Digital twin for real-time flow management in hospitals

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Discrete event simulation stochastic queueing systems [1]. It is often used to model healthcare systems because it can represent complexity and randomness in patient flow as a network of activities (e.g., triage, treatment) and queues (e.g., waiting for triage, waiting for treatment, waiting for a bed to become available) [2]. Digital twins extend the utility of simulation models by synchronising them with the physical system through real-time data integration, enabling the simulation to support dynamic, online decision-making [3].

This project will address methodological and data-driven challenges in real-time updating, validation, and decision support for digital twin models. A strong background in Mathematics is required for this project. Experience with simulation and Python will be considered an advantage.

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