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**Digital Twins architectures
and security capabilities:
a Game-Changer for Cybersecurity**

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Agenda

- Introduction to DT
- DT Architectures
- DTs for the protection of digital systems
- Application of the NIST cybersecurity framework to DT
- Conclusions
- Q&A

Introduction

Introduction

- Evolution of DT as an emerging paradigm, catalysed by:
 - strong need of affordable and accessible **simulation** environments
 - growing demand for a **cost-effective** solution to experiment with IT and OT-based infrastructures
 - **without** the associated operational **risks** and financial **costs**
- Definitions of DT:
 - DT Consortium
 - *"a virtual representation of real-world **entities and processes**, synchronized with specific frequency and fidelity"*
 - W3C
 - *"a virtual representation of a **device** (or a group of devices) that can be used to run simulations of new applications and services, before they are deployed on real devices"*
 - Others emphasize on concepts like
 - virtual model, digital representation, software-simulation, living model, ...

- Mainly composed of **two spaces**: virtual and physical
 - connected through **bidirectional communication** links
- Connecting spaces is what differentiates a DT from other correlated simulation systems
 - Digital Model: with manual data flows in both directions
 - Digital Shadow: manual data flows from the virtual space to the physical space
 - Digital Twin: automatic data flows in both directions
 - Digital Twin Predictive: DT with support in the cloud-edge

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- **Automatic bidirectionality** is what makes this technology attractive
 - DT simulation capabilities facilitates its use in many applications:
 - specially in those that need to **predict risks** and **anticipate threat situations**
 - critical application scenarios (e.g., healthcare, manufacturing, energy)
 - **Services** provided that other technologies alone do not address:
 - predictive maintenance
 - real-time monitoring
 - remote control
 - process optimization
 - safety management
 - failure analysis and tracking
 - strategy evaluation
 - health monitoring
 - management of risks
 - training
 - cybersecurity

- ✓ Troubleshoot incidents in the operational target entity
 - ✓ Reduce the need for on-site attention
 - ✓ Lower the operating costs of assets and services
 - ✓ Build competitive advantage and export potential
 - ✓ Accelerate productivity dividends
 - ✓ Unlock value across industries and across supply chains
 - ✓ Bring different industries, functions, and concepts together
 - ✓ Enhance transparency, accountability, and trust
 - ✓ Reduce risk in project and programme delivery
- **Advantages** provided by DTs:

- Automatic bidirectionality also allows DTs to **make decisions autonomously and operate** accordingly
 - Because of this autonomy, the construction of a DT entails the consideration of **other technologies** – IA/ML, edge/cloud, blockchain, etc.
 - altogether can explain the benefit of the business model, production, and value chain
 - *“The global DT market is expected to be worth USD 110.1 billion by 2028, growing at a CAGR of 61,3% during the forecast period”*

- Obviously, the impact of DTs has attracted the attention of many international organizations
 - **Consortia and associations** are emerging to give response to current needs.
 - For instance, *Digital Twin Consortium*
 - Collaborative partnership with industry, academia, and government expertise
 - Dedicated to the overall development of DTs.
 - It drives the awareness, adoption, interoperability, and development of DT technology.
 - Also, *Industry IoT Consortium*
 - More verticalized on IoT issues for Industrial Applications
 - Covering aspects related to:
 - (i) characteristics of a DT
 - (ii) business value added by the DT
 - (iii) internal design of the DT
 - (iv) examples of the use in various industries
 - (v) relationships between DTs to form composite systems

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- Also **standardization organizations** are being involved in the standardization of reference architectures and in its enabling technologies (NIST, ISO, IRTF)
 - NIST published "*Considerations for Digital Twin Technology and Emerging Standards*"
 - The report includes:
 - (i) motivation and vision for DT use, (ii) common low-level operations, (iii) **use cases**
 - Also analyses novel cybersecurity challenges arising from the use of DT architectures

- Indeed, DTs are systems in themselves that can be adapted to multiple use cases
 - Precisely, this aspect is also shown by ISO/IEC in ISO/IEC TR 30172, and for various fields of application

- **Manufacturing** ← Most relevant domain according to the standard
- Energy
- Urban
- Healthcare
- Prototyping
- Community
- Supply Chain
- General scenario

- **Building/construction** ↑ Most relevant domain according to the standard
- Urban
- Energy
- Power grid
- Transport

Use case: Smart Mobility

- Authors in “*Mobility Digital Twin: Concept, Architecture, Case Study, and Future Challenges*” present **Mobility DT**
 - It aims to **improve driving on the road**
- It uses an AI-based data-driven cloud–edge–device framework (supported by AWS) for mobility services that simulates and represents:
 - Human → **Human DT** with user management and driver type classification
 - Vehicle → **Vehicle DT** with cloud-based advanced driver assistance system
 - Traffic → **Traffic DT** flow monitoring and variable speed limit

Use case: Smart Factory

- The **CyberFactory#1 Project** provides a DT to strengthen "**Factories of the Future**" under the Industry 4.0 conceptualization and considering the Airbus Cyber-Range platform
 - Supporting especially the implementation of security in the design, commissioning, and execution stages of an industrial digitization program
- The Project applies the DT in three use cases:
 - **Roboshave**: Connection to a robotic arm to improve traceability, monitoring and maintenance of processes
 - **Autoclave**: Real-time monitoring and automation of quality processes for curing and forming of composite parts
 - **Gap Gun**: Automation of data acquisition with centralised data storage and the possibility of data analysis

Use case: Smart Construction



- Within the ISO/IEC TR 30172, we can find the **COGITO EU Project**
 - It uses the DT to guide, monitor and optimize **real building constructions**
- Particularly, this DT aims to:
 - Control the quality of the work performed
 - Predict physical risks and reducing/ avoiding accidents
 - Provide contextualized infrastructure health
 - Guarantee safety training

Use case: Smart Energy and Power Grids



- **Network Digital Twin Project**

- gives a clear overview of the status of electrical equipment and substations deployed in Catalonia, Andalusia, Aragon, the Canary Islands, the Balearic Islands and Extremadura
- provides preventive maintenance in order to identify potential operational risks
- Aims to digitise:
 - 144000 distribution centres
 - 90000 kilometres of high and medium voltage overhead lines
 - 1311 substations
 - investment of 40 million euros

Source: ENDESA, <https://www.endesa.com/es/prensa/sala-de-prensa/noticias/transicion-energetica/redes-inteligentes/endesa-despliega-50-equipos-especializados-una-inversion-40-millones-euros-crear-gemelo-digital-red-distribucion>

Source: Smart Energy, “Endesa launches distribution network digital twin project”, August 2023, <https://www.smart-energy.com/regional-news/europe-uk/endesa-launches-distribution-network-digital-twin-project/>

DT Architectures

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- Several **architectures and frameworks** have been defined with the aim of fostering the development of specific DT solutions
 - Most of solutions present common features:
 - Architectures based on **layers or levels of functionality**
 - Highly related to technologies, such as
 - IoT/IIoT
 - Cloud-edge
 - AI/ML models
 - Visualization systems
 - Requirements for synchronisation, accuracy and reliability
 - **Security** is unfortunately **not the current trend**
 - But it is considered an essential requirement

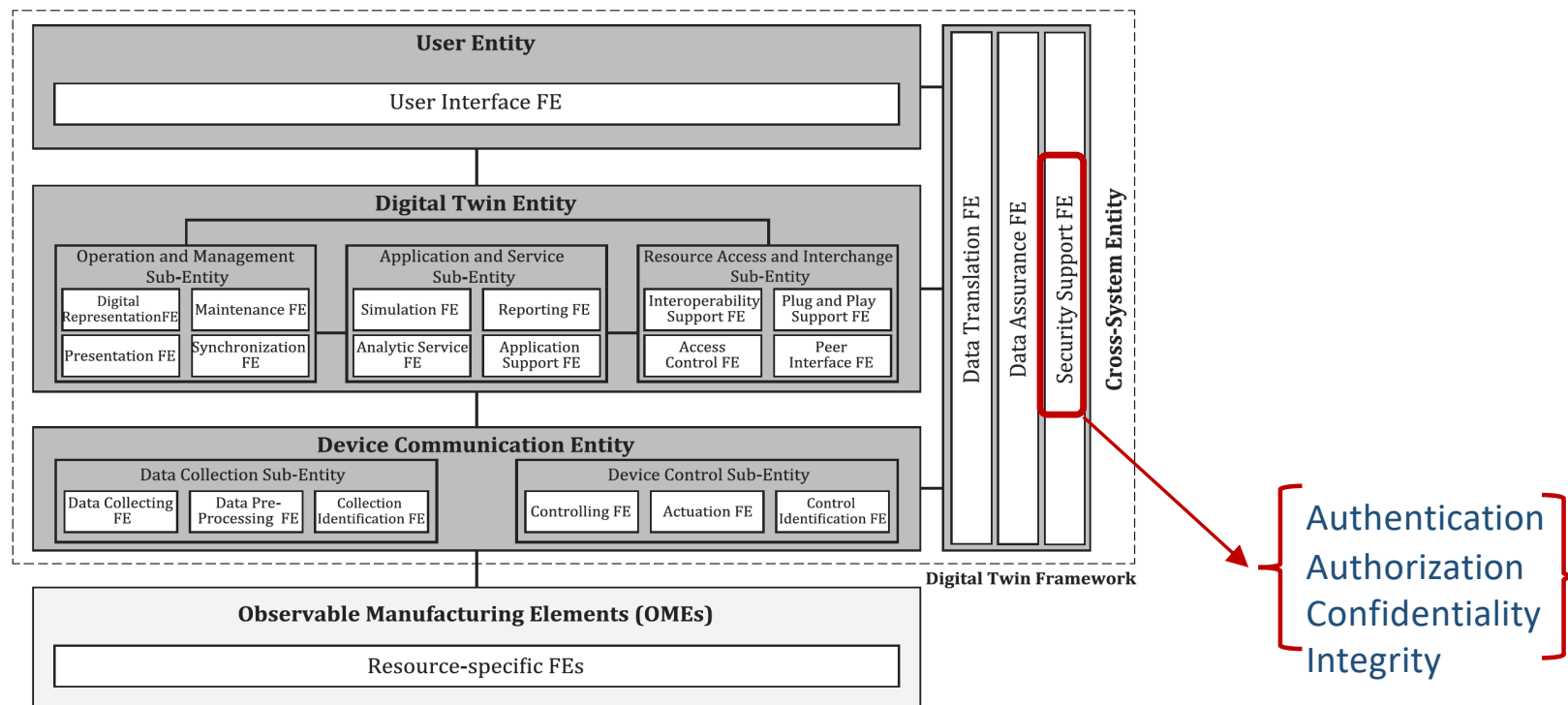
- We can find **standards and proposals** in review process from standardization bodies:
 - ISO
 - IEC
 - IETF/IRTF
 - ITU
- But also several **academia, and commercial and open-source solutions**

ISO Technical Committee 184

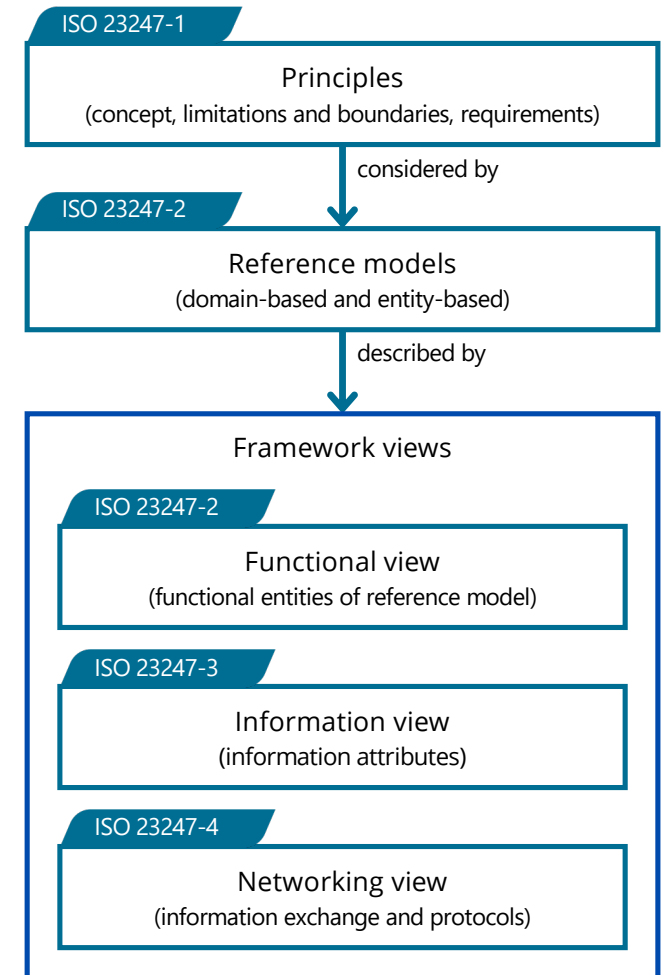


- Sub Committee 4 (Industrial Data) has created the **standard ISO 23247**
 - Defines a DT framework for manufacturing that supports the creation of DTs of *Observable Manufacturing Elements (OMEs)* – the physical counterparts
 - Actually, ISO 23247 is a series of standards and, because of its scope, mainly focus on IoT technology
 - *Part 1: Overview and general principles*
 - *Part 2: Reference architecture*
 - *Part 3: Digital representation of manufacturing elements*
 - *Part 4: Information Exchange*
 - *Part 5: Digital thread for digital twin*
 - *Part 6: Digital twin composition*
- under development***

- Part 2 includes the entity-based reference model
 - It includes **the functional view of the architecture**



- Part 3 provides a list of basic information attributes for the OMEs, such as:
 - *personnel*
 - *equipment*
 - *material*
 - *process*
 - *facility*
 - *environment*
 - *supporting documents*
- Part 4 defines a networking view, that is, the four types of communication networks used to connect the entities:
 - *user network*
 - *service network*
 - *access network*
 - *proximity network*



- SubCommittee 41 (Internet of Things and Digital Twin)
 - Working Group 6 undertakes the development of horizontal standards for DT foundational standards, and has created:
 - **ISO/IEC 20924**: Internet of Things (IoT) and digital twin – Vocabulary
 - **ISO/IEC 30173**: Digital Twin - Concepts and terminology
 - **ISO/IEC 30172**: Internet of Things - Digital Twin – Use cases
 - and under development:
 - ISO/IEC 30188: Digital Twin – Reference architecture
 - ISO/IEC 30186: Digital Twin – Maturity model and guidance for a maturity assessment
 - ISO/IEC 30194: Internet of Things (IoT) and Digital Twin - Best practices for use case projects

- The purpose of **ISO/IEC 30173** is to provide:
 - a common basis for understanding the concept and composition of a DT through definitions of DT-related concepts
 - an overview of the life cycle of a DT in relation to the target entity it represents
 - a basis for the development of standards, specifications and use of DTs

- **ISO/IEC 30172** provides a collection of representative use cases of DT applications
 - Intended to be applicable to all types of organizations (commercial enterprises, government agencies, non-for-profit organizations), hence covering a variety of domains:
 - building and construction
 - urban
 - energy
 - healthcare
 - manufacturing
 - home appliance
 - mining
 - telecommunications
 - aerospace
 - marine
 - environmental monitoring
 - transport

- SC 27 develops standards through its five working groups:
 - WG 1 – Information security management systems
 - WG 2 – Cryptography and Security Mechanisms
 - WG 3 – Security Evaluation, Testing and Specification
 - WG 4 – Security Controls and Services
 - WG 5 – Identity Management and Privacy Technologies
- Also involved in two joint working groups:
 - JWG 4 with ISO/TC 307 - Security, privacy and identity for Blockchain and DLT
 - JWG 6 with ISO/TC 22/SC 32 Cybersecurity requirements and evaluation activities for connected vehicle devices

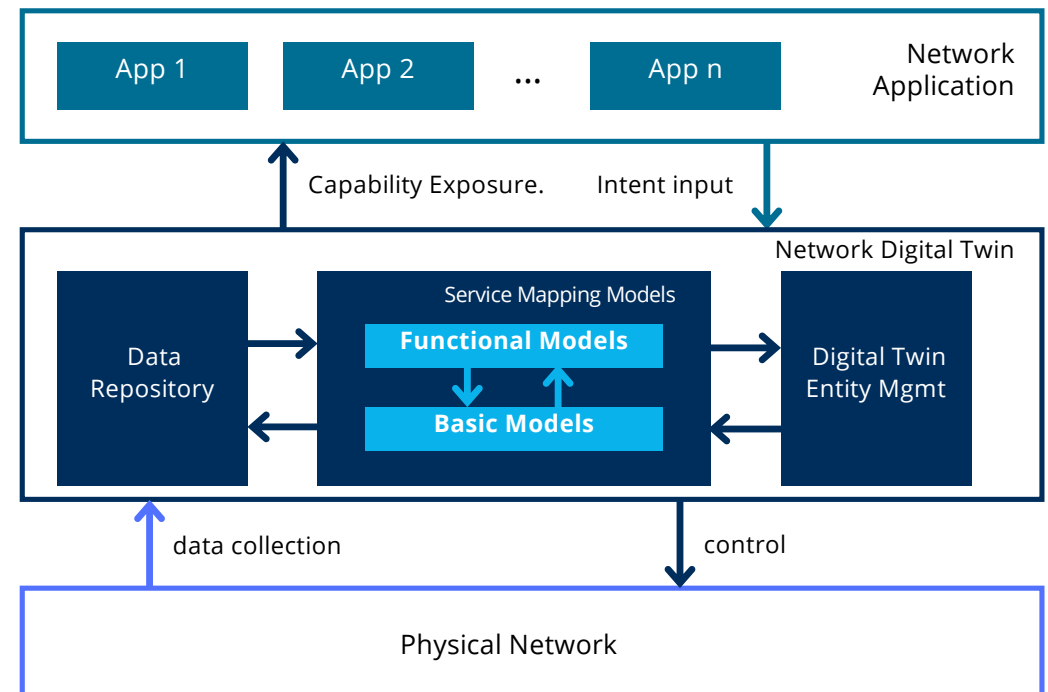
- It is precisely WG5 that is working on a new report:
 - “Security and Privacy of digital twins”
- The report provides:
 - a landscape on standards that can have an impact on security and privacy of DTs
 - those previously shown plus ITU ones
 - investigates stakeholders concerns
 - discusses gaps and recommendations

- The document claims to provide a high level analysis of security and privacy of DTs
- However, it is mainly based on an academic survey paper:
 - “*A survey on digital twins: architecture, enabling technologies, security and privacy, and future prospects*”
 - focusing on **IoDT** scenario without exploring other existing related work
- The IoDT-based approach is based on two communication levels:
 - *Intra-twin communication*
 - *Inter-twin communication in the cloud*

• “Network Digital Twin: Concepts and Reference Architecture”

- DTs enhance the use of network applications and their management

- Ensure **network maintenance**
 - by assessment of **risks** and **effectiveness** of services
- E.g. useful for 6G-based ecosystems
- **Security** considerations include:
 - Secure the digital twin system itself
 - Data privacy protection



- *“Performance-Oriented Digital Twins for Packet and Optical Networks”*
 - Includes network DT architecture and interfaces to later detail the **performance features** and how to estimate them
 - For **packet networks**: Delay, jitter, loss, traffic demand, routing, etc.
 - For optical networks: Topology, status, etc.
- *“Functional Design Aspects of Performance-Oriented Digital Twins”*
 - Does not look at details of models or interfaces but rather at general aspects of **functional design**
 - Several functional design principles are considered that may apply generically to PODTs
- *“Extended information of Semantic Definition Format (SDF) for DT”*
 - Specifies the **interactions and information** that can be **exchanged** between physical and virtual objects
 - such as namespaces and location information during their interactions
 - location information attributes: Location, Type, Target, Description, Label, Property

Source: IETF, Performance-Oriented Digital Twins for Packet and Optical Networks, 2024, <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-paillisse-nmrg-performance-digital-twin/>

Source: IETF, Functional Design Aspects of Performance-Oriented Digital Twins, 2023, <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-janz-nmrg-performance-digital-twin/>

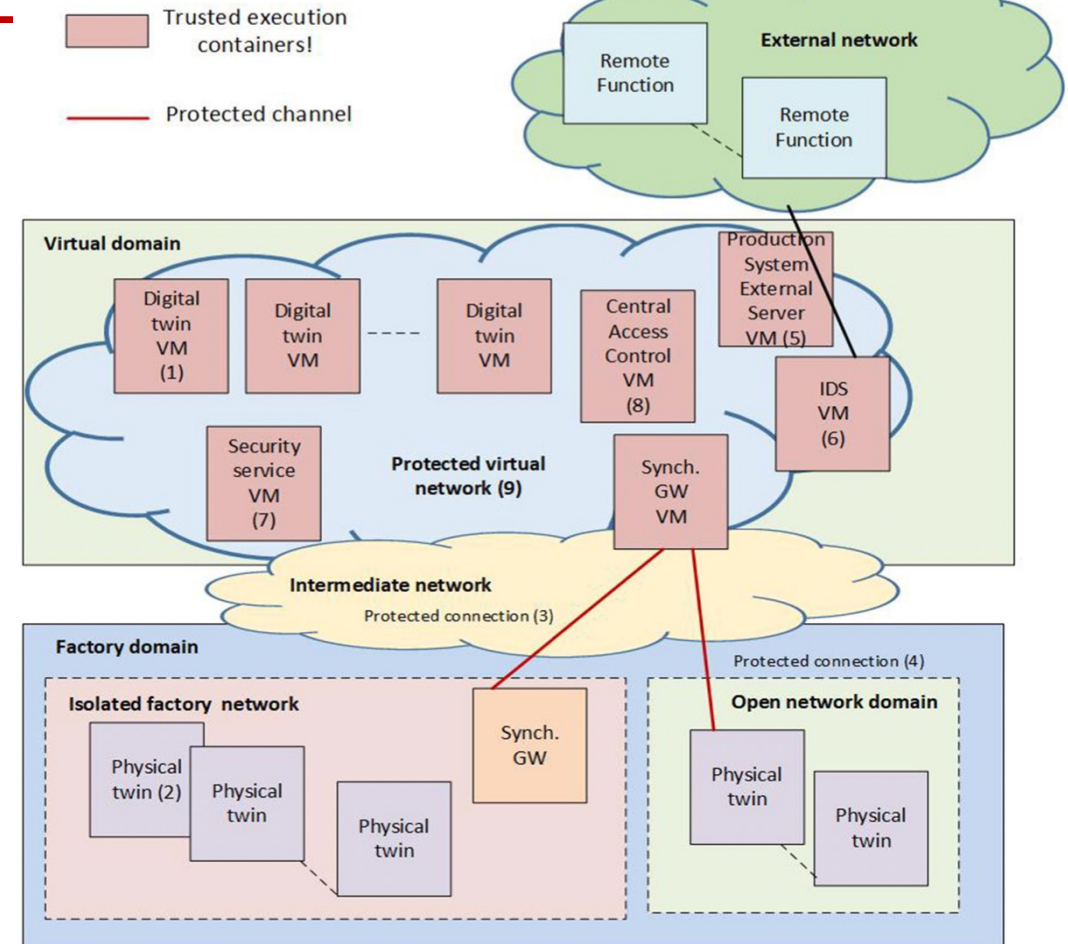
Source: IETF, Extended information of Semantic Definition Format (SDF) for Digital Twin, 2024, <https://www.ietf.org/archive/id/draft-lee-asdf-digital-twin-01.html>

Other DT reference models – Academia proposals

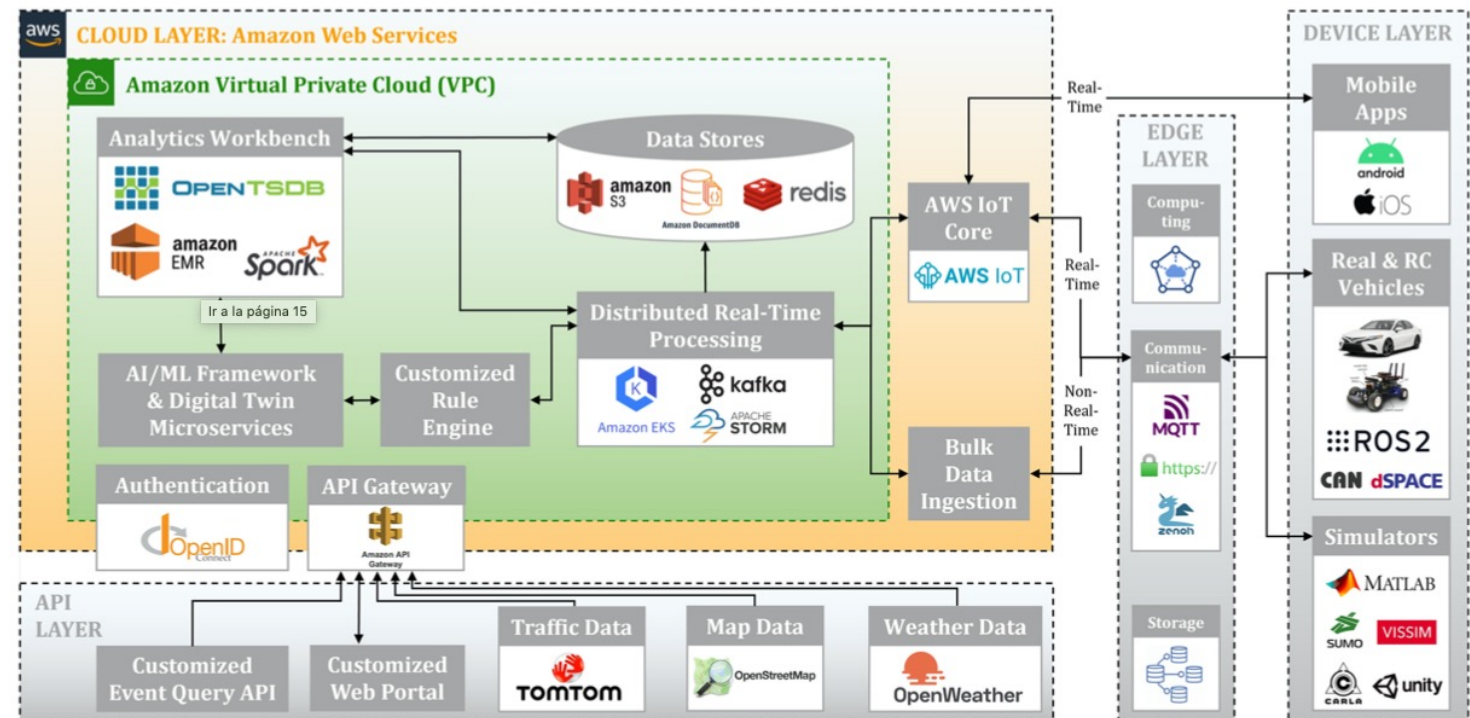


- A number of **scientific contributions** have arisen in the past few years
- These contributions have in common **the layered approach of the architecture**
 - The application of the main components is tailored to specific needs
 - For example, for Industry 4.0

- DT model integrating security services for ICSs
- Design-based security requirements are identified, such as:
 - Synchronization
 - Protection with respect to external connections
 - Access control
 - Software security
 - Network isolation
 - Resilience against DoS

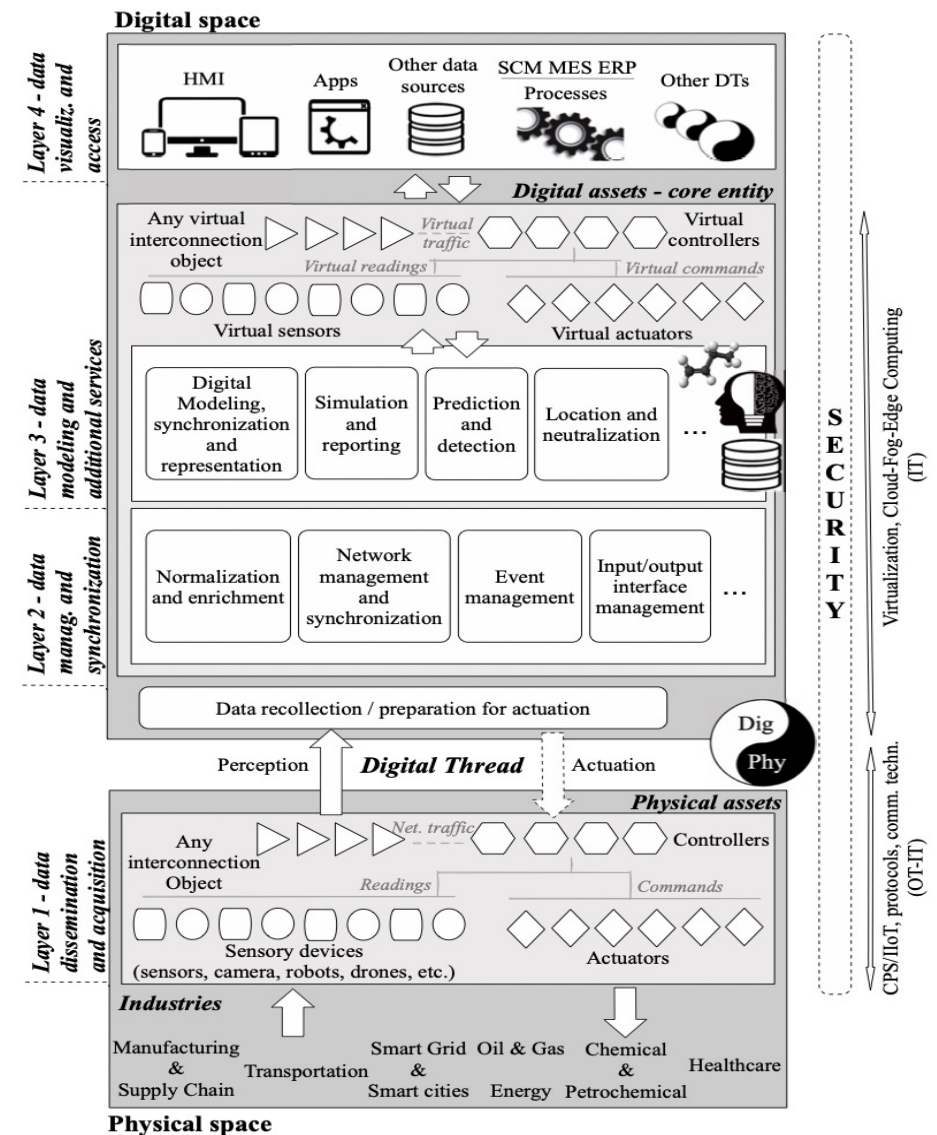


- Field of vehicles (Mobility DT, previously mentioned as use case)
 - architecture supported in AWS
 - resulting in an *AI-based data-driven cloud–edge–device framework*



Source: Z. Wang *et al.*, "Mobility Digital Twin: Concept, Architecture, Case Study, and Future Challenges," in *IEEE Internet of Things Journal*, vol. 9, no. 18, pp. 17452-17467, 15 Sept. 15, 2022, doi: 10.1109/JIOT.2022.3156028

- Layer-based DT model with transversal security
- Security recommendations are provided to create trustworthy simulation environments, such as:
 - Hardware and software security
 - Hardening of DT infrastructures and decoupling
 - Identity, authentication and authorization
 - Deception, intrusion detection and situational awareness
 - Response and recovery
 - Event management and information sharing
 - Trust management and privacy
 - Governance and security management
 - Traceability, auditing and accountability
 - Training and human aspects



Other DT reference models – Commercial solutions



- Few proprietary software solutions implementing DT technology, developed mainly by large companies in the manufacturing sector
 - But also some open-source software solutions are now available

Commercial solutions to implement DTs, vendors	Open-sources solutions to implement DTs
DT solution, General Electric (GE)	CPS Twinning
PTC Windchill, PTC	Wrld3d
3DS, Dassault Systèmes	Mago3D
DT solution, Seebo	i-Maintenance
Simulation Modeling SW tools and solutions, Anylogic	Eclipse Ditto
DT solution, Ansys	imodel.js
DT framework, IBM	...
IoT service, Microsoft Azure Digital Twin Software	
Factory I/O, Real Games	
SW development services to build DT solutions, Siemens	
...	

- *General Electric* provides **DT models for power components** to predict health statuses, reliability and performance
- The DT models are integrated as part of the **Predix platform**
 - A secure IIoT and cloud-based environment capable of processing large data volume and predicting situations through analytics
 - Predix also assesses system gaps, detects vulnerabilities, and protects the critical infrastructure and controls in compliance with cybersecurity regulations

- *Ansys* provides **Ansys Digital Twins**
 - A **cloud-supported platform** for developing and validating approaches, integrating a multi-domain system modeller
 - The platform:
 - facilitates real-time data connection through **IIoT devices**
 - automates the creation of code, compatible with web applications, Python applications and containers
 - and other multiple features

Source: <https://www.ansys.com/content/dam/amp/2023/november/asset-creation/ansys-digital-twins-technical-datasheet-20231102.pdf>

Source: Ansys, "Ansys Digital Twins," 2024.

Available online: <https://www.ansys.com/en-gb/products/systems/digital-twin> (accessed 2024).

Other DT reference models – open-source solutions



- **CPS Twinning** is a framework capable of generating and executing DTs of cyber-physical components
 - Generates virtual environments
 - Applies standardized format based on AutomationML (AML)
 - The solution is available at Github:
<https://github.com/sbaresearch/cps-twinning>

DTs for the protection of digital systems

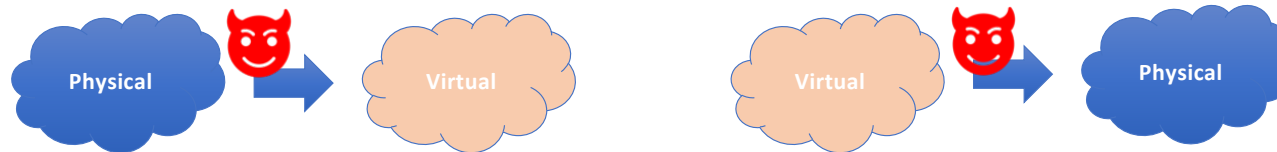
DTs for the protection of digital systems

- Already mentioned: *DT is a technology capable of optimizing processes, predicting failures, and detecting anomalous situations*
- But, if **capabilities for cybersecurity** are considered, then it would be possible to prevent and mitigate potential cyber-attacks (e.g. APTs)
 - abilities of the paradigm can cover **a number of cybersecurity challenges**
 - model threats, test security requirements, detect and mitigate situations
 - can increase an organization's **situational awareness**
 - better picture of the situation in terms of vulnerabilities, potential exploits and risks
 - as for Industry 4.0/5.0, create more **secure and resilient** digital ecosystems
 - reducing potential risks that can affect the quality and welfare of strategic infrastructures

- Indeed, DTs are potentially valuable assets for cybersecurity solutions, beneficial for:
 - **monitoring and inspection of security events** that occur in the physical counterpart
 - to identify possible threats to its operational processes
 - **detection of cyber-attacks** that attempt to exploit the vulnerabilities of an infrastructure
 - to enable the adoption of mitigation measures
 - **detection of anomalous behaviour** exhibited by devices and services
 - to prevent them from being compromised by zero-day attacks

- **simulation of entire intrusion scenarios**
 - including the possible characteristics of different cyber-attack variations and their impact on the security of the physical counterpart
- **response and recovery to face security risks**
 - by offering the system with mechanisms that help anticipate situations and provide mitigation measures
- **generation of potential sources of knowledge**
 - on which to apply learning techniques to improve other cybersecurity services (e.g. detection or response)
- **training to improve awareness and knowledge of cybersecurity and resilience**

- However, DT attack surface may be large and significant for many of the ecosystems and infrastructures based on DTs



- And still not enough research and work done
 - For instance, **lack of protection of DT devices**
 - e.g.: configurations, IP, property industrial protocols, connections, etc.
 - Also, multiple security **problems** to solve at:
 - **IT level** (risks to confidentiality, data integrity and data availability) – cyber world
 - **OT level** (risks to operational availability and data integrity) – physical world
 - **communication level**
 - Moreover, DT-driven cybersecurity functions should **not collide and impact** operational tasks of their physical counterpart

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- Therefore, it seems strongly necessary to explore the untapped potential of DTs beyond their conventional use
 - Two different perspectives of interest:
 - Harnessing the power of DTs for protection of critical systems
 - Navigating the challenges of deploying this technology from a secure standpoint
 - How to do both in a more systematic way than done until now?

Application of the NIST cybersecurity framework to DT

NIST Cybersecurity Framework

- Focus on v1.1
 - V2.0 published in February 2024, including governance as a transversal layer
- Both frameworks include five relevant cybersecurity “functions”
 - Each function comprises a set of security categories that classify the security actions
- Provides a **high-level abstraction** of the cybersecurity lifecycle and a **common language** that facilitates
 - adaptability of technologies
 - and lifecycle phases of systems, sectors and users



- Minimal differences between approaches and versions, but enough to generate a new version,
 - with a more simplified version
 - and an additional security function in Governance
- But in essence, both approaches retain the same objectives and main focuses

Function Unique Identifier	Function	Category Unique Identifier	Category
ID	Identify	ID.AM	Asset Management
		ID.BE	Business Environment
		ID.GV	Governance
		ID.RA	Risk Assessment
		ID.RM	Risk Management Strategy
		ID.RM	Risk Management Strategy
		ID.SC	Supply Chain Risk Management
PR	Protect	PR.AC	Identity Management and Access Control
		PR.AT	Awareness and Training
		PR.DS	Data Security
		PR.IP	Information Protection Processes and Procedures
		PR.MA	Maintenance
		PR.PT	Protective Technology
DE	Detect	DE.AE	Anomalies and Events
		DE.CM	Security Continuous Monitoring
		DE.DP	Detection Processes
RS	Respond	RS.RP	Response Planning
		RS.CO	Communications
		RS.AN	Analysis
		RS.MI	Mitigation
		RS.IM	Improvements
RC	Recover	RC.RP	Recovery Planning
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		RC.CO	Communications

Function	Category	Category Identifier
Govern (GV)	Organizational Context	GV.OC
	Risk Management Strategy	GV.RM
	Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management	GV.SC
	Roles, Responsibilities, and Authorities	GV.RR
	Policies, Processes, and Procedures	GV.PO
	Oversight	GV.OV
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Protect (PR)	Identity Management, Authentication, and Access Control	PR.AA
	Awareness and Training	PR.AT
	Data Security	PR.DS
	Platform Security	PR.PS
Detect (DE)	Technology Infrastructure Resilience	PR.IR
Detect (DE)	Continuous Monitoring	DE.CM
	Adverse Event Analysis	DE.AE
Respond (RS)	Incident Management	RS.MA
	Incident Analysis	RS.AN
	Incident Response Reporting and Communication	RS.CO
	Incident Mitigation	RS.MI
Recover (RC)	Incident Recovery Plan Execution	RC.RP
	Incident Recovery Communication	RC.CO

- Both versions maintain the use of identifiers, which have also been taken into account for our analysis

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Source: NIST, Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity, v 1.1, <https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.CSWP.04162018>

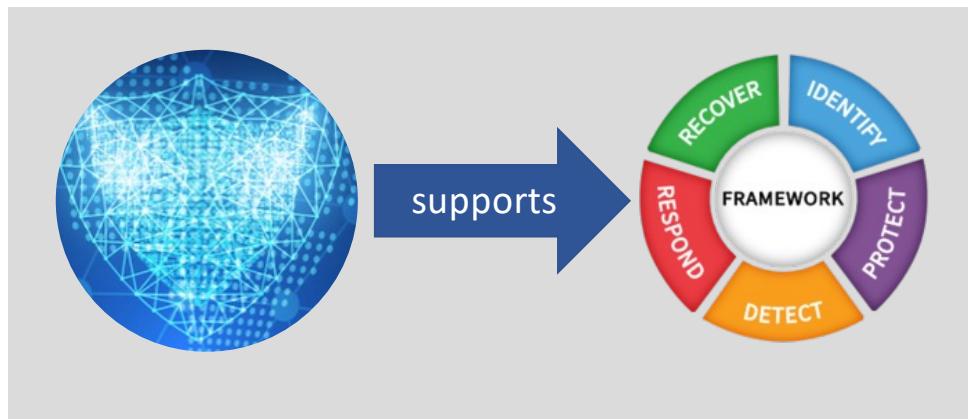
Source: NIST, NIST Cybersecurity Framework, CSF 2.0, NIST CSWP 29, 2024, <https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.CSWP.29>

- The following is a visual indication of “how” the NIST framework (v1.1) can be interpreted:
 - For simplicity, we will consider (in this talk) the function "PROTECTION"

Function Unique Identifier	Function	Category Unique Identifier	Category	Function	Category	Subcategory	Informative References
ID	Identify	ID.AM	Asset Management	PROTECT (PR)	Identity Management, Authentication and Access Control (PR.AC): Access to physical and logical assets and associated facilities is limited to authorized users, processes, and devices, and is managed consistent with the assessed risk of unauthorized access to authorized activities and transactions.	PR.AC-6: Identities are proofed and bound to credentials and asserted in interactions	CIS CSC, 16 COBIT 5 DSS05.04, DSS05.05, DSS05.07, DSS06.03 ISA 62443-2-1:2009 4.3.3.2.2, 4.3.3.5.2, 4.3.3.7.2, 4.3.3.7.4 ISA 62443-3-3:2013 SR 1.1, SR 1.2, SR 1.4, SR 1.5, SR 1.9, SR 2.1 ISO/IEC 27001:2013, A.7.1.1, A.9.2.1 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 AC-1, AC-2, AC-3, AC-16, AC-19, AC-24, IA-1, IA-2, IA-4, IA-5, IA-8, PE-2, PS-3
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DE	Detect	DE.AE	Anomalies and Events	PR.AC-7: Users, devices, and other assets are authenticated (e.g., single-factor, multi-factor) commensurate with the risk of the transaction (e.g., individuals' security and privacy risks and other organizational risks)	CIS CSC 1, 12, 15, 16 COBIT 5 DSS05.04, DSS05.10, DSS06.10 ISA 62443-2-1:2009 4.3.3.6.1, 4.3.3.6.2, 4.3.3.6.3, 4.3.3.6.4, 4.3.3.6.5, 4.3.3.6.6, 4.3.3.6.7, 4.3.3.6.8, 4.3.3.6.9 ISA 62443-3-3:2013 SR 1.1, SR 1.2, SR 1.5, SR 1.7, SR 1.8, SR 1.9, SR 1.10 ISO/IEC 27001:2013 A.9.2.1, A.9.2.4, A.9.3.1, A.9.4.2, A.9.4.3, A.18.1.4 NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 4 AC-7, AC-8, AC-9, AC-11, AC-12, AC-14, IA-1, IA-2, IA-3, IA-4, IA-5, IA-8, IA-9, IA-10, IA-11		
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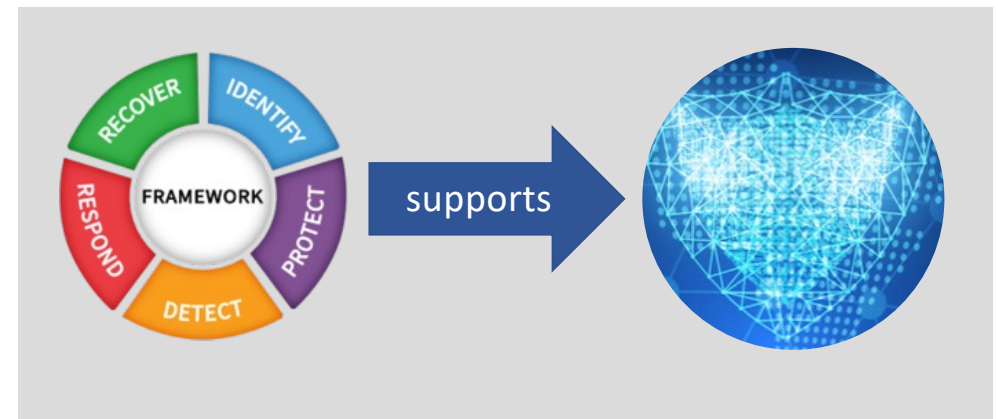
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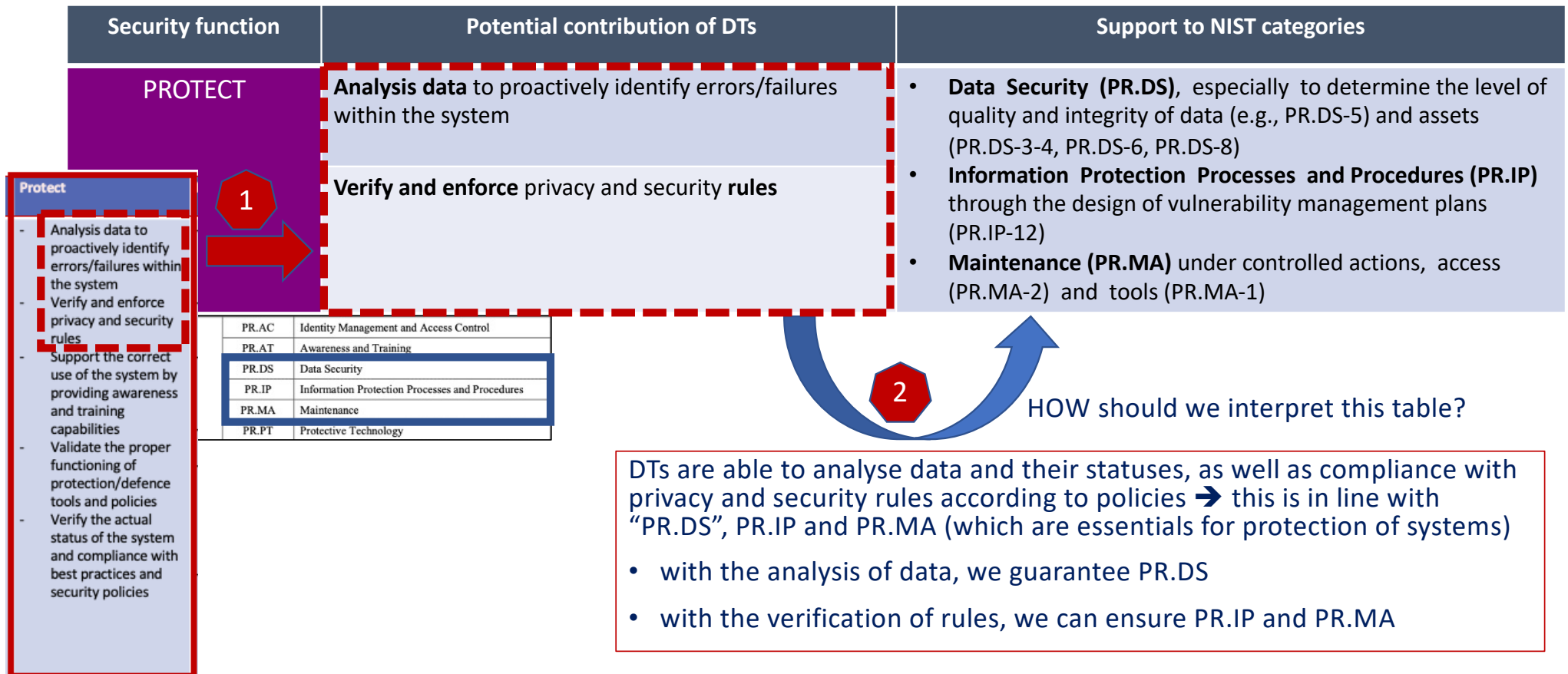


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Mapping to the NIST security categories and identifiers



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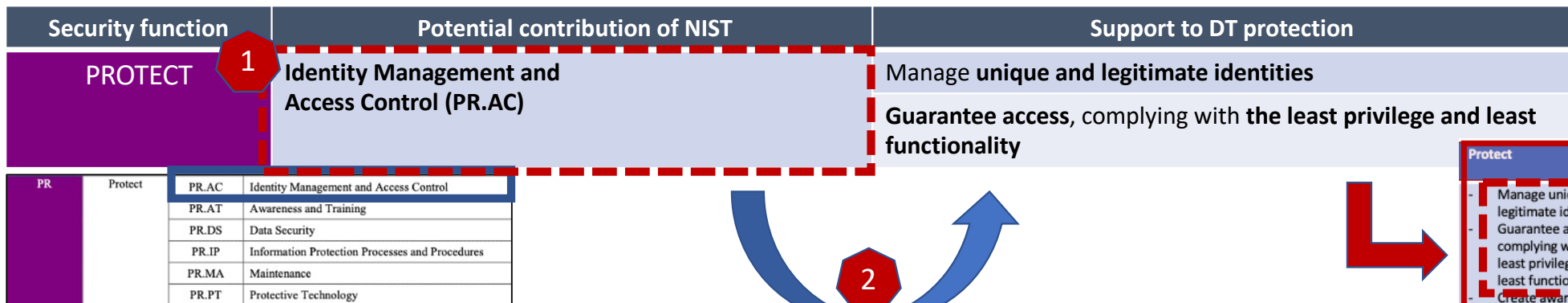
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HOW should we interpret this table?

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 - At the technical, operational and administrative levels
- It is still a **challenge** what the implementation of DT-based ecosystems would entail
 - Enormous technological boom that the implementation of DTs implies
 - Multiple technologies can be integrated as part of a DT:
 - AI, CPS, IIoT, edge computing, 5G/6G, ...
- The challenge also lies not only with the scientific community, with more approaches and optimal approaches, but also with many other **stakeholders**



Q&A

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