

The Semantically Reflected Digital Twin

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Success stories

1. GE experienced 5–7% increase of energy production from digitizing wind farms
2. Johns Hopkins Hospital's centre for clinical logistics reported 80% reduction of operating theatre holds due to delays
3. For the Johan Sverdrup oil field, digital twin innovations have boosted earnings by \$216 million in one year

Digital Twins: A Best Practice Engineering Discipline



- DTs originally conceived at NASA for the space program.
- DTs have emerged as an engineering discipline, based on **best practices**

NASA's definition of a DT

*"an **integrated multi-physics, multi-scale, probabilistic simulation** of a vehicle or system that uses the **best available** physical models, sensor updates, fleet history, etc., to **mirror the life of its flying twin**. It is **ultra-realistic** and may consider one or more important and interdependent vehicle systems"*

NASA Modeling, Simulation, Information
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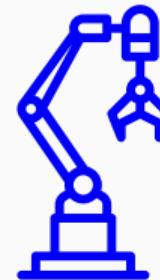
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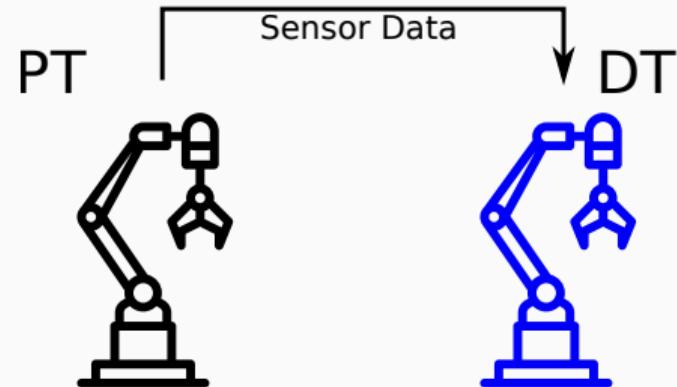
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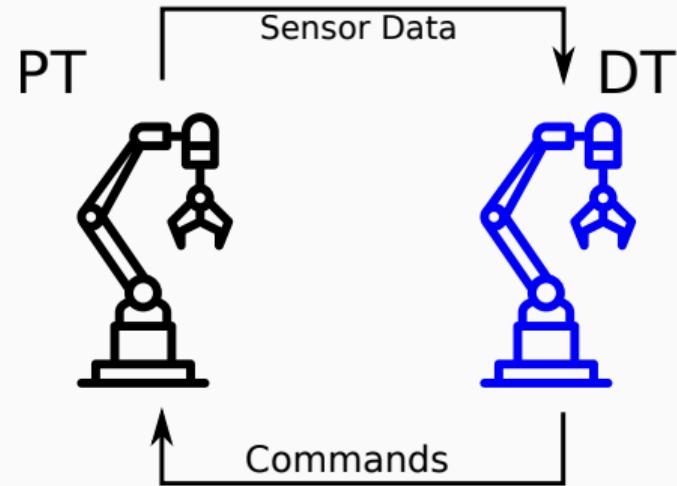
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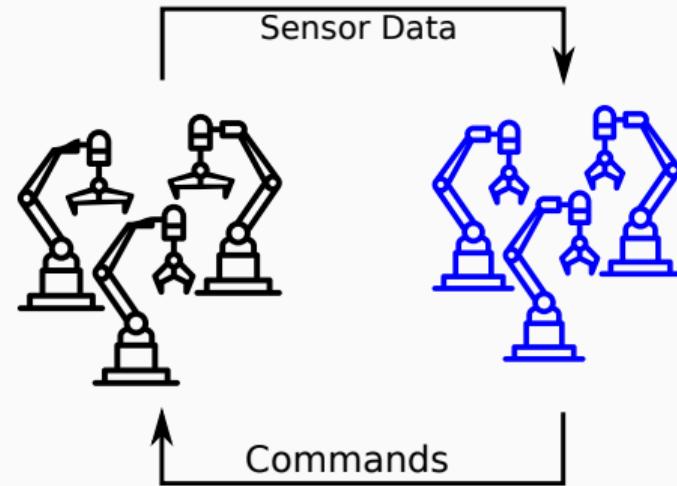
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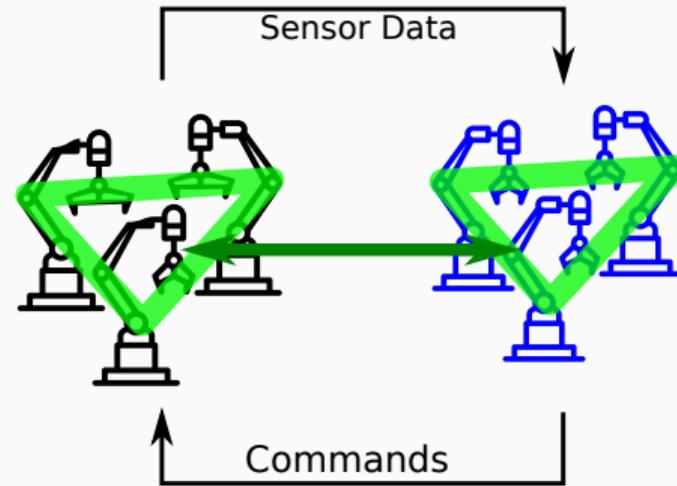
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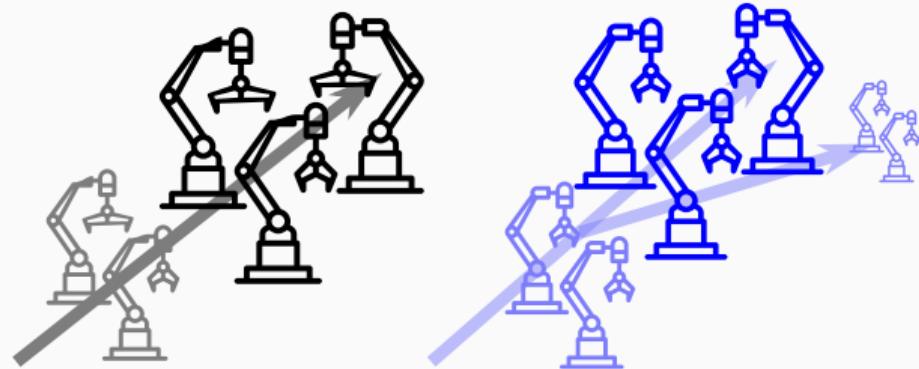
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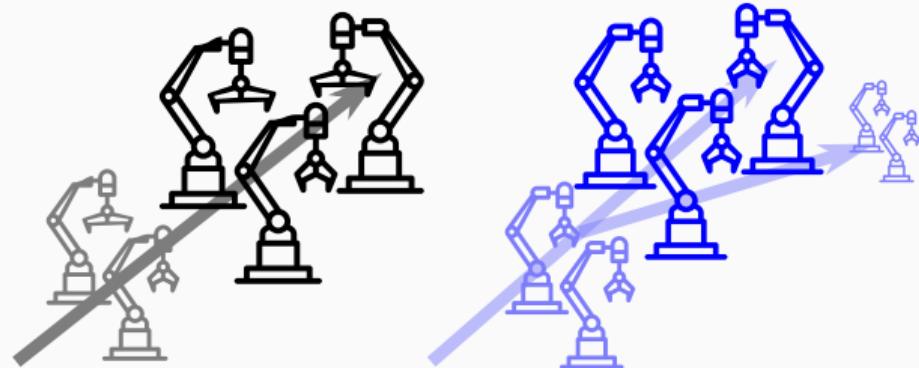
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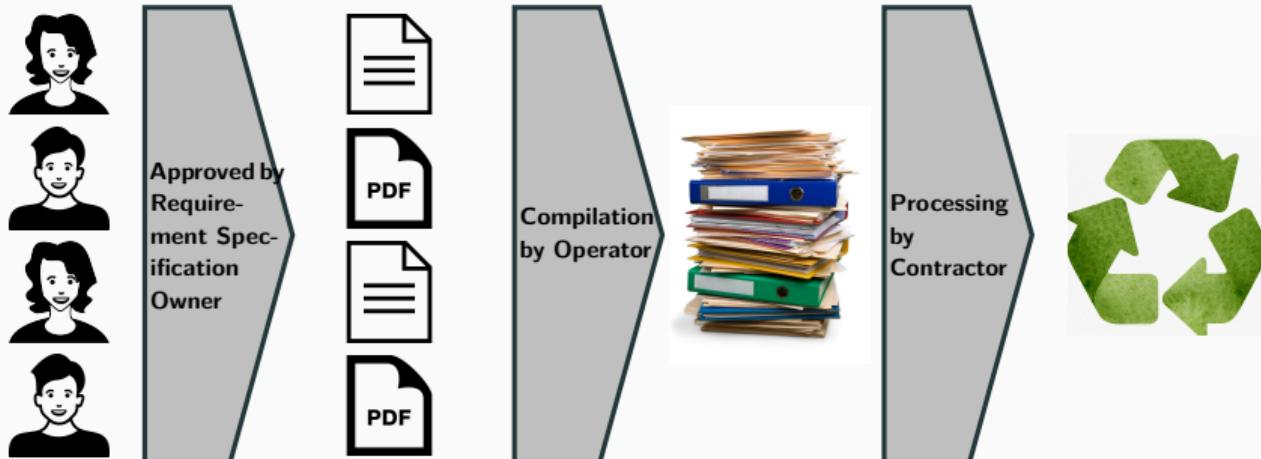


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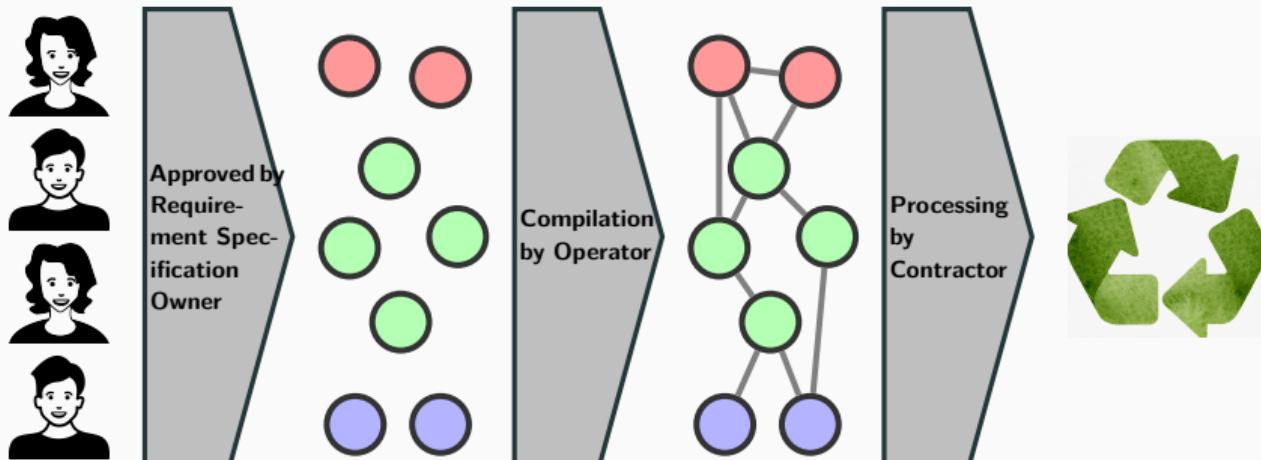
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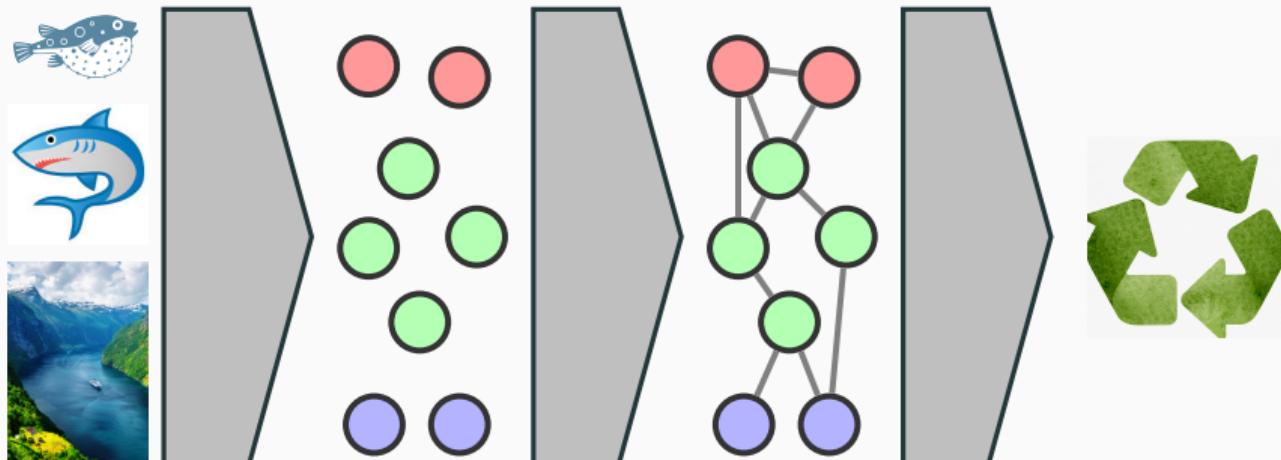
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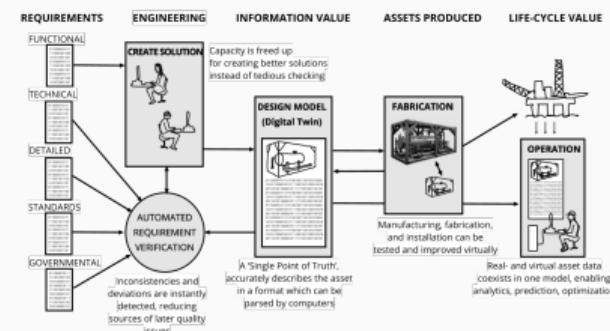
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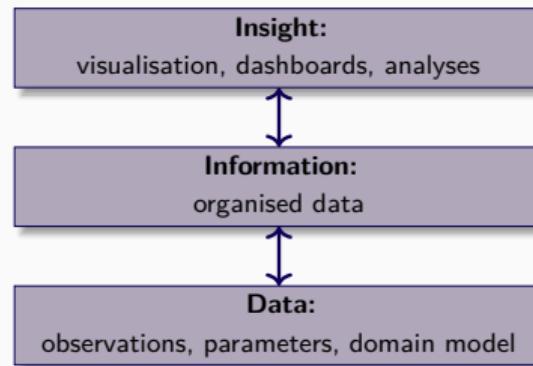
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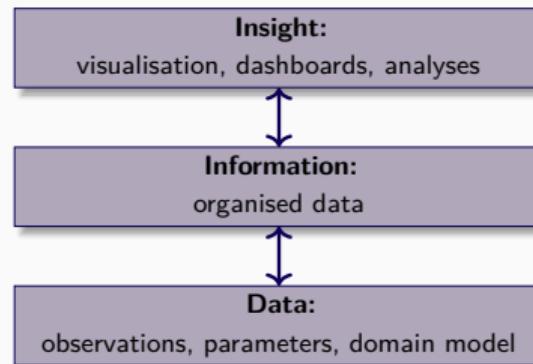
- **Asset characteristics:** configuration, design documents and simulations, standards, failure models
- **Condition data:** current state of the asset
- **Operational and environmental data:** loading, duty, rate information, corrosion rates, etc
- **Business risk and cost:** value framework, quantification of risk, costs of labour, equipment, etc



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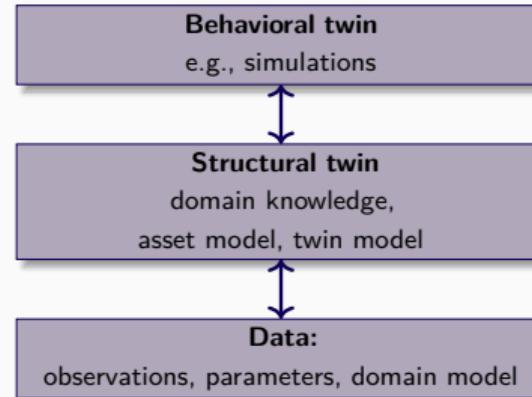
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Programming challenges for DTs

Model-centric software

1. from business problems to software engineering problems
2. from software engineering problems to general programming with knowledge graphs
3. from general software to model management, federation and configuration



... but how do we program that?

Tutorial Outline

- **Part I** Semantic Reflection

How to connect software with the digital thread?

- **Part II** Self-Adaptation in Digital Twins

How to use asset models for structural self-adaptation?

- **Part III** Correctness

How to ensure type safety, functional correctness, and test digital twins?

- **Part IV** Asset Information Modeling

How to develop asset models?

Semantic Reflection in Programs



The need for reflection

What is reflection?

“Reflection is the ability of a process to examine, introspect, and modify its own structure and behavior (Wikipedia)”

In particular, with respect to external reference points.

- Digital twin must be able to reflect if it evolves in tandem
- Notoriously difficult programming task in itself
- How to use digital thread as external reference point?
- How to use external knowledge graphs as reference point?

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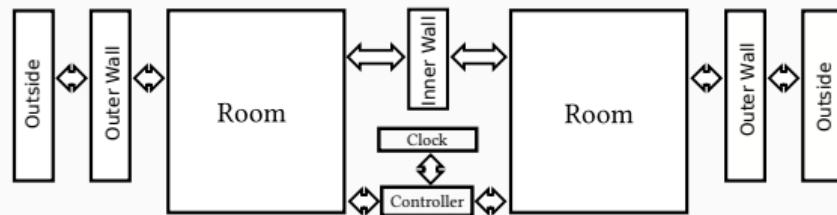
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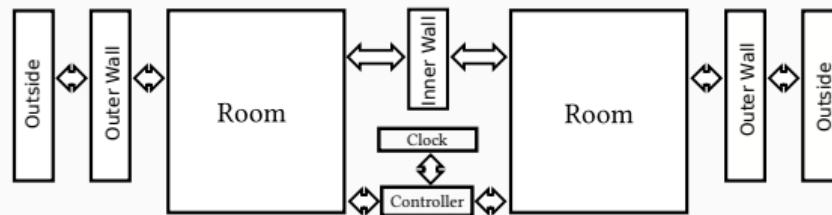
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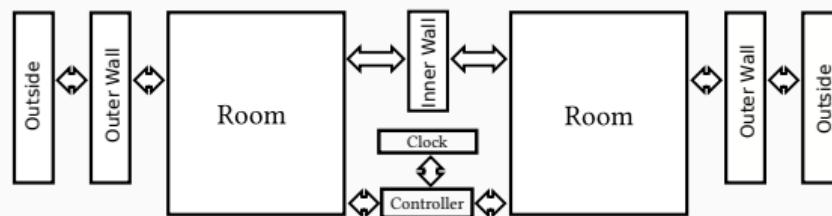


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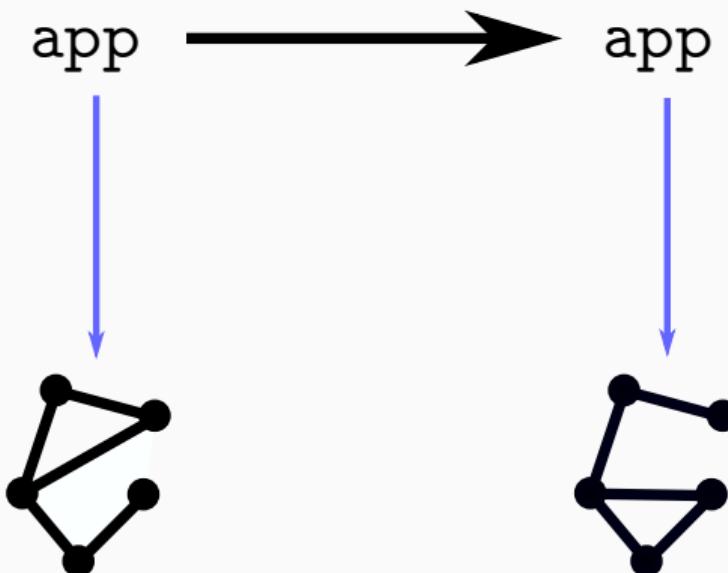
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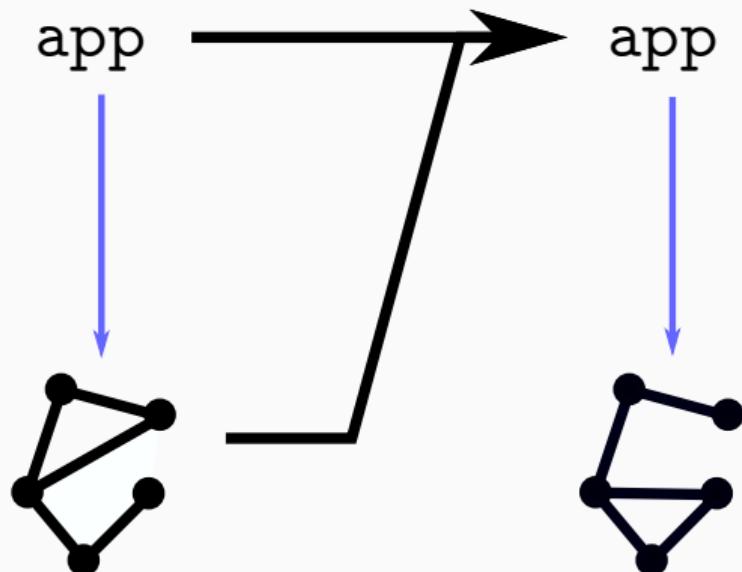
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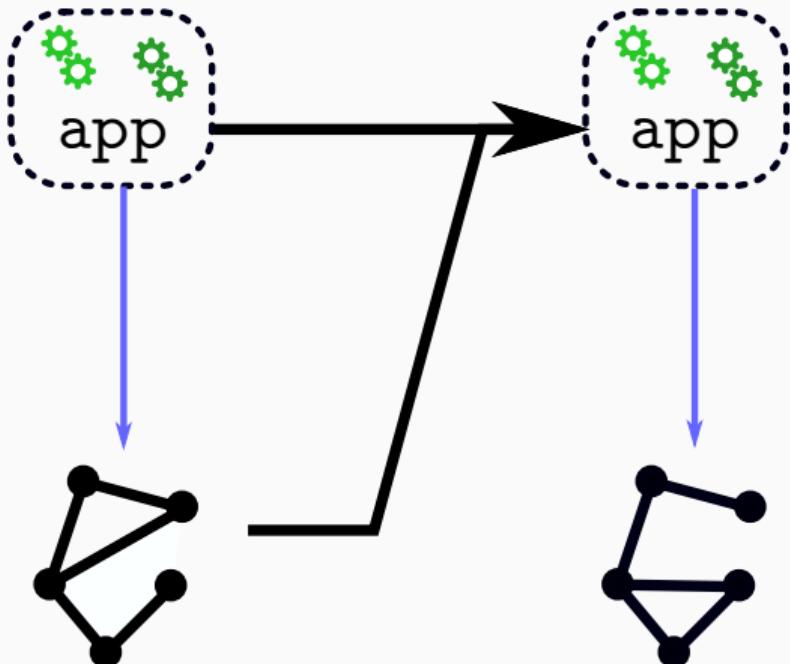
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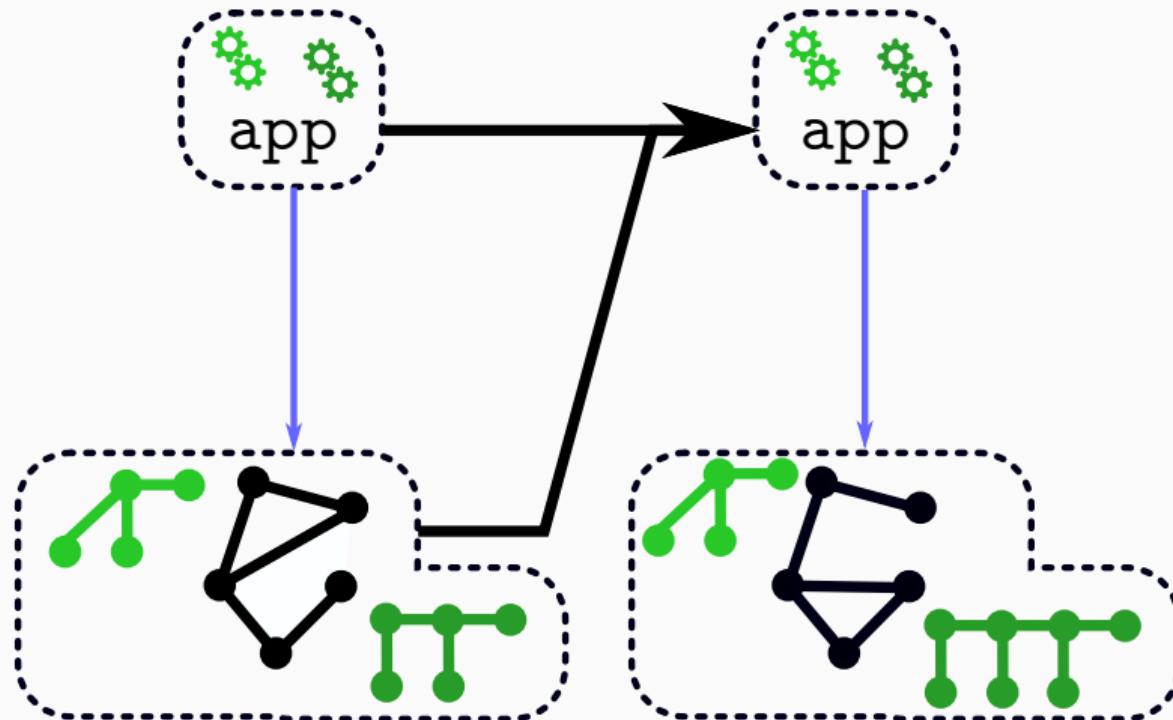
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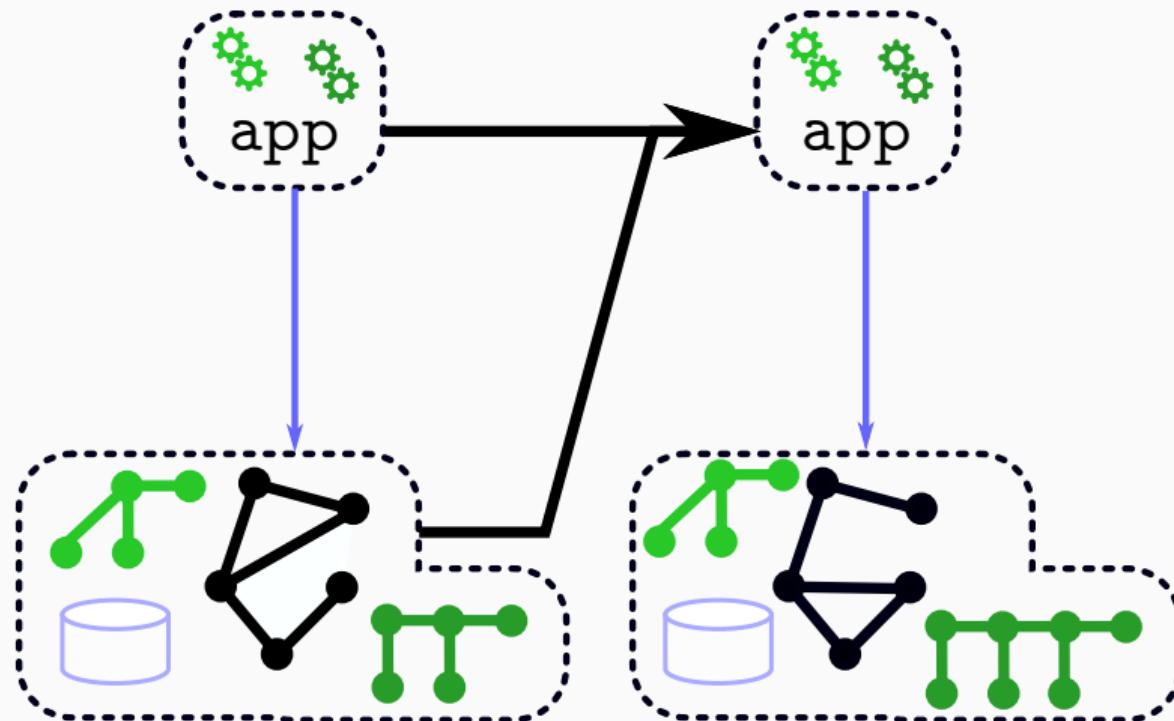
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run:proc1 a prog:process. run:proc1 prog:runsOn run:obj1. ...

Semantic Reflection: Reasoning about oneself

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1 class Building(List<Room> rooms) ... end
2 class Inspector(List<Building> buildings)
3 Unit inspectStreet(String street)
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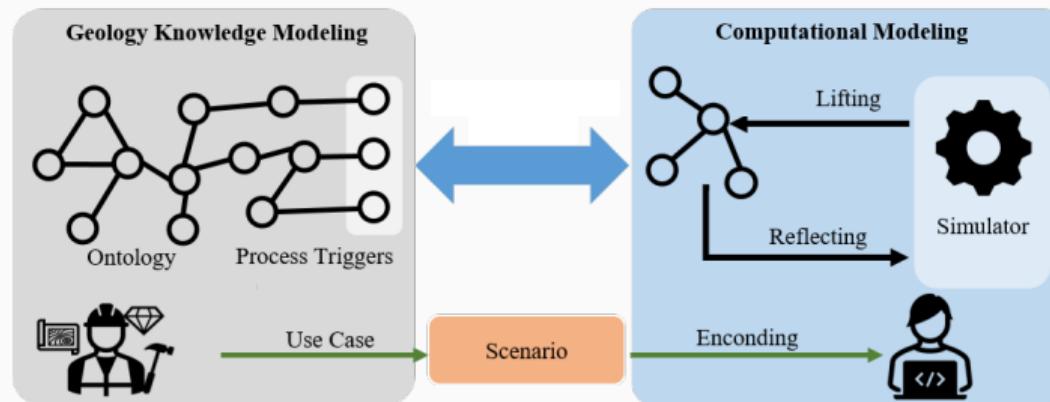
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Case study of using SMOL for a geological simulator

- SMOL simulators describes the effects of the process
- SMOL state is interpreted through ontology
- Geological ontology describes under which conditions a geological process starts



[Qu et al., *Semantically triggered qualitative simulation of a geological process*, Appl. Comp. and Geosc., 2024]

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Modeling of a geological shale structure in SMOL

```
1 class ShaleUnit extends GeoUnit  
2   (Double temperature,  
3    Boolean hasKerogenSource,  
4    Int maturedUnits)  
5   models  
6   a GeoReservoirOntology_sedimentary_geological_object;  
7   location_of [a domain:amount_of_organic_matter];  
8   GeoCoreOntology_constituted_by [a domain:shale];  
9   has_quality [domain:datavalue %temperature; a domain:temperature].  
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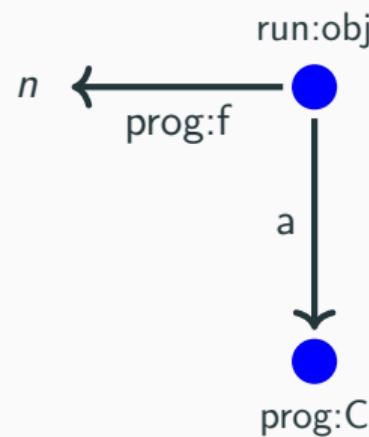


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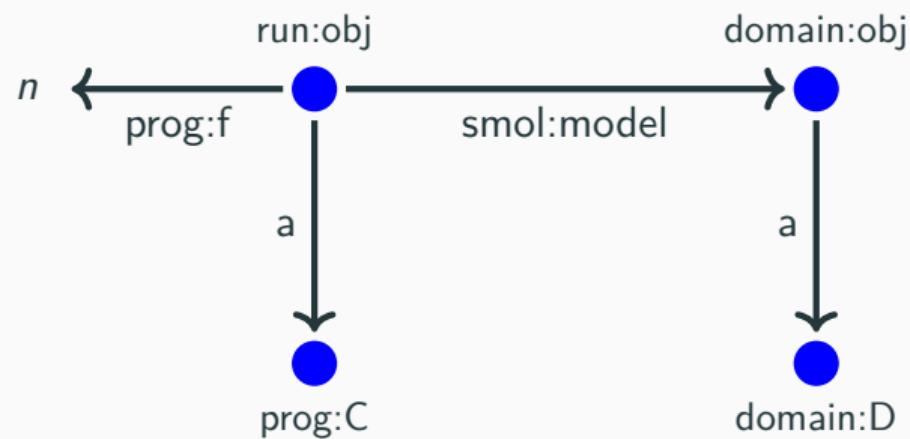


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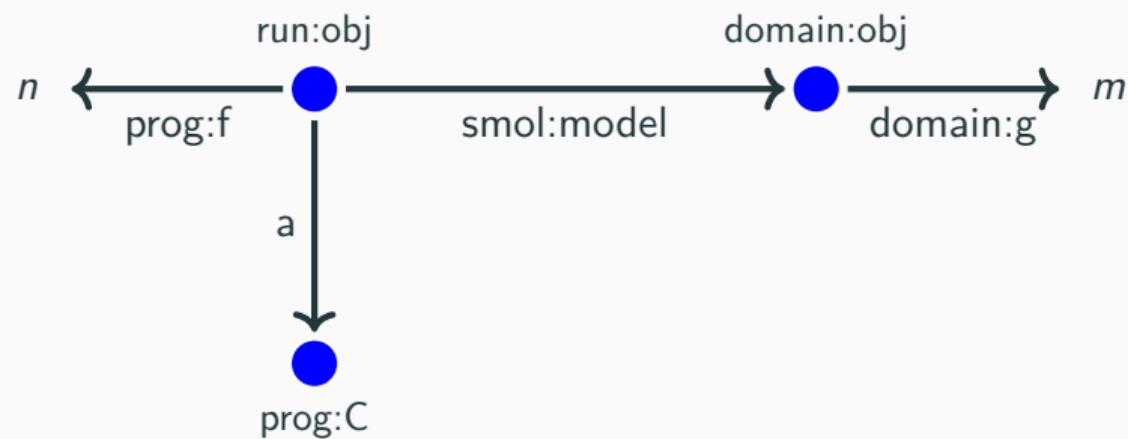


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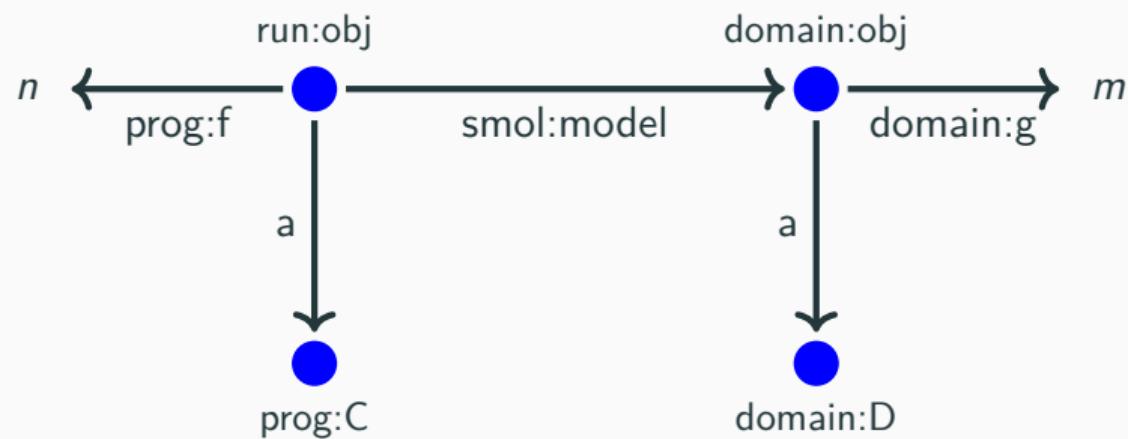


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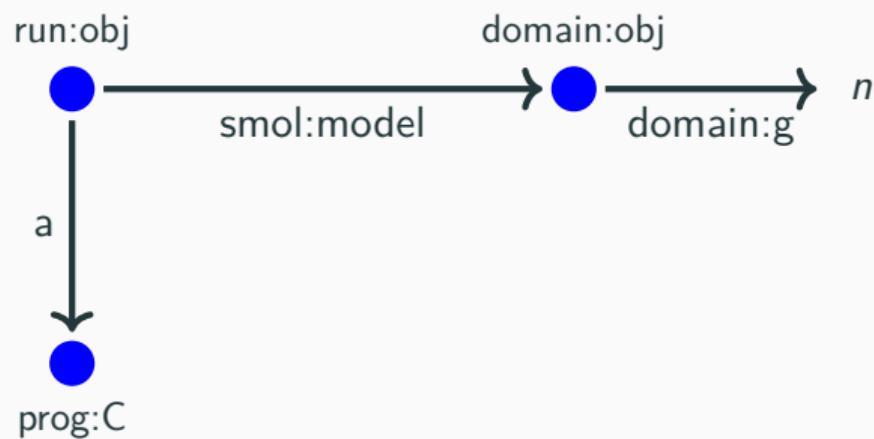


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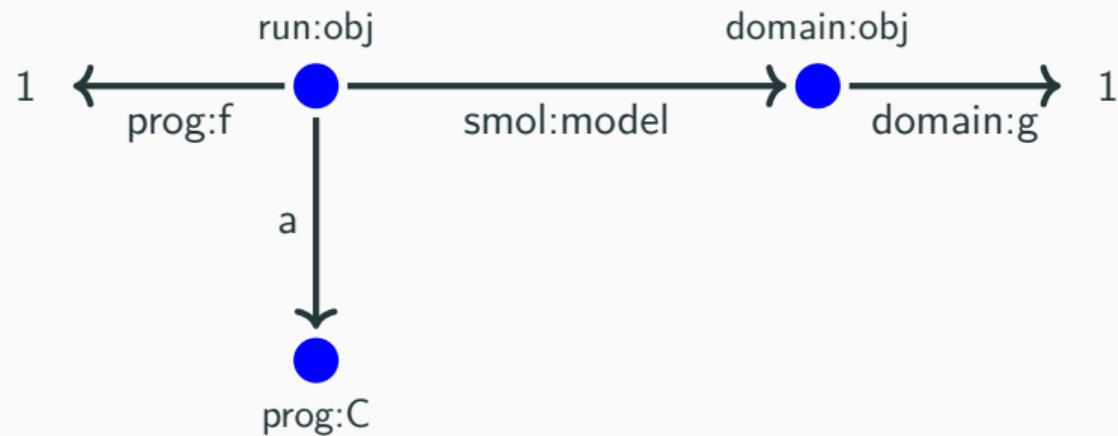


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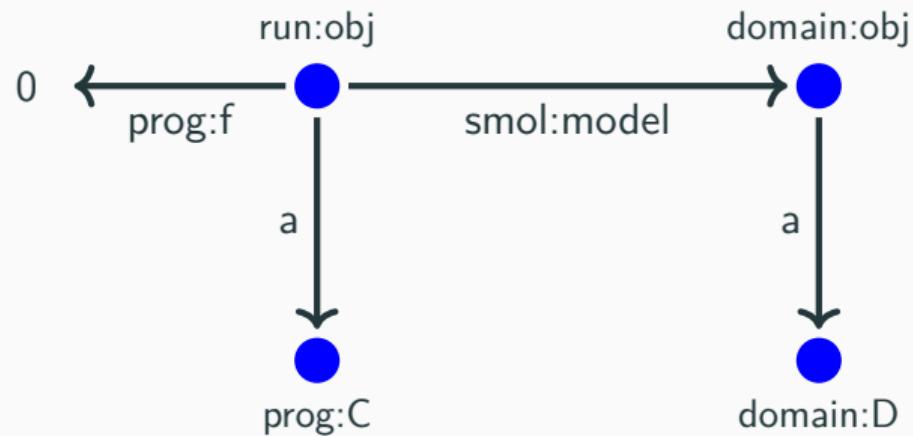


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2 member(smol:model some (participates_in some maturation_trigger))  
3 while fs != null do  
4   fs.content.mature(); fs = fs.next  
5 end
```

For Mandal-Ekofisk field, simulation gives similar results as original study (2ma steps)

	SMOL	Cornford'94	Time Difference
Start M.	52mya	~50ma	~2ma
End M.	14mya	~23ma	~9ma
Crit. Moment	28mya	~30ma	~2ma

Self-Adaptation in Digital Twins



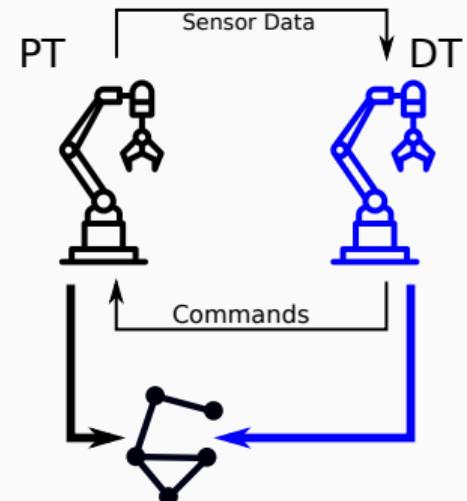
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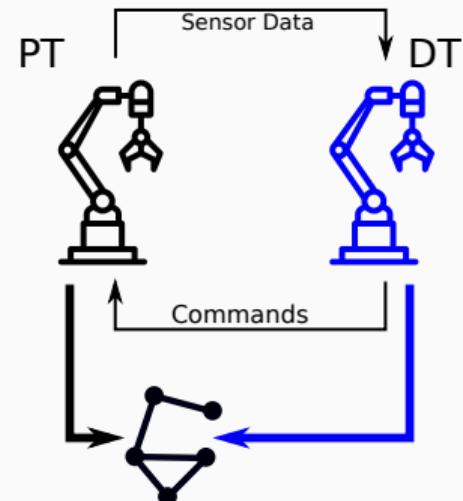
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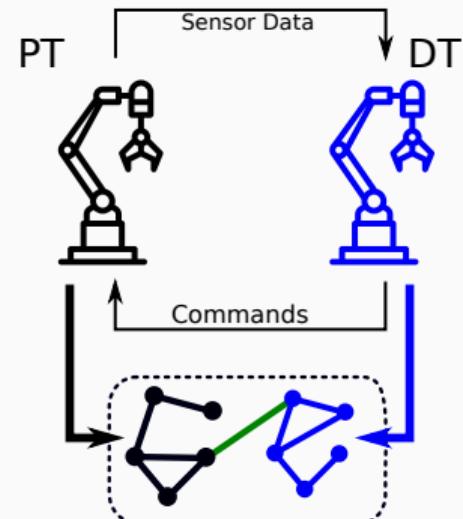
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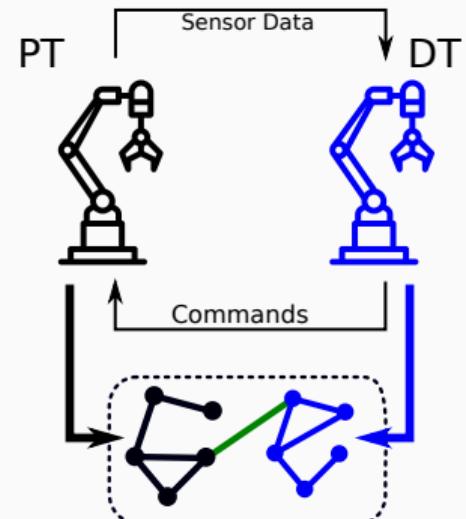
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Functional Mock-Up Interface (FMI)

Standard for (co-)simulation units, called function mock-up units (FMUs). Can also serve as interface to sensors and actuators. Tight integration as FMOs, type of FMO directly checked against FMI model description

```
1 //setup
2 FMO[out Double val] shadow =
3     simulate("Sim.fmu", input=sys.val, p=1.0);
4 FMO[out Double val] sys = simulate("Realsys.fmu");
5 Monitor m = new Monitor(sys,shadow); m.run(1.0);
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SMOL and FMI

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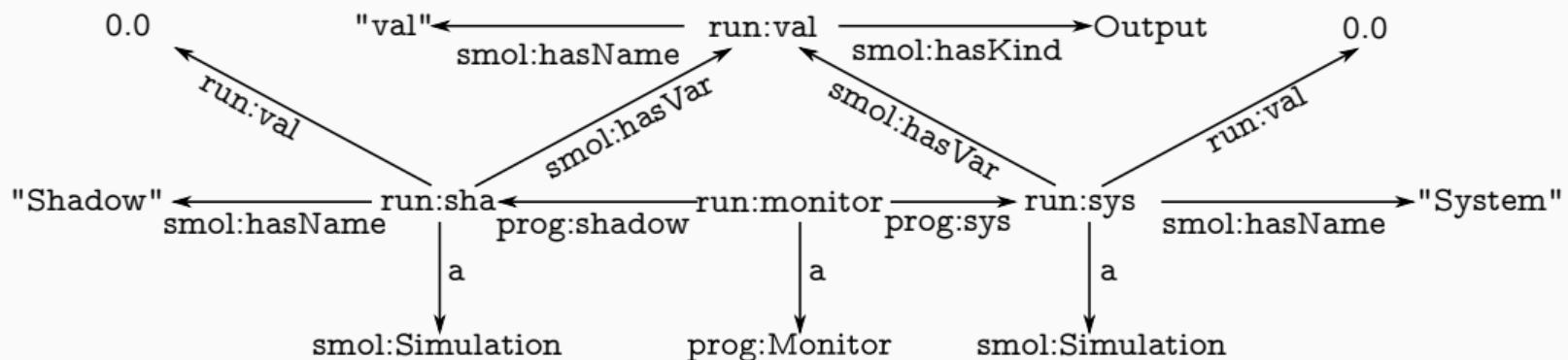
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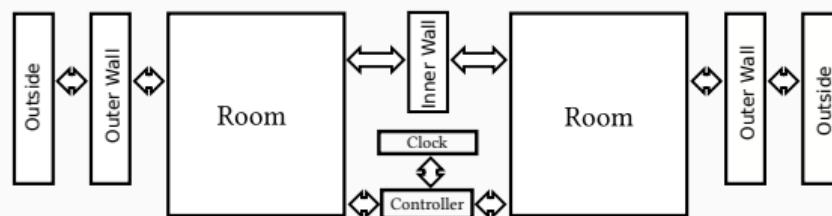
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Defect Queries

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- Uses correct models, correct configurations, adheres to current requirements
- How to formalize this in terms of reflection?



Consistency

- Define each consistency constraint for “correct structure” as a *defect query*
- A defect query returns a witness for the violation of some consistency constraint
- DT is considered consistent if all defect queries return an empty set

Example: Adding a New Room

- Consistency constraint: for each room in the house, there is a Room object in the DT
- Get all (asset) rooms and their neighboring walls
- Remove all (twinned) rooms with the same id
- Assumption: at least one new room is next to an existing one

```
1 class RoomAsrt(String room, String wallLt, String wallRt) end
2 ....
3 List<RoomAsrt> newRooms =
4 construct(" SELECT ?room ?wallLt ?wallRt WHERE
5   { ?x a asset:Room;
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7     asset:left [asset:Wall_id ?wallLt]; asset:Room_id ?room.
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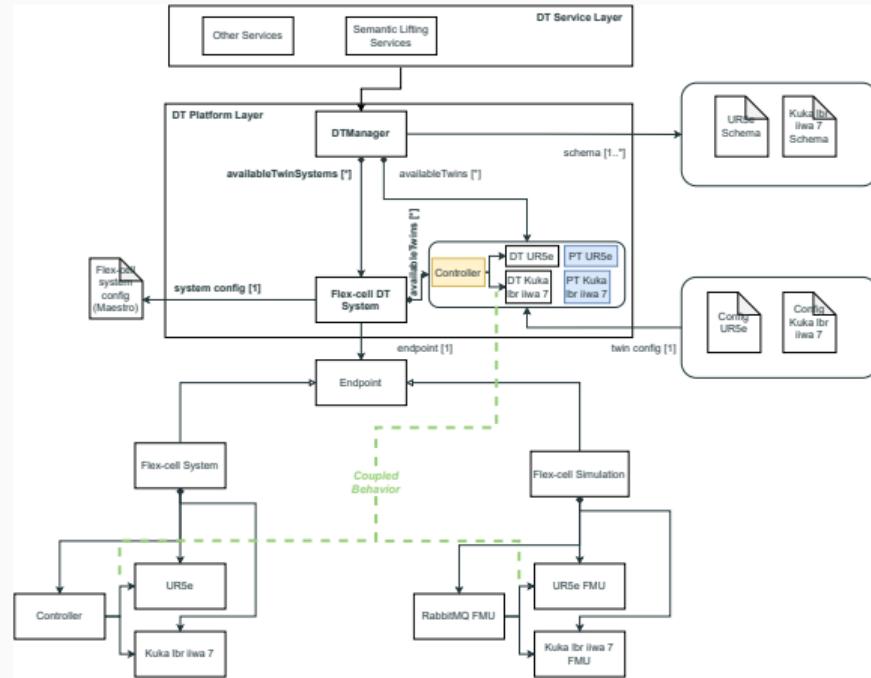
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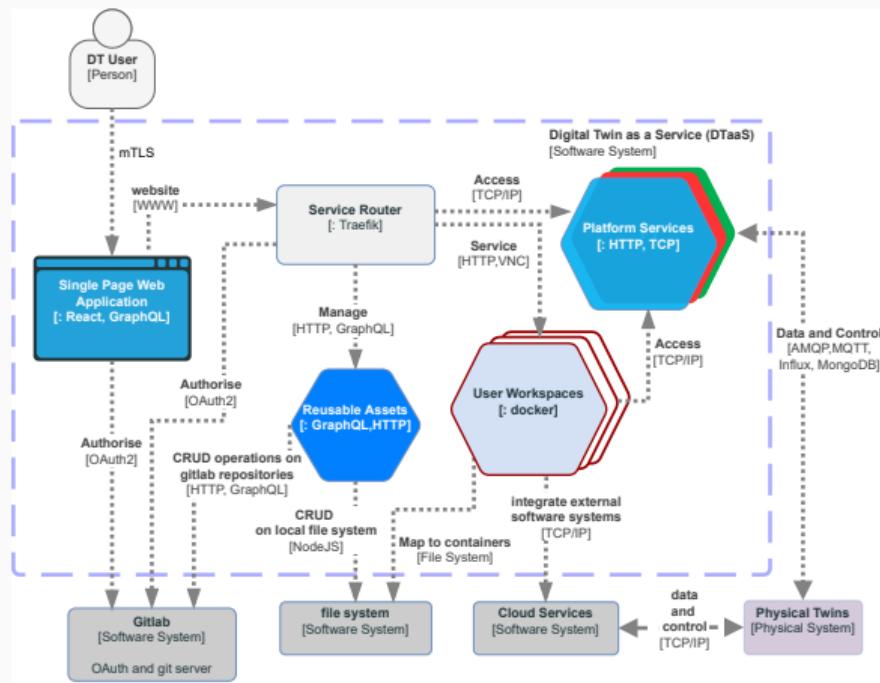


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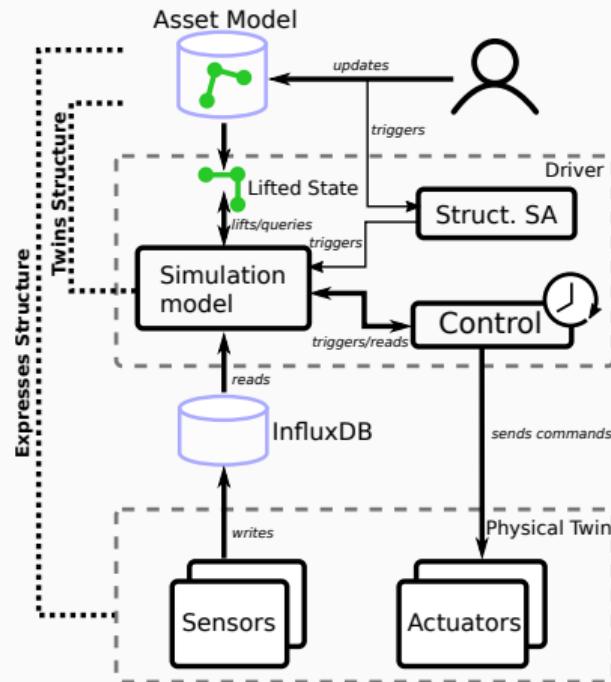


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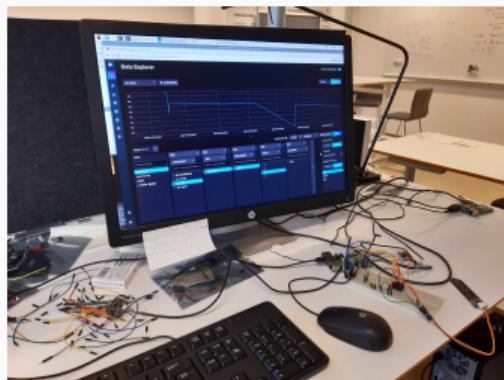


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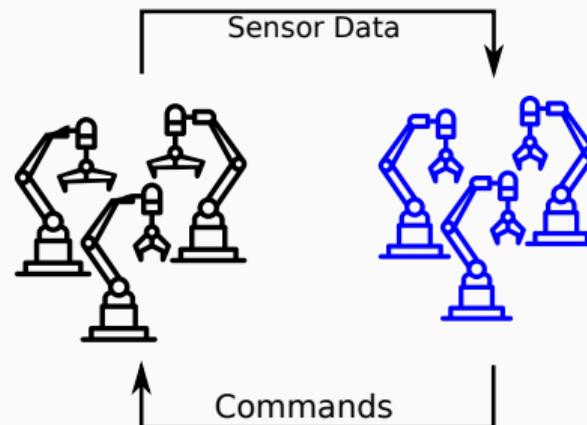
Standard architecture in self-adaptation

- Split system in managing system and managed system
- **M**onitor managed systems, **A**nalyze its defects, **P**lan its repair and **E**xecute the plan based on **K**nowledge
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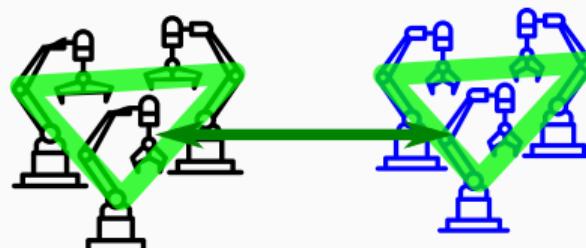
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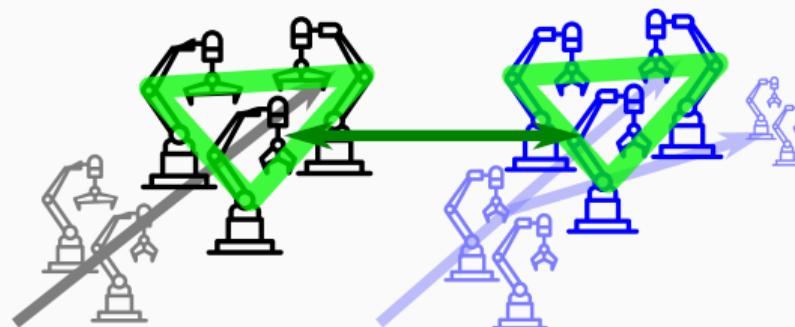
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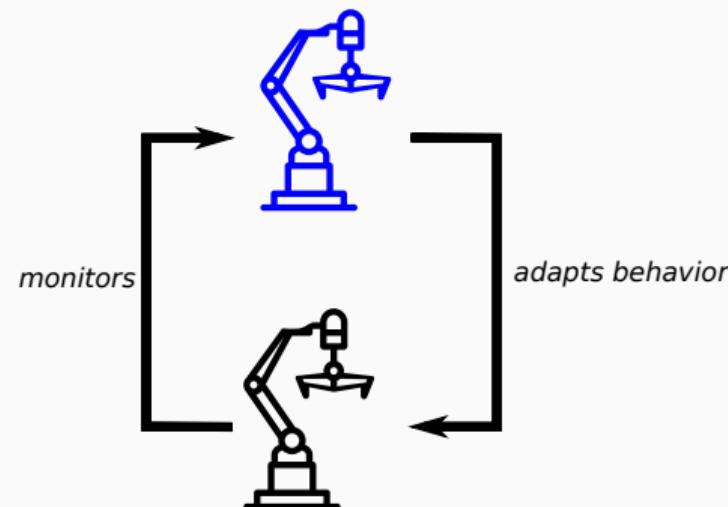
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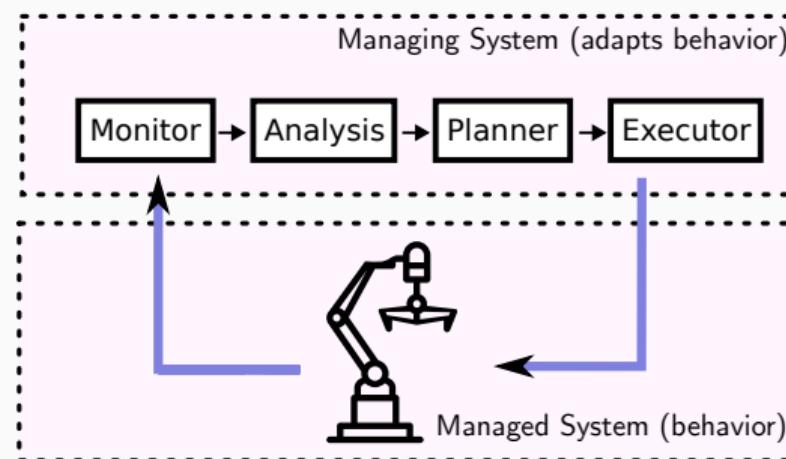
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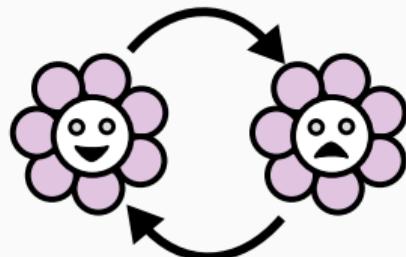
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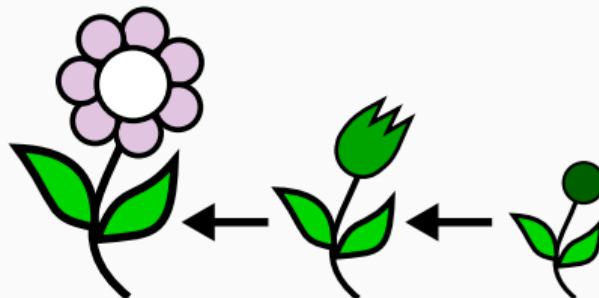
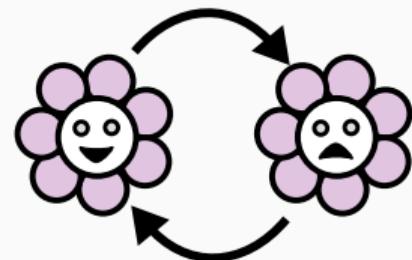


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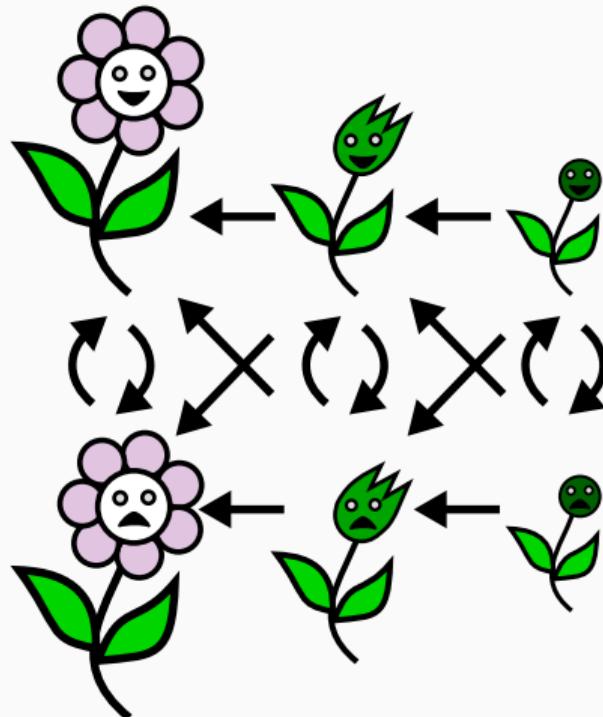
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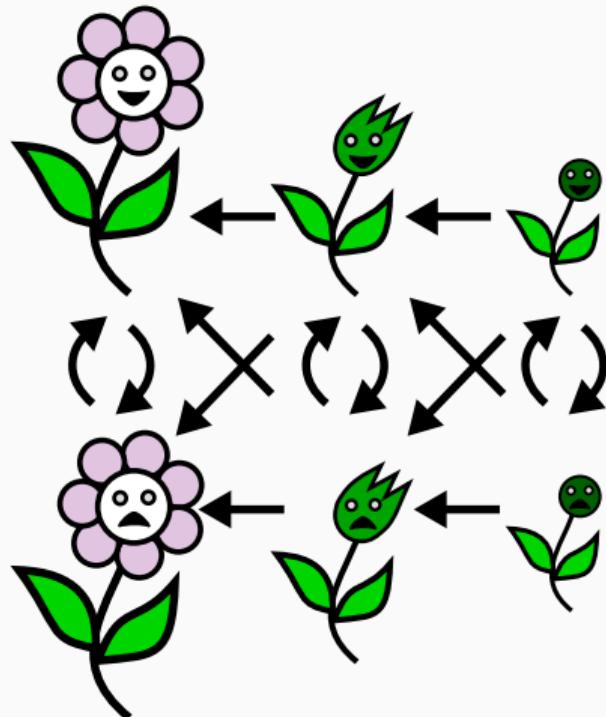
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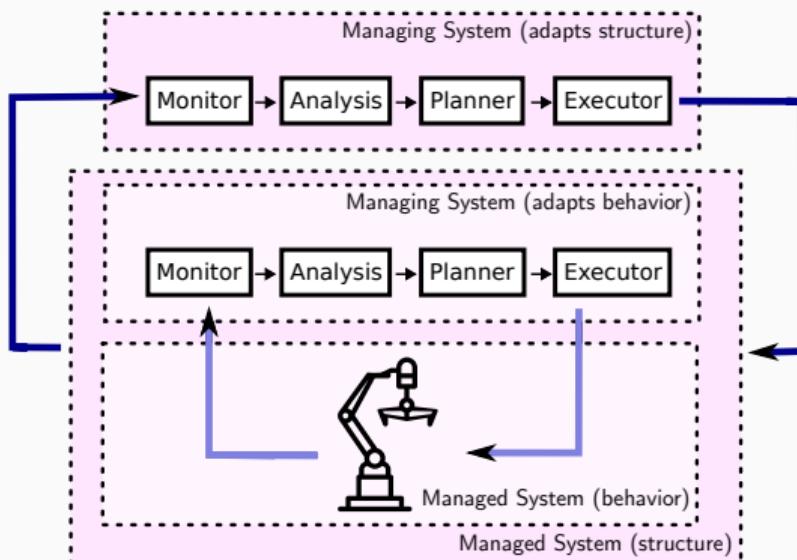


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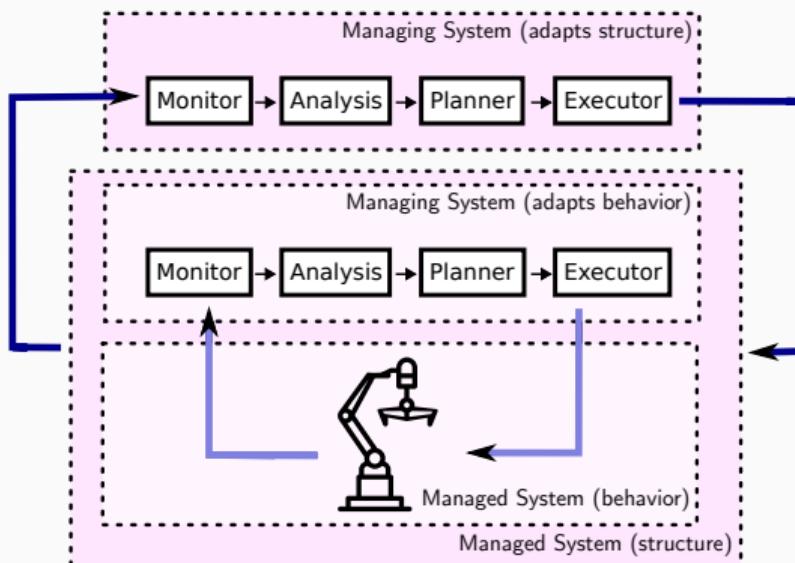
- An operational lifecycle describes how to change between stages
- A declarative lifecycle describes what it means to be at a stage

Digital Twins as Two-Layered Self-Adaptive Systems



- Second layer of self-adaptation
- Monitors the *structure* of the level-1 system
- Does also consider the state of the PT
- E.g., given a sick plant, do I have the right components to monitor its specific health requirements?

Digital Twins as Two-Layered Self-Adaptive Systems



- Lifecycle stages are declarative, with two elements as their definition
- *membership predicate*: When an asset is considered to be in a stage
- *consistency predicate*: When an asset's assigned components are considered consistent with its stage
- Self-adaptation is generic: Abduct an explanation with which components an asset would be consistent with its detected stage

Declarative Lifecycle Stages

Definition (Stage)

Let \mathcal{A} be an asset class. Let \mathcal{C} be a set of component classes.

$$D_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{C}} = \langle member, consistent \rangle$$

- $member \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ are the target assets
- $consistent \subseteq member \times 2^{\mathcal{C}}$ are the required components

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Let \mathcal{A} be an asset class and I an index set. A *lifecycle* $L_{\mathcal{A}}$ for \mathcal{A} is a set of declarative stages $(D_{\mathcal{A},c,i})_{i \in I}$ such that every asset from \mathcal{A} is in exactly one stage:

$$(1) \mathcal{A} = \bigcup_{i \in I} member_{D_{\mathcal{A},c,i}} \quad (2) \forall i, j \in I. i \neq j \Rightarrow member_{D_{\mathcal{A},c,i}} \cap member_{D_{\mathcal{A},c,j}} = \emptyset$$

$$D_{\text{Healthy}} = \{member_{\text{Healthy}}, consistent_{\text{Healthy}}\}$$

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Compatible Lifecycles

Definition (Compatibility)

The stages D_1 and D_2 are *compatible* if, for all $a \in member_{D_1} \cap member_{D_2}$ there is some $X \subseteq \bar{C}$ such that $(a, X) \in consistent_{D_1}$ and $(a, X) \in consistent_{D_2}$

- Two lifecycles are compatible if all their stages are compatible
- Compatible stages may restrict each other's consistency, but not make it impossible
- Simple composition, akin to cross-product

Algorithm (simplified)

Definition (Abduction-Based Self-adaptation)

For one asset a , with one lifecycle.

1. Retrieve assigned components X (Monitor)
2. Check if $a \in member_D \wedge (a, X) \notin consistent_D$ (Analyze)
3. If so, abduce for which X' , we have $(a, X') \in consistent_D$ (Plan)
4. Remove components in $X \setminus X'$ (Execute)
5. Add components in $X' \setminus X$ (Execute)

- Require logical representation of asset and component information

Example

- New sensor value indicates that plant P is sick

$$\text{nvdi}(P) \doteq 0.4,$$

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Maintenance and Quality Measures

- How to ensure quality of the digital twin?
- Architectures give guidelines, can be used to analyze/generate code
- Main challenge: How to make sure that the interactions with the KG are correct?

Typing Do the queries of my program respect the object-oriented modeling?

Testing Detecting bugs in self-adaptive digital twins

Formal Specification Using ontologies to specify contracts

Correctness – Typing



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- Requires reasoning, e.g., about the domain of rooms

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Testing Knowledge Graphs Applications

- What exactly to test? Unit testing? Integration testing?
- How to get a test oracle?
- Main challenge: Knowledge graphs are highly structured inputs

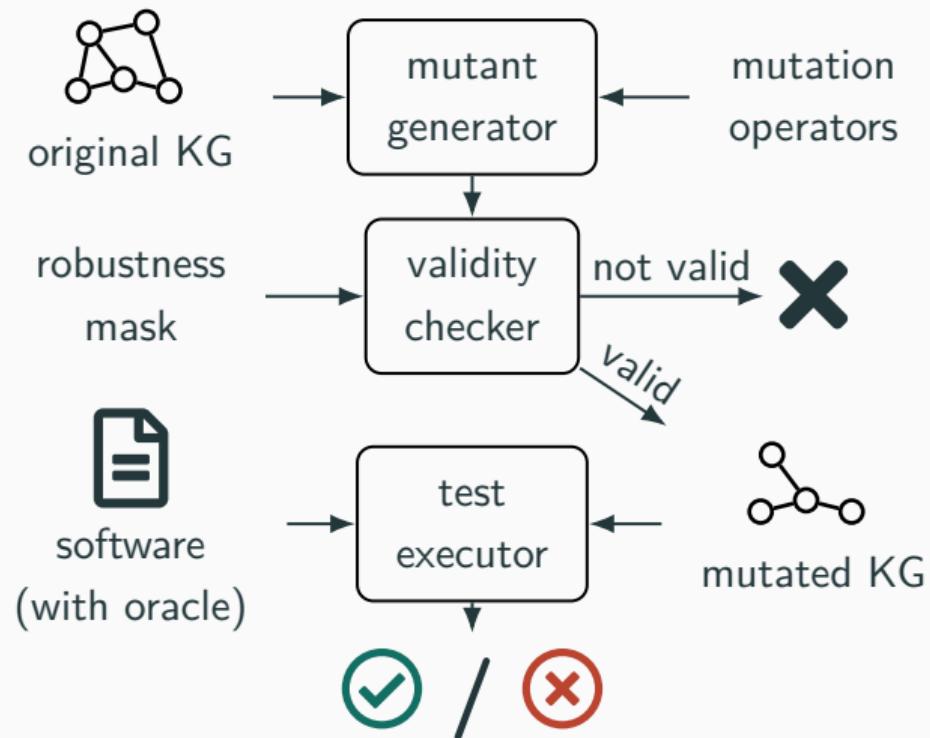
The trouble with knowledge graphs

- Generating random triples is easy
- Generating triples adhering to an ontology requires reasoning
- Mutating triples also requires reasoning
- Mutating single triples either obviously breaks system or changes too little

Testing

Approach

- *Main idea 1:* Domain-specific mutations change bigger parts of KG
- *Main idea 2:* Robustness mask to specify where mutations are allowed
- *Main idea 3:* Monitoring queries as testing oracles



Testing - Domain-specific mutation operators

- Mutation testing on ontologies and knowledge graphs largely unexplored
- Existing approaches change single triples, but single triples contain little information

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- Domain-specific operations add or change whole subgraphs
- For example, add or remove a whole layer

Testing - Robustness Mask

- What does a program exactly need from KG?
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- Specify additional checks as SHACL shapes

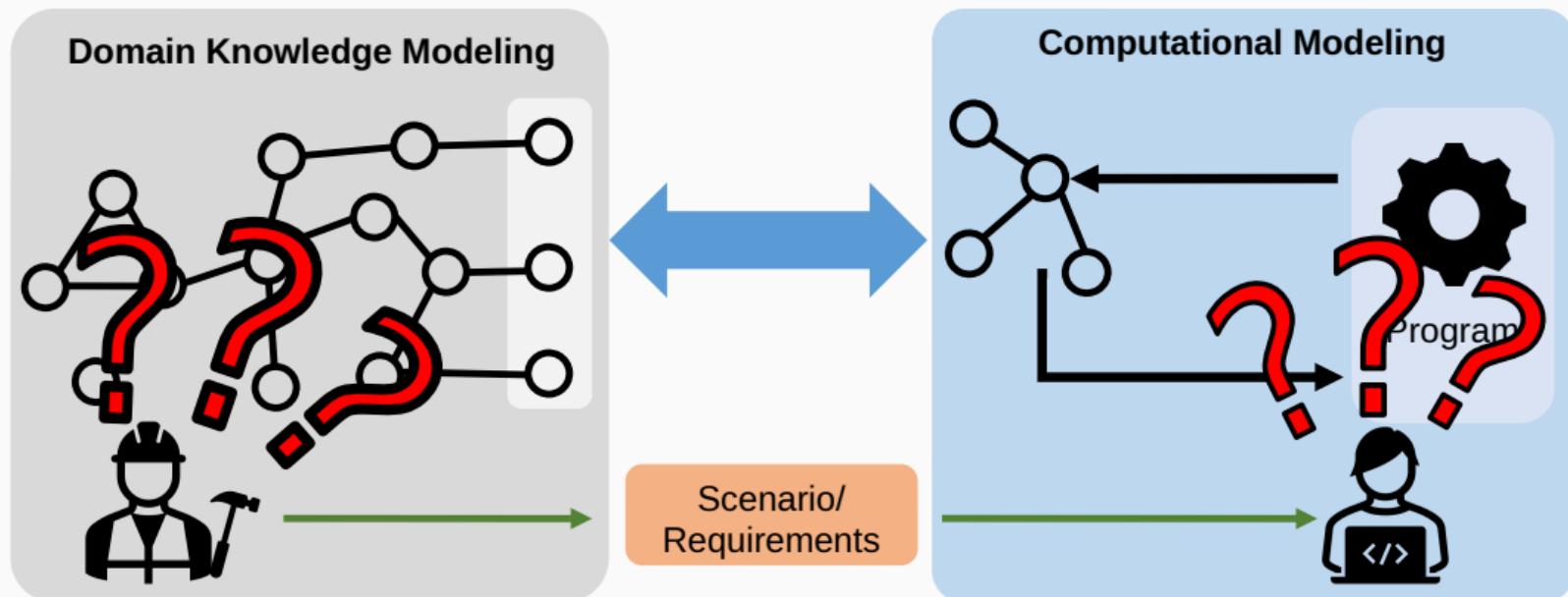
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- For example, each new layer must be on top of the old ones
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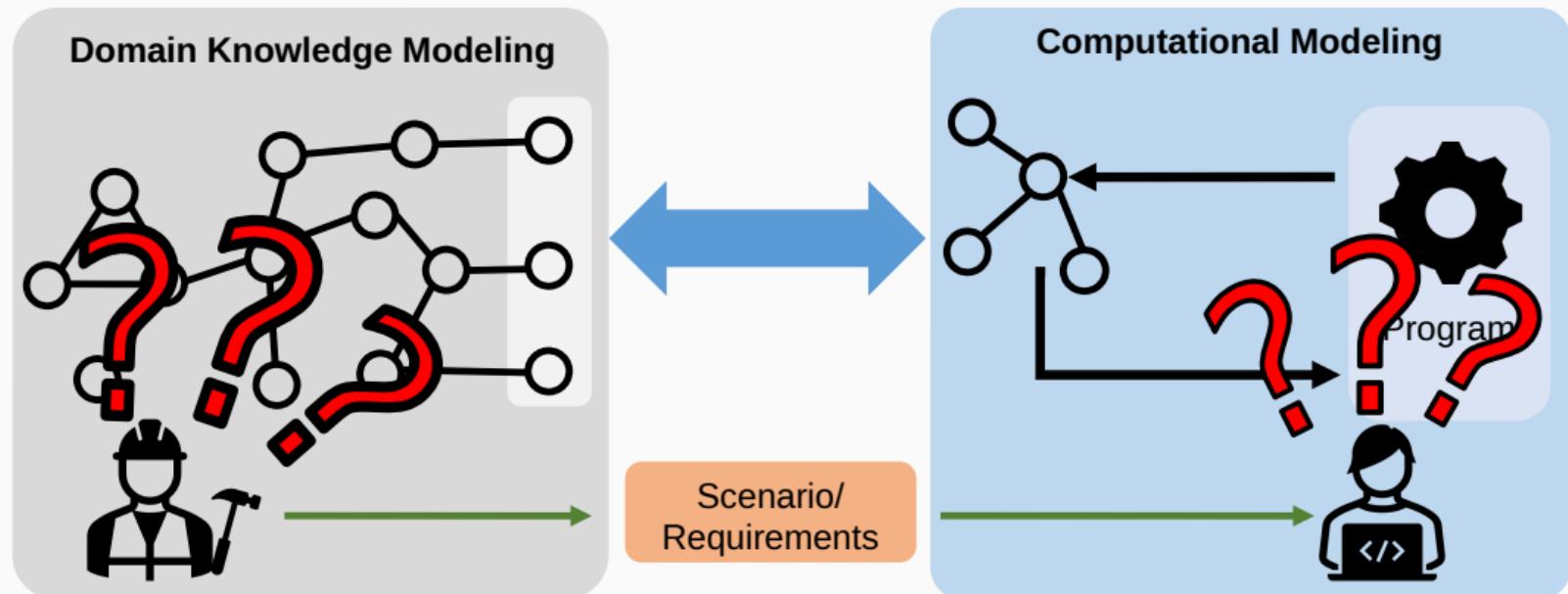
Correctness – Specification



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Can we use ontologies also for specification of behavior and static verification?

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- SME does not know about how the car c is encoded
- Programmer does not know what it means for a car to be small.

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- Upper component specifies the state as interpreted in the domain
- Lower component specifies non-lifted state

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Asset Modelling



Modeling the Digital Thread

- So far, asset model and digital thread magical: somehow we have all this information in a structure form
- Is this realistic?
- Is this challenge specific to Digital Twins?
- ⇒ Asset information modeling is one major field in digitalization right now

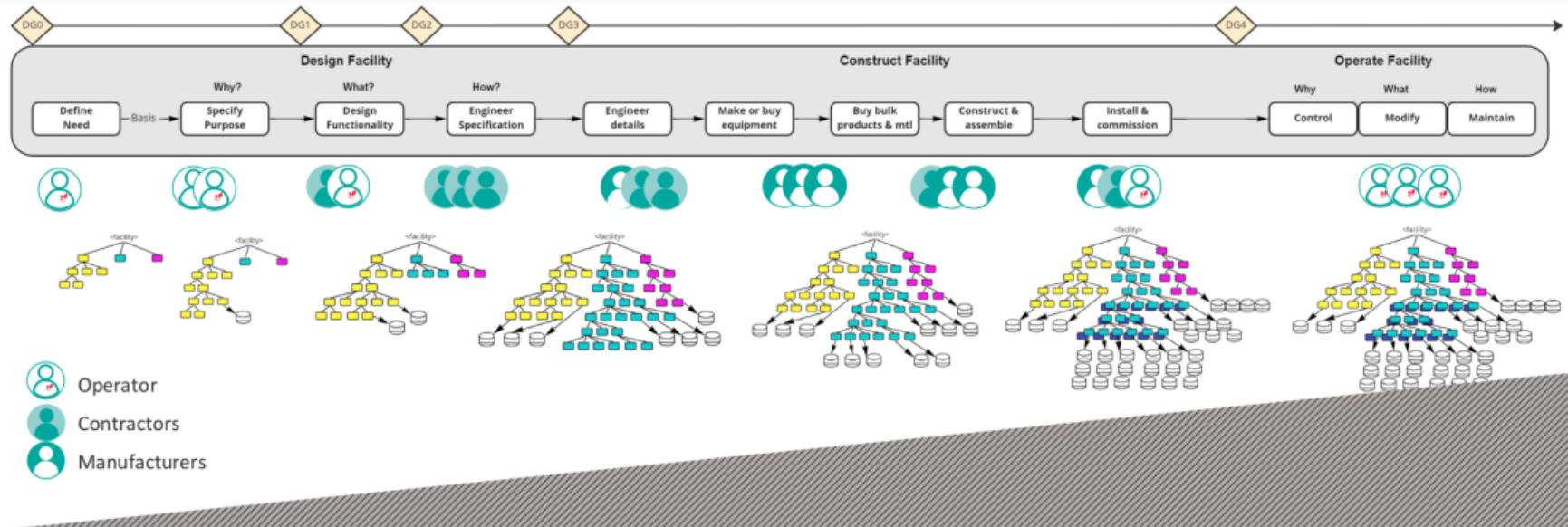
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Asset Information Models

Requirements, design and other documents for a built asset, from different perspectives and expressing multiple assets

How to get these asset models?

- Possibility 1: Based on MBSE tooling
 - For example, SysML 2.0 and a knowledge graph export
 - Focuses on development and design process
- Possibility 2: Based on ontological models or reference data languages
 - For example, ISO 23726 (IDO), IEC 63278 (AAS), ISO 15926-14
 - Focuses on data exchange and integration
- Here: *IMF*, SE language developed with roots in ontological models

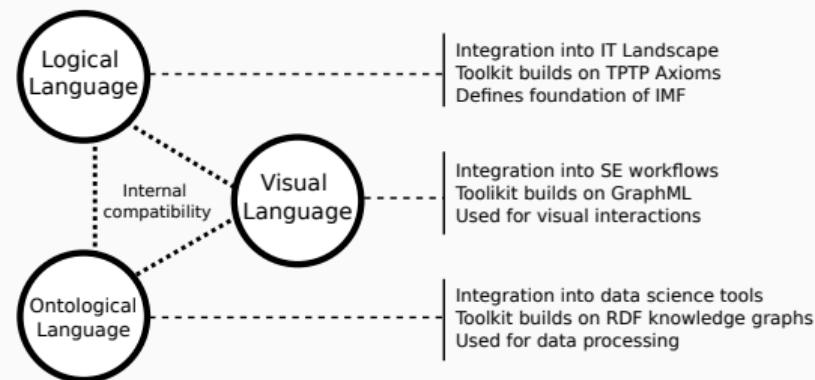


IMF - Information modelling framework

Language for identifying and describing objects of industrial assets in different aspects with different syntaxes for different purposes

- Visual block-language for engineering
- Ontological graph-language for data integration
- Formal logic-language for precise constraints

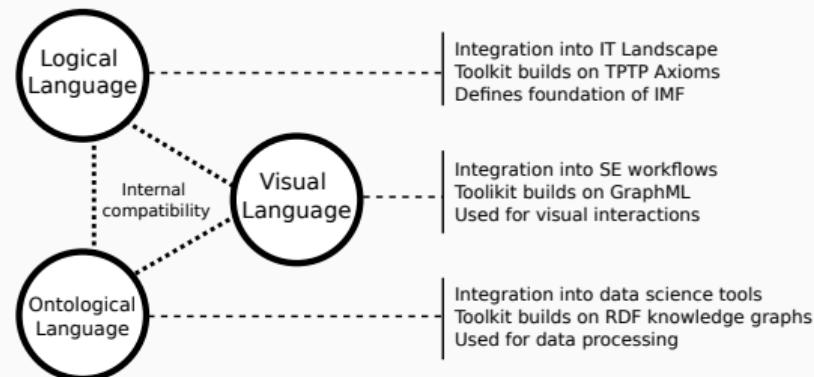
Based on ideas from SE, IEC 81346 aspects, formal logic and knowledge graphs



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Language for integrating across ...

- different domain and discipline specific descriptions
- different ontologies and domain standards
- descriptions using different abstraction levels
- the complete asset lifecycle

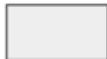


What IMF is not

- A (full) replacement for established domain standards
 - Keep your existing descriptions, database, diagrams, etc., but ...
 - Use IMF for integration, make these descriptions available between silos
- An upper ontology
 - IMF is a simple/(r) modelling language to identify and relate asset descriptions
 - IMF relies on external standards for semantic definition
- A reference data language (RDL)
 - IMF is an asset description language
 - IMF is designed to allow connections to existing RDLs for generic semantic descriptions
- A language for calculation/simulation/algorithms
 - IMF is a information representation language

IMF Basics

Block



- Any entity at any abstraction level
- Abstraction mechanism
- Boundary hiding internal details: the insides are not directly accessible to the outside
- Processing black box, transforms media input to output

Examples: *system, function, activity, process, product, area, reservoir, engine, instance, pumping, pump, alarm*

Connector



- Block connection
- Conditions for connections
- Abstracted block with infinitesimal boundary
- Point of interaction

Examples: *driveshaft, pipe, flange specification, information exchange protocol*

Terminal



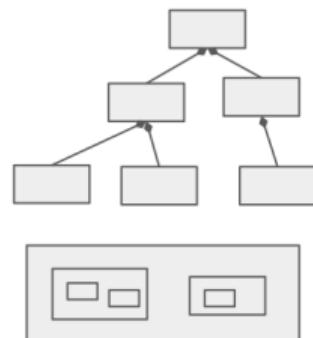
- Block port
- Dependant on 1 block
- Point where medium passes the block boundary
- Conditions on medium
- *How can a block communicate with the outside?*

Examples: *nozzle, cable connection, power in, oil export out, wellstream*

IMF Visual Syntax

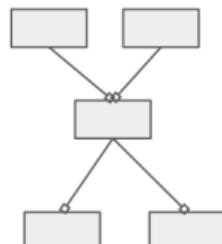
Partonomy

- Part-whole relationships
- *Engine is part of Car*
- Tree structure, one parent
- Abstraction by hiding smaller components



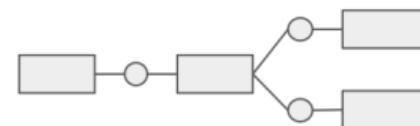
Requirement–Solution

- Fulfillment/"Implementation"
- Requirement is fulfilled by solution; solution is a specialisation of requirement
- *Engine fulfills the function of 'converting energy into rotation'. T-Ford Engine is an implementation of Engine.*



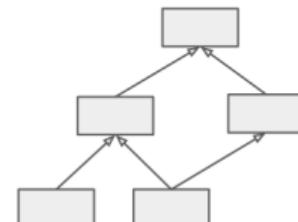
Topology

- Connection/interaction
- *Engine is connected to Driveshaft, which is connected to Differential*
- Interaction, media flow
- *Driveshaft transfers mechanical energy*

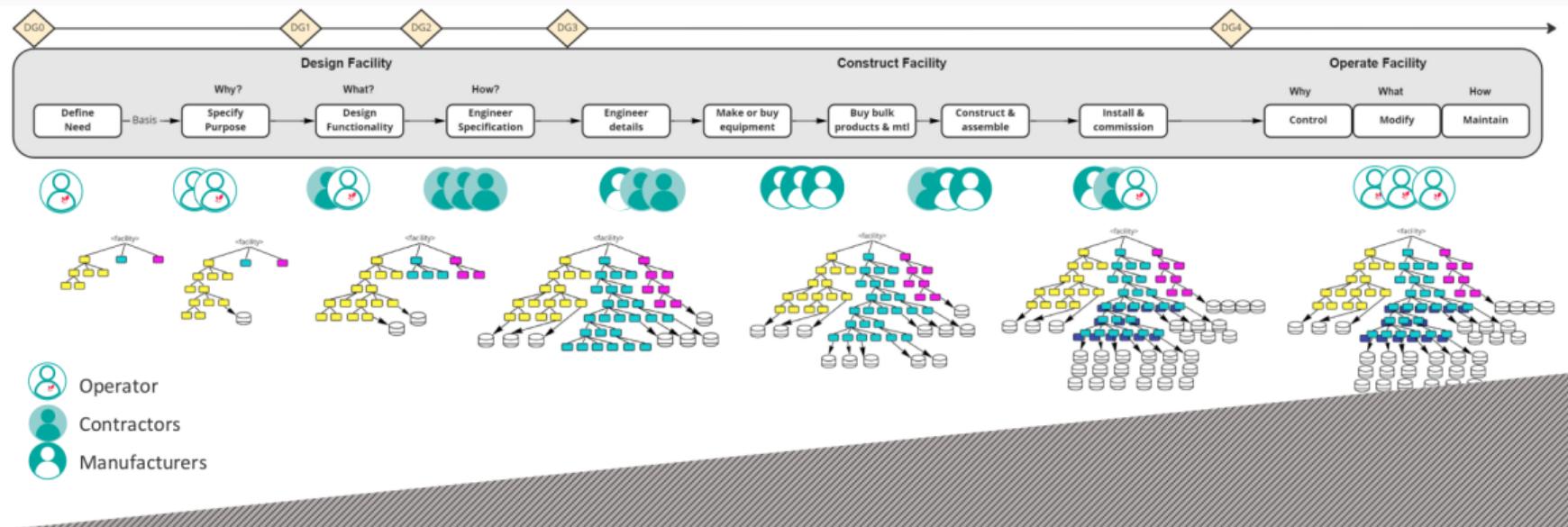


Specialisation

- Specialisation/generalisation of elements
- Inheritance/(reuse) of all(!) features
- *4-stroke engine is an Engine*
- Abstraction by hiding specific features

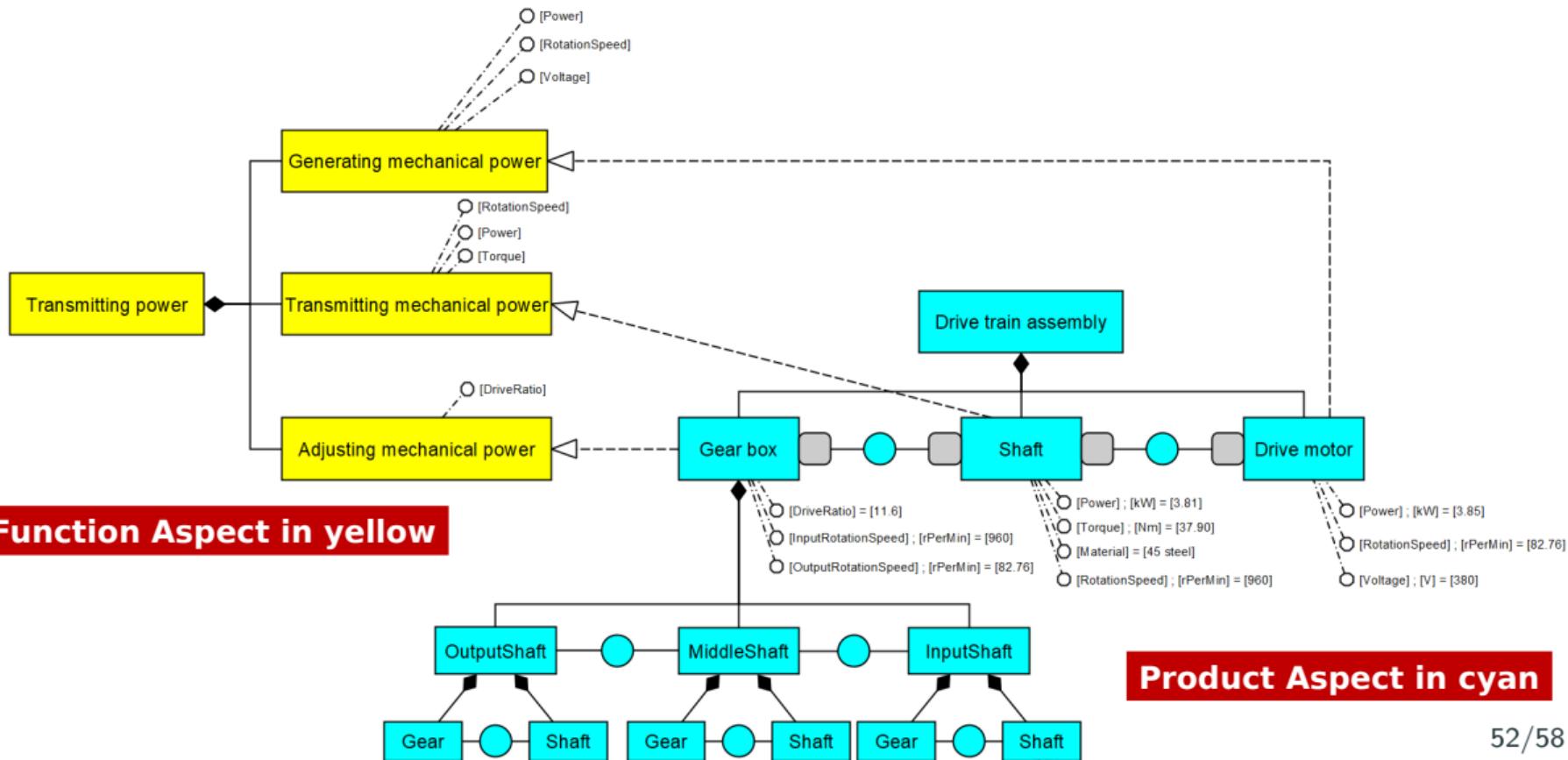


IMF Usage

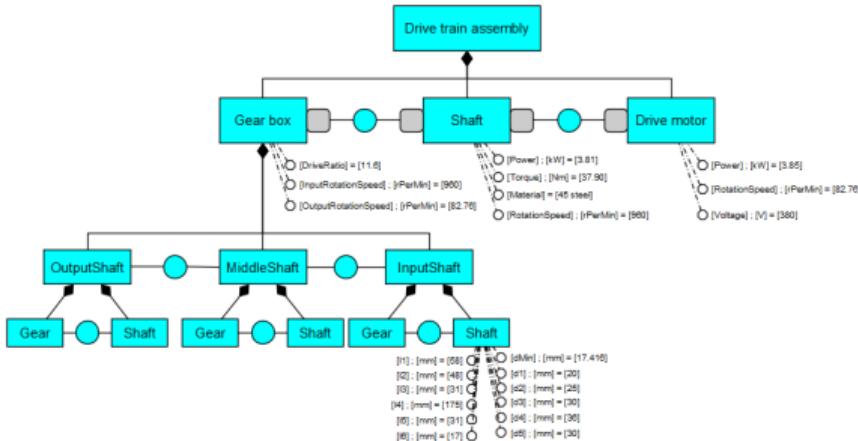


IMF Aspects

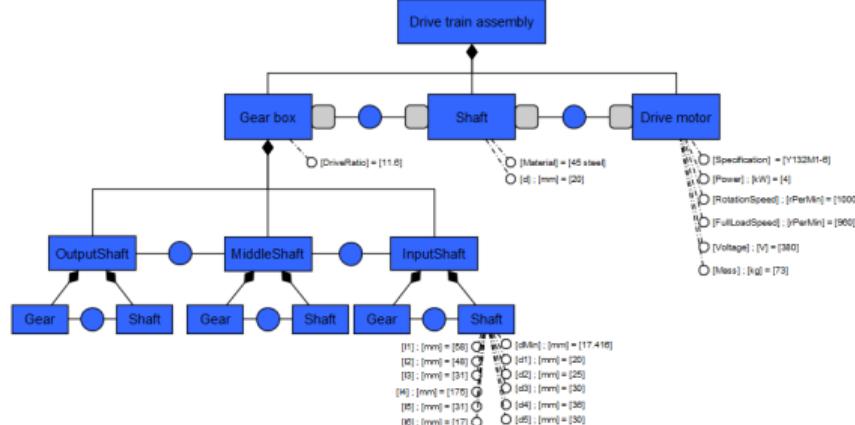
Modality	Interest	Domain	Aspect
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		Space	<i>Location</i>
		Implementation	<i>Product</i>
			Installed
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		Space	Area need
		Implementation	Plant
	Product	Activity	Product function
		Space	Product location
		Implementation	Product implementation



Product Aspect in cyan



Installed Aspect in dark blue



IMF and Self-adaptive Digital Twins

- IMF has a native export into knowledge graphs
- Can be enriched with ontological terms (e.g., IDO classes for blocks)
- Structures exactly the information we need

Consistency

Installed Aspect models heaters and their simulators in our smart house

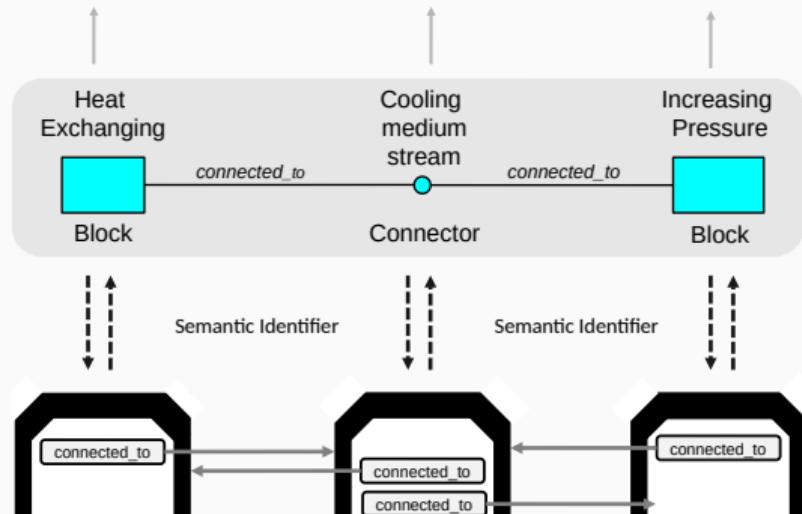
Location Aspect models rooms and their relation to each others

Product Aspect models used requirements for lifecycles

Other Aspects can be added for digital twin specific information

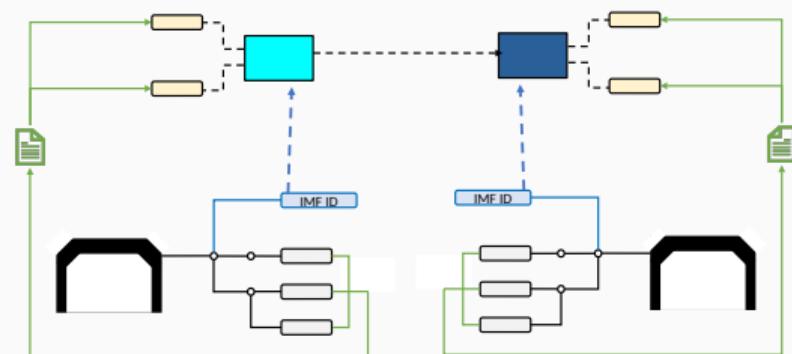
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Adaptation In Norway

- Industrial use in Norwegian companies: AIBEL, DNV, AkerBP, AkerSolutions, Equinor
 - Quasi-Standard as DNV recommended practice (DNV-RP-0670, to be published)
 - Motivation: standardized asset modeling outside pure engineering with ability to relate to external ontological standards
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- Used as exchange formalism for dataspaces in EU projects SM4RTENANCE and Tec4MaaSEs
 - Completely open: toolkit and documentation available under www.imfid.org
 - v1.0 release in the next months

Conclusion



Summary

- **Part I** Semantic Reflection

How to connect software with the digital thread?

- **Part II** Self-Adaptation in Digital Twins

How to use asset models for structural self-adaptation?

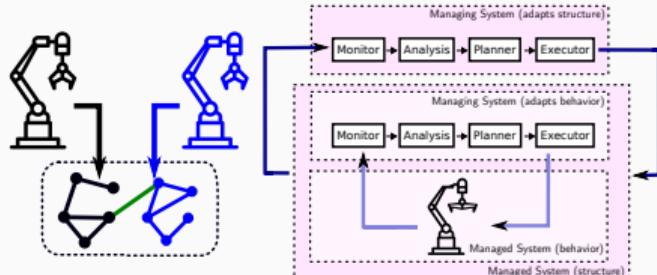
- **Part III** Correctness

How to ensure type safety, functional correctness, and test digital twins?

- **Part IV** Asset Information Modeling

How to develop asset models?

Summary



Semantic Lifting and Digital Twins

- Twin structure as knowledge graph connected with digital thread.
Consistency as graph queries.
- Structural self-adaptation through two-layer MAPE-K loop

Standard-Driven Asset Information Modeling

Describing structure, requirements and simulators as aspect-oriented digital thread

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