

# « Digital Twins »

An « academic » viewpoint



Smart Lunches  
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## Preamble

**Are Digital Twins the new  
Smart Cities**

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# Smart City

- ▶ As defined by the European Commission:

A **Smart City** is a **place** where *traditional* networks and services are made *more efficient* with the use of *digital solutions* for the benefit of its inhabitants and business.



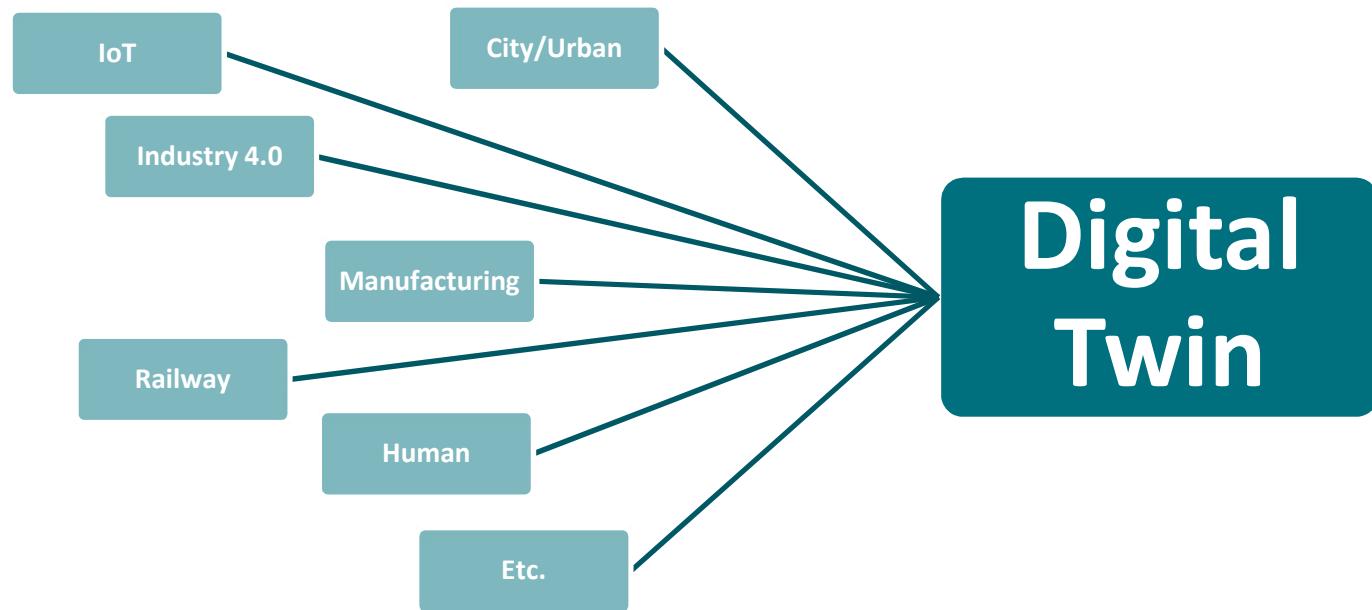
# Digital Twins

- ▶ As defined by IBM:

A **Digital Twin** is a **virtual representation** of an object or system that *spans its lifecycle*, is *updated* from real-time data, and *uses* simulation, machine learning and reasoning to help decision-making



# Digital Twin





# Digital Twins Workshops

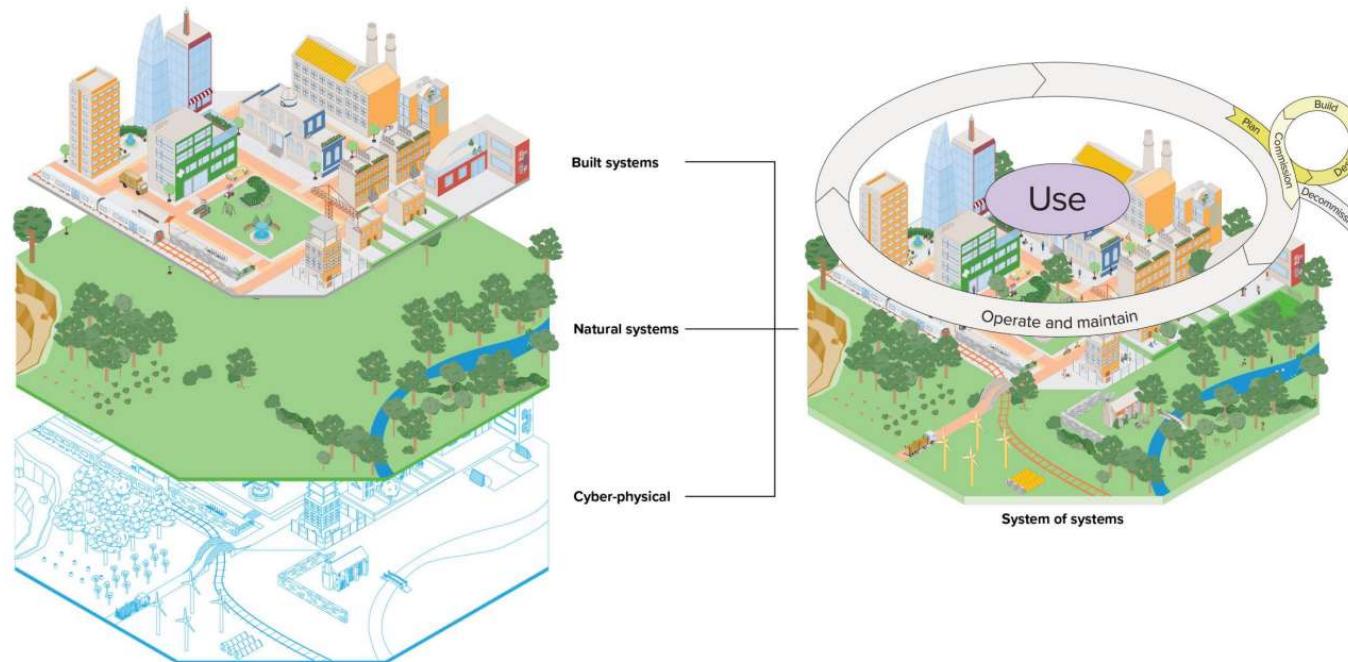
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**Workshops:**    21<sup>st</sup> January 2022  
                    28<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
                    25<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**How do WE define what a Digital Twin is?**



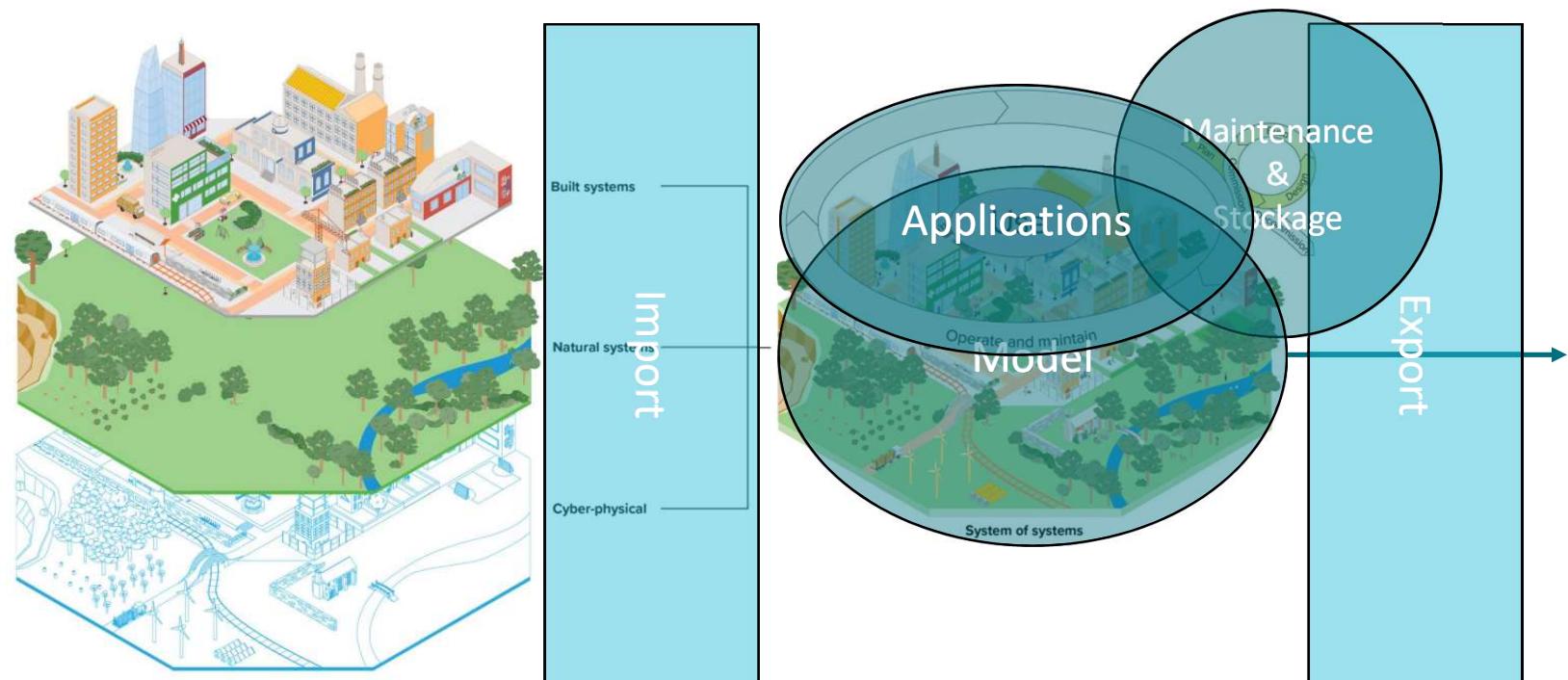
# System of Systems



Credits to **Mark Enzer**, CTO at Mott MacDonald Group

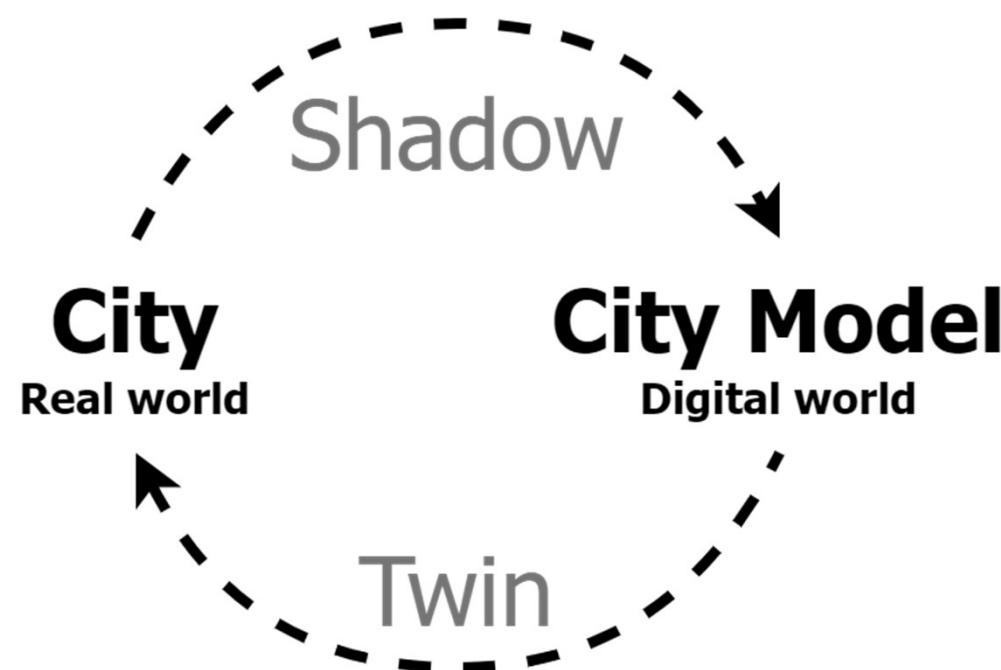


# System of Systems – Spatial Data Infrastructure





## Levels of Definition



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# Geomatics Unit - Researchers

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**Ballouch Zouhair**

Segmentation de nuages de points enrichis (Contexte urbain)

**El Yamani Siham**

Extension de CityGML pour l'évaluation immobilière

**Jeddoub Imane**

Intégration de données dans les modèles urbains 3D

**Kharroubi Abderrazzaq**

Détection de changement dans les nuages de points (Chemins de fer)

**Nys Gilles-Antoine**

Nouvelle génération de GIS: Semantic Web, NoSQL & CityJSON



# Geomatics Unit - Students

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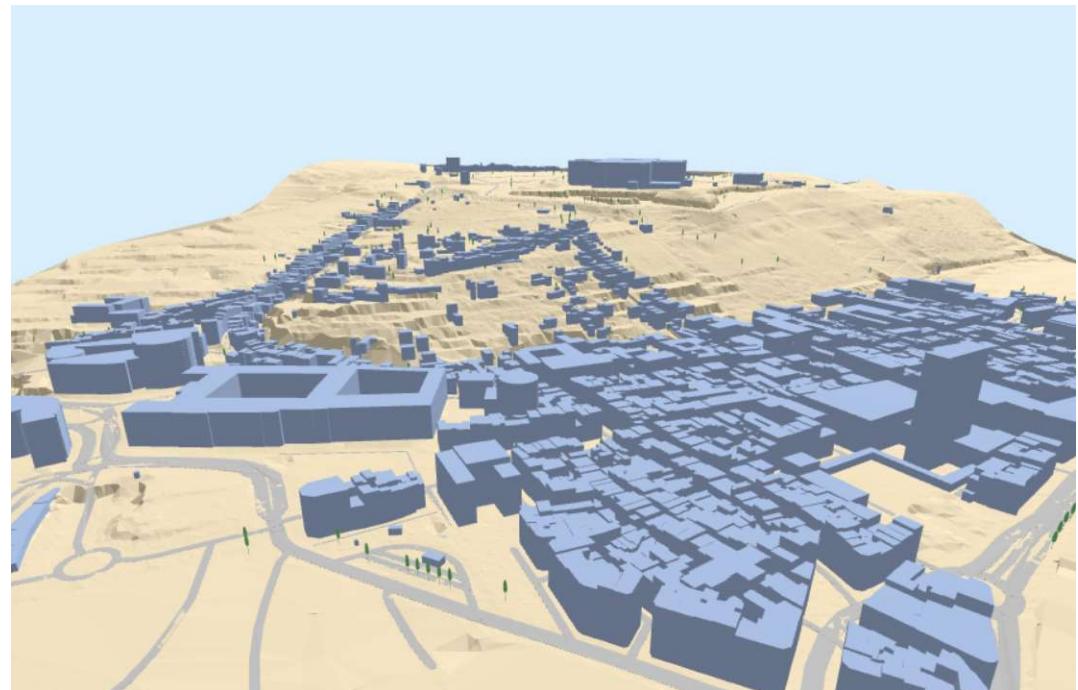
Petit Céline

Van Den Spiegel Quentin

Wilkin Cyril

From **LiDAR** and **PICC** layers  
to **CityJSON City Model 1.1**

- Creation
- Storage
- Requests and computations





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