

# **Monitoring Green Power and Distributed Edge Computing Infrastructure with Zabbix**

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# Introduction

## ■ Who am I?

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## ■ Research area

- Monitoring mechanisms in large-scale networks
- Distributed processing using edge computing
- Data processing efficiency



# Research targets

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## ①Cognitive radio

Multimedia communication

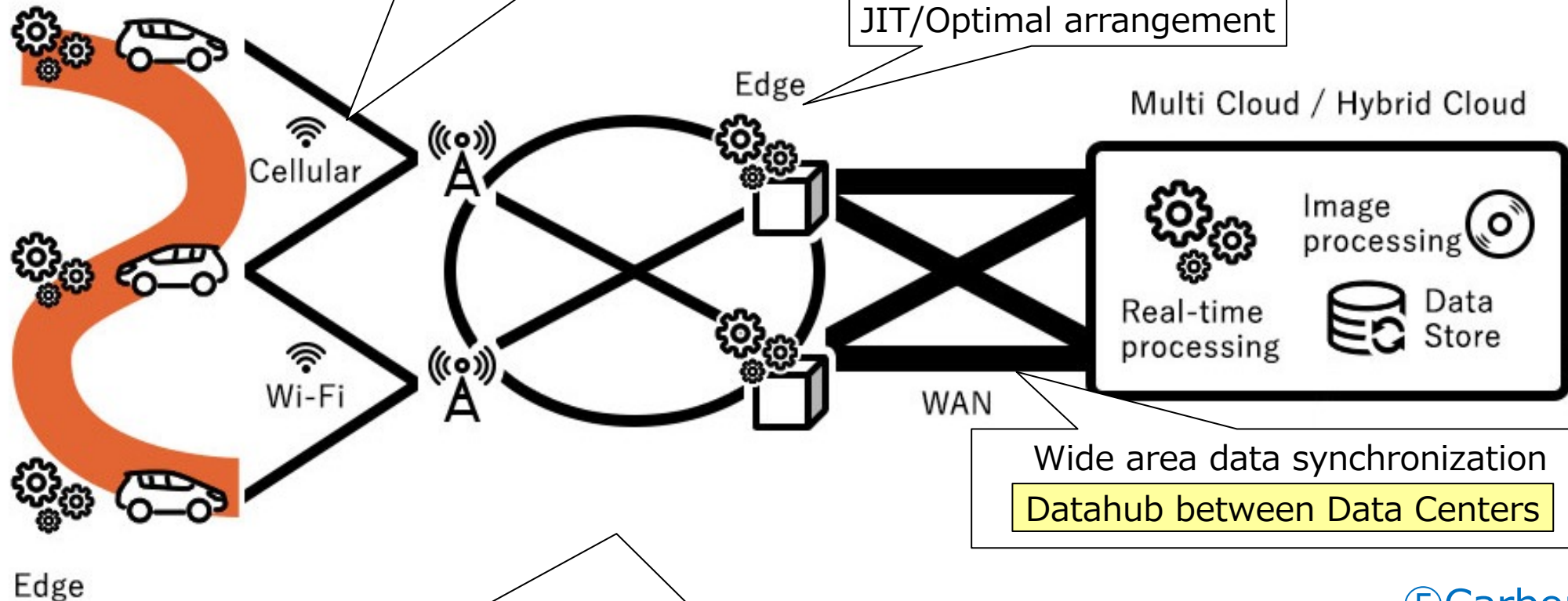
Multiple radio

## ②JIT edge offloading

Load balancing

Request routing

JIT/Optimal arrangement



## ③④E2E monitoring/ security/resilience

E2E monitoring, security, MLOps

Distributed monitoring

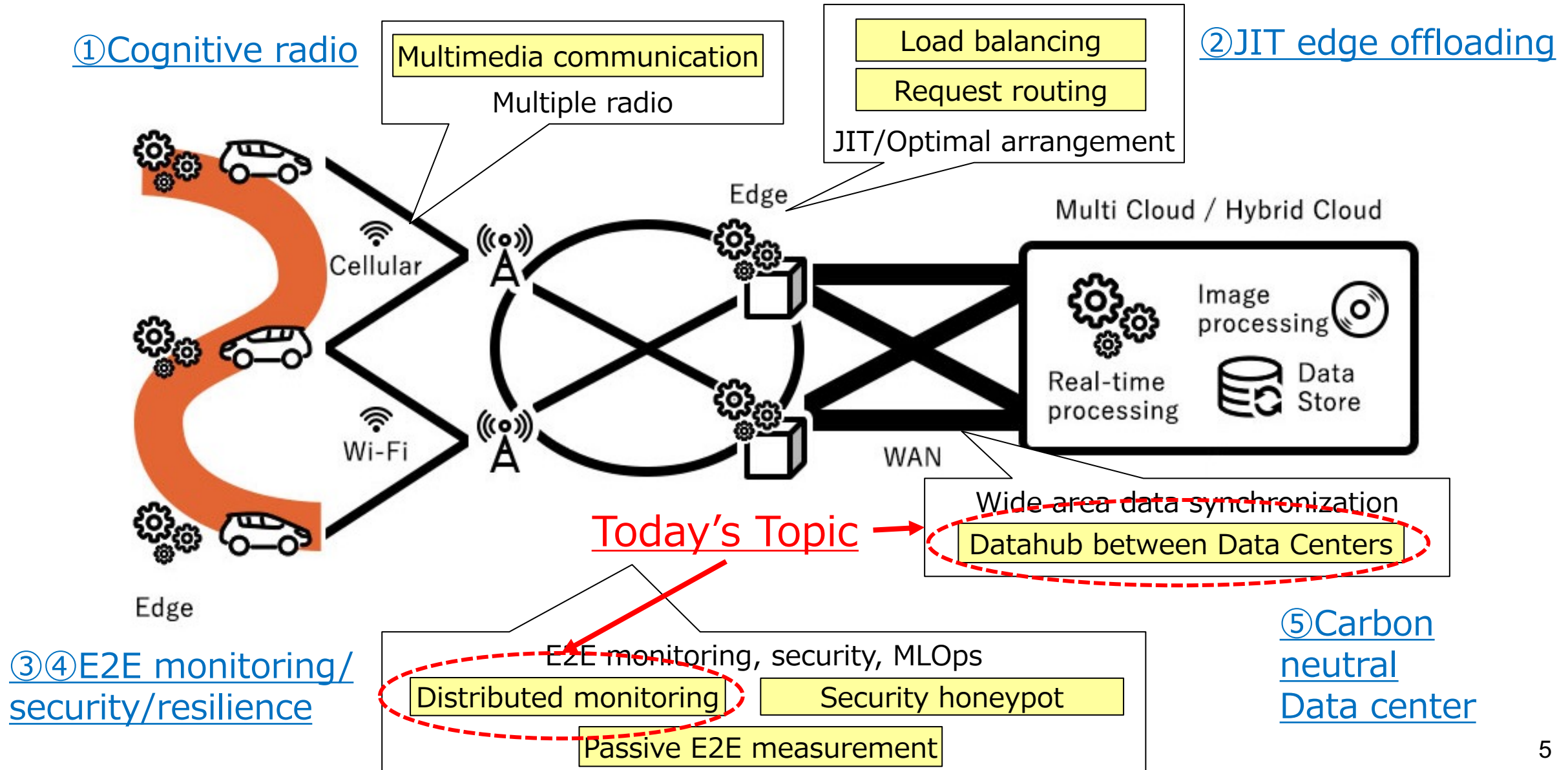
Security honeypot

Passive E2E measurement

## ⑤Carbon neutral Data center

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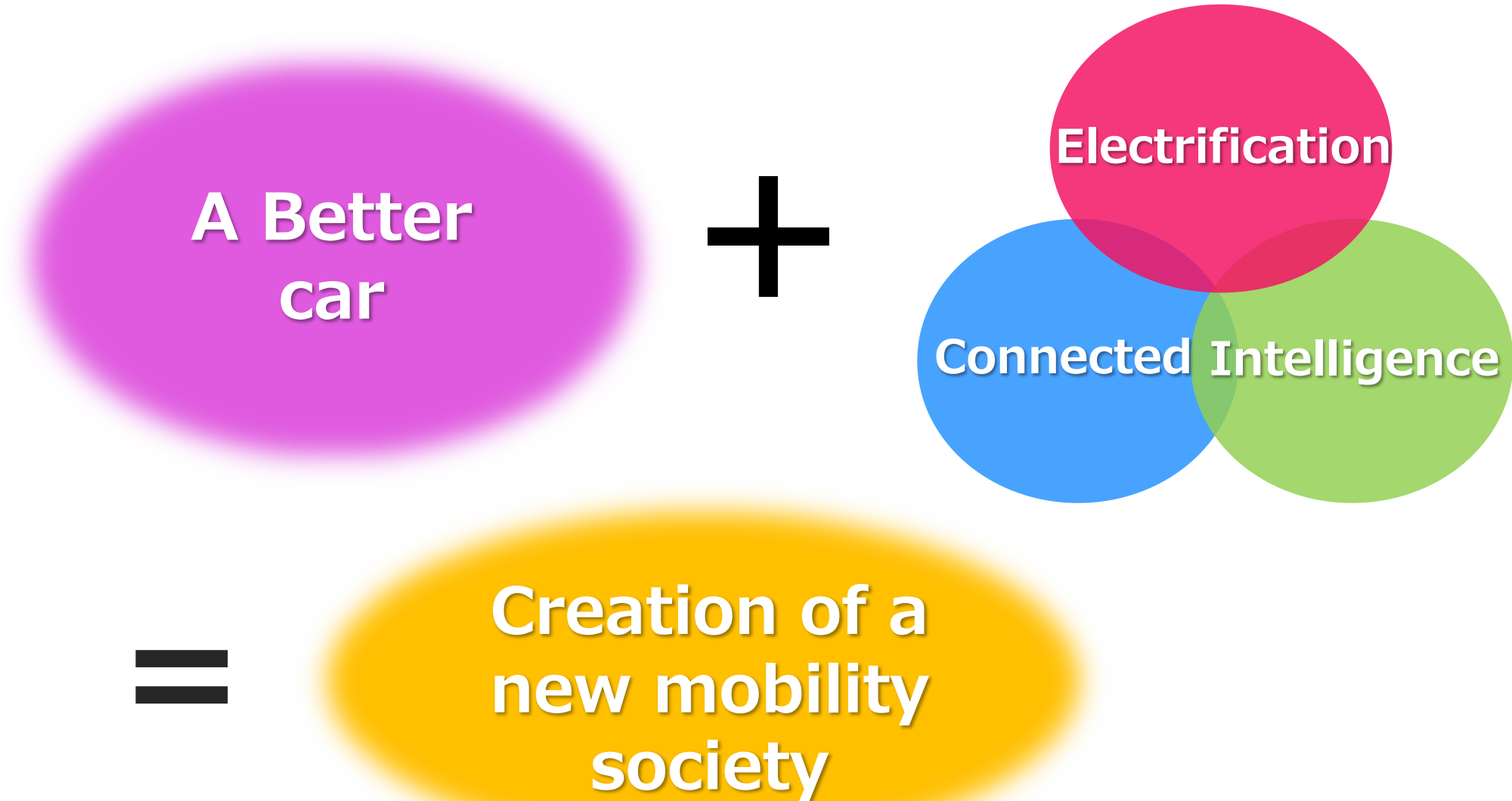
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# Mobility

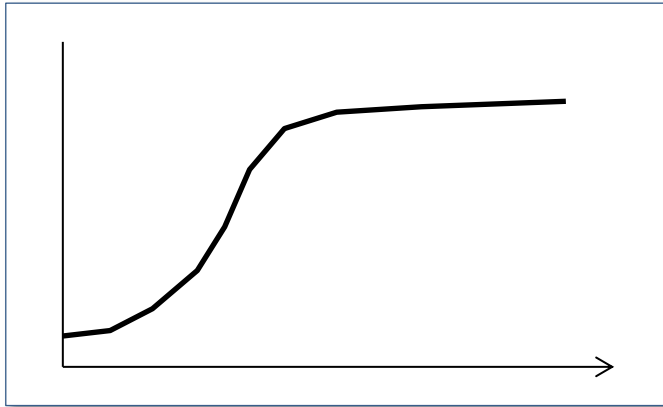
# What customers and society want from automobiles **TOYOTA**

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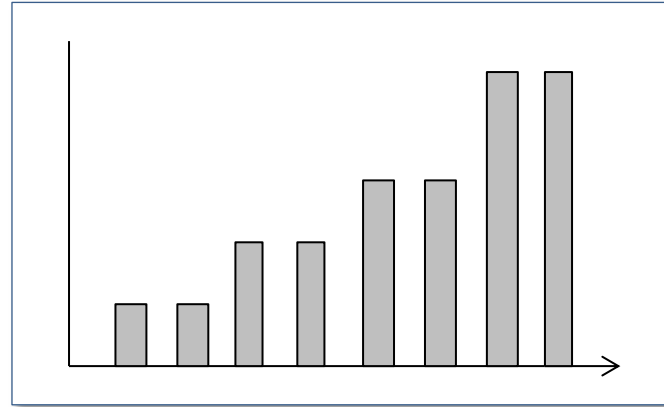
# Data collected from cars is increasing

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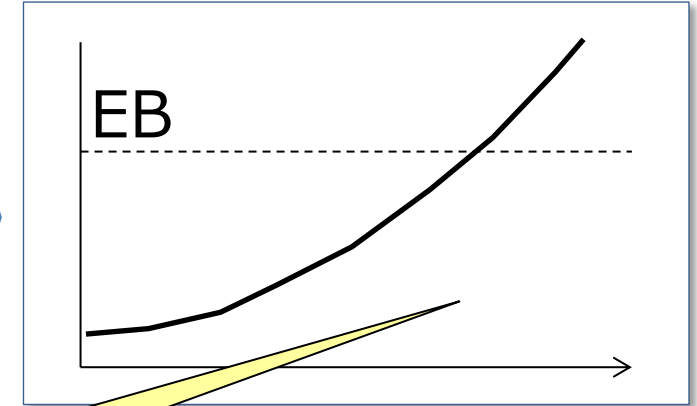


Changes in the total  
Number of connected cars

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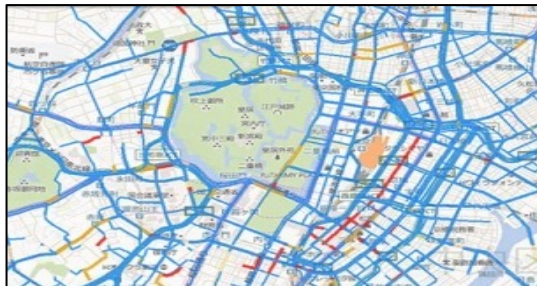


Transition of data transfer  
amount per unit

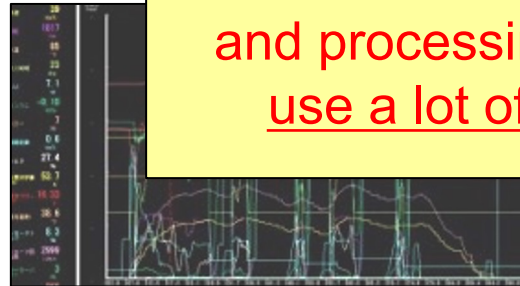


Connected car total data  
transfer volume

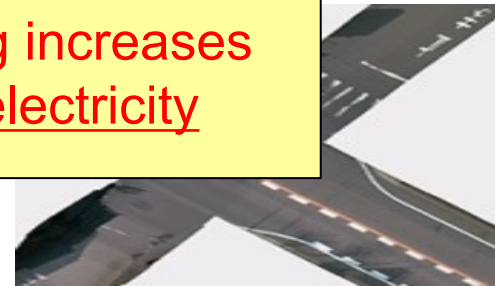
If the amount of transfer  
and processing increases  
use a lot of electricity



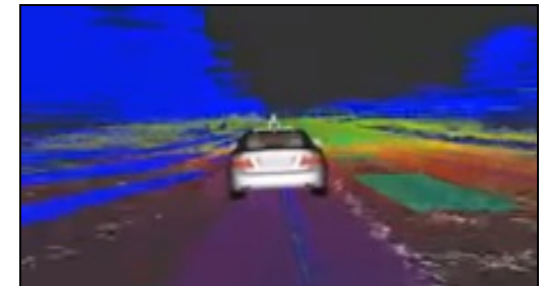
Navi probe data



Vehicle condition  
data



High definition  
Map generation

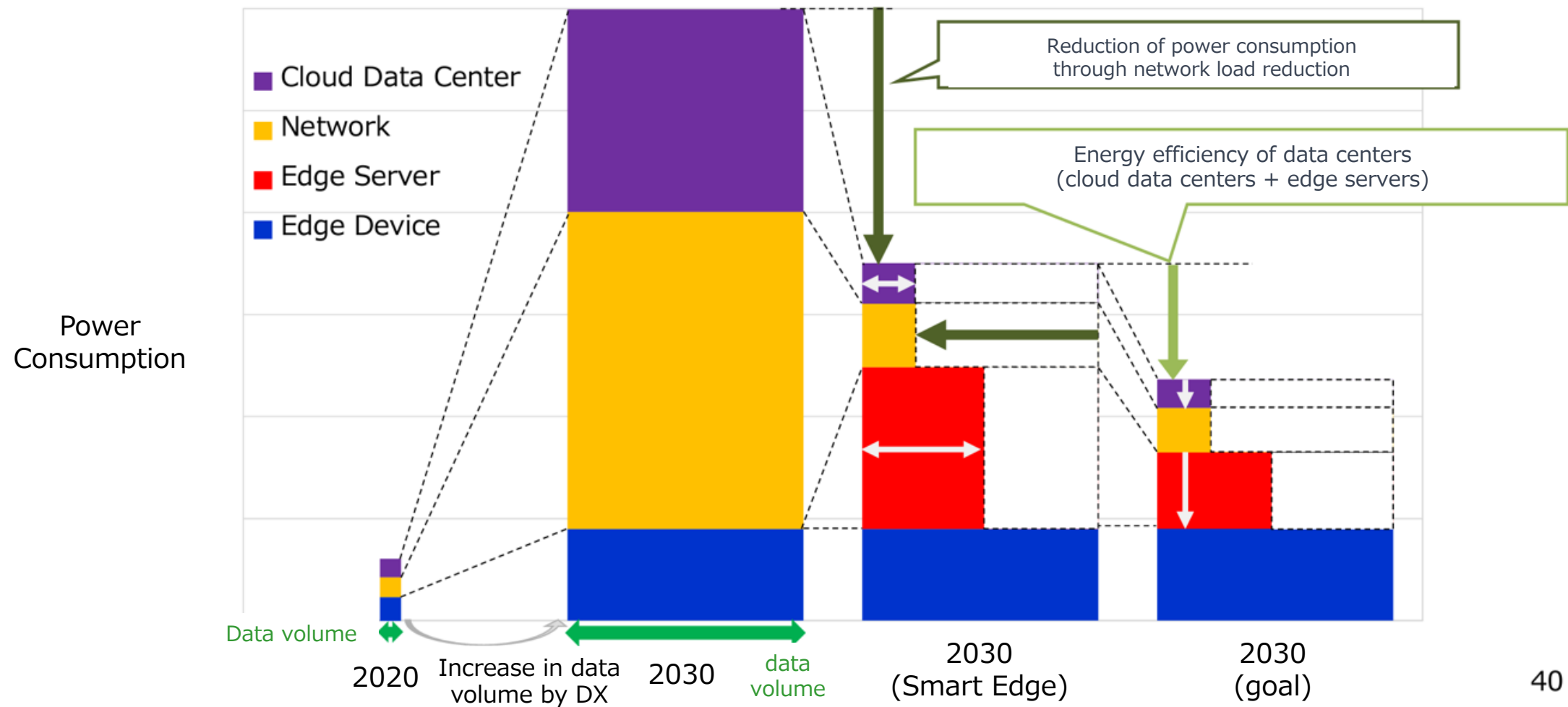


Sensing data



# **Green Digital Computing**

Main challenge: Green Digital Computing(image)

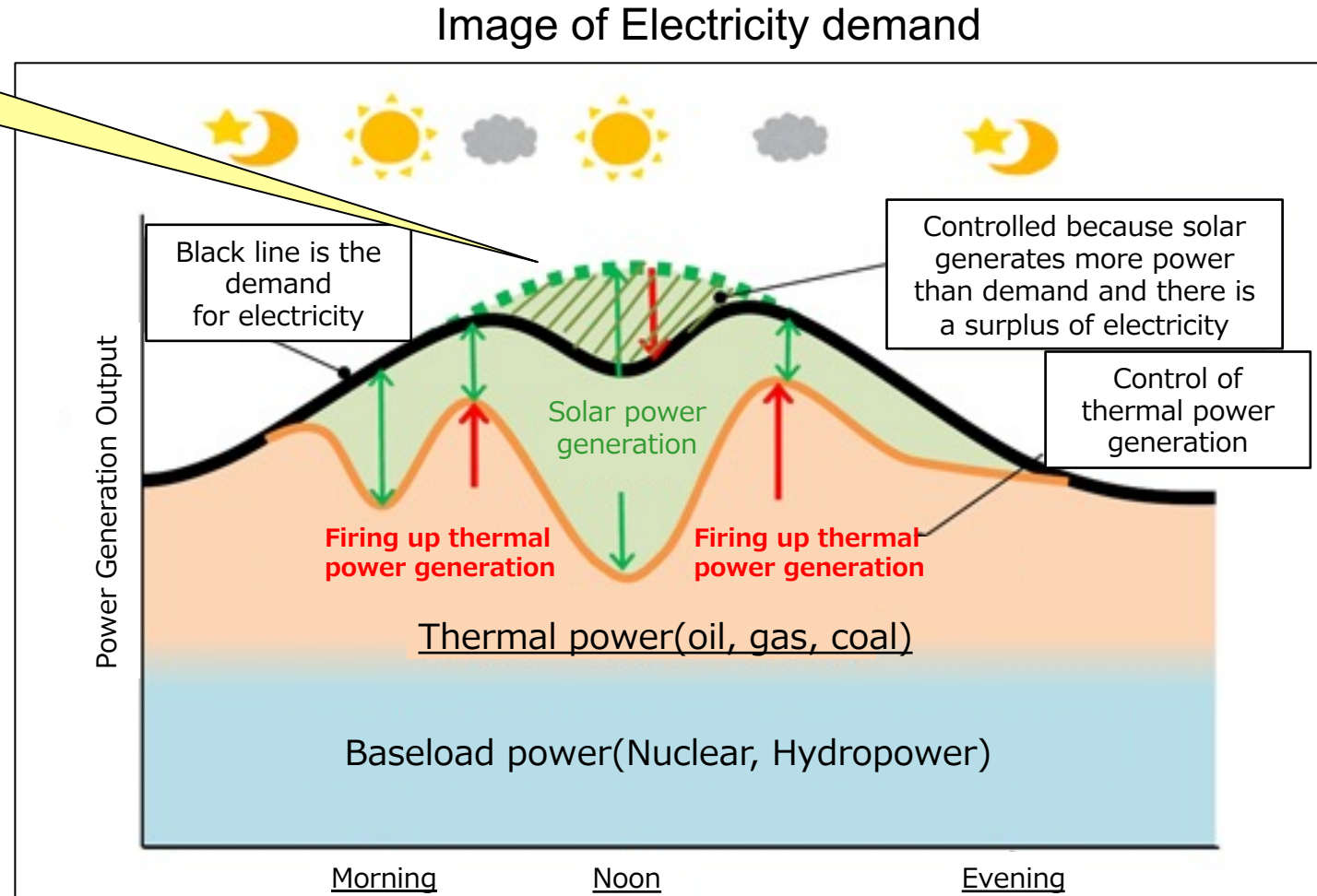


# Priority Power Supply Rules

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- Surplus green energy can be discarded

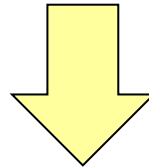
The electricity here  
can be discarded



# Local data production/consumption by green power **TOYOTA**

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- Will the use of the edge and local production and consumption of data accelerate?
- Edge advantages in local production and consumption of data
  - ▣ Faster response time
  - ▣ No need to transport data to the cloud (less power consumption)
- Viewpoint of green power usage
  - ▣ Adjusting processing with the power output of green energy sources
  - ▣ Distribute processing across a wide area according to the power output



- Necessity of improving edge utilization efficiency
- Necessity for distributed monitoring of systems and power

# **Wide area data synchronization**

- It's probably easier to send data than to send electricity
  - ▣ Surplus of renewable energy generated in the spring and autumn in north and south of Japan
  - ▣ Enhancing the transmission grid is essential to transport surplus electricity = transfer cost is very high
  - ▣ Move computational demand instead of electrical power



Transfer cost ... ..  
= Energy Productivity...

**Electricity** >> **Digital bits**

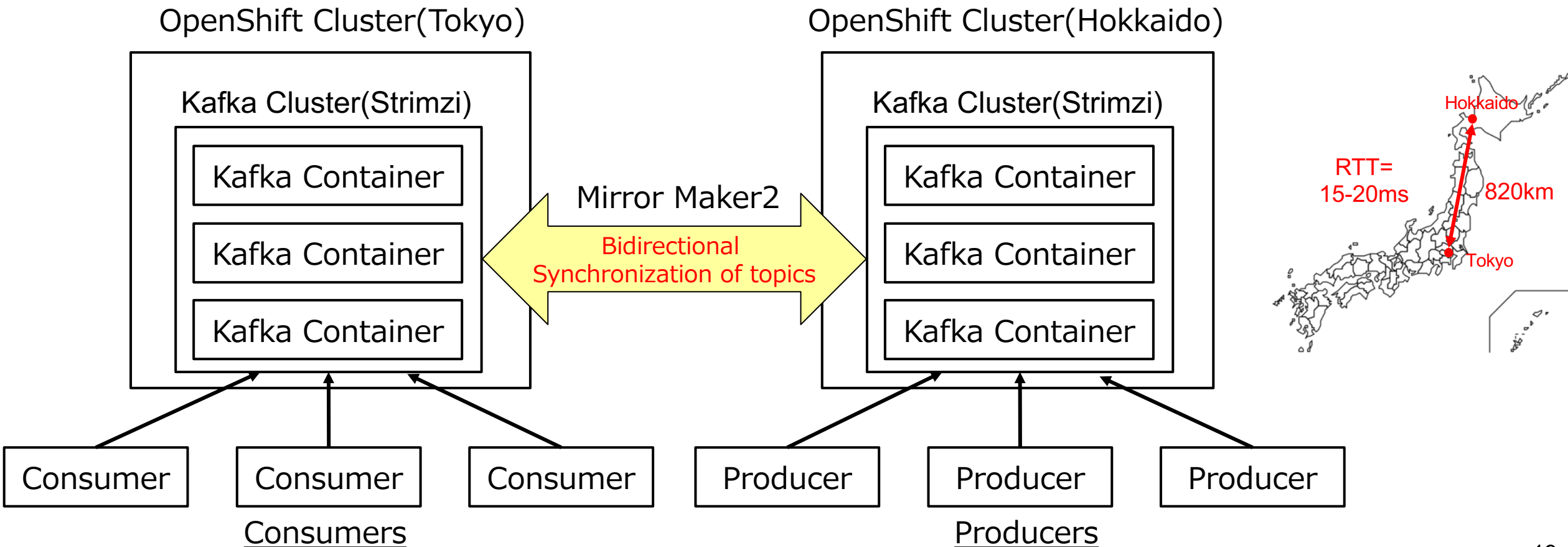
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# Experiment to synchronize data over a wide area

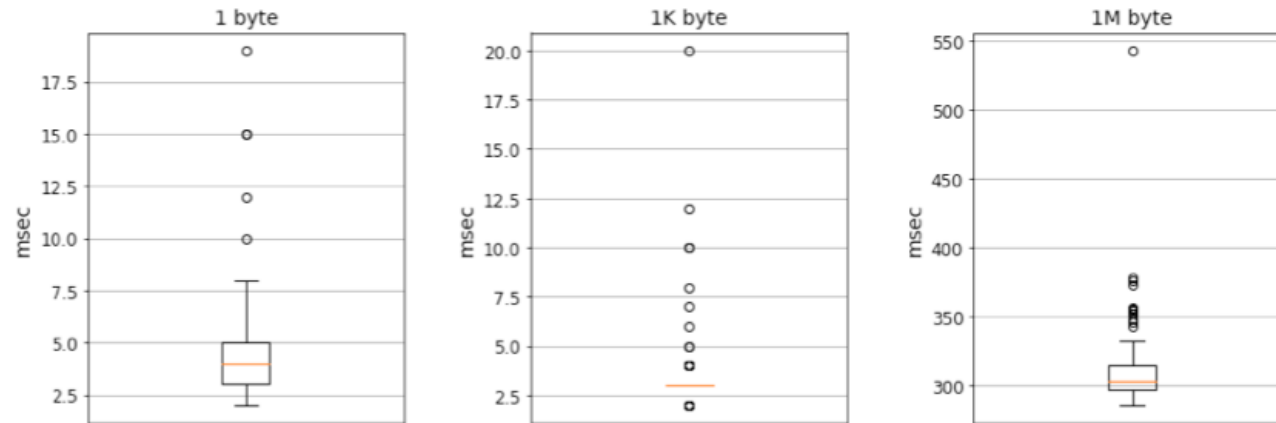
- Mirror Maker2 by Apache Kafka
  - Wide-area data synchronization between Tokyo and Hokkaido



# Consume time - Produce time = processing time

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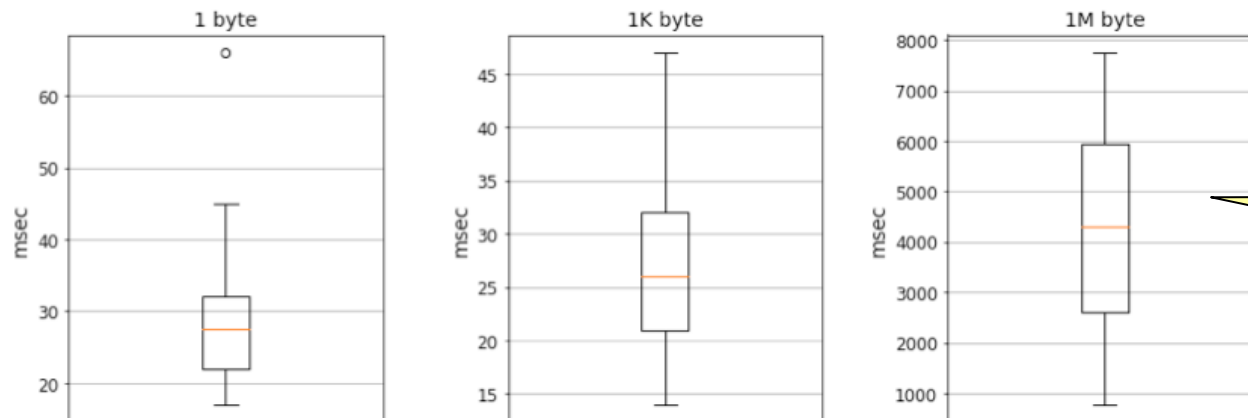
## ■ Processing within the same Data center



Processing finishes  
within 300 ms  
even with large data

## ■ wide-area data synchronization (Hokkaido -> Tokyo)

### □ Add extra data synchronization time



more than the  
synchronization time  
is being added.  
Especially the sync  
of 1MB data takes time

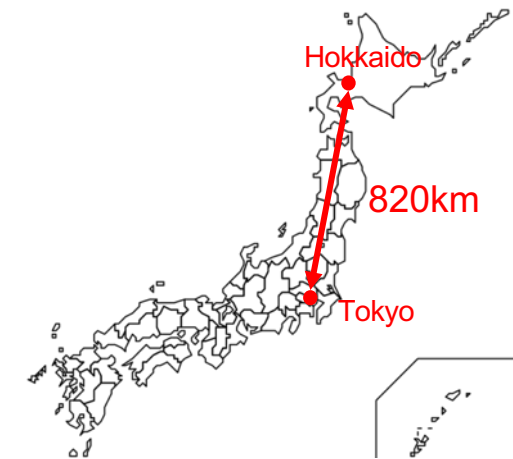


- Synchronization of data seems to be manageable
  - ▣ if the size of data is small
- Next is the timing of data production and processing
- If real-time performance is required
  - ▣ wide-area synchronization should not be used
- It is acceptable if real-time response is not required
  - ▣ such as in asynchronous processing or batch processing
- Can move processing wherever you like
  - ▣ It is also possible to send processing to where there is surplus power

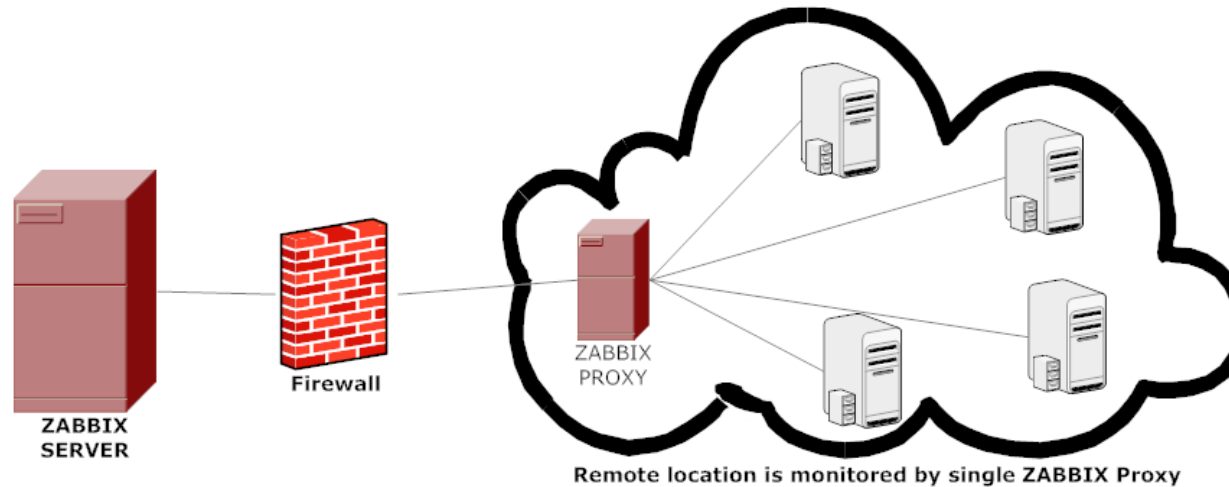
# **Wide area distributed monitoring**

# Where to process and to direct the processing?

- Items that require monitoring over a wide area
  - Monitoring of the entire edge system in Hokkaido, Tokyo
    - processing volume, processing load, response time, etc.
  - Power monitoring
    - consumption, green power generation
- Distributed monitoring over a wide area
  - OSS monitoring system = Zabbix!!
  - Can Zabbix do distributed monitoring?
  - Yes!! **Zabbix Proxy!!**

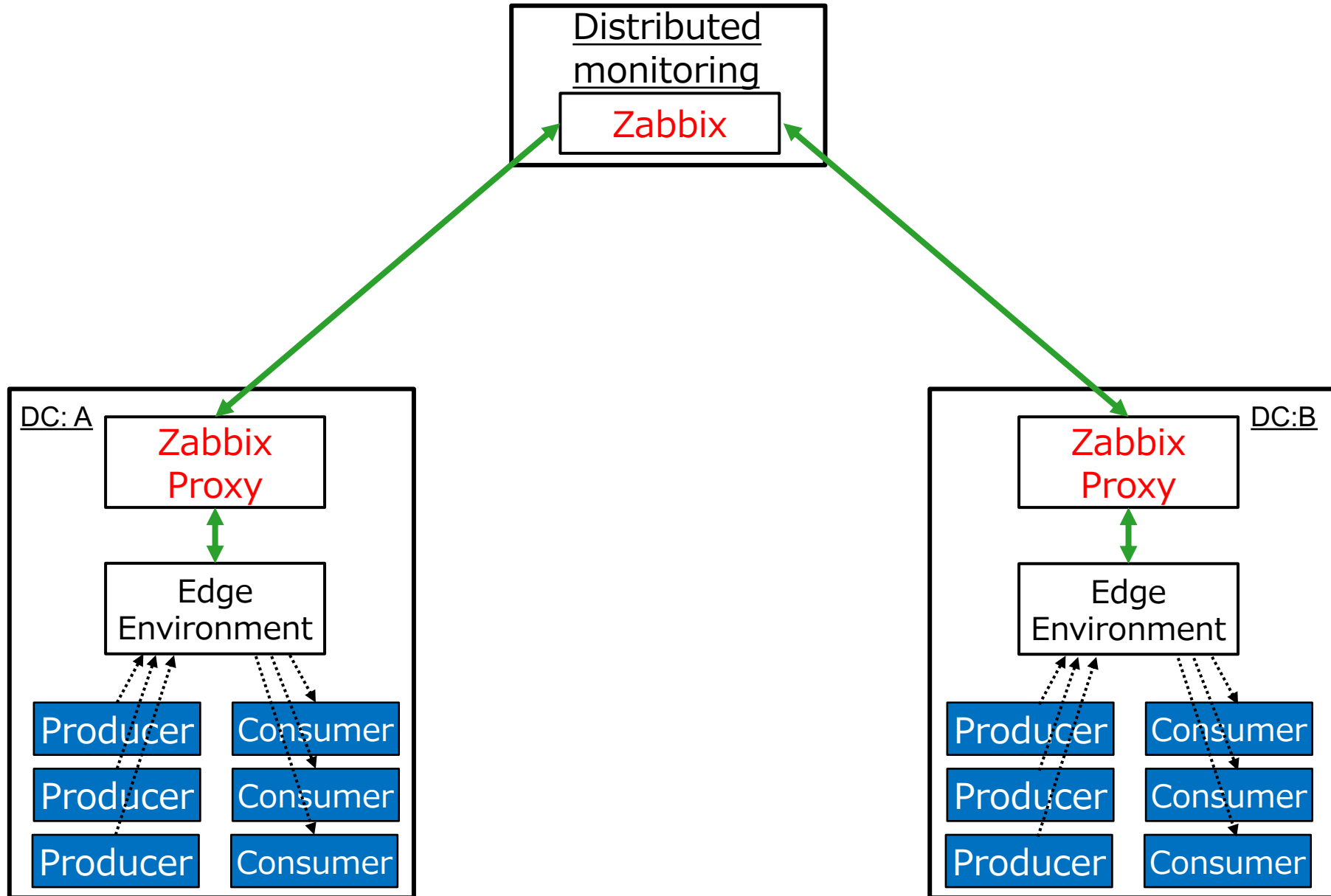


- Zabbix proxy can be used to
  - Monitoring **remote locations**
  - Monitoring locations having unreliable communications
  - Offload the Zabbix server when monitoring thousand of devices
  - **Simplify the maintenance of distributed monitoring**



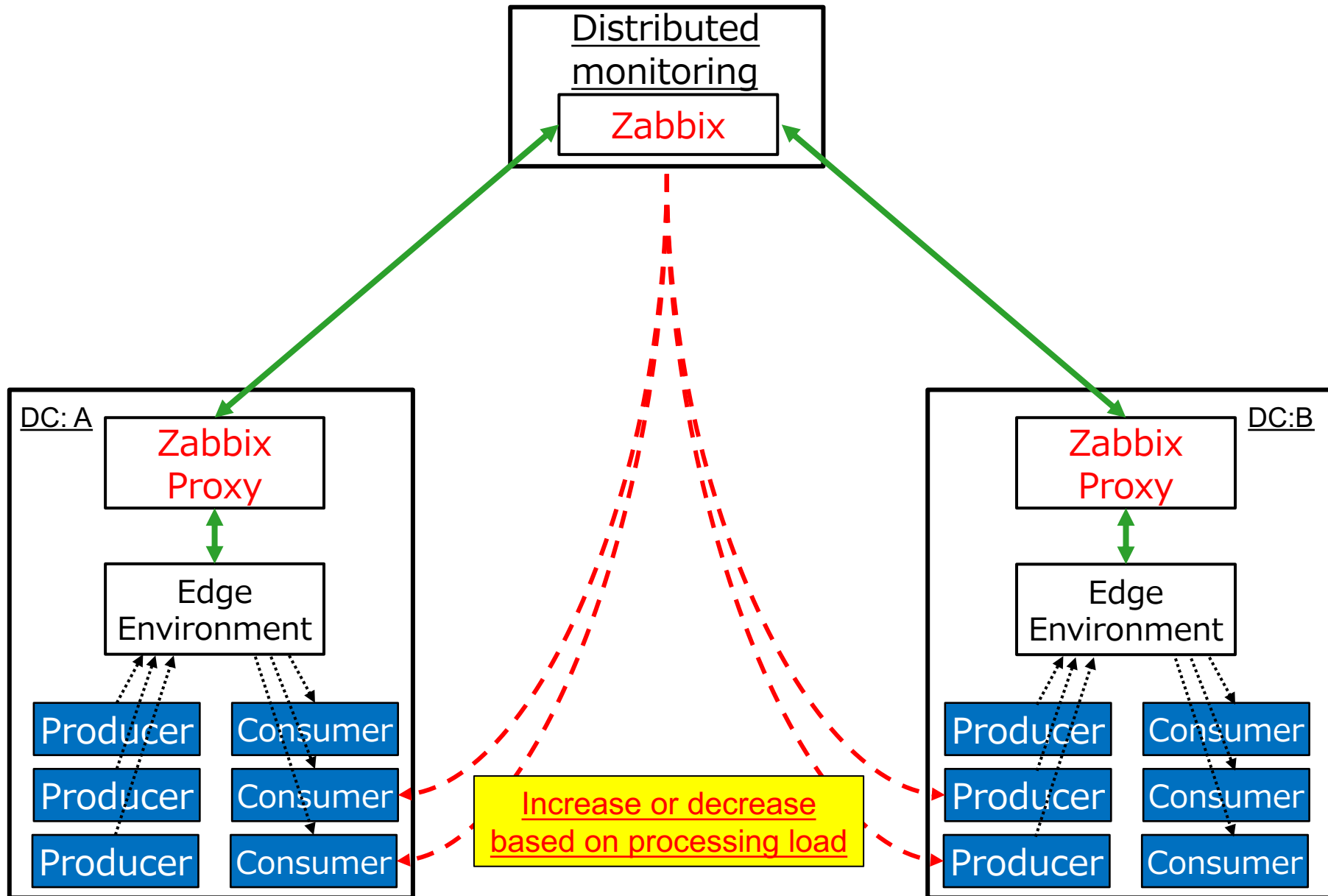
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## PoC Results



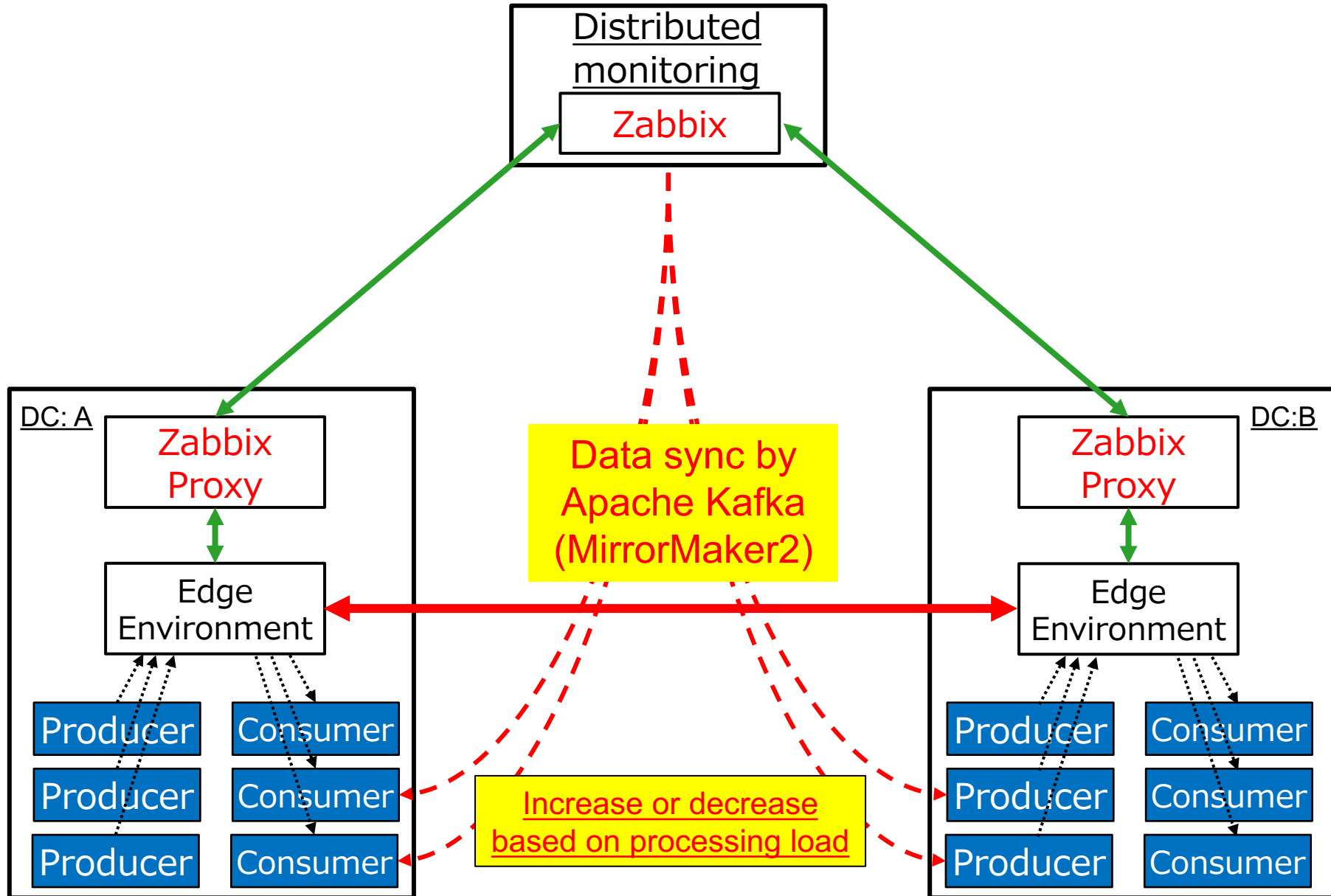
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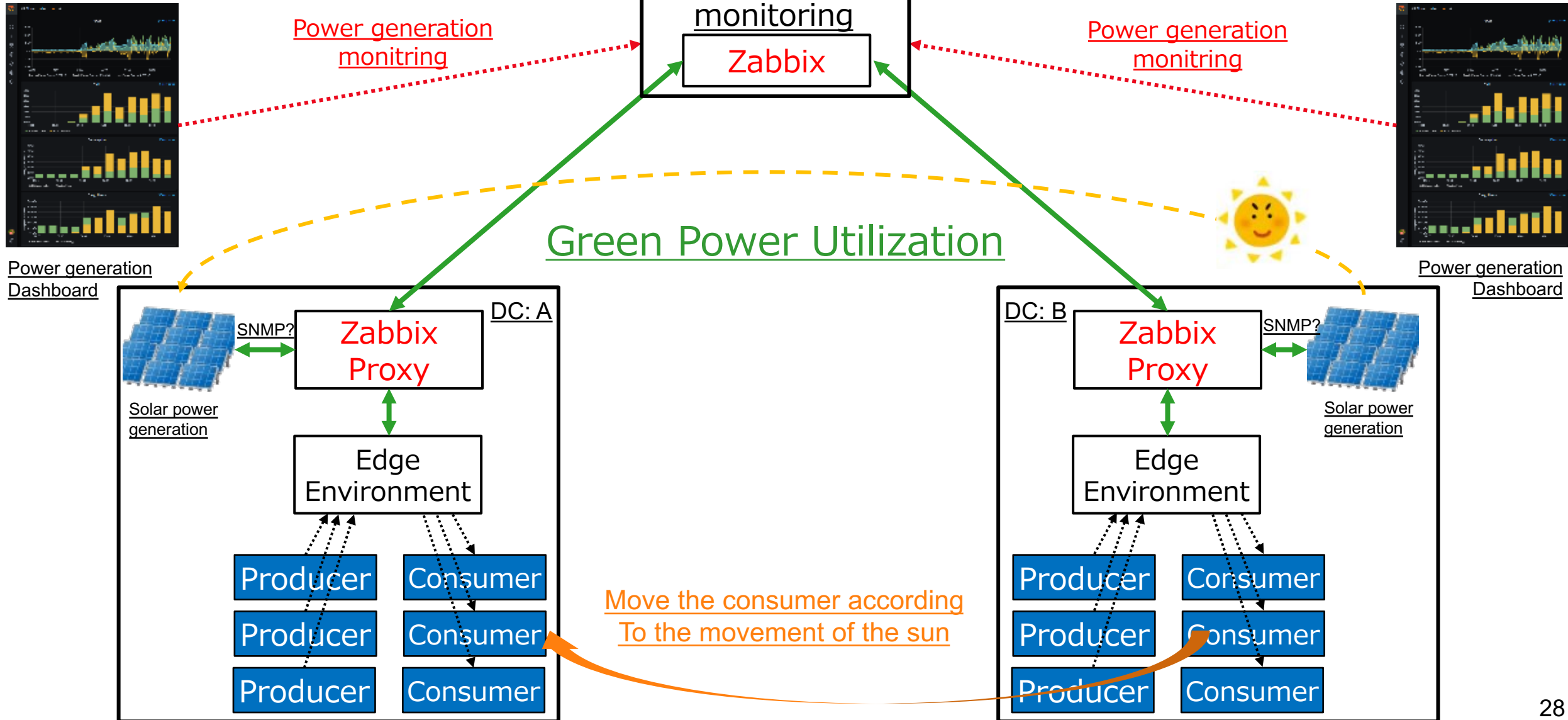
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## Future Work





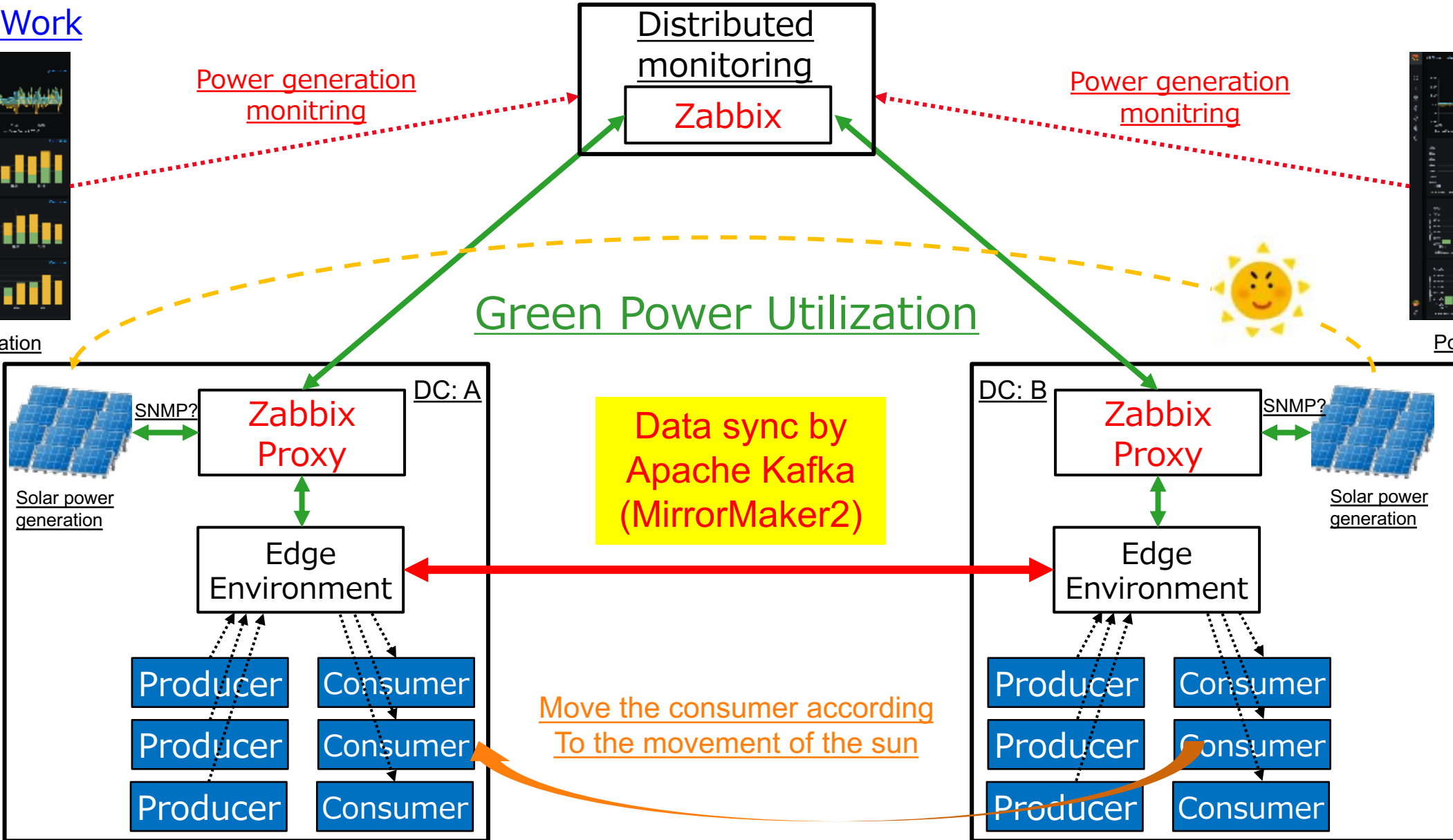
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## Future Work



## Power generation

## Dashboard

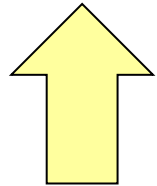


Power generation  
Dashboard

# Increase/Decrease of Producer/Consumer by Zabbix **TOYOTA**

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- Increase and decrease of processing linked to green energy
  - The real-time aspect of green energy fluctuations is limited
  - To operate linked with weather forecast data
  - Remote command action from a Zabbix proxy
- Where to put the wisdom?
  - Specialize in the Zabbix monitoring
  - Send monitoring triggers to the controller
  - Increase and decrease of Producer/Consumer processes



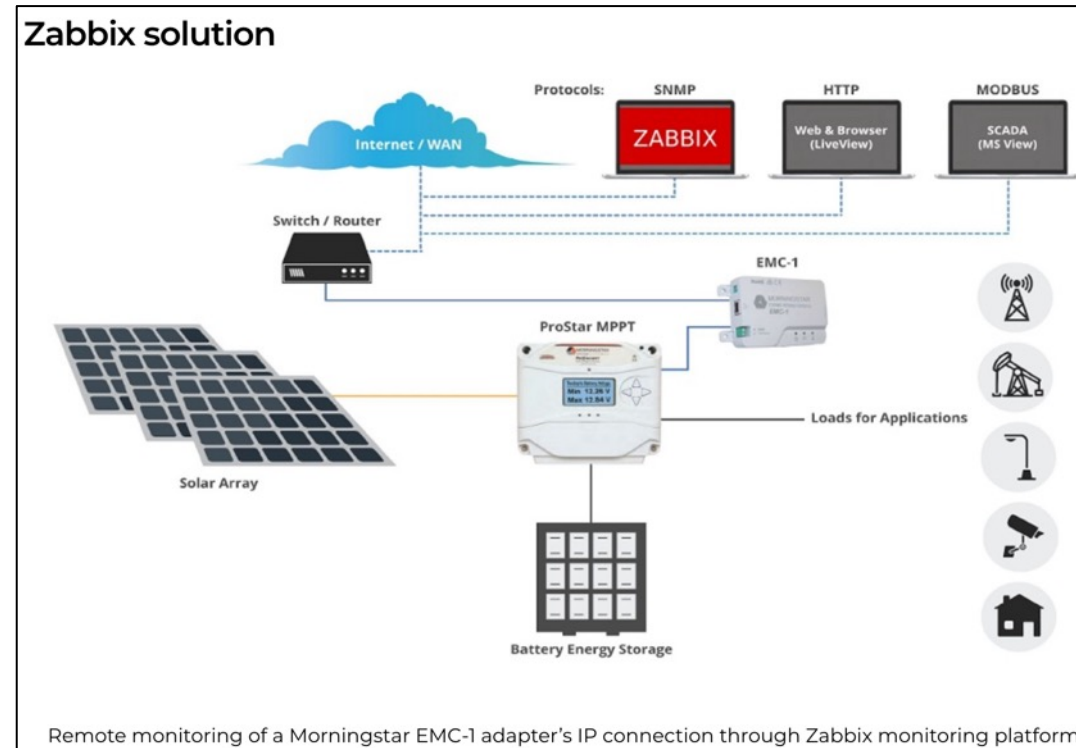
- Flexibility of system design

# Integration Solar power system with Zabbix

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## ■ I found the answer!!

- "Data Solution for Solar Energy Application" in Zabbix Summit 2020
  - <https://blog.zabbix.com/data-solution-for-solar-energy-application/13005/>



- All concerned, let's talk later 😊

# **Challenge to Green Mobility**

- Wide are data synchronization
  - Use Kafka to create a pipe of data that makes data available anywhere in the world
  - Users can process data asynchronously using Producer/Consumer
  - Asynchronous data processing is easy to implement
- Wide area monitoring
  - Toward the realization of worldwide distributed monitoring
  - Determination of demand for green electricity by monitoring power generation
  - Distributed monitoring design with scalability using Zabbix + Zabbix Proxy

# What would make you happy if you could make it? **TOYOTA**

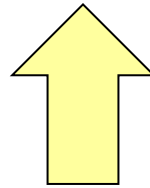
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## ■ Follow The Sun

- Efficient use of surplus electricity from solar power generation by following the sun
- Realization of distributed systems through active use of green energy

## ■ Follow The Moon

- Centralization of processing in locations with low nighttime electricity costs, as advocated by Google
- Reducing costs by using cheap electricity from nuclear and hydroelectric power generation



- Environmental issues are one of the major challenges for automotive companies
- Continue to consider what can be done in terms of IT and telecommunications

- For research on efficient use of edge
- Realization of wide-area data synchronization using Kafka's data synchronization functionality
- Realization of distributed monitoring of edge infrastructure distributed over a wide area using Zabbix
- Combining these two, we are building a wide-area distributed system that actively utilizes green power

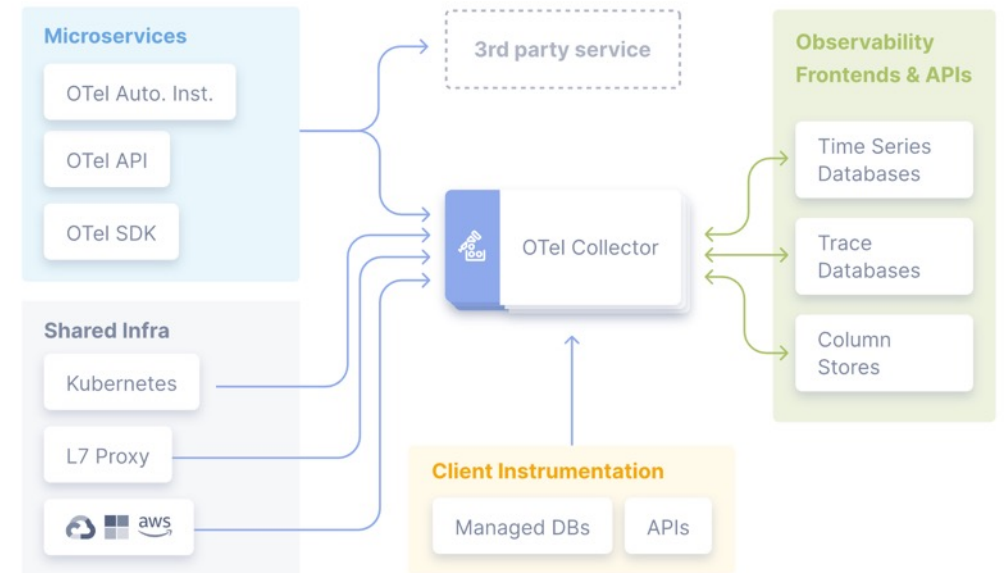
- Support for Opentelemetry(Otel)
  - Otel is becoming an abstraction layer for system integration
    - <https://opentelemetry.io/docs/>

- Our new office systems

- log, xFlow : Splunk
- SIEM : Splunk Enterprise Security
- APM : New Relic
- SNMP : Zabbix

- My Best is

- Zabbix SNMP data -> Otel -> Splunk Dashboard  
or
- All Otel Collector data -> Zabbix Dashboard😊





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