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MOSAIC Enterprise Open-Source Software Platform.

Infrastructure 3.0:

Hyperscale Hybrid Cloud.

Intelligent & Programmable Edge Software, Services, Systems and Networks.





DEVELOPER.2024 TREATISE

1. Fiercely Devoted to Enterprise Open-Source
2. Data-First Mentality
3. Infrastructure as Code 2.0+ (and defining together what comes next)
4. AI Optimization
5. Fully Automated & Multi-Modal Capabilities
6. Prototype to Innovation:
(R&D Operations, Rapid-Prototyping, Hackathons & Exercises)





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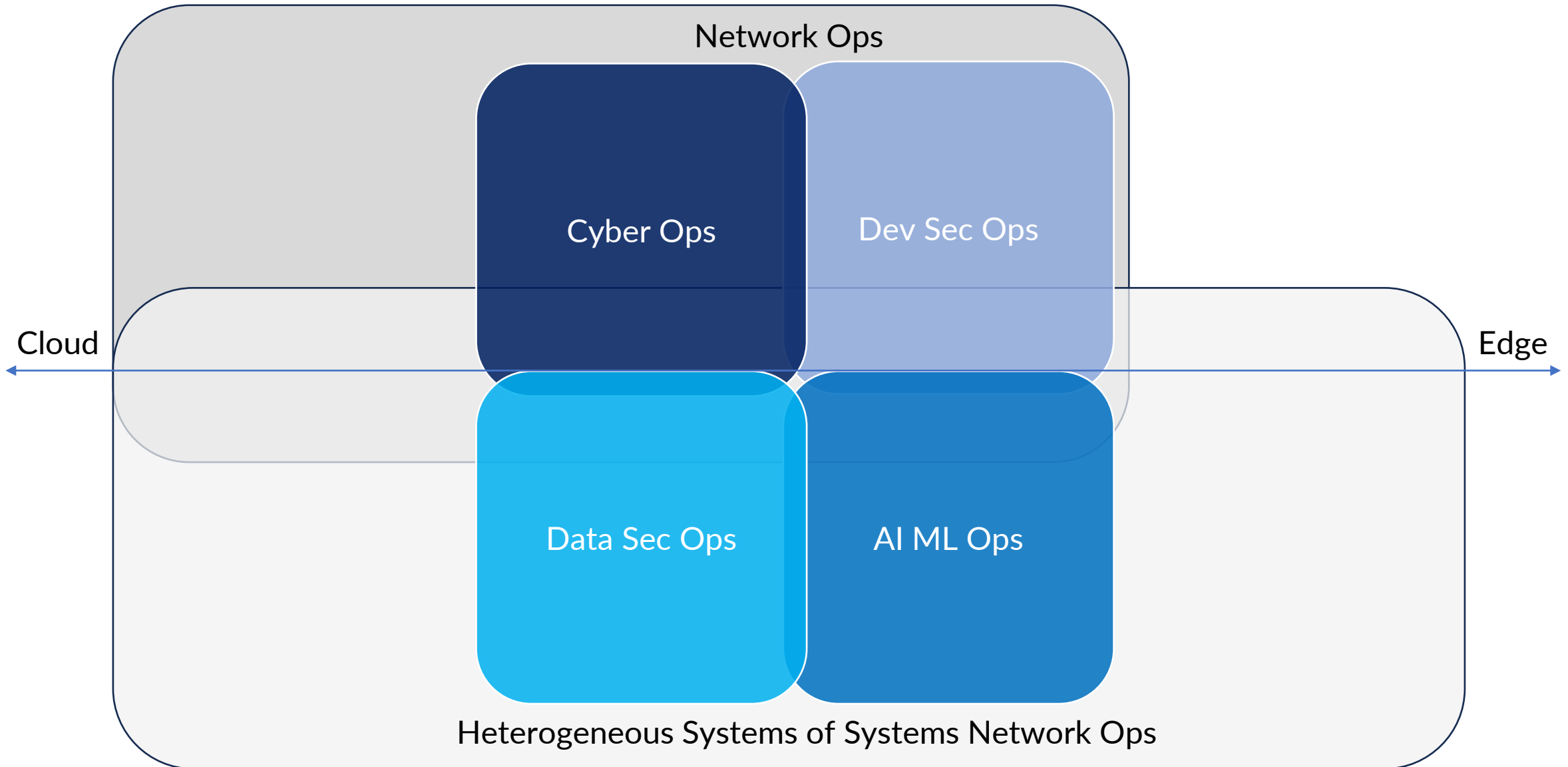
Distributed Cloud and the Adoption of Hyperscale Hybrid Cloud Capabilities are due to the following Public Cloud issues;

High Costs,
Security Vulnerabilities,
Performance,
Lack of Resilience,
Data Workload Shifts to the Distributed Cloud-Edge.



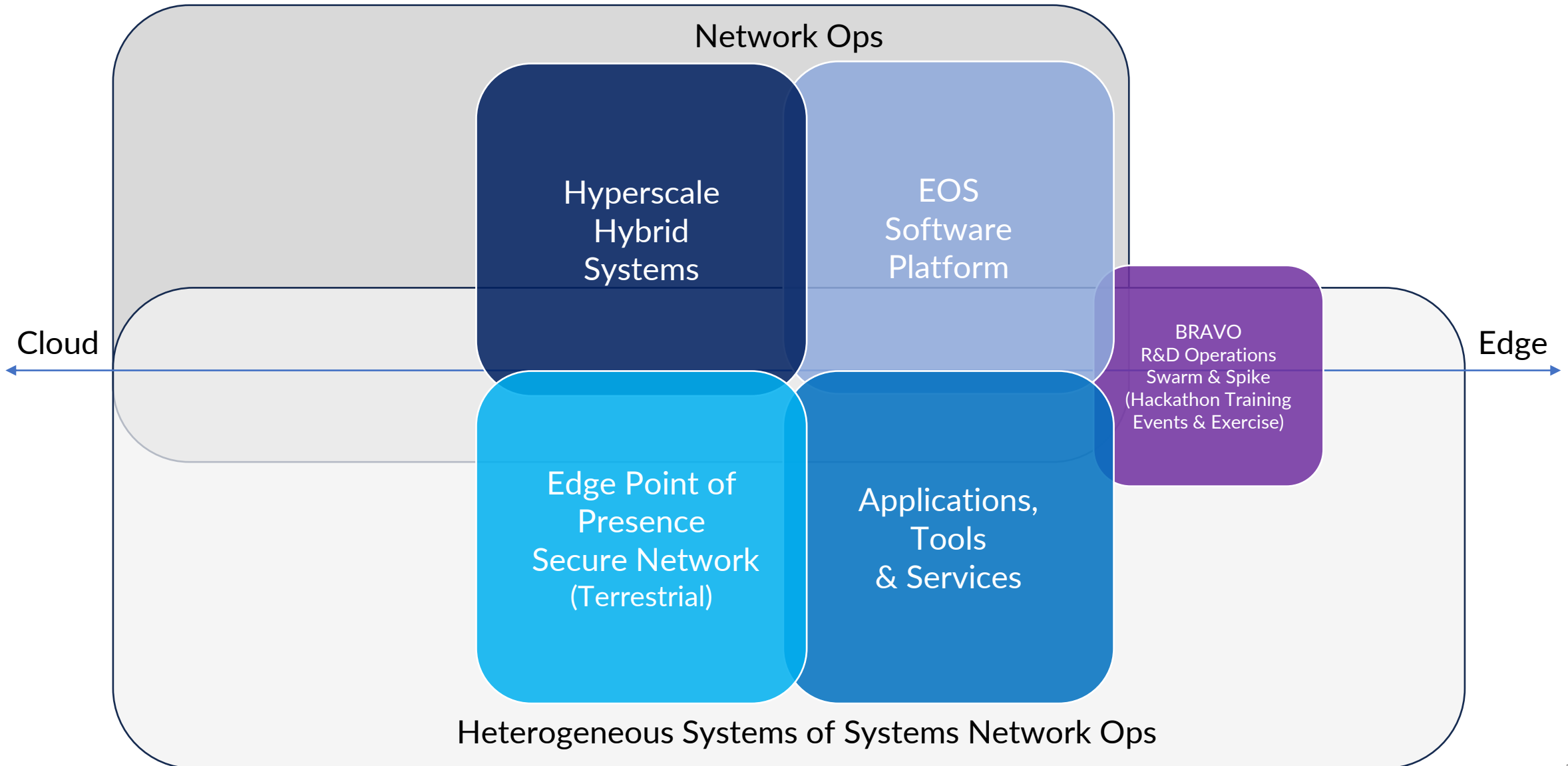


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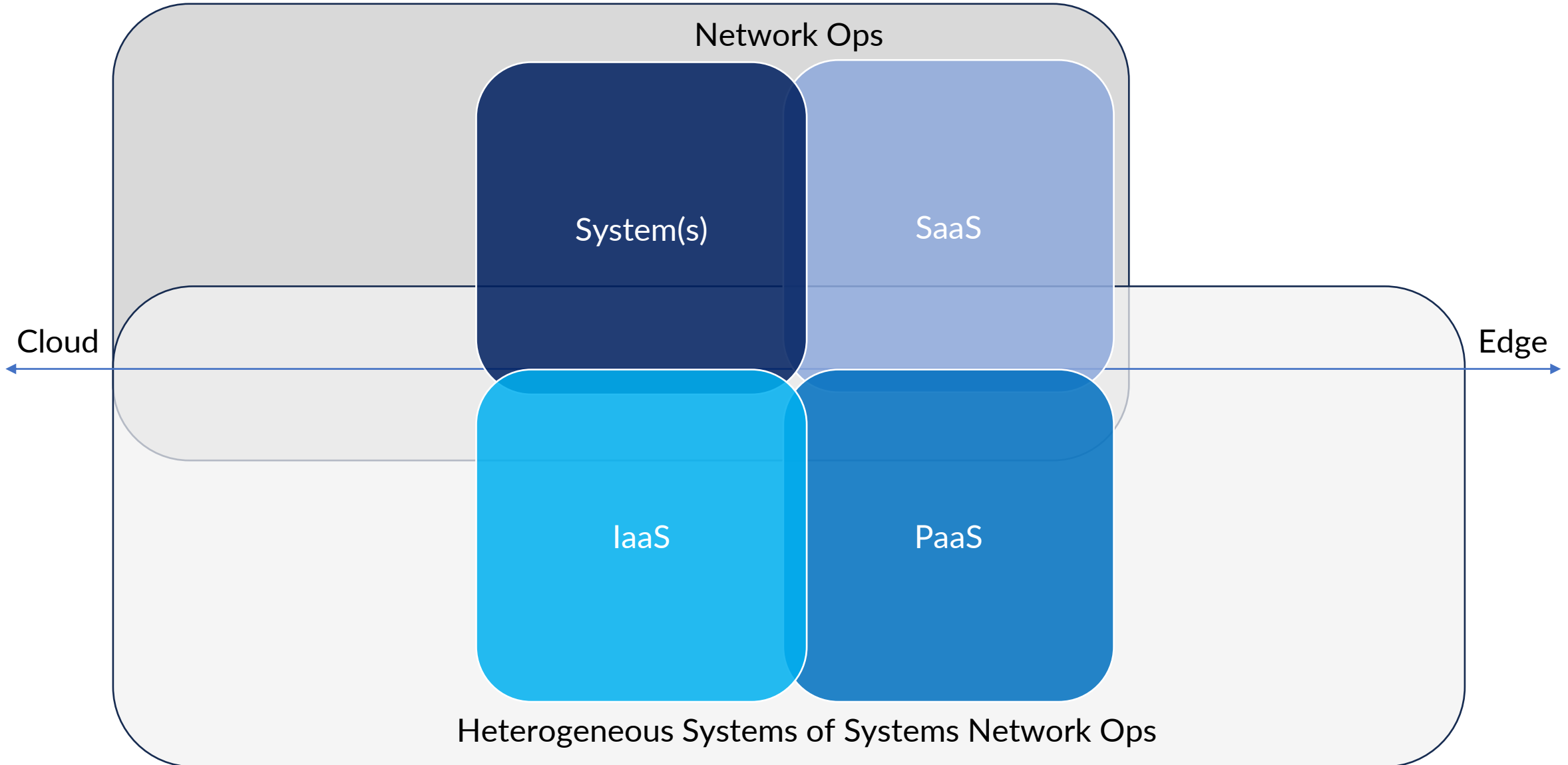


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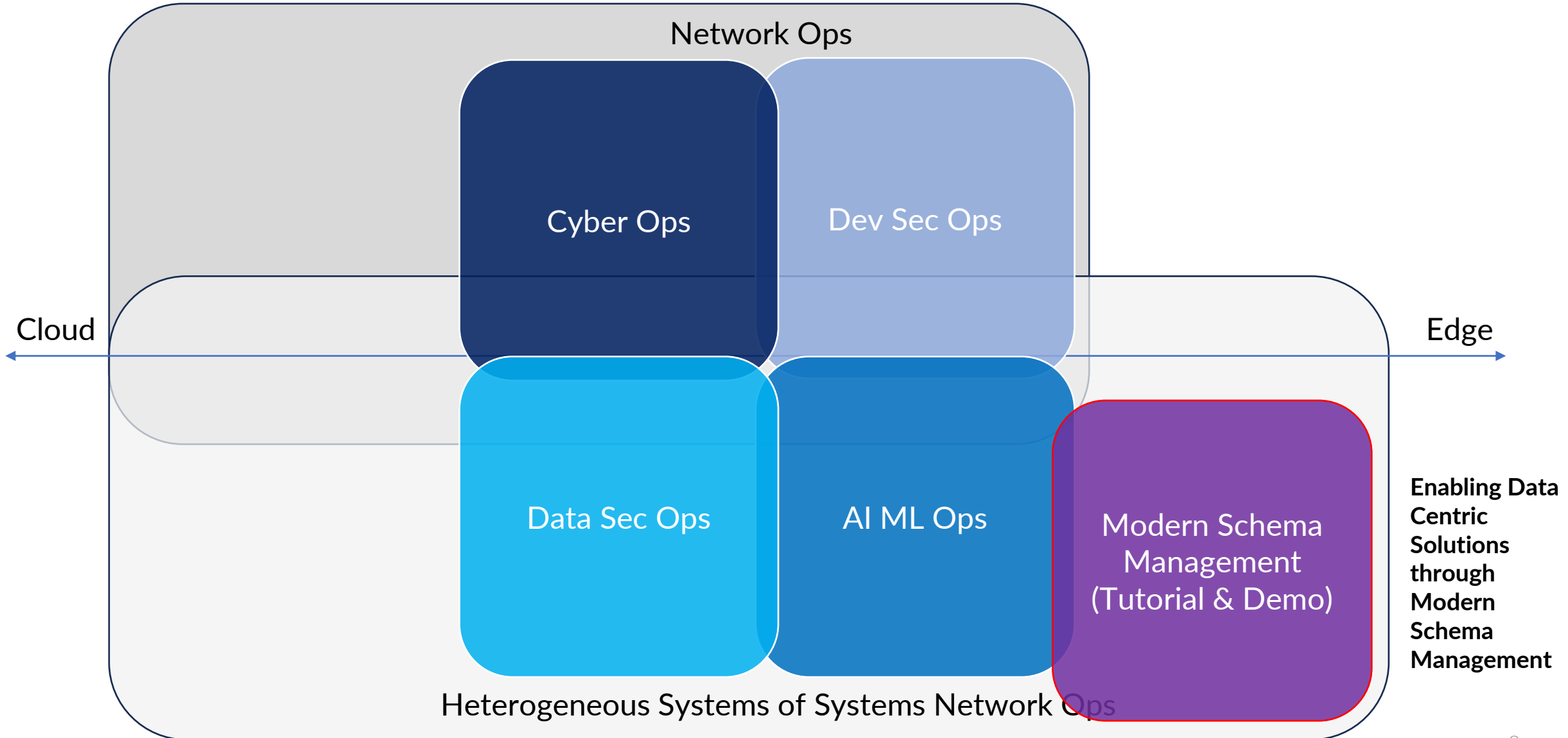
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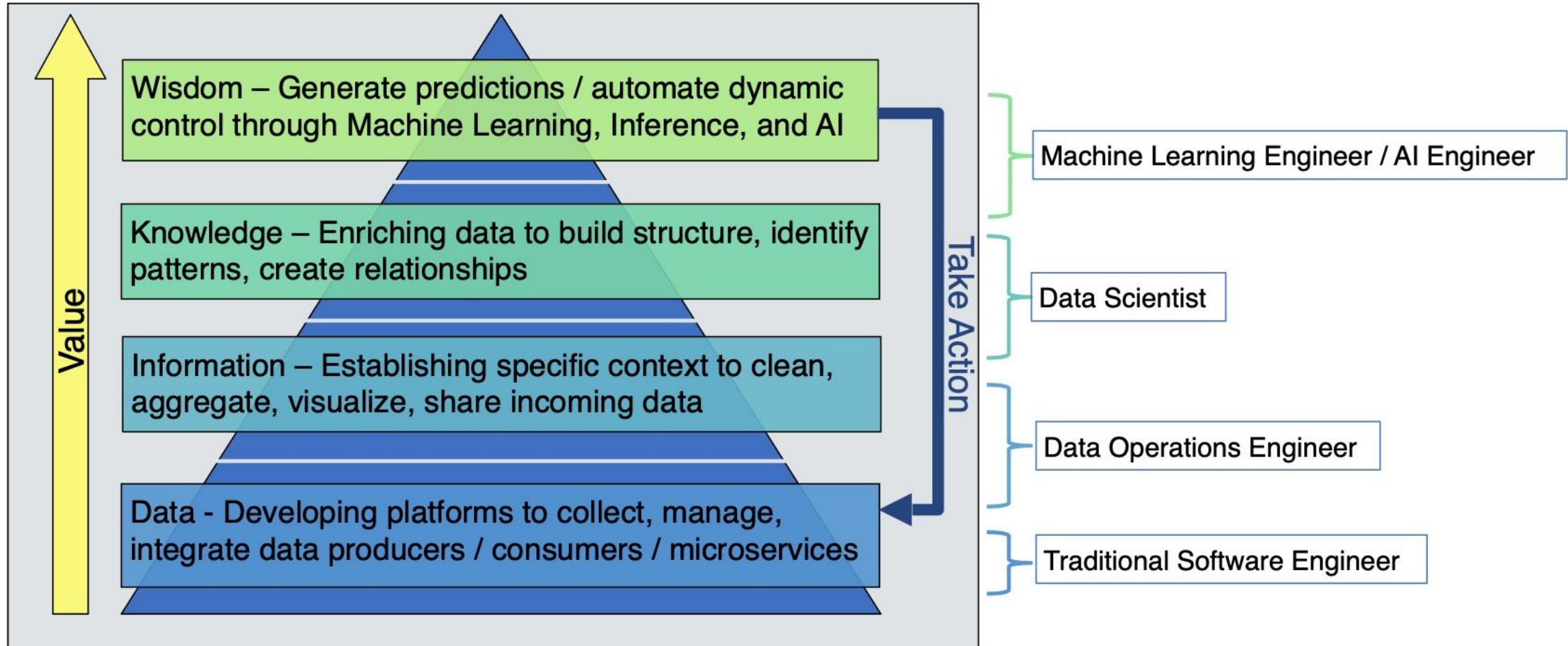
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Hierarchical Data Solution Needs





AVRO Schema.

Why Do We Need a Schema w/Kafka?

- Without a schema, what happens if:
 - A producer sends bad data?
 - A field gets renamed?
 - The data format changes?
- The Consumers Break!

- So, data needs to be:
 - Self describable
 - Able to evolve without breaking downstream consumers
- Solution:
 - Schemas and Schema Registry are required!!!





Avro VS Traditional Data Schemas:

What is Avro?

↑ Technological Advances in Data Schemas

Avro	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data is fully typed• Data is compressed automatically (less CPU)• JSON defined schema comes along with data• Documentation embedded in schema• Data can be read across any language (binary)• Schema can safely evolve over time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avro support for some languages may be lacking• Can't print data without Avro tools (it's compressed & serialized)
JSON	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data can take any form, e.g., arrays, nested elements• Widely accepted format on web• Can be read by most languages• Easily shared over a network	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data has no schema enforcing• Repeated keys can cause massive JSON Objects
Relational Tables	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data is fully typed• Data fits in a table	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data has to be flat• Data is stored in database; data definition will be different for each database
CSV	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easy to parse• Easy to read• Easy to make sense of	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data types of elements must be inferred• Parsing becomes tricky when data contains comma• Column names may or may not be there





Avro Data Schema Evolution

- Based on how applications leverage data, various configurations of Schema Evolution can be managed with a Schema Registry
- Types of Schema Evolution:
 - none - new schema can be any valid Avro schema
 - backward - new schema can read data produced by latest registered schema
 - backward_transitive - new schema can read data produced by all previously registered schemas
 - forward - latest registered schema can read data produced by new schema
 - forward_transitive - all previously registered schemas can read data produced by new schema
 - full - new schema is backward/forward compatible with latest registered schema
 - full_transitive - new schema is backward/forward compatible with all previously registered schemas





Avro in Java

Constructing Avro Records: GenericRecord

- A **GenericRecord** is used to create an Avro object from a Schema
 - References schema as a file or as a string
 - Simplest way to create Avro objects in Java
 - Not recommended for production due to potential to cause runtime errors





Avro in Java

Constructing Avro Records: SpecificRecord

- A **SpecificRecord** is an Avro object created by using *code generation* from a Schema
 - Code generation plugins exist for multiple build tools
 - e.g., Gradle, Maven, SBT
 - Official “Avro Code Generation Tool” is in Maven

• Example:

```
{  "namespace" : "io.astral.avro",
  "name" : "DataFeature",
  "type" : "record",
  "fields" : [ {"name": "id", "type" : ["null","int"], "default": null, "docs" : "The numeric ID of the data feature"},
               {"name": "name", "type" : ["null","string"], "default": null, "docs" : "The name of the data feature"},
               {"name": "description", "type" : ["null","string"], "default": null, "docs" : "The description of the data feature"},
               {"name": "value", "type": ["null","long"], "default": null, "docs" : "The value of the data feature"},
               {"name": "unit", "type": ["null","string"], "default": null, "docs" : "The unit of the data feature"},
               {"name": "host_url", "type": ["null","string"], "default": null, "docs": "Originating Host URL"},
               {"name": "time", "type" : ["null","string"], "default": null, "docs" : "String formatted timestamp of data feature"}],
  "docs" : "Value and unit of a data feature" }
```





Overview:

- Apache Avro Data Schemas
- **Confluent Schema Registry and REST Proxy**
- Data Schema Analogies and Learning Resources





Confluent Schema Registry

- Store/retrieve schemas for Producers / Consumers
- Enforce Backward / Forward / Full compatibility on topics
- Decrease size of payload of data sent to Kafka
- Operations through REST API:
 - Add schemas
 - Retrieve a schema
 - Update a schema
 - Delete a schema
- Schemas can be applied to key and/or values





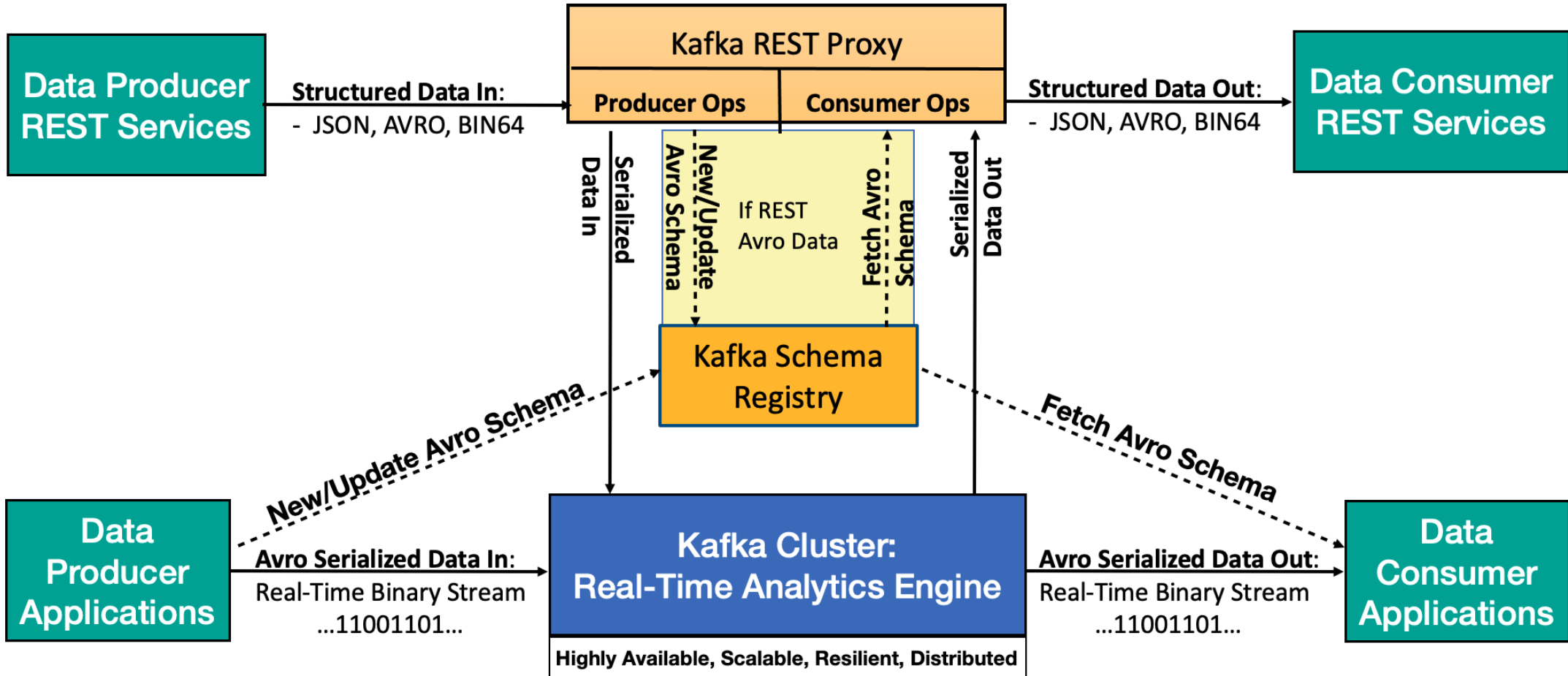
Confluent Rest Proxy

- Integrated with schema registry:
 - Enables Services to easily read/write to Avro serialized topics
- Note:
 - Performance hit to using HTTP instead of Kafka's native protocol
 - Throughput decrease 3-4x





Kafka Ecosystem Architecture: Schema Registry & REST Proxy





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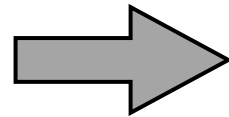




Analogies to Electrical Engineering:

- Data Schemas provide a Generalized Signal Context that:
 - Define discrete data sources of any context, not just power sources
 - Translates physical/meta needs at the edge into a software context
 - Enforces signal integrity across Software Defined Infrastructure
 - Fundamental to developing closed-loop AI systems and solutions
 - Example: Ohms law modeled as Avro schema

$$V=I*Z$$



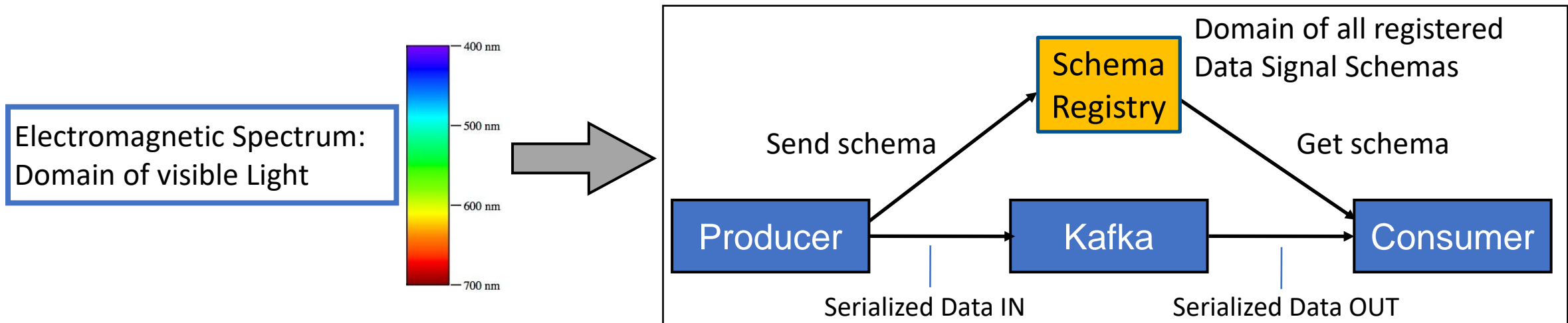
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  "namespace" : "example.avro",
  "type" : "record",
  "name" : "OhmsLaw",
  "fields" : [
    {"name" : "SourceId", "type" : "string"},
    {"name" : "voltage", "type" : "double"},
    {"name" : "current", "type" : "double"},
    {"name" : "impedance", "type" : "double"}]
}
```





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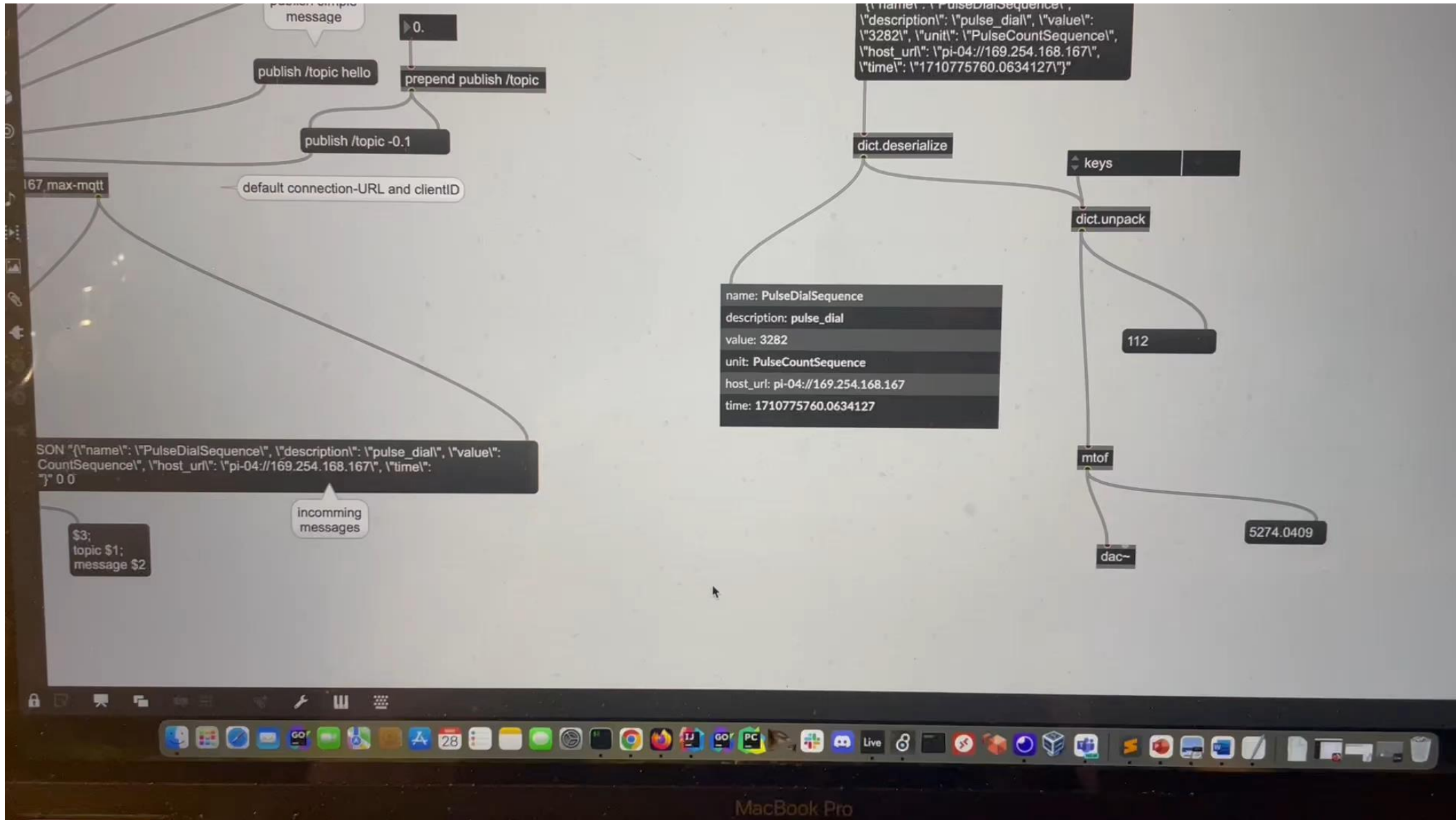
- Schema Registry provides domain of all defined signals:
 - A discrete data signal spectrum, rather than electromagnetic spectrum
 - Repository to all versions of a specific schema
 - Provides means to serialize/deserialize data in distributed systems
 - Ensures data propagation continues, even when schema “breaks
 - Example:



Demo Video 1: Extreme Edge Real-Time Data



Demo Video 2: Centralized Data Edge-to-Cloud





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