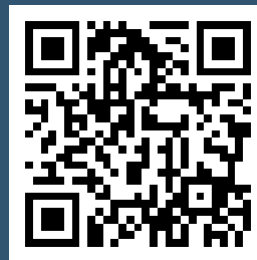


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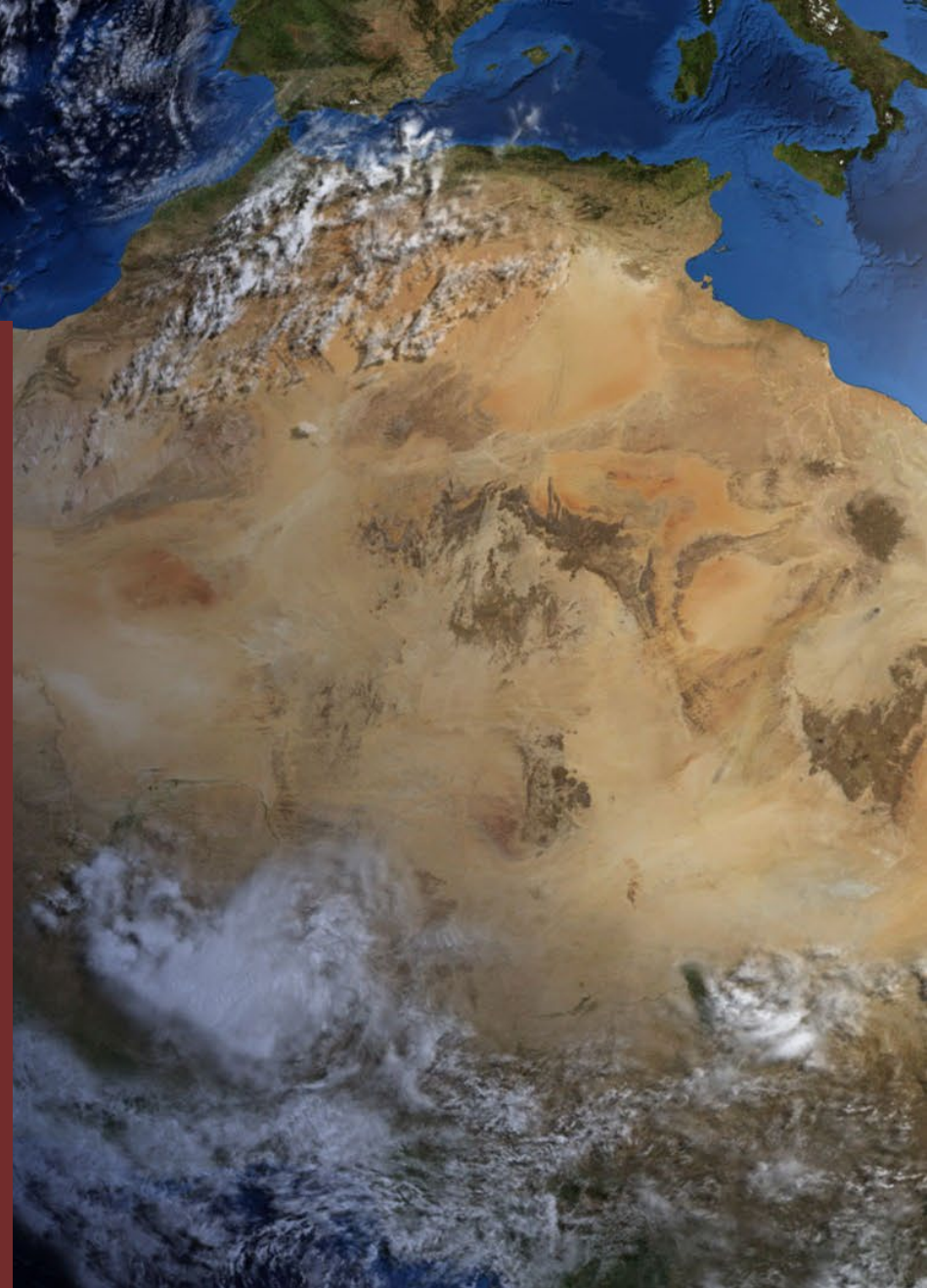
- Accelerating a Just Transition to Net Zero
- Supporting the Future Electric Power System
- Guiding Vehicle Efficiency Regulations
- Enhancing Innovation in Energy Technologies

Foundational Research Gaps and Future Directions for Digital Twins

Carolina Cruz-Neira

June 13, 2024

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About the Digital Twins Study



Foundational
Research Gaps and
Future Directions
for Digital Twins

Consensus Study Report

Advancing mathematical, statistical, and computational foundations

- How are digital twins defined across different communities?
- Foundational research needs and systemic gaps
- Promising practices across domains and sectors
- Opportunities for translation of best practices across domains
- Use cases for awareness and building confidence
- Key opportunities in research, development, and application

Report Snapshot



0. Summary
1. Introduction
2. The Digital Twin Landscape
3. Virtual Representation
4. The Physical Counterpart
5. Feedback Flow from Physical to Virtual
6. Feedback Flow from Virtual to Physical
7. Towards Scalable and Sustainable Digital Twins
8. Summary of Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations

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Gaps

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Findings

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Conclusions

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Recommendations

Definition of a Digital Twin

“ *A digital twin is a set of virtual information constructs that mimics the structure, context, and behavior of a natural, engineered, or social system (or system-of-systems), is dynamically updated with data from its physical twin, has a predictive capability, and informs decisions that realize value. The bidirectional interaction between the virtual and the physical is central to the digital twin.*

Committee's definition builds on a definition from an AIAA and AIA Position Paper (2020)

FOCUSED
RESEARCH NEEDS

SYSTEMIC,
TRANSLATIONAL &
PROGRAMMATIC



**Digital twin
sustainability**

**Translational &
collaborative research**

**Fostering model & data
collaborations**

**Interdisciplinary
education**

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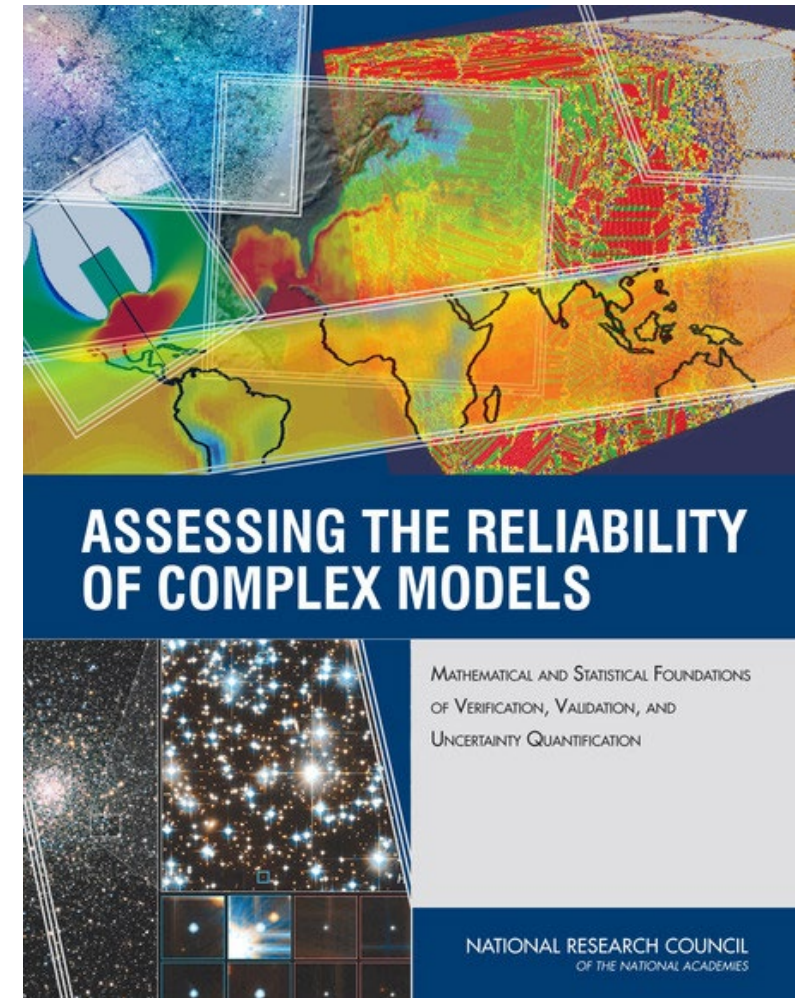
- **Feature story** on unlocking the promise of digital twins
- **Infographic:** Digital Twin of a Cancer Patient
- **Report and report release recording**
- **Workshop proceedings**
 - Atmospheric sciences
 - Engineering
 - Biomedical research
- **May webinar recordings**
 - Ethical implications
 - Regulatory approaches
 - Human interactions
 - In Social and behavioral contexts



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Upcoming Event: Exploring Verification, Validation, and Uncertainty Quantification

- Free, hybrid event on **June 17**:
Assessing the Reliability of Complex, Dynamic Modeling and Simulation
- Speakers include:
 - Natalia Alexandrov (NASA),
 - David Higdon (Virginia Tech),
 - Peter Jan van Leeuwen (Colorado State University),
 - and Ralph Smith (North Carolina State University)
 - with keynote speaker Thomas Braun (NGA).



Federal Government Perspectives on Digital Twins

Stacey Levine, Program Director, Division of Mathematical Sciences, NSF

Daniel Linzell, Division Director, Civil, Mechanical and Manufacturing Innovation, NSF

Chris Saldaña, Director, Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Office, DOE-EERE

Brian Bothwell, Director, Director, Science, Technology Assessment, and Analytics, GAO

Lance Marrano, Science and Technology Advisor for Tyndall AFB Reconstruction Program Office, ERDC, US Army Corps of Engineers

Michael Pease, Mechanical Engineer, NIST



National Science Foundation and Digital Twins

- Foundational Math, Stats, Computation, Science, and Engineering that enables digital twins in practice, both cross-cutting and fit-for-purpose.
- Identify critical ethics, equity, accessibility, security and future workforce development needs.
- Interagency Collaboration, Workshops, Solicitations
 - Research Workshops and Interagency Program Day
 - Two new cross-agency Digital Twin solicitations
 - NSF 24-559: MATH-DT (NSF-AFOSR)
 - NSF 24-561: FDT-BioTech (NSF-NIH-FDA)
 - NITRD - Fast Track Action Committee
 - Digital Twins Research and Development (R&D) Strategic Plan



Stacey Levine, Program Director

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Opportunities for Digital Twins in the Built Environment

CMMI Perspective and Examples

*NASEM virtual symposium on digital twins for the built environment
6/12/24*

Daniel Linzell, Director, Division of Civil, Mechanical and Manufacturing Innovation

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What is a digital twin – CMMI context

CMMI funds potentially transformative research to enable advances in:

- Manufacturing and building technologies across size scales from nanometers to kilometers, with emphases on efficiency, economy, and minimal environmental footprint.
- Efficient, economical and sustainable transformation and use of engineering materials.
- **Resilient and sustainable civil infrastructure and distributed infrastructure networks.**
- **Advances in the creation of models, analyses, and algorithms that link data with decisions** related to manufacturing and service enterprises.
- Design, control, and optimization methods applied at levels ranging from component to enterprise systems.

Civil, Mechanical and Manufacturing Innovation (CMMI)

Advances the future of manufacturing, the design of innovative materials and building technologies, infrastructure resilience and sustainability, and tools and systems for decision-making, robotics and controls.

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What is a digital twin in CMMI context?? BUILT ENVIRONMENT

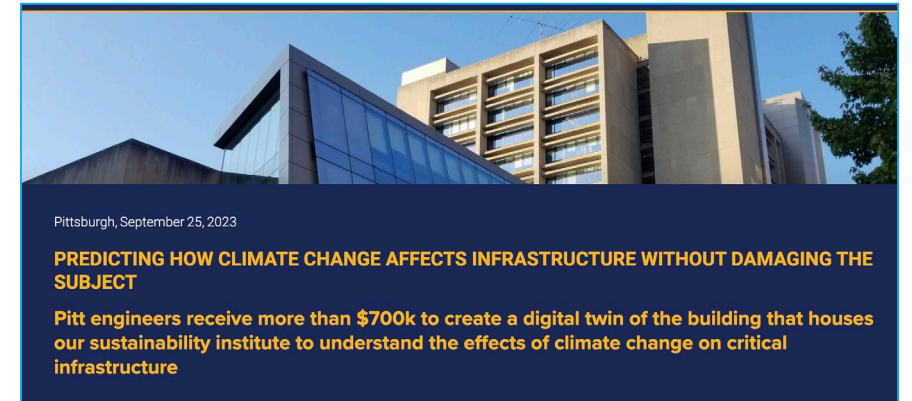
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Dear Colleague Letter: CiviL Infrastructure research for climate change Mitigation and Adaptation (CLIMA)

Award Abstract # 2332246

CLIMA: A Digital Twin Modeling Framework for Climate Adaptive Vertical Infrastructure

*This award supports research focusing on developing a **novel Digital Twin framework for the quantification of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions associated with the operation of vertical infrastructure and minimizing such environmental footprint** by designing and deploying environmentally responsive building envelopes.*





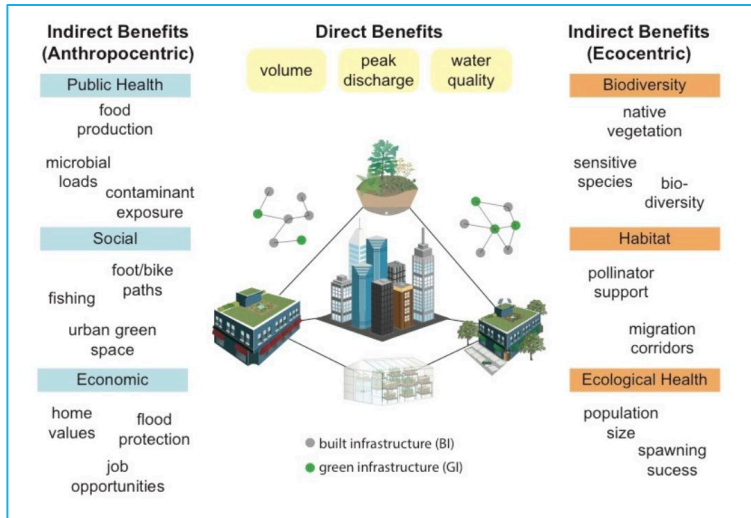
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Award Abstract # 1854827

LEAP-HI: Catalyzing Resilient Urban Infrastructure Systems: Integrating the Natural and Built Environments

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Leading Engineering for America's Prosperity, Health, and Infrastructure (LEAP HI)

The overarching goal of this LEAP-HI project is **to research the engineering tools (sensor network, data acquisition, model development, and network design) that will allow the integration of Green Infrastructure (GI) networks with existing Built Infrastructure (BI) for the management of stormwater** with systems-level, predictive performance and quantitative assessment of costs and expanded benefits, including water quality, biodiversity and community well-being.



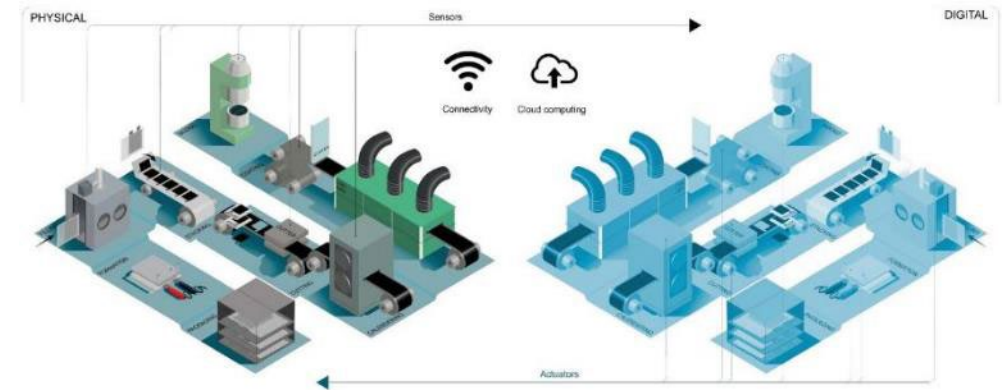


Digital Twins at the US Department of Energy

Supporting Clean Energy RD&D



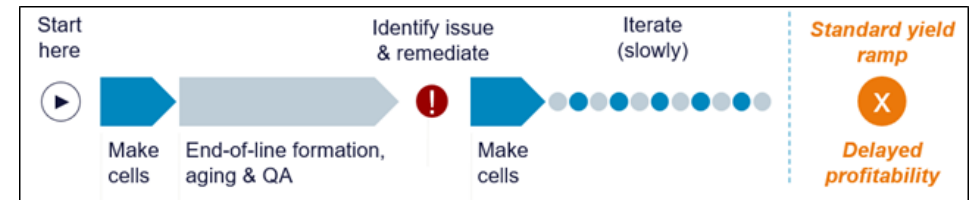
Vision: Facility-level digital twins



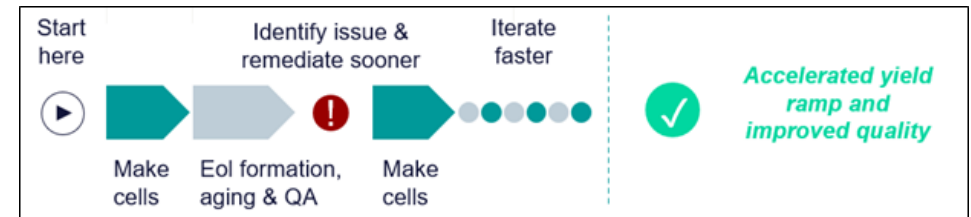
Platform Technologies

- Manufacturing Technologies: smart mfg, digital twin, AI/ML, cybersecurity, high performance computing, roll-to-roll, additive, circularity
- Advanced Materials: composites, critical materials, high conductivity and harsh condition materials
- Workforce: training, curricula, entrepreneurship

Conventional Battery Production



Smart Manufacturing for Battery Production



AMMTO Consortia



Voltaiq, 2023.

Opportunities

Manufacturing and engineering efficiency

Improved health care

Challenges

Privacy and ethical issues

Technical and infrastructure barriers

Economic costs

Standards and regulations

Brian Bothwell

Director

U.S. Government Accountability Office

GAO-23-106453

Science & Tech Spotlight:

Digital Twins



Tyndall Digital Twin

Near life-like virtual representation of the physical world

- Accelerate **data-driven** decision-making with **intuitive visualization**
- Empower organizations through **modeling and simulation** capabilities



Hangar 1, Hangar 2, Hangar 3, Tyndall HQ, LRS Vehicle Maintenance, Building 585 Classrooms; Building 588, F-22 SIM/AC Facility. Projection for September 2026.

DIGITIZE

- Reality capture of assets through multiple sensor and scanning platforms.

CENTRALIZE

- Connect and explore diverse, interrelated datasets, from SMS to BIM to geospatial.

DEMOCRATIZE

- Intuitive platform makes data available to both technical and non-technical users across the Air Force enterprise.

UTILIZE

- Flexible, scalable model enables countless use cases across many installation and mission stakeholders.

STATUS

- 77 existing facilities; 105 new facilities
- FY24 priorities: Authority to Operate (ATO); Expand CE support use cases

Same Tools as other USAF Communities - supports Future Collaboration and Integration

Digital Twins for Facility Operations

Burcu Akinci, Carnegie Mellon University



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Specialized and Highly-Regulated Applications – Nuclear Facilities

Vaibhav Yadav, Idaho National Laboratory



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Vaibhav Yadav, PhD.
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Nuclear Safety and Regulatory Research Division

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Developing Digital Twins for Nuclear Energy Applications

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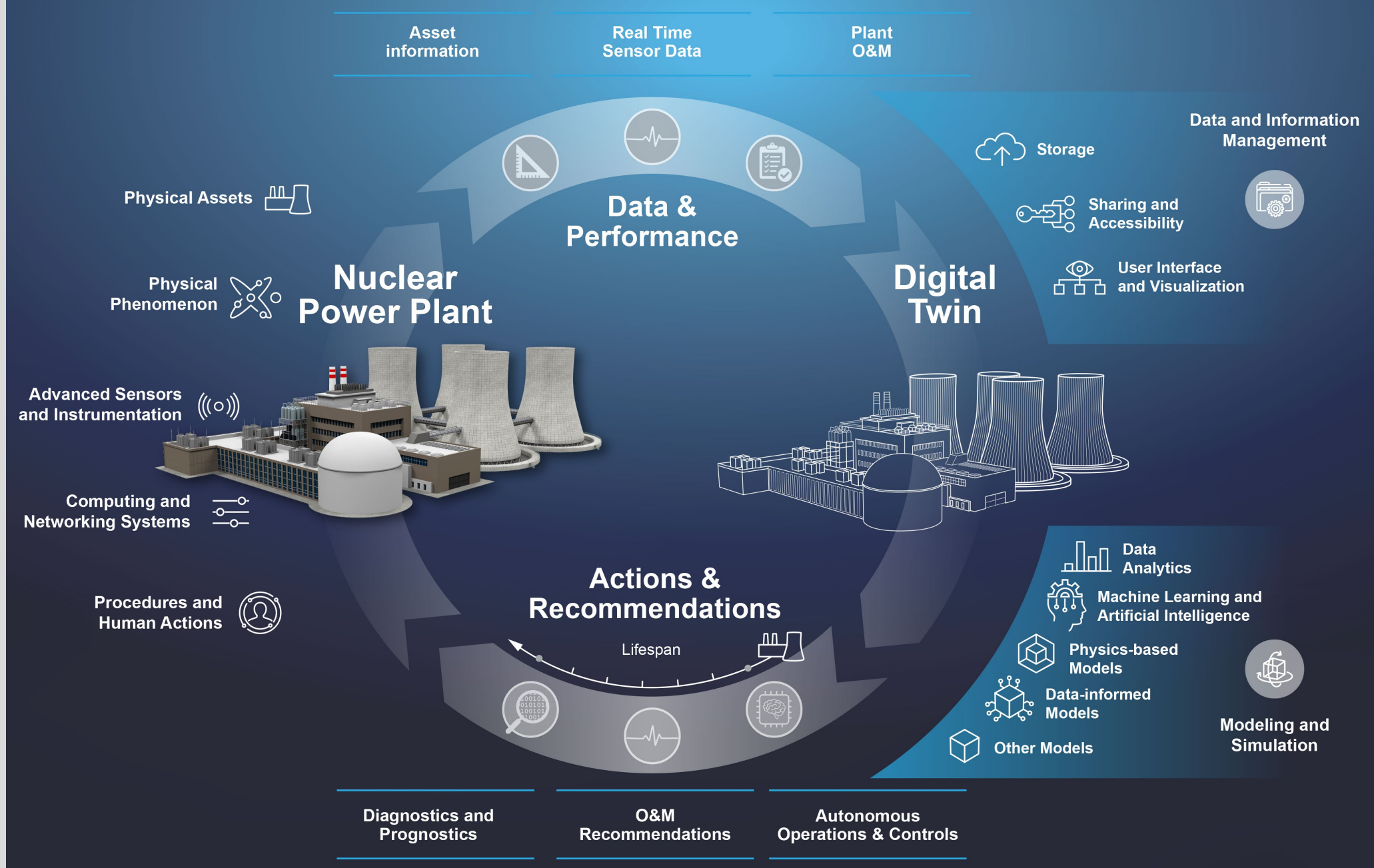
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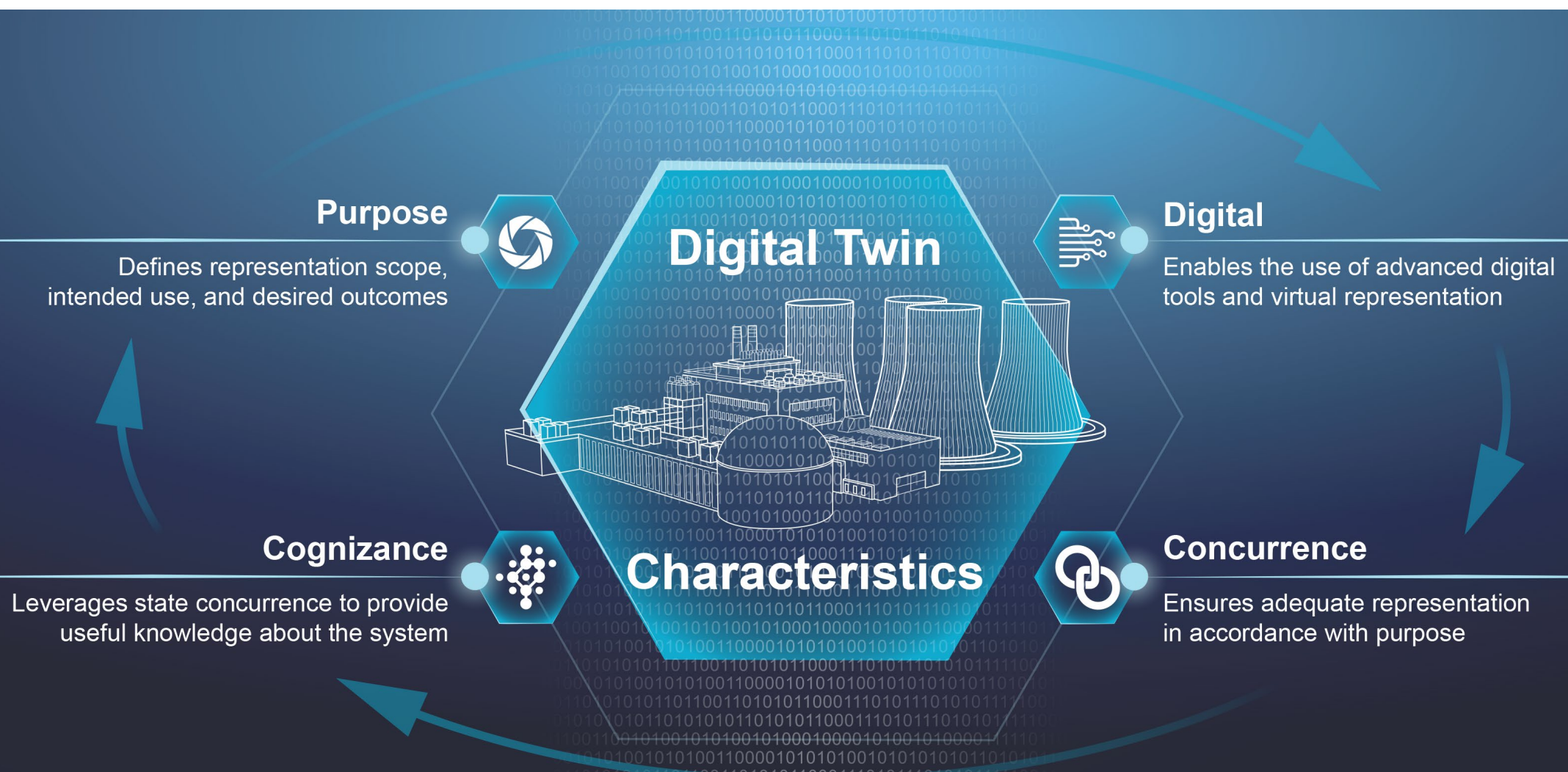
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Characteristics of Digital Twin



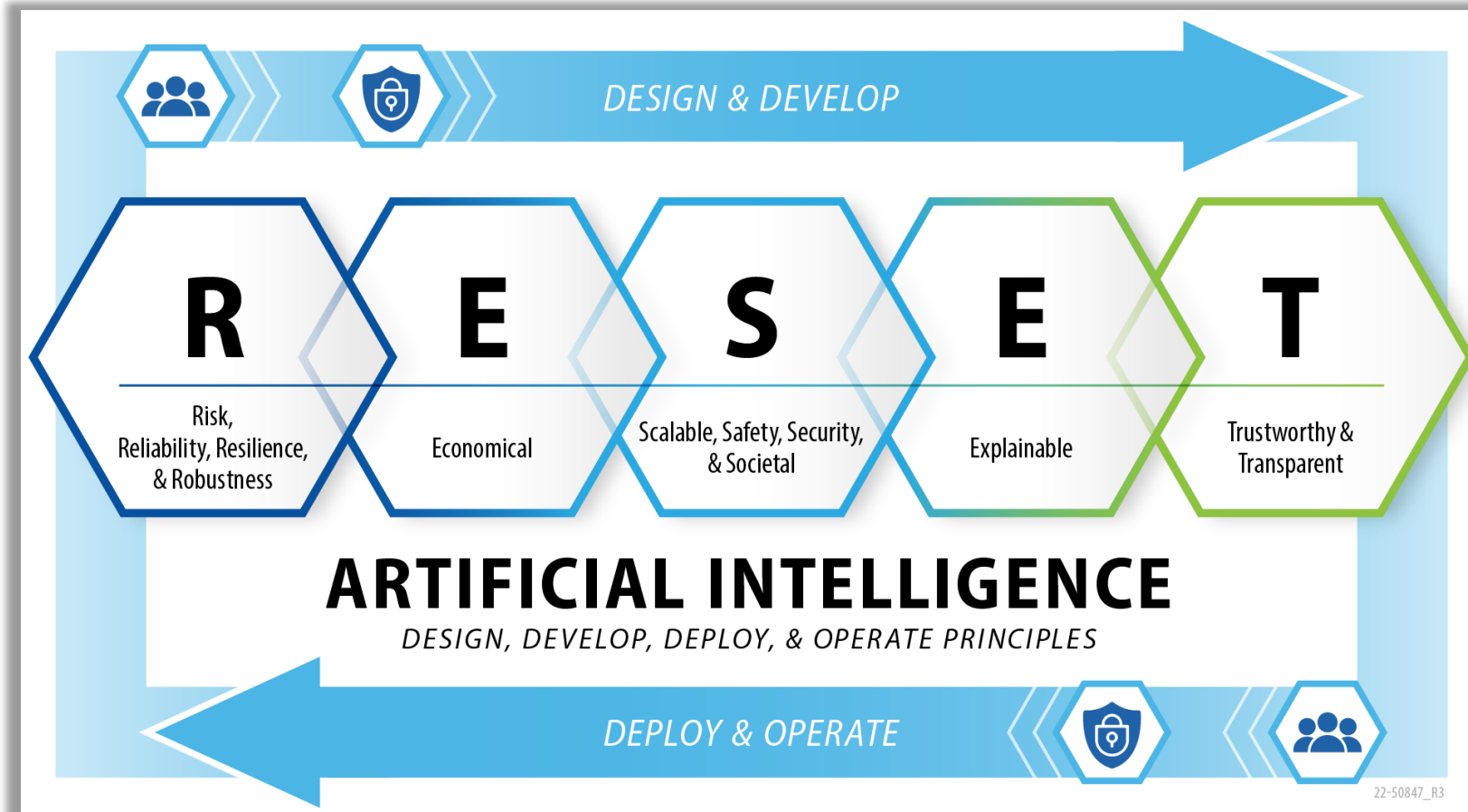
Key Applications of DT in Nuclear

- Reactor system design and analysis
 - DT to support design iterations, optimization, prototyping, and construction
 - Plant-referenced simulators and operator training
- Operations
 - DT to inform and recommend actions
 - DT informed or autonomous controls
- Maintenance
 - Inservice Inspection and Testing (ISI & IST)
- Regulations
 - Licensing, Oversight, Operational experience, Support for Decision
- Safety, Security, and Safeguards



US DOE Light Water Reactor Sustainability Program

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Revision 0



Light Water Reactor Sustainability Program

Data Architecture and Analytics
Requirements for Artificial
Intelligence and Machine Learning
Applications to Achieve Condition-
Based Maintenance



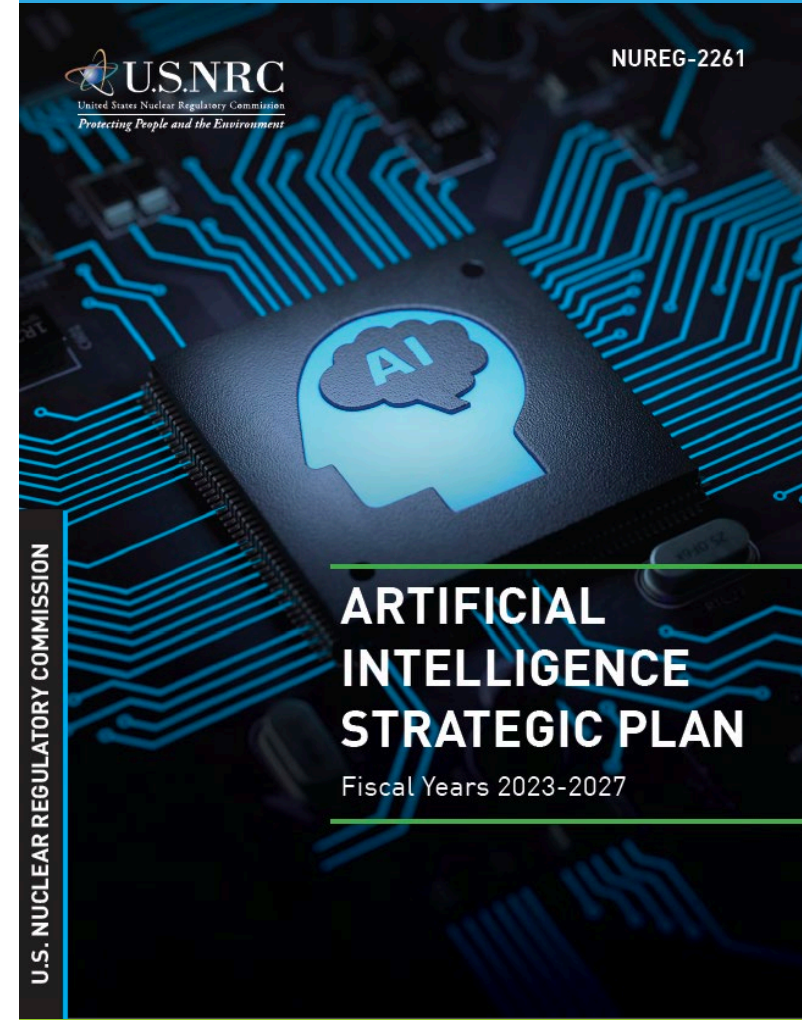
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NRC AI Strategic Plan

Technical Considerations for Regulatory Decision Making

Explainability	Trustworthiness	Bias
Robustness	Ethics	Security
Risk Analysis	Test, Evaluation, Verification and Validation	Assurance Processes
Model Maintenance	Domain Adaptation	Data Drift
Fielded Performance Degradation	Life Cycle Management	Data Quality, Quantity, Applicability, and Uncertainty



Explainability

Purpose

Defines representation scope, intended use, and desired outcomes



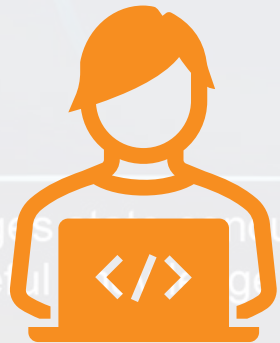
Digital Twin

Digital

Enables the use of advanced tools and virtual representation

The extent to which the underlying phenomenon between the input and output of the algorithm can be understood by humans.

Nuclear Stakeholders



Developers



Researchers



Plant Staff



Regulators



Others

Considerations for Maintaining Real Time Concurrency

- Verification, Validation and Uncertainty Quantification
 - Real time verifiability and interface
 - Robustness
- Data Quality and Data Reliability
 - Legacy data & real time data
- Big data consideration in real time
 - 3V: Velocity – Volume – Veracity
 - Complexity: dependencies, non-linearity etc.
- Model selection
 - Computational requirements for real time running of the models
- Real time communication
 - AI ↔ Other models

Digital

Enables the use of advanced tools for virtual representation

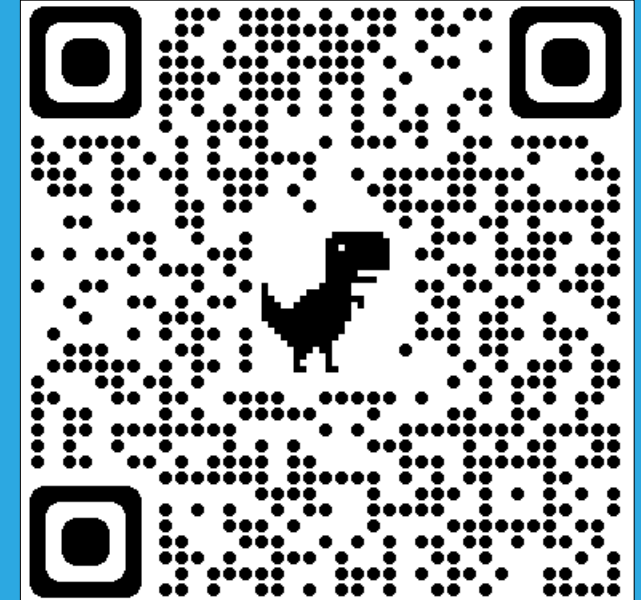


Concurrency

Ensures adequate representation in accordance with purpose

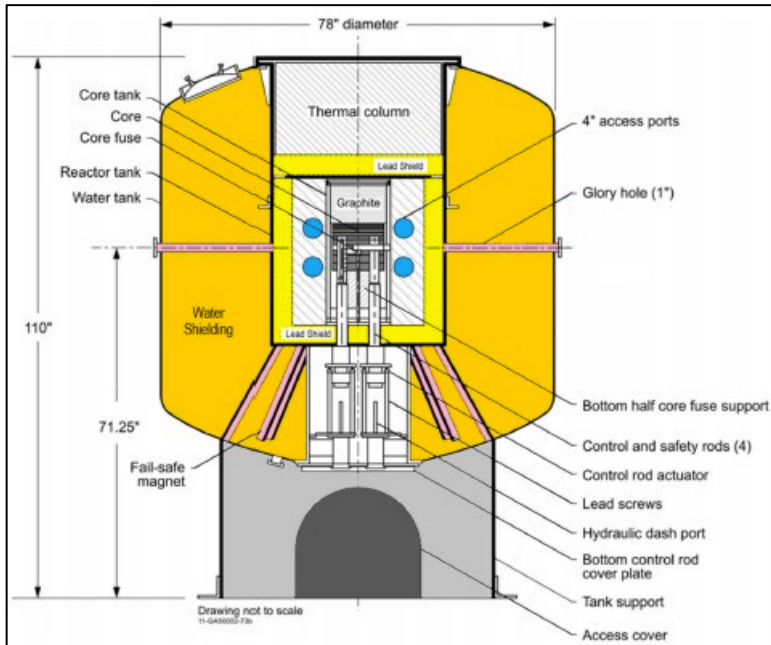
All About Nuclear Digital Twin

1	The State of Technology of Application of Digital Twins
2	Technical Challenges and Gaps in Digital-Twin-Enabling Technologies for Nuclear Reactor Application
3	Regulatory Considerations for Nuclear Energy Applications of Digital Twin Technologies
4	State of Technology and Technical Challenges in Advanced Sensors, Instrumentation, and Communication to Support Digital Twin for Nuclear Energy Application
5	Digital Twins for Nuclear Safeguards and Security : Assessment of Challenges, Opportunities, and Current State-of-Practice
6	Project Summary of Digital Twin Regulatory Viability in Nuclear Energy Applications
7	Proceedings of the Workshop on Digital Twin Applications for Advanced Nuclear Technologies
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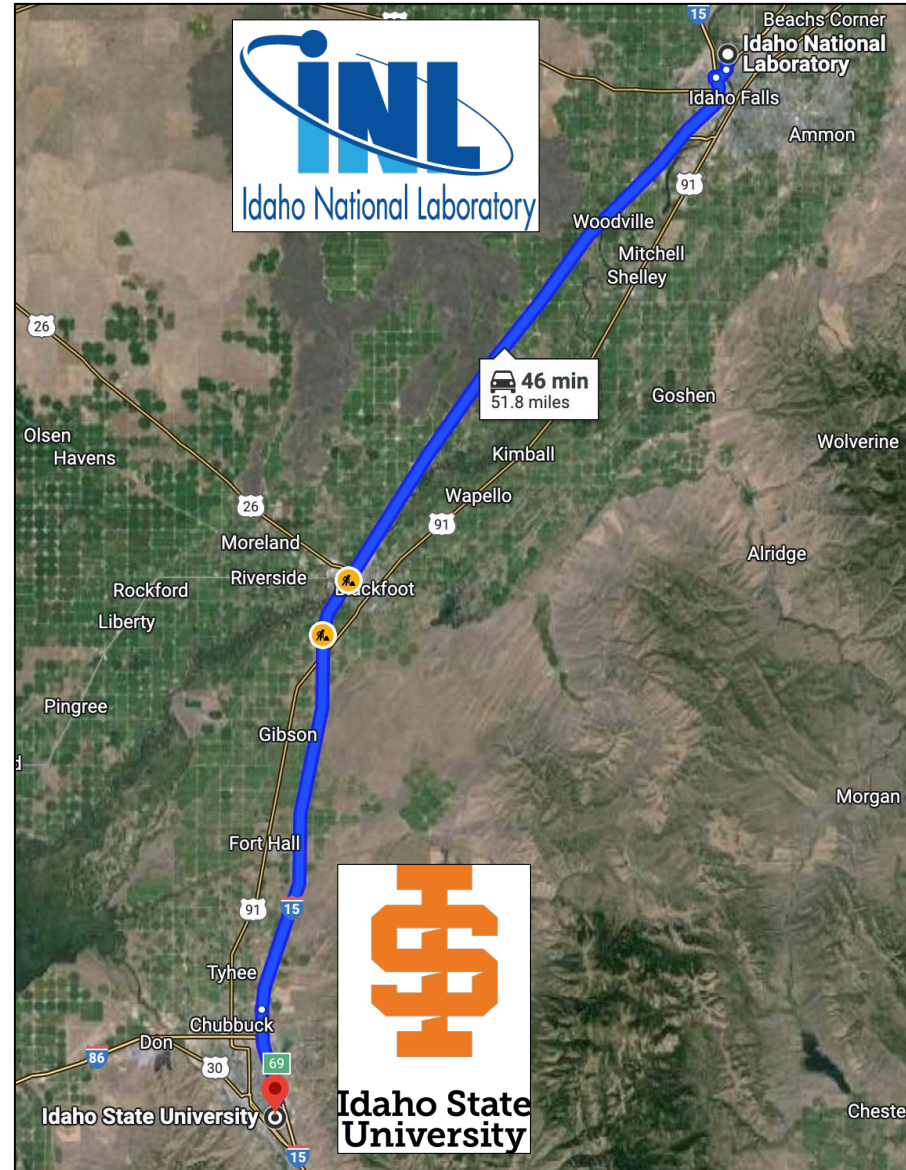
<https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/power/digital-twins.html>

Research Reactor DT at INL



ISU Aerojet General Nucleonics (AGN)-201 Reactor

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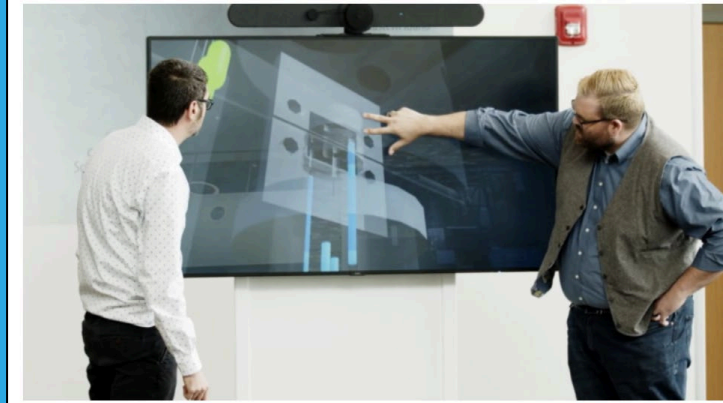


Idaho researchers develop reactor digital twin

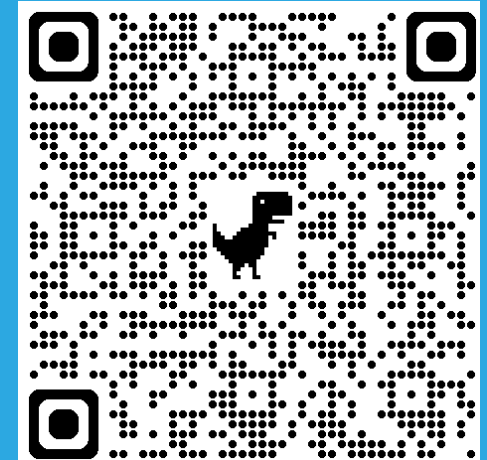
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A virtual replica of Idaho State University's (ISU's) AGN-201 research reactor, developed in collaboration with Idaho National Laboratory (INL), is claimed to be the world's first nuclear reactor digital twin.

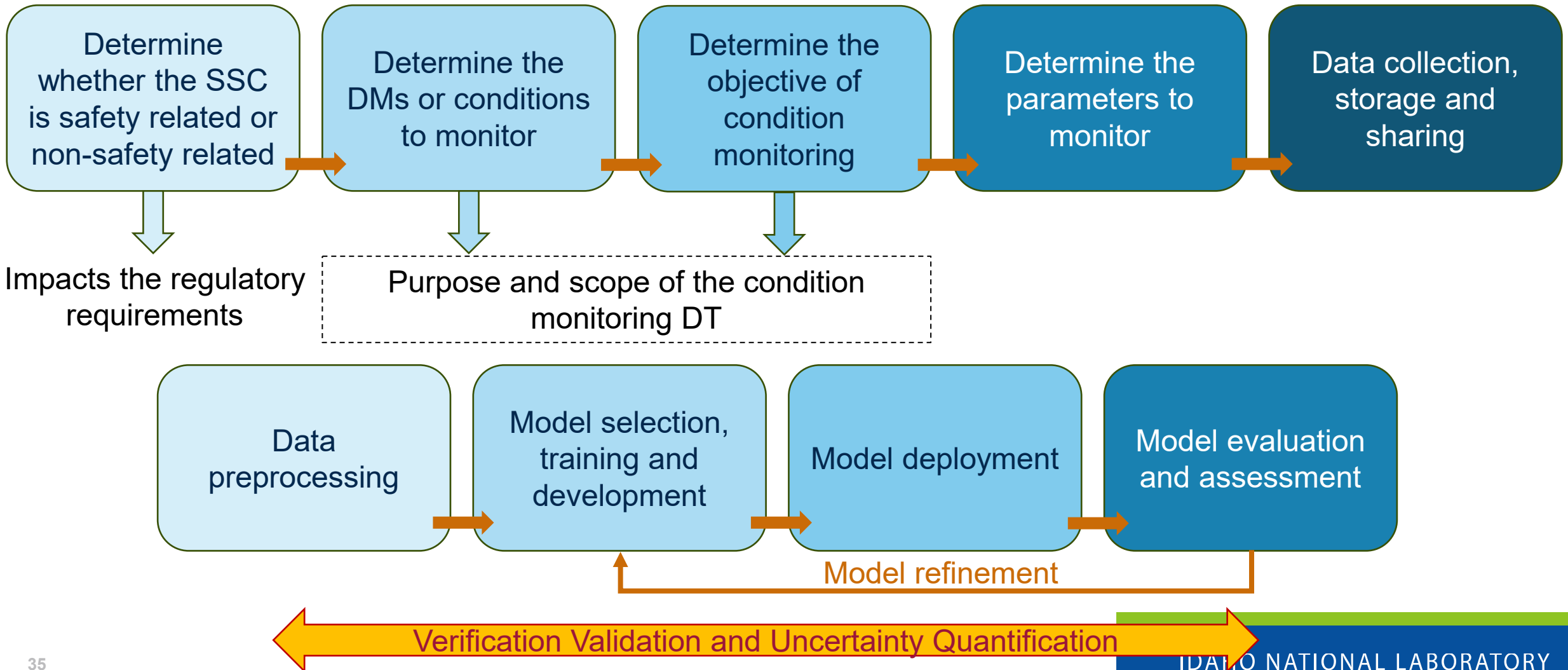


The team checks out a component of the reactor digital twin (Image: INL)



IDAHO NATIONAL LABORATORY

DT for Condition Monitoring of Active Components in Nuclear Power Plants





Idaho National Laboratory

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Digital twin for hydropower systems: opportunities on operational optimization and smart maintenance

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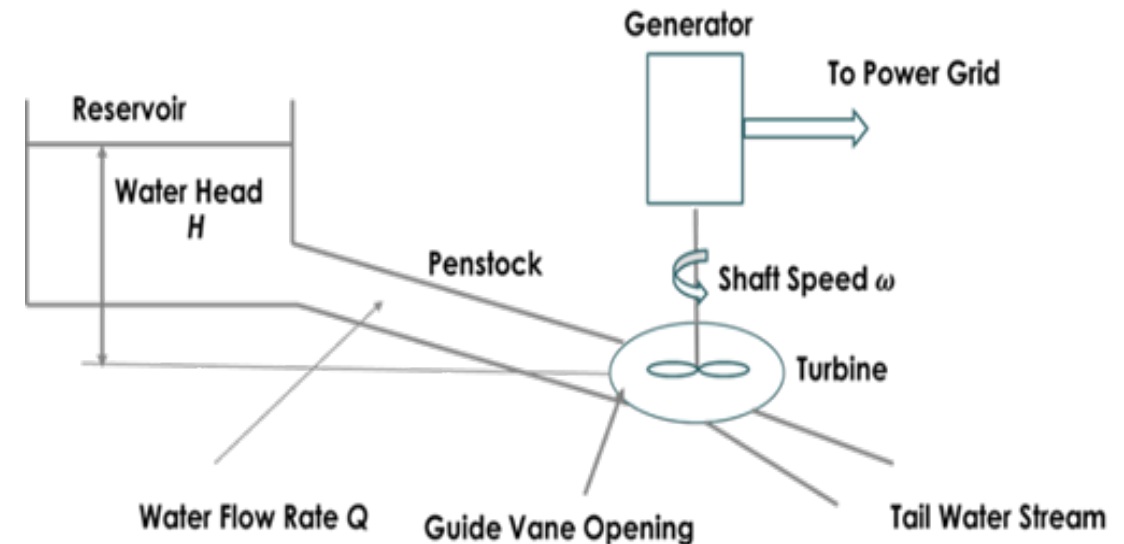
- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, led by Chitra Sivaraman
- New York University
- Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)
- Tacoma Public Utilities
- Chelan County Public Utility District

The work is funded by Water Power Technologies Office of the US Department of Energy

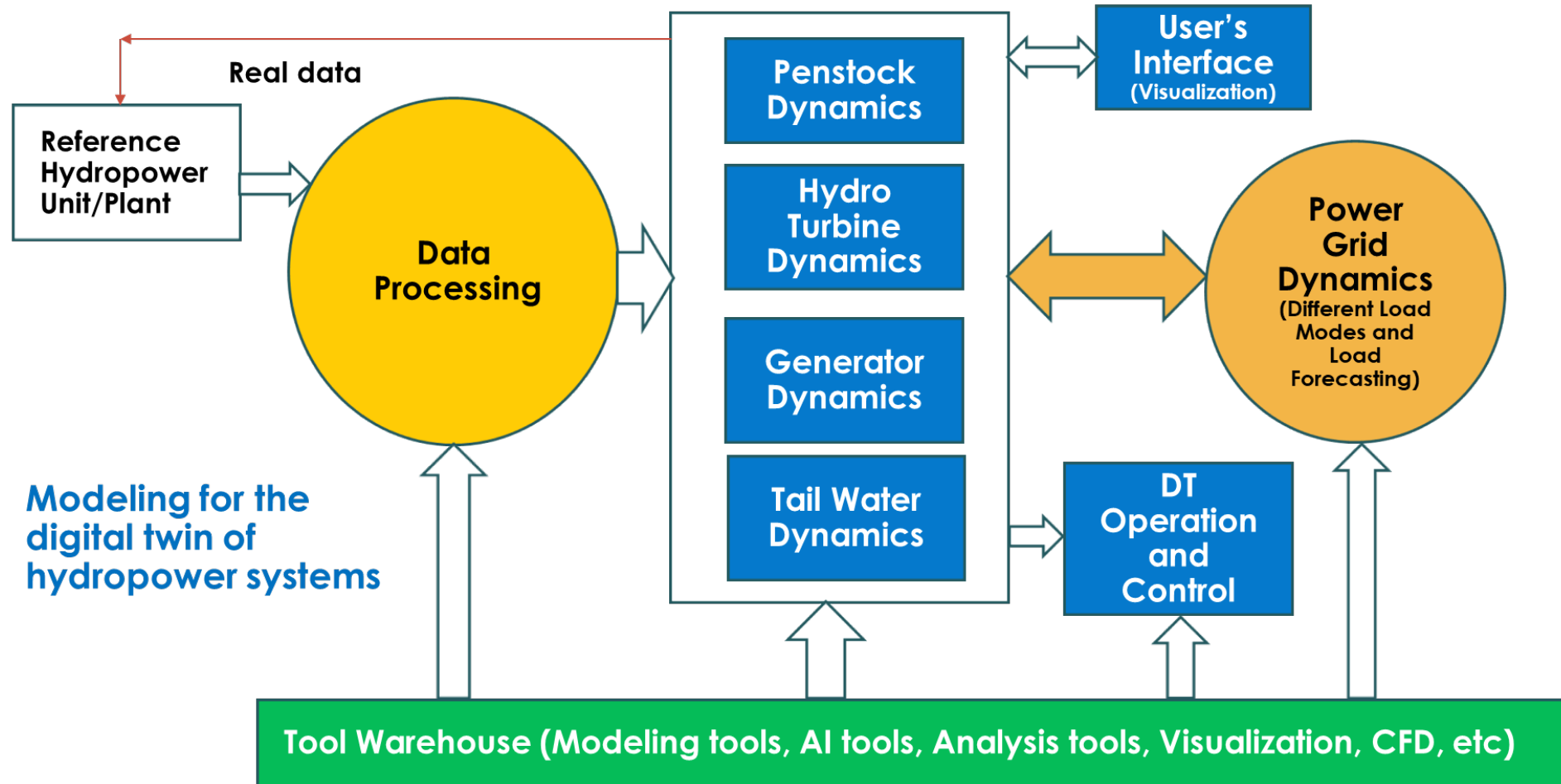
Hydropower - Challenges and Needs for Digital Twin

- Background and Challenges
 - Hydro power used to operate around stable operating point, with increased renewable penetration, power grid is operating at large variation range
 - This requires hydro to be responsive and have capability of smart maintenance

Digital Twin (DT) is therefore needed to mimic hydropower systems - allowing large range operational optimization and achieving smart maintenance goal



DT Scope Design and Modeling Landscape



Water System and Turbine Torque Models

Water System Dynamics: Water system includes reservoir, penstock, turbine chamber and discharge (tail water stream)

$$Q=f(H, \omega, u)$$

where H is the operating water height, u is the inlet valve opening to the turbine, ω is the turbine shaft speed, f is a complicated nonlinear equation obtained from fluid dynamic and is generally learned via first principle and AI-based data driven modeling (neural networks, etc.)

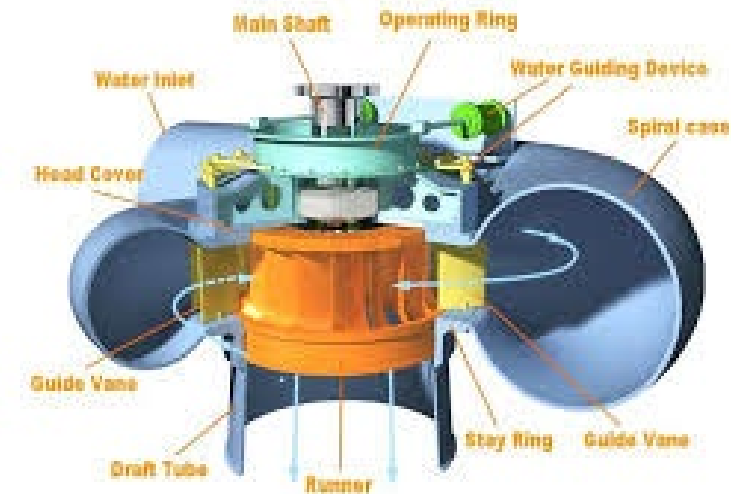
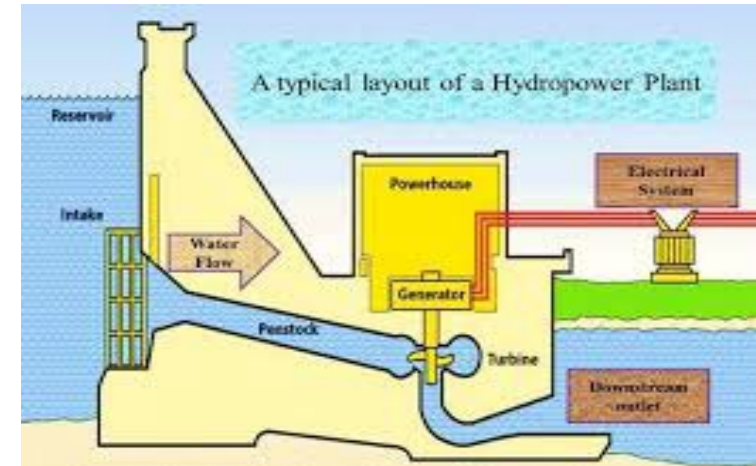
Water System Dynamics

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = \pi(H) - \text{partial differential equations required}$$

Mechanical Torque to Turbine Shaft

$$M=g(H, \omega, u)$$

where $g(\dots)$ is a nonlinear function that requires artificial intelligence-based data driven modelling, together with initial data base from turbine manufacturers, which requires neural networks.



Francis Turbine

Power Generation Systems - Voltage Control Models

Turbine System Dynamics

- $J \frac{d\omega}{dt} = M - L; \quad f = \frac{p}{120} \omega \text{ (Hz)} = 60\text{Hz}$

where ω is the shaft speed in rpm, J is the inertia, M is the mechanical torque and L is the load torque related to the power supplied to the grid, p is the pole numbers of the stator of synchronous generator.

Interaction with Grid via Load Torque

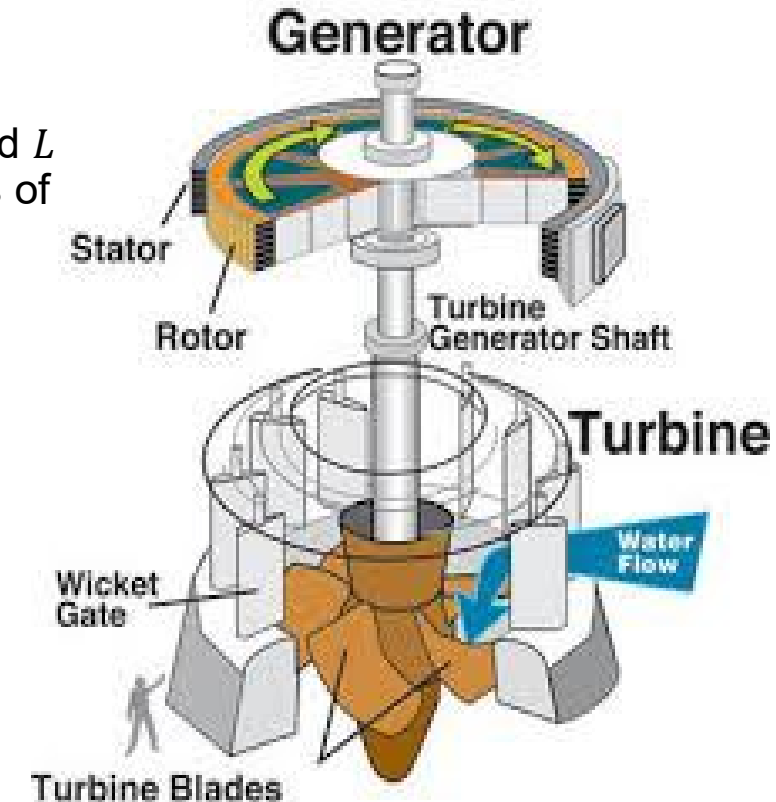
- $L \sim P_e$
 - Where P_e is the active power represented by

- $\begin{bmatrix} P_e \\ Q_e \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V_{gd} & V_{gq} \\ V_{gq} & -V_{gd} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_d \\ I_q \end{bmatrix}$

- $\begin{bmatrix} V_{gd} \\ V_{gq} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E_d'' \\ E_q'' \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -X_q'' \\ X_d'' & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_d \\ I_q \end{bmatrix}, E = \begin{bmatrix} E_d'' \\ E_q'' \end{bmatrix}, I = \begin{bmatrix} I_d \\ I_q \end{bmatrix}$

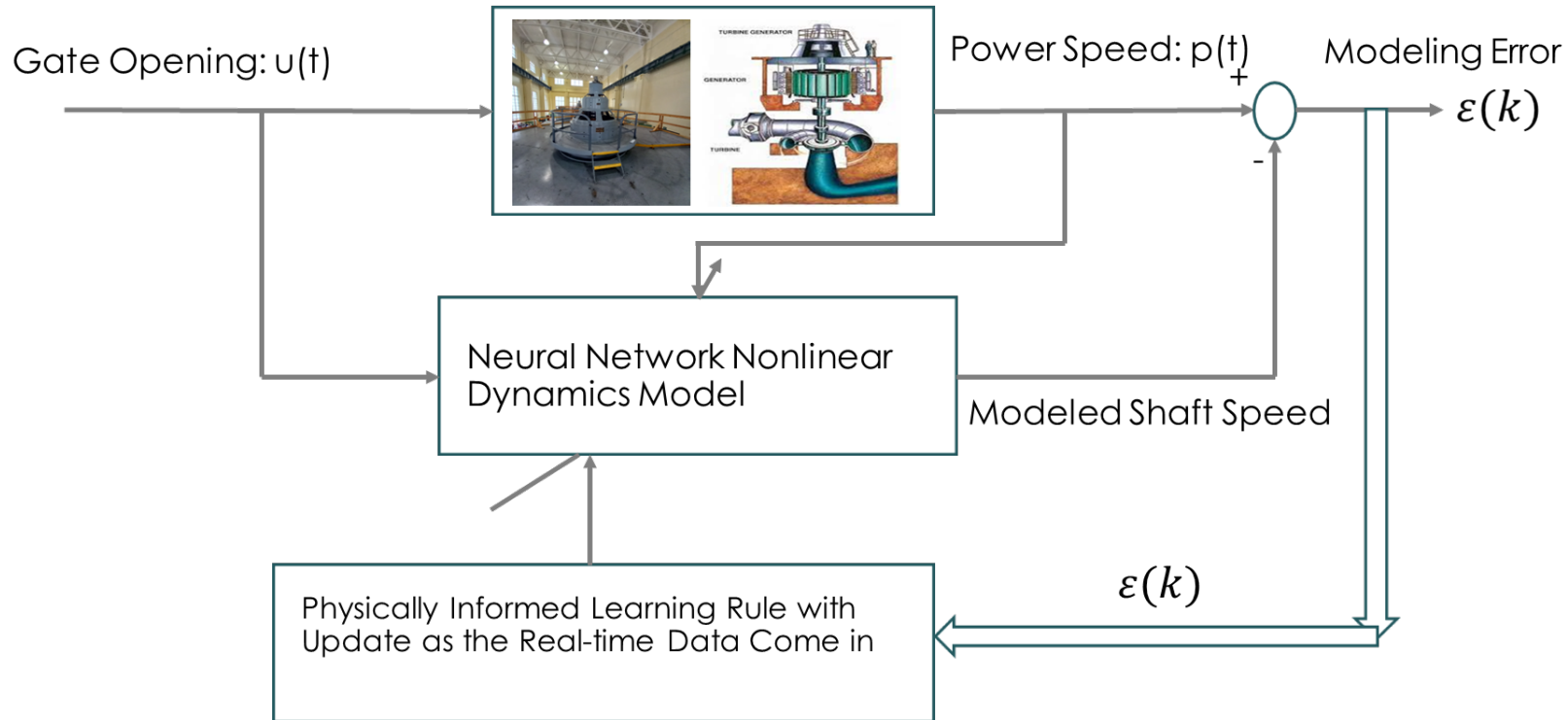
- $\frac{dE}{dt} = \mathfrak{N}(E, I, X_q'', X_d'', v)$

- Where v is the excitation control input of the generator, others are generators variables, two control inputs, for generation unit (turbine + synchronous generator system), are
 - $\{u = \text{valve opening}, v = \text{excitation control input}\}$



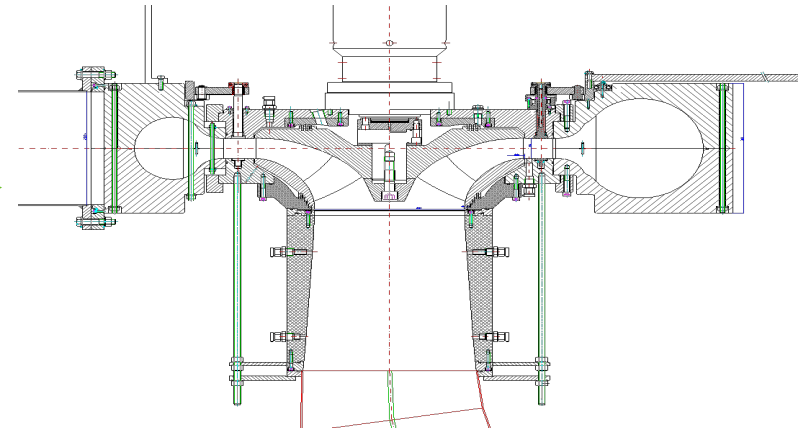
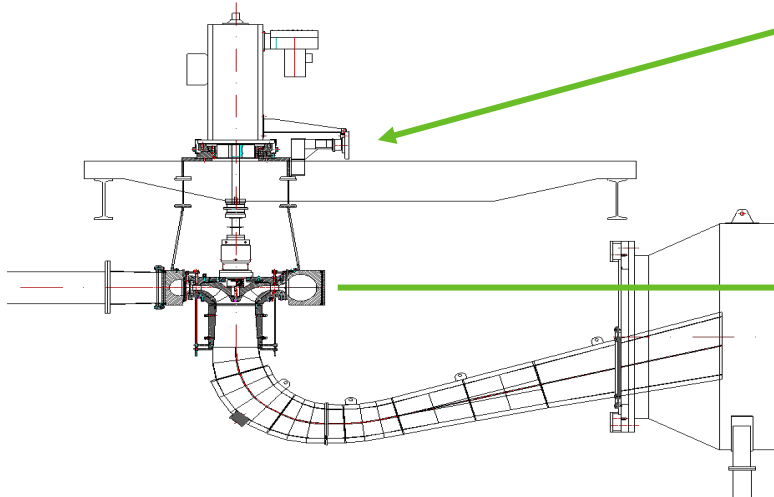
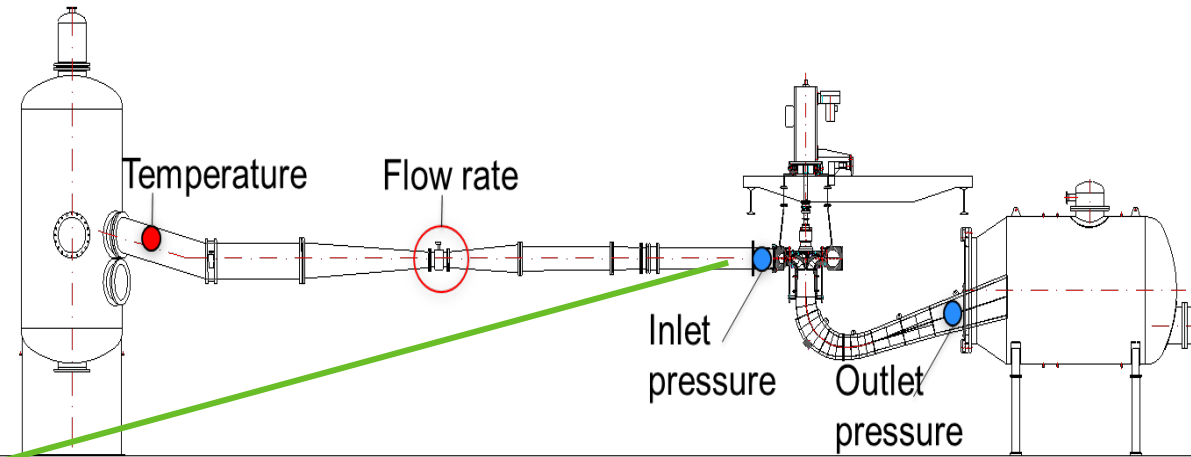
Learning Algorithm - Power Control

Key Idea: Use measured system variables to learn system dynamics or nonlinearities

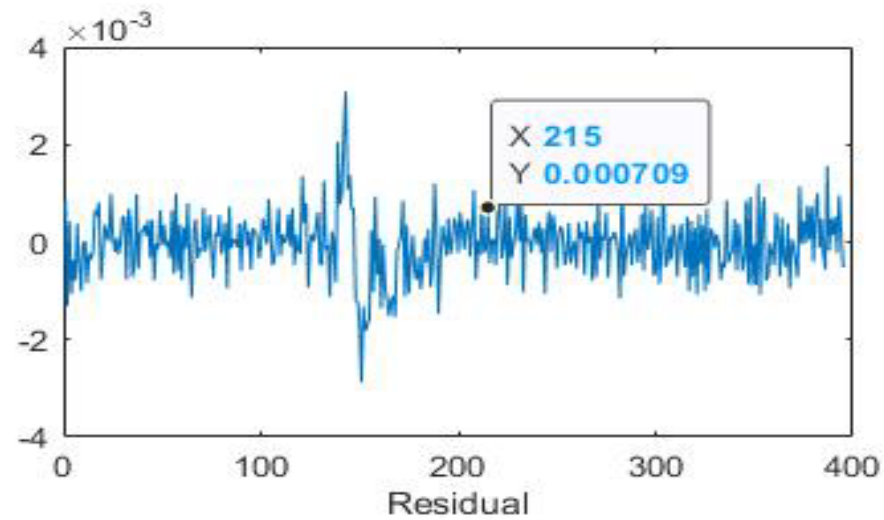
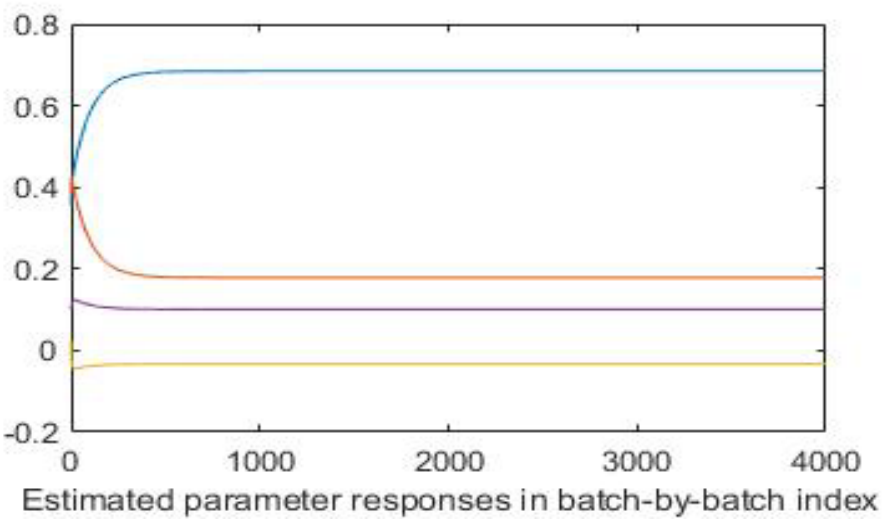
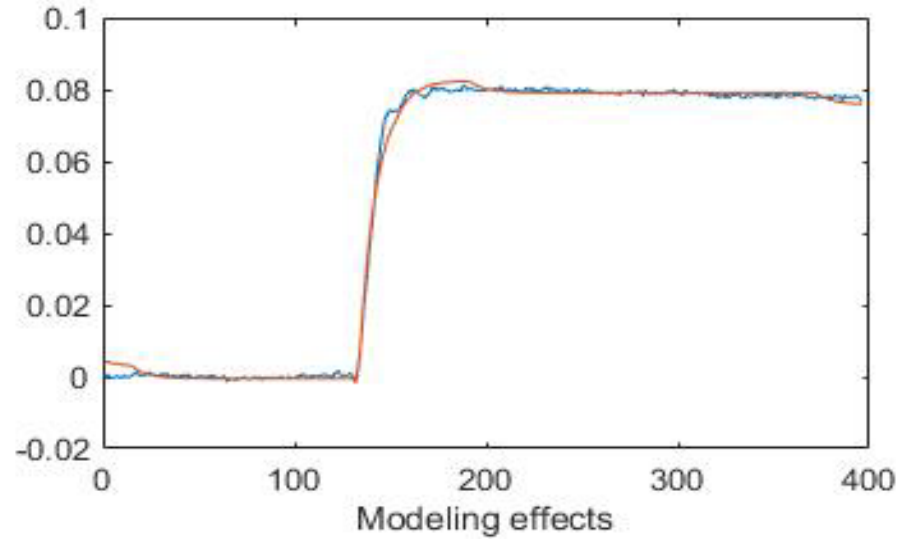
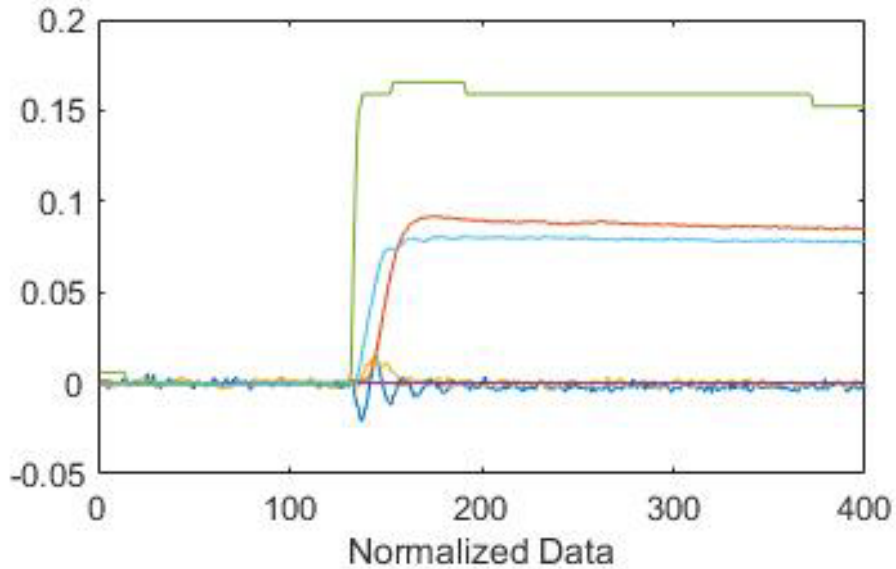


Testing System in Norway (NTNU)

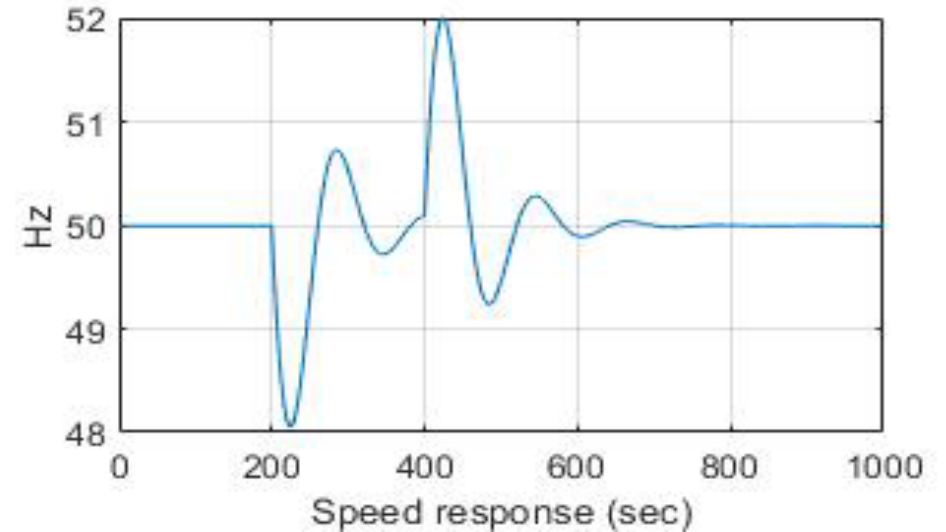
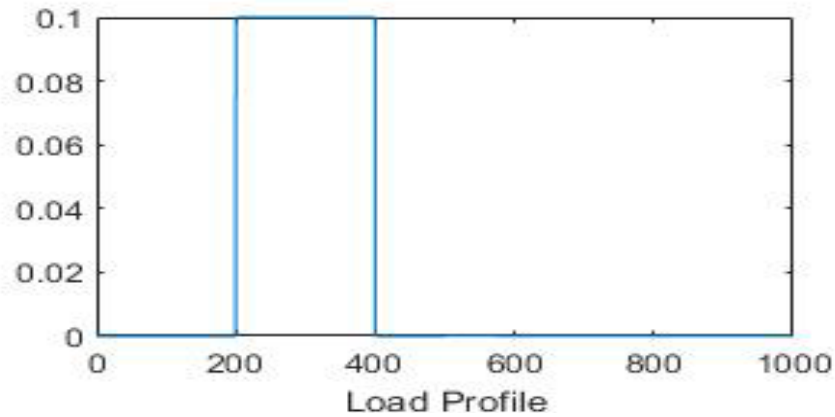
- Model data
 - Head: 12-30 meter
 - Flow rate; 0,1 – 0,4 m³/s
 - Geometrical scale: 1: 5,1
 - Available data:
 - Complete 3D-geometry
 - Complete hill diagram
 - Pressure pulsations
 - CFD-mesh



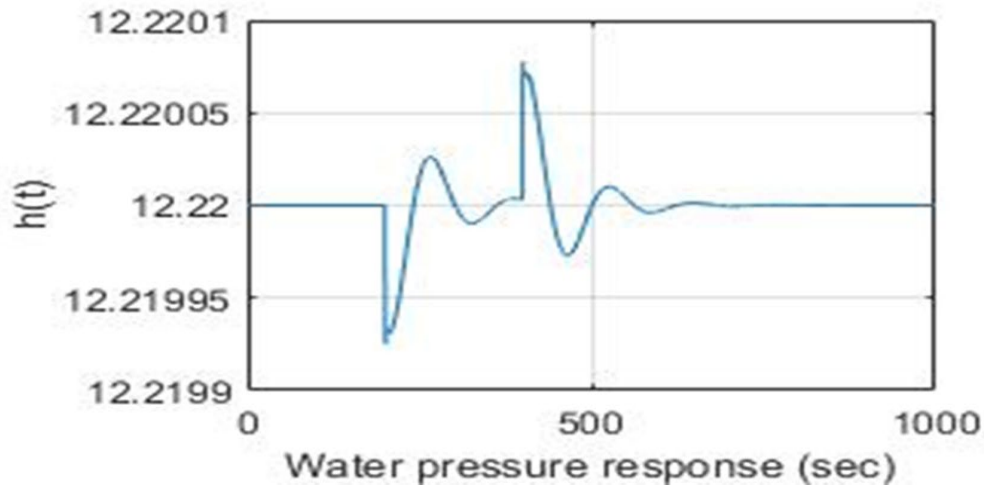
DT Learning Results



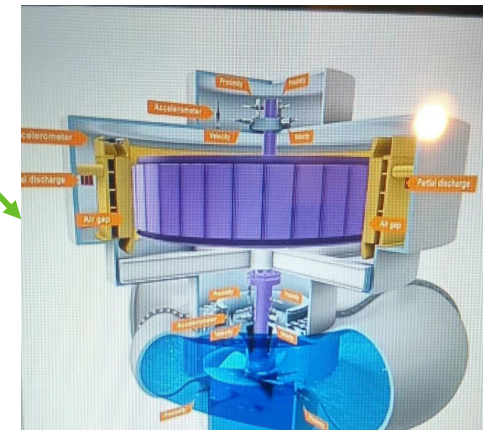
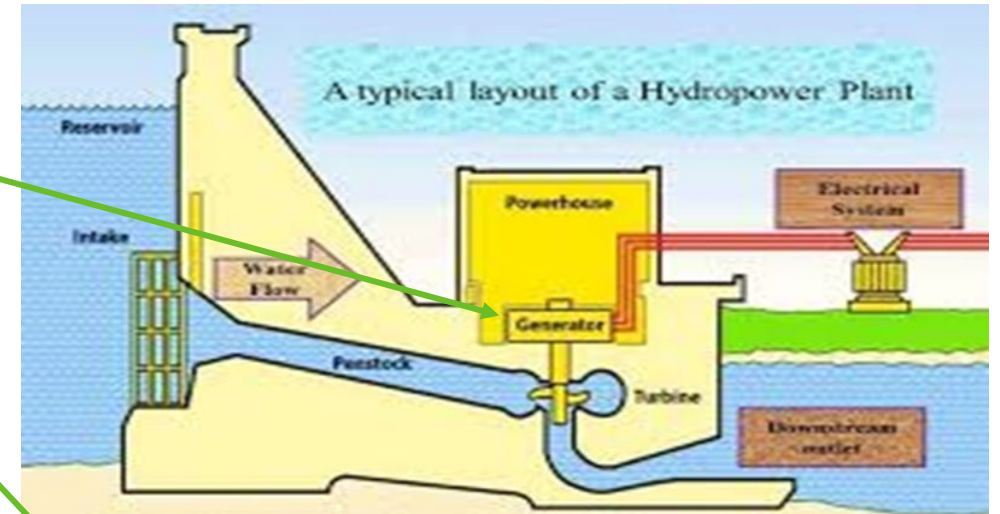
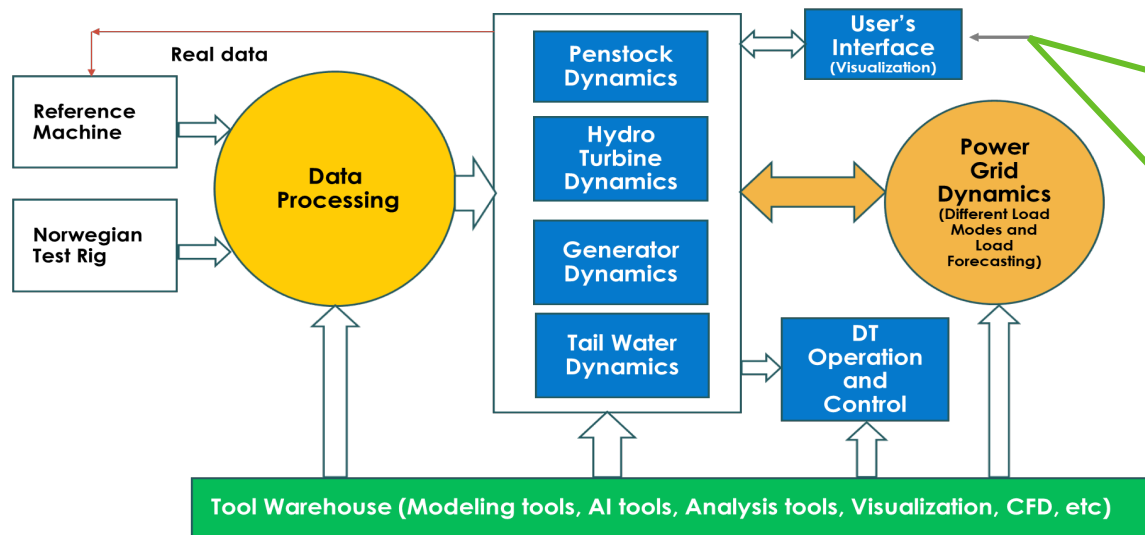
Power Generation Systems - Voltage Control Models and Load Dynamics



Load Profile - Frequency Regulation in [0, 500sec]



DT Model and Virtual Reality Display



System Application Cases for DT

Plant Optimization

- Use DT as a platform to manipulate key decision variables (power generation, control parameters) to achieve the best and economic benefit for the grid operation in a large operational range

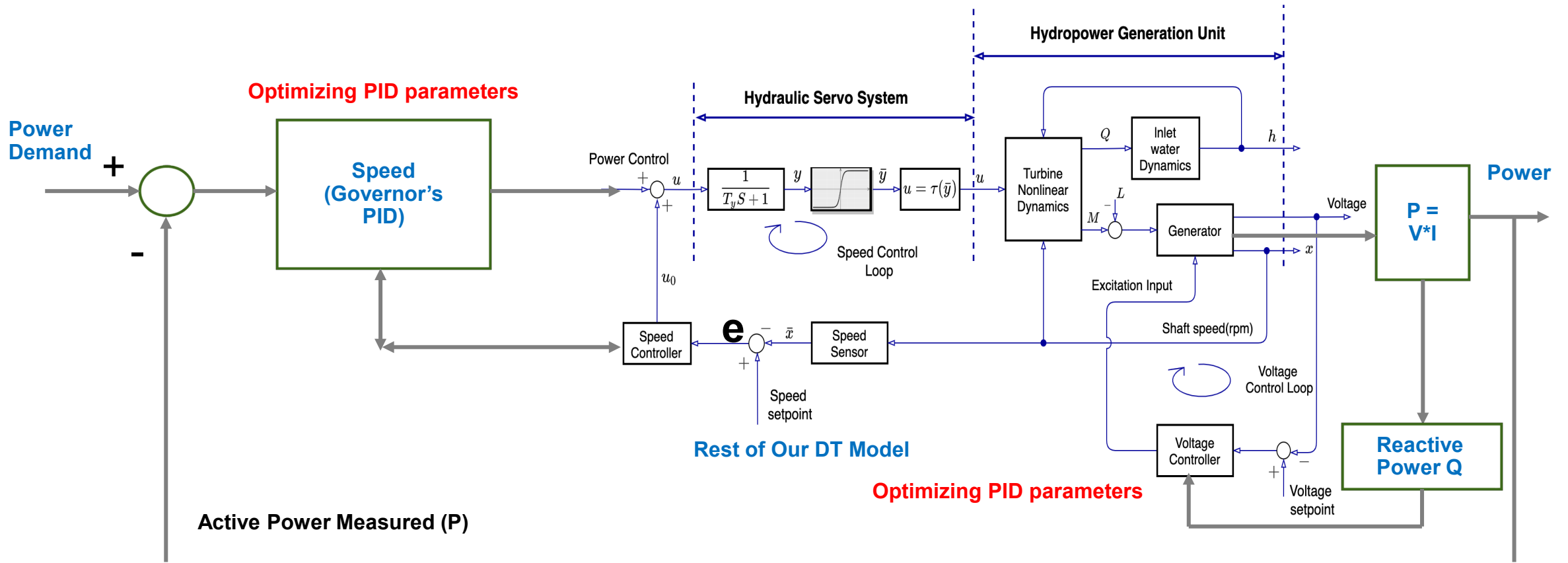
Smart Maintenance

- Use DT to simulation various faults in the system and then test and validation the smart maintenance plan that would lead to economic repairs, etc. for the hydropower systems

Operational Control Systems Optimization for Power Generation - Unit Level

Control the Power to Make Sure

- 1) Good tracking with respect to variable power demand from EMS
- 2) Make sure a minimized water pressure variations via smooth gate opening



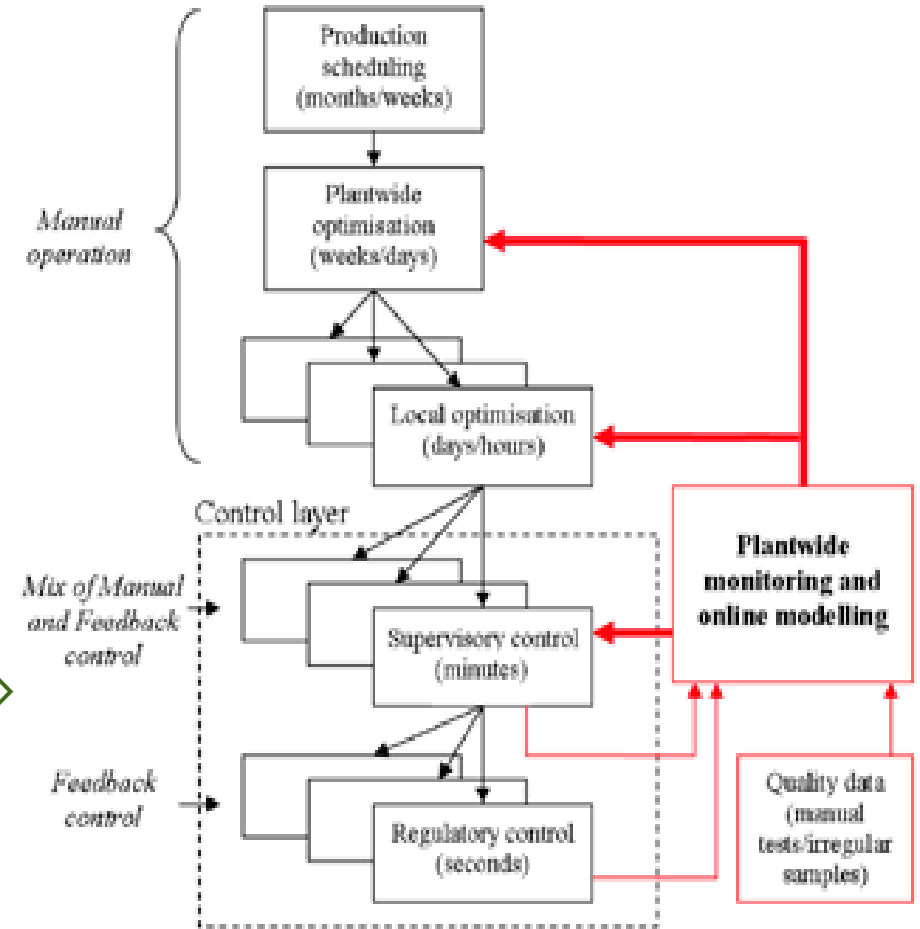
Smart Maintenance Systems for Hydropower

Purpose

- 1) Detect faults in the systems and perform fault diagnosis and prediction
- 2) Arrange economic repair and in the meantime realize fault tolerant control

DT can be Used in the Following Way

- ❑ Embed component and subsystem models in DT—temperature, bearing, vibration, etc.
- ❑ Generate fault scenarios and relevant data
- ❑ Perform fault detection, diagnosis, and prediction
- ❑ Schedule economic repairs or realizing fault tolerant control based upon the fault diagnosis



Conclusion and the Future

DT for hydropower systems is a key part in digitalization

- It helps to optimize plant operation
- It helps to obtain smart maintenance strategies
- It constitutes an important part for the whole grid operation when subjected to the increased penetration of renewables—wind, solar, etc.



Our Publications

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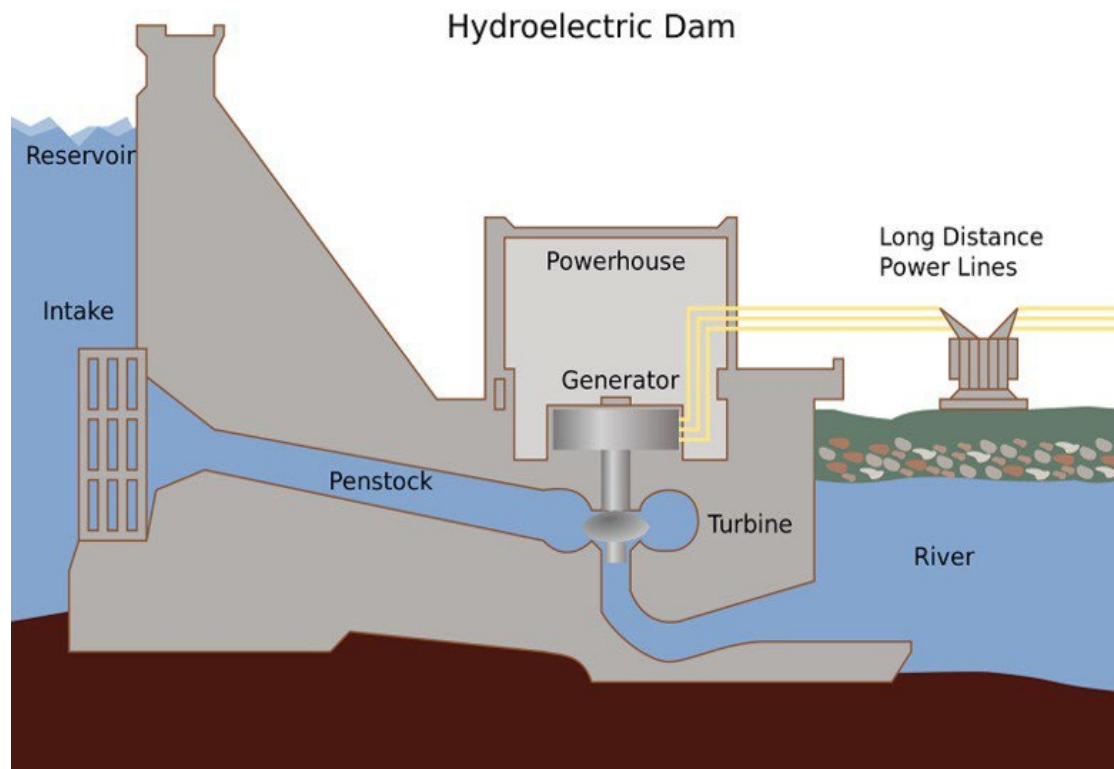
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Digital Twin for Hydropower Systems: Scalable Infrastructure and Architecture

Chitra Sivaraman
Principal Investigator
Pacific Northwest National Laboratory



Hydropower – History and Statistics



[Hydroelectric facility diagram by Energy Education](#)

- Hydropower currently accounts for 28.7% of total U.S. renewable electricity generation and about 6.2% of total U.S. electricity generation.
- Hydropower also produces a number of benefits outside of electricity generation, such as flood control, irrigation support, and water supply.

Types of Hydropower Turbines

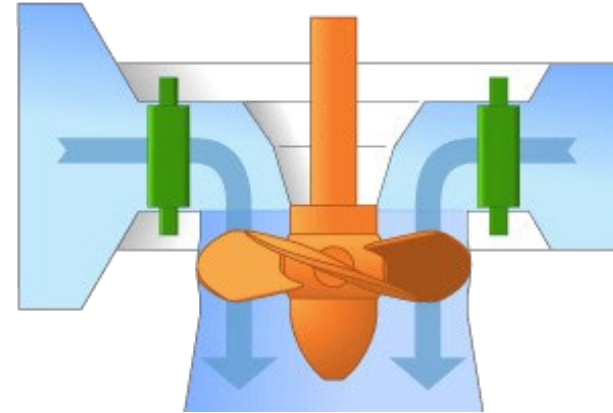
Reaction vs Impulse Turbines

- The main difference between the impulse turbine and the reaction turbine.
- In impulse turbine, there is a pressure drop across the fixed blades only, whereas in the Reaction turbine, there is a pressure drop across both the fixed and the moving blades.

Some Types of Reaction Turbines

Kaplan Turbine

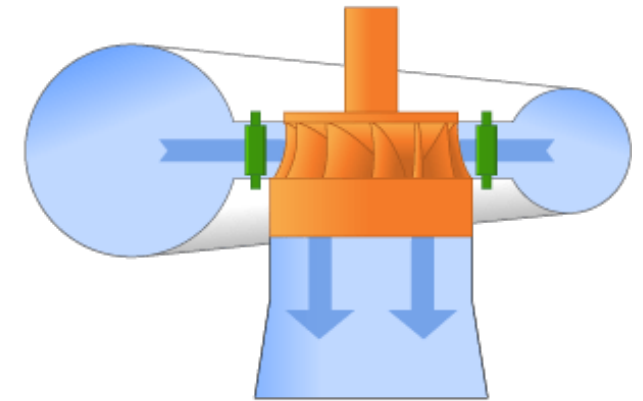
- Both the blades and the wicket gates are adjustable, allowing for a wider range of operation.



Kaplan Turbine

Francis Turbine

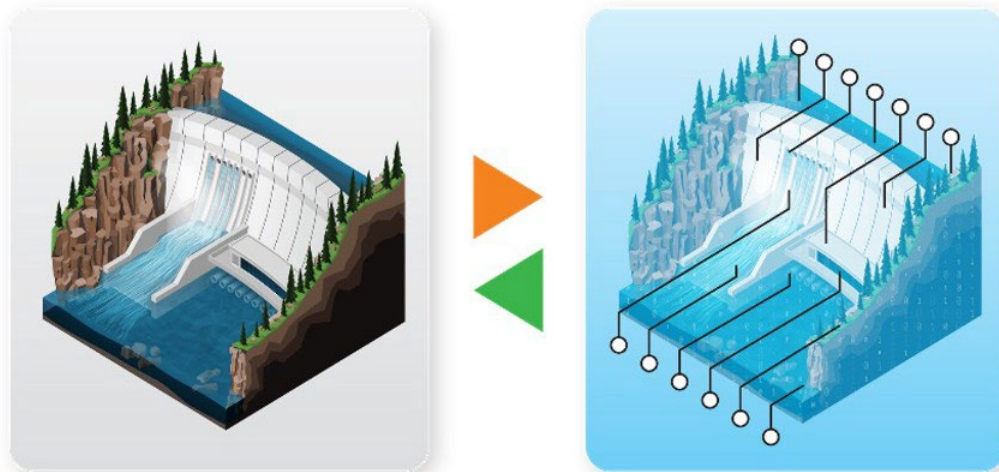
- Has a runner with fixed blades, usually nine or more. Water is introduced just above the runner and all around it which then falls through, causing the blades to spin. Besides the runner, the other major components include a scroll case, wicket gates, and a draft tube.



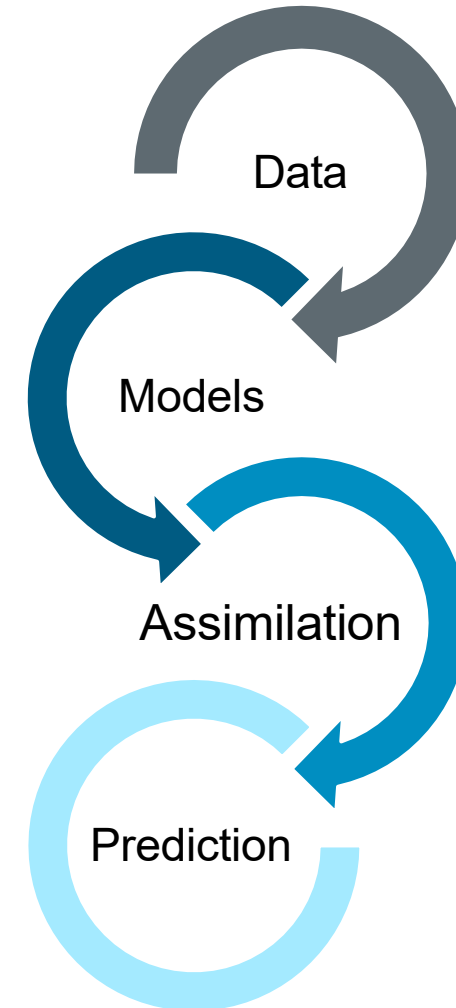
Francis Turbine

Digital Twin Dashboard for Hydropower Systems

Created using a physical and/or machine learning model assimilated with real-time data



A digital twin couples a real-world system—in this case a hydropower facility—with a virtual simulation to support optimization



Compare Simulations with Real Data – Test Unit

Francis Test Rig at Norwegian University of Science and Technology

- Turbine speed: 0–744 rotations-per-minute
- Generator power: 400 kilowatts
- Generator voltage: 0–400 volts
- Generator current: 0–700 Amp





OVERVIEW

HYDROPOWER UNIT

Alder Unit 12

NTNU Pilot

SIMULATION

SIGN OUT

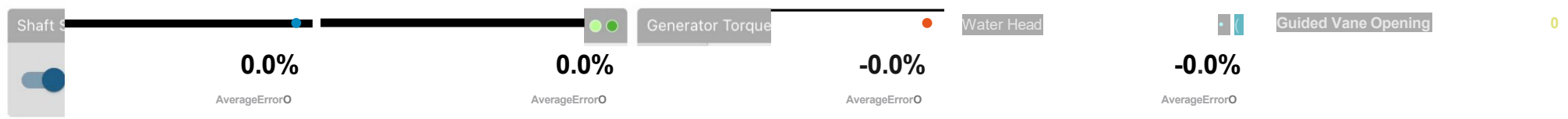
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NTNU Pilot Open Loop Tests 1 & 2 Unit NTNU Overview



Zoom 10m All



Slack

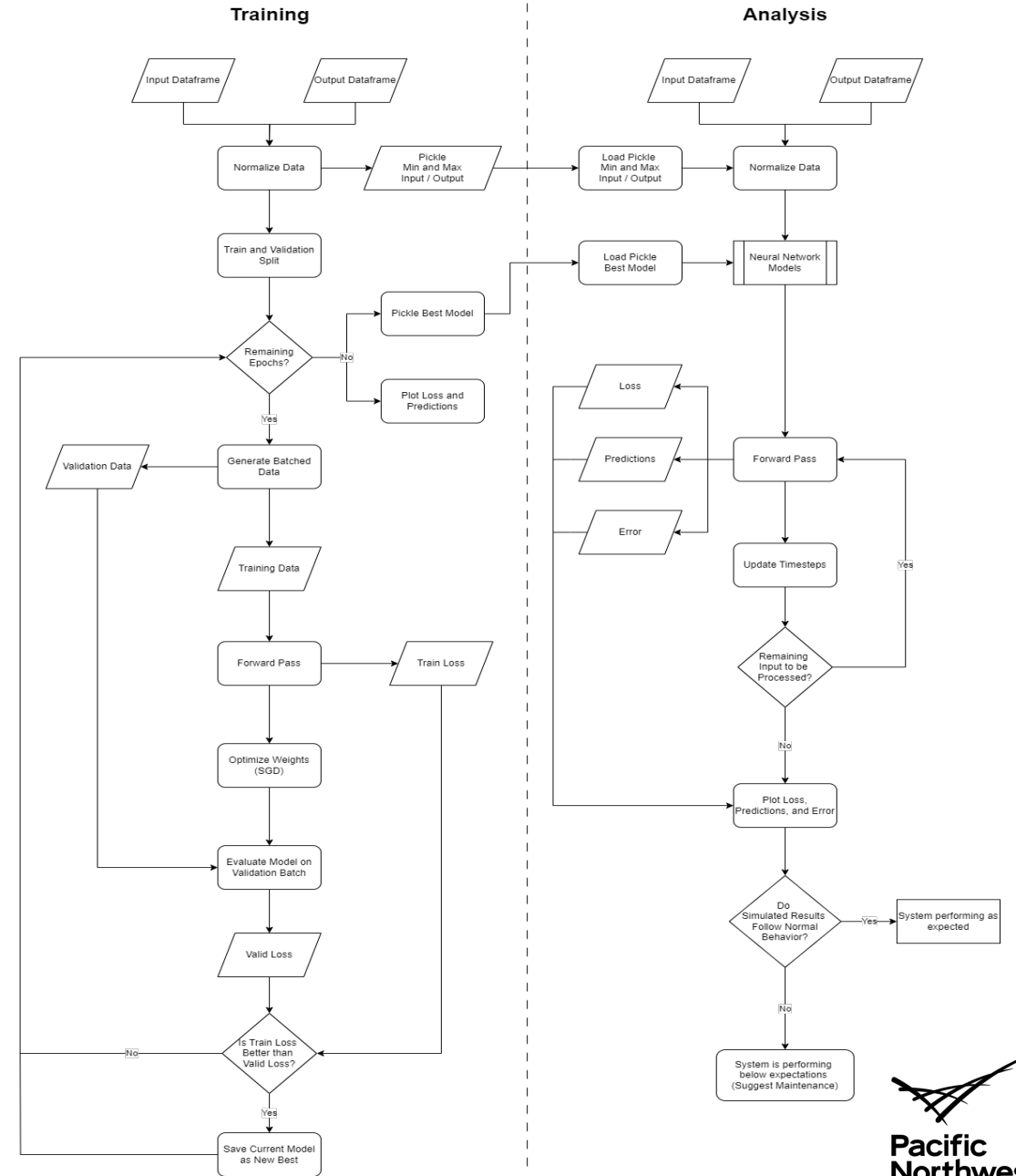
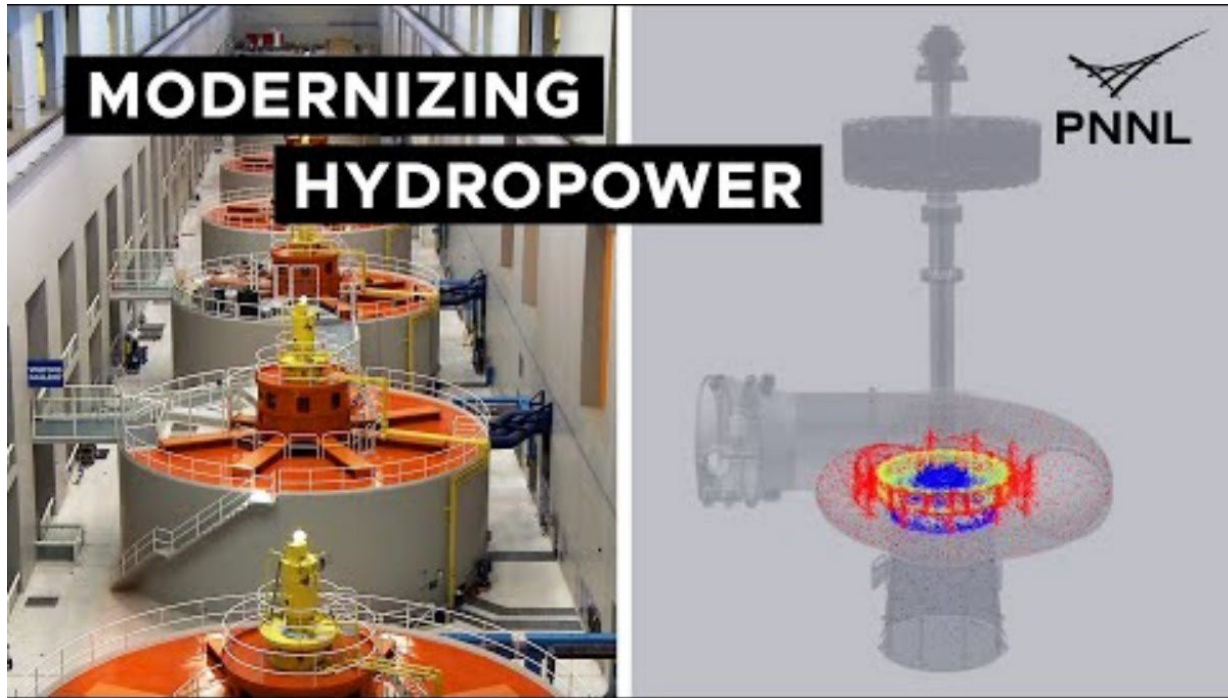
Alder Dam

- Water from Alder Lake is sent into two generators at the base of the dam
- 25 megawatts for a total nameplate capacity of 50 megawatts
- Rebuilt in 1945
- Serves 18,000 homes
- Francis turbine

<https://www.mytpu.org/about-tpu/services/power/about-tacoma-power/dams-power-sources/nisqually-river-project/alder-dam/>

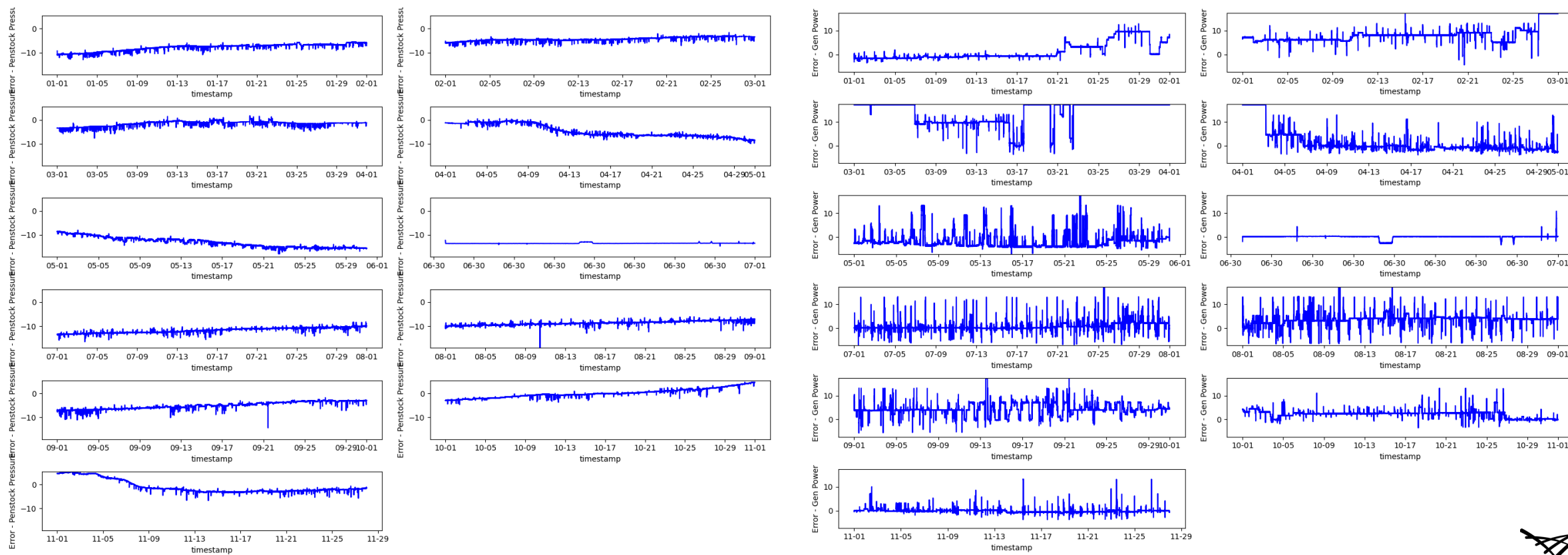


Training and Analysis Flowchart

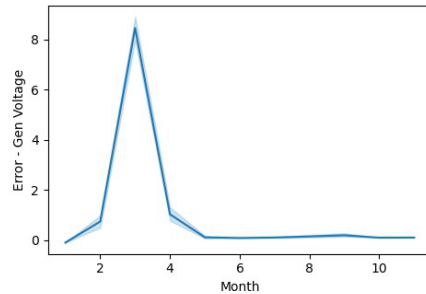
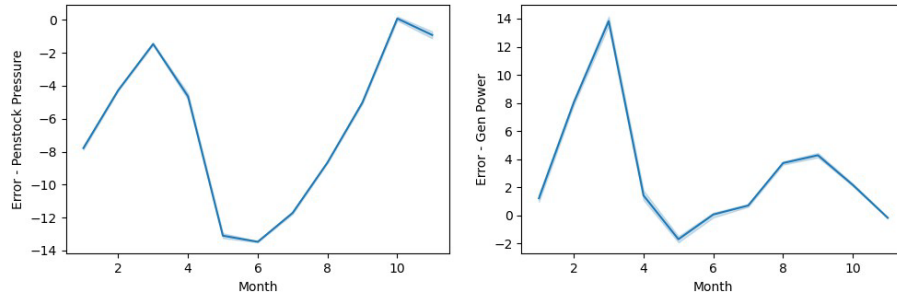
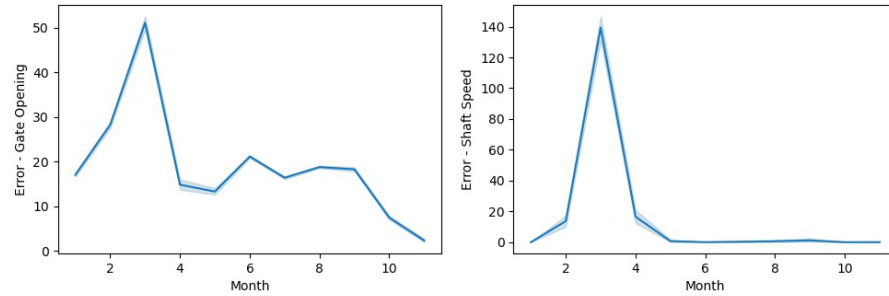


Validation Results for Five Years of Historical Data

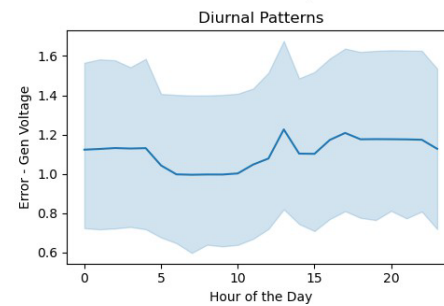
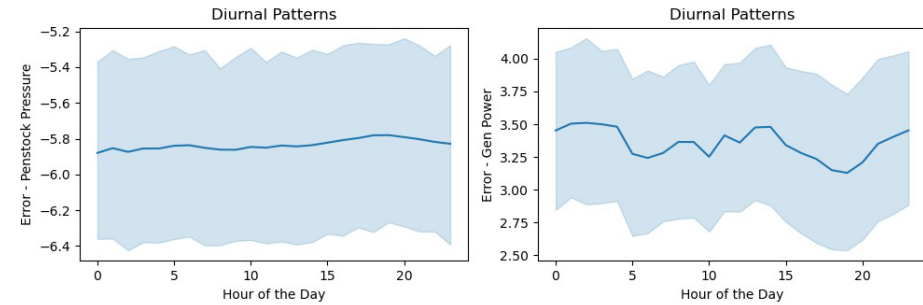
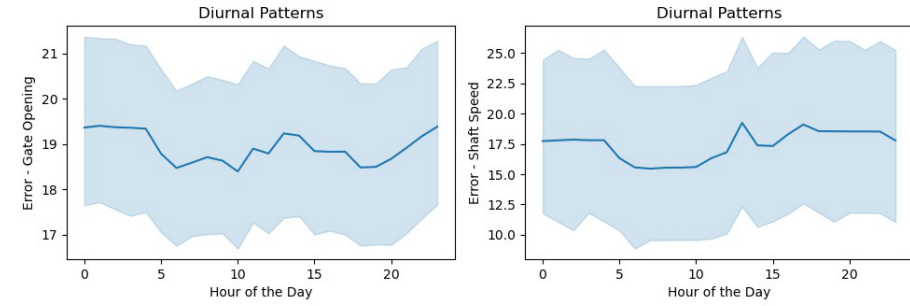
Penstock pressure and generated power—difference between model and measured



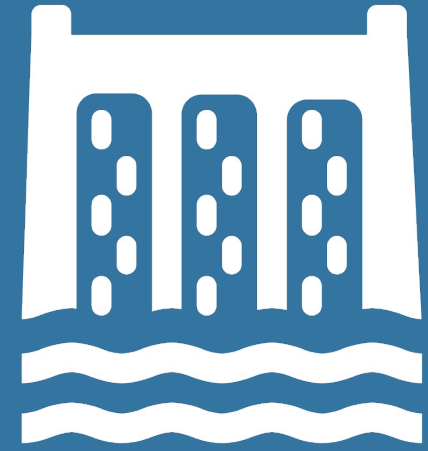
Seasonal and Diurnal Patterns



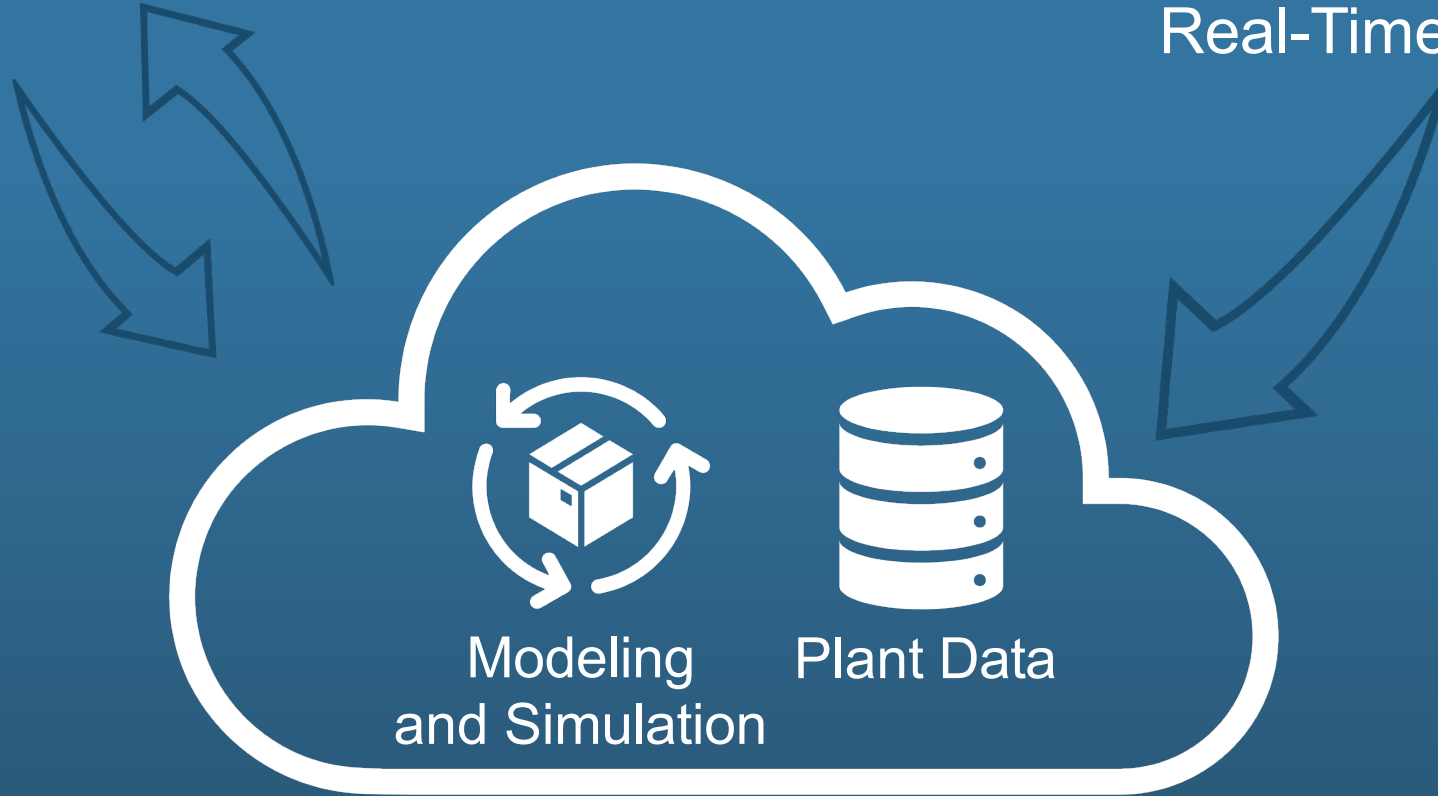
Small variation
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Small variation
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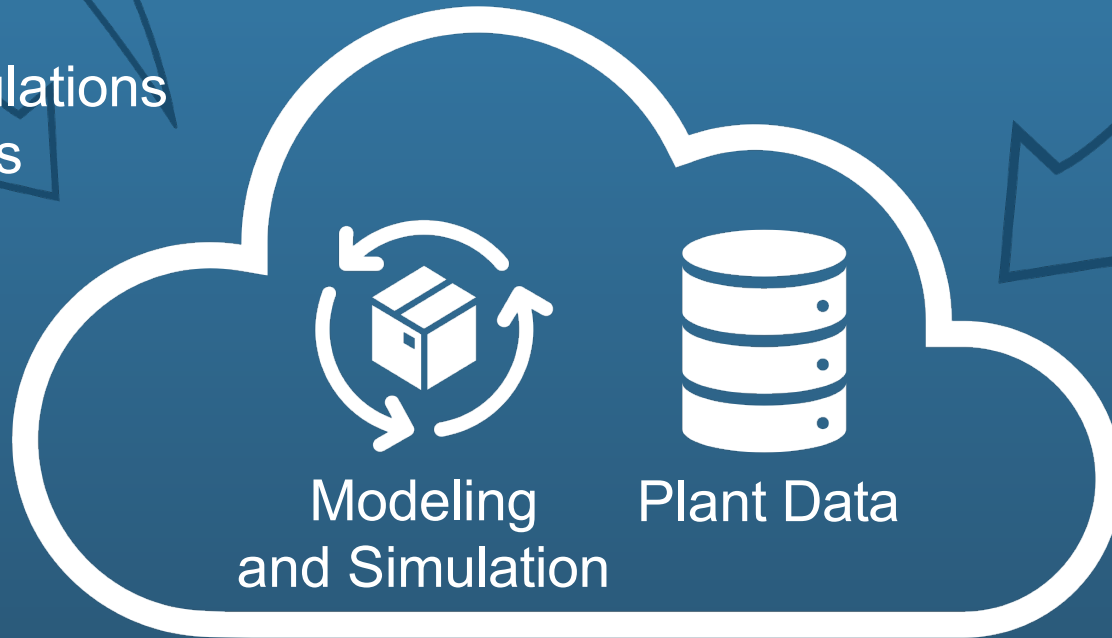
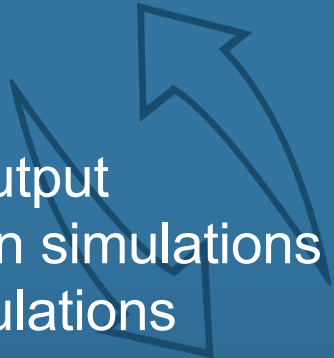
Real-Time Plant Data





Digital Twin
Dashboard

- View model output
- Create and run simulations
- Compare simulations



Modeling
and Simulation

Plant Data

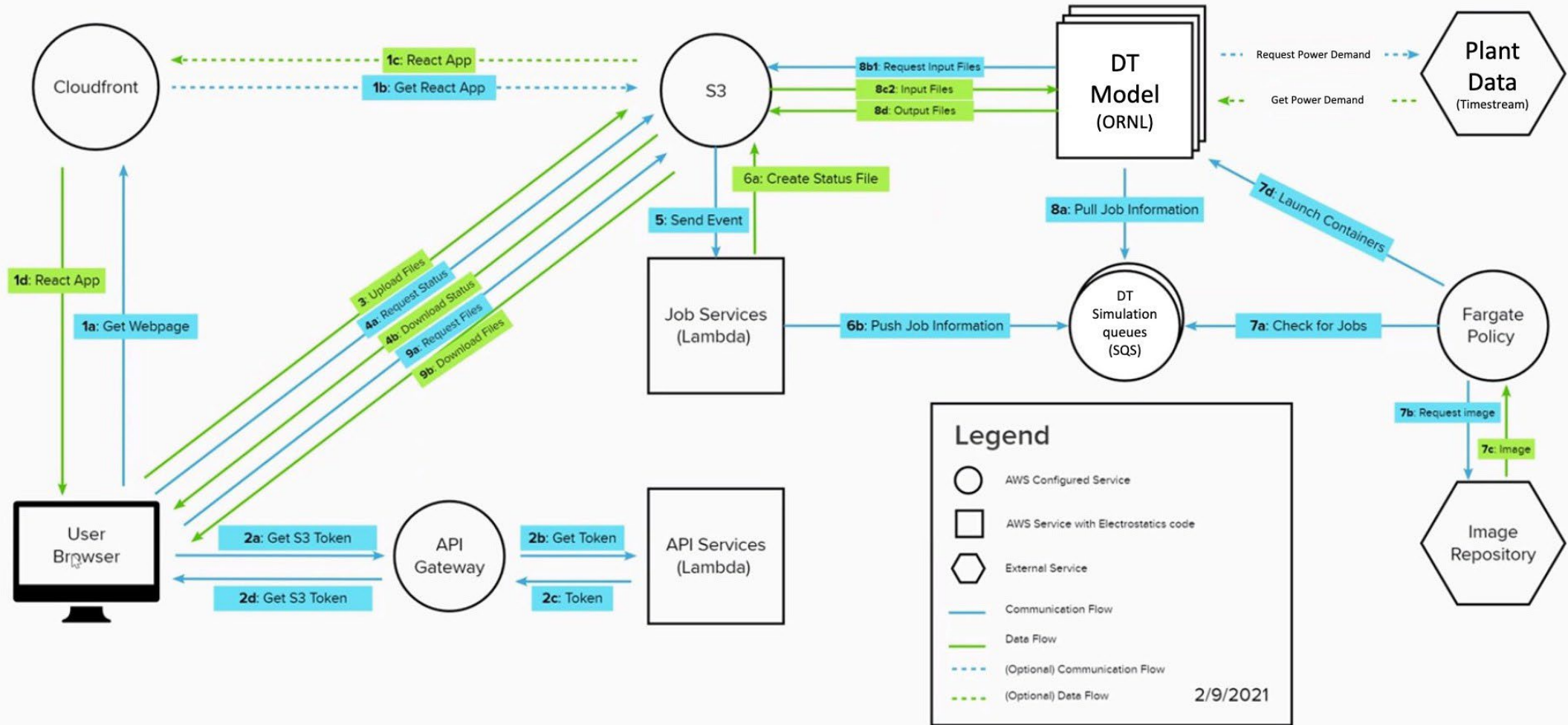


Real-Time Plant Data



- Water level
- Gate angle
- Shaft speed
- Pressures
- Voltages
- Generated power

Deployment of Digital Twin



Factors to Consider during Deployment of Digital Twin Dashboard

- Real-time data integration, potential online, and offline continual learning
- Access and security
- Human-machine interface design
- Interoperability of digital twins for turbines and other components
- Standardization of data
- Standard methods to transform input data
- Leveraging cloud base infrastructure and capabilities

Compare and View Scenarios



- Run simulations
- Predict behavior
- Test changes
- Optimize performance

Compare and View Scenarios (continued)

Digital Twins for Hydropower Systems		Simulations				CREATE NEW SIMULATION						
OVERVIEW SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON SIMULATIONS	Low water simulation (Tacoma Facility) <small>Created on July 22nd at 8:30am by Chitra S.</small>	7.5 <small>GOVERNOR PI GAINS</small>	0.8 <small>VOLTAGE PI GAINS</small>	3.0 <small>VOLTAGE PI GAINS</small>	0.2 <small>VOLTAGE PI GAINS</small>	5.0 <small>POWER PI GAINS</small>	1.0 <small>POWER PI GAINS</small>	100 <small>FLOW VELOCITY</small>	200,000 <small>FLOW DISCHARGE</small>	12,460,000 <small>MASS FLOW RATE</small>	270,304 <small>POWER OUTPUT</small>	+2% <small>EFFICIENCY</small>
	1/2 Operational sim (Tacoma Facility) <small>Created on July 22nd at 8:30am by Chitra S.</small>	3.2 <small>GOVERNOR PI GAINS</small>	0.4 <small>VOLTAGE PI GAINS</small>	1.5 <small>VOLTAGE PI GAINS</small>	0.1 <small>VOLTAGE PI GAINS</small>	2.5 <small>POWER PI GAINS</small>	0.5 <small>POWER PI GAINS</small>	50 <small>FLOW VELOCITY</small>	97,000 <small>FLOW DISCHARGE</small>	4,350,00 <small>MASS FLOW RATE</small>	231,201 <small>POWER OUTPUT</small>	-8% <small>EFFICIENCY</small>
	High water simulation (Tacoma Facility) <small>Created on July 22nd at 8:30am by Chitra S.</small>	7.5 <small>GOVERNOR PI GAINS</small>	0.8 <small>VOLTAGE PI GAINS</small>	3.0 <small>VOLTAGE PI GAINS</small>	0.2 <small>VOLTAGE PI GAINS</small>	5.0 <small>POWER PI GAINS</small>	1.0 <small>POWER PI GAINS</small>	200 <small>FLOW VELOCITY</small>	310,000 <small>FLOW DISCHARGE</small>	15,230,940 <small>MASS FLOW RATE</small>	310,403 <small>POWER OUTPUT</small>	+8% <small>EFFICIENCY</small>
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	New Turbine simulation (Tacoma Facility) <small>Created on July 22nd at 8:30am by Chitra S.</small>	9.5 <small>GOVERNOR PI GAINS</small>	0.8 <small>VOLTAGE PI GAINS</small>	6.0 <small>VOLTAGE PI GAINS</small>	0.2 <small>VOLTAGE PI GAINS</small>	9.0 <small>POWER PI GAINS</small>	1.0 <small>POWER PI GAINS</small>	125 <small>FLOW VELOCITY</small>	225,000 <small>FLOW DISCHARGE</small>	14,760,000 <small>MASS FLOW RATE</small>	312,505 <small>POWER OUTPUT</small>	+9% <small>EFFICIENCY</small>

mand fluctuations

Predictive Analysis Uses Cases



Cooling water

- Pipes and filters clog or get blocked over time resulting in decreased flow and increased operation temps
- Results in decreased efficiency, shortened life of other components, callouts, etc.



Lube oil

- Critical auxiliary system, oil temperature, and flow protect bearings
- Leaks, high temperature, lack of flow could prevent costly failure

Additional Capabilities

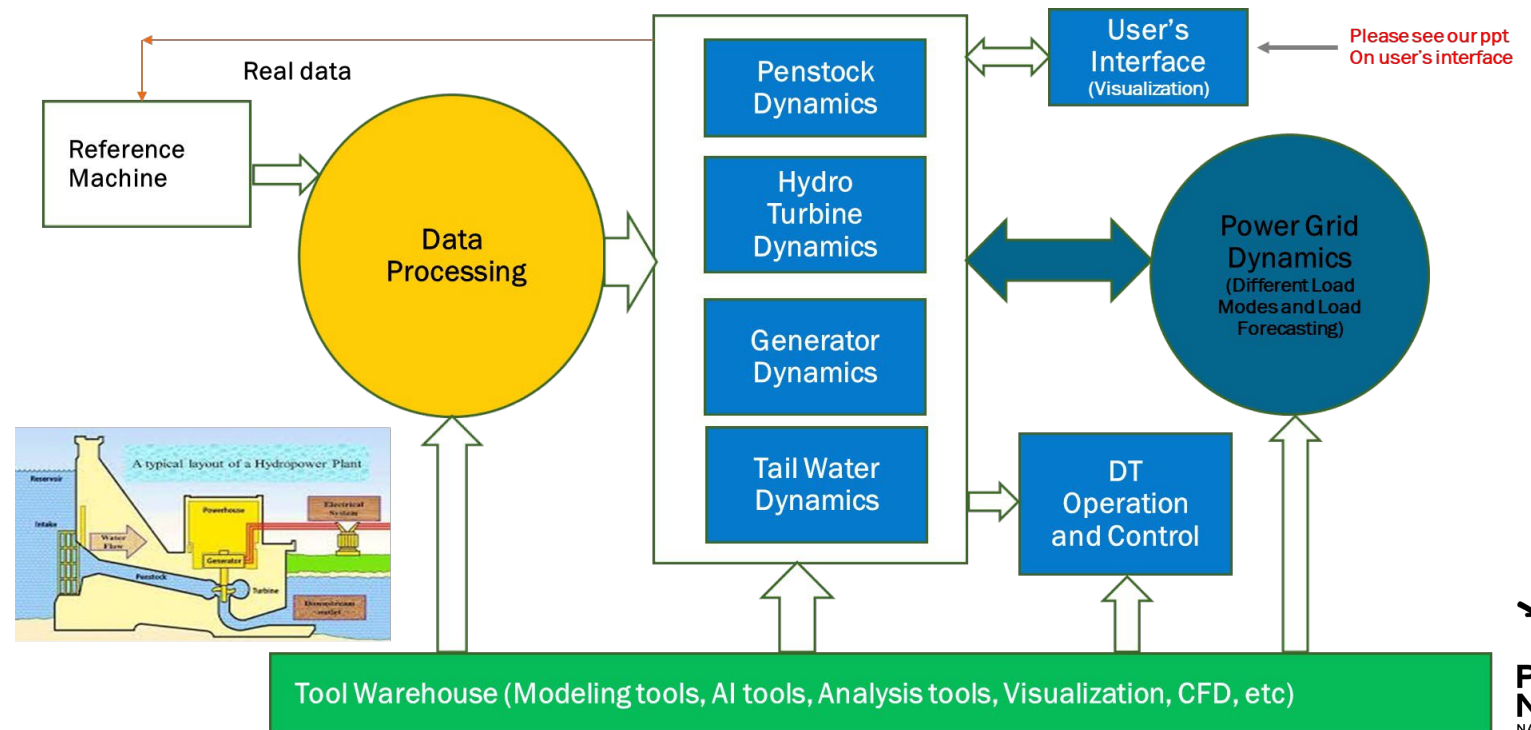
Extend to Other Models

- Environmental effects
- Seasonal reductions and fluctuations in pH
- Managing water flow during late summer
- Fish passage effects
- Many others

System Module Overview

Kaplan Turbine

- Wear and tear fatigue on the unit
- New source of data





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To learn more and access the Digital Twin dashboard, scan the QR code or visit hydro.digitaltwin.labworks.org

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Barriers and Challenges to Implementing Digital Twins

Moderator: **Vaibhav Yadav**, Idaho National Laboratory
Joshua New, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
Carrie Dossick, University of Washington
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Automatic Building Energy Modeling (AutoBEM) and its Model America dataset

For: Opportunities for Digital Twins in the Built Environment

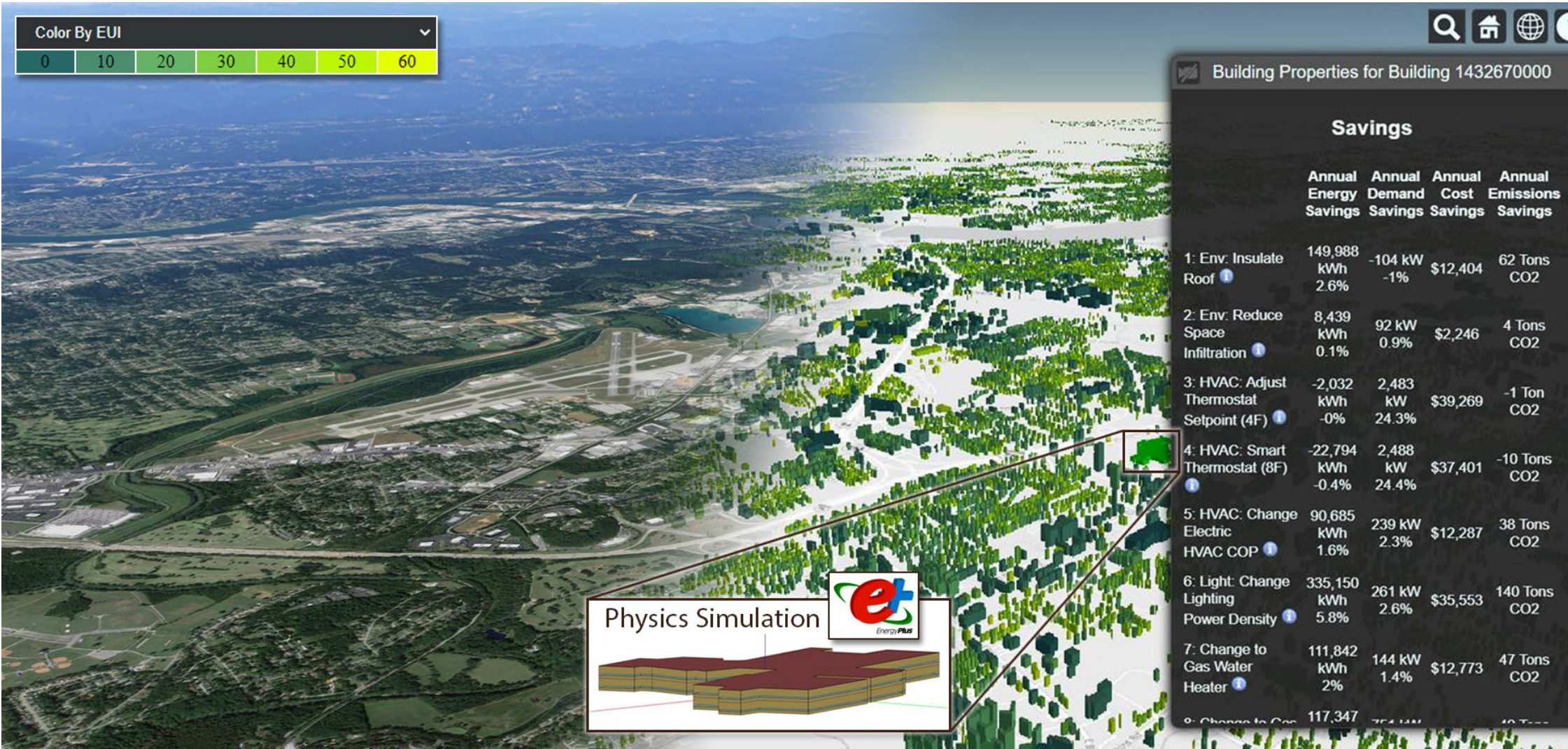
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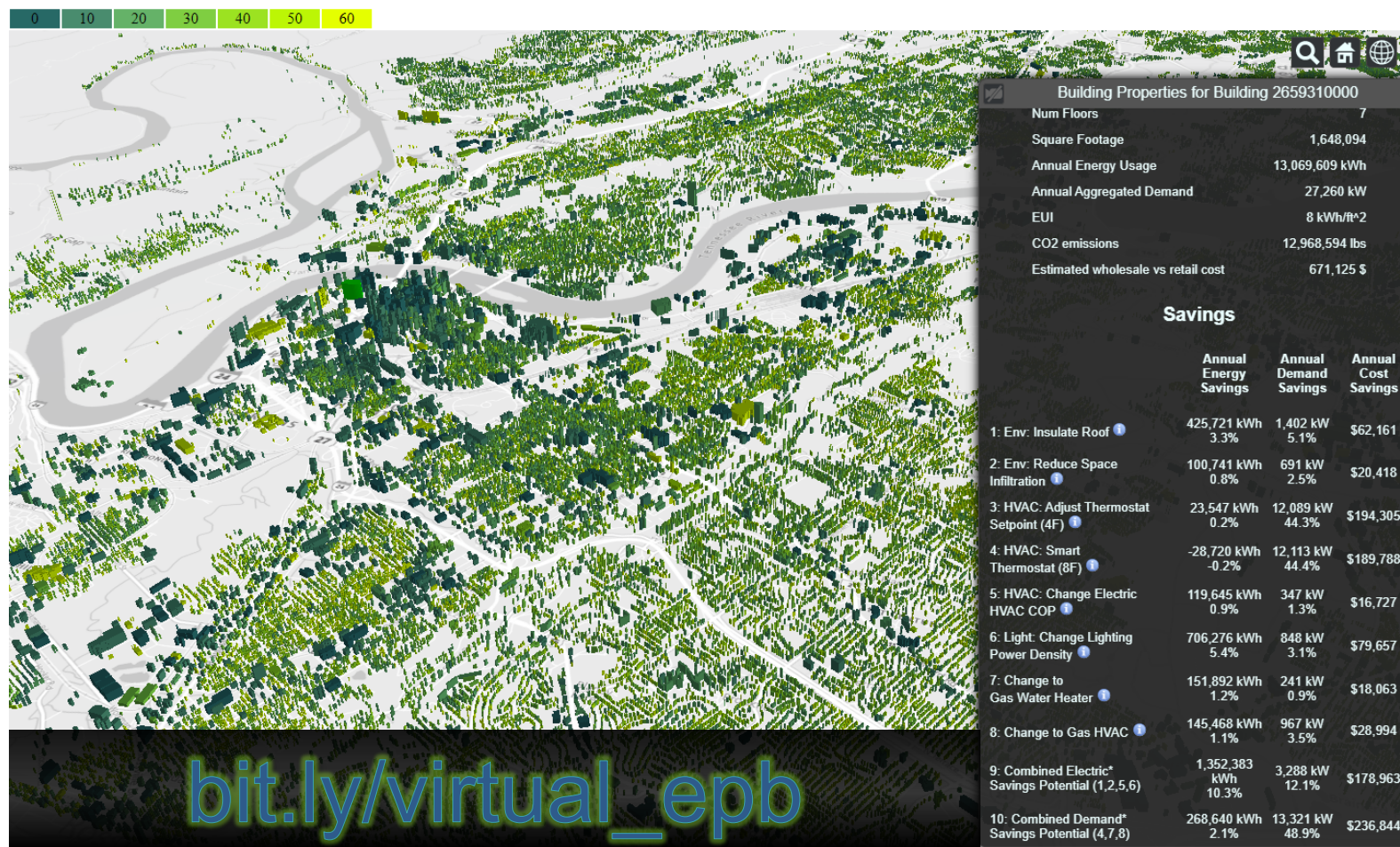
Results (Data+Models – bit.ly/ModelAmerica1; Publications – bit.ly/AutoBEM)

- Digital twin of every U.S. building (125.7M data, 122.9M models; 141.5M in version2)
 - Estimates energy (kBtu), demand (kW), emissions (CO_{2-eq}) and cost (\$) savings



Automatic Building Energy Modeling (AutoBEM) - Chattanooga

- Validation
 - 15-Minute electricity use
 - 178,000 building electrical meters
 - Chattanooga, TN
- Technological Evolution
 - Data
 - Algorithms
- Analysis
 - Energy saving technologies
 - Demand saving technologies
 - Renewable technologies
 - Microgrids
- AutoBEM ingests known building properties (user input or database) automatically



Digital Twin of Chattanooga, TN, shows energy, demand, emissions, and cost savings of individual measures and packages of energy efficient or demand response measures.

Climate change impacts to buildings – Arizona

- Phoenix, AZ – potential 5°F increase in 2100, 16% more electricity use, and 23% more demand



Scenario	Average Dry Bulb Temperature (°F)
TMY	23.8
fTMY 2020-2040	24.1
fTMY 2040-2060	25.8
fTMY 2060-2080	26.6
fTMY 2080-2100	29.1

Scenario	Total Energy	Electricity	Natural Gas
TMY	0.24 Quads	0.20 Quads	0.04 Quads
fTMY 2020-2040	-1.0%	-1.0%	-1.1%
fTMY 2040-2060	3.4%	4.6%	-3.2%
fTMY 2060-2080	4.6%	6.9%	-8.1%
fTMY 2080-2100	11.6%	15.9%	-12.3%

Scenario	Total Costs	Total Emissions
TMY	\$ 8.5 Billion	26 Million Tons CO2
fTMY 2020-2040	-1.0%	-1.0%
fTMY 2040-2060	4.0%	3.4%
fTMY 2060-2080	5.85%	4.6%
fTMY 2080-2100	14.0%	11.6%

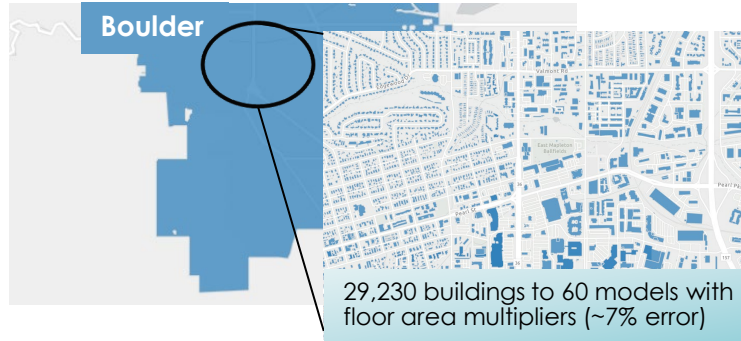
Scenario	July Total Energy
TMY	0.02 Quads
fTMY 2020-2040	1.9%
fTMY 2040-2060	11.1%
fTMY 2060-2080	14.3%
fTMY 2080-2100	23.0%

Analysis (2 years: 50+ NDAs, 13 projects supporting industry)

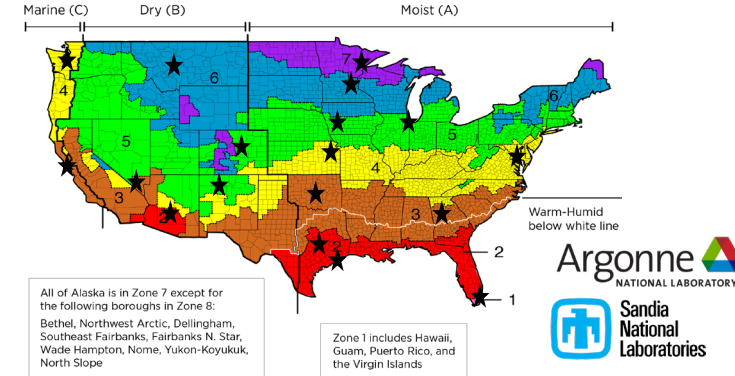
Supercomputing for building analysis (1M bldgs/hr)



Dynamic archetypes for area representation



Climate Change – IPCC weather files for buildings



AI for real-time EUI during building design

Model Design Space Chart Controls 3D Model Scatter Plot Sensitivity Analysis

MARK APDS

Climate Zone: All

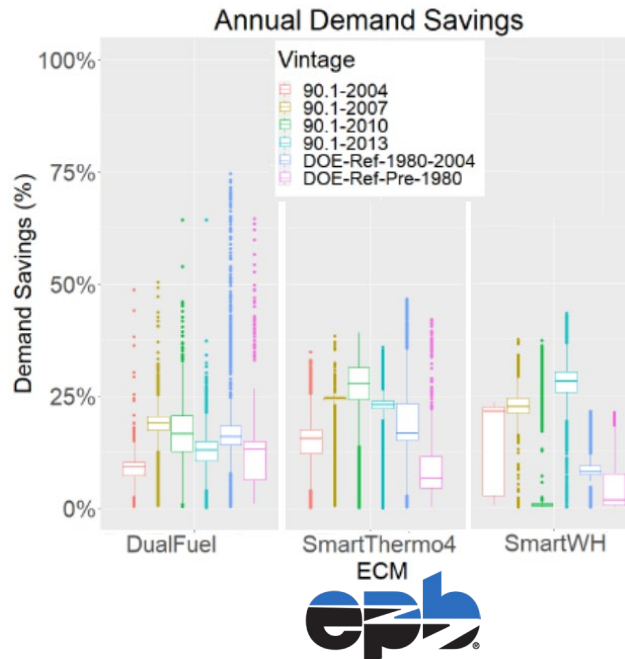
Building Type: Large Office

EUI: 72.82 kBtu/sf

\$6.4B and 20,500 person-years of work in 1 hour

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Utility-scale savings used operationally



Web-based visualization of climate change impacts

east washington Phoenix, AZ

Height (ft): 151

Energy Use Intensity (kBtu/sq): 59.9

Total Energy Projections

Percent changes are calculated from 2020-2040

	Annual Energy (kBtu)	Annual Cost (\$)	Annual Emissions (Tons CO2)
ITMY 2020-2040	53,428,605	1,031,890	5,732.7
ITMY 2040-2060	2.7%	3.6%	2.7%
ITMY 2060-2080	3.4%	5%	3.4%
ITMY 2080-2100	7.5%	10.5%	7.5%

Electricity Projections

Percent changes are calculated from 2020-2040

	Annual Energy (kBtu)	Annual Cost (\$)	Annual Emissions (Tons CO2)
ITMY 2020-2040	48,736,118	1,012,717	5,229.2
ITMY 2040-2060	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%
ITMY 2060-2080	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
ITMY 2080-2100	11.3%	11.3%	11.3%

Natural Gas Projections

Percent changes are calculated from 2020-2040

	Annual Energy (kBtu)	Annual Cost (\$)	Annual Emissions (Tons CO2)
ITMY 2020-2040	48,736,118	1,012,717	5,229.2
ITMY 2040-2060	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%
ITMY 2060-2080	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
ITMY 2080-2100	11.3%	11.3%	11.3%

https://evenstar.ornl.gov/autobem/phoenix/

Buildings carbon footprint for 40,000 cities

Building emissions

Google estimate

326,000

Total tCO₂e per year

Rooftop solar potential

Google estimate

242,000

Total tCO₂e/y offset after emissions reductions

Transportation emissions

Google estimate (GPC Protocol compliant)

2021

130,000

Total tCO₂e per year

Up 26% from 2020 Google

	DC		
	Electricity	Natural Gas	Total
EIE	-44%	-73%	-46%
AutoBEM	-9%	23%	5%

Error <5% at city-scale

New Work in the Digital Age

Dr. Carrie Sturts Dossick, P.E.

Dan Dimitrov, Ph.D. Candidate

Andrew Steele, MS Construction Management



IoT & Digital Twin Study (Dimitrov and Dossick)

Paradigm Shift in FM Industry

- Professionalizing Operations
 - Skillset shifts to enter the industry
 - Technician → Systems Engineer, Operation Technology Engineer
- Interdisciplinary collaboration + centralization → FM no longer isolated practice



1. Breakdown
Disciplinary Silos

2. Leadership in
Technological
Transformation

3. Challenge Cultural
Norms + Entrenched
Organizational
Practices

4. Bridging the Gap-
New Knowledge and
Existing Knowledge



IoT in FM Cost Framework (Steele and Dossick)

Key Themes from Interviews



Data Management:

“Managing and storing data is a substantial expense. If you do not have a data scientist or data analytics either outsourced or full-time, you will fail as a business.” (R2)



Cyber Security

“Cybersecurity is the number one concern.” (R1)

“The hidden cost of BAS is cybersecurity, which requires substantial investment to prevent costly attacks.” (R7)

“Municipalities and organizations have paid substantial amounts to hackers due to data breaches.” (R6)

Board Member Discussion

Mike Lamach, representing BEES (prerecorded video)
Omar Ghattas of UT Austin, representing CATS/BMSA
Jack Dempsey of AMP, representing BICE

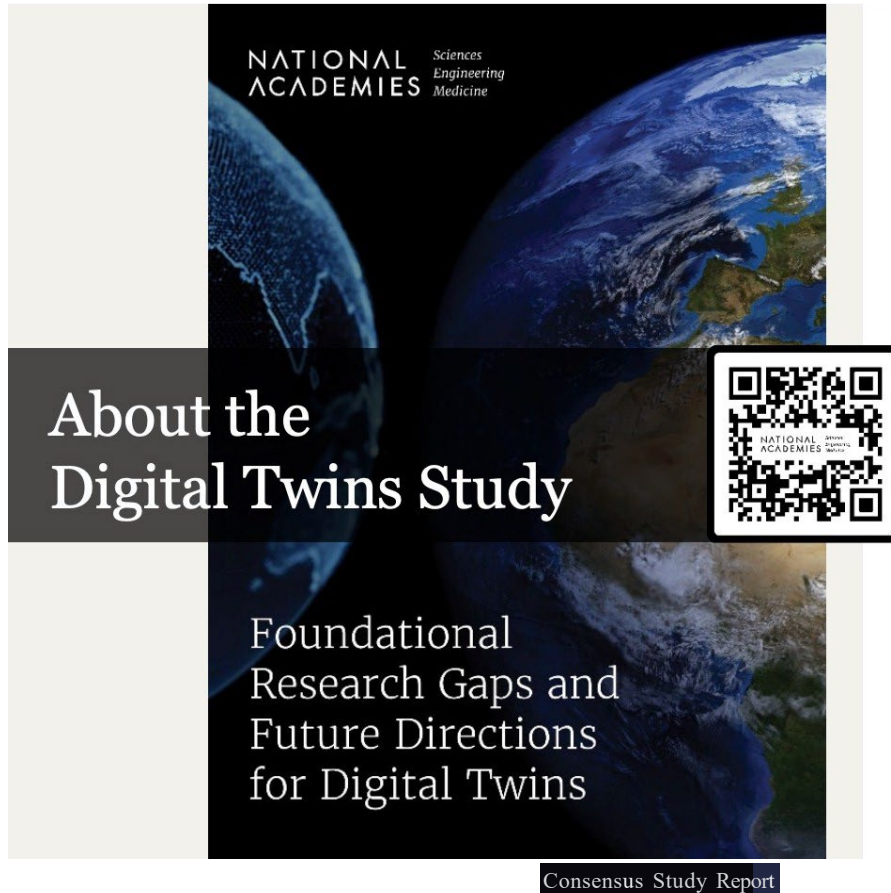


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Mathematical, Statistical, and Computational Challenges and Opportunities for Digital Twins in the Built Environment

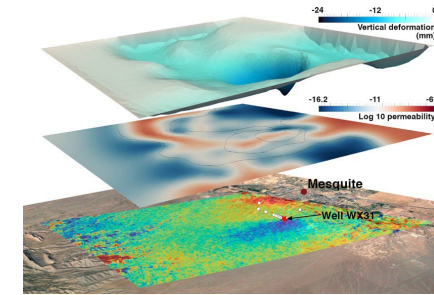
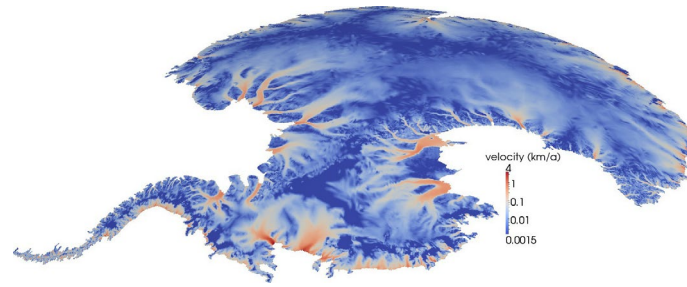
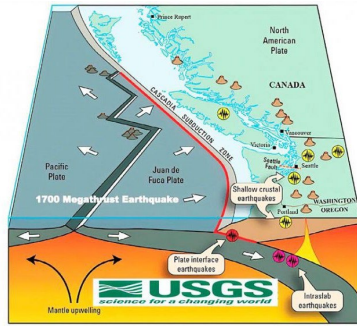
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Advancing mathematical, statistical, and computational foundations

- How are digital twins defined across different communities?
- Foundational research needs and systemic gaps
- Promising practices across domains and sectors
- Opportunities for translation of best practices across domains
- Use cases for awareness and building confidence
- Key opportunities in research, development, and application



Data assimilation

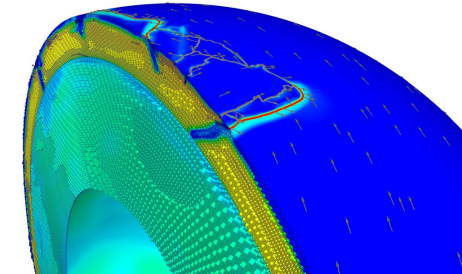
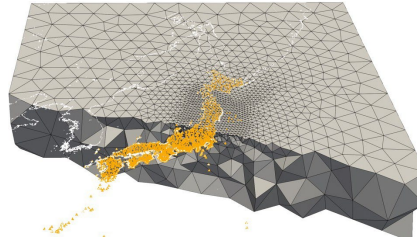
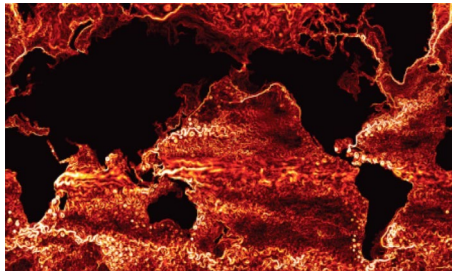
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Mathematical Challenges for Predictive Digital Twins in the Built Environment

- Tight, dynamic interplay between data assimilation and optimal decisions
- Real-time operation
- High-consequence decisions demand UQ
- Real-time and UQ settings demand accurate and inexpensive surrogate models
- Potential for AI/ML surrogates to be game-changers

Digital Twin

Optimal decisions (control & exp design)



Thank you for joining us!

Slides will be posted on the event page in the coming week.

Please contact rdeboer@nas.edu with any questions or comments.

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