

The Reality of Digital Twins

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Digitalization in Today's Paradigm

Digitization, Digitalization, Digital Transformation

Digitization

The conversion of products to digital format and the concomitant inventions that ensue.

Digitalization

The innovation of business models and processes that exploit digital opportunities.

Source: MIT Sloan Management Review

Digital Transformation

The systems-level restructuring of economies, institutions, and society that occurs through digital diffusion.

- ➤ **Digitization** is digital capture of information instruments, sensors, 3D/2D/1D engineering, video, data entry.
- > **Digitalization** is deriving "knowledge" and "wisdom" using processes and models.
- > Digital Transformation is a system-level transformation of work activities".



NASA – Pairing and Mirroring

- > A precursor to digital twin.
- Predicated by NASA's pairing technology.
- Pairing of digital objects and physical objects pioneered by NASA in early days of space exploration.
- Not a replacement of physical asset

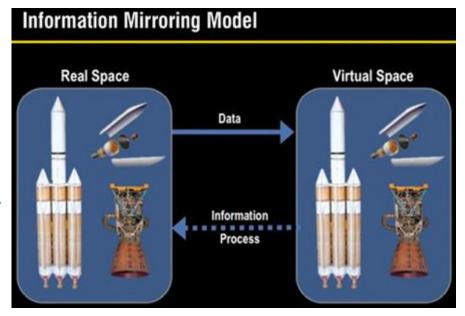


Image Source: Mirrored Spaces (M. Grieves, 2002)

"The ultimate vision for the digital twin is to create, test and build our equipment in a virtual environment..."

"...the digital twin contains all the information that we could have by inspecting the physical build."

John Vickers, NASA



What is Digital Twin?

A digital replica of a product or system, maintained as a virtual equivalent throughout the lifespan of the physical product.

Source: MIT Europe conference, Vienna

A dynamic software model that employs sensors and other forms of data to analyse its state, respond to changes, and improve operations.

- Donna Rhodes, MIT



Image Source: AVEVA, Building the digital asset



Definitions (M. Grieves, 2002)

- Digital Twin Prototype is information necessary to describe and produce a physical version that duplicates the virtual version.
- ➤ **Digital Twin Instance** describes a specific corresponding physical product, remaining linked to it throughout its lifespan.
- ➤ **Digital Twin Aggregate** is an aggregation of all DTIs for a set of products.



Purposes of Digital Twins

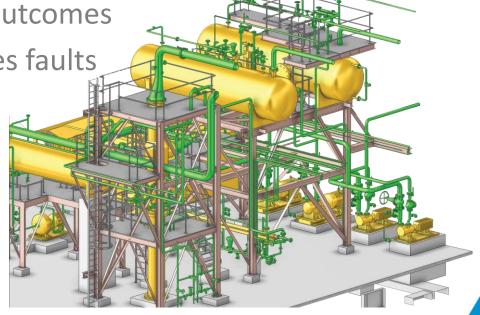
- Actionable determines behavior
- Informative provides useful and instructive information

Predictive – predicts outcomes

Analytic – analyzes outcomes

Diagnostic – identifies faults

Interrogative





Challenges

Business Challenges:

- Models' valuation.
- Intellectual property strategy.
- Changes to traditional business model.

Technical Challenges:

- Model complexity and scaling.
- Interoperability standards and connectivity.
- Difficulty migrating legacy products into the digital space.
- Security of information across systems

Operational Challenges:

- Interpretation and acceptance of models as primary source of truth.
- Adoption of models as part of work process.

Organizational Challenges:

- Limited training and knowledge digitalizing legacy products.
- Limited skills and experience in current work force for digitalization.
- Organizational structure not well adapting to new digital framework.



Digital Twin in Industry 4.0

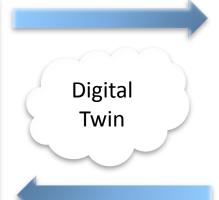
High-level representation of Digital Twin in Industry 4.0

Physical System

- Plant asset
- Equipment asset
- Process
- Products
- Sensors
- Operations



- Models
- Asset context
- ...



Virtual System

- Plant asset
- Equipment asset
- Processes
- Products
- Sensors
- Operations



- Analytics
- Predictions
- Engineering
- ...

Business, Operations, Infrastructure & IT Framework

- Simulation models steady state and dynamic
- Predictive models
- Process optimizations
- Supply chain optimizations
- Engineering designs
- Engineering designs

- Visualization
- Augmented & virtual reality
- Asset integrity & reliability



Digital Twins in Industrial Operations

Represents behavior of phased materials across unit operations, characterized by flows, temperatures, pressures, and chemical compositions.

Process
Digital Twin

Supply Chain Digital Twin

Represents behavior of connected assets across the value chain, having design, operational, and resource constraints / limitations.

Represents physical shapes, locations, equipment identifiers, connectivity, hierarchical structures and their contextual relationships and associations.

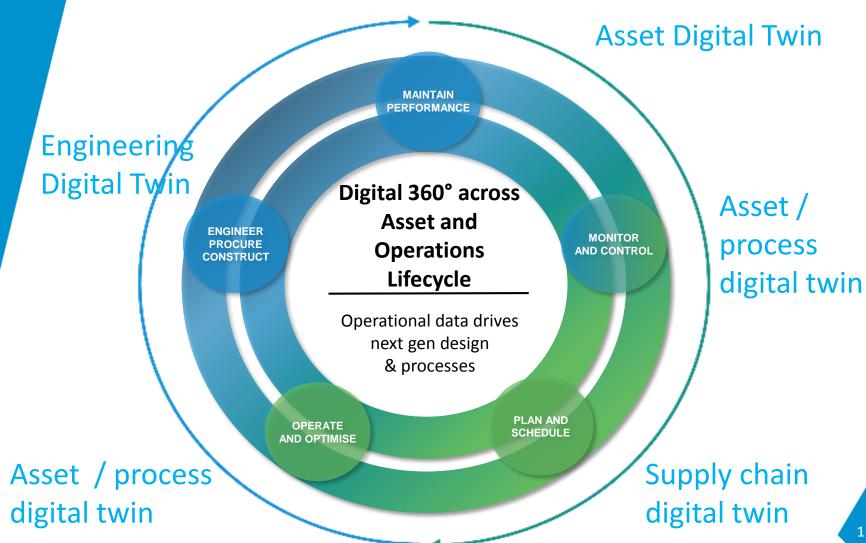
Engineering Digital Twin

Asset
Digital Twin

Represents behavior of equipment characterized by different operating modes, capacity, integrity status, actual and/or predictive state.



Continuously Adding Value





Engineering Digital Twin

The Digital Asset

A rigorously detailed replica of the structures and equipment mechanicals with a rich set of context links to associated 2-D diagrams and 1-D documents and sheets.

- For "design" integrated asset modeling, multi-user collaboration.
- For "control" asset maintenance, incident management, lock out/tag out.
- For "performance" construction / retrofit progress, visual context.

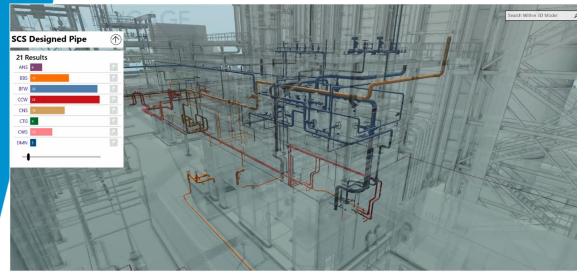




Image Source: AVEVA Engineering Model



Asset Digital Twin

Asset Digital Behavior

A heuristic replica of expected behaviors used to predict and identify imminent equipment failures.

- For "design" equipment behavior modeling.
- For "control" equipment monitoring of status, availability, remaining useful life.
- For "performance" –
 equipment predictions,
 integrity status.

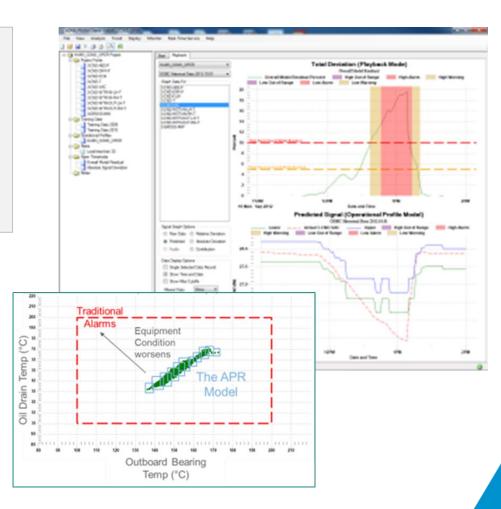


Image Source: AVEVA Asset Performance



Process Digital Twin

The Digital Process

A rigorously detailed replica of process and fluid behaviors except imminent failures.

- For "design" plant / process design.
- For "control" process simulation at varying conditions, real-time optimization.
- For "performance" –
 energy efficiency, furnace
 coking & yield predictions.

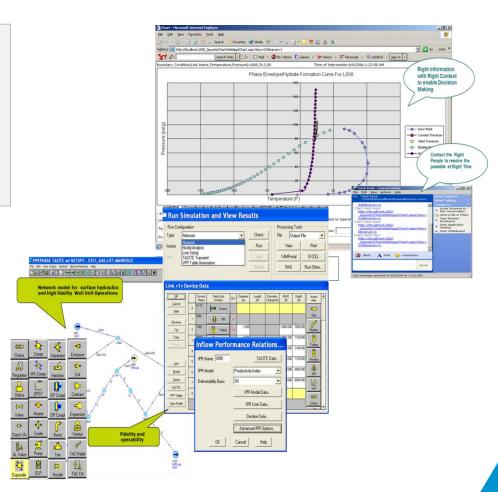


Image Source: AVEVA Process Simulation Model

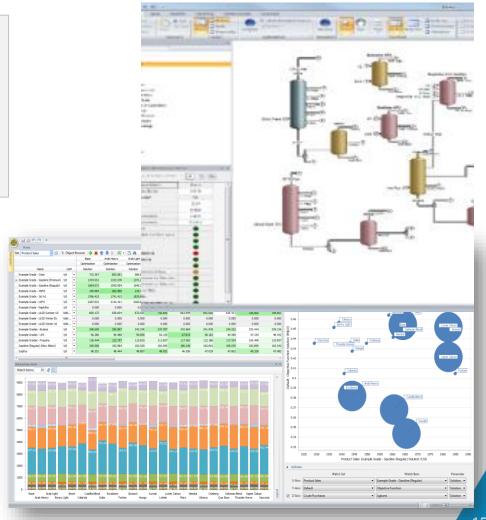


Supply Chain Digital Twin

Digital Supply/Demand

An detailed replica of supply & demand flows across the value chain for optimal operations.

- For "design" planning & scheduling process.
- For "control" optimized plan, feasible schedule, feedstock selection for optimum yield and costs.
- For "performance" unit conversion, yield, deviation from plan.





How Digital Twins are Transforming Work

Changes "when" and "where"...

- Digital twin "brings the work to the worker" for performance degradation, flow assurance problems etc.
- Teams find and view associated information, diagrams and documents within minutes, often within seconds. "Wasted work" is minimized.



Image Source: AVEVA



How Digital Twins are Transforming Work

Changes "when", "where", "which", and "how"...

- Digital twin "brings the work to the worker" for imminent equipment and/or asset failures.
- Knowledge library and sharing enabled. Decision making faster and more accurate.

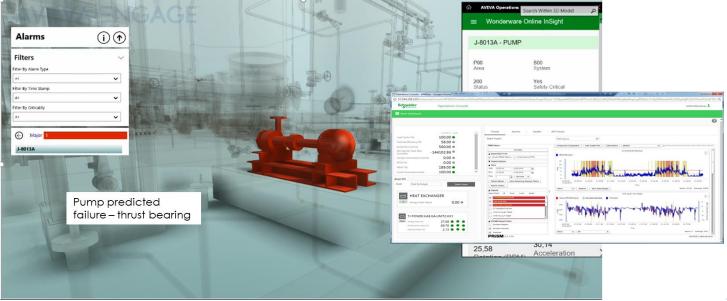


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How Digital Twins are Transforming Work

Changes "when", "where", "which", and "how"...

- Digital twin "guides and tracks field work procedures", including inspections.
- Workers annotate observations directly and supervisors notified on overdues.

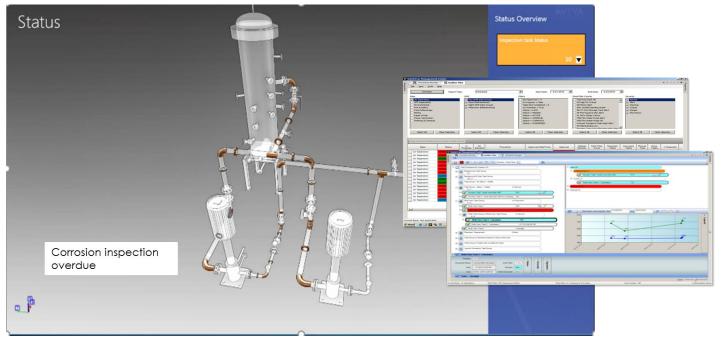


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Digital Twin Enablers

- Wireless sensory technology
- Cloud computing & storage
- > Hyperscale computing
- Data sciences and visual analytics
- ➤ 3rd party providers of digital toolsets & services
- Integrated IT infrastructure & information security
- Augmented and virtual reality



The Emerging Digital Ecosystem

- > Digital twin is four on Gartner's top ten strategic technology trends in 2019.
- Immersive world that blends virtual and physical worlds.
- Digital twins representation of billions of items and things.
 - From replica of large scale systems to small critical part components.
- > A digital mesh involving processes, assets, people, devices, contents, and services.

"The future will be characterized by smart devices delivering increasingly insightful digital services everywhere."

David Cearley, Gartner's Vice President Analyst



































Imagine a Future Where Every Item has a Digital Replica...



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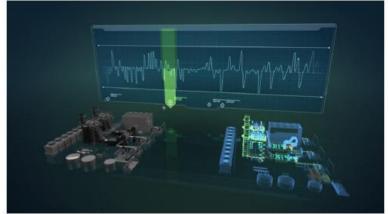


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