



How to Remotely Monitor Systems with Time Series and DDS

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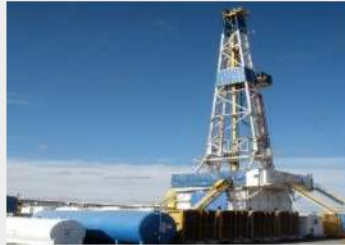
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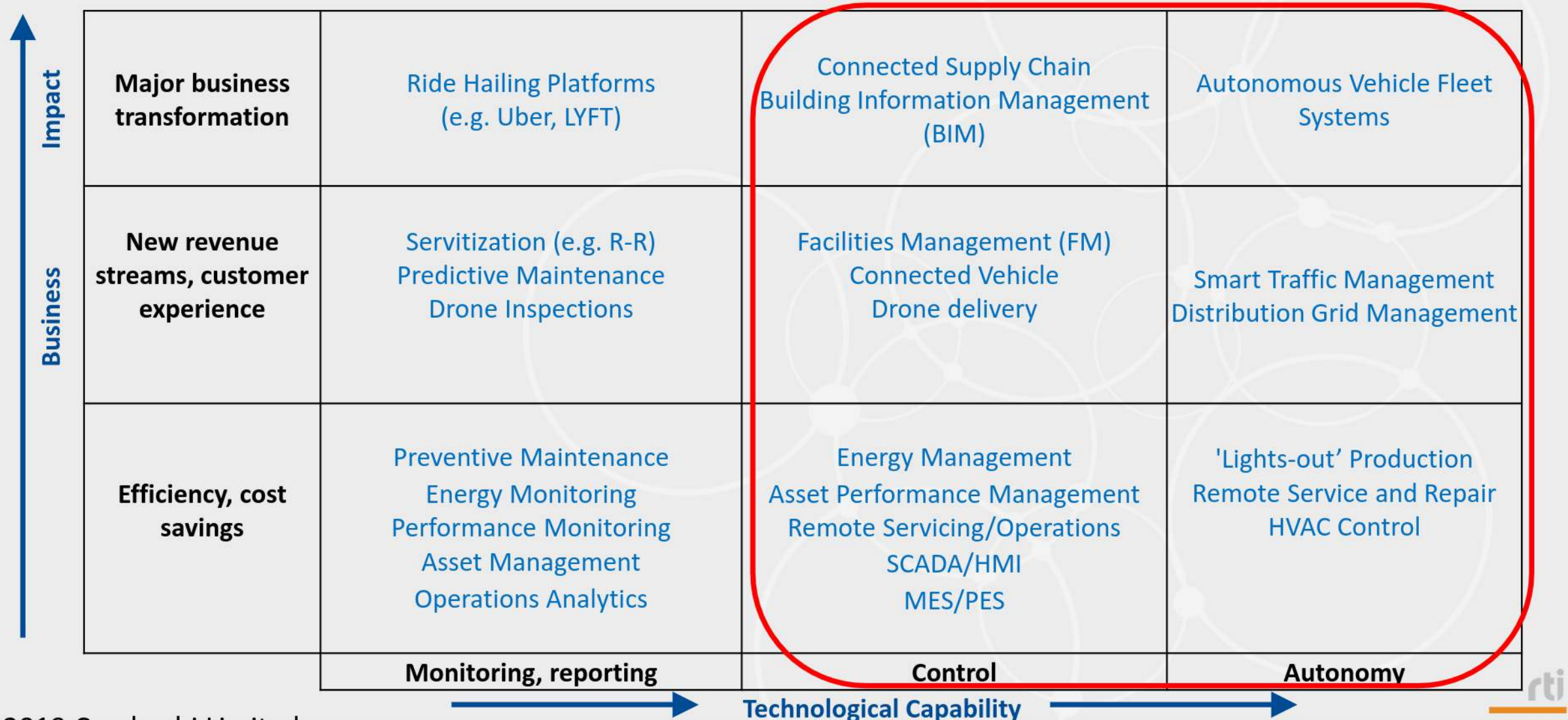
Software connectivity framework that delivers system **resiliency, security, performance, scale** and **interoperability**.

Foundational to over 1,200 systems.



Digital Transformation Maturity Matrix

Connext DDS Enables Advanced IIoT Systems



Connex 6: Platform for Distributed System Connectivity



Connex DDS Professional

Connectivity software for developing and integrating IIoT systems.



Connex DDS Secure

Designed for systems requiring robust, fine-grained security.



Code
Generation



Data
Routing



Data
Persistence



Data
Queuing



Recording
& Replay



System
Administration



System
Introspection



System
Monitoring



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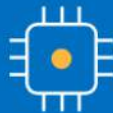
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Connex DDS Micro

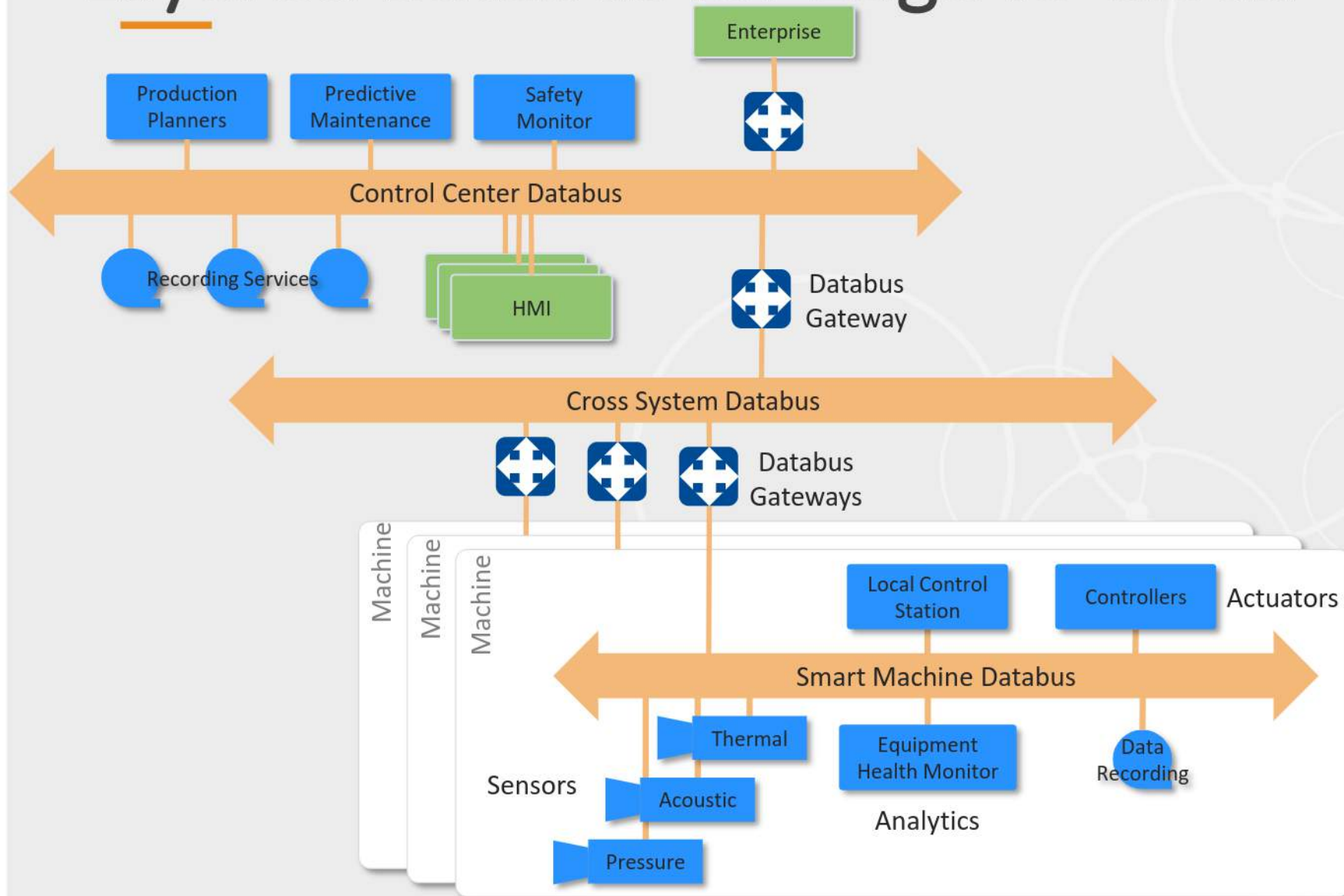
Designed for resource-constrained systems.



Connex DDS Cert

Designed for safety-certifiable systems.

Layered Databus for Edge to Cloud



- Widely used across advanced Industrial IoT systems
- Resilient, secure, fast, scalable

Connex DDS Resilience



- DDS controls the 6.8 GW Grand Coulee Dam
 - Largest power plant in North America
 - Fastest-responding major power source on the Western Grid
 - Requires 24x7 operation

- Connex DDS met the challenges
 - Extreme availability
 - Wide area communications
 - Multi-level routing
 - High security

Fault tolerance protecting against even minimal downtime



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Connex DDS Security: A Demanding Test

- USS Secure cybersecurity testbed
 - Collaboration between the NSA, DoD, Navy, Naval Research, John Hopkins Univ APL, RTI
- Objectives
 - Immunize against cyberattack and to rapidly recover when impacted
 - Determine the best cyber-defense technologies without impacting real-time performance
- Results
 - Thumbs Up for RTI Connex DDS Security



Data secured end-to-end and access managed per user and application

Connex DDS Security: Unique Capabilities

- Beyond endpoint and network security, Connex uses DDS Security to secure the data streams individually
 - Better protects against malicious insider attacks and segregates data by user and application
- Connex provides seamless end-to-end data communication security
 - Works over any network and even between apps on one compute node
- Connex allows you to balance performance and security in the system

Connex DDS Performance



- The NASA Kennedy launch control is the world's largest single-system SCADA
- It combines 400k data points, at 500k msgs/sec

Low-latency, high throughput data comms

Connex DDS Scale



- Raytheon uses RTI middleware to control the new Zumwalt DDG 1000 destroyer
- The system connects hundreds of computers, 1,500 teams building thousands of applications, and more than 10m publish-subscribe pairs

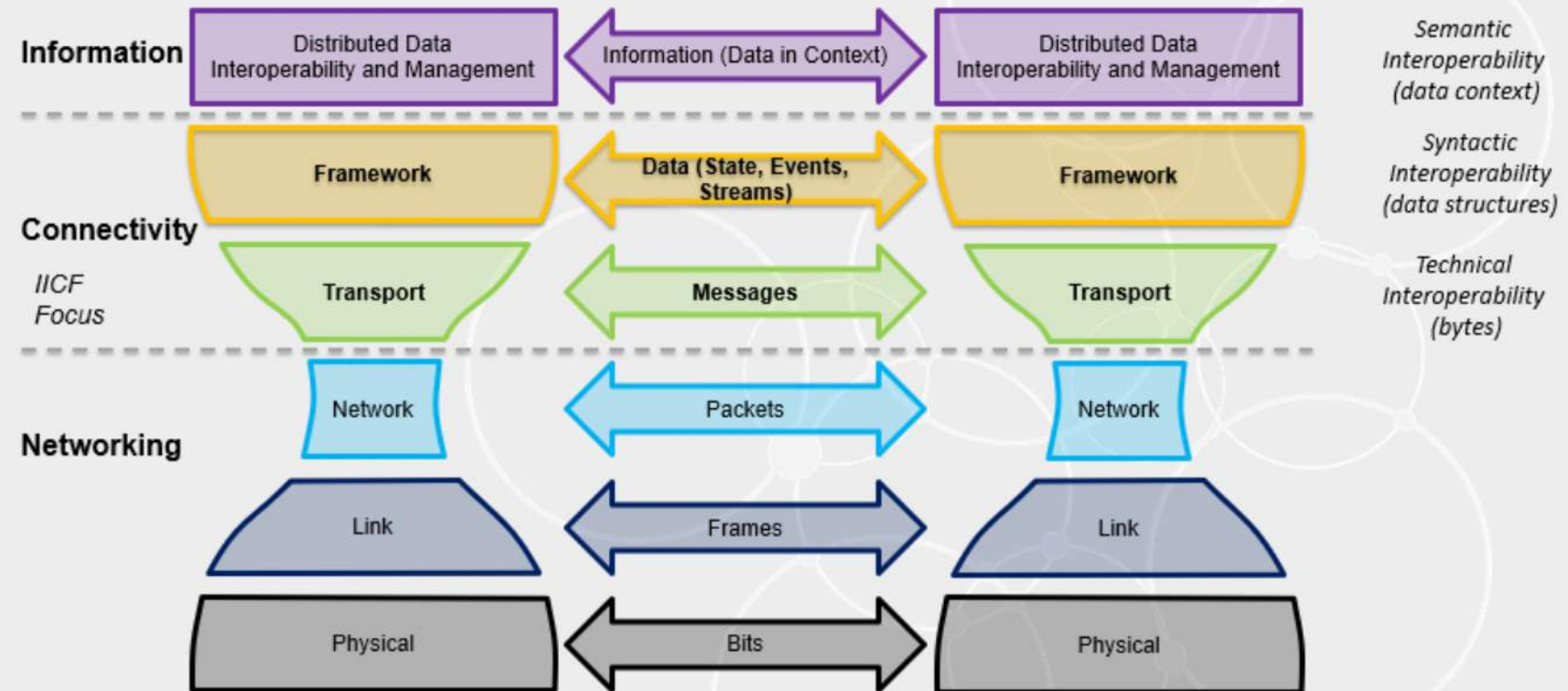
Widely shared data and many applications integrated



Connex DDS Interoperability

- Open DDS Connectivity Standard
- Supports Data Models
- Provides Data Centric Modularity

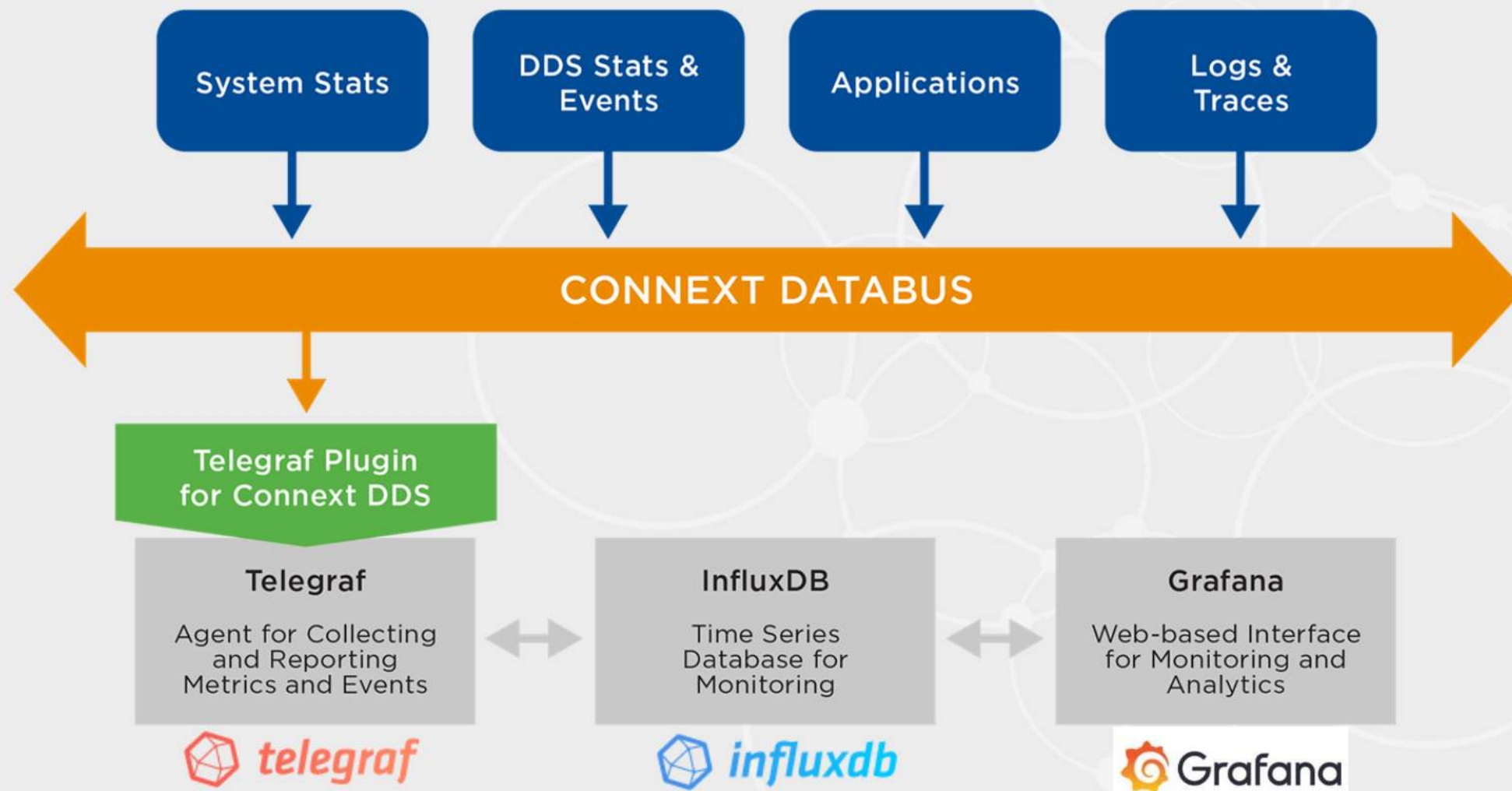
IIoT Connectivity Stack Model



Open standards: software and device modularity, interchange and portability

Integration of RTI Connnext DDS and InfluxDB

Telegraf Plugin for Connex DDS enables monitoring architecture with DDS and InfluxDB

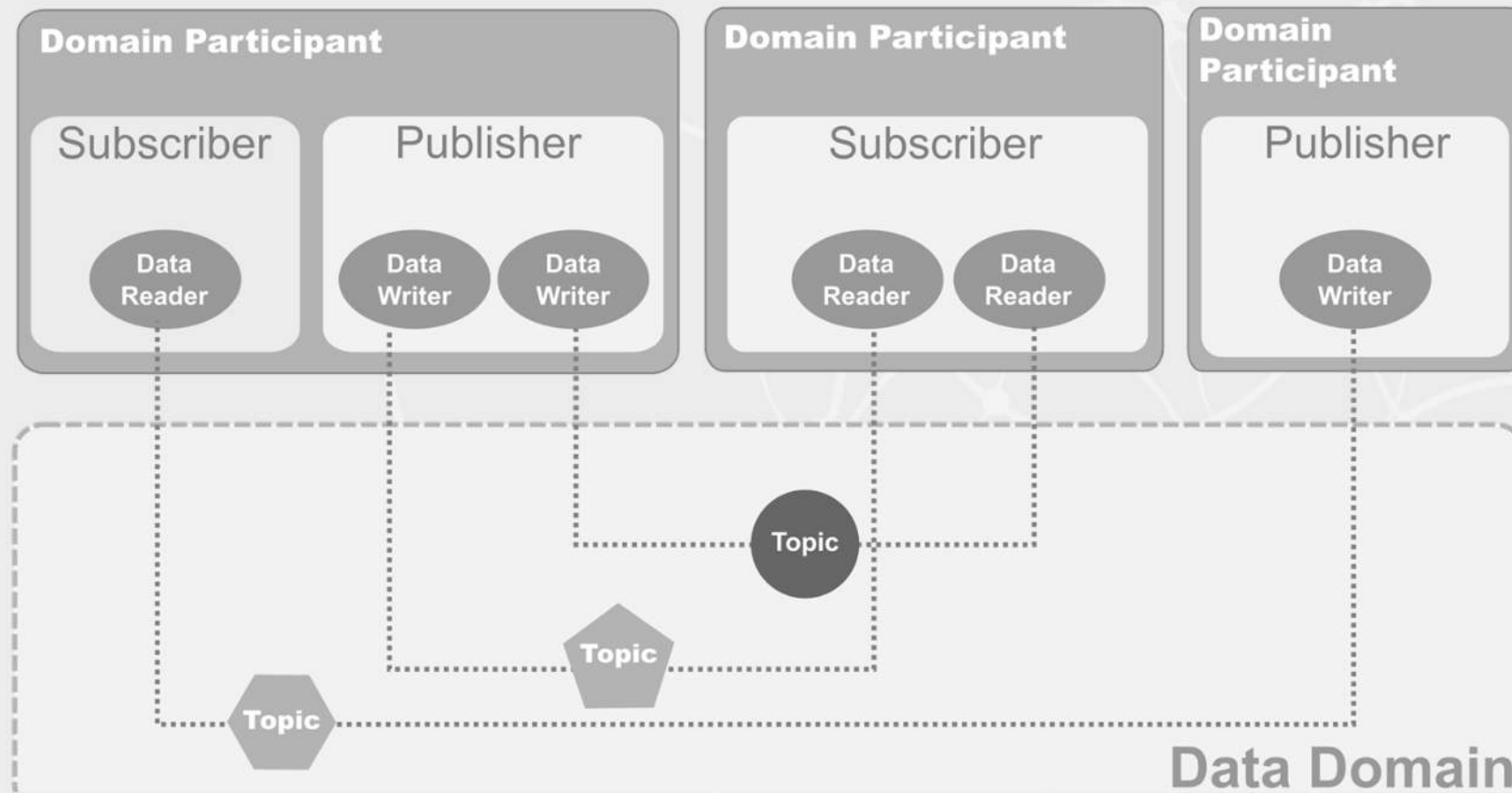


Why did RTI decide to use the InfluxDB stack?

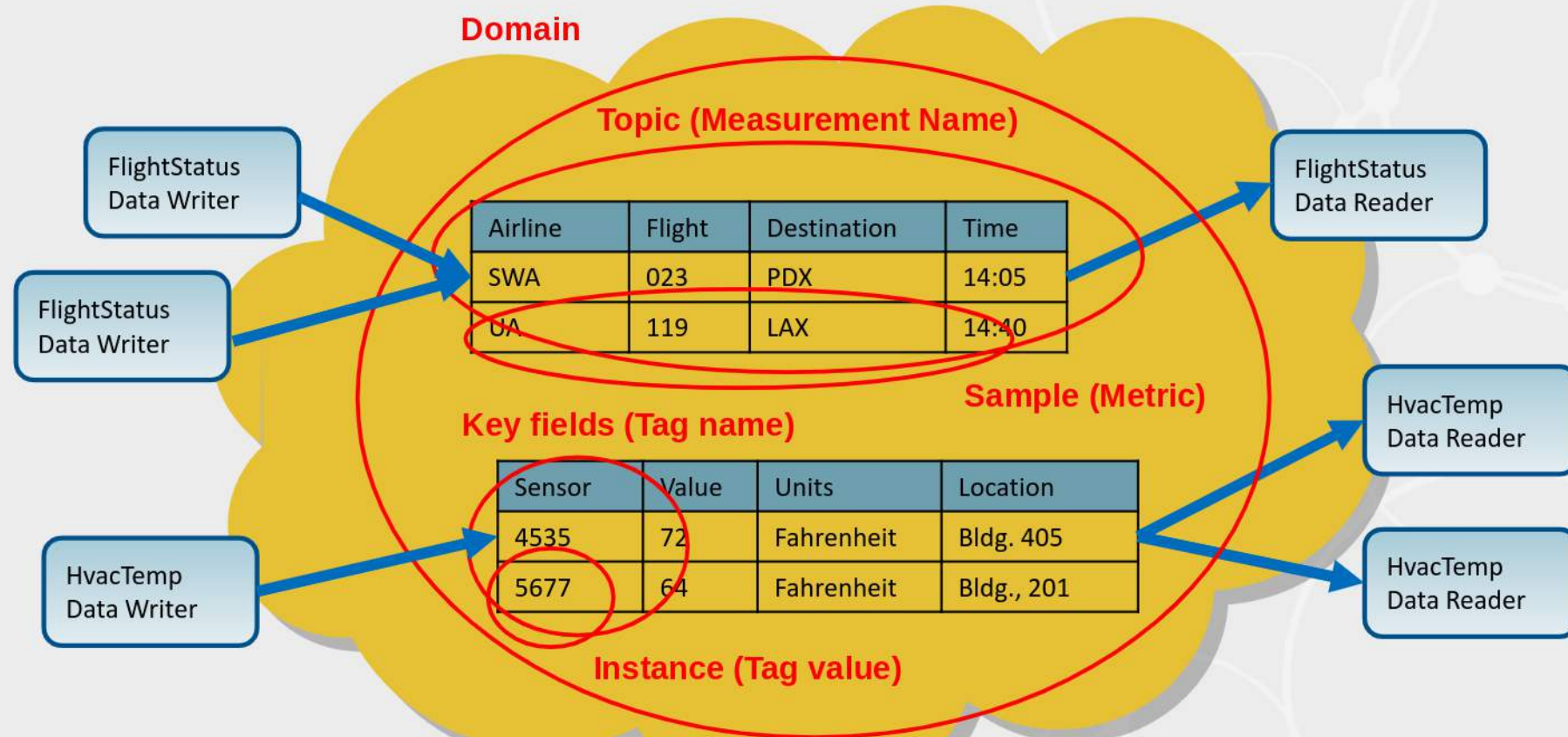
- Telegraf uses **push-based** metric collection, which is a better fit for DDS (event-based based pub/sub model)
- Many **out-of-the-box plugins** for system monitoring
- **Mature** and widely adopted **open source** technology with **commercial** offering/support

DDS and InfluxDB

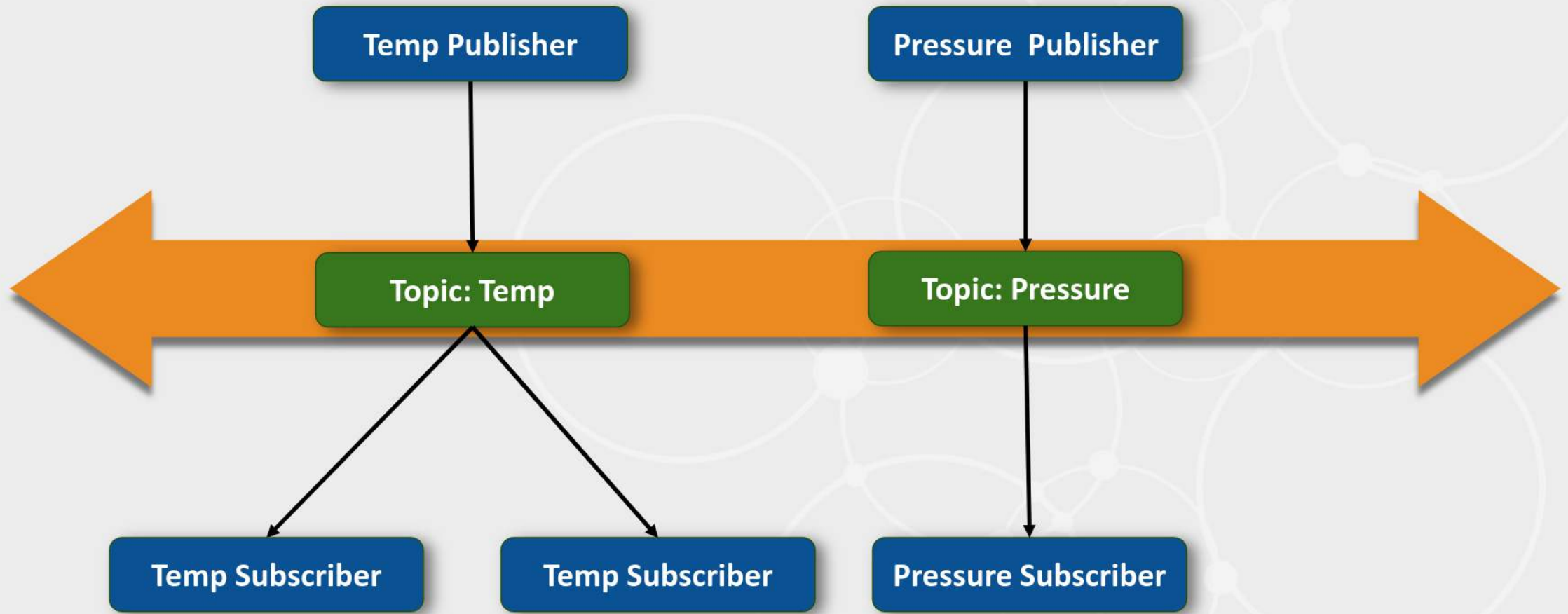
DDS Terminology



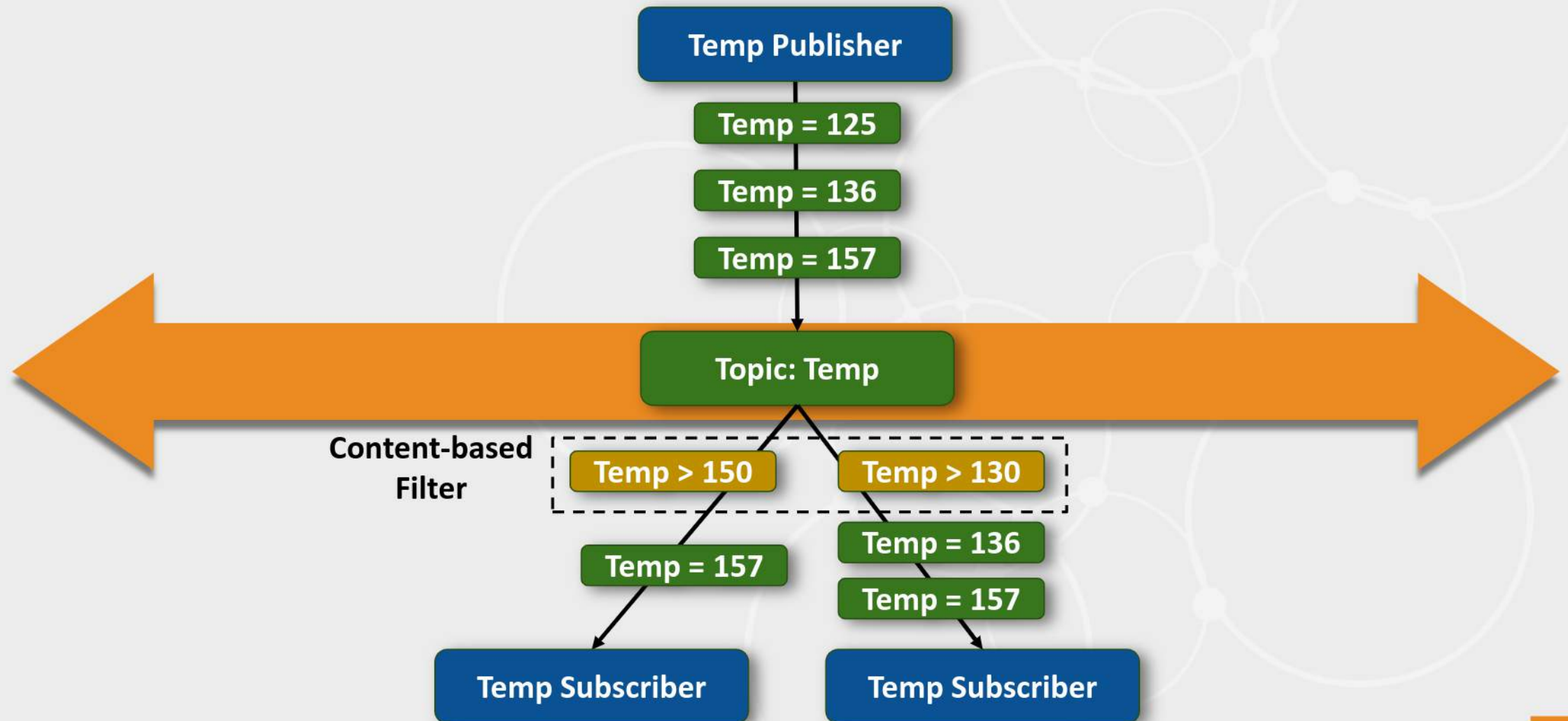
Mapping of DDS and InfluxDB concepts



DDS is fully distributed and supports decoupled publish/subscribe communications



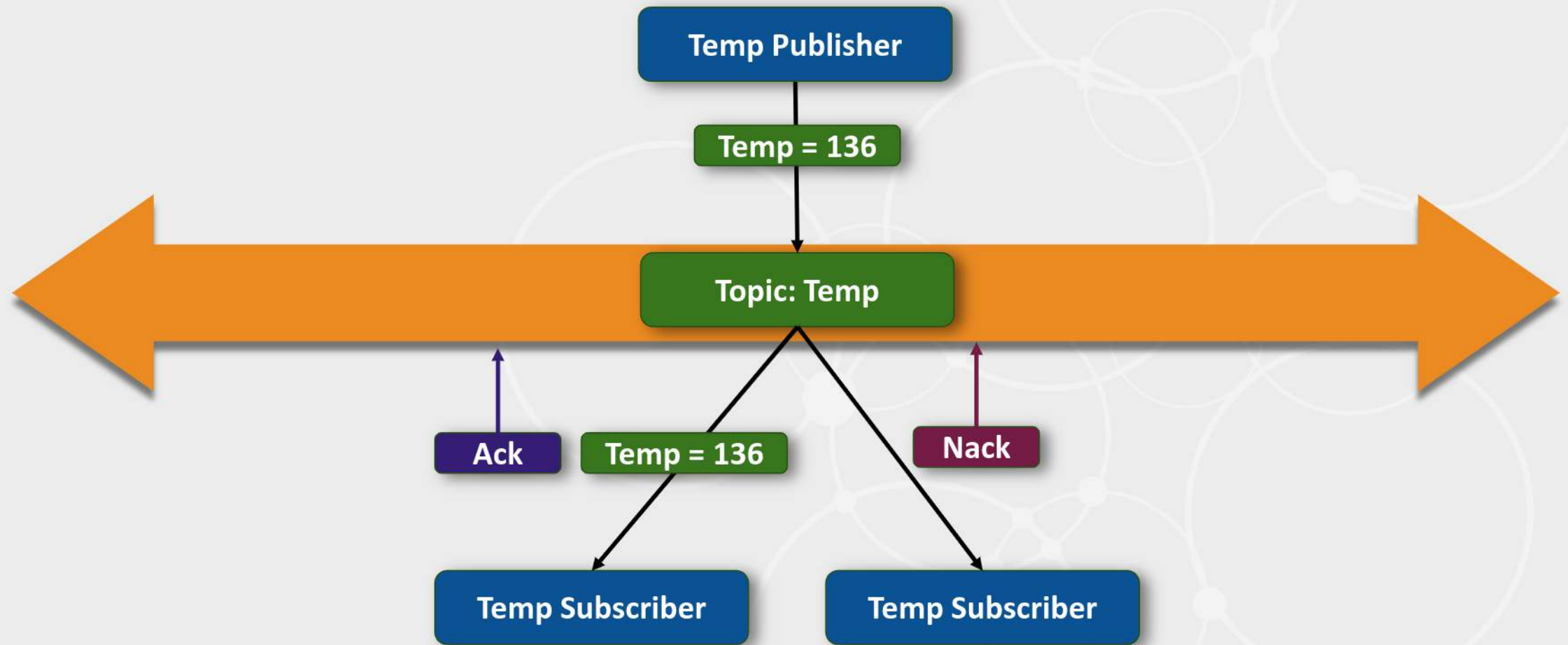
DDS is data-centric and supports content-based filtering



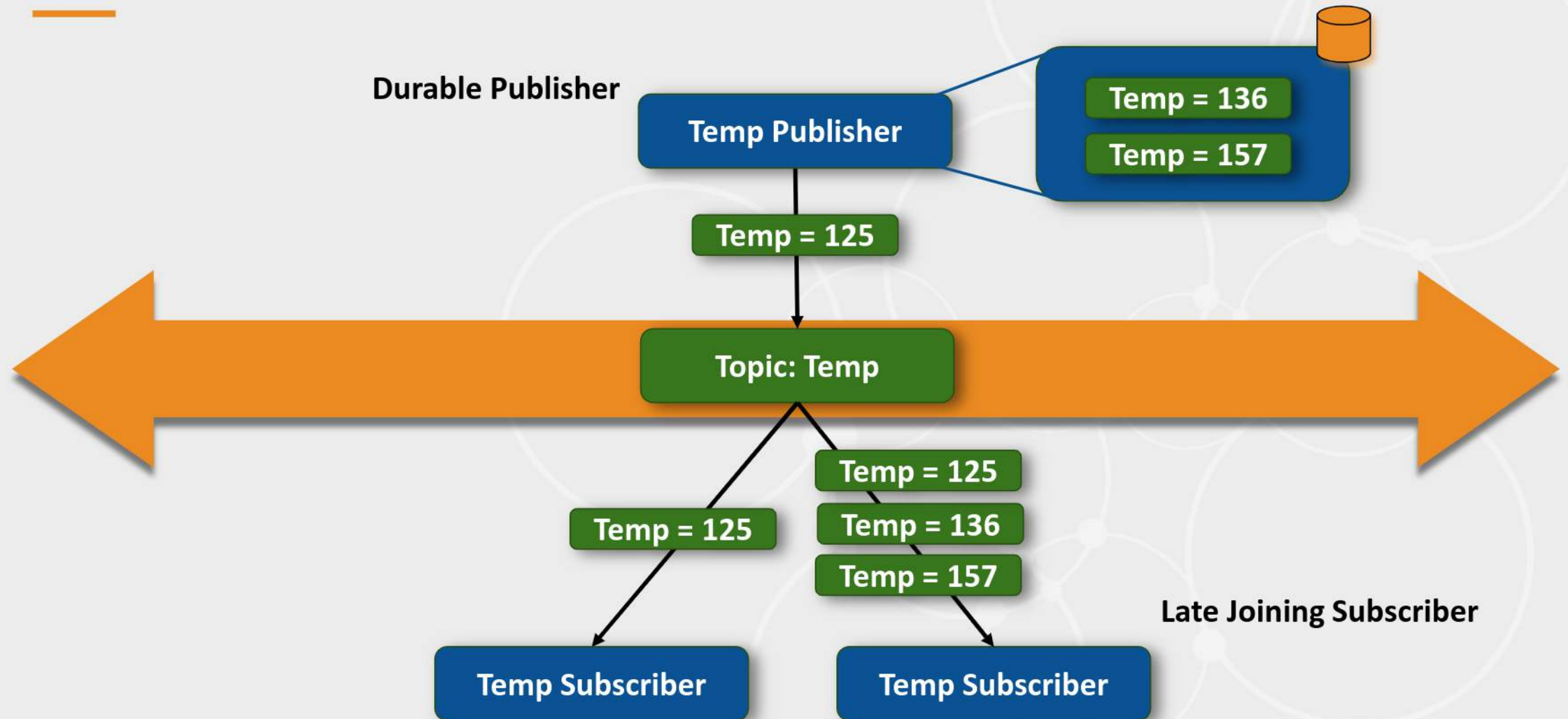
DDS can control data flows and resource usage

| Quality of Service | | Quality of service | User |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Volatility | DURABILITY | USER_DATA | |
| | HISTORY | TOPIC_DATA | |
| | READER DATA LIFECYCLE | GROUP_DATA | Presentation |
| Infrastructure | WRITER DATA LIFECYCLE | PARTITION | |
| | LIFESPAN | PRESENTATION | |
| | ENTITY FACTORY | DESTINATION ORDER | Redundancy |
| Delivery | RESOURCE LIMITS | OWNERSHIP | |
| | RELIABILITY | OWNERSHIP STRENGTH | |
| | TIME BASED FILTER | LIVELINESS | Transport |
| | DEADLINE | LATENCY BUDGET | |
| | CONTENT FILTERS | TRANSPORT PRIORITY | |

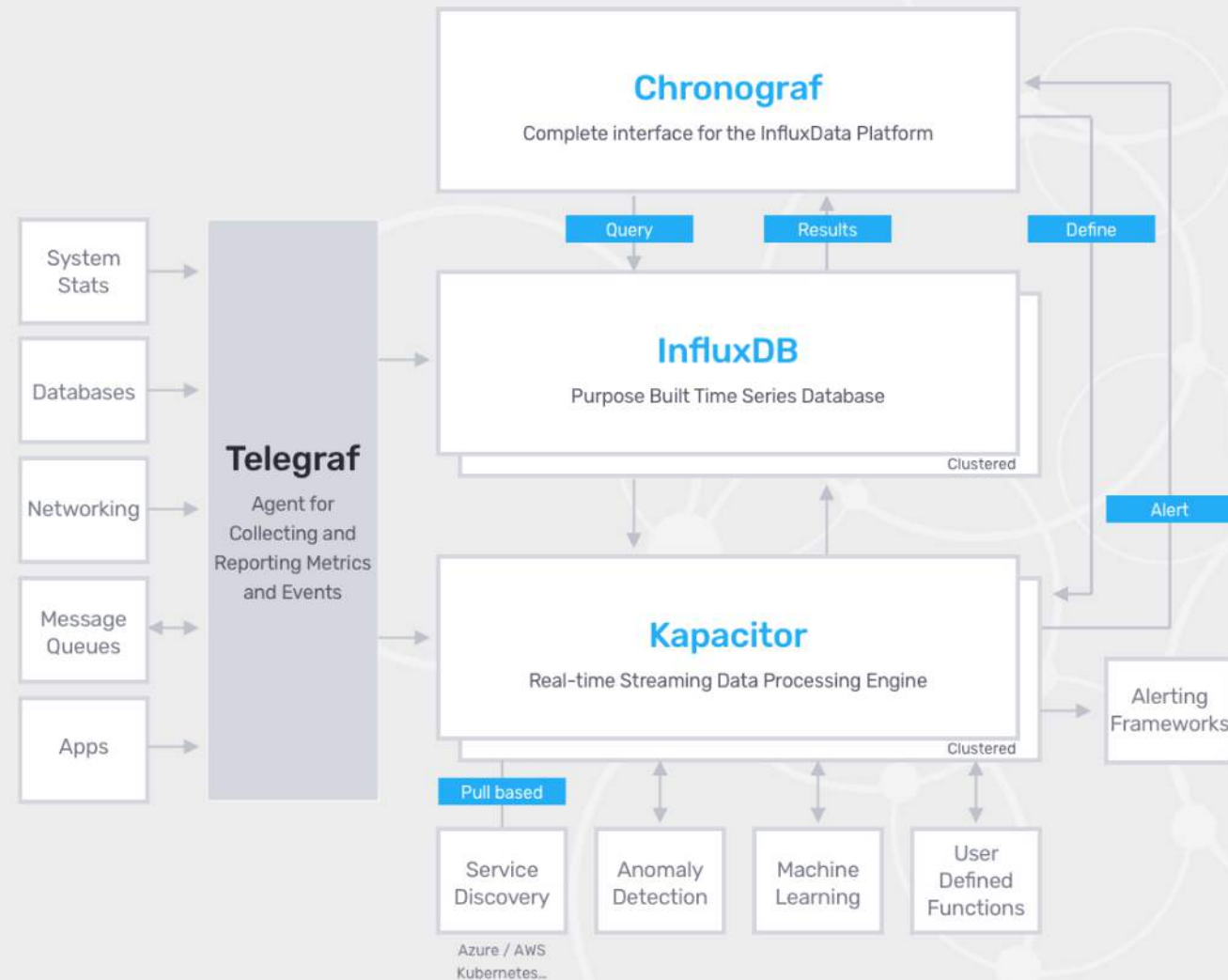
DDS supports reliable delivery on top of UDP and multicast



DDS can deliver historical data for late joiners



Telegraf has many out-of-the-box input plugins and plugin APIs to easily extend



InfluxDB supports built-in time-series functions

```
> SELECT MAX("water_level") FROM "h2o_feet"
```

name: h2o_feet

| time | max |
|----------------------|-------|
| ---- | --- |
| 2015-08-29T07:24:00Z | 9.964 |

```
> SELECT MEAN("water_level") FROM "h2o_feet"
```

name: h2o_feet

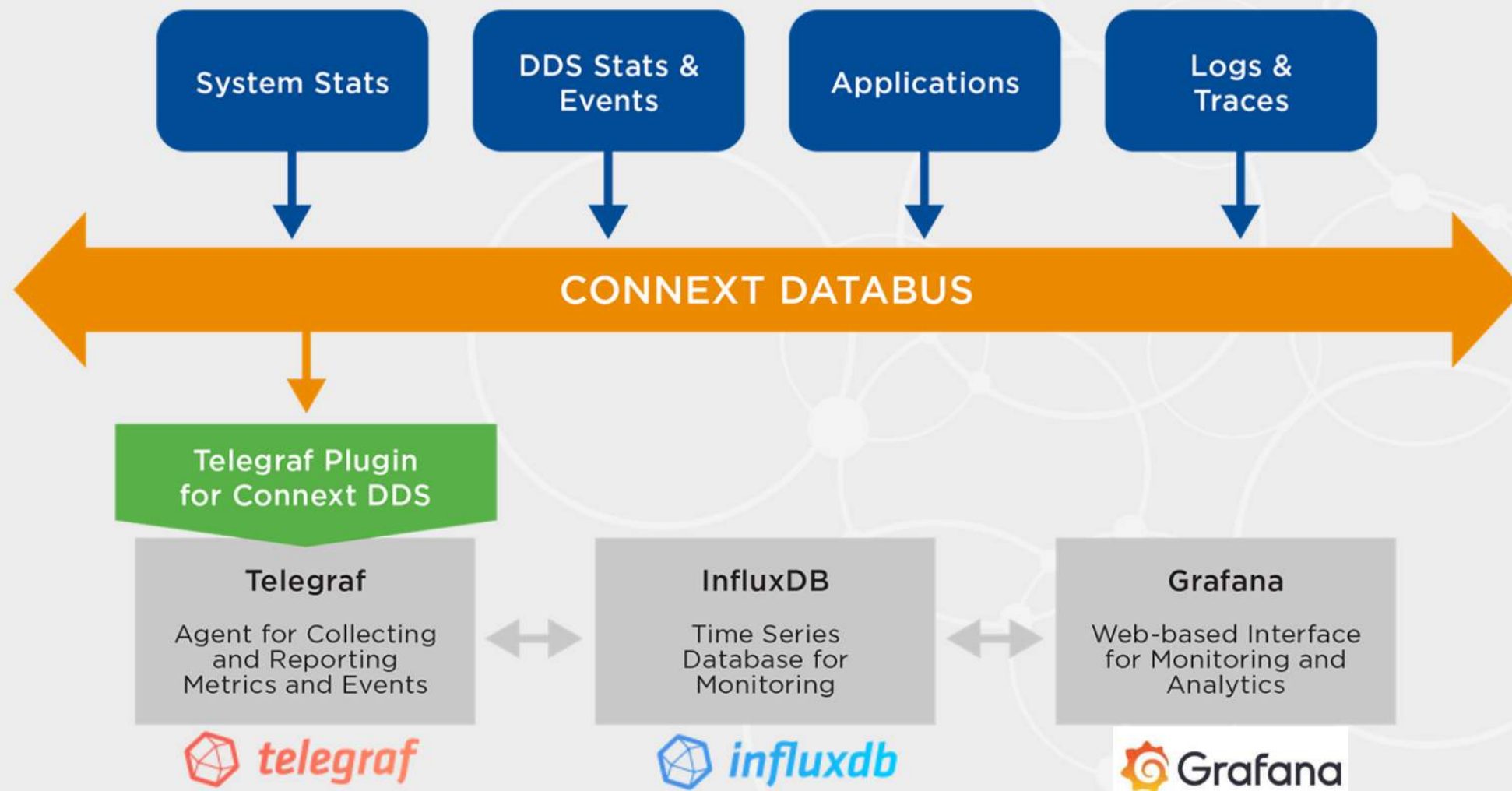
| time | mean |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| ---- | ---- |
| 1970-01-01T00:00:00Z | 4.442107025822522 |

InfluxDB integrates visualization tools such as Grafana and Chronograf



Telegraf Plugin for RTI Connnext DDS

Telegraf Plugin for Connex DDS enables monitoring architecture with DDS and InfluxDB



How is the plugin implemented?

We used RTI Go Connector for developing Telegraf plugins

- RTI Go Connector is **simplified API** for DDS in Golang
 - Built on top of DDS C API
 - Very few methods
 - Experimental products developed by the RTI research team
 - Free!

<https://github.com/rticommunity/rticonnextdds-connector-go>

The DDS consumer input plugin is developed as a service input plugin

```
type ServiceInput interface {
```

```
    Input
```

```
    // Start the ServiceInput.
```

```
    Start(Accumulator) error
```

```
    // Stop stops the services and closes any necessary channels and connections
```

```
    Stop()
```

```
}
```


Initially, it creates DDS entities and a service thread

```
func (d *DDSConsumer) Start(acc telegraf.Accumulator) error {  
    // Create a RTI Connector  
    d.connector, err = rti.NewConnector(d.ParticipantConfig, d.ConfigFilePath)  
  
    // Get a DDS reader  
    d.reader, err = d.connector.GetInput(d.ReaderConfig)  
  
    // Start a thread for processing DDS samples  
    go d.process()  
}
```

A service thread reads and processes DDS data samples

// Take DDS samples from a DataReader and ingest them to Telegraf outputs

```
func (d *DDSConsumer) process() {  
    for {  
        d.connector.Wait(-1)    // Wait until a new DDS sample arrives  
        d.reader.Take()         // Take DDS samples  
        numSamples := d.reader.Samples.GetLength()  
        for i := 0; i < numSamples; i++ {    // Iterate the DDS samples  
            json, err := d.reader.Samples.GetJSON(i)    // Return a DDS sample  
in JSON  
            metrics, err := d.parser.Parse(json) // Parse the JSON object  
            // Add metrics to an output plugin
```

How to use the plugin?

Creating an XML configuration file

`<dds>`

`<!-- Data Types -->`

`<types>`

`<struct name="ShapeType" extensibility="extensible">`

`<member name="color" stringMaxLength="128" id="0" type="string" key="true"/>`

`<member name="x" id="1" type="long"/>`

`<member name="y" id="2" type="long"/>`

`<member name="shapesize" id="3" type="long"/>`

`</struct>`

`</types>`

Creating an XML configuration file

 <!-- Domain Library -->

<domain_library name="MyDomainLibrary">

 <domain name="MyDomain" domain_id="0">

 <register_type name="ShapeType" type_ref="ShapeType"/>

 <topic name="Square" register_type_ref="ShapeType"/>

 </domain>

</domain_library>

Creating an XML configuration file

<!-- Participant library -->

<domain_participant_library name="MyParticipantLibrary">

 <domain_participant name="Zero" domain_ref="MyDomainLibrary::MyDomain">

 <subscriber name="MySubscriber">

 <data_reader name="MySquareReader" topic_ref="Square"/>

 </subscriber>

 </domain_participant>

</domain_participant_library>

</dds>

Creating a TOML configuration file

```
[[inputs.dds_consumer]]
```

```
# XML configuration file path
```

```
config_path = "example_configs/ShapeExample.xml"
```

```
# Configuration name for DDS Participant from a description in XML
```

```
participant_config = "MyParticipantLibrary::Zero"
```

```
# Configuration name for DDS DataReader from a description in XML
```

```
reader_config = "MySubscriber::MySquareReader"
```

Creating a TOML configuration file

Tag key is an array of keys that should be added as tags.

```
tag_keys = ["color"]
```

Override the base name of the measurement

```
name_override = "shapes"
```

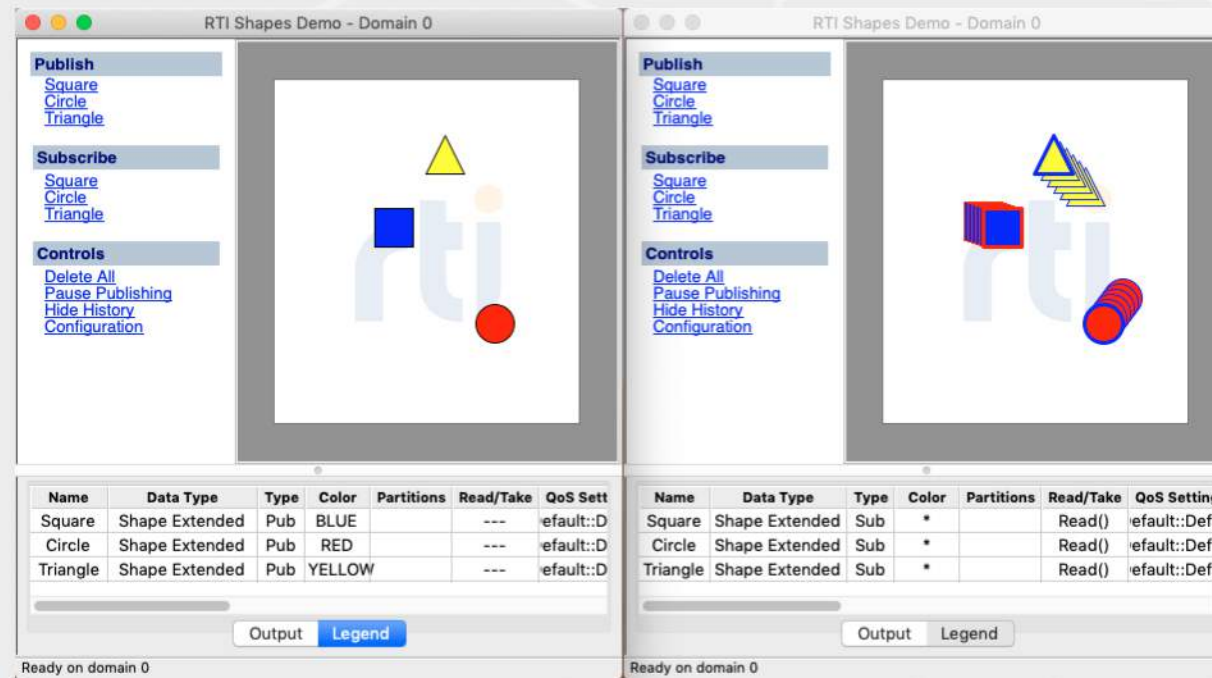
Data format to consume.

```
data_format = "json"
```


Demo

Shapes Demo

- Telegraf Input Plugin for RTI Connex DDS
 - Delivering historical data for late joiners
 - Content-based filtering



<https://www.rti.com/free-trial/shapes-demo>

Thank you!



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