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Thermal Digital Twin & Virtual Build: A new approach of understanding systems

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Origin

- > The name "Digital Twin" first appeared in a roadmap report of NASA back in 2010.
- > Nasa currently uses the Digital Twin for the **OSIRIS-REx** mission.
- Digital Twins helps to understand, detect, predict and optimize missions.
- By using real time data during the flight, it can be visualized what is actually happening on the asteroid "Bennu", millions of kilometers away.



OSIRIS-REx Mission Uses Digital Twin Technology - Bing video

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Digital Twin Problem Statement



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Digital Twin Definition



Pros and cons of Test and Simulation

TEST DEVICE

- Real Product used
- Measurement itself is in real-time
- Result reliability is huge
 But:
- Physical modification of the

product

Limited measurement points



SIMULATION MODEL

- Parametric modelling
- Based on virtual data early in the

process

High resolution

But:

Dependent on the accuracy of

simulation model and the chosen input parameters.

> The **Digital Twin** combines the advantages of test and simulation, eliminating their disadvantages.

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Simulation Setup: Time-consuming variant

Single simulation

Running a simulation takes hours. After the run only the solution for one certain set of input parameters is known



Simulation Setup: Time-saving variant



MOP

A Metamodel of Optimal Prognosis only takes seconds to calculate the results for a certain set of input parameters.

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Sensitivity analysis with OptiSLang



- 1. The Design of Experiments generates a specific number of designs which are evaluated by the solver.
- 2. Regression methods approximate the solver responses to understand and to assess its behavior.
- **3.** The influence of the variables is quantified by the approximation functions.

What are the input parameters for the MOP?



The temperature of every node/point of the simulation model is dependent on the powers of the components and the ambient temperature.

Is it possible to combine fast calculation and full visualization?

MOP





Remark: Limit of Output points is ~400 point.

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Remark: Limit of Output

points is (theoretically)

unlimited.

How can we make it accessible?

Ansys optiSlang Web App





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Advantages of the Field-MOP

- > Based on simulation model \rightarrow available early in the process.
- Input Parameters can be changed easily, and the responses are calculated within seconds allowing to try a lot of different combinations.
- Playing with parameters and seeing the results for the whole model on the structure leads to a better understanding of the system.
- > A **robust design** can be found early in the process.



Connecting Virtual Build to real time test data



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Digital Twin Comparison IR Picture & Digital Twin



Test Setup - IR Picture



Digital Twin Result

Digital Twin What's next?



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Digital Twin What's next?



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Strain Digital Twin

Internal

Digital Twin For strain measurements



Test Setup:

> Round Plate



> Two strain gauge rosettes

Digital Twin For strain measurements



Test Setup:

> Round Plate



- > Two strain gauge rosettes
- 'Chessboard' to align force

Digital Twin What's next?



Thermal Digital Twin

Strain Digital Twin

Thank you for your attention!