# Machine Learning-based Decision Support Tools for Digital Twins

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## **Crack Detection Problem**

- Four-point bending test with a cyclic load on a steelreinforced concrete beam specimen.
- The analysis is divided into two components: fixed-ti-me and fixed-position.
- Fixed-time  $\rightarrow$  Evaluate the extreme values over all the beam measurements.
- Fixed-position  $\rightarrow$  Time series analysis of specific points

#### Methodology



#### **Results and Future Works**







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- Fixed-time results  $\rightarrow$  80% cracks identified in different loading cycles (fixed parameters).
- Fixed-position results  $\rightarrow$  simple rule for damaged regions through linear approximation of trend.
- Future Work  $\rightarrow$  Find general rule for parameter settings.

# **Biogas Problem**

Optimization of the Biogas production scheduling considering:

- 1. Biogas production estimation  $\rightarrow$  Good approximation of gas curve ( $R^2=0.92$ )
- 2. Hourly energy market prices forecasting  $\rightarrow$  Decent Rolling output first hours ( $R^2 = 0.94, 0.86, 0.78$ )
- 3. Energy demand prediction  $\rightarrow$  To improve hourly demand identification (R<sup>2</sup>=0.80)

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### **Explainable RL in Digital Twins**

- Reduction of the residual errors between virtual representations and the physical systems
- Difficult to comprehend  $\rightarrow$  Novel automatic explainable approach:
- 1. Bayesian Network  $\rightarrow$  Causal reasoning
- 2. Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)  $\rightarrow$  The distal information (data enabled by chain of actions)
- 3. Importance metrics  $\rightarrow$  Relevant information recognition

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#### **Results and Future Works**





- Computational results on Taxi  $\rightarrow$  Accuracy 99.88% (Literature best 86.19%)
- Human evaluation  $\rightarrow$  Best average scores and statistically significant differences (7/7 for "why" and 3/7 for "why not")
- Future works  $\rightarrow$  Engineering and robotics applica-tions

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