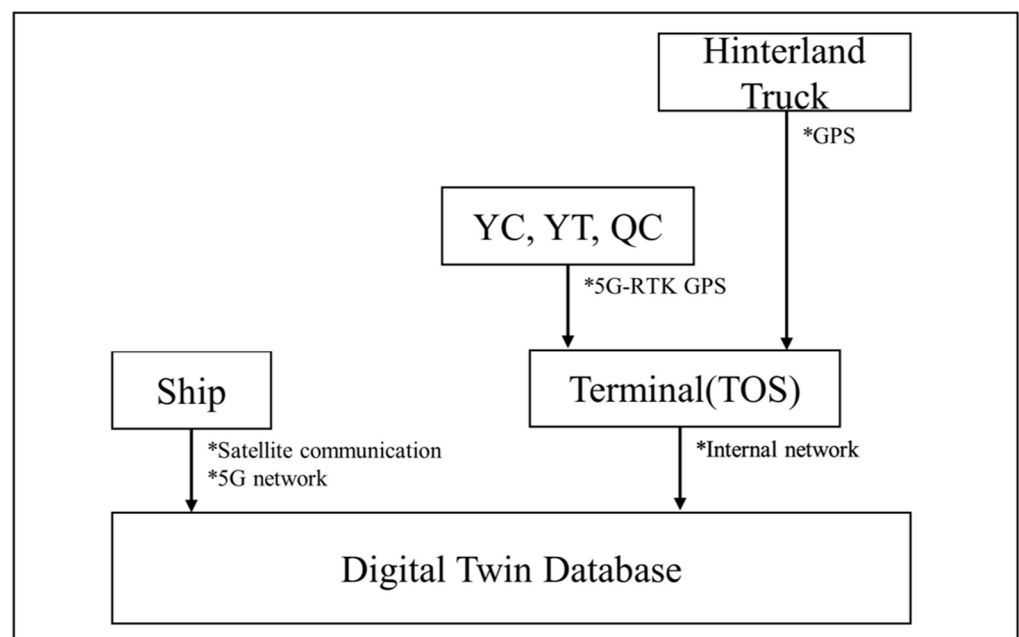
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Table 5. Carbon factors by fuel type.

Fuel Type	$C_F$ (t-CO <sub>2</sub> /t-fuel)	Carbon Content
MDO	3.206	0.8744
HFO	3.114	0.8493
LNG	2.766	0.7500
Methanol	1.375	0.3750

A distinctive feature of the digital twin, particularly in the context of large-scale simulation, is real-time data synchronization. To ensure the validity of real-time data,

the digital twin maintains a latency of less than one second, achieved with the use of 5G communication technology among port objects such as vessels, quay cranes, yard cranes, and trailers. Additionally, the primary analysis logic incorporates a function that evaluates the quality of communication among these objects. This seamless communication network for the digital twin, reflecting real-world phenomena, interfaces with the smart ship platform, the terminal operating system, and the truck management system. Satellite communication is used for offshore ship–port communication, while a 5G network is utilized near the shore. Equipment status data, including that from quay cranes (QCs), yard trucks (YTs), yard cranes (YCs), and hinterland trucks, are collected using 5G-RTK (real-time kinematic) global positioning system (GPS) devices. Terminal operation data are periodically retrieved using the terminal operating system (TOS) via the internal network. These datasets are stored in the digital twin’s database at the terminal and inform the decision-making process. Figure 10 provides a visual representation of the data flow and communication method.



\* communication method

**Figure 10.** Data flow method used in the digital twin.

#### 2.4.1. Ship Data for the DT Collaborative Scheduler

Table 3 summarizes the data obtained from vessels in the port digital twin. The majority of these data pertain to the voyage. The information in Table 3 serves as the basis for creating the CO<sub>2</sub>-optimal vessel time schedule.

#### 2.4.2. Terminal Data for the DT Collaborative Scheduler

Table 4 presents data relevant to terminal berth allocation. These data are explained and exemplified, allowing readers to reproduce the berth allocation algorithm in the DT model.

### 2.5. Digital Twin Development

The port digital twin has four layers: visualization, service, analysis, and database, as presented in Figure 1. The database layer was previously explained in Section 2.4. Therefore, we will delve into the development of the analysis, visualization, and service layers in this section.

### 2.5.1. Analysis Layer Development—Collaborative Scheduler

For the analysis layer, we focus on the development of the scheduler module, as detailed in this section. The scheduler is the core component responsible for optimizing schedules for vessels, berths, and tugs. The problem formulation for the scheduler was introduced in Section 2.2. Traditionally, scheduling for ships, berths, and tugs has been conducted independently and discretely. In a previous study by Park and Kim [32], ship arrival was treated as an unknown value following a uniform distribution due to the inability to predict real-time vessel arrival estimates. In contrast, this study aims to predict vessel arrival in real time and feed this information to the berth and tug schedulers, enabling real-time schedule optimization.

Previous studies [32–34] often assumed ship arrivals followed a probability distribution, resulting in certain delays. Consequently, terminals needed to allocate buffer time to accommodate unexpected arrivals and departure delays. The proposed digital twin (DT) continuously monitors and shares estimated time of arrival (ETA) and estimated time of departure (ETD) data with all stakeholders, eliminating the need for buffer time. This creates opportunities for schedule optimization.

Kim et al. [29] proposed an optimal vessel routing method based on three-dimensional dynamic programming (3DDP). This method allows for the calculation of ETAs, corresponding fuel consumption, and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The output of the ship schedule optimization is the collaborative time of arrival (CTA), constrained by the required time of arrival (RTA) for berth voyage optimization. Voyage optimization can only select route candidates that meet the RTA condition. The digital twin’s ship scheduling algorithm aims to calculate ship ETA and corresponding fuel consumption, considering a total of 600 vessels that visited the PNIT more than once. The berth plan comprises ETAs of expected vessel arrivals at the PNIT.

The digital twin addresses this challenge using continuous state updates between ships and the terminal. The DT provides information on ship arrival and departure status, as well as terminal berth availability. This enables ships to adjust their speed, while terminal and hinterland transportation can prepare for variable ship arrivals.

- Vessel Scheduler Optimizer

Ship ETA can be calculated using Equation (9). AIS (automatic identification system) data indicate a vessel’s current position. The remaining distance to the berth location is the remaining distance for the vessel. This study uses the route estimation method developed by Kim and Yoon [29,31], which selects a similar route based on a target vessel’s voyage history. The berth plan is constructed based on real-time vessel positions, eliminating the need for probabilistic assumptions about ship arrival times.

This study proposes a vessel arrival scheduler that minimizes its fuel oil consumption using the following steps:

1. Setting up voyage planning constraints including available berth time ( $BT_i$ ), maximum speed ( $S_{max}$ ), weather, and geography.
2. Generating a grid.
3. Assigning weather forecast data to the grid.
4. Determining bathymetry and geo-fencing data.
5. Finding the optimal route based on past voyage history.
6. Calculating the ship’s fuel oil consumption based on route selection.
7. Estimating carbon emissions using fuel consumption data.

$$BT_i = D_{remain,i}/S_{optimal,i} \tag{9}$$

where  $D_{remain,i}$  is the remaining distance of the  $i$ -th vessel and  $S_{optimal,i}$  is the optimal speed of the  $i$ -th vessel.

$$Fuel\ Oil\ Consumption[ton] = Power_{ME}(S_{optimal,i}) \times SFOC_{ME} \times VT_i + Power_{GE}(S_{optimal,i}) \times SFOC_{GE} \times WT_i \tag{10}$$

where  $SFOC$  is specific fuel oil consumption,  $VT_i$  is the voyage time of the  $i$ -th vessel,  $ME$  is the main engine,  $GE$  is the diesel generator engine, and  $WT_i$  is the waiting time of the  $i$ -th vessel.

$$CO_2 \text{ emissions}[\text{ton}] = \text{Fuel oil consumption} \times C_F \tag{11}$$

where  $C_F$  is the carbon factor by fuel type [35], as presented in Table 5.

- Terminal Berth Schedule Optimizer

Berth scheduling involves determining the vessel arrival schedule ( $BT_i$ ) and vessel berth placement ( $BP_i$ ) for coupled optimization of vessels and berths. The result is represented as a berth plan, as shown in Figure 11. A berth plan illustrates the scheduling coordination between vessel arrival time ( $BT_i$ ) and berth location ( $BP_i$ ) in a two-dimensional chart encompassing times and berths. This chart presents vessel allocation within a 72-hour (3-day) period across three berth locations. In Figure 11, the gray squares represent vessel berth assignments, such as  $V_1$  berthing at 0 and departing at 12 at Berth 1.

Berth( $V_b$ ) \ Hour( $V_t$ )	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72
Berth 1	V <sub>1</sub>				V <sub>2</sub>					V <sub>3</sub>									
Berth 2		V <sub>4</sub>						V <sub>5</sub>				V <sub>6</sub>							
Berth 3	V <sub>7</sub>				V <sub>8</sub>					V <sub>9</sub>									

Figure 11. A sample berth plan.

In this study, the berthing plan provides a consolidated schedule for vessels and berths and serves as the final output of the digital twin’s collaborative scheduler. The following steps were undertaken for berth allocation:

1. Extracting the berth plan from the terminal operating system (TOS).
2. Updating real-time ETA for vessels ( $BT_i$ ).
3. Reallocating berthing schedules based on carbon emission considerations for both vessels and terminal facilities.
4. Optimizing vessel berth start time ( $BT_i$ ) and berth location ( $BP_i$ ) once the cost of the terminal plan cost is converged.

### 2.5.2. Visualization Layer Development

One of the primary objectives of the digital twin is to ensure the visibility of the port’s dynamic objects. In the current port operation system, visibility of all dynamic objects is not provided to the port community members, leading to several accidents. An example of such an incident occurred at the PNC terminal in 2019, as depicted in Figure 12, underscoring the need for real-time object monitoring.

On the other hand, the digital twin offers complete visibility without any shadow zones. It visualizes the real-time movement of dynamic objects such as vessels, cranes, tugs, and containers using real-time location data. AIS (automatic identification system) data are used for vessel location, high-precision RTK (real-time kinematic) GPS data for crane and yard tractor location, and terminal operating system data for container location. UNITY software, a powerful game development platform and engine, was utilized to create the digital twin’s visualization. All objects within the area were modeled using real-scale CAD data.

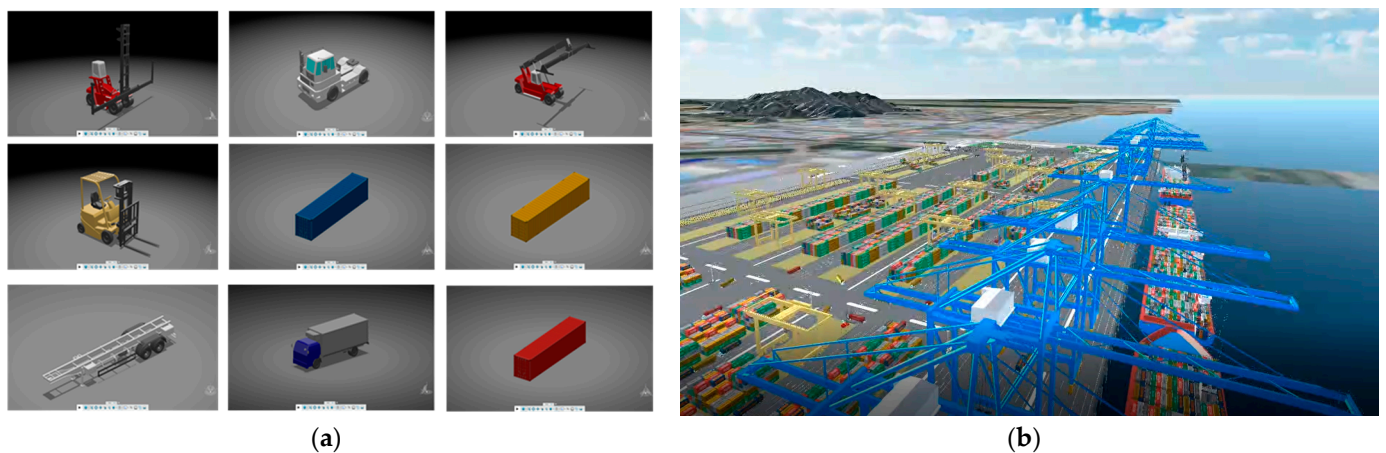
To bring the DT of the PNIT to life, an area of 625 km<sup>2</sup> was modeled, encompassing anchorages, the PNIT terminal, and the hinterland. All essential objects for digital twin development, including ships, port geometry, terminal berths, quay cranes, yard cranes, yard tractors, and truck trailers, were modeled with real-scale and real-geometry information.



**Figure 12.** Ship and quay crane collision in Pusan New Port [36].

The digital twin archives the complete history of the moving components of the port during the study period. It is designed to store data for two weeks from a given time and can generate a timeline within two weeks in advance every five minutes. This enables users to analyze past events or forecast future scenarios.

To realize the port’s digital twin, all 36 objects were modeled during development, and Figure 13a showcases examples of 9 of the 36 objects. The object locations are converted into latitude and longitude, and they possess variables reflecting their location at specific time slots based on real CAD layers. These objects not only have physical shapes but also incorporate cost modeling capabilities to calculate port performance and carbon emissions.



**Figure 13.** (a) Examples of digital twin objects. (b) Bird’s eye view of the digital twin.

### 2.5.3. Service Layer Development

The digital twin platform includes functions that provide services for stakeholders. The prominent service functions include status monitoring, simulation of different operation schemes, and a guidance system.

- Monitoring Service

This service enables operators to monitor real-time data of the port’s digital twin objects, including vessels, quay cranes, yard tractors, and tugs. Operators can track the current positions of vessels, berths, cranes, containers, yard tractors, and trailers, as depicted in Figure 14.

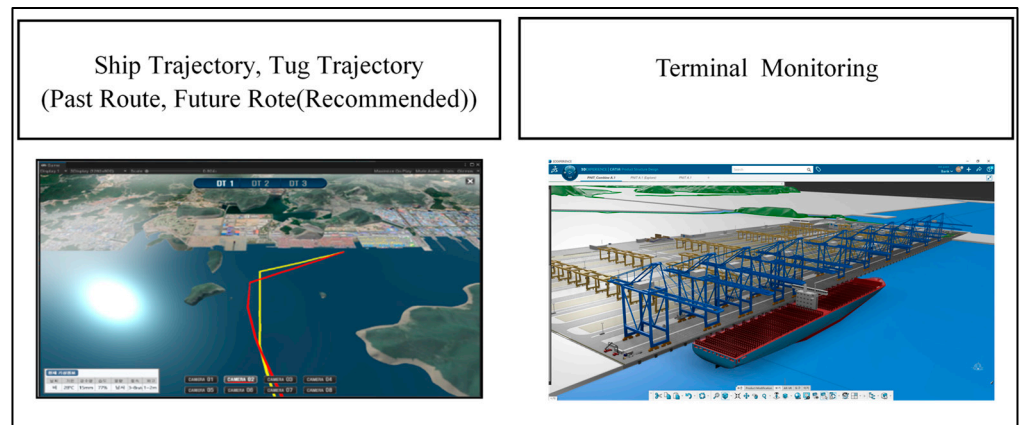


Figure 14. Graphic user interface of a monitoring service.

The monitoring service of the digital twin provides real-time status updates for vessels, including location, voyage status, and estimated time of arrival (ETA). It also offers a summary of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from various objects, as shown in Figure 15.

Status		Data Connection	Vessel Name	Call Sign	ETA
Before arrival	Heading to busan	O	MSC RICC	CQIX6	2021:12:06 22:00
Before arrival	Heading to busan	O	PACIFIC TIANJIN	D5QW3	2021:11:22 22:00

Figure 15. Vessel arrival monitoring service in the DT.

- Simulation

The digital twin’s primary purpose is to evaluate planned scenarios using simulations. Simulations forecasts the future performance of the digital twin and can replay past operation results. One key function is berth planning, which allows terminal operators to compare the efficiency of berth plans, as demonstrated in Figure 16. The sky-blue squares represent the original berth plan, and the yellow squares represent the reallocated berth schedule.

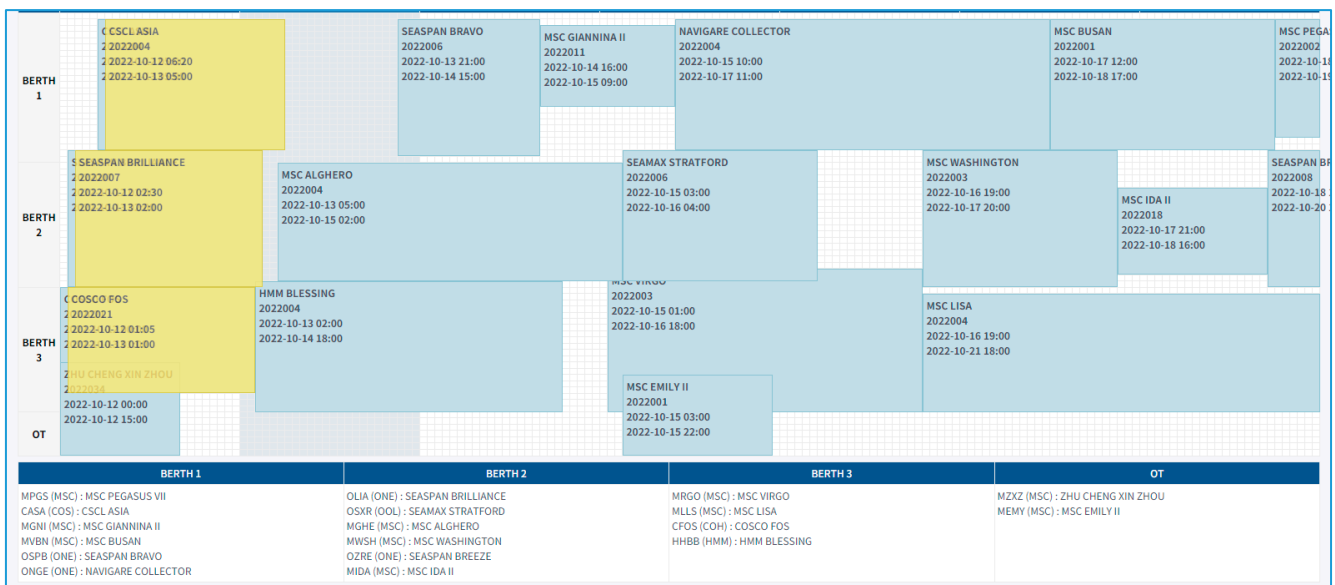


Figure 16. Berth plan using the DT simulation function.



- Guidance Service

This service offers a safe route and operational guidance for digital twin objects. It provides a recommended route for ships arriving at or departing from berths, thus enhancing safety and reducing the risk of collisions, as seen in Figure 17. The red dotted line indicates the recommended departure route for vessels, while the yellow dotted line indicates the suggested arrival route for vessels. The light green bounding box signifies the anchorage area where ships can anchor. The orange bounding box delineates the pilot embarking area, where pilots board incoming vessel, while the sky blue bounding box delineates the pilot disembarking area, where pilots disembark from departing vessels.

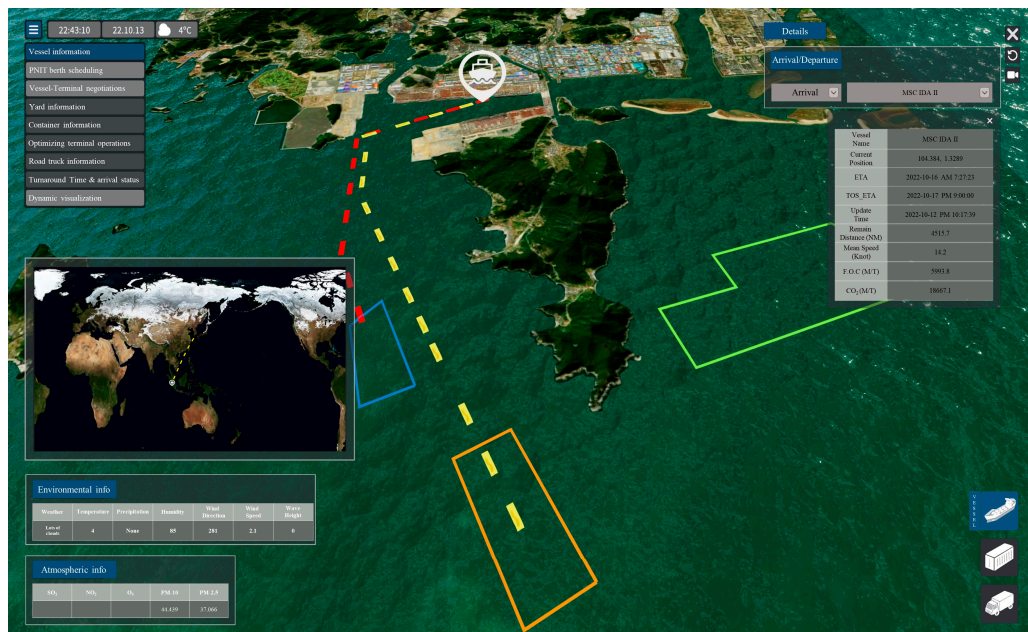


Figure 17. Guidance service.

### 3. Results

This section delves into the operational efficiency changes observed in the proposed DT model using collaborative scheduling in real-world cases. The real-world cases were carefully selected from the operational data from the PNIT (Pusan Newport International Terminal) spanning the month of September 2022. These analysis cases are designed to uncover temporal effects over various timeframes, including the short-term (8 h—one shift), mid-term (24 h—three shifts), and long-term (48 h—six shifts).

#### 3.1. Ship Arrival Estimation Performance

The DT boasts a pivotal function that predicts ship arrival and departure times based on real-time location data and a sophisticated route planning algorithm, as detailed in Section 2. This ship arrival estimation function lays the foundation for collaborative scheduling between vessels and terminals. The accuracy of ship arrival predictions plays a vital role in dynamic berth planning within the DT. Prior to the development of the DT, automatic ship arrival estimation was unavailable, and thus berth planning changes were made after unexpected delays had already occurred. However, with the DT, it is now possible to proactively react to changes in berth planning based on real-time ship arrival predictions.

Of paramount significance is the precision of a vessel’s ETA, as it directly impacts the quality of the berthing schedule. To estimate a ship’s arrival time, this study leveraged historical data, specifically the shortest route taken by vessels from the previous port to PNIT, with reference to AIS historical data. The DT’s ETA predictor provides real-time vessel arrival times, taking into account factors such as a vessel’s current position (AIS), ship size, chosen route, and corresponding weather forecasts. This predictive function

allows berth planners to use the DT to anticipate vessel arrival times and adjust berth plans accordingly.

Table 6 below presents a comparison between ETA errors over a three-month period obtained using the conventional method and the proposed DT-based method. The conventional method exhibited an average mean absolute error of 25.1 h, which was calculated using data recorded by ships and stored in the terminal operating system. In contrast, with the introduction of DT data, the ETA prediction accuracy significantly improved, achieving a mean absolute error of only 1.7 h, with a standard deviation of just 0.5 h. Hence, the proposed DT-based method enhanced the ETA by 95%.

**Table 6.** ETA error comparison.

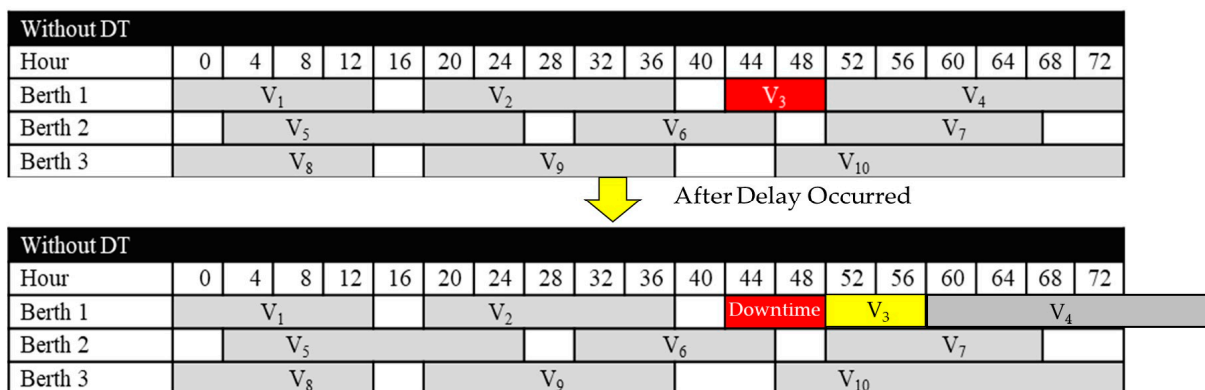
ETA Error—3 Months	Average (h)	Standard Deviation
Without DT data (conventional method)	25.1	12.7
With DT data (proposed method)	1.7	0.5

### 3.2. Schedule Optimization and CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Quantification

To showcase the performance of the DT application, we used three simulation cases, each addressing unexpected delays at different temporal scales. These scenarios encompassed short-term (Section 3.2.1), mid-term (Section 3.2.2), and long-term (Section 3.2.3) delays. Prior to the DT application, the existing independent scheduling system lacked the ability to adapt to unforeseen delays. Consequently, when vessels experienced delays and deviated from their original schedules, an entire port’s operations, including berth allocation, terminal facilities, and other port activities, came to a halt until the delayed vessel arrived. In contrast, the proposed DT-based berth planner proactively reallocates berth schedules, resulting in improved operational efficiency and reduced overall operating expenses.

#### 3.2.1. Case 1: Short-Term Delay

In Case 1, involving a short-term 8-hour delay, the existing independent scheduling system caused downtime, as illustrated in Figure 18. Without the DT platform, a short-term delay of 8 hours led to a cascade effect, where multiple vessels’ schedules were sequentially delayed within the same timeframe. The upper chart in Figure 18 shows Vessel 3’s 8-hour delay marked in a red box, while the lower chart displays the statuses of Vessel 3 and Vessel 4 after this delay. Vessel 3’s cargo operations start was postponed from the 44th hour to the 52nd hour, and Vessel 4’s cargo operations start was pushed from the 52nd hour to the 60th hour.



**Figure 18.** Separated operation without the digital twin—short-term delay case.

However, with the DT platform, Vessel 3’s arrival time was adjusted simultaneously, extending from the 52nd to the 68th hour, as depicted in Figure 19. In this case, Vessel 3 sailed the same distance over the entire duration of its voyage, and the extra time gained,

16 hours, was factored into its schedule. This adjustment allowed Vessel 3 to reduce its speed, as expressed in Equation (12):

$$V_{3(reduced)} = \frac{\text{Voyage distance}}{\text{Original voyage duration}(V_3) + 16} \tag{12}$$

where  $V_{3(reduced)}$  is the reduced vessel speed of Vessel 3.

Without DT																			
Hour	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72
Berth 1	V <sub>1</sub>				V <sub>2</sub>				V <sub>3</sub>				V <sub>4</sub>						
Berth 2	V <sub>5</sub>								V <sub>6</sub>				V <sub>7</sub>						
Berth 3	V <sub>8</sub>				V <sub>9</sub>				V <sub>10</sub>										
With DT																			
Hour	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72
Berth 1	V <sub>1</sub>				V <sub>2</sub>				V <sub>10</sub>										
Berth 2	V <sub>5</sub>								V <sub>6</sub>				V <sub>7</sub>				V <sub>3</sub>		
Berth 3	V <sub>8</sub>				V <sub>9</sub>								V <sub>4</sub>						

Figure 19. Berthing plan—short-term delay case.

Figure 19 further demonstrates the berth plan adjustments in response to the short-term delay with and without the DT application. In the absence of the DT, the delayed schedule led to a 4-hour operation stop at Berth 1 between the 44th and 48th hour. Conversely, with the DT, the application reshuffled schedules, resulting in a mere 4-hour delay. This adjustment not only saved 4 hours in terminal berth scheduling but also reduced carbon emissions by 28.01 tons, as detailed in Table 7. Ultimately, the digital twin contributed to a significant reduction of 61.62 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> compared with the scenario without its use.

Table 7. Delay cost comparison for the short-term delay case.

Case	CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions (Tons)
Without the digital twin (conventional method)	89.63
With the digital twin (proposed method)	28.01
CO <sub>2</sub> saved	61.62

Figure 20 provides a visual representation of the accumulated cost savings, with the DT application significantly reducing costs compared with the scenario without the DT. The delayed scenario without the DT results in a higher cost increase due to from vessel delays.

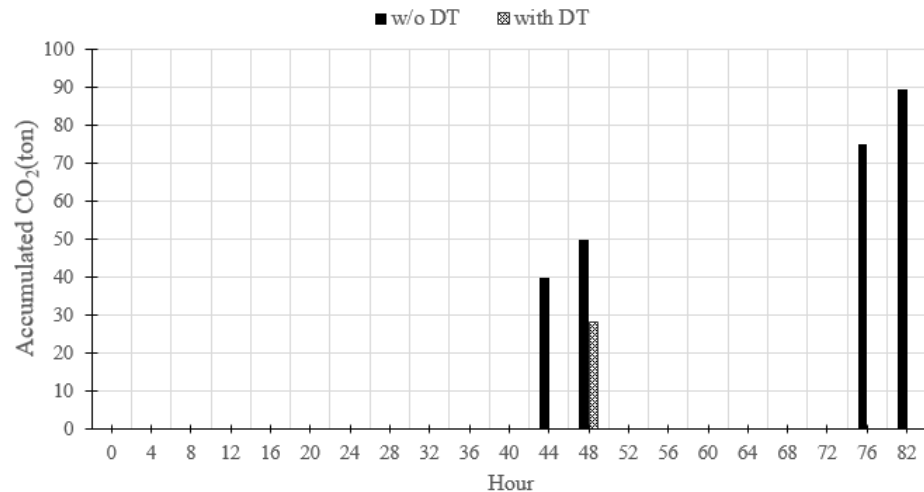


Figure 20. Accumulated delay costs—short-term delay case.

### 3.2.2. Case 2: Mid-Term Delay

In Case 2, involving a mid-term 28-hour delay, the independent scheduling system led to downtime, as depicted in Figure 21. Vessel 3 experienced a 28-hour delay, shifting its cargo operation start from the 44th hour to the 72nd hour.

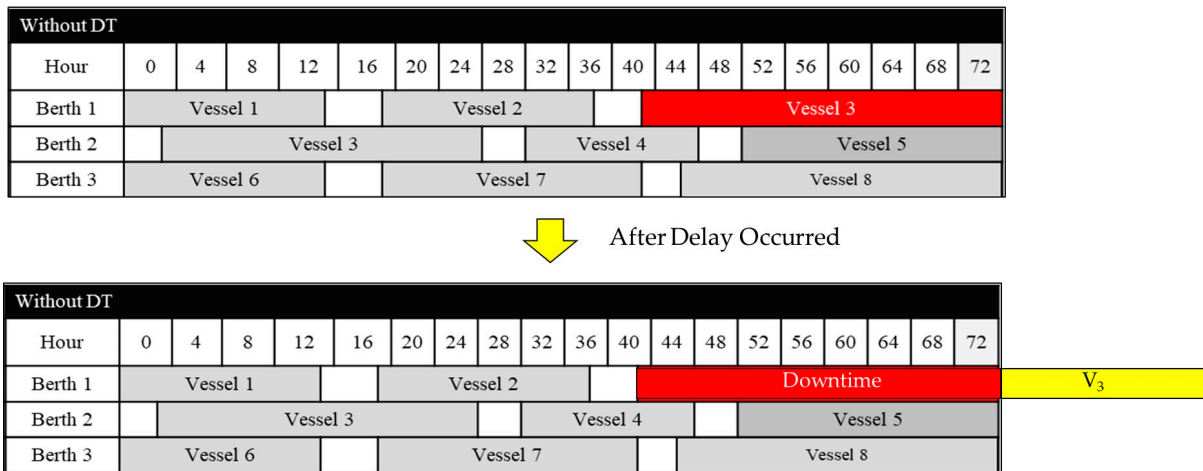


Figure 21. Separated operation without the DT—mid-term delay case.

With the DT application, Vessel 3’s arrival time was adjusted from the 44th to the 68th hour, enabling a 24-hour saving achieved by slowing down the vessel’s speed to meet the new required arrival time (68th hour). This speed reduction is expressed in Equation (13):

$$V_{3(reduced)} = \frac{\text{Voyage distance}}{\text{Original voyage duration}(V_3) + 24} \tag{13}$$

where  $V_{3(reduced)}$  represents the reduced vessel speed of Vessel 3.

Figure 22 illustrates the schedule changes implemented using the DT application in the berth plan. The red-colored vessel symbolizes the delay. Without the DT, the ship and berth were both delayed by 28 hours. However, with the DT, the application adjusted the schedules for Vessel 5 and Vessel 3, resulting in Vessel 3 arriving eight hours earlier. This adjustment not only saved Vessel 3 24 hours but also ensured that other vessels expected to arrive at Berth 1 and 2 after 72 hours did not need to wait longer than originally scheduled.

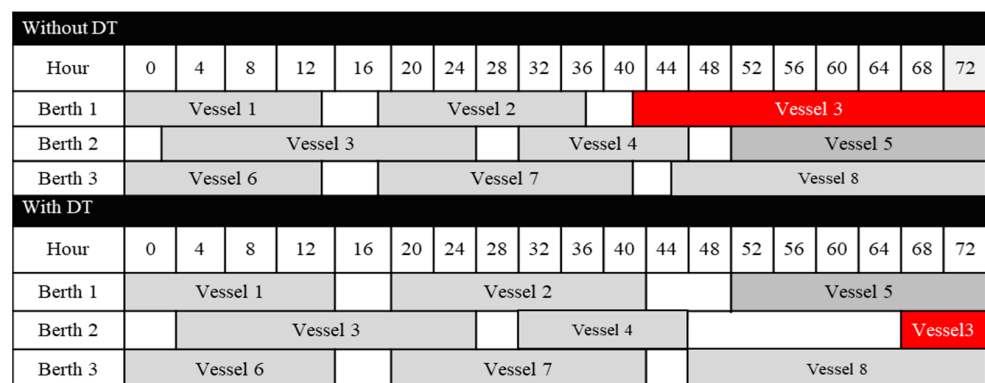
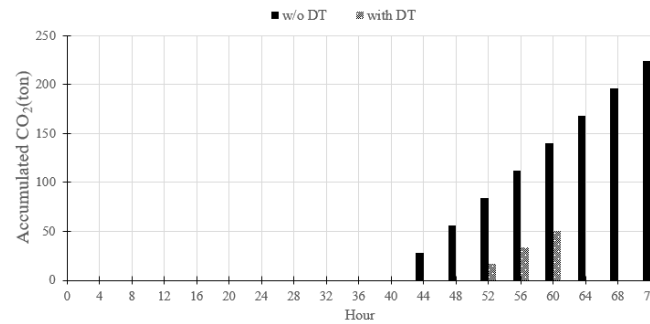


Figure 22. Berthing plan—mid-term delay case.

Table 8 and Figure 23 provide insights into the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in cases with and without the DT. The DT application substantially reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 173.66 tons compared with the scenario without the DT. These findings highlight the substantial benefits of applying the digital twin, particularly in scenarios involving extended waiting times.

**Table 8.** Delay cost comparison for the mid-term delay case.

Case	CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions (Tons)
Without the digital twin (conventional method)	224.08
With the digital twin (proposed method)	50.42
CO <sub>2</sub> saved	173.66



**Figure 23.** Accumulated delay costs—mid-term delay case.

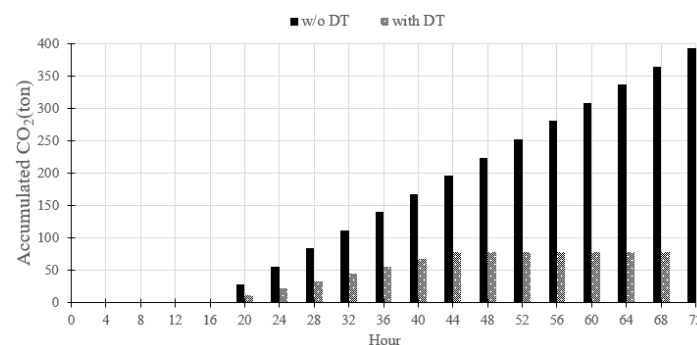
### 3.2.3. Case 3: Long-Term Delay

The final case entails a 48-hour delay, as depicted in Figure 24, which showcases the schedule changes implemented using the DT application. Without the DT, Vessel 2 was delayed by 48 hours, resulting in a corresponding delay in the berth scheduling. After the DT application changed the plan, the schedules for Vessel 5, Vessel 7, Vessel 8, and Vessel 2 were modified and reassigned.

Without DT																			
Time	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72
Berth 1	Vessel 1				Vessel 2 (48 hour delay)														
Berth 2	Vessel 3				Vessel 4				Vessel 5										
Berth 3	Vessel 6				Vessel 7				Vessel 8										
With DT																			
Time	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72
Berth 1	Vessel 1				Vessel 7				Vessel 8										
Berth 2	Vessel 3				Vessel 4				Vessel 2										
Berth 3	Vessel 6				Vessel 5														

**Figure 24.** Berthing plan—long-term delay case.

Figure 25 and Table 9 illustrate the accumulated CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in cases with and without the DT. The DT application achieved a remarkable reduction of 313.69 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions compared with the scenario without the DT. These results emphasize the exponential benefits of the digital twin, particularly in scenarios involving extended waiting times. These findings indicate that as the duration of vessel arrival delays increases, the benefits of the DT application become increasingly pronounced.



**Figure 25.** Accumulated delay costs—long-term delay case.

**Table 9.** Delay cost comparison for the long-term delay case.

Case	CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions (Tons)
Without the digital twin (conventional method)	392.12
With the digital twin (proposed method)	78.43
CO <sub>2</sub> saved	313.69

#### 4. Discussion

In this study, we pioneered the development of a port digital twin model that caters to the diverse needs of port stakeholders, including vessels, tugs, and terminals, with the primary goal of optimizing plans and operations within container terminals. Our digital twin model proved to be capable of not only measuring but also significantly reducing carbon emissions stemming from vessels, terminal operations, and hinterland trucks, all while fostering collaborative and efficient maritime operations. The implications of this research hold profound significance for the shipping industry.

The digital twin model we created meticulously replicates the intricate decision-making processes involved in vessel arrivals and departures. Prior to our work, traditional methods for planning berth schedules, often reliant on statistical distributions of delays, struggled to predict vessel delays accurately. In stark contrast, our study introduces a novel data structure and a robust scheduling algorithm to form the backbone of our port digital twin. This innovation brings forth interactive scheduling capabilities between the port and vessels, thereby drastically enhancing our ability to predict vessel arrival times and reduce the carbon footprint associated with maritime voyages.

To validate the efficacy of our proposed digital twin model, we conducted a meticulous comparison with actual operational data from the studied terminal, focusing on September 2022. Using three compelling case studies, we demonstrated that our digital twin technology can reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by an impressive average of 77.33% when compared with conventional independent scheduling systems. In absolute terms, this translates to an average reduction of 171.78 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Consequently, the DT platform emerges as a formidable tool in the pursuit of reducing wait times for ships and port-related carbon emissions.

The performance of our model in ship arrival estimation and optimal scheduling is truly remarkable, boasting a 95% decrease in estimation errors when compared with conventional non-digital twin methods. Furthermore, our research delved into the digital twin’s schedule optimization performance under variable conditions. We explored three distinctive scenarios, encompassing short-term, mid-term, and long-term delays, which allowed us to quantify the DT’s schedule optimization capabilities using CO<sub>2</sub> reduction metrics. In the short term, we achieved a 75% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, while in the mid-term, this reduction amounted to 77%. Notably, the long-term scenario exhibited an astonishing 80% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions when compared with legacy systems. In absolute terms, this translated to substantial reductions of 28.01 tons in the 8-hour delay case, 173.66 tons in the 24-hour delay case, and a remarkable 313.69 tons in the 48-hour delay case. This empirical validation underscores the digital twin’s potential as a versatile tool for replicating current operations and optimizing schedules across port stakeholders.

Our proposed DT model, which encompasses crucial data components for vessel and berth scheduling, naturally positions itself as a potential backbone for autonomous operations within the maritime supply chain. This vision includes autonomous vessel arrivals and port operations, revolutionizing the way we envision maritime logistics and operations in the future.

In future studies, we envision using advanced optimization algorithms such as particle swarm optimization (PSO) to further enhance ship and port operational efficiency. Moreover, achieving pinpoint accuracy in predicting ship port arrival times remains a pivotal focus, and we will explore methods to enhance this accuracy further, leveraging real-time AIS data for precise ship ETA predictions. These endeavors hold immense promise for the continued advancement and transformation of the shipping industry in the digital era.

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**Acronym**

PNIT	Pusan Newport International Terminal
JITA	just-in-time arrival
ETA	estimated time of arrival
ETD	estimated time of departure
CTA	collaborative time of arrival
PTA	planned time of arrival
PTD	planned time of departure
RTA	required time of arrival
RTD	required time of departure
PBP	pilot boarding place
ETA PBP	estimated time of arrival at pilot boarding place
RTA PBP	required time of arrival at pilot boarding place
PTA PBP	planned time of arrival at pilot boarding place
ETC	estimated time of completion
ETS	estimated time of service
ATD	actual time of departure
ETD PBP	estimated time of departure at pilot boarding place
RTD PBP	required time of departure at pilot boarding place
ATD PBP	actual time of departure at pilot boarding place
ATA PBP	actual time of departure at pilot boarding place
YT	yard tractor
YC	yard crane
QC	quay crane
TUG	tug vessel
DT	digital twin
AIS	automatic identification system
TOS	terminal operating system
Port MIS	Port Maritime Information System
IMO	International Maritime Organization
DCSA	Digital Container Shipping Association
MRV	monitor, report, and verification
CO <sub>2</sub>	carbon dioxide
MEPC	Marine Environment Protection Committee
PortCDM	port collaborative decision-making
RTK	real-time kinematic

**Appendix A. Data for the DT Collaborative Scheduler**

**Table A1.** Ship data for the DT collaborative scheduler (Table 3).

Data Name	Sample	Standard
Current time	2020-04-06T 08:00:00 + 02:00	ISO8601
Vessel IMO number	1801323	IMO
Vessel position, latitude	192.515, 51.9200000	ISO 6709:2008
Vessel tons	50,000	Gross ton
Previous port	KR BUS	UN location code

**Table A1.** *Cont.*

Data Name	Sample	Standard
Next port	SG JUR	UN location code
Facility code	PBPL	DCSA
ETA BERTH	2020-04-06T 08:00:00 + 02:00	ISO8601
ETA PBP	2020-04-06T 08:00:00 + 02:00	ISO8601
Emission	Ton	Carbon content
Berth location	Berth NR5	
Voyage type	Cargo	
Vessel type	Container	
Crew number	10	Integer
Tug usage	Yes	
Pilot	Yes	
No-go zone in port	192.515, 51.9200000	ISO15016
Wind speed	m/s	ISO15016
Wind direction	Degree	ISO15016
Wave height	M	ISO15016
Wave direction	degree	ISO15016
Current speed	m/s	ISO15016
Current direction	Degree	ISO15016
Route candidate information	192.515, 51.9200000	ISO 6709:2008
	...	
Optimal route information	(192.515, 51.920, speed, direction, time)	ISO 6709:2008

**Table A2.** Terminal data for the DT collaborative scheduler (Table 4).

Data Name	Sample	Standard
Current time	2020-04-06T 08:00:00 + 02:00	ISO8601
Vessel IMO number	1801323	IMO
Vessel tons	50,000	Gross ton
Previous port	KR BUS	UN location code
Next port	SG JUR	UN location code
Facility code	PBPL	DCSA
ETA BERTH/ ETD berth	2020-04-06T 08:00:00 + 02:00	ISO8601
ETA PBP/ETD PBP	2020-04-06T 08:00:00 + 02:00	ISO8601
Emission	Ton	Carbon content
Berth location	Berth NR5	
Operation expenditure	Korean won	
Berth air draft	50 m	
Berth depth	-25 m	
Bitt number	0~110	
Yard tractor cost	Korean won	
Quay crane capacity	30TEU/h	
Weight factor	Constant	

**Table A3.** Ship data for DT collaborative scheduler (Table 5).

Data Name	Sample	Standard
Current time	2020-04-06T 08:00:00 + 02:00	ISO8601
Vessel IMO number	1801323	IMO
Vessel tons	50,000	Gross ton
Previous port	KR BUS	UN location code
Next port	SG JUR	UN location code
Facility code	PBPL	DCSA
ETA BERTH/ ETD berth	2020-04-06T 08:00:00 + 02:00	ISO8601
ETA PBP/ETD PBP	2020-04-06T 08:00:00 + 02:00	ISO8601
Tug allocation result (number)	1~8	
Tug unit cost	Korean won/h	



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