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STANDARDIZATION OF I4.0 SYSTEMS

Multi-agent programming with SPADE
Part II: Gateway Agent
Part III: IEEE 2660.1

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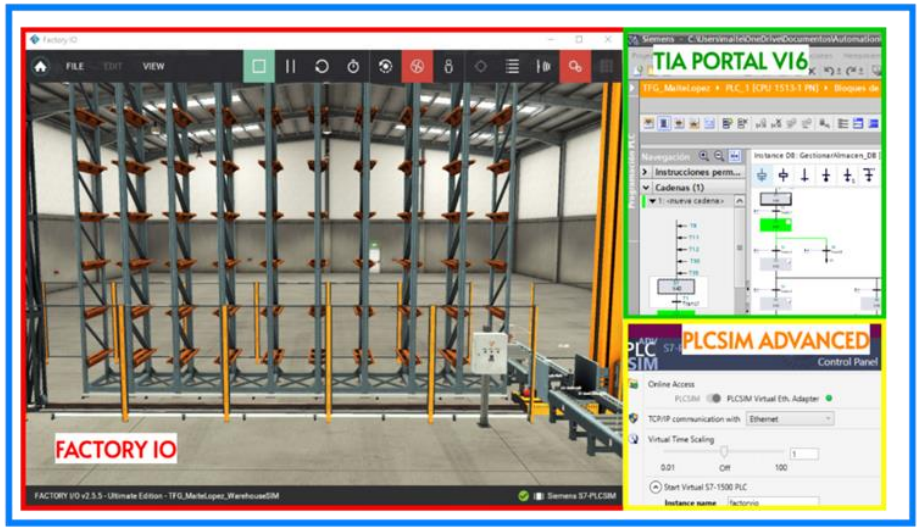
SMALL USE CASE

INTRODUCTION

- Two type of physical assets: a warehouse and a transport robot
- Need to coordinate smart warehouse with transportation robot

WAREHOUSE



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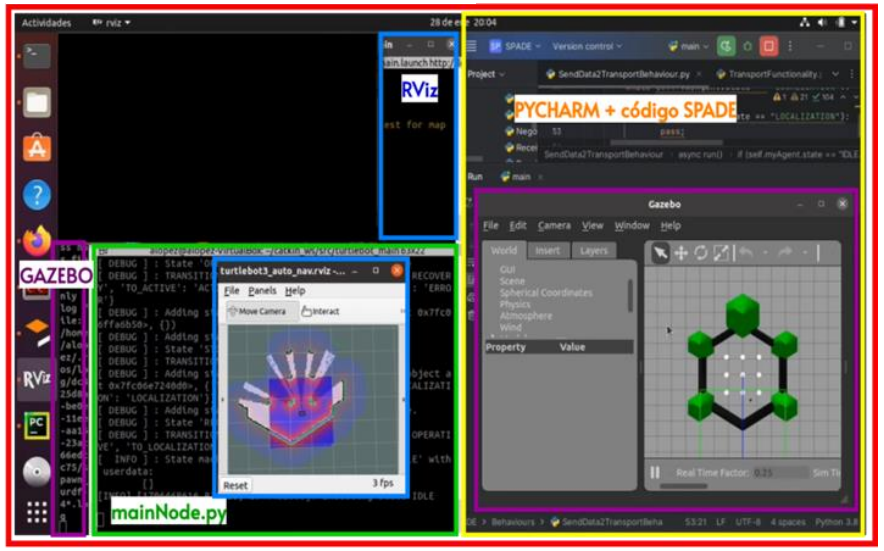
TRANSPORT ROBOT



Your computer

SMALL USE CASE

INTRODUCTION

- Two type of physical assets: a warehouse and a transport robot
  - Service 1: DELIVERY
    - 1 machine agent (warehouse) and 1 transport agent (turtlebot)
    - The process is initiated by the transport agent.
    - When the robot arrives to the warehouse, the transport agent notifies the machine agent.
  - Service 2: COLLECTION
    - 1 machine agent (warehouse) and 2 transport agent (turtlebot)
    - The process is initiated by the machine agent.
    - When the parcel is at the exit point of the warehouse, the machine agent request a transport service.
    - The transport agents perform a distributed negotiation (one with each other, without the intervention of a central entity).
    - The winner performs the transportation service.

SMALL CASE STUDY

INTRODUCTION

- Start the environment in your computer:
  - Open a **Terminator** window.
  - In the Terminator window, change directory to **turtlebot_main** ROS package developed for this case study: **roscd turtlebot_main**
  - Split the Terminator window horizontally to create another two terminals:
  - In each of the terminals:
    - Terminal 1. Start Gazebo: **./scripts/initGazebo.sh**

      Gazebo is a 3D robot simulator. Its objective is to simulate a robot, giving you a close substitute to how your robot would behave in a real-world physical environment.
    - Terminal 2. Start Rviz: **./scripts/initRviz.sh**

      rviz (short for "ROS visualization") is a 3D visualization tool for robots, sensors, and algorithms. It enables to see the robot's perception of its world (real or simulated).

      Do 2D pose estimation to position and direct the robot in the simulated environment.
    - Terminal 3. Start the transport robot main node (developed specifically for this project): **rosrun turtlebot_main mainNode.py**

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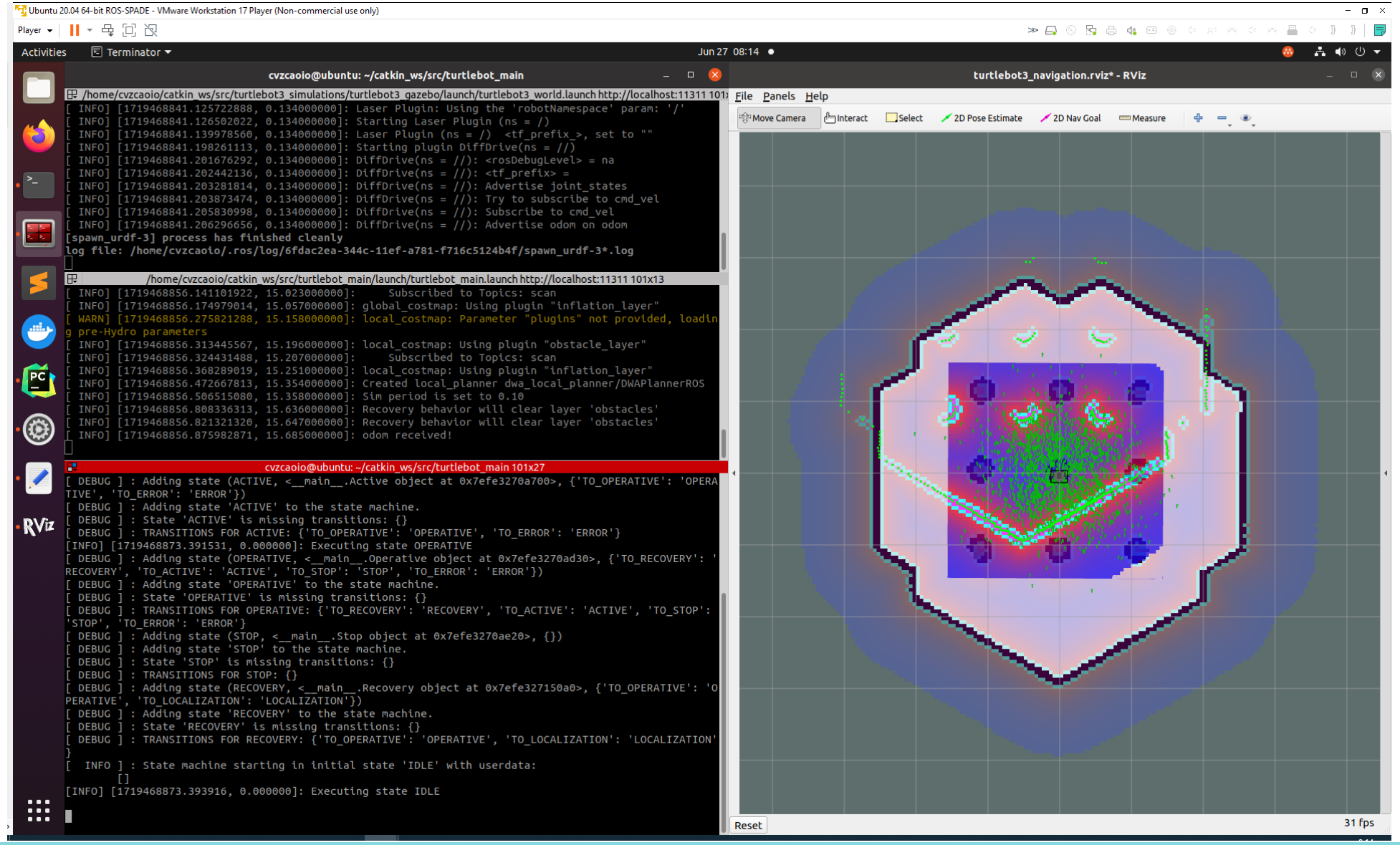

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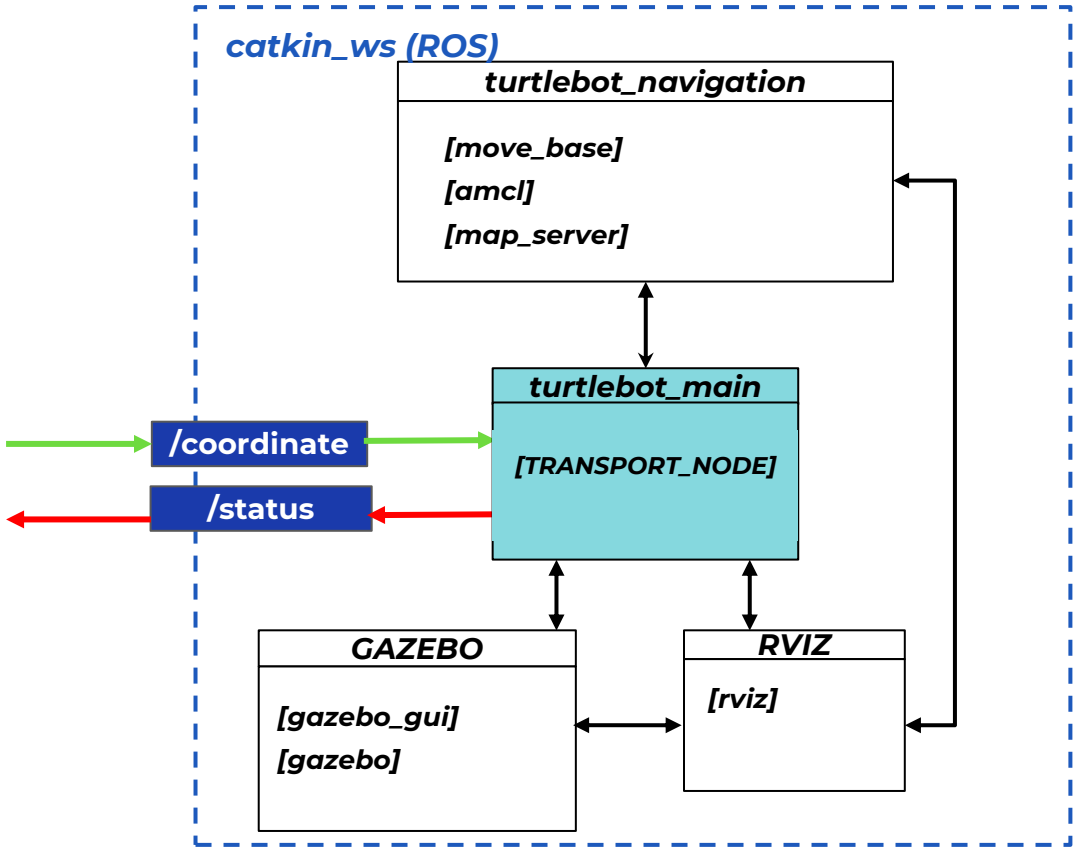
- Transport robot main node (developed specifically for this project)



It implements:

- An interface based on two ROS topics to interact with the robot:
  - sending moving coordinates
  - reading its status
- A Finite State Machine to control the robot and coordinate it with the nodes of the navigation stack, gazebo and Rviz.

You can read its code using the **text editor** from the **applications menu of Ubuntu** and opening "mainNode.py" from recent files list.

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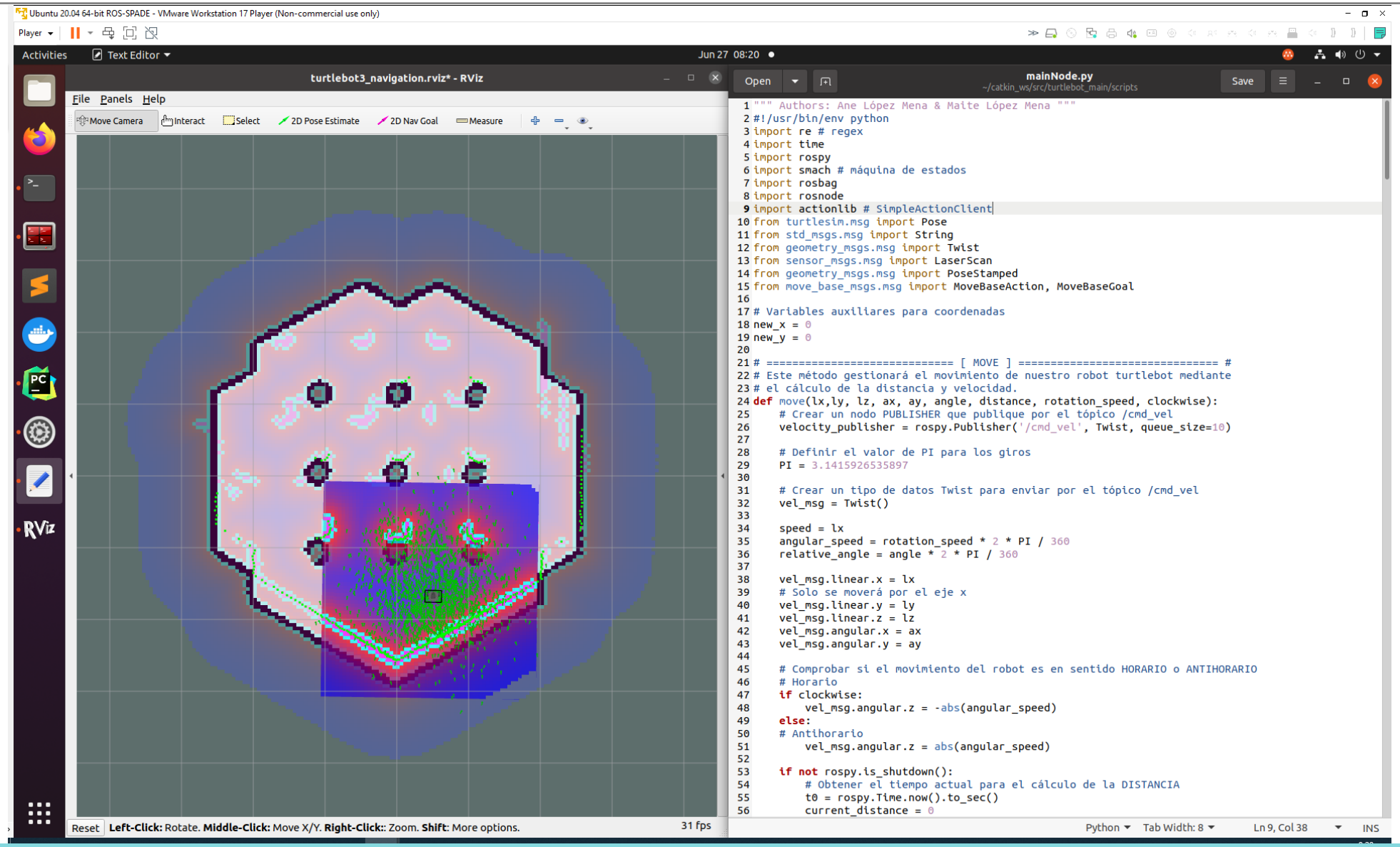

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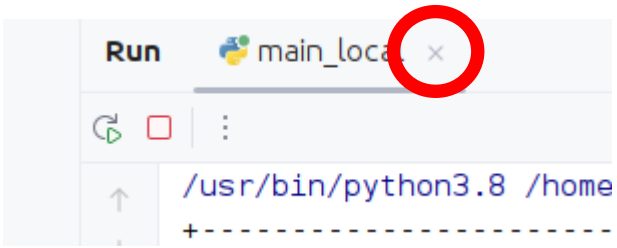
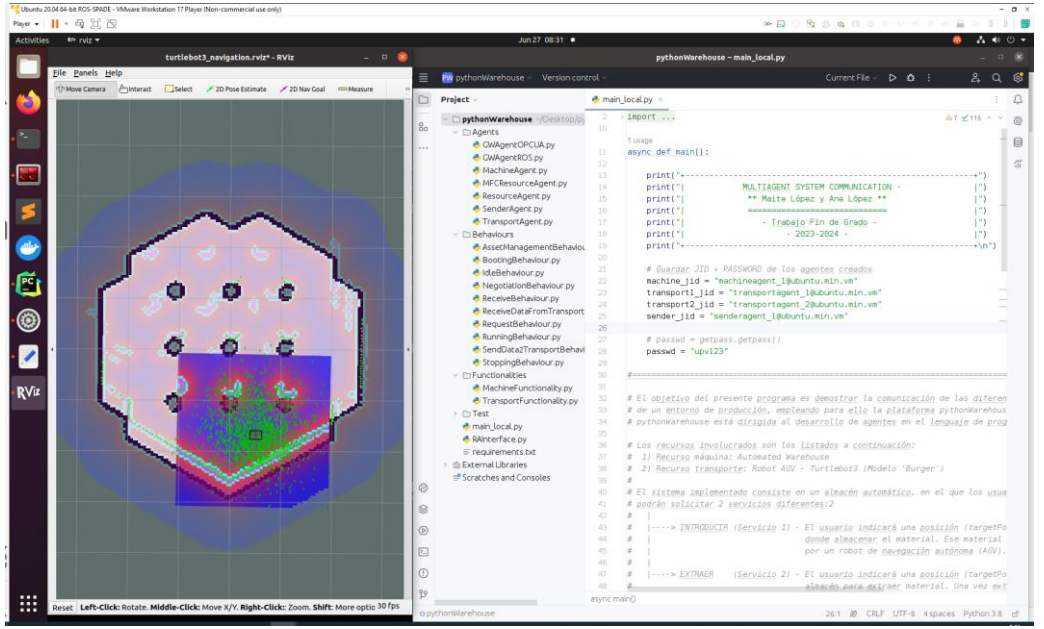
INTRODUCTION

- Start the environment in your computer:
  - Open a **Terminal** window (not a Terminator window) and execute the following command to open PyCharm: **./pycharm-2023.3/bin/pycharm.sh**
  - A project called SPADE should be automatically opened. If not, open it from recent projects list (PyCharm → File → Recent Projects).
  - Expand the project tree to see all the contents of the project.
  - Open **main_local.py**
  - Execute main_local.py

    NOTE: to rerun main_local.py you should click here:





ISSUE

INTRODUCTION

- Two type of physical assets: a warehouse and a transport robot
- Need to orchestrate their operation for each service.

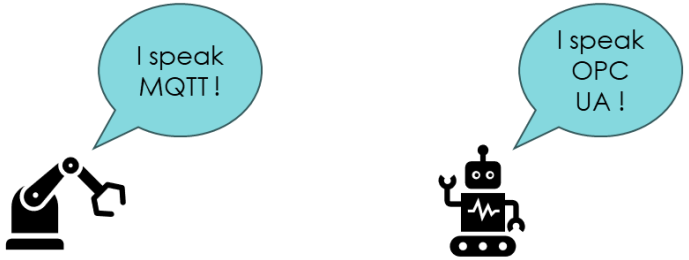
- How can we do this SPADE? Proposals? Resources:
  - A SPADE agent is an instance of a Python class
    - The class is inherited from a SPADE class: **spade.agent.Agent**
    - **setup()**: to add initialization code
  - Behaviour: pattern-based task executed by an agent
    - A Behaviour is an instance of a Python class inherited from a SPADE class:
      - **spade.behaviour.CyclicBehaviour**
      - **spade.behaviour.OneShotBehaviour**
      - **spade.behaviour.FSMBehaviour**
  - Behaviour common methods
    - **run()**: where the core of the logic is executed
  - SPADE agents can communicate with each other by exchanging **messages**.
  - **Templates** are used to automatically dispatch received messages to the behaviours that are waiting for them.

ASSET INTEGRATION

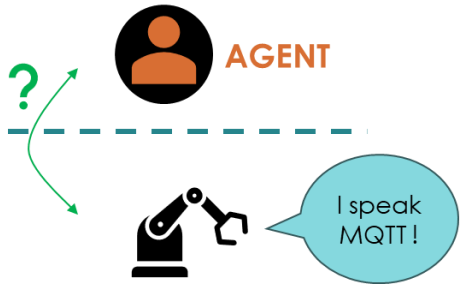
INTRODUCTION

- Agents can:
  - add intelligence to assets
  - manage service requests related to those assets
  - implement Asset Administration Shells

- But each asset has different communication capabilities

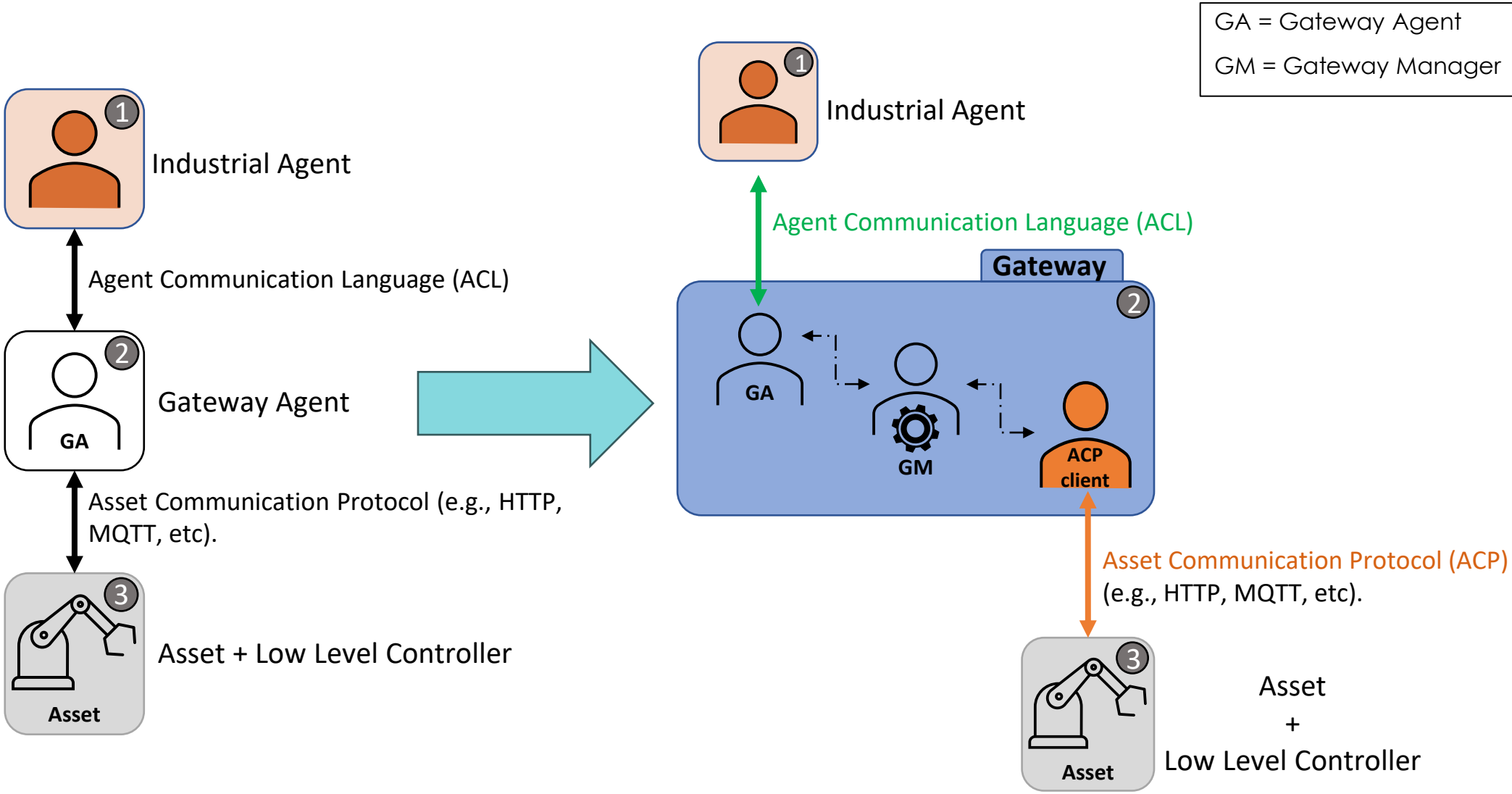


- How can we access physical assets in a common way?



GATEWAY DESIGN PATTERN

PHYSICAL ASSET INTEGRATION

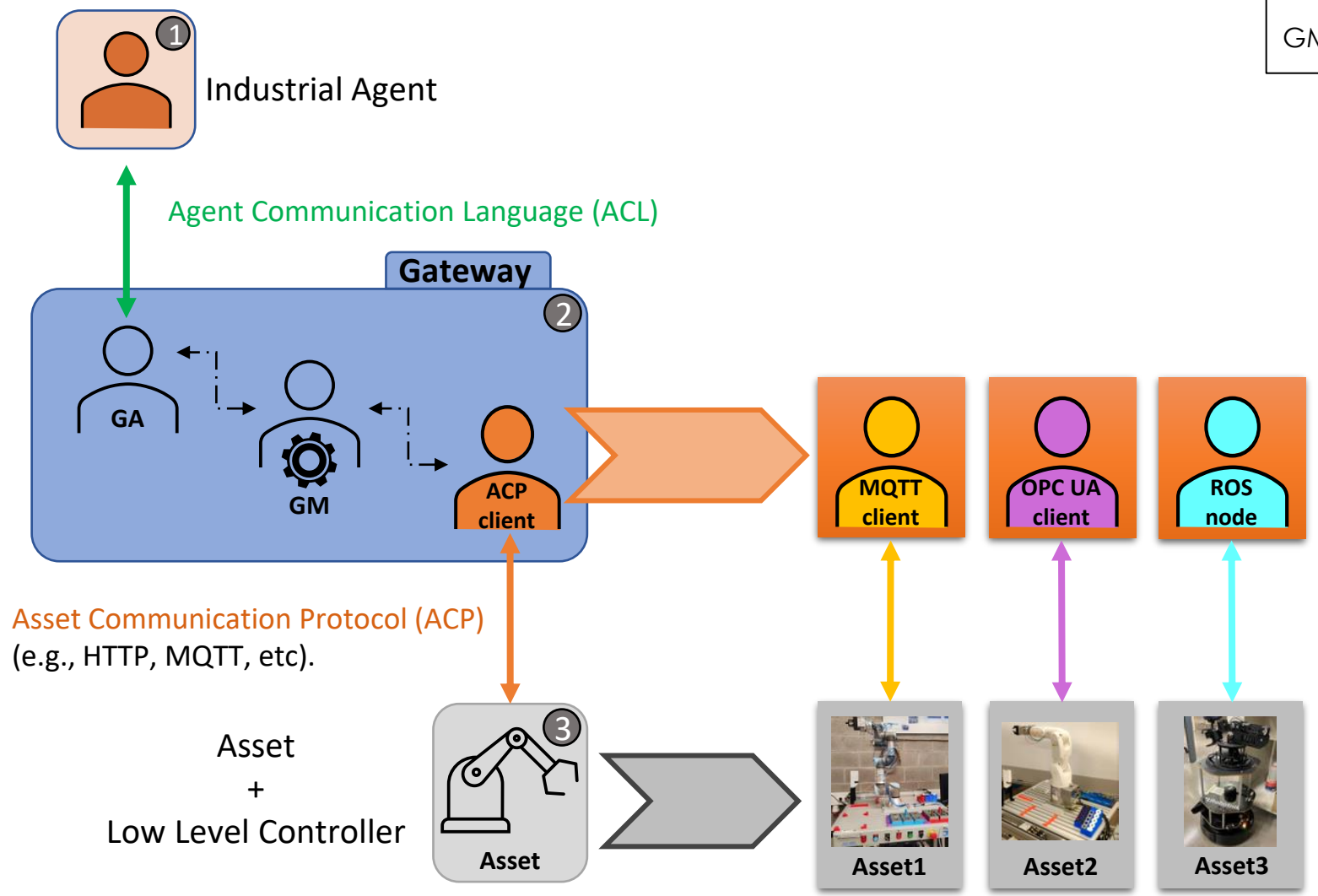


GATEWAY DESIGN PATTERN

PHYSICAL ASSET INTEGRATION

GA = Gateway Agent

GM = Gateway Manager



COMPLIANCE WITH IEEE 2660.1 SCENARIOS

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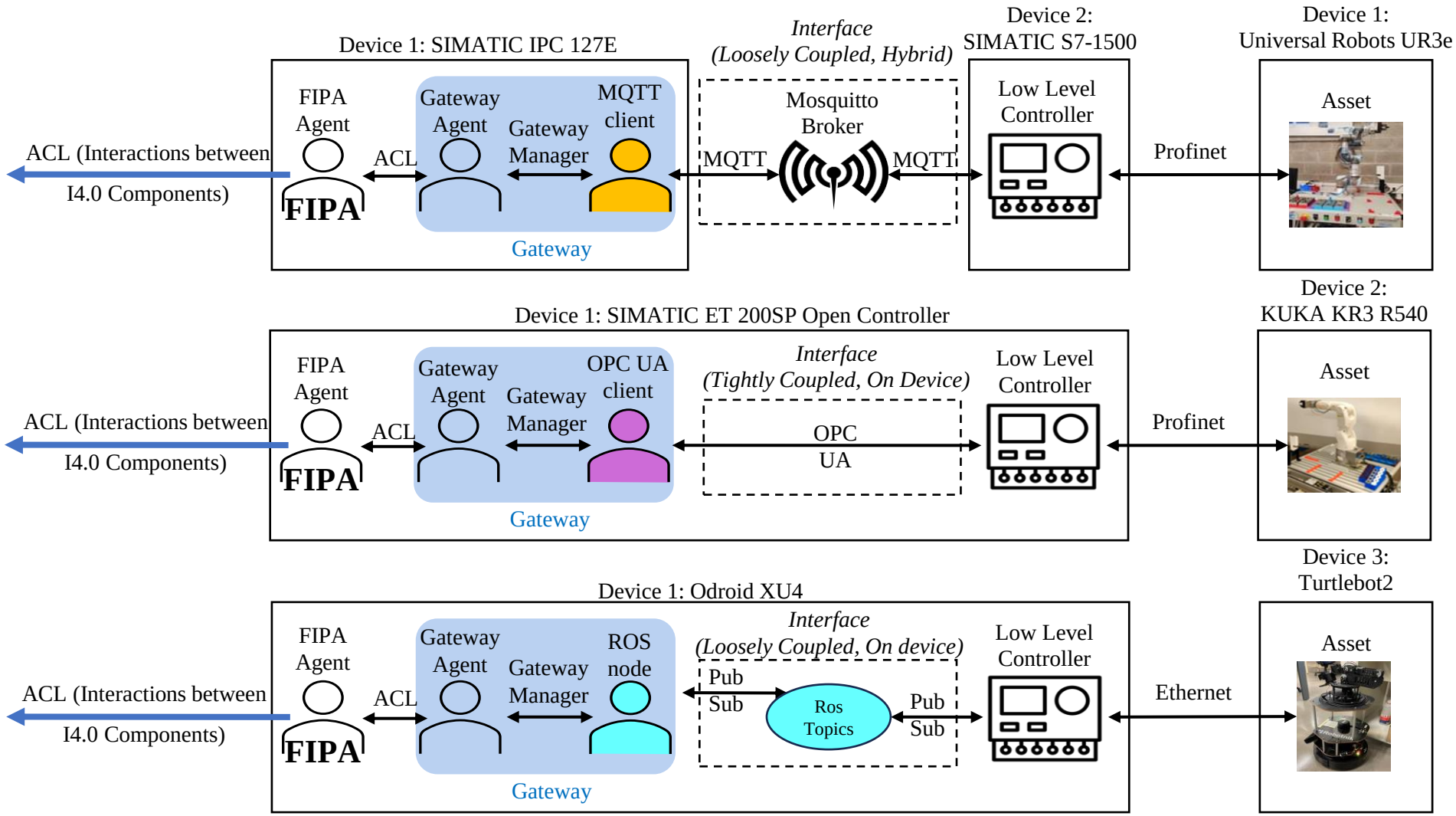
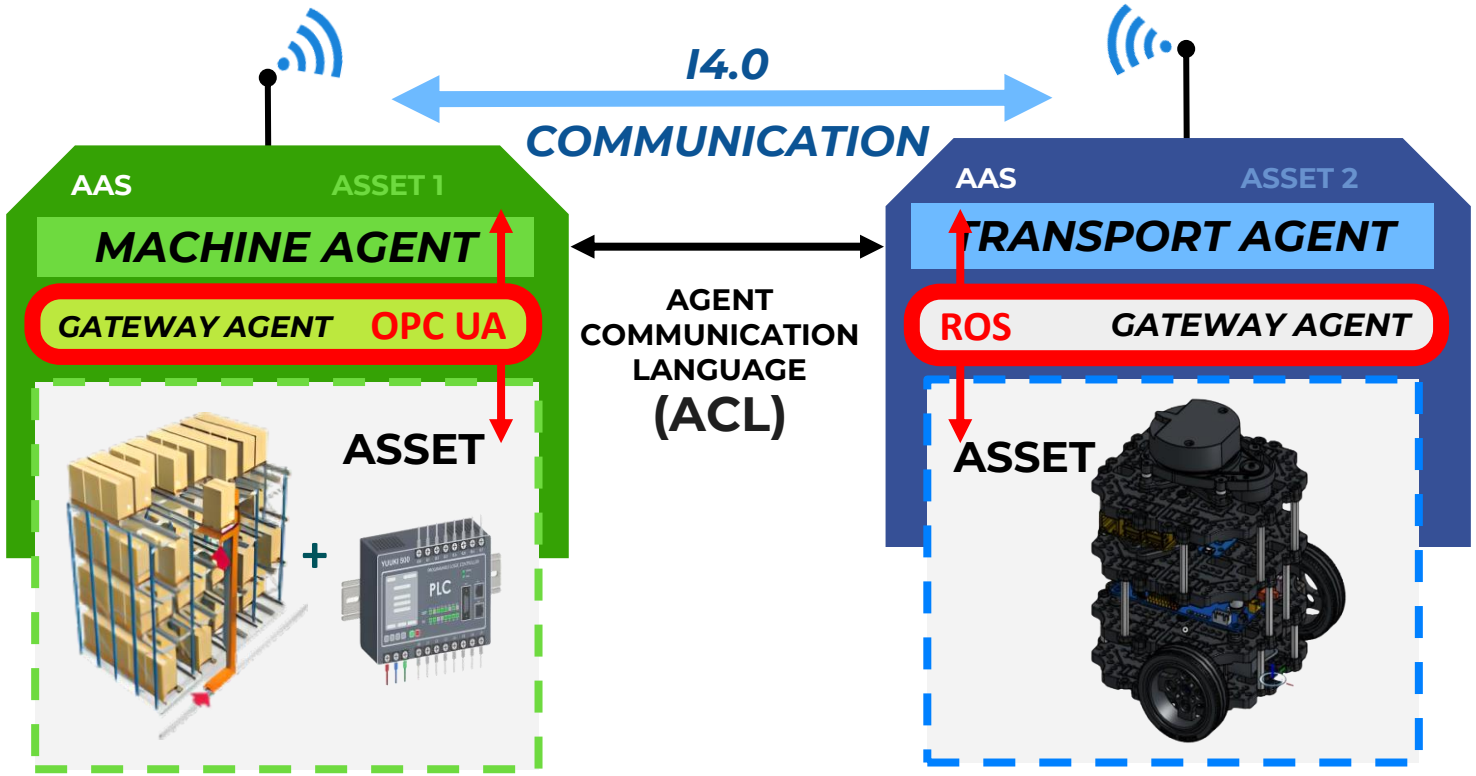
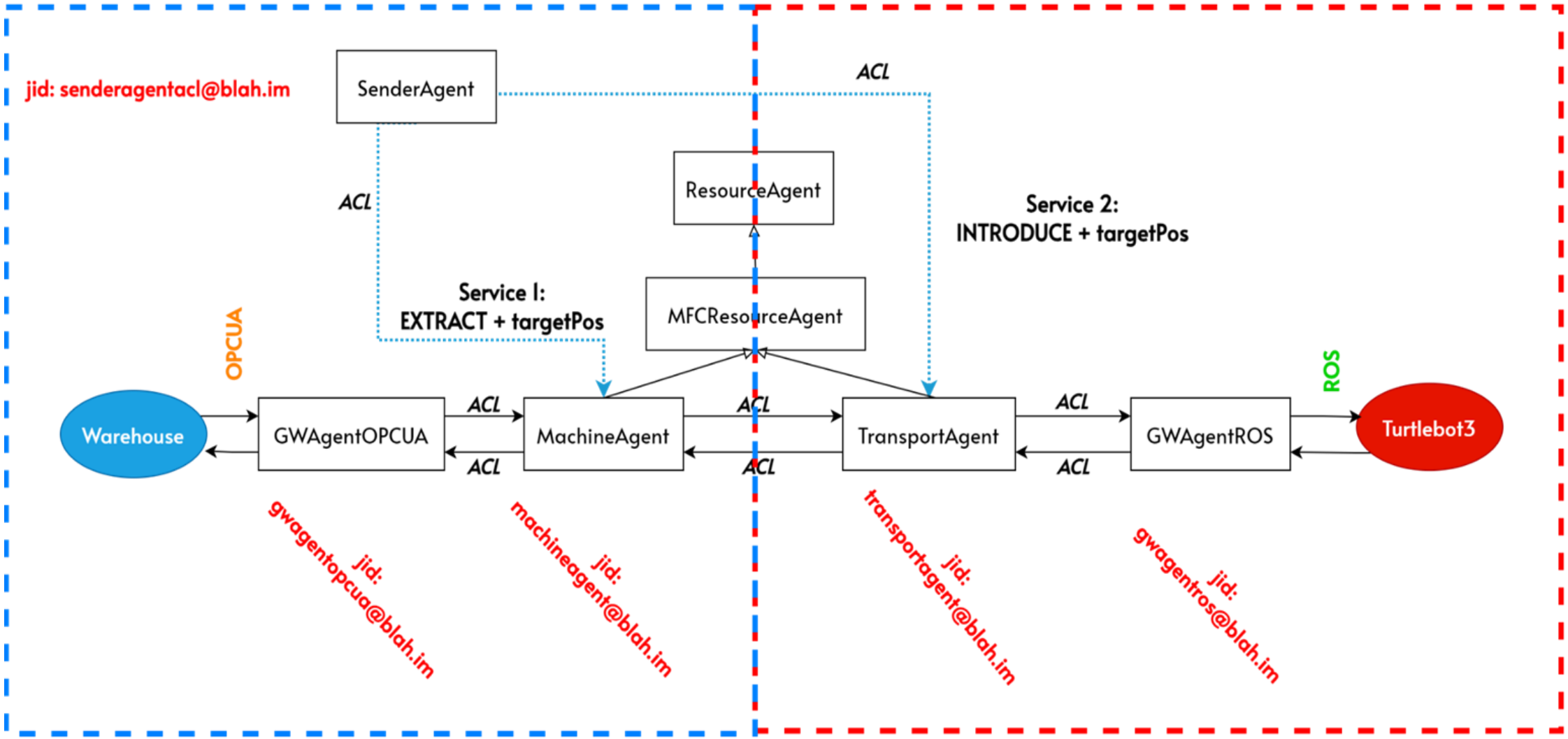


USE CASE

OVERVIEW



AGENT-BASED SYSTEM STRUCTURE



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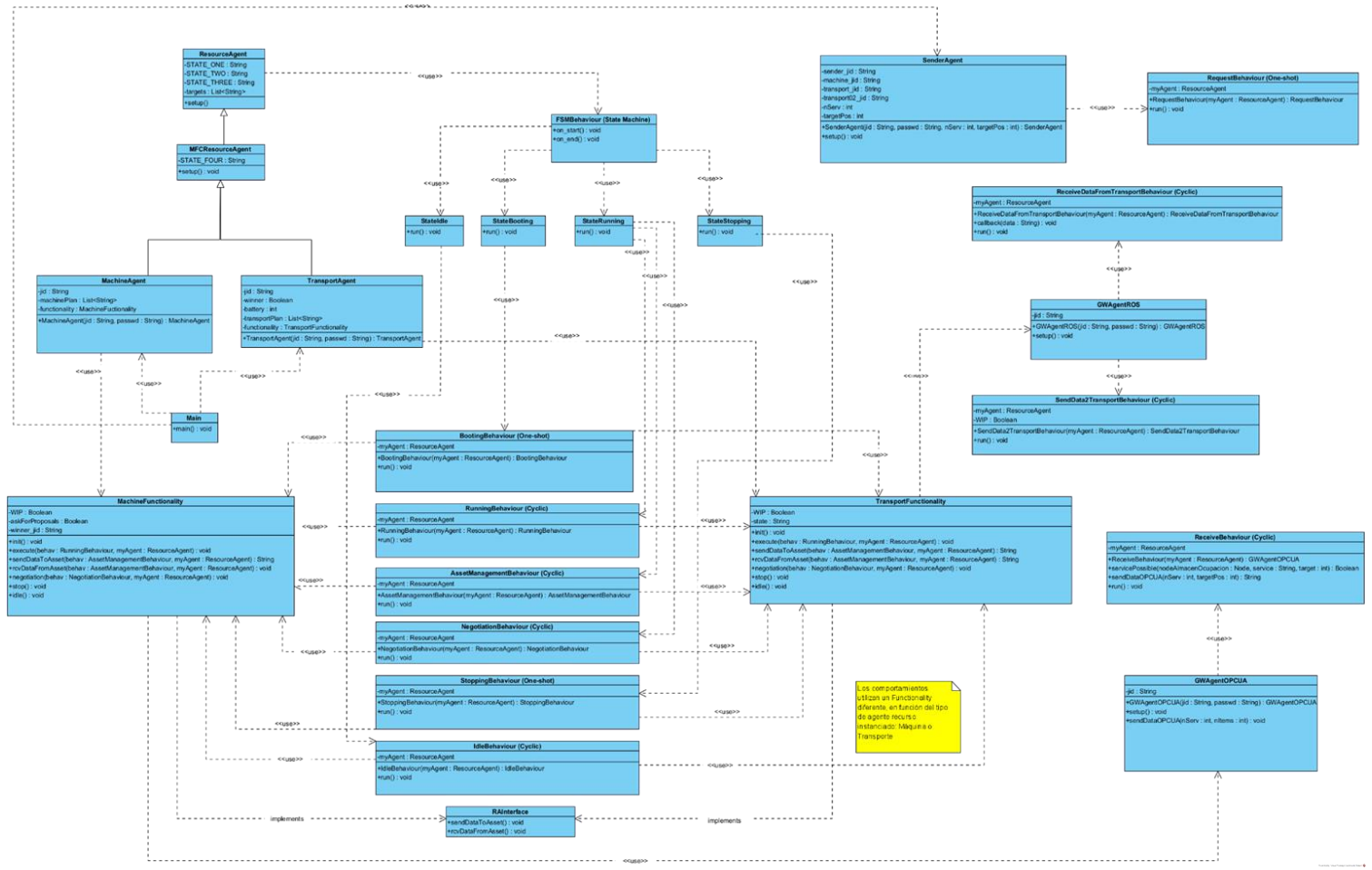

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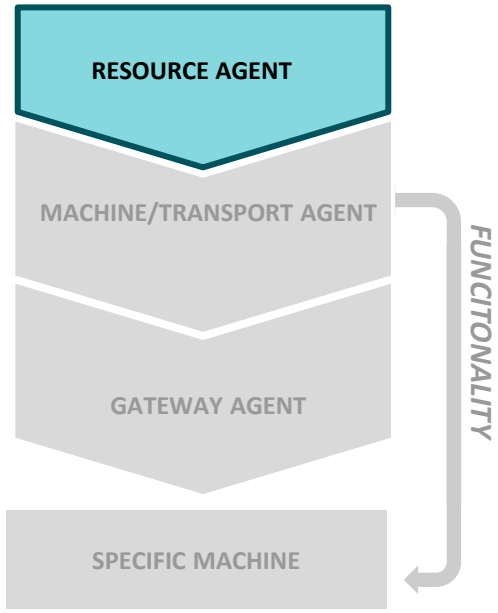
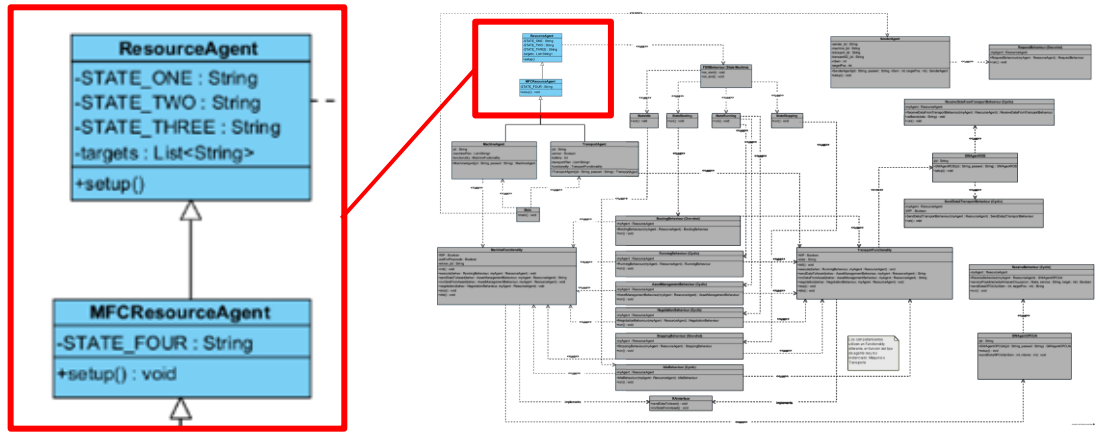


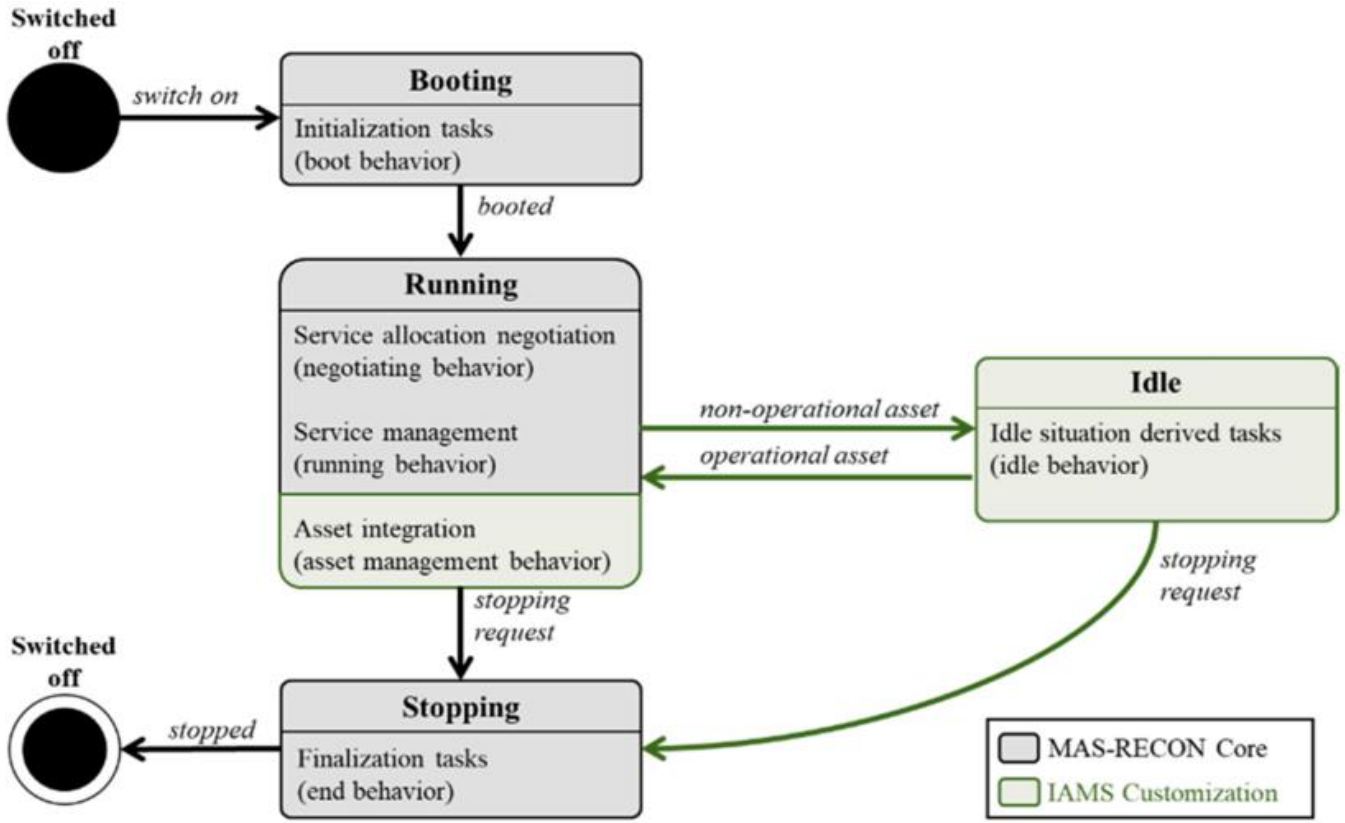


ResourceAgent | MFCResourceAgent

- Any type of resource, generic
- Abstract and non-instantiable class → Inheritance from other classes.
- FSM behavior: Booting, Running and Stopping.
- Manufacturing ResourceAgent: 4th state to FSM → IDLE or idle.

FINITE STATE MACHINE FOR RESOURCE AGENTS

- All agents have common behaviours
- All these behaviors are divided into a set of common states through which all agents pass.



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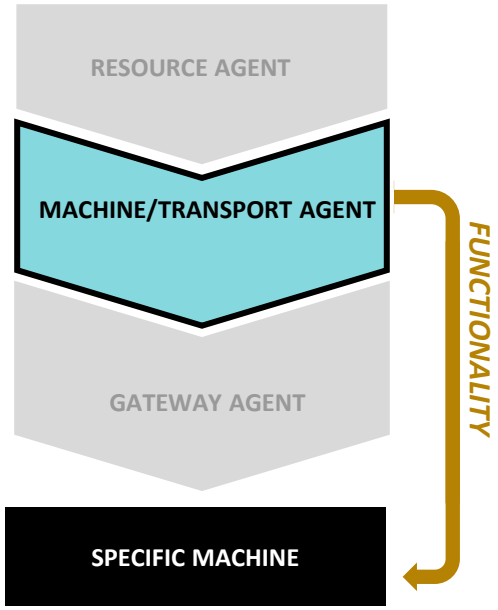

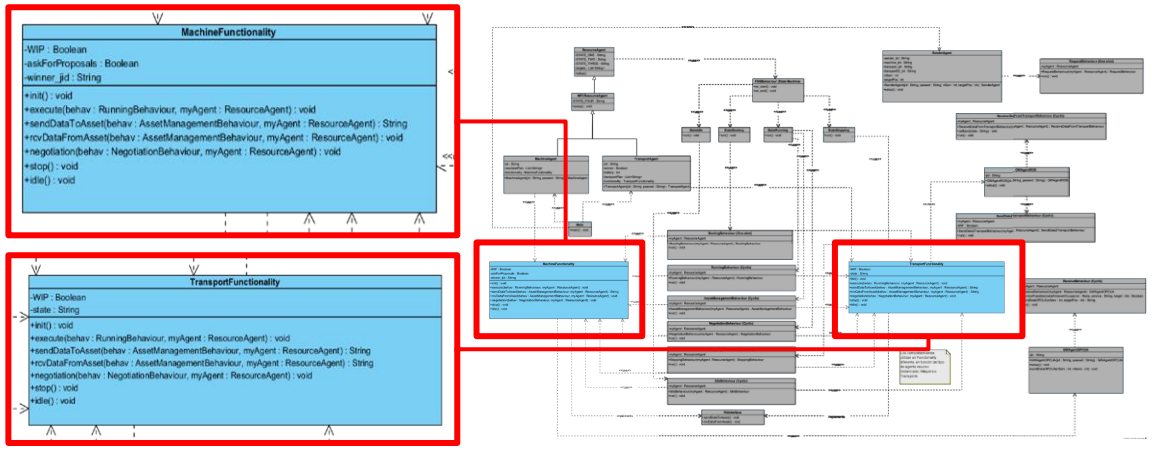

MachineFunctionality | TransportFunctionality

- Specific features of concrete device are concentrated in this class.
- **This allows using the same agent template for all the assets in the factory.**
- **Thus, the end user only has to customize the agent using this class (i.e., they create design patterns from the skeleton pattern)**

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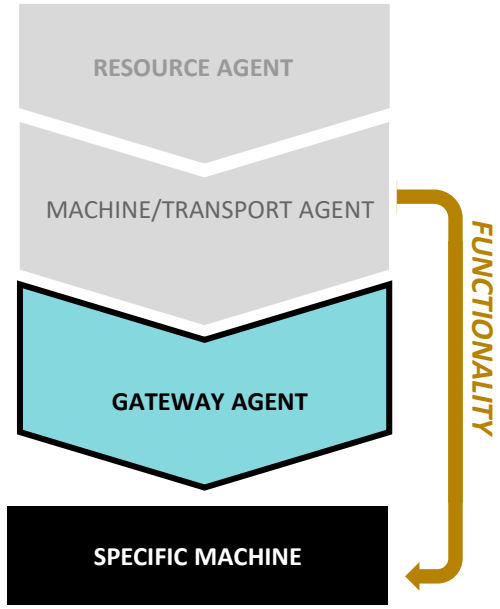
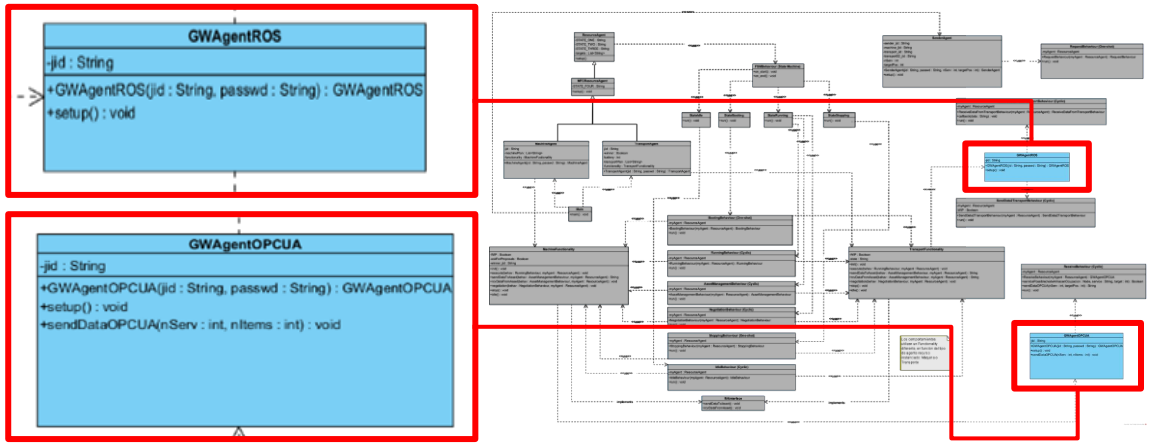




GWAgentOPCUA | GWAgentROS

- Independence of communication particularities
- Machine using an OPC UA interface (client-server)
- Translate messages: agent (ACL) ↔ active (OPCUA/ROS).
  - Duality

AGENT SYSTEM STRUCTURE: MACHINE AGENT

TFG_MaiteLopez ▸ PLC_1 [CPU 1513-1 PN] ▸ Comunicación OPC UA ▸ Interfaces del servidor ▸ Interfaz del servidor_1

Interfaz del servidor OPC UA

	Browse Name	Tipo de nodo	Datos locales	Tipo de datos
1	Interfaz del servidor_1	Interfaz		
2	Control_Flag_Service_Completed	BOOL		
3	Marcha	BOOL		
4	Reset	BOOL		
5	AuxInit	BOOL		
6	DejarCoger	BOOL		
7	AlmacenOcupacion	ARRAY[0..53] of BO...		
8	Posicion	INT		
9	<Agregar nuevo>			

Service completed signal

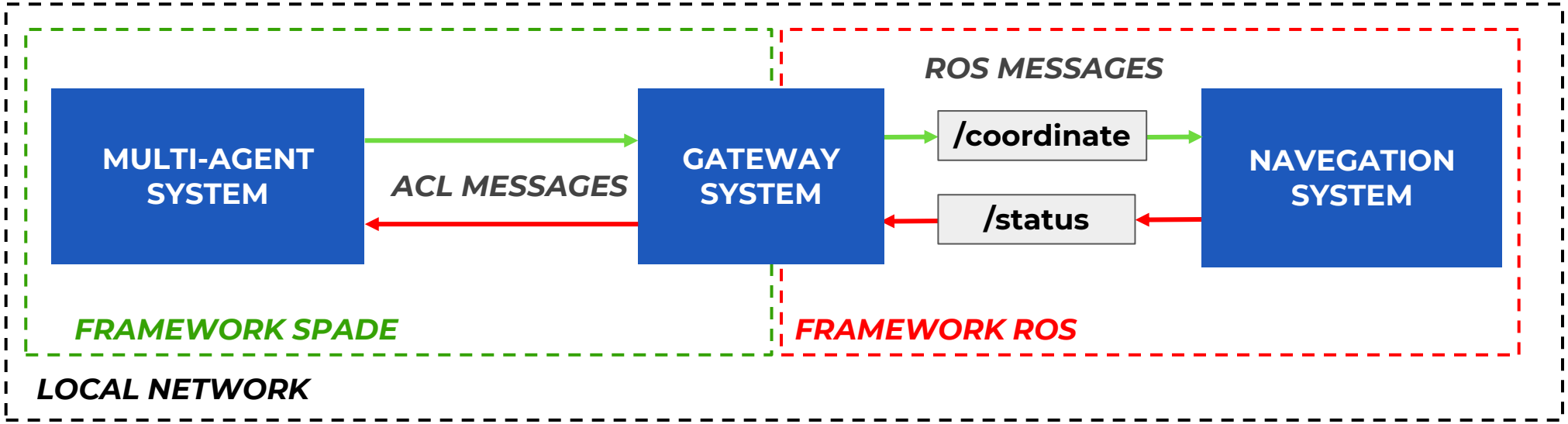
Signals to manipulate control program

Service type definition

Warehouse occupancy structure

Row to manipulate

AGENT SYSTEM STRUCTURE: TRANSPORT AGENT



- ***/coordinate:*** Transport services requests
- ***/status:*** Read the status of the robot

AGENT SYSTEM STRUCTURE: TRANSPORT AGENT