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# Cloud-based Open-source Digital Twin for BioChemical Pilot Plant

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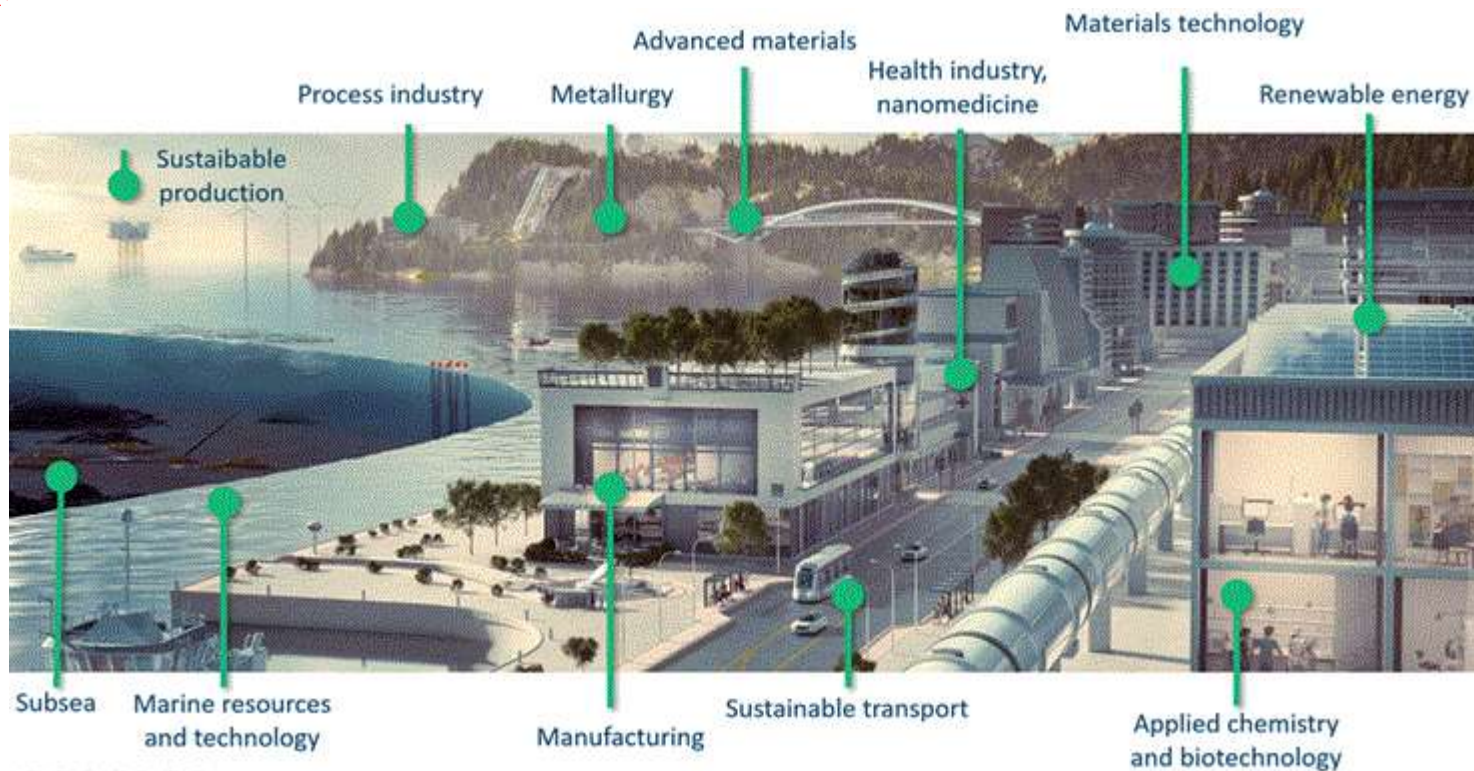
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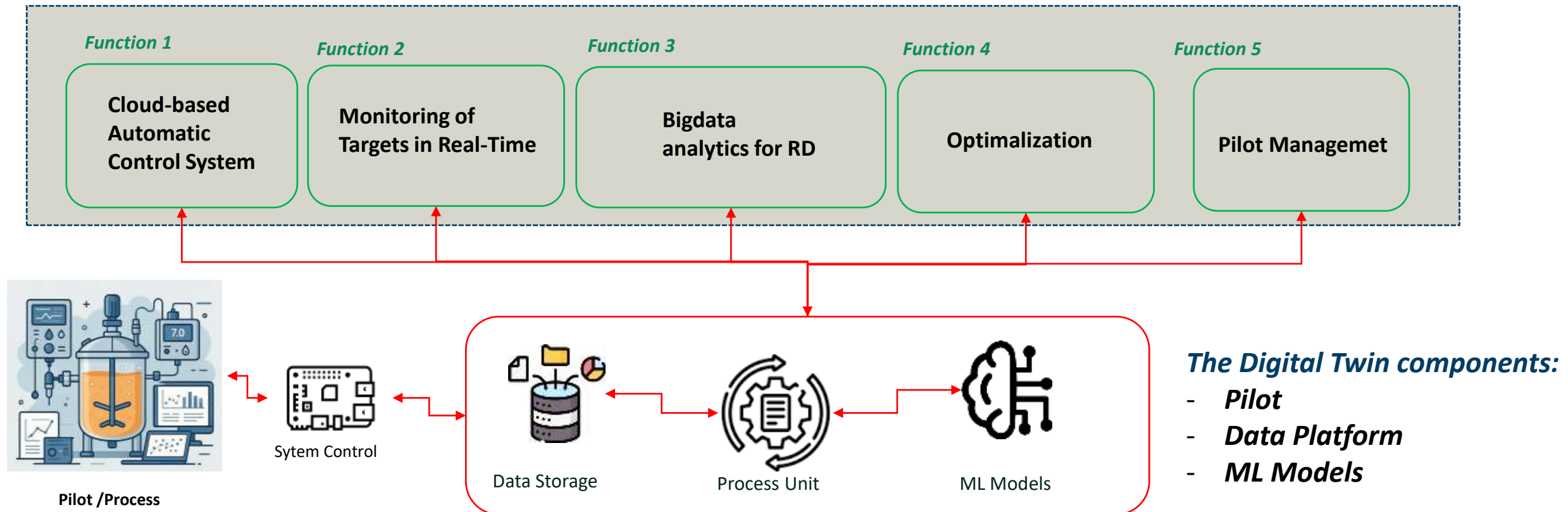
# Digital Twin For Process Pilot

## *The Digital Twin:*

*AI, big data, autonomous systems, machine learning, and cloud solutions*



Data Platform on Azure VM



# Tools for Digital Twins



*Kafka app: realtime stream data from Raman analysis equipment to data platform*



*MQTT app: real-time communication between Cloud and control system of pilot*

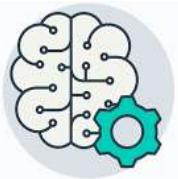


PostgreSQL

*PostgreSQL: TimescaleDB to collect realtime data from Raman and operation*



*Python: Data processing linked to ML models*



*Machine learning models (PLSr, XGBoost, Bayesian Optimization)*



*Flask app: web app for visualization*



Grafana *Grafana app: Real time monitoring*

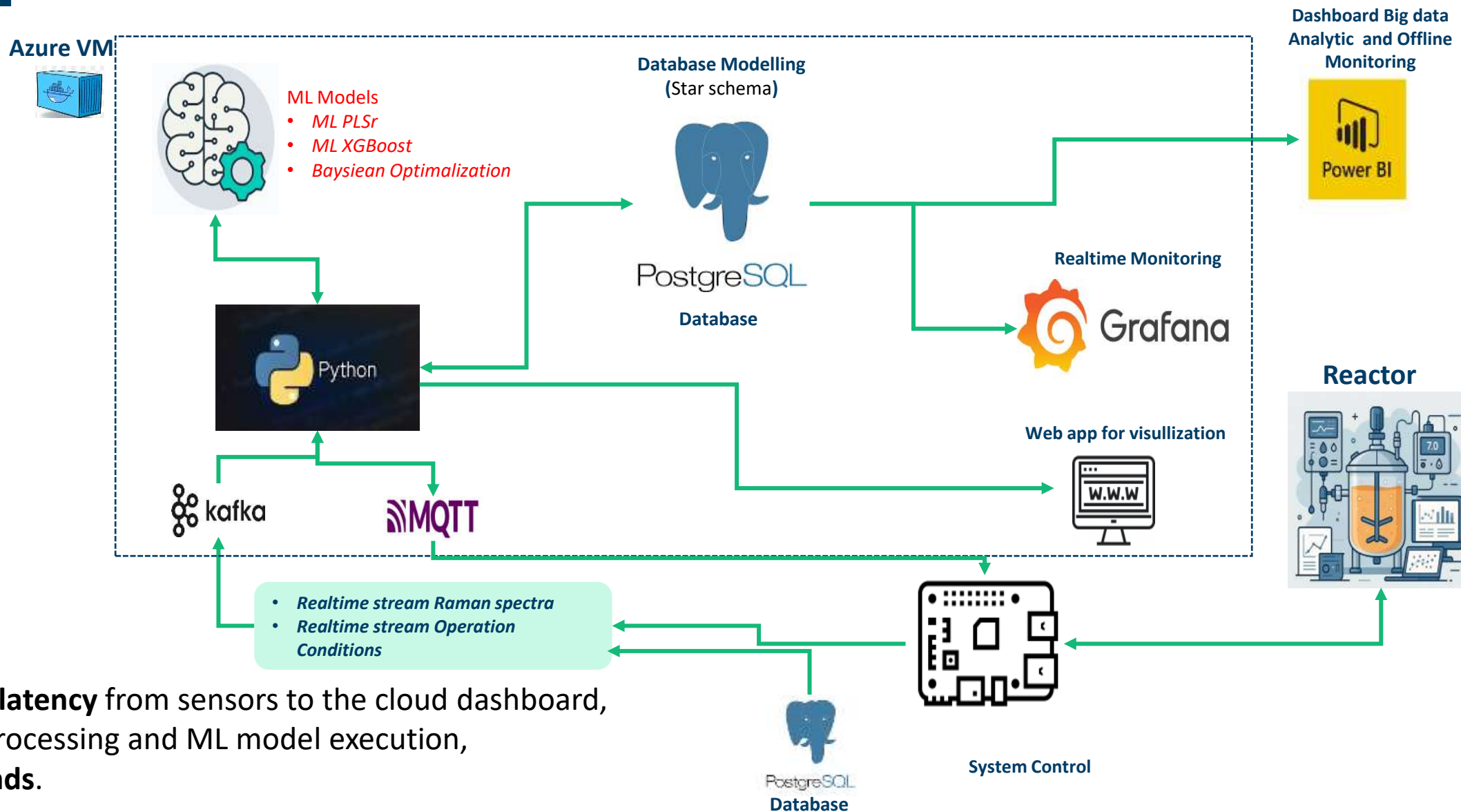


*Power BI app (Microsoft- license app): big data analytics*



*Docker app: an environment for installing, running, and packaging all applications within a data platform.*

# Cloud Architecture for The Digital Twins

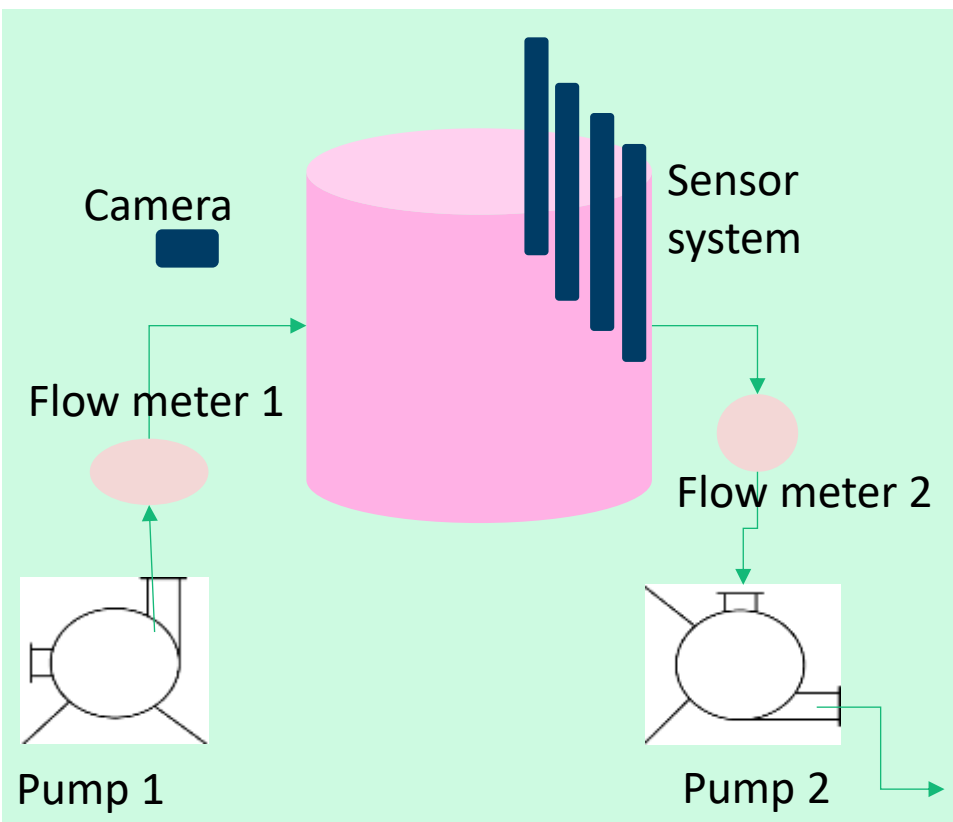




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# Cloud based Pilot System Control



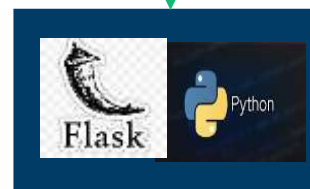
Reactor System

Raspberry Pi 4

Arduino



MQTT



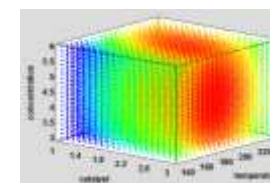
Dashboard

Database



PostgreSQL

- Manual control
- Auto-DOE control
- Autonomous control



Design of Experiment (DOE)

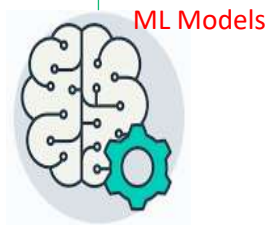
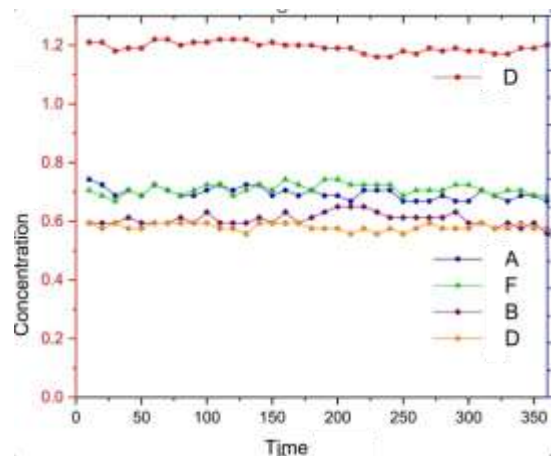


Model



# Machine Learning Models for The Digital Twin

Realtime Monitoring on cloud



ML Models

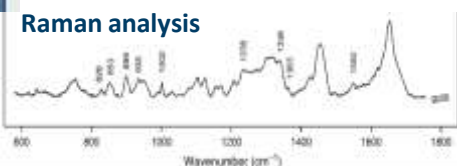
A highly valuable data resource containing 100 batches with 113935 dataset for all available process and Raman spectroscopy measurements from the **University of Manchester** and **University College London** is used for model training and Big Data analytics in the digital twin platform.



Reactor

Data Platform

Raman analysis



Web app for Enduser



Investigated conditions



ML Models

Data Platform



Optimal Targets and Conditions

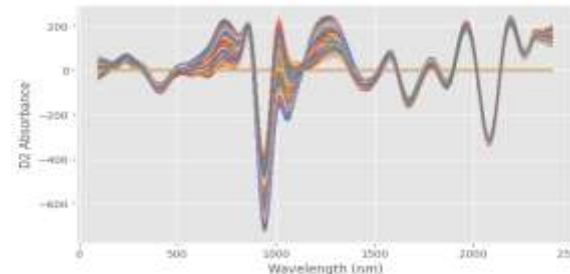
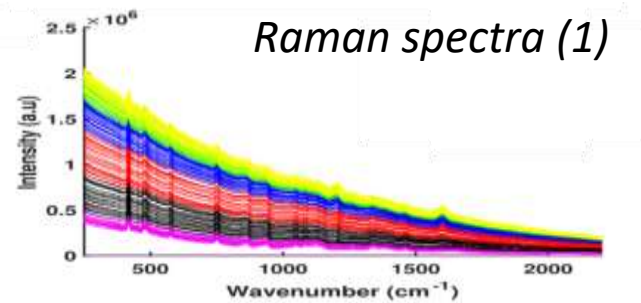
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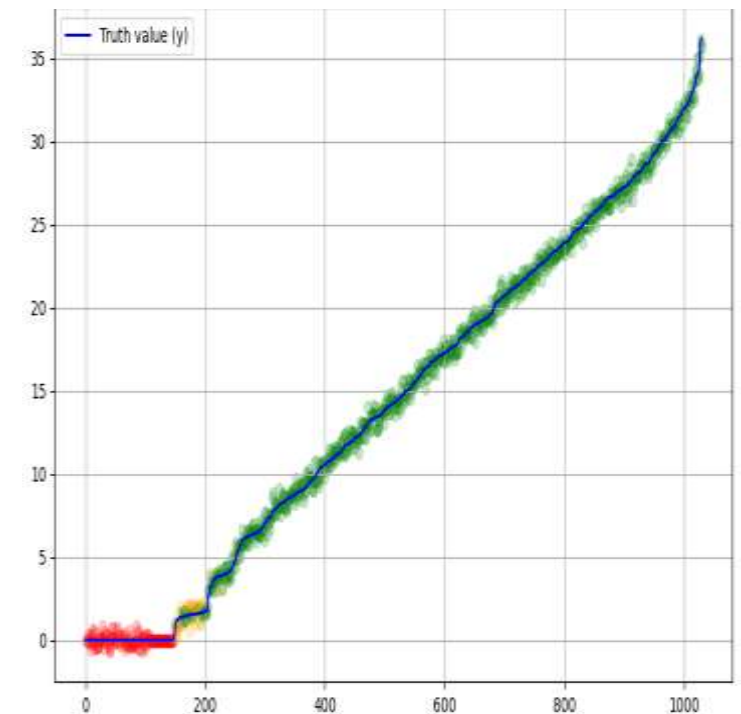
# Machine Learning Models for The Digital Twin

## PLSr Model

- ✓ Used to convert Raman spectra into chemical concentrations
- ✓ The `savgol_filter` function in Python is used for smoothing data and eliminating background noise for model development
- ✓ 2062 datasets applied (50% train - 50% test)
- ✓ Achieved  $R^2$ : 0.997 - MSE calib: 0.228



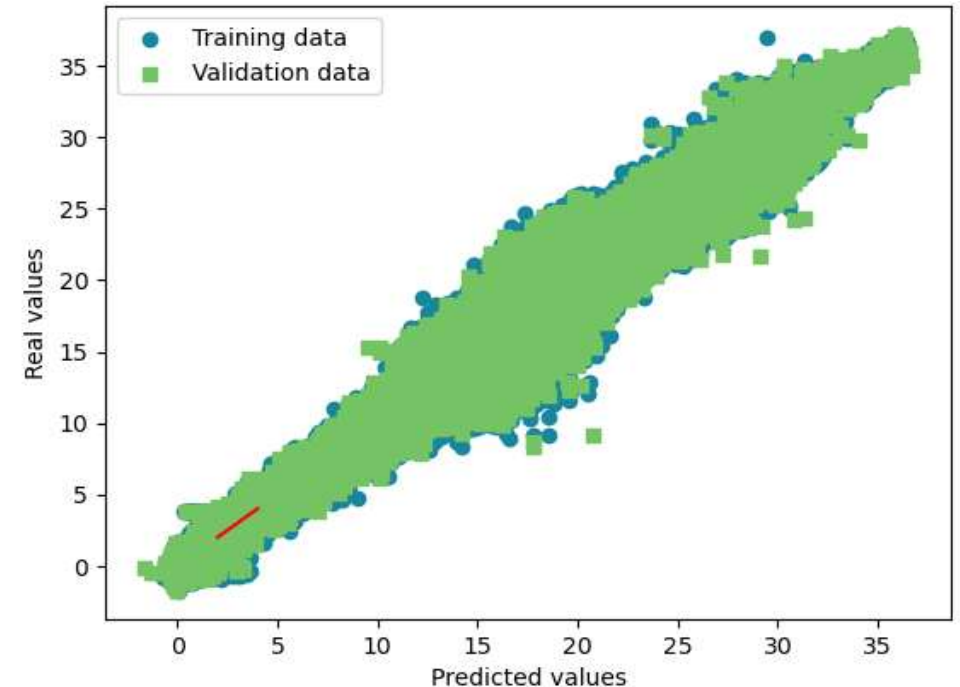
Raman spectra treated by savgol-filter



# Machine Learning Models for The Digital Twin

## XGBoost Model

- ✓ *Predicts target concentrations based on operating conditions*
- ✓ *Trained on >100,000 datasets (1)*
- ✓ *80% train / 20% test - Cross validation*
- ✓ *Mean Squared Error Accuracy: 1.854*



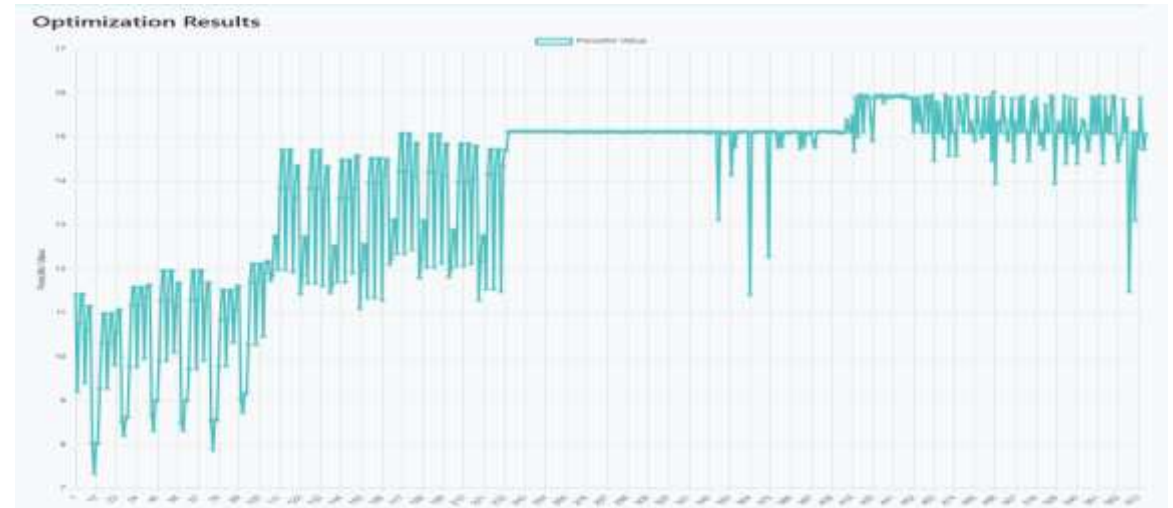
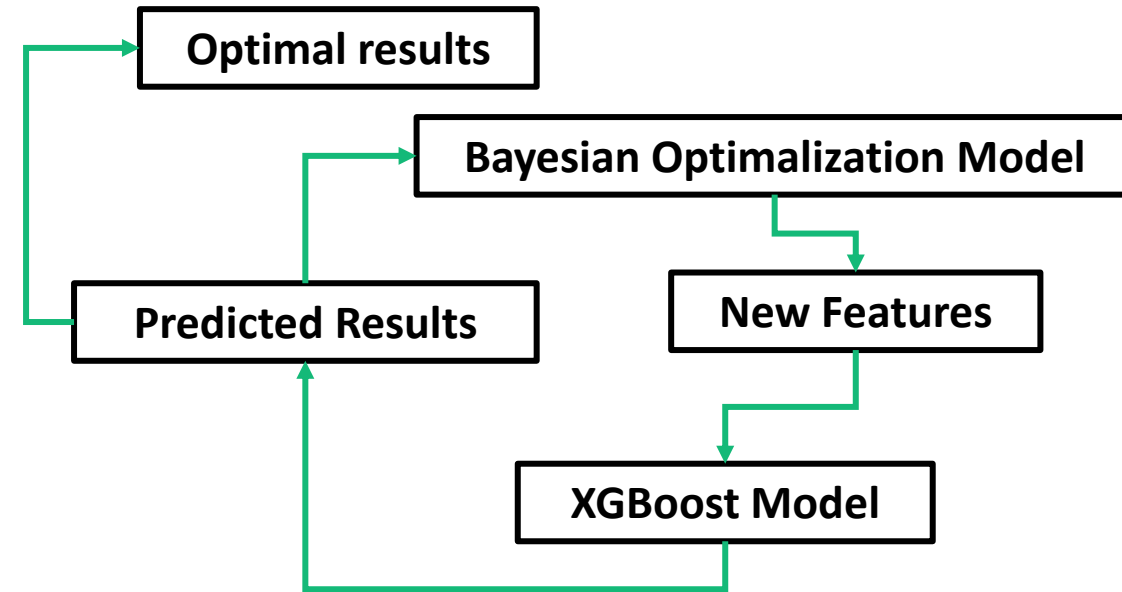
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# Machine Learning Models for The Digital Twin

*The Bayesian Optimization (BO) framework was initialized with 200 random points and further executed with 500 iterations to optimize the target.*

👉 *BO performed effectively after the initial 200 random points and showed significant improvement in the optimal values after ~400 iterations.*

👉 *Supports pilot optimization, reduces experimental costs, and enhances process efficiency*





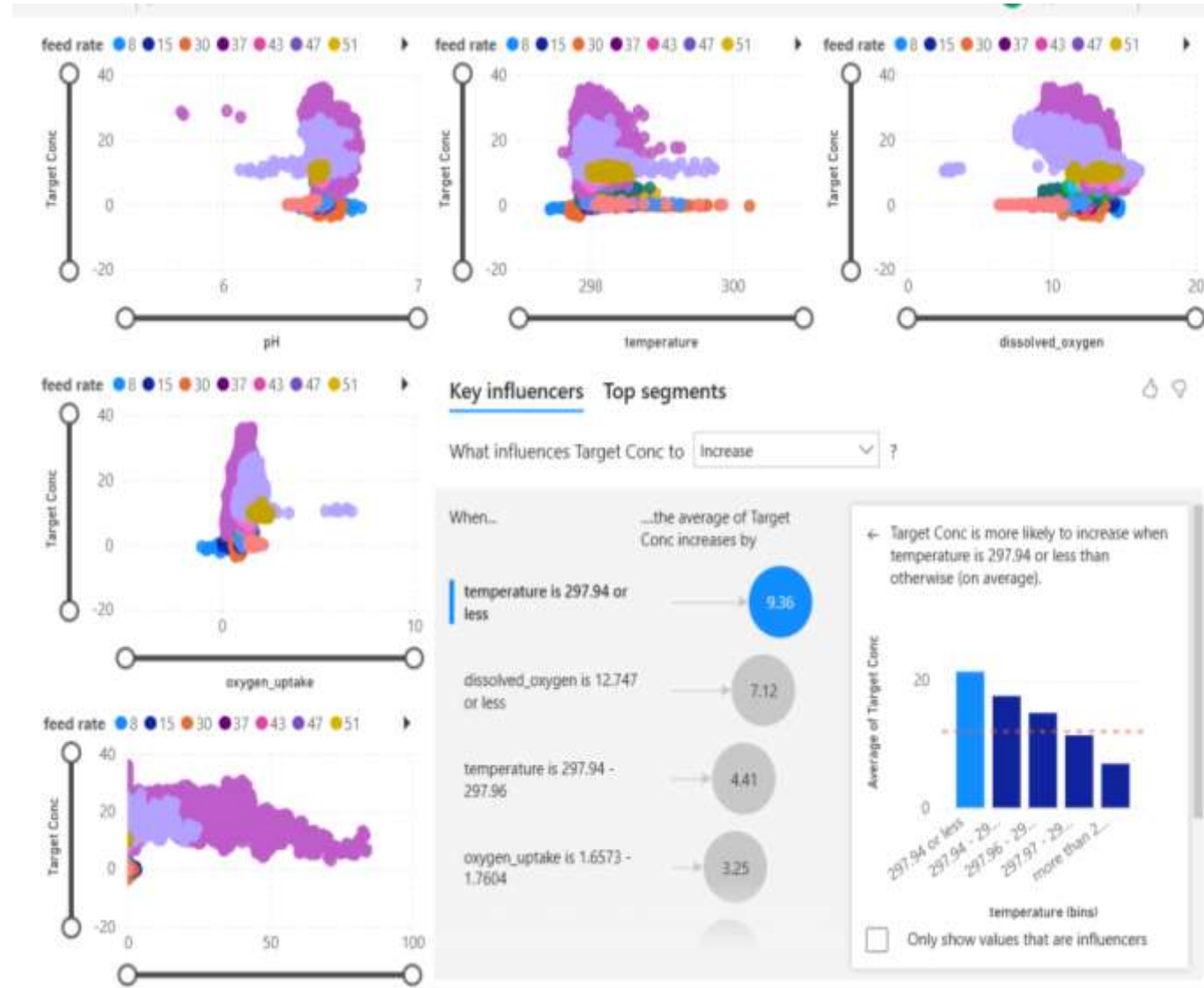
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# Big Data Analytics for RD

- 113 935 datasets<sup>1</sup> were processed and structured into a project–campaign–test hierarchy. The Power BI dashboard enables fast multi-level queries and real-time updates, supporting trend analysis and factor identification
- *The Power BI dashboard enables fast access to Big Data with multi-level relationships and is automatically updated from the database.*

👉 It supports the identification of **target evolution trends** and the **factors influencing target performance**



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# Conclusion

- *SINTEF has successfully developed a digital twin platform*
  - ✓ *based on open-source technologies and deployed on Azure Cloud VM.*
  - ✓ *The system integrates ML models, data processing pipelines, and a time-series database, operating effectively for both real-time and batch processing.*
- *The integrated Big Data analytics and optimization models provide strong support for*
  - ✓ *accelerating research*
  - ✓ *enabling faster and more accurate decision-making.*



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