

# Digital Twin Orchestration in the Cloud-to-Edge Continuum

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# Funded projects and collaborations

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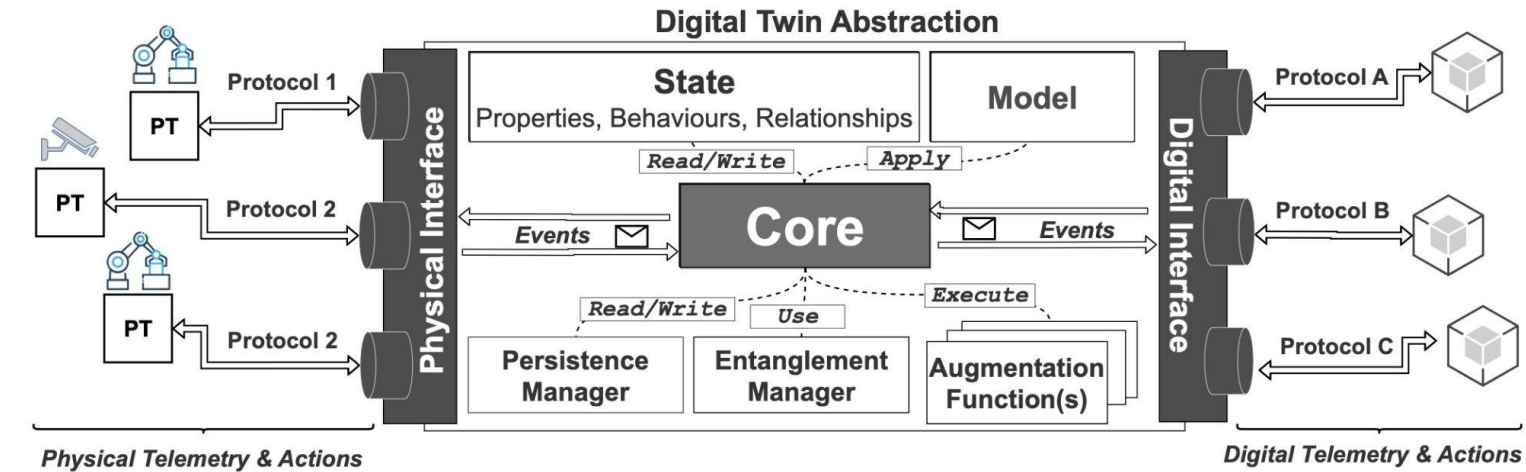
- **5GConnect**: innovative solutions for integrating traffic steering and shaping within industrial production plants
- **IGNITE 5.0**: IntelliGent and secure Networking in IndusTRial Environments: towards Industry 5.0
- **C4SI**: Cybersecurity for Smart Industry C4SI
- **CRI4.0**: Cyber Range for Industrial Security
- **DATRUST**: Connecting the physical and DigitAl worlds through TRUSTworthy data-flows
- **CURSA**: Blockchain-based tracking of seafood products

## Collaborations

- **Bi-Rex**, the Industry 4.0 Competence Center of Emilia-Romagna region (Italy) <https://bi-rex.it/>, on entanglement-aware digital twin orchestration in the cloud-to-edge continuum (MEC provided by Telecom, connected over a one-hop link to Google cloud).
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (**NATO**) Information Systems Technology (**IST**)-**193** on “Edge Computing at the Tactical Edge” <https://www.sto.nato.int/Lists/test1/activitydetails.aspx?ID=17065>
- Florida **Institute for Human and Machine Cognition** (IHMC), Pensacola, Florida, United States, on microservices orchestration in tactical networks.

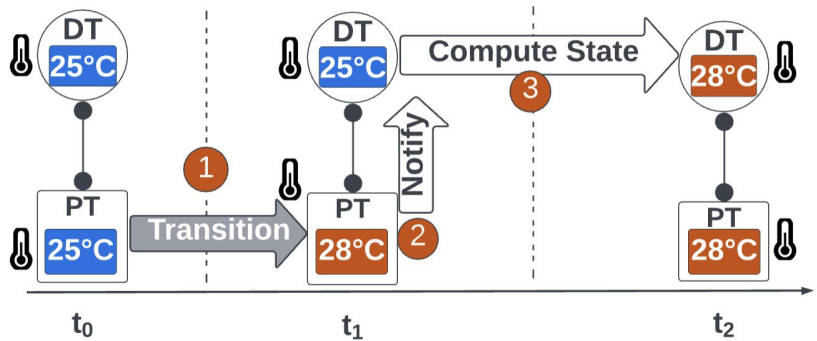
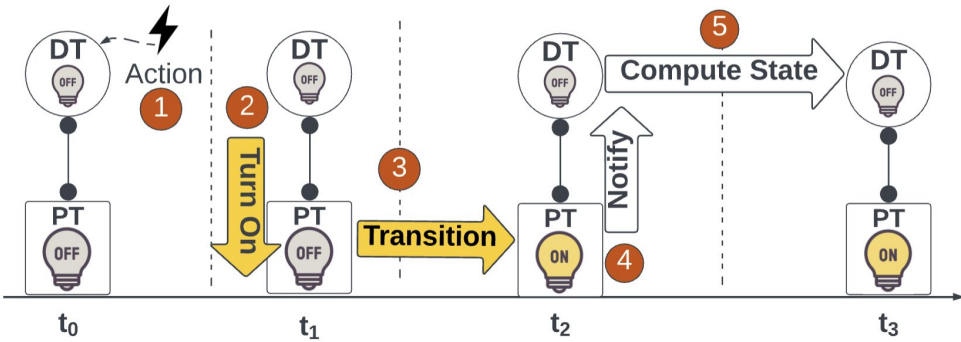
# Our vision of digital twin

- Provides a (augmented) **virtual representation** of an object
- Works as a **gateway** to send commands to the object
- Has a **model** to conjecture about what might happen or might have happened



# Entanglement in cyber-physical systems

From physical to digital



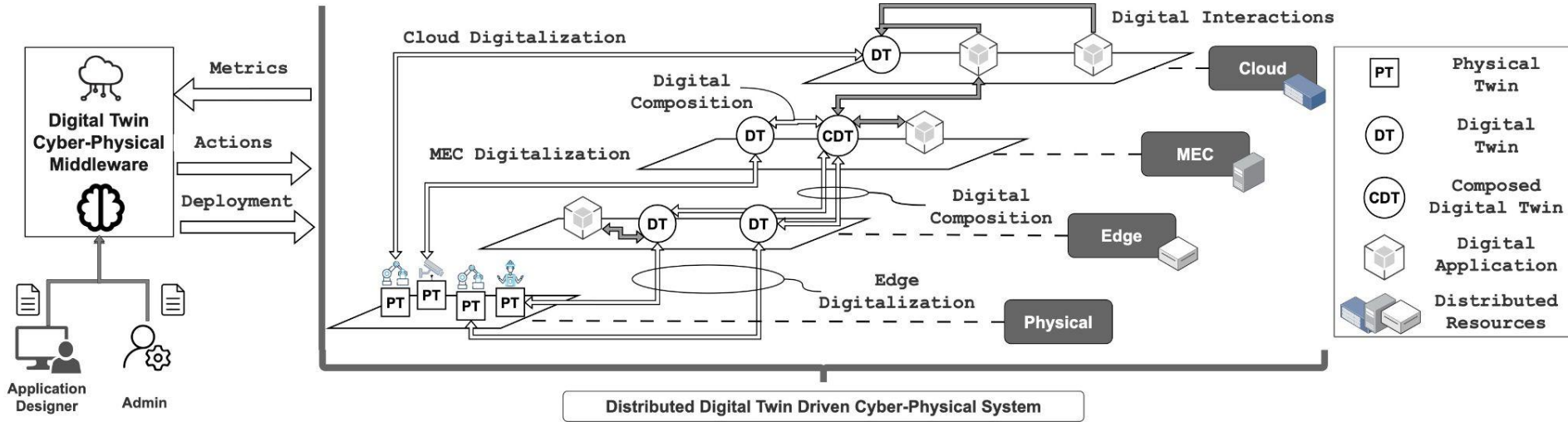
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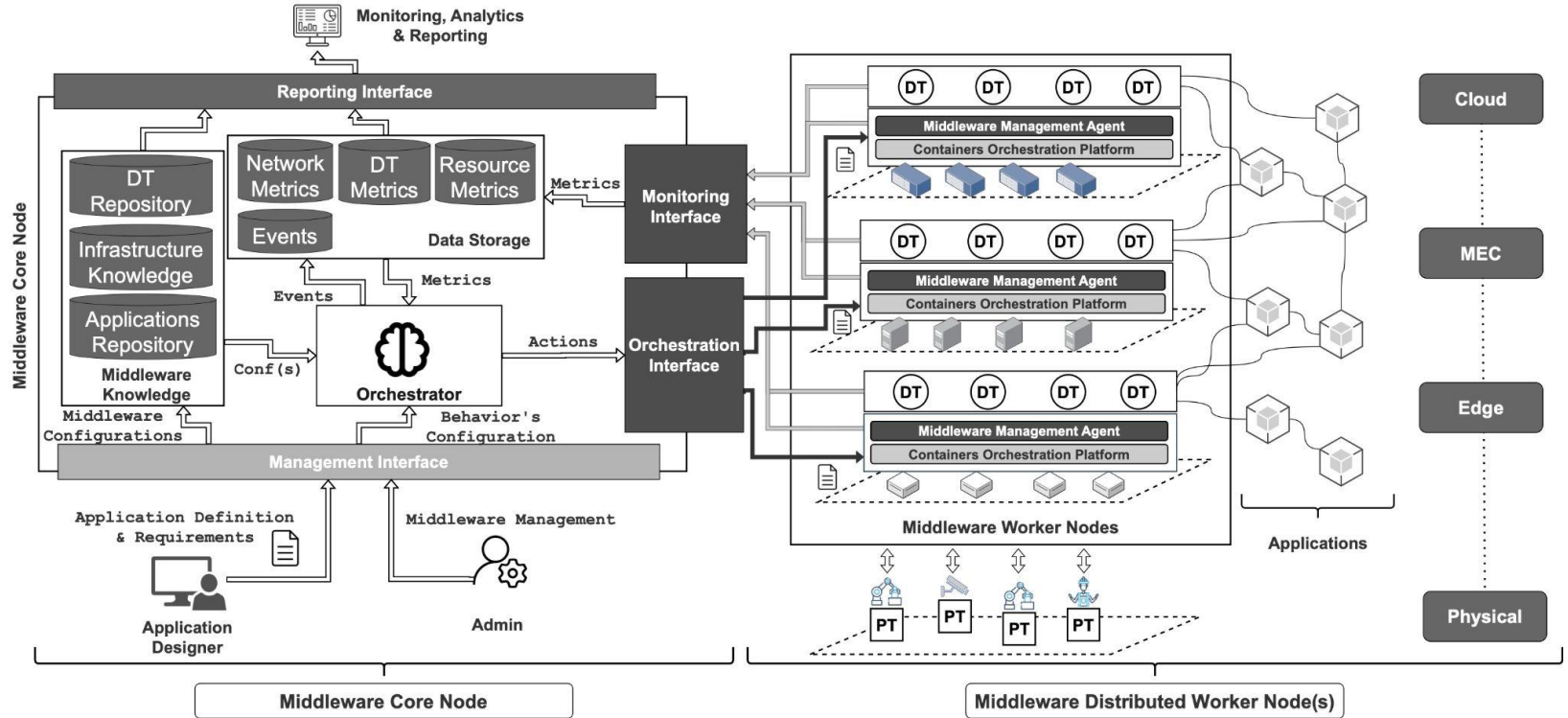
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# What we are working on: Scenario

Orchestration of microservices and serverless digital twins in the continuum



# What we are working on: Architecture



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