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- a) Clarified that deadband has to be between 0.0 and 100.0. Violations result in error `Bad_DeadbandFilterInvalid` (6.2)
- b) Added `VariableTypes` handling `ArrayItems` and `DataTypes` supporting this, including complex number types. These data types are required for complex analyzer devices but seem useful for other domains as well.

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