

Proposal of new work items on Digital Twin manufacturing framework

1. Overview of Digital Twin manufacturing

The Digital Twin is a virtual representation of manufacturing elements such as personnel, products, assets and process definitions. The Digital Twin is a living model that continuously updates and changes as the physical counterpart changes to represent status, working conditions, product geometries and resource states in a synchronous manner.

Digital twin representations of the products and physical resources are utilized to detect anomalies in the manufacturing processes. The digital representation provides information on the physical manufacturing elements to define the dynamic behavior of the manufacturing process and results. It is an understanding of the characteristics and capabilities of these elements and how they operate and respond throughout the production lifecycle. The digital representation constantly communicates with the physical manufacturing resources through exchange of operational and environmental data.

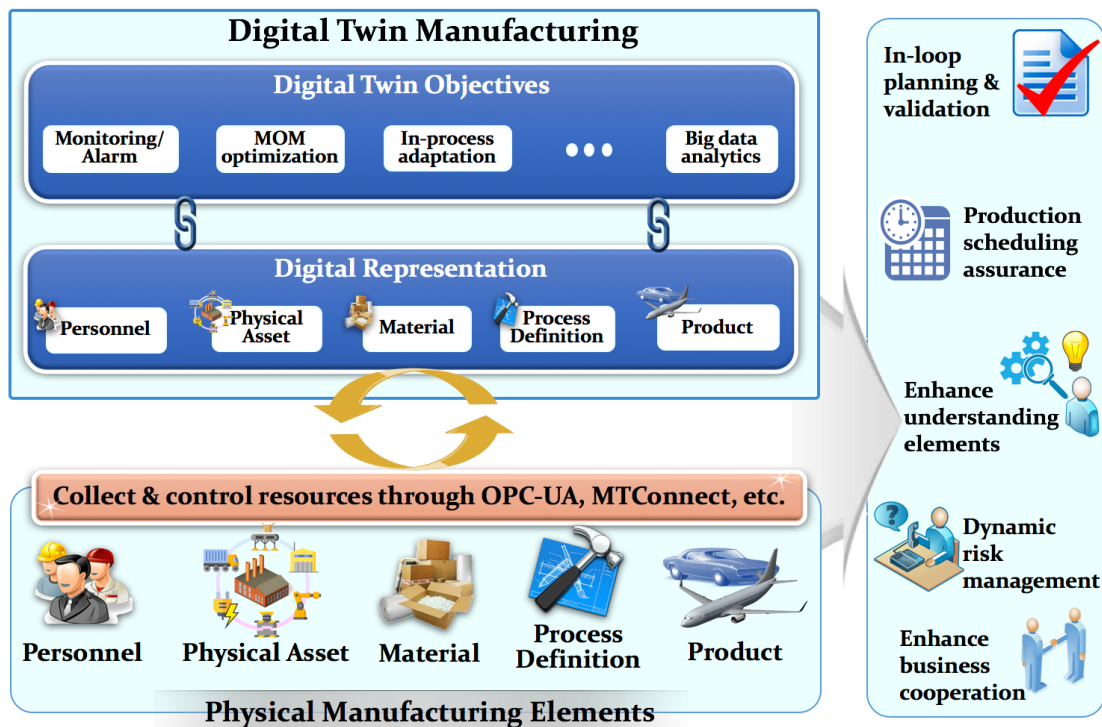


Figure 1 - Digital Twin manufacturing

The adoption of Digital Twin manufacturing enables in-loop planning and validation, production scheduling assurance, enhanced understanding of manufacturing elements, and dynamic risk management.

This digital representation is utilized to achieve various functional objectives such as synchronous monitoring/alarm, manufacturing operations management (MOM) optimization, in-process adaptation, big data analytics and machine learning. The visibility into manufacturing process definition and execution enabled by Digital Twinning enhances business cooperation and multiple efficiencies.

The description of the physical manufacturing elements are followings.

- personnel: human resource involved in manufacturing operations management. Some aspects to consider are temporary/permanent worker, availability, schedule, leadership, skills, emotional status, training, experiences, etc.
- physical asset: an equipment or hardware involved in manufacturing operations management. Some aspects to consider are equipment manufacturer, progress status, schedule, performance parameter, operating technique, training/skills needed, etc.
- material: physical object acts as an ingredient in production to be a part or whole of a product. Some aspects to consider are quantity, size, expiration date, storage and handling method, safety measures, etc.
- process definition: an identification of personnel, physical assets, and material resources with specific capabilities needed for a segment of production, independent of any particular product at the level of detail required to support business processes that may also be independent of any particular product. Some aspects to consider are instruction, specification, supervisory framework, testing, tolerance, etc.
- product: physical output within the manufacturing process which includes in-work and final product. Some aspects to consider are production status, location, quality, quantity, size, model, storage and handling method, etc.

2. Gap analysis of other standards

2.1 Gap with IEC 62264

According to IEC 62264-1, the resource is defined as “enterprise entity that provides some or all of the capabilities required by the execution of an enterprise activity and/or business process.”

The resources defined in IEC 62264 are personnel, equipment, physical assets, and material. IEC 62264-2 has modelled these resources in terms of resource capability, resource capability property, resource category definition, resource category property, resource

definition, and resource property. It defines method on how to express the characteristics and capabilities of the resources.

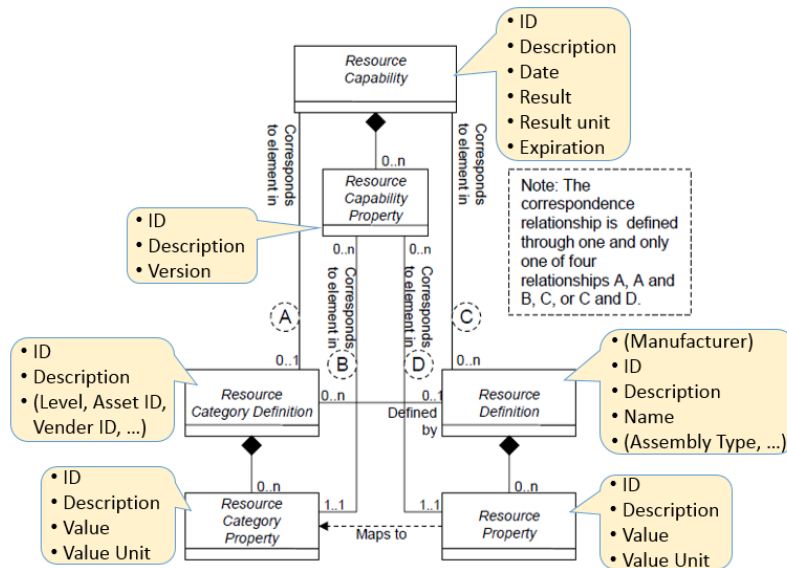


Figure 2 – Resources defined in IEC 62264-2

The scope of IEC 62264-2 is limited to the definition of objects and attributes of manufacturing resources in the Level 3 manufacturing systems in the hierarchical model defined in IEC 62264-1. IEC 62264-2 standard does not define attributes to represent the object relationships, and does not consider the virtual representation of the resources and activities.

The gaps of IEC 62264-2 and this new proposal are summarized as follows;

- IEC 62264-2 specifies objects and attributes exchanged between manufacturing control functions and other enterprise functions, and defines a set of elements contained in the generic interface, together with a mechanism for extending those elements for implementations, whereas,
- this proposal provides the digital representation of the resources, relationships among resources, and their status changes (existence, physical status change, and availability, etc.) during manufacturing processes.

2.2 Gap with IEC 62832

Several ISO and IEC standards such as IEC 61987 series, IEC 61360-1 and 2, ISO 13584-42 and ISO 22745 provide a method for describing properties of a given device. IEC 62832 extends this method by defining a reference model for the digital representation of production systems, which include the devices.

IEC 62832 defines a framework used for establishing and maintaining the digital representation of production systems throughout its life cycle, including the elements,

relationship between these elements, and the exchange of information about these elements. This digital representation provides a consistent information interchange between all processes and partners involved and makes related information understandable, reusable, and changeable through the entire production system life cycle.

However, IEC 62832 does not cover input resources (such as raw production material, assembly parts), consumables, and work pieces in process which this proposal aims for.

The gaps of IEC 62832 and this new proposal are summarized as follows;

- IEC 62832 provides the digital representation of production systems in focus of digital representation of devices and its association and relation information with other devices throughout the production system life cycle, whereas,
- this proposal provides the digital representation of manufacturing resources including personnel, material and process segment as well as devices (called equipment in this document) which are involved in work in process for Digital Twin manufacturing.

2.3 Gap with ISO 16400

ISO 16400 (Equipment Behaviors Catalogue, EBC) defines standardized template and rules in describing behaviors of equipment such as state transition and time series of operation results which are produced as a result of machine activities to be registered in the common repository. It specifies methodology to construct catalogues of equipment behavior to be used to plan and analyze production system performance.

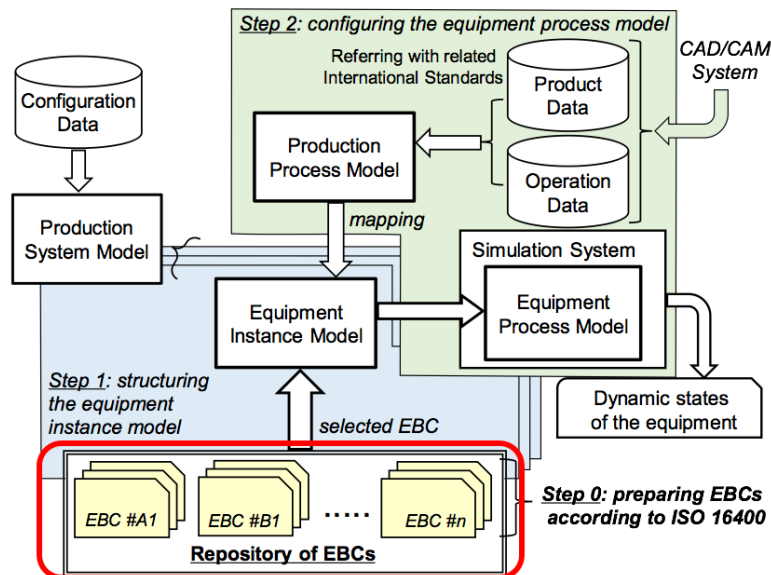


Figure 3 – Use of EBC in ISO AWI 16400-1

However, ISO 16400 covers behavior of equipment and not any other resources, however virtual representation of the resources and real-time activities are not considered.

The gaps of ISO 16400 and this new proposal are summarized as follows;

- ISO 16400 specifies a common methodology for constructing EBC which can be used in the planning and analysis of production system performance;
- this proposal provides the digital representation of manufacturing resources including personnel, material and process segment as well as devices (called equipment in this document) which are involved in work in process for Digital Twin manufacturing

3. Proposal of new work items

Based on the findings from the previous clauses, it is necessary to start new works on Digital Twin manufacturing framework.

The purpose of the new work is to define a framework for Digital Twin manufacturing as virtual representations of physical manufacturing elements such as personnel, products, assets and process definitions. Digital Twin manufacturing is the detailed modeling of physical configurations and the dynamic modeling of product, process and resource changes during manufacturing.

Followings are proposed prospective parts and scopes of Digital Twin manufacturing framework:

- **Part 1: Overview and general principles**
Provides overview of Digital Twin manufacturing and describes general principles for Digital Twinning to give guidance for developing a Digital Twin manufacturing framework;
- **Part 2: Reference architecture**
Provides a reference architecture, set of terms and definitions, and requirements for Digital Twin manufacturing realization in terms of information modelling, in-loop simulation, information exchange, and identification of information objects;
- **Part 3: Digital representation of physical manufacturing elements**
Provides mapping of externally defined manufacturing elements including product, process and resources definitions with their characteristics to provide digital representations for manufacturing twinning;
- **Part 4: Information exchange**
Identifies technologies such as network protocols, APIs, description languages, etc., for information synchronization, exchange and management of digitally represented manufacturing twins.

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Appendix I

Definition of Digital Twin in various sources

Source (Wikipedia): digital twin refers to a digital replica of physical assets, processes and systems. The digital representation provides both the elements and the dynamics of how an Internet of Things device operates and lives throughout its life cycle.

Digital Twins integrate artificial intelligence, machine learning and software analytics with data to create living digital simulation models that update and change as their physical counterparts change. A digital twin continuously learns and updates itself from multiple sources to represent its near real-time status, working condition or position. This learning system, learns from itself, using sensor data that conveys various aspects of its operating condition; from human experts, such as engineers with deep and relevant industry domain knowledge; from other similar machines; from other similar fleets of machines; and from the larger systems and environment in which it may be a part of. A digital twin also integrates historical data from past machine usage to factor into its digital model.

In various industrial sectors, twins are being used to optimize the operation and maintenance of physical assets, systems and manufacturing processes. They are a formative technology for the Industrial Internet of Things, where physical objects can live and interact with other machines and people virtually.

Ref) Wikipedia, “Digital twin”, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digital_twin, accessed in Nov. 01, 2017

Source (Forbes): digital twin is defined as a virtual model of a process, product or service. This pairing of the virtual and physical worlds allows analysis of data and monitoring of systems to head off problems before they even occur, prevent downtime, develop new opportunities and even plan for the future by using simulations.

First, smart components that use sensors to gather data about real-time status, working condition, or position are integrated with a physical item. The components are connected to a cloud-based system that receives and processes all the data the sensors monitor. This input is analyzed against business and other contextual data.

Lessons are learned and opportunities are uncovered within the virtual environment that can be applied to the physical world — ultimately to transform your business.

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Source (Infosys): The Digital Twin collects data from its manufacturing, maintenance, operations, and operating environments and uses this data to create a unique model of each specific asset, system, or process, while focusing on a key behaviour (such as life, efficiency, or flexibility). This is the ‘model of one.’

Analytics are then applied to these models to detect anomalies in the system. The twin then determines an optimal set of actions that maximize some key performance metrics, and provides forecasts for long-term planning.

The Digital Twin is then used in a specified analytics workflow to enable the delivery of a specific business outcome, using environmental and operational data that is consistently acquired. This consistent data flow permits the Digital Twin model to continually adapt to changes in the environment or operations and deliver the best business outcome.

The Digital Twin is essentially a living model of the physical asset or system, which will continually adapt to changes in the environment or operations and deliver the best business outcome. It can also be rapidly and easily scaled for quick deployment for other, similar applications.

Ref) Infosys, “The Future for industrial services: the digital twin”, <https://www.infosys.com/insights/services-being-digital/Documents/future-industrial-digital.pdf>, accessed in Nov. 01, 2017

Source (IBM Watson): Digital twin is the ability to make a virtual representation of the physical elements and the dynamics of how an Internet of Things device operates and works. It's more than a blueprint, it's more than a schematic. It's not just a picture. It's a lot more than a pair of ‘virtual reality’ glasses. It's a virtual representation of both the elements and the dynamics of how an Internet of Things device responds throughout its lifecycle. It is the understanding of the dynamics (electronics, device movement). It is understanding of the what the device is composed and dynamics of how that device is put together. It can be a jet engine, a building, process on factory floor, and much, much more.

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