REAL-TIME THERMAL DATA ASSIMILATION FOR POWER ELECTRONICS AT THE EDGE

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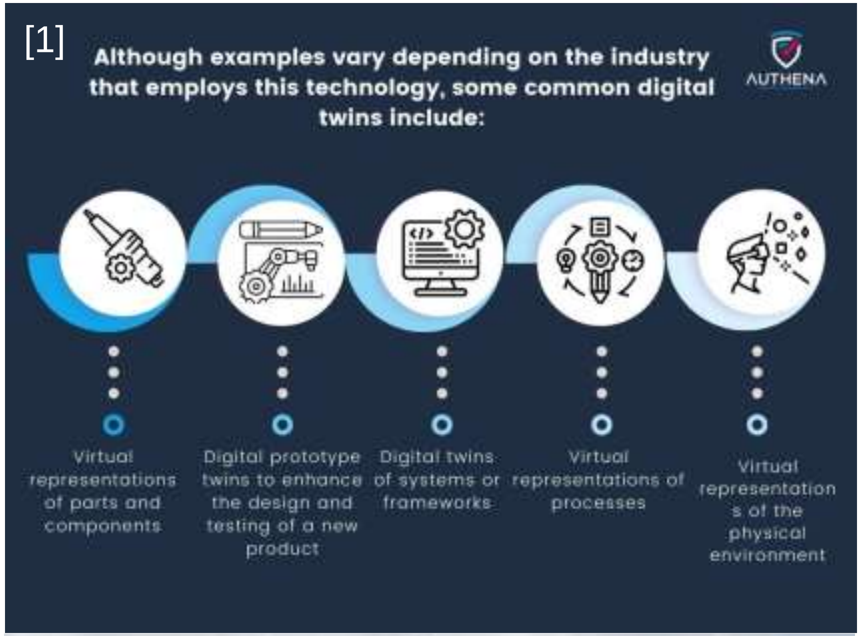
WHAT IS AND WHY USE A DIGITAL TWIN?



Relevance:

- Digital twins are becoming a more prevalent area of research.
- Can be leveraged to optimize real world systems, test new procedures, and conduct virtual tests without the need of the physical twin.
- As Naval systems become increasingly complex the need for data driven solutions will become essential in maintaining the overall health of a ship`s systems and subsystems.
- MATLAB SimScape model of a cooling loop was updated using particle swarm optimization (PSO) to minimize the error between experimental data and simulation data.

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APPLICATION AREA EXAMPLE: RADAR ARRAY COOLING

Heat management:

- The AN/SPY- 6(V)1 AMDR [*Air and Missile Defense Radar*] system on board the new flight III Arleigh Burke destroyers produce large quantities of waste heat during operation.
- This heat is removed via a cooling subsystem equipped with liquid cooling.

Usefulness of PSO:

- A digital twin equipped with an PSO algorithm may monitor the condition of the coolant, e.g., blockage formations, coolant degradation.
- Digital experiments to test ship capabilities under varying test conditions may be performed. e.g., temperature rise within components under simulated power loads.
- Highly accurate simulations may be used to predict future conditions within the cooling subsystem, e.g., time to overtemperature.

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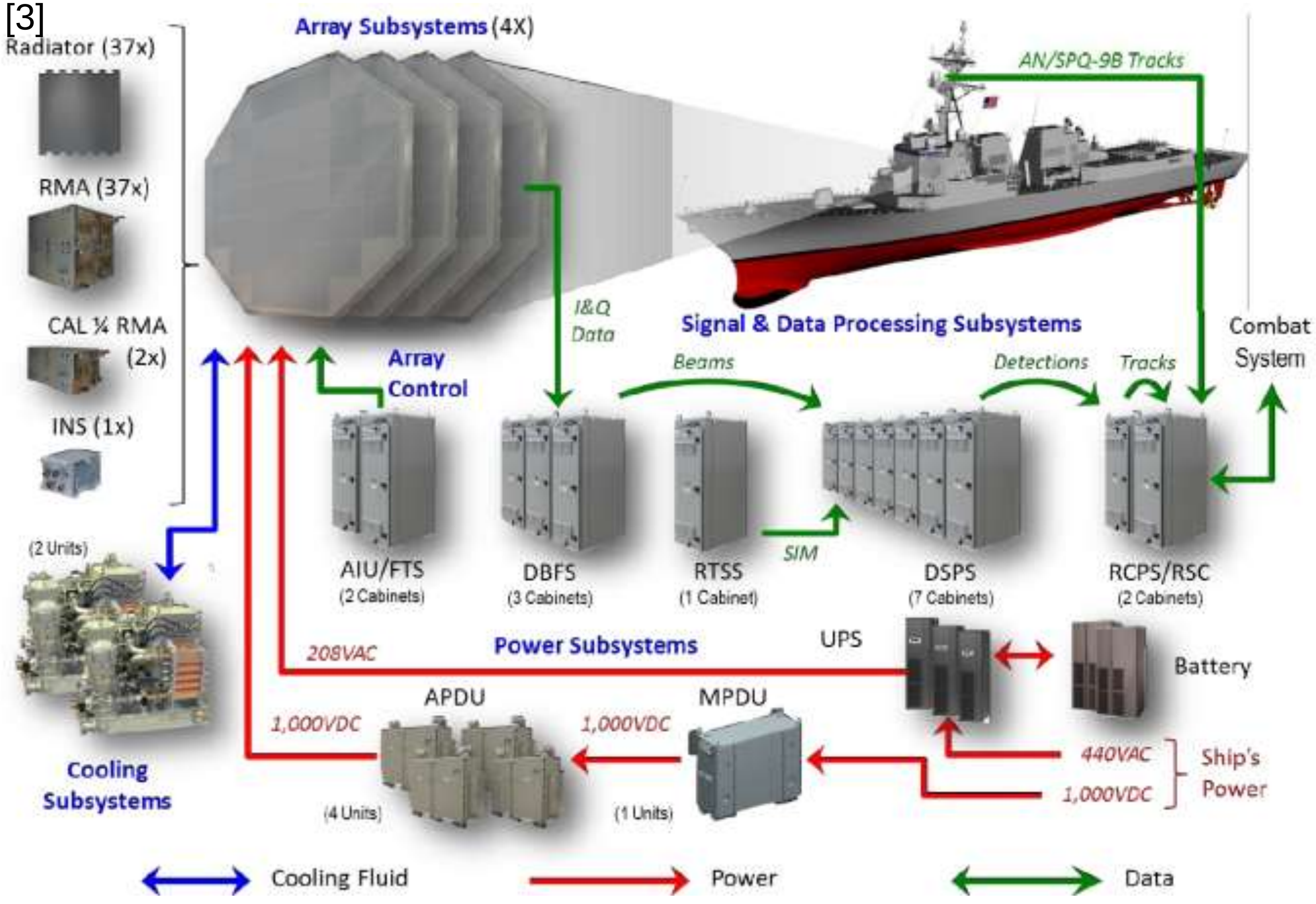

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PHYSICAL TWIN – COMPONENTS AND LAYOUT

Pump:

- Centrifugal pump that circulates water through system. Flow monitored by flow rate sensor.

Manual Valve:

- Adjusts to simulate blockages through flow restriction.

Coolant Plate w/ Heating Pad:

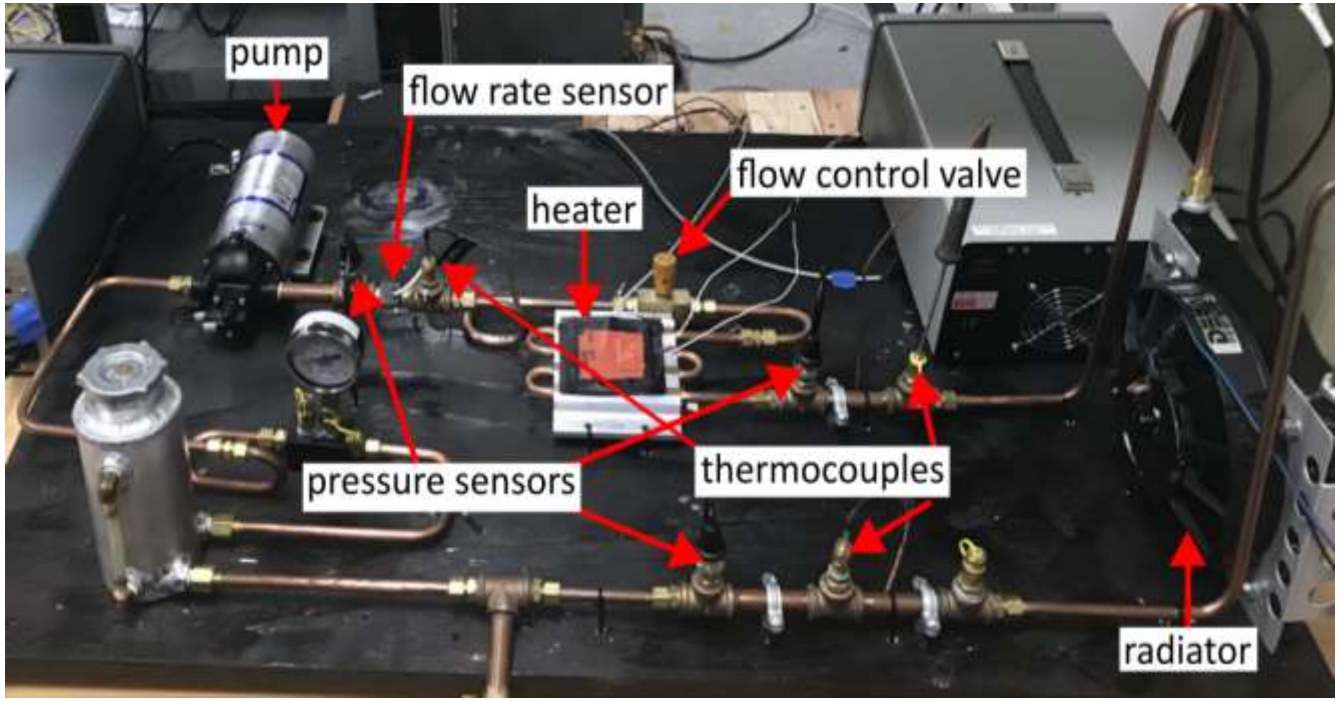
- Simulates waste heat injection, monitored by a thermocouple.
- Heat injection is constant [How much heat?]

Fan Radiator:

- Cools water, with temperature change monitored by thermocouples.

Expansion Tank:

- Regulates pressure and acts as reservoir.



PHYSICAL TWIN - DATA COLLECTION AND POWER CONTROL

Data acquisition:

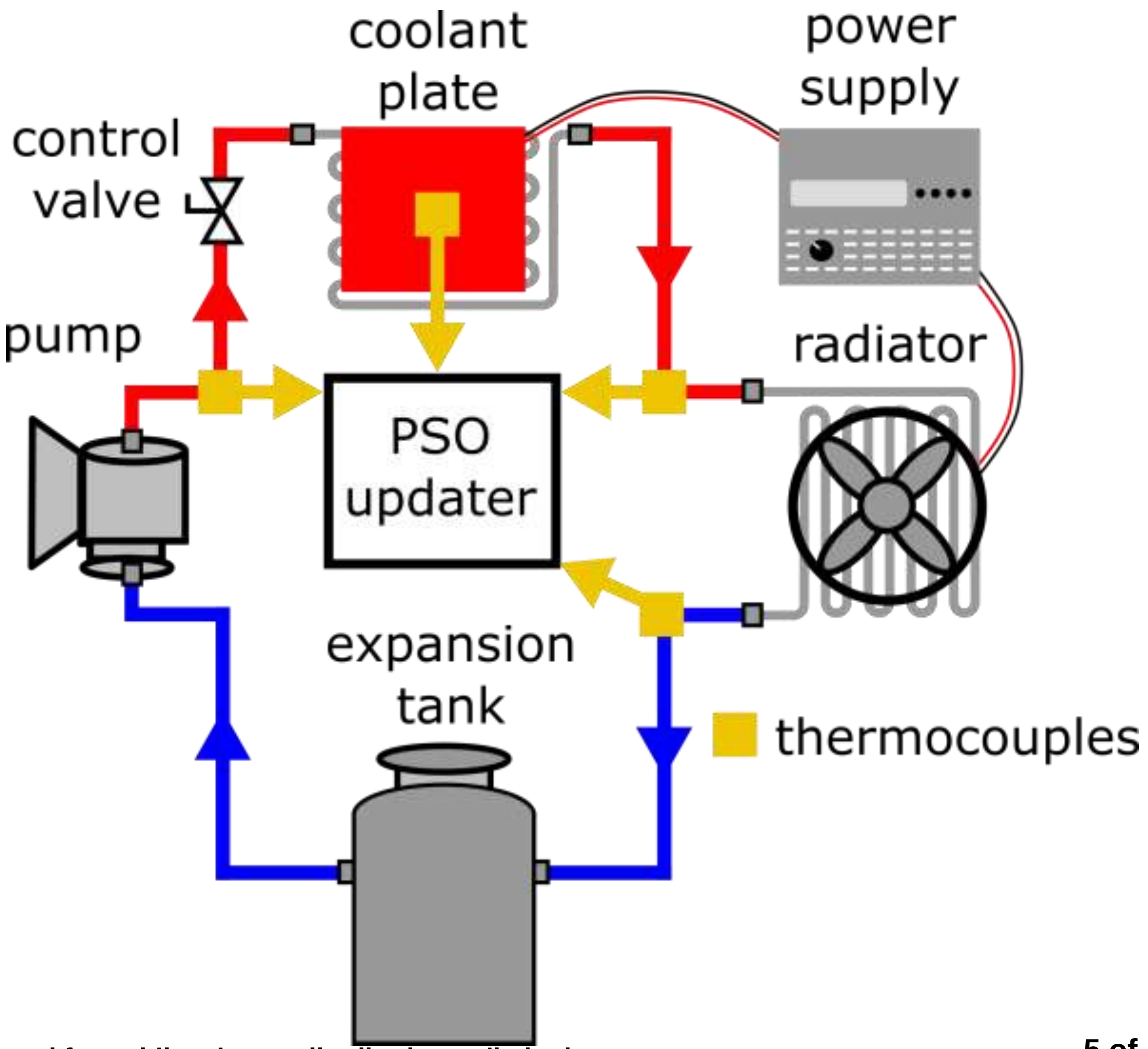
- "PSO updater" is an x64 Windows "edge" computer equipped with NI-DAQ with thermocouple data module.

Power supply:

- The power supply provides variable power to both the fan radiator and heating pad.
- Pump power is non-variable and supplied via wall outlet.

Heating element:

- Consists of a simple wire resistor heating element.
- Heating pad is an aluminum case with incased copper tubing to absorb waste heat.



DIGITAL TWIN - SIMSCAPE SIMULATION MODEL

Red:

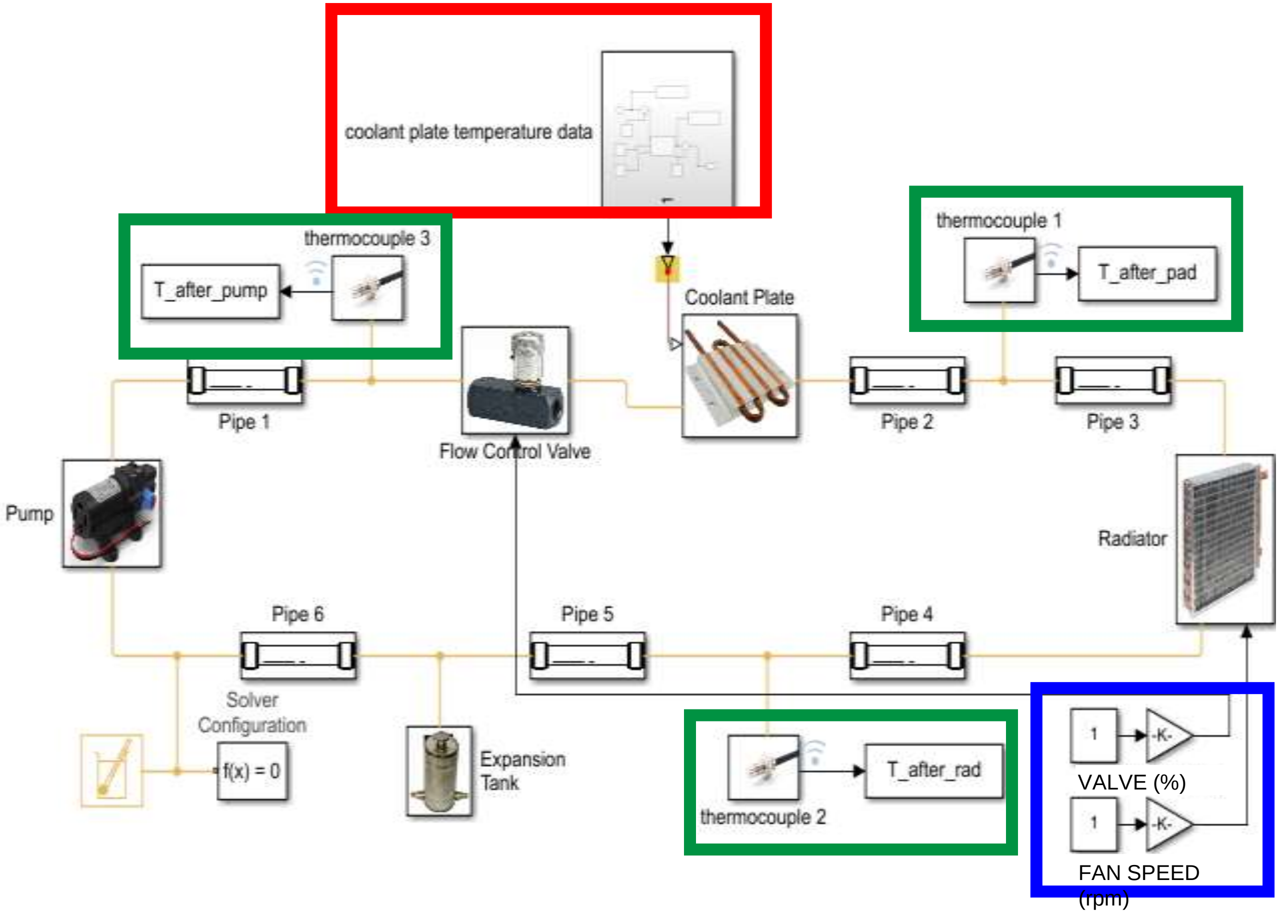
- Temperature data from physical twin is collected at five-minute intervals to calibrate heat load in simulation testbed.

Green:

- Thermocouples collect data after simulation is complete to be compared to the real data to determine RMSE [error].

Blue:

- Valve position and fan speed is set for each simulation, based on each PSO particle`s position in the RMSE plane. Calibration of the digital twin occurs via this means.



DIGITAL TWIN - SIMULATION METRICS

Procedure:

- 1000 simulations were conducted to determine the mean, standard deviation, and maximum time to finish the simulation.
- Length of the update window dependents on how fast the simulation can run.
- If the window is too small there will not be enough time for the particles to find the global minimum.

Results:

- Mean time: 21.76 seconds.
- Standard deviation: 2.8 seconds.
- Maximum time: 38.4 seconds.
- The max time limiting factor for how many particles can be used, while ensuring each particles' parameters converge.

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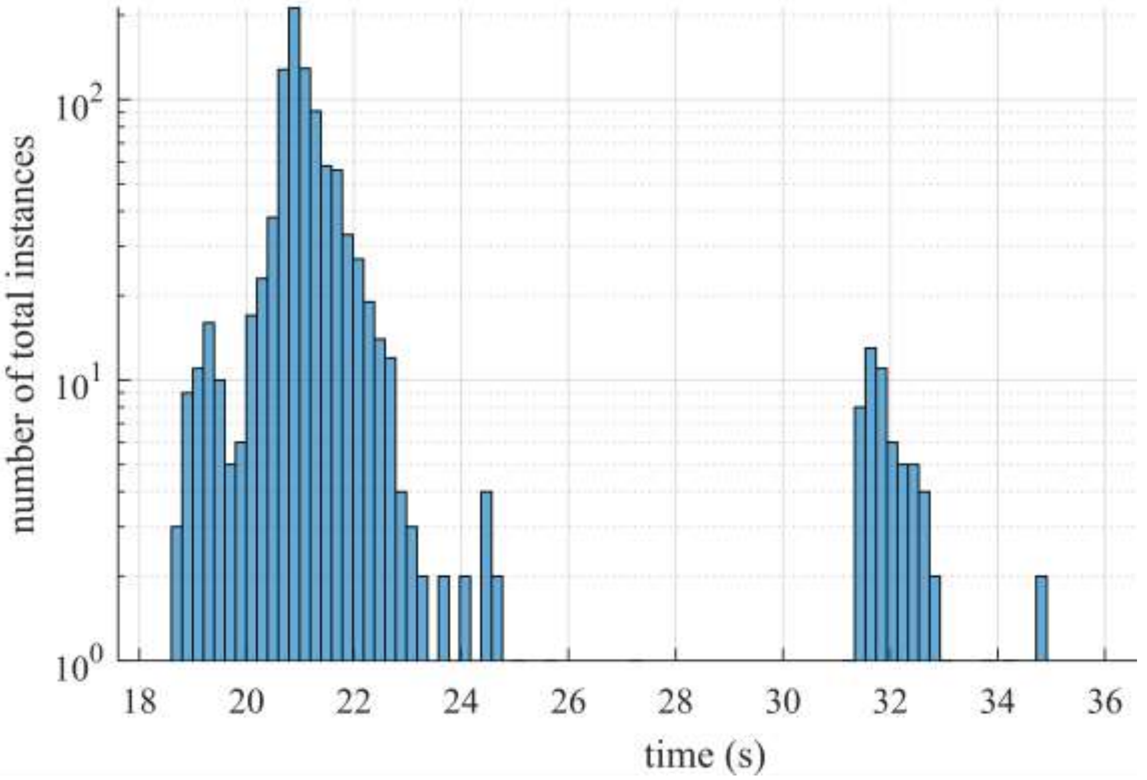


PSO - PARTICLE SWARM OPTIMIZATION

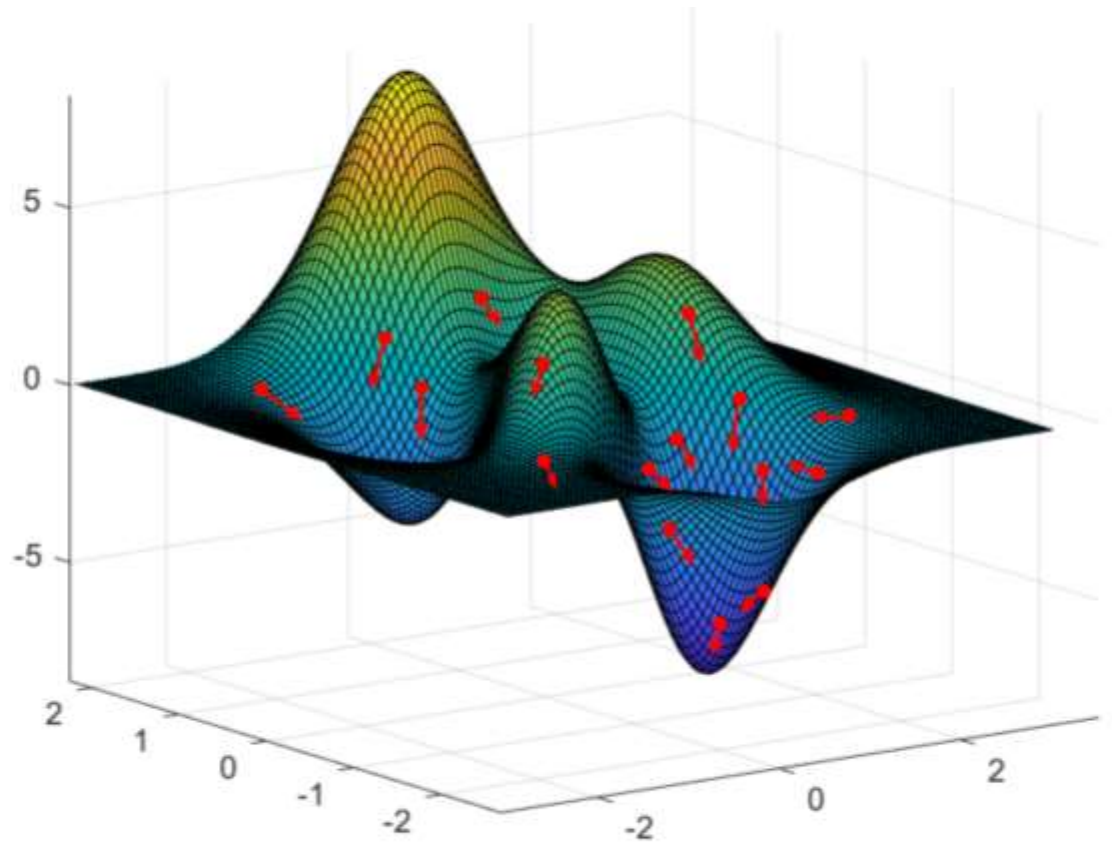
Concept:

- PSO is a meta-heuristic, nature-inspired optimization technique based on bird foraging behavior. It uses a swarm of particles, each representing potential solutions, navigating a search space to find the global minimum or maximum of a target cost function.

Advantages:

- **Efficient**: High computational speed, making it suitable for real-time applications.

- **Versatile**: Adaptable to various problems with a definable cost function making it highly



PSO - EQUATION AND FUNCTION

The parameter W is the inertia weight and it is a positive constant, This parameter is important for balancing the global search, also known as **exploration** (when higher values are set), and local search, known as **exploitation** (when lower values are set).

Diversification: searches new solutions, finds the regions with potentially the best solutions.

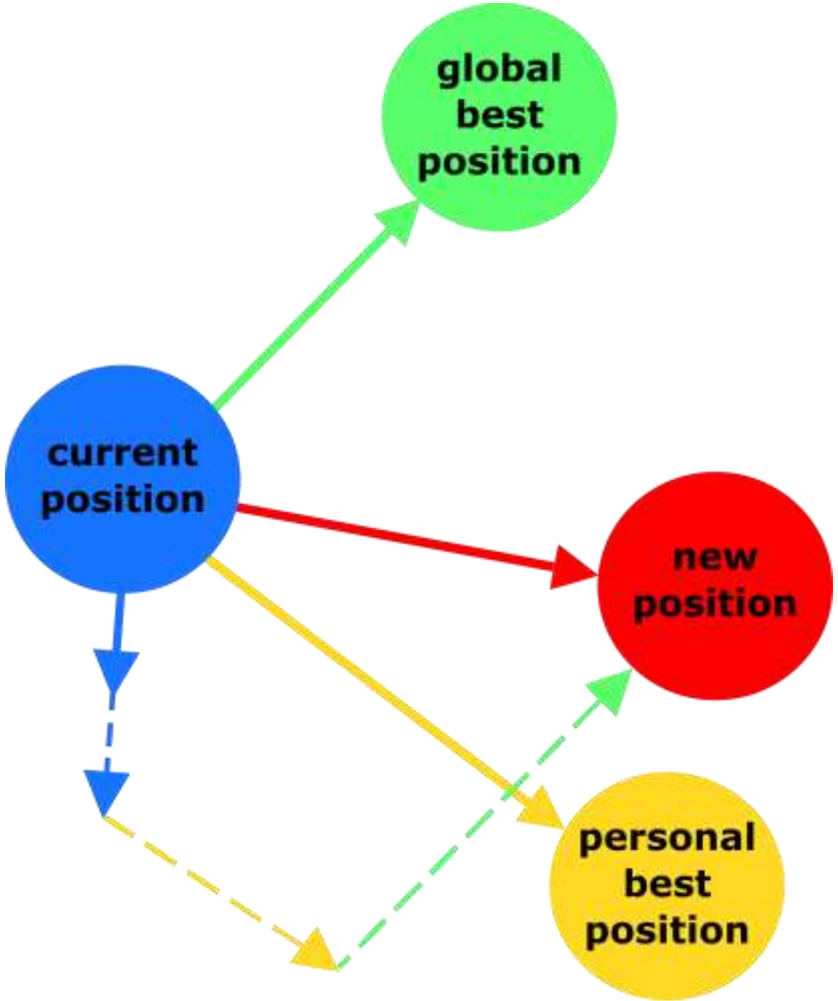
Intensification: explores the previous solutions, finds the best solution of a given region.

$$V_i^{t+1} = W . V_i^t + c_1 U_1^t (P_{b_1}^t - P_i^t) + c_2 U_2^t (g_b^t - P_i^t)$$

Inertia : Makes the particle move in the same direction and with the same velocity.

Personal Influence : Improves the individual. Makes the particle return to a previous position, better than the current.

Social Influence : Makes the particle follow the best neighbors direction.

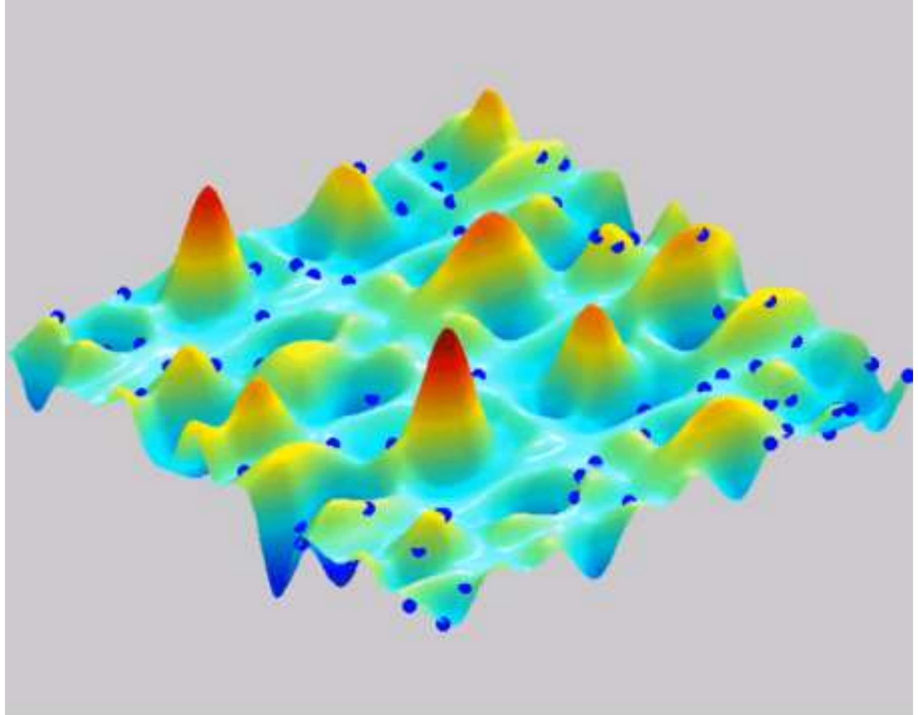


PSO - HOW A PSO ALGORITHM FINDS THE “OPTIMAL” VALUES FOR LOWEST RMSE

Process:

1. Program initializes
2. Particles are randomly distributed across the RMSE vector field.
3. X-axis is fan speed, y-axis is valve position, z-axis is RMSE.
4. Particles calculate their individual RMSE values based on fan power and valve position.
5. Particles locate their local best RMSE valves.
6. Particles communicate with each other to determine the “team best” RMSE.
7. Particles congregate toward the particle with the least RMSE value.
8. Steps 4-7 continue for the duration of the update window, i.e., five minutes.
9. All particles eventually congregate near a single “global best position”. The x and y values here result in the lowest RMSE value. Simulation is now calibrated to the physical twin.

Demonstrative example:



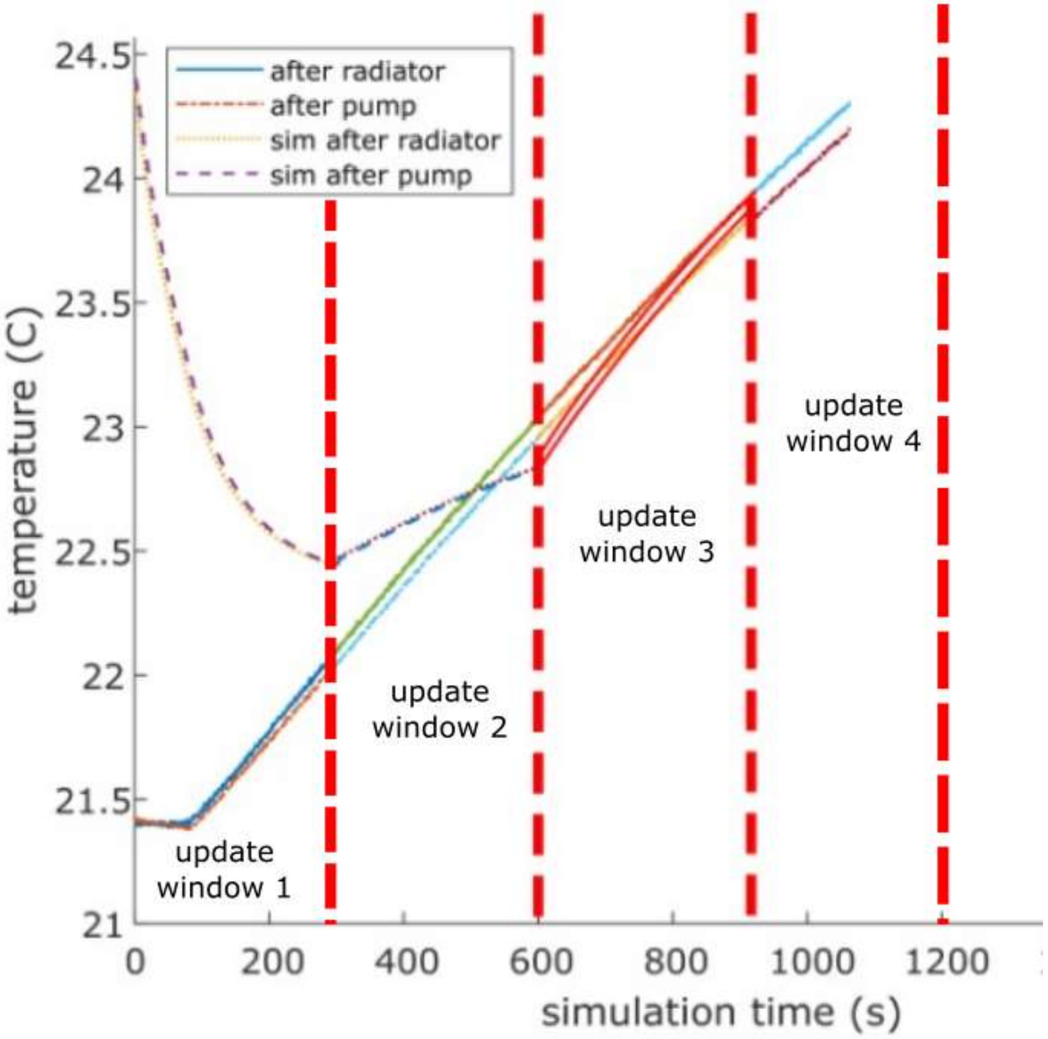
Credit: https://www.youtube.com/@Hennegrolsch

PSO - DATA COLLECTION AND CALIBRATION

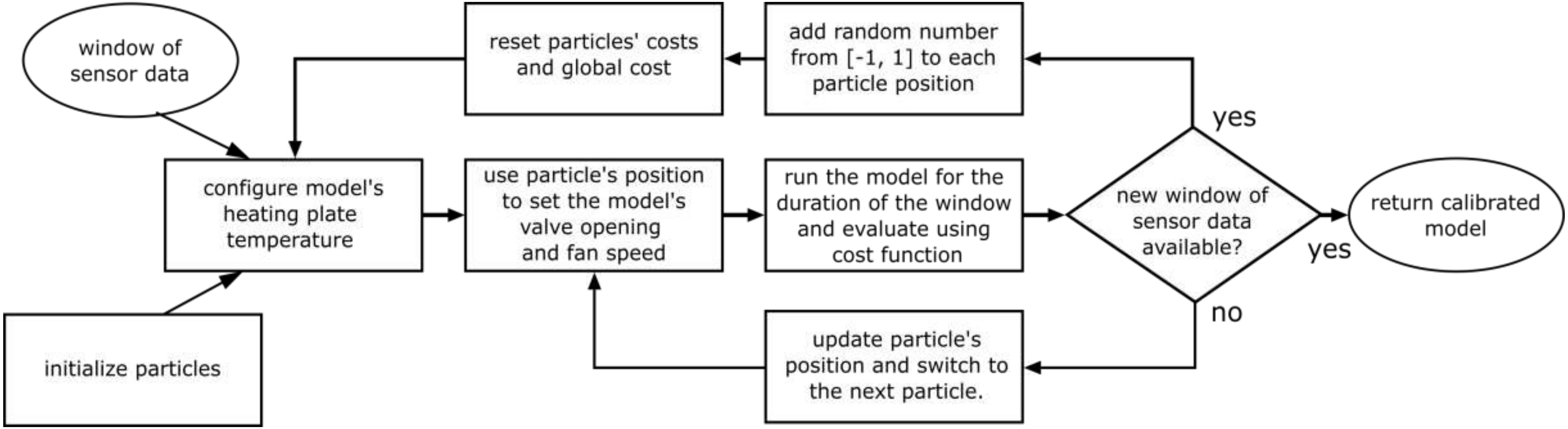
- The PSO seeks to minimize the difference between the simulated data and the real data using a cost function.

$$Error = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_{sim} - x_{real})^2}{N}}$$

- The PSO updates on a five-minute window until a new window of data becomes available.
- Once the model is sufficiently calibrated, it may be used for look ahead simulations for specific scenarios.



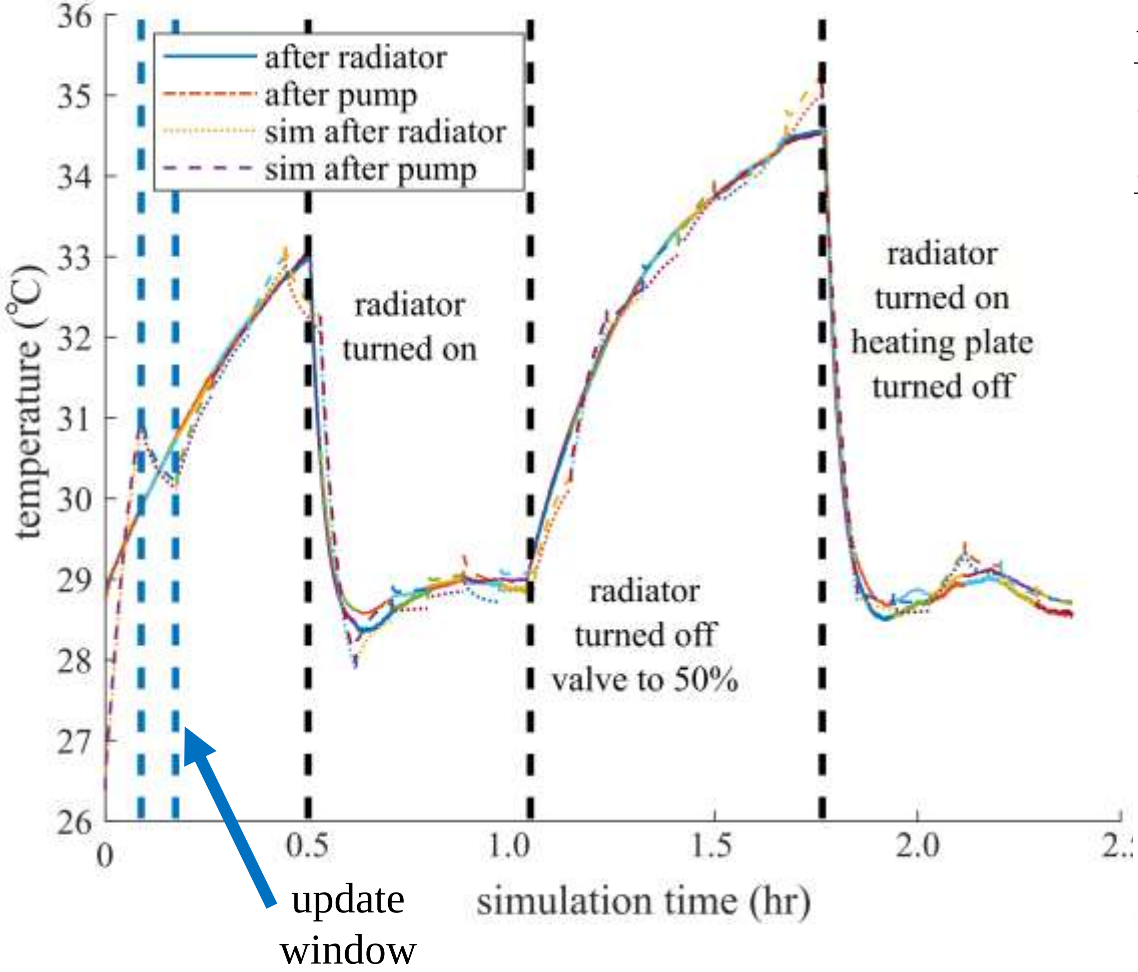
PSO - ALGORITHM FLOW CHART

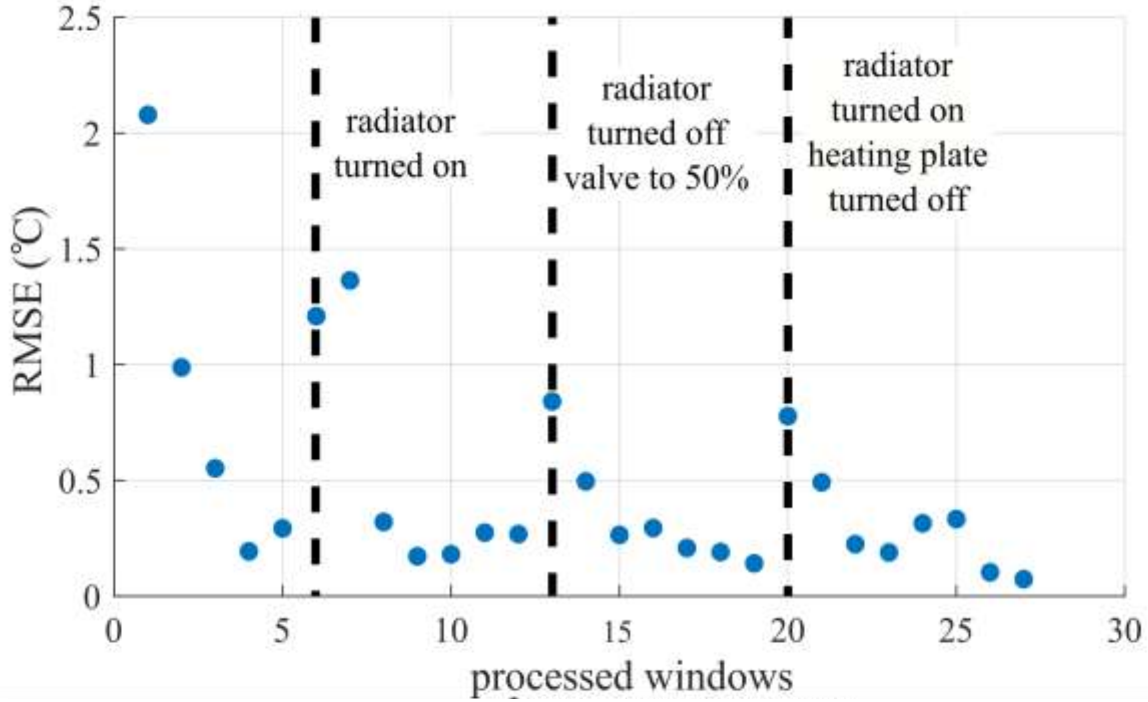


PSO - UPDATING AND CALIBRATION RESULTS

- 5 particles updated an average of 5 times per window.

thermocouple location	SNR (dB)	RMSE (°C)	MAE (°C)
after pump	39.60	0.323	-0.031
after radiator	39.07	0.342	0.070





CONCLUSION

- A thermal loop simulation was created to act as a component of a digital twin.
- This model was updated periodically using sensor data collected from its real-life testbed counterpart.
- By doing so, this supplies information to a particle swarm algorithm.
- Five particles would find the optimal radiator fan speed and valve opening to fit the model to the five-minute window of temperature data.
- Results show the ability of the particle swarm to return an accurate representation of the physical thermal loop every five minutes.
- Provides a numerical approach for the updating and testing of thermal models for power electronics.
- Experimental validation is carried out demonstrating that the proposed method can update a digital twin within a reasonable time.

FUTURE RESEARCH

- Improve data processing ability of edge computer to increase complexity of PSO algorithm.
- Improve the cost function and hyper-parameters of particle swarm algorithm to increase accuracy of digital twin.
- Work on implementing the digital twin on more complex electro-thermal systems.
- Begin investigating the usefulness of the updated digital twin for use in "lookahead" predictions.

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