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Digital Twin Technology for Smart Management in the Mechatronics Engineering Discipline: Challenges, Opportunities, and Outlook

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ABSTRACT

The increasing complexity of modern mechatronic systems, characterized by high interconnectivity and real-time operational demands, presents significant challenges in system optimization, predictive maintenance, real-time control, and cybersecurity. Traditional engineering methods lack the flexibility and responsiveness needed to manage these systems efficiently. This study aims to develop a scalable and secure Digital Twin (DT) framework tailored for smart management in mechatronics engineering. The proposed framework incorporates Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), edge computing, blockchain, and real-time control mechanisms to improve system synchronization, monitoring, and decision-making. A thorough literature review was conducted to analyze existing DT frameworks, identifying limitations related to data integration, latency, cybersecurity, and scalability using the PRISMA protocol method. Building on these insights, the study proposes a multi-layered DT architecture consisting of ten functional layers—including physical systems, IoT communication, AI analytics, control systems, visualization, and cybersecurity modules. The framework bridges the existing gap by enabling real-time monitoring, predictive maintenance, and performance optimization, addressing key issues like data latency and system coordination. It also integrates blockchain and federated learning to enhance data security and trust. This research offers a specialized DT framework that meets the specific needs of mechatronics engineering and can be adapted to various industrial applications. Recommendations include improving data interoperability, developing real-time control algorithms, and tackling privacy concerns with privacy-preserving techniques. Future work will explore hybrid AI-control strategies and distributed optimization across multiple DT models for large-scale applications such as smart factories and robotic fleets.

Keywords: Digital Twin, Real-time control, Optimization, Internet of Things, Machine Learning, Predictive maintenance

1. INTRODUCTION

Numerous industries, including healthcare, energy, urban development, and mechatronics, now heavily depend on digital twin technology. Its ability to enable predictive maintenance, real- time decision- making, and system optimization emphasizes its revolutionary impact on engineering and technology moving forward. DT is a major breakthrough in the Industry 4. 4.0 era, providing unique opportunities for real- time

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monitoring, control, and optimization across various engineering fields. It offers a dynamic platform for simulating, analyzing, and predicting system behavior in mechatronics by creating virtual models of physical systems. Digital twins enhance the precision and adaptability of mechatronic systems by integrating advanced computing, data analytics, and Internet of Things connectivity, which boosts efficiency and minimizes downtime. Digital technologies are driving a revolutionary shift in mechatronics engineering, a field that combines mechanical, electrical, and computational systems. Digital twin technology- which simplifies the creation of virtual counterparts for physical systems and enables real- time monitoring, control, and optimization- stands at the forefront of this transformation [1]. This approach allows engineers to model, forecast, and improve complex systems without disrupting real operations, a capability increasingly vital as accuracy, productivity, and flexibility become more critical in today' s industrial environment. Digital twins aim to create a feedback loop that enhances system performance by bridging the digital and physical worlds [2]. According to [3], a digital twin is a dynamic, data- driven simulation that is continuously updated with real- time data from its physical counterpart, rather than a static model. By leveraging cloud computing, artificial intelligence (AI), and IoT sensors, digital twins provide unmatched insights into system behavior, enabling engineers to proactively address potential issues. Many industries, including aerospace, automotive, healthcare, and energy, are harnessing this integration of the real and virtual worlds, with mechatronics engineering showing especially strong potential for broad adoption. The combination of mechanical systems with electronics and software in mechatronics requires a deep understanding of complex interactions.

By allowing for the modeling and analysis of entire systems in a unified way, digital twins offer a thorough method for handling the complexity of systems [4]. Digital twins improve accuracy and efficiency in mechatronic applications by enabling adaptive control techniques, fault detection, and predictive maintenance, claims [5]. For instance, digital twins in robotics enable engineers to optimize control algorithms, assess new designs, and simulate robotic behavior in a variety of circumstances without the dangers of physical experimentation. The potential of digital twins have been greatly expanded by recent advancements in machine learning (ML) and the Internet of Things (IoT). IoT sensors are crucial for obtaining precise, real-time data, which is necessary to preserve the correctness of digital twin models, as mentioned by [6]. ML algorithms are then used to examine this data in order to extract insights that aid in well-informed decision-making. The study conducted by [7] demonstrates that combining IoT and ML enhances digital twins' functioning and expands their use in more dynamic and uncertain contexts. Digital twin models, for example, enable autonomous cars to adapt to shifting traffic patterns and optimize routes in real time, improving efficiency and safety. Additionally, digital twin models eliminate the need for expensive and resource-intensive trials in real space environments by enabling scientists and engineers to carry out a large number of experiments and tests in simulated surroundings. Schedules can be optimized by modeling different maintenance procedures, as [8] shows, reducing space station maintenance time and increasing operating efficiency.

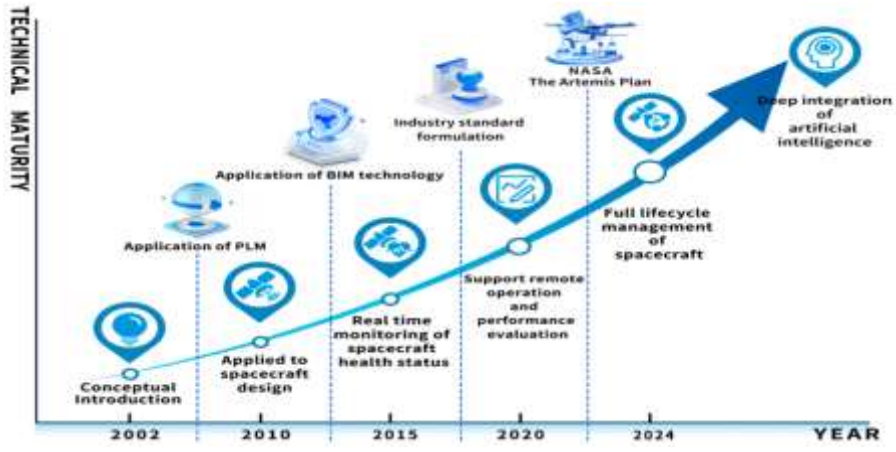


Figure 1. Development of digital twin technology in space environments [8].

Their use in control systems stands out as one of the most important applications of digital twins in mechatronics. The complexity and unpredictability of modern mechatronic systems are often too great for

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traditional control schemes to manage effectively. Digital twins, however, provide real- time feedback loops that allow systems to adapt to changing conditions automatically [9]. These digital models enable the implementation of adaptive control techniques, which enhance performance and minimize downtime, as shown in work by [10]. This results in more intelligent manufacturing lines capable of self- correction to maintain consistent output and quality even in the face of unexpected disruptions. Nonetheless, several challenges remain before digital twin technology can be widely adopted in mechatronics engineering. Key issues include synchronizing real- time data from multiple sources, seamlessly integrating digital and physical systems, and addressing cybersecurity concerns, as highlighted in a related study by [11]. Furthermore, to improve scalability and efficiency, advances in cloud and edge computing are necessary to meet the computational demands of digital twins. According to study by [12], overcoming these hurdles requires interdisciplinary collaboration and the development of robust frameworks focused on data management, security, and optimizing computing resources. Despite these challenges, the potential benefits of digital twins are too significant to overlook. One major advantage is their capacity to boost efficiency and innovation, particularly in critical areas like robotics, autonomous systems, and smart manufacturing, as noted by [13]. Digital twins provide a virtual platform for experimentation and optimization, enabling engineers to accelerate the development of advanced mechatronic systems while reducing risks and costs. Additionally, as digital twin technology advances, its integration with emerging technologies such as augmented reality (AR) and 5G networks is expected to open up even more opportunities [14]. Digital twin technology is transforming mechatronics engineering by enabling real-time control and optimization of complex systems. With its ability to simulate, monitor, and refine system performance, it has become an essential tool in modern engineering. This review discusses recent developments in digital twin technology, its applications within mechatronics, and the challenges that must be addressed to fully realize its potential. Numerous innovative technologies- including cyber-physical systems, digital twins, the Internet of Things, robotics, big data, and cloud computing- have emerged alongside Industry 4.0. What truly elevates Industry 4.0 to the next level is how these technologies are integrated or connected to enhance usefulness and collaboration [15].

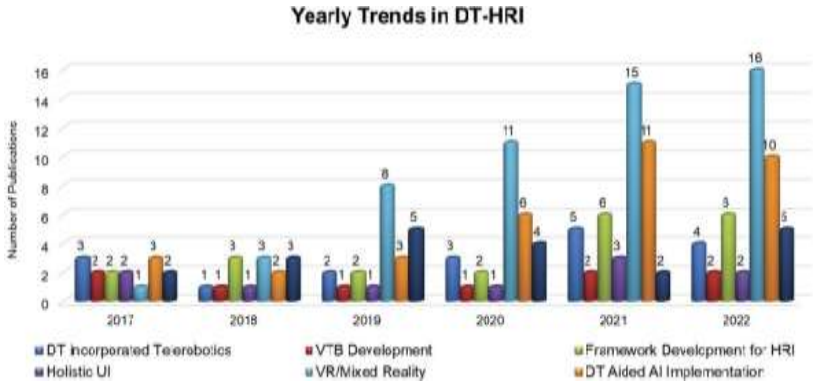


Fig.2: Current DT Trends in HRI [15].

The potential of digital twin (DT) technology to transform the industrial sector, particularly in assembly automation, is gaining wider recognition. DTs boost productivity, reduce costs, and enhance product quality by providing real-time data and optimization capabilities. To evaluate the current state, identify common practices, and develop a standardization taxonomy, [16] critically reviews DT-enabled smart factories in assembly automation. The taxonomy outlines essential components of DT-enabled systems, such as digital coupling, applications, data sources, visualization, functional outputs, and Internet of Things protocols. These classifications aid in designing and deploying assembly automation systems by guiding through complex DT frameworks. The review highlights common themes and addresses research gaps by categorizing DT objectives, propositions, and technologies through an extensive analysis of 60 key papers.

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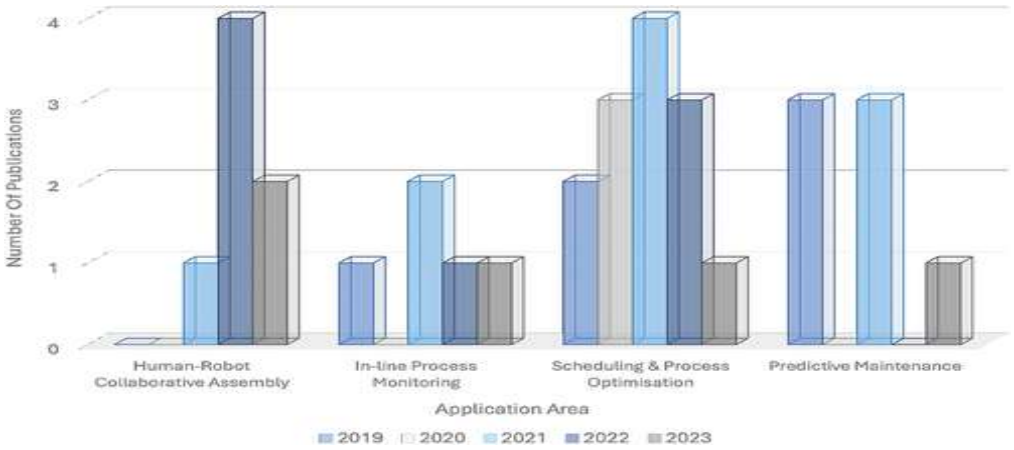


Fig. 3: frequency of classified applications per year [16].

This study highlights key research gaps related to the application of digital twin technology for smart management in the mechatronics engineering field. Existing frameworks lack scalability and cross-domain adaptability, which limits their effectiveness in complex mechatronic systems. Integration with IoT faces real-time data synchronization challenges, while AI applications often involve complex models unsuitable for real-time control. Control strategies like model predictive control (MPC) show promise but struggle with nonlinear dynamics and real-time responsiveness. Additionally, cybersecurity approaches are mostly reactive and lack built-in privacy and security measures. Finally, the practical implementation of emerging technologies such as blockchain and edge computing remains limited, offering both challenges and opportunities for future research and smart system development in mechatronics. The goal of this study is to propose a scalable and secure digital twin framework for smart management in mechatronics by addressing key challenges in real-time IoT integration, adaptive control with lightweight and explainable AI models, and privacy-by-design cybersecurity measures. This study makes several contributions. It advances digital twin applications in mechatronics by designing a flexible, scalable framework that supports real-time data synchronization through efficient IoT integration. This framework overcomes current limitations by incorporating lightweight, explainable AI algorithms that enable predictive maintenance, adaptive control, and real-time decision-making, suitable for dynamic and complex systems. Another important contribution is incorporating privacy-by-design and security-by-design principles into the digital twin architecture. By embedding end-to-end encryption, federated learning, and secure data handling protocols, the study enhances protection of sensitive operational and design data. It also explores practical implementation of blockchain and edge computing to improve data integrity, reduce latency, and support decentralized control, providing a more robust and future-ready solution for smart mechatronic system management. Finally, this study opens avenues for future research.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The systematic literature search and selection process was guided by the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) framework as depicted in figure 4. The framework provided a structured procedure for identifying, screening, assessing and selecting relevant publications for the review. Five electronic databases, namely Springer, Elsevier, IEEE Xplore, ACM and MDPI, were searched to identify studies relevant to the research objectives. The initial search retrieved 140 records, comprising 40 from Springer, 30 from Elsevier, 50 from IEEE Xplore, 10 from ACM and 10 from MDPI. Following the identification stage, 20 duplicate records were removed, leaving 120 records for screening. During the screening stage, the titles and abstracts of the 120 records were examined against the preliminary relevance criteria. A total of 40 records were excluded, leaving 80 reports for retrieval. Of these, 16 reports could not be retrieved, while 64 full-text reports were successfully obtained and assessed for eligibility. The eligibility assessment involved examining the relevance, methodological suitability and contribution of each publication to the research objectives. The final number of included studies and the reasons for any full-text exclusions were documented to ensure transparency and reproducibility. The selected publications

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subsequently provided the evidence base for the systematic analysis, synthesis and identification of research gaps.

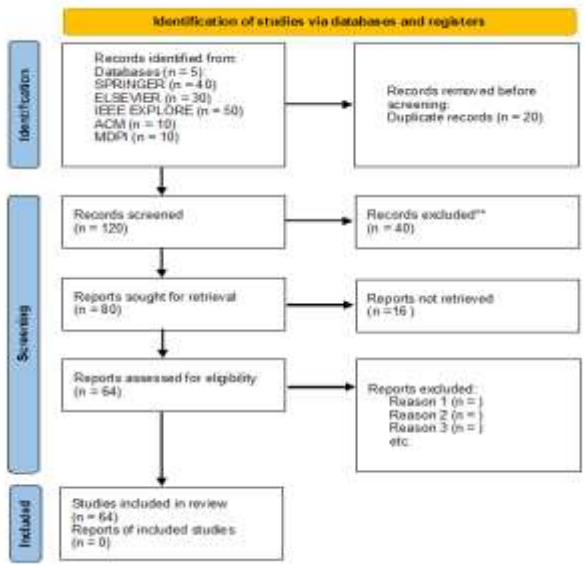


Fig. 4: PRISMA Diagram for the Study

2.1 Frameworks for Digital Twin Development

The Digital Twin Definition Framework (DTDF) from the Digital Twin Consortium provides comprehensive guidelines for developing robust and scalable digital twins, addressing issues such as interoperability and data integrity. Despite their transformative potential, digital twin frameworks face challenges like ensuring data security, maintaining model accuracy, and achieving scalability. Future advancements are expected to tackle these issues by incorporating edge computing, enhancing AI-driven analytics, and utilizing blockchain technology for secure, decentralized operations. Building Information Modeling (BIM) is crucial for construction and urban planning because it enables the creation of digital representations that manage infrastructure throughout its lifecycle. FIWARE, an open-source initiative, is designed for IoT and smart city applications, offering tools and APIs to support real-time data exchange. These advancements will improve digital twin frameworks, making them more adaptable and applicable in complex, dynamic environments. Digital twin (DT) technology has become a transformative approach across various engineering fields, allowing the creation of virtual models of physical systems to optimize performance, predict failures, and improve decision-making. Developing robust frameworks for digital twins is vital for their successful deployment and widespread adoption. A typical digital twin framework includes several key components, such as the physical system, virtual model, data interface, operational environment, data processing, connection mechanisms, and service functions [17].

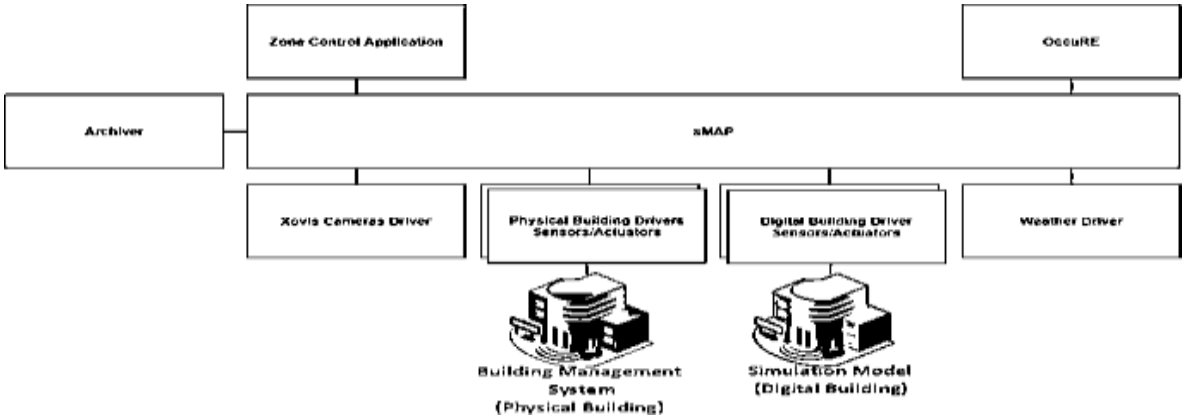


Figure 5: Digital Twin Framework design [17].

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This model facilitates real-time synchronization between the physical and virtual domains, ensuring that changes in one are accurately mirrored in the other [18]. The study by [19] identified Digital Twin by three main elements as a physical existence, a digital representation, and connections that facilitate information exchange between the physical existence and digital representation as depicted in figure 6.

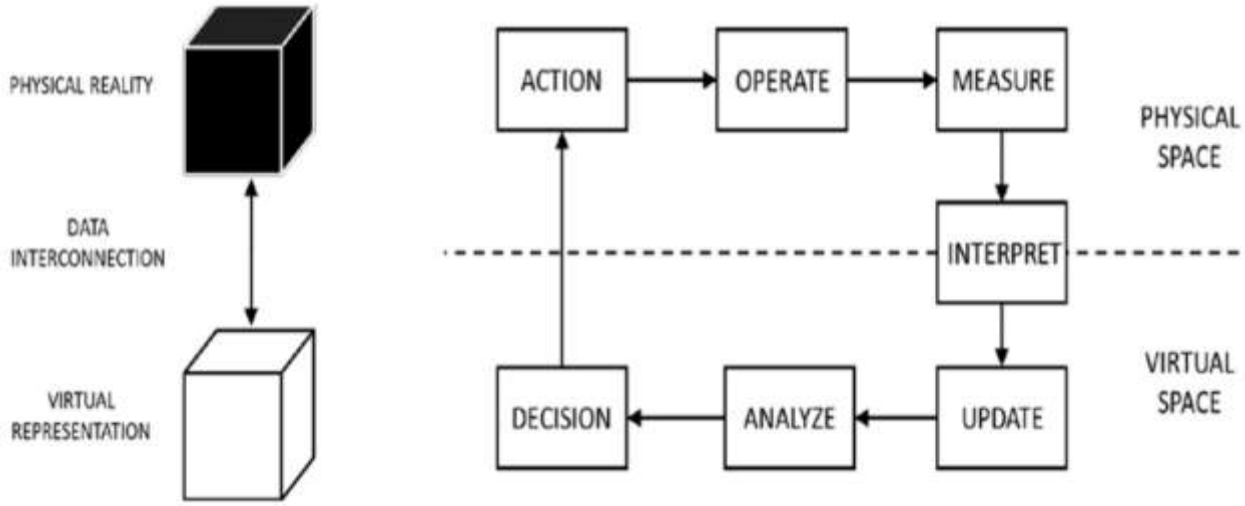


Figure 6: Elements of Digital Twin [19].

Similarly, [20] emphasized the significance of a digital twin three-tiered architecture consisting of the physical product, its virtual counterpart, and the communication mechanism that links the two. The integration of these components facilitates dynamic feedback loops, enabling the digital twin to adapt to changes in the physical environment and vice versa.

2.2 IoT-Enabled Data Integration Digital Twin

By serving as a bridge between the physical and virtual worlds and delivering real-time data streams that enable digital twins to accurately represent their physical counterparts, the Internet of Things (IoT) and digital twin technology have transformed the monitoring, control, and optimization of physical systems. Since it ensures smooth communication, high data quality, and improved system performance, this integration is vital for the success of digital twin systems. Numerous studies have examined how IoT can support real-time data collection and processing for digital twins. To maintain system fidelity and ensure seamless integration with digital twins, the study by [21] emphasizes deploying advanced IoT sensors. Another study by [22] also suggests designing and implementing a remote or local monitoring and control system for a laboratory mechatronics setup utilizing an IoT-cloud, VPN, and digital twin approach. Furthermore, a study by [23] explored the challenges of real-time data synchronization and proposed effective communication techniques to minimize delays.



Figure7: IoT Edge Devices and WAN Networking [23].

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2.3 Artificial Intelligence in Digital Twins

As digital twins provide virtual representations of physical entities or systems, machine learning, a branch of artificial intelligence (AI), offers powerful tools to analyze data, recognize patterns, optimize performance, and support data-driven decisions. ML algorithms enable digital twins to move beyond passive monitoring, transforming them into intelligent systems capable of predictive maintenance, real-time optimization, and adaptive responses to changing environments. The integration of machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI) into digital twin systems has significantly enhanced their ability to simulate, predict, and optimize physical systems in real time. The study by [24] demonstrated how reinforcement learning, a subset of machine learning, can be used for adaptive system optimization, where a neural network is trained to make optimal choices based on external stimuli. Similarly, [25] detailed the procedures of data collection, preprocessing, network model creation, optimization, and evaluation to improve fault detection in mechatronics using deep learning. Predictive analytics can forecast system failures, enabling early and cost-effective maintenance interventions, according to studies by [26, 27]. While [28] explored unsupervised learning techniques to identify anomalies in complex systems, [29] utilized neural networks to predict system behavior in real time.

2.4 Control Strategies Using Digital Twins

Digital Twin (DT) technology integration has become a transformative tool for enhancing control techniques across various fields in modern manufacturing and industrial systems. A digital twin is a virtual representation of a physical system, process, or asset that mirrors its current state, actions, and dynamics. By combining historical data, predictive models, and sensor data from the physical system, it allows for continuous simulation, monitoring, and optimization. Control techniques employing Digital Twin technology are increasingly important in driving the transformation of operations and processes as industries seek greater automation, efficiency, and flexibility. Digital twins have revolutionized how mechatronic systems are managed. Recent studies, such as [30], have proposed adaptive control frameworks that leverage real-time feedback loops to optimize robotic performance. Model-based predictive control (MPC) is an advanced control method that uses a process model to forecast the system's future behavior. Additionally, studies like [31] have demonstrated the integration of MPC with digital twins to enhance system response. MPC is especially effective for controlling real systems because it can predict behavior and accommodate strict constraints. It defines the control law automatically through model-based optimization. Its implicit formulation, flexibility, and reliance on explicit models make MPC a key approach in the engineering field.

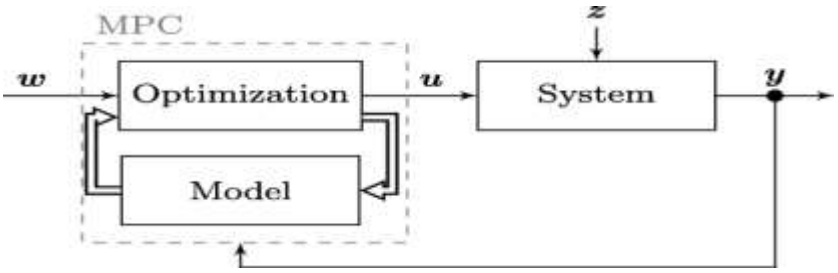


Figure 4: MPC-based control loop Data Flow Diagram [31].

2.5: Cybersecurity and Privacy in Digital Twin Systems

Protecting sensitive data is a key challenge in deploying Digital Twin (DT) systems because DTs depend on real-time data streams from physical systems. This means they can collect and process large volumes of sensitive information, including operational data, personal details, and proprietary business data. In sectors such as healthcare, energy, and manufacturing, this data can include user health information, production schedules, and intellectual property. Unauthorized access or exposure could lead to serious consequences, such as financial loss or damage to reputation [32, 33]. For example, in healthcare, Digital Twins of patients' biological systems can generate highly sensitive medical data that must be protected from unauthorized access. Similarly, information about the layout and functioning of production lines and machinery in

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manufacturing must be safeguarded against industrial espionage. Implementing strong encryption, secure data storage practices, and clear data access restrictions are essential to ensure that only authorized individuals can access specific data sets [34]. Recent research, such as [35], has suggested using federated learning with end-to-end encryption to safeguard sensitive data while enabling real-time analysis. The study states that federated learning, a new method for training statistical models across distributed edge networks, enhances privacy protection for sensitive data while also simplifying integration and training challenges posed by large, diverse datasets.

Maintaining data privacy throughout the Digital Twin's lifecycle requires the adoption of stringent data governance policies and adherence to international data privacy laws. Techniques like encryption and anonymization are frequently used to protect privacy while still yielding insightful data [36]. Digital Twin (DT) systems are more vulnerable to cyberattacks because to their increasing interconnectedness and complexity. Malicious actors may exploit the vulnerabilities introduced by the numerous devices, sensors, cloud platforms, and communication networks that are frequently a part of these systems [37]. A DT system's attack surface is especially broad, including databases, communication protocols, physical sensors, and even the cloud infrastructure that handles and stores data.

The communication protocols used to transfer data between physical systems and their digital counterparts are a major source of risk, according to [38]. Man-in-the-middle (MITM) attacks, where cybercriminals intercept and modify data transmitted between the physical and digital worlds, could impact certain communication pathways. Similarly, distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks may target many DT systems due to their centralized architecture, which stores large volumes of data on cloud platforms [39].

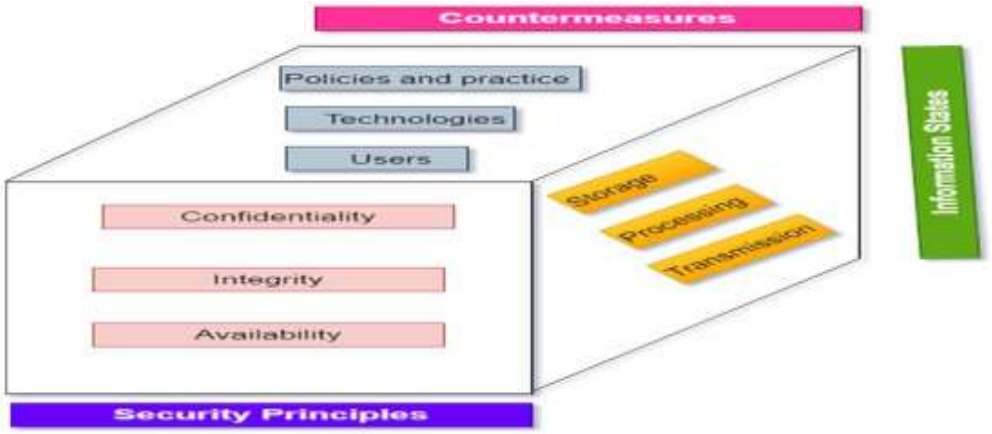


Figure 5: Cyber Security Dimensions [39].

2.6 Summary of Reviewed Literature

TABLE 1: Summary of Reviewed Literature

Author (Year)	Aim	Methodology	Findings	Limitation	Future Work
[15], [16], [17], [18]	To define and analyze the frameworks for digital twin development	Conceptual analysis and modeling of DT components and architecture	Identified core DT components: physical system, virtual model, data interface, connection mechanisms. Emphasized real-time synchronization and information flow	Issues in scalability, data security, and model accuracy	Integration of AI, edge computing, and blockchain to enhance adaptability and security
[19], [20], [21]	To explore IoT-enabled integration in	Experimental setup and architecture	Demonstrated how IoT sensors enable real-time monitoring and fidelity of	Challenges in real-time data synchronization	More efficient data protocols, scalable

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	digital twin systems	involving IoT-cloud, VPN, and real-time communication protocols	DTs. Proposed communication protocols to reduce latency	and integration	architectures for real-time DT communication
[22], [23], [24], [25], [26], [27], [28]	To examine the role of AI and machine learning in enhancing digital twins	Applications of reinforcement learning, deep learning, neural networks, and unsupervised learning	Improved fault detection, adaptive optimization, predictive maintenance, and anomaly detection	Complexity of ML model training and integration with real-time systems	Further use of unsupervised learning, better ML models for real-time adaptive control
[29], [30], [31]	To develop control strategies using DT in industrial applications	Model Predictive Control (MPC), real-time feedback systems, simulation	Demonstrated improved robotic control, system response, and optimized behavior using MPC and DTs	Real-time constraint handling and modeling complexity	Expansion of MPC applications, hybrid control models with DT feedback loops
[32], [33], [34], [35], [36], [37], [38], [39]	To analyze cybersecurity and privacy concerns in digital twin systems	Literature review and technical proposals (e.g., encryption, federated learning)	Identified threats like MITM, DDoS, and cloud vulnerabilities. Proposed encryption, access control, and federated learning for data privacy	Exposure to complex cyberattacks due to system interconnectivity	Design of secure, decentralized DT platforms with federated learning and advanced encryption

3. CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

3.1 Challenges of Implementing Digital Twin Technology in Mechatronics Engineering

Mechatronics engineering, which combines mechanical engineering, electronics, computer science, and control engineering, stands to benefit greatly from the application of DT technology in various domains, such as robotics, manufacturing, automotive systems, and industrial automation [40]. However, the full realization of these benefits comes with certain obstacles that must be addressed to fully exploit the potential of Digital Twins.

Data Complexity and Integration

One of the key challenges in implementing Digital Twin (DT) technology within mechatronics engineering lies in the complexity of data collection, integration, and management. Mechatronics systems typically consist of a multitude of interconnected components, each generating substantial volumes of data through sensors, actuators, and control systems. This data must be captured in real-time and fed into the Digital Twin model to ensure precise simulation and optimization [41]. However, the data generated by these systems is often diverse and originates from various sources, such as sensors, control algorithms, and operational logs. Integrating this data into a unified model necessitates advanced data fusion techniques. Furthermore, the challenge of real-time data processing ensuring that the digital model remains aligned with the physical counterpart compounds the complexity [42]. Recent such as [43, 44] underscore the difficulties of data integration, particularly in environments with extensive and heterogeneous sensor networks. For example, integrating data from IoT devices in manufacturing or autonomous robots requires managing intricate network architectures and communication protocols to ensure the optimal functioning of the DT.

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Modeling and Simulation Accuracy

A Digital Twin mirrors the physical system, but creating a high-fidelity model that can accurately capture the dynamic behavior of mechatronics systems in real-time remains a significant challenge. These systems often display nonlinearities, complex interactions between mechanical and electrical components, and external environmental factors that influence performance. The "modeling fidelity gap," which describes the difference between the real system and its digital counterpart, can lead to discrepancies in predictions and decision-making. Although computational capabilities have greatly advanced, limitations still exist when modeling complex mechatronics systems, particularly in capturing interactions among hardware, software, and environmental conditions. As pointed out by [45], finding a balance between model complexity and computational feasibility is a key challenge in developing precise Digital Twin models capable of real-time operation. Additionally, maintaining the model's accuracy over time as the system experiences wear, degradation, or environmental changes requires continuous recalibration and updates. Ignoring these changes could result in degraded performance or suboptimal control strategies.

Real-Time Control and Optimization

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) algorithms with Digital Twin technology greatly improves real-time control by enabling systems to learn from past data and enhance their decision-making over time. AI models can identify patterns and relationships in real-time data streams that may not be immediately visible, allowing for more effective process optimization. For example, AI can predict demand changes in manufacturing, adjusting production schedules and resource distribution dynamically to prevent bottlenecks and inefficiencies. In fields like robotics, automotive, and energy management, real-time control enabled by Digital Twins allows for immediate adjustments to system behaviors, increasing responsiveness to external factors such as market shifts, operational changes, or unexpected failures. The ability to modify system parameters based on the latest data helps sustain optimal performance and reduce risks. However, while real-time control and optimization offer major benefits, they also require strong data infrastructure and advanced algorithms to handle the large volumes of data generated by IoT sensors, controllers, and other components. Moreover, low-latency communication and high computational power are essential to process and analyze this data quickly, supporting fast and accurate decision-making. Real-time control and optimization are key to Digital Twin applications in mechatronics engineering, but making this work in practice can be difficult. The need for quick decisions based on real-time data means Digital Twin systems must connect with high-speed control systems that can process and respond to changes within fractions of a second. For instance, in autonomous robotic systems or smart factories where sensors constantly monitor equipment status, the Digital Twin must instantly update its model to reflect real-time changes. This requires advanced control algorithms, high-performance computing, and communication systems capable of operating with minimal delay [46, 47]. Many existing control systems are not optimized for such rapid feedback loops or haven't been tested in the dynamic environments typical of mechatronics applications [48]. Additionally, optimization algorithms need to be continually adjusted as new data arrives to keep the system running at peak efficiency. Implementing real-time optimization depends on both high-quality data and advanced predictive models and algorithms that can quickly process and analyze data to inform decisions. Ensuring the accuracy of these predictions in real time without overwhelming the system remains a key challenge [49].

Cybersecurity and Data Integrity

Cybersecurity and data integrity are vital components of Digital Twin (DT) systems because these technologies depend heavily on the continuous exchange of data between physical systems and their digital counterparts. The accuracy and security of this data are essential for the reliability of DT systems, as they enable real-time decision-making, optimization, and predictive analytics. A breach in cybersecurity or a compromise of data integrity can lead to serious consequences, including system failures, financial losses, and damage to an organization’s reputation. One of the main cybersecurity concerns in Digital Twin systems is protecting the data transmitted between physical devices, sensors, and the digital model. Data collected from Internet of Things (IoT) devices, including real-time sensor readings and machine data, must be securely

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transmitted and stored to prevent unauthorized access or tampering. Emerging technologies such as edge computing, which processes data closer to the source rather than sending it to centralized cloud servers, offer potential solutions to improve data security and reduce latency. However, decentralizing data processing introduces new challenges in maintaining consistency and secure communication across distributed networks. Because Digital Twin systems are often integrated with IoT networks, cloud platforms, and other digital infrastructure, cybersecurity becomes a critical challenge. Digital Twins are vulnerable to various cyber threats, including data breaches, tampering, and denial-of-service attacks. These threats are especially serious in critical mechatronics applications like automotive control systems, aerospace, and healthcare devices, where data integrity and control system security are vital for safety and operational efficiency. Ensuring the integrity of data fed into the Digital Twin model and maintaining secure communication channels between the physical system and its digital twin are complex issues. Generally, digital modeling involves representing a physical system or its theoretical model digitally. The digital representation includes detailed descriptions of the physical components. A key difference between a DT and a CPS (Cyber Physical Space) is that in a DT, sensor and input data are used to generate a simulation model, from which tangible assets are derived [50]. Studies such as [52,53] emphasize the need for strong cybersecurity protocols, including data encryption, multi-factor authentication, and blockchain technology, to protect Digital Twin data exchanges and defend against cyberattacks. As cloud-based solutions become more important for storing and processing DT data, it is essential that cloud service providers implement robust security measures [54]. However, despite these efforts, the increasing sophistication of cyberattacks continues to pose a significant threat to the reliability and safety of Digital Twin systems in mechatronics engineering.

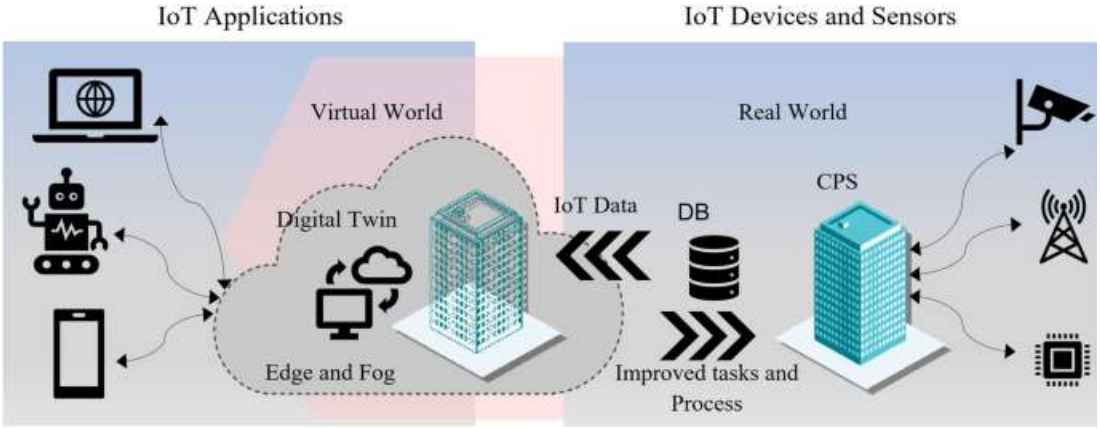


Figure 6: The relationship between DT, CPS, and IoT [51].

3.2 Opportunities of Leveraging Digital Twin Technology in Mechatronics Engineering

Enhanced Real-Time Monitoring and Predictive Maintenance

Enhanced real-time monitoring and predictive maintenance are among the most significant benefits provided by Digital Twin (DT) technology, especially in mechatronics engineering. By creating a virtual replica of a physical system, a Digital Twin allows continuous tracking and analysis of system performance, offering real-time insights that can be used to improve maintenance strategies and prevent failures. This enables organizations to shift from traditional, time-based maintenance to more proactive and efficient methods that reduce downtime, extend asset lifespan, and lower operational costs. Real-time monitoring is achieved through the constant flow of data from IoT sensors embedded in the physical system. These sensors record critical operational parameters such as temperature, pressure, vibration, and fluid levels, which are then sent to the digital model. The Digital Twin simulates the system's behavior in real time, enabling operators to observe the system’s current state and performance against set benchmarks or optimal conditions. By regularly comparing real-time data with historical performance data, the digital model can identify deviations or anomalies that may indicate a potential problem. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) further boosts the effectiveness of real-time monitoring. Machine learning algorithms can analyze large amounts of sensor data, recognize patterns, and detect subtle trends that might not be obvious to human operators. This data-driven approach allows for more precise and early detection of potential system issues,

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improving response times and lowering the chance of unplanned downtime. For example, AI can forecast wear patterns on mechanical parts, enabling predictive analytics that determine which components are likely to fail and when, based on real-time usage data and historical trends.

Predictive maintenance, a key part of advanced real-time monitoring, uses insights from continuous data to forecast when and where maintenance is needed. Unlike traditional strategies that depend on scheduled servicing or repairs after failures, predictive maintenance aims to detect issues early, enabling timely actions that reduce disruptions and avoid unnecessary repairs. By analyzing real-time data from IoT sensors, the Digital Twin can accurately predict potential failures, such as equipment malfunctions, motor breakdowns, or structural deterioration. This approach is especially beneficial in industries with critical assets, like aerospace, automotive, and energy, where equipment failures can lead to sizable financial losses, safety hazards, or operational shutdowns. Using Digital Twins, maintenance teams can better plan their schedules, prioritize high-importance tasks, and prevent over- or under-servicing of assets. This leads to lower maintenance costs while boosting asset reliability and system performance. Besides enhancing operational efficiency, improved real-time monitoring and predictive maintenance support sustainability goals. By decreasing the need for emergency repairs and unplanned downtime, organizations can reduce resource waste, energy use, and environmental impact from manufacturing or operations. Additionally, as the Digital Twin continually learns from new data, its predictions become more precise over time, further improving maintenance strategies and optimizing the system's entire lifecycle.

While the benefits of enhanced real-time monitoring and predictive maintenance are clear, there are challenges with their implementation. The volume of data generated by IoT sensors can be overwhelming, and managing this data requires advanced analytics tools and strong infrastructure. Additionally, ensuring that the Digital Twin model is continually updated with accurate data and that predictive algorithms stay reliable is vital for these strategies to succeed. One of the most compelling opportunities Digital Twin technology offers to mechatronics engineering is the ability to improve real-time monitoring and predictive maintenance. By continuously updating the digital replica of a physical system with real-time data, engineers can gain insights into the system's performance and condition. This enables early detection of potential issues such as equipment wear, failures, or inefficiencies. In industries like manufacturing, automotive, and aerospace, this predictive maintenance ability can greatly reduce downtime and maintenance costs. Digital Twins can also optimize maintenance schedules, making sure interventions happen only when necessary, thereby extending the lifespan of expensive equipment [55]. Research by authors such as [56] has demonstrated the significant benefits of predictive maintenance through Digital Twin systems, leading to lower operational costs and better system reliability.

Improved Design and Prototyping

Improved design and prototyping are some of the most significant benefits that Digital Twin (DT) technology offers to the field of mechatronics engineering. By creating an accurate, dynamic digital replica of a physical system, Digital Twins allow engineers to visualize, simulate, and optimize designs before building physical prototypes. This capability not only speeds up the design process but also enables more informed decision-making, reducing the need for costly and time-consuming iterations. With Digital Twin technology, designers can work with a fully interactive, virtual model of their product or system. This enables detailed testing and analysis in a virtual environment, where engineers can examine how the system behaves under different conditions without the limitations of physical testing. For example, in developing mechanical systems or robotics, engineers can simulate movements, analyze stress points, and evaluate performance across various scenarios. This ability to observe how a system responds under different loads, temperatures, or operational settings helps identify potential weaknesses and design flaws early in the process, before constructing a physical prototype. This digital-first approach to design also reduces the costs associated with physical prototyping. In traditional design methods, multiple physical prototypes might be needed to test and refine the system, which can lead to high material and labor expenses. In contrast, with a Digital Twin, many iterations can be tested virtually, allowing engineers to improve their designs without the expense of building physical models. Additionally, by simulating various conditions and failure modes, designers can develop systems that

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are more resilient, efficient, and tailored for their intended use, ensuring the final product is both cost-effective and high-quality.

Additionally, Digital Twin technology enables quicker prototyping cycles. Once the digital model is created, modifications and adjustments can be made swiftly and tested virtually, avoiding the delays and risks linked to physical changes. This faster design process results in a shorter time-to-market, allowing companies to deliver products and solutions more rapidly and efficiently. In sectors like automotive, aerospace, and consumer electronics, this speed can provide a significant competitive edge. Digital Twin also supports collaboration among multidisciplinary teams by offering a shared, interactive platform where designers, engineers, and stakeholders can work with the same virtual model. This encourages better communication and alignment throughout the design stage, reducing errors and misunderstandings that often occur when working with separate physical prototypes. With real-time updates, all team members access the latest design changes, supporting a more seamless and coordinated workflow. As the technology advances, integrating advanced tools such as artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and generative design algorithms into Digital Twin platforms can further improve design and prototyping.

The combination of AI and ML algorithms can analyze large amounts of design data to find patterns and suggest improvements, while generative design tools can create alternative designs that meet specific performance goals, often revealing innovative solutions that might not be obvious with traditional methods. Digital Twin technology can transform the design and prototyping process in mechatronics engineering. By simulating and testing designs in a virtual environment, engineers can optimize product designs before building physical prototypes, saving time and resources. This is especially helpful in fields like robotics and automotive manufacturing, where prototyping costs can be high. The ability to test different scenarios in a digital environment, such as various operational conditions or failure modes, allows designers to refine their models and enhance product performance [57, 58]. As mentioned by [59], combining Digital Twin technology with AI-powered optimization algorithms can also lead to more efficient designs tailored to specific performance criteria.

Optimized System Performance and Efficiency

Enhanced system performance and efficiency are among the key benefits of integrating Digital Twin (DT) technology into mechatronics engineering. Digital Twin technology allows for real-time monitoring, simulation, and analysis of complex systems, making it a powerful tool for uncovering inefficiencies, boosting performance, and enhancing overall system functionality. By creating a digital replica of a physical system, Digital Twins enable engineers to continuously assess and adjust operational parameters to ensure systems operate at their best. A major advantage of Digital Twins in performance optimization is their ability to process vast amounts of real-time data collected from sensors embedded in physical systems. These sensors monitor important performance indicators (KPIs) such as temperature, pressure, speed, vibration, and power consumption, then transmit this data to the digital replica. The Digital Twin analyzes this information to provide insights into system behavior, pointing out areas where performance can be improved. By comparing real-time data with ideal or historical benchmarks, operators can detect discrepancies and promptly make adjustments to optimize performance. For example, in a manufacturing plant, a Digital Twin can analyze production rates, identify bottlenecks in the assembly line, and recommend adjustments to increase throughput while reducing energy consumption.

Another key benefit of Digital Twin technology in improving system efficiency is its ability to simulate various operational scenarios. These simulations enable engineers to test different conditions, configurations, and system behaviors without physically modifying the actual system. By conducting virtual tests, engineers can forecast how changes in one part of the system will impact overall performance. This is especially valuable in industries like automotive and aerospace, where optimizing performance is crucial for safety, efficiency, and cost savings. For instance, simulations can identify the most fuel-efficient engine setups or the most energy-efficient routes for autonomous vehicles. Additionally, Digital Twins facilitate predictive maintenance, directly enhancing system efficiency by lowering downtime and avoiding unnecessary repairs. By analyzing real-time data, the Digital Twin can detect early signs of wear or potential failures before they

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happen, allowing for timely interventions. Predictive maintenance ensures components are replaced or serviced only when necessary, preventing over-maintenance and avoiding system idling for repairs unless absolutely essential. This proactive strategy promotes better resource use, extends equipment lifespan, and cuts operational costs. Moreover, integrating artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) algorithms with Digital Twin technology boosts system optimization by enabling systems to learn and adapt to evolving conditions. Over time, AI and ML models can analyze extensive datasets to identify trends and patterns in system behavior, allowing systems to make autonomous adjustments to enhance performance. For example, AI can optimize production schedules based on real-time demand forecasts, while ML improves energy consumption predictions by learning from past usage data. Real-time optimization also helps support more sustainable operations. By minimizing waste, decreasing energy use, and optimizing resource allocation, Digital Twin technology assists companies in achieving greener and more cost-effective operations. In sectors like energy, Digital Twins can assess the efficiency of power generation and distribution, offering suggestions for energy savings and emission reductions. Providing real-time insights into system behavior and performance, Digital Twins enable the ongoing optimization of mechatronic systems. Their ability to continuously monitor a system's status allows for real-time adjustments, boosting efficiency and performance. For instance, in manufacturing, Digital Twins can optimize production schedules, fine-tune robotic processes, or streamline logistics [60]. Authors such as [61] have shown that Digital Twin-enabled optimization can lead to increased throughput, lower energy consumption, and reduced operational costs.

4. PROPOSED DIGITAL TWIN FRAMEWORK FOR SMART MANAGEMENT IN MECHATRONICS ENGINEERING

4.1 Proposed Framework for Smart Management in Mechatronics Engineering using Digital Twin

TABLE 2: Framework for Smart Management in Mechatronics Engineering using Digital Twin (Authors)

Framework Component	Description	Technologies	Expected Outcomes
Physical System Layer	Represents the actual mechatronic systems (e.g., robots, actuators, sensors, controllers) in real-time operation.	Smart sensors, actuators, embedded systems	Real-time data acquisition and feedback for synchronization with digital twin
IoT Integration Layer	Facilitates real-time communication between physical devices and the digital model, ensuring seamless data flow.	IoT gateways, MQTT/CoAP protocols, WAN/LAN, 5G	High-fidelity, low-latency data exchange between physical and virtual systems
Digital Twin Core	The virtual representation of the physical system with live synchronization of state, behavior, and performance.	3D modeling (CAD/CAE), simulation tools (MATLAB/Simulink, ANSYS), digital threads	Accurate, synchronized digital replica for monitoring, simulation, and control
AI and Analytics Engine	Enables predictive and adaptive control through data-driven learning from system behavior and sensor	Lightweight ML models, reinforcement learning, unsupervised learning, XAI (e.g.,	Predictive maintenance, anomaly detection, adaptive system optimization

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Control and Decision Layer	Uses AI insights to execute intelligent control strategies for real-time decision-making and actuation.	Model Predictive Control (MPC), adaptive controllers, feedback loops	Improved system responsiveness, precision control, and reduced downtime
Cybersecurity Layer	Ensures end-to-end data protection, access control, and compliance with data privacy standards.	End-to-end encryption, federated learning, privacy-by-design principles, access management	Enhanced data security, privacy, and regulatory compliance
Blockchain Integration Layer	Provides immutable, decentralized data storage and verification to enhance transparency and trust in DT operations.	Smart contracts, distributed ledger technology (DLT), Hyperledger, Ethereum	Tamper-proof transaction records, secure logging, and trusted data provenance
Edge Computing Layer	Processes data locally to reduce latency and dependency on cloud, enabling fast decision-making near the source.	Edge nodes, microcontrollers (e.g., Raspberry Pi, Jetson Nano), Fog computing architectures	Faster response times, reduced bandwidth use, resilient system performance under limited connectivity
Visualization & HMI Layer	Interface for human-machine interaction and monitoring of DT status, performance, and control actions.	Dashboards (e.g., Grafana, Power BI), Augmented Reality (AR), SCADA systems	Intuitive control, real-time monitoring, enhanced operator engagement
Cloud Integration & Data Storage	Long-term storage, advanced analytics, and cross-system data integration.	Cloud platforms (AWS, Azure, Google Cloud), cloud databases, APIs	Scalable storage, remote access, and integration with enterprise systems

The proposed framework presents a conceptual architecture for developing a scalable and secure digital twin system for smart management in mechatronics engineering. Its design is motivated by the need to address key limitations associated with existing digital twin implementations, particularly fragmented physical–virtual integration, inadequate real-time data synchronization, limited interoperability, and insufficient consideration of scalability and security. To address these gaps, the framework comprises several interconnected layers that support continuous communication, virtual representation, and intelligent management of mechatronic systems. At the foundation is the Physical System Layer, which represents the operational environment and comprises robots, sensors, actuators, and controllers. These components generate real-time operational data, including motion, temperature, pressure, vibration, and equipment status, which provide the basis for monitoring and synchronizing the physical system with its digital counterpart. Building on this foundation, the IoT Integration Layer facilitates communication between physical devices and the digital environment through appropriate connectivity technologies and protocols, such as MQTT and 5G. This layer is intended to improve data interoperability, transmission efficiency, and responsiveness, thereby addressing challenges associated with fragmented device communication and delayed information exchange. The Digital Twin Core constitutes the virtual representation of the physical mechatronic system. It integrates 3D modelling, simulation, and digital-thread capabilities to represent equipment configurations, operational states, and system behaviour. Through continuous data synchronization, the virtual model can reflect changes occurring in the physical environment and support system monitoring, simulation, and performance analysis. The proposed architecture is presented as a conceptual framework derived from the identified literature gaps. Its

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contribution lies in integrating physical-system representation, IoT-based interoperability, and synchronized digital modelling within a unified architectural structure.

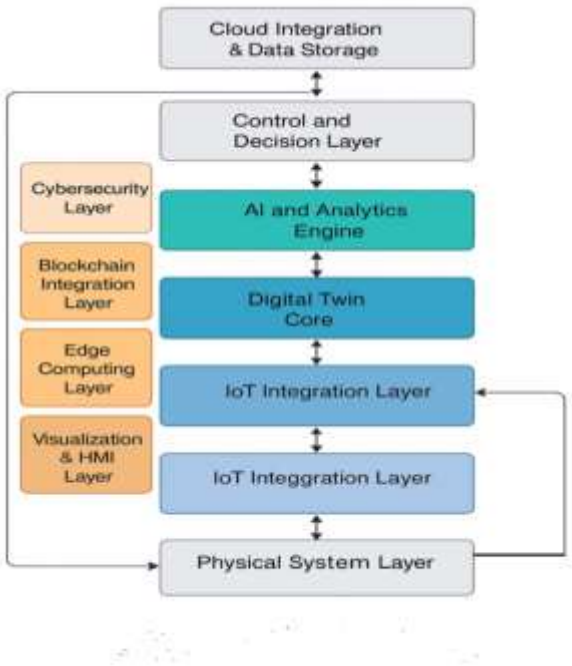


Figure 7: Block Diagram of Proposed Framework (Authors)

To enhance intelligence, the AI and analytics engine processes incoming data usiUsing lightweight machine learning algorithms, reinforcement learning, and explainable AI techniques, the system enables predictive maintenance, anomaly detection, and system optimization. The control and decision layer applies insights from the AI engine to execute real-time adaptive control strategies, such as Model Predictive Control. Cybersecurity is a vital element of the framework. The cybersecurity layer incorporates privacy-by-design and security-by-design protocols, utilizing federated learning, access control, and encryption to protect sensitive data. The blockchain integration layer supports decentralized data management through smart contracts and distributed ledgers, ensuring data integrity, tamper resistance, and transparent operation logs. Edge computing is integrated to process data closer to its source, reducing dependency on cloud infrastructure and decreasing latency, which enhances system responsiveness. Human-machine interaction is managed through the visualization and HMI layer, offering dashboards, AR interfaces, and SCADA systems for user-friendly control and real-time monitoring. Lastly, the cloud integration and data storage layer handles long-term data archiving, advanced analytics, and enterprise-wide integration via scalable cloud platforms. Overall, this framework provides an intelligent, secure, and resilient digital twin system that advances smart mechatronics management.

4.2 Comparison of Proposed Framework with Existing Frameworks

TABLE 3: Comparison of Proposed Framework with Existing Frameworks

Aspect	Existing Framework	Proposed Framework
Purpose	General framework for Digital Twin development across industries, including construction, urban planning, and infrastructure	Tailored for smart management in Mechatronics Engineering, addressing real-time control, synchronization, and intelligent automation
Core Components	Physical system, virtual model, data interface, communication mechanisms, service functions	Physical system layer, IoT integration layer, DT core, AI & analytics engine, control & decision layer, cybersecurity, blockchain, edge computing, HMI, cloud integration

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Architectural Tiering	Three-tiered: physical, digital, and communication	Multi-layered: 10 functional layers from physical sensing to intelligent decision-making and visualization
Synchronization Focus	Bi-directional data exchange and real-time mirroring of states	High-fidelity real-time synchronization with predictive and adaptive feedback loops
IoT Integration	FIWARE and similar IoT frameworks enabling real-time data exchange in smart city contexts	Specific IoT protocols (MQTT/CoAP), 5G, gateways for real-time mechatronics system data streaming
AI/Analytics Support	Emphasizes potential of AI-driven analytics but not fully embedded in architectural structure	Integrates lightweight ML, reinforcement learning, XAI for predictive maintenance, optimization, and adaptive learning
Cybersecurity Measures	Mentions need for secure systems, with suggestions for blockchain and data integrity safeguards	Dedicated cybersecurity layer with privacy-by-design, federated learning, and access management for compliance and data protection
Blockchain Integration	Suggested as a future advancement for secure, decentralized operations	Integrated as a core layer to ensure transparency, data immutability, and provenance via DLT and smart contracts
Edge Computing	Identified as a future direction for improving responsiveness	Integrated edge computing layer to process data locally for latency reduction and offline robustness
Visualization & HMI	Not distinctly outlined; visualization assumed under general service functions	Dedicated layer using dashboards, SCADA, and AR for real-time monitoring and user interaction
Cloud & Data Storage	General cloud-based integration for analytics and data exchange	Dedicated layer for long-term storage, remote access, and enterprise system interfacing
Scalability & Adaptability	Acknowledges scalability issues and proposes edge computing and AI to overcome	Designed with modular architecture to support scalability, adaptability, and cross-domain applicability
Use Case Fit	Broad applicability across various sectors with general digital twin definitions and examples	Specifically adapted to the dynamics, feedback, control, and intelligence needs of mechatronics engineering systems
Technology Specificity	References broad tools like BIM, FIWARE, and simulation platforms	Lists specific tools and platforms (e.g., MATLAB, ANSYS, LIME, Hyperledger, Grafana) for technical implementation

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

Digital Twin (DT) technology has already made significant progress in transforming mechatronics engineering, but there are still vast opportunities for improvement and growth. The technology's potential to revolutionize system design, real-time control, predictive maintenance, and optimization is enormous, yet its full capabilities are far from being realized. To fully realize the potential of Digital Twin systems, ongoing research, development, and collaboration across industries are necessary to achieve sustainability in the future in the following ways:

Improved Data Integration and Interoperability

One of the main challenges facing Digital Twin technology is the complexity of data integration from diverse sources, including sensors, IoT devices, and legacy systems. Future work should focus on creating more robust frameworks for data integration that can effortlessly combine different data streams, such as real-time sensor data, historical performance data, and environmental information. Data interoperability remains a significant obstacle across many industries, where multiple systems with varying data formats and protocols coexist. Developing standardization protocols for data exchange between Digital Twin models, control systems, and various devices would improve the effectiveness and scalability of Digital Twin solutions.

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Research into edge computing and decentralized data processing could play a key role in reducing data transmission delays and enhancing the real-time capabilities of Digital Twins in mechatronics systems.

Real-Time Control Algorithms and Optimization

One of the main areas for future work is developing real-time control algorithms that can smoothly work with Digital Twin systems. The need for low-latency feedback in mechatronics applications, like autonomous vehicles, robotics, and industrial automation, demands advanced control algorithms capable of processing large amounts of data instantly without hurting system performance. Machine learning techniques, such as reinforcement learning (RL) and deep learning, show great potential for real-time control and optimization, but more research is needed to effectively incorporate these methods into Digital Twin systems. RL, in particular, has proven useful in creating adaptive control strategies, where systems learn the best actions through trial and error interactions with their environment. However, integrating RL with Digital Twin technology for real-time use faces challenges such as model training, computational demands, and data access. Future efforts should aim to develop more efficient algorithms that operate in real-time, boost decision accuracy, and enhance system performance with less computational load. Research could focus on hybrid control methods that mix traditional model-based control with machine learning-based optimization, utilizing the strengths of both. Additionally, developing distributed control strategies for real-time optimization across multiple Digital Twin models will be key in large-scale mechatronic systems, like smart factories or complex robotic fleets.

Cybersecurity and Privacy Considerations

As Digital Twin technology becomes more widely adopted across industries, it will be increasingly important to address cybersecurity and privacy concerns linked to the technology. Digital Twins depend on real-time data from interconnected systems, often transmitted via cloud platforms or IoT networks, which makes them vulnerable to cyberattacks, data breaches, and malicious tampering. Ensuring the security and integrity of Digital Twin systems is crucial, especially in mission-critical applications such as automotive systems, healthcare, and aerospace. Future efforts should focus on creating cybersecurity frameworks tailored to the specific needs of Digital Twin systems. These frameworks should cover data encryption, secure data storage, access controls, and measures to prevent cyberattacks on real-time data flows. Advanced techniques like blockchain, secure multi-party computation, and federated learning could be explored to improve data security and privacy in Digital Twin systems. Techniques such as differential privacy, which introduces noise to data to protect individual privacy while maintaining data utility, could also be integrated into Digital Twin systems to ensure compliance with data protection regulations.

5. CONCLUSION

Digital Twin technology marks a transformative advance in mechatronics engineering, offering great potential for real-time control, optimization, and predictive maintenance of complex systems. By creating virtual replicas of physical systems, Digital Twins facilitate continuous monitoring and analysis of system behaviors, enabling dynamic adjustments that boost performance, cut costs, and enhance operational efficiency. Integrating Internet of Things (IoT) devices, machine learning (ML), and artificial intelligence (AI), these systems provide unprecedented insights into system operations, supporting more informed decision-making and proactive maintenance. However, several challenges must be addressed to fully unlock the potential of Digital Twin technology. Major hurdles include ensuring model accuracy to reflect real-world dynamics, achieving seamless data integration from various sources, and tackling increasing concerns about cybersecurity and data privacy. The scalability of Digital Twin systems is also critical, as industries seek solutions that can adapt to more complex, large-scale systems. Additionally, real-time data processing and the development of efficient, low-latency control algorithms remain key areas for future research. The future of Digital Twin technology depends on overcoming these challenges while leveraging emerging technologies like 5G networks and augmented reality (AR) to improve real-time capabilities and system visualization. Combining these innovations could further optimize performance and decision-making, making Digital Twins even more valuable across industries—from manufacturing to healthcare. This study makes several

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contributions. It advances digital twin applications in mechatronics by designing a flexible, scalable framework that supports real-time data synchronization through efficient IoT integration. This framework overcomes current limitations by incorporating lightweight, explainable AI algorithms that enable predictive maintenance, adaptive control, and real-time decision-making, suitable for dynamic and complex systems. Another important contribution is incorporating privacy-by-design and security-by-design principles into the digital twin architecture. The need for specialized expertise in Digital Twin design, implementation, and maintenance highlights the importance of targeted educational programs and collaboration between academia and industry. As research progresses, Digital Twin technology has the potential to revolutionize mechatronics engineering, offering solutions that enhance efficiency, sustainability, and resilience in complex systems. With ongoing innovation and teamwork, Digital Twin systems are poised to become a core component of next-generation engineering, driving advancements in automation, smart manufacturing, and beyond.

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