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HRTC Overview

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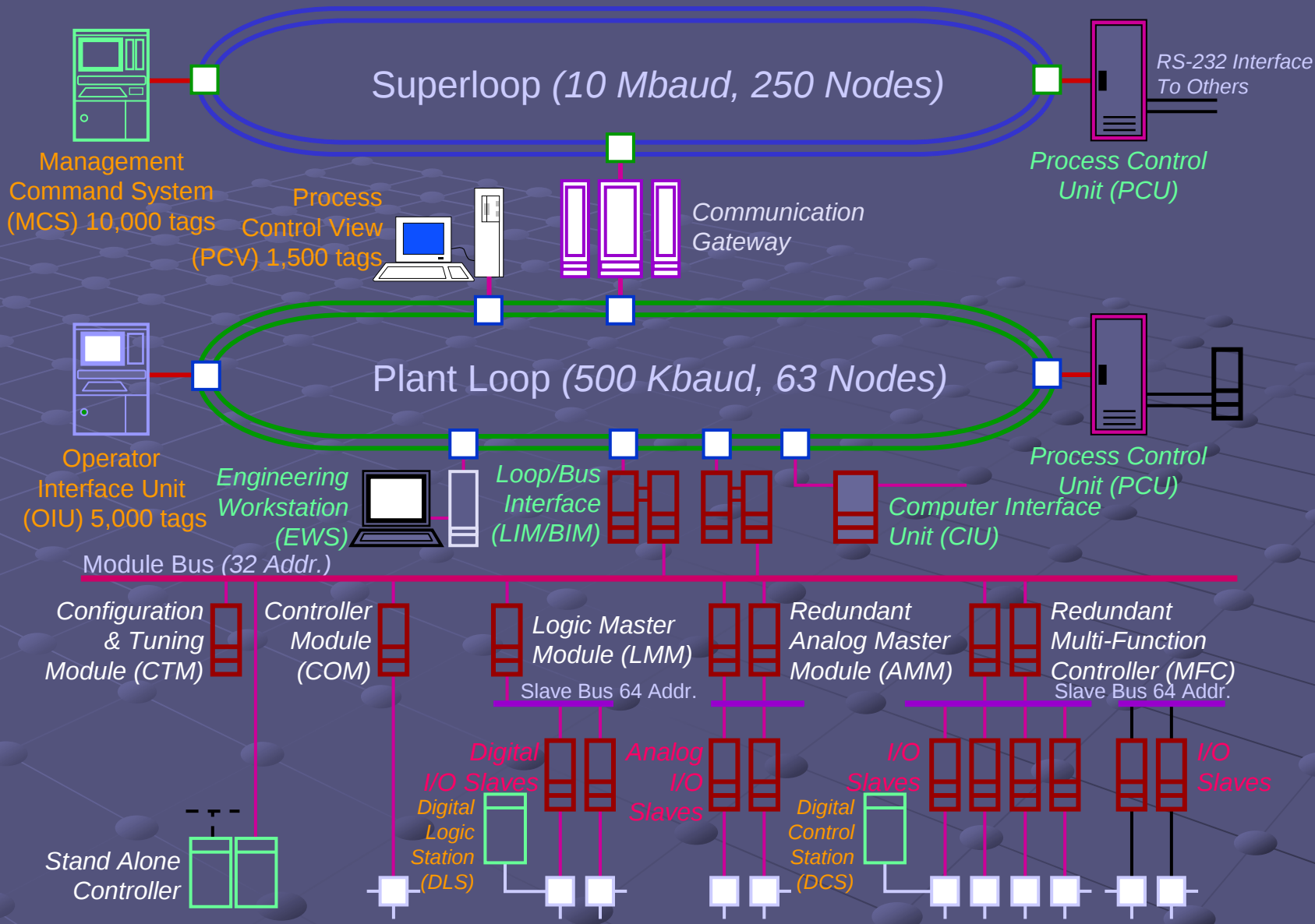
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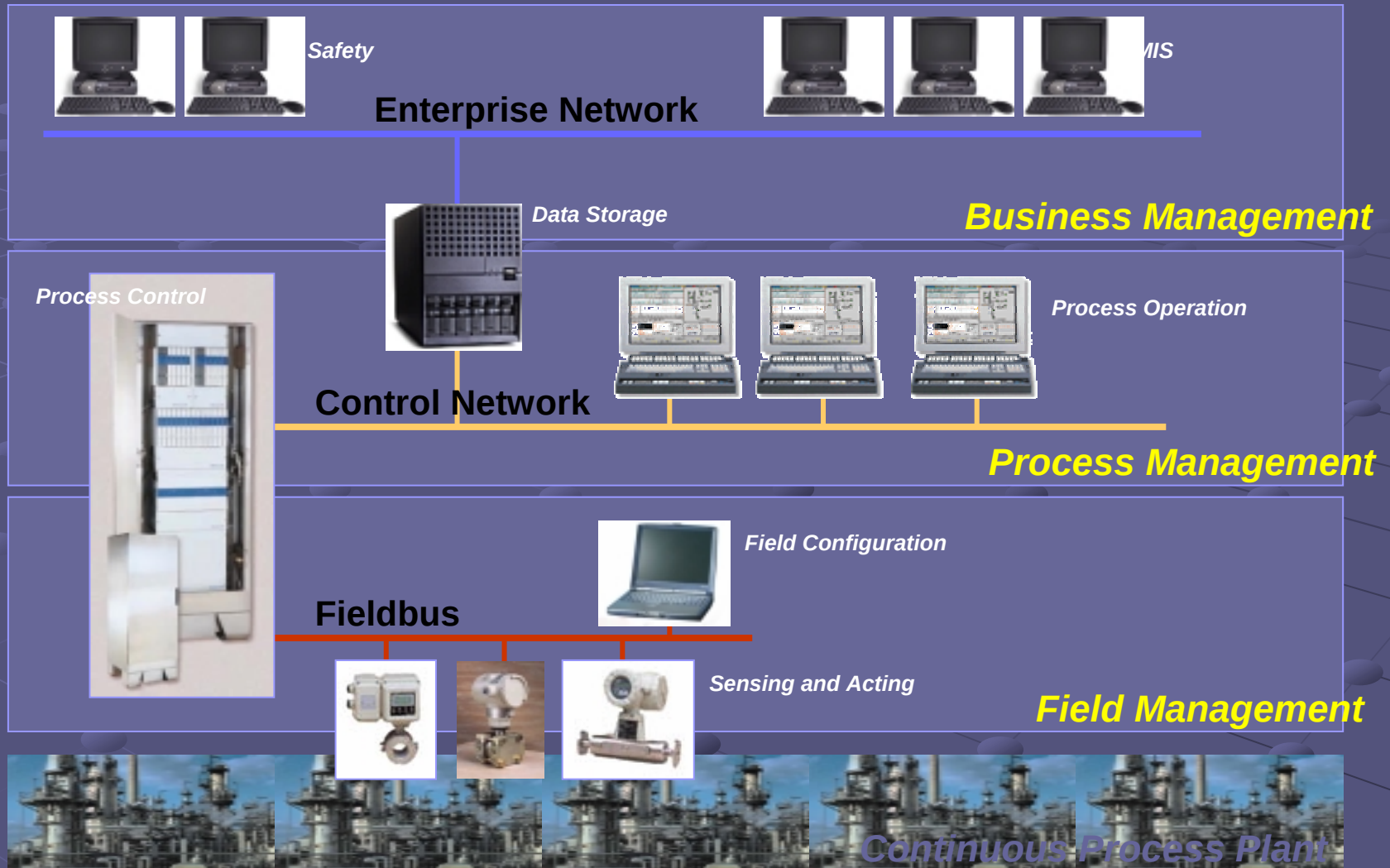
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The Control Landscape

Trends and Perspectives in
Software-based Control Systems



Software Intensive Control



Design Issues / Challenges

- ◆ Predictability
- ◆ Performance
- ◆ Scalability
- ◆ Openness
- ◆ Coordination
- ◆ Transparency
- ◆ Naming
- ◆ Cost
- ◆ Consistency
- ◆ Failures
- ◆ Security
- ◆ Heterogeneity
- ◆ Mobility
- ◆ Load sharing
- ◆ Footprint
- ◆ Etc.

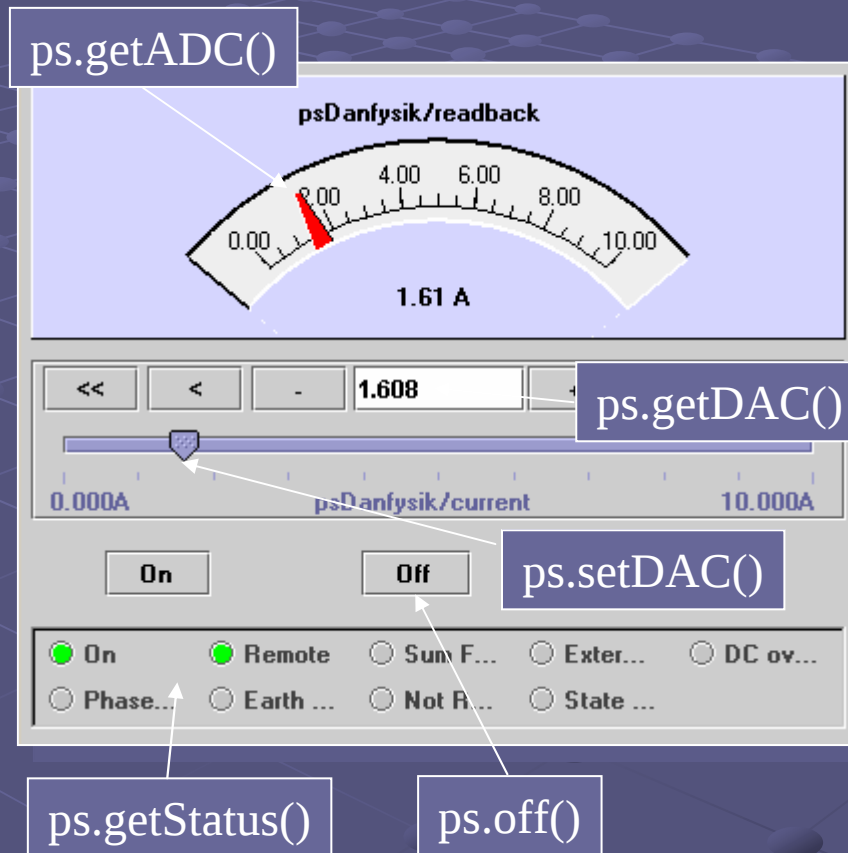


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Why CORBA ?

Reasons for using CORBA in
control systems engineering

A Device Maps to an Object



```
interface PS {  
    ADC: double R0  
    DAC: double RW  
    status: bits R0  
    on(): void  
    off(): void  
}
```

```
RampedPS : PS {  
    start(): void  
    stop(): void  
}
```

Simple Example

Object-Wrapping a robot to build a simple master-slave relation:

- Master: A 6-DOF Master
- Slave: A physical Robot



Robot.Goto(x)



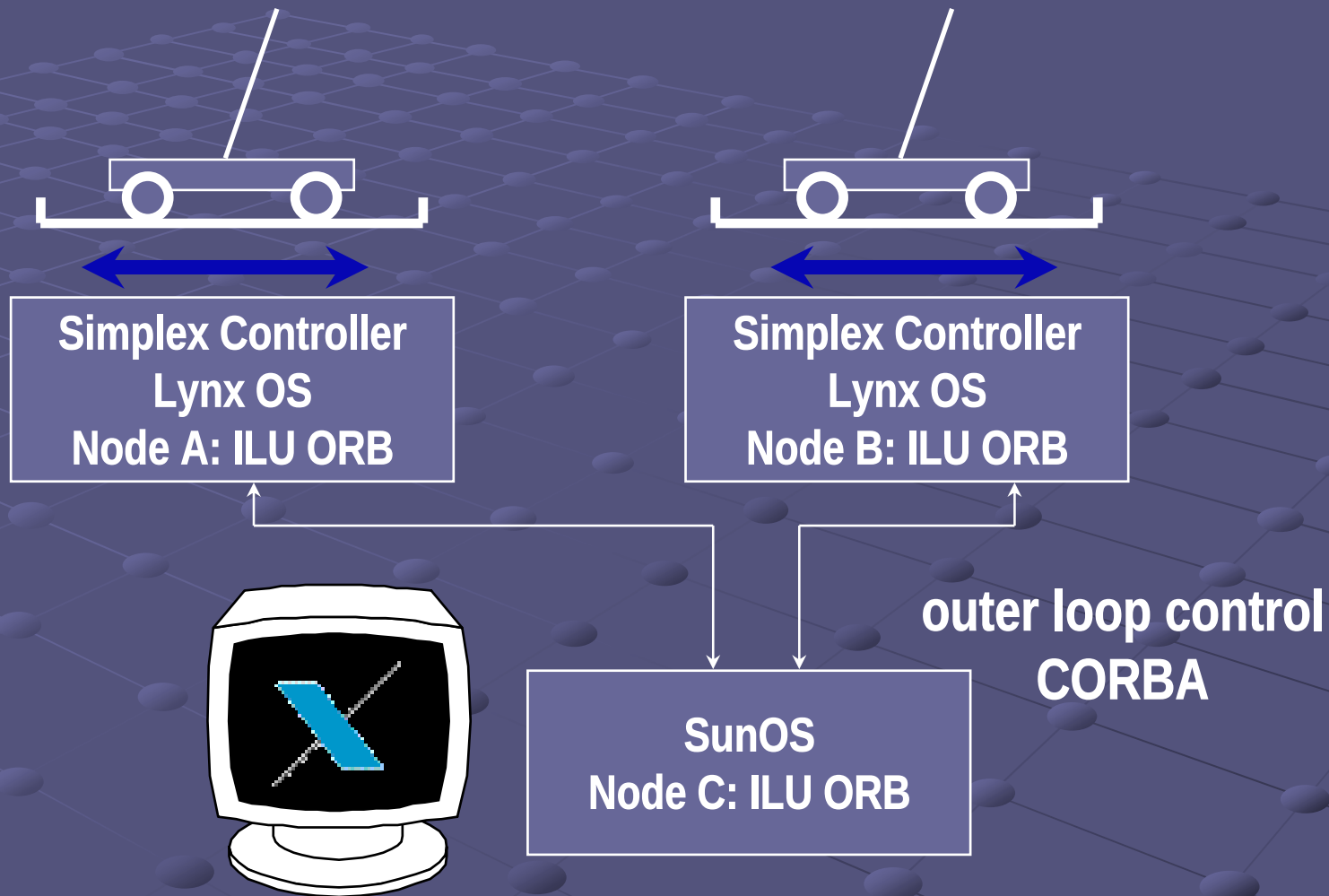


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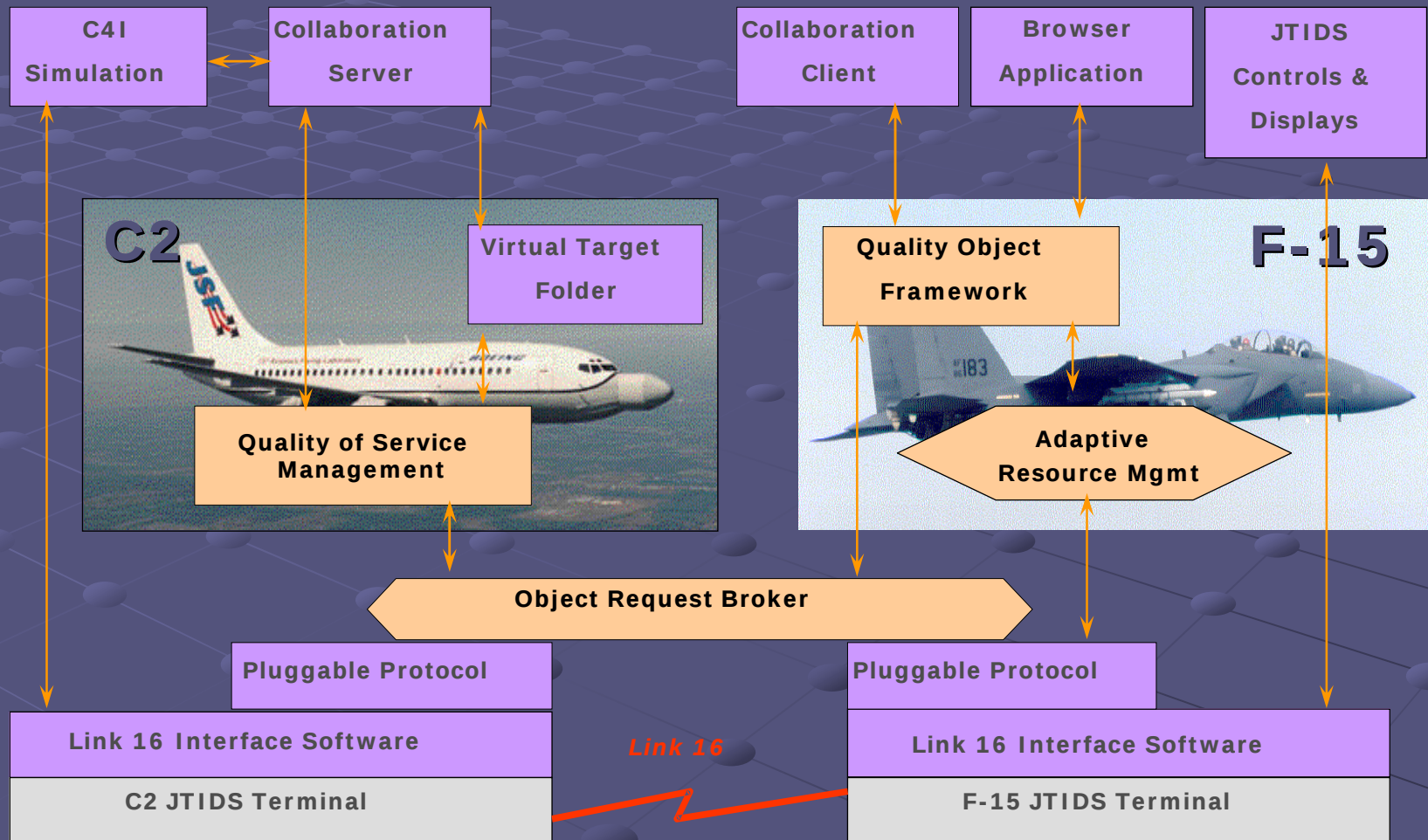
CORBA in Control Systems

Examples of Use

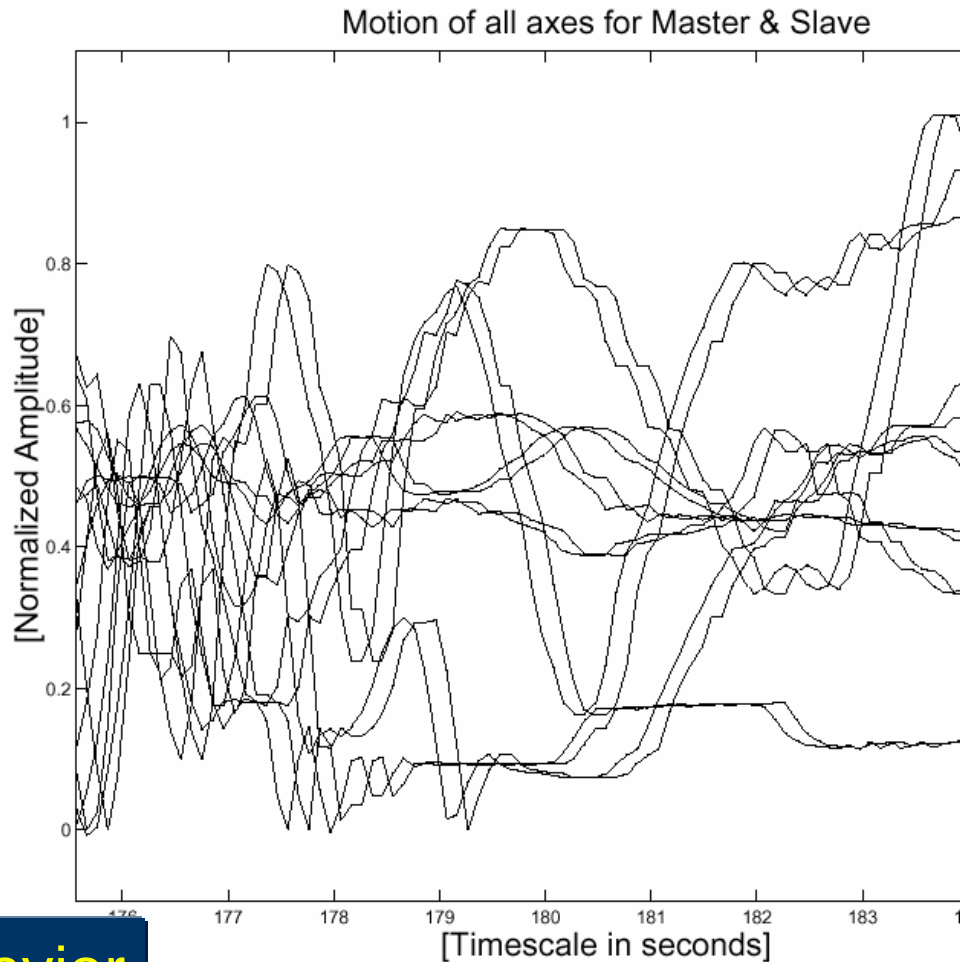
Synchronized Pendulums



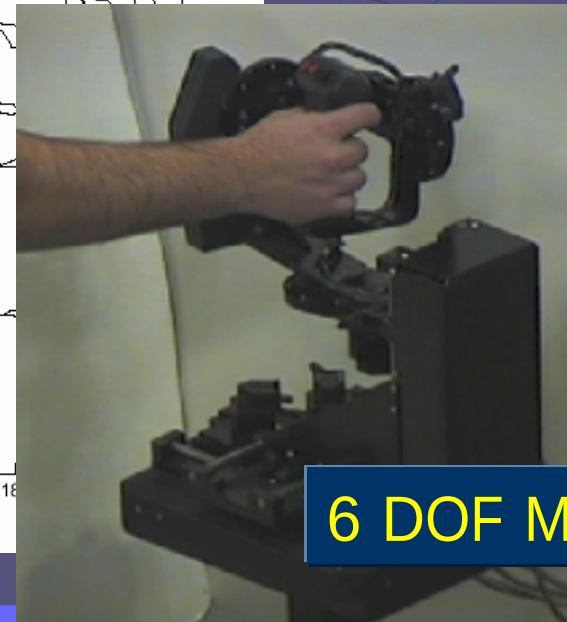
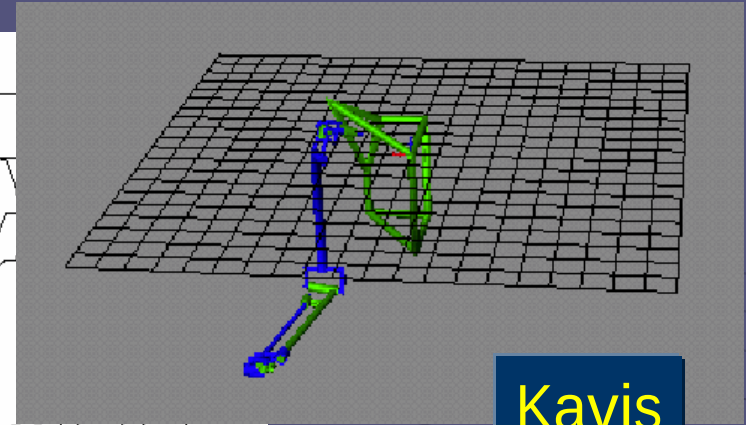
Open Weapon Systems



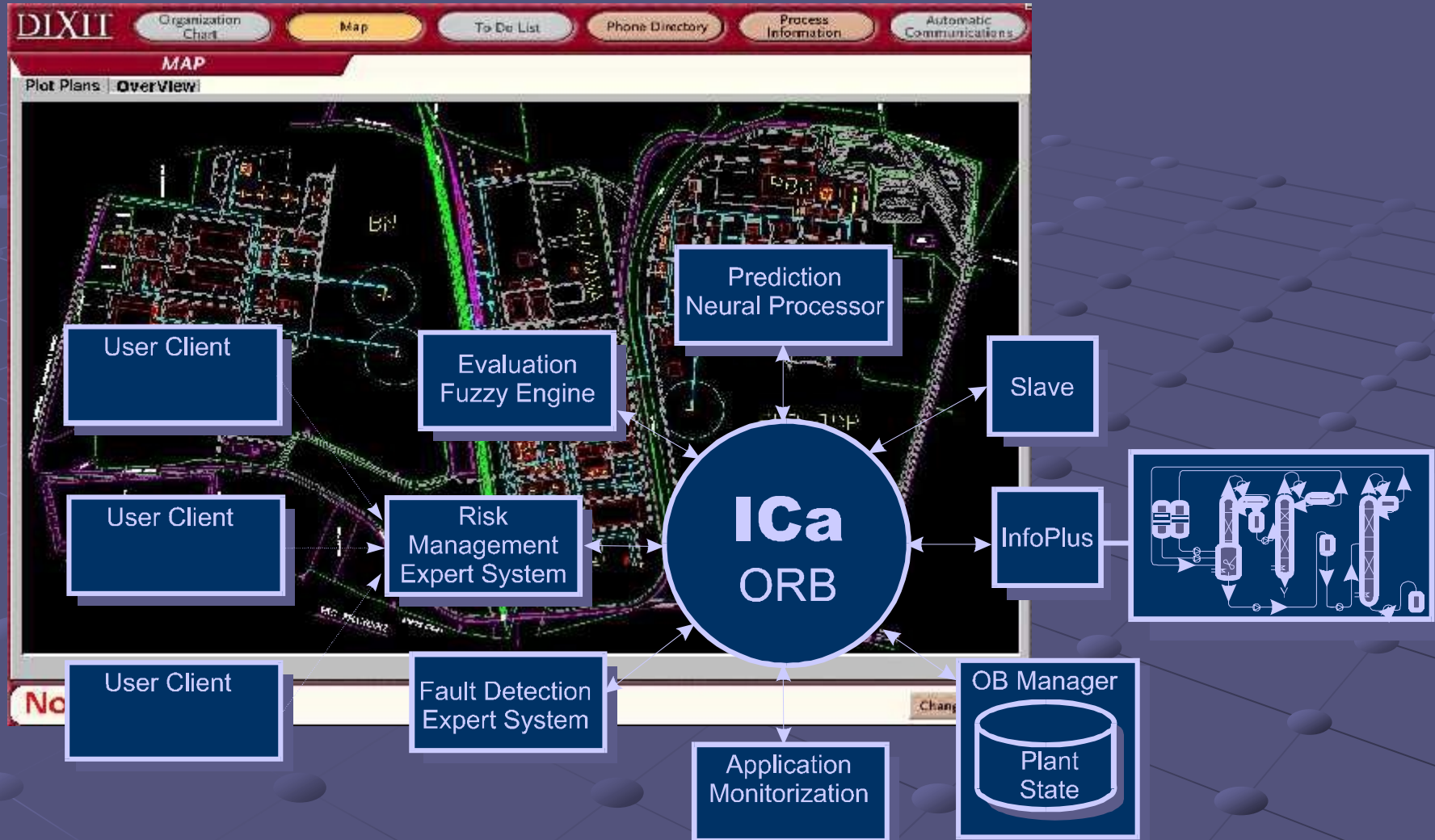
Virtual Arm Teleoperation



Behavior



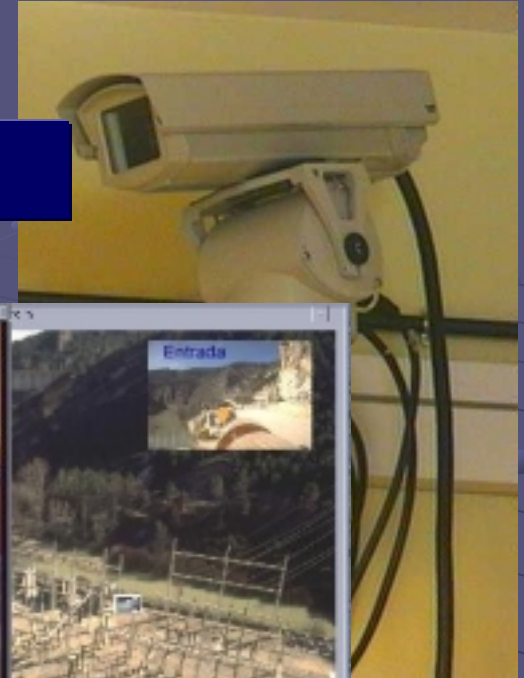
Plant-wide Risk Management



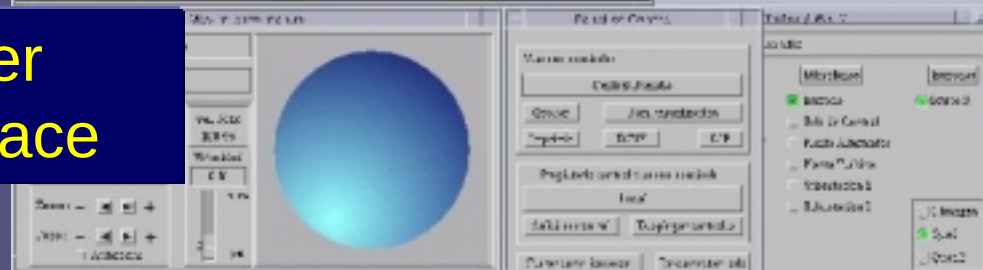
Real time WAN video

Remote
operation of
hydraulic
power plants

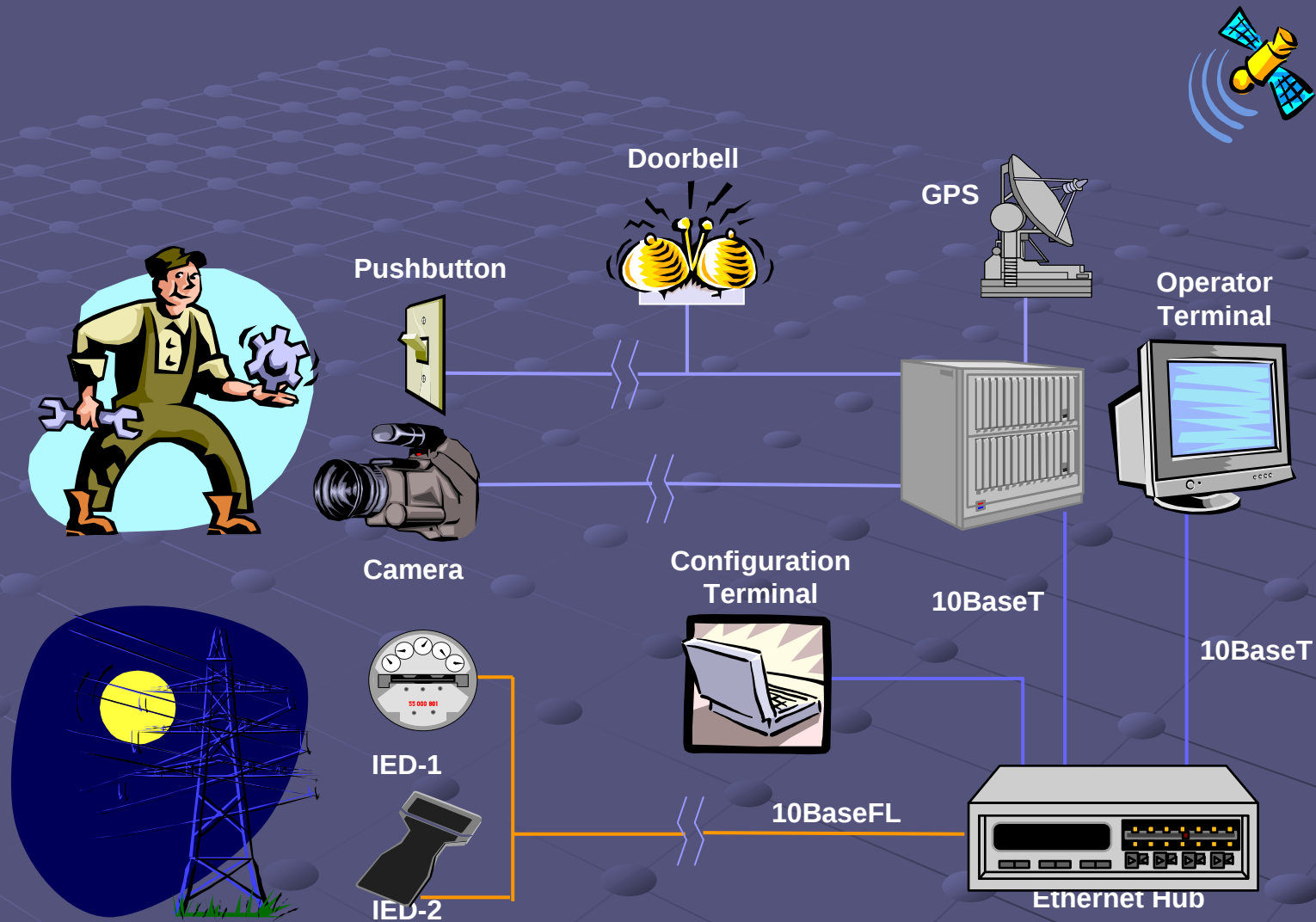
Camera



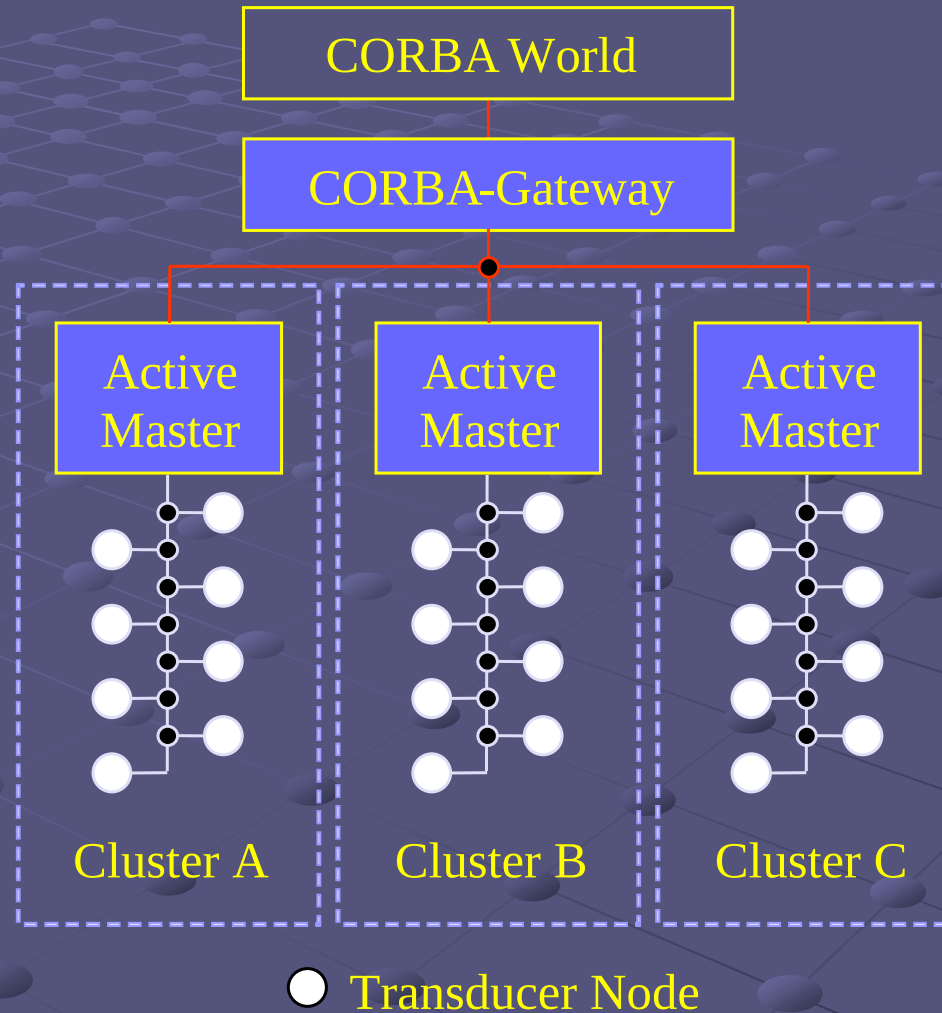
User
Interface



Electric Utilities / IEC 61850



Smart Transducers



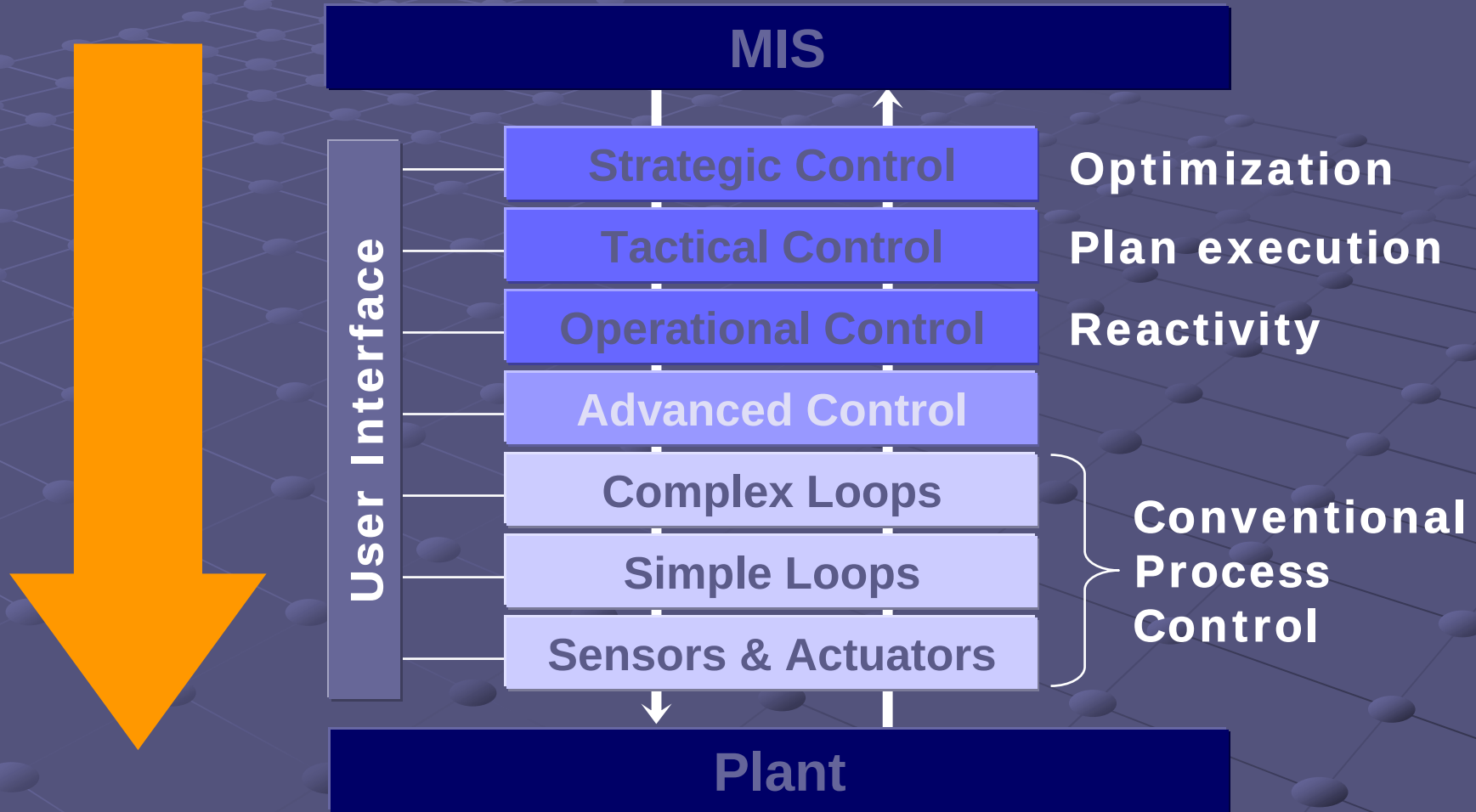


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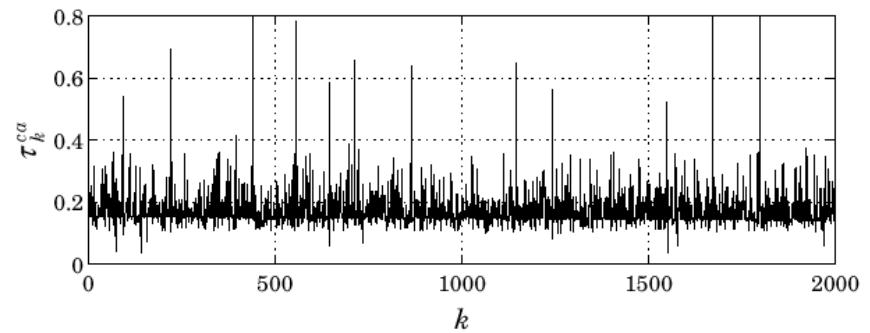
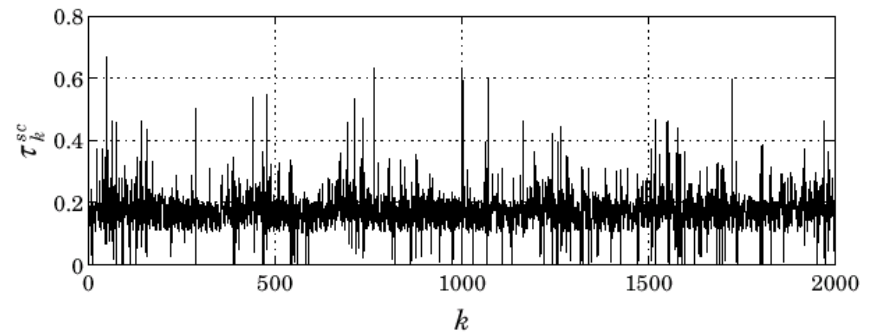
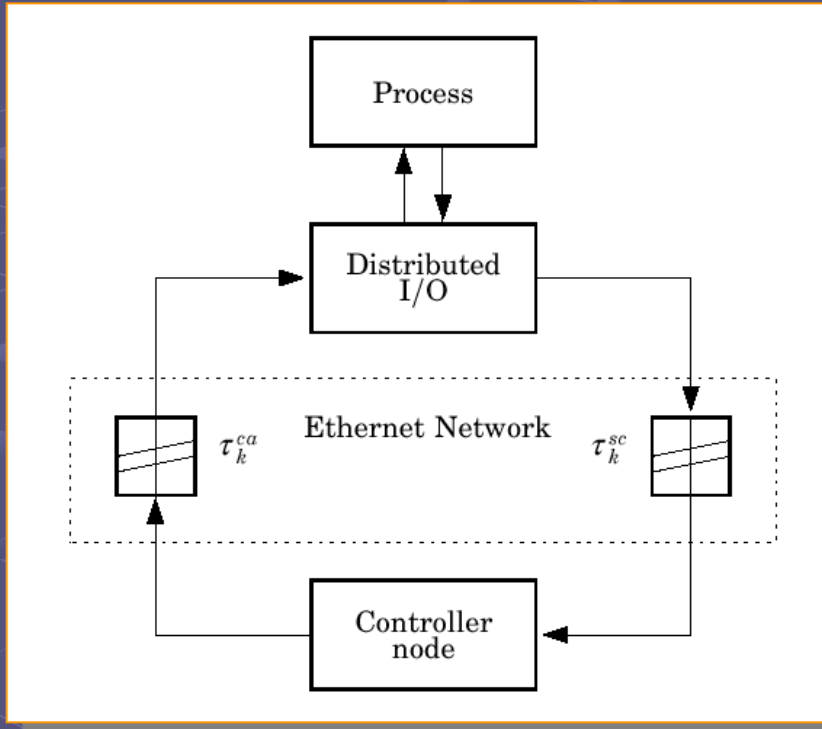
The HRTC Project

Hard Real-time CORBA

Going Down in CORBA-Control



Network Control



Project Objectives

- ◆ Start R+D activities on CORBA for Hard Real-time Control
- ◆ Build **two testbeds**
 - Robot Control Testbed: tight timing, performance
 - Process Control Testbed: heterogeneity, scalability, dependability
- ◆ Build a **pluggable transport** over predictable networking hardware (TTP/C)
- ◆ Elaborate **requirements** for CORBA-based Control Systems

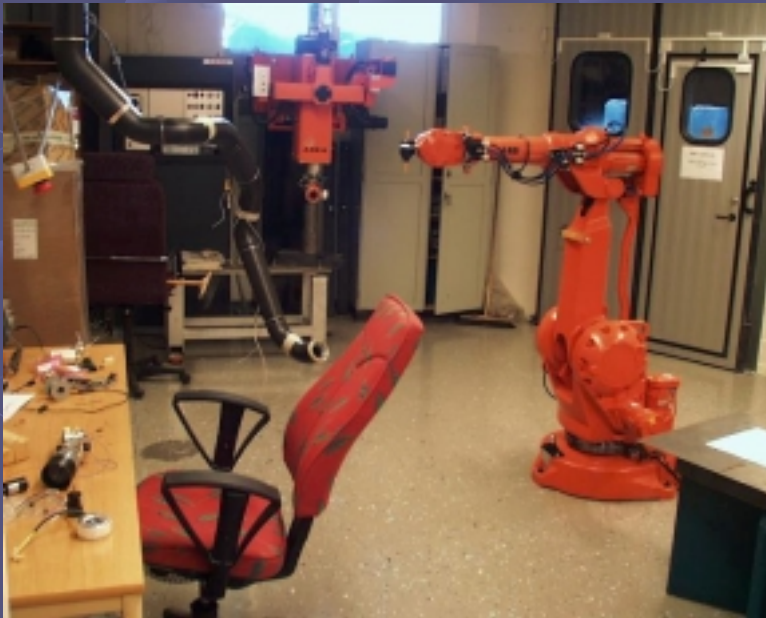
Project Partners

- ◆ **Universidad Politécnica de Madrid**
 - Complex distributed controllers
- ◆ **Lund University**
 - Networked control systems
- ◆ **Vienna University of Technology**
 - Hard real-time communications
- ◆ **SCI Labs Ingenieros S.L.**
 - ORB Manufacturer

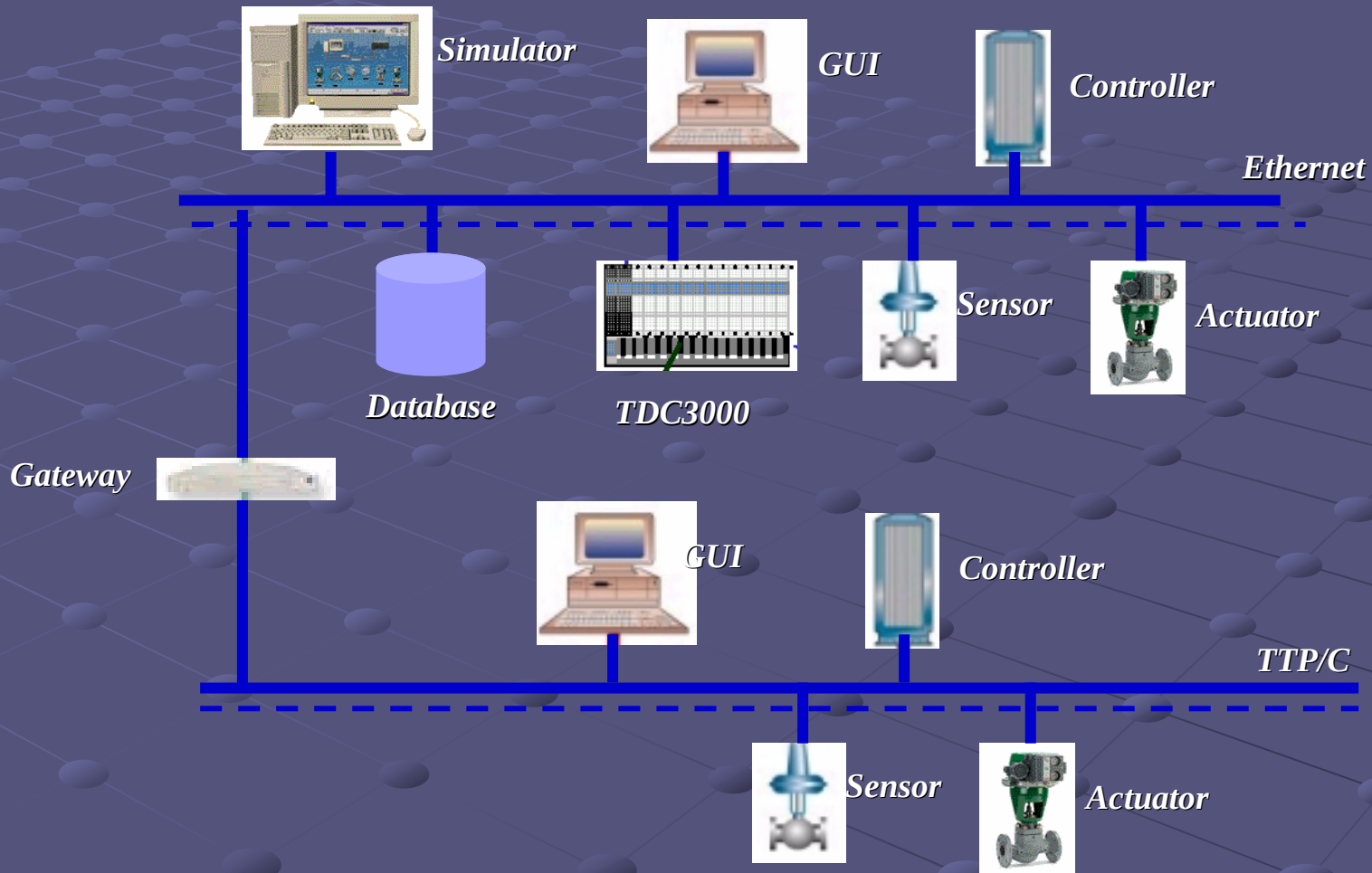
Robot Control Testbed

Two labs:

1. Advanced **control**; fully reconfigurable controller, replacing all ABB SW.
2. Advanced **applications**; extendable (during run-time) controller utilizing ABB controller (HW&SW).



Process Control Testbed



Why are we here?

(OMG Technical Meeting Helsinki)

- ◆ We want to organize a group inside the OMG to address the issues of **HRT CORBA Control Systems**

- ◆ Some Doubts:

- Is anyone interested?
- What type of group?
- Where to place it?

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