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# Models and AI in Software Engineering for Production

Digital Twins, Generative AI, and Robots



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- Research interests
  - Model-driven engineering
  - Digital twins
  - AI for engineering
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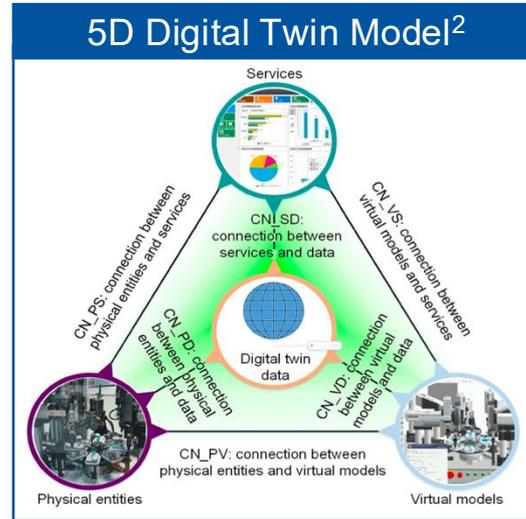
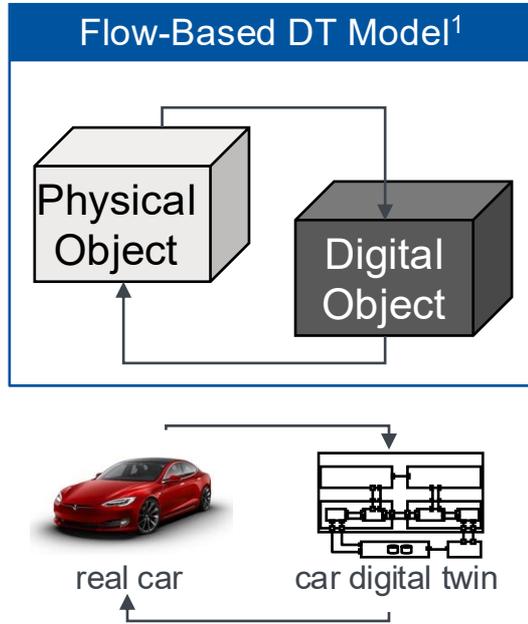


Model-Driven Software and Systems Engineering

# Digital Twins in Manufacturing

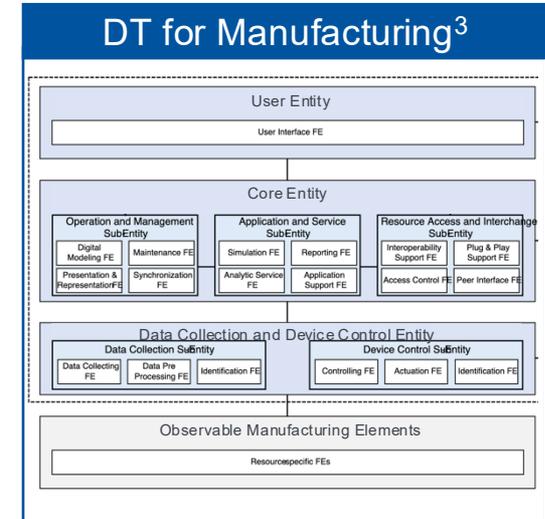
# Developing DTs is Costly: Minimum 1 million US-\$ per DT according to PTC<sup>4</sup>

Software engineering can help with that



### 5 Dimensions:

- (1) CPS, (2) data, (3) models,
- (4) services, (5) connections



### Observable Manufacturing

**Elements:** Physical, biological, chemical, virtual, ... assets

1. Kritzinger, W., Kamer, M., Traar, G., Henjes, J., & Sihn, W: Digital Twin in manufacturing: A categorical literature review and classification. IFAC-PapersOnLine, 2018.
2. Qi et al.: Enabling technologies and tools for digital twin. In: Journal of Manufacturing Systems, Elsevier, 2019
3. ISO 23247. Digital Twin Framework for Manufacturing, 2021.
4. <https://www.ptc.com/en/blogs/corporate/roi-of-digital-twin-for-industrial-companies>

# Currently 26 ISO Standards Address or Mention Digital Twins (DTs)

50% directly standardize engineering/use of digital twins, 25% **published**



1. [ISO/IEC 30173:2023](#)

DT — Concepts and terminology

2. [ISO/IEC 30186:2025](#)

DT — Maturity model and guidance for a maturity assessment

3. [ISO/TR 24464:2025](#)

Visualization elements of DTs — Visualization fidelity



4. [ISO/IEC CD TR 30138](#)

DT — Fidelity metric of digital twin system

5. [ISO/IEC AWI 30153](#)

DT — Guidelines for digital entity modeling

6. [ISO/IEC CD 30151](#)

DT — Extraction and transactions of data components

7. [ISO/IEC CD 30188](#)

DT — Reference architecture

8. [ISO/IEC WD TS 27568](#)

Security and privacy of digital twins



9. [ISO/TR 23247:2025](#)

DT framework for manufacturing

10. [ISO/DTS 25271](#)

Automation systems and integration — Industrial DT interface architecture



11. [ISO/IEC 20924:2024](#)

Internet of Things (IoT) and DT — Vocabulary

12. [ISO/IEC TR 30172:2023](#)

Internet of things (IoT) — DT — Use cases

13. [ISO/IEC 30194:2024](#)

Internet of things (IoT) and DT — Best practices for use case projects

# Digital Twins are Being Standardized by Various Stakeholder Groups

And it is not only the marketing wild west anymore

## Definition 3.1.1. (Digital Twin)<sup>1</sup>

“Digital representation (3.1.8) of a **target entity** (3.1.3) **with data connections** that enable **convergence between the physical and digital** states at an appropriate rate of synchronization.

- Note 1 to entry: Digital twin has some or all of the **capabilities** of connection, integration, analysis, simulation, visualization, optimization, collaboration, etc.”

## Implications

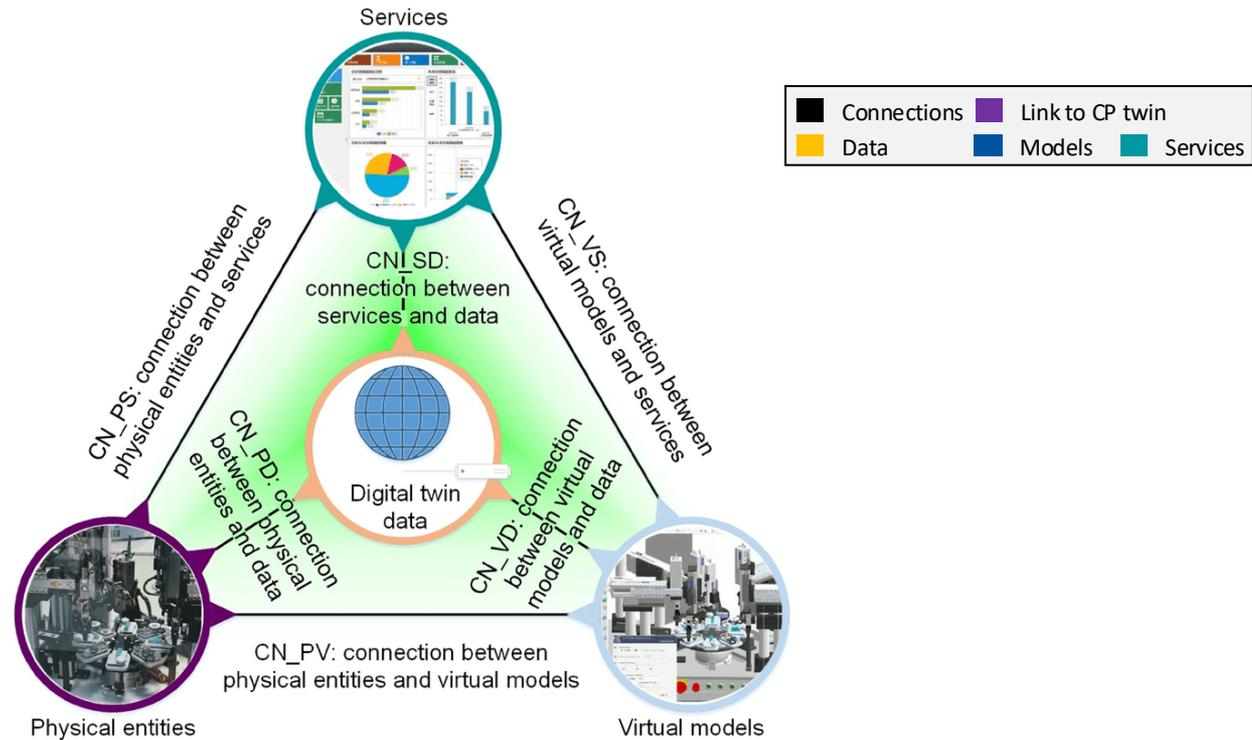
- Digital representation ⇒ **models** (in the sense of Stachowiak<sup>2</sup>)
- Data connections and some capabilities ⇒ **digital twins are software systems**
- Convergence between physical & digital ⇒ **connected physical twin exists** (or a proxy for it)
- Some capabilities ⇒ different DTs of **different purposes** provide **different services**

1. ISO/IEC 30173 "Digital twin – Concepts and terminology"

2. H. Stachowiak: Allgemeine Modelltheorie. Springer Verlag, Wien/New York 1973

# A Reference Architecture for ISO 23247 Digital Twins in Manufacturing

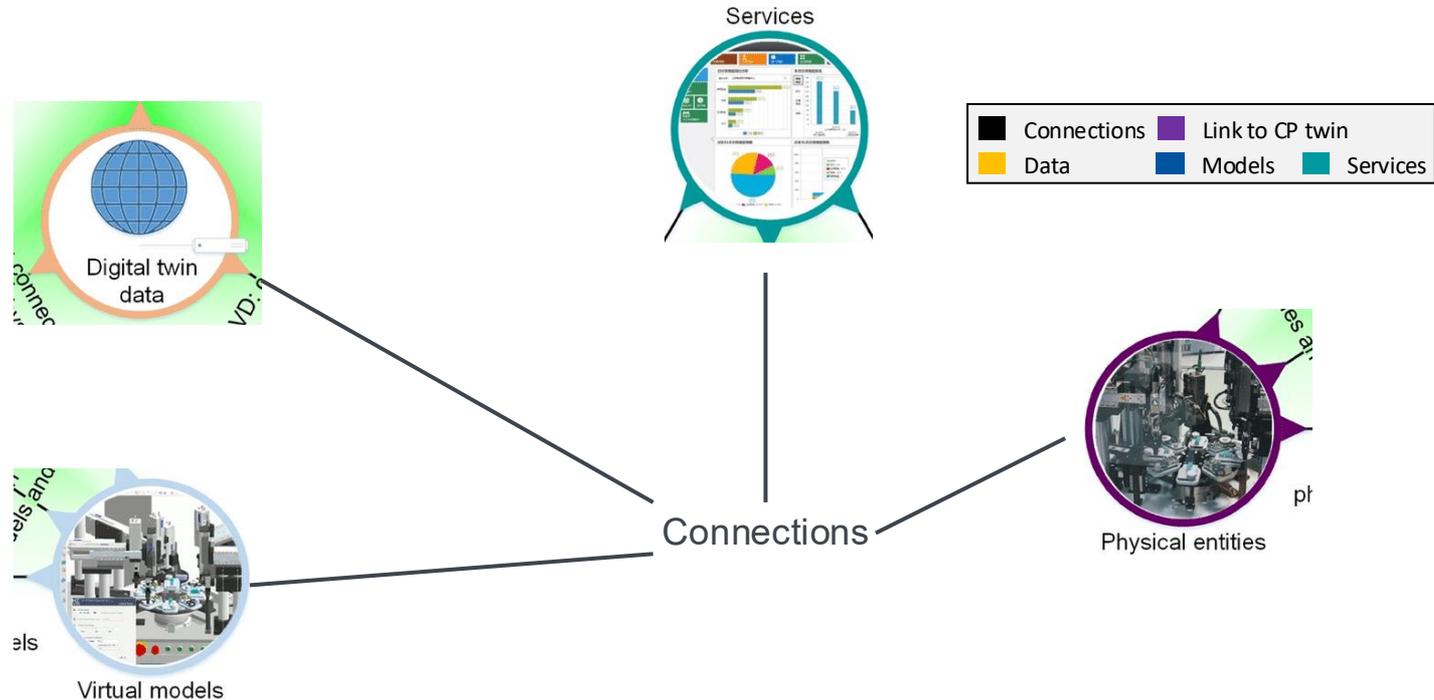
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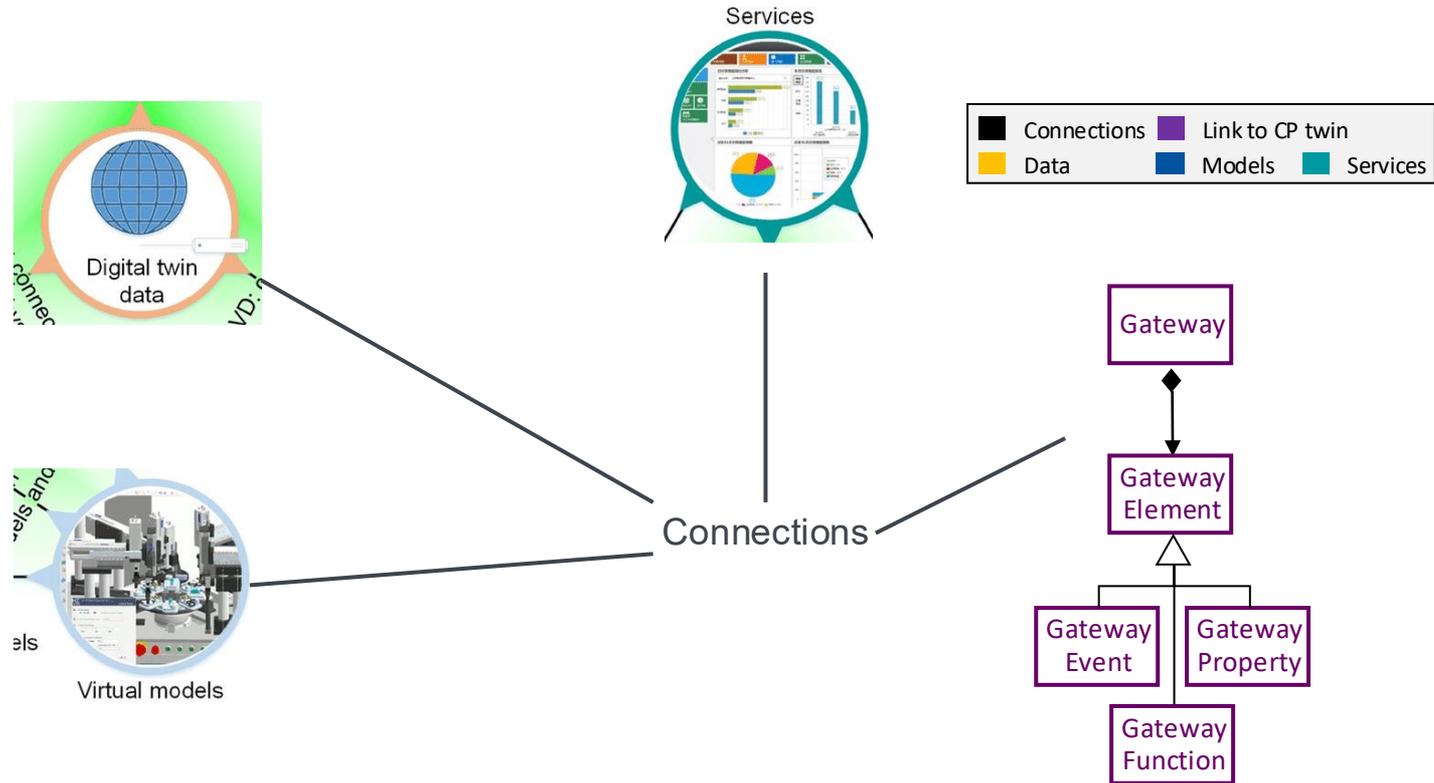
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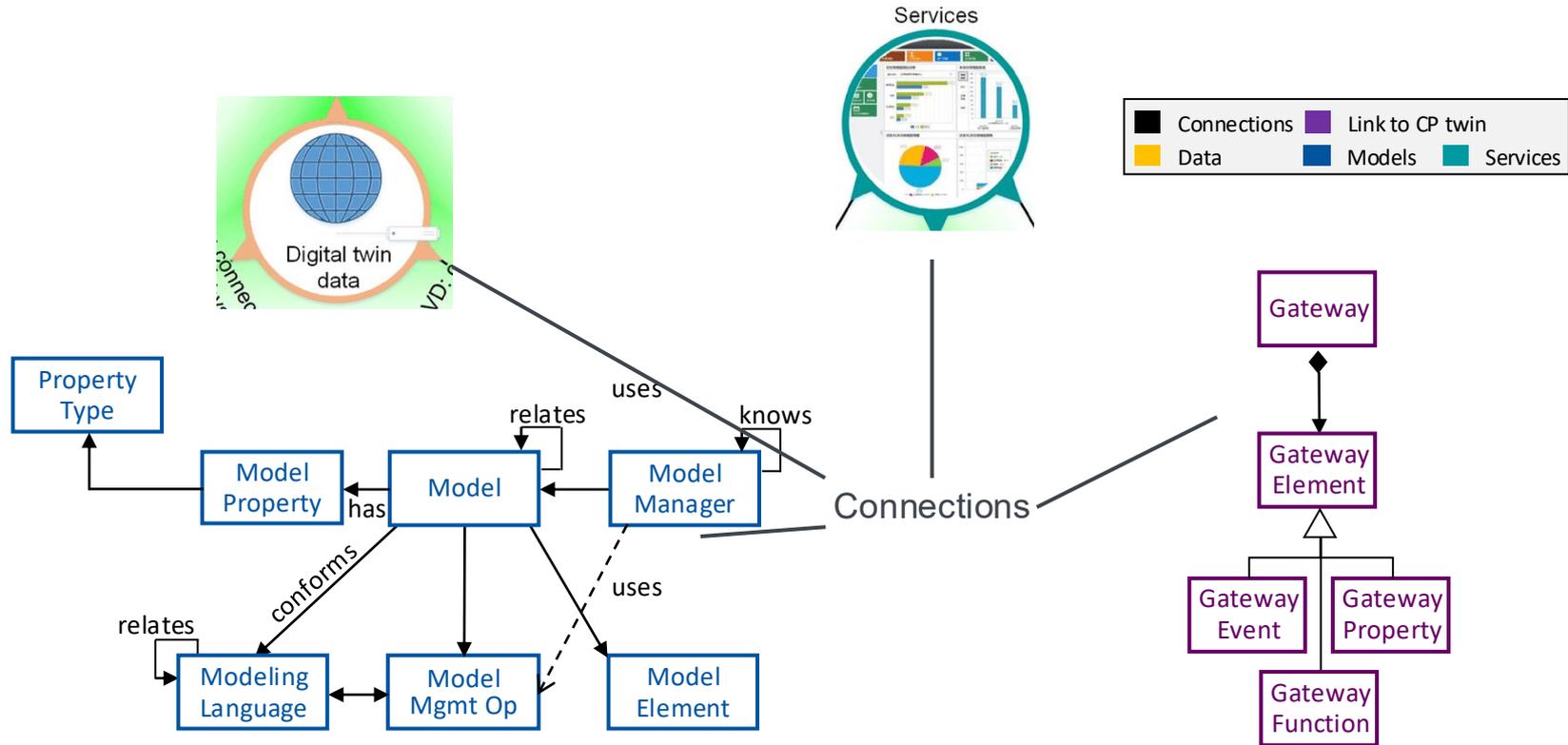
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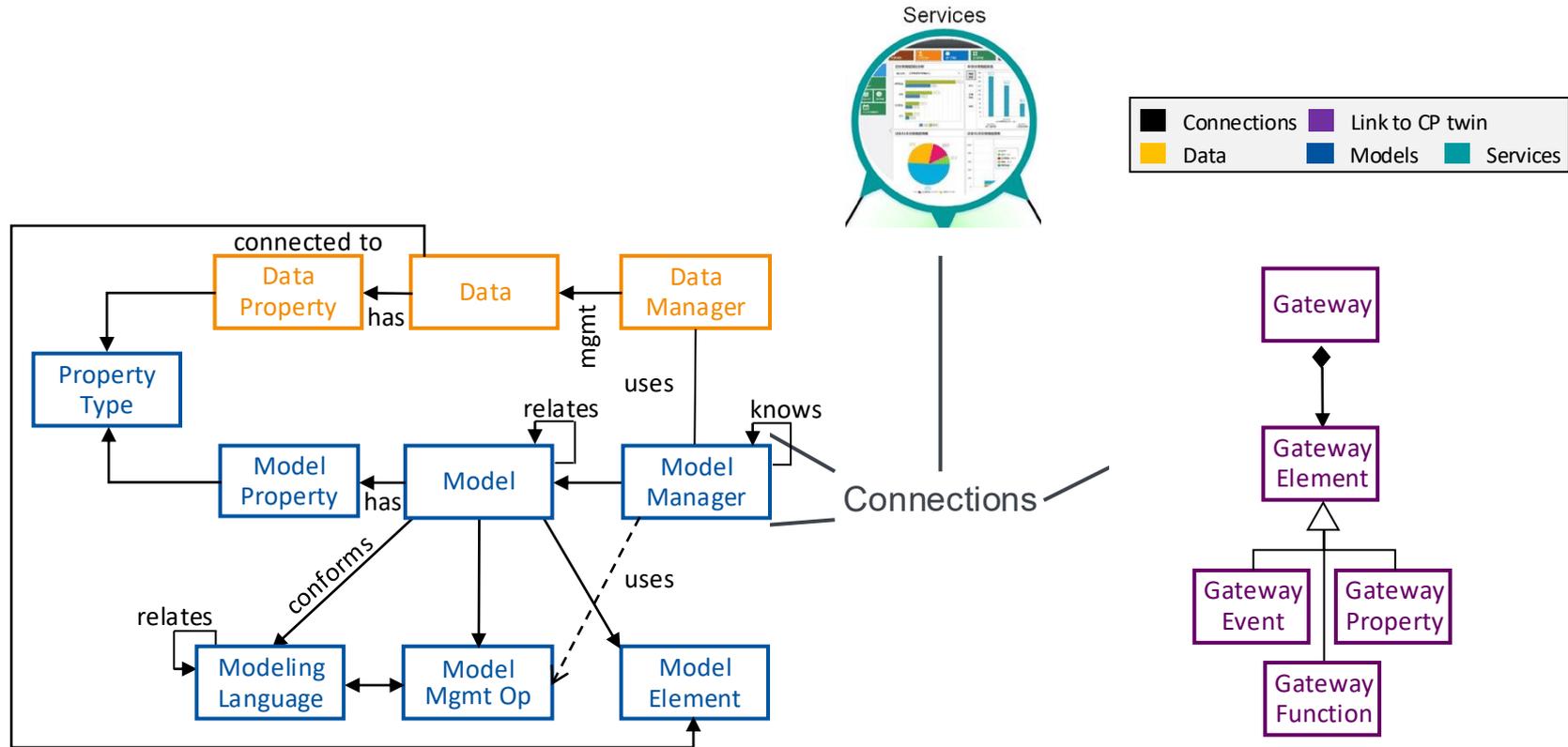
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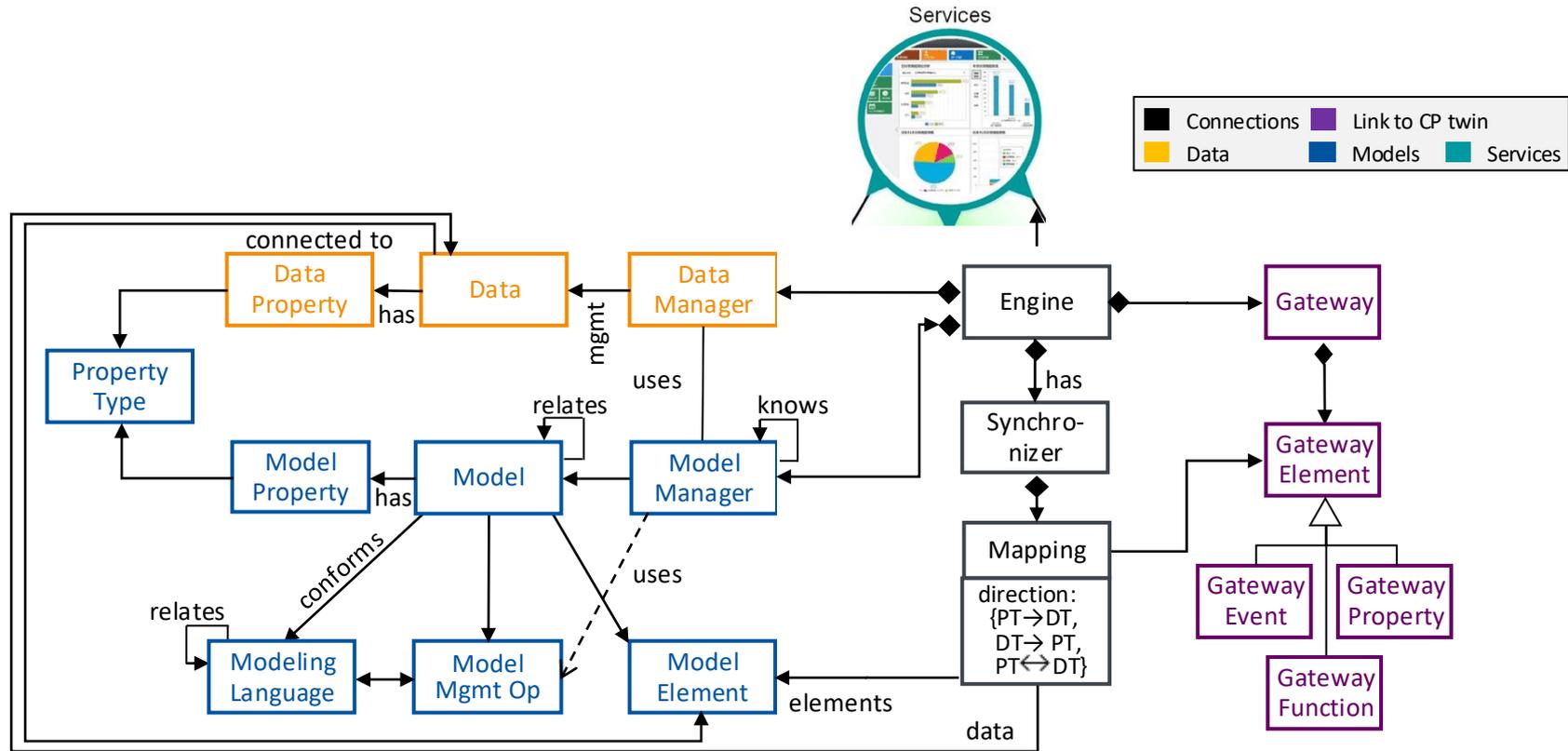
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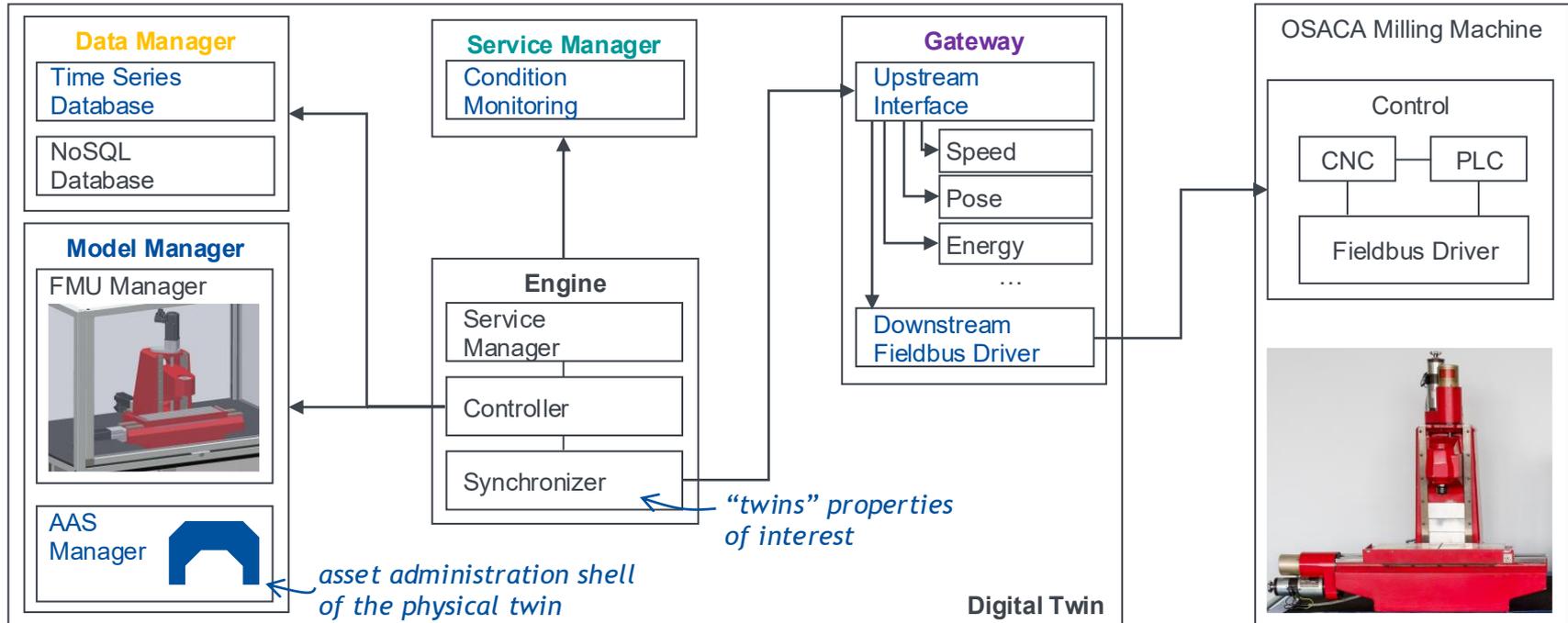


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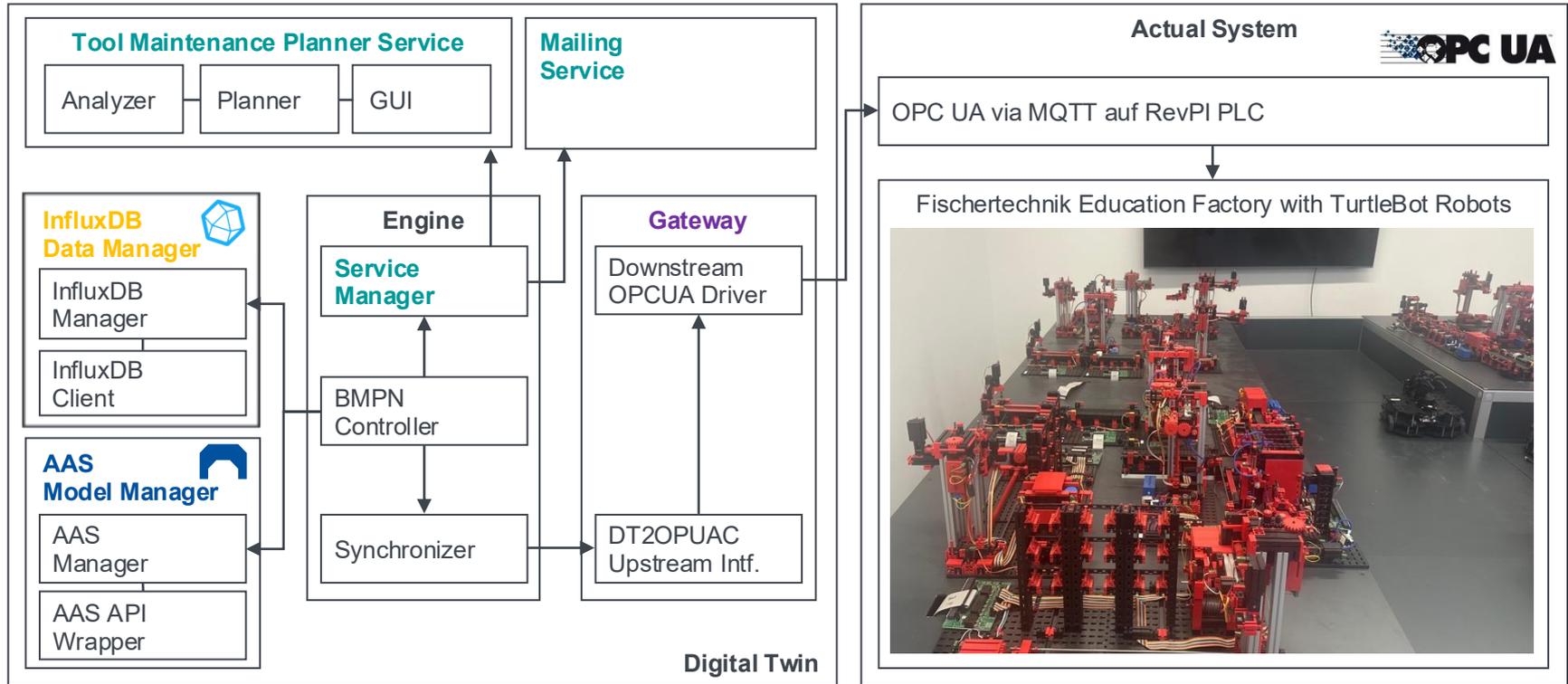
# Incarnation of our Reference Architecture for an OSACA Milling Machine

Added value services: condition monitoring



# An ISO 23247 Compliant Digital Twin for Production Lines

Added value services: prediction monitoring and service allocation



# There are many Challenges to Systematically Engineering Digital Twins

Focusing on automating their engineering, reusing (parts of) DTs, ...

- 1. Deriving Twins.** Engineering models comprise vast asset knowledge
  - Challenge: Much needs to be re-developed for the digital twins
  - Opportunity: **Derive (parts of) DTs** from engineering models
- 2. Component Reuse.** DTs process data, models, communication, services
  - Challenge: Reusing their components between DTs hardly possible
  - Opportunity: DT **reference architectures** with well-defined component interfaces
- 3. Digital Twin Reuse.** Complex DTs should comprise sub-DTs.
  - Challenge: The composition of digital twins is far from solved
  - Opportunity: Systematic method to **compose DTs** into larger ones.
- 4. Low-Code Configuration.** DTs are configured and used by domain experts (DEs)
  - Challenge: Expecting experts to grasp object-oriented data models or stack traces is futile
  - Opportunity: **Low-code techniques properly configure, represent cross-cutting DT concerns.**

Model-Driven Software and Systems Engineering

# **Systems Modeling with the Asset Administration Shell**

# Manufacturing must meet Sustainability and Transparency Requirements

Digital product passport (DPP) will be the identity card of products in the EU

- Growing pressure to increase production transparency, as reflected in initiatives:
  - European Green Deal, Agenda 2030
  - Circular Economy Action Plan
- Puzzle piece: digital product passport (DPP)
  - main contents: ID, composition, footprint, circular economy data, compliance, ...
- Mandatory rollout timeline from 2027 to 2030
  - industrial & EV batteries (2027)
  - consumer electronics / ICT (2029)
  - others in-between (latest 2030)
- DPP documents the complete product life cycle
  - material origin, supply chain, production
  - facilitates recycling and reuse
- DPP challenges
  - no exemplary realizations or tools
  - no collaborative methodology for creating DPPs
  - aggregating production data into meaningful product information



1. [https://commission.europa.eu/energy-climate-change-environment/standards-tools-and-labels/products-labelling-rules-and-requirements/ecodesign-sustainable-products-regulation\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/energy-climate-change-environment/standards-tools-and-labels/products-labelling-rules-and-requirements/ecodesign-sustainable-products-regulation_en)

# Main Challenge: Gather and Meaningfully Aggregate all Asset Data

State-of-practice: largely digital documents in silos

## Capabilities

- End milling
- Drilling

## Maintenance

- Cutting time
- Latest service

## Operational Data

- Sensor data
- Energy consumption



OSACA Milling Machine

## Technical Data

- Max. spindle speed
- Axis count

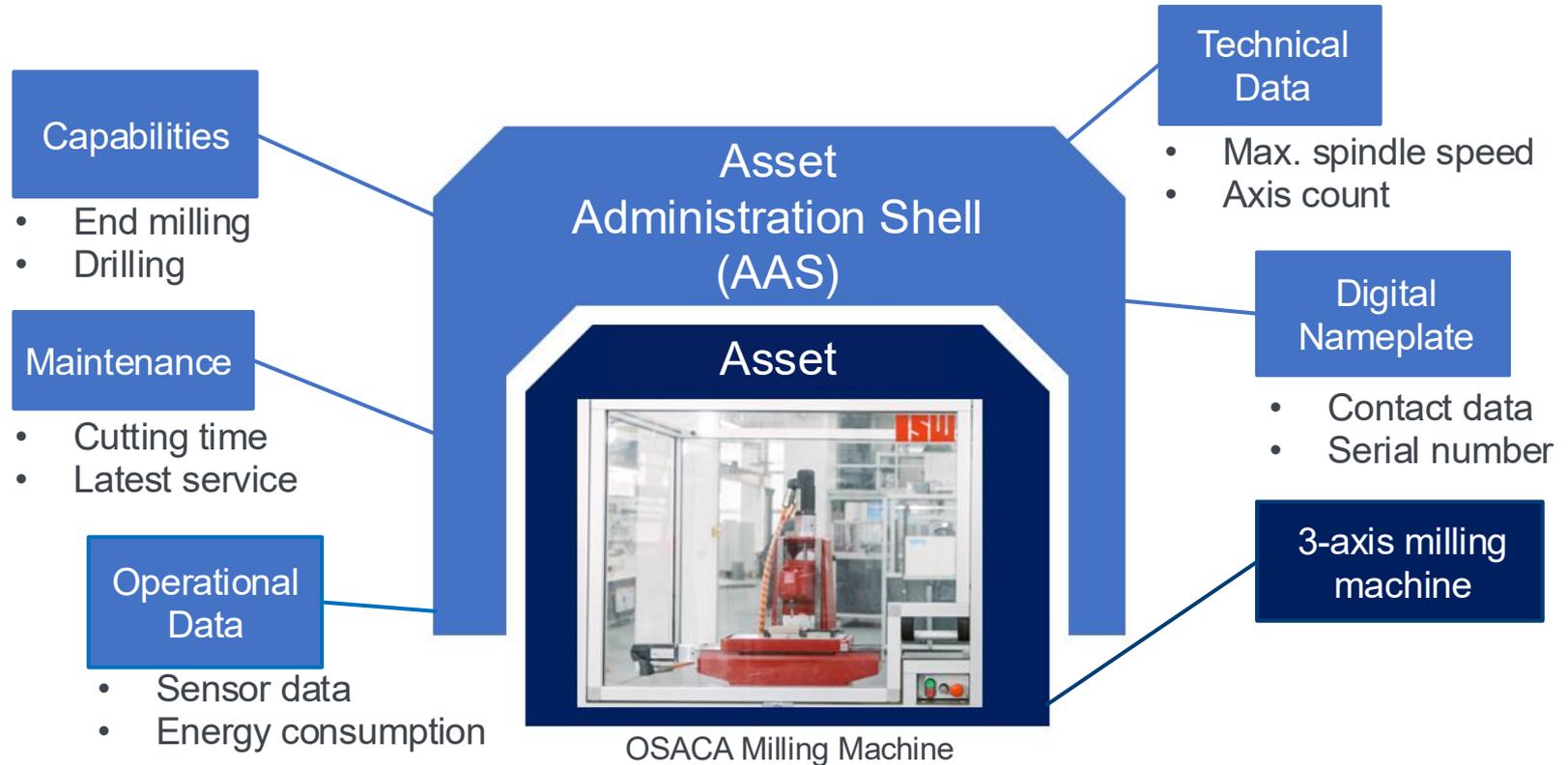
## Digital Nameplate

- Contact data
- Serial number

## 3-axis milling machine

# AASs aim to Locate all Relevant Information About an Asset Centrally

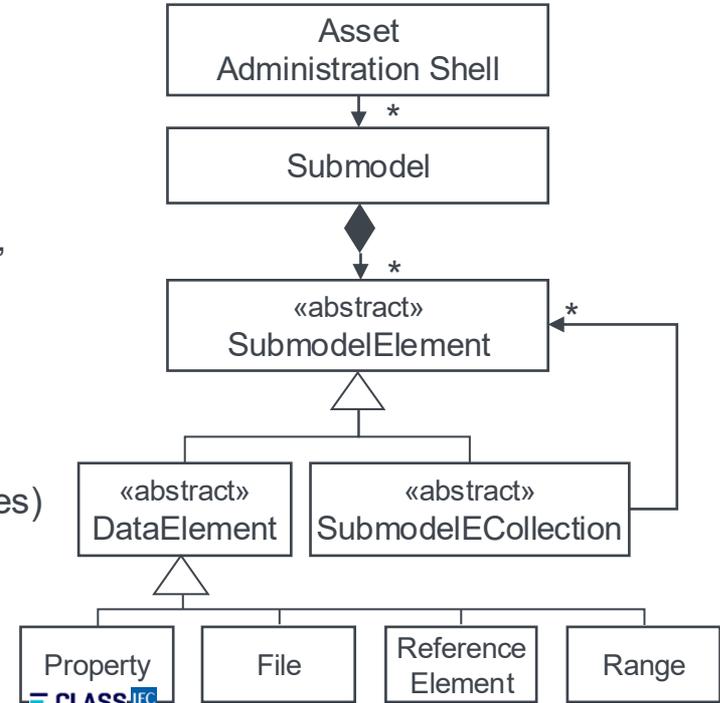
Submodels are the main content of asset administration shells



# The AAS is an Industrial Modelling Success Story

Every information about an asset in a single place

- Modeling framework for asset information
- Standardized by [Industrial Digital Twin Association \(IDTA\)](#)<sup>1</sup>
- [129 members](#), incl. ABB, Bosch, Danfoss, Dassault, Hitachi, Huawei, Mitsubishi, PTC; Siemens, SAP, Trumpf, VW, ...
- [Core metamodel](#)<sup>2</sup> building on industry standards
  - data model based on ISO 13584-42, IEC 61360
  - [ECLASS](#)<sup>1</sup> (classification, description of products & services)
- Goal: [standard for digital twins in industry](#)<sup>3</sup>
- [Eclipse BaSyx](#) for implementation (among others)



*can be another model*

1. ECLASS - ISO/IEC-compliant data standard for products and services: <https://eclass.eu/>  
2. [https://industrialdigitaltwin.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/IDTA-01001-3-0\\_SpecificationAssetAdministrationShell\\_Part1\\_Metamodel.pdf](https://industrialdigitaltwin.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/IDTA-01001-3-0_SpecificationAssetAdministrationShell_Part1_Metamodel.pdf)  
3. Zhang, J., Ellwein, C., Heithoff, M., Michael, J., & Wortmann, A. (2025). [Digital Twin and the Asset Administration Shell: An Analysis of 3 AASs Types and Their Feasibility for Digital Twin Engineering](#). *Journal Software and Systems Modeling (SoSyM)*.

# The Success of AAS Modeling: Standardization with Submodel Templates

Industry working groups standardize data models for use cases of interest

- 40 submodel templates<sup>1</sup> official released, incl.
  - Digital Nameplate
  - Provision of Simulation Models
  - Handover Documentation
  - Bill of Material
  - Asset Interfaces Description
- Rest under development, incl.
  - Software Bill of Materials
  - Nameplate for Software in Manufacturing<sup>2</sup>
  - Digital Battery Passport (rollout 2027)
- Or: build your own submodel templates

The screenshot displays a hierarchical tree of AAS (Asset Administration Shell) models. At the top is the root AAS model: "AAS 'Bosch\_R901509807\_1201694127' [IRI, https://boschrexroth.com/ids/aas?p=p652370&m=R...]". Underneath it is a submodel (SM) "Nameplate" [IRI, http://boschrexroth.com/ids/sm/4343\_5072\_7091\_3242]. This submodel contains several properties (Prop): "ManufacturerName" = Bosch Rexroth AG, "ManufacturerProductDesignation" = 4WRPEH 6 C3 B40L-3X/M/24L1, and a submodel class (SMC) "PhysicalAddress" (5 elements). The "PhysicalAddress" SMC contains properties: "CountryCode" = DE, "Street" = Zum Eisengießer 1, "Zip" = 97816, "CityTown" = Lohr am Main, and "StateCounty" = Bayern. Other properties of the "Nameplate" SMC include "ManufacturerProductFamily" = High-responses directional valve, direct operated, "SerialNumber" = 1201694127, "BatchNumber", "ProductCountryOfOrigin" = DE, and "YearOfConstruction" = 2019. Below the "Nameplate" SMC are other SMCs: "Marking\_CE" (2 elements), "Marking\_IO-Link" (2 elements), and "Connector\_IO-Link" (2 elements). At the bottom of the tree are other SMs: "Document" [IRI, http://boschrexroth.com/ids/sm/2543\_5072\_7091\_2660], "Service" [IRI, http://boschrexroth.com/ids/sm/1652\_5072\_7091\_5123], and "Identification" [IRI, http://boschrexroth.com/ids/sm/1652\_5072\_7091\_5123].

Number of our submodels: **99**

1. <https://industrialdigitaltwin.org/en/content-hub/submodels>

2. [https://industrialdigitaltwin.org/en/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2023/08/IDTA-02007-1-0\\_Submodel\\_Software-Nameplate.pdf](https://industrialdigitaltwin.org/en/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2023/08/IDTA-02007-1-0_Submodel_Software-Nameplate.pdf)

# There are 3 Kinds<sup>1</sup> of Asset Administration Shells

And they relate to digital twins differently<sup>2</sup>

## Type 1 AAS

- Shells are **serialized files**
- Contain **static information**
- Data model governed by AAS meta model
- Describe types and instances of assets **as-designed**
- **No automated dataflows** from/to asset

→ **Idealized, static, description of an asset**

## Digital Model

## Type 2 AAS

- **Runtime instances:** may contain static and **dynamic information from real device**
- Interact w. other components
- Ex: **frontend** for device services, **live sensor data**, ...
- Properties, operations, events via **generic runtime interface**
- Automated dataflows only from real system

→ **Well-informed Dashboard**

## Digital Shadow

## Type 3 AAS

- Extend type 2 AAS
- Have **active behavior**
- Can start to **communicate & to negotiate** on their own
- Well-defined **I4.0 language** and message structures (VDI/VDE 2193)
- **Automated dataflows** from and to real system

→ **A software that can control the asset**

## Digital Twin

1. Belyaev, A., Diedrich, C. (2019). Aktive Verwaltungsschale von Industrie 4.0 Komponenten," in Automationkongress 2019, Baden-Baden.

2. Zhang, J., Ellwein, C., Heithoff, M., Michael, J., & Wortmann, A. (2025). Digital twin and the asset administration shell. Software and Systems Modeling, 24(3), 771-793.

# Modeling Asset Administration Shells Demands Significant Effort

Automating their synthesis and their use in and with digital twins can help

- 1. Deriving AASs.** Engineering processes and models comprise vast asset knowledge,
  - Challenge: Much needs to be found, extracted for the AAS
  - Opportunity: [Derive parts of AASs from engineering data and models](#)
- 2. Combining AAS with DTs.** DT standards and AAS co-exist
  - Challenge: AAS can be models in DTs or shells of DTs or data provided to DTs
  - Opportunity: An [AAS might enact different roles for different DTs](#); needs investigation
- 3. Connect AAS with ISO DTs.** Type 3 AASs should be able to integrate with ISO DTs
  - Challenge: The standardization of [DT software architectures](#) isn't very precise
  - Opportunity: Use [I4.0 language<sup>1</sup> for interfaces](#) between type 3 AASs and ISO DTs
- 4. Language engineering.** An AAS can link to other models
  - Challenge: This enables [model-based systems engineering](#) with AAS as center piece
  - Opportunity: Apply [MBSE principles and practices, language integration, .. to AASs](#)

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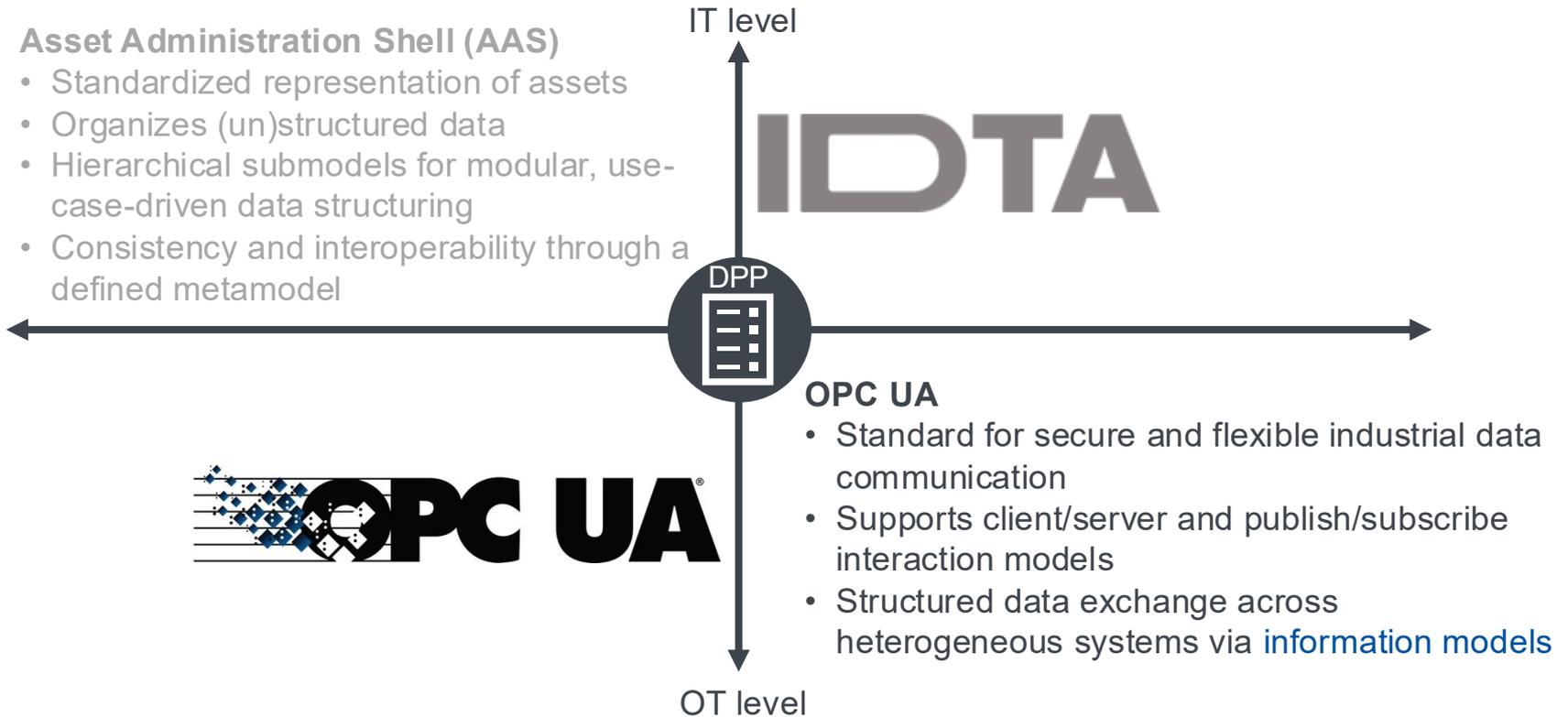
1. <https://www.plattform-i40.de/IP/Redaktion/DE/Downloads/Publikation/hm-2018-sprache.html>

Methodical Model-Driven Operations

# **Machine Connectivity and Information Modeling with OPC UA**

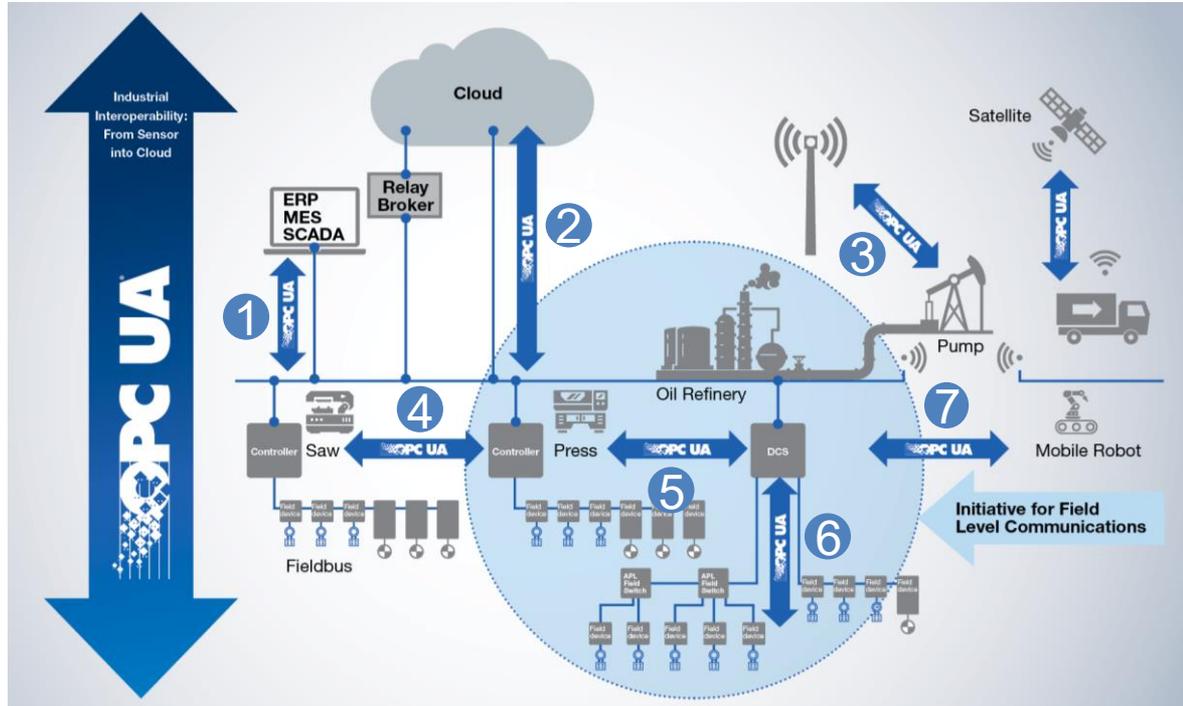
# Into Rabbit Hole of Operations Technology Connectivity

And modeling is the answer again



# OPC Foundation Advances their Unified Architecture (UA) Successfully

1010 members incl. ABB, Amazon, Google, Honeywell, MS, SAP, Siemens, ...



- 1 IT / OT Communication
- 2 Cloud Integration
- 3 Secure Remote Access
- 4 Local OT Communication
- 5 Controller to Controller
- 6 Controller to Field Device
- 7 Wireless Integration (5G)

# The Success of Modeling with OPC UA: (1) Batteries Included

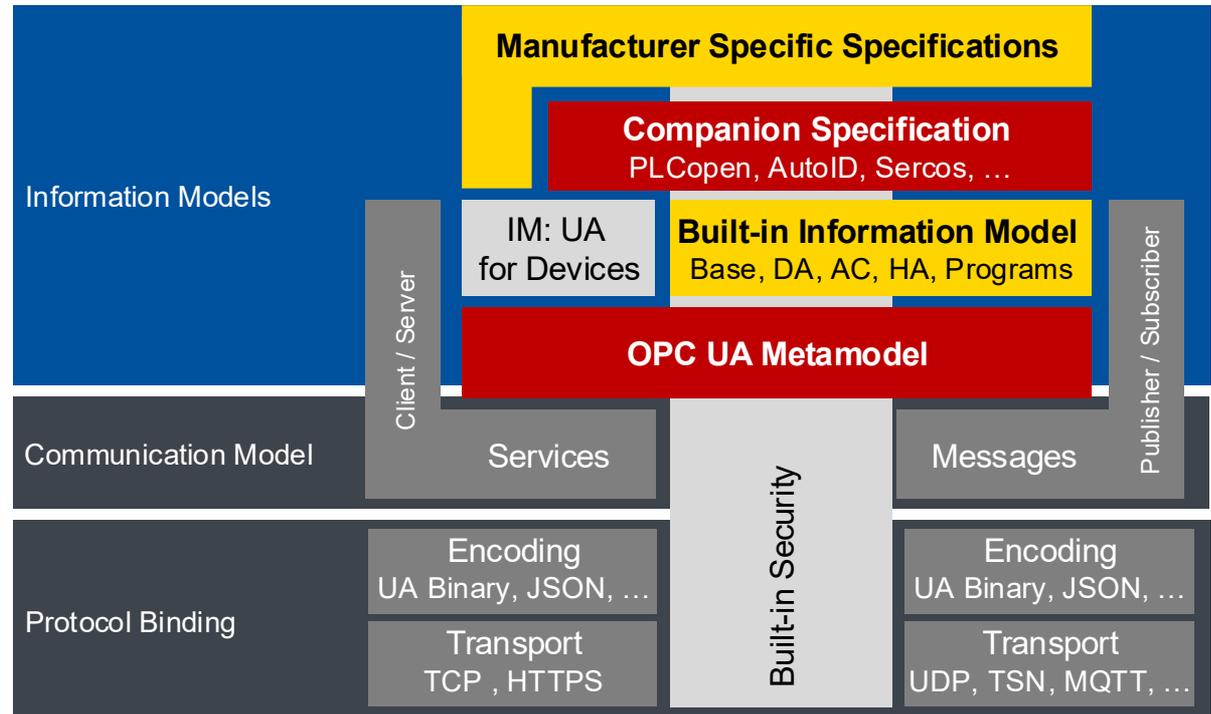
Not: “here’s a nice grammar, now build the tools you need yourself”

## Expected usage<sup>1</sup>

- production monitoring
- condition monitoring
- virtual commissioning
- remote control

## Expected benefits<sup>1</sup>

- replace proprietary interfaces
- standardized communication
- reduce integration effort
- competitive advantages



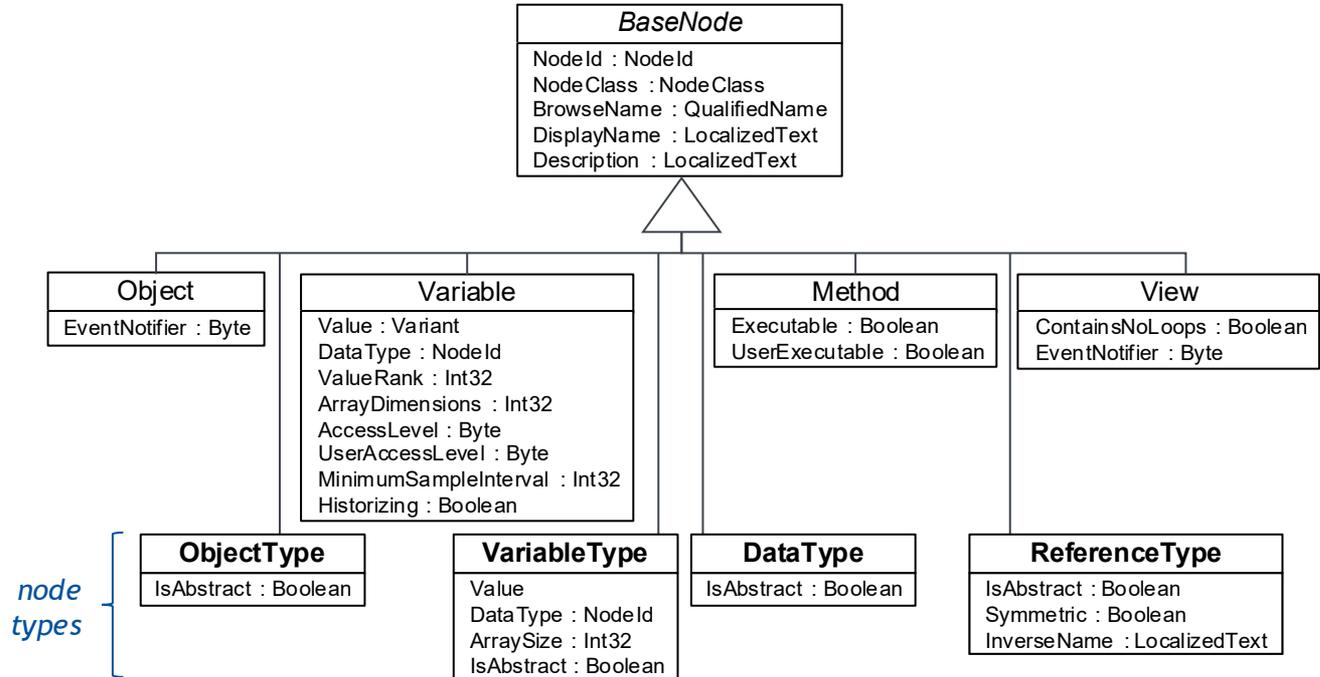
1. VDMA. Studie zur Interoperabilität im Maschinen- und Anlagenbau - Die Weltsprache der Produktion als Grundlage für Industrie 4.0

Source: Hoppe VDMA Interoperability Day 2018

# The OPC UA Metamodel is Compact

And mixes type concepts with instance concepts

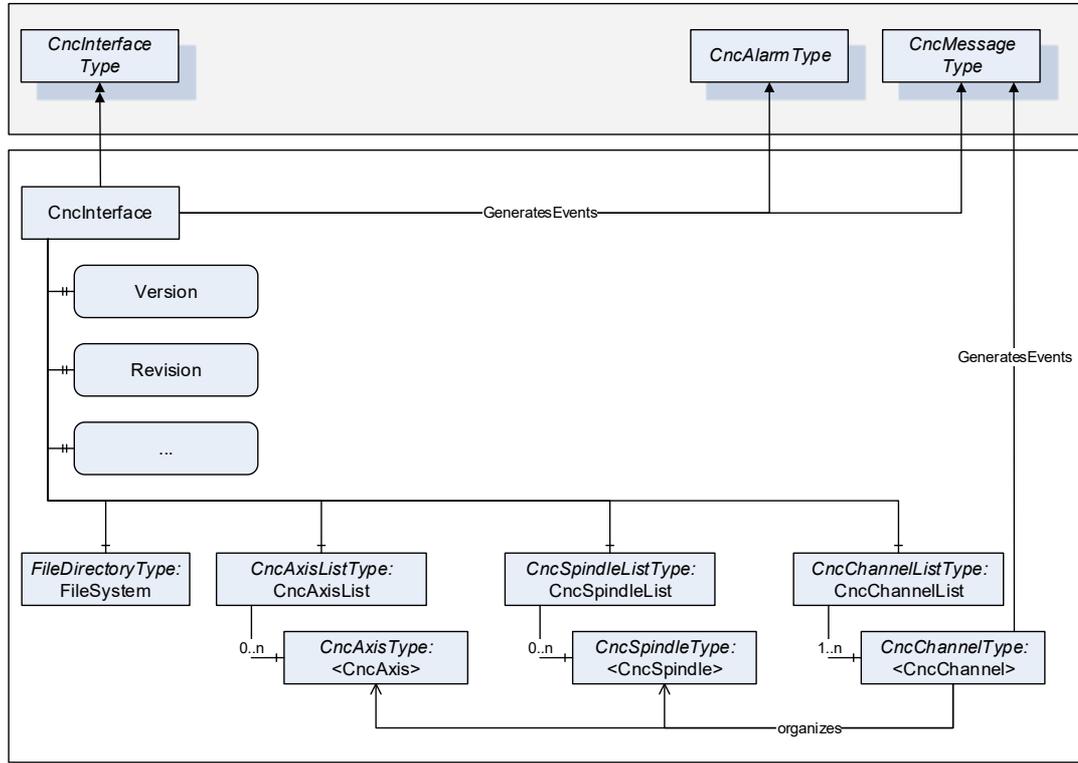
- Models exist in the address space of OPC UA server
- In the address space, everything is a node
- Non-extensible list of 8 node types
- Each node class has fixed attributes
- Nodes are connected by references



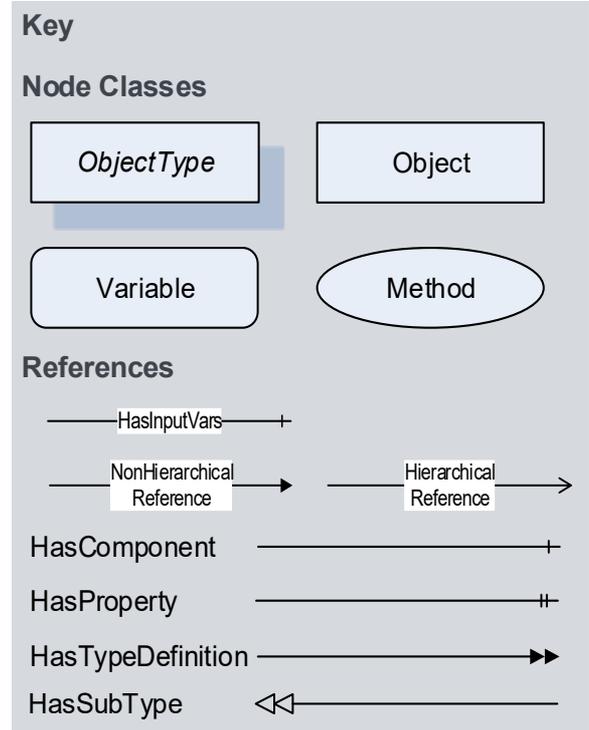
# OPC UA Information Models Comprise Type and Instance Information

Consider merging class diagrams with object diagrams plus multi-level modeling

ca. class diagram



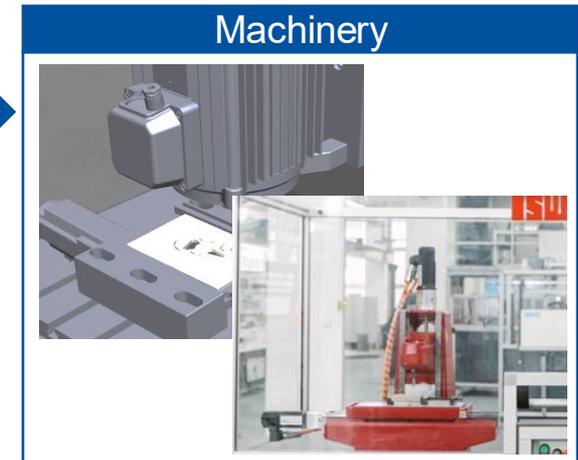
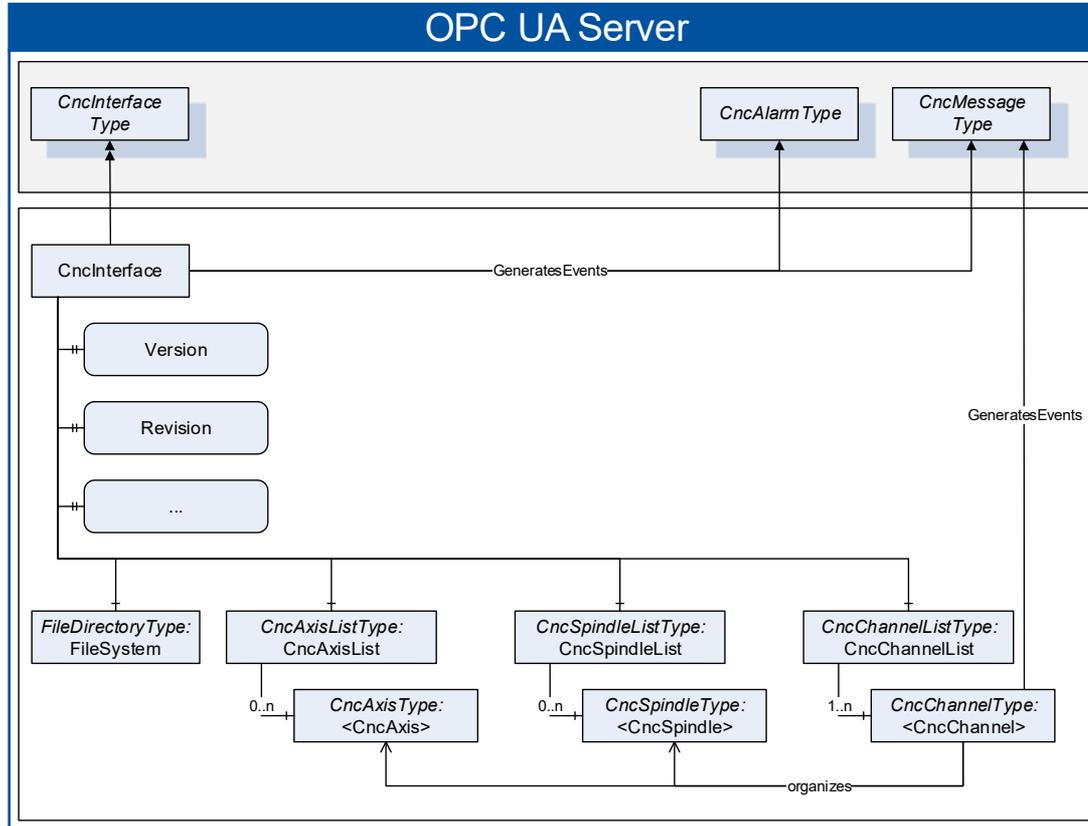
ca. object diagram



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# Machinery Provides Information to OPC UA Server, Server to Clients

Clients can send changes back to server and machinery

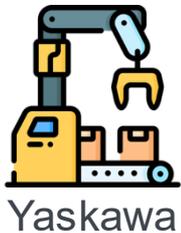


# The Success of Modeling with OPC UA: (2) Lightweight Standardization

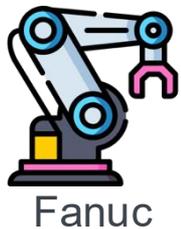
Industry has modeling working groups to devise companion specifications



Understands OPC  
UA Information  
model A



Understands OPC  
UA Information  
model B



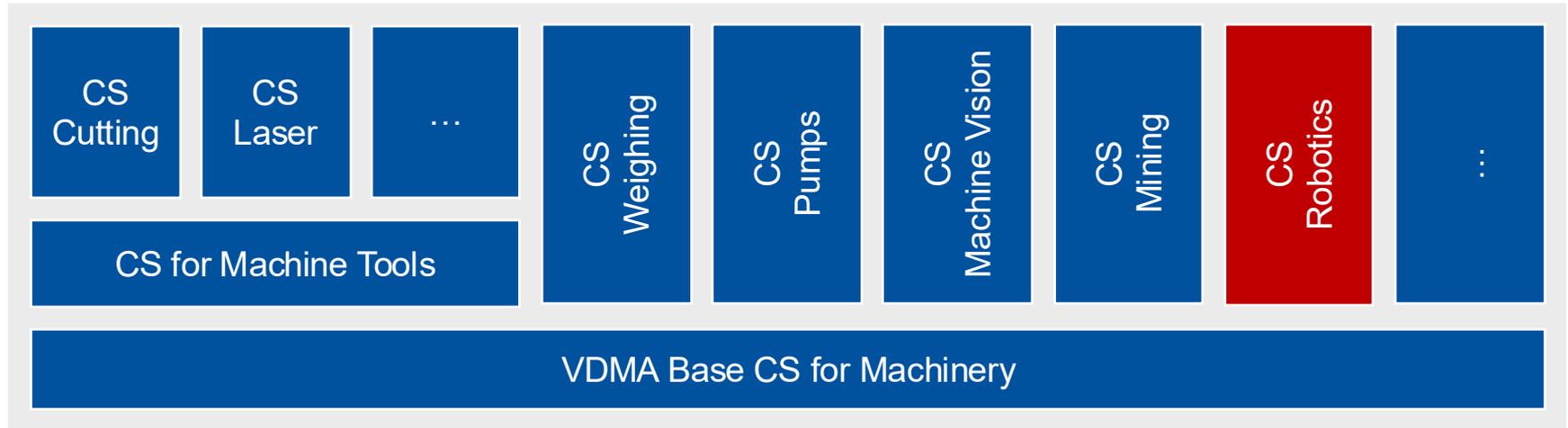
Understands OPC  
UA Information  
model C



- The VDMA with their more than 3000 members started a big initiative for **companion specification (CS)** definition
- CS are standardized OPC UA models
- Services then share the same information model
- One functionality to communicate
  - orders
  - configuration
  - controlling mechanism
- **Systematic integration**

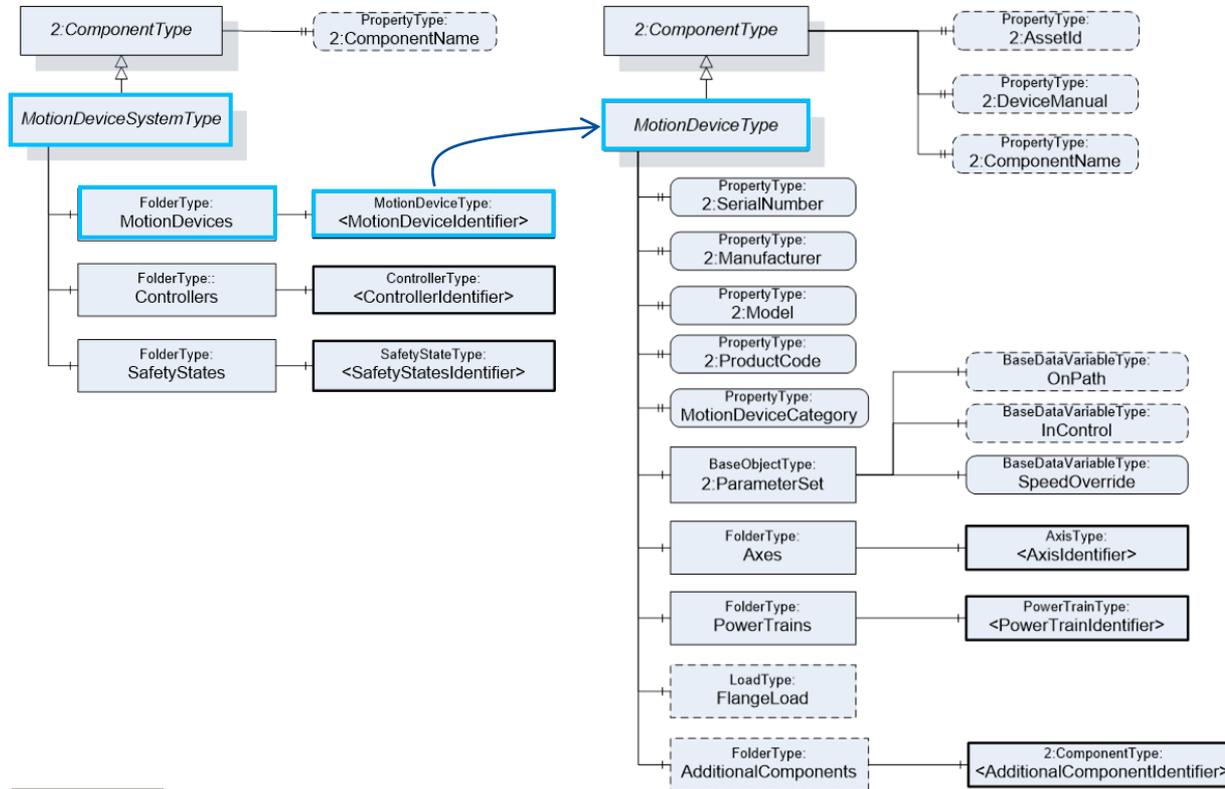
# The Success of Modeling with OPC UA: (2) Lightweight Standardization

Companion specifications are standardized OPC UA models



# Standardization Within the Scope of the OPC Foundation

## Example: OPC Robotics (OPC 40010)



- Make **robot OEM transparent** for IT
- Driven by ABB, FANUC, KUKA, Yaskawa, Comau, Stäubli, Siemens, Beckhoff Automation, ...
- **Core components**
  - Motion device system (root)
  - controllers
  - axes, power train
- **Use cases**
  - asset management
  - condition monitoring
  - remove operation

1. <https://reference.opcfoundation.org/Robotics/v100/docs/>

# The Success of Modeling with OPC UA: (2) Lightweight Standardization

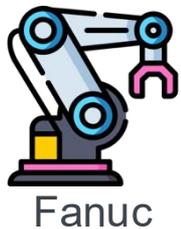
Industry has modeling working groups to devise companion specifications



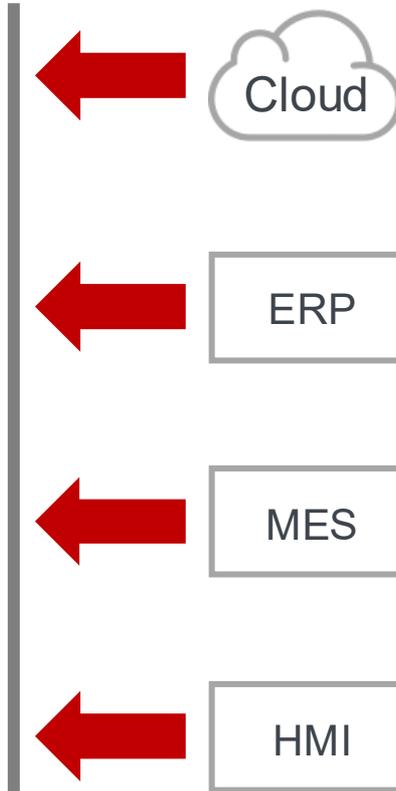
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- The VDMA with their more than 3000 members started a big initiative for **companion specification** (CS) definition
- CS are standardized OPC UA models
- Services then share the same information model
- One functionality to communicate
  - orders
  - configuration
  - controlling mechanism
- **Systematic integration**

# At the Core of OPC UA is Object-Oriented Information Modeling

Yet there are important use cases for which modelers should be supported

- 1. Modeling support.** OPC UA often used to check for well-defined KPIs, other established use cases
  - Challenge: Computation might require data from diverse sources
  - Opportunity: [Low-code fill-in-the-blank models and smart code generators](#)
- 2. Semantic matching.** To bridge terminology mismatches and gaps
  - Challenge: Specific IT (e.g., AASs) demand certain data, but provided differently by OPC UA OT
  - Opportunity: [Support modeling with semantic matching](#) (best effort) based on context<sup>1</sup>
- 3. Automated model mapping.** Translate proprietary legacy models and data into OPC UA models
  - Challenge: [Legacy systems with non-OPC UA documentation](#) need to be integrated
  - Opportunity: Lifting documents to models, semantic matching strikes again
- 4. More expressive information models.** OPC UA models are inherently object-oriented
  - Challenge: Interfaces are expressed very weakly (no invariants, pre/postconditions, protocols, ...)
  - Opportunity: Adopt the rich [interface specification techniques from OO](#) modeling to OPC UA

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Methodical Model-Driven Operations

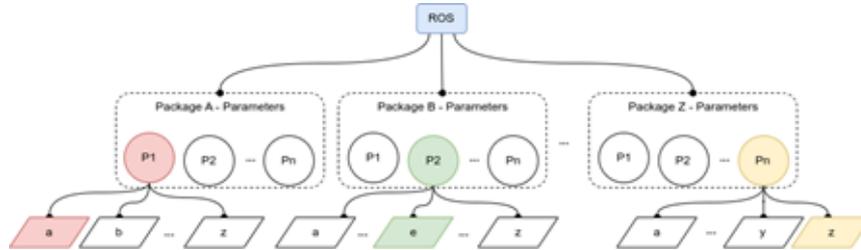
# **Software Engineering for Robotics in Production**

# Improving Sustainability of ROS2 Applications

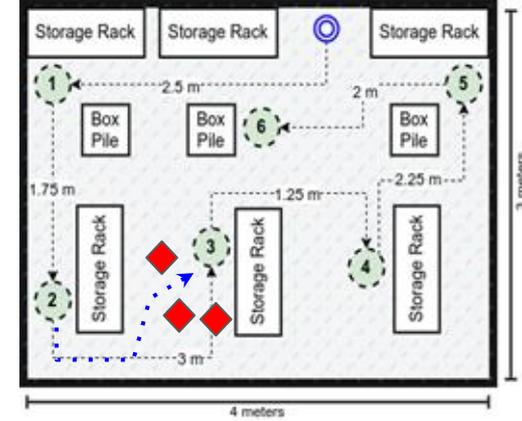
Trading off performance and energy efficiency at runtime



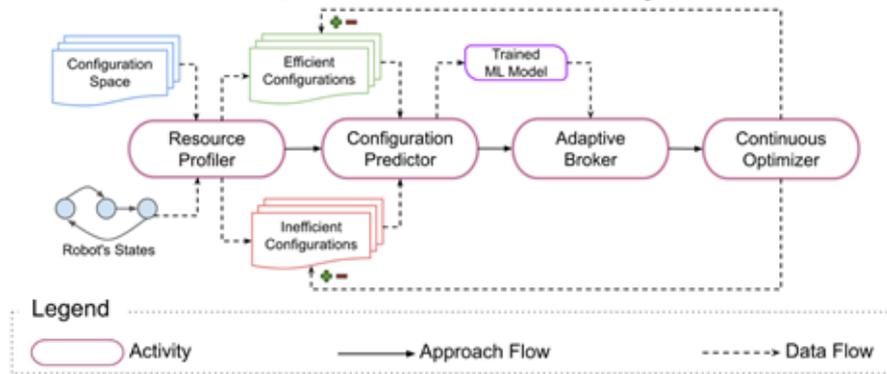
ROS applications are highly-configurable



Operate in dynamic environments



Continuous optimization of configurations



Joint work with



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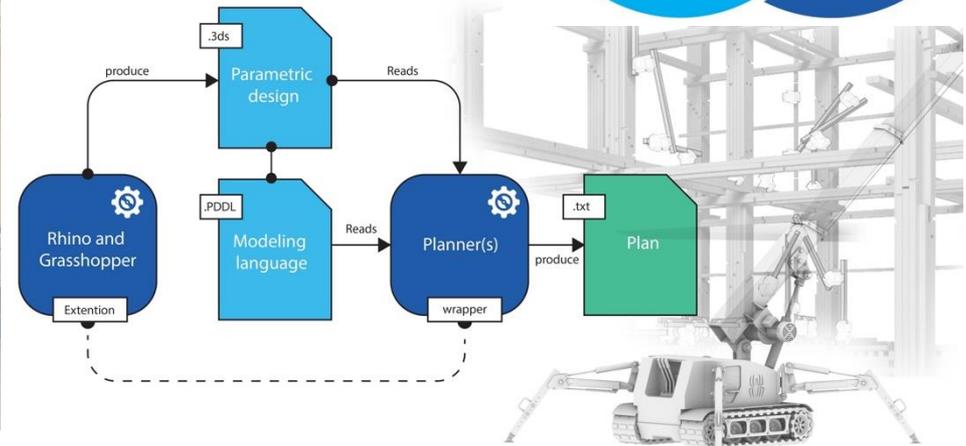
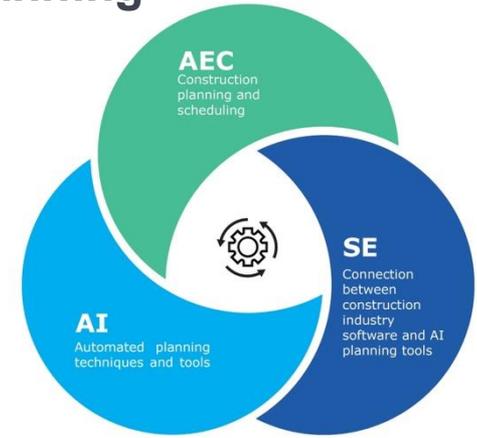


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# Domain-Specific Language for Robotic Construction Planning

Expands behavior tree scaffolds with action plans

- Robotic assembly planning is a **hard planning problem**<sup>1</sup>
- Requires in-depth expertise in construction, robotics, ...
- **Modeling methods**<sup>2</sup> usable by domains experts that a combination of AI planners can use to derive assembly plans
- Based on **domain-specific behavior trees** that expand based on PDDL



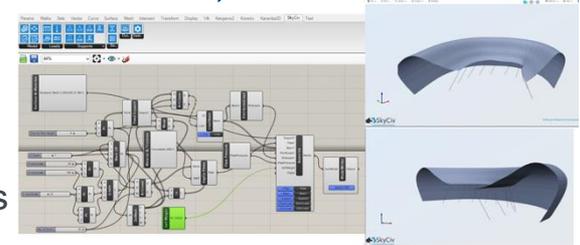
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# Roboticians often are Domain Experts and Benefit from Software Support

In modeling tools, robot configuration, migration, and much more

↙ *grasshopper in rhino3d*

- 1. Domain integration.** Architecture has rich tools and methods
  - Challenge: Solutions need integration with BIM, BHoM, Rhino, ...
  - Opportunity: Contribute to **more sustainable construction** with SE
- 2. Optimize all the configurations.** SE can support this many domains
  - Challenge: Adoption to other ROS packages, different CPSs, ..
  - Opportunity: Many interesting experiments to **make the world a bit better**
- 3. ROS is legacy.** **ROS1 is legacy** and ROS2 needs different kinds of artifacts<sup>1</sup>
  - Challenge: Automated support of migration from ROS1 to ROS2
  - Opportunity: Lift ROS **code to models<sup>2</sup>**, **optimize**, **migrate**, generate new artifacts
- 4. Tailor DSLs to robotics subdomains.** Many **different subdomains** with specific application contexts
  - Challenge: Existing modeling solutions for robotics (e.g., behavior trees) too generic
  - Opportunity: Leverage **language engineering for truly domain-specific solutions**



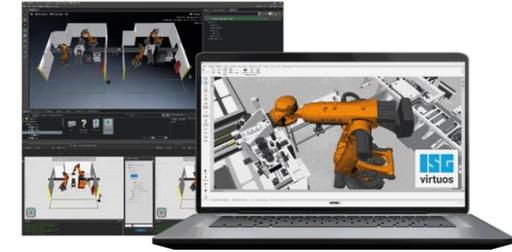
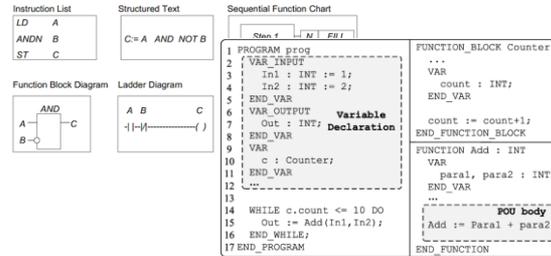
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Generative AI for Production

# **Generative AI for Software Engineering in Production**

# Fundamentals

## Programmable Logic Controller (PLC), IEC 61131, Virtual Commissioning (VC)



### Programmable Logic Controller

- Industrial computer for machine and process control
- Real-time, deterministic operation
- Interfaces with sensors & actuators
- Widely used in factories and plants
- Producers: Siemens, Beckhoff, Wago etc.

### IEC 61131-3

- International PLC programming standard
- 5 languages: LD, FBD, ST, SFC, IL
- Structured Text (ST) basic language similar to Pascal
- Vendor-independent framework
- Tools: TwinCat, TIA, Codesys etc.

### Virtual Commissioning

- Test control logic in a virtual environment
- Uses models of machines
- Finds errors before physical startup
- Reduces time & cost of commissioning
- Tools: ISG Virtuos, Omniverse etc.

# Language Models for Generating Structured Text (IEC 61131-3)

## Preliminary results

Modell	FD	FT	ST	LOC	d.ZZ	max.ZZ	min.ZZ	min.Jitter	max.Jitter	CQ	Doc.	Begründ.
chatGPT	1	100%	67%	25	7	140	3	-244	1951	4	4	4
Claude	2	100%	67%	29	9	169	2	-3744	4522	4	2	4
Gemini	1	100%	67%	26	8	69	3	-1926	3662	4	3	4
LLama	0	100%	100%	36	8	1096	2	-2188	4602	5	4	4
Mistral	1	100%	100%	29	9	204	2	-2990	3988	5	4	4

Results of creating math functions with direct prompting

Modell	FD	FT	ST	LOC	d.ZZ	max.ZZ	min.ZZ	min.Jitter	max.Jitter	CQ	Doc.	Begründ.
chatGPT	1	100%	83%	61	8	111	4	-3430	4657	4.5	4	4
Claude	0	100%	100%	97	11	336	3	-1100	3217	5	4	3
Gemini	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LLama	0	100%	100%	30	8	109	2	-1451	4292	5	4	4
Mistral	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Results of creating math functions with prompt engineering

Modell	FD	FT	ST	LOC	d.ZZ	max.ZZ	min.ZZ	min.Jitter	max.Jitter	CQ	Doc.	Begründ.
chatGPT	1	100%	100%	24	8	115	3	-1292	2887	5	4	4
Mistral	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Results of creating math functions with fine-tuning

Modell	FD	FT	ST	LOC	d.ZZ	max.ZZ	min.ZZ	min.Jitter	max.Jitter	CQ	Doc.	Begründ.
chatGPT	1	100%	83%	28	8	113	2	-1299	3318	4.5	3.5	5
Claude	2	100%	67%	29	8	338	3	-2841	4916	4	4	5
Gemini	1	100%	67%	26	9	172	52	-3891	4297	4	4	5
Mistral	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

FD: Number of failed runs. FT: Successful functional tests. ST: Successful safety tests

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Gemini	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LLama	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mistral	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Results of creating a motor controller with direct prompting

Modell	FD	FT	ST	LOC	d.ZZ	max.ZZ	min.ZZ	min.Jitter	max.Jitter	CQ	Doc.	Begründ.
chatGPT	2	33%	75%	54	8	102	2	-571	2283	4	4	3
Claude	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gemini	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LLama	0	0%	60%	57	7	60	2	-1750	3802	4	4	4
Mistral	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Results of creating a motor controller with prompt engineering

Modell	FD	FT	ST	LOC	d.ZZ	max.ZZ	min.ZZ	min.Jitter	max.Jitter	CQ	Doc.	Begründ.
chatGPT	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mistral	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Results of creating a motor controller with fine-tuning

Modell	FD	FT	ST	LOC	d.ZZ	max.ZZ	min.ZZ	min.Jitter	max.Jitter	CQ	Doc.	Begründ.
chatGPT	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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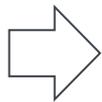
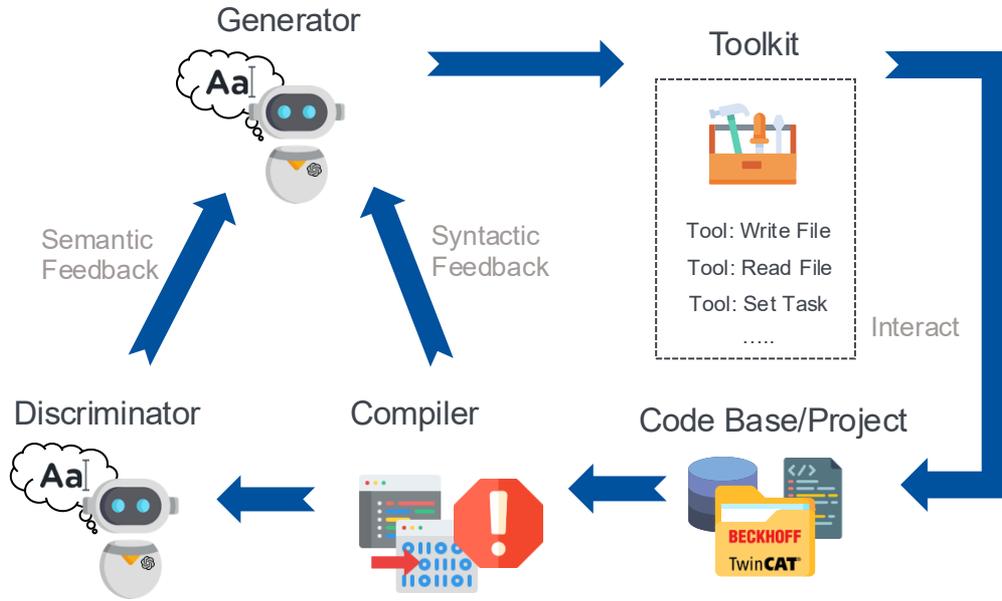


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- Simply using methods from AI-based SE won't work

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# Initial Agent-Based Architecture for PLC Generation

Multiple agents in TwinCat with self-reflection



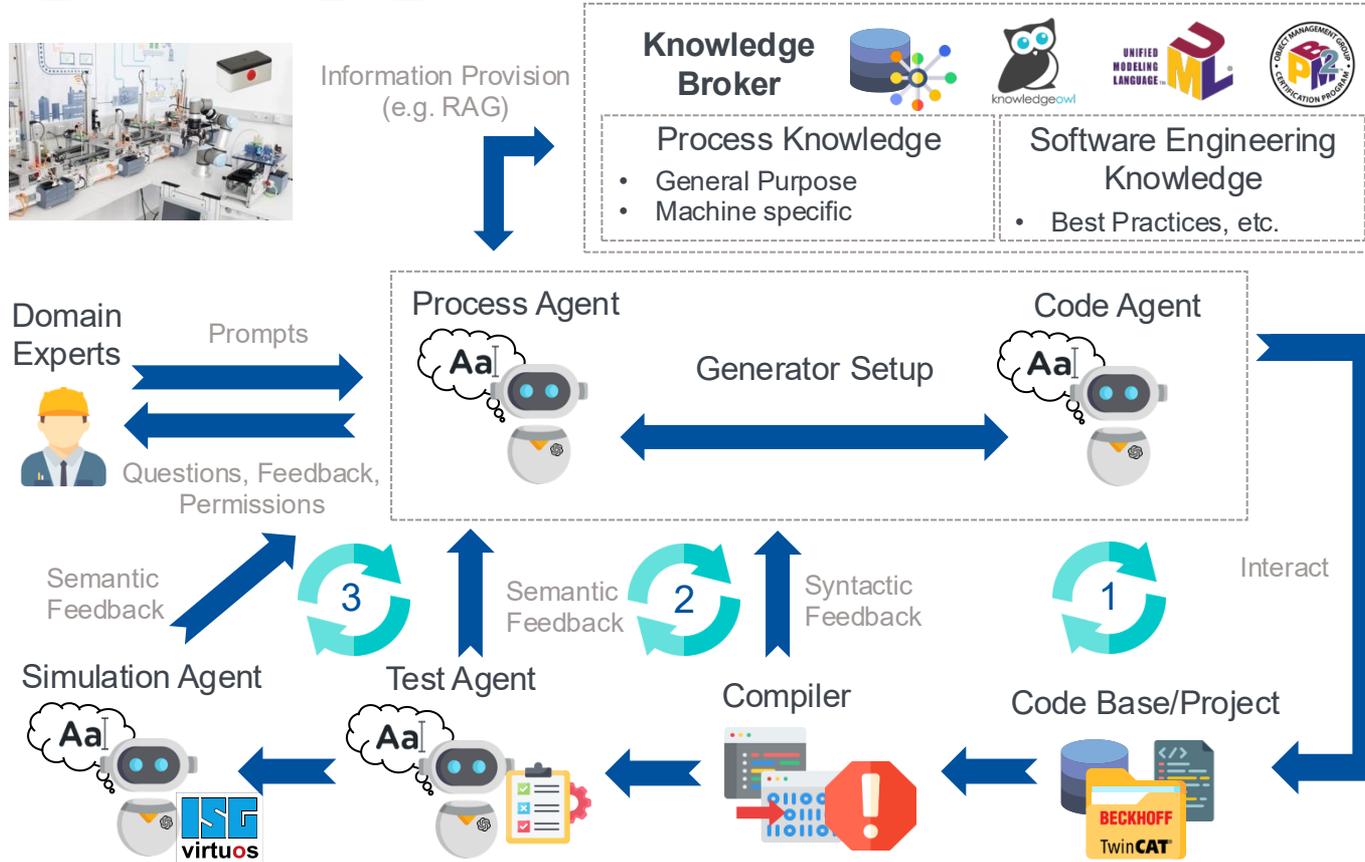
Base architecture significantly improves PLC code quality with syntactic and semantic feedback

1: Benchmark Dataset for evaluating PLC Code Generation

Kategorie	Titel	Schwierigkeit	Anzahl Compilerschleifen		Semantische Bewertung			
			pre sem	post sem	Komplierbar?	Komplierbar?		
Zyklische Standardaufgaben	Stoppuhr	1	0	1	3	1	1	10
	PID-Regler	3	0	1	2	0	1	10
			0	1	4	0	1	8
Kalman-Filter	5	0	1	9	3	1	9	
		0	1	10	0	1	10	
		0	1	3	1	1	5	
I/O Standardaufgaben	Linear-Interpolation	1	3	0	3	0	1	8
			1	1	9	0	1	9
	Primzahl-Checker	2	1	1	2	1	1	7
			3	0	10	3	0	8
	Quicksort	3	3	1	5	3	1	10
			3	0	10	3	0	9
	Matrixmultiplikation	3	2	1	4	1	1	7
			1	1	3	3	1	4
	Eigenwerte	4	0	1	10	0	1	10
			3	0	10	1	1	10
Spline-Interpolation	5	1	1	10	0	1	10	
		3	0	6	0	1	4	
Fast-Fourier	5	1	1	2	2	1	4	
		1	1	3	2	1	3	
Förderbandsteuerung	2	1	1	3	2	1	3	
		3	0	4	0	1	10	
Kaffeemaschine	1	3	0	2	3	0	2	
		1	1	4	3	1	5	
Autowaschanlage	1	3	0	4	3	0	6	
		0	1	9	0	1	10	
S-Aufgaben	1	0	1	7	0	1	7	
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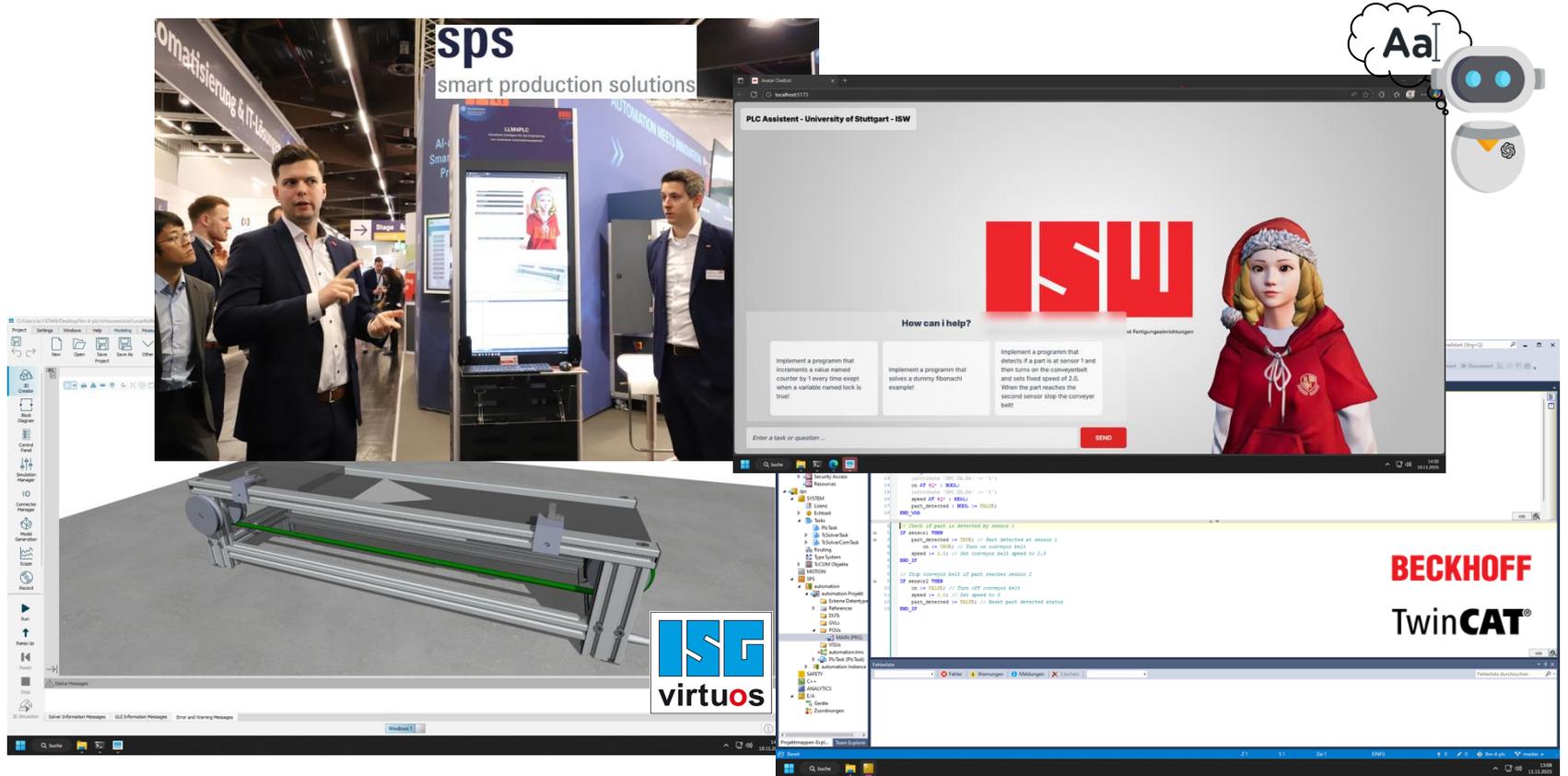
# Final Agent-Based Architecture for PLC Generation

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# Do Good Things and Speak About it

Prototype agent-based industry 4.0 programming presented at SPS fair 2025



# Thank you for your Attention

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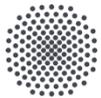


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