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Application Domains



Fig. 2. Data collection initially produced 1472 unique documents, out of which 356 were identified as relevant for our study.

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	B - Mining (9)	Q - Health (8)	H - Trans- port (6) P - Edu- cation (4)

Fig. 5. Application domains of Digital Twins.



Digital Twins consist of three components, a physical product, a virtual representation of that product, and the bi-directional data connections that feed data from the physical to the virtual representation, and information and processes from the virtual representation to the physical. [1]

A **Digital Twin** is 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. The digital twin is ultra-realistic and may consider one or more important and interdependent vehicle systems. [5]

A **Digital Twin** is a coupled model of the real machine that operates in the cloud platform and simulates the health condition with an integrated knowledge from both data driven analytical algorithms as well as other available physical knowledge. [7]

Digital Twins is a unified system model that can coordinate architecture, mechanical, electrical, software, verification, and other discipline-specific models across the system lifecycle, federating models in multiple vendor tools and configuration-controlled. **[8]**

Digital Twins are software systems comprising data, models and services to interact with a CPPS for a specific purpose. [9]

... and many more!

The **Digital Twin** is a set of virtual information constructs that fully describes a potential or actual physical manufactured product from the micro atomic level to the macro geometrical level. At its optimum, any information that could be obtained from inspecting a physical manufactured product can be obtained from its Digital Twin. [2]

Digital Twins are a virtual representation of the physical objects, processes and real-time data involved throughout a product life-cycle. [3]

A **Digital Twin** is an ultra-realistic virtual counterpart of a realworld object. **[4]**

A **Digital Twin** is an ultra-realistic, cradle-to-grave computer model of an aircraft structure that is used to assess the aircraft's ability to meet mission requirements. **[6]**

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Digital Twin Definitions

A collection of definitions of digital twins

As a side result of the largest literature survey on digital twins to date,

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we have produced a collection of 112 definitions of the term "digital twin" from the publications of our corpus. This collection is reproduced below.

If you want to add a definition or modify an entry, please create a pull request.

Definitions

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Digital Twin Definitions

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Architecture Models

Refining the Idea

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Conceptual Ideal for PLM



Digital Twin Variants



2018



Digital Twin Variants: Digital X

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Digital Twin 5D Model



Digital Twin Adapted 5D Model



Variability

Choices, choices, choices.

Digital Model

Reasoners

Historical Information Service

gives access to data, models, experiments, measurements..., stored in a database



Digital Shadow

Reasoners

Historical Information Service gives access to data, models, experiments, measurements..., stored in a database



Digital Twin

Reasoners





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Deployment Variability



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Some Use Cases

Twinning in the Wild



AGV/LFR Digital Shadow



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Incubator Digital Twin







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