

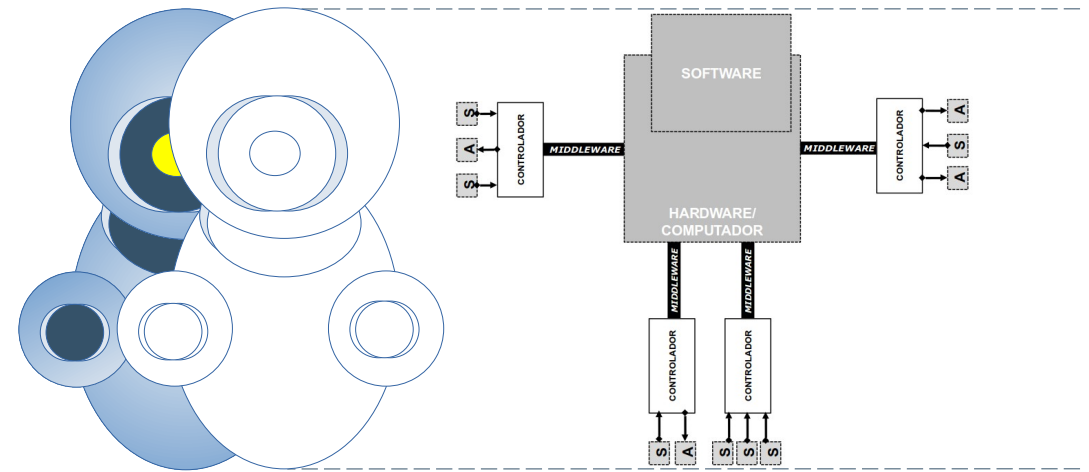
# Introduction to Distributed and Embedded Multi-agent Systems

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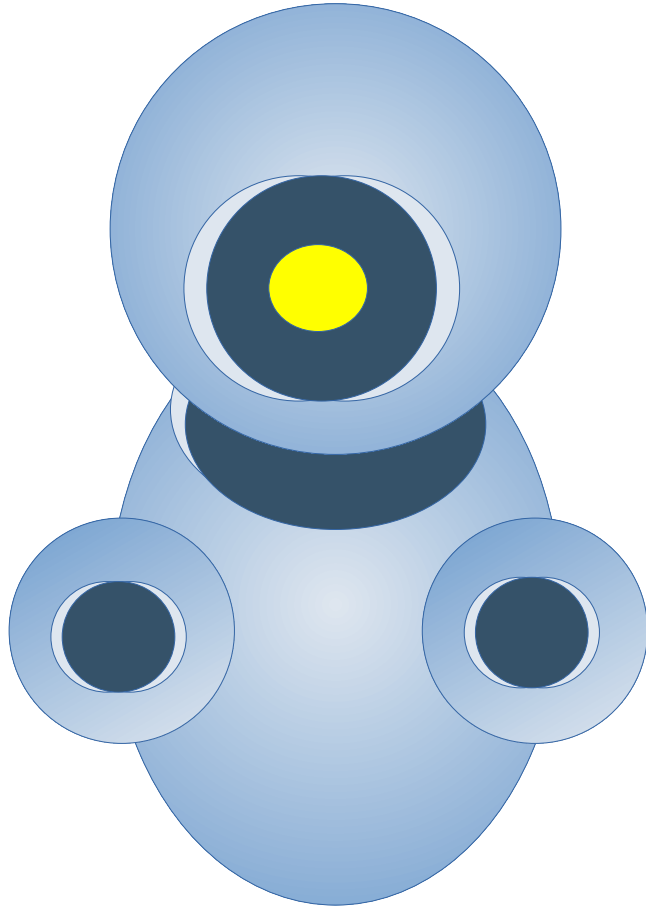
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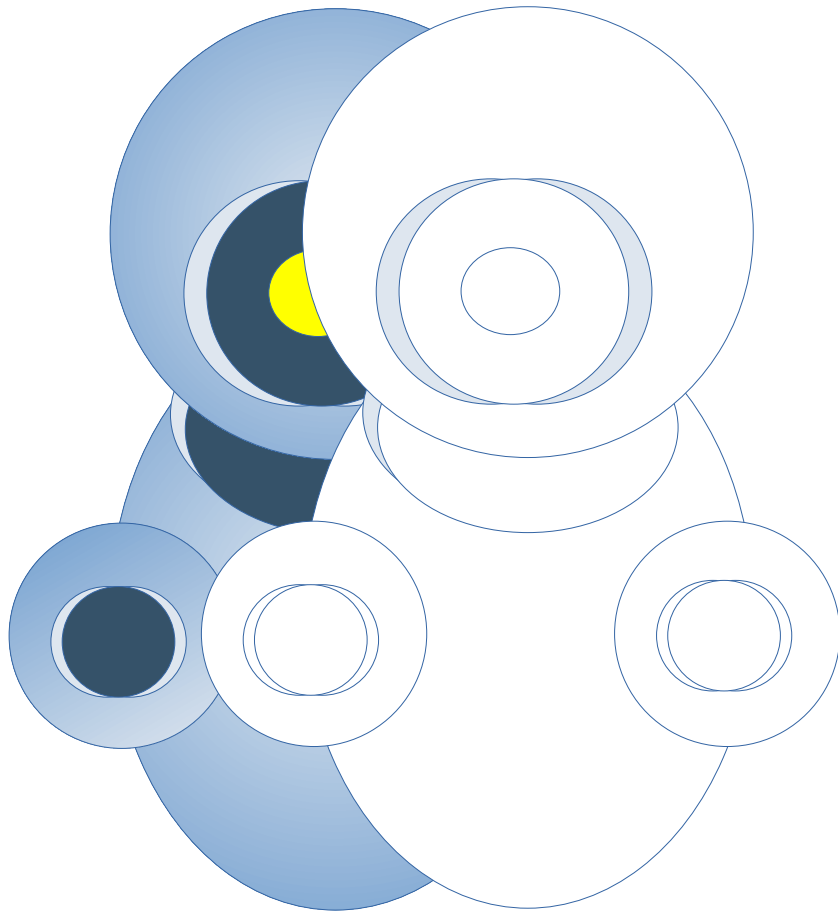
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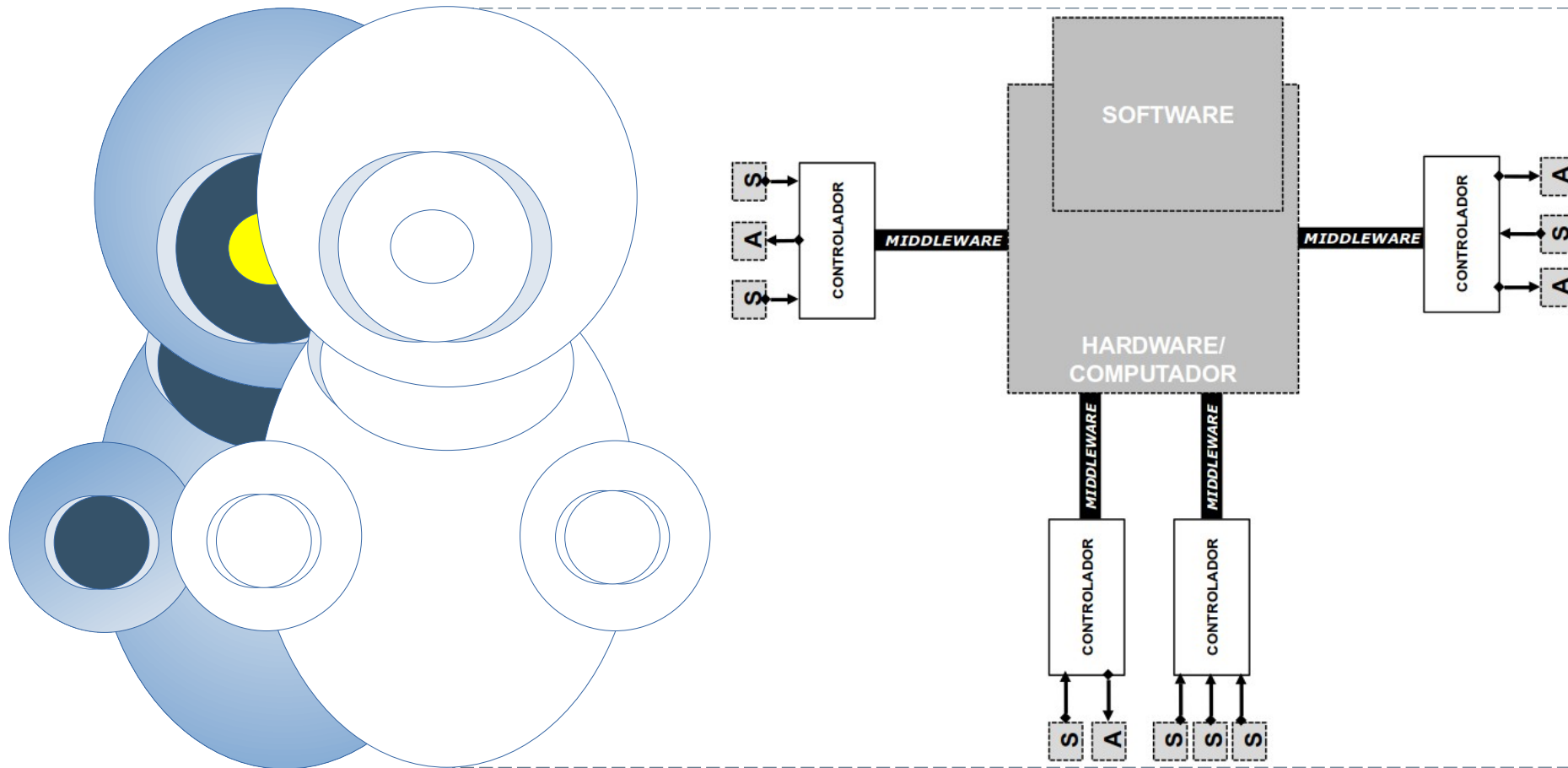




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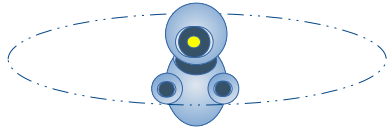
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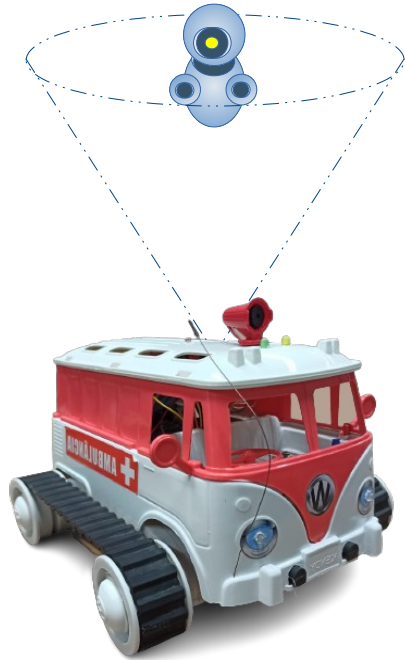
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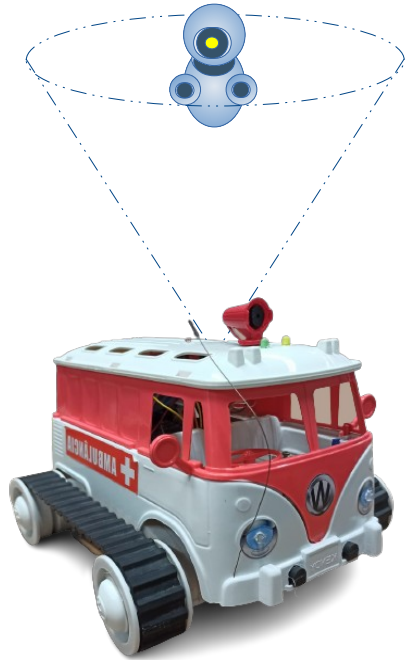
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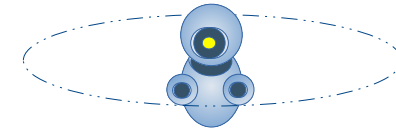
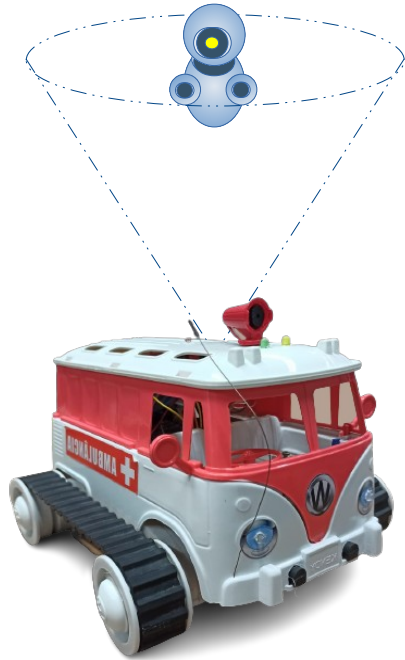


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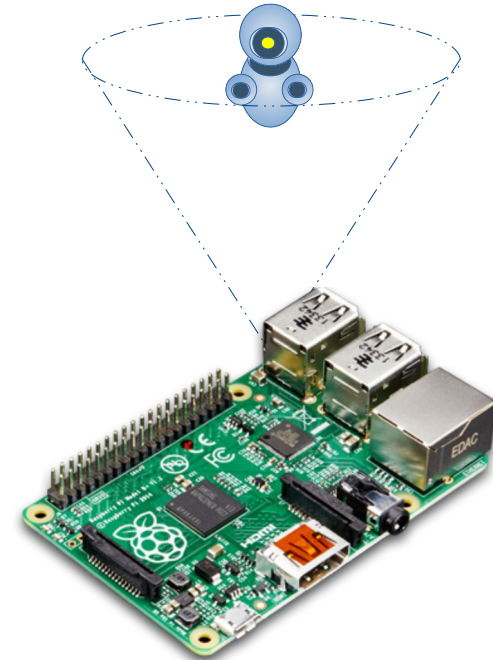
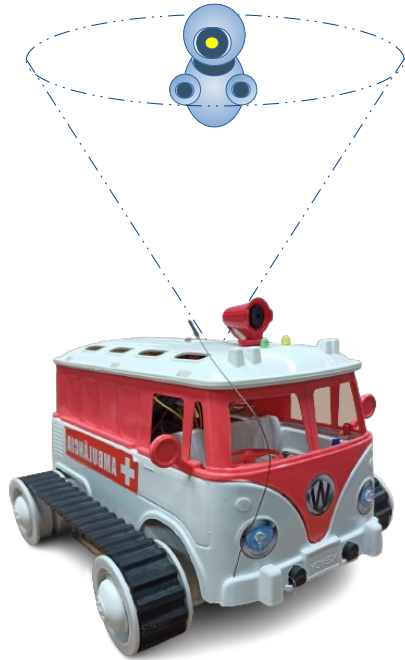




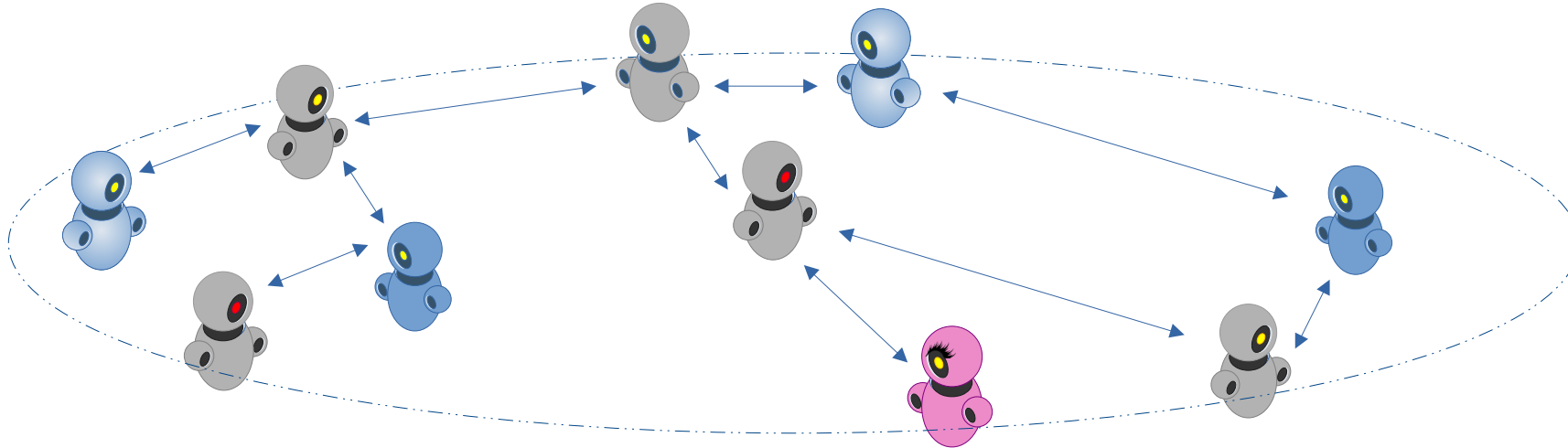
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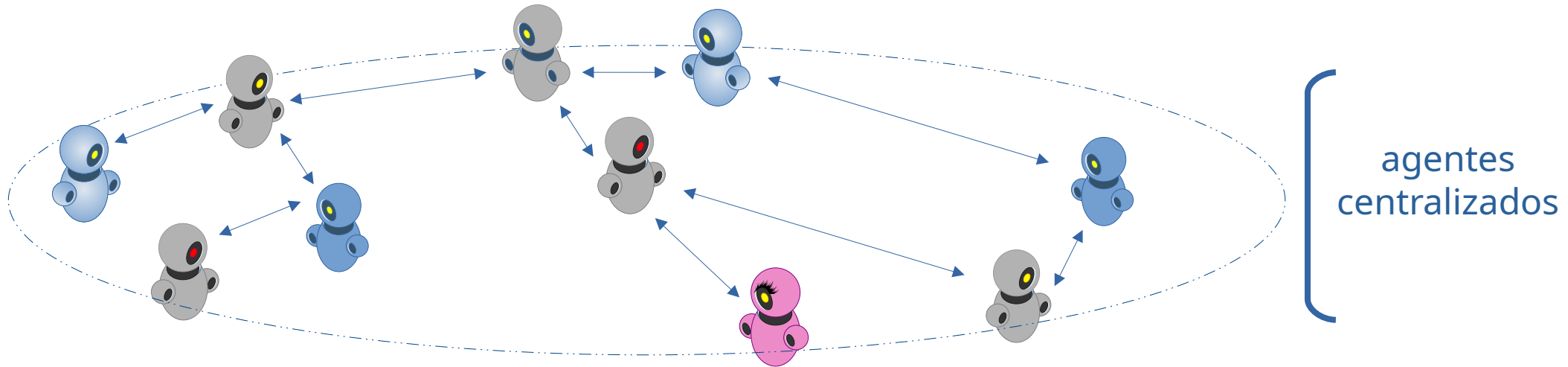
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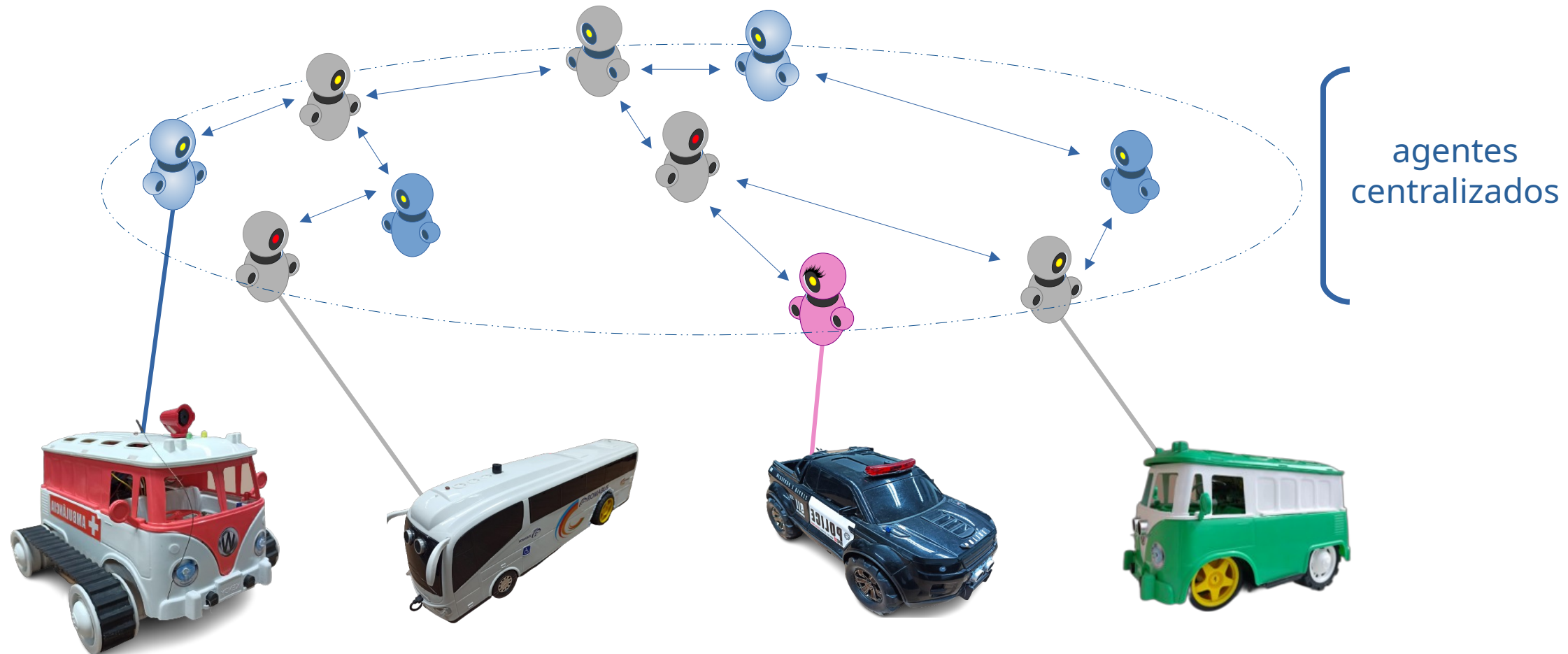
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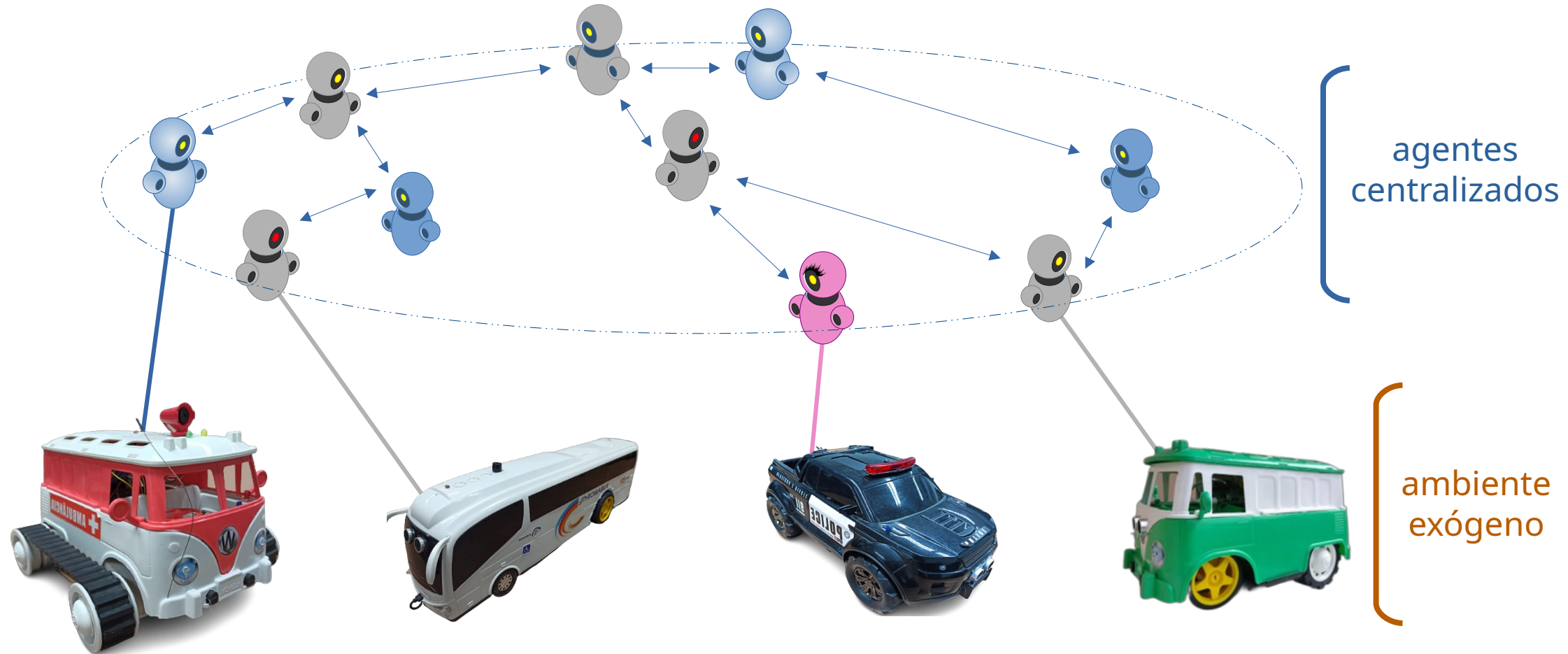
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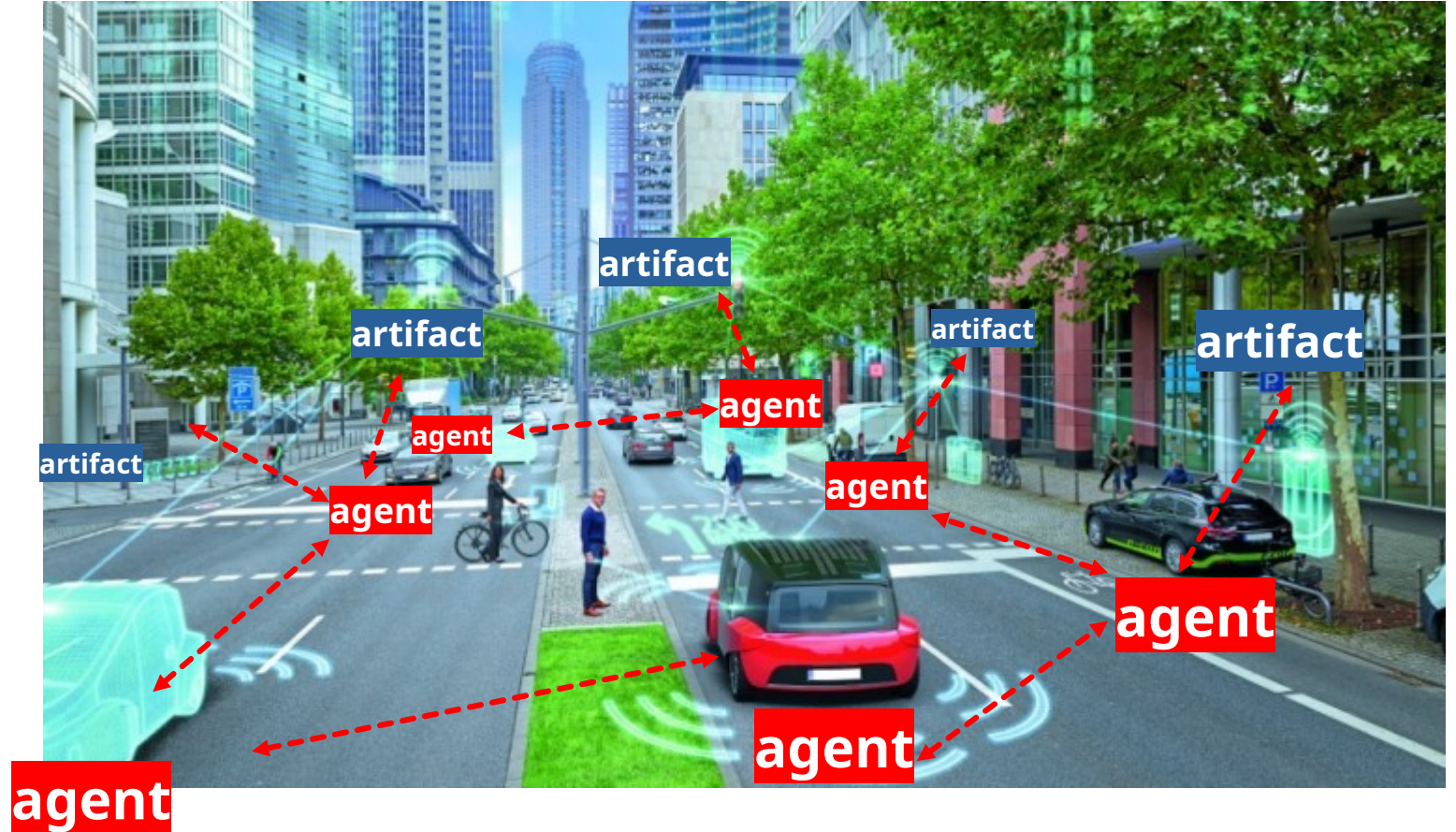




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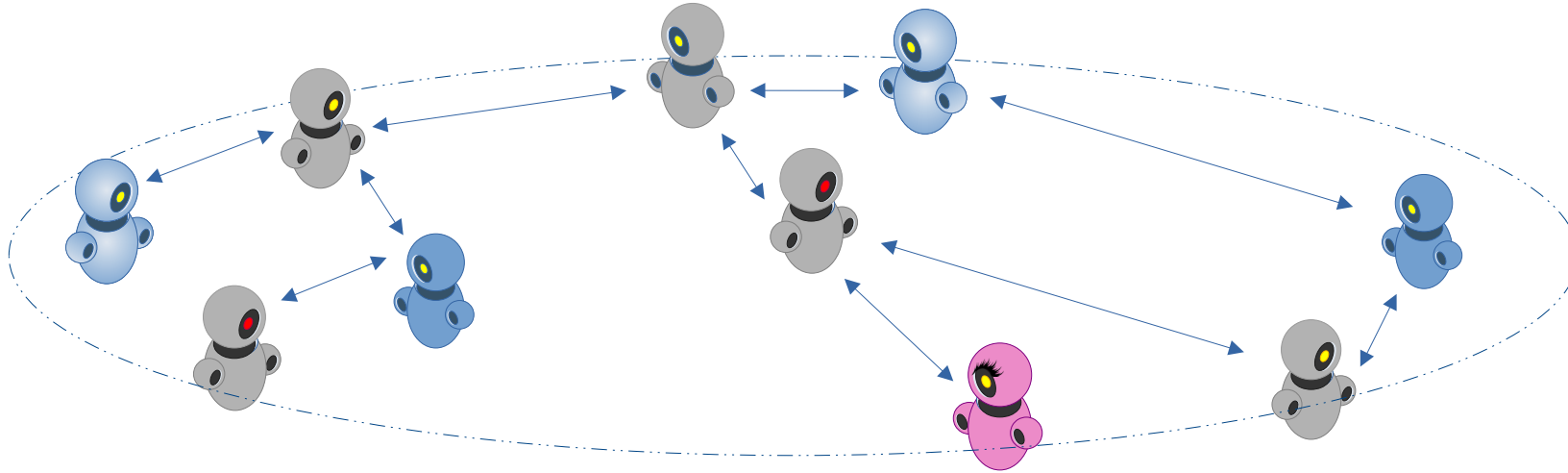
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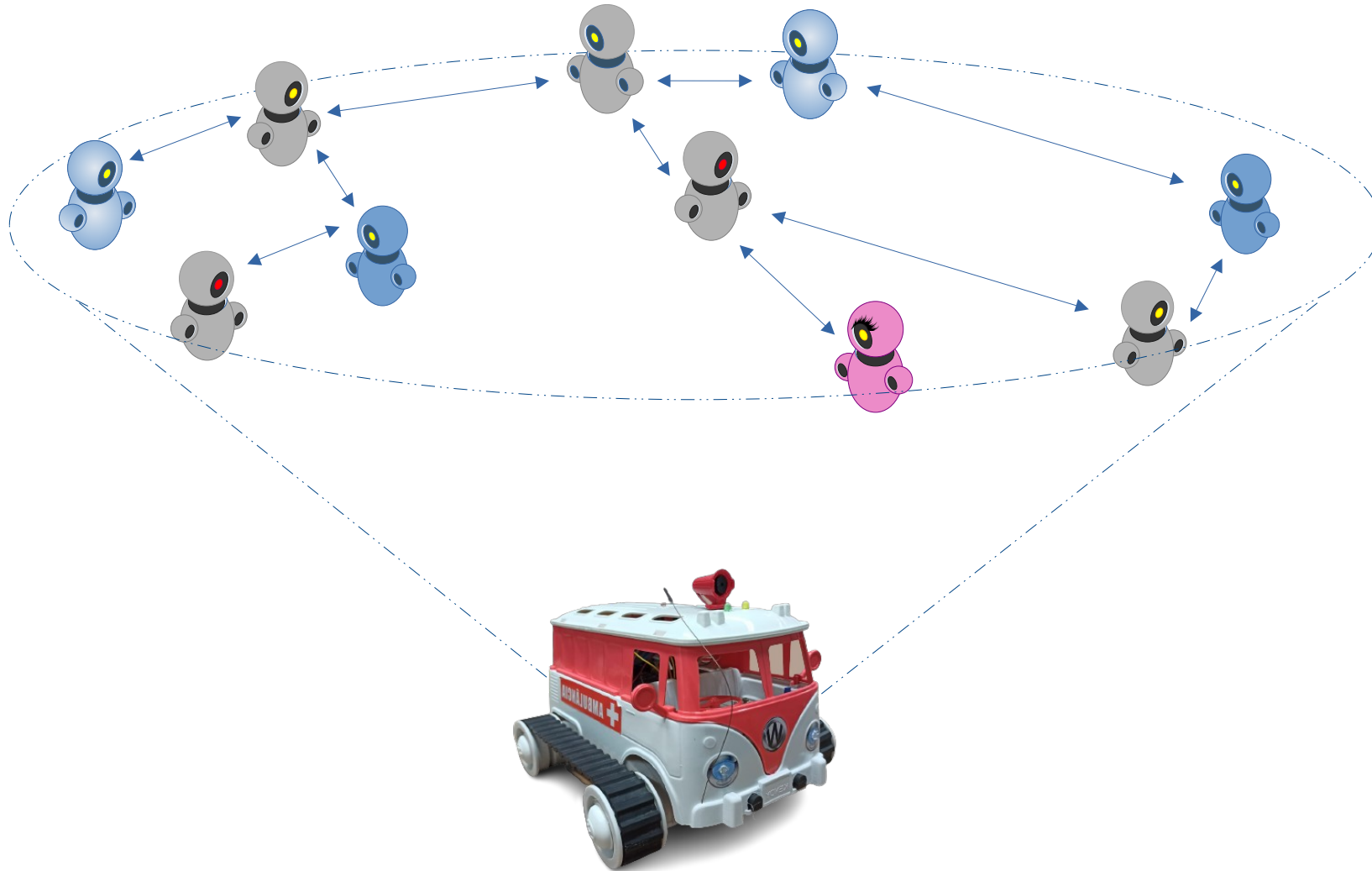




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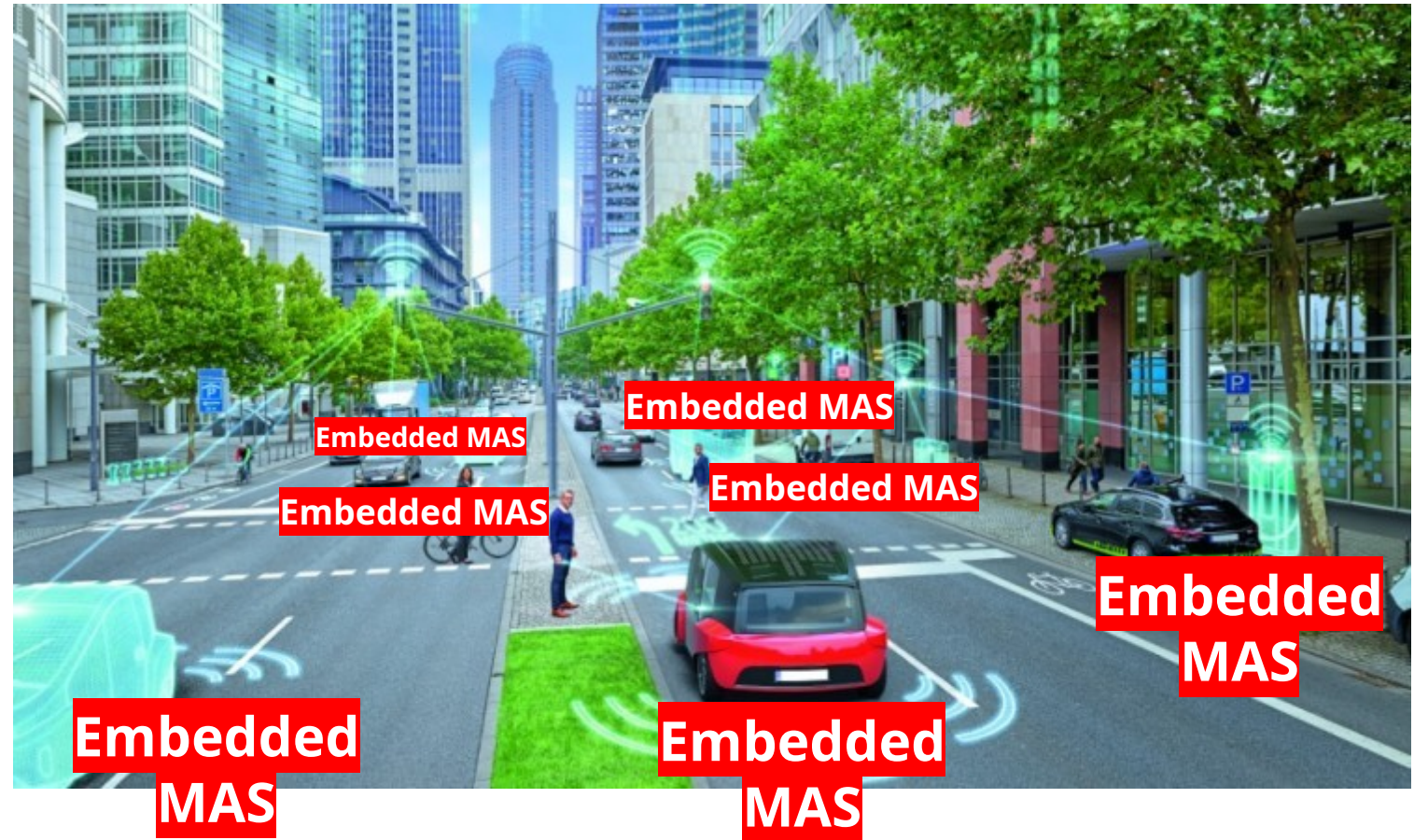




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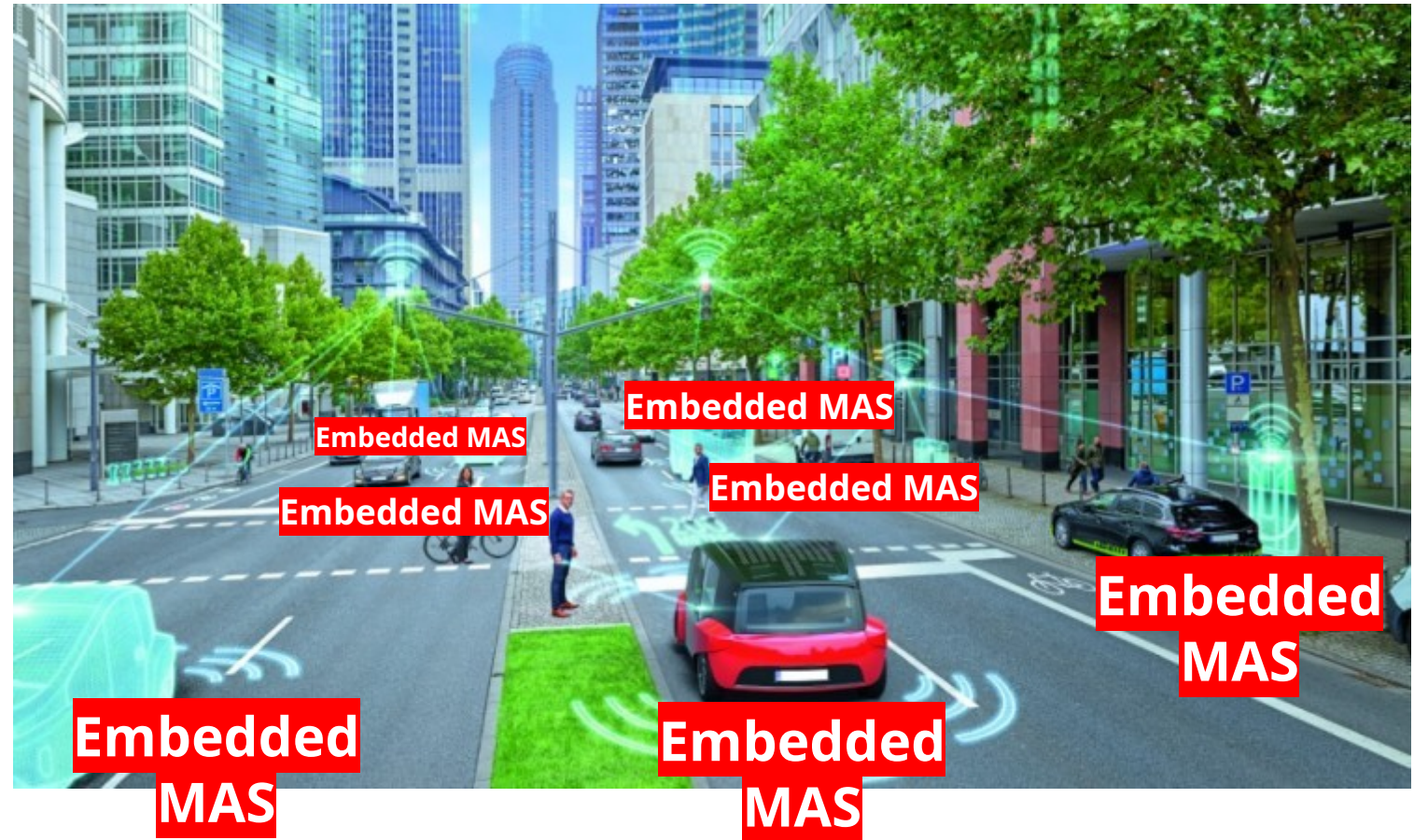
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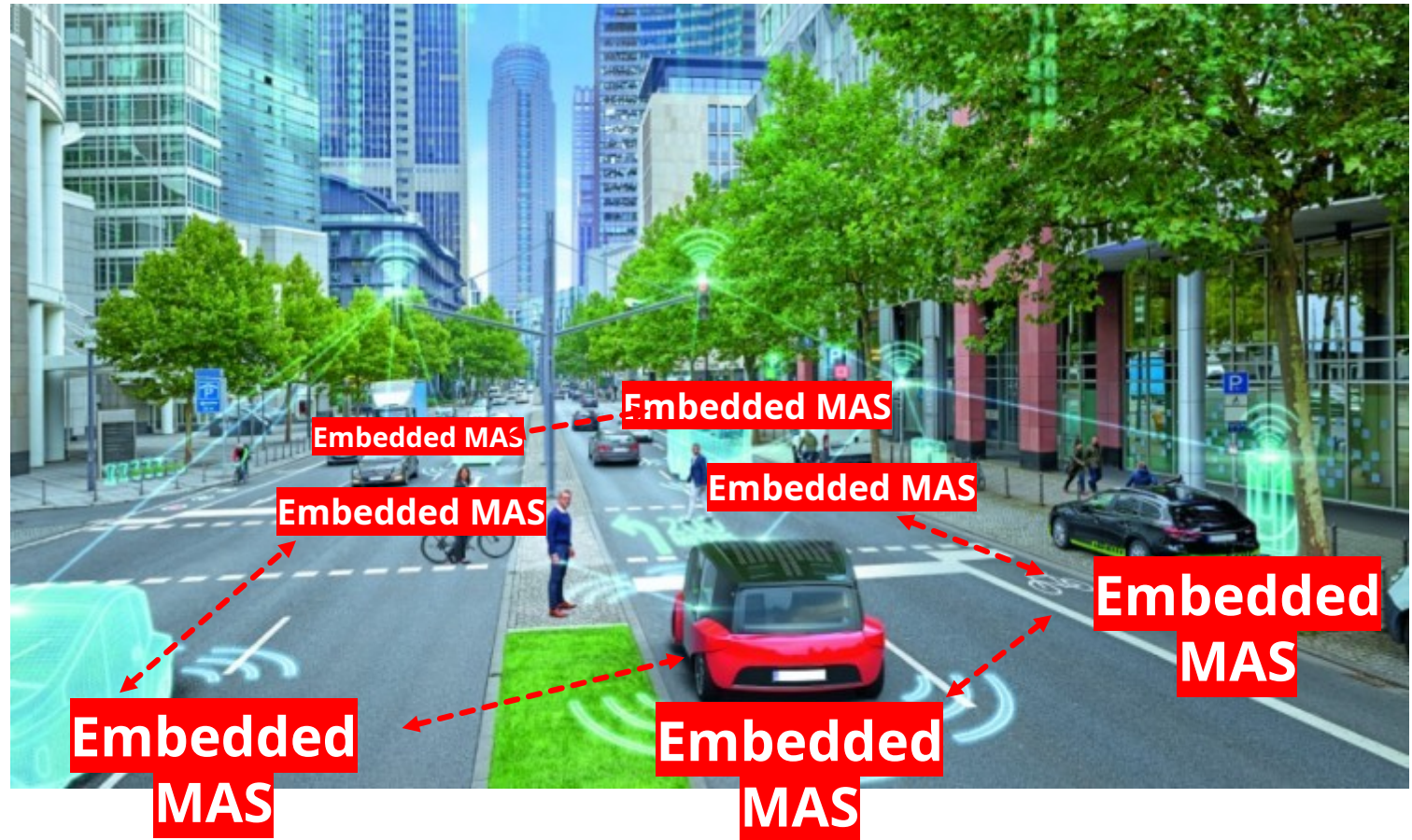




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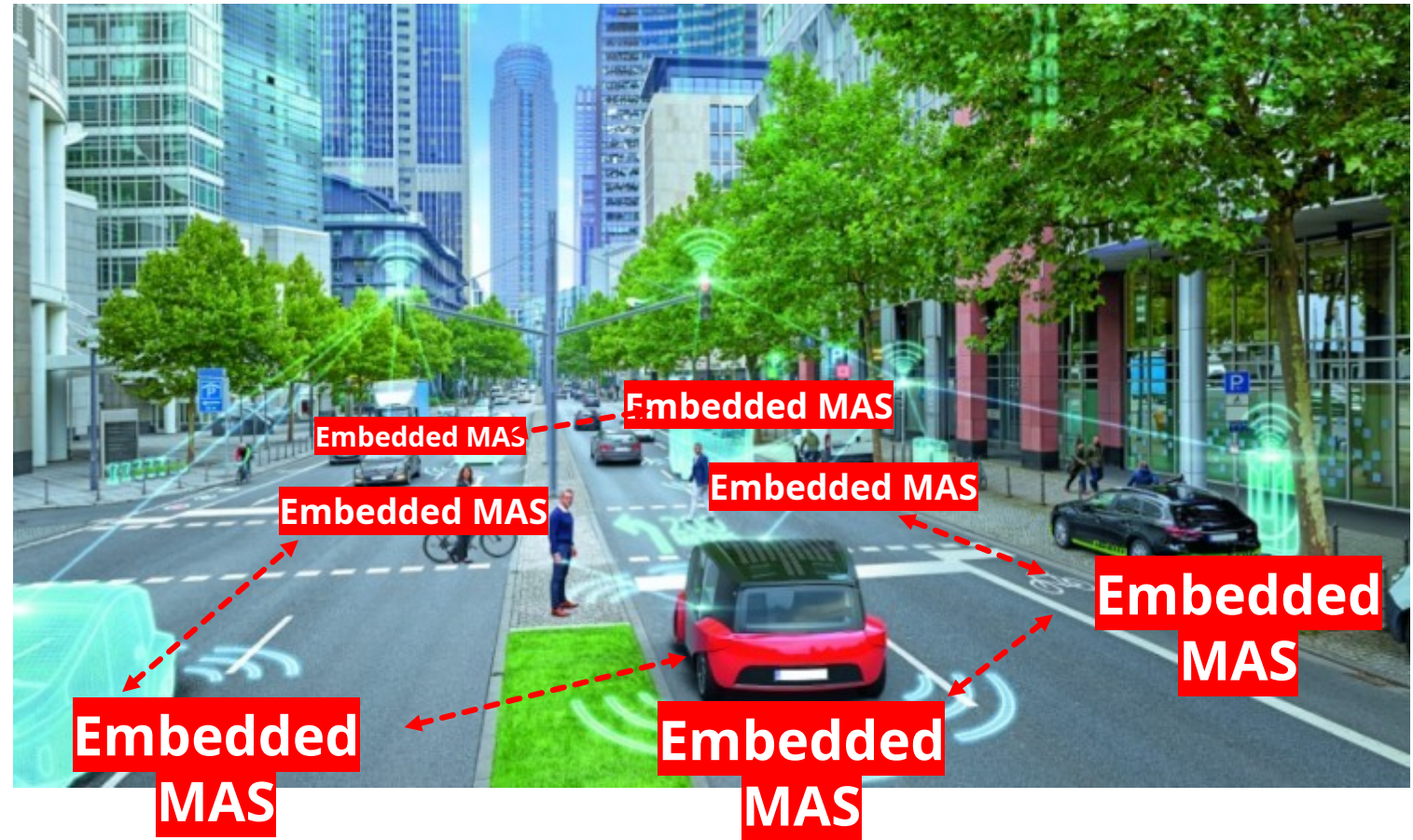
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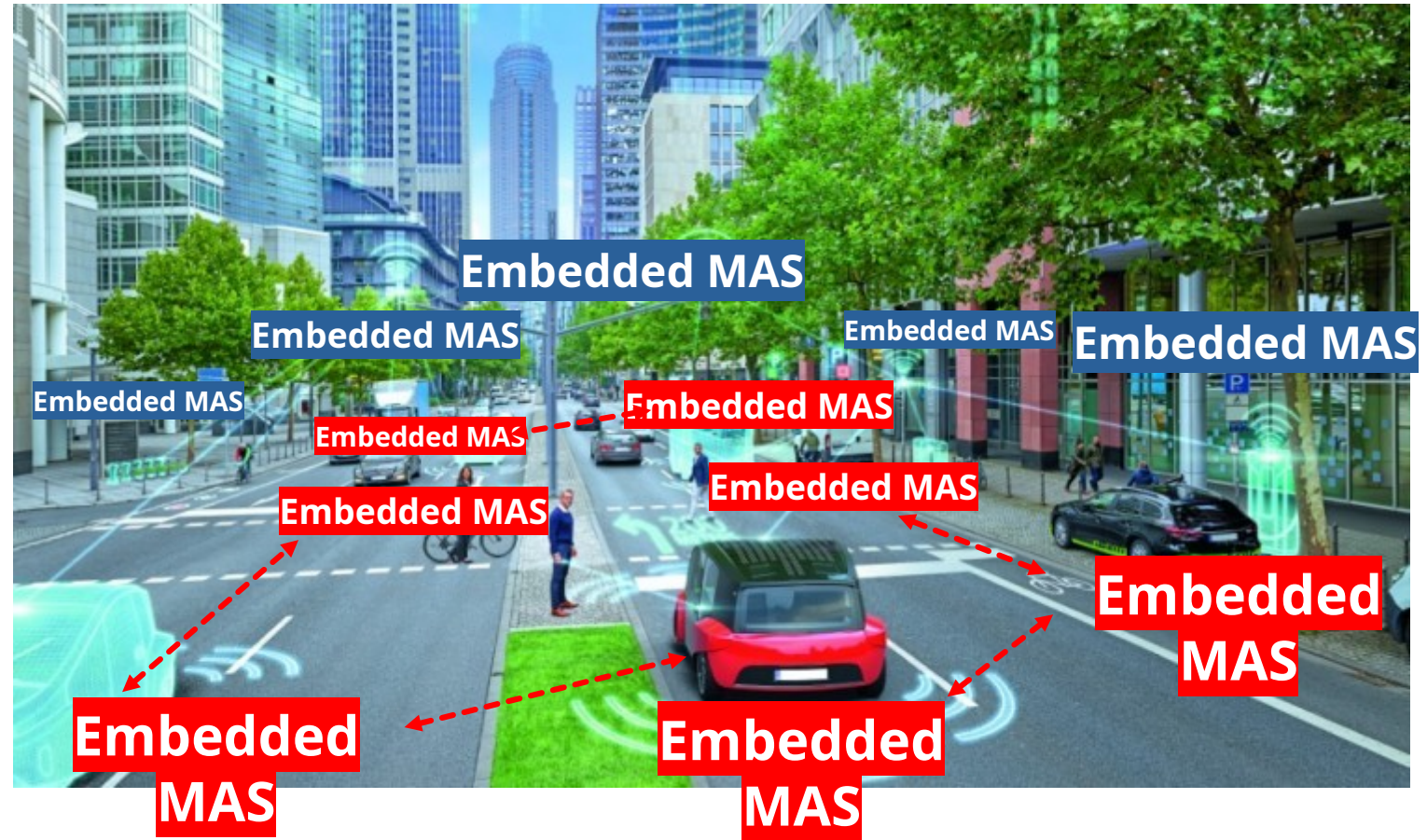




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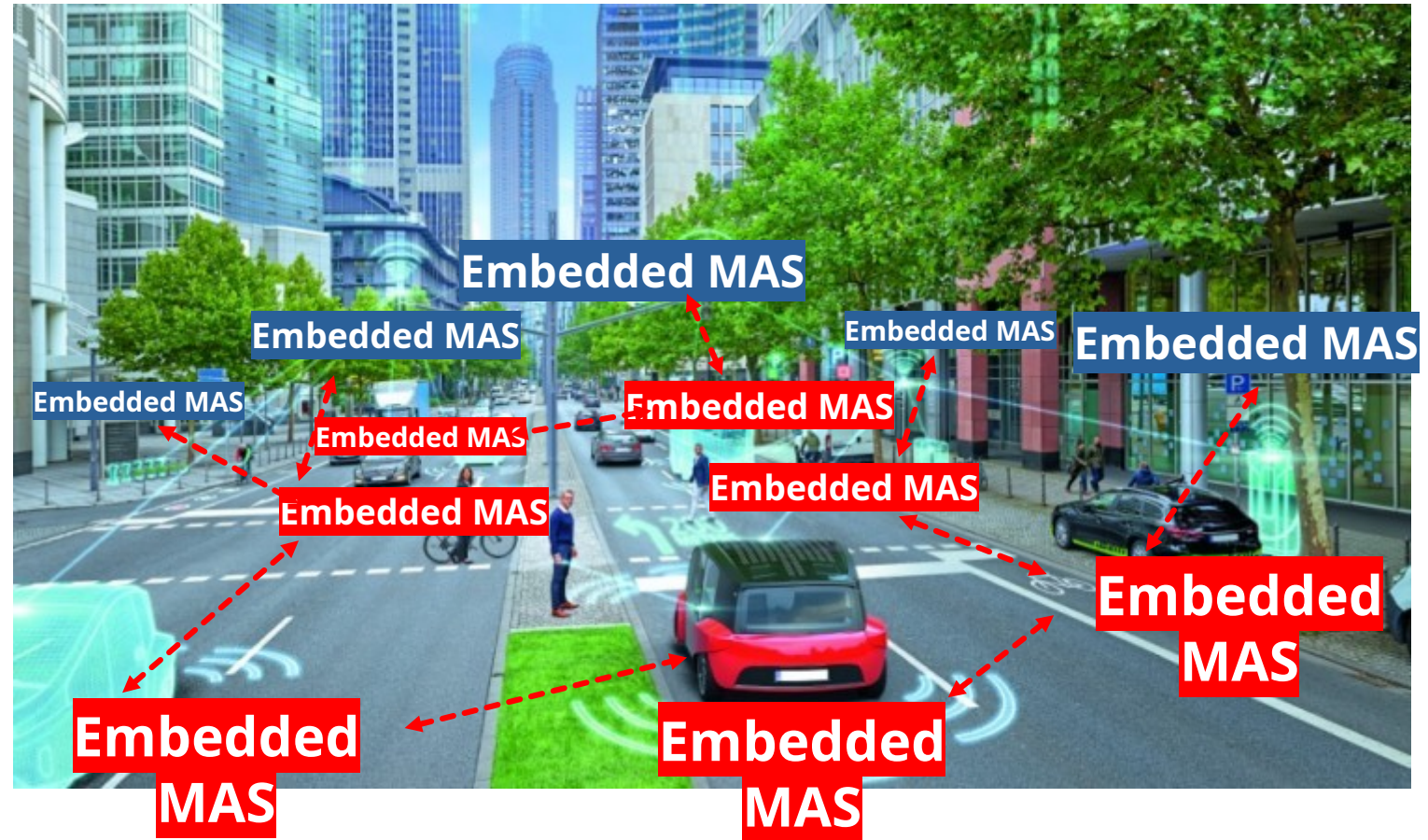




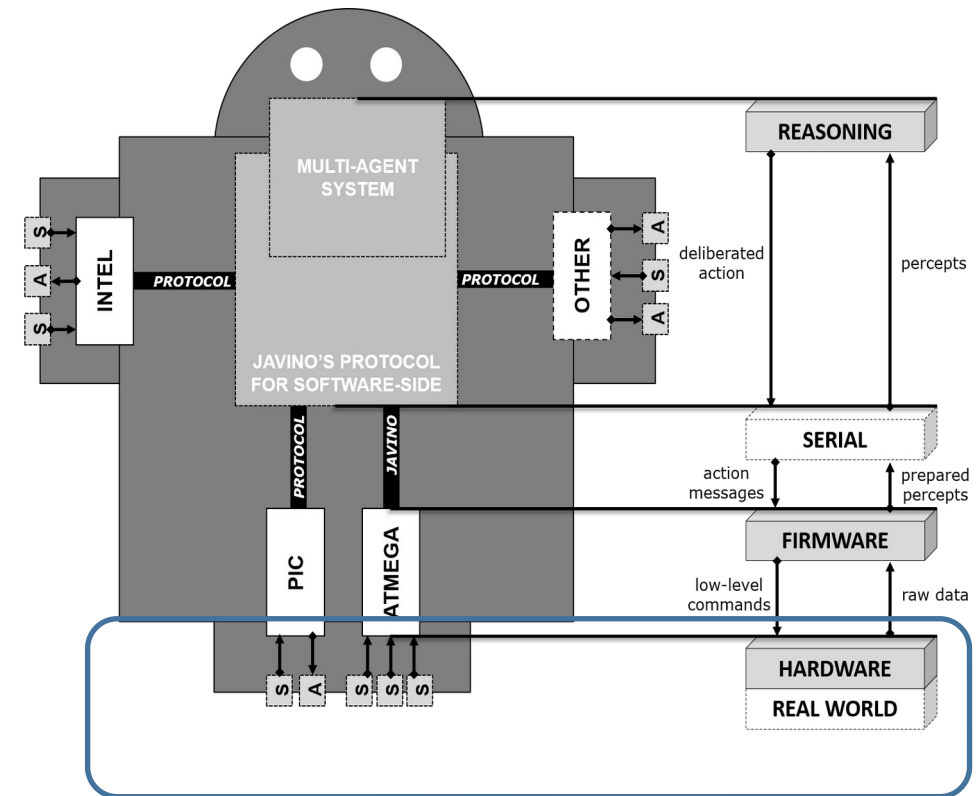
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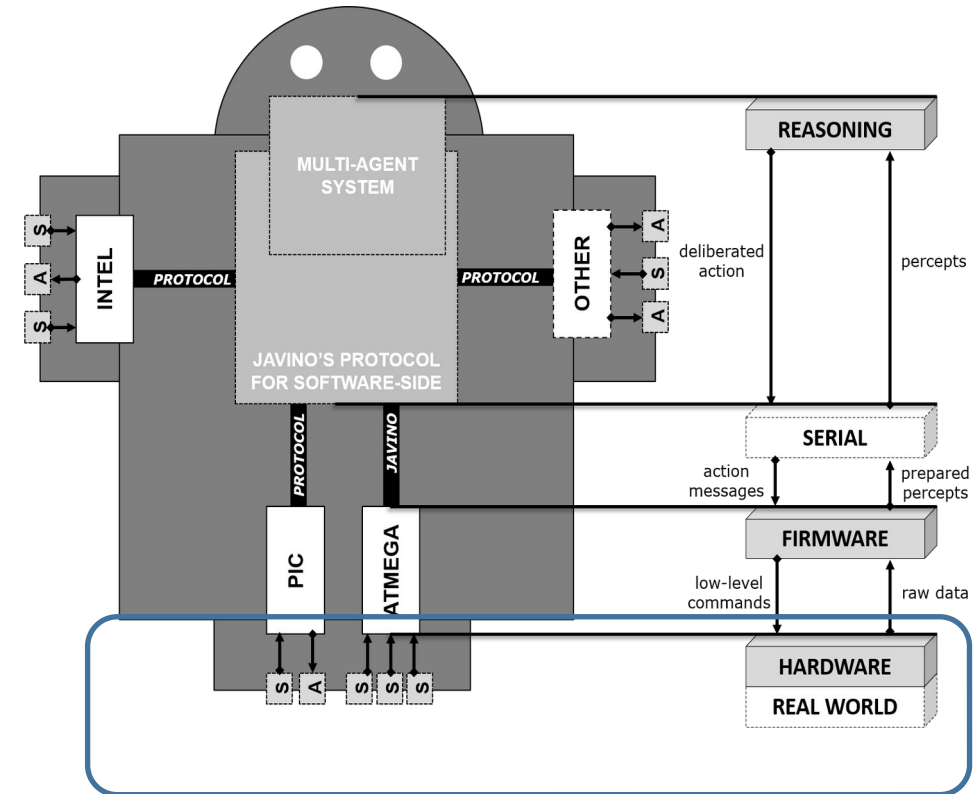
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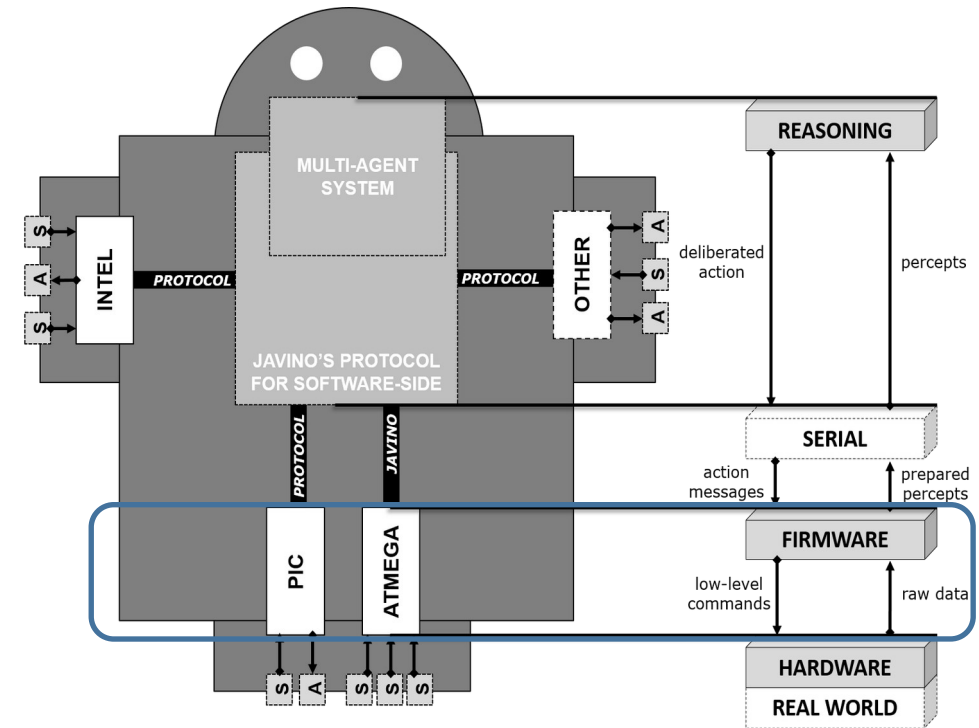
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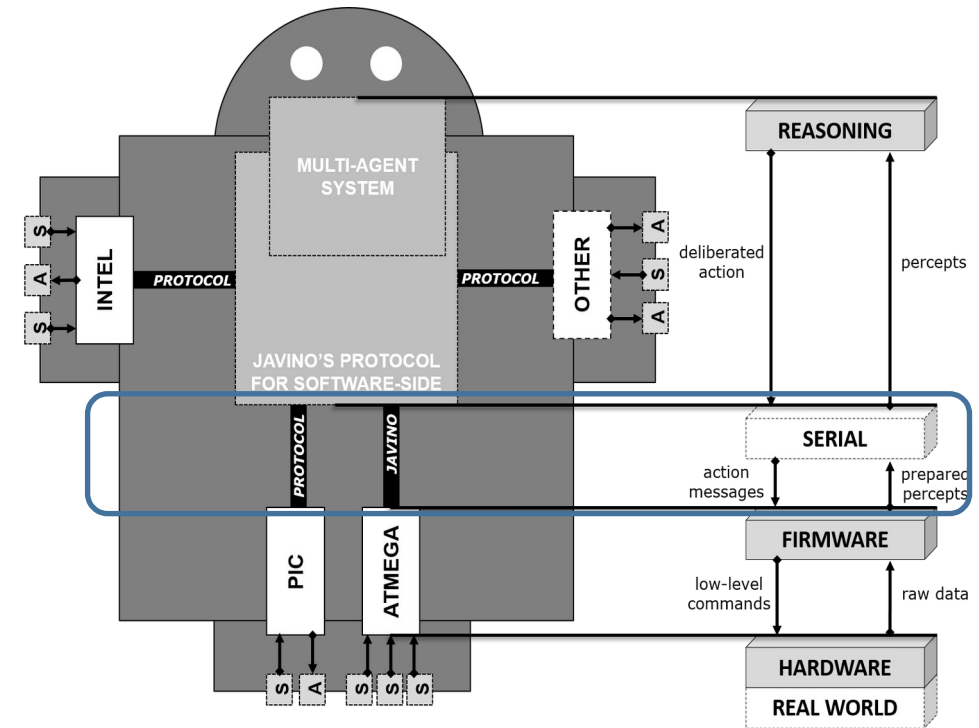
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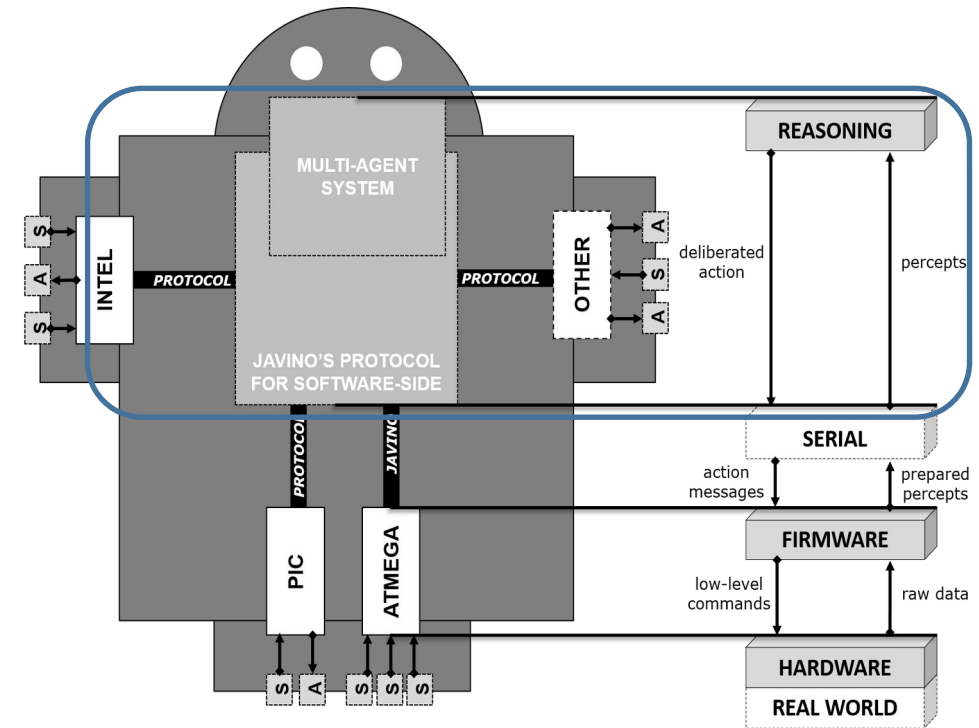
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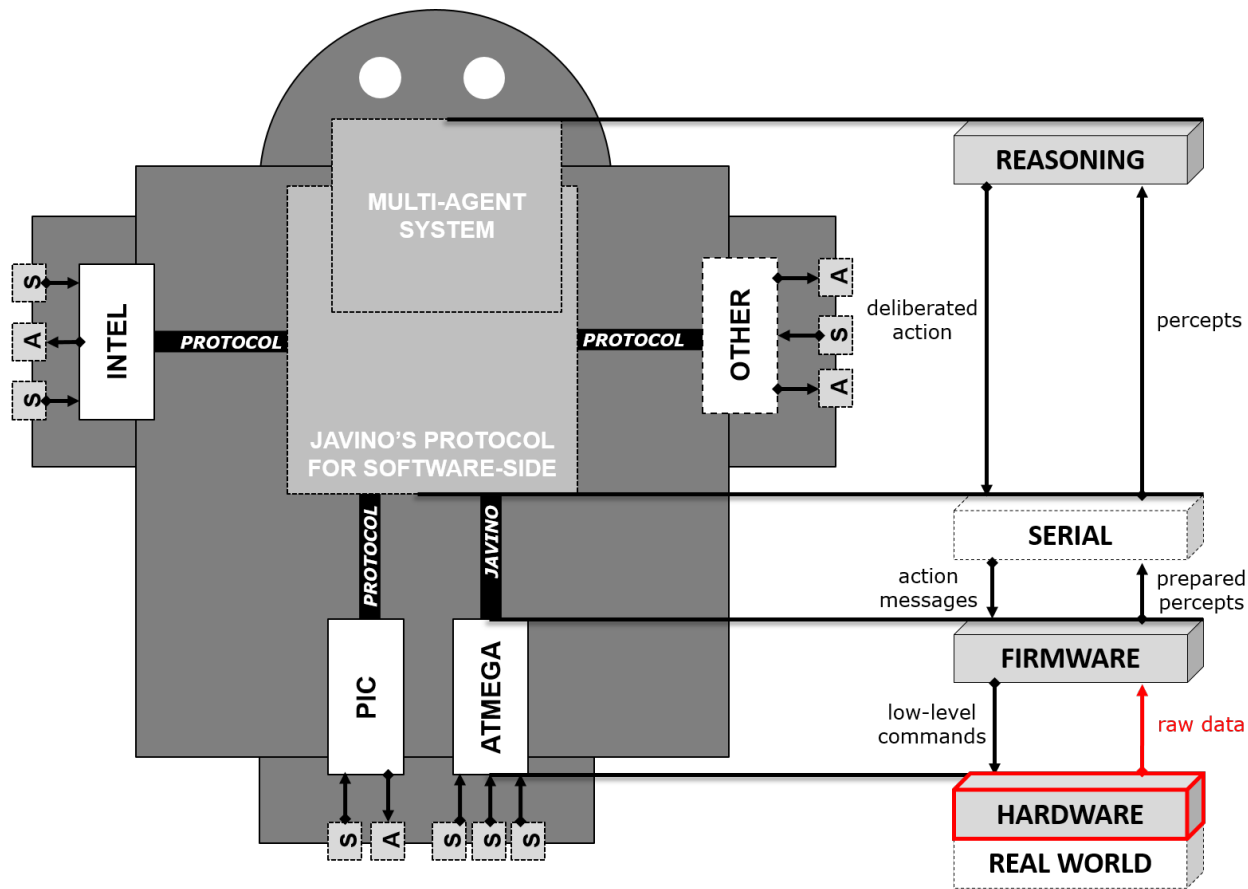
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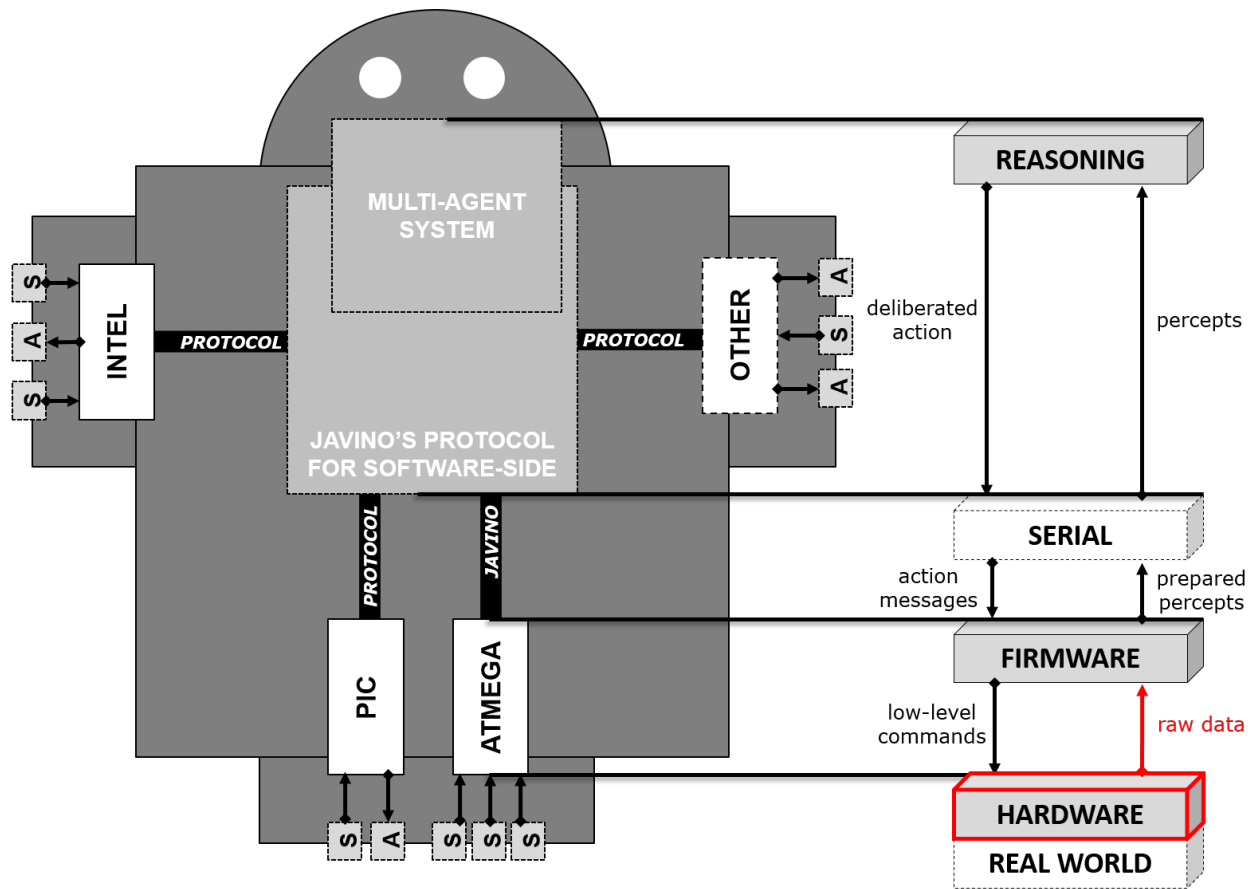
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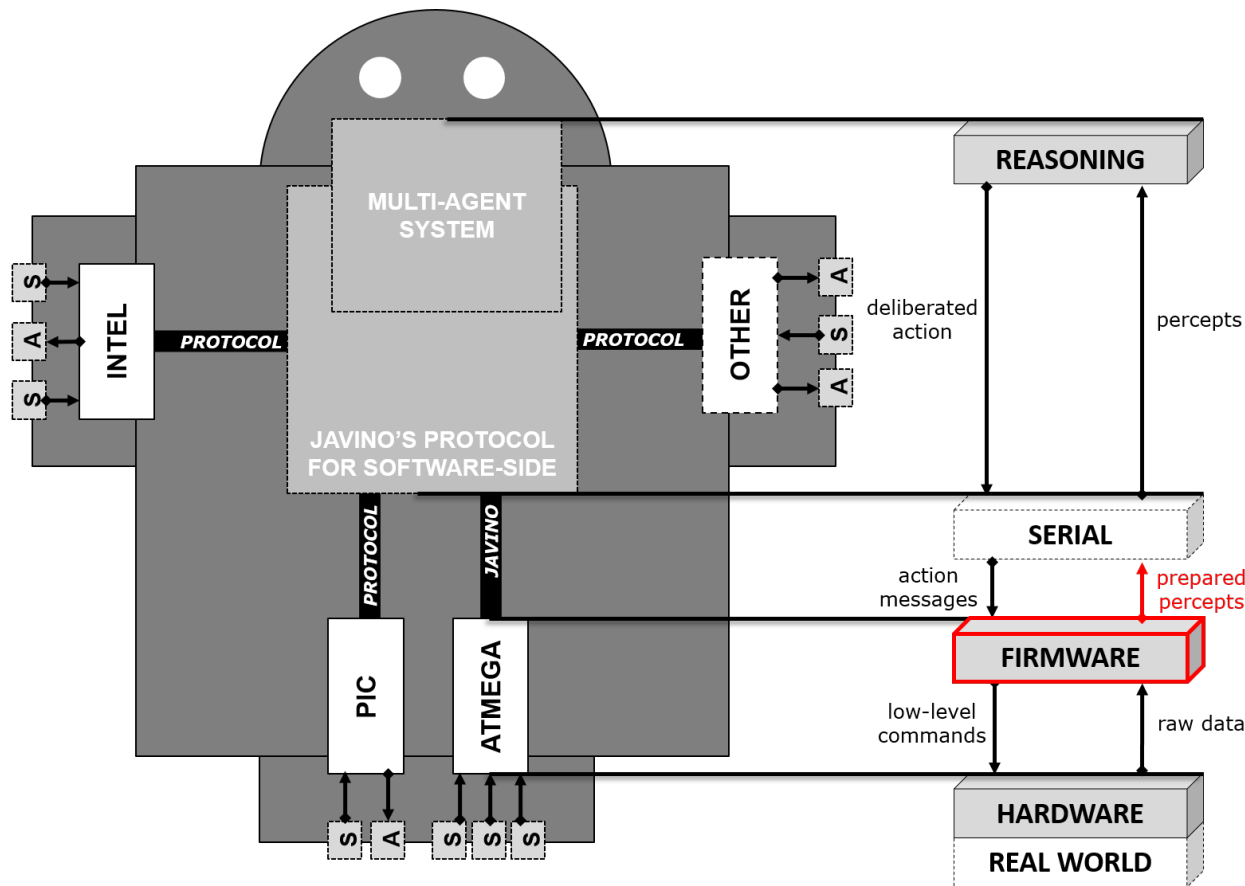
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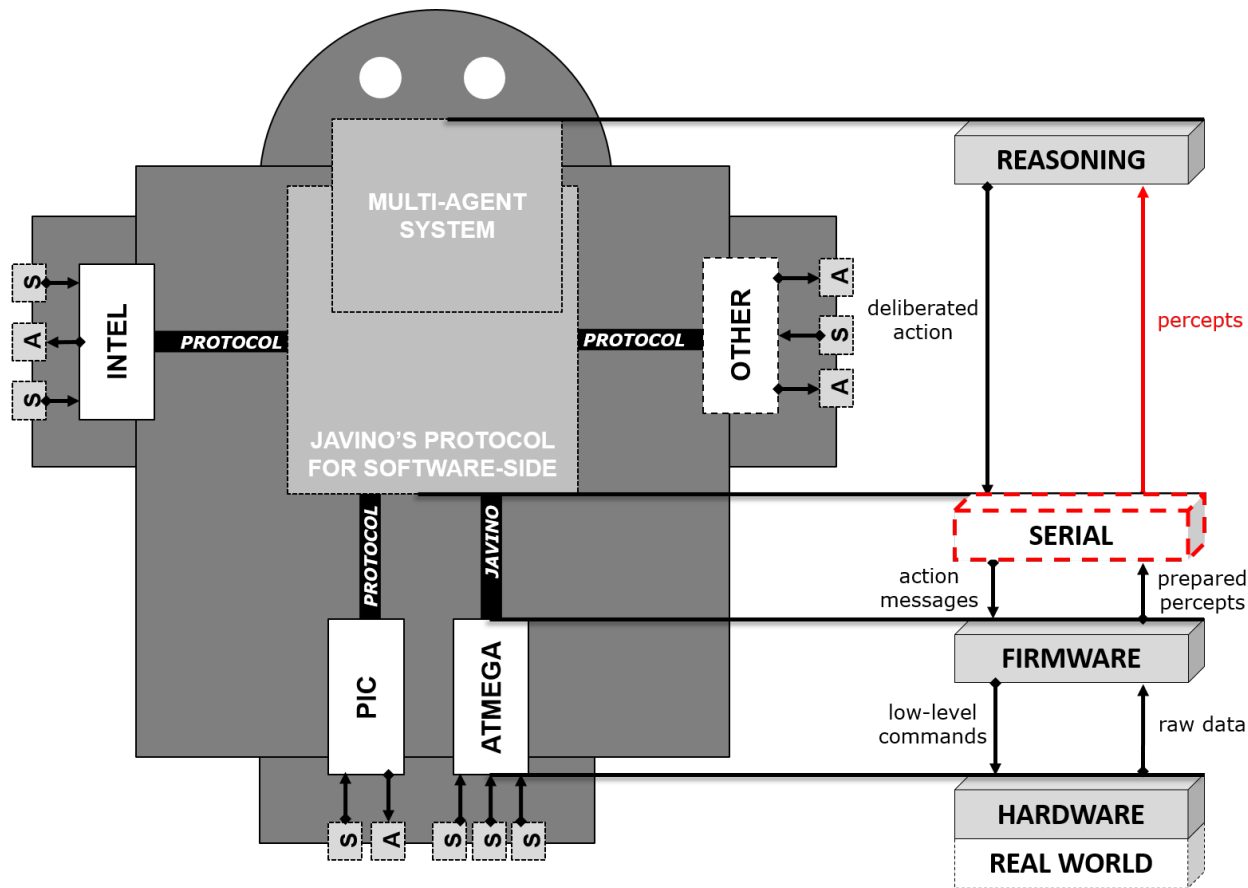


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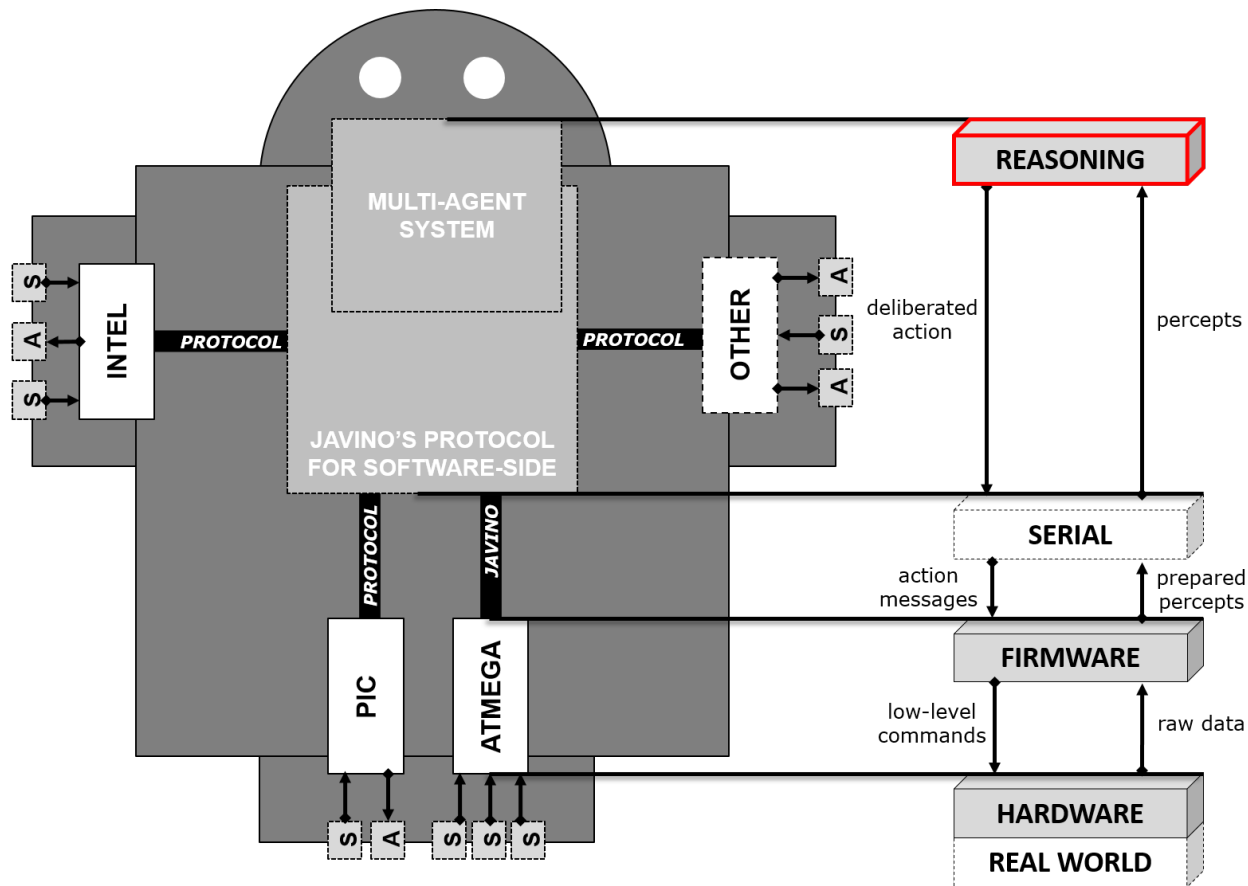
Na programação do microcontrolador, os dados brutos são transformados em percepções baseado na linguagem de programação orientada a agentes escolhida.

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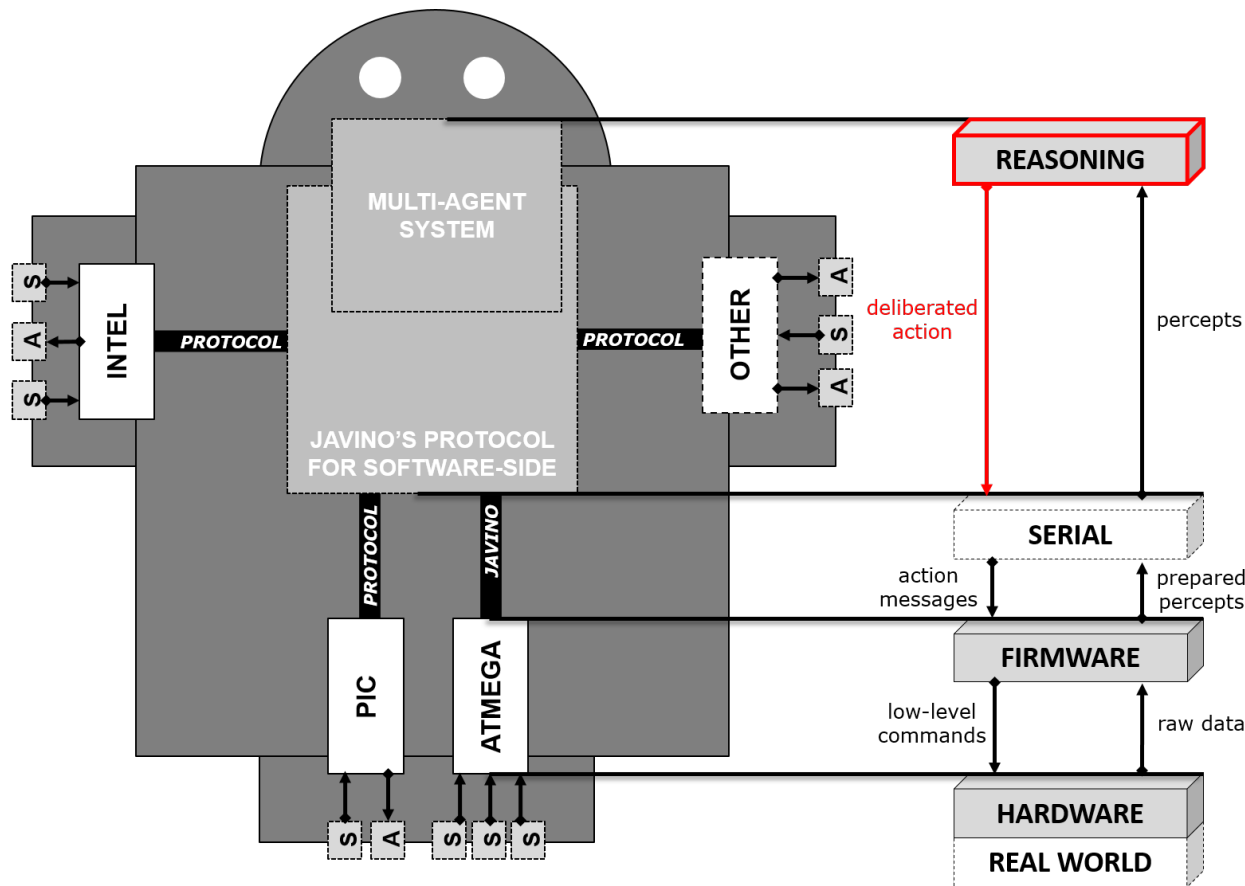
É responsável por enviar as percepções para a camada de raciocínio usando a comunicação serial.

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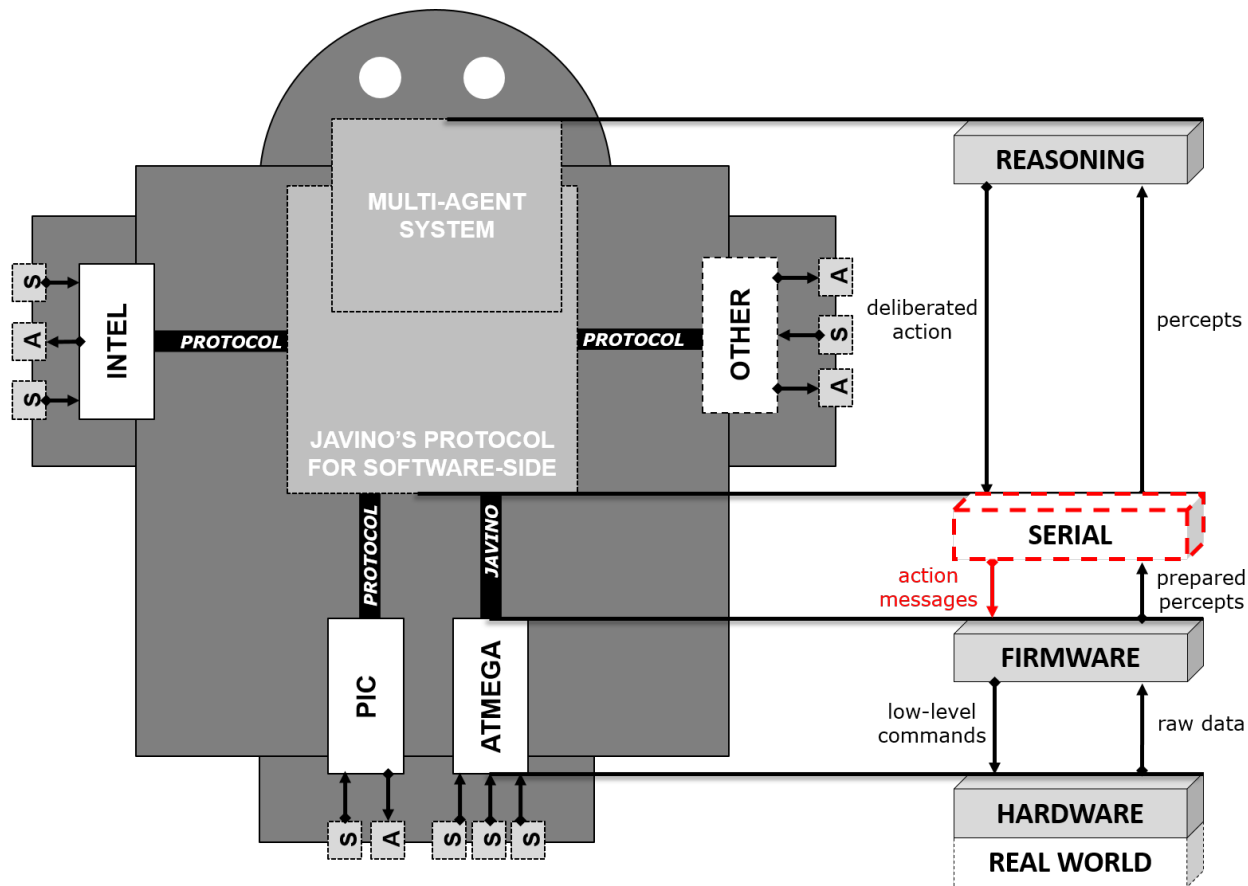
O agente é capaz de raciocinar com as percepções que vem diretamente do mundo real.

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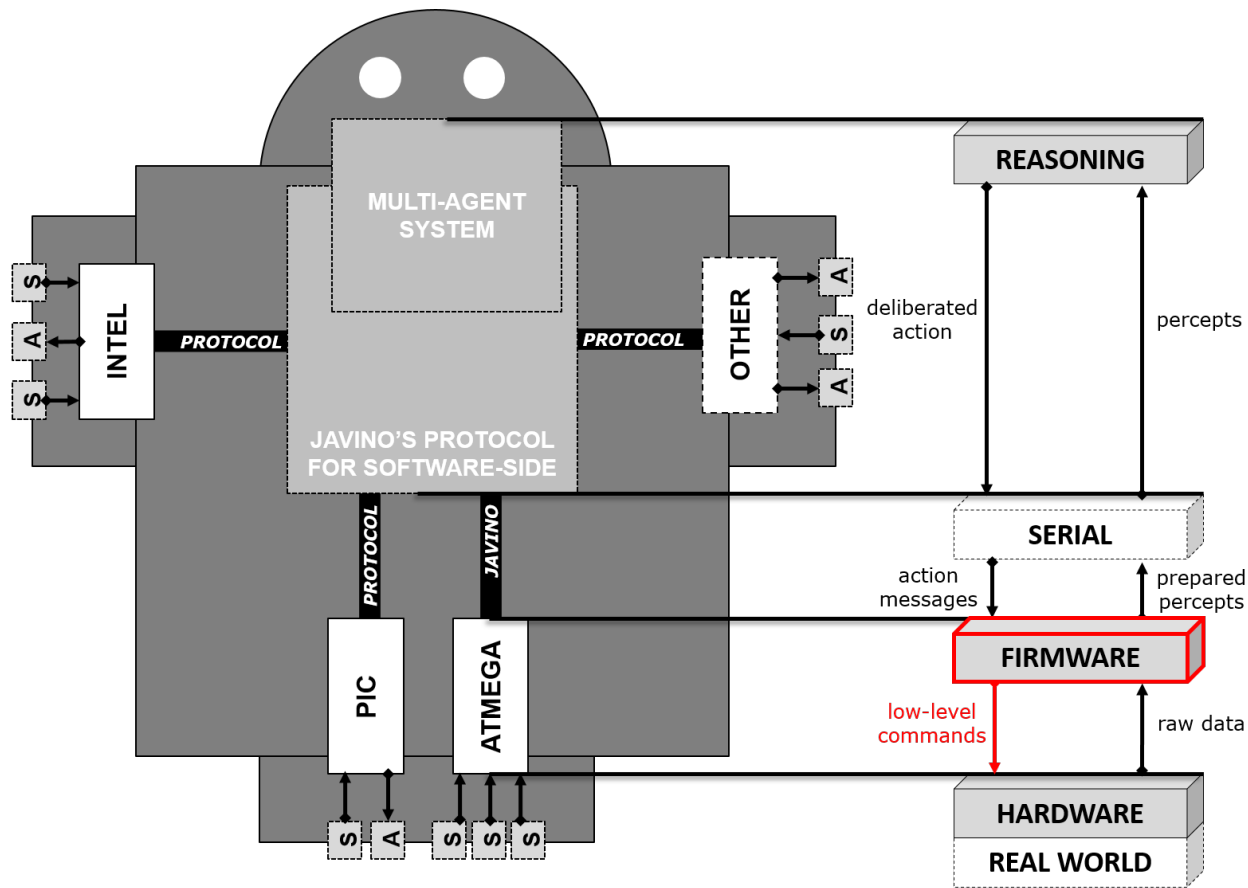
Então, o agente delibera e se alguma ação precisar ser executada. Neste caso, uma mensagem é enviada a camada serial.

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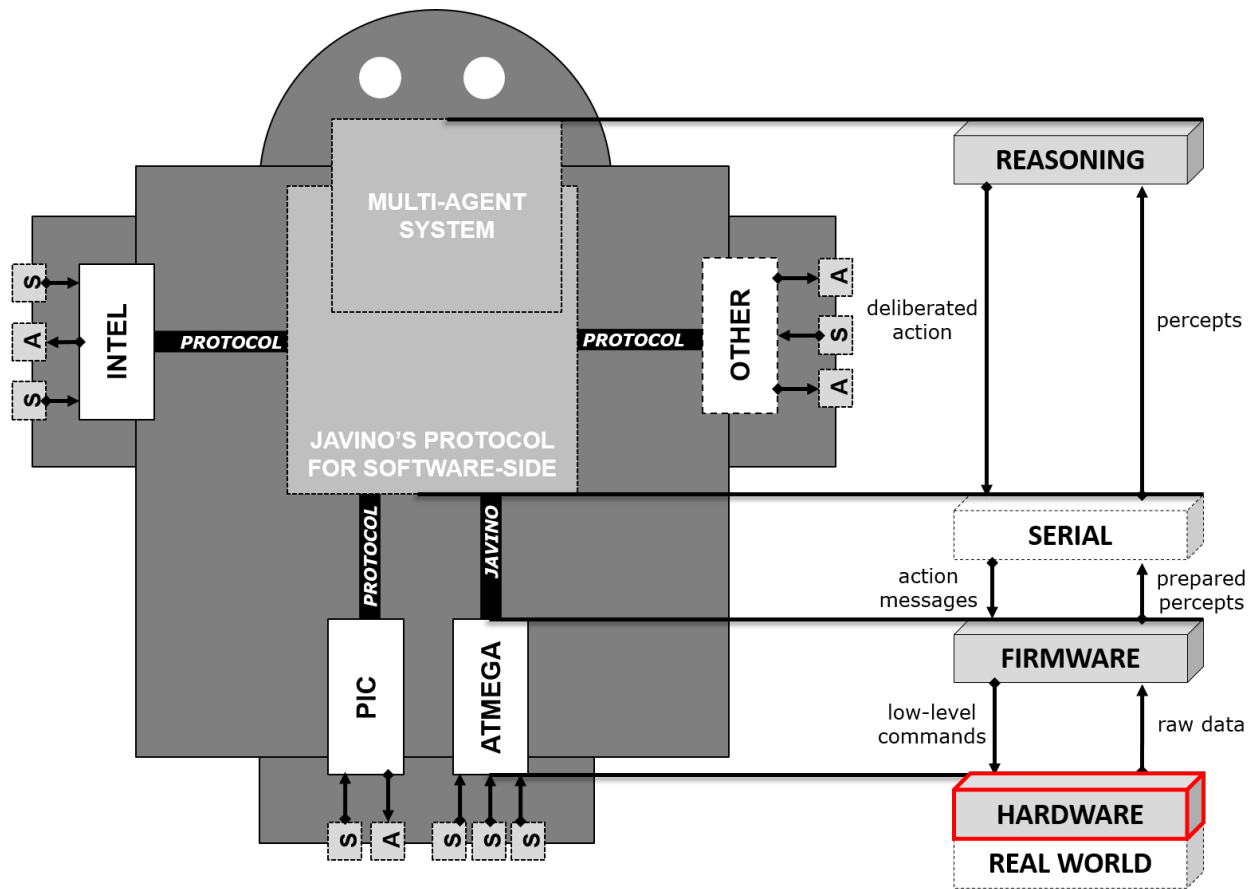
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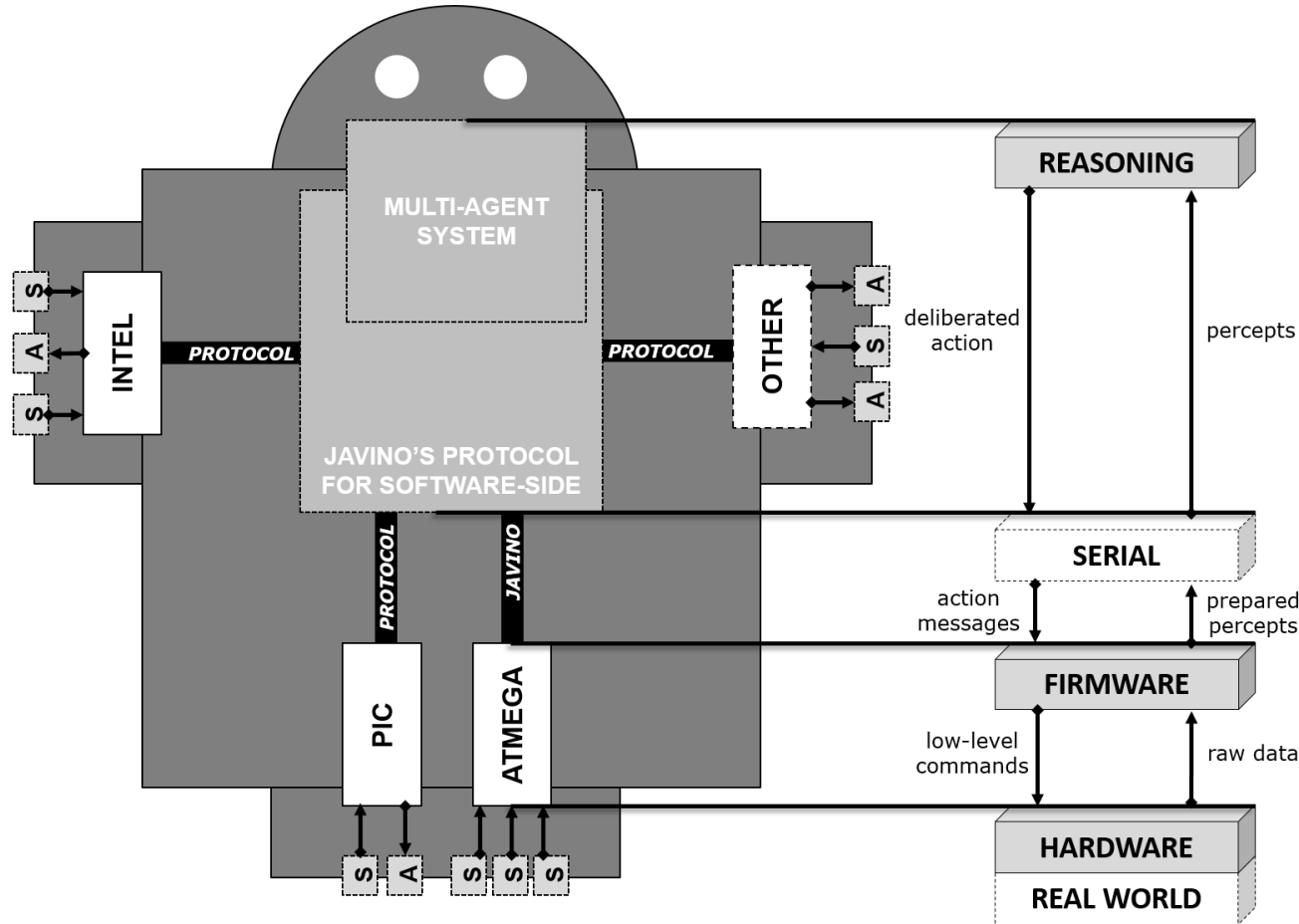


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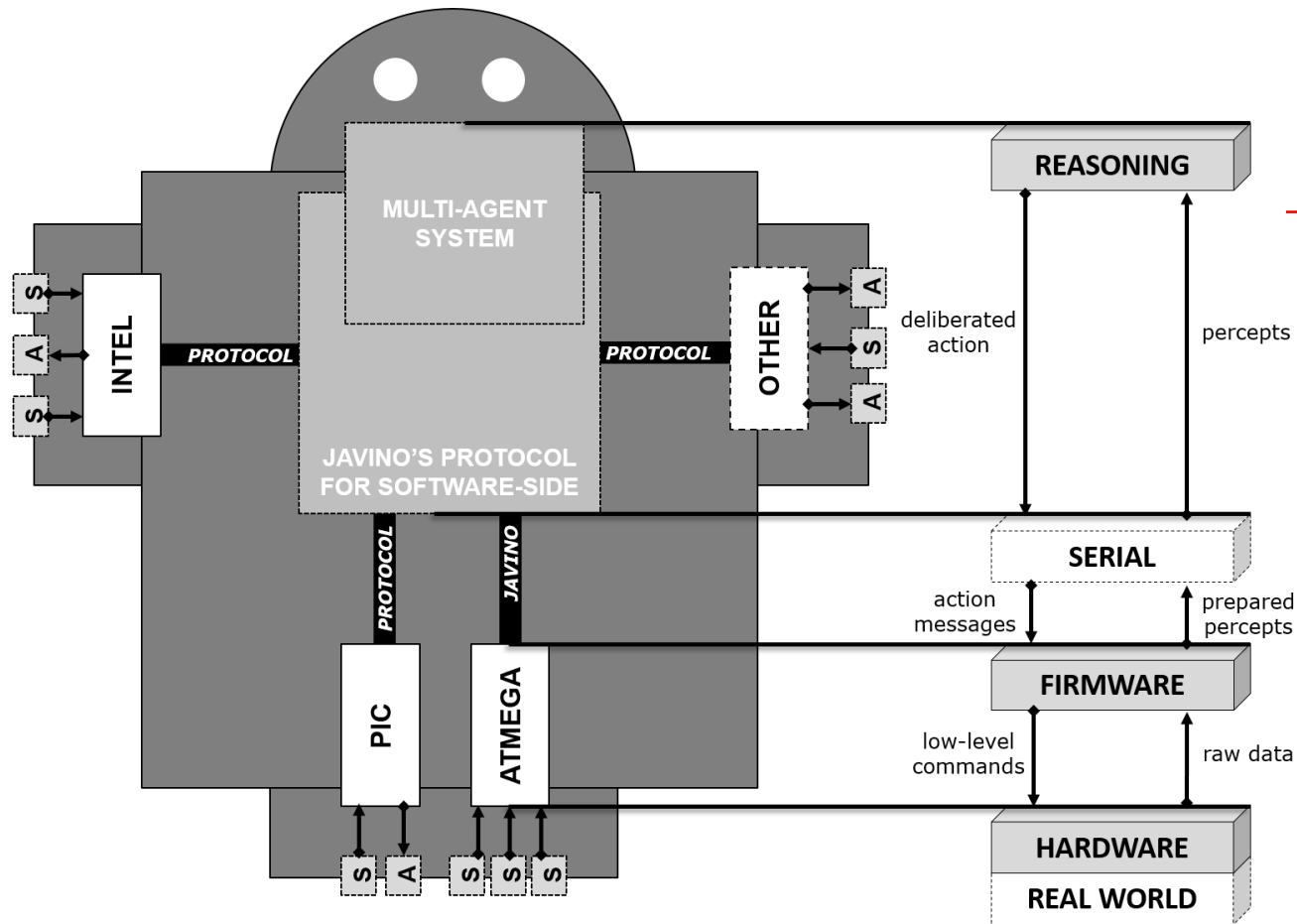


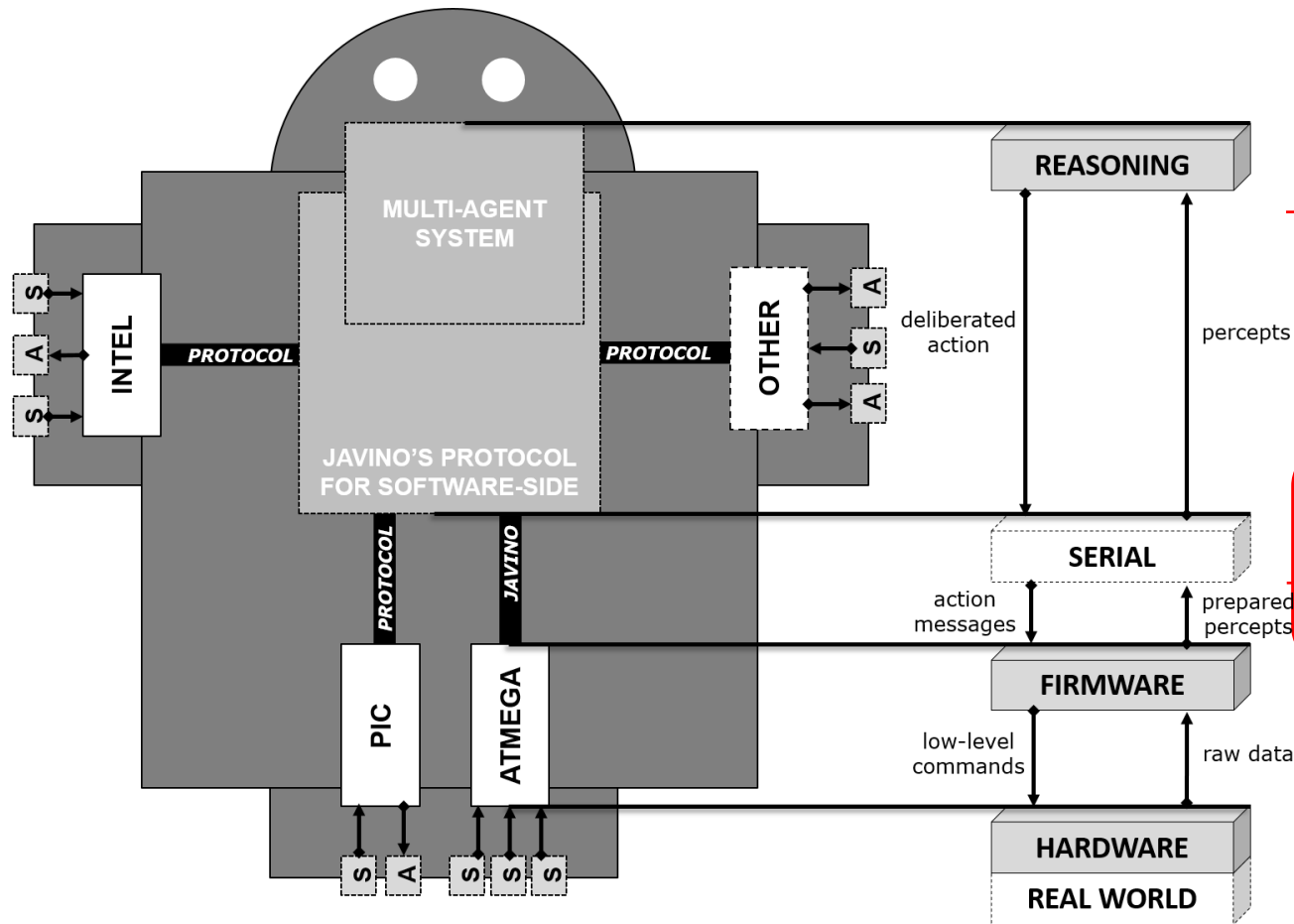
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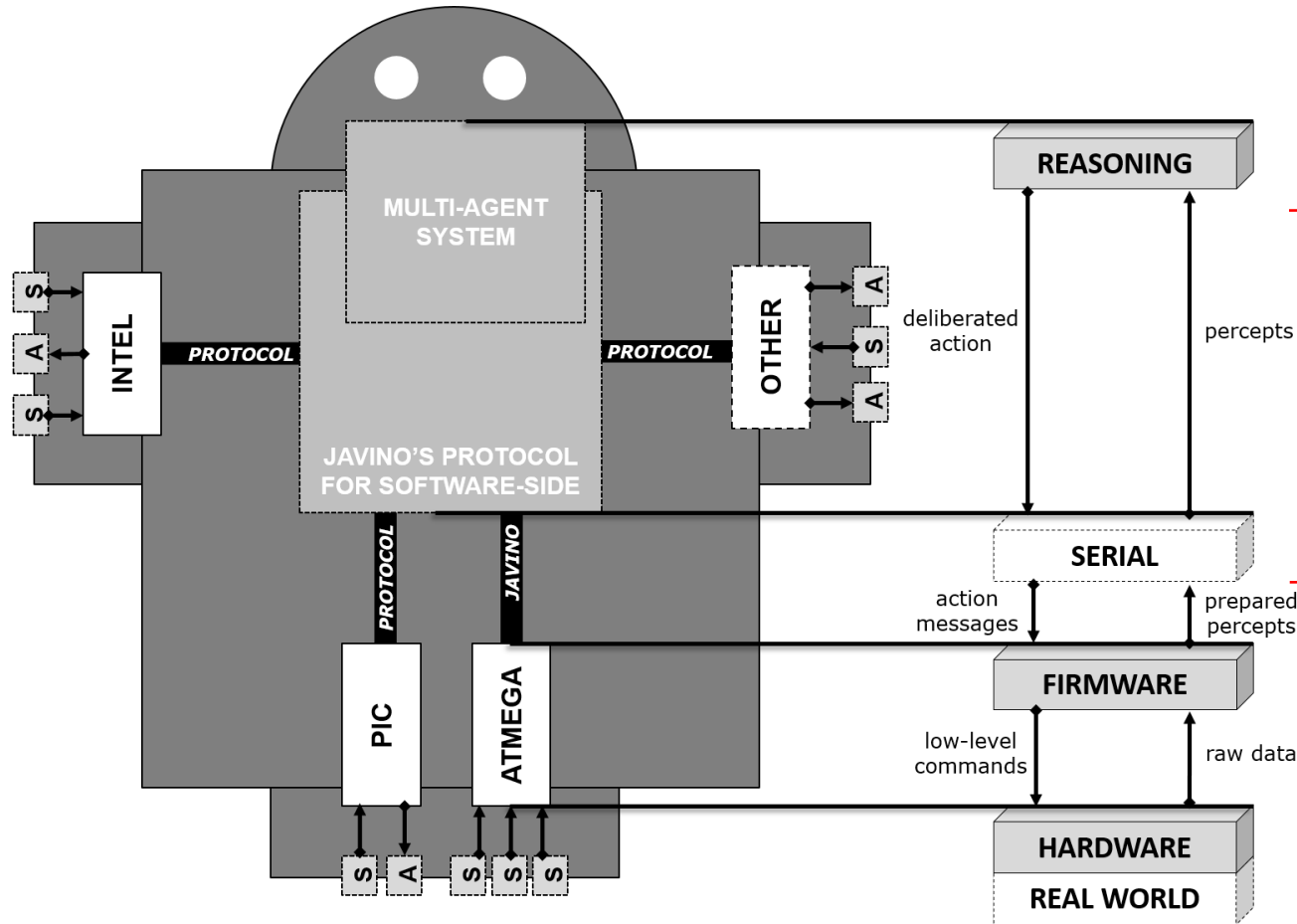




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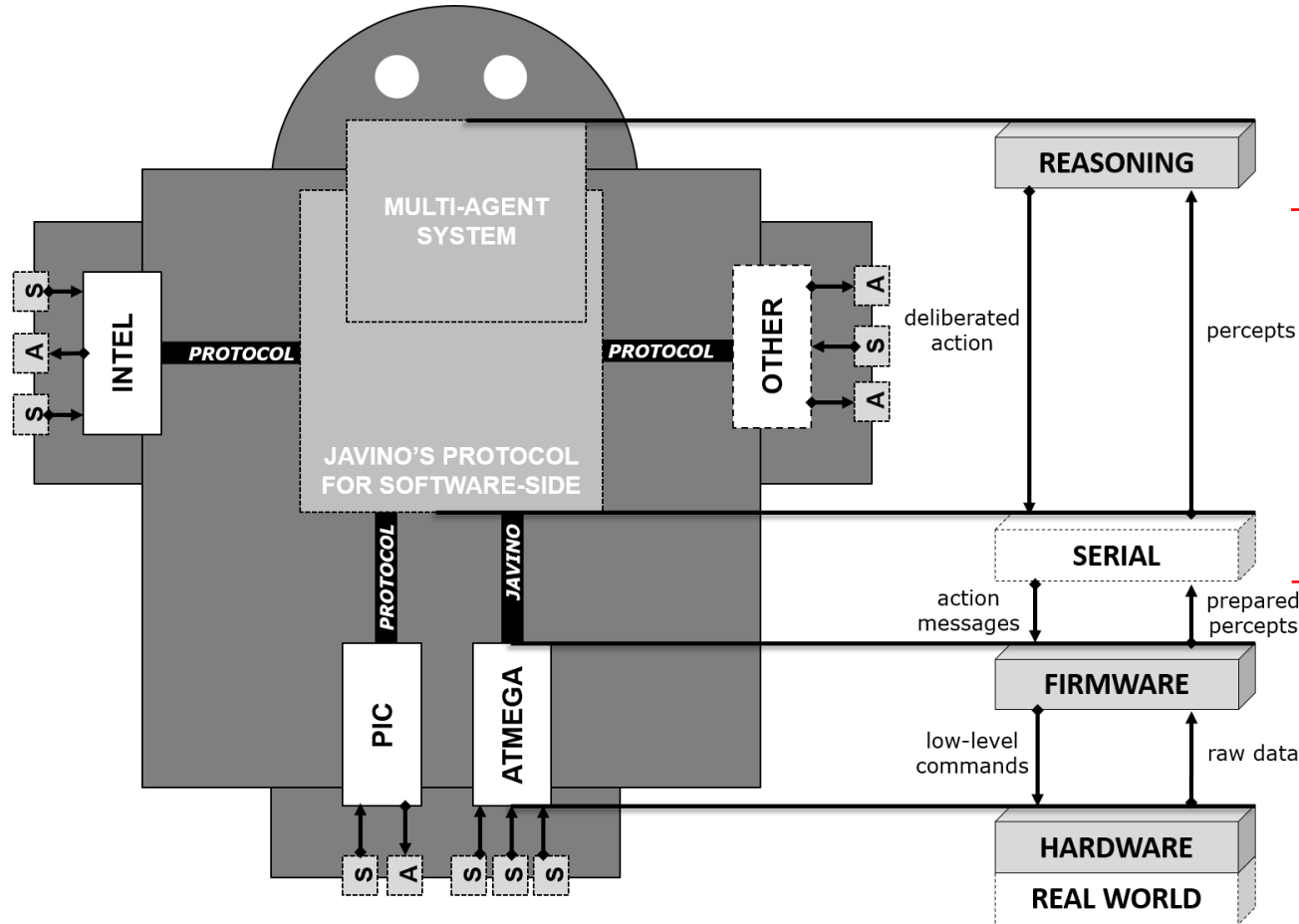
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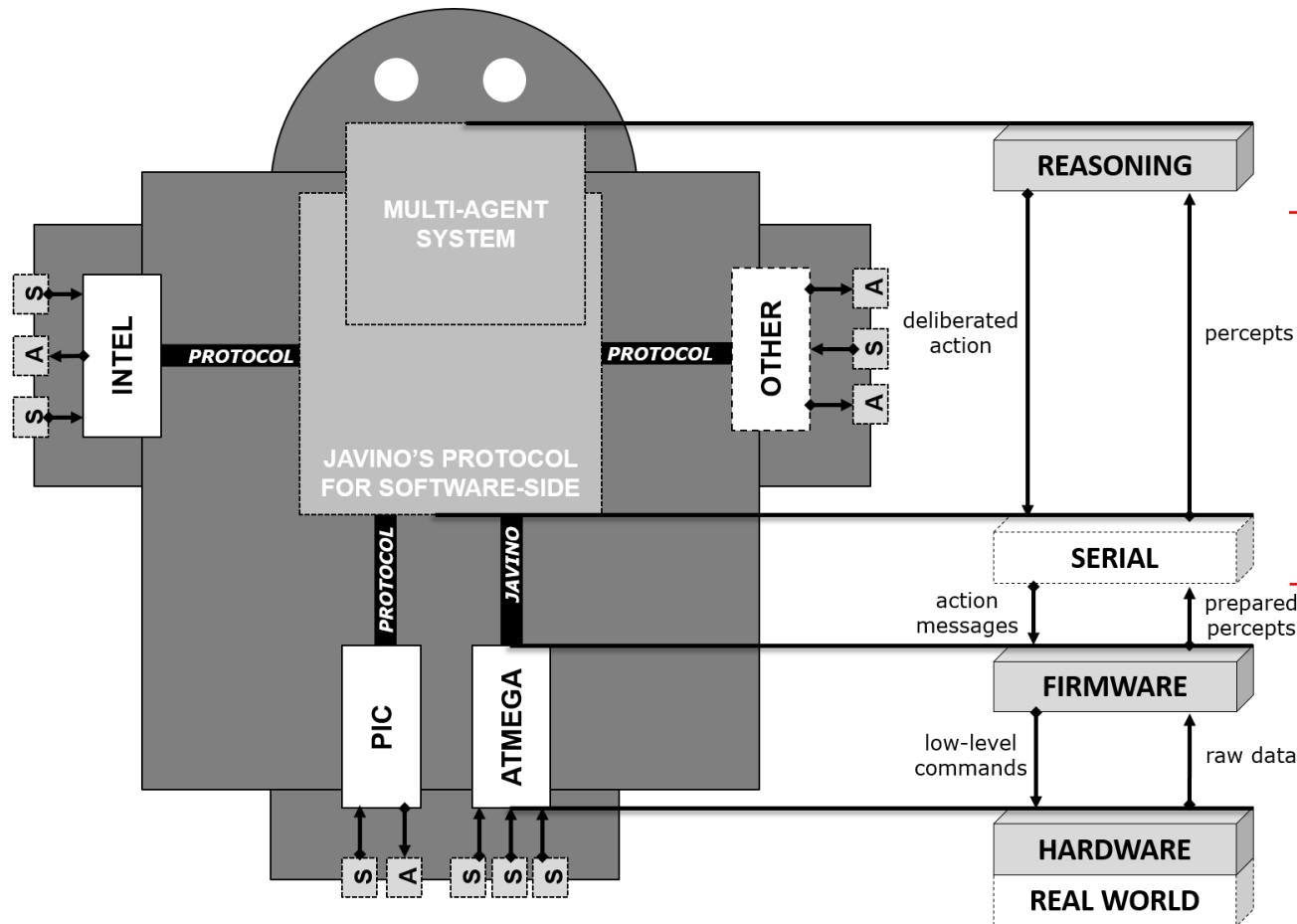


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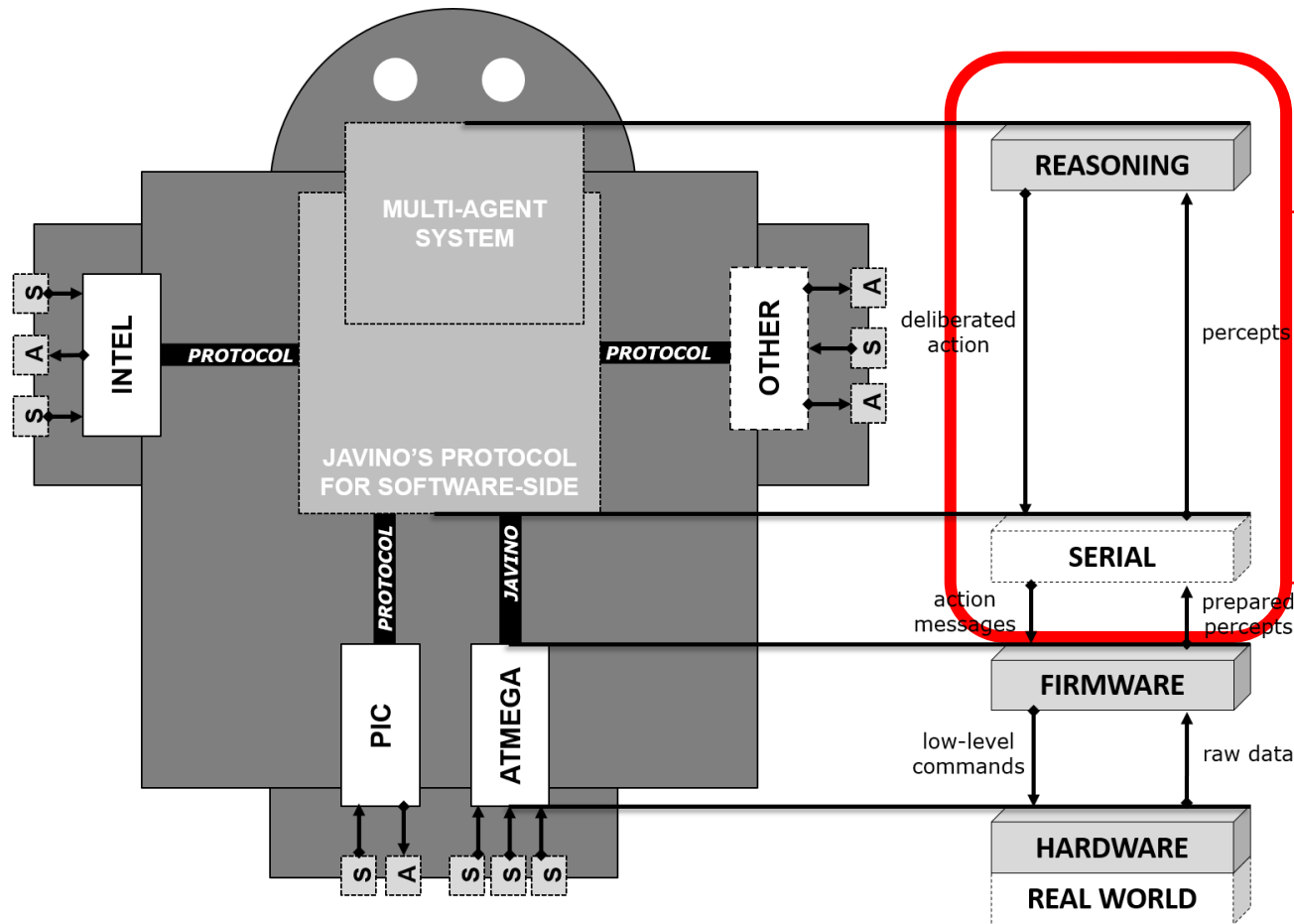
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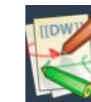
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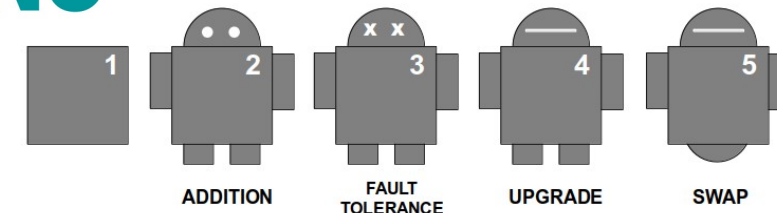
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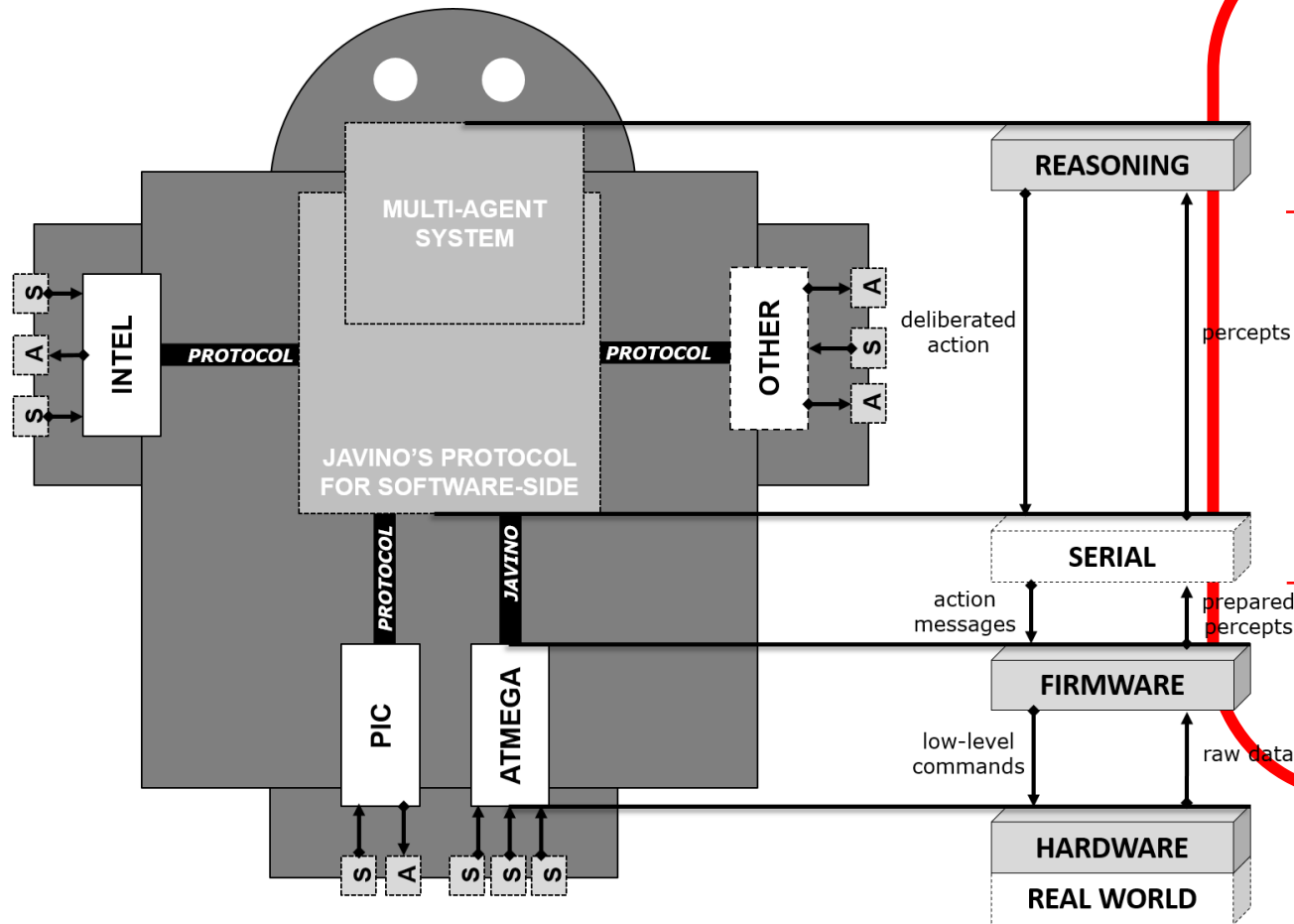
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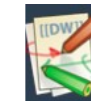


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# Jason Embedded and Packages



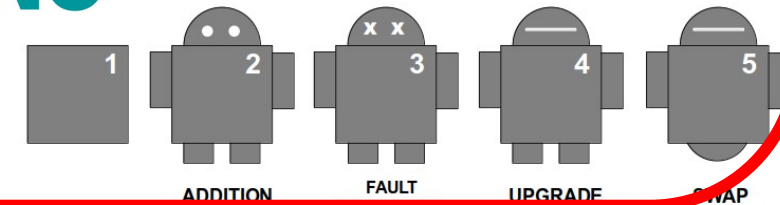
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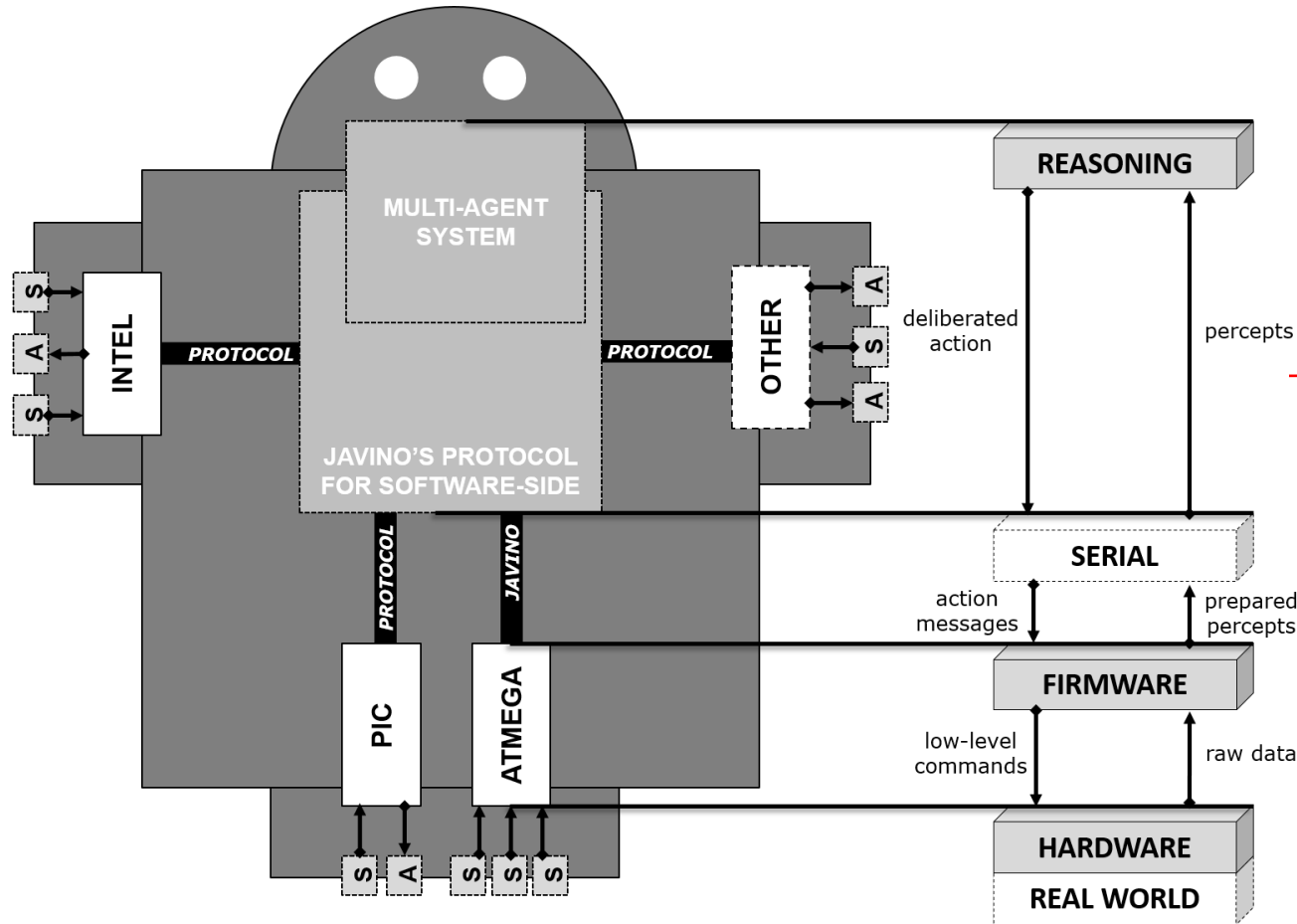
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The screenshot shows the ChonIDE IDE interface. The project structure on the left includes:

- Multi-Agent System
  - Agents
    - bane
  - Firmware
    - blink
  - Libraries
    - Javino

The main editor displays the code for the 'bane' agent:

```

1  /* Initial beliefs and rules */
2  serialPort(ttyUSB0).
3
4  /* Initial goals */
5  !start.
6
7  /* Plans */
8  +!start: serialPort(Port) <-
9      .port(Port);
10     .percepts(open);
11
12  +ledStatus(on) <- .act(ledOff).
13
14  +ledStatus(off) <- .act(ledOn).
15
16  +port(Port,Status):
17      Status = off | Status = timeout <-
18          .percepts(close).
19
    
```

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