

Digital Twins in PREDIS

A digital Twin/Tool for waste package evolution

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Digital Twin

- What is a digital twin and challenges?
- What is the purpose of the PREDIS digital twin?
- What are input and output parameters?
- How can detailed geochemical process models be integrated in it?
- Technical implementation



Digital Twin – virtual replica – real time update

Mandi (2019): "A Digital Twin is a virtual instance of a physical system (twin) that is continually updated with the latter's performance, maintenance, and health status data throughout the physical system's life cycle."



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ReWmrbQgQLU

- Digital image of the system
- Layers of information (sensors, real time update)
- Simulation models to predict the future behavior based on previous data

Example

- Digital twin aimed at improving the monitoring and maintenance of bridges
- Changes happen on the scale of seconds, minutes, hours





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Digital Twin – long term evolution - challenges

Adapted from Bankhead et al. (2018): A digital Twin is a **framework capable of predicting** the most important variables of a physical asset, built from **several components** (models) **integrated into a single powerful tool** that enables the end user to **predict the outcome of scenarios**, predict the values of outputs as a function of the inputs.

Changes that happen in waste packages are related to chemical processes that happen very slowly:
ion diffusion, degradation of organic matter, corrosion of metals, mineral dissolution/precipitation

We want to model the evolution on scales of tens of years of very slow processes

Combine data from different sources (experiments, monitoring, modeling), use data from/in different codes and models developed by different partners – data managing, documenting workflows and dissemination to end-users

A proof of concept having digital twin functionalities with the possibility to build upon.





Digital Twin – Digital tool

- A friendly and accessible tool specifically designed for assessing / predicting different waste package evolution scenarios
- □ A selection of **independent and/or coupled processes** related to the mineralogical and mechanical properties evolution (usually a few are responsible for main changes).
- □ Full thermal-hydrological-mechanical-chemical (THMC) coupling is not foreseen.
- Running different geochemical and chemo-mechanical models for given waste package properties (input) to retrieve parameters (output) relevant for waste package integrity evolution as a function of time
- Use of surrogate models (e.g., trained neural networks, lookup tables, simplified empirical functions) for accounting for different degradation processes exchange with EURAD DONUT







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A PREDIS Digital Twin

- □ Ability to run processes on different compositions, generate a dataset of waste package evolution scenarios.
- Set of reference waste types and predefined compositions setup and modeled by experts accessible to the end-users.
- □ Fill gaps due to limited information available from existing waste packages with provided predefined compositions.

Use for:

- Legacy waste packages to evaluate many different "what if scenarios".
- Upcoming/future waste packages to test different compositions for potential problems (e.g., suitable aggregates, new phosphate rich cements)

Statistical Models:

- Monte-Carlo based uncertainty propagation probability that output properties exceed a threshold based on sampling the input parameter distribution.
- Global Sensitivity Analysis rank input parameters based on their influence on the model output







Overview functionality Digital Twin





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Digital Twin – Digital tool









- Example implementation
- Cement carbonation model
- 2D cementitious material

Input:

- Cement composition
- Chemical/physical
- CO₂ pressure boundary condition

Output:

• Measure of integrity f(t)





Surrogate models as process simulations



Digital Twin – Technical Implementation

- Input/output ascii/text files in CSV format (easily convertible to other formats to be uploaded in a database), data from files or a database (public or private), metadata, workflows automation/documentation
- Use of preferred modeling tools (geochemical, reactive transport, mechanical) that can communicate through programing interfaces (C++, python) or files (meta data on modeling problem setup), and are triggered by the digital twin to do calculations
- Use of Jupyter notebook development environment (web-based, collaborative interactive development environment, works in the browser) – through python access to numerous libraries (statistics, graphical interface, visualization)
- Open-source code development, collaboration between partners using git (all contributions visible)
- Can be run on an online platform (e.g. GeoML.eu, google colab, binder, setup on Azure) or installed and run on a local machine (use of sensitive data)





GeoML.eu JupyterLab service

— No computing resources? No problem!

- No need to install any software on your device
- JupyterHub will work via your web browser
- Go into one of lab folders and open a notebook
- Create your own lab folder and Python environment
- Various ways of collaboration are possible



Shrinkage upon hydration

OPC cement paste hydration process using Parrot and Killoh hydration model, GEMS and CEMDATA18





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Cement Carbonation

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