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Flexible Sensor Data Abstraction in SDVs with Middleware-Driven Approach

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Motivation and Task

- Modern Software Defined Vehicles (SDVs) require unifying sensor data from heterogeneous sources.
- Current systems lack standardized, real-time abstraction layers.

Concept

- The system introduces a layered abstraction pipeline for sensor data in SDVs.
- Raw data from sensors is transmitted using Data Distribution Service (DDS) or Zenoh into a shared topic space.
- A Middleware-to-Kuksa Bridge receives this data, maps it to VSS signals, and publishes it to the Kuksa Databroker.

Prototype

- Developed two parallel pipelines on Raspberry
 Pi and Laptop to capture real-time camera data.
- Used Fast DDS (C++) on the Pi and Zenoh (Python) on the laptop to publish raw sensor signals.
- Implemented middleware bridges to decode and map these raw signals to **VSS** format before publishing them to **Kuksa Databroker**.
- The bridge publishes signals to the Kuksa
 Databroker using gRPC-based communication, ensuring low-latency and structured signal transfer.
- Applications such as YOLO object detection accessed the VSS signals for real-time use.

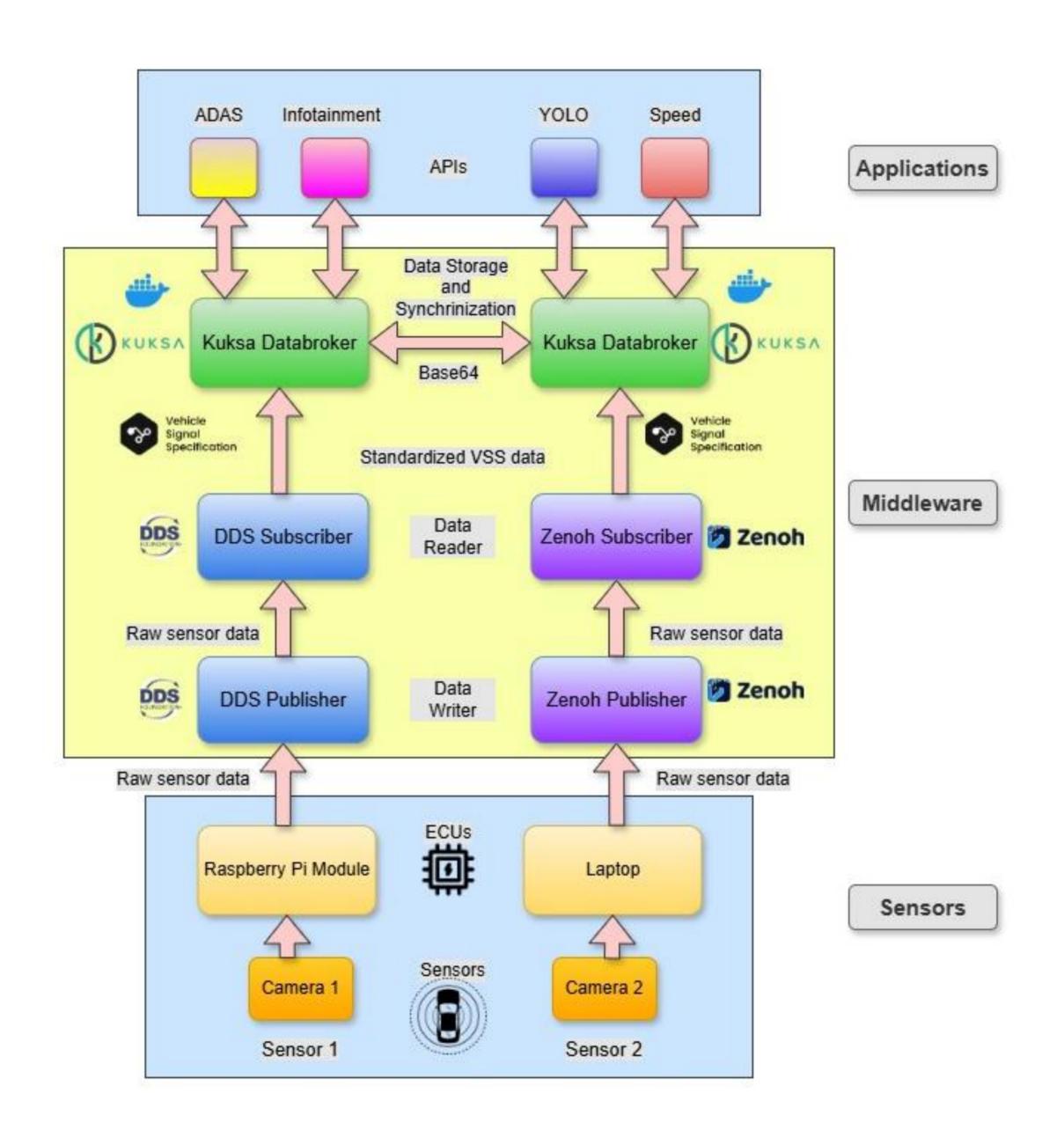
Result

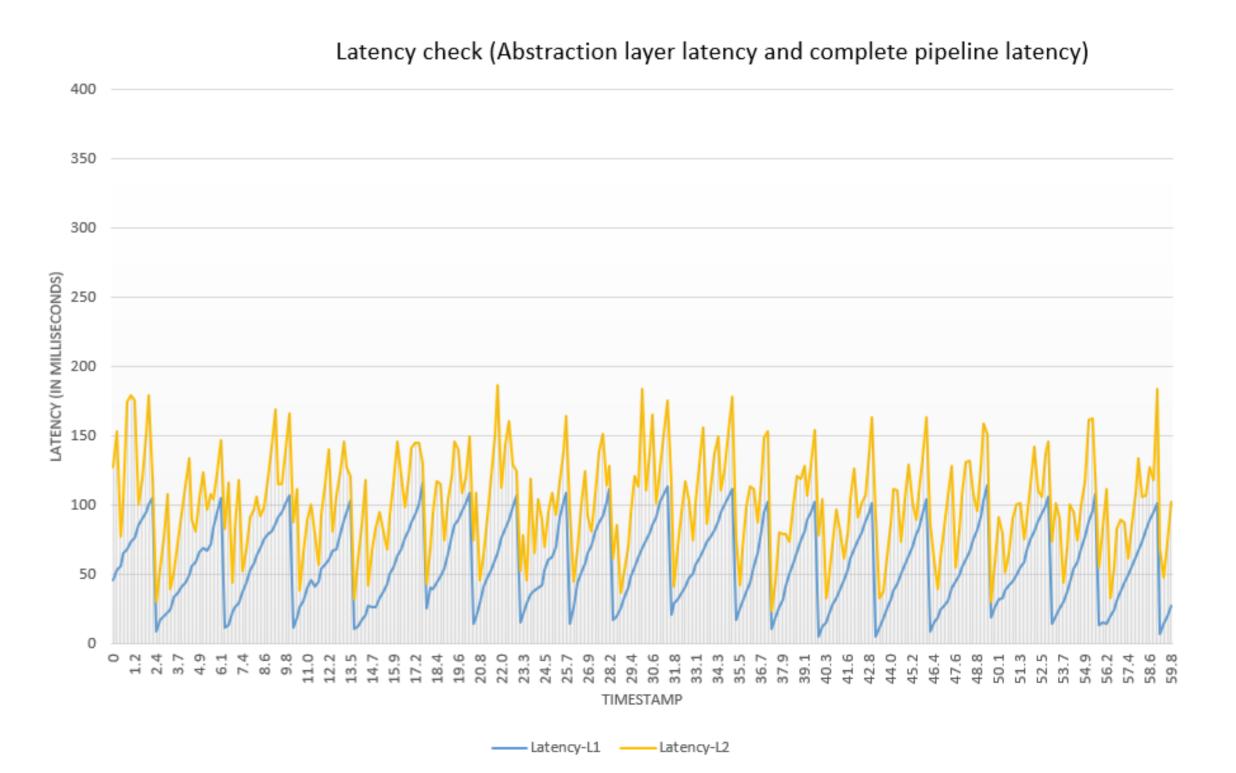
- Achieved real-time abstraction and publishing of sensor data into VSS format with minimal latency (average end-to-end latency ~102ms).
- Verified cross-platform synchronization:
 Raspberry Pi and Laptop pipelines both produced consistent signal values in Kuksa.
- Demonstrated successful application layer integration using YOLO-based object detection and API-driven access.

- **Problem:** In SDVs, sensor data is generated in diverse formats across vendors and platforms, lacking semantic consistency.
- Solution: Use middleware and Vehicle Signal Specification (VSS) to abstract and unify sensor data for seamless system integration.



 Applications or clients access the abstracted VSS signals via the Kuksa Databroker, using a lightweight gRPC interface for efficient and scalable communication.







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