

# PROFINET – RT vs IRT

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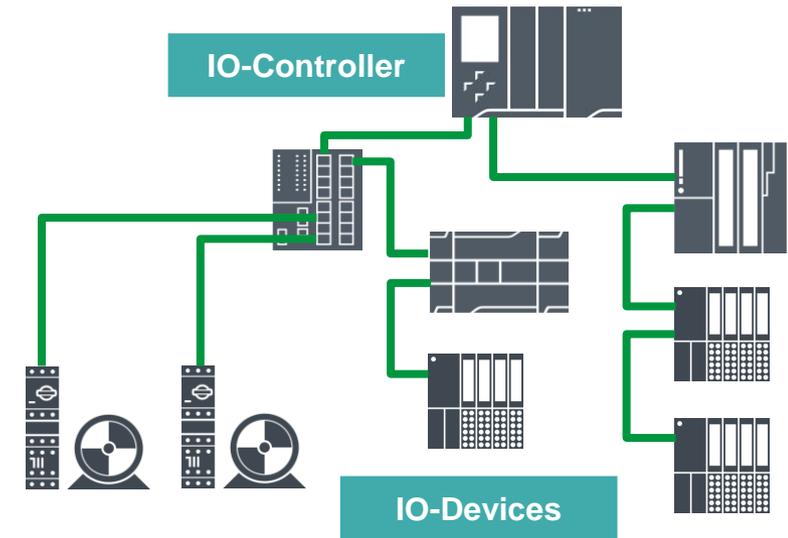
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# Communication Basics

## Ethernet + Profinet = Industrial Ethernet

- Profinet is complimentary to Ethernet
- Profinet is “Industrial Ethernet”
- Profinet devices include IO-controllers and IO-Devices
- Profinet is “Fast Ethernet” ie 100Mbit/s Full Duplex
- Profinet devices, connectors and cable are suited to industrial applications

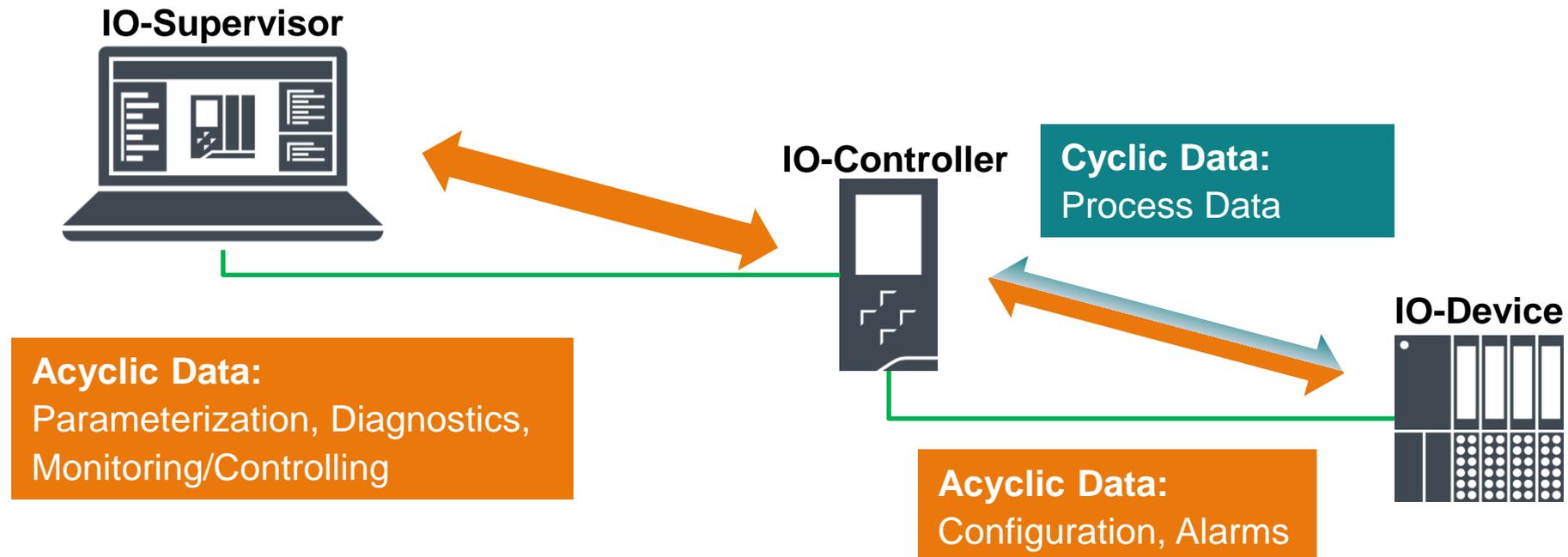
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# Communication Basics

## Transmission methods

- PROFINET follows a “Consumer-Provider” Model
- **Cyclic**, deterministic data transfer for time-critical applications
- Prioritization of time-critical data
- **Acyclic** data transmission for configuration, monitoring and diagnostics/alarming



# Communication Basics

## Profinet communication channels

### None Real Time (NRT) <100ms cycle

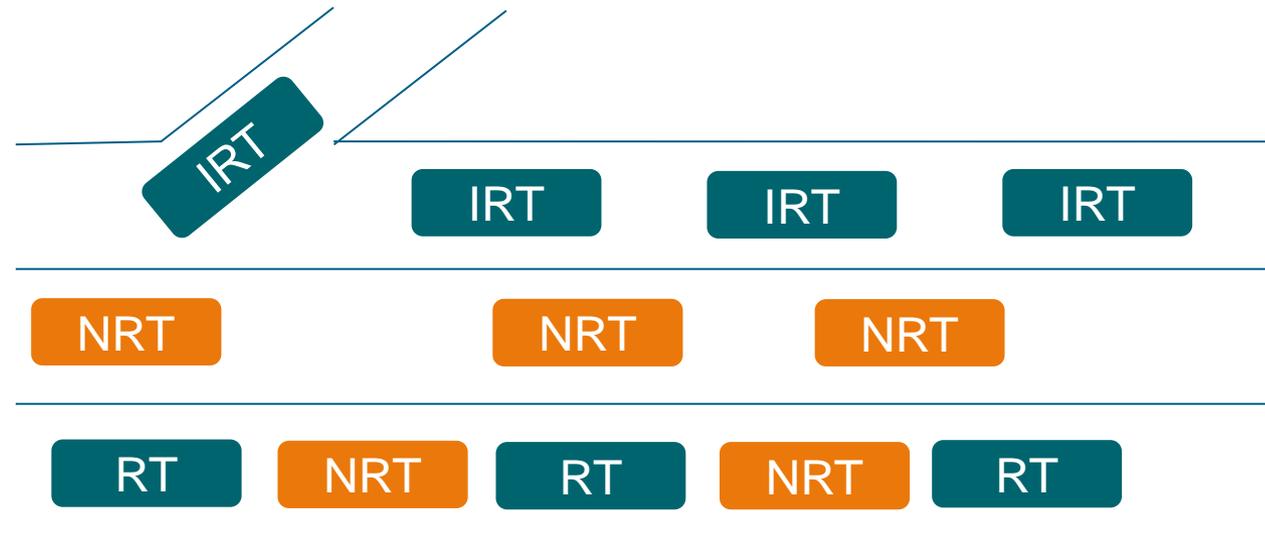
- Acyclic
- Uses TCP/IP
- Left lane

### Real Time (RT) <10ms cycle

- Cyclic
- Skips the TCP/IP layers
- Over taking lane

### Isochronous Real Time (IRT) <1ms cycle

- Cyclic
- Reserved Bus lane



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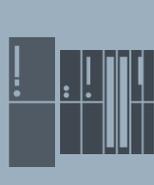
## Controller selection

### RT

- ~80% applications require RT only
- In this case any controller is suitable

### IRT

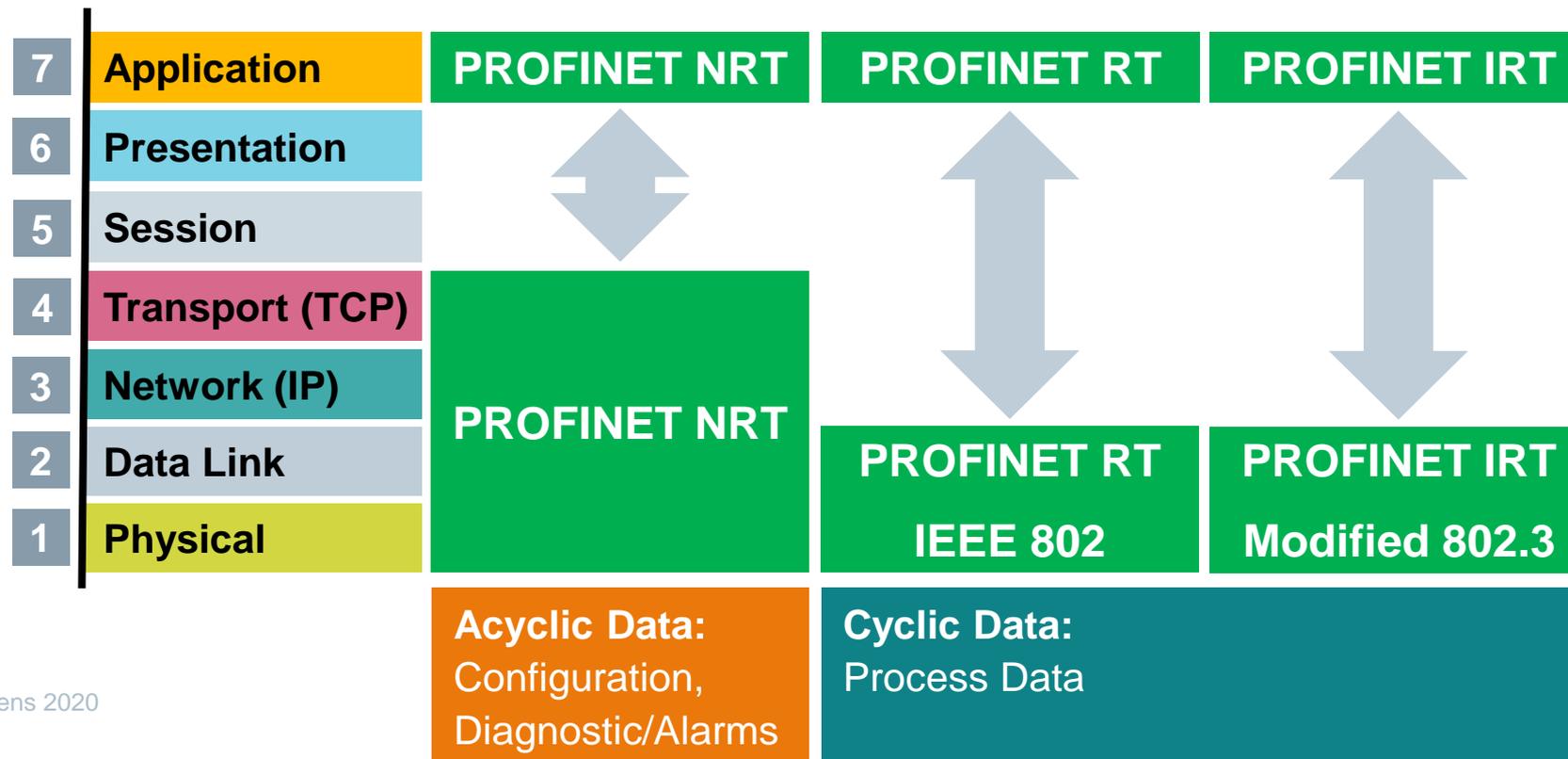
- The remaining applications will require high speed capabilities
  - Synchronised Motion
  - Precision Measuring
  - Precision IO
- Ethernet switches can be used but selection guidelines must be followed
  - ie IRT = Conformance Class C

Function		IO-Controller		
Controller		NRT	RT	IRT
	S7-1500	✓	✓	✓
	S7-1200	✓	✓	✗
	S7-300 / S7-400	✓	✓	✓
	Open Controller	✓	✓	✓

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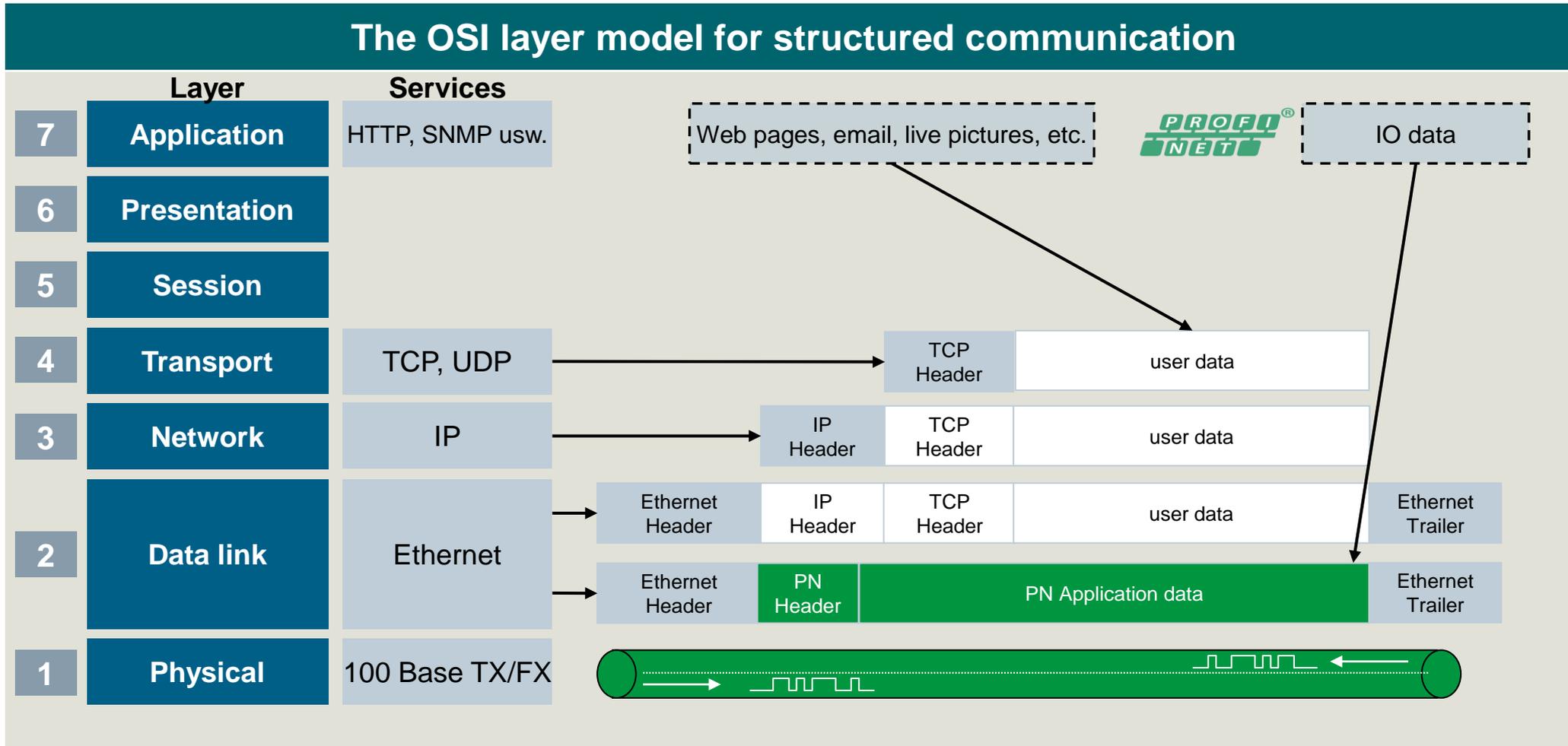
## OSI 7 layer model

- Each layer adds processing time
- NRT is used for configuration, web server, diagnostics and other none real time tasks
- RT is typically used for standard cyclic data acquisition
- IRT is used for high speed data transfer



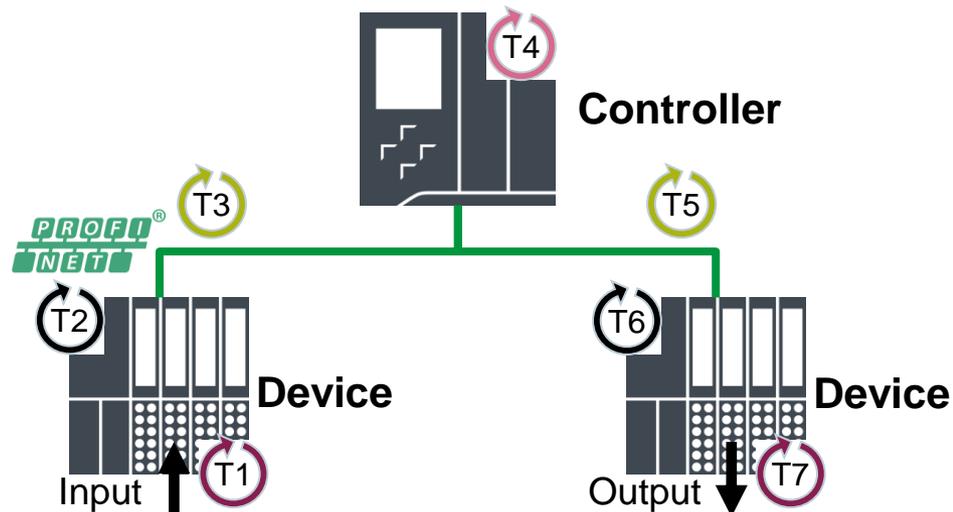
# Communication Basics

## OSI 7 layer model – closer look



# Profinet RT

## No synchronization of cycles



### Various uncoordinated cycles

- T1: sampling of input
- T2: backplane bus ET 200
- T3: Profinet I/O
- T4: CPU cycle (OB1)
- T5: Profinet I/O
- T6: backplane bus ET 200
- T7: setting output

### RT – Real Time:

- **Real-time communication** between controller and device
- Each device has its **own update time**
- Processing in the standard user program (e.g. **OB1**)

### Reaction time (input-output)

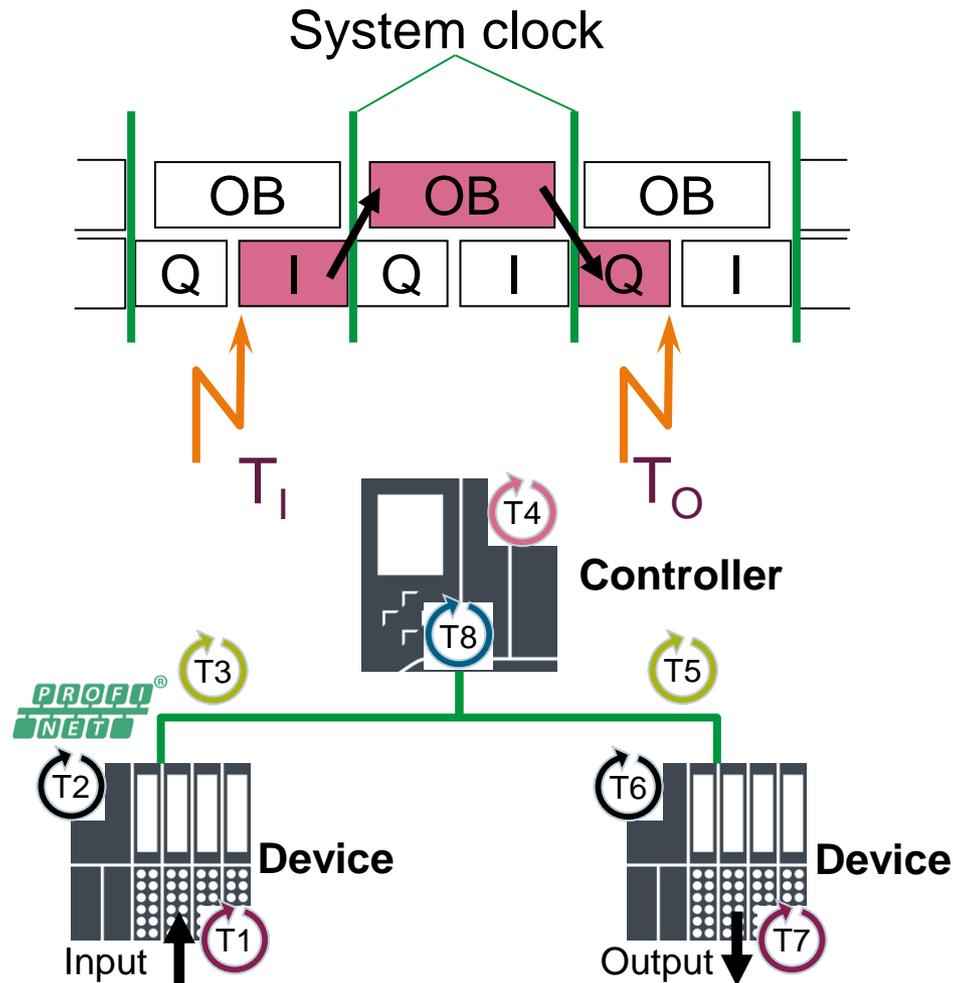
- Best case: sum of all individual cycles
- Worst case: 2 x (sum of all individual cycles)

### Time precision of output signal (OB1-output)

2 x sum of all cycles from CPU to output (T4 - T7)

# Profinet IRT

## Isochronous mode for fast reaction time



$T_i$ : Read in ALL inputs of ALL devices at a fixed predefined time

OB: processing in the CPU

$T_o$ : Writes ALL outputs of all devices at a fixed predefined time

### IRT – Isochronous Real Time:

- All **cycles** are **synchronized** with each other
- **Special hardware** is needed ie HF modules
- IRT packets are transmitted in a **reserved bandwidth**
- **Isochronous mode: Synchronized processing** in the user program using "synchronous cycle" OB6x (T8)

# Profinet IRT

## Additional capabilities

### Cycle time

Typical 500  $\mu$ s cycle  
CPU1518 V2.0: **125  $\mu$ s**

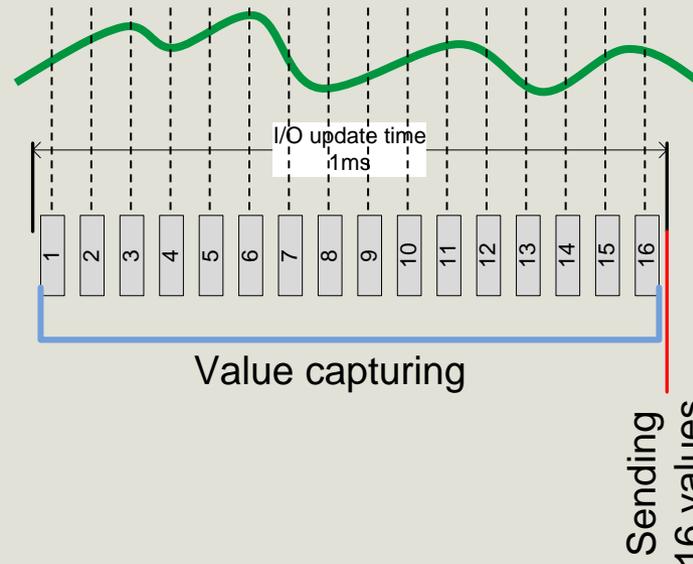


By optimized packing of data the transmission time gets reduced:

- Less time on LAN
- More time of the cycle for Sync-OB
- More time for Non-IRT on LAN

### Oversampling

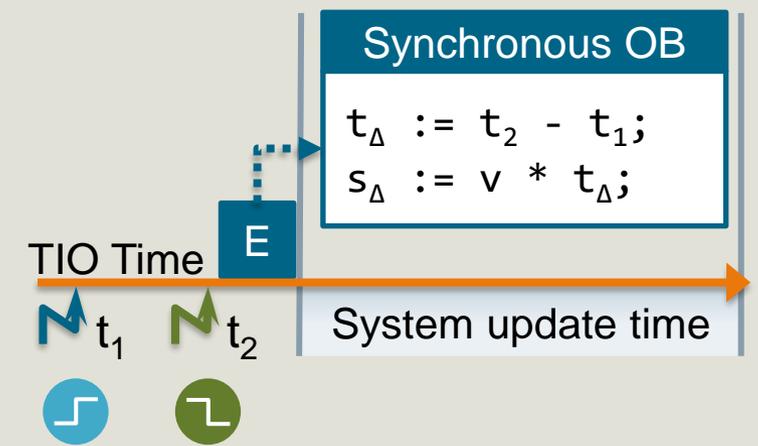
Peripheral module separates PN cycle into smaller sampling cycle. All samples are sent to the PLC.



### Time based IO

Rising and falling edge of signal are transmitted with timestamp  
→ high precision signal capturing

Outputs triggered with timestamp  
→ high precision reaction

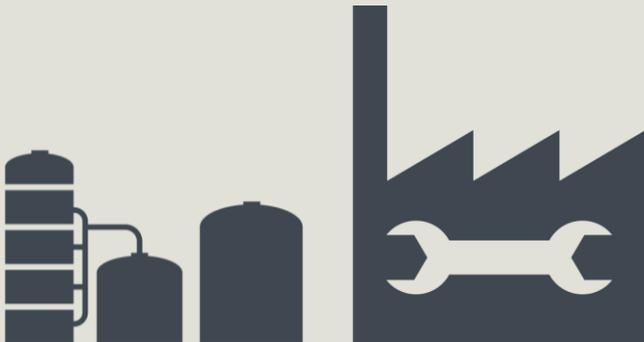


# Profinet RT/IRT

## Functional Overview

### RT

- Real-time communication
- Update time  $\geq 250\mu\text{s}$
- Applications:
  - manufacturing engineering
  - building automation
  - automation equipment



### IRT

- Real-time communication with reserved bandwidth and synchronized cycles
- Update time  $\geq 125\mu\text{s}$
- Special hardware
- Requirement for isochronous mode
- Applications:
  - Motion control
  - Precise reactions



### Isochronous

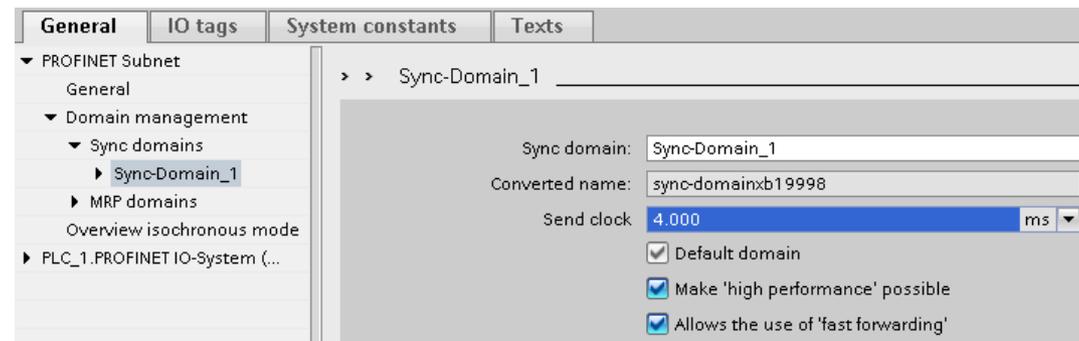
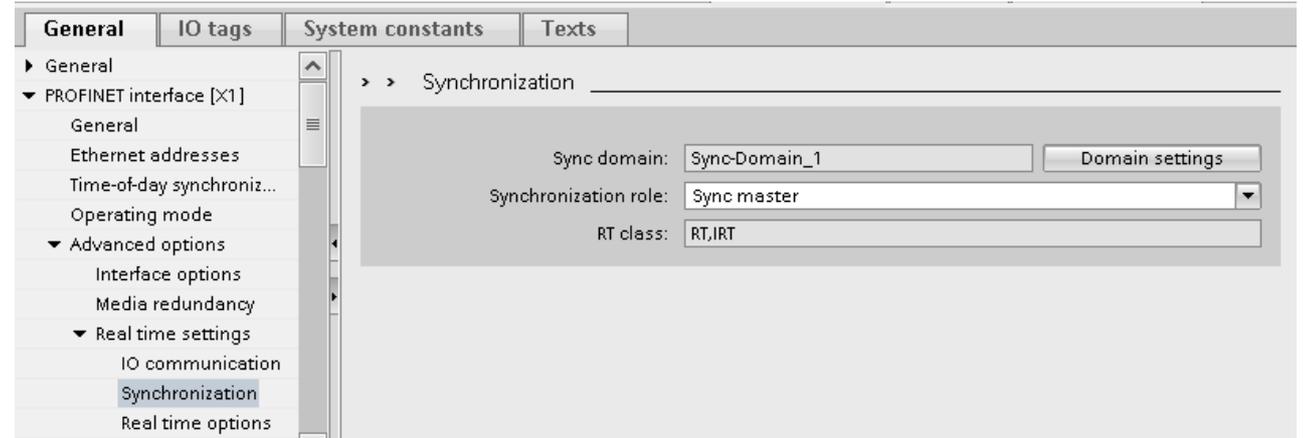
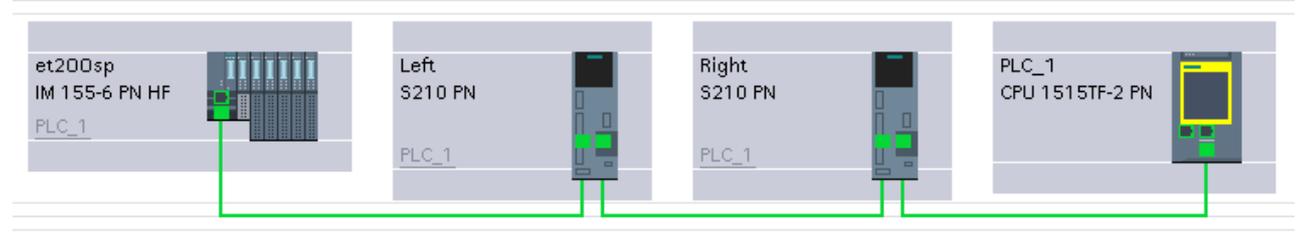
- Real-time communication with synchronized OB61
- Synchronization of the user program to all other synchronized cycles
- Requirement for further functions  
e.g. Oversampling and time-based IO
- Applications:
  - Motion control
  - Precise reactions
  - measuring technology



# Profinet IRT

## Key requirements

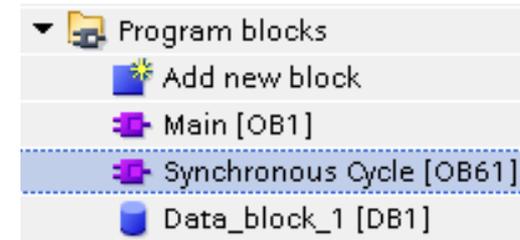
- **Define Topology in TIA 'Topology view'**
  - Ensures optimised data transfer
  - Allows scheduled transfers
- **Configure interface real time settings and set synchronization role**
- **Ensure correct settings for the sync domain**
  - Optional High performance
  - Optional Fast forwarding



# Profinet IRT

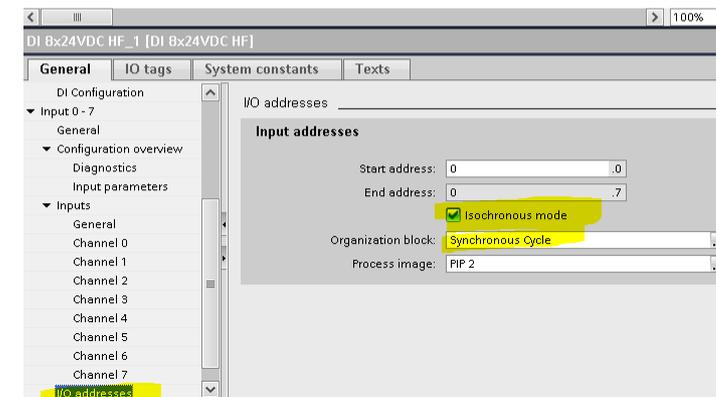
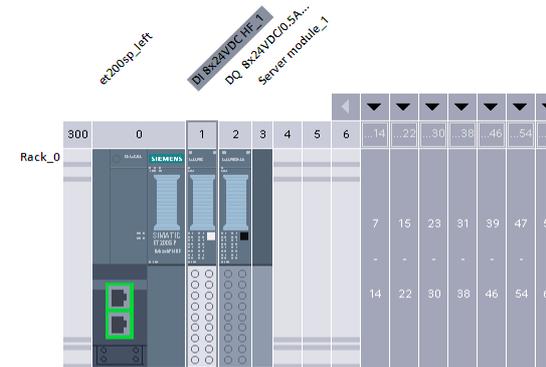
## Key requirements

### Insert Synchronous OB6x or Motion OB



### Enable Isochronous mode on each IO Device

- Will ensure IO is sync'd with Motion or OB6x



# Profinet IRT

## IRT in reality (oscilloscope)

**Applikationsdetails**

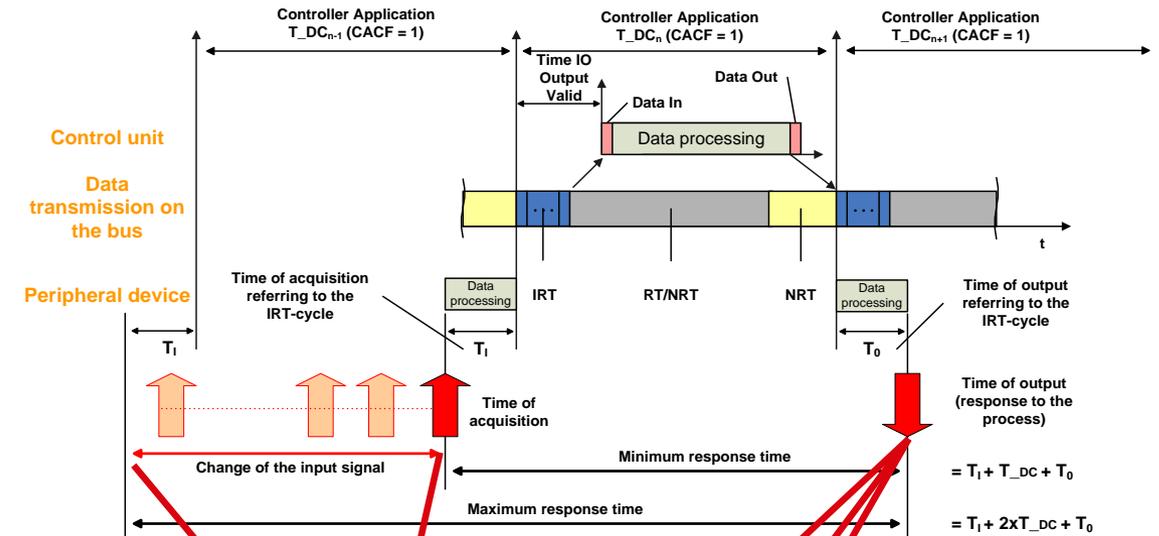
Applikationszyklus	5	ms
Verzögerungszeit	0.014976	ms
Sendetakt	0.500	ms
Teilprozessabbilder	1	

**Ti/To-Werte des OB**

Automatische Ti/To-Werte

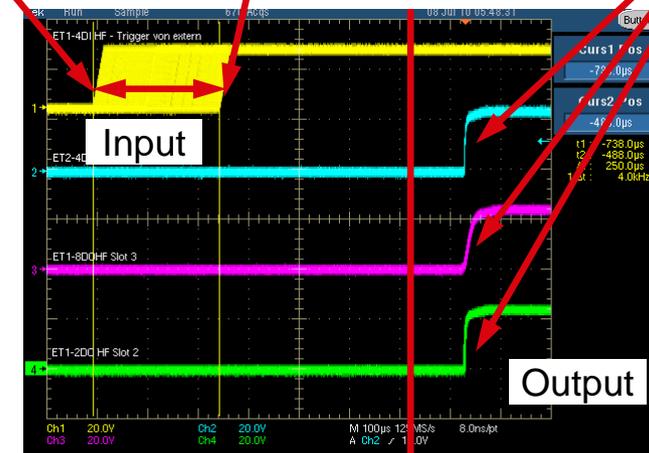
Zeit Ti (Prozesswerte einlesen): 0.09275 ms Intervalle: 0.000125 ms

Zeit To (Prozesswerte ausgeben): 0.07875 ms Intervalle: 0.000125 ms



### IRT on the oscilloscope vs. TIA Portal

- TIA / Step7 calculates timing beforehand
- Reaction time predefined
- Live result as expected

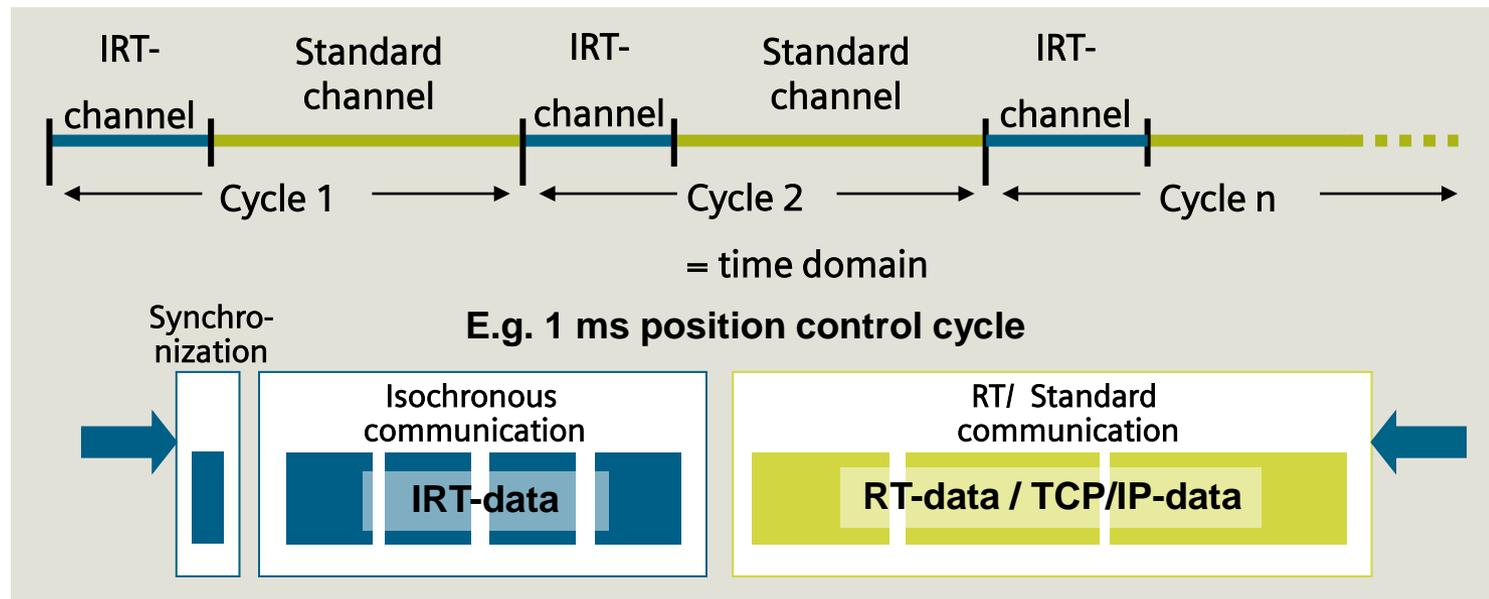


# Profinet IRT

## Time slice model

### Partitioning of the bus cycle

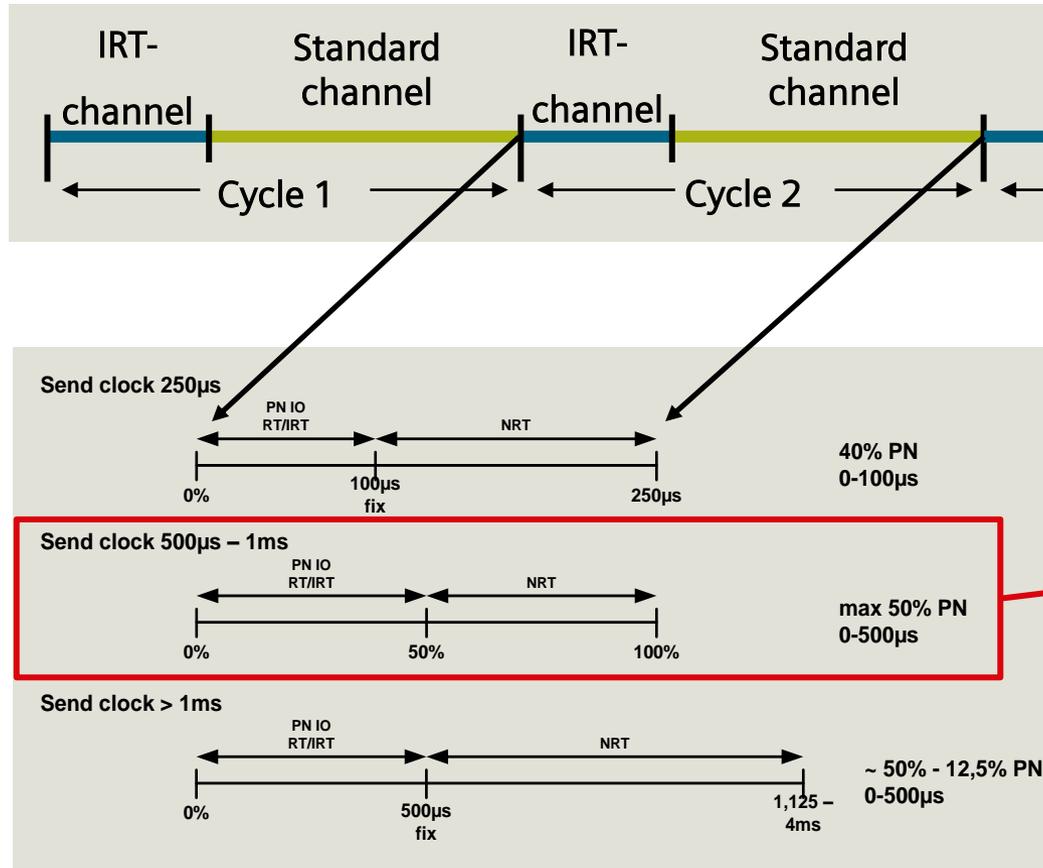
- Separate time slices (time domains) for IRT and rest (RT, TCP/UDP,..)
- High precision cycle synchronization
- Based on optimized switch ASIC → special hardware needed



# Profinet IRT

## Time slice model in detail

### Fixed bandwidth for IRT in theory:



### Overview in TIA Portal:

- 1 Reserved bandwidth can be set in TIA Portal
- 2 Used bandwidth is displayed separately for IRT and RT

1 Bandwidth use: Maximum 50% cyclic IO data. Balanced proportion.

Maximum bandwidth for cyclic IO data: 500.000 µs

Maximum bandwidth for IRT

Maximum bandwidth for cyclic IO data

RT 1000.000 µs

500.000 µs 500.000 µs

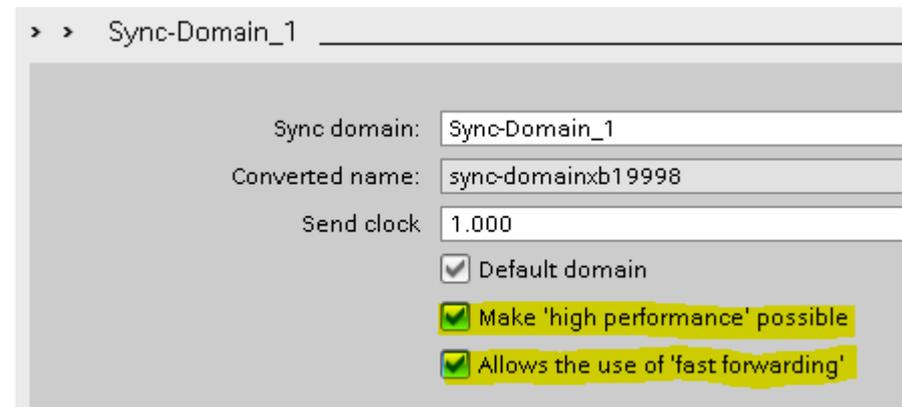
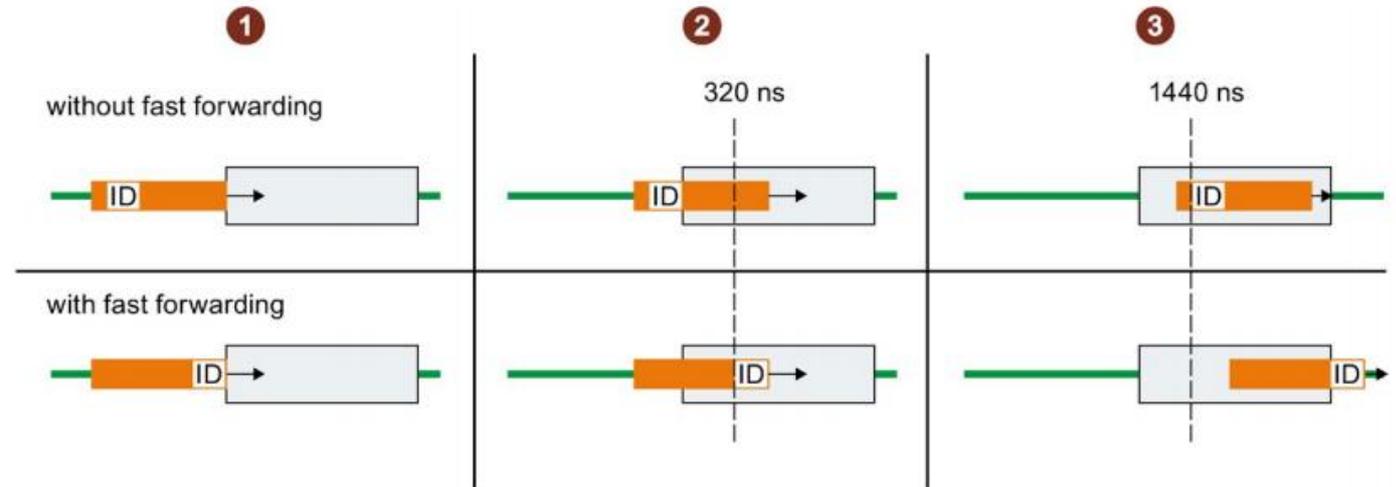
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Calculated IRT bandwidth:	14.976 µs	1.498 %
+		
Calculated RT bandwidth:	172.160 µs	17.216 %
=		
Calculated bandwidth for cyclic IO data:	187.136 µs	18.714 %

# Profinet IRT

## Fast forwarding

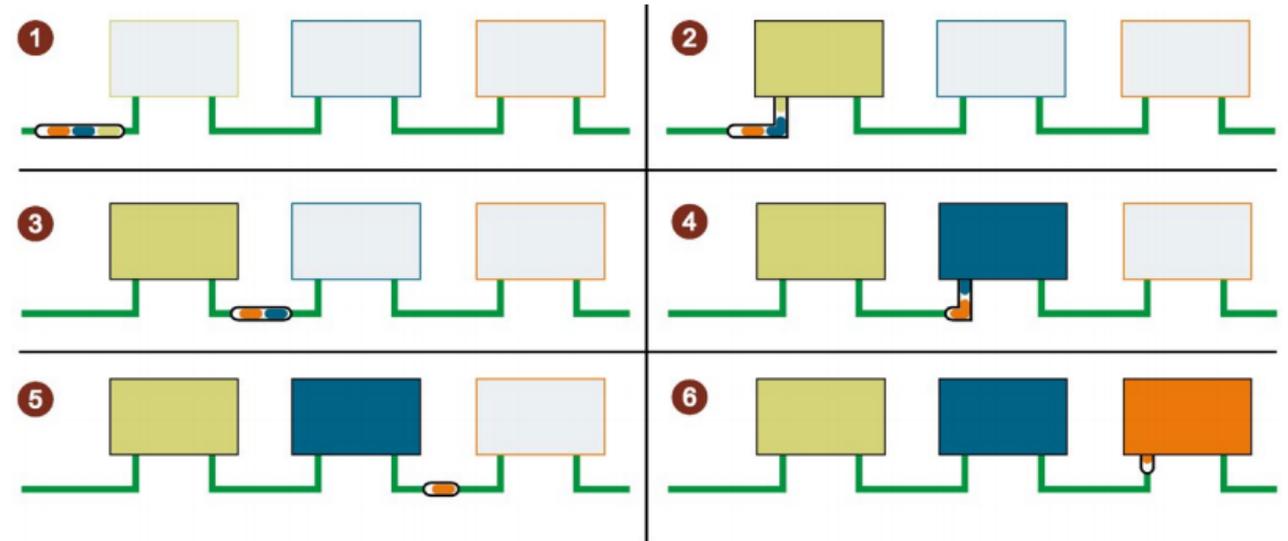
- To forward frames, a device needs to see the frame ID
- This typically takes 1440ns
- Using performance mode, this is improved to 320ns
- Frame ID leads the Profinet frame



# Profinet IRT

## Dynamic Frame Packing

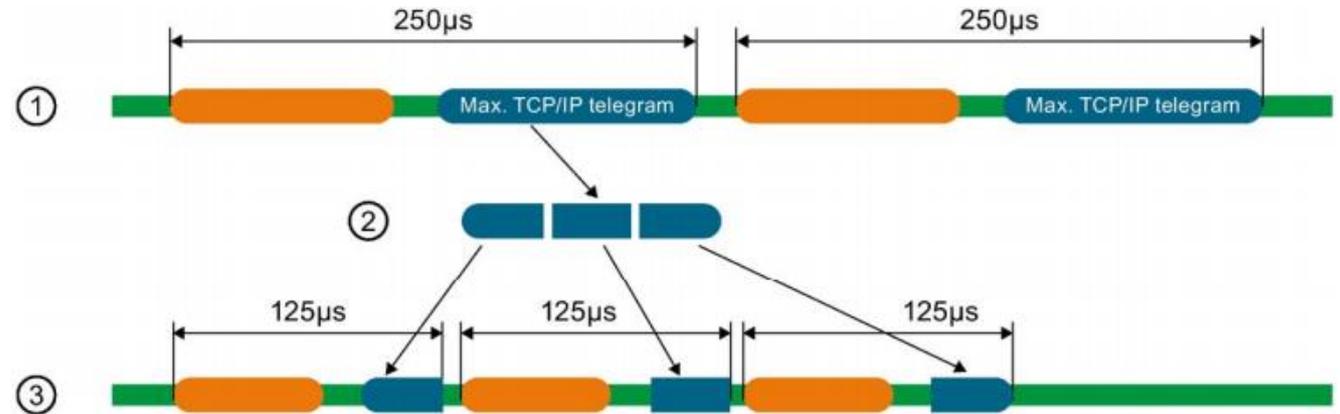
- Each DFP frame includes a specific device data along with other devices on the line
- Each device takes its data and forwards on
- This leads to an overall improvement in network bandwidth



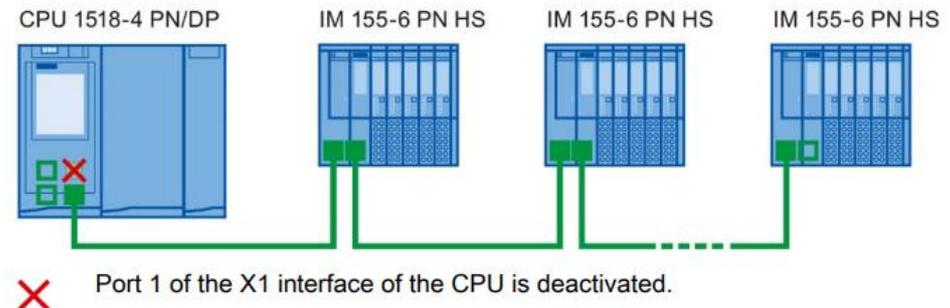
- ① The PROFINET IO frame contains the user data for all 3 IO devices (green, blue and orange).
- ② The PROFINET IO frame reaches the first IO device. The IO device takes its user data (green) from the frame and forwards the remaining frame.
- ③ The PROFINET IO frame contains the user data for two IO devices (blue and orange).
- ④ The PROFINET IO frame reaches the second IO device. The IO device takes its user data (blue) from the frame and forwards the remaining frame.
- ⑤ The PROFINET IO frame contains the user data for one IO device (orange).
- ⑥ The PROFINET IO frame reaches the last IO device. The IO device saves the entire frame including user data (orange).

# Profinet IRT Fragmentation

- A complete standard Ethernet TCP/IP frame takes 125uS so cycle time cannot be reduced
- Performance mode allows fragmentation of these frames into sub frames
- Cycles times <250us are achievable
- Fragmented frames reassembled at the target device
- Fragmentation requires one port to be blocked on the IO controller



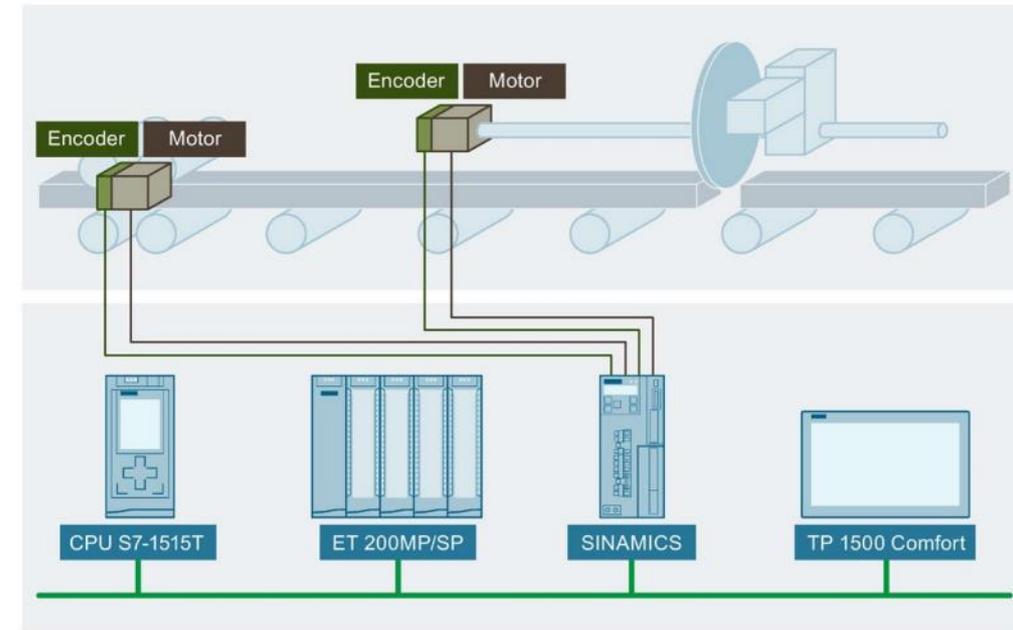
- ① A standard Ethernet frame with TCP/IP data is up to 125 µs.
- ② During fragmentation, the standard Ethernet frame is divided into frame segments.
- ③ The frame segments are divided into multiple short send clocks.



# IRT Use Case 1: Motion Control

## Flying Saw

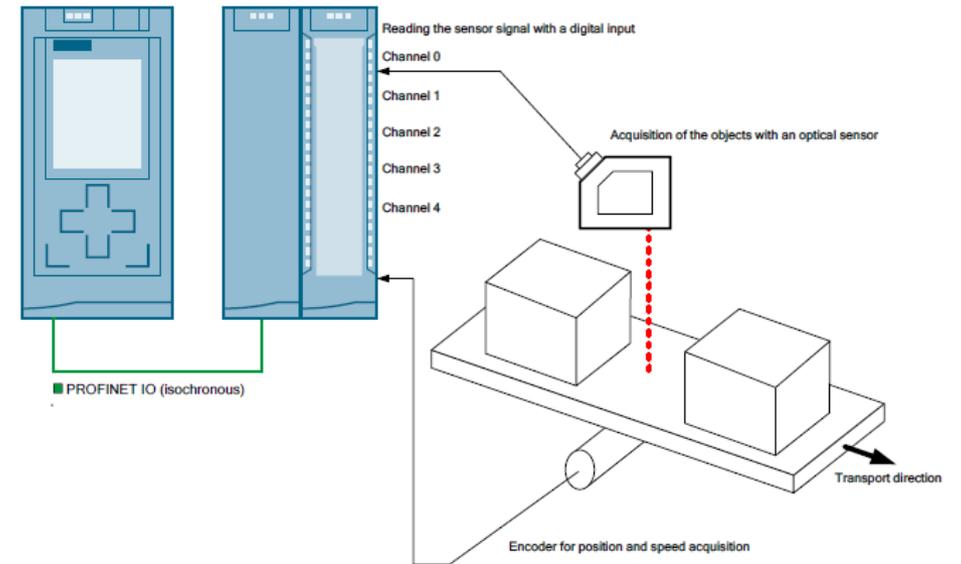
- Saw axis is synchronised to the primary feed axis
- Configuration of Topology
- Each Servo drive is assigned to a Technology Object (TO)
  - Primary = Positioning axis
  - Saw = Synchronous axis
- Synchronisation done via OB91 MC-Servo



# IRT Use Case 2: Time based IO

## Measure box length on conveyor

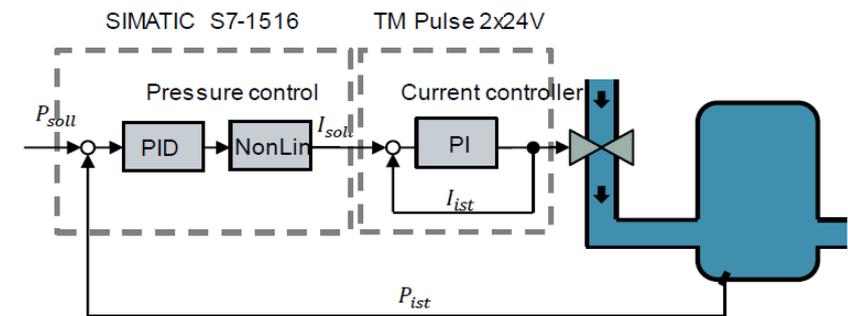
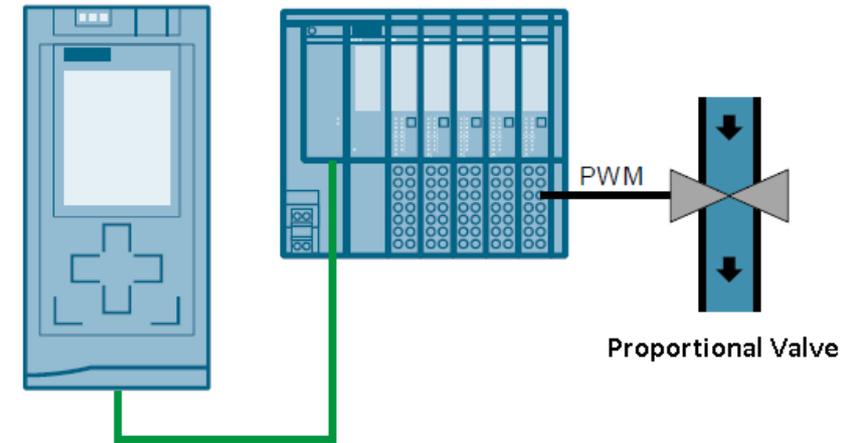
- Speed detection can be from various sources
  - Sinamic Drive/Servo
  - Profinet encoder
  - TM Timer DIDQ and a suitable encoder
- Sensor input via TM Timer DIDQ 16x24V or TM Timer DIDQ 10x24V
- Sensor input rising and falling edges are time stamped
- Measuring function block is called within Synchronous OB6x
- Independent of varying cyclic variations of standad OBs



# IRT Use Case 3: Precise Control

## Precise hydraulic pressure control

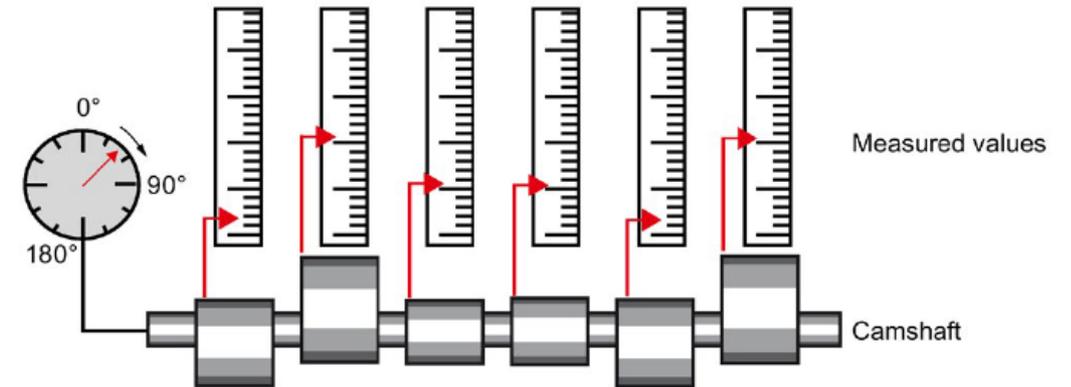
- Utilises ET200SP TM Pulse 2x24V
- Various output modes to suit proportional valve
  - PWM
  - Pulse train
  - On/Off delay
  - Freq output
  - PWM with DC motor
- Dithering can be superimposed on the PWM output to ensure easy movement even with sticky valves
- Isochronous mode improves control properties but not essential



# IRT Use Case 4: Precise measurements

## CAM shaft measurement

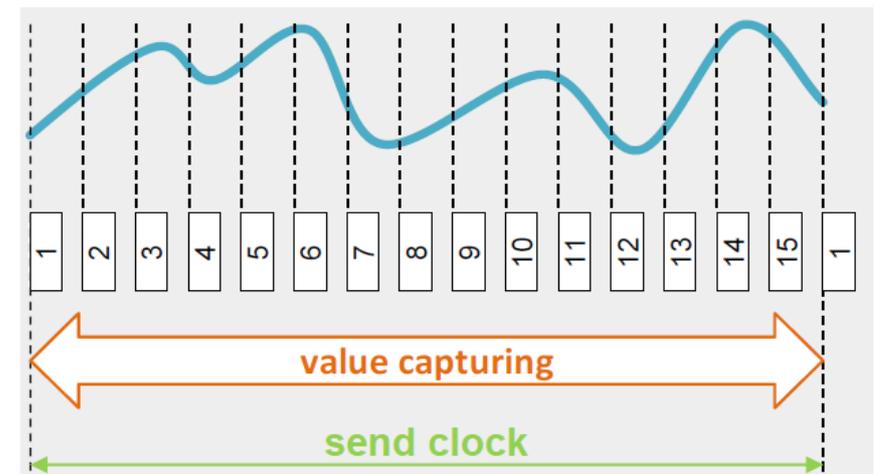
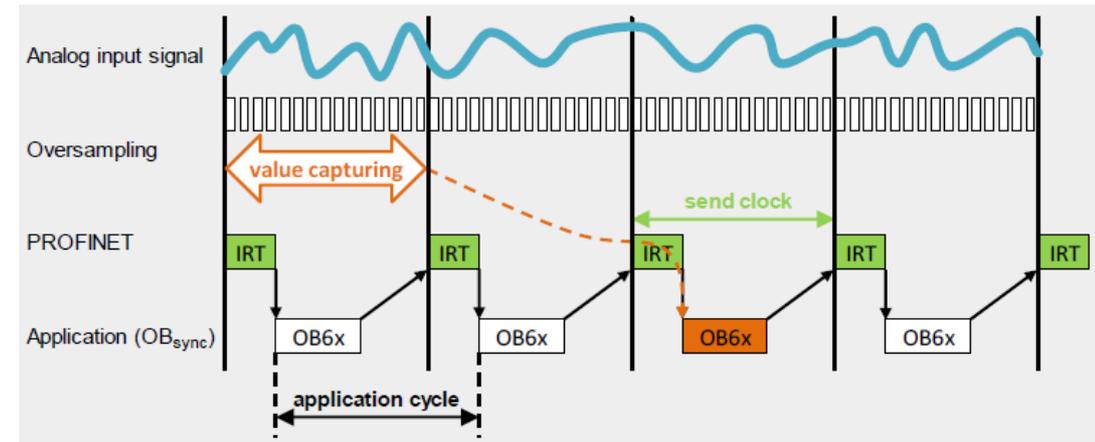
- Measure each cam during rotation with high accuracy
- Measurements are synchronously captured while in motion
- Program code is managed within Synchronous OB6x
- Due to high speed measurements, machine cycle is reduced



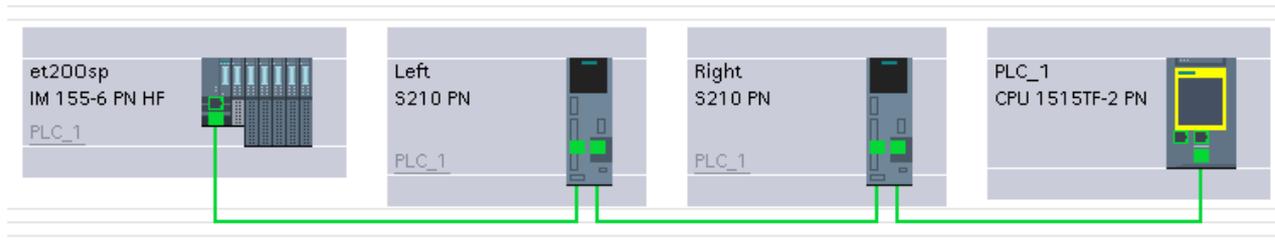
# IRT Use Case 5: Measured values

## Signal Oversampling

- Allows high speed inline testing of product
- Can be activated in ET200SP High Speed (HS) modules
- Requires distributed IO
- Oversample range 2 -16 sub cycles/cycle
- Requires Isocronous mode via OB6x



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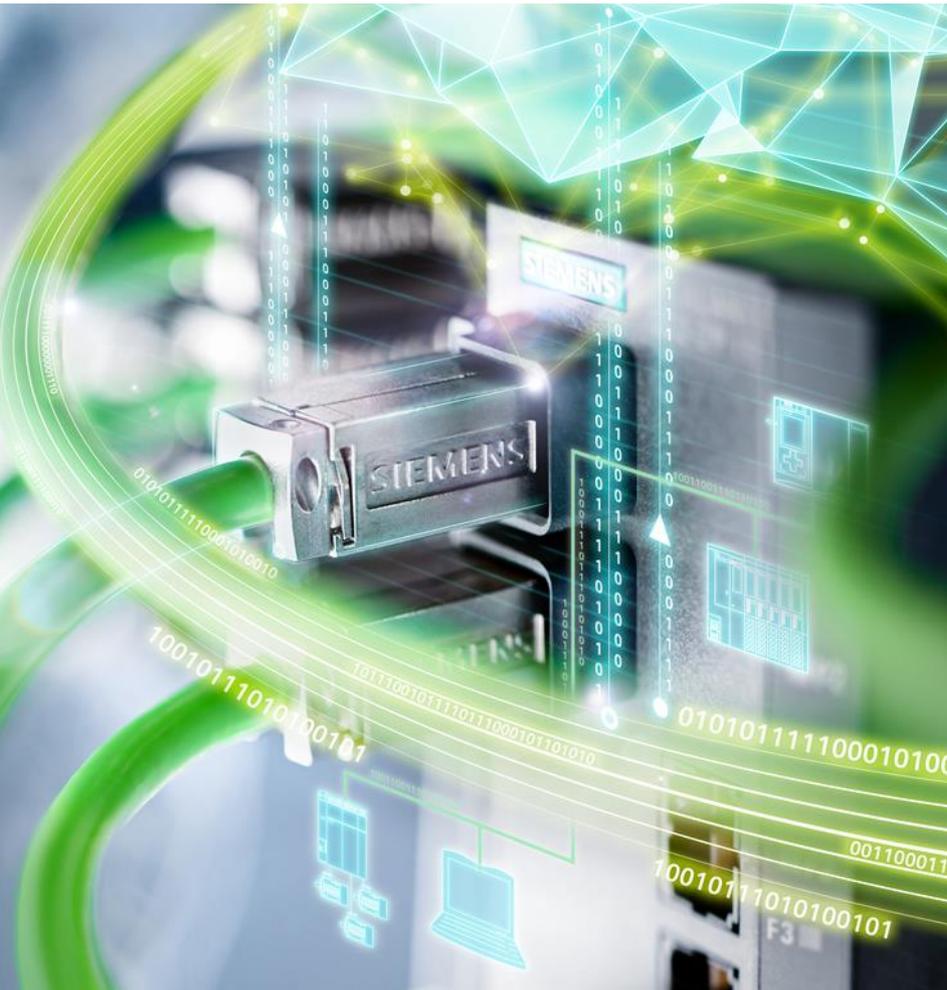


**1. RT monitoring via Oscilloscope**

**2. TIA Portal Settings**

**3. Isochronous OB + Settings**

**4. IRT monitoring via Oscilloscope**



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