

**Fog Computing: Keystone of Industry 4.0 and Relevant to Innovation  
in the Textile Industry**

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# Agenda

- Fog Computing: Introduction
- Nebbiolo Technologies: Brief Introduction and Product Offering
- Applications and Relevance to the Textile Industry Innovation
- Conclusions

# **The Pendulum Swinging Back: A Renewed Focus on the Edge of the Network, Motivated by the Network Evolution, 5G and IoT**

**Fog Computing**

**Also described as:**

**Mobile Edge Computing**

**(Modern, Real-Time Capable) Edge Computing**

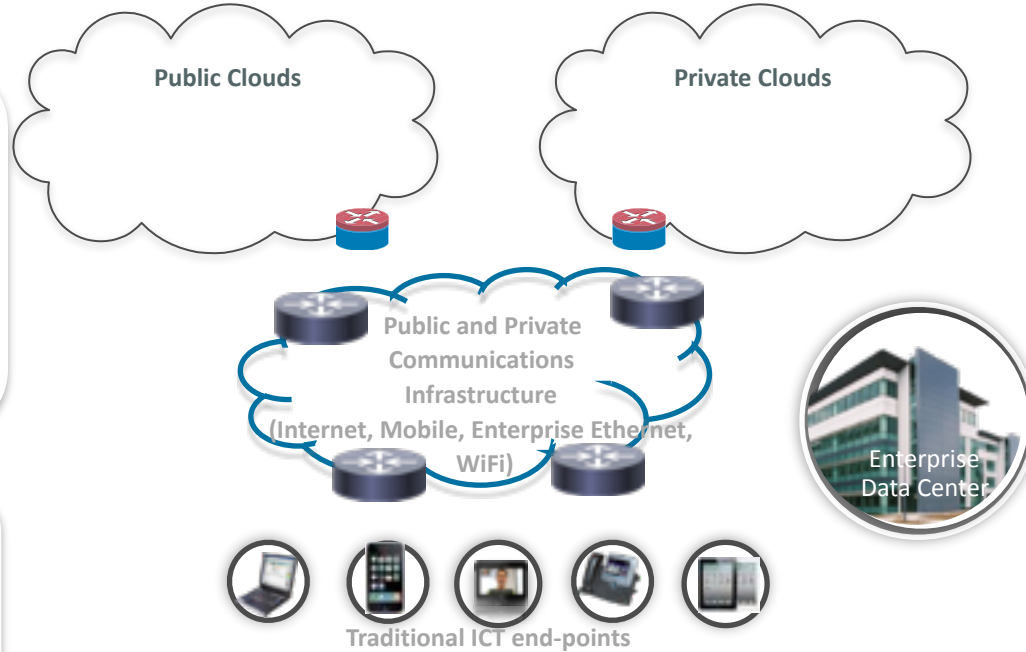
**Real-Time Edge Cloud**

# The Internet of Things: Information Technologies “Meet” Operational Technologies



## Information Technologies Today:

1. Clouds
2. Enterprise Datacenters
3. Traditional and Embedded Endpoints
4. Networking



## The Internet of Things Brings Together Information Domain and Operations Domain through:

1. Connectivity
2. Data Sharing and Analysis
3. Technology Convergence

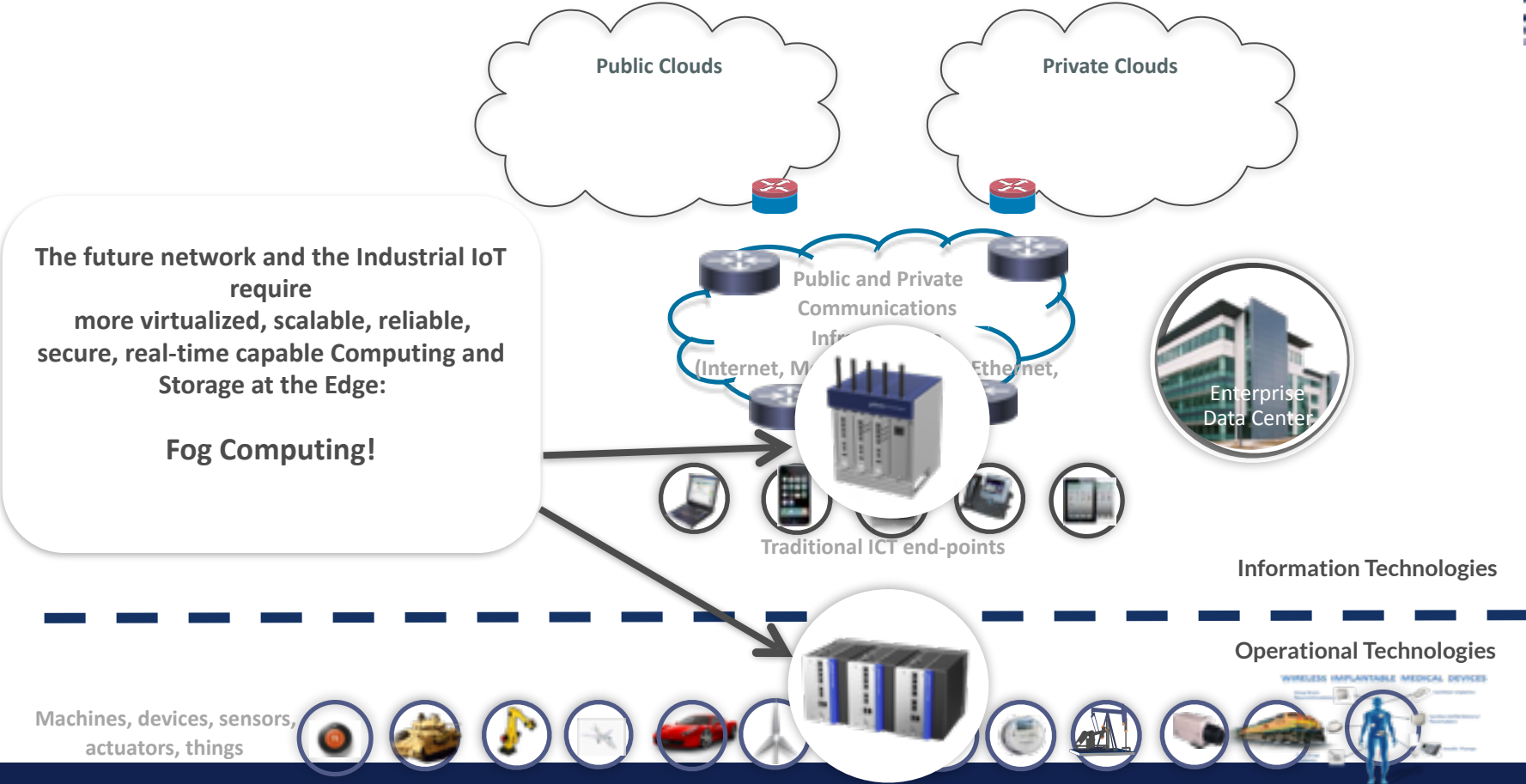
Machines, devices, sensors, actuators, things



Information Technologies

Operational Technologies

# Industrial IoT, or Industry 4.0 Both Require More Distributed Computing



The future network and the Industrial IoT require more virtualized, scalable, reliable, secure, real-time capable Computing and Storage at the Edge:

**Fog Computing!**

# What is Fog Computing ?

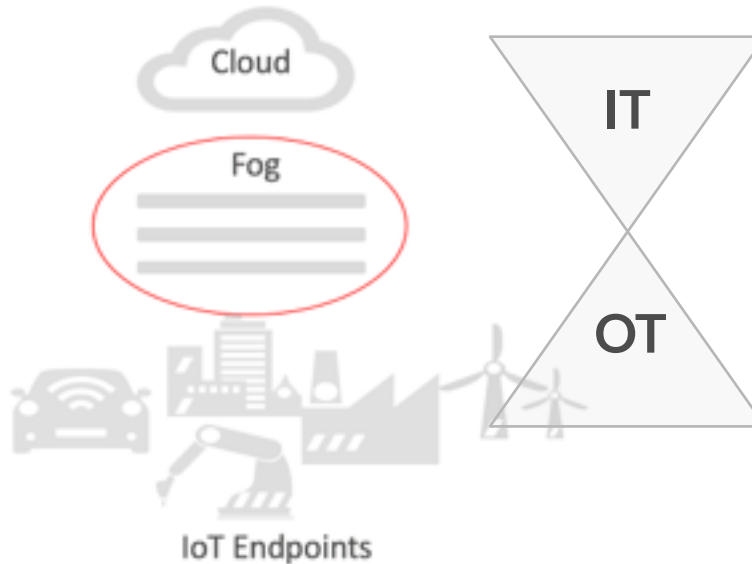
The missing link between Clouds and Endpoints



Fog Computing brings:

Cloud-inspired computing, storage, and networking functions closer to the data-producing sources

while integrating real-time and safety capabilities required in the OT domain



Fog Computing is the key enabler of a real **convergence** between IT and OT technology



Peter Levine on Dec '16:  
*“Cloud computing is dead, the intelligence is going down close to the things”*

## **A Few Key Architectural Angles Characterizing the “Fog” :**

**IT to OT Convergence**

**Hierarchical Data Management and Analytics**

**Virtualized and Distributed Application Platform**

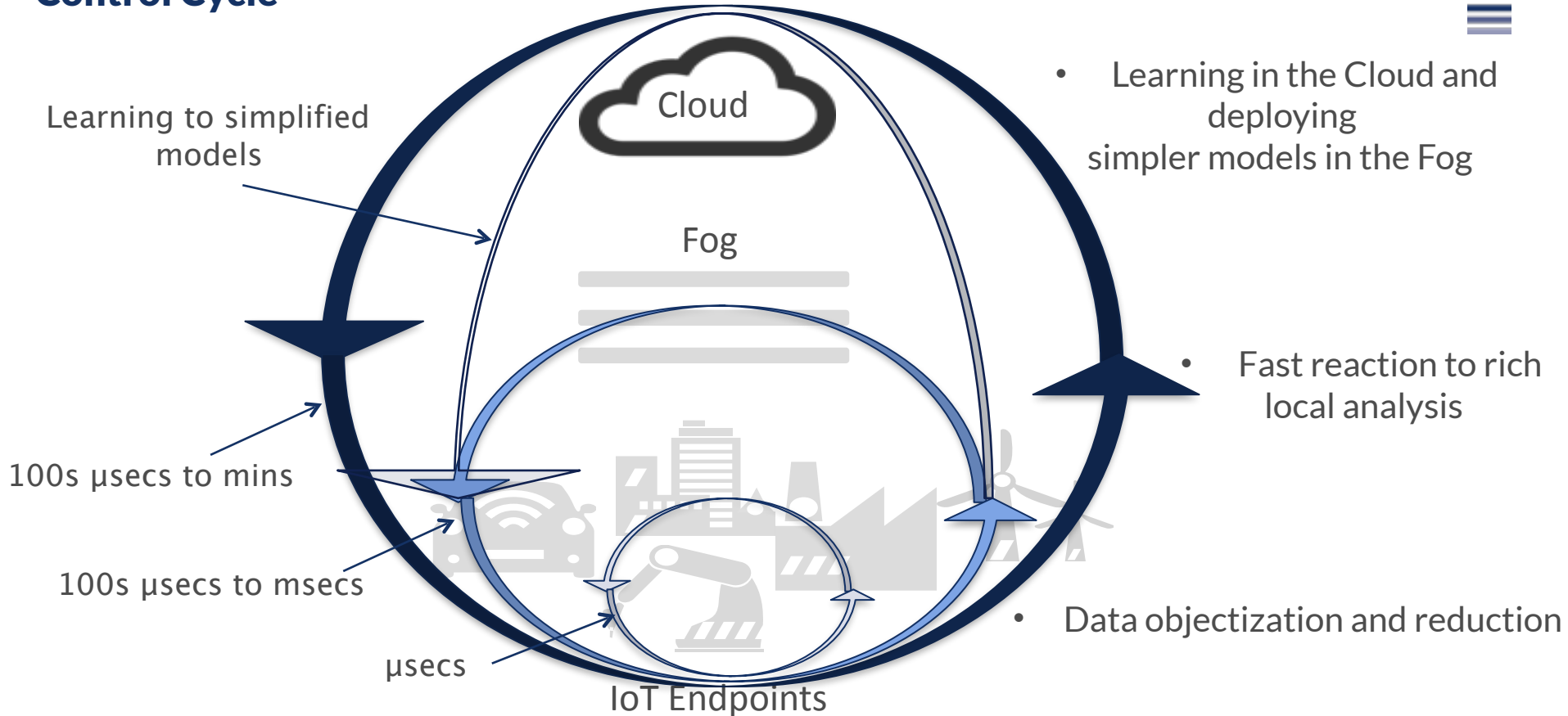
**The Convergence of Control**

# Fog Computing Vision: Enabling the Convergence of IT and OT Computing and Communications Technologies at the Edge





# Fog Computing Vision: Supporting a Hierarchical Data Acquisition-Analysis-Control Cycle

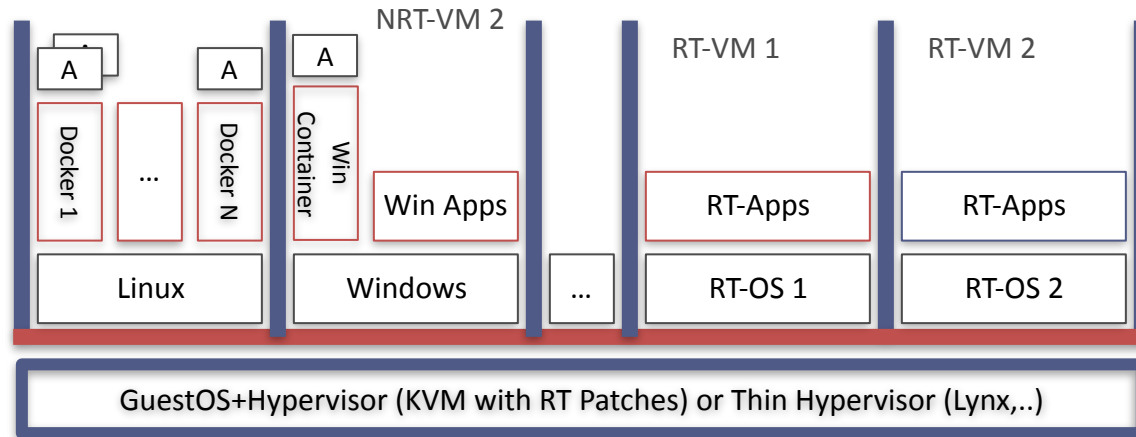


# Fog Computing Vision: Real-time Capable Virtualization to the Edge



## Virtualization:

A combination of physical separation (multicore), hard, RT-NRT Virtual Board/Machine based virtualization and more lightweight Linux/Windows Container or Docker based virtualization

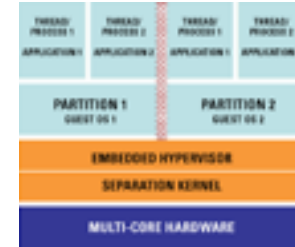
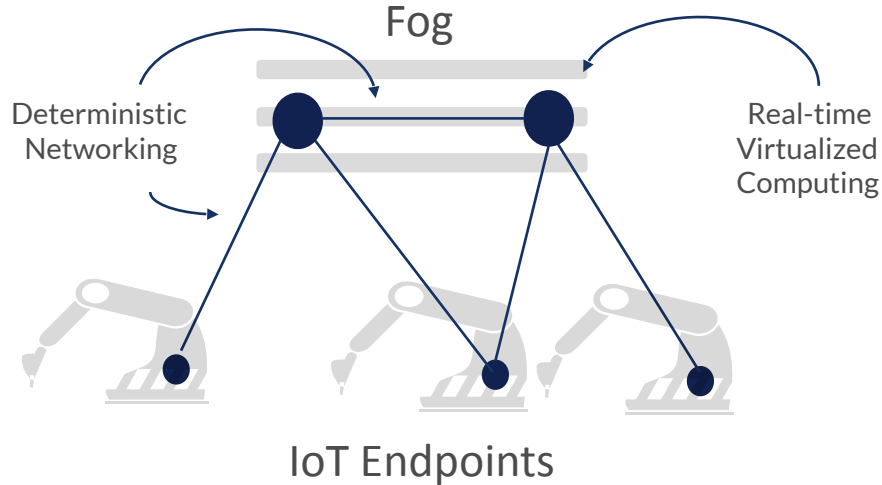


# Fog Computing Vision: Enabling the Convergence of Control



Deterministic Networking and Real-time Virtualized Computing enable the Convergence of Multiple Control Functions, one step removed from the controlled Endpoints:

**The Software Defined Machines!** (Ref: GE)



# Brief Introduction to Nebbiolo Technologies

# Nebbiolo = Grape Enjoying the Morning Fog (=Nebbia) in Northern Italy



Producing wonderful wines: Barolo, Barbaresco,  
Nebbiolo, Valtellina Reds



**nebbiolo**technologies  
*pioneers of fog computing*

Nebbiolo Technologies is architecting and building an innovative  
Fog Computing Platform for IoT Solutions

and applying it, first, in the vertical of  
Industrial Automation



Cisco sourced, experienced (20+ people) team surrounded by a rich ecosystem of IoT technology partners



**Investors:** KUKA Robotics, TTTech and GiTV (Tokyo, Japan VC)

**Milestones:** 7 Patents pending; Strong Traction; Production deployments and PoCs ongoing;  
First product released (December 2016)

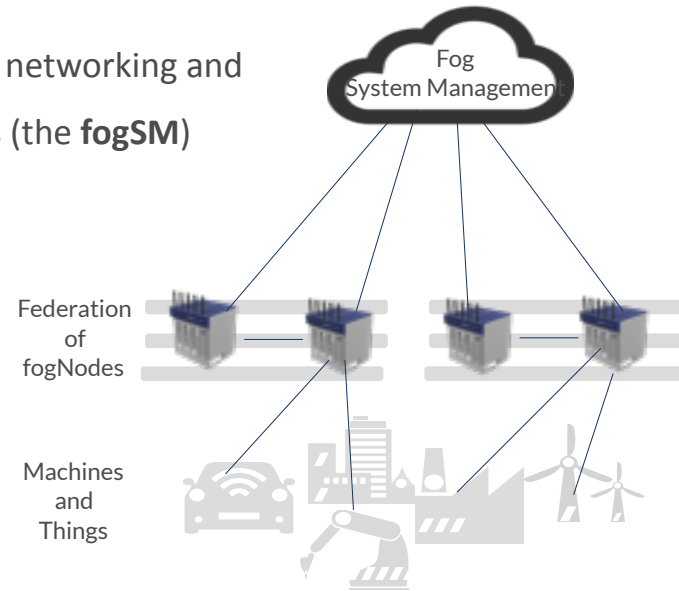
# Nebbiolo Technologies Fog Computing Platform Components



1. A **flexible hardware architecture** manifesting in a family of **fogNodes**
2. A rich **software distributed stack** (the **fogOS**), enabling fast, secure, flexible communications, data management and application deployment
3. An **end-to-end system management** of distributed networking and computing systems, assets, software and applications (the **fogSM**)



Manageability	Secure Stack	Business Application
		IoT Infrastructure
		Application hosting & Orchestration
		Middleware
		Cloud Infrastructure
	Secure boot	Fog Infrastructure
		Admin Plane
		RTOS/Kernel
		Host OS/Hypervisor
		Hardware ( X86/Arm)



# A Groundbreaking Partnership

TTTech and Nebbiolo Technologies are working together to achieve **real-time capable, scalable and secure** Fog Computing solutions

nebbiolo**technologies**  
fog computing pioneers

- **Fog Computing** real-time capable architecture
- Fog **software infrastructure**
- **Cloud infrastructure** for end points management
- **Powerful and scalable** hardware

**TTTech**

- **Real-time & safe control** technology and expertise
- **OPC UA over TSN** (Time Sensitive Networking) technology and expertise
- Dedicated **machine-level** hardware



# Machine Fog Node

“Connect” button enables user control over when data can be sent and gives clear indication of connectivity

Fanless cooling for operating temperature -40 °C to +70 °C

Fieldbus interface (PROFINET, other protocols on request)

3 x 100/1000 Mbit/s with TSN switching RJ45

1 x 100/1000Mbit Ethernet Console Port RJ45

IEEE 802.11 b/g/n (2.4GHz) WLAN

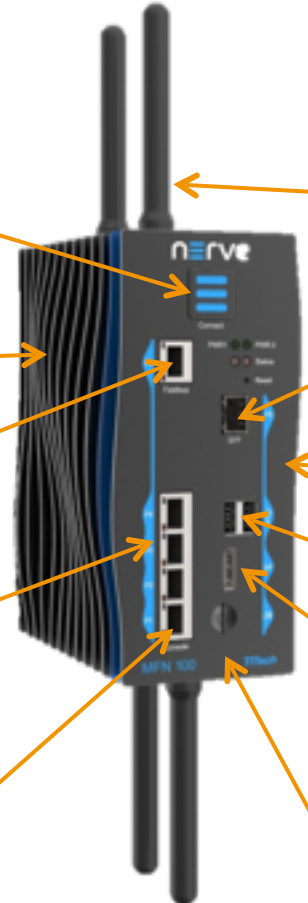
1 x 1000 Mbit/s SFP

Intel Atom x5-E3940

2 x USB 2.0

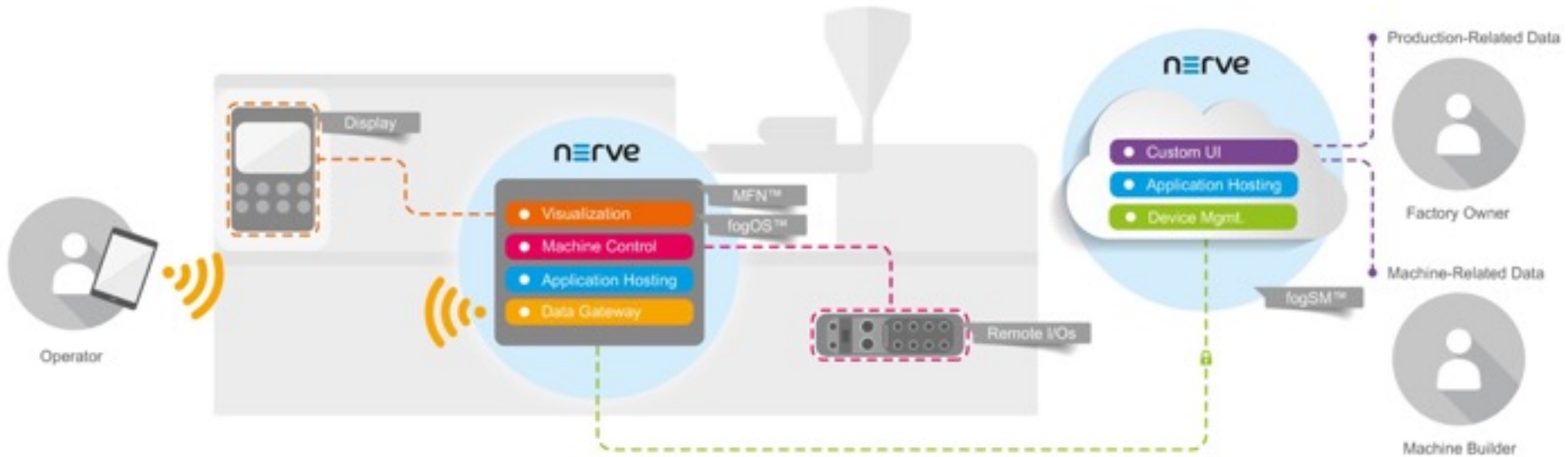
1 x Display Port

32GB SSD MLC (up to 128GB)  
4GB Ram

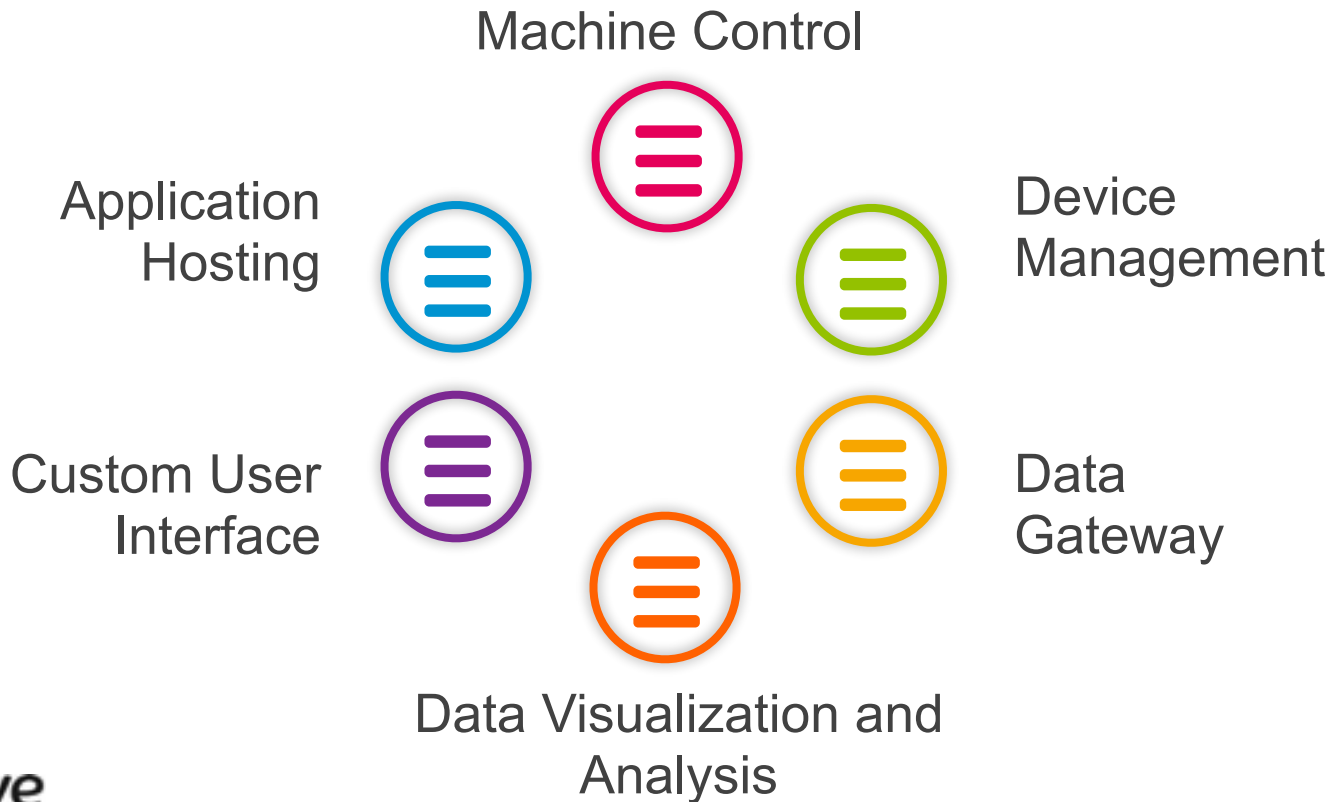


# What is a Machine Fog Node?

A Machine Fog Node is used for controlling, connecting and remotely managing industrial machines.



# Machine Fog Node Features



## **Fog Computing and 5G, Natural Partners for the Future of Key Industrial IoT Verticals:**

- Industrial Automation**
- Automotive and Intelligent Transportation**
- Smart Grid**

**Motivations: Licensed spectrum, reliability, range of features, investment, ....**

# Industrial Automation

Starting from Automotive Body Shops and Precision Machine Floors



## **The Situation:**

**The Industrial Verticals, with their Many Challenges,  
is Facing an Epochal Transition**

# Typical Challenges for Industrial Operations Technologies Space Today

Fragmented, Poorly Managed, Unconnected Computational Resources

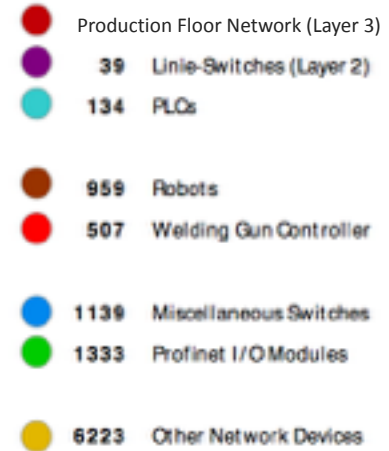
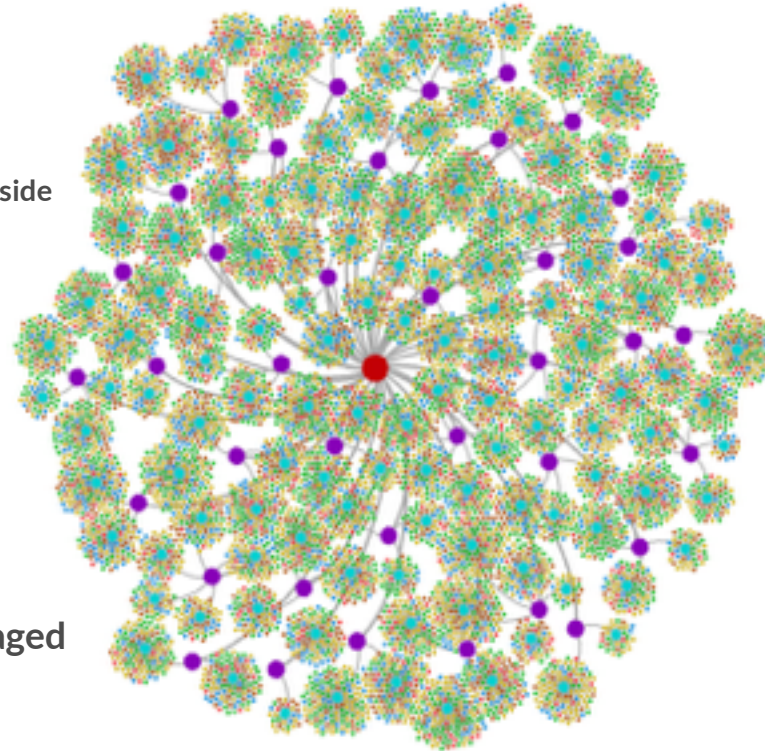


## Example: Actual Automotive 'Body Shop' Network Devices Graph

Lots of Edge Computing, but:

- Dedicated
- Isolated, not connected to the IT side
- Not secured
- Manually managed
- Non-homogeneous software
- Not flexible
- Not open
- Not easy to host innovations

10s of Thousands of poorly connected, poorly secured and manually managed computers!!!





# Industrial Automation Technology Challenges Today

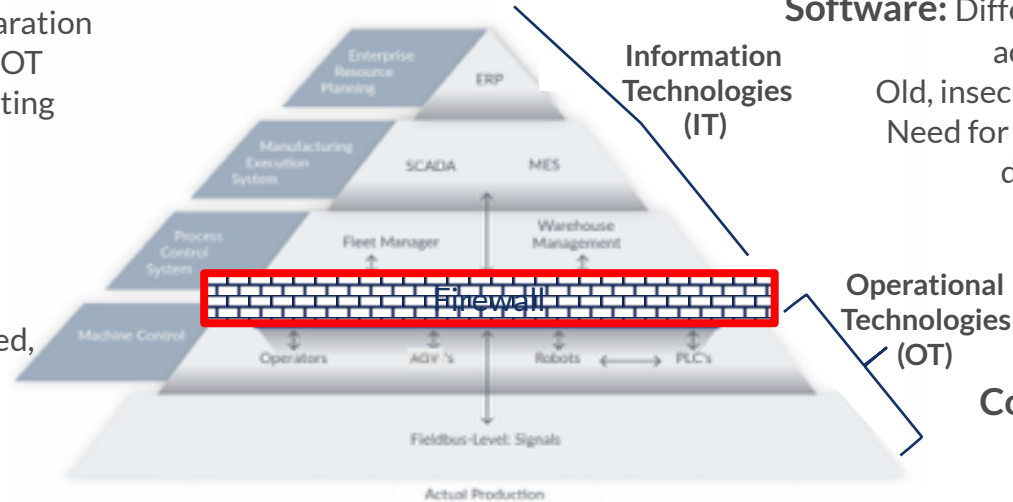
Typical of Most Industrial Operations Domains



**Data Analytics:** Limited data acquisition,  
analytics and visualization at the edge

**Security:** IT and OT separation  
and lack of security in OT  
Strict separation is limiting

**Software:** Different programming models  
across layers.  
Old, insecure manual updates.  
Need for modern application  
deployment



**Networking:** Manually configured,  
non-standard technologies.  
Limited wireless.  
Hard to communicate  
across Firewall

**Control:** Fragmented, silo-ed,  
hard to program.  
Need for sophisticated  
and collaborative,  
sensor rich control

**Hardware:** Fragmented.  
Lack of convergent  
modular, scalable, flexible,  
trusted architecture



**Nebbiolo Technologies Visionary Answer:**

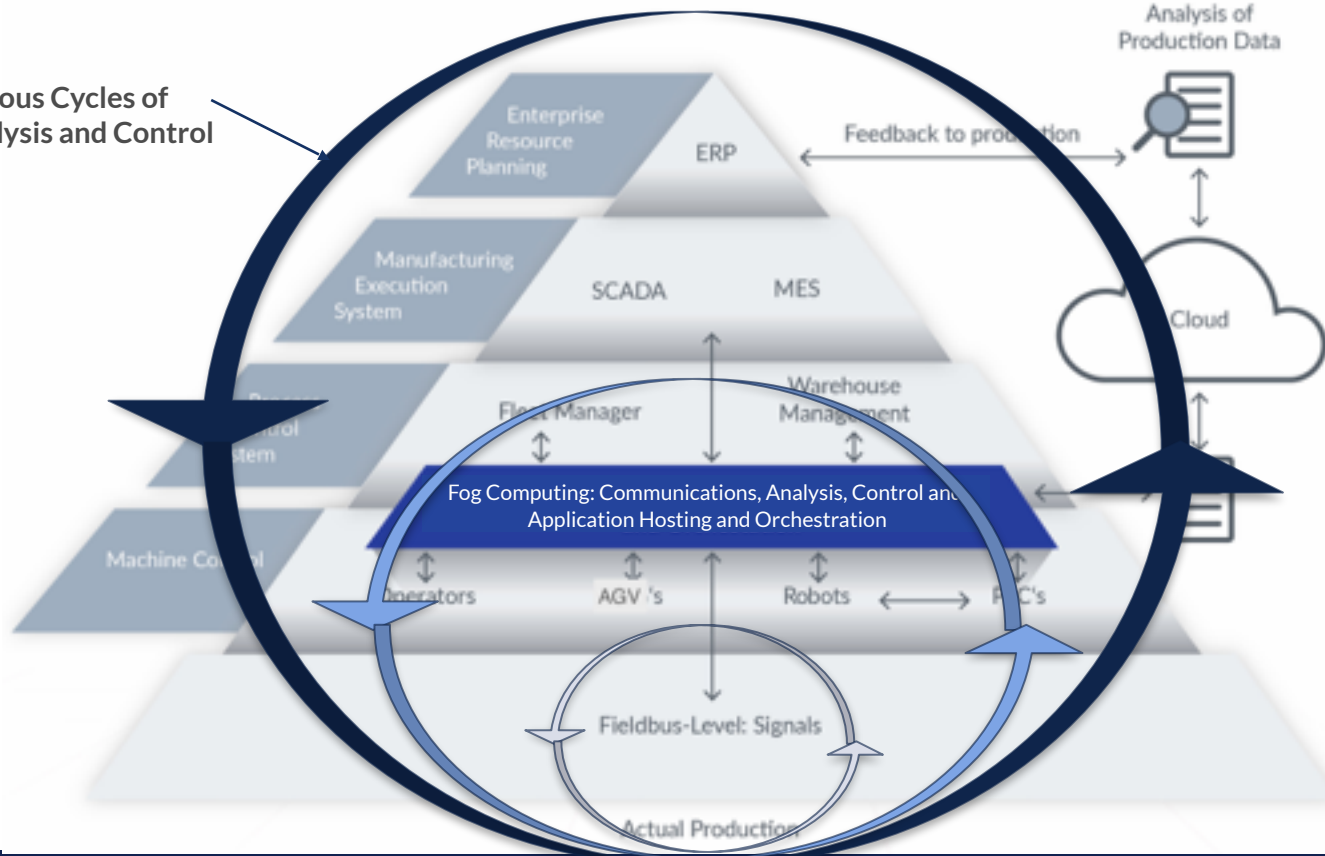
**A Fog Computing Platform for the Future of Industrial Automation, and Other Verticals**

# Fog Computing: A New Functional Layer in the Industrial Pyramid

Driving IT to OT Convergence & the Future of Control for Industrial IoT and Industry 4.0



Hierarchical, Virtuous Cycles of Data Acquisition, Analysis and Control

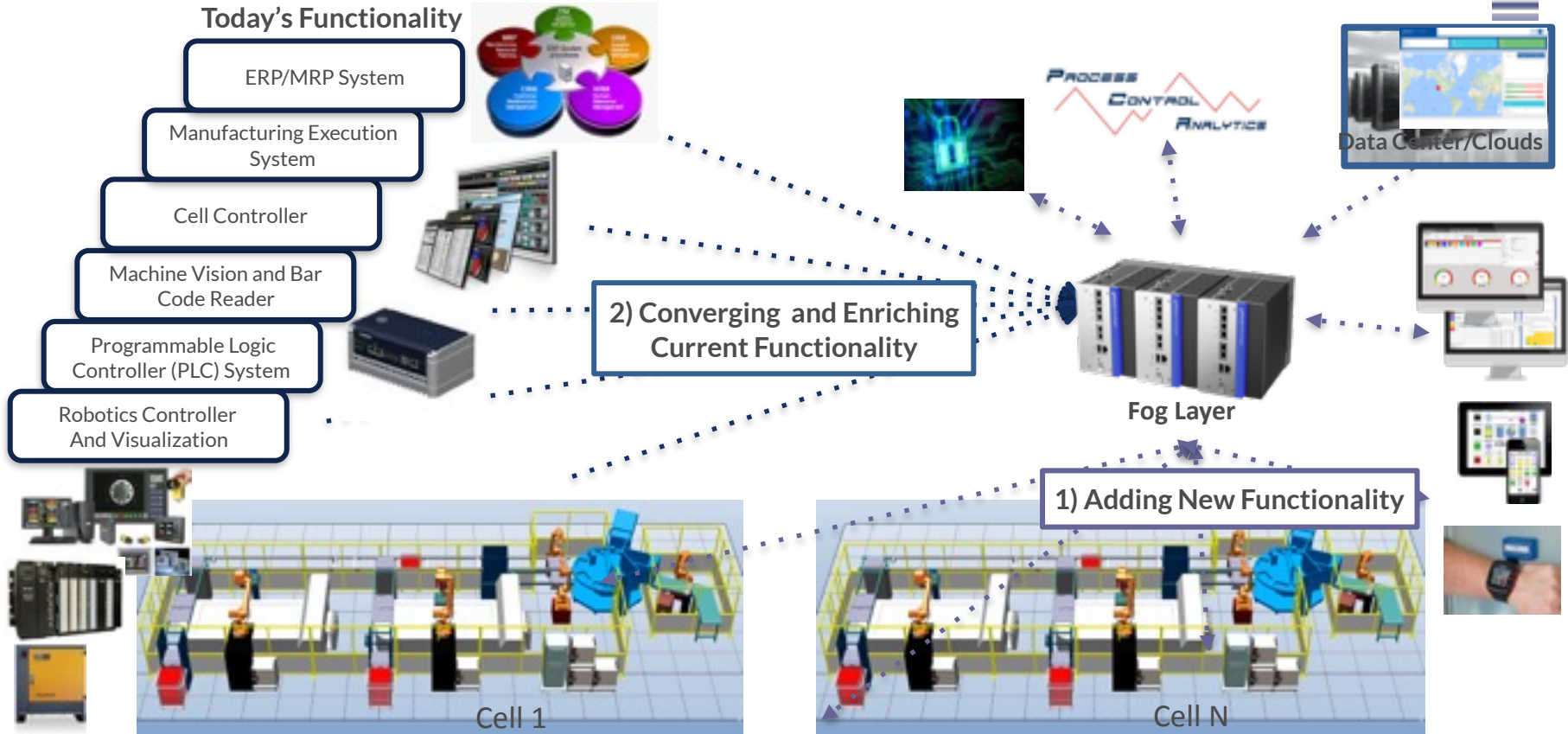


Cloud level optimization

Local, orchestrated control based on rich local analysis

Fast, Light Endpoint Control

# Fog-Based Industrial Floor: Enabling New and Converged Functionality

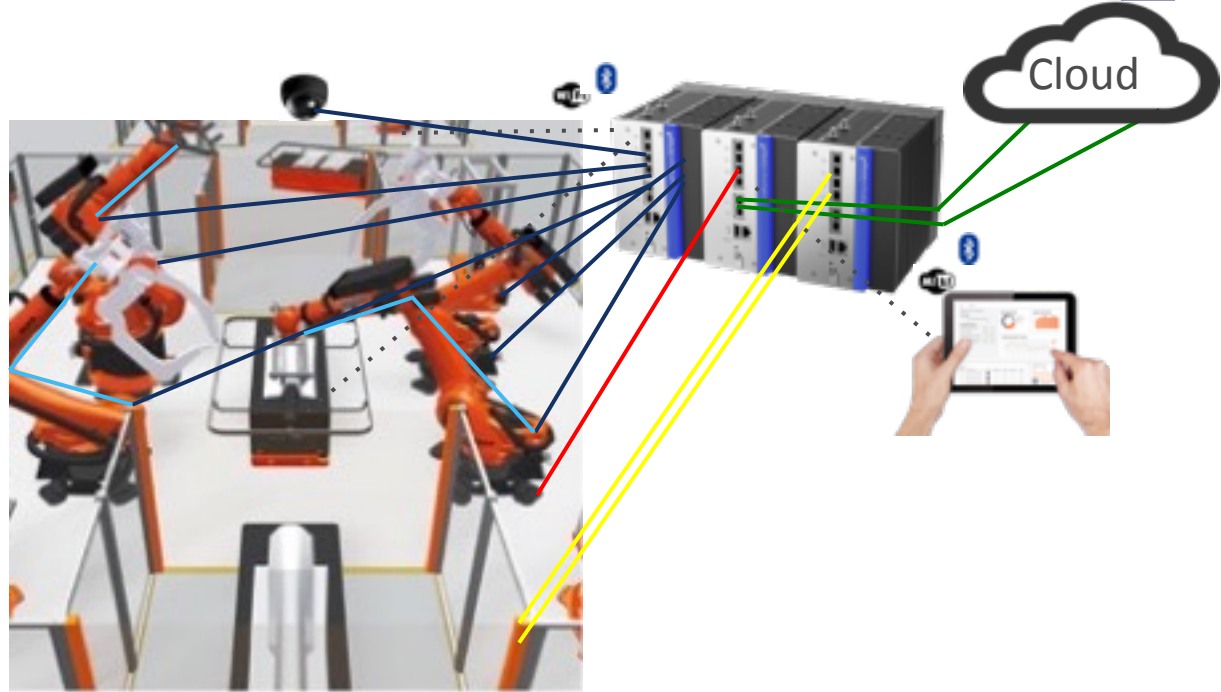


# Fog Computing Based Future Manufacturing Cell Architecture:

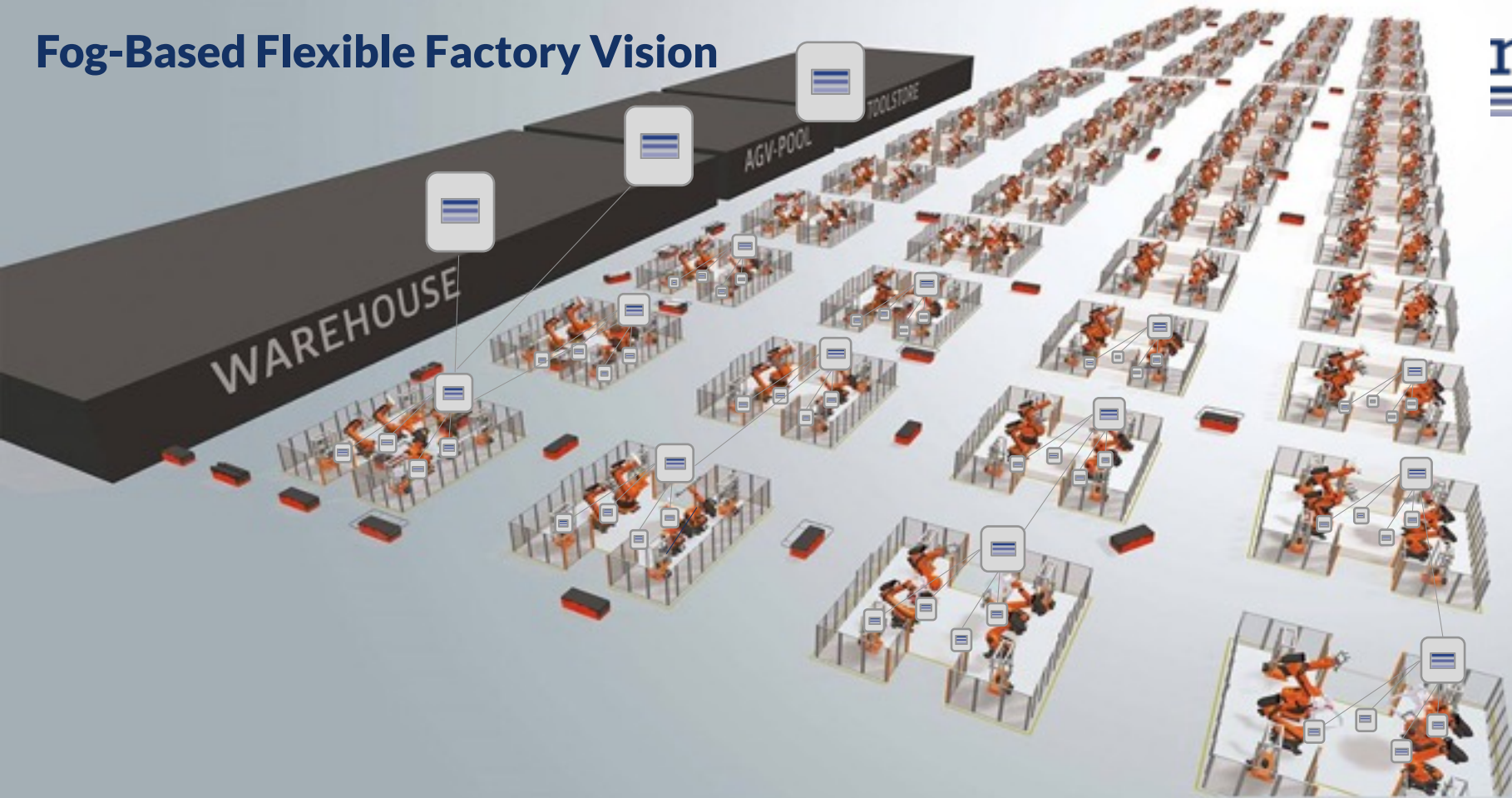
Connectivity – OT and IT Convergence – Data Acquisition, Analysis and Control



- Legacy Bus or Ethernet based Industrial
- Ethernet with TSN
- ..... Wireless: WiFi, BTLE, Wireless Sensor
- Ethernet with Optional TSN
- Safety I/O (e.g., Ethernet, other)
- Tool Connections (e.g., Ethernet, EtherCat, Can, etc.)



# Fog-Based Flexible Factory Vision





# Industrial Automation: Textile Industry Precision Machines

The Evolution of the Textile Industry Machines Many Open the Path to Innovation!



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# Industrial Machine: A Complex System with Many Sensors, Actuators and Control Loops



# Fog-Based Industrial Machine: Enabling New and Converged Functionality



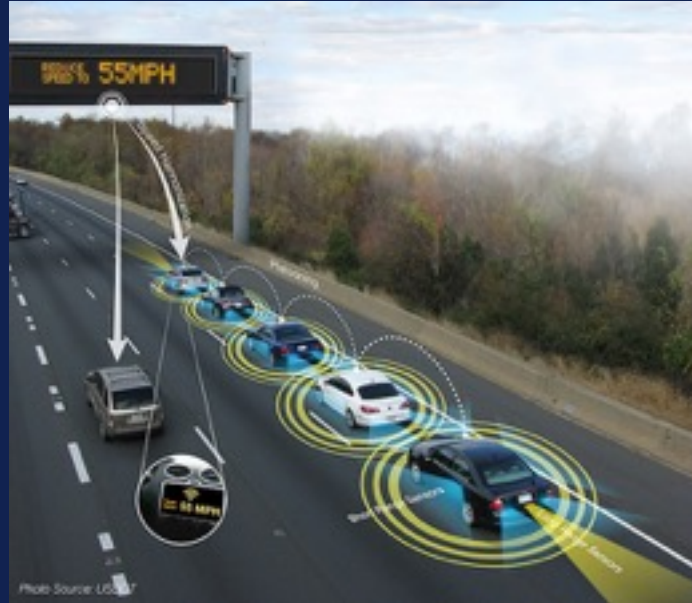


# Fog-Based Industrial Automation: Value Proposition

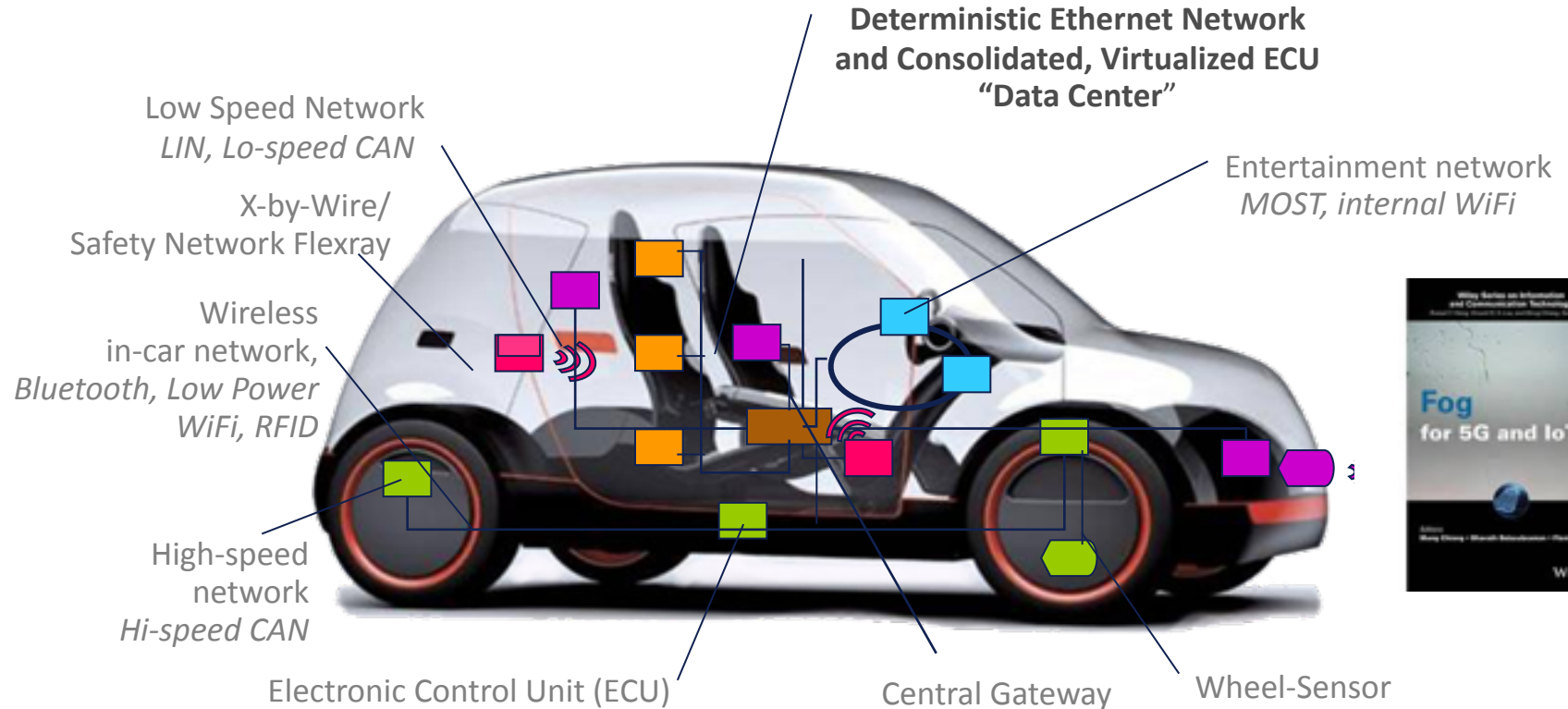


- **Improved Uptime, Flexibility, Quality and Security**
  - Synchronized software updates without downtime
  - High availability via agile updates & redundancy
    - A 1% increase in availability for their upstream business, nets \$300M to the bottom line (Ref: Shell)
- **Operations Efficiency and Cost Reduction**
  - Continuous condition monitoring with data analysis for improved visibility & optimized operations
    - 1% increase in efficiency, results in a savings of \$300B in next 15 years (Ref: GE)
  - Virtualized converged infrastructure and centralized management of assets, hardware and software dramatically reduces operations costs
- **Improved Cell Cycles Time and Richer, More Orchestrated Industrial Controls**
  - A 5% decrease in cycle time @ auto body assembly plant could result in \$10's of millions in additional revenues
  - Faster cell bring-up
  - Faster, richer control loops, via sensor fusion and local analytics
- **A Path to Innovation in Industrial Automation**

# Automotive and Intelligent Transportation



# The Role of Fog Computing in the Automobile Evolution



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## Key Directions:

Internal Networking Convergence  
Computing Virtualization  
Security  
Mobility and Multi-mode  
Communications  
  
Centralization!!!

Deterministic Ethernet Network  
and Consolidated, Virtualized ECU  
"Data Center"

Entertainment network  
*MOST, internal WiFi*

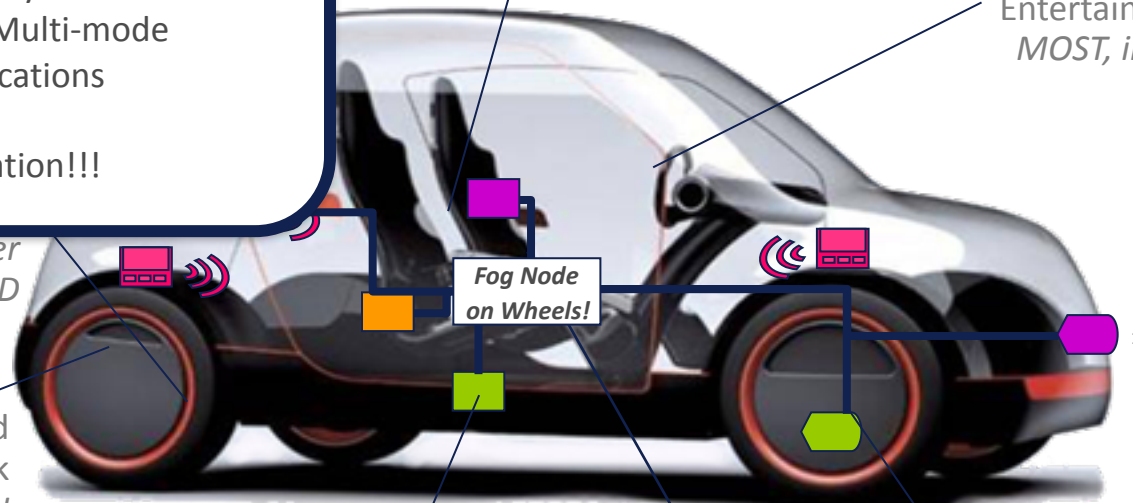
*Bluetooth, Low Power  
WiFi, RFID*

High-speed  
network  
*Hi-speed CAN*

Electronic Control Unit (ECU)

Central Gateway

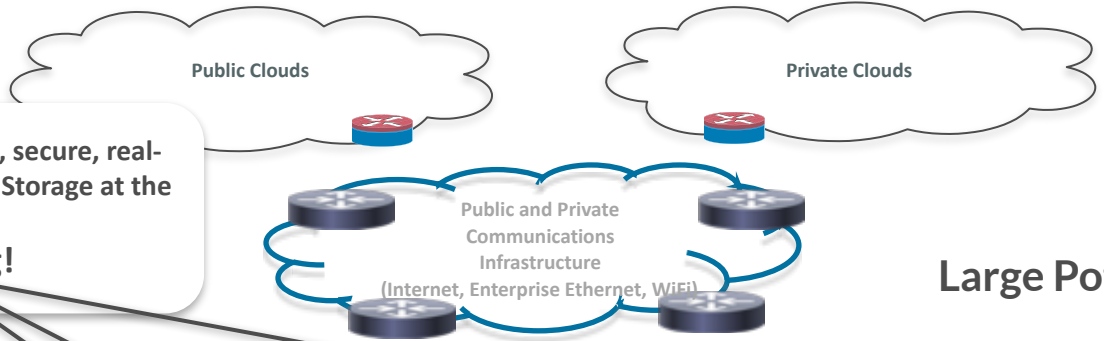
Wheel-Sensor



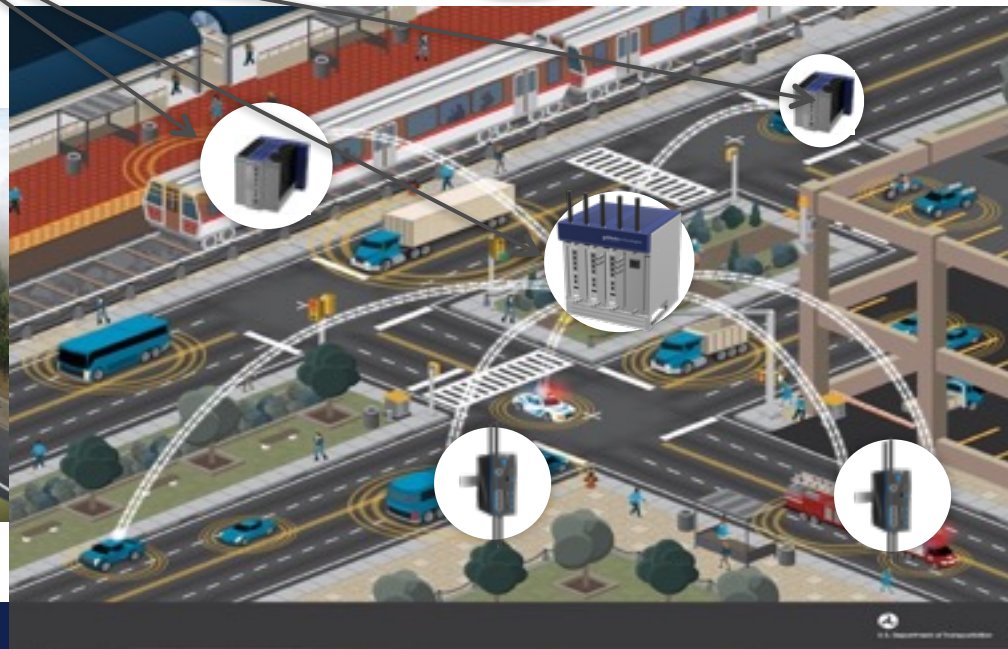
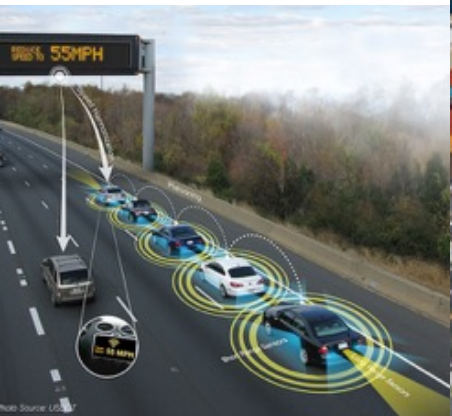
# The IoT Infrastructure, Fog Computing and Intelligent Transportation



Virtualized, scalable, reliable, secure, real-time capable Computing and Storage at the Edge:  
**Fog Computing!**



Large Potential Role for 5G!





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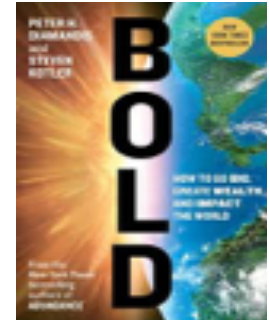
Fog Computing is a Keystone for the Future of Industrial IoT

The Deeper Convergence of IT and OT Technologies, Enabled by Fog Computing, Has Great Potential



More Collaboration and Experimentation is Required!

Let us Move Boldly, Together: The Future is Bright!



**THANK YOU,  
AND REMEMBER ....**

**ONLY THOSE WHO  
WILL RISK GOING  
TOO FAR CAN  
POSSIBLY FIND  
OUT JUST HOW  
FAR ONE CAN GO.**

*T.S. Eliot*