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Adapter performance, failover, and best practices

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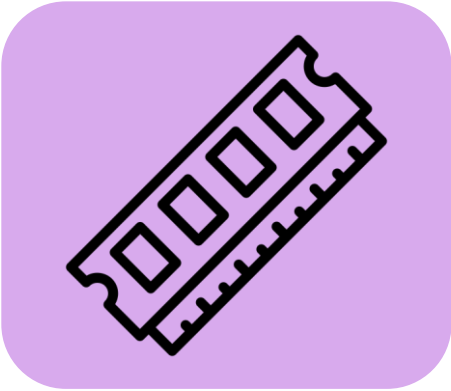
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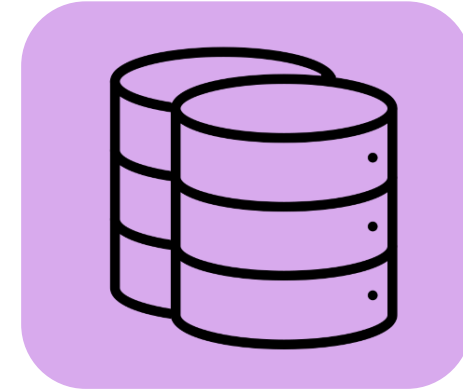
Objectives



Hardware and
best practices



Adapter
performance
expectations



Failover and
redundancy

Supported hardware

- Broadened platform compatibility with edge devices in mind
 - Linux (Debian/Ubuntu)
 - ARM processors
 - Docker containers
- Windows
- Intel/AMD processors



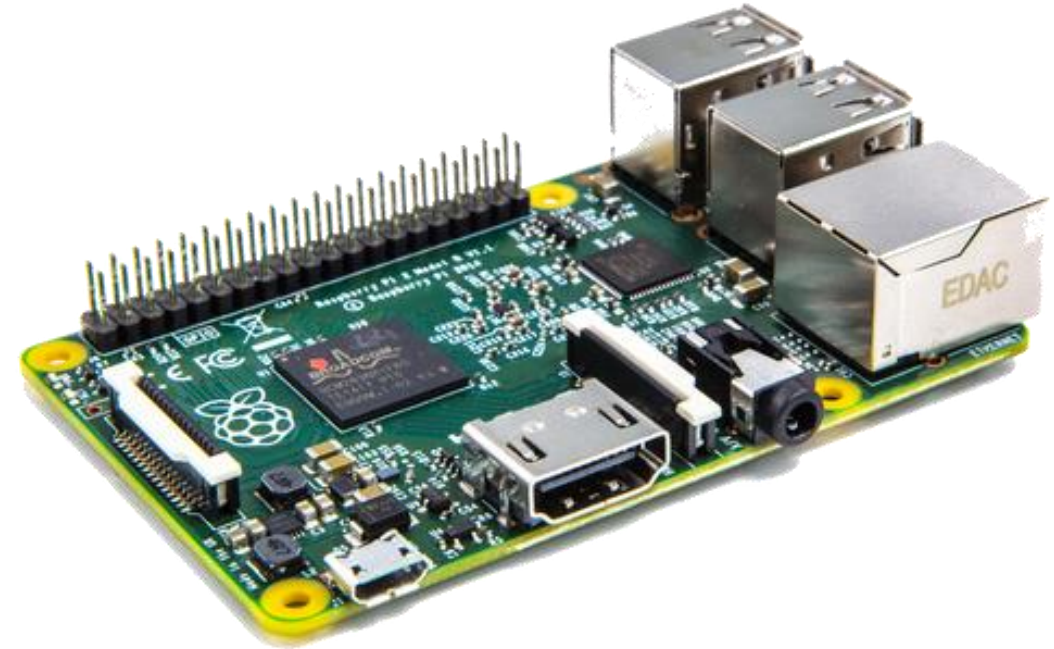
Hardware configurations

Small devices

- 1 core CPU
- 512MB RAM
- Example: Raspberry Pi 1

Performance expectations

- 1,000 events / sec
- 1,000 total streams



Hardware configurations

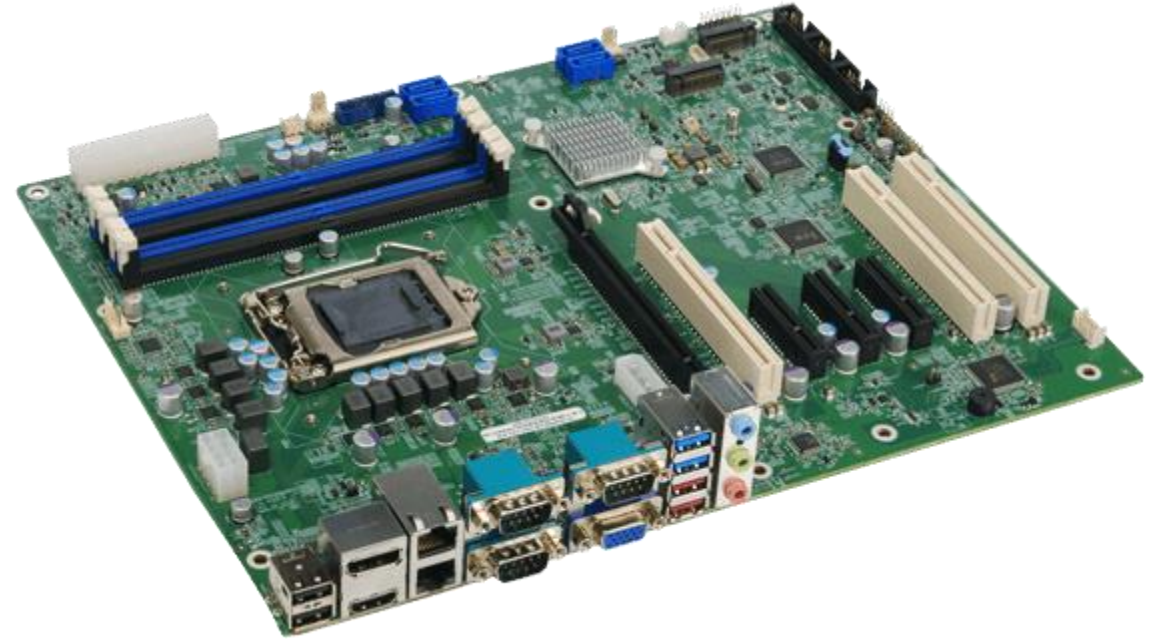
Large devices

- 2 core CPU
- 8GB RAM
- Virtual machines or dedicated servers

Performance expectations

- 20,000 events / sec
- 20,000 total streams

Expect enhancements to adapter performance in the future!



Isolating software performance

Extremely large device

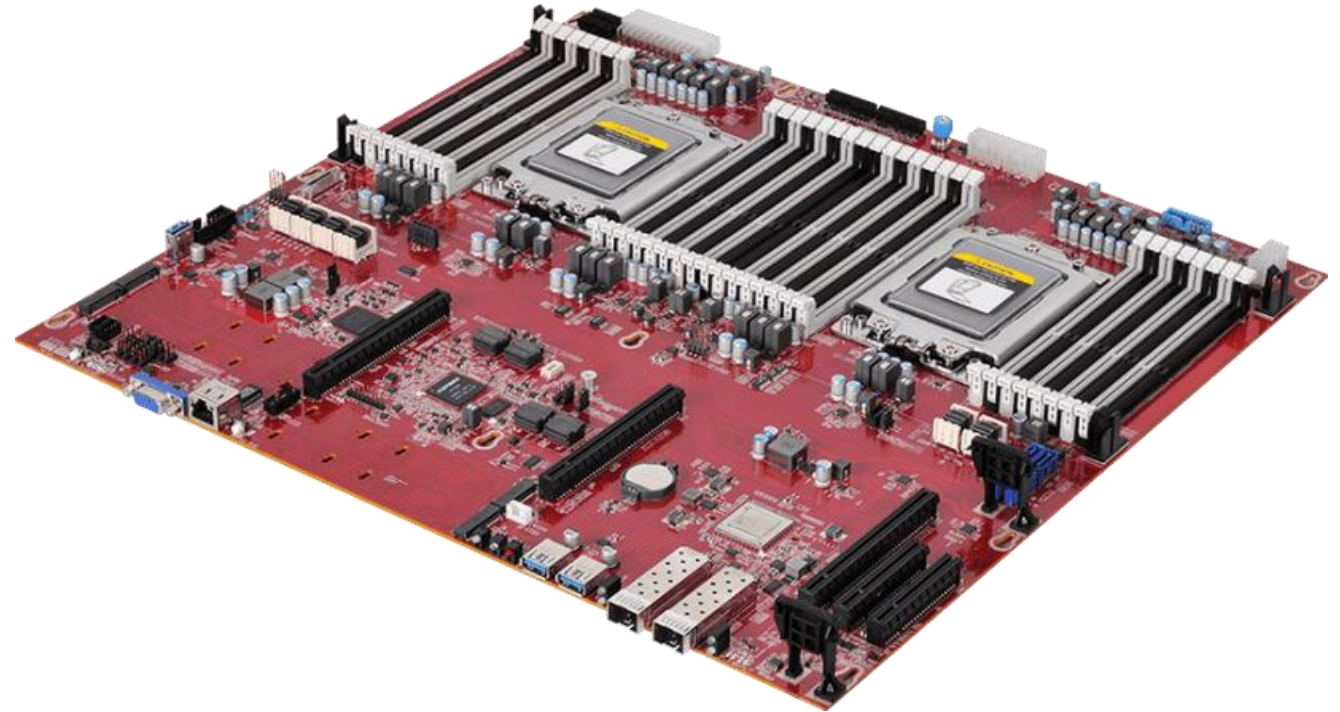
- 24 core CPU
- 24GB RAM

Performance test

- Custom OPC UA server
- 100,000 nodes - random float values every 1s
- Data source and PI Web API run locally

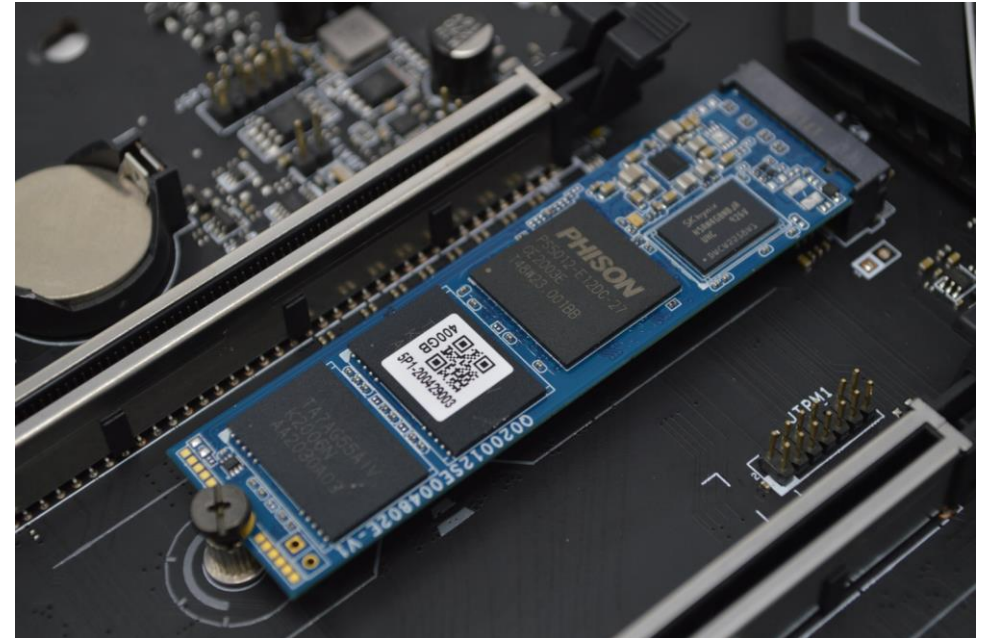
OPC UA adapter results

- 50,000+ events/sec
- 100,000 total streams



General recommendations

- Sufficient resources to handle desired stream count and throughput
- Solid state drives
- Stable network



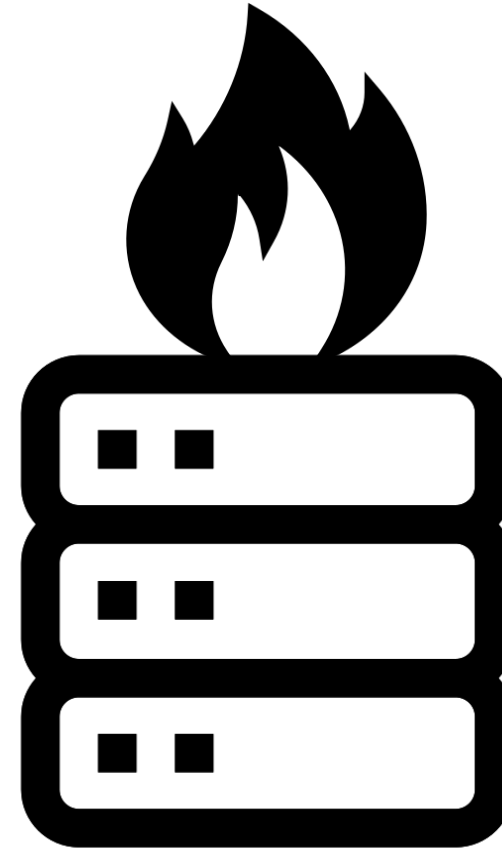
Performance issues

Factors that can negatively impact performance

- Insufficient hardware sizing
- Network instability
- Programs hogging resources
- Excessive stream count/subscriptions

Symptoms

- Errors and timeouts
- Data lag
- Missing data



Mitigating performance issues

Adjust client parameters

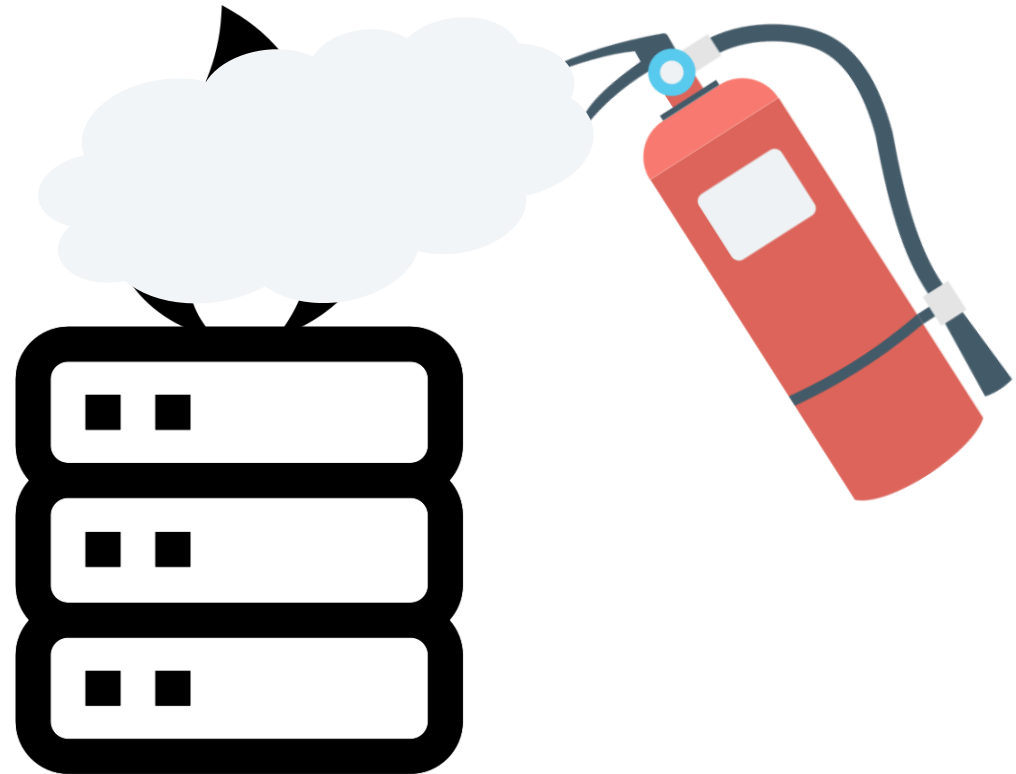
- Timeouts
- Operation limits
- Block sizes

Increase buffer capacity

- Default is 1024MB
- Increase in case of long egress outages

Configure data filters

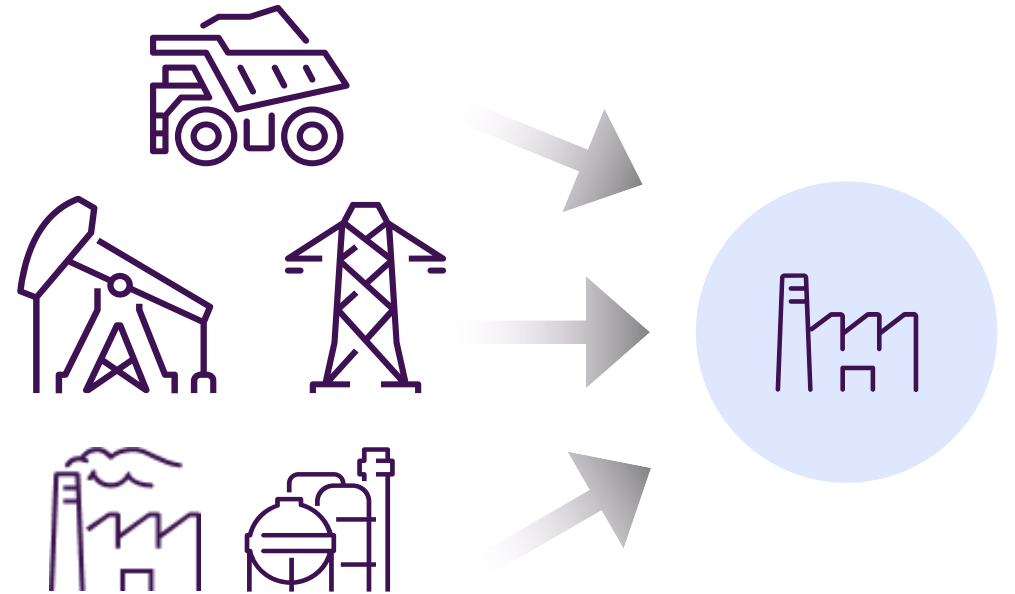
- Set dead bands to reduce network traffic



Data source performance

Many support cases for interfaces, connectors and adapters turn out to be caused by problems at the data source!

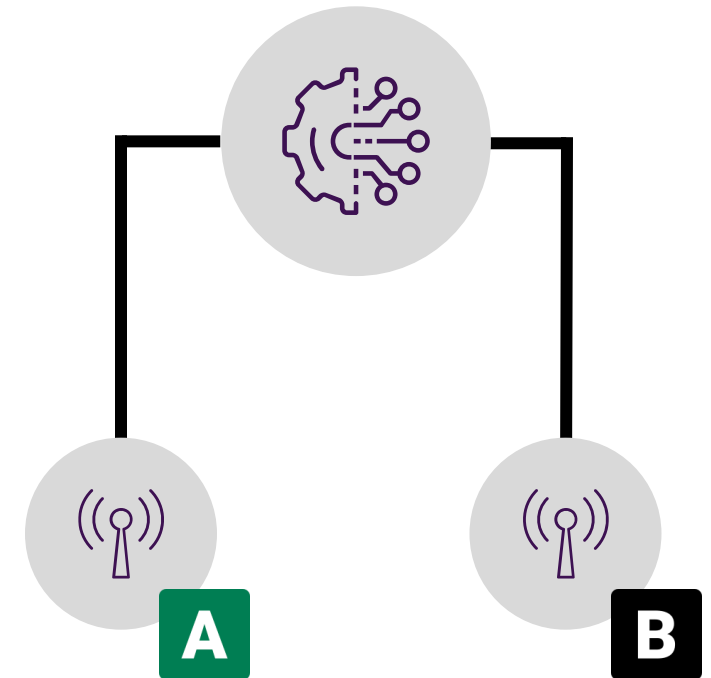
- Data source devices need sufficient hardware and network stability as well
- Symptoms can appear similar to adapter performance issues
- Correct source server settings (operation limits, timeouts, etc.)



Failover and redundancy

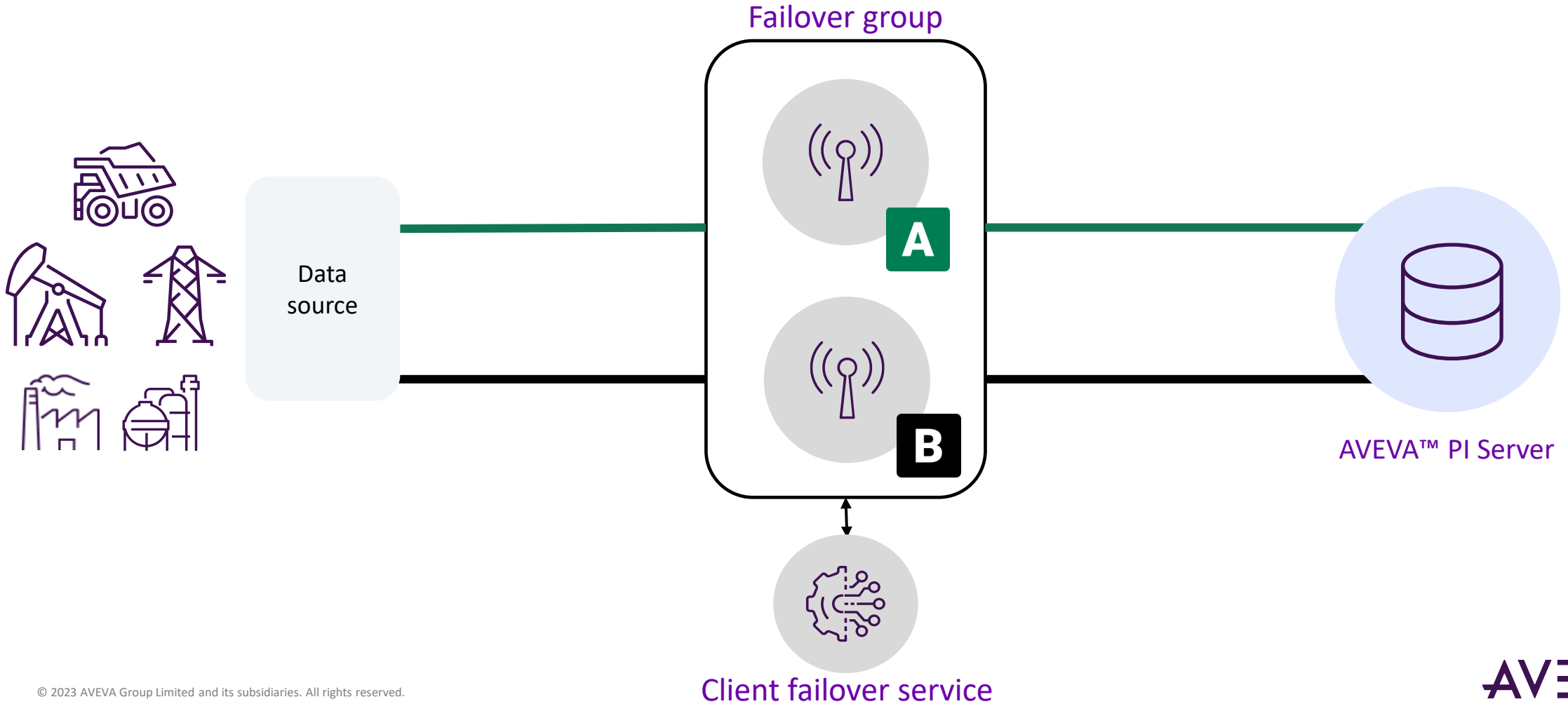
Client failover service

- External service that controls adapter failover states
 - Installation not required if using AVEVA™ Data Hub
- Adapter with best health score is chosen as active primary
- Currently supported by OPC UA and MQTT adapters



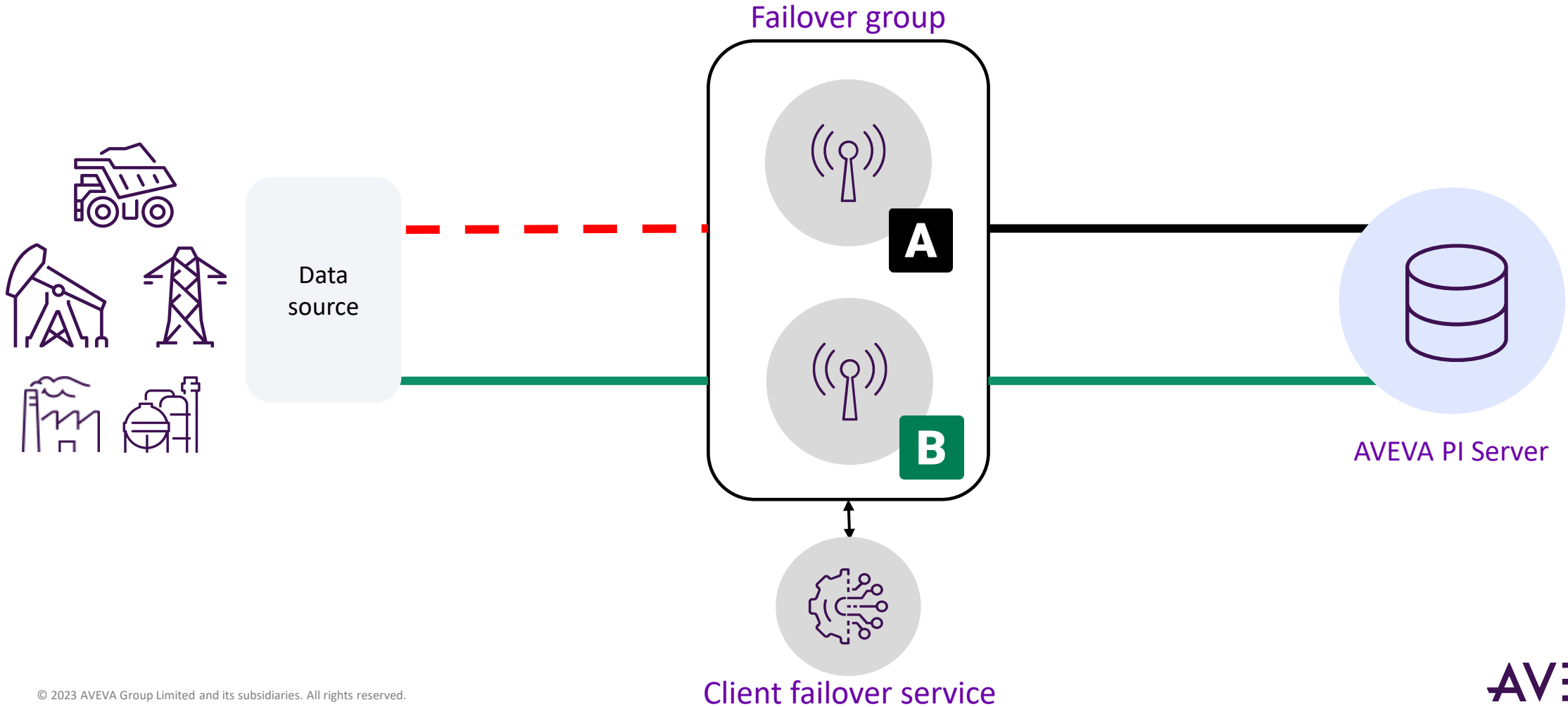
Adapter failover behavior

Hot failover: Normal operation



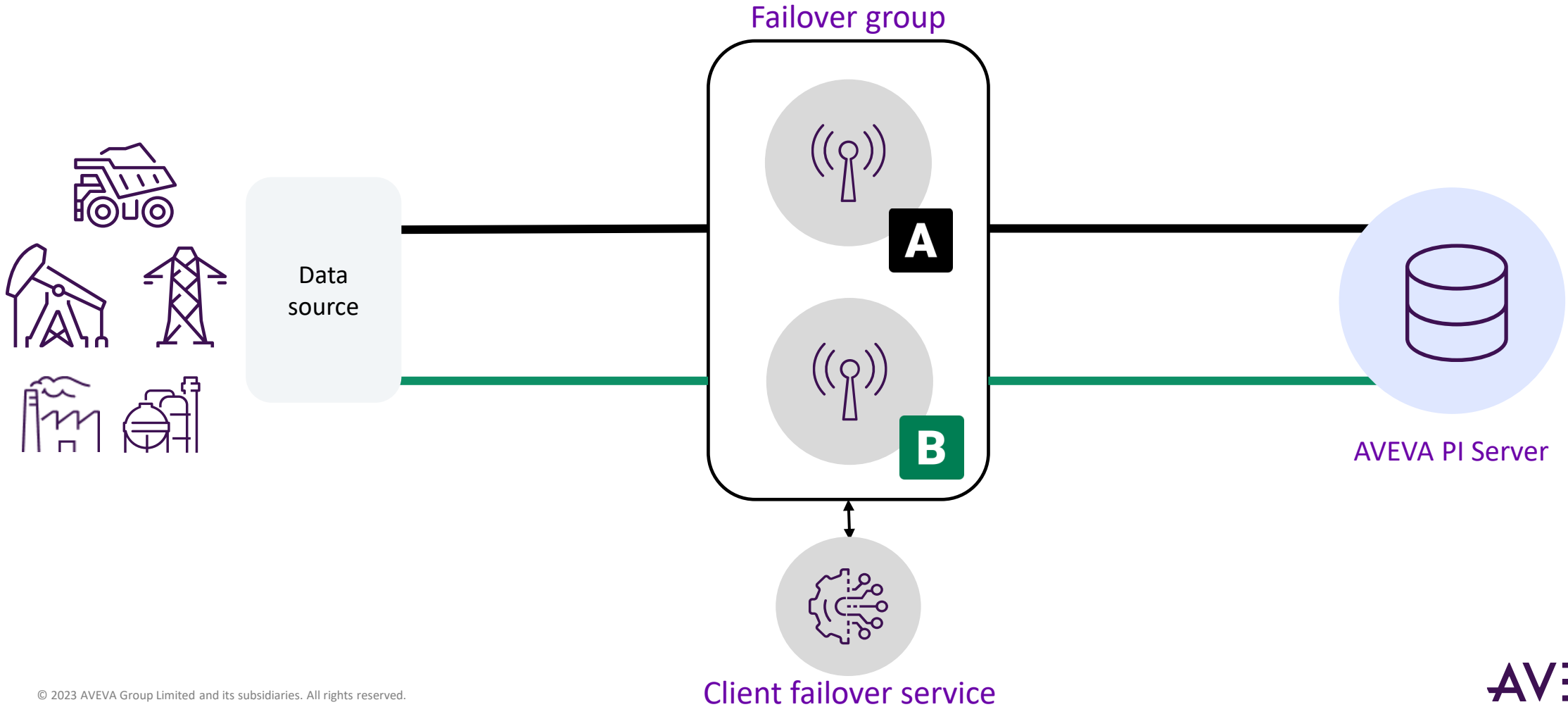
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Hot failover: A data source disconnection



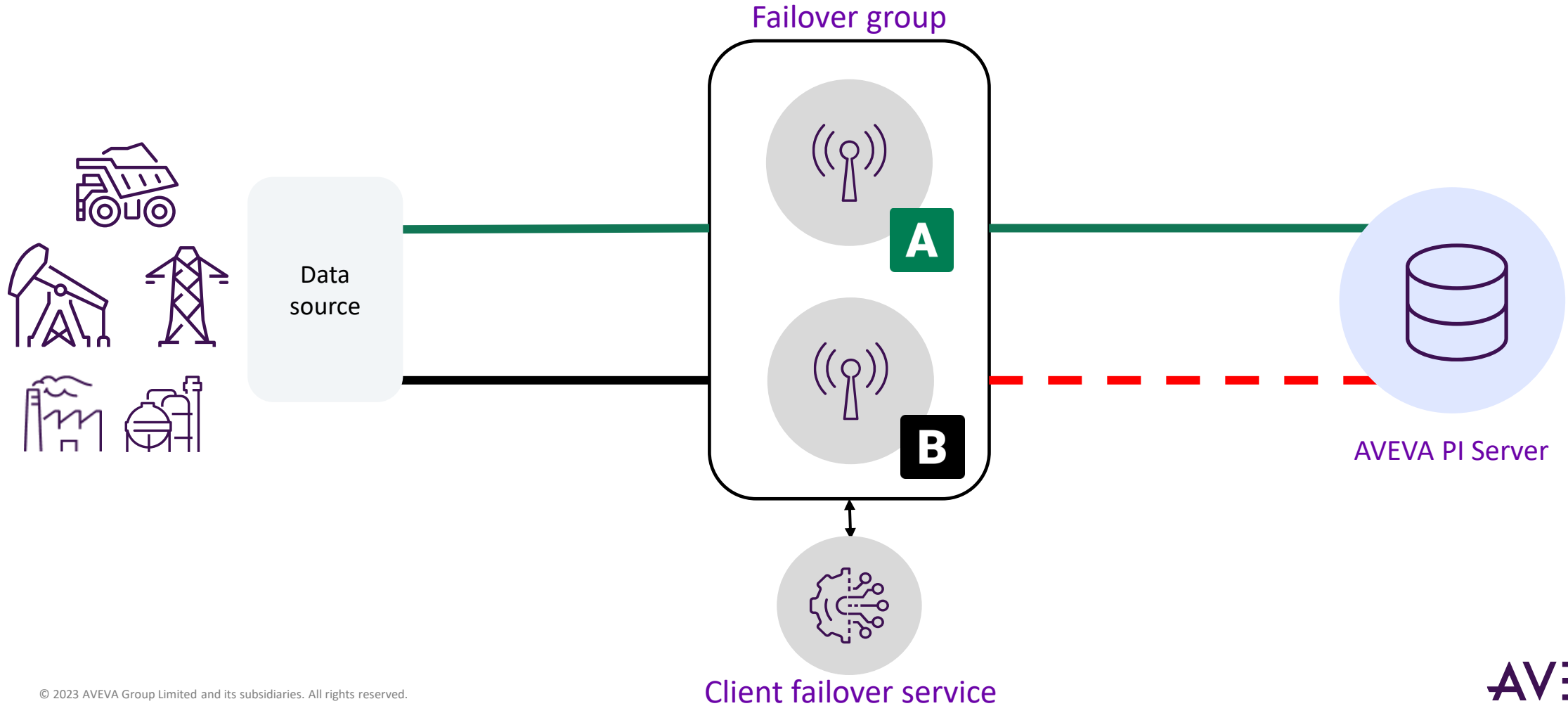
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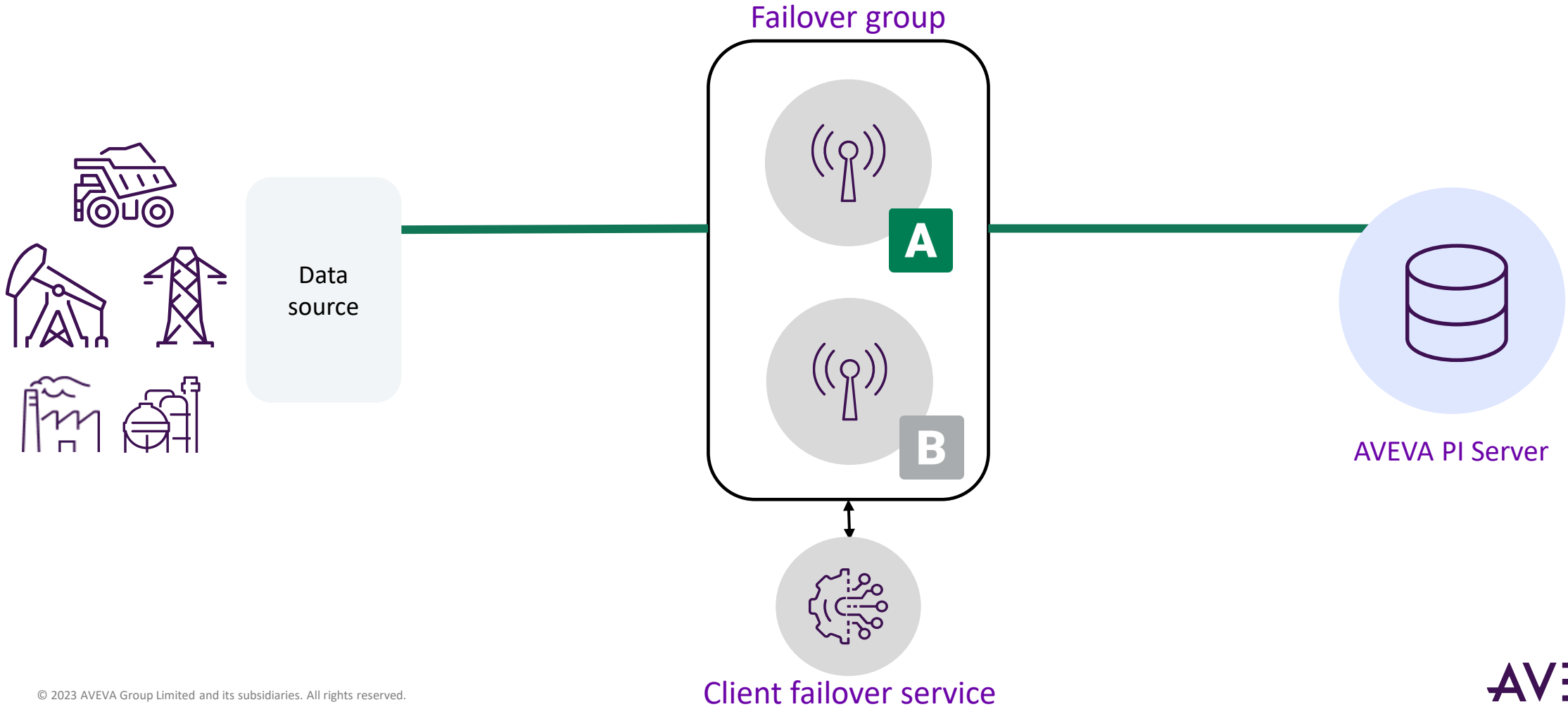
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Hot failover: B Egress destination disconnection



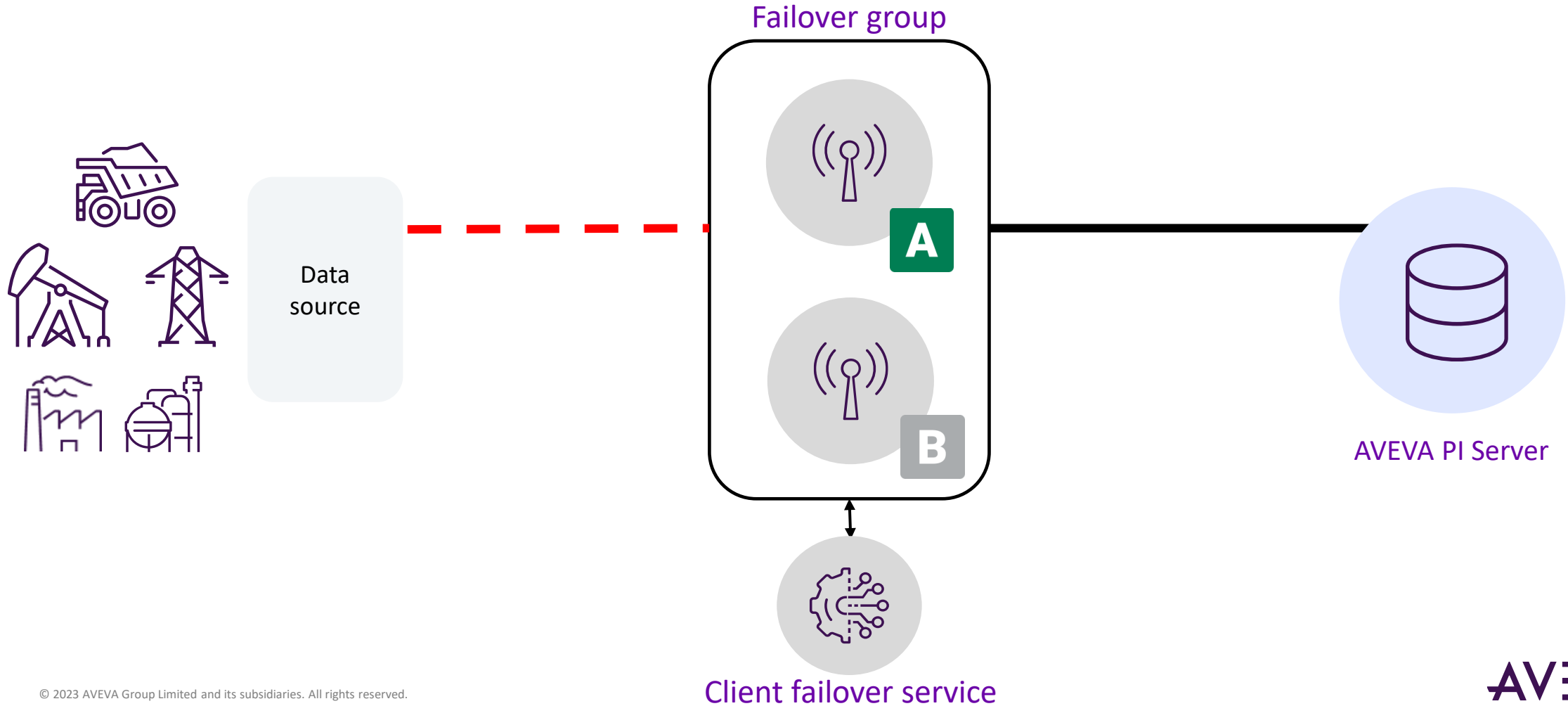
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Cold failover: Normal operation



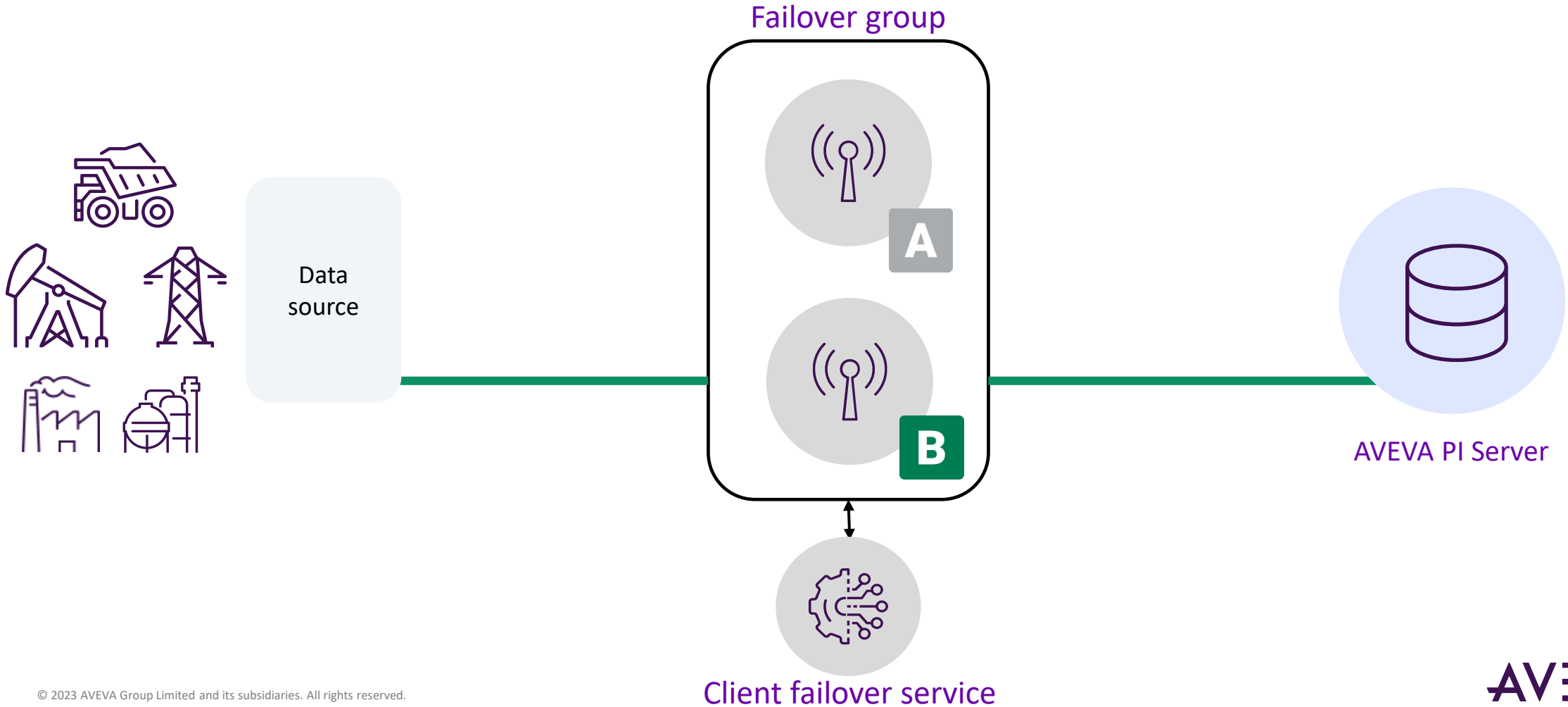
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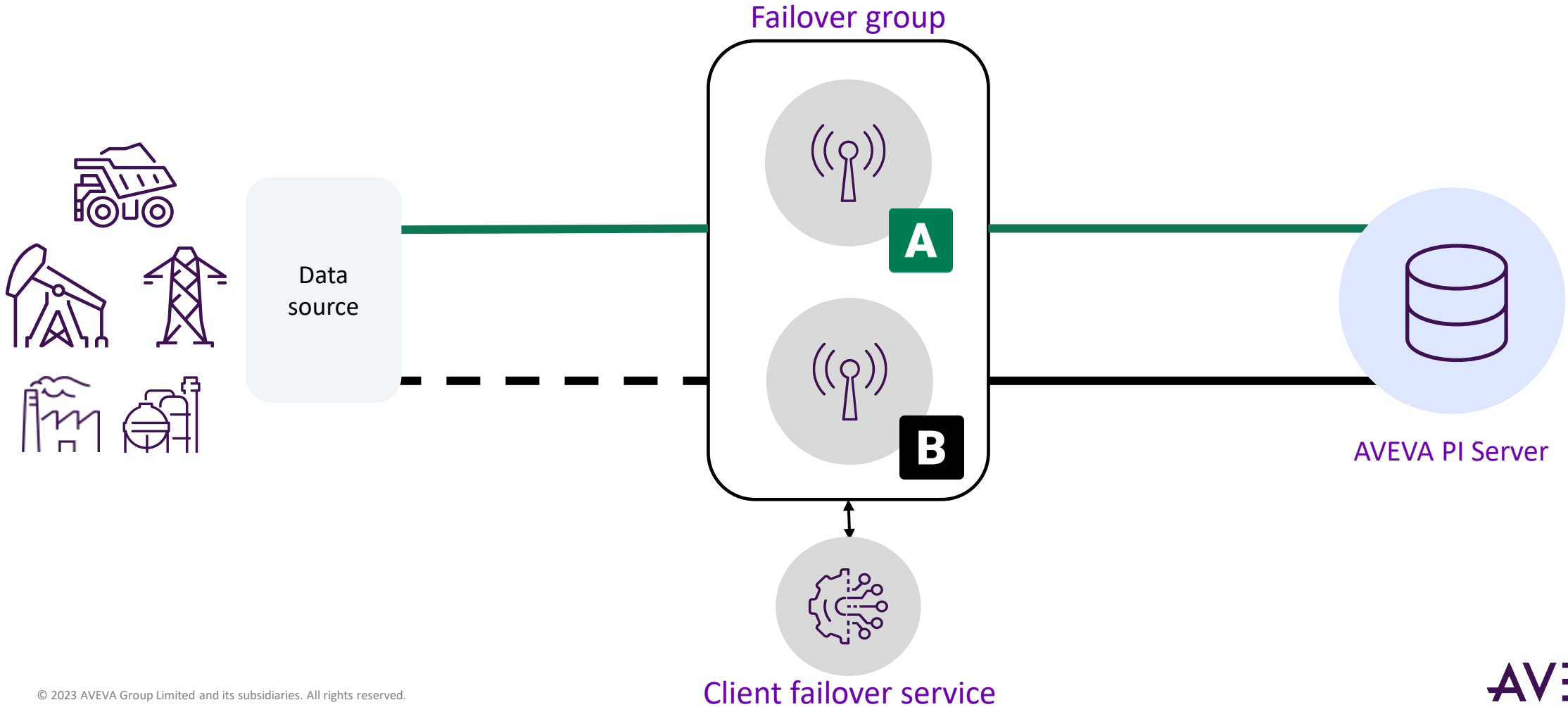
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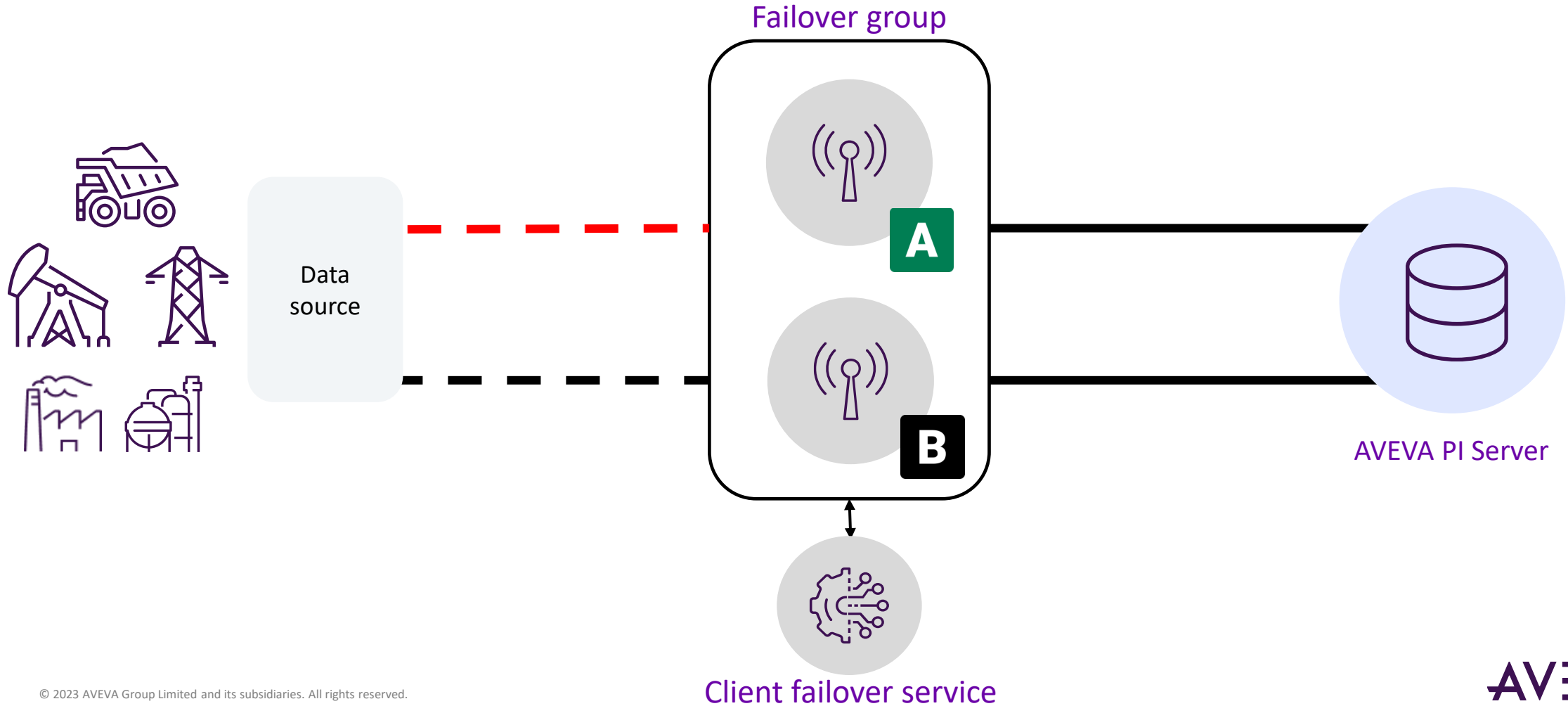
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Warm failover: Normal operation



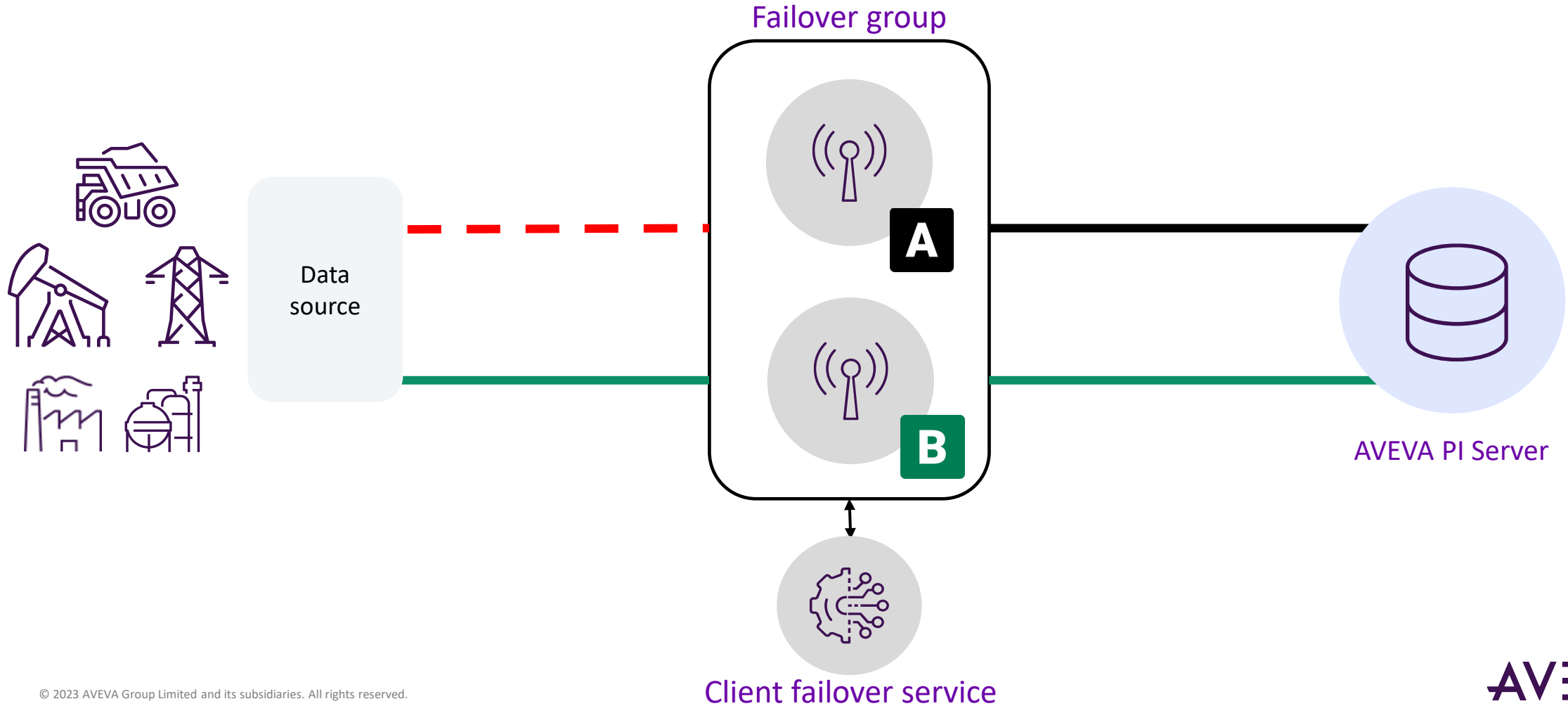
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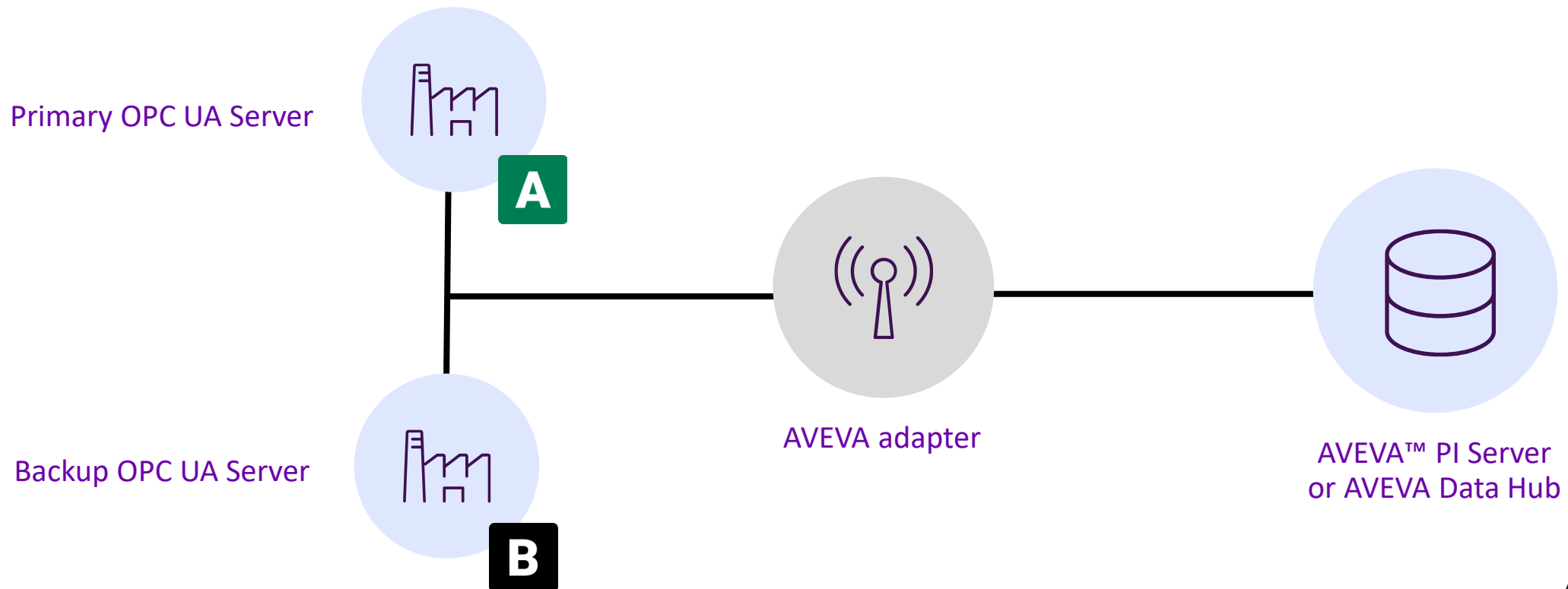
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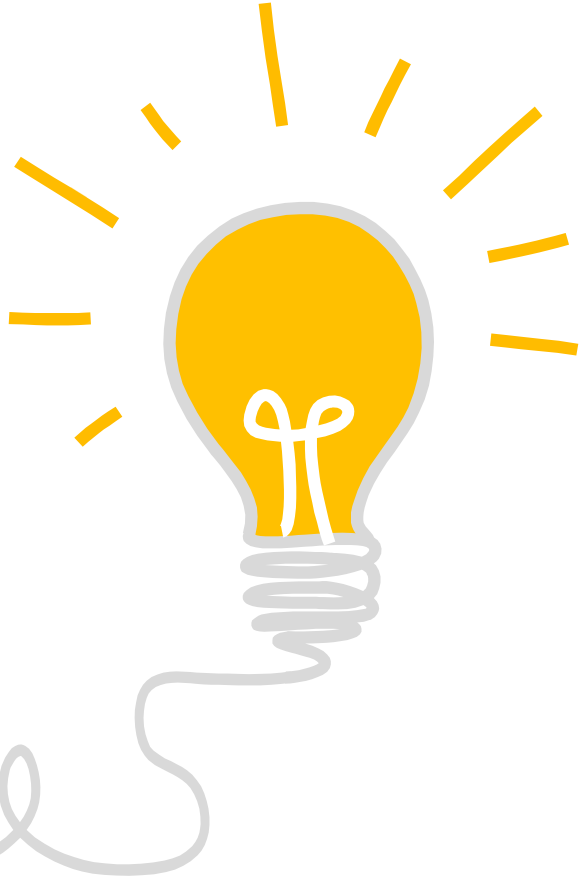


Source server failover

- Some adapters such as OPC UA and MQTT support source server redundancy
- Adapters will fail over to backup server(s) if primary source server goes down



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