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# Heterogeneous Communication Middleware for Digital Twin based Cyber Manufacturing Systems

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# Introduction

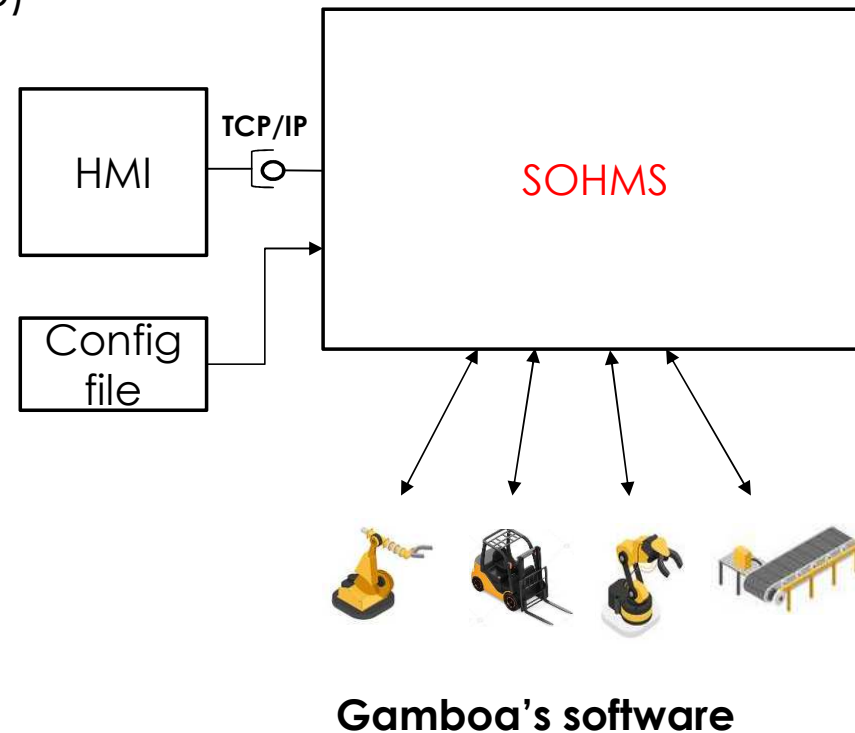
- Holonic Manufacturing System
- SoHMS: Service-oriented Holonic Manufacturing System
  - Importance of software products
- Requirements on SE (specially MDE)
  - Evolution of manufacturing application
- Focusing on the problem of communication failure during evolution

# Outline

- Context and Problem statement
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- Focus on heterogeneous communication protocols
- Multi Protocol Communication Tool (MPCT) handler
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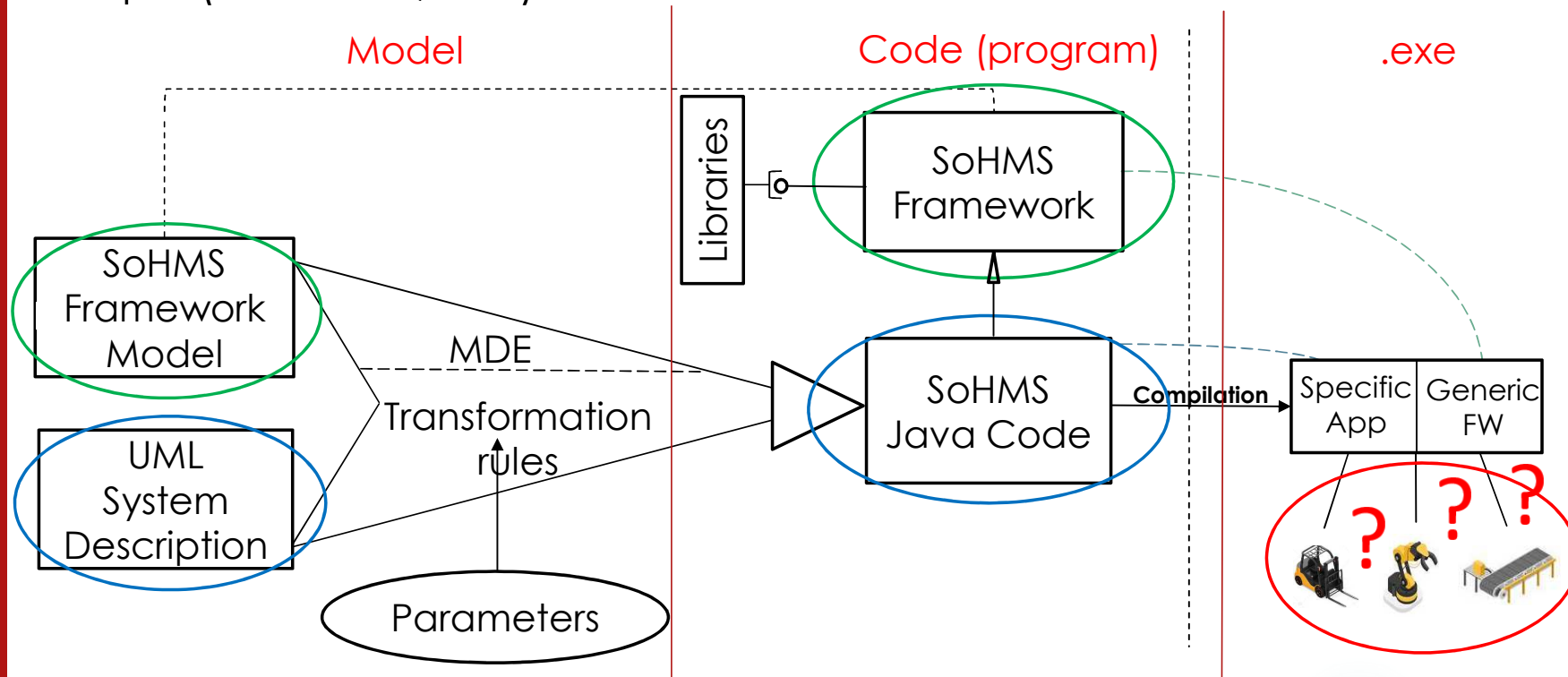
# Context and Problem statement (1/3)

- Step 0: SoHMS (Gamboa et al., 2015)
- Creation of SoHMS software by Gamboa (Sofal)
- Advantage
  - Distribution automation
  - Communication between holons
- Drawback
  - Hard to reconfigure
  - Hard to evolve
  - Hard to Implement
- Proposition: MDE for software generation



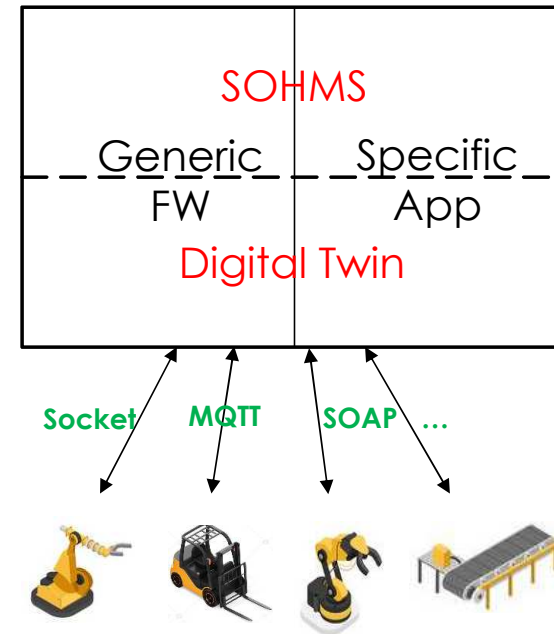
# Context and Problem statement (2/3)

- Step 1: (Tebib et al., 2018)



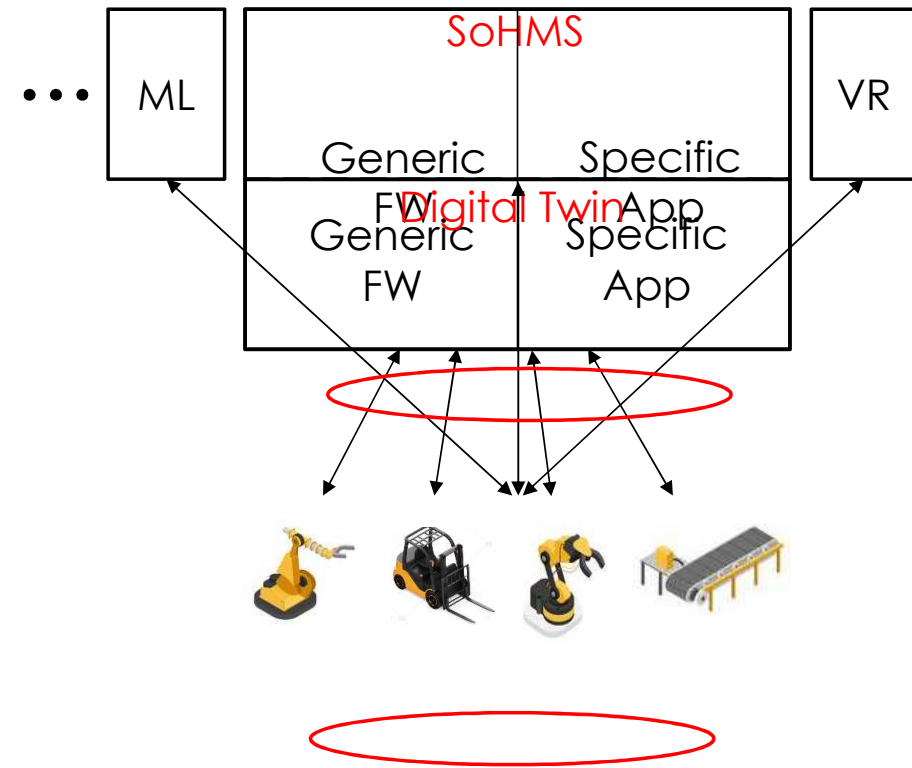
# Context and Problem statement (3/3)

- Step 2: Ongoing work (contd)
- Digital Twin decoupling the communication between the entities
- Problem: complex communication synchronization
- Need of heterogeneous communication for DT due to:
  - the various nature of the devices
  - legacy applications
  - One communication technology usually cannot suffice



# Context and Problem statement (3/3)

- Step 2: Ongoing work
- Requirement of a communication handler for :  
External communication
- Proposed solution : MPCT (Multi Protocol Communication Tool)  
→ which architecture ?



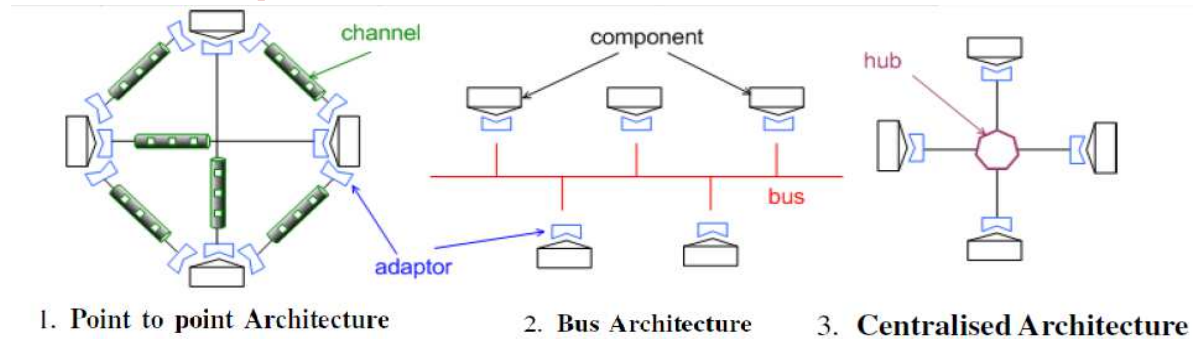
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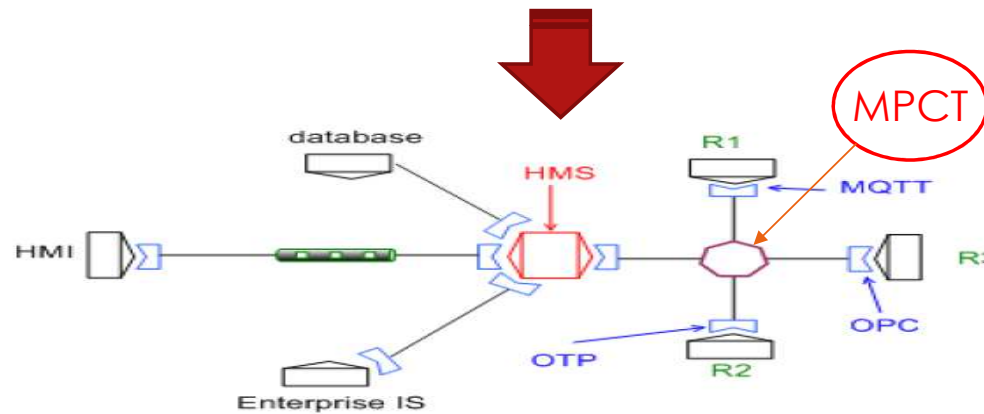


# Focus on heterogeneous communication protocols

- Architecture 2:  
Efficient broadcast but weak heterogeneity
- Architecture 1 & 3:  
Good heterogeneity



Message Communication Architecture



Mixed HMS communication architecture

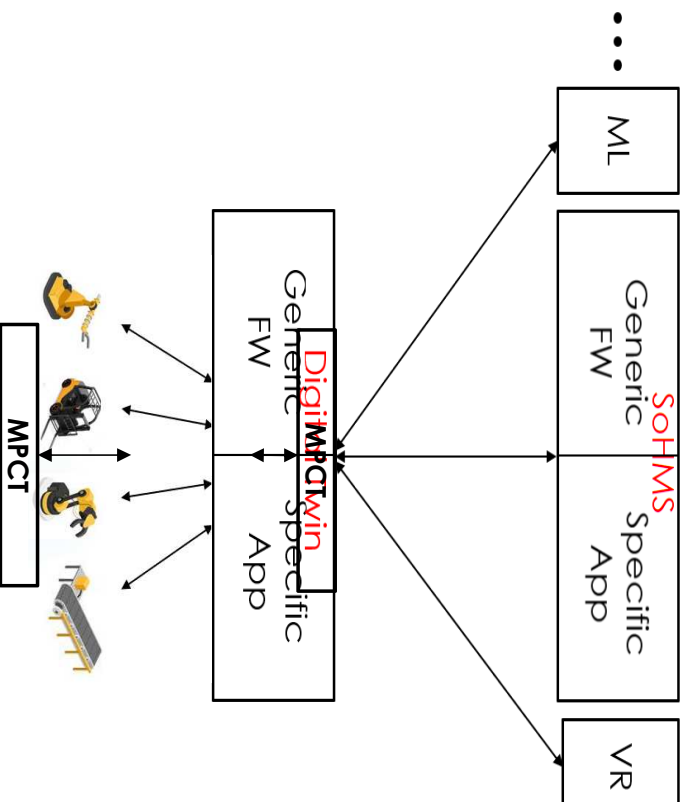
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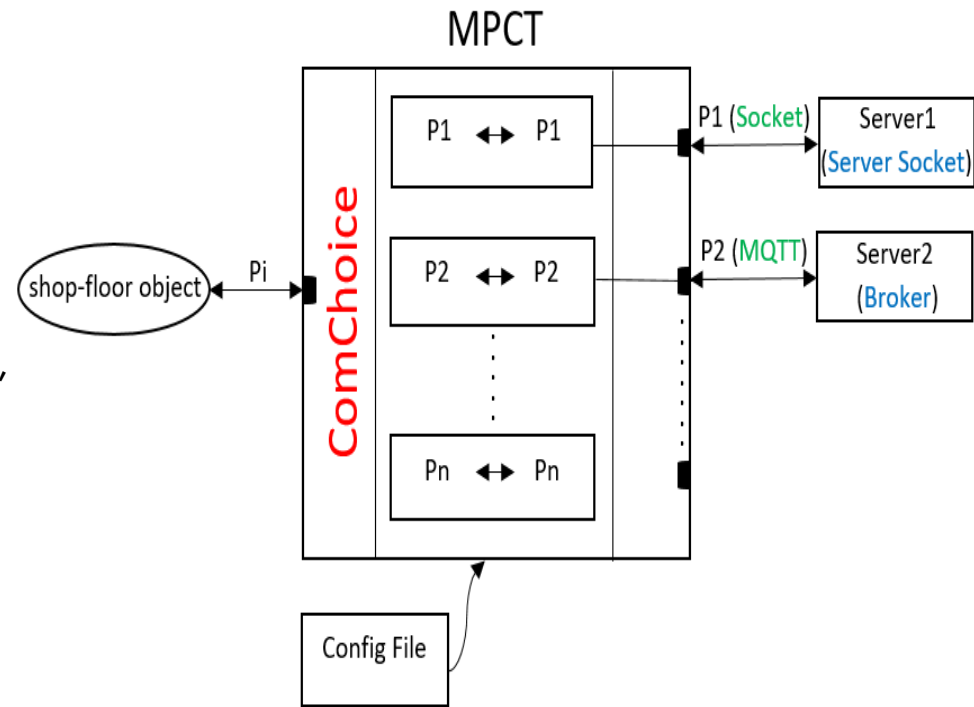
# MPCCT Handler (1/2)

- MPCCT ⇔ (1 to N) communications



# MPCT Handler (2/2)

- MPCT strategy :
  - 2 inputs : shop-floor objects and a configuration file
  - Reading of the configuration file
  - Instantiation of ComChoice (conf, Object)
- Easy modifying of the protocol and Objects communication type



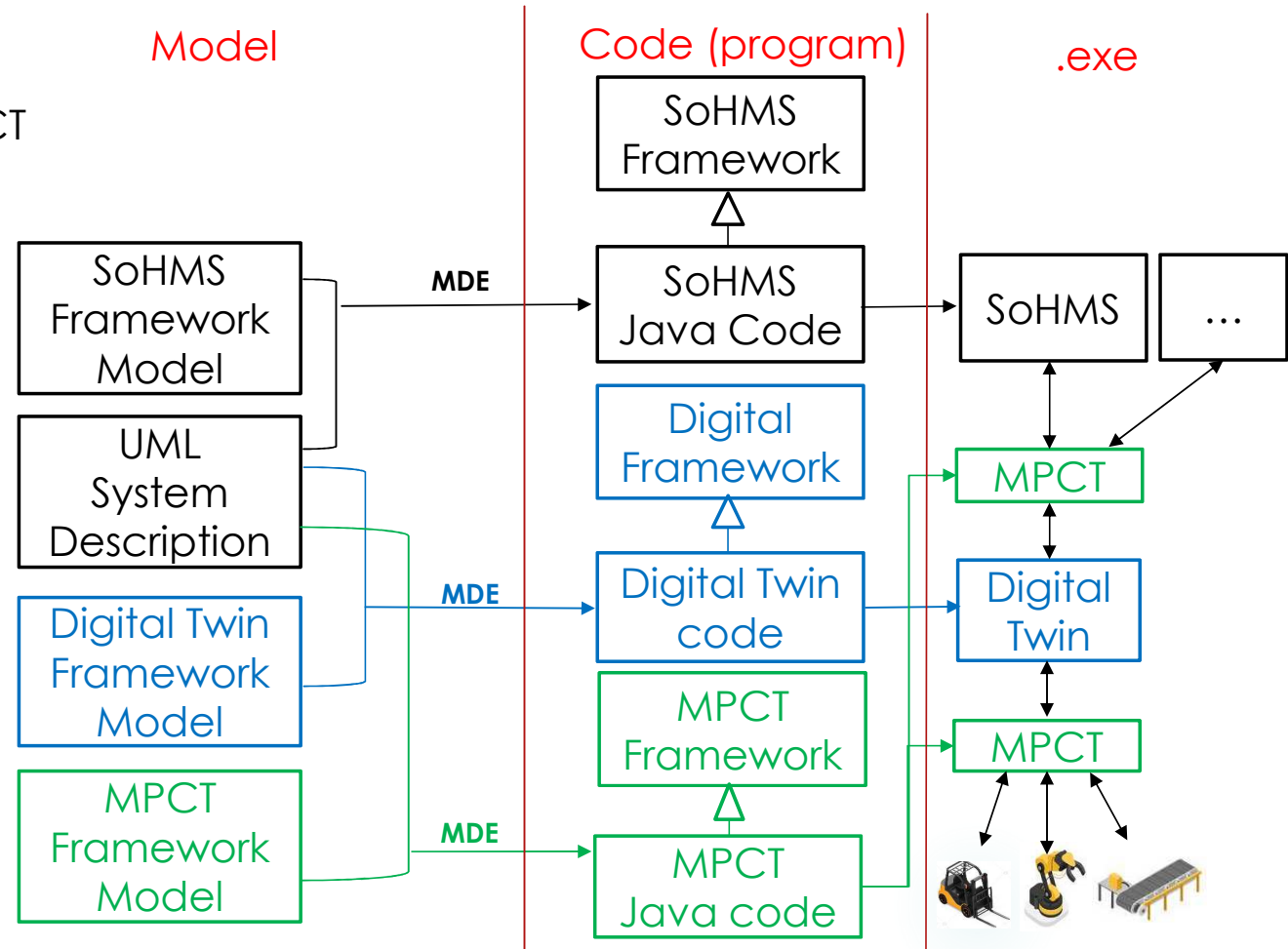
**Application Architecture**

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# Back to the Overall Approach

- Digital Twin and MPCT generalization



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# Conclusion and future works

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- MPCT is an innovative proposition to handle communication heterogeneity
- The important thing also in such tool is the evolutivity
- The next stage is to integrate the MPCT in the SOFAL application
- More protocols





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