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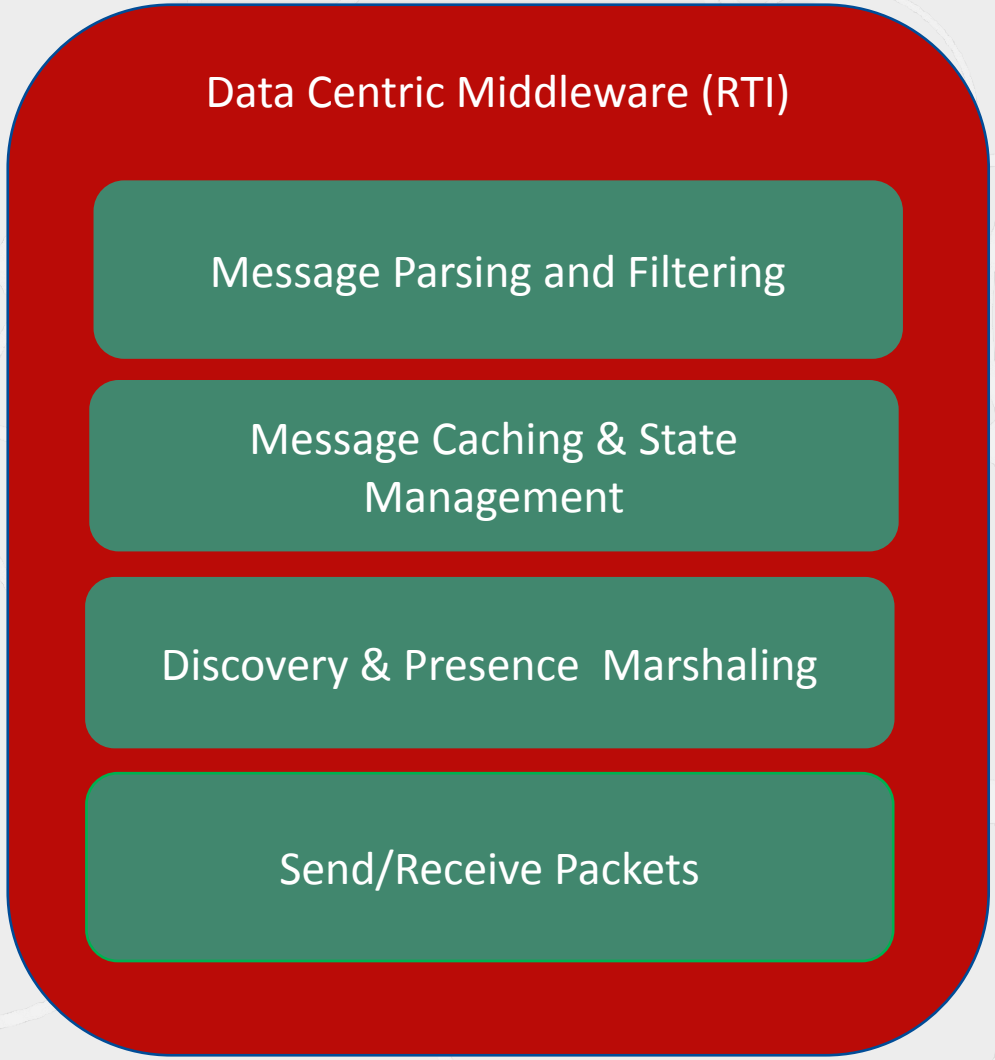
What is DDS?

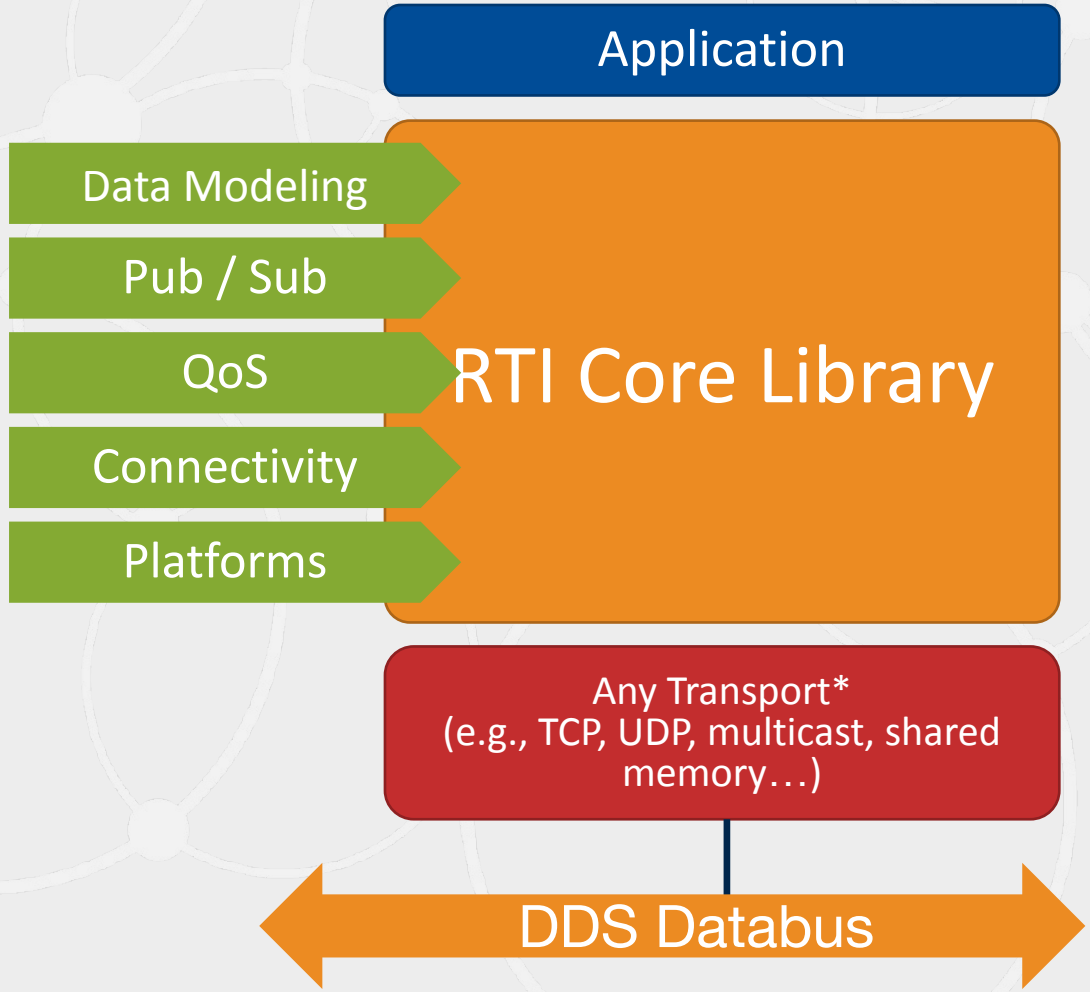
What is DDS?

Data-Distribution Service (DDS) is the first open international middleware standard directly addressing publish-subscribe communications for real-time and embedded systems.

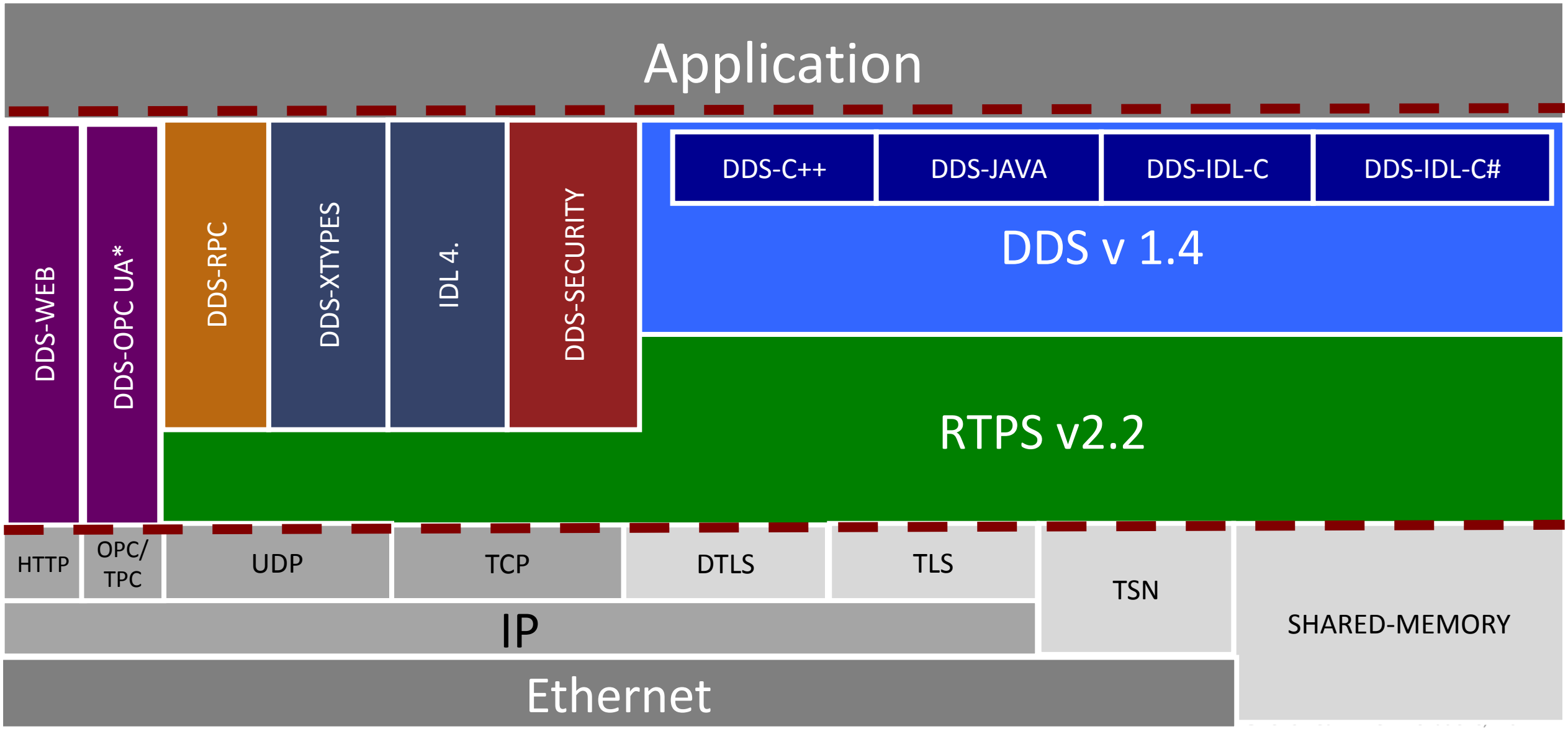


What are the benefits of using DDS?

- Decoupled applications
- Location transparency
- Future proofing
- Secure & Reliable
- Quality of Service



DDS Standard family



15+ Standards and Consortia Efforts

DDS

OMG
OBJECT MANAGEMENT GROUP®

AUTOSAR

industrial internet CONSORTIUM

ROS

OpenFog™

FACE™
Future Airborne Capability Environment

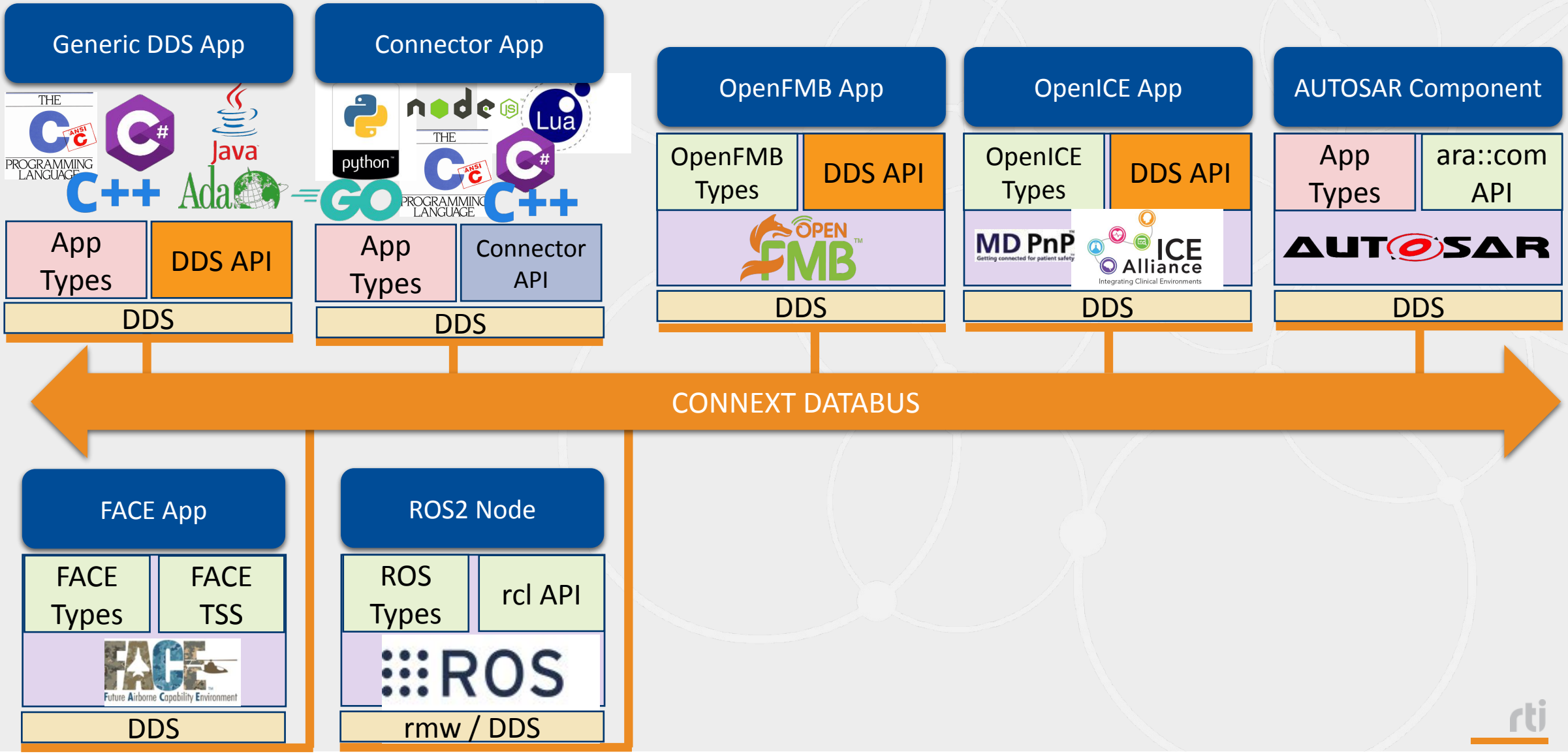
Smart Electric Power Alliance

MD PnP™
Getting connected for patient safety™

ICE Alliance
Integrating Clinical Environments

AVNU®

Connext DDS as Core Connectivity Framework



Prevalence of RTI Connext

Deployed in 1000s of Unique Systems

- Market Leader
  - Largest embedded middleware vendor
- 1000+ Designs
  - Defense
  - Aerospace
  - Healthcare
  - Transportation
  - Energy
- DO-178C Level A Safety Artifacts
- Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 9
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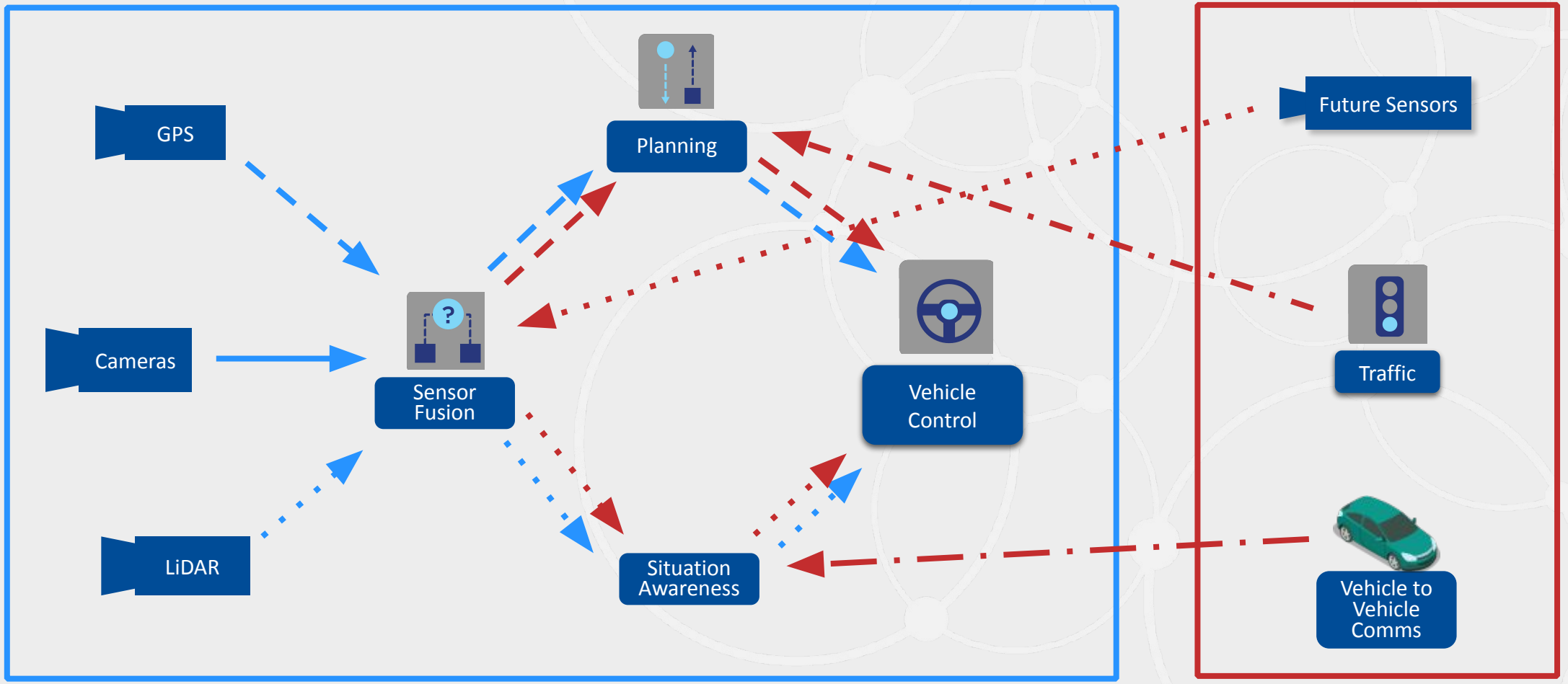
Introduction to DDS concepts

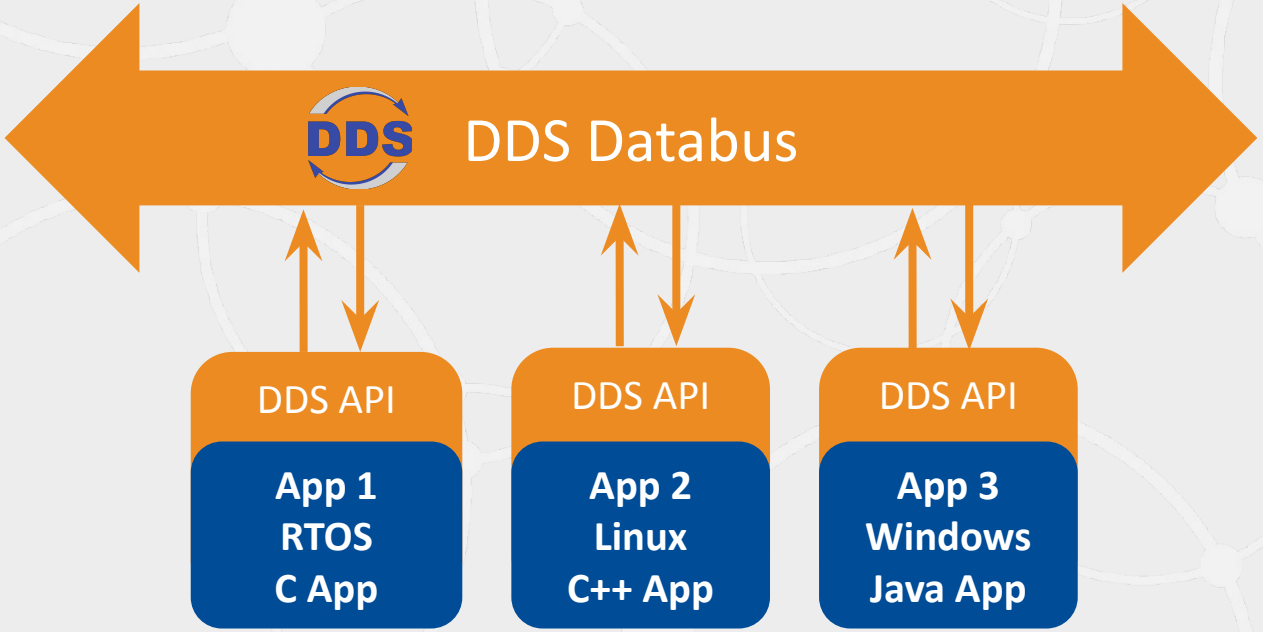
First an example without DDS



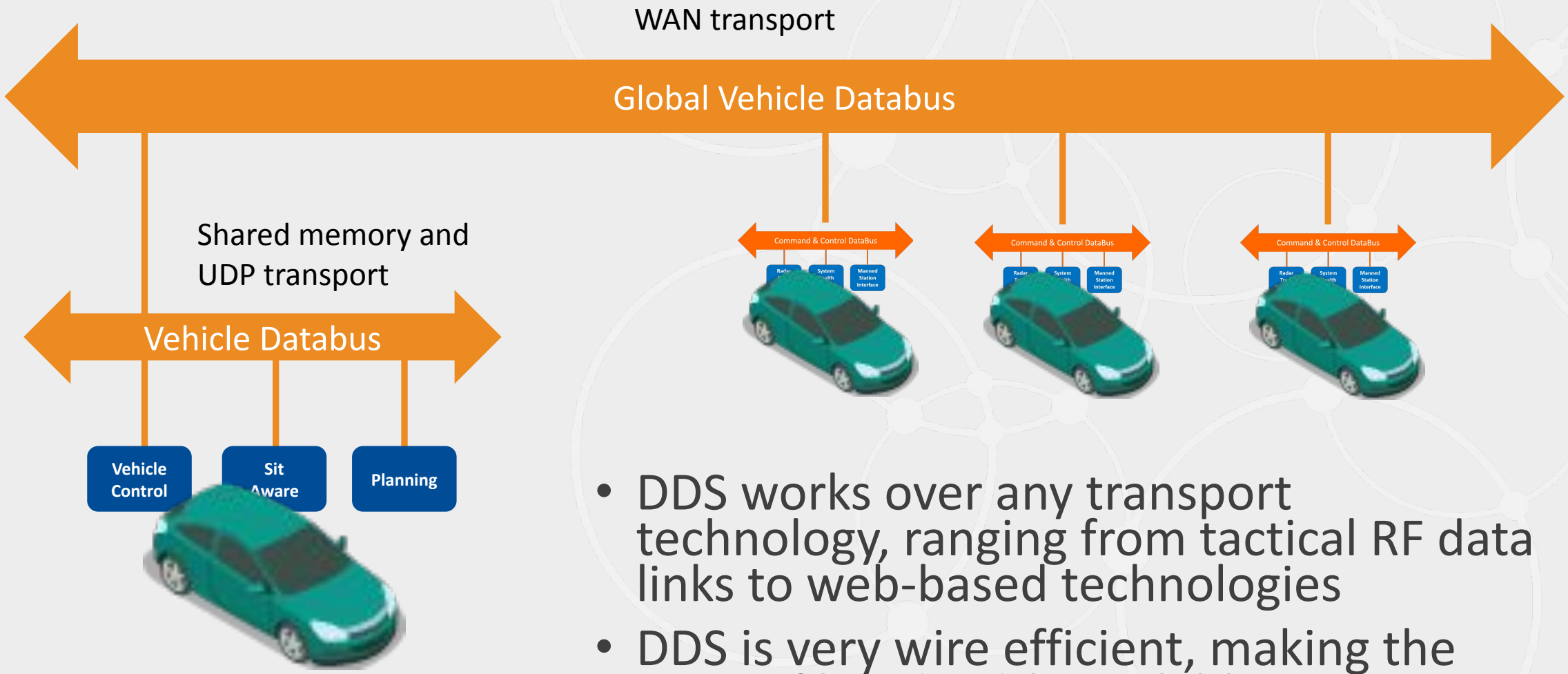
DDS helps cross programming language and OS boundaries

- Out of the box library support for 100+ platforms(operating system + CPU combination)

- Multiple language bindings
  - C
  - C++
  - Modern C++(03 and 11)
  - Java
  - Ada
  - Python
  - Lua
  - Javascript

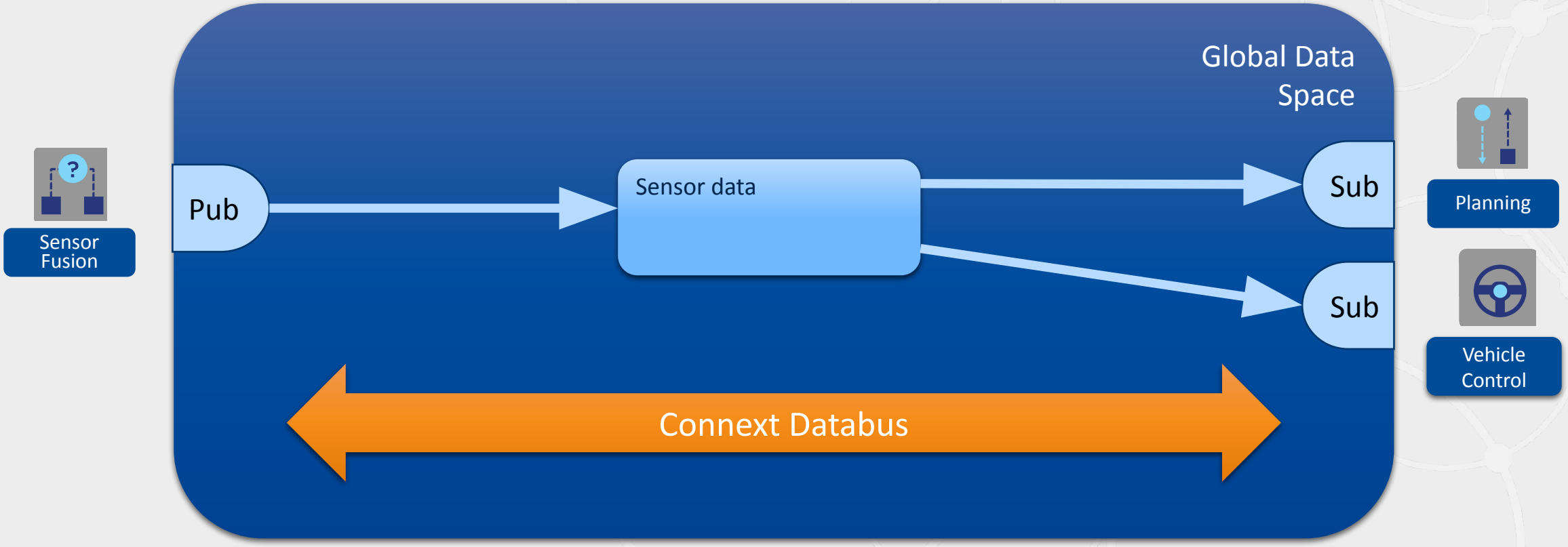


DDS is Transport Agnostic



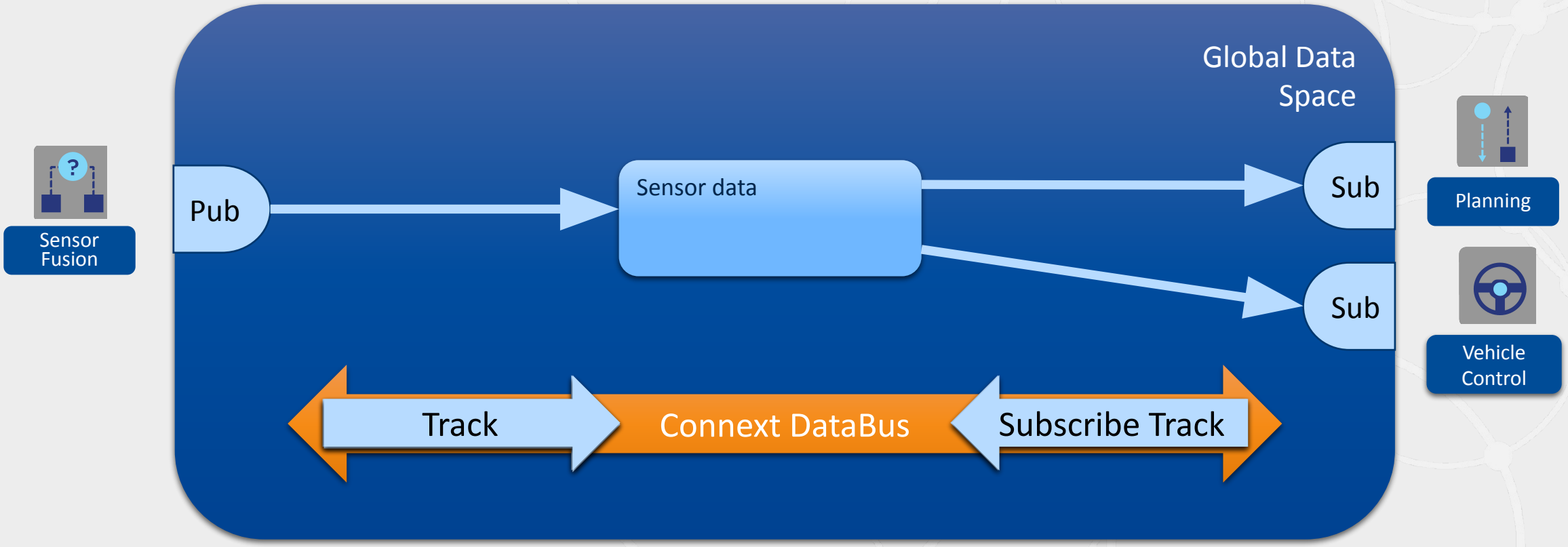
- DDS works over any transport technology, ranging from tactical RF data links to web-based technologies
- DDS is very wire efficient, making the most of bandwidth available.

DDS utilizes a Publish/Subscribe Pattern



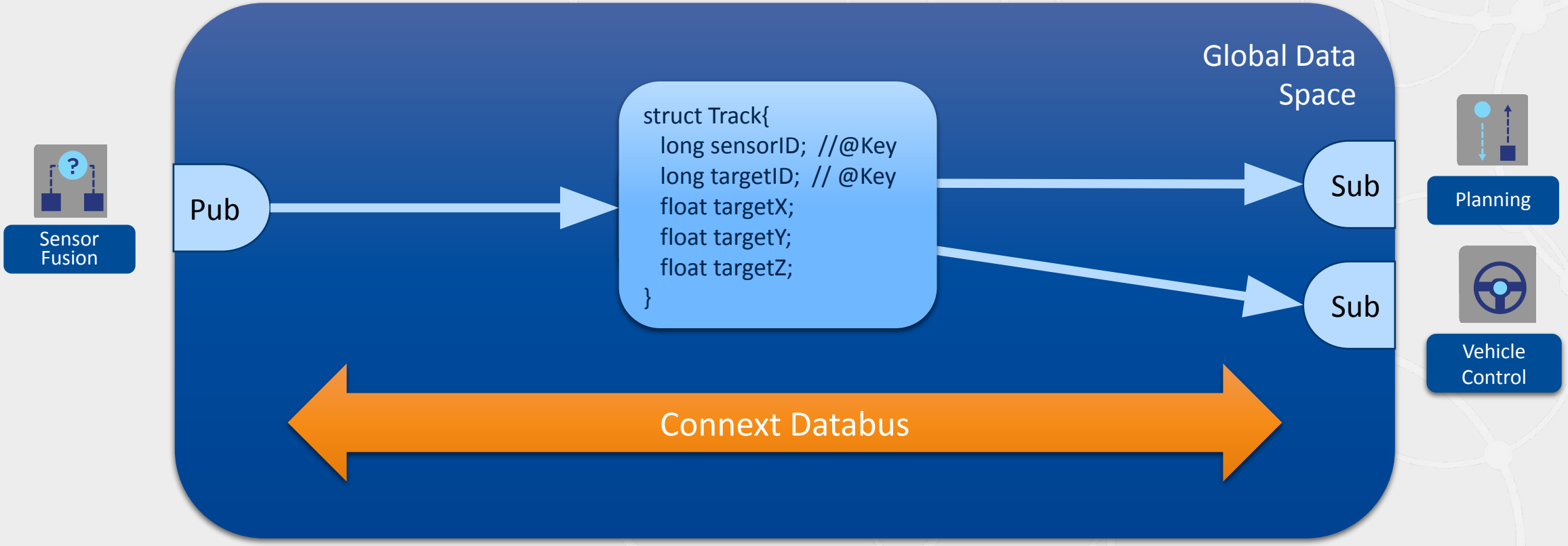
Basic Publish/Subscribe concept. Publishers offer data of a specific type, and subscribers subscribe to data of interest. A publisher can be the source of data for multiple subscribers

Peer Discovery matches Publishers and Subscribers



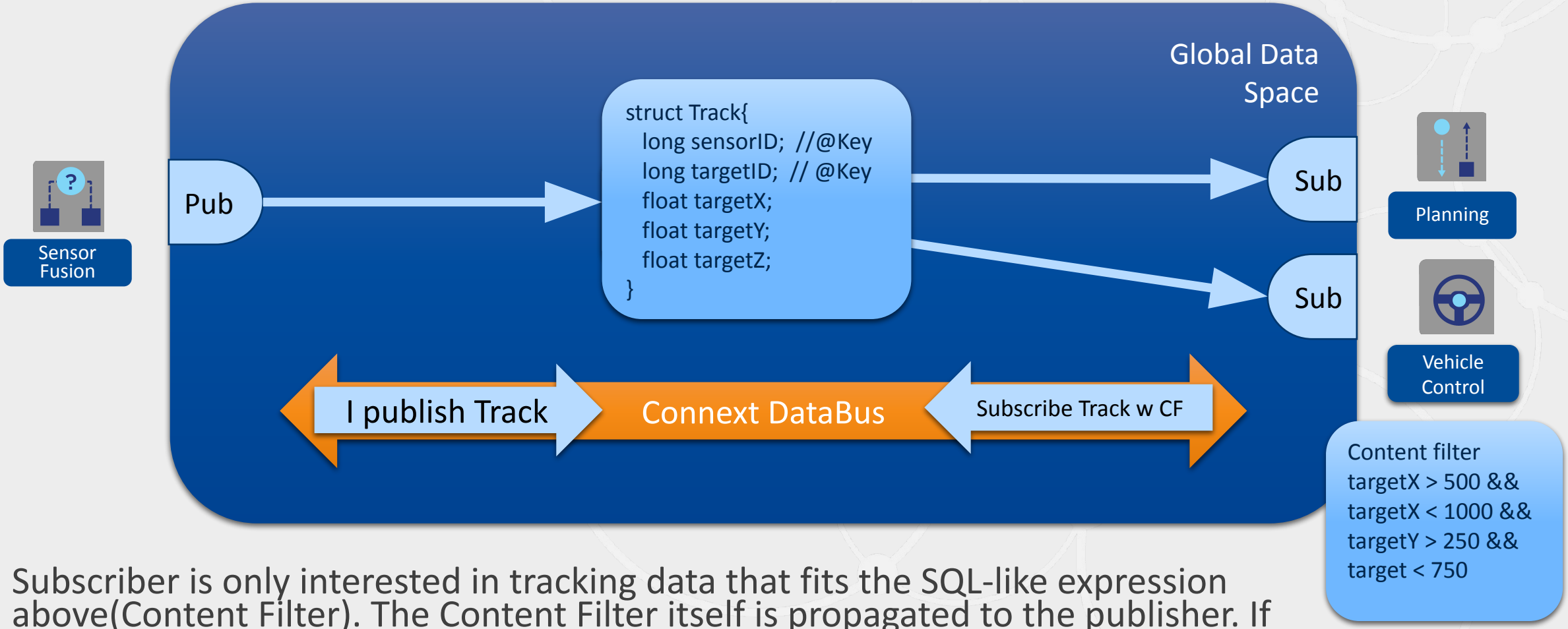
The process by which Publishers and Subscribers find each other is discovery. Generically think of it as a broadcast announcement by a publisher, and potential subscribers responding to it to determine interest. Note, the discovery process happens often meaning DDS provides **loosely coupled endpoints.**

Publish/subscribe with data-centricity



One of the strengths of DDS is that the data model is hard-typed and shared. This means DDS can apply intelligence to messages since it can understand the contents. This is what we call data-centricity.

Data Centricity in action



Subscriber is only interested in tracking data that fits the SQL-like expression above(Content Filter). The Content Filter itself is propagated to the publisher. If no one is interested in a particular sample based on that filter, that packet is NOT transmitted (vs sent and ignored by subscriber).

How is DDS data aware?

- Data that is shared on a DDS databus is defined via an OMG-defined specification called Interface Definition Language(IDL)
  - https://www.omg.org/spec/IDL/
- IDL defines the data member types for user defined data types
- IDL is a shared data model across DDS applications that are interested in a particular type of data
- This enables DDS to know what the data looks like so that it can handle serialization/deserialization, endianness, and allows distributed intelligence based on the contents

Simple IDL example:

```
struct Track{
    long sensorID;    //@key
    long targetID;    //@key
    float targetX;
    float targetY;
    float targetZ;
}
```

Data Model Extensibility

- Final Type
- Type definitions are strictly defined

- Extensible Type
- Newer applications can add fields to existing base types
- This means you can use new message contents on new aspects of a system and not break or need to modify the legacy component

- Mutable Type
- Type representations can differ from each other with Additions, Deletions and Transpositions
- Support for Optional Fields

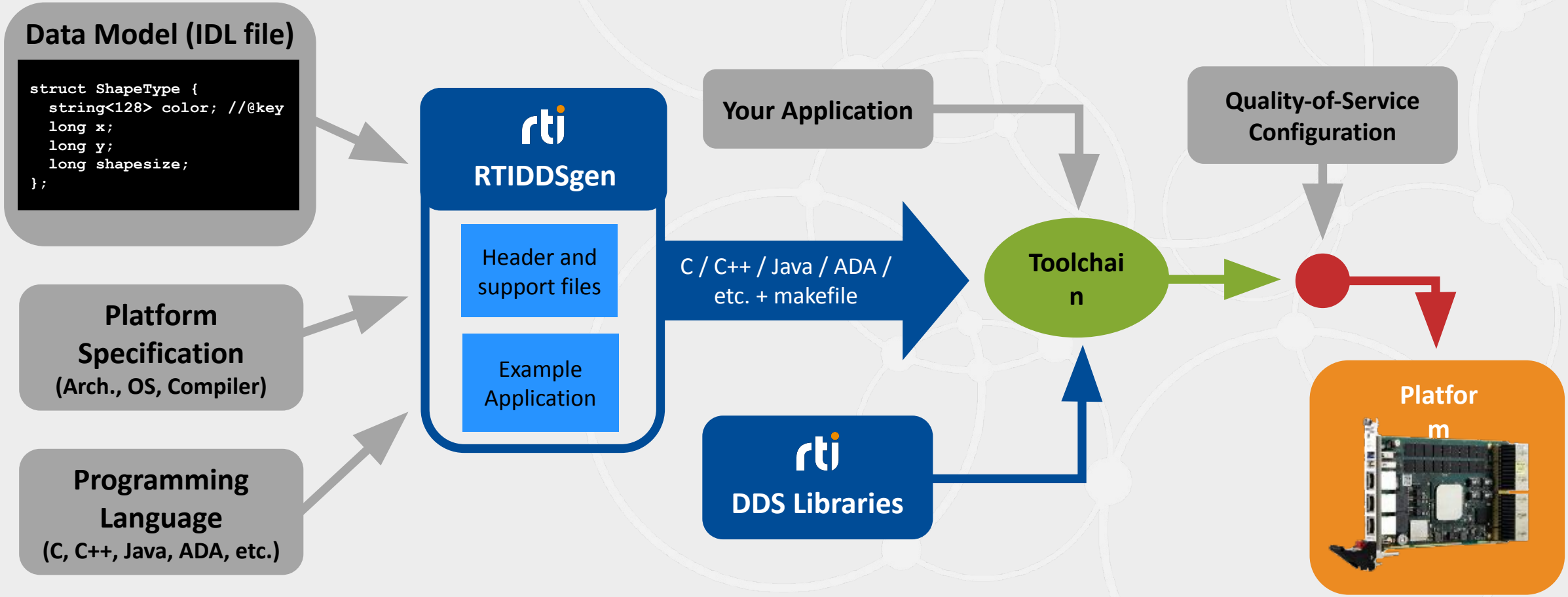
Base Type

```
struct Track{
    long sensorID;    //@key
    long targetID;    //@key
    float targetX;
    float targetY;
    float targetZ;
}
```

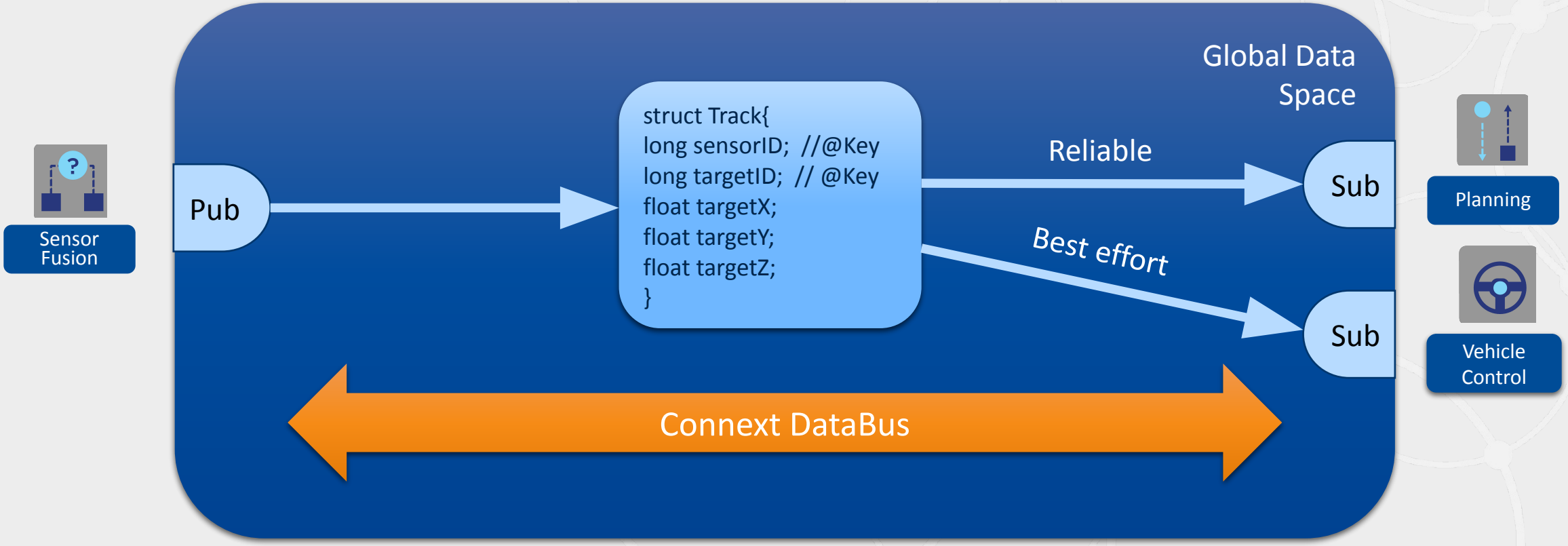
Extended Type

```
struct timedTrack{
    long sensorID;    //@key
    long targetID;    //@key
    float targetX;
    float targetY;
    float targetZ;
    double timestamp;
}
```

Typical Development Workflow for Connext

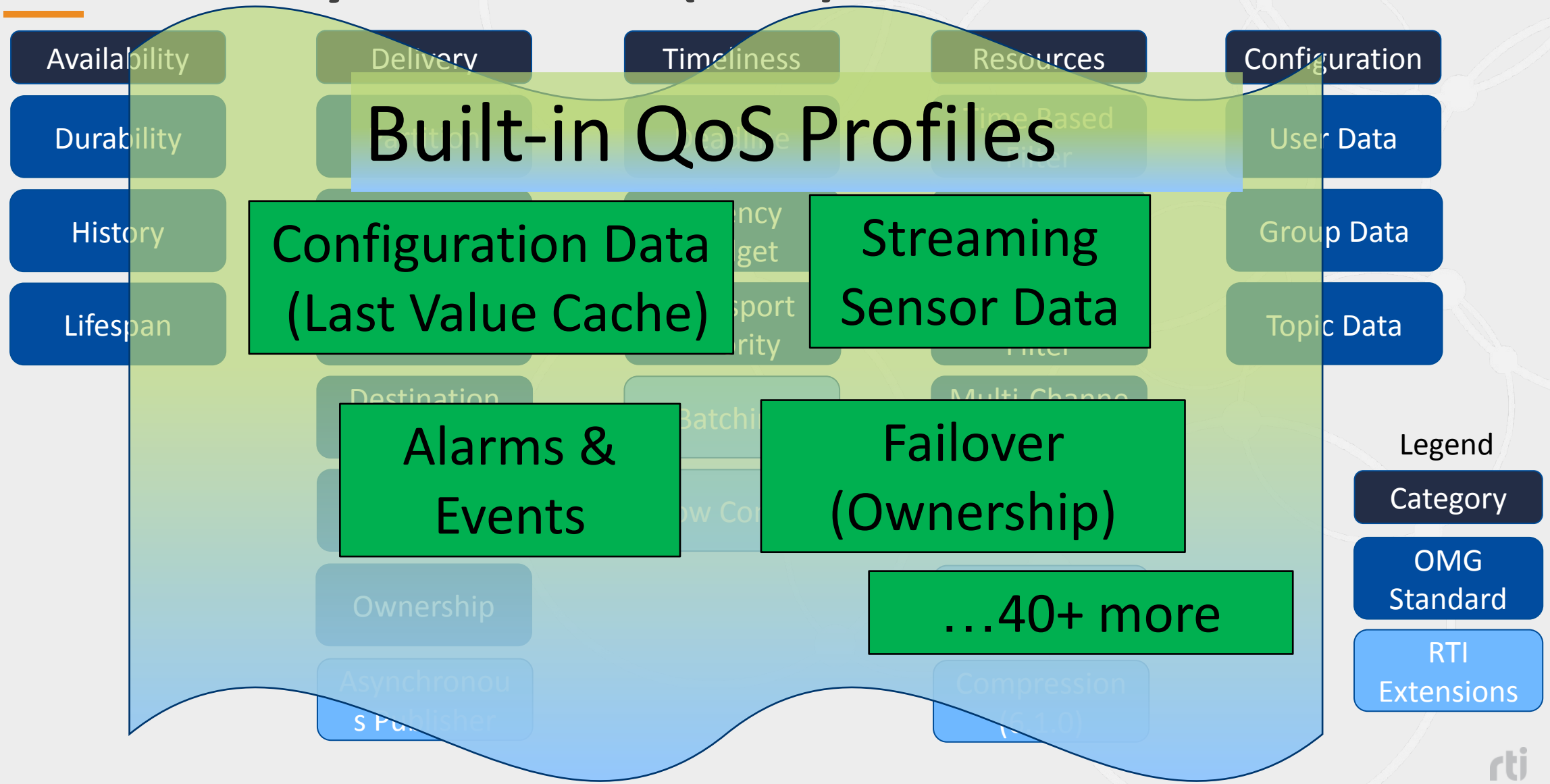


Quality of Service - Not all data is treated the same



In the example above, one Publisher can provide data in two very different ways to two subscribers. Quality of Service is negotiated during the peer discovery process discussed earlier.

DDS Quality of Service (QoS)



QoS Use Case: Alarms / Events

- Availability
- Durability
- History
- Lifespan
- Delivery
- Partition
- Reliability
- Presentation
- Destination Order
- Liveliness
- Ownership
- Asynchronous Publisher
- Timeliness
- Deadline
- Latency Budget
- Transport Priority
- Batching
- Flow Control
- Resources
- Time Based Filter
- Resource Limits
- Sub. Content Filter
- Multi-Channel
- Pub. Content Filter
- Limited Bandwidth
- Compression (6.1.0)
- Configuration
- User Data
- Group Data
- Topic Data

QoS Use Case: Failover

- Availability
  - Durability
  - History
  - Lifespan
- Delivery
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  - Reliability
  - Presentation
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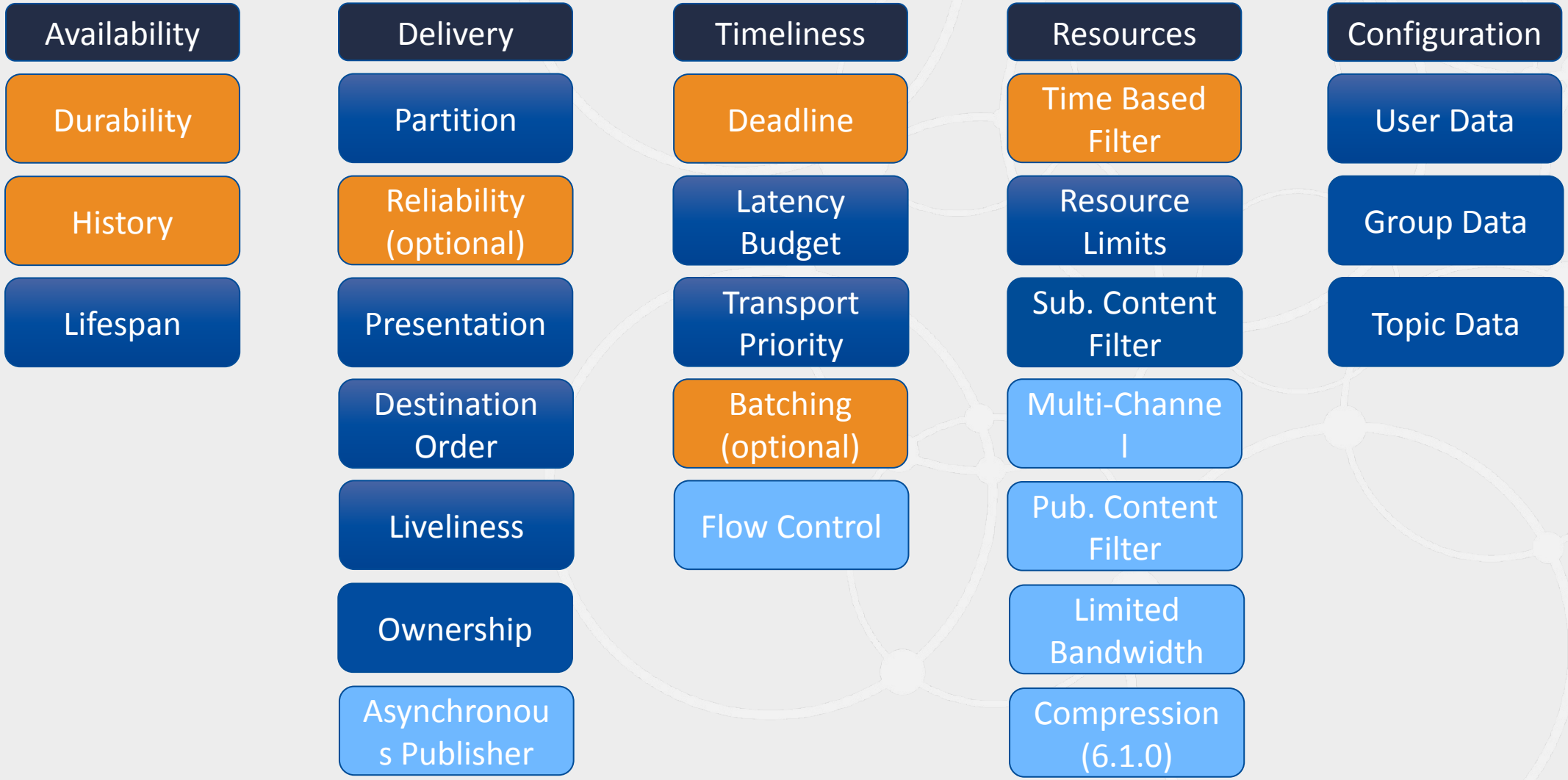
QoS Use Case: Streaming Data



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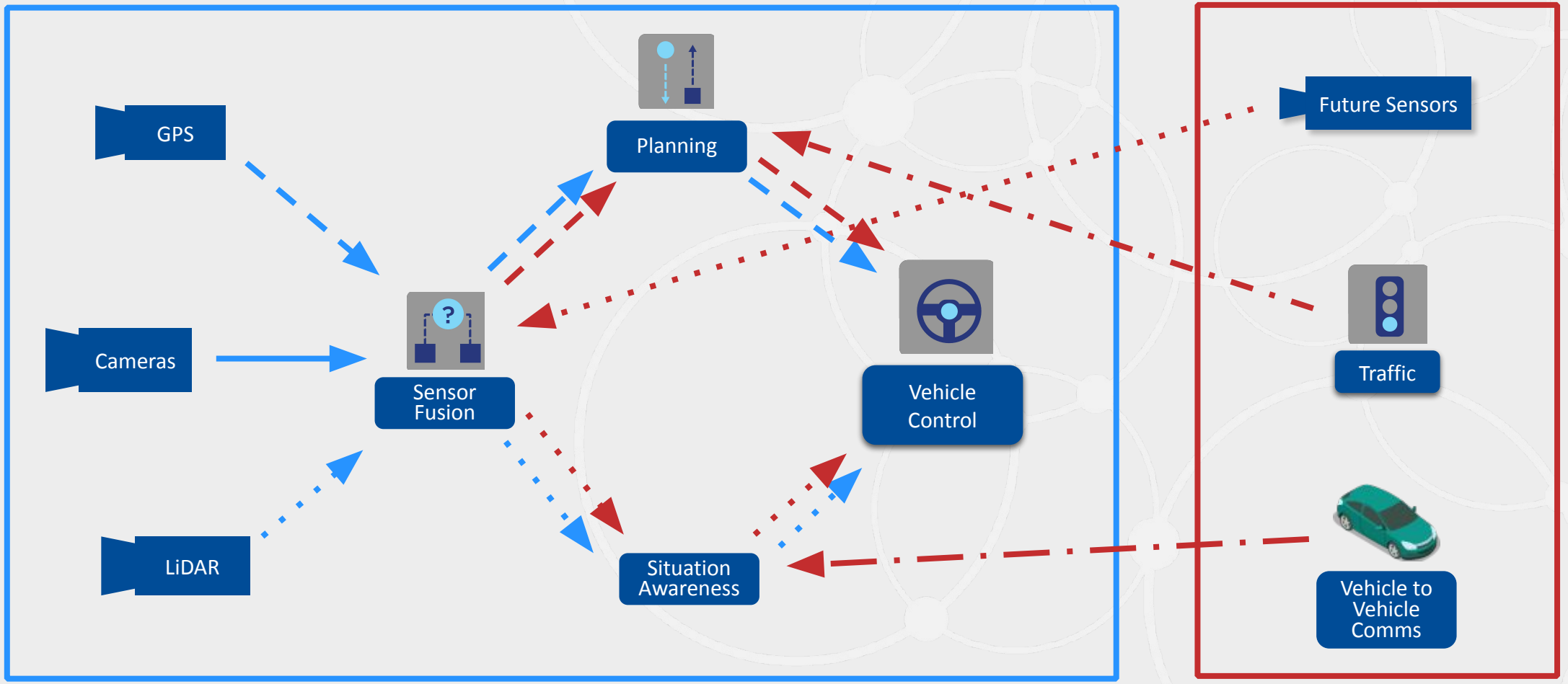
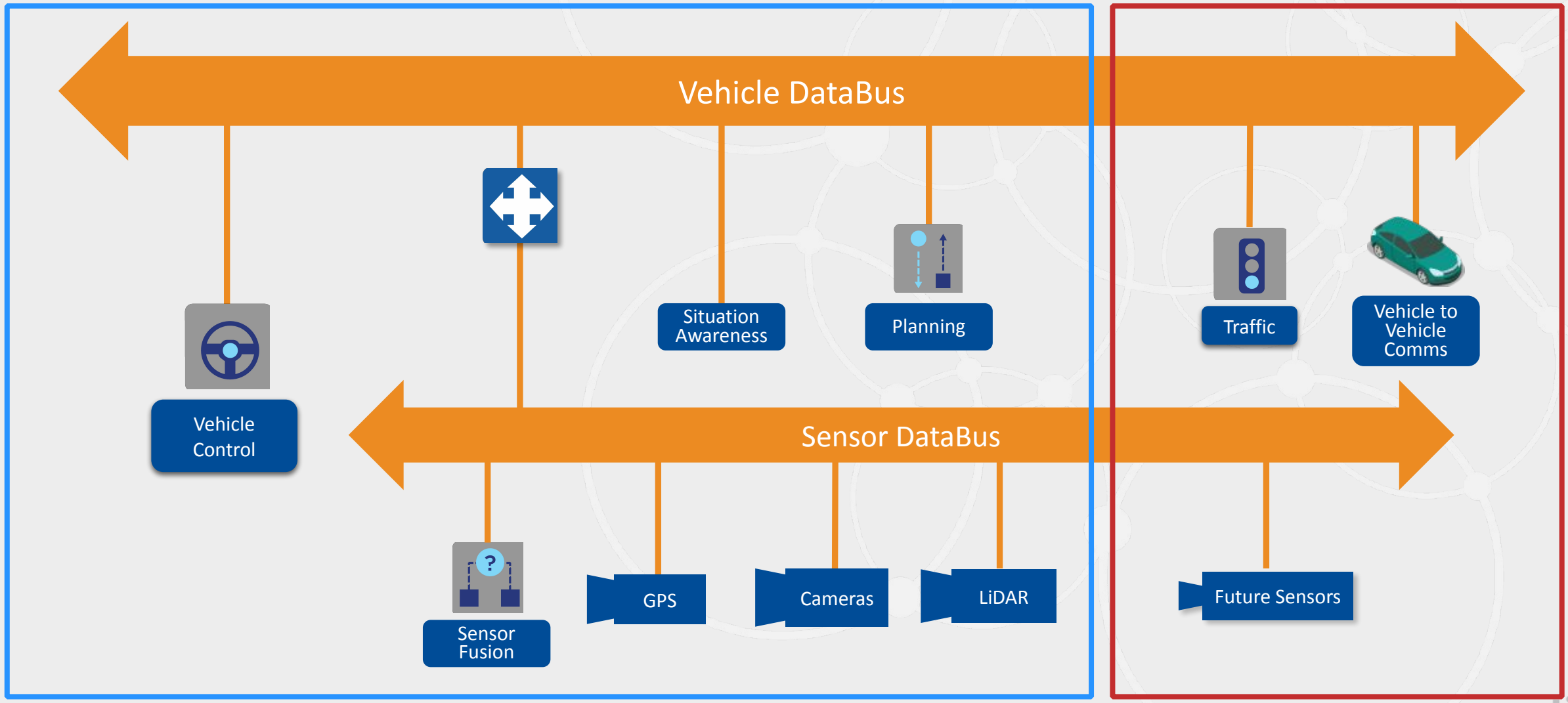


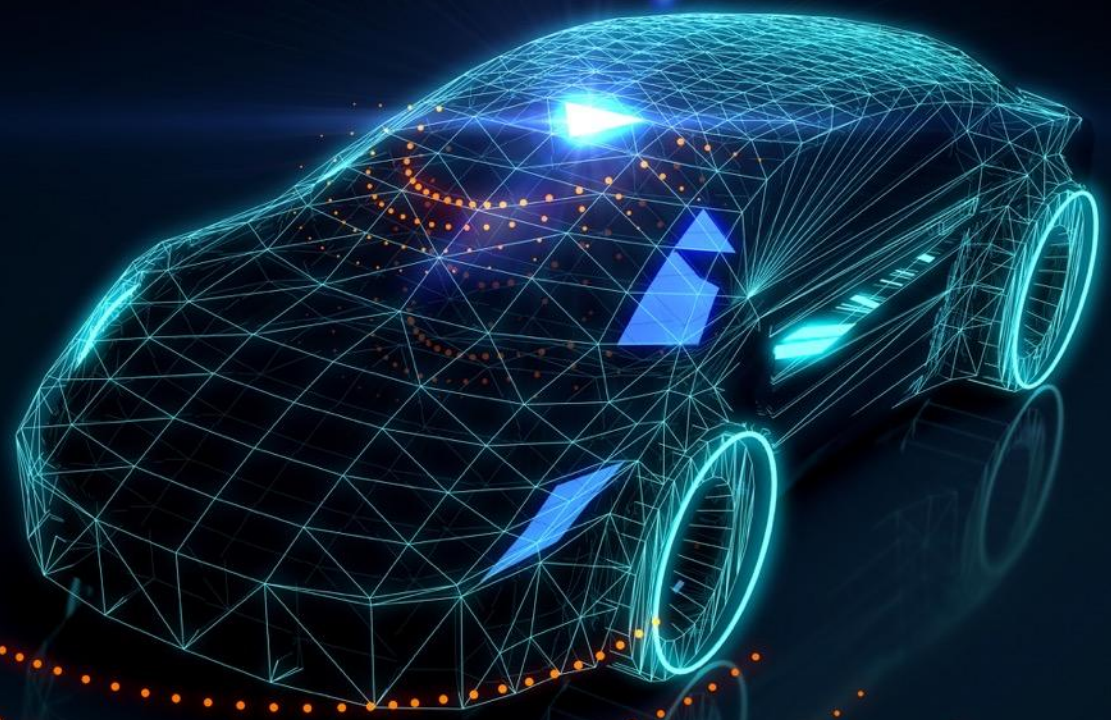
Revisiting the Example with DDS



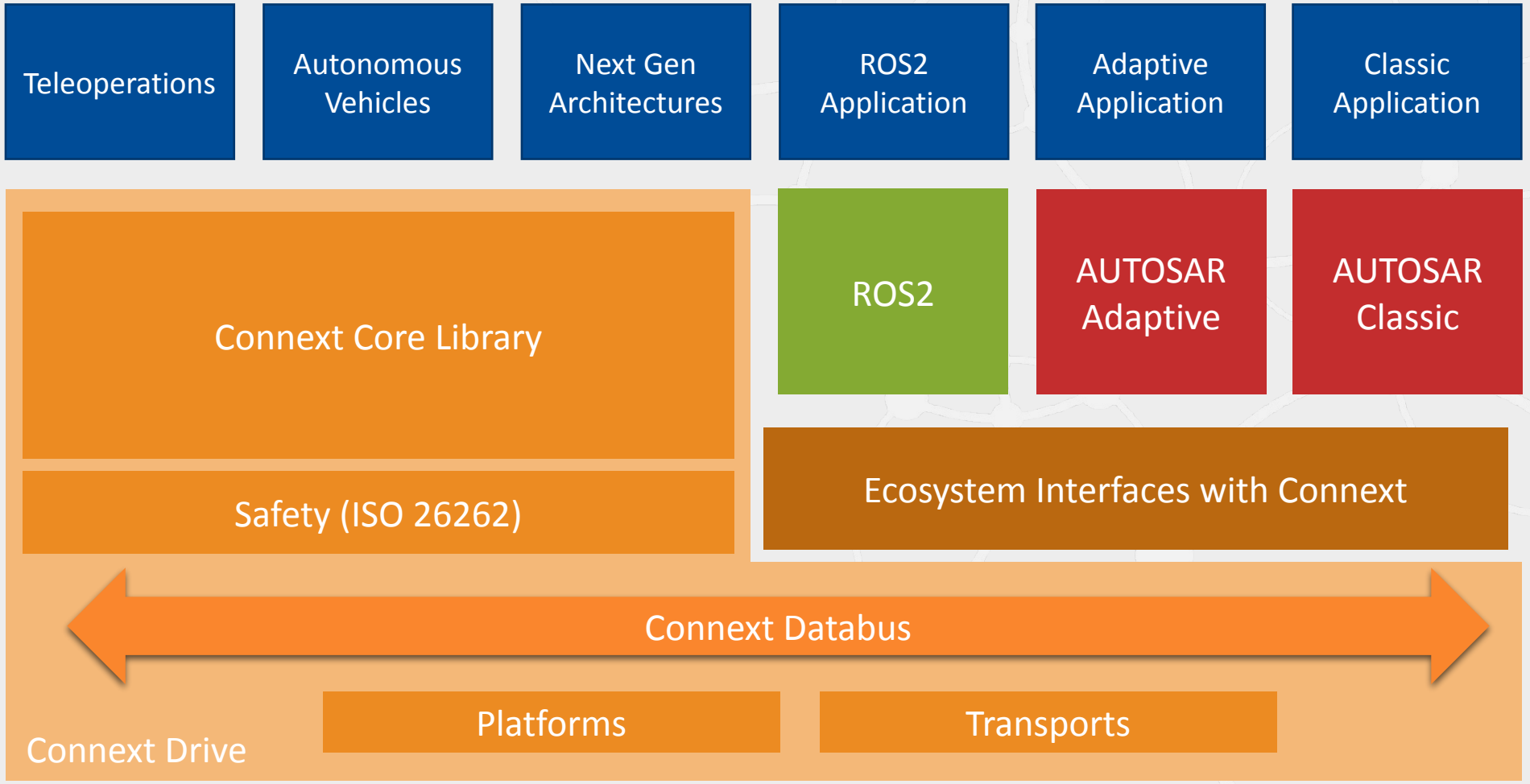
Real-world DDS Use Cases

Automotive Use Case

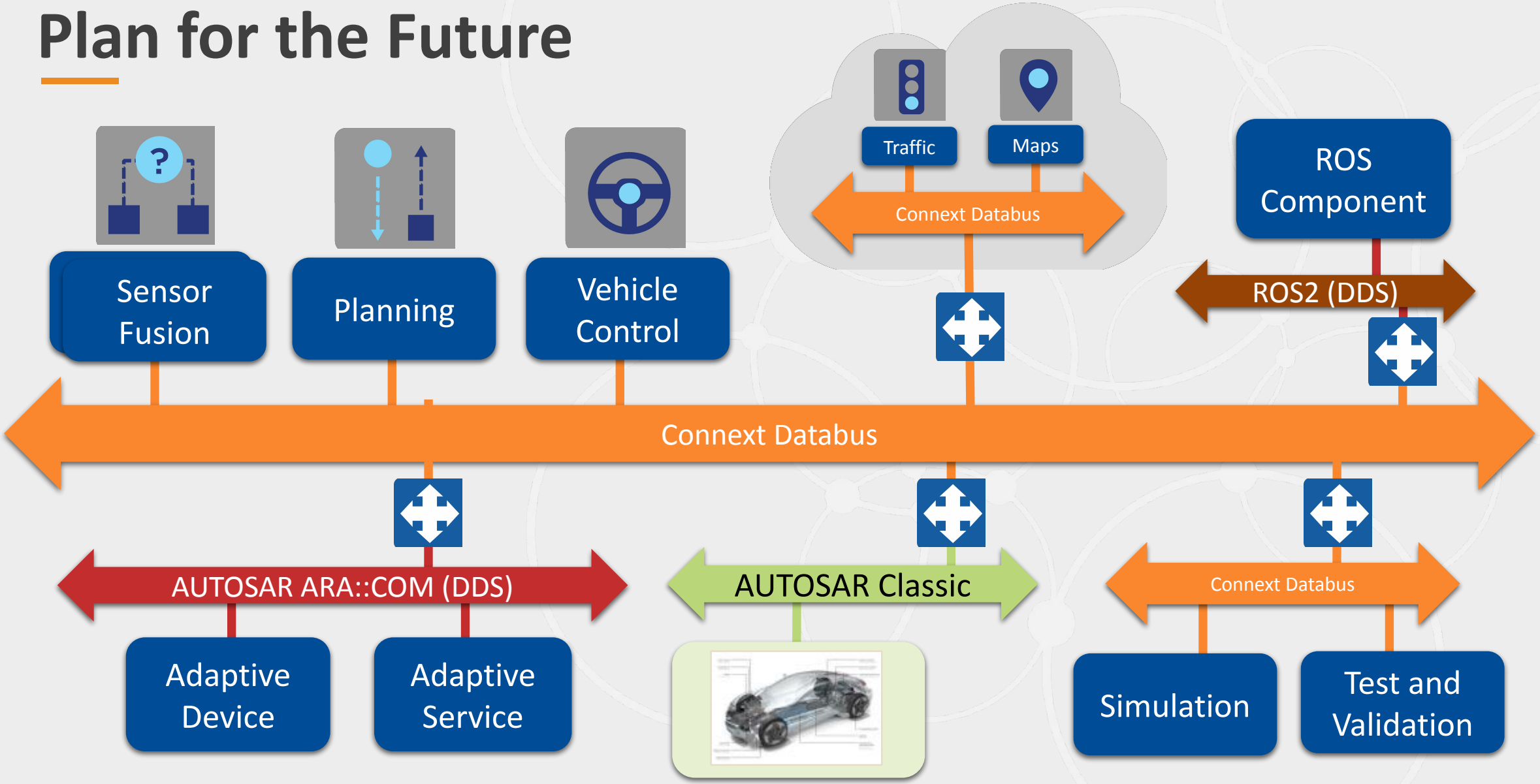
- Simple solution for Automotive customers
- Designed for the Automotive Market
- Complete ECU to Cloud Framework
- Only proven-in-use framework that will meet all Autonomous use cases
- Future Proof, data-centric architecture will support industry evolution

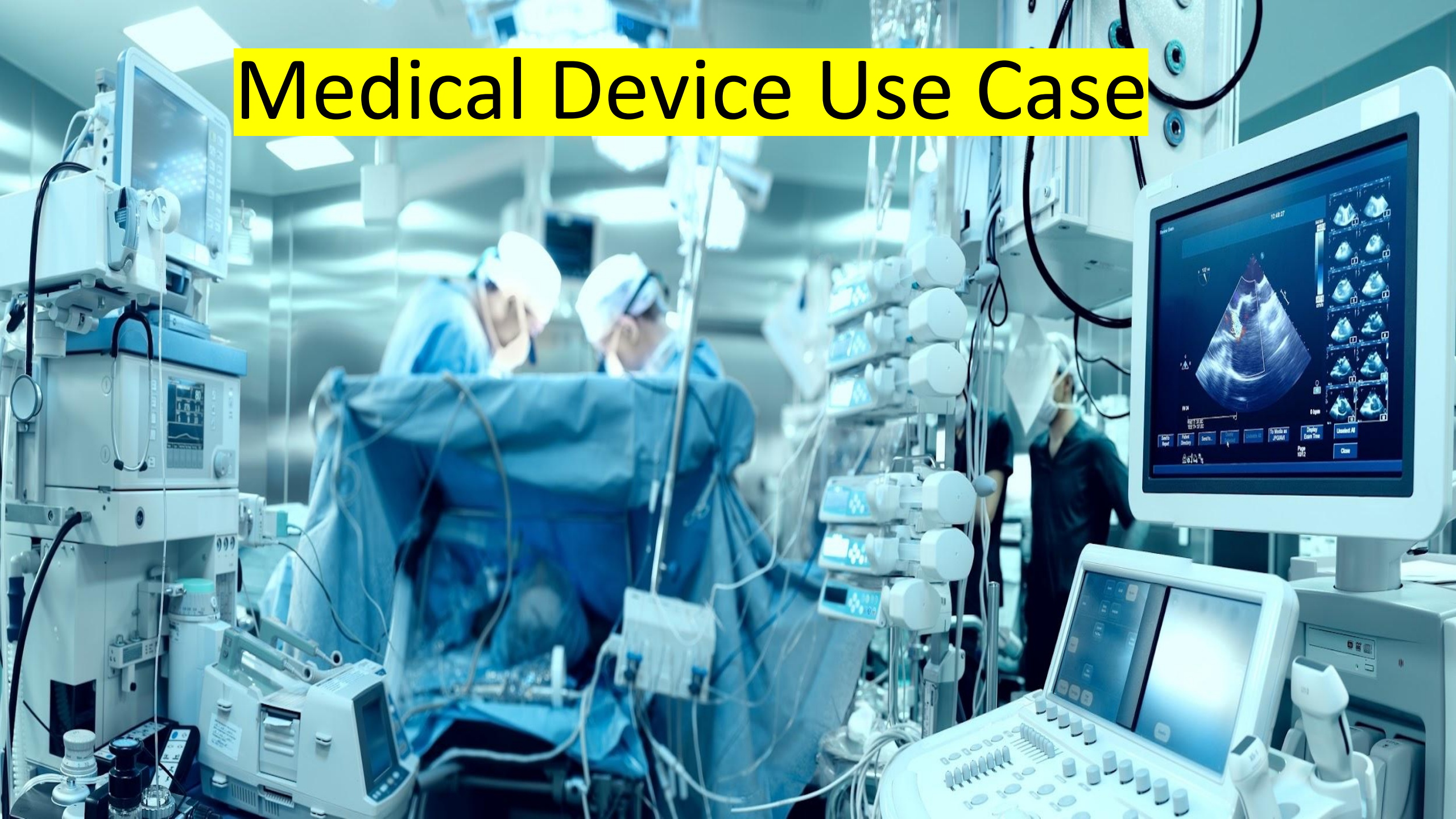


Connext Drive - Developer Framework & SDK



Plan for the Future




Medical Device Use Case

Benefits of Robotically-Assisted Procedures

- Smaller incisions
- More precise and effective treatments
- Faster patient recovery

Robot-assisted surgery system

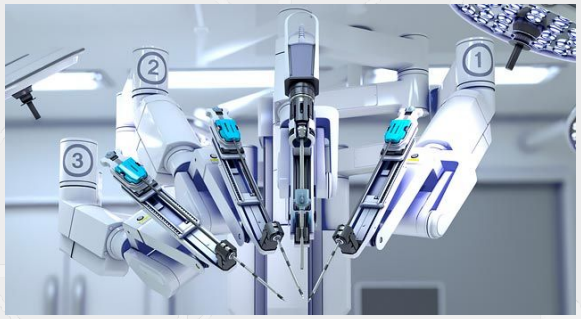
Controller – Nodes:

- Safety, visualization
- Power Control, foot switch emulator
- Gateway

DDS Command and Control

Robot Arms

- Real-time OS
- Low Latency High Reliability



Surgeon Console

- Realtime and HMI systems

Control Data

Safety Data , Alarms & Notifications

Data Flows

- Alarms and Notifications
- Safety Data
- Realtime Control Data
- Process and Deployment
- Configuration Management
- Logging

Demonstration