

# The Semantically Reflected Digital Twin

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# Physical Model

## Summary: Yesterday

- Concept of digital twins
- Logic and ontologies for asset models

## Next Part

Integration of open, industrial standards for simulation and interfaces.

- How to integrate simulations?  
*Modelica for physical modeling*
- How to interface with sensors and actuators?  
*Functional Mock-Up Interface (FMI)*

## Later

Putting it all together

- Modeling physical systems: a brief introduction to Modelica
- The FMI standard: generating black-box simulators (“FMUs”) from Modelica models
- Talking to simulators within a SMOL model

# Outline (practical)

We will do the following:

- Model a water tank in Modelica;
- Compile the Modelica model into an FMU;
- Write a simple SMOL program that loads the FMU;
- Simulate and control the system's behavior over time

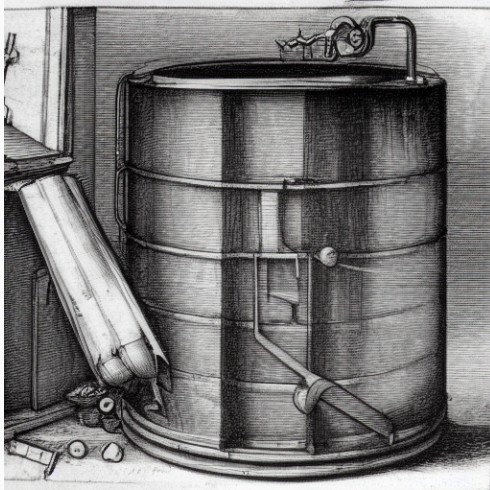
# Software we will be using

- SMOL, a language for integrating knowledge bases and simulations
  - See <http://smolang.org>
  - Code at <https://github.com/smolang/SemanticObjects>
- Modelica: a language for modeling physical systems
  - download from <https://www.openmodelica.org/?id=78>
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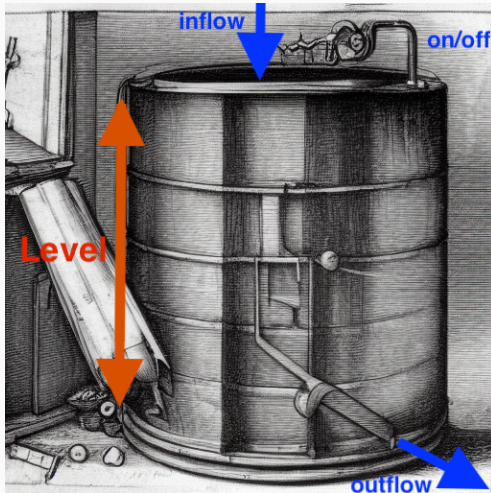
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## Behavior of the tank

$$l' = -d * l + v * f$$

# The water tank in Modelica

```
model Tank
  parameter Real d = 0.5          "drain rate";
  parameter Real f = 2.0          "rate of inflow";
  input Boolean v(start = false)  "Valve closed / open";
  output Real l(start = 5)        "water level";
  Real inFlow                     "Current fill rate";
equation
  der(l) = ( - d) * l + inFlow;
  if v then inFlow = f; else inFlow = 0.0; end if;
end Tank;
```

- Run watertank in openmodelica (omedit)

... Demo ...

# Black-Box Simulators: The FMI Standard

- A digital twin combines multiple models of its subsystems, as expressed by the asset model
- <https://fmi-standard.org> (“The leading standard to exchange dynamic simulation models”) shows how to combine FMUs (“functional mock-up units”)
- Modelica can create FMUs from models
- SMOL can control FMUs

# Generating an FMU

- Generate within OMEdit: Right-click, select “Export → FMU”
- Generate from the command line: Run `omc generate_fmu.mos`, with the file `generate_fmu.mos` containing the following:

```
installPackage(Modelica);  
loadModel(Modelica);  
loadFile("simple_tank.mo");  
buildModelFMU(Tank, version="2.0", fmuType="me_cs");  
getErrorString()
```

# Running the FMU inside SMOL

- SMOL can *intantiate* FMUs, via the `simulate` expression.
- FMUs can be seen as peculiar objects, with writable and readable fields and a `tick` method to advance time.
- The names of the fields come from the metadata inside the FMU



## Running the FMU inside SMOL (2)

```
main
  Cont[in Boolean v, out Double l] de
    = simulate("Tank.fmu", v = False);
  print(de.l);
  while de.l > 2 do
    de.tick(1.0);
    print(de.l);
  end
  de.v = True;
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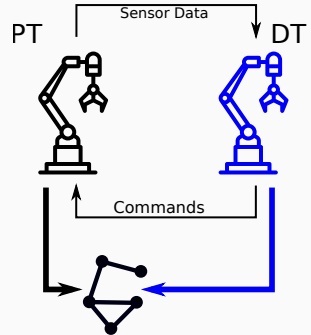
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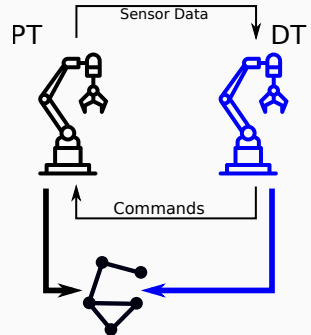


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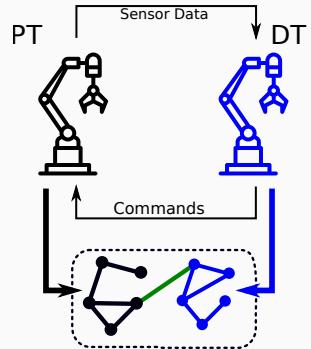


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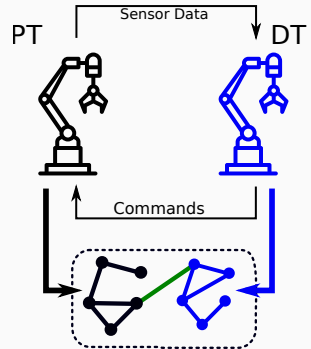


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## Digital Twins: Self-Adaptation

Self-adaptation means to *automatically* reestablish some property of a system, by reacting to outside stimuli. For Digital Twins, the “outside” is the physical system.

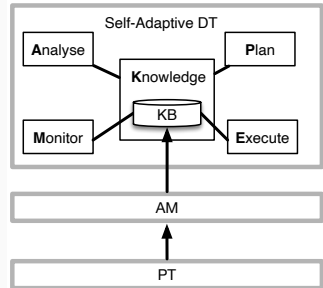
Two kinds of self-adaptation to reestablish the *twinning* property:

- Behavioral self-adaptation if sensors and simulators mismatch
- Structural self-adaptation if *structures* mismatch

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- A **K**nowledge component keeps track of information and goals for the self-adaptation loop:
- **M**onitor the situation
- **A**nalyze whether the situation requires adaptation
- **P**lan the adaptation
- **E**xecute the plan



# Self-Adaptation (II)

## Behavioral Self-Adaptation

Simulated (=expected) behavior of certain components does not match the real (=measured) behavior of the sensors.

- Monitor sensors
- Analyze the relation to simulation
- Plan repair by, e.g., finding new simulation parameters
- Exchange simulators or send signal to physical system

## Reasons

- Sensor drift
- Modeling errors
- Faults
- Unexpected events

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**Semantical lifting is a mechanism to automatically generate the knowledge graph of a program state.**

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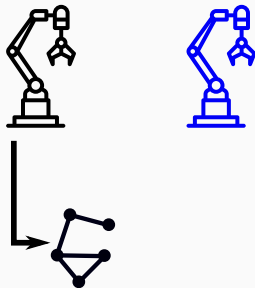
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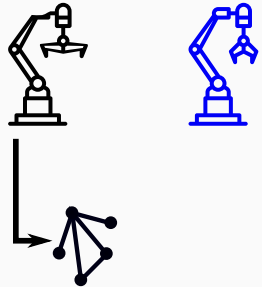
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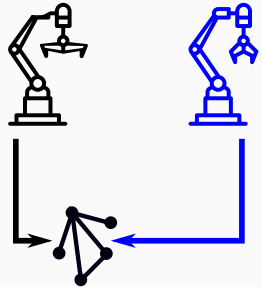
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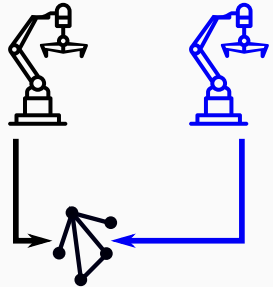
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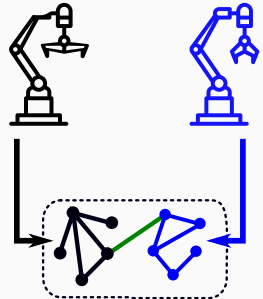


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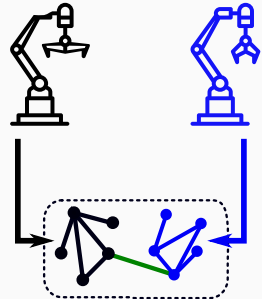


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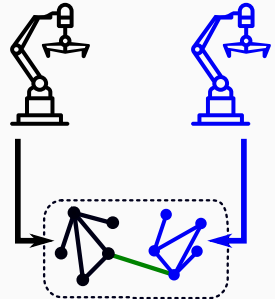
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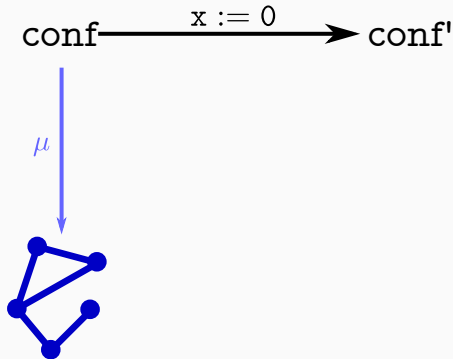
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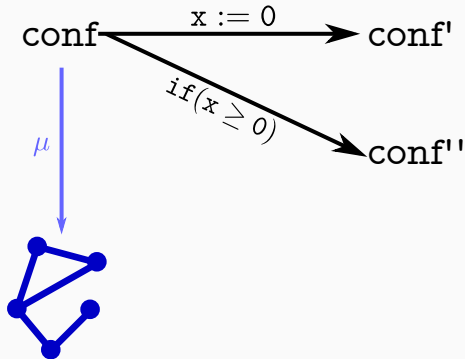
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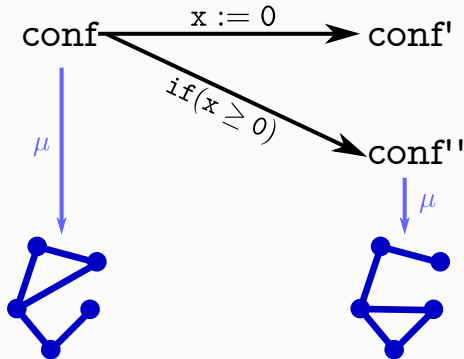
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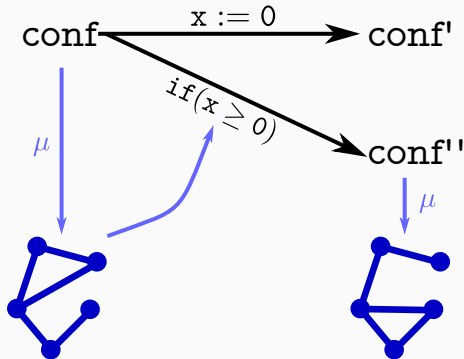
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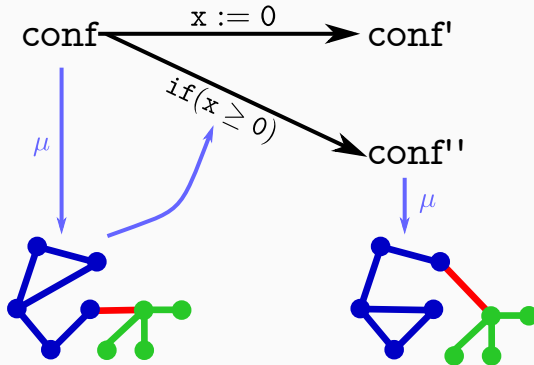
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prog:C a prog:class. prog:C prog:hasField prog:C\_i.

run:obj1 a prog:C. run:obj1 prog:C\_i 5.

...

prog:C prog:hasMethod prog:C\_inc.

prog:inc prog:hasBody prog:s;

...

run:stack run:top run:frame1. run:frame1 run:executes prog:inc.

...



Given the lifted state, we can use it for multiple operations.

- **Access it** to retrieve objects without traversing pointers.
- **Enrich it** with an ontology, perform logical reasoning and retrieve objects using a query *using the vocabulary of the domain*.
- **Combine it** with another knowledge graph and access external data based on information from the current program state.

# Semantic Programming

```
1 class Server(List<Task> taskList) ... end
2 class Scheduler(List<Platform> serverList)
3   Unit reschedule()
4     List<Server> l
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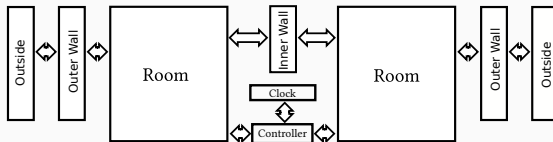
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:Overloaded
  owl:equivalentClass [
    owl:onProperty (:taskList, :length);
    owl:minValue 3;
  ].
```

# Demo

Semantic Reflection

## Back to digital twins



- Monitor consistency
- Monitor twinning
- Adapt to addition of new rooms

*Digital Twin Reconfiguration Using Asset Models*, Kamburjan et al. [ISoLA'22]

*Ensuring Correctness for Self-Adaptive Digital Twins*, Kamburjan et al. [ISoLA'22]

# Model Description

```
<fmiModelDescription fmiVersion="2.0" modelName="Example" ...>
  <CoSimulation needsExecutionTool="true" .../>
  <ModelVariables>
    <ScalarVariable name="p" variability="continuous"
      causality="parameter">
      <Real start="0.0" />
    </ScalarVariable>
    <ScalarVariable name="input" variability="continuous"
      causality="input">
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## Functional Mock-Up Objects (FMOs)

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1 //setup
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3     simulate("Sim.fmu", input=sys.val, p=1.0);
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## Integration

- Type of FMO directly checked against model description
- Variables become fields, functions become methods
- Causality reflected in type



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```
1 //simplified shadow
2 class Monitor(Cont[out Double val] sys,
3               Cont[out Double val] shadow)
4   Unit run(Double threshold)
5     while shadow != null do
6       sys.doStep(1.0); shadow.doStep(1.0);
7       if(sys.val - shadow.val >= threshold) then ... end
8     end ...
```

Is this twinning something? Is this setup correctly?

## SMOL with FMOs

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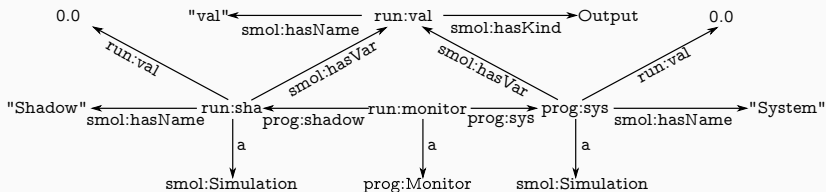
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Query to detect non-sensical setups:

```
SELECT ?room WHERE {  
    ?ctrl a prog:Controller.  
    ?ctrl prog:Controller_left ?room.  
    ?ctrl prog:Controller_right ?room }
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Query to check structural consistency for heaters:

```
SELECT * WHERE { ?o1 prog:Room_id ?id1. ?h1 asset:id ?id1.  
                  ?o2 prog:Room_id ?id2. ?h2 asset:id ?id2.  
                  ?h1 htLeftOf ?h2.  
                  ?c a prog:Controller.  
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```

# Demo

Inconsistent Twinning

# Self-Adapting to Structural Drift

## Detecting Structural Drift

The previous query can detect that some mismatch between asset model and program state exists.

How to detect where the mismatch is and how to repair it?

- Retrieve all assets, and their connections by id (**M**)
- Remove all ids present in the digital twin
- If any id is left, assets needs to be twinned (**A**)
- Find kind of defect to plan repair (**P**)
- Execute repair according to connections (**E**)
- Monitor connections using previous query
- (And v.v. to detect twins that must be removed)



## Example: Adding a New Room

- Get all (asset) rooms and their neighboring walls
- Remove all (twinned) rooms with the same id
- Use the information about walls to
- 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;
6     asset:right [asset:Wall_id ?wallRt];
7     asset:left [asset:Wall_id ?wallLt]; asset:Room_id ?room.
8   FILTER NOT EXISTS {?y a prog:Room; prog:Room_id ?room.} }");
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# Demo

Repair

## Assumptions

- We know all the possible modifications up-front  
E.g., how to deal with a heater getting new features?
- We know how to always correct structural drift
- Changes do not happen faster than we can repair

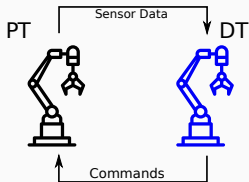
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## Wrap-Up

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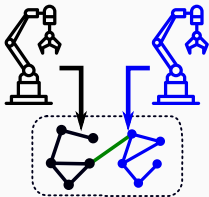
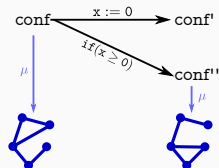


## Digital Twins and the FMI

Modern systems with interconnected physical asset and digital model.

## Semantic Lifting and Asset Models

Interpret program state as knowledge graph to connect with asset model.



## Structural Self-Adaptation

Use semantic technologies to query and monitor combined knowledge graph from asset model and program state.

## What have we used to construct a self-adaptive, semantically reflected Digital Twin?

### Technologies

- Semantic Web technologies
  - OWL/Protege
  - RDF, SPARQL
- Physical modeling, interfacing
  - Modelica, FMI
- SMOL

### Concepts

- Digital Twins
- Self-Adaptation through MAPE-K loop
- Semantically lifted programs
- Asset models

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