

interTwin



The interTwin Digital Twin Engine: a platform for building and managing scientific Digital Twins



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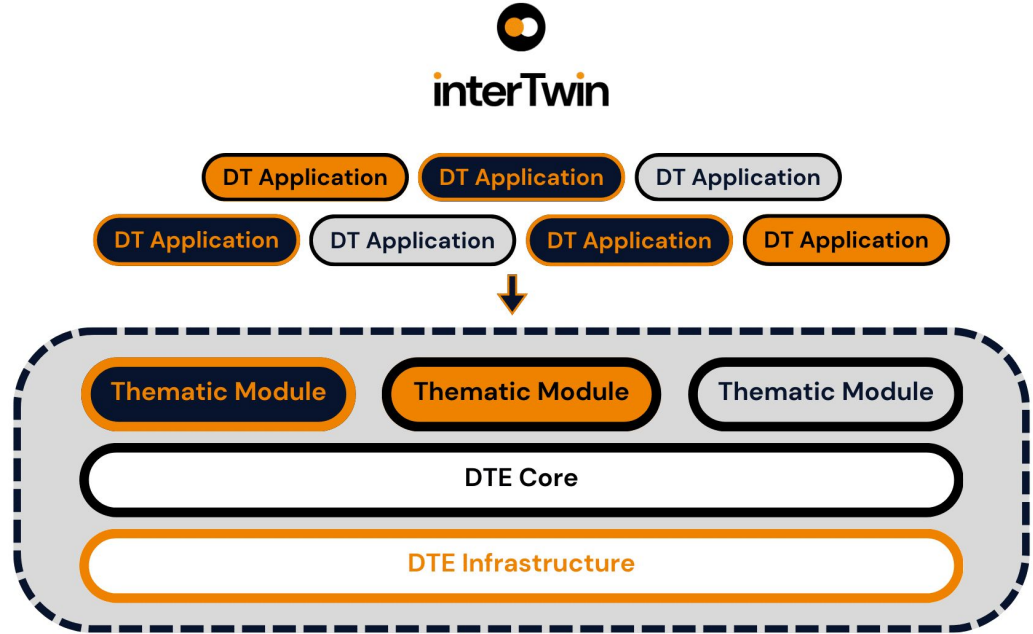


interTwin - Digital Twin Engine for science

Co-designs and implements the prototype of an **interdisciplinary Digital Twin Engine**

Open-source platform based on **open standards**

Piloted by a large spectrum of **diverse use cases** from **physics** and **environmental sciences**



The interTwin Digital Twin Engine (DTE)

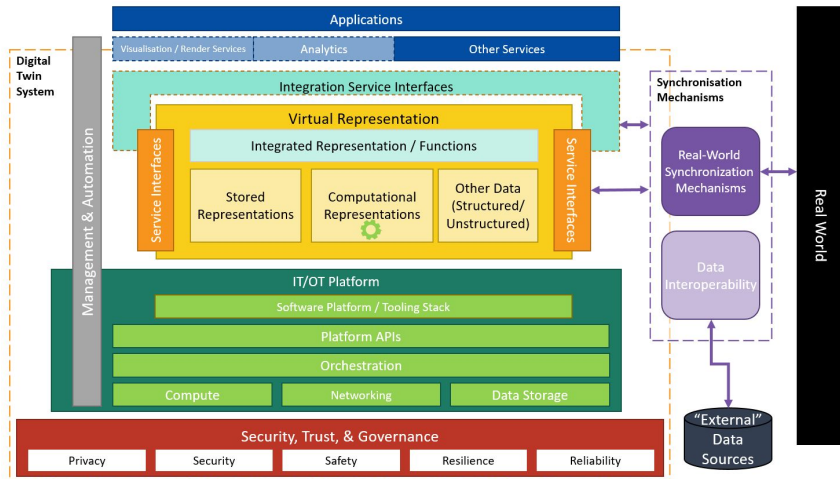


Digital Twins definition(s)

A **Digital Twin (DT)** is a **virtual** representation of a **physical object, process, or system**. It is created and sustained with information derived from one or many sources of data such as sensors or models considering historical as well as real-time data.

<https://www.digitaltwinconsortium.org/glossary/glossary>

<https://www.deltares.nl/en/expertise/projects/digital-twins>



Type	Industry	Cities & (air)ports	Environment
Goal	Life cycle management	“Smart” cities & (air)ports	Decision support, risk management & dissemination
Interventions	Adaptive design	Spatial planning and policymaking	System operation (e.g. sluices & locks) & policymaking
Cost reduction	R&D, construction & maintenance costs	Design, construction & maintenance costs	Disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation & biodiversity protection
System representation	Single object with many components	Many objects	Many systems
Timespan	Seconds - 5 years	Days - 10 years	Days or decades



EGI Foundation as coordinator

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Participants, including 1 affiliated entity and 2 associated partners

Consortium at a glance

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Providers

cloud, HTC , HPC resources and access to Quantum systems

11
Technology providers

delivering the DTE infrastructure and horizontal capabilities

14
Community representants

from 5 domains requirements and developing DT applications and thematic modules

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Budget 11,7 M euro



Objective 1. Co-design, develop and provide a Digital Twin Engine that simplifies & accelerates the development of complex application-specific DTs that benefits researchers, business and civil society



Objective 2. Co-design a Digital Twin Engine blueprint architecture that provides a conceptual framework for the development of DTs supporting interoperability, performance, portability & accuracy.



Objective 3. Extend the technical capabilities of the European Open Science Cloud with modelling & simulation tools integrated with its compute platform



Objective 4. Ensure trust and reproducibility in science through quality, reliability and verifiability of the outputs of Digital Twins



Objective 5. Demonstrate data fusion with complex modelling & prediction technologies



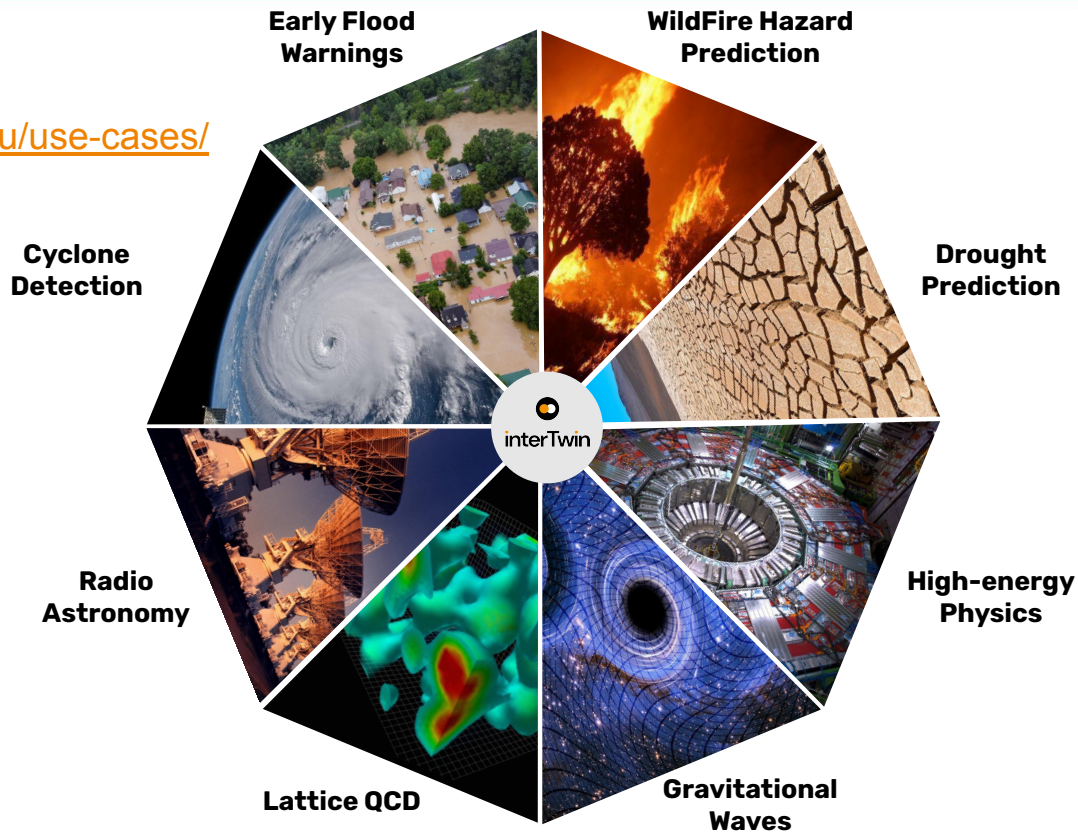
Objective 6. Simplify DT application development with tools to manage AI workflows and the model lifecycle while reinforcing open science practices





interTwin use cases

<https://www.intertwin.eu/use-cases/>





Climate research and Environmental Monitoring Use Cases

Cyclone Detection
CMCC, CNRS, Univ. of Trento



[ML4Fires: A Digital Twin Component for Wildfire Danger Analysis via Global Burned Areas Prediction on Climate Projection Data](#)
3rd Oct 10:20

WildFire Hazard Prediction
CMCC, CNRS, Univ. of Trento

Early warning for Extreme events
Deltares, EURAC, Technical Univ. of Wien



Extreme events impacts
CERFACS, EURAC, Deltares

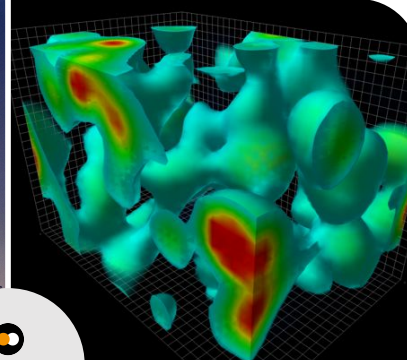
[A Digital Twin Application: Climate Extremes Detection and Characterization using Deep Learning](#)
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Physics Use Cases

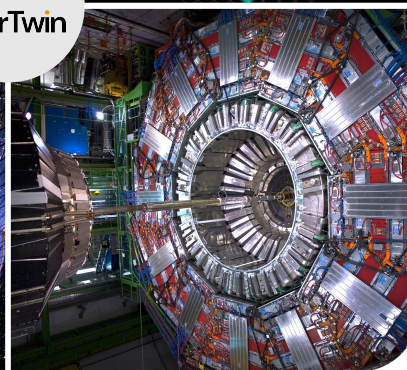
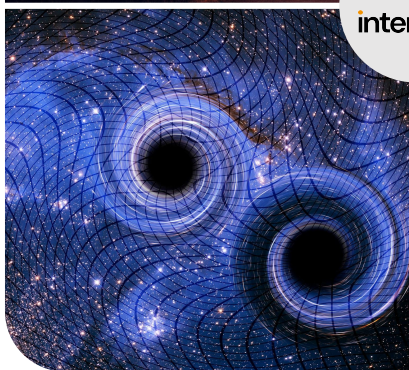
Detecting pulsar signals in vast real-time data streams with a machine learning / digital twin-based pipeline
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**Radio Astronomy
Noise simulation**
Univ. of Heidelberg,
Max Planck Society



**Lattice QCD
Simulation DT**
CSIC, ETHZ

**VIRGO Gravitational
Wave
Interferometer DT**
INFN



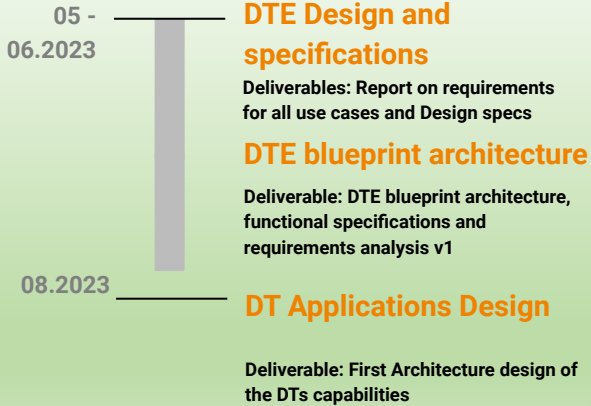
**High Energy Physics
Detector Simulation
DT**
CERN, CNRS



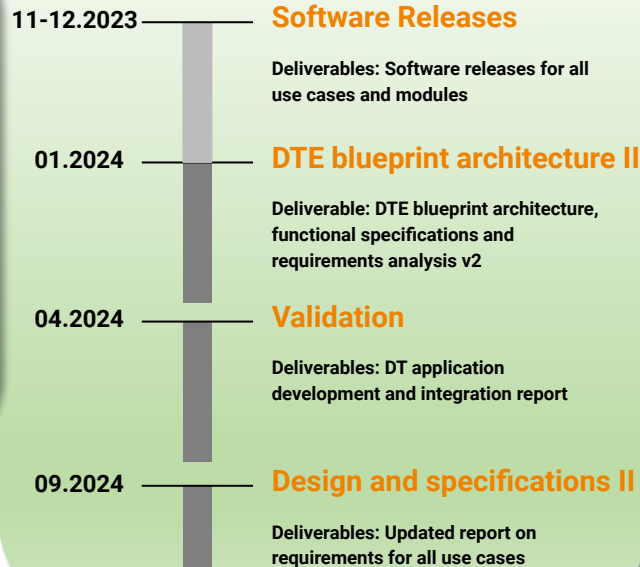


Timeline

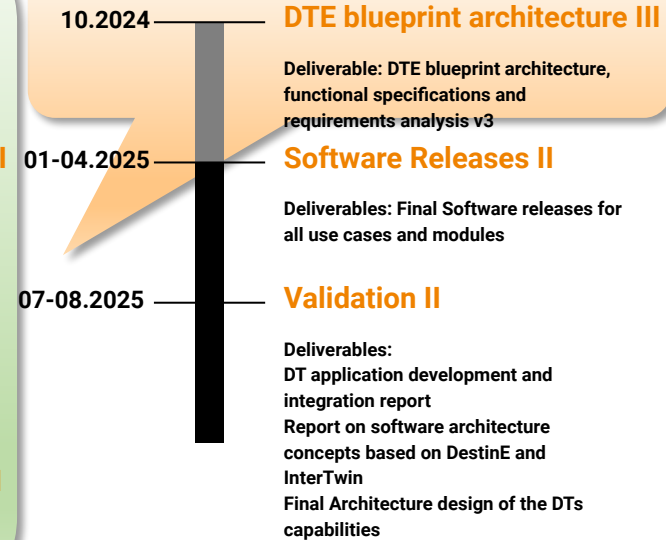
Project Year 1 COMPLETED



Project Year 2 COMPLETED



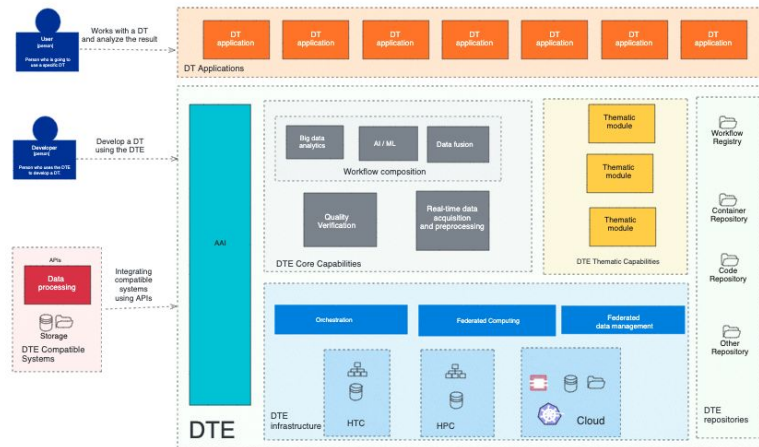
Project Year 3 Focus now!





DTE Blueprint and co-design

- Second version of the Blueprint architecture and design specifications is available in [Zenodo](https://zenodo.org/record/10000000)
- Final version is planned for Q4 2024



It also includes the analysis of relevant initiatives and projects (*Destination Earth, EOSC, ESCAPE, C-Scale, Digital Twin Consortium and EU Data Spaces, DT-GEO and BioDT*) to identify potential architectural components that can be incorporated within the interTwin context and where interoperability is desirable.



interTwin DTE First Release

interTwin DTE first release available on our Website

<https://www.intertwin.eu/intertwin-digital-twin-engine/>

- 38 components in Total
- New components developed and extension to existing software
- <https://github.com/intertwin-eu>



Core DTE Modules

interTwin Core DTE Modules

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DTE Infrastructure Modules

interTwin DTE Infrastructure Components

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Thematic Modules: Environment

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Core DTE Modules

itwinai

Description

itwinai is a Python library that streamlines AI workflows, while reducing coding complexity.

It seamlessly integrates with HPC resources, making workflows highly scalable and promoting code reuse. With built-in tools for hyper-parameter optimization, distributed machine learning, and pre-trained ML models, itwinai empowers AI researchers. It also integrates smoothly with Jupyter-like GUIs, enhancing accessibility and usability.



DTE Core components

Interoperable Workflow Efficiency: Exploring the Integration of OpenEO, CWL and EOEPKA for Seamless Data Processing and Modeling
1 Oct 2024, 15:55

Automated DT Validation in connection with workflow provenance



yProv

Distributed data analysis embedded with specific workflow tools



Connecting Real-time data with serverless processing



OSCAR



Workflow Composition

Quality Verification

Big Data Analytics

AI / ML

Data fusion

Real-time data acquisition and processing

yProv: a Cloud-enabled Service for Multi-level Provenance Management And Exploration in Climate Workflows
3rd OCT 09:40



Standardized deployment of Big Data Analytics tools



Generic ML / AI training framework with support to workflow management and model validation

Bridging Cloud and HPC for Scalable Event-driven Processing of AI Workloads
3rd Oct at 10:00



DTE Infrastructure components



AAI




Elaborate deployment requests and use AI to find the best deployment strategies




Orchestrator

HTC

Enable complex simulation and modelling tasks to access different compute facilities, implementing also **transparent offloading** to HPC

Federated compute

HPC

Cloud

Towards a compute continuum with interLink
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Based on **ESCAPE** Data Lake architecture and services, **Rucio**, **FTS** and HTTP accessed caches/storages.





Federated data management

Data Repositories

The Evolution of INFN's Cloud Platform: improvements in Orchestration and User Experience
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DTE Thematic components examples

Thematic Modules for Physics include:

- Machine Learning based analysis for QCD simulation configurations and for time series
- Noise signals classification, noise analysis, de noising, and veto generation in Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN)
- Particle physics validation techniques capable of assessing different aspects of model performance
- Fast simulation of High Energy Physics detectors

Thematic Modules for Environment include:

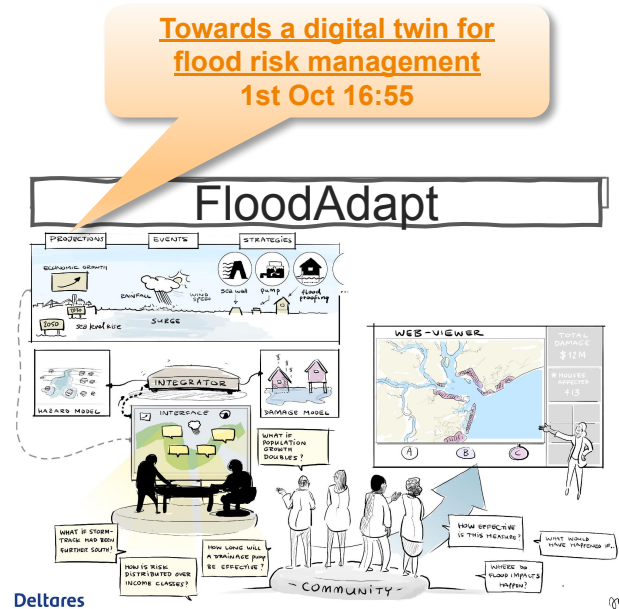
- Data gathering, filtering, cleaning, harmonisation, augmentation. Event detection and attribution for Machine Learning
- Vector data processing, weather station data filtering and harmonisation
- Climate data downscaling
- STAC Metadata generation from raster datasets

Interoperability & Link with DestinE

interTwin has a dedicated activity of piloting with **DestinE** thanks to **ECMWF** as member of the project



Pilots of data handling across interTwin and DestinE Data Lake and Climate DT are under implementation in collaboration with **DELTA RES**





Conclusions



Efficient co-design process with Communities use cases leading to Blueprint Architecture and DTE Components definition



First Release available, new components opensourced in our Github community
[.https://github.com/interTwin-eu](https://github.com/interTwin-eu), Working towards final release in Q1/2025



Transparent integration with HPC providers for AI/ML training and advanced simulations



First DT Applications available since Q2/2024, Final DTs prototypes available online in Q2/2025



Some of the components developed in the project are already included in new HE projects starting in 2025.



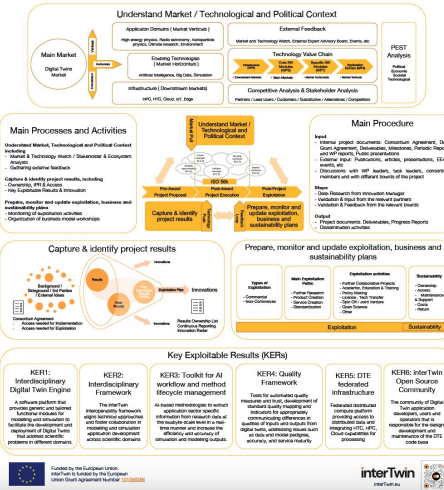
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The interTwin IMS. Paving the way for the project exploitation

The interTwin Innovation Management System (IMS) Paving the way for the project exploitation

Innovation Management System

- Implements and conducts an operational ISO 596-aligned innovation management process that ensures all project results are systematically captured, assessed for exploitation readiness and validated along with an improvement cycle to strengthen them.
- Organizes relevant meetings and hands-on workshops (i.e., business models) that will support the full innovation management lifecycle.
- Coordinates dissemination and exploitation plan, monitoring dissemination effectiveness and potential changing market landscapes, responding to feedback and the potential for new business opportunities.



Empowering Science through Digital Twins: The interTwin project

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Project Overview

The interTwin Digital Twin project aims to co-design and implement the prototype of an end-to-end digital twin platform for AI applications, offering the capability to support exploitation-ready Digital Twin (DT).

DITE Infrastructure

The interTwin DT Infrastructure has the role to implement all the capabilities needed by Digital Twin to be able to manage and exploit the data and information available for an end-to-end process, providing the backbone for the DT lifecycle. It provides software solutions for an end-to-end process, providing the backbone for the DT lifecycle. It provides software solutions for an end-to-end process, providing the backbone for the DT lifecycle.

Use cases

Use cases are identifying DT Applications, which will benefit from the interTwin Digital Twin Infrastructure.

The DT Digital Twin

Digital Twins (DT) are virtual representations of physical objects or systems, which are updated in real-time with data from sensors and other data sources. They can be used to simulate and predict the behavior of the physical system, allowing for optimization and decision-making.

DITE Core

The interTwin DT Core enables the development and management of data-driven and cognitive digital twins, providing the backbone for the DT lifecycle. It provides software solutions for an end-to-end process, providing the backbone for the DT lifecycle.

DITE Thematic

DITE Thematic provides a framework for the development and management of digital twins, providing the backbone for the DT lifecycle. It provides software solutions for an end-to-end process, providing the backbone for the DT lifecycle.

Target users

DITE Thematic provides a framework for the development and management of digital twins, providing the backbone for the DT lifecycle. It provides software solutions for an end-to-end process, providing the backbone for the DT lifecycle.

The Climate Digital Twin

DITE Thematic provides a framework for the development and management of digital twins, providing the backbone for the DT lifecycle. It provides software solutions for an end-to-end process, providing the backbone for the DT lifecycle.

Scan the QR code for more information

Thank you!

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Tropical Cyclones and Wildfires DTs

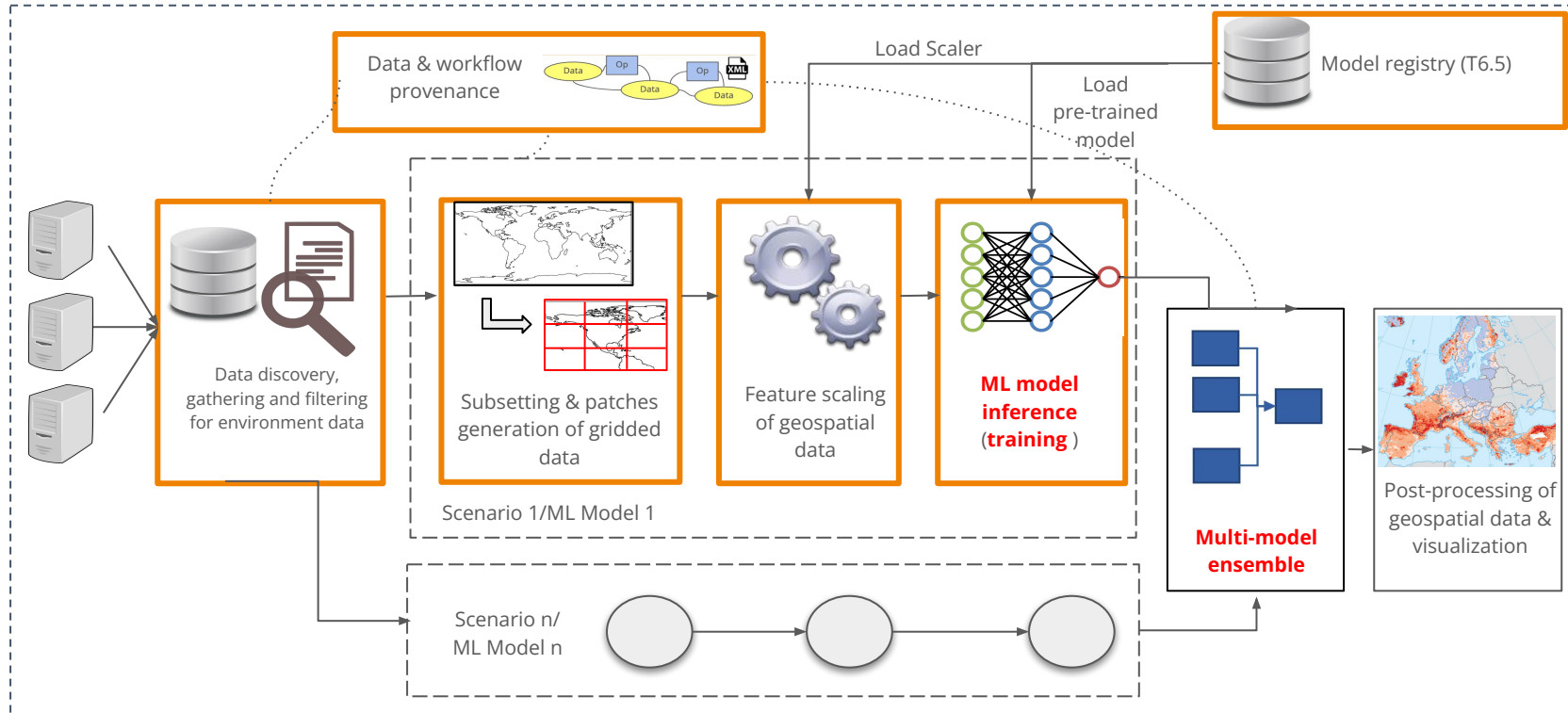


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DT of Particle Detector



Detector Prototyping & Optimization

Build data-driven tool that simulates detector response and integrates operation conditions from experimental setups (test-beams).

Online ML for Detectors

Adapt real-time detector and/or data acquisition configuration with respect to run conditions

Quality verification & Validation frameworks

Model convergence and accuracy of the generated data should be monitored.

Development of sample-based validation framework in collaboration with HEP community.

