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Digital Twin: Is it Just a Buzzword?

Unpacking the digital twin and what it means for you

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Today's Agenda

- 1 What is a digital twin?
- 2 How do types of digital twins differ?
- 3 Examples of different digital twins
- 4 How does this relate to the IIJA bill?



Digital Twin

A digital twin can be used for monitoring, diagnostics, and prognostics to optimize asset performance and utilization.

Sensory data can be combined with physics-based models to improve the outcome of prognostics. Therefore, complex prognostics platforms can be used as digital twins and used to find the root cause of issues, proactively addressing them, and improve productivity of a utility.

Digital Twin – Smart Water Networks (SWAN) Forum

A dynamic digital representation of real-world entity(s) and their behaviors, using models with static and dynamic data that enable insights and interactions to drive actionable and improved outcomes.



A close-up photograph of a large, weathered metal pipe. The pipe is heavily rusted and has a blue bolt visible on its flange. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent white background. The text "What is the Asset Twin?" is centered on the image in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

What is the Asset Twin?

Asset Management - 6 Part Breakdown



Data driven risk planning



Info360 Asset leverages your asset condition data to empower asset managers to make more informed decisions when creating their capital plan.

Improved Asset Planning Provides Improved Transparency at North Charleston Sewer District

Project

- **Objective:** Ensuring the right CIP dollars were being spent in the most effective areas within the both rapidly growing and aging sewer district.

Challenges

- Communicating the many factors for CIP decision making to stakeholders.
- Data integration across different data types (CMMS, CCTV, GIS, Excel) to generate wholistic evaluations.

Solution

- **Decision Tree Analysis:** Easy to create and understand analytics while still being robust to be meaningful and accurate.
- **Pipe Inspection QA/QC:** Easily audit and leverage hard earned field data properly.

Outcome

- CIP proposal process was streamlined and made more data driven – saving many work hours and reducing overall team stress.
- Board of Commissioners was able to approve multi-million-dollar plans with ‘no questions asked’ because the process was transparent and easy to understand.



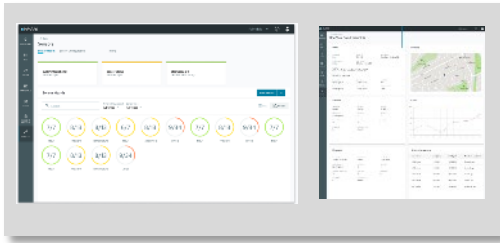
A worker wearing a red hard hat and an orange safety vest is operating machinery at a water treatment facility. The worker is leaning over a metal railing, and a large pipe is visible in the foreground. In the background, there is a large industrial building and a body of water with aeration equipment. The text "What is the Operations Twin?" is overlaid on the image in a bold, black font.

What is the Operations Twin?

Drive smarter water decisions



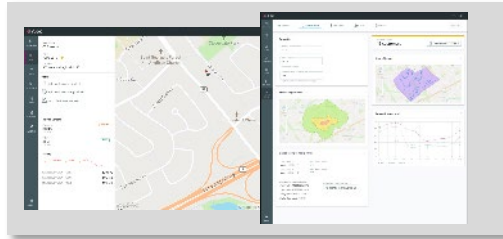
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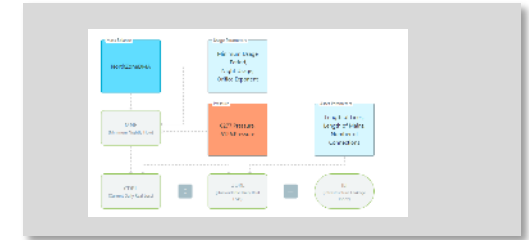
Data Integrity/Sensor Health



Dashboarding/KPIs



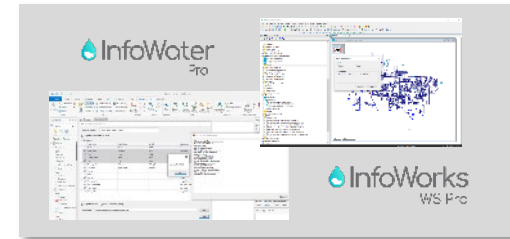
Incident Management



Analytical Tools



24-7 Event Monitoring/Alerts

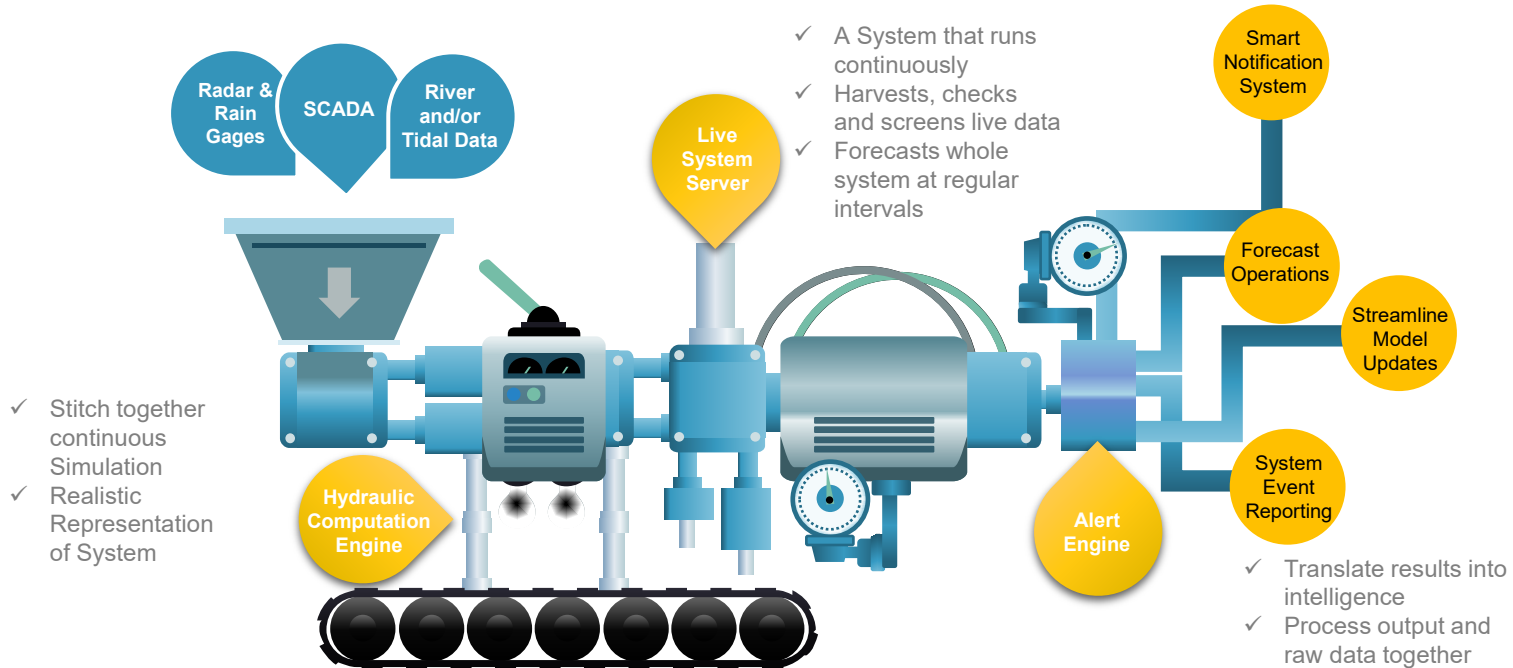


Hydraulic Model Integration

An aerial photograph of a suburban area with a river on the left. The map is overlaid with a hydrological model. A network of blue lines represents the stream network, with arrows indicating flow direction. A large blue shaded area covers the river and its immediate surroundings. A pink shaded area follows a path through the residential area, likely representing a specific flow path or a model output. A small cluster of red and green triangles is located near the bottom center, possibly representing a specific point source or measurement location. The background shows houses, roads, and green spaces.

What is the Modeling Twin?

Live Modeling System

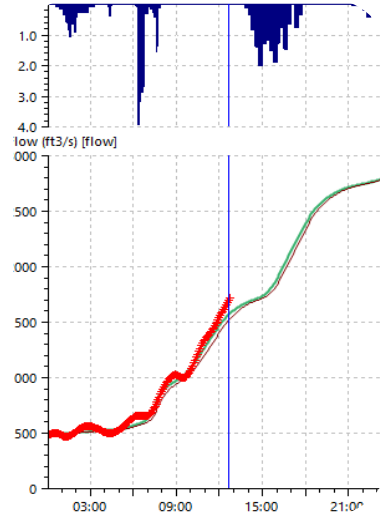


Live modeling isn't simple

Timely



Accurate



Reliable



Adaptable

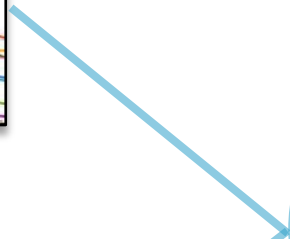
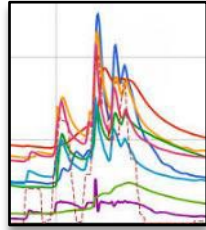


Timely and Adaptable: Directly Connected Time Series Data

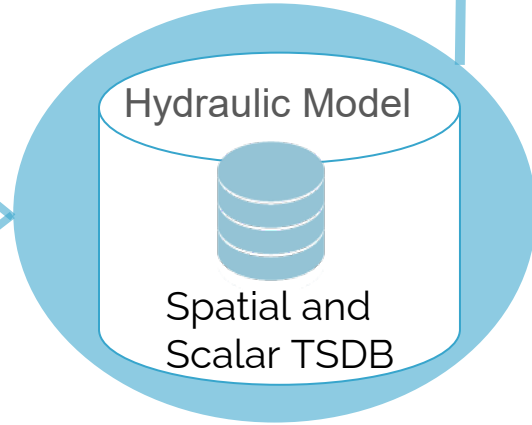
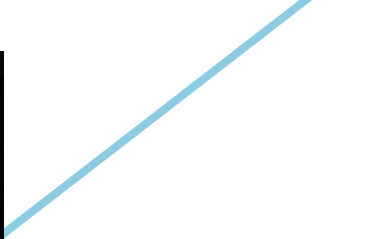
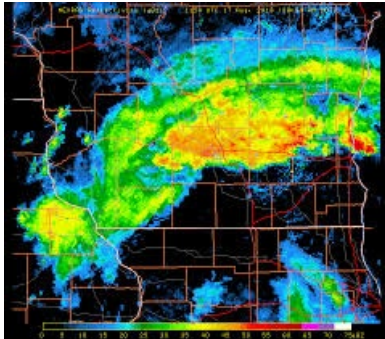
Sensor Network



SCADA / Telemetry



Radar



Modelers



Operators

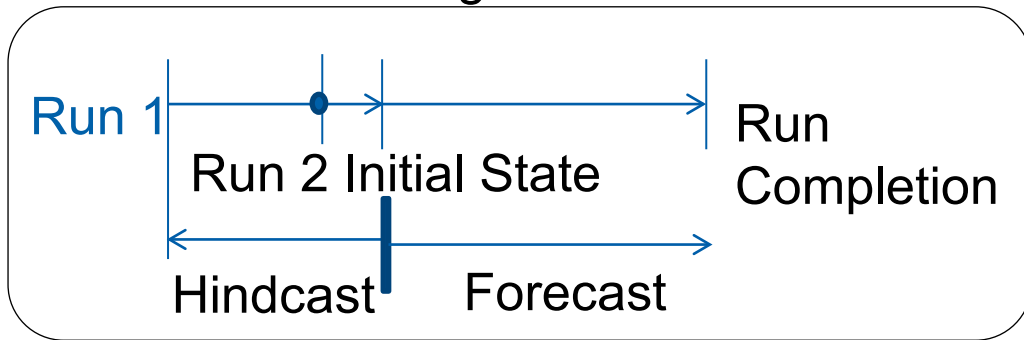


Simulation Server

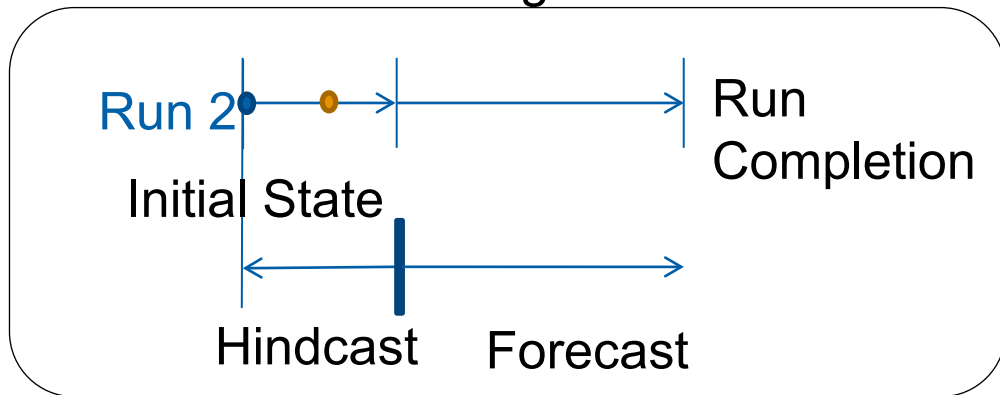


Accurate and Adaptable: Successive Simulation Approach

Run Start Run Origin



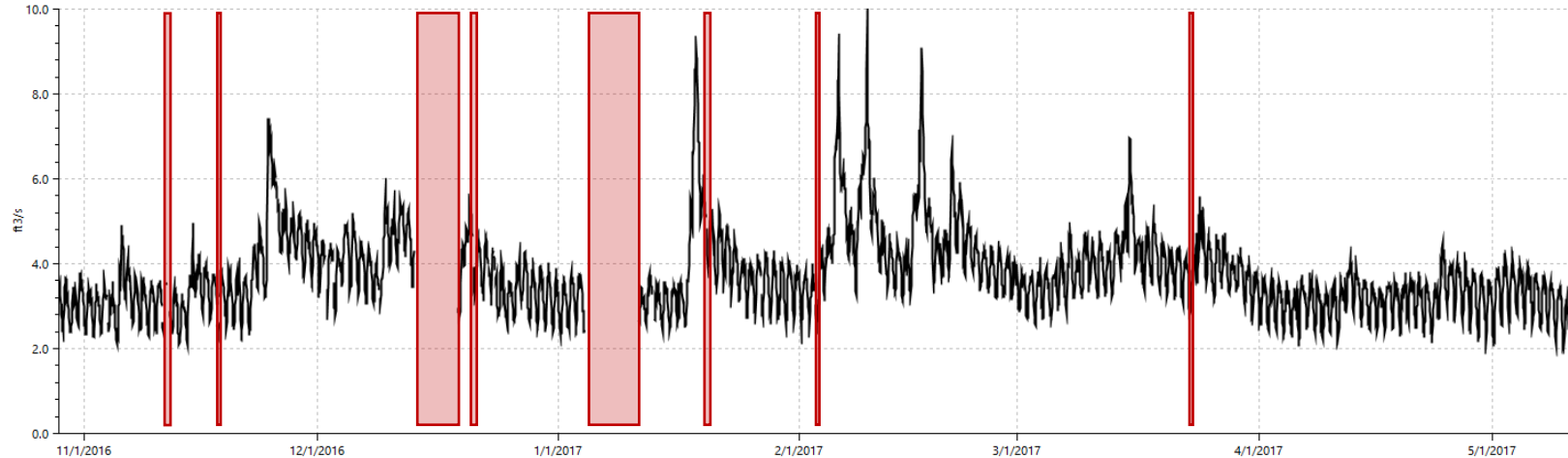
Run Start Run Origin



- Run 2 Initial State
- Run 3 Initial State

Accurate and Reliable: Problems with incoming SCADA Data is inevitable

- A Timeseries Database is essential to efficiently store all Raw Data
- Timeseries data needs to automatically scrub data and report on:
 - Data Gaps
 - Spikes and Anomalies
 - Data Conversions
 - Performs Data Smoothing
 - Sensor Aggregation
 - Etc.



Optimizing Operations with the Glasgow Smart Canals



Project

- **Objective:** Maintain an appropriate water surface in the canal to mitigate against flooding



Challenges

- Flood risk needed to be limited with incoming rain events
- Canal had requirements to allow boats to navigate



Solution

- **Live Modeling Twin:** Live modeling system retrieves forecast and SCADA data
- **Optimize Controls:** RTC optimizes sluice gate controls and exports to SCADA



Outcome

- Level optimization enables up to 2 million cubic feet of additional storage
- 270 Acres of land now accessible for development



Improving Model Accuracy with Anglian Water



Project

- **Objective:** Maintain the accuracy of a hydraulic model with a very large service area and ever-changing site conditions



Challenges

- Large number of models to manage with a service area covering 5 million customers
- Very laborious to constantly update models and keep with up to date with changing site conditions



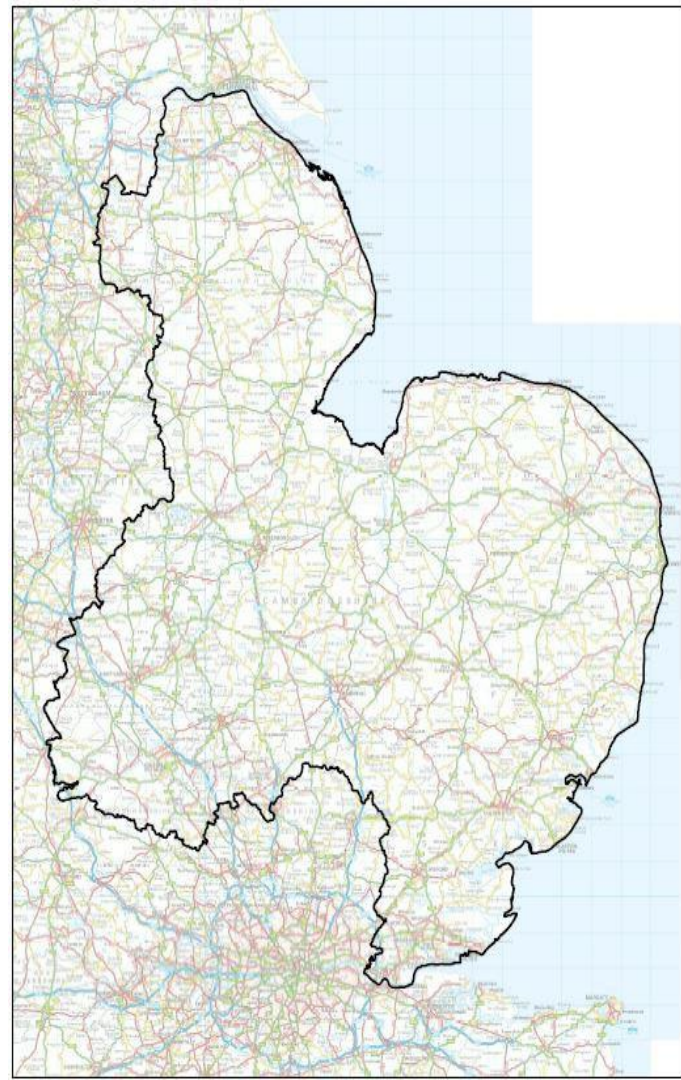
Solution

- **Automate Model Builds:** Scripting was used to automate model updates from GIS data on a nightly basis
- **Constant Model Validation:** Scripts were used to validate and run the models, then compare them against real-time SCADA data



Outcome

- Modelers can spend time on the analysis of the results rather than being concerned with updating the model and data management



How does this relate to the IJA Bill?

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1 SEC. 50217. STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE TECH-
2 NOLOGY.

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) CENTER.—The term “center” means a center
5 of excellence for stormwater control infrastruc-
6 ture established under subsection (b)(1).

7 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
8 ty” means—

9 (A) a State, Tribal, or local government; or

10 (B) a local, regional, or other public entity



(B) IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—The Administrator may make implementation grants under this subsection for the following projects:

(i) Installing new and emerging, but proven, stormwater control infrastructure technologies.

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(ii) Protecting or restoring interconnected networks of natural areas that protect water quality.

(iii) Monitoring and evaluating the environmental, economic, or social benefits of

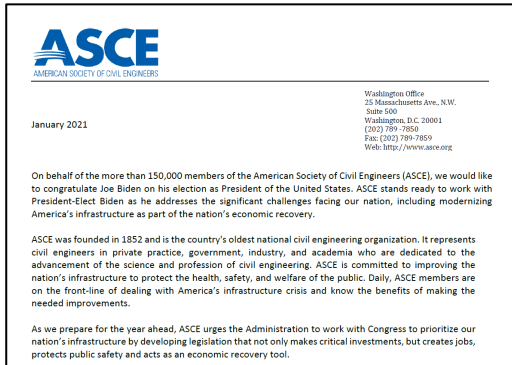
Infrastructure Plan Language

Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act (S. 914)

- Sec. 112. Advanced drinking water technologies (*for small systems*)
- Sec. 213. Water data sharing pilot program (*can you say Cloud?*)
- Sec. 219. Advanced clean water technologies study (*cyber security*)

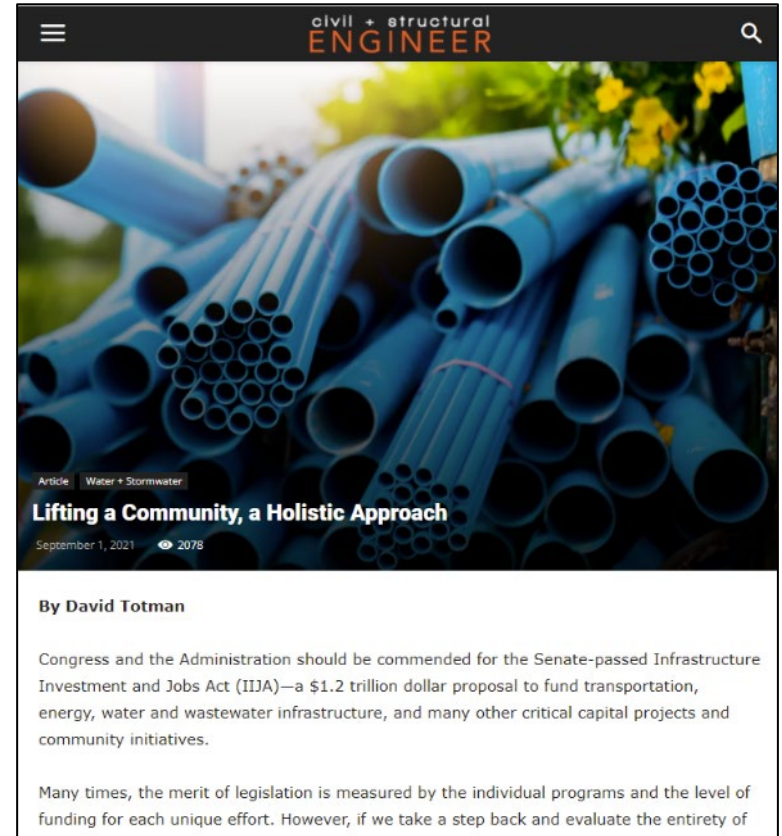
Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021 (H.R. 1915)

- Sec. 11. Smart wastewater infrastructure technology grant program (*AI*)



The Innovyze Intersection

- Innovyze has a rich heritage and reputation of managing clean water across the globe
- Innovyze leverages state of the art technology in an easy-to-use platform
- The Innovyze Digital AMP provides the recipe for healthy infrastructure management
- The Innovyze platform can provide the “collateral” for Federal, State, and Local funding (and financing...)



How Far Does Your Asset Management Go?



Building for a Successful Grant Application





Thank you!

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