



# VISUAAL

Privacy-Aware and Acceptable  
Video-Based Technologies  
and Services for Active and  
Assisted Living

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**Digital twins as a way to help ensure legal  
compliance of video-based AAL  
technologies**

# Research Overview

- 1. Research Focus: Utilizing Digital Twins for data simulation and anonymization**
- 2. Primary Goal: Compile a comprehensive report on Digital Twins in AAL Environments for data privacy**
- 3. Challenges in AAL: Video-based technologies pose significant privacy risks**
- 4. Necessity of Compliance: Legal adherence is crucial for the acceptance and sustainability of AAL technologies**

## Study Problem:

**"Need to find solutions that ensure compliance without compromising personal data integrity. ensuring privacy and legal compliance is crucial for the adoption of AAL technologies."**

- Legal compliance
- Ethical implications
- Practical implementations

# Objectives of The Research

- Examine Digital Twins as tools for data simulation and anonymization
- Analyze GDPR's impact on DT's in AAL technology deployment
- Assess social, ethical, and legal challenges of Digital Twins.
- Review research and practical implementations of Digital Twins
- Providing a systematic review of other regulatory frameworks governing Digital Twins in AAL environments

# Relevance of Discussing Digital Twins in AAL Legal Compliance



# Definition

*"Dynamic and comprehensive virtual model that mirrors the physical, functional, and behavioral characteristics of a real-world entity or system across its lifecycle.*

*This simulation integrates multi-physics and multi-scale data, uses real-time updates and AI algorithms to replicate and predict the state and performance of its physical counterpart, facilitating optimization, monitoring, and decision-making within an interconnected physical and virtual environment"*

# 1960

NASA's Early Applications

Apollo 13 mission: first practical digital twin to simulate real-time conditions.

# 2002

Introduction of Digital Twin Framework

Michael Grieves introduced the DT framework in Product Lifecycle Management (PLM)

"Mirrored Spaces Model."

# 2015-2020s

Advancements in Various Industries

Manufacturing: simulation capabilities, reducing physical prototypes

# 1991

Early Conceptualization

software models reflecting physical world data input

# 2010

NASA's and US Air Force's Official Adoption of the Term



# 2019

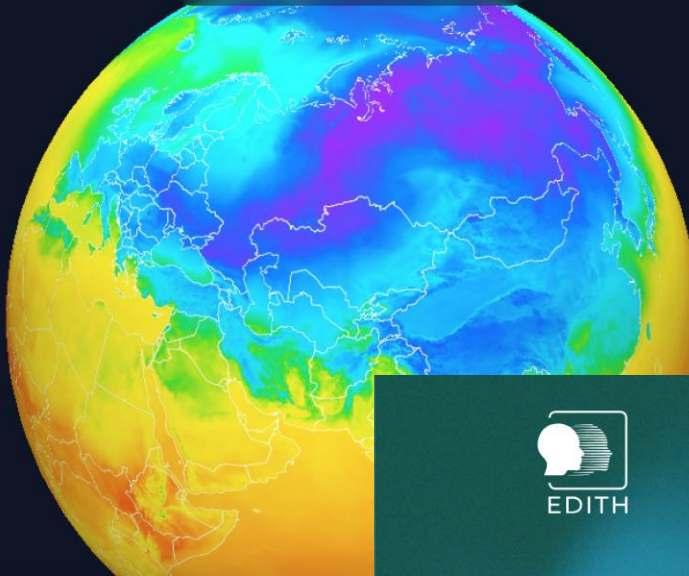
## Conceptual Refinement

Michael Grieves refined the DT framework, emphasizing comprehensive understanding across various fields.

# Current state

## Broader Impact and Complex System Applications

Smart Energy Grids, Sociotechnical Systems, manufacturing plants, ergonomic simulations, livestock farming, and urban systems.



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# EDITH

## European Virtual Human Twin



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# Digital Twins for Elderly Care

## Individualized Care Plans

- Mental Health Support
- Physical Rehabilitation
- Medication Management

## Optimized Living Environment

- Comfort and Safety Improvements
- Smart Home Technology

## Cognitive Support

- Decision Assistance
- Memory Aids

## Social Engagement

- Social Activity Planning
- Family Communication

## Health Surveillance

- Vital Signs Monitoring
- Dietary and Nutrition Management
- Physical Activity Tracking

## Emergency Services

- Fall Detection
- Medical Alert System

**Wearables/Sensors Smart/Home Devices**

**Wireless Protocols/IoT Gateway**

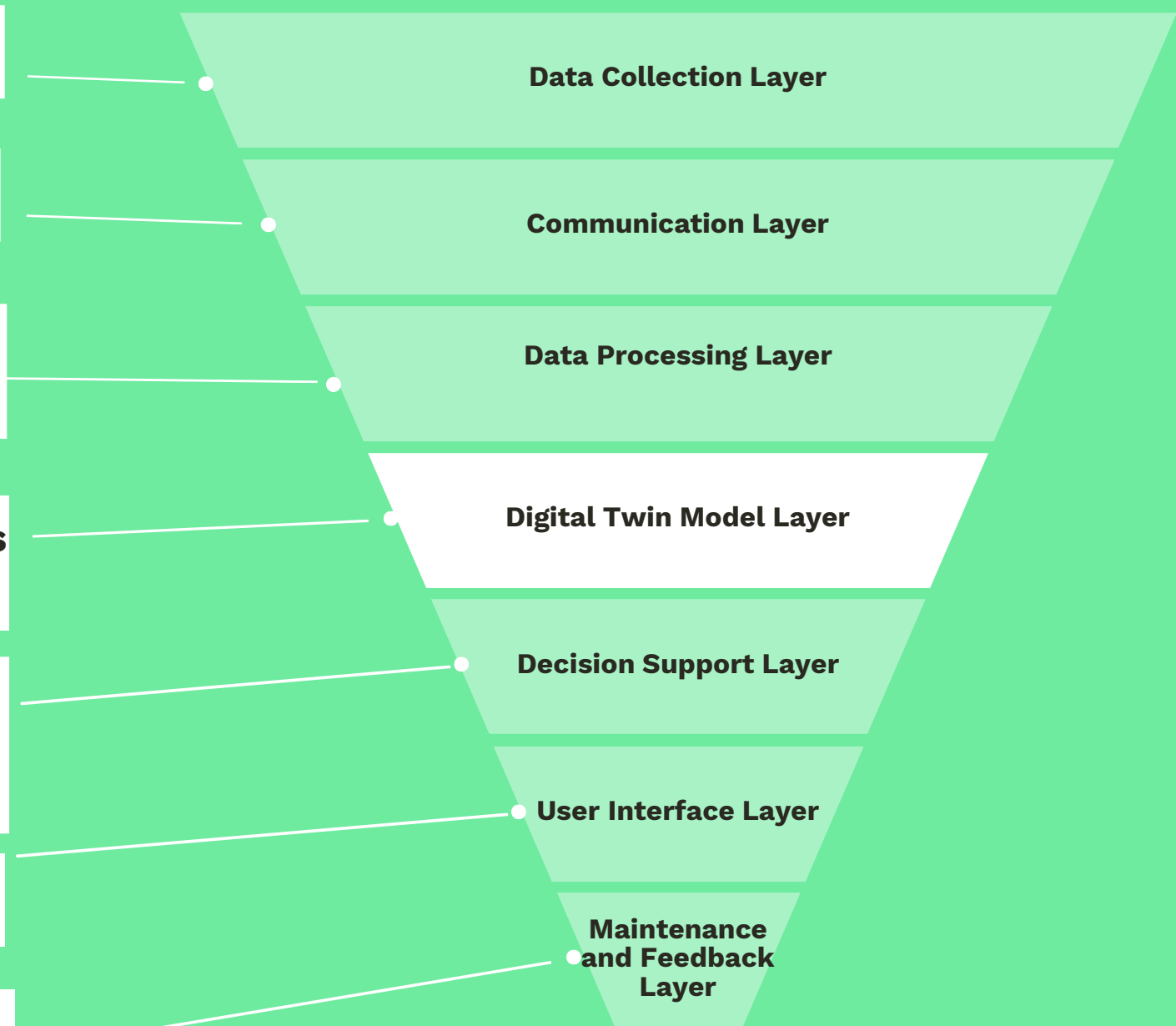
**IoT Platforms/Middleware/  
Edge Computing/Cloud Computing**

**Digital Representation/Simulation and Analytics**

**Health Alerts/Routine  
Reminders/Environmental  
Adjustments/Emergency Response**

**Caregiver Interface/User Interface**

**System Updates/Data Security**



# Strategies for Data Privacy in AAL

## Anonymization & Pseudonymization

Permanently removing identifiers

Replacing identifiers with pseudonyms

Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

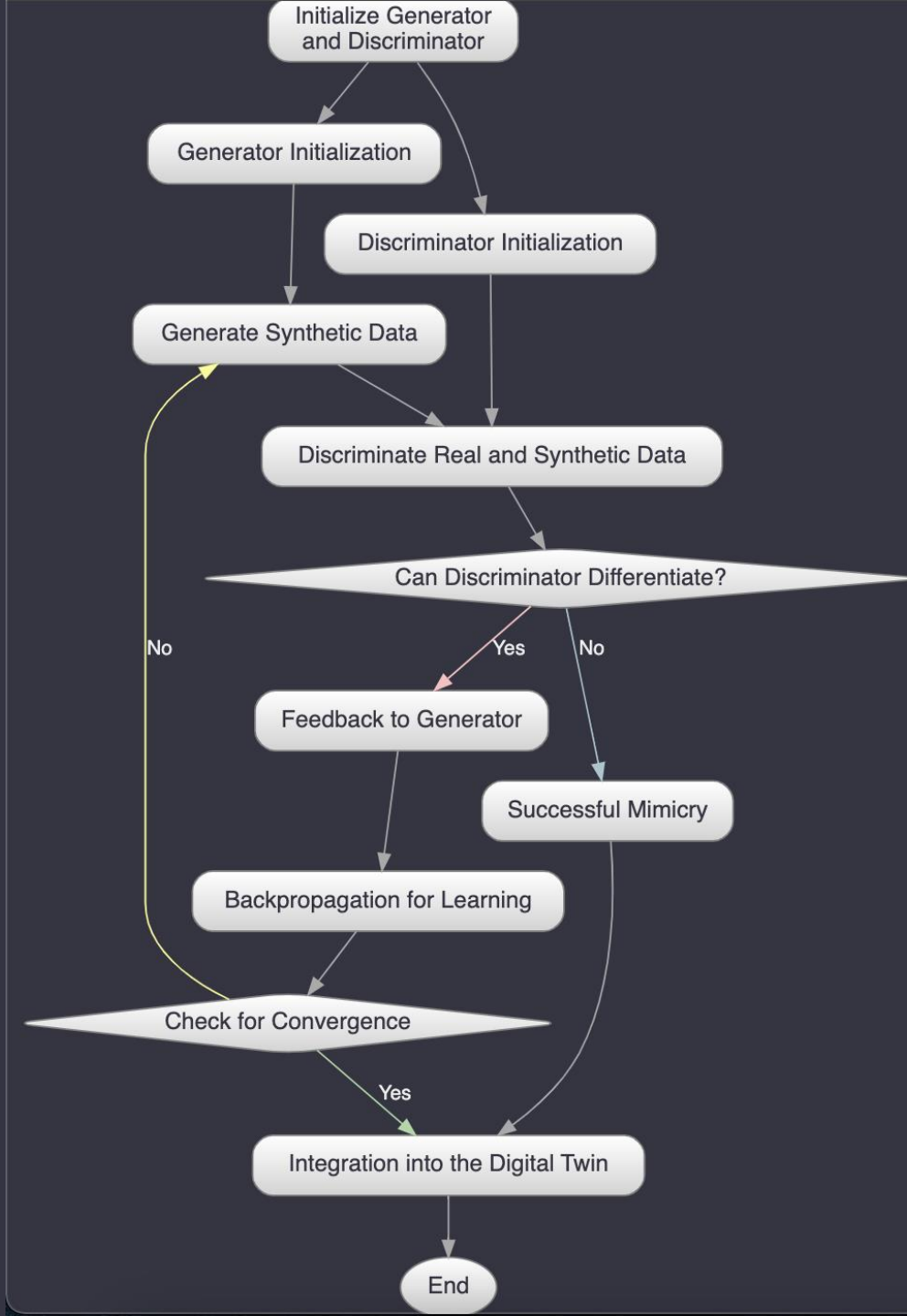
## Edge Computing

Local data processing to minimize network transfer

## Federated Learning & Privacy-Preserving Analytics:

Secure, decentralized data processing

Techniques like differential privacy and homomorphic encryption





“**High-Risk AI Systems:**

AI in **diagnosis, monitoring physiological processes, and therapeutic decision-making.**”

“**Regulatory Context: Medical Devices Classification:**

AI in healthcare often qualifies as **Medical Device software**. Requires '**conformity**' assessment by regulatory authorities.”

“**AI Act and High-Risk Classification: AI Act Framework:**

AI integrated into software needing Medical Device conformity assessment is **high-risk AI.**”



# Q&A

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Thank You!