

ZABBIX 26 CONFERENCE Germany, Berlin

# Brownfield Machines as IoT Assets

MeshWave & LoRa Mesh  
integrated via EixM into ZABBIX



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# The Challenge

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Brownfield industrial environments have reliable machines — but they were never designed for IoT.



## No IP Connectivity

Legacy PLCs & machines lack modern interfaces — no Ethernet, no cloud



## High Replacement Cost

Replacing brownfield equipment is expensive and operationally disruptive



## Isolated Data Silos

Valuable process data (temperature, vibration, runtime) stays invisible



## Hidden Downtime Risk

No predictive maintenance possible — failures happen unexpectedly

## Retrofit Without Machine Modification

- ✓ Sensors capture vibration, temperature, current, runtime
- ✓ Digital/analogue signal processing without PLC change
- ✓ Hop-by-hop mesh transmission — no direct gateway needed
- ✓ Works in large halls, shielded industrial areas
- ✓ Robust against individual node failures
- ✓ Suitable for: Industry · Logistics · Energy · Brownfield

## LoRa Mesh in Practice

### Long Range

Excellent penetration in industrial environments — concrete, metal, machinery

### Low Energy

Battery-powered sensor nodes run for years without maintenance

### Low Data Rate

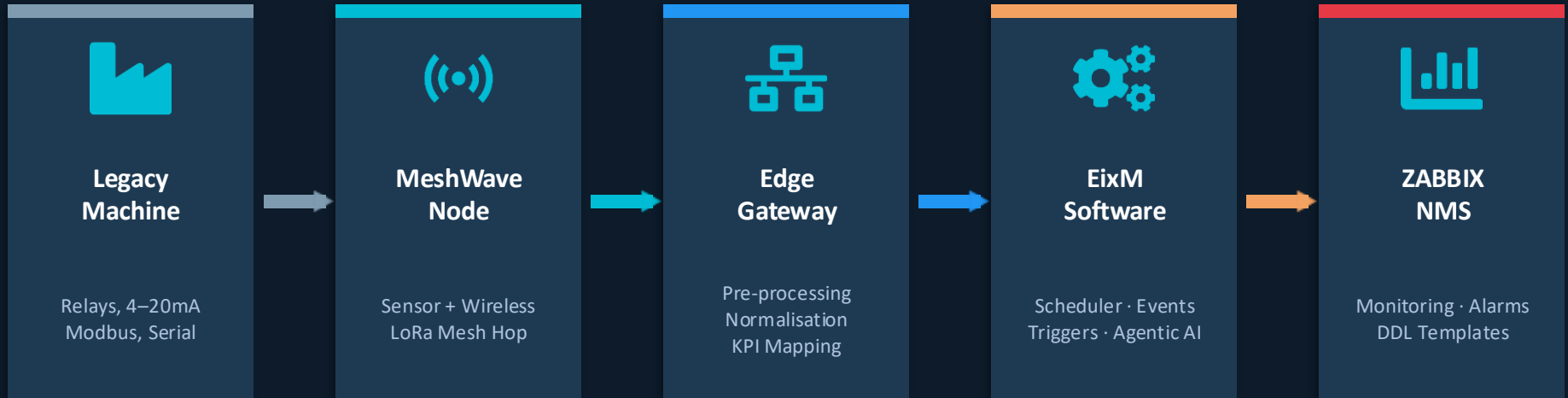
Ideal for telemetry: heartbeat, status, thresholds — not video/audio

### Proprietary Stacks

Not an official standard — manufacturer-specific implementations (be aware of lock-in)

# Architecture: From Sensor to Dashboard

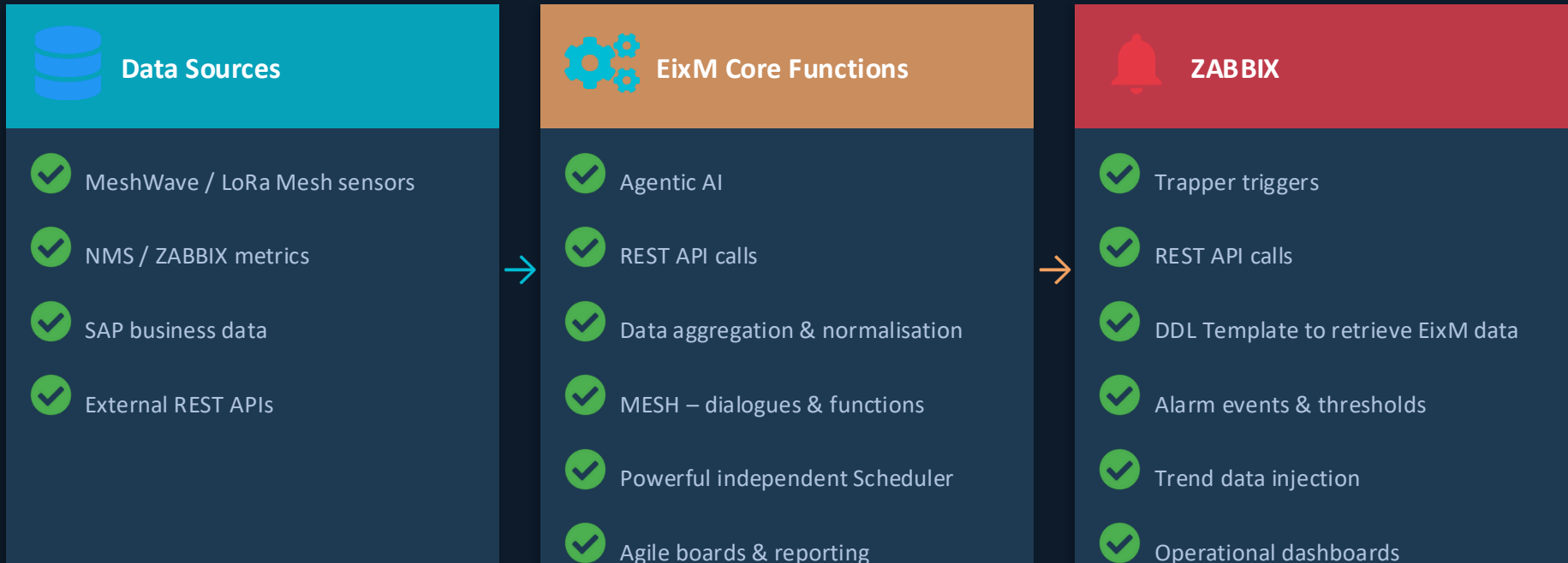
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# EixM — The Integration Layer

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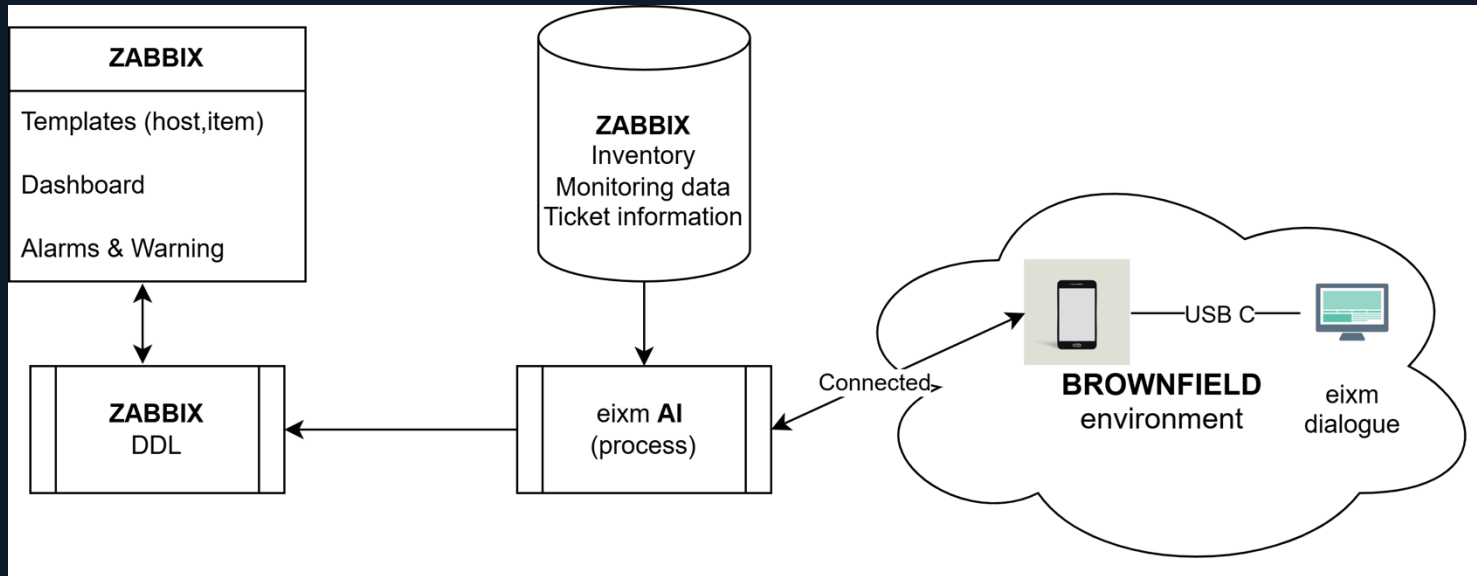
EixM is the central UI and orchestration layer — it collects data from Mesh, ZABBIX, evaluates it, and provides the results via DDL templates to ZABBIX.



# How it works

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EixM manages the brownfield environment (inventory), provides the necessary dialogues and makes their data available in near real time via DDL-based templates



# DDL template sample for ZABBIX SAP Monitoring

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```
zabbix_export:
  version: '7.0'
  template_groups:
    - uuid: a571c0d144b14fd4a87a9d9b2aa9fcd6
      name: Templates/Applications
  templates:
    - uuid: 62c8dd945b4748ecab2441099792418d
      template: SAP MONI Auto-Discovery
      name: SAP MONI Auto-Discovery
      description: |
        # Summary
        SAP Monitoring template with Low-Level Discovery (LLD).
        Automatically discovers all metrics from SAP MONI API sensor responses. No manual item creation needed – channels are discovered dynamically.
        Monitors 17 SAP sensors: batchjobs, bufferstat, certificates, dialog, idoc, parameters, rfc, shortdump, slg1, spool, status, syslog, syslogsms
        vscan, workflowlog, workprocess.
        Includes alerts for: failed batch jobs, expiring/expired certificates, dialog response time, short dump spikes, spool errors, IDoc errors, wo
        errors, buffer statistics, and work process availability.

        # Prerequisites
        - SAP MONI API accessible from the Zabbix server/proxy
        - Valid API key configured in SAP MONI
        - SAP MONI profile created for the target SAP system

        # Deployment details
        Required macros (must be set per host):
        - {{SAP_MONI.URL}} – SAP MONI API base URL (e.g. https://sapmoni.example.com)
        - {{SAP_MONI.API_KEY}} – API key for authentication (X-API-Key header)

        Optional macros (have defaults, override per host if needed):
        - {{SAP_MONI.PROFILE}} – SAP MONI profile name (default: host name)
        - {{SAP_MONI.CERT_PSE}} – PSE name for certificate check (default: SAPSYS.pse)
        - {{SAP_MONI.RFC_NAMES}} – RFC destinations to check, semicolon-separated
        - {{SAP_MONI.PARAMETERS}} – SAP parameters to monitor (format: PARAM=val or PARAM>min or PARAM<max)

        # Known problems and limitations
        - Discovery rules do not filter channels – all channels returned by the SAP MONI API are discovered

        # Compatibility
        - Zabbix 7.0 and later
        - E(i)xM 2026.3.27.1 and later
  vendor:
    name: LVI AG
    version: 1.0.0
  groups:
    - name: Templates/Applications
  macros:
    - macro: '{{SAP_MONI.URL}}'
      description: Base URL of the SAP MONI API (e.g. https://sapmoni.eixm.local)
    - macro: '{{SAP_MONI.API_KEY}}'
      type: SECRET_TEXT
```

# How AI supports

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EiXM requests of ZABBIX inventory, monitoring data and alarms. You can integrate as many ZABBIX server you've, other NMS and data sources for analysis, enterprise dashboards and reporting

New Monitoring Source  
Configure a new monitoring source connection

OVERVIEW INVENTORY ALERTS SYNC SOURCES

← BACK TO SOURCES TEST CONNECTION SAVE

### Connection

Source identification and credentials

Name  
zabbix-dev

Source Type  
Zabbix

Base URL  
https://zabbix-dev.vi-ag.ch/

Use API Token

Username

Password

Data Retention (days)  
90  
Raw channel values older than this are automatically deleted

### Topology Sync

Discovers probes, groups, devices, sensors, and channels

Scheduler  
Select a scheduler (uses global default if empty)  
Global default: Every 4 hours

### Alert Sync

Repicks alerts and events from the source

Scheduler  
Select a scheduler (uses global default if empty)  
Global default: Every 2 minutes

### Channel Values Sync

Collects sensor channel values for trend analysis

Scheduler  
Select a scheduler (uses global default if empty)  
Global default: Every 10 minutes

Fetchback (minutes)  
1440

Max Lookback (days)  
7

How far back to fetch data on the very first sync when no previous sync exists. For example, 1440 minutes = last 24 hours of history.

Maximum number of days to look back when a sensor was paused or inactive for a long time. Prevents fetching months of old data.

Rate Limit (req/min)  
300

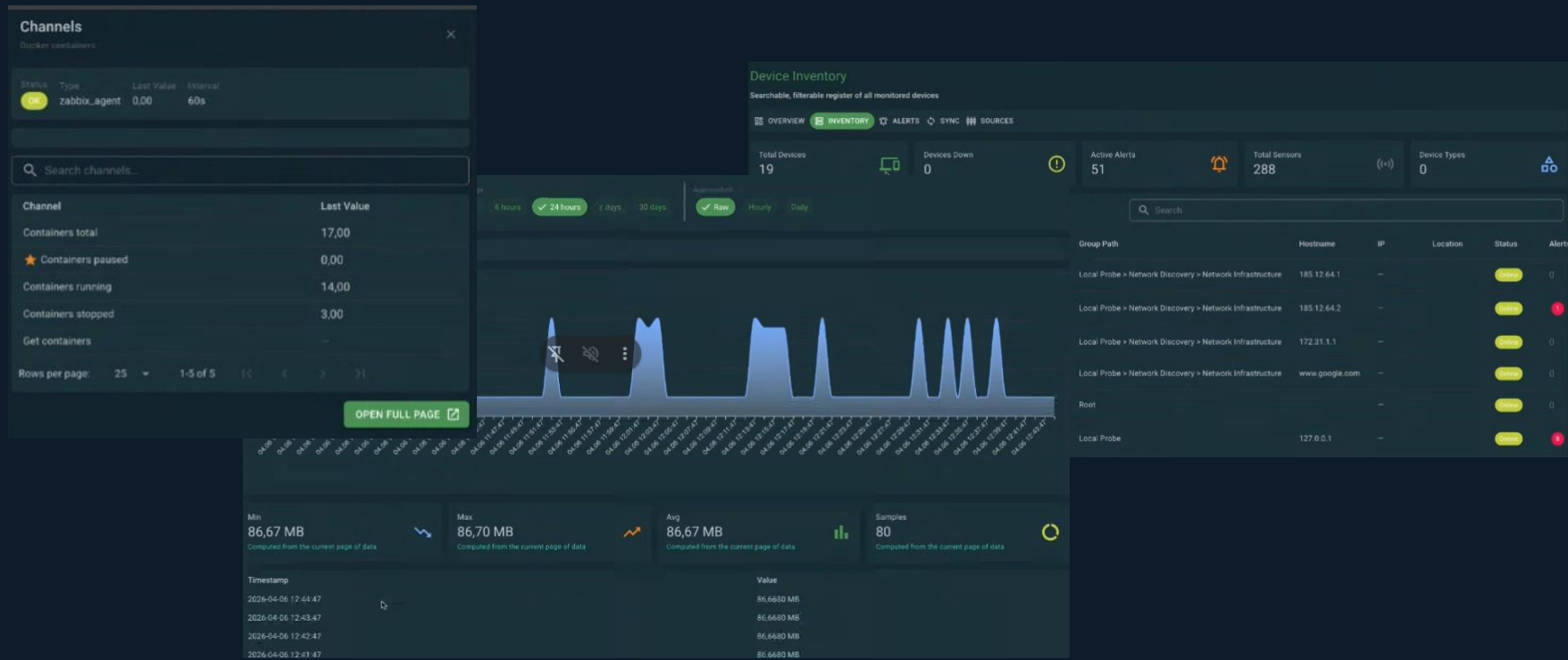
Parallel Fetches  
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Total API requests allowed per minute across all sensors. Acts as a throttle to protect the monitoring server from overload.

How many sensors can be fetched at the same time. Higher values speed up syncs but increase server load. Works together with Rate Limit.

# How AI supports

EixM requests of ZABBIX inventory, monitoring data and alarms. Based on agentic AI the data are analyzed, visualised and improvements suggested as tasks assigned to the correct teams. It delivers an enterprise dashboard above all!



# How AI supports

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If EixM AI detects an issue it creates a task, assigns it to an appropriate agile board, team and/or team-member

**Task Details**

**Id:** AI-59063783      **Task:** Investigate Docker container unhealthy alert on eixm-dev

**Team:** Default Team      **Board:** Default Board      **Phase:** To Do

**Assign people:** [User Icon]

**Admin:** Admin Admin      **Date:** 2026-04-06 13:01:02

**Navigation:** DETAILS | DISCUSSION | HISTORY | ATTACHMENTS | TODOS

**Description**

**AI Analysis Summary**

An active **error** alert was identified on **eixm-dev** (inventory code **10683**).

- Alert: **Docker: Container /eixm-timescaledb-1: Health state container is unhealthy**
- Current status: **active**
- Similar past alerts: **none found** in historical alert search

Recommended investigation steps:

- Review the timescaledb container health check configuration and recent restart history
- Inspect container and application logs for readiness or dependency failures

**Planning**

Impact: **Normal**

Urgency: **Normal**

Target date: 2026-04-20 03:00

New target date: [Calendar Icon]

**Classification**

Customer: **Default Customer**

Project: **Default Project**

## Why ZABBIX?



### Open Source — Zero Licence Costs

Especially attractive vs SaaS alternatives in price-sensitive markets



### Database-Backed & API-Rich

Time-series historisation, REST API, Zabbix Trapper support



### Monitoring, Alarms & Trends

Operational view: thresholds, availability, SLA metrics



### On-Premises & Air-Gap Capable

Runs fully local — no cloud dependency, GDPR compliant

## What ZABBIX covers:



Centralised view of distributed assets



Time series data & historisation



Threshold values & alarms



Availability & status monitoring



70–80% of operational IoT use cases

## EixM fills the gaps:



Complex event processing



Semantic machine modelling



Business-oriented dashboards



SAP & multi-source integration

When operational monitoring is not enough — EixM AI connects NMS, Mesh and other sources for advanced analytics.



## AI Analysis Platform

Integrated AI solution for analysing data from NMS, Mesh, and other. Automatic pattern detection, anomaly identification and optimisation suggestions.



## Dashboards & Summary Views

AI-generated summaries displayed in customisable dashboards. Management reports with business KPIs beyond technical metrics.



## Chat with Your Data

Natural language interface to query your operational data. Ask questions, get answers — no SQL, no complex queries required.



## Optimisation Management

AI-detected improvements are tracked as tasks in EixM. Agile boards, project management and internal/external billing included.

# Who Benefits?

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Target Industries & Strategic Value



## Manufacturing

OEE tracking, predictive maintenance, machine condition monitoring without PLC changes



## Energy

Substation & grid monitoring, consumption metering, brownfield SCADA integration



## Logistics


Warehouse monitoring, cold chain, asset tracking across large brownfield facilities







## ASEAN / SME

Cost-efficient open-source stack ideal for price-sensitive markets & smaller companies

# Let's Talk in Berlin!

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-  MeshWave & LoRa Mesh — Retrofit brownfield machines without modification
-  EixM — Collects, evaluates and triggers events into ZABBIX
-  ZABBIX — Extended infrastructure monitoring, alarms, trends, SLA
-  AI Extension — Advanced analytics, optimisation management & Chat with your Data

**We look forward to the exchange!**