

# | Digital Twin Customer Experience

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# Digital twin customer experience

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By combining real and digital worlds, we empower our customers to master their digital transformation and sustainability challenges

**Real  
worlds**

**Digital  
worlds**



**By combining real and digital worlds, we empower our customers to master their digital transformation and sustainability challenges**



**Mine  
processes  
and assets**

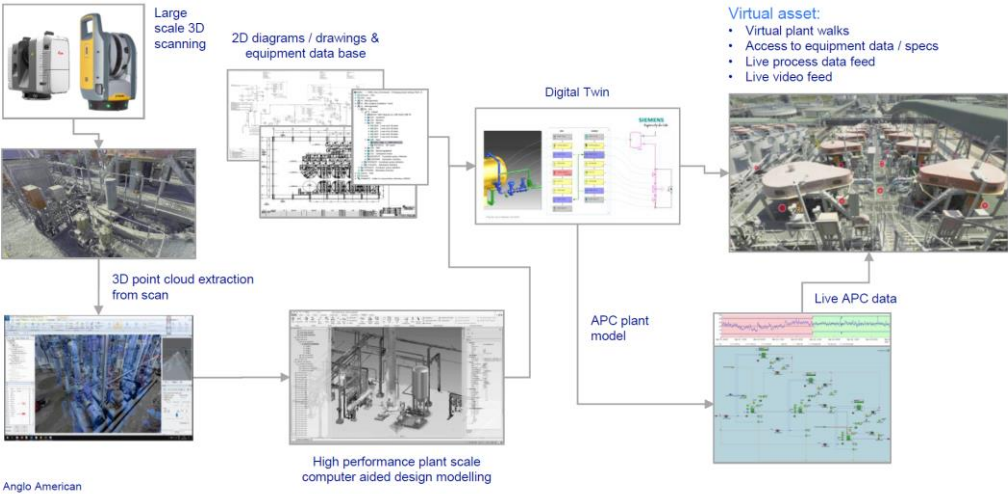
**Digital  
twins of  
processes  
and assets**

# Mining demand for digital twins is undoubtful and reveals a multitude of focus areas ...

... from mission-critical asset parts (e.g. mills)

... to entire processes (e.g. conveying/ transportation)

## APC improves energy and water efficiency



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# Digital twin definition relevant for mining processes and assets

*Quote Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*

A digital twin can be used for monitoring, diagnostics and prognostics to optimize asset performance and utilization. In this field, sensory data can be combined with historical data, human expertise and fleet and simulation learning to improve the outcome of prognostics. Therefore, complex prognostics and intelligent maintenance system platforms can use digital twins in finding the root cause of issues and improve productivity

*End of quote*



# Digital twins prerequisites are frequently site data and human expertise

## Real world

Monitoring  
Diagnostics  
Prognostics



**Digital twin to**  
optimize asset performance  
and utilization

## Real world

Sensor & historical data  
Human expertise  
Simulation learning



**Digital twin to**  
improve the outcome of prognostics

## Real world

Complex prognostics  
Intelligent maintenance platforms



**Digital twin to**  
find root cause of issues  
improve productivity

Digital twin examples for a grinding mill, belt conveyor and transportation process ▶

# Digital twin customer experience

## Example gearless mill

### Optimum operation / maintenance

Real world  
Monitoring  
Diagnostics  
Prognostics

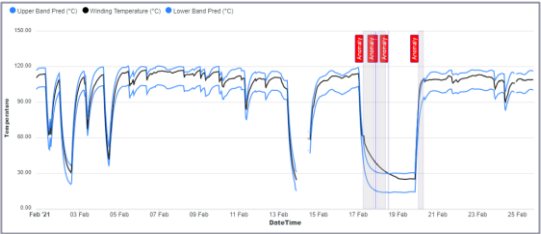


Digital twin to  
optimize asset performance  
and utilization

Operation KPI  
(Anomalies)



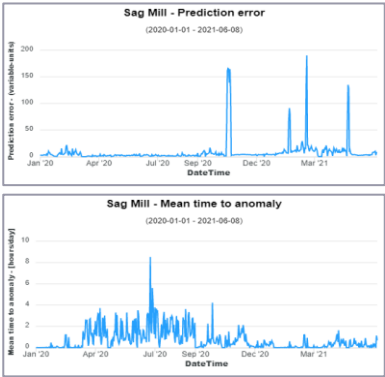
How is the **actual status**?



KPI analysis (e.g.  
MTBA, MTTA<sup>1)</sup>)



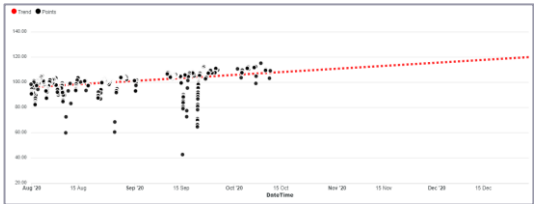
Deep **understanding**  
What is **happening**?



Fingerprints



What are the **trends**?



Maintenance KPI  
(Plan)



Are the **maintenance tasks**  
performed according plan?  
Can the **maintenance plan** be  
optimized?

OPERATIONAL RISK					
5					
Task Name	Subsystem	Days Left	Integrity	Recommendation	Task Procedure
Inspect hatches for proper closing	Motor complete (General condition) and Alignment	40 days	0%	Immediate action required	+
Observation of motor function in normal operation	Motor complete (General condition) and Alignment	21 days	12%	Immediate action required	+

1) MTBA Mean Time Between Anomaly, MTTA Mean Time to Anomaly



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## Example gearless mill



### Solution based on three real-data-validated pillars

#### Fingerprint Analysis

- Collection of fingerprints (measured data sets) from start-up as reference for later operation
- Comparison actual/reference

#### Mathematic Modelling

- Comparison w/ real values and deduction of trends
- **Models for**
  - Motor Thermal utilization
  - Motor heat exchangers efficiency
  - Electrical Performance
  - Performance CCV cooling system

#### Artificial Intelligence

- Beyond limits of mathematics
- **Artificial Intelligence**
  - Transformers
  - E-House
  - Bearings oil flow
  - Accumulator pressure
  - Pump activation frequency
  - Pump active duration
  - Stator alignment (airgap)

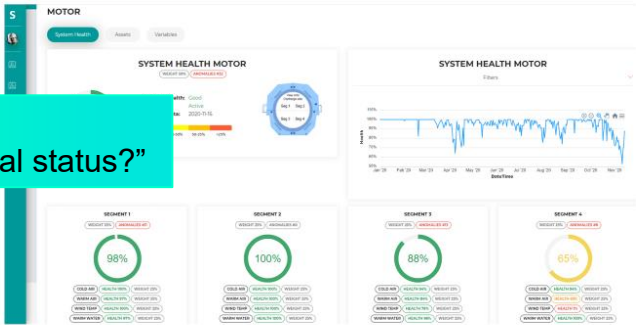


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## Example gearless mill

Display of Motor Health  
Motor Thermal Utilization

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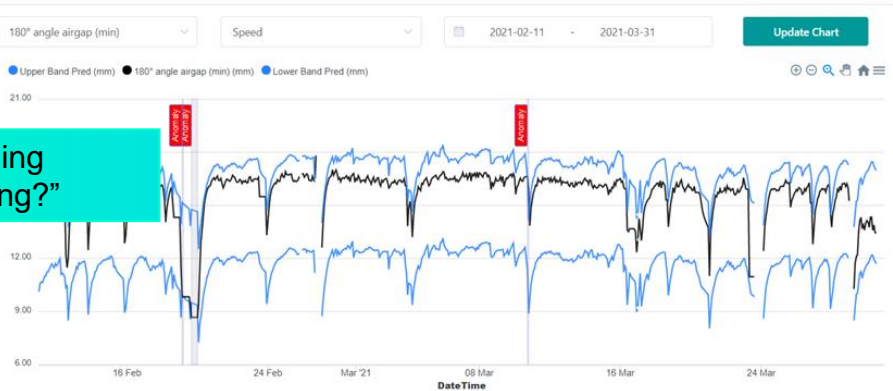
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Real world  
Monitoring  
Diagnostics  
Prognostics



Digital twin to  
optimize asset performance  
and utilization

MOTOR - FEED END STATOR AIRGAPS MODEL VARIABLES

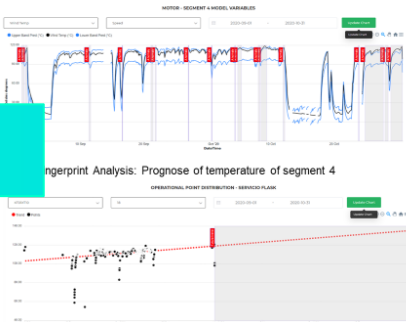


Deep understanding  
“What is happening?”



Temperature Actual Value v/s Model Outcome  
Fingerprint Analysis

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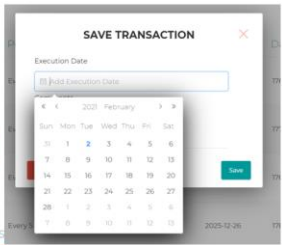
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Are the maintenance tasks performed according plan?  
Can the maintenance plan be optimized?

Tasks

ID	Name	Periodicity	Weight	Last Date	Due Date	Days Left	Integrity	Actions
135	Check for mechanical damage	Every 5 Years	8%	2020-12-31	2025-12-05	1767 days	98%	
136	Check paint work for damage corrosion	Every 5 Years	12%	2021-01-12	2025-12-17	1779 days	99%	
137	Check for dirt foreign particle	Every 5 Years	8%	2021-01-02	2025-12-07	1769 days	98%	



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## Example belt conveyor

Real world

Sensor & historical data

Human expertise

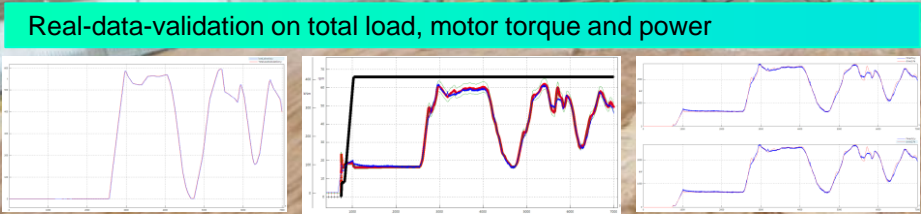
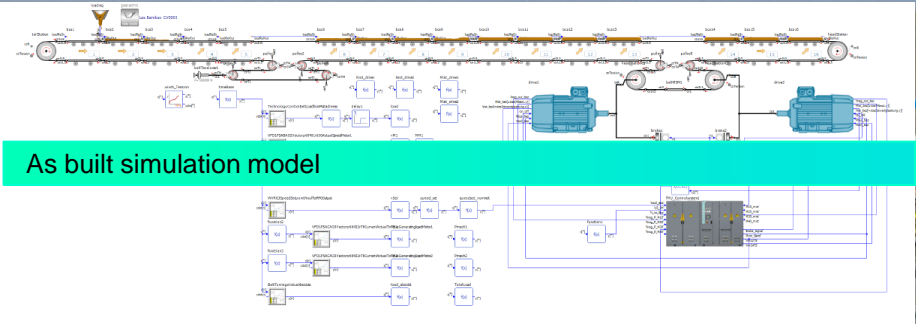
Simulation learning



Digital twin to  
improve the outcome of prognostics

### Digital twin of a belt conveyor

- Site altitude            4,200 m NN
- Length total / Lift    2,569 m / 228 m
- Capacity                9,400 t/h
- Belt width / speed    1,829 mm / 6,5 m/s
- Power / Torque        2 x 4,400 kW / 637 kNm

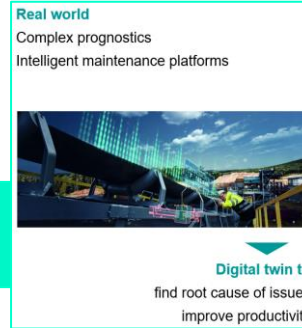




# Digital twin of a belt conveyor

## Example event analysis

**Goal: understand the root cause of an incident**



Digital Twin to **understand events sequence and key parameters evolution**

With a Digital Twin real-data-validated simulation:

1. **incidents are virtually reproduced**
2. **root causes and effects are transparent (hence understood)**
3. **similar problems are avoided in the future**

Events sequence example (fictive):

1. **Root-cause:** conveying jam in discharge area
2. Belt is braked by the accumulated material
3. Drive station continues operation
4. Belt is pulled out of the tensioning station
5. Drive station continues to pull the belt
6. **Effects:** belt deformation, dropped material, damaged idlers





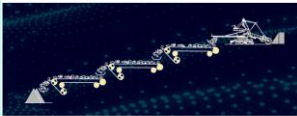
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## Example transportation process

Real world

Complex prognostics

Intelligent maintenance platforms



Digital twin to

find root cause of issues

improve productivity

### Digital Twin functionalities for a transportation process (selection)

Simulation



Health Status



KPIs and Reports



Event Analysis & Classification



Downtime Identification



Operation Data Base



# Digital twin of a conveyor line

## Functionality example operation data base



**Goal: Assign typical root causes and countermeasures to failure modes**

Target users  e. g. Superintendent Conveying, Process Engineer ...

Example failure mode “Misalignment of belt”:

Failure Mode	Root Cause	Countermeasures	Preventive measures
Example 1 of 330: Misalignment of belt	Material is not fed in the center of the belt	Change the conditions in the feeding station	Install off-track detectors (misalignment switches) behind the feeding station
	Caking on pulleys	Increase the efficiency of the belt cleaner	Increase the inspection interval for the belt cleaner
	Alignment of idler-stations are wrong	Check the idler-stations	Increase the inspection interval for the idlers (e.g. use thermal camera)
	Wind or rain influence the local friction conditions between belt and idlers	Install covers or hoods on the conveyor	

- **330 typical conveyor failures included**, based on solid operational experience (VDI, belt supplier)
- **Data base can be extended by customer** with own cases
- **Maintenance optimization** through fast recommendation of potential countermeasures and predictive measures

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## Takeaways

- Mining demand for digital twins is undoubtful and ranges from mission-critical assets up to entire processes
- A digital twin can be used for monitoring, diagnostics and prognostics to optimize performance and utilization
- Within a digital twin, sensor data are combined with historical data, human expertise and simulation
- Our complex prognostics and intelligent maintenance solutions use digital twins to find root causes and improve productivity
- Our digital twin based solutions for Mining can be integrated in company's ecosystem as well as in upper- level Siemens solutions e. g. Digital Mine, Stockyard Management, MES etc.





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