

Towards Airport 4.0: Airport Digital Maturity and Transformation

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**Digital capabilities and passenger benefits of a seamless and resilient
Norwegian airport system**

Aim

“To develop a conceptual framework for research on airport digital maturity and transformation”



Main benefits of investing in technology at airports



Operational efficiency

- Capacity enhancement
- Resilience and agility



Cost efficiency

- Reduce CAPEX
- Reduce OPEX



Passenger experience

- Seamless
- Customised
- Personalised



Revenue generation

- Monetise touch points
- Increase commercial revenue

Main challenges of investing in technology at airports



Cost

- Initial & running costs
- New versions & updates
- Quantifying benefits & ROI



Capabilities

- Technical support & staff training
- Fit existing infrastructure & services



Uncertainty

- Tech lifespan
- Potential tech or supplier lock-in
- Buy-in from management, partners and stakeholders



Vulnerability

- Cybersecurity
- Privacy and other social and ethical considerations

**Expenditure on technology at
airports in 2017**

US\$8.6 billion

(up from US\$7.0 billion in 2016)

As a proportion of total revenue

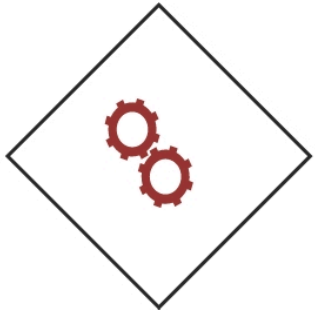
5.7%

(up from 2.7% in 2016)

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The Industrial Revolutions

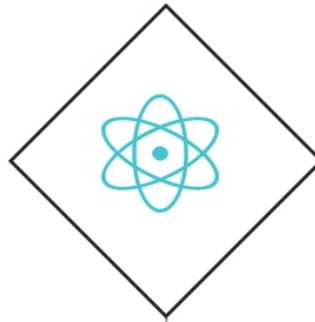


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Age of mechanical production

1780s

Advancements in the use of water and steam power and mechanical production equipment

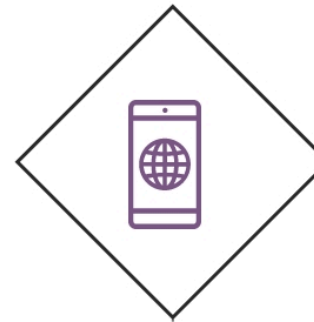


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Age of science and mass production

1870s

Advancements with electricity and mass production



3rd

Digital revolution

1970s

Advancements with electronics, information technology and automation



4th

Age of cyber physical systems

2000s

Advancements with autonomous decision making of cyber physical systems using machine learning through cloud technology

The Four Stages *of* Airport Digital Maturity



Analogue processes

Traditional approaches for virtually all key processes, with the vast majority of tasks undertaken manually by staff with or without the help of computers. There are long lag times between the capture and use of any electronic data



1.0



Digitisation

While some processes are conducted manually by staff, there is also some use of automated and/or digital technologies within the airport



2.0



Digitalisation

Automated and/or digital technologies are used extensively for the majority of airport processes, and to add value to airport functions over and above basic operational requirements



3.0



Digital Transformation

Value is created from data that is captured and shared with a range of stakeholders, and used in real-time via smart data capabilities. Airport systems and processes are integrated within the wider digital ecosystem that connects all stakeholders



4.0

Technology architecture

- Technology alone cannot create significant value; this happens when there is an overall cohesive architecture
- The Internet of Things (IoT) is regarded as the technology architecture for a digital future across different industries
- IoT: «The interconnection via the Internet of computing devices embedded in everyday objects, enabling them to send and receive data.»
- Synonymous with the ‘Smart Airport’ concept



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Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd (MAHB) managing director D Analytics (BDA), aimed at raising the level of service as one of MOHD FADLI HAMZAH

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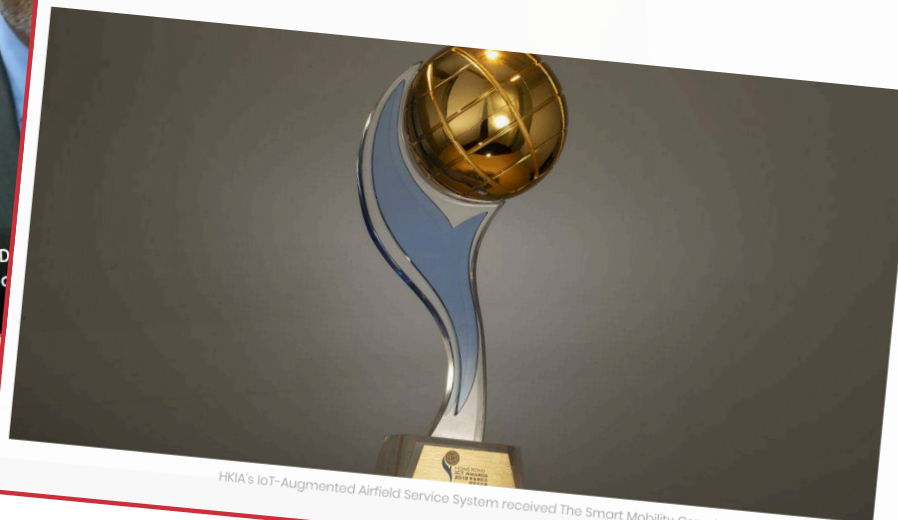
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HKIA's IoT-Augmented Airfield Service System received The Smart Mobility Grand Award. PHOTO from HKIA

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"I would say we are reaping the benefits so much more we can do. With our S collaboration based on information difficult system-of-system level project get the most of data analytics in our

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Istanbul Airport adopts technology to try to dominate industry - Forbes

Turkey's new Istanbul Airport, one of the first truly smart airports in the world, is preparing to dominate the \$35 billion industry by using the most cutting-edge technology available, Forbes magazine said.

Turkey is betting on return to its **total projected cost of \$12 billion dollars** investment by handling 200 million passengers a year at the airport once fully completed, the article said.

The first phase of the 29.5 square-mile airport, the flagship project of Turkey's ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP), **opened following numerous delays in October of last year**. The project will be completed in four phases by 2027.

"Smart technology will dramatically change the way we run airports and fly. Istanbul Airport is equipped with cutting-edge technology that accelerates all processes at the airport and facilities travelling for its passengers," Turkish Airlines New York General Manager Cenk Öcal told the U.S. magazine.

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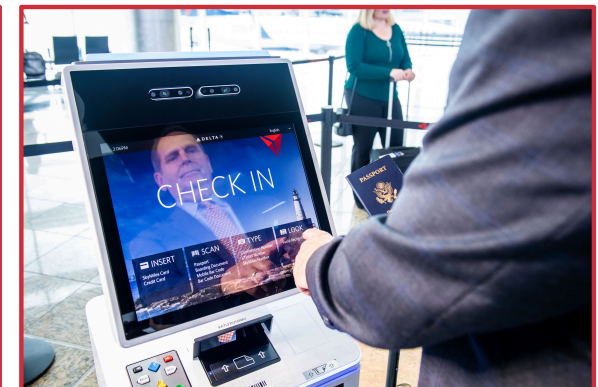
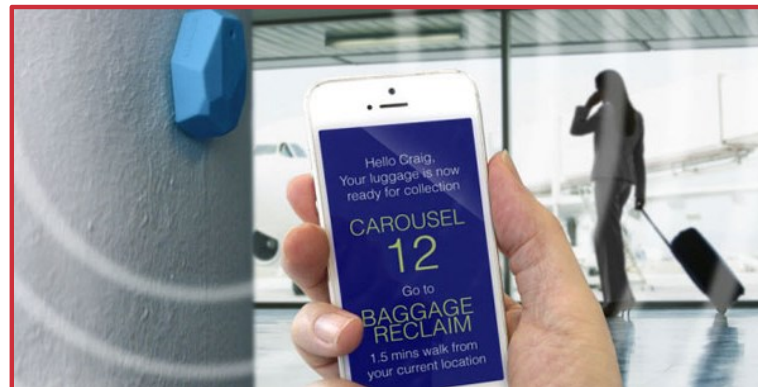


'Smart Airport'

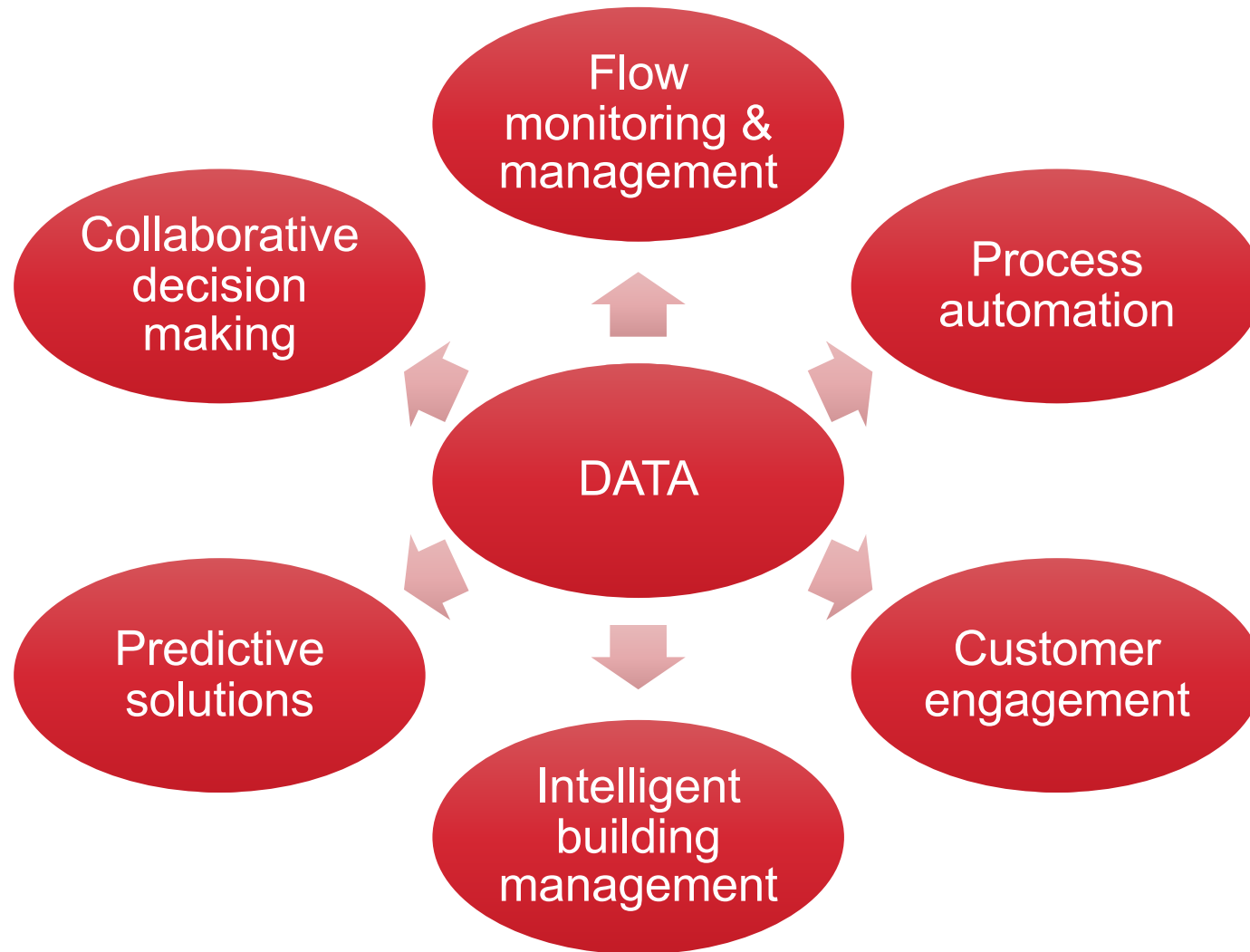
- Physical objects - digitally enabled
 - Passengers, baggage, cargo, aircraft, staff, equipment, etc
- Touch points or moments - digitally enabled
 - e.g. digital channels, access, check-in, security, commercial, information & wayfinding, passport control, departure, arrival
- Instrumentation - sensors or 'smart' components

e.g. sensors that gather data and allow for connectivity and interaction (via a network)

| Category | Examples |
|-----------|--|
| Proximity | Parking space sensors, radio-frequency identification (RFID) smart baggage tracking, asset or workforce tracking, passenger tracking via beacons, Bluetooth, near field communications (NFC) or wifi |
| Pressure | Sensors for smart energy monitoring, building maintenance, waste management |
| Optical | Cameras or other sensors for biometrics, security screening, flow or throughput management, or monitoring equipment such as kiosks and bag drop stations |
| Motion | Access control sensors for intrusion detection, video surveillance, automatic doors or barriers |



Data can be communicated across the network to aid decision making for a range of solution clusters



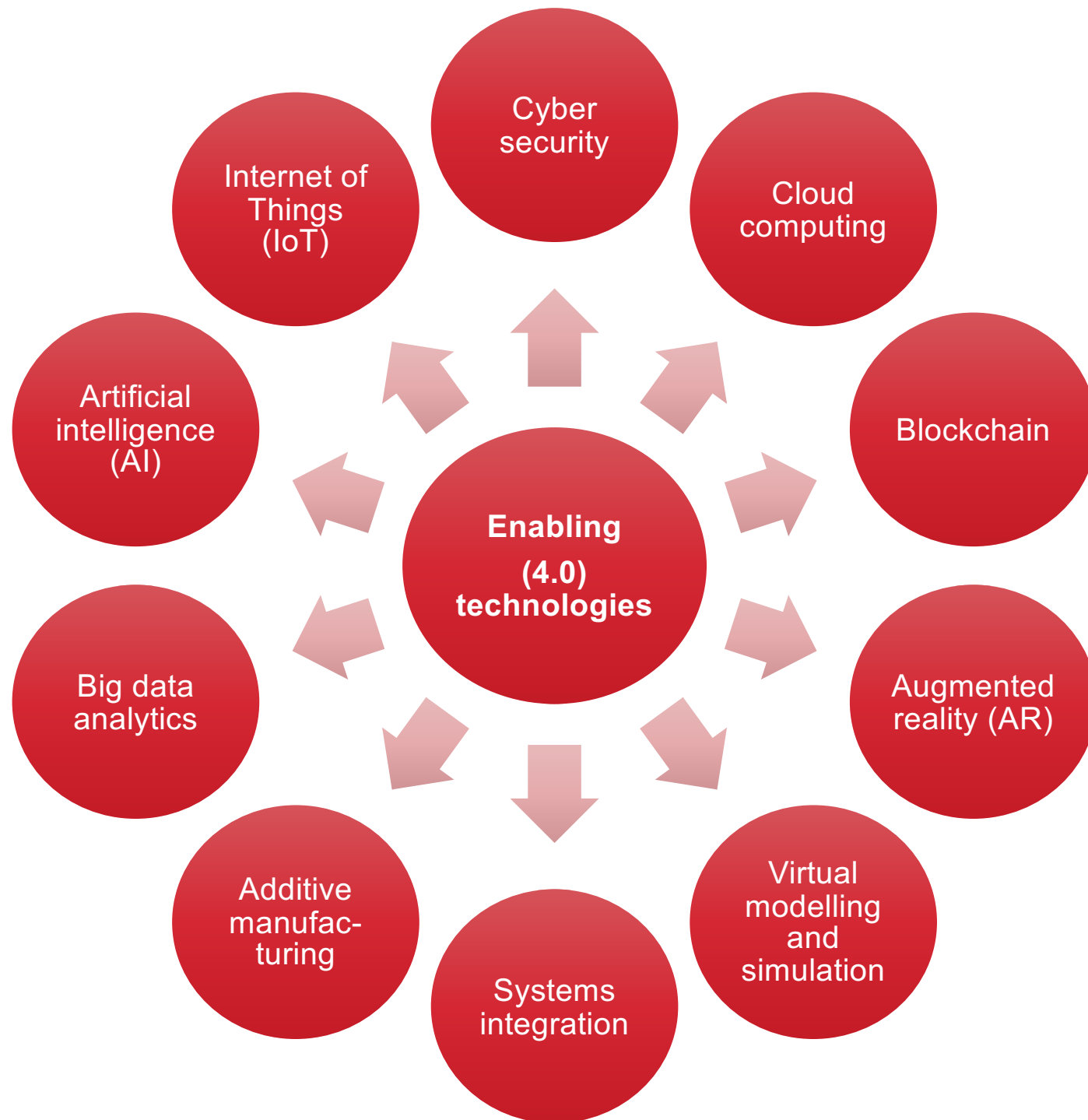
Data is at the heart of digital transformation

Also the greatest challenge given the siloed nature of airport processes!

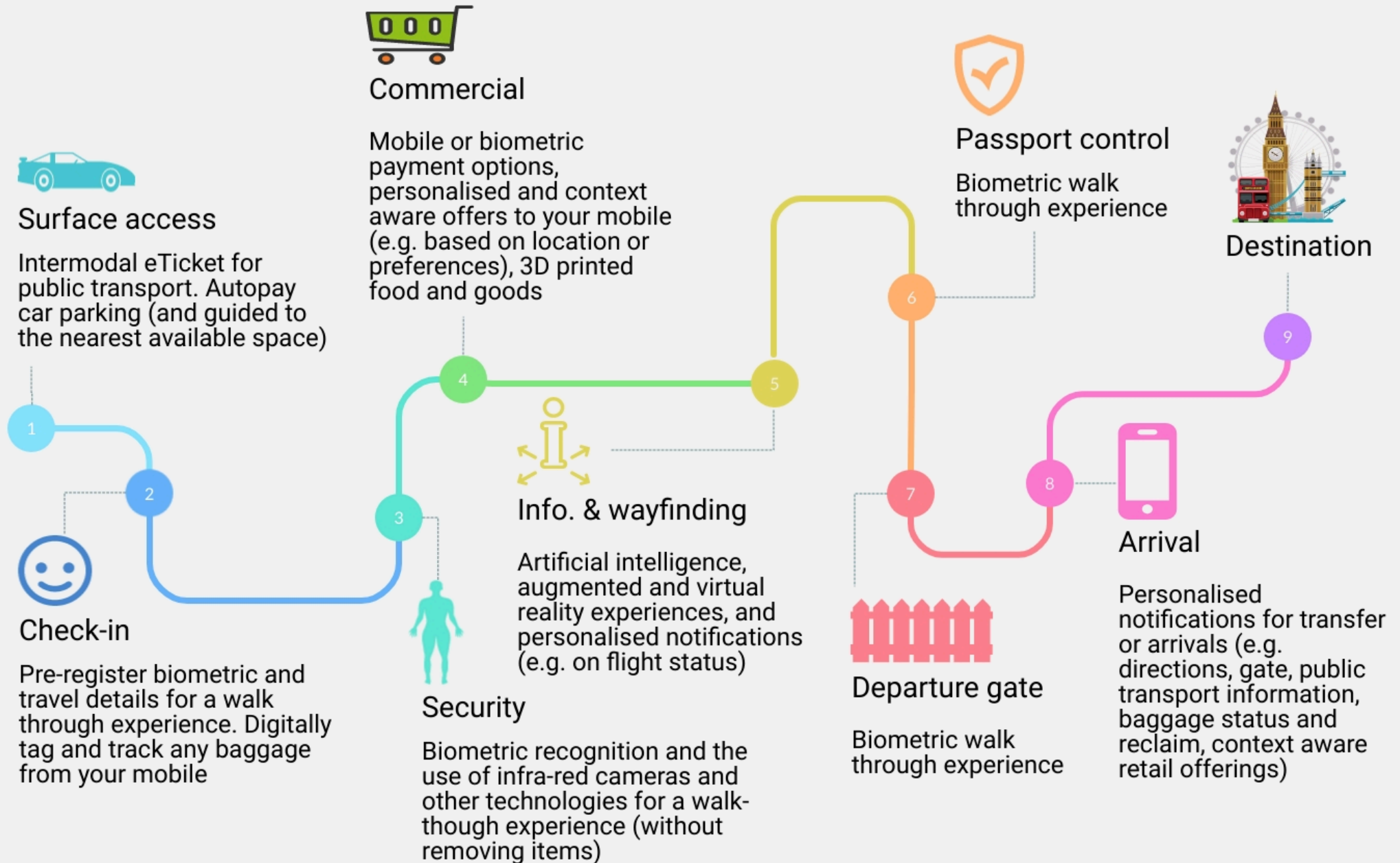
Stakeholder data exchange matrix

| Stakeholder | Challenges | Required data | Shared data |
|------------------------|--|--|--|
| Airport | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep SLAs Increase non-aeronautical revenue Improve operational workflow | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passenger information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location of passenger in the terminal Terminal situation and environment Retail offers |
| Airline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet target off-block time | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location of passenger in the terminal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passenger information |
| Passenger | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve travel experience Find best deals in retail | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel updates Live information at the airport Guidance Retail vouchers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passenger information Current status and location of passenger |
| Border control | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep SLAs Reduce operational costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current and expected passenger flow information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource allocation |
| Security | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep SLAs Reduce operational costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current and expected passenger flow information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource allocation |
| Ground handling | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep SLAs Reduce operational costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baggage information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current status and location of baggage |

Adapted from ACI Europe (2018). Guidelines for Passenger Services at European Airports: The Passenger at the Heart of the Airport Business, ACI Europe, Brussels.



Seamless, customised and personalised Passenger Journey



“ Digital transformation is not just about implementing more and better technologies. It involves aligning culture, people, structure and tasks ”

Kane, G. C., Palmer, D., Phillips, A. N., Kiron, D. and Buckley, N. (2016). Aligning the organisation for its digital future. MIT Sloan Management Review, 26 July.

“

Digital Transformation is an important trend influencing the airport business. It is not just about the deployment of new technologies, instead, it is about transforming the business of airports, adapting to customers, staff, community and cultures and leveraging existing and new technologies to meet objectives and goals. Digital transformation is becoming a core capability and a necessity to meet the capacity demands of the future.



ACI (2017). *Airport Digital Transformation – Best Practice*. ACI, Montreal.

Digital strategy
Leadership support and engagement
Support from stakeholders
Business cases

Build support
Form relationships
Learn through collaboration
Channel ideas or requests



Knowledge
Skills and resources
Talent
Solutions that build trust

Digital mindset
Dynamic decision-making
Holistic approach
Innovation governance

Attitude to adoption

| Strategy | Description |
|-----------------------|---|
| Laggards | We are normally amongst the last few airports to use new digital technologies |
| Late majority | We tend to use new digital technologies when they are used by most airports |
| Early majority | We tend to use new digital technologies when they are used by some airports |
| Early adopters | We embrace new digital technologies, and are usually amongst the first few airports to use them |
| Innovators | We actively seek out new digital technologies and are happy to experiment with them, even when they have not been trialed much in an airport setting before |

Based on Diffusion of Innovations theory by Rogers (2003 - 1st edition in 1962)

Rogers, E. M. (2003). Diffusion of Innovations, 5th ed., Free Press, New York

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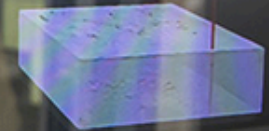
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Shape the future of aviation technology in a live report environment.



WHAT IS THE LIVING LAB PROGRAMME?

The Living Lab Programme is a platform for Changi Airport Group to collaborate with innovation-driven companies and start-ups, to develop and demonstrate new technology solutions in a live airport environment.



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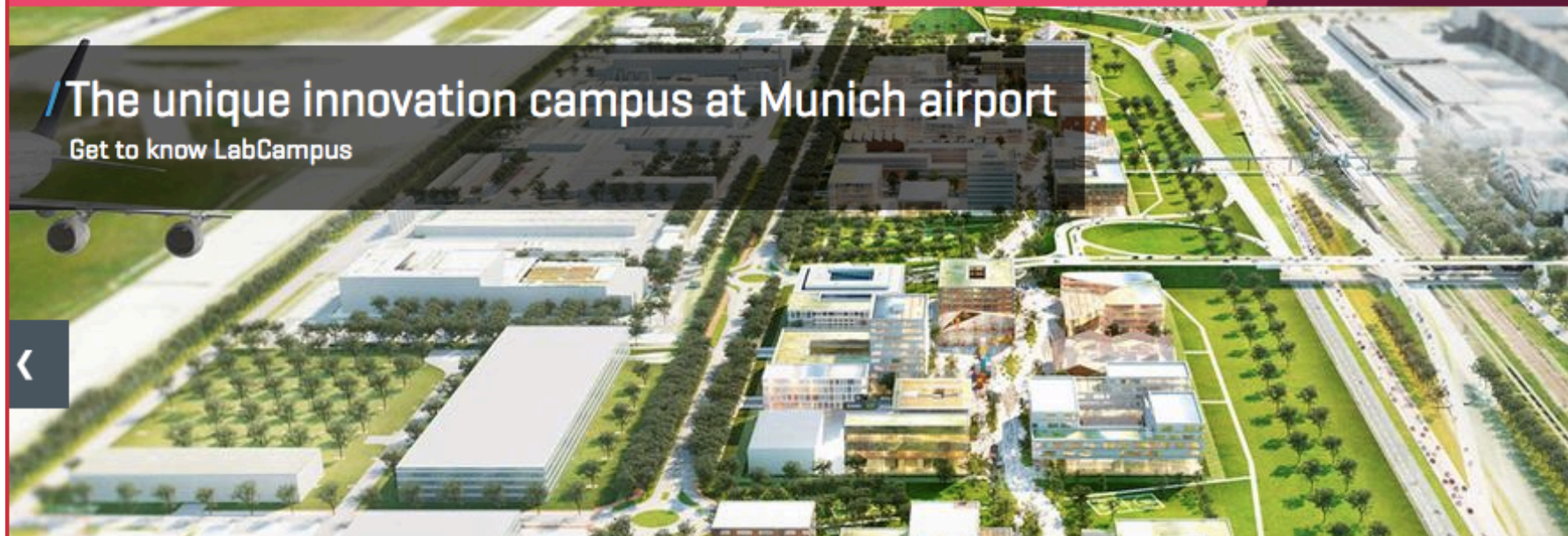
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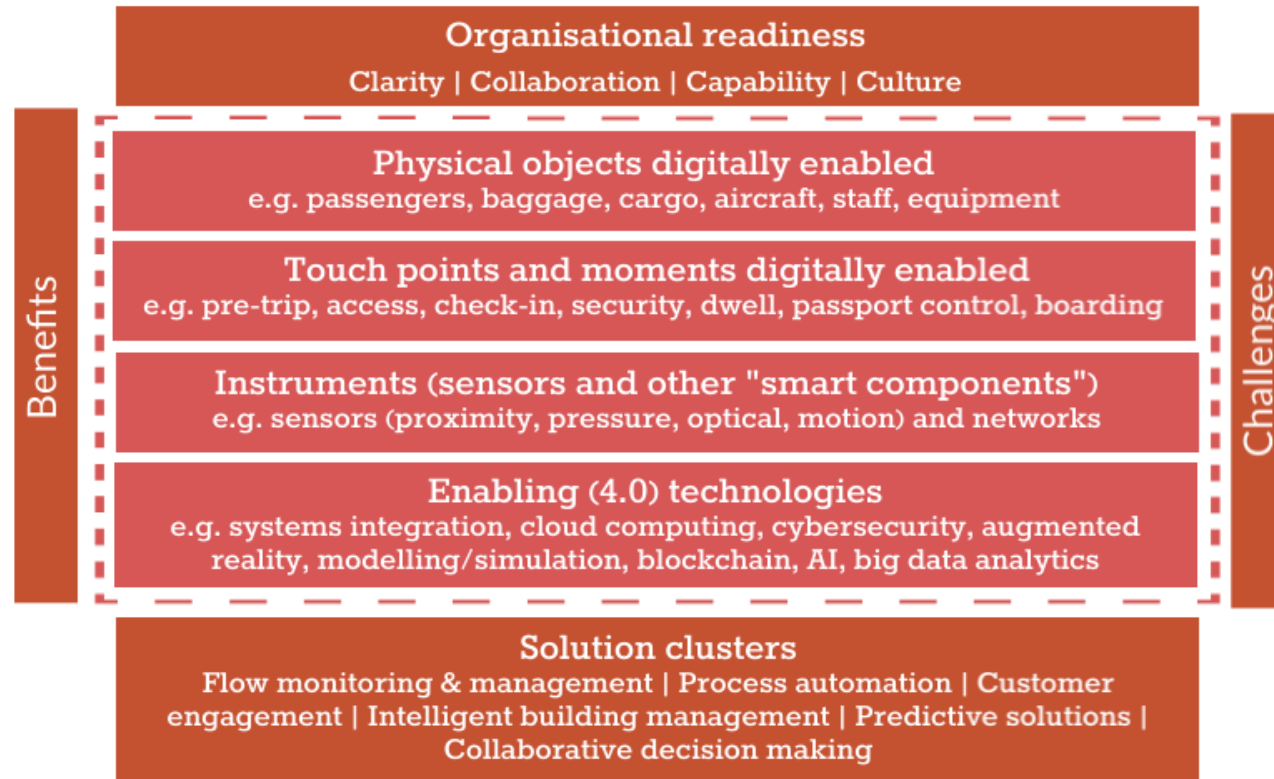


Airport Digital Transformation Model

ADTM



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