

# The Rise of the Robot Overlords: Clarifying the Industrial IoT

## Part 3: Software and Device Integration: Deep dive into DDS and OPC UA

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# Agenda

- Housekeeping
- Presentation
- Questions and Answers
- Wrap-up



# *The Rise of the Robot Overlords*

## Clarifying the Industrial IoT

### **Part 3: Software and Device Integration: Theory and Practice**

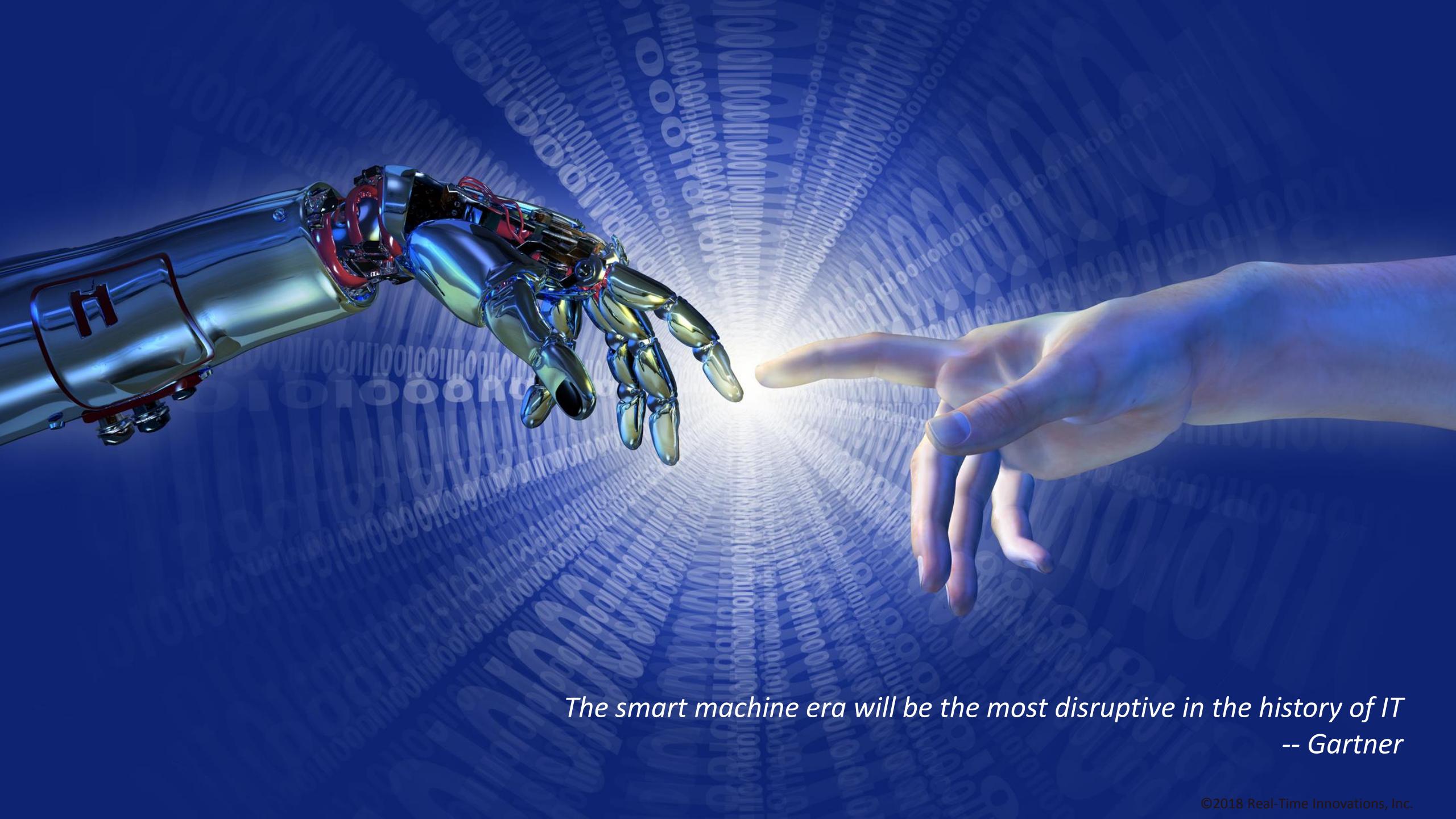
*How to compare, contrast, and integrate DDS and OPC UA.*

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*The Big Picture*



Education	Aerospace & Defense	Energy & Utilities	Transportation	Manufacturing	Near Space & New Space		
Colleges & Universities	Air Force	Chemicals	Aeronautics	Apparel	Closed Loop Ecological Systems		
Conferences & Workshops	Army	Electric	Airport	Beverage & Tobacco Product	Closed Loop Living Systems		
Laboratories	Aviation	Mining	Cargo Handling	Chemicals	Constellation Controllers		
Publication	Home Land Security	Oil & Gas	Cruise Industry	Computer & Electronic Products	Consumer Traffic Analytics		
Schools	Military	Petro-Chemicals	Fleet Management	Electrical Equipment & Components	Ecological Planning		
Trade Schools	Navy	Power	Freight Management	Fabricated Metal Products	Environmental Monitoring		
<b>Environment</b>		Renewable	Logistics	Factory	Hyper-Local Agriculture		
Air Pollution Control	Sewer	Water	Mobility	Food	Hyper-Local Construction		
Biodiversity	<b>Consumer &amp; Home</b>		Pipelines	Furniture & Related Products	Hyper-Spectral Imaging		
Eco-construction	Automotive	Postal & Delivery Services	Industrial Automation	Leather & Allied Products	In-Flight Satelite Servicing		
Environmental Monitoring & Instrumentation	Commercial Cooking	Public Transportation	Machinery	Nonmetallic Mineral Products	On-Site Materials Analytics and Inventory		
Environmental Research & Development	Consumer Products	Rail	Paper	Petroleum & Coal	On-Site Materials Optimization		
Heat & Energy Saving and Management	Day Care	Roads	Products		Parametric City Planning		
Metrology	Elder Care	Shipping	Manufacturing		Parametric Construction Planning		
Nature Protection	Entertainment	The IIoT will have a multi-trillion-dollar impact across all industries					
Noise & Vibration Control	Food & Beverage	There are many, many use cases in the IIoT					
Oceanography	Food Processing						
Recycled Materials	Groceries						
Remediation & Clean Up of Soil & Groundwater	Home Goods						
Renewable Energy Production	Hospitality						
Waste Management & Recycling	Pet Care						
Waste Water Treatment	Pharmaceuticals						
Water Supply	Photography						
Buildings & Facilities	Media & Communication	Finance & Banking	Disaster Prevention	Clinical Trials	Agriculture		
Apartments	Cable Providers	Recreation Services	Education	Connected Medical Devices	Apparel Retailers		
Building & Construction	Computers	Restaurants	Emergency & Crisis Response	Continuous Patient Monitoring	Broadline Retailers		
Building Maintenance	Entertainment	Sporting Events	Environment	Dentistry	Forestry		
Building Security	Global Media	Street Vendors	Fire	Disease Diagnosis	Hydrology		
Commercial Buildings	Phones	Tourism	Law Enforcement & Police	Home Healthcare	Life Sciences		
Construction	Satellite TV	Travel	Municipalities & Counties	Hospitals	Ranching		
Engineering	Telecommunications Carriers	<b>Finance &amp; Banking</b>		Life Sciences	Weather		
Home	Televisions	Accounting Systems	Public Safety	Medical Offices	<b>Mining &amp; Metals</b>		
Housing Authorities	Video Recorders	ATM Systems	Public Security	Medical Therapy	Aluminum		
HVAC	Wireless Services	Credit Card Systems	Surveillance	Pharma	Coal		
Office		Point of Sales	Transportation	Pharmacies	Diamonds & Gemstones		
Real Estate		Retail Banking	Waste Management		General Mining		
			Water		Gold		
					Iron & Steel		
					Nonferrous Metals		
					Platinum & Precious Metals		
					Metals		



*The smart machine era will be the most disruptive in the history of IT*  
-- Gartner

# A Better Smart Machine World

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You don't compete against competitors.  
You compete against market transitions.

— John Chambers

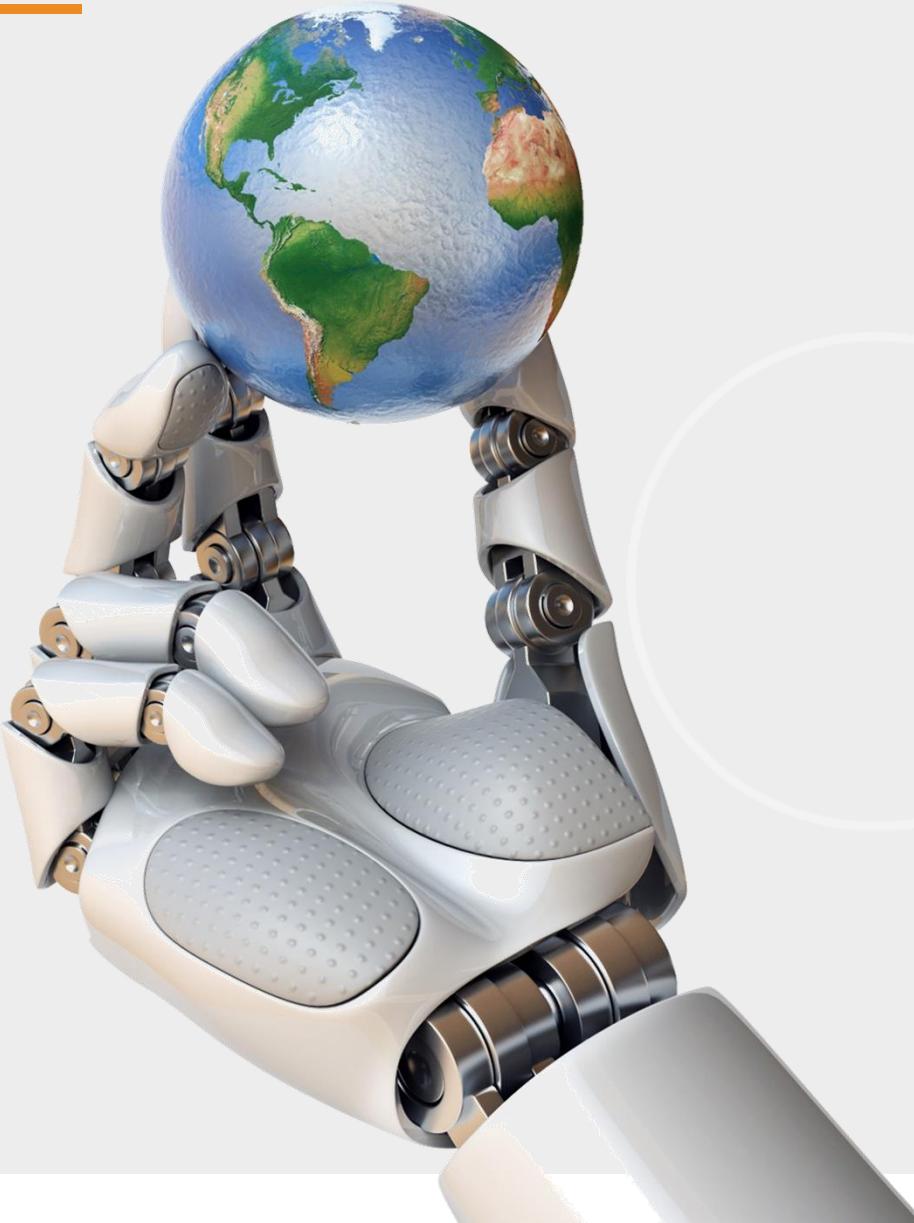


The real value is a **common** architecture that connects sensor to cloud, interoperates between vendors, and spans industries



# *Rise of the Robot Overlords* Webinar Series

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- Part 1: What is the IoT, Anyway?
- Part 2: A Practical Guide to IIoT Connectivity
  - How to choose between DDS, OPC UA, MQTT, RESTful HTTP, OneM2M and CoAP
- Part 3: Data-Centric vs Device-Centric Integration: Theory and Practice
  - How to compare, contrast, and integrate DDS and OPC UA.
- Part 4: Why a Databus is so Unique
- Part 5: The IIoT Security Challenge
- Part 6: A deeper IIoT example: Autonomous Vehicles (Carbots)
- Part 7: The Age of the Robot Overlords

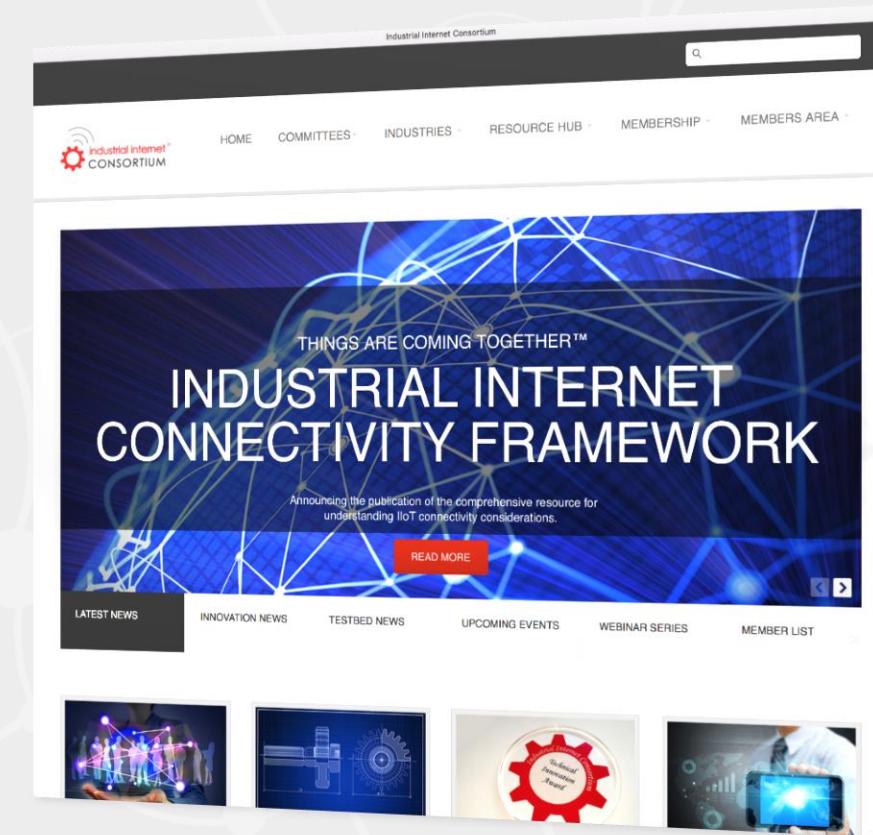
# Choosing a Connectivity Standard

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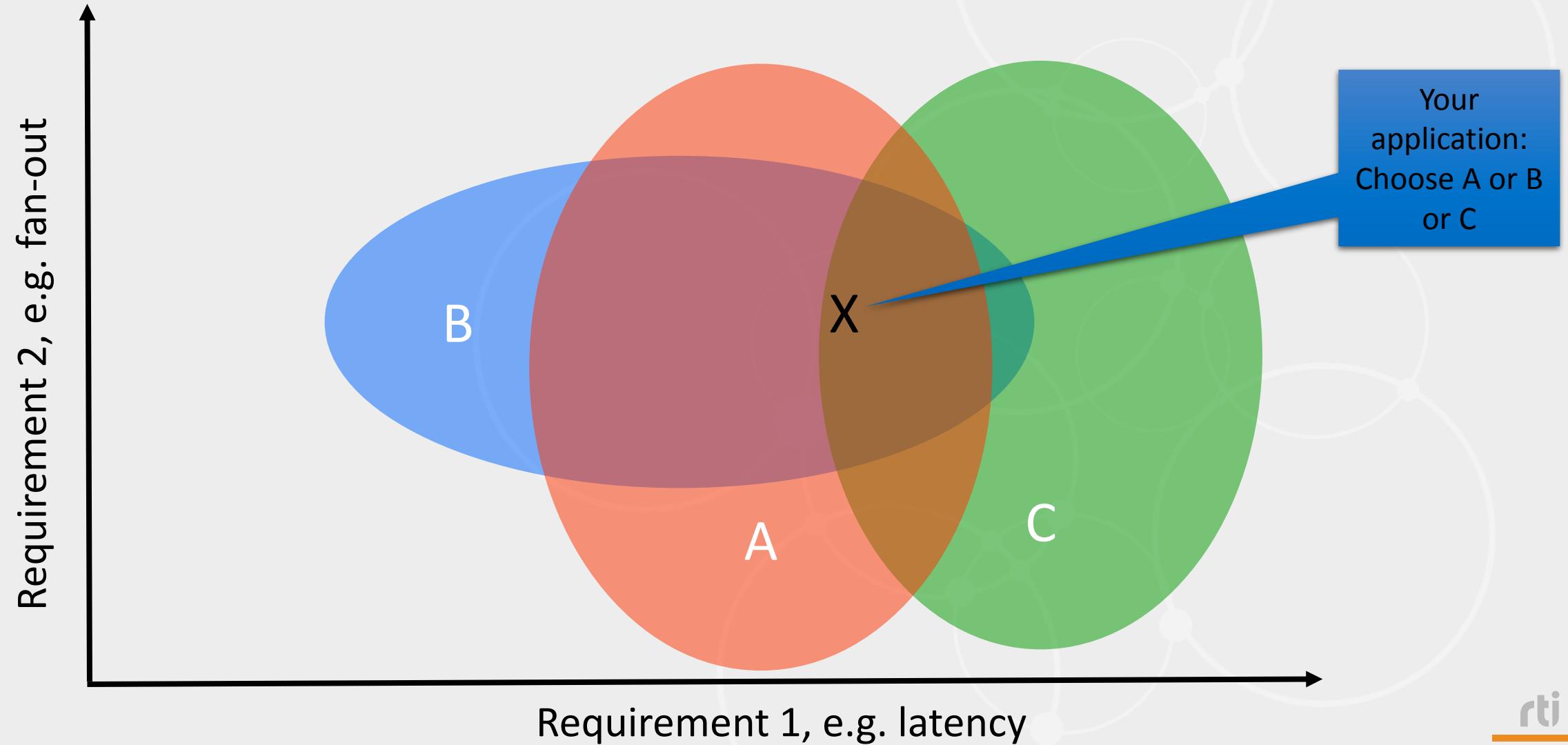


# The Industrial Internet Connectivity Framework

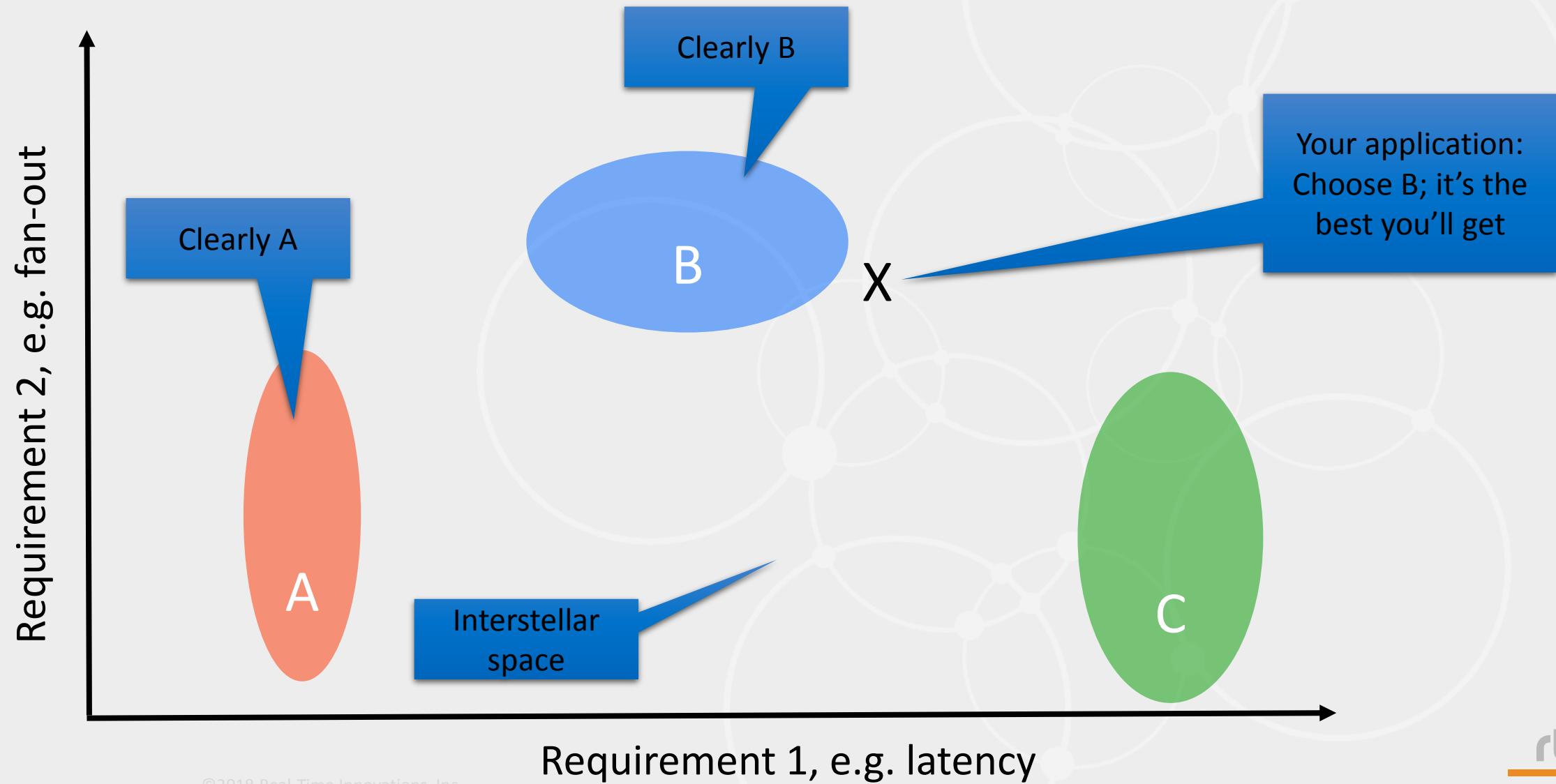
- The industry's only detailed analysis of IIoT Connectivity Technologies
- Architecture
- Assessment
- Standards
  - DDS
  - OPC UA
  - OneM2M
  - HTTP
  - MQTT
  - CoAP
- Examples & selection guidance
- Years of work by many architects across industries, standards, & technologies



# IIoT Connectivity Perception



# IIoT Connectivity Reality



# How to Choose?

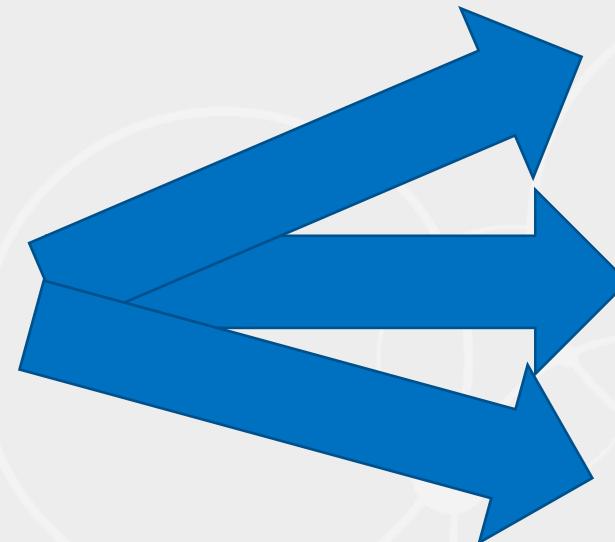
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System Aspect	Example User	Approach	Standard
Software Integration & Autonomy	Software Architect integrating components	Data-centric	DDS
Device interchangeability	Device manufacturer selling devices to technicians	Device-centric	OPC-UA
Web & Mobile User I/F	App builder supporting back-end services	RESTful	Web services/HTTP
ICT integration	Wide-area wireless telecom integrator	Common services layer	oneM2M

# Selection Guide

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Simple Diagnostic Questions



***http://***



# Choose DDS?

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- Are there severe consequences of short-time failure (min/sec)?
- Have you said “millisecond” in the last 2 weeks?
- Do you have more than 10 software engineers?
- Does your data have many destinations?
- Are you building a next-generation IIoT design?

3+ Yes?



# Choose OPC UA?

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- Are you in discrete manufacturing?
- Are you associated with the German Plattform Industrie 4.0?
- Are you building a device that will be integrated by industrial or control engineers and technicians, rather than software engineers?
- Will your product be used in different applications in different systems, as opposed to a single (type of) system where you control the architecture?
- Have you said the word “workcell” in the last two weeks?

3+ Yes?



# Why?

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Why do these questions diagnose your choice for OPC UA vs DDS?



# Some Background...

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# Architecture == Abstraction

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- A “software architecture” is an abstraction, or model, that makes it possible to understand and process data. It determines:
  - Types of entities & components
  - How components find, use, store, and update information
  - Where state lives
- A connectivity technology implements an abstraction to integrate components into a system. It determines:
  - What types of components are integrated
  - Interfaces between components
  - Types of users who effect integration

# The Architectural Challenge

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Create a powerful abstraction to effect integration with minimal extraneous coupling



# OPC UA

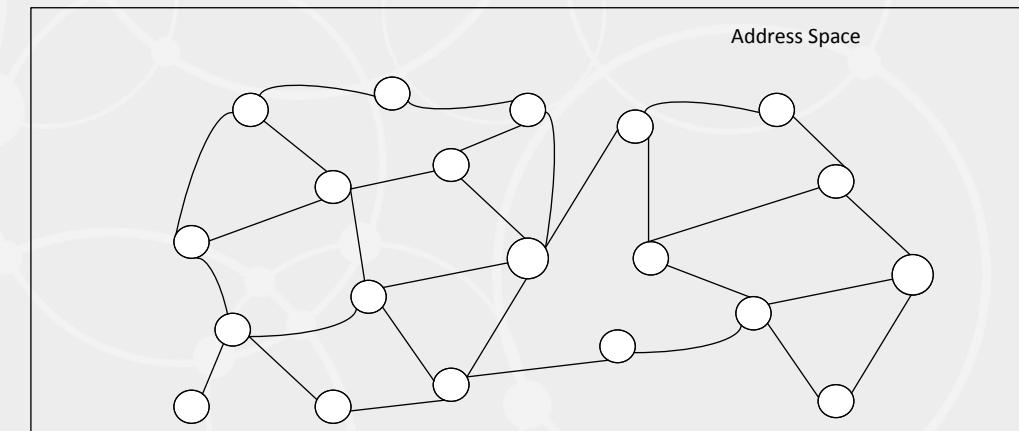
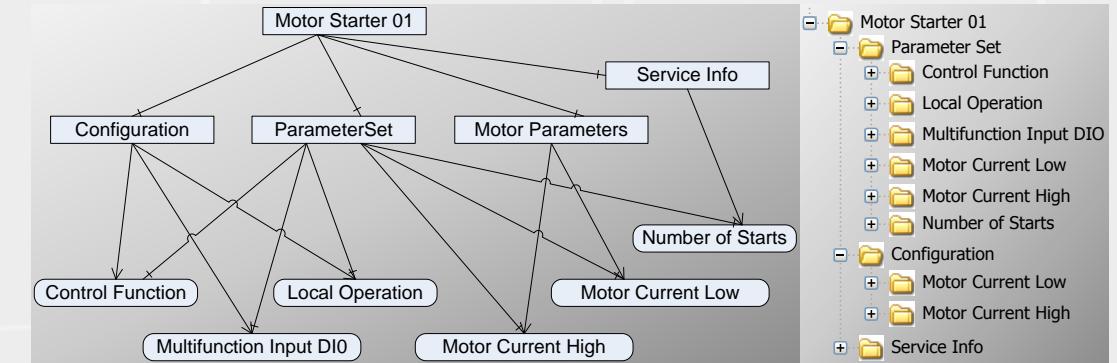
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Device Integration for Vendor Interoperability



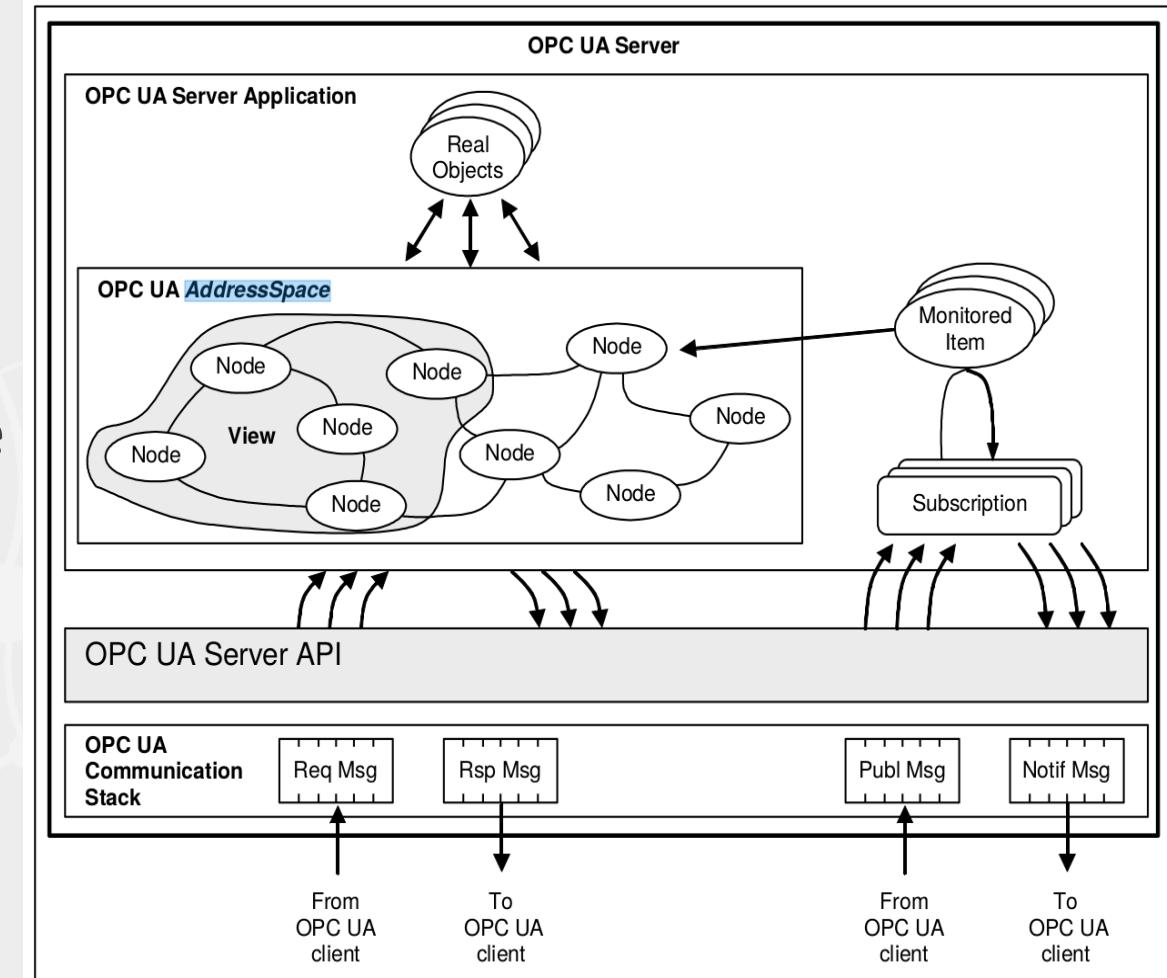
# OPC UA

- Device-Centric Object-Oriented Framework
  - Device models for common devices
  - Integrate devices into workcells
  - Client-server architecture
  - Browsable address space
  - New simple UDP pub-sub



# OPC UA Basics

- **Client/Server Model**
  - Servers expose Address Space
  - Clients access information using services
- **Object-oriented meta-model**
  - Used for sensors, actuators...
  - Information as nodes in Address Space
  - Nodes are organized hierarchically
- **OPC UA Services:**
  - Connection management
  - Node management
  - View, Query
  - Attribute, Method
  - Subscription, Monitor items



# OPC UA Object model

- Nodes and References between nodes
  - Nodes have: ***NodeId***, ***NodeClass***, ***BrowseName***, ***DisplayName***, ***Description***, ***WriteMask***, ***UserWriteMask***
  - References – relations between nodes
- Types of Nodes:
  - **Object** – Used to structure the address space. They group other Nodes. E.g. Variables and Methods always exists within the concept of an Object
  - **Variable** – represent a value that can be read, written, subscribed by a client
  - **Method** – Operations that may be called by a client, have arguments (input, output) and a result
  - **Events** – Notifications that may be subscribed by the client
  - Other: **ReferenceType**, **VariableType**, **DataType**, **ObjectType**, ...

## Object

Variables:

x  
y  
z

Methods:

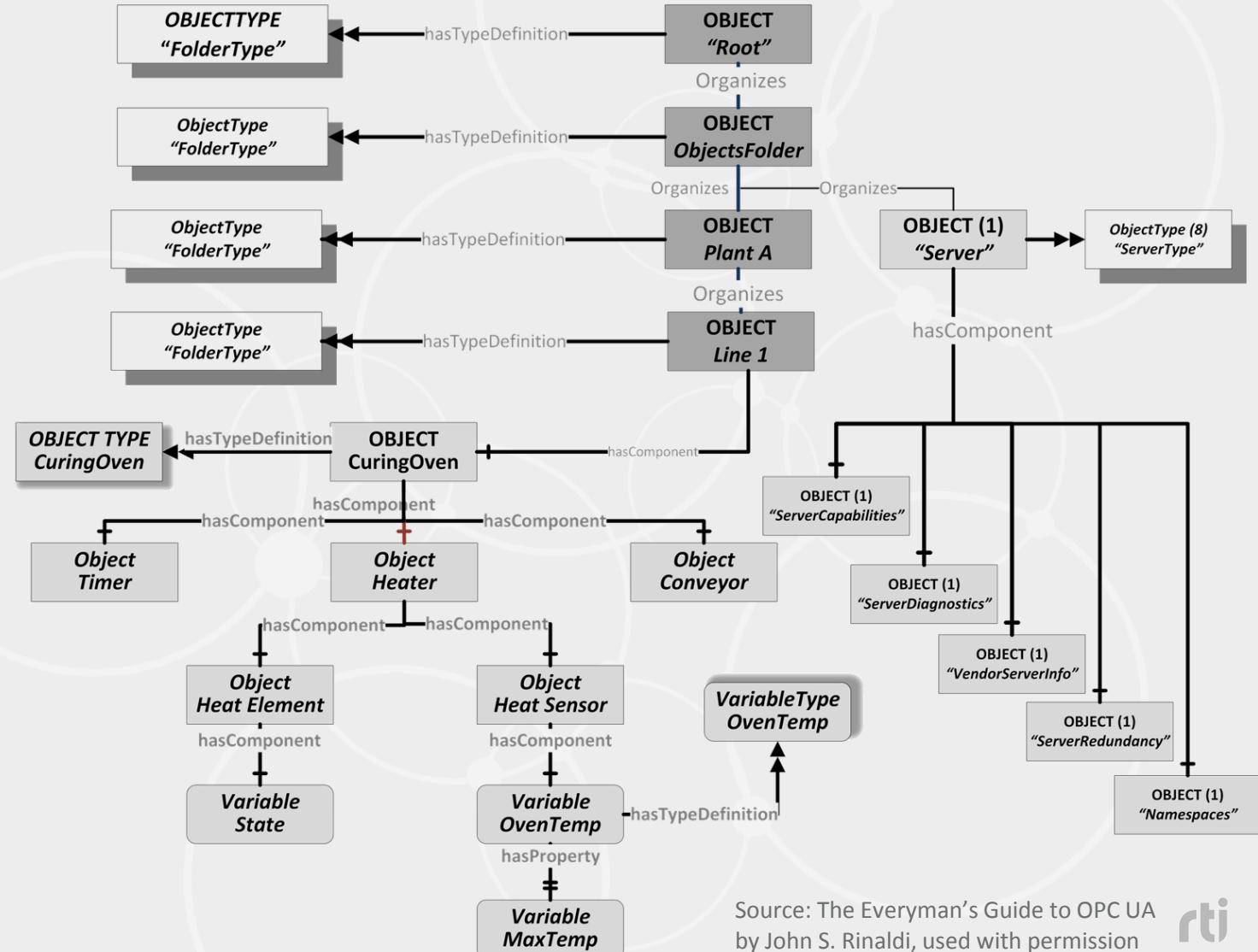
f()  
g()  
h()

Events:

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<sup>^</sup>ev2  
<sup>^</sup>ev3

# OPC UA Object-Oriented Abstraction

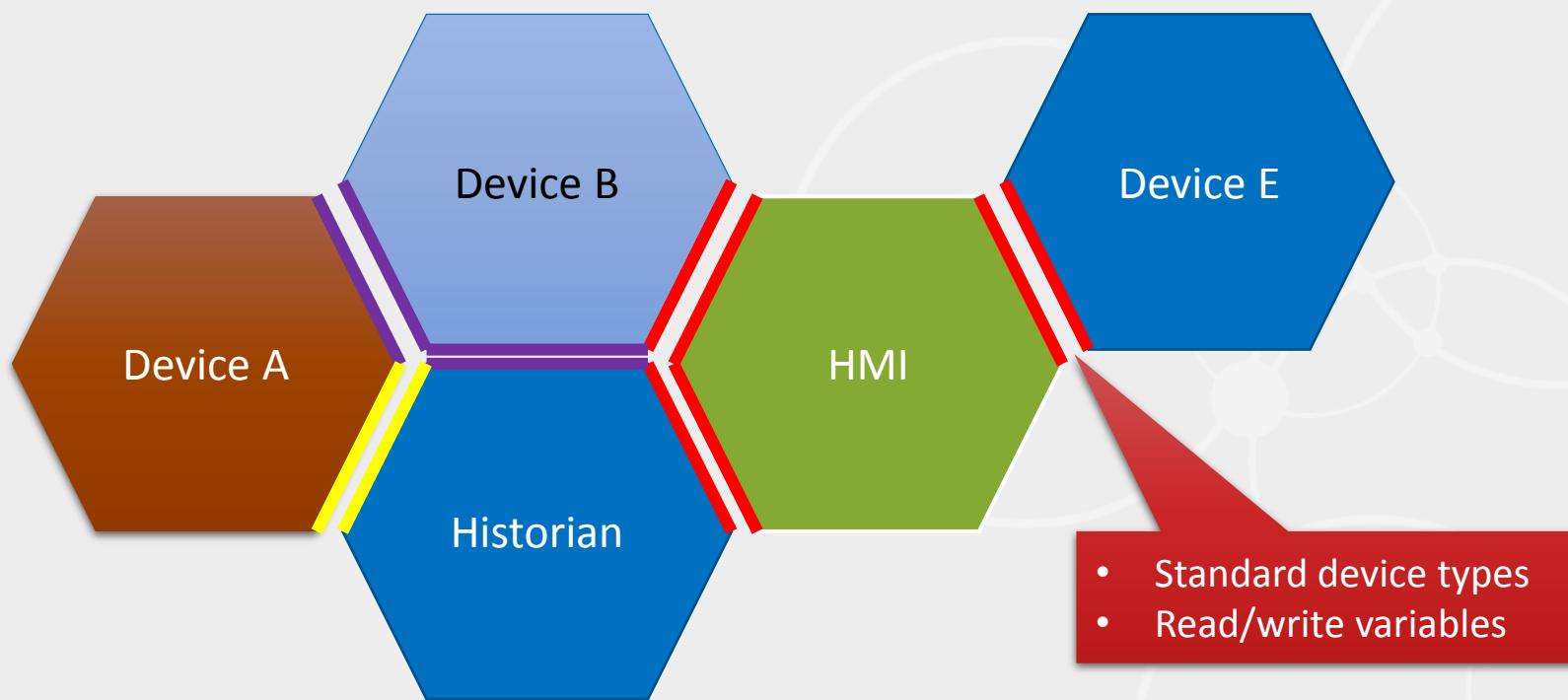
- Entities
  - Objects with methods (execution) and state (data)
- Entity Interaction
  - Get data by calling methods, or “subscribing” to methods
  - Update by calling methods
- State lives in objects
  - Operational data
  - “Meta data”, e.g. units, part numbers
- Browsable information model “rolls up” the system from sub-parts hierarchically



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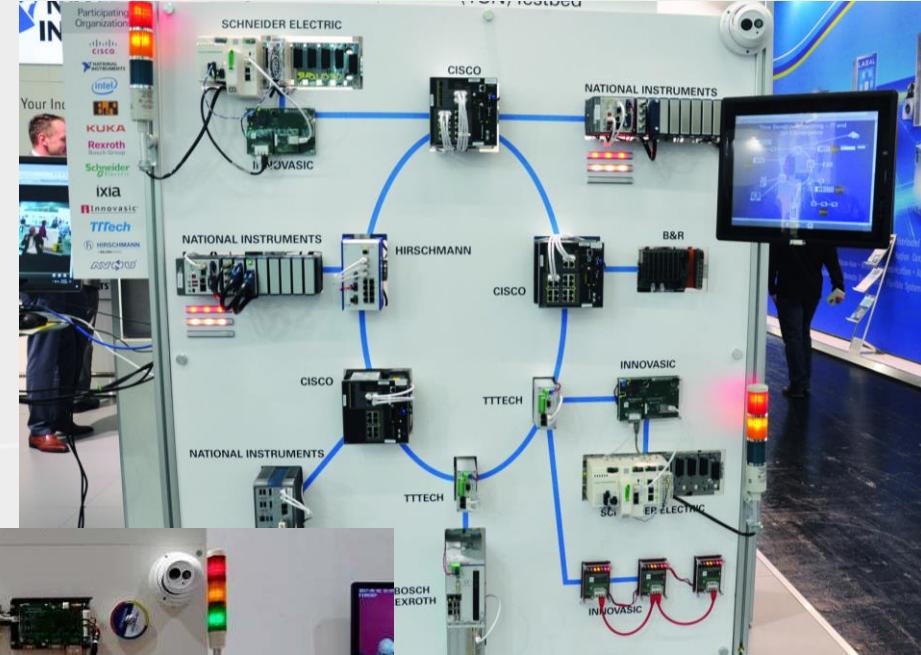
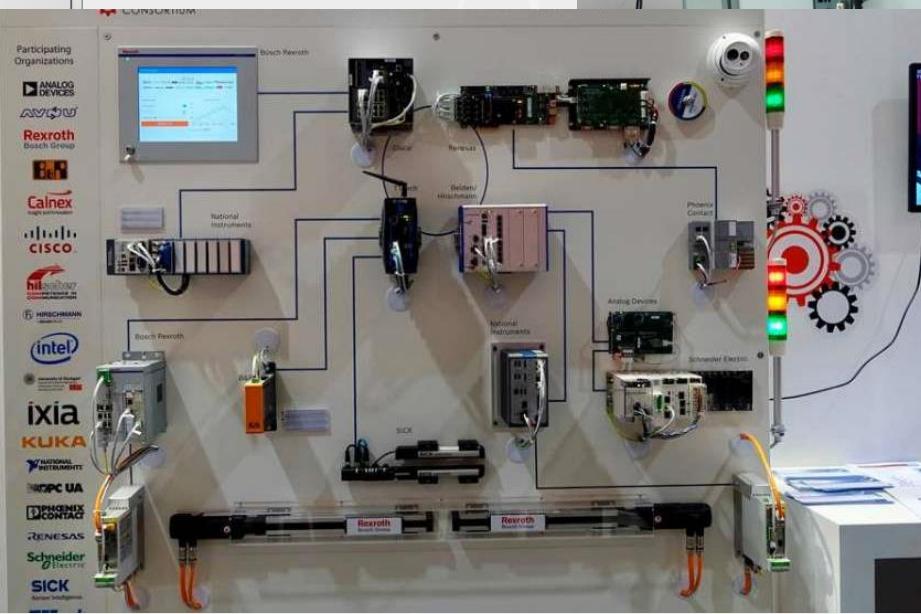


# Device Integration



- Challenges
  - Interoperate between vendors
  - Assembled by engineers or technicians
- Components
  - Devices
  - Reusable software products (e.g. HMI)
- Interfaces
  - Standard device models
  - Dynamic address space rollup
  - Read/write variables

# OPC UA Interoperability Decouples Vendors



- Crisp protocol definition
- Companion specs define device & component models
- Formal conformance testing

# The DDS Databus

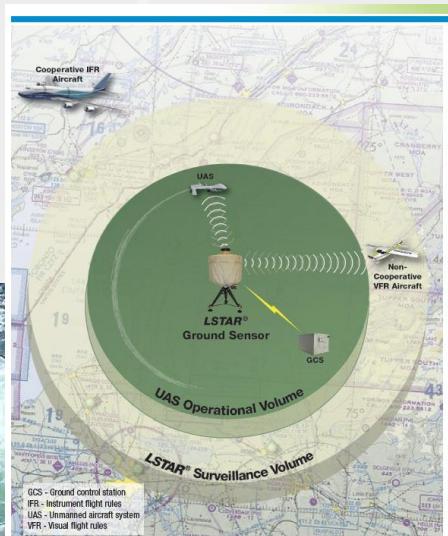
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Software Integration for Autonomous Systems



# Autonomous Systems Challenges

RTI founded from  
Stanford Aerospace  
Robotics Lab



- Manage complex data flow and state
- Ease system integration
- Ensure reliable data availability
- Guarantee real-time response
- Allow any network
- Build in security from the start
- Make deployment flexible
- Ease safety certification
- Adapt Intelligence
- Connect with Cloud Systems

Integrate Complex Software  
for Real-Time Distributed  
Control

# How to Deal with the Data?

Source	Type	Size	Frequency	Volume (approx.)
8 Cameras	2D high-res. video stream	8x 1-4 Mpixel/frame x 30 frames/s x 12-24bit/pixel	30 Hz	2.5-20 Gbit/s
4 Lidar sensors	3D point cloud	4x 300k-3M 3D points /s * 24bit/point	5-20 Hz	30-300 Mbit/s
5 Radar sensors	Object/target list	bytes to kbytes	~1-10 Hz	~10 kB/s
16 Ultrasonic sensors	Object/target list	bytes	10 Hz	~10 kB/s
1 GPS	Data message	A couple of bytes	20-200 Hz	~10 kB/s
Control commands	Data message	A couple of bytes	50-250 Hz	~10 kB/s
Status/error handling	Data/string message	Whatever needed	Whenever needed	Whatever needed

Autonomous Systems Generate Massive Data Flow

12 Gb/s or 1.5 GB/s or 90 GB/min or 5 TB/h or 100 TB/d

Approximately and assuming 20h of operation per day

# Autonomy Dataflow Challenge

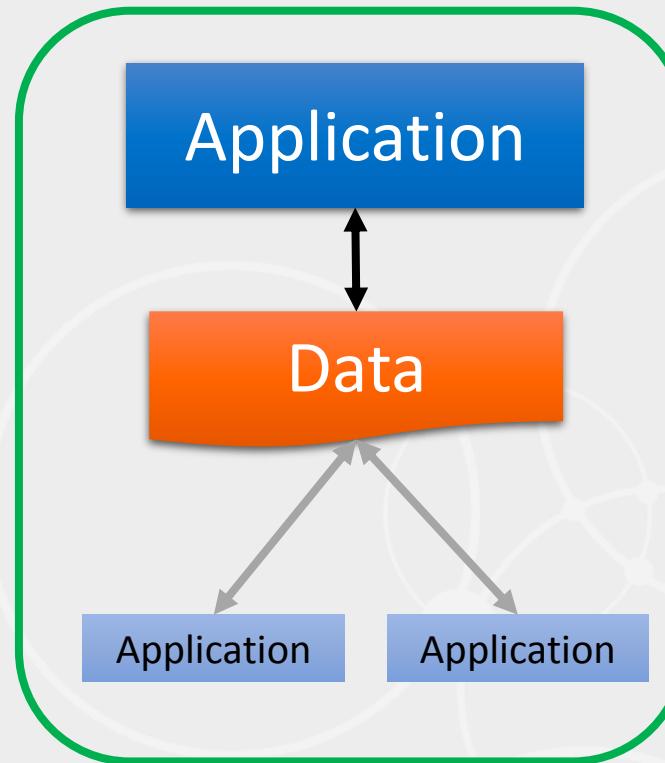
Data Source	Data Type	Data Volume	Data Frequency
Cameras	Video Stream	Large	Low
Lidar	Data List	Medium	Medium
Radar	Point cloud	Medium	Medium
GPS	Bin data struct	Small	Medium
Control Cmd	Bin data struct	Small	High
Error	Text String	Small	Very High

- Autonomy combines:
  - Volume
  - Frequency
  - Latency
  - Reliability
  - Destination
- A single abstraction that can handle all greatly simplifies the system

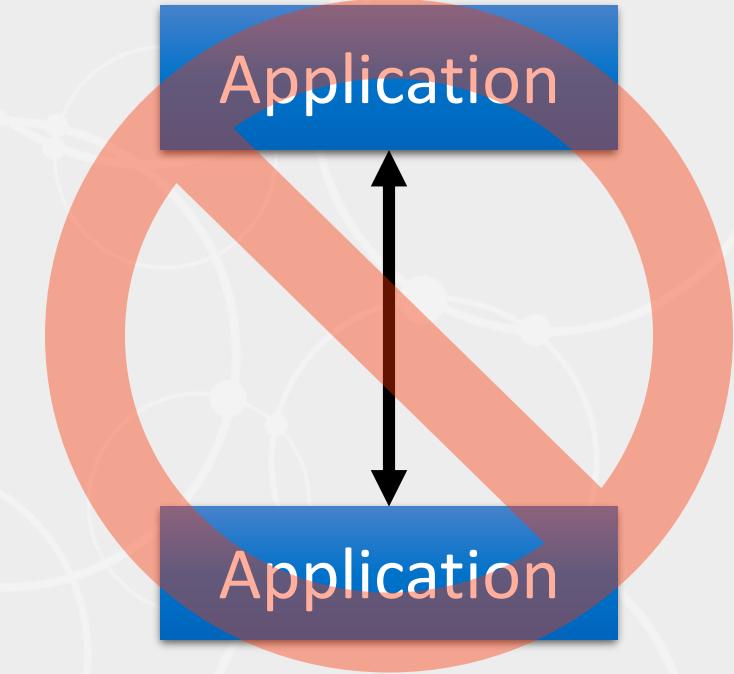
# The DDS Databus



DDS is the standard  
that defines a databus



*Data-centric* technology  
connects applications to  
the data, not to each other



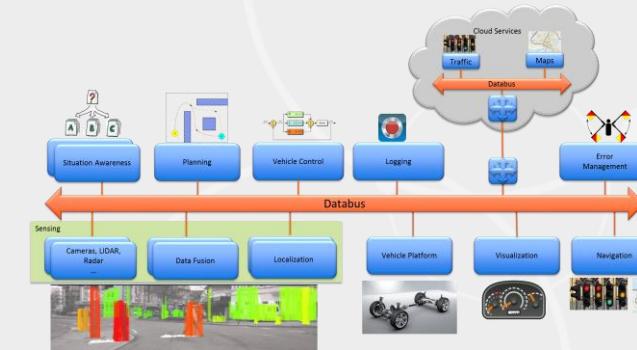
Message centric  
Client/Server  
Remote Objects  
Publish-subscribe  
SOA

# Database and Databus are *Data Centric*



Database

Stores & searches old data



Databus



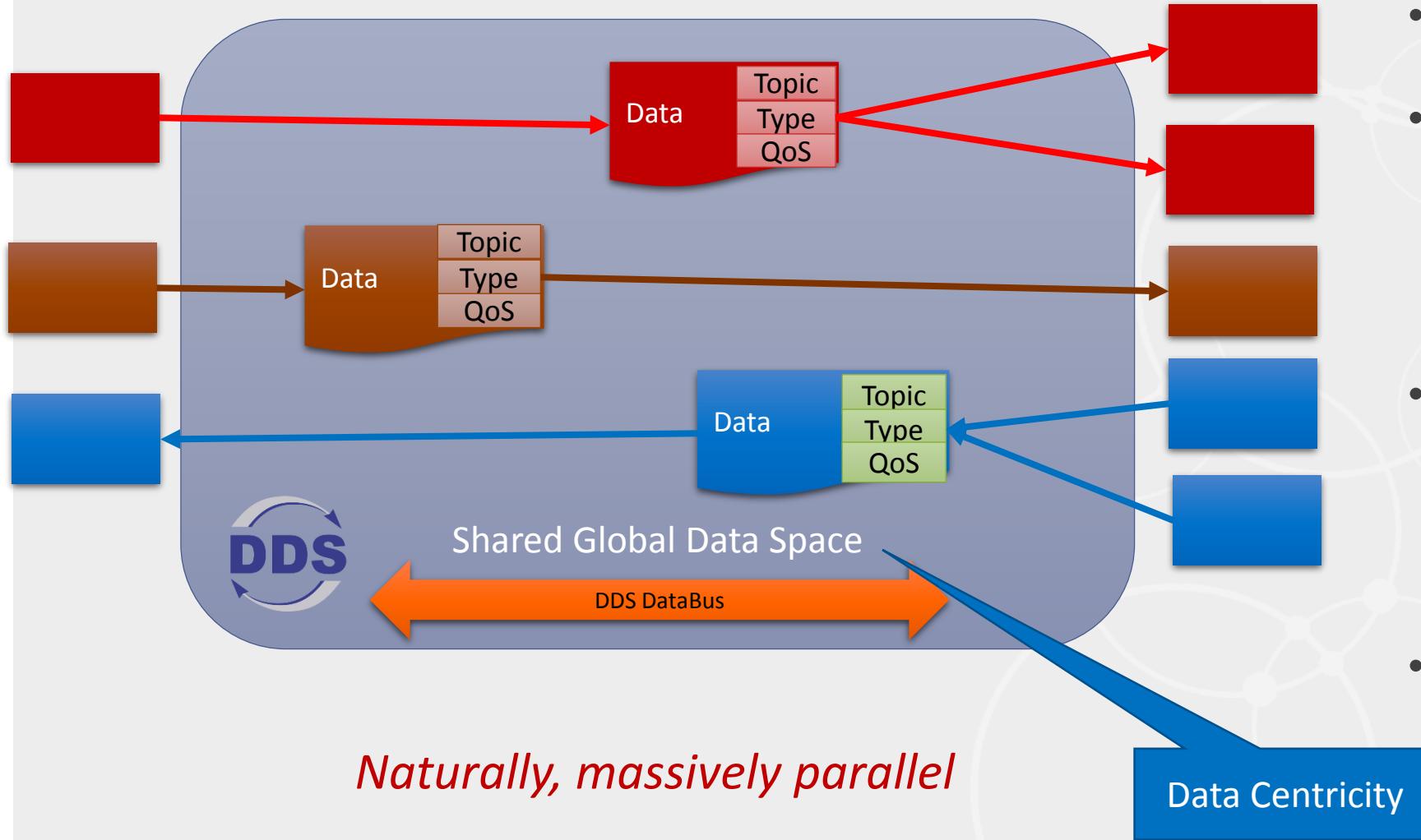
Seeks & filters future data

## Why Data Centricity?

- Common “truth” for integration
- Natural redundancy
- Right data, right time, right place

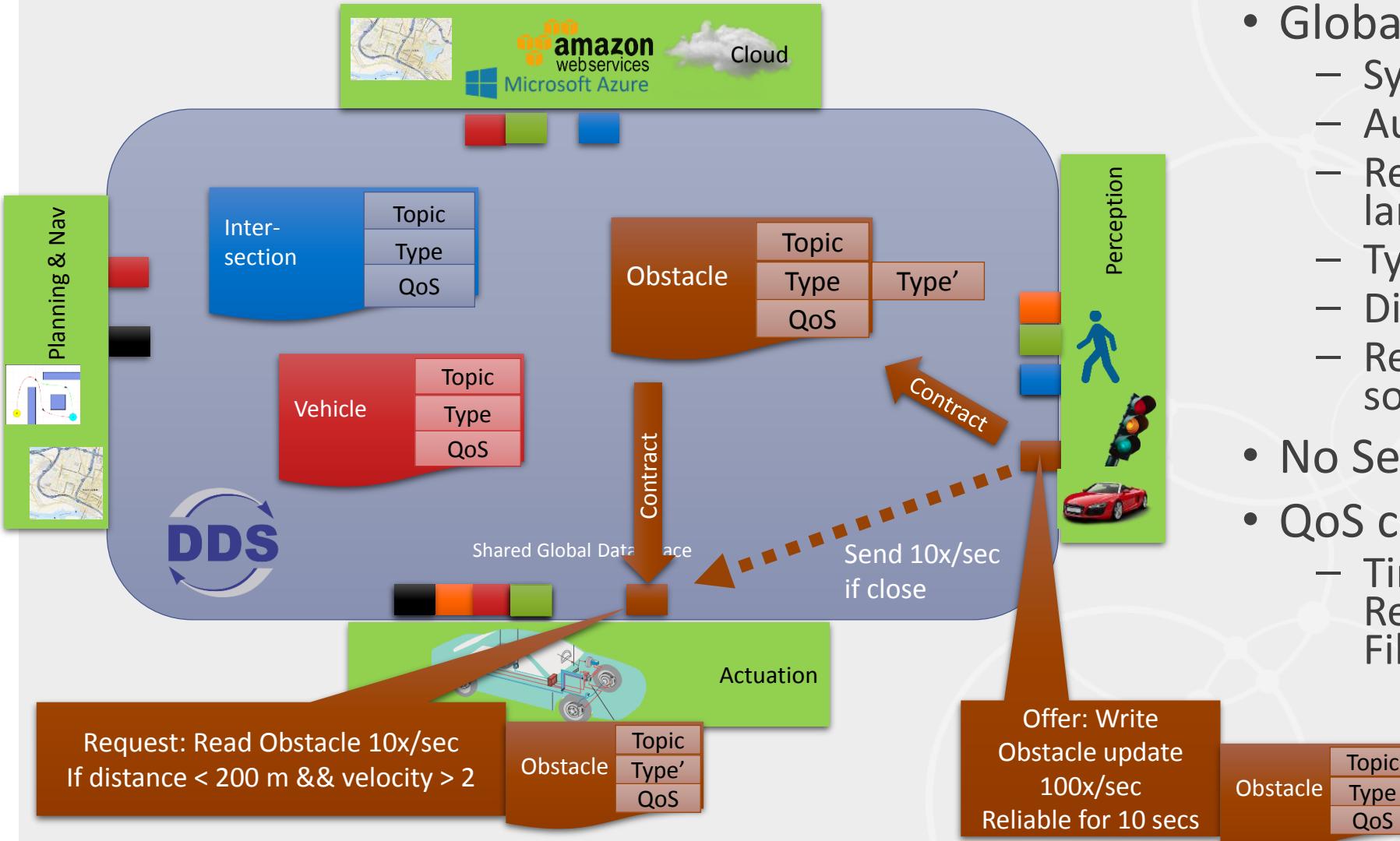
- Complexity in infrastructure, not code
- No startup dependencies
- Generic tools and analyzers

# DDS Databus “Data Everywhere” Abstraction



- Doesn't actually send all data...
- Every application gets everything it needs, when it needs it
  - Applications declare needs and capabilities
  - Databus delivers data
- Applications interface only to data
  - Every app speaks its own language
  - Databus maps language, CPU, OS, transport
- Fast, reliable, scalable

# The Databus Integrates Software Applications



- **Global Data Space**
  - System data model
  - Automatic discovery
  - Read & write data in any OS, language, transport
  - Type-aware matching
  - Direct peer-to-peer comms
  - Redundant sources/sinks/nets
- **No Servers!**
- **QoS control**
  - Timing, Reliability, Liveliness, Redundancy, Ordering, Filtering, **Security**

# Take it to Massive Scale

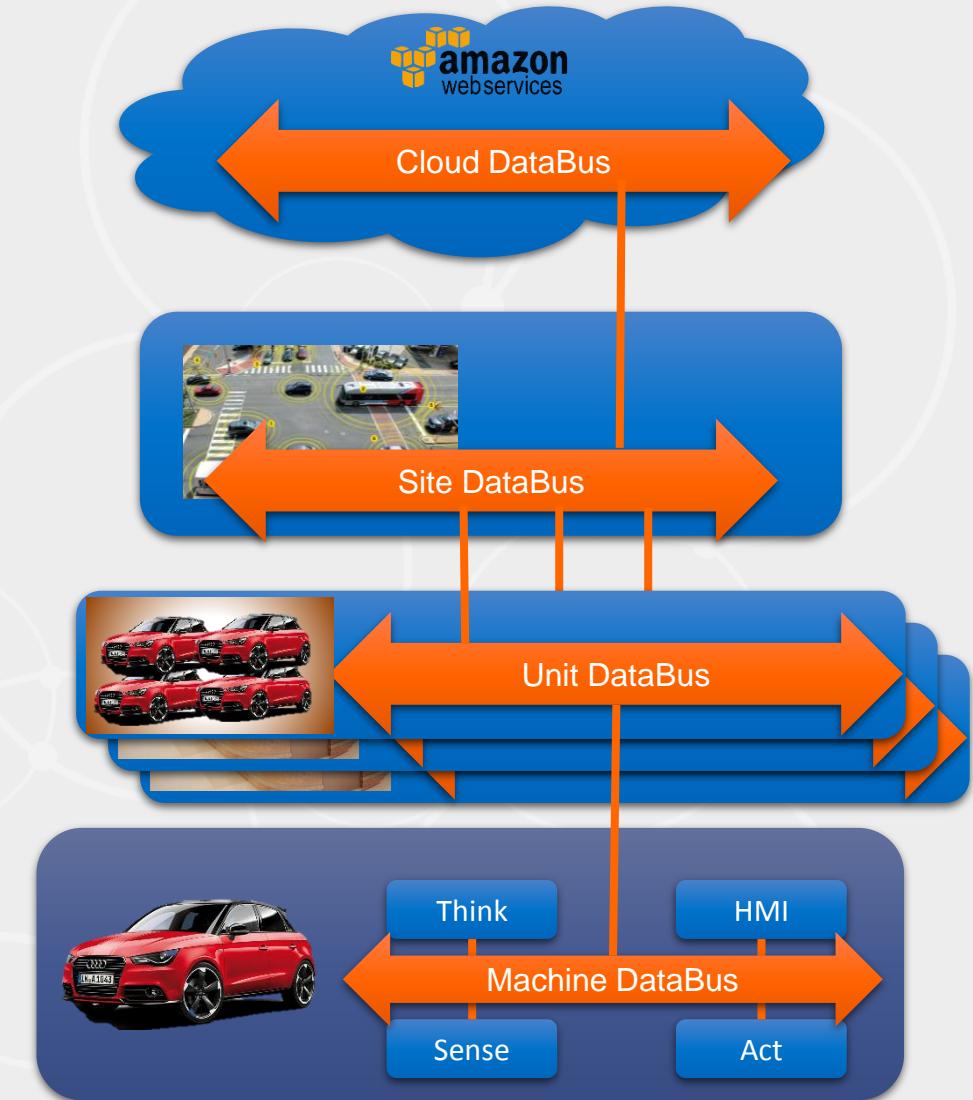
- Each level of the hierarchy has
  - Data model
  - Discovery
  - Security domain
- System-of-systems require
  - Subsystem export control
  - Data model translation
  - Discovery control

Intelligent  
Industrial  
Internet

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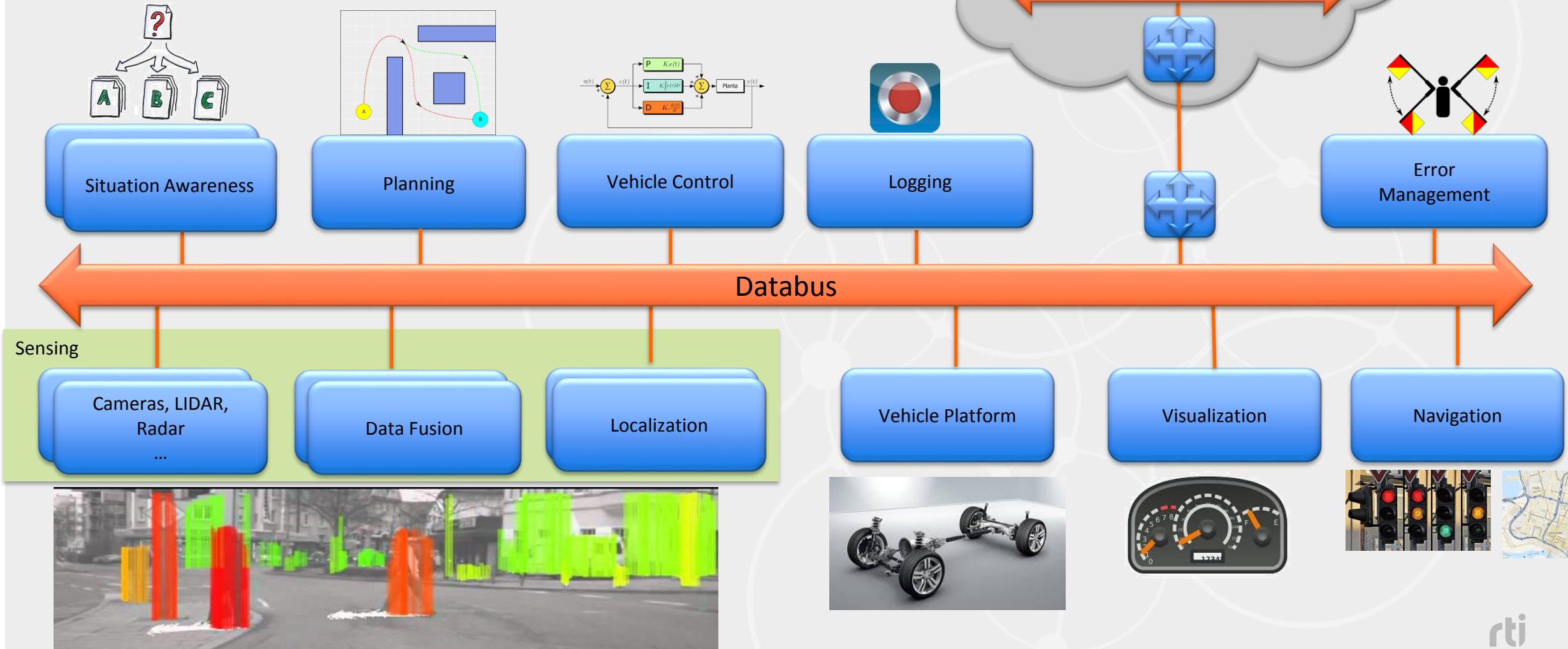


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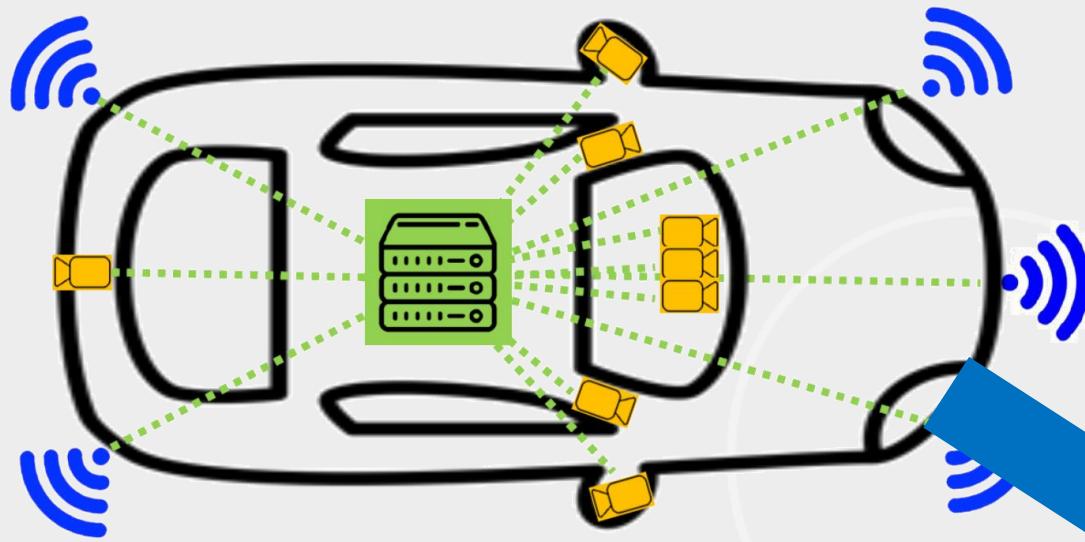
- Entities
  - Participants (software modules)
- Entity Interaction
  - Local read/write of managed objects with a CRUD interface
  - Relational model “finds” data for any participant
- State lives in a virtual “global address space”
  - Not coupled to participants (although cached in participants)
- Automatic discovery across the system

# Enable Autonomy

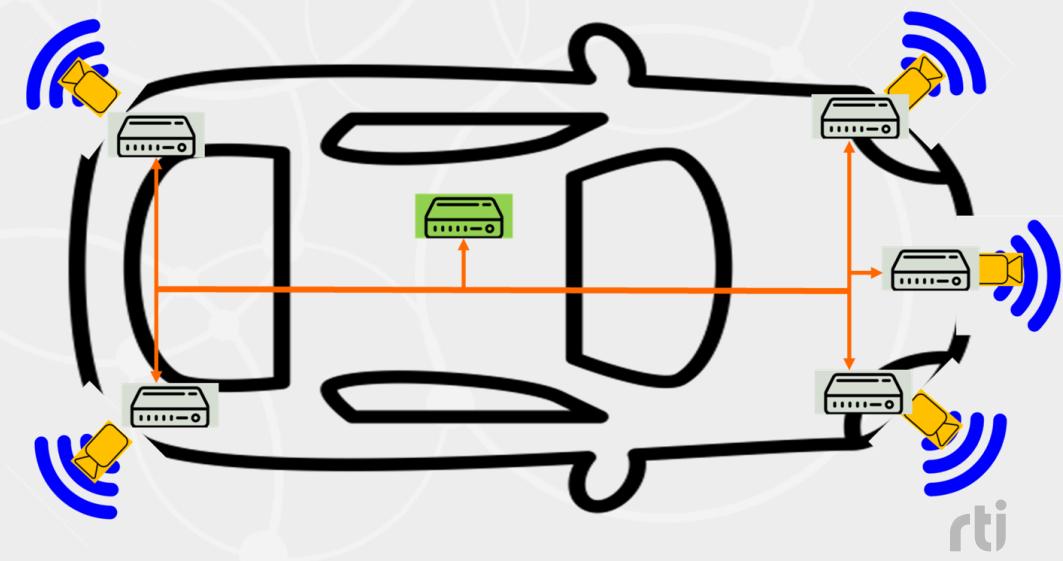


# Data Centricity Supports Higher Autonomy

Central Fusion or “Late” Fusion



Hybrid Fusion



Data Centricity enables *new architectures* that are fast, distributed, and reliable.

# Why a Databus? Software Decoupling.

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- Flow: discovery, rates, reliability uncoupled
  - Any network, any transport
  - Full QoS control for every flow
- Space: services live anywhere
  - Cloud, fog, devices
  - Move them transparently
  - Controlled, natural redundancy
- Time: robust system operations
  - No dependency on startup sequence
  - Participants come & go at will
  - Matches evolving schema



# Software Integration is All About The Data...

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- Decoupled subsystems work independently
- Data-centric sharing lets them cooperate

Resulting in...

***Your Systems. Working as One.***



# Software Integration



- Custom data model
- Dynamic types
- Dataflow control

- Challenges
  - Interface many software teams
  - Interoperate between software modules
  - Version matching
- Components
  - Custom software
  - APIs, libraries
- Interfaces
  - Global data abstraction
  - Dataflow control
  - Common system data model

# DDS Applications Span the IIoT





RTI lives at the  
intersection of functional  
artificial intelligence and  
pervasive networking<sup>SM</sup>

# Are They That Different?

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DDS & OPC UA in Depth



# How to Choose?

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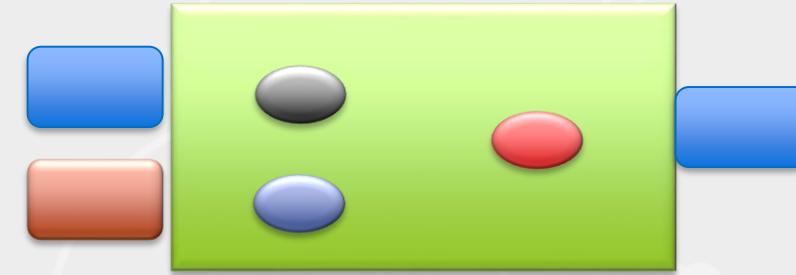
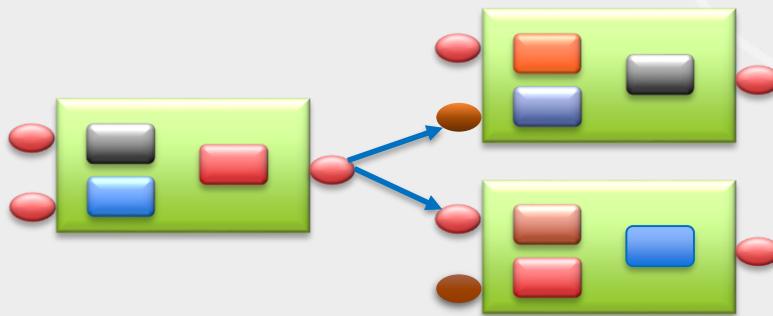
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# Data Centric is the Opposite of OO



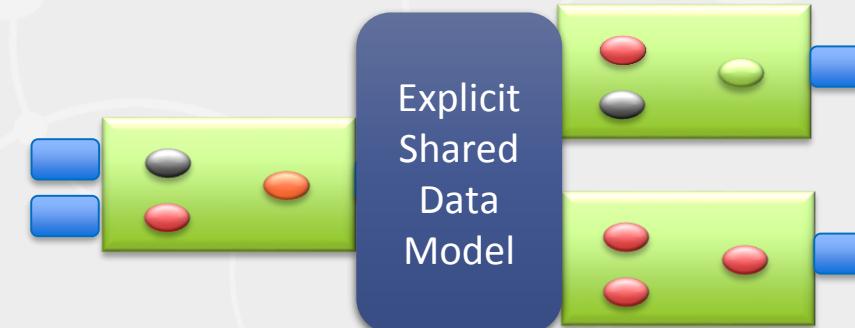
## Object Oriented

- Encapsulate data
- Expose methods
- Sequential execution



## Data Centric

- Encapsulate methods
- Expose *data*
- Parallel updates



# Users and Applications are Very Different!

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- You are a software architect. You:
  - Manage & integrate software development teams
  - Design & control architecture & data model
  - Face challenges in defining software module interfaces, implementing redundancy, complex data flow



- You are a device manufacturer. You:
  - Build a device for many applications
  - Do not control the installation data architecture
  - Face challenges of device vendor interoperability, users who are not software experts



# OPC UA and DDS Comparison

Aspect	OPC UA	DDS	
Integration Users	Engineers/technicians	Software teams	Opposite
Abstraction	Object Oriented	Data Centric	Opposite
Primary markets	Manufacturing	Transportation, medical, power, robotics, defense, etc... but <i>not</i> manufacturing	Opposite
System data model	Dynamically built at runtime	Fundamental integration point	Opposite
Product support	Extensive: hardware devices, software (HMI, historians)	None	Opposite
Data model	Hierarchical	Relational	Opposite
Data sharing model	Variables	CRUD managed types (with matching)	Opposite
Sends data	Yes	Yes	Similar

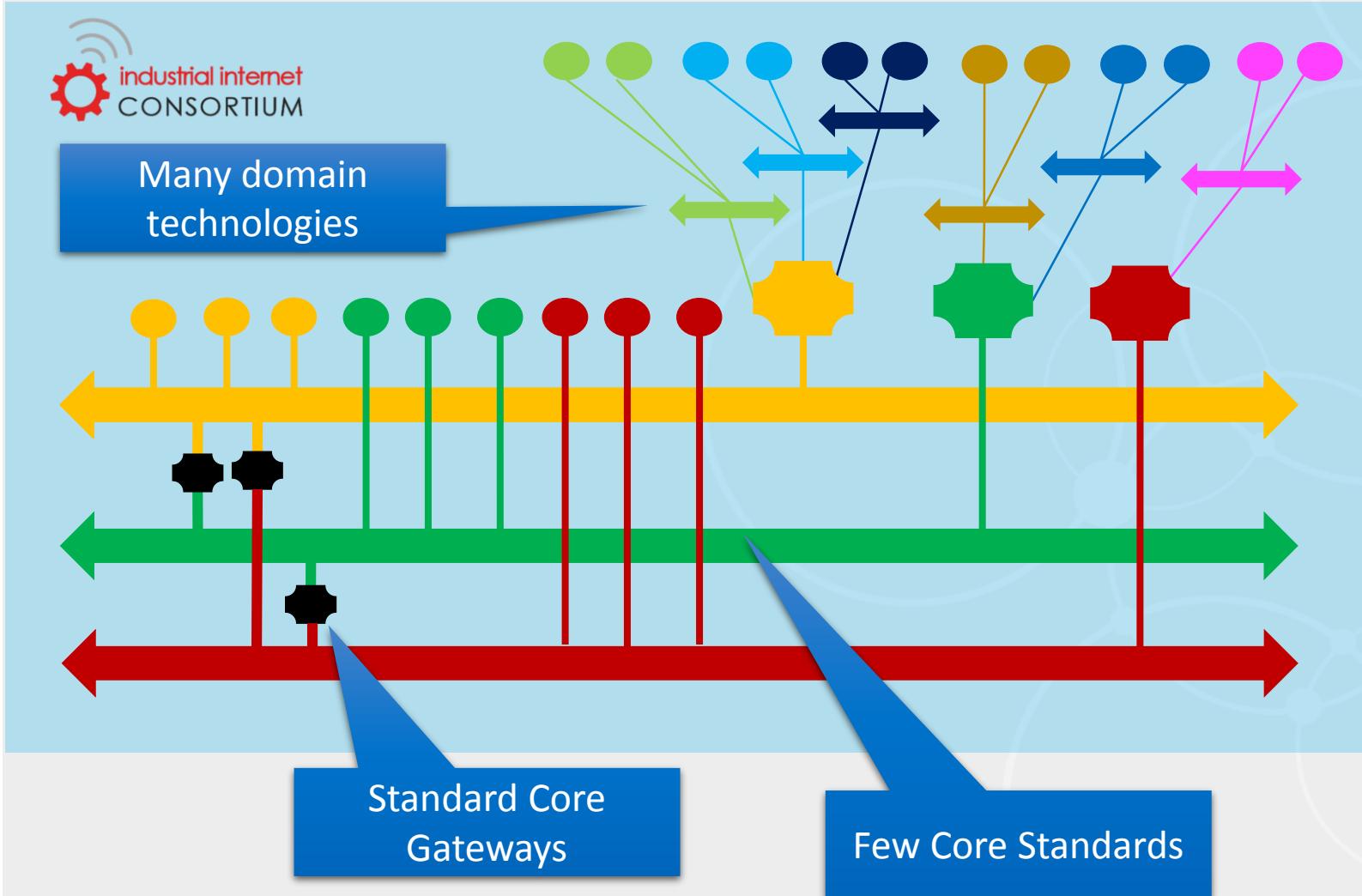
# Can They Work Together?

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Integrating OPC UA and DDS combines benefits

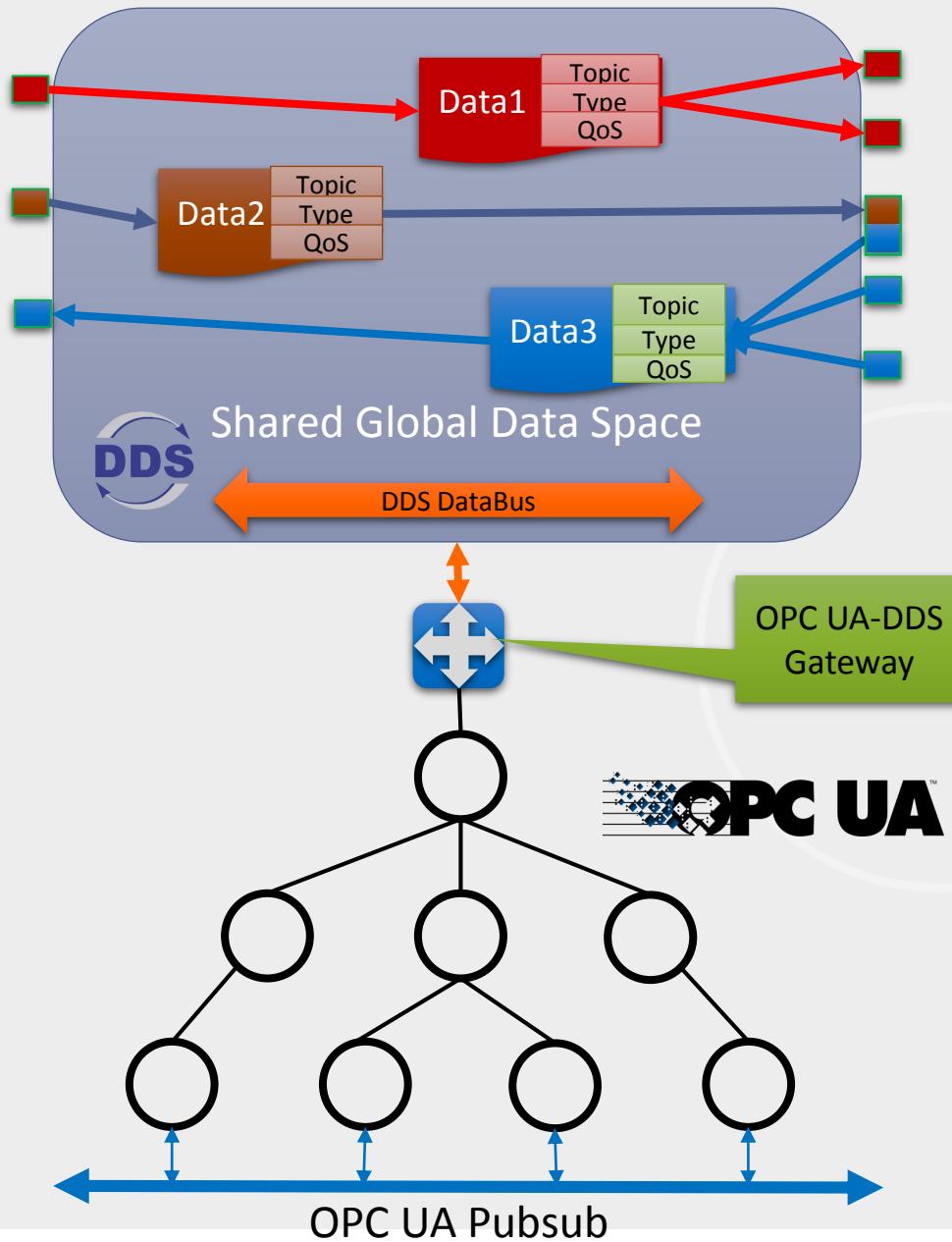


# IIC Connectivity Core Standards Architecture

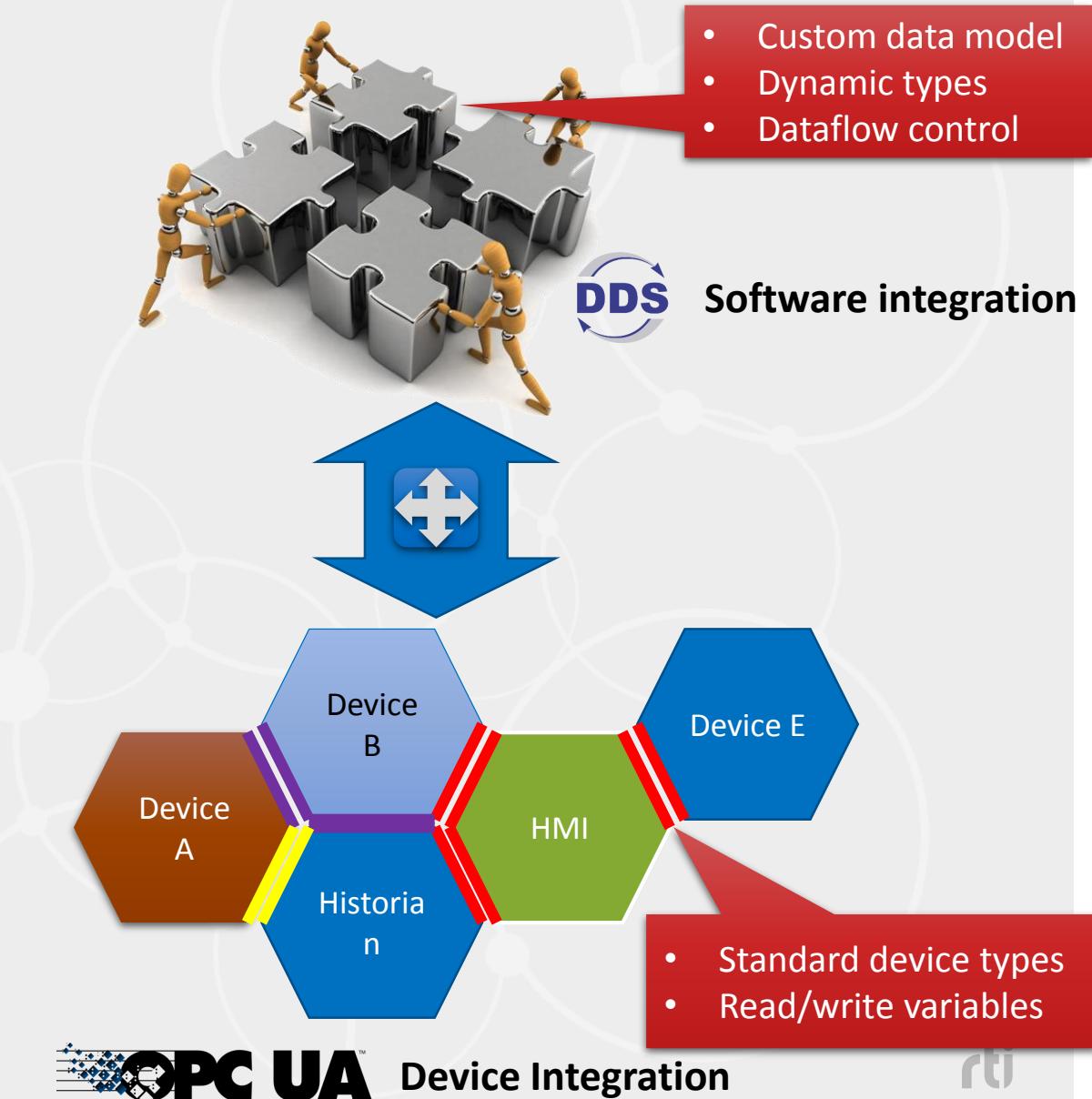


- **Connectivity Core Standards**
  - Provide syntactic interoperability
  - Stable, deployed, open standard
  - Standard *Core Gateways* to all other CCS
- **Domain-Specific Connectivity Technologies**
  - Connect via non-standard gateway to any connectivity core standard

## Conceptual Architecture

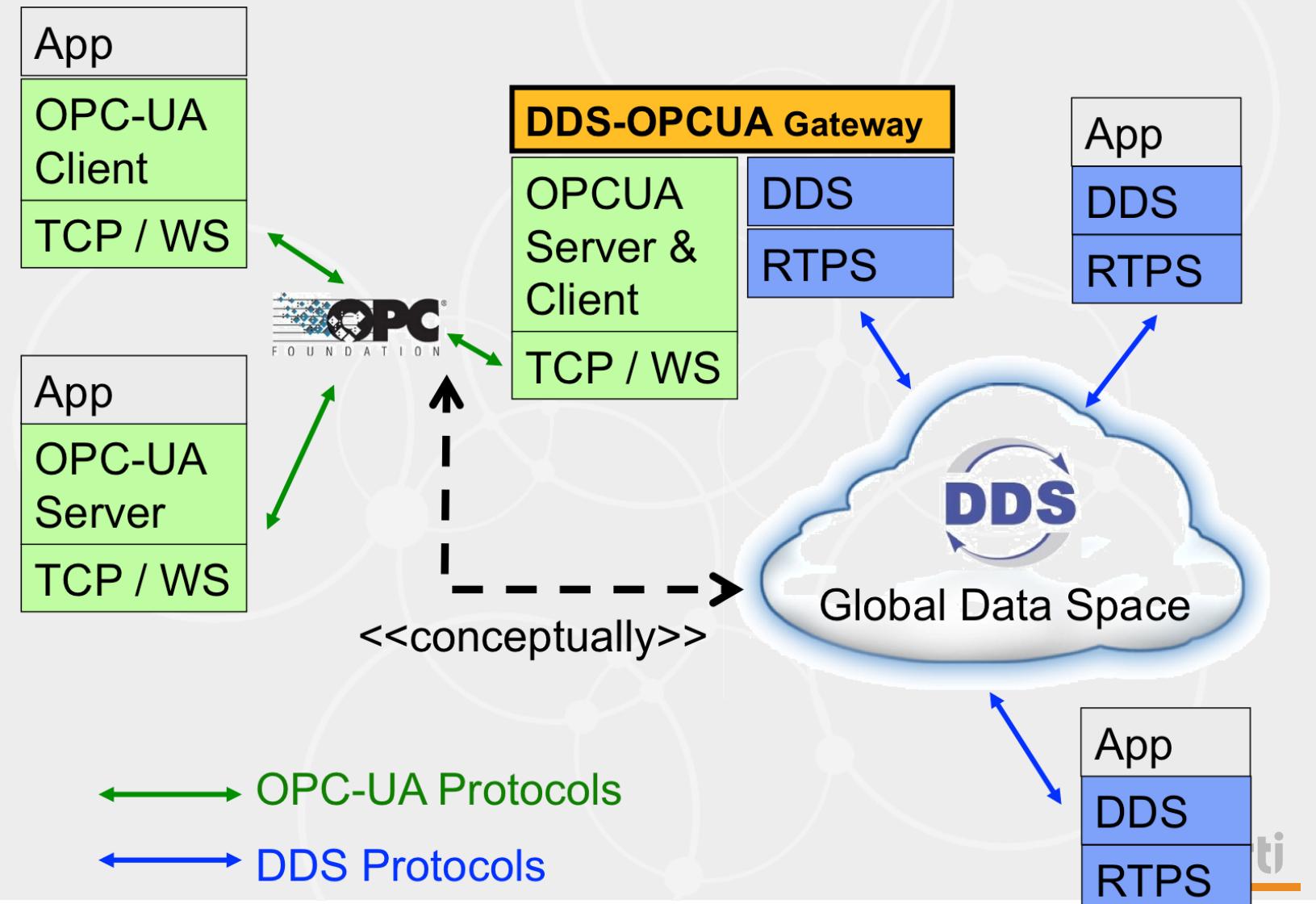


## Integration Approach



# OPC-UA/DDS Gateway Standard

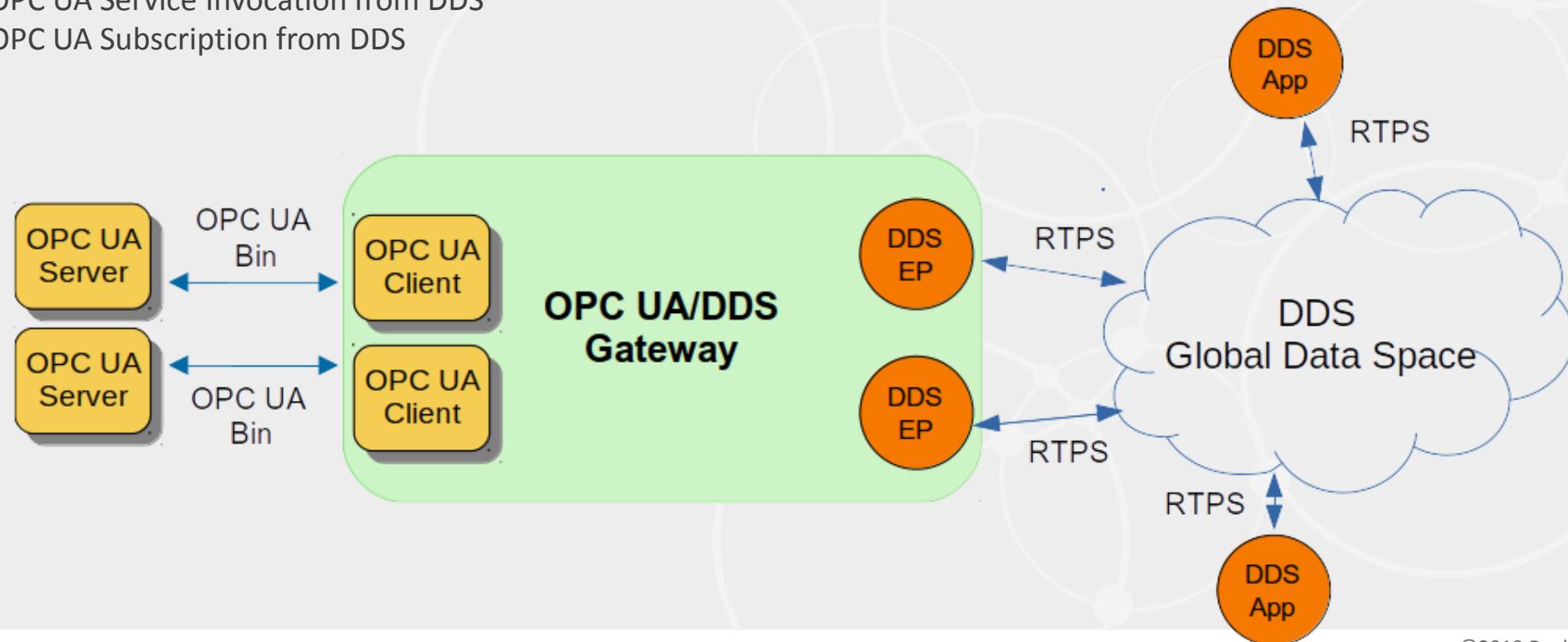
Provide **transparent interoperability** between *existing* DDS and OPC UA applications.



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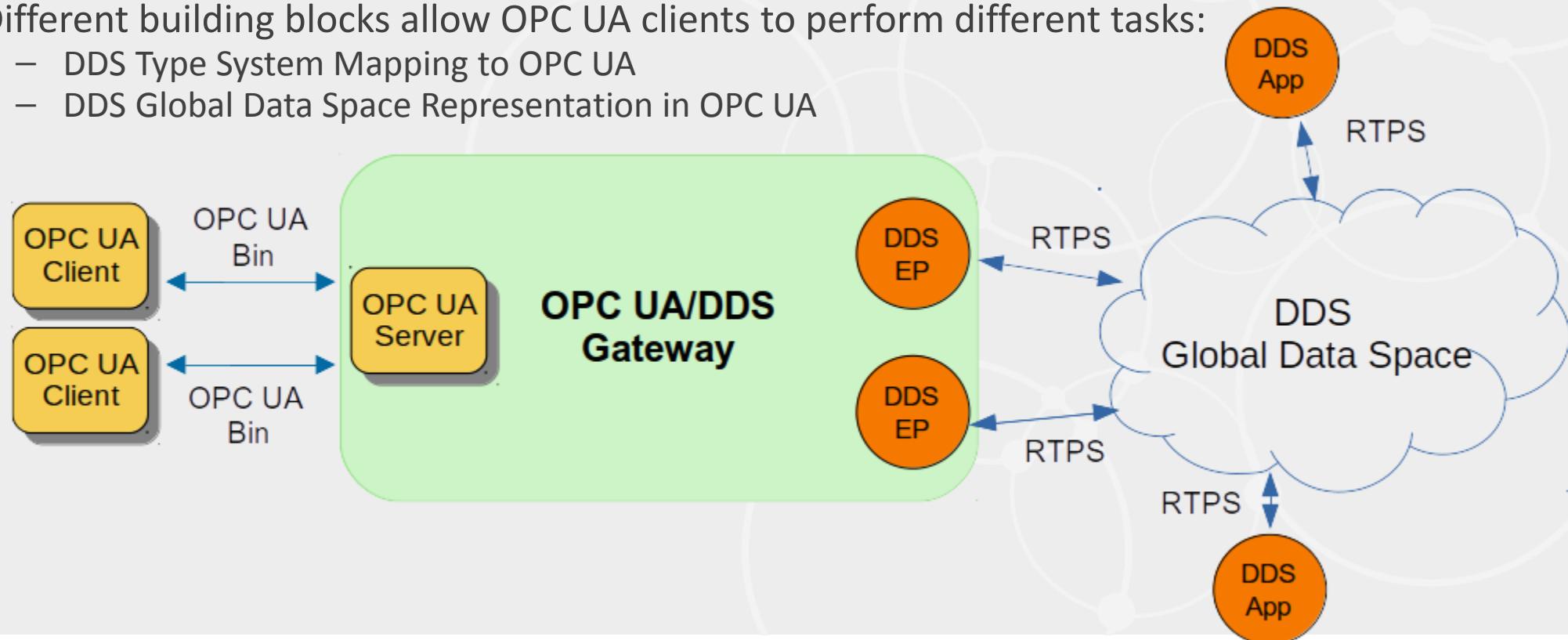
# OPC UA → DDS

- To allow DDS applications to access, subscribe, read, and manage information from OPC UA, this side of the gateway has:
  - *DomainParticipants* and a set of endpoints (*DataReaders* and *DataWriters*) to interact with DDS applications.
  - An *OPC UA Client* (or a set of OPC UA Clients) to connect to OPC UA Servers that provide the information.
- Different building blocks allow DDS applications to perform different tasks:
  - OPC UA Type System Mapping to DDS
  - OPC UA Service Invocation from DDS
  - OPC UA Subscription from DDS



# DDS → OPC UA

- To allow OPC UA clients to access, subscribe, read, and manage information from DDS, this side of the gateway has:
  - An *OPC UA Server* that exposes a portion of the information available in the DDS Global Data Space.
  - *DomainParticipants, Publishers, Subscribers, DataReaders, and DataWriters* endpoints to interact with DDS applications.
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  - DDS Global Data Space Representation in OPC UA



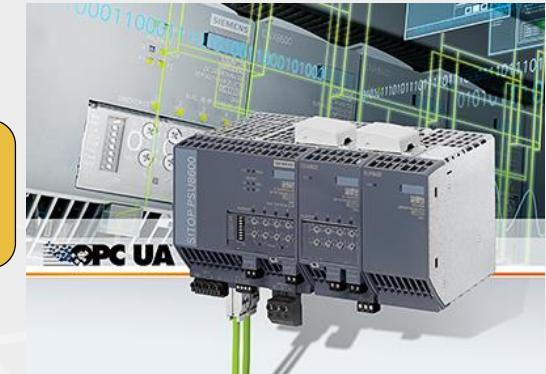
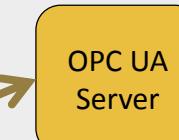
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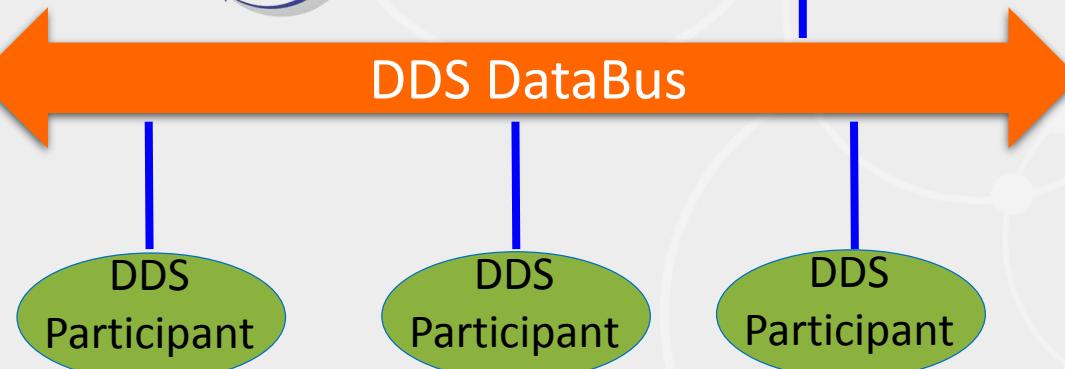
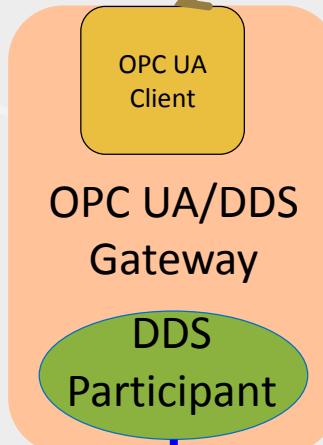


# Scale Access to OPC UA devices

*OPC UA as a universal  
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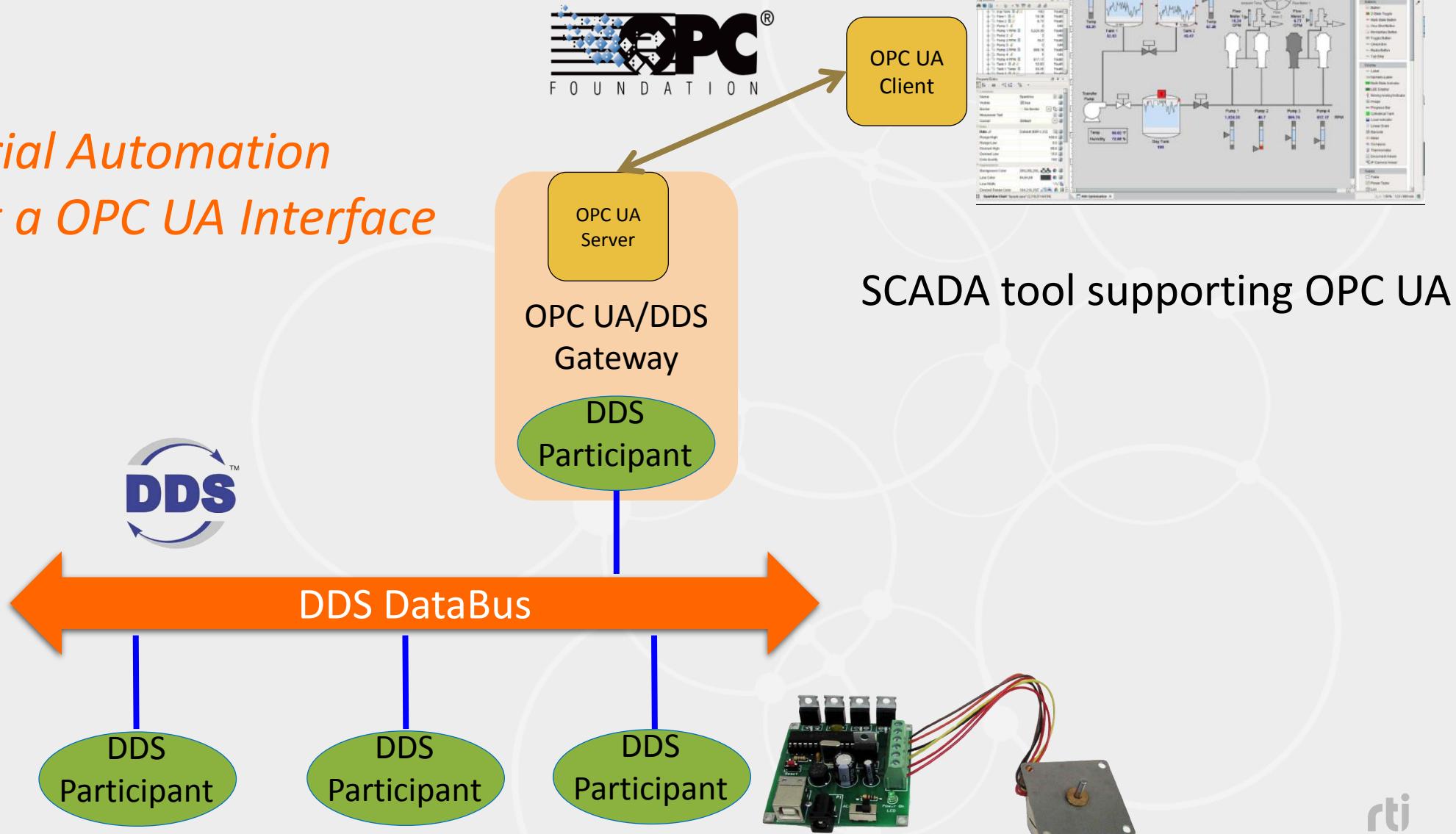


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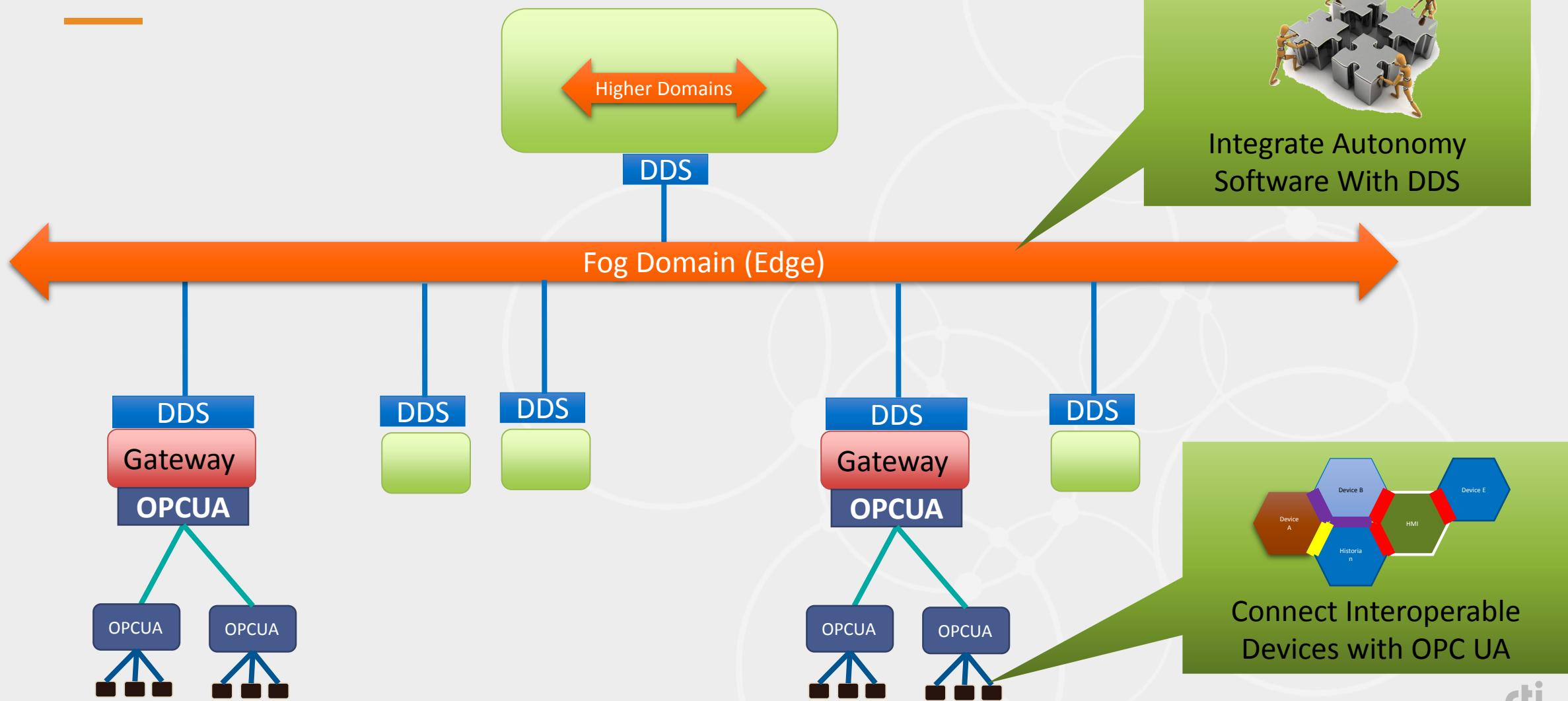


# Use HMI Tools in DDS Systems

*Many Industrial Automation  
Tools support a OPC UA Interface*



# Combine Software and Device Integration for Autonomous Manufacturing



# Where Can I Learn More?

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# RTI & The Industrial IoT

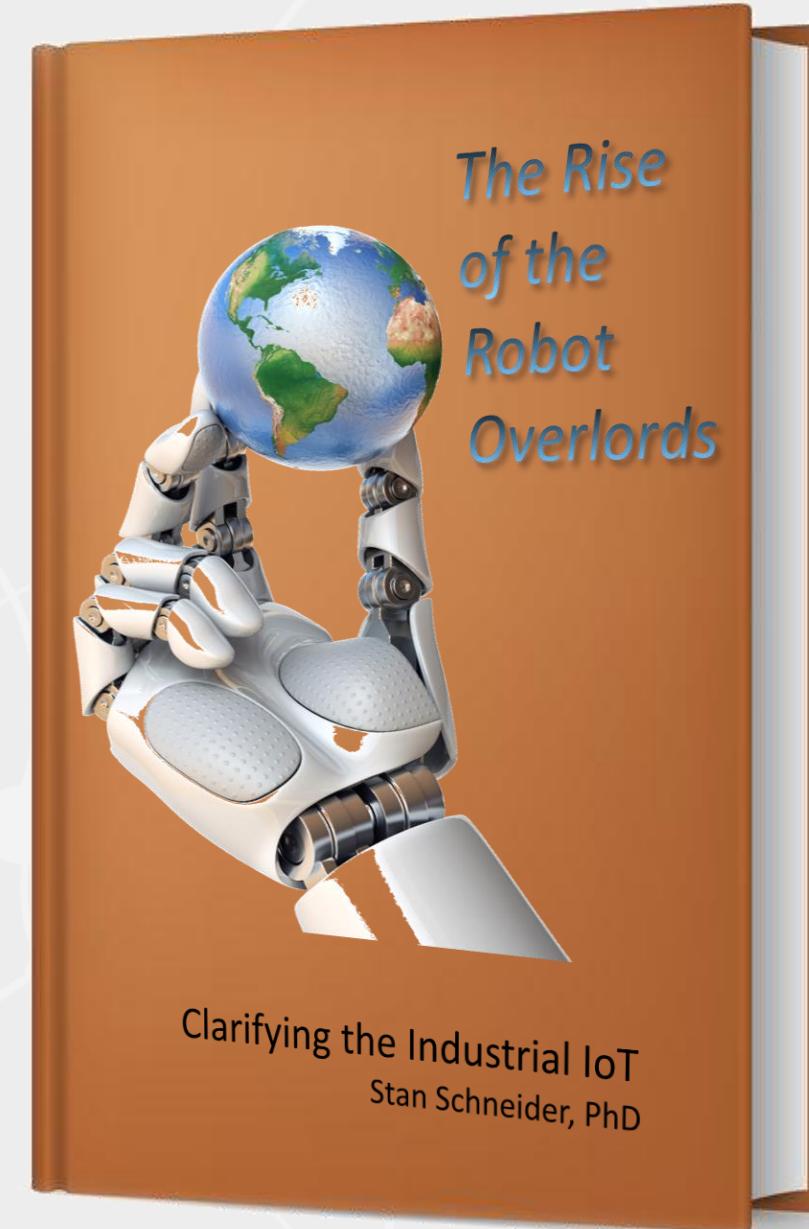
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- 1000+ designs, many real-world programs across industries
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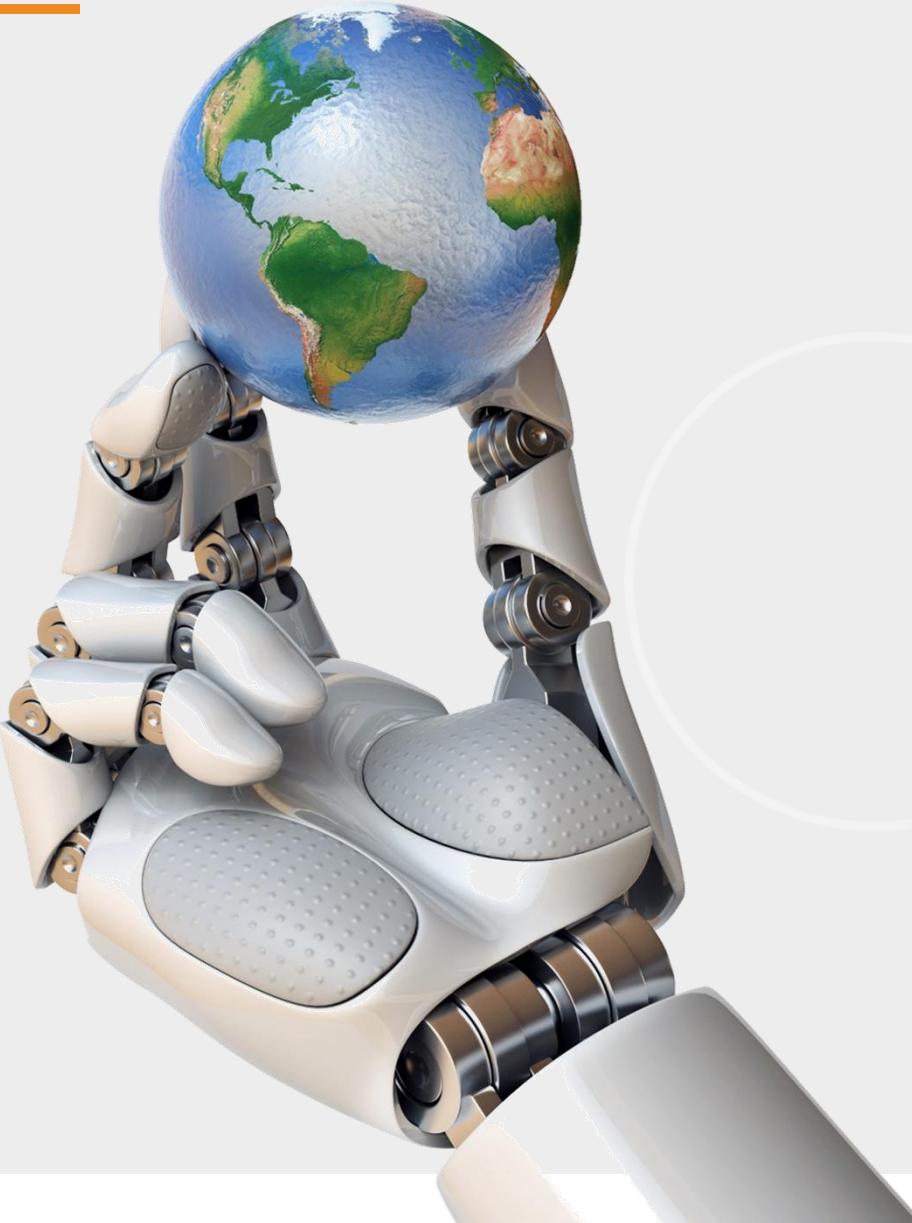
# Further Information

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- Industrial Internet Connectivity Framework (IICF):  
[www.iiconsortium.org/IICF.htm](http://www.iiconsortium.org/IICF.htm)
- Guide to IIoT Connectivity:  
<http://www.iiconsortium.org/journal-of-innovation.htm>
- eBook:
  - [www.rti.com/resources /eBooks](http://www.rti.com/resources/eBooks)



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- Part 1: What is the IoT, Anyway?
- Part 2: A Practical Guide to IIoT Connectivity
  - How to choose between DDS, OPC UA, MQTT, RESTful HTTP, OneM2M and CoAP
- Part 3: Data-Centric vs Device-Centric Integration: Theory and Practice
  - How to compare, contrast, and integrate DDS and OPC UA.
- **Part 4: Why a Databus is so Unique**
- Part 5: The IIoT Security Challenge
- Part 6: A deeper IIoT example: Autonomous Vehicles (Carbots)
- Part 7: The Age of the Robot Overlords

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