



MASSIVIZING COMPUTER SYSTEMS – THE ICT INFRASTRUCTURE MEMEX

VU ON THE DIGITAL COMPUTING CONTINUUM

@Large Research
Massivizing Computer Systems



<http://atlarge.science>



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US IN 3 MINUTES

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MASSIVIZING
COMPUTER
SYSTEMS!

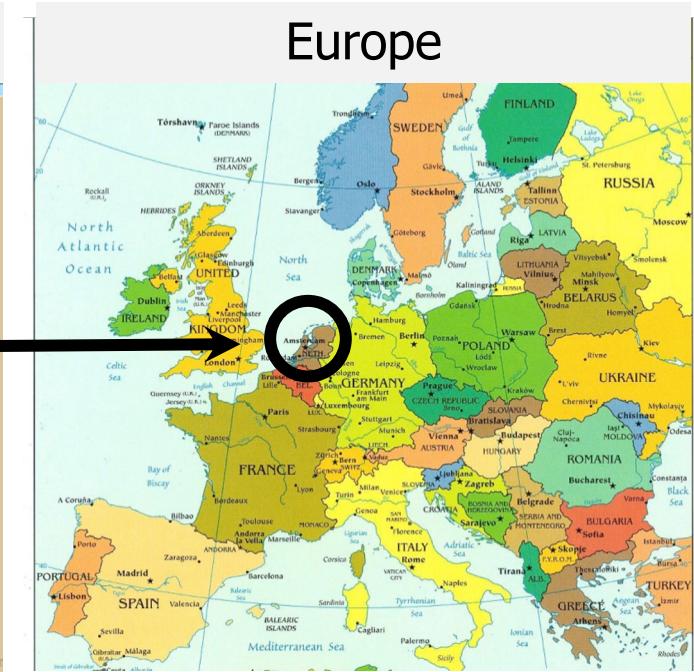
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Amsterdam
founded 10th century
pop: 850,000



VU
founded 1880
pop: >25,000
(~ 5,000 staff)



Research Group Bio

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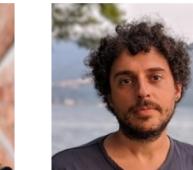
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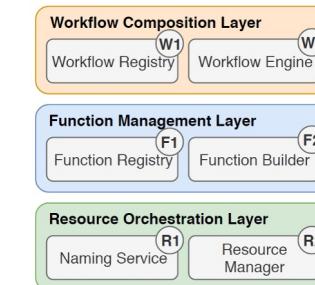
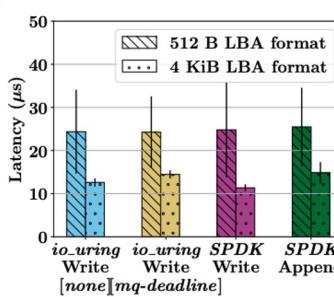
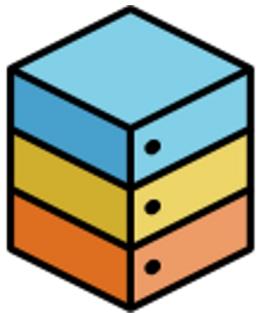
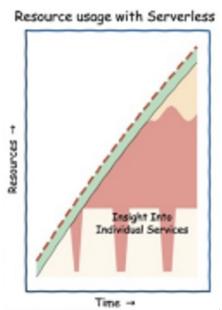
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Group Bio: CompSys | Massivizing Computer Systems group | National/EU projects, incl. NL Groefondsprogramma 6G Future Network Services (€315M, 7 years), NL NWO OffSense, EU Horizon Graph-Massivizer (€5M), EU MCSA-RISE CLOUDSTARS

Serverless ± virtualized cloud environments: RM&S for workflow and serverless ops, back-end services, aggregate and disaggregate resources, compute and IO, VM/contrainerization and JIT compiling, performance, availability, energy. Understand and experiment / analyze / benchmark ecosystems, design new parts, improve existing parts, share FAIR tools + Memex-like data.

Digital Twin: ICT infrastructure/datacenter simulation, Operational Data Analytics, DC cockpit, VR/XR ops.

Relevant prior work (selection of tools and activities):



Serverless
history + vision

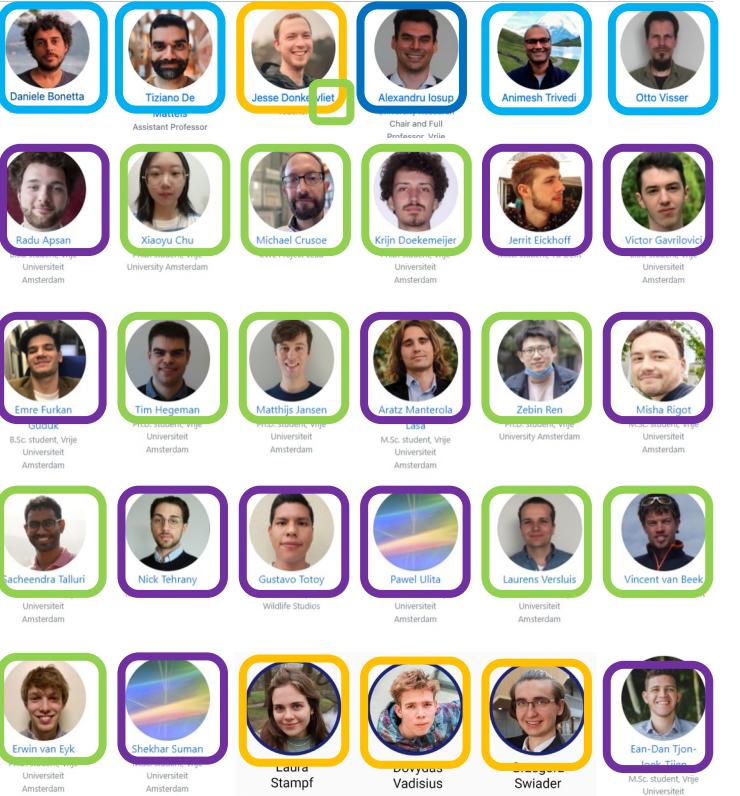
OpenDC
simulator

K8s/Storage
benchmark

Continuum +
Reference Archi

Benchmark Cloud Group
chair

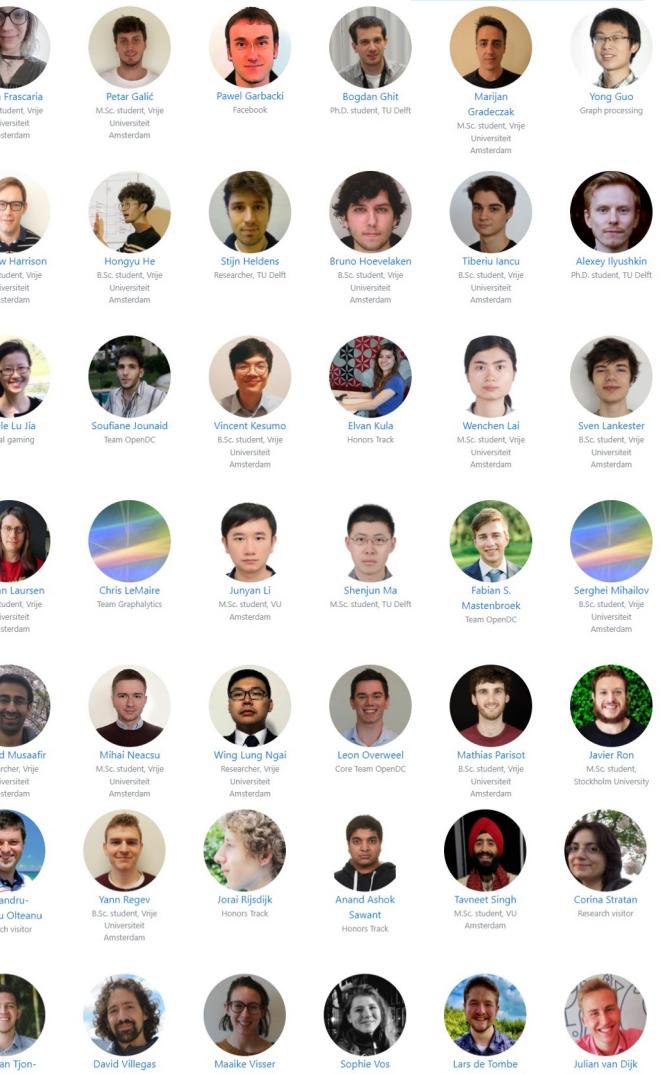
CURRENT TEAM



- Professor
- Assistant Prof.
- Teacher
- Visitor/P.-doc
- Ph.D. student
- Early Scientist
MSc, BSc HP

ALUMNI

VISITORS



WE ARE A FRIENDLY, DIVERSE, LARGE GROUP, OF DIFFERENT RACES AND ETHNICITIES, GENDERS AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND VIEWS OF CULTURE, POLITICS, AND RELIGION. YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

WHO AM I?

PROF. DR. IR. ALEXANDRU IOSUP

- Education, my courses:
 - > Honours Programme, Computer Org. (BSc)
 - > Distributed Systems, Cloud Computing (MSc)
- Research, 15 years in DistribSys:
 - > Massivizing Computer Systems
 - > About 30 young researchers in the team
- About me:
 - > Worked in 7 countries, NL since 2004
 - > I like to help... I train people in need
 - > VU University Research Chair + Group Chair
 - > NL ICT Researcher of the Year
 - > NL Higher-Education Teacher of the Year
 - > NL Young Royal Academy of Arts & Sciences
 - > Knighted in 2020





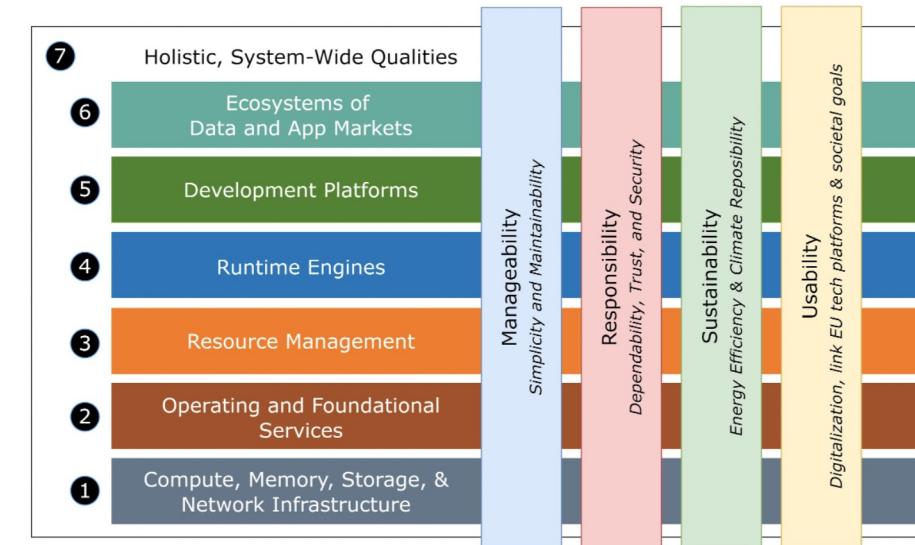
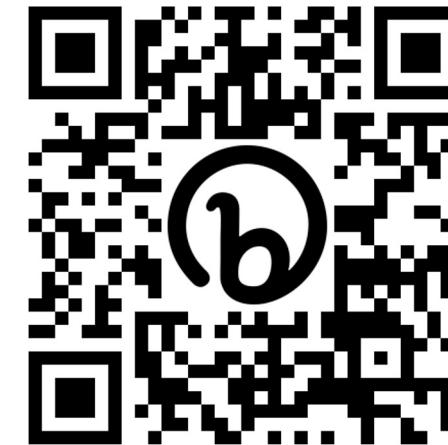
SINCE LAST YEAR – RE-BOOTED THE COMPSYS NL COMMUNITY...



SIG FCSN + Manifesto on Computer Systems and Networking Research Clear vision for the field in the NL, 2021-2035



Signed
50 PIs / Leads
07 universities
05 relevant societal
stakeholders



Available

Full version <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2206.03259>

Who's Who in CompSysNL? <https://bit.ly/CompSysNLWhosWho>

CCGRID 2024

Philadelphia, USA
May 5-9, 2024

The 24th IEEE/ACM international Symposium on Cluster, Cloud and Internet Computing



Program Chairs

Alexandru Iosup, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands
Xubin He, Temple University, USA
Beth Plale, Indiana University, USA

1. Hardware Systems and Networking
2. Software Systems and Platforms
3. Machine Learning (ML) for Systems and Systems for ML
4. Future Compute Continuum and Seamless Ecosystems
5. Applications and Workflows
6. Performance Monitoring, Modeling, Analysis, and Benchmarking
7. Distributed and Parallel Storage Systems
8. Education about Cluster, Cloud and Internet Computing

THIS IS THE
GOLDEN AGE
OF COMPUTER
ECOSYSTEMS

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GENERALITY OF MASSIVE COMPUTER ECOSYSTEMS

+ AI
e.g.,
ML/RL



Big Science



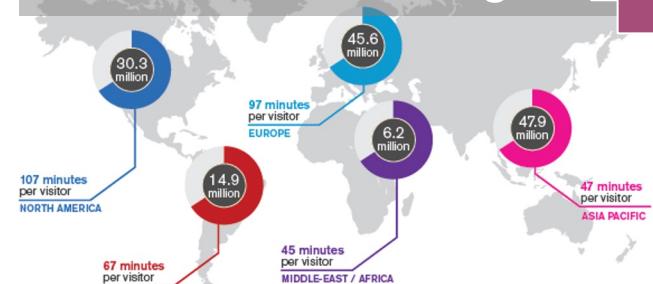
+ Data
e.g., as
graphs



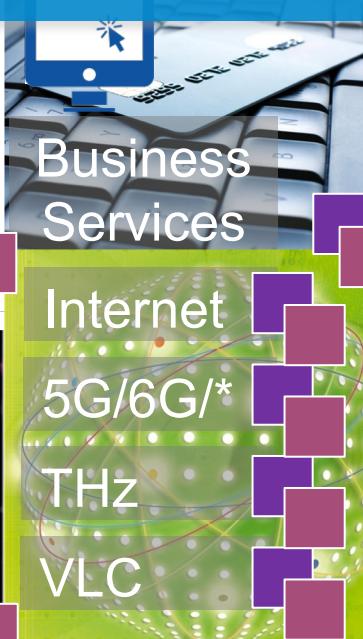
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Daily Life

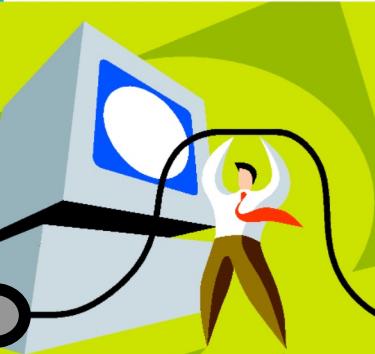
Online Gaming



Iosup et al. (2018) Massivizing Computer Systems, ICDCS. [Online] Hesselman, Grosso, Kuipers, et al. (2020) A Responsible Internet to increase Trust in the Digital World. JNSM [Online]



Big Data

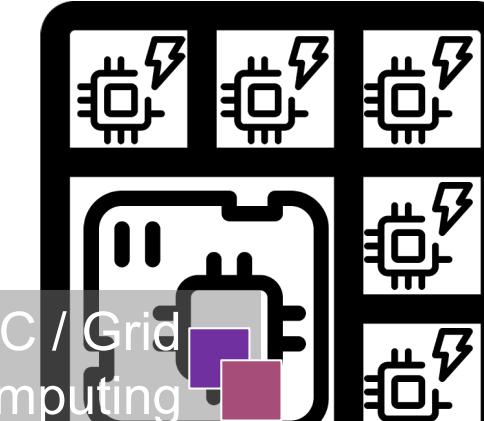


Datacenter

Edge /
IoT / Fog / ...
Computing

Computing
Continuum

Cloud
Computing



HPC / Grid
Computing

USING REPRODUCIBLE, COMPLEX WORKFLOWS ...



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cwlVersion: v1.0
class: CommandLineTool

doc: Spoa is a partial order alignment...
inputs:
  readsFA:
    type: File
    format: edam:format_1929
    doc: FASTA file containing a set of sequences.
requirements:
  InlineJavascriptRequirement: {}
hints:
  DockerRequirement:
    dockerPull: "quay.io/biocontainers/spoa:3.4.0--hc9558a2_0"
  ResourceRequirement:
    ramMin: $(15 * 1024)
   outdirMin: $(Math.ceil(inputs.readsFA.size/(1024*1024*1024) + 20))
baseCommand: spoa
arguments: [ $(inputs.readsFA), -G, -g, '-6' ]
stdout: $(inputs.readsFA.nameroot).g6.gfa
outputs:
  spoaGFA:
    type: stdout
    format: edam:format_3976
    doc: result in Graphical Fragment Assembly (GFA) format
namespaces:
  edam: http://edamontology.org

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Crusoe et al. (2022) [Methods](#)
Included: Standardizing Computational Reuse and Portability with the Common Workflow Language. CACM.

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Managers
Operating Services

Infrastructure
Compute & Storage

Neuromorph

Physical

CPU

GPU

TPU

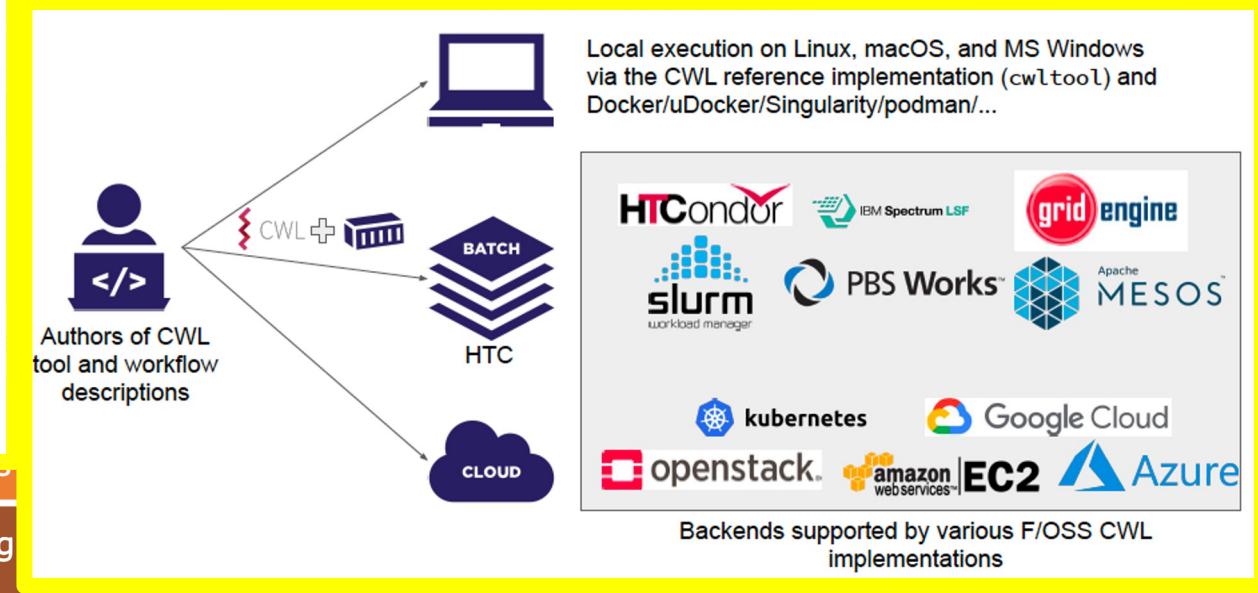
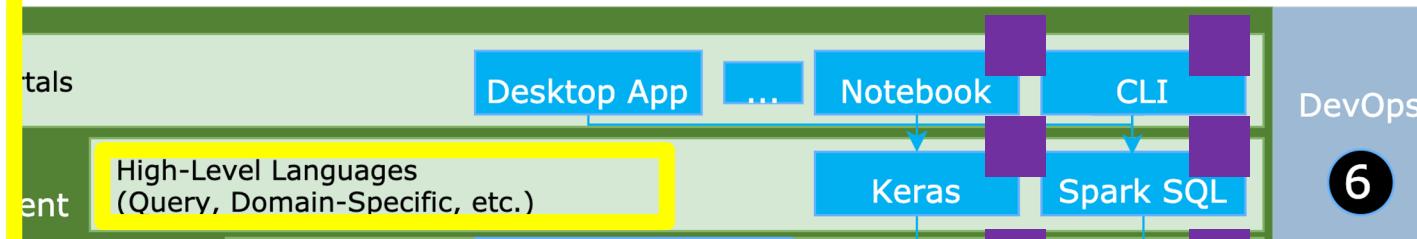
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Virtual

VMs

Containers

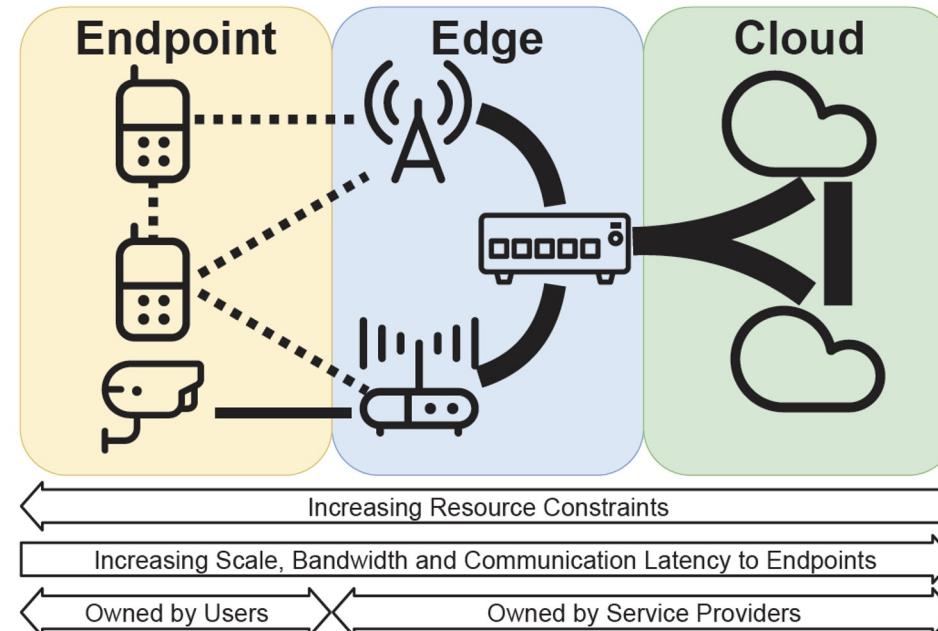


DevOps
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... RUNNING ON CONTINUUM RESOURCES & SERVICES



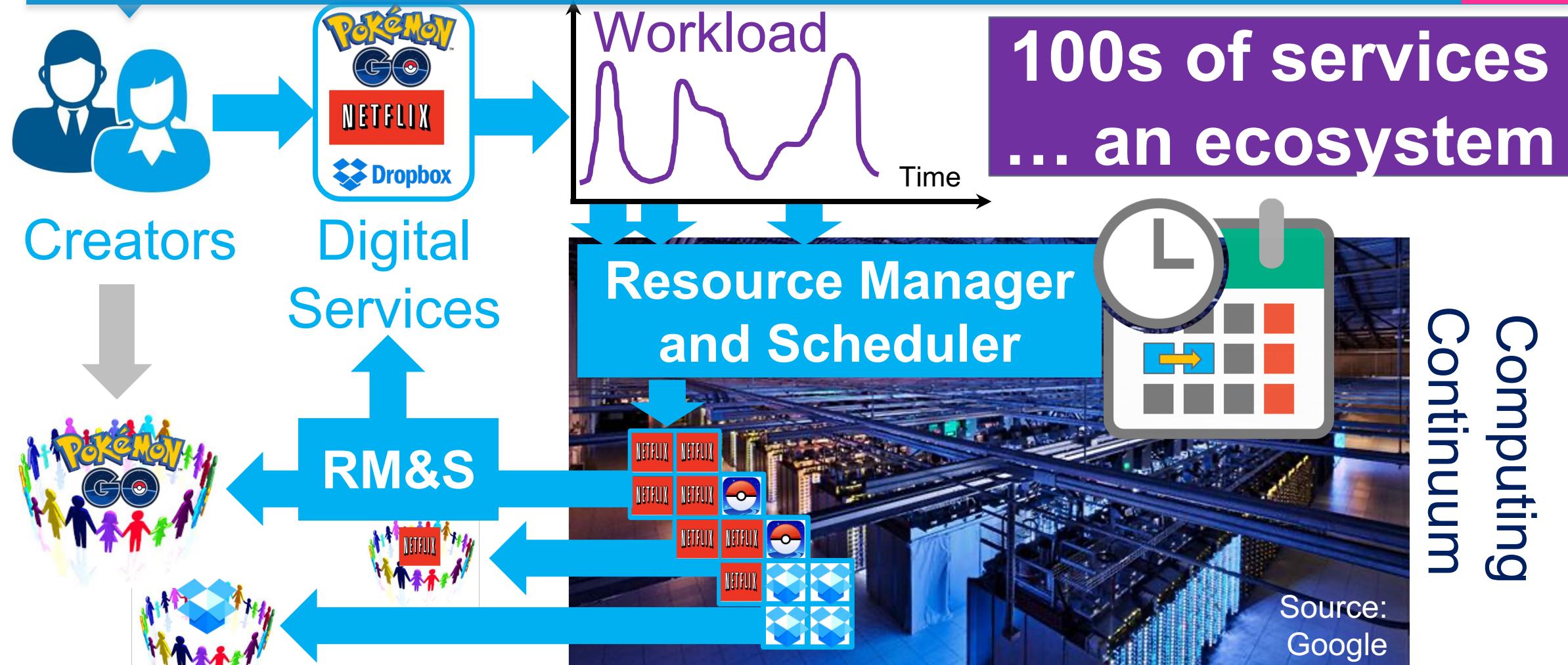
ISSUES: COMPLEXITY,
NON-TECHNICAL



Trivedi, Wang, Bal, Iosup (2021) Sharing and Caring of Data at the Edge. HotEdge.



... IN A SMARTLY ORCHESTRATED ICT ECOSYSTEM ...



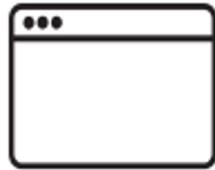
Extreme Automation, Performance, Dependability, Sustainability

...DELIVERING SERVERLESS COMPUTING PROPERTIES



bit.ly/MassivizingServerless22

Application Type



- 42% Core functionality
- 39% Utility functionality
- 16% Scientific workload

Programming Languages



- 42% JavaScript
- 42% Python
- 12% Java

Simon Eismann, Joel Scheuner, Erwin Van Eyk, Maximilian Swinger, Johannes Grohmann, Nikolas Herbst, Cristina L. Abad, Alexandru Iosup (2022) The State of Serverless Applications: Collection, Characterization, and Community Consensus. IEEE Trans. Software Eng. 48(10)

Serverless computing = extreme automation + fine-grained, utilization-based billing

DOI:10.1145/3587248

Dispelling the confusion around serverless computing by capturing its essential and conceptual characteristics.

BY SAMUEL KOUNEV, NIKOLAS HERBST, CRISTINA L. ABAD, ALEXANDRU IOSUP, IAN FOSTER, PRASHANT SHENOY, OMER RANA, AND ANDREW A. CHIEN

Serverless Computing: What It Is, and What It Is Not?

Kounev, Herbst, Abad, Iosup, Foster, Shenoy, Rana, Chien (2023)
Serverless Computing: What It Is, and What It Is Not? CACM. Sep 2023 issue.

Market analysts are agreed that serverless computing has strong market potential, with projected compound annual growth rates (CAGRs) varying between 21% and 28% through 2028^{4,25,33,35,49} and a projected market value of \$36.8 billion⁴⁹ by that time. Early adopters are attracted by expected cost reductions (47%), reduced operation effort (34%), and scalability (34%).¹⁷ In research, the number of peer-reviewed publications connected to serverless computing has risen steadily since 2017.⁴⁶ In industry, the term is heavily used in cloud provider advertisements and even in the naming of specific products or services.

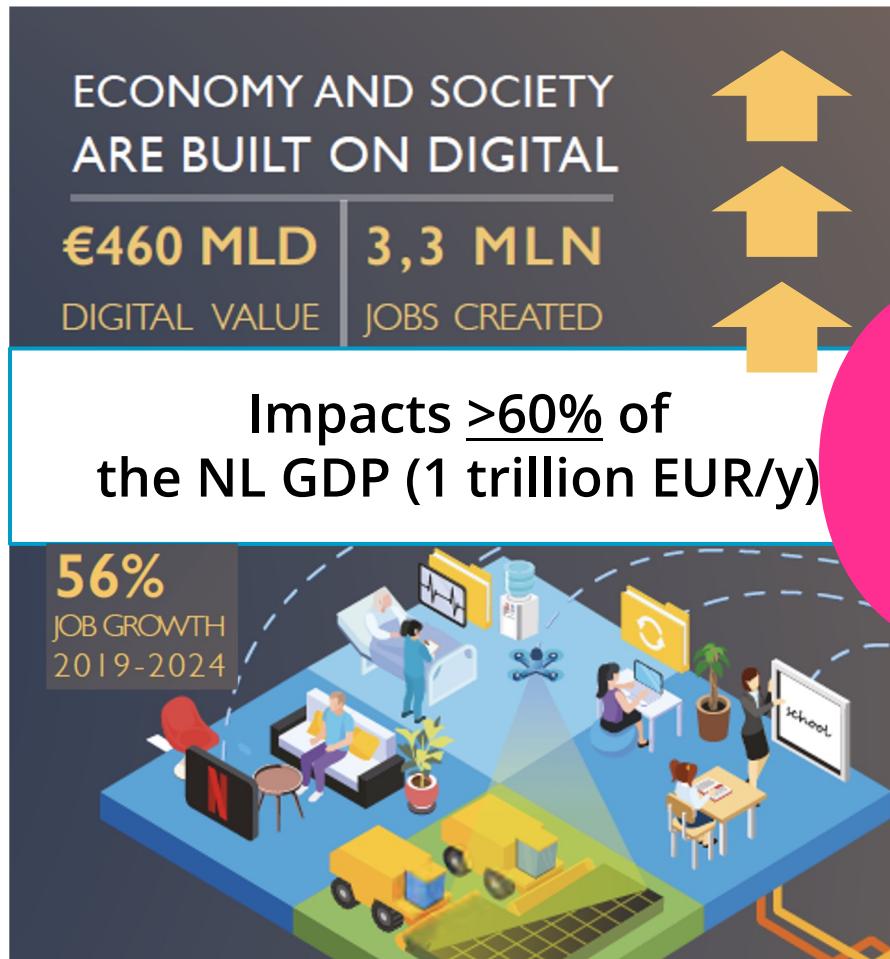
Yet despite this enthusiasm, there exists no common and precise understanding of what serverless is (and of what it is not). Indeed, existing definitions of serverless computing are largely inconsistent and unspecific, which leads to confusion in the use of not only this term but also related terms such as cloud computing, cloud-native, Container-as-a-Service (CaaS), Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS), Function-

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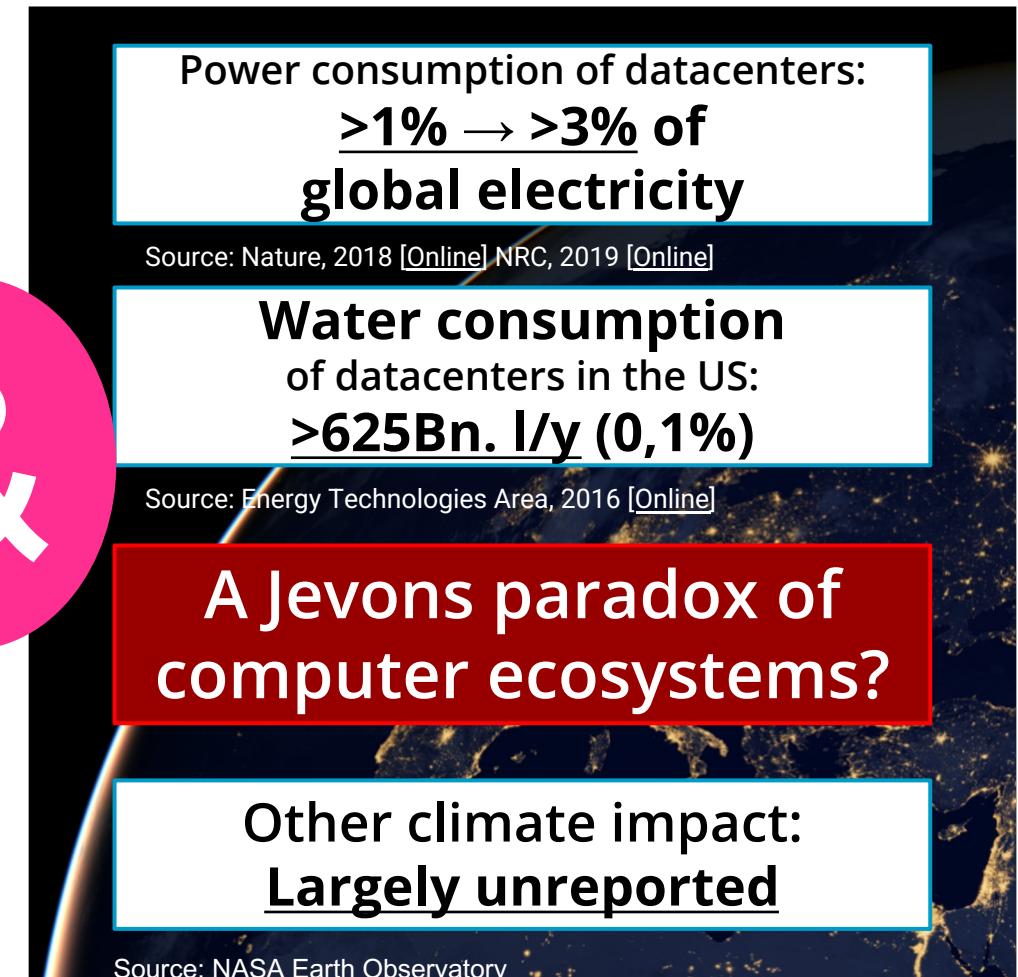
BUT WE CANNOT
TAKE THIS
TECHNOLOGY
FOR GRANTED

(We need science to tackle the issues)

RESPONSIBILITY OF MASSIVE COMPUTER ECOSYSTEMS

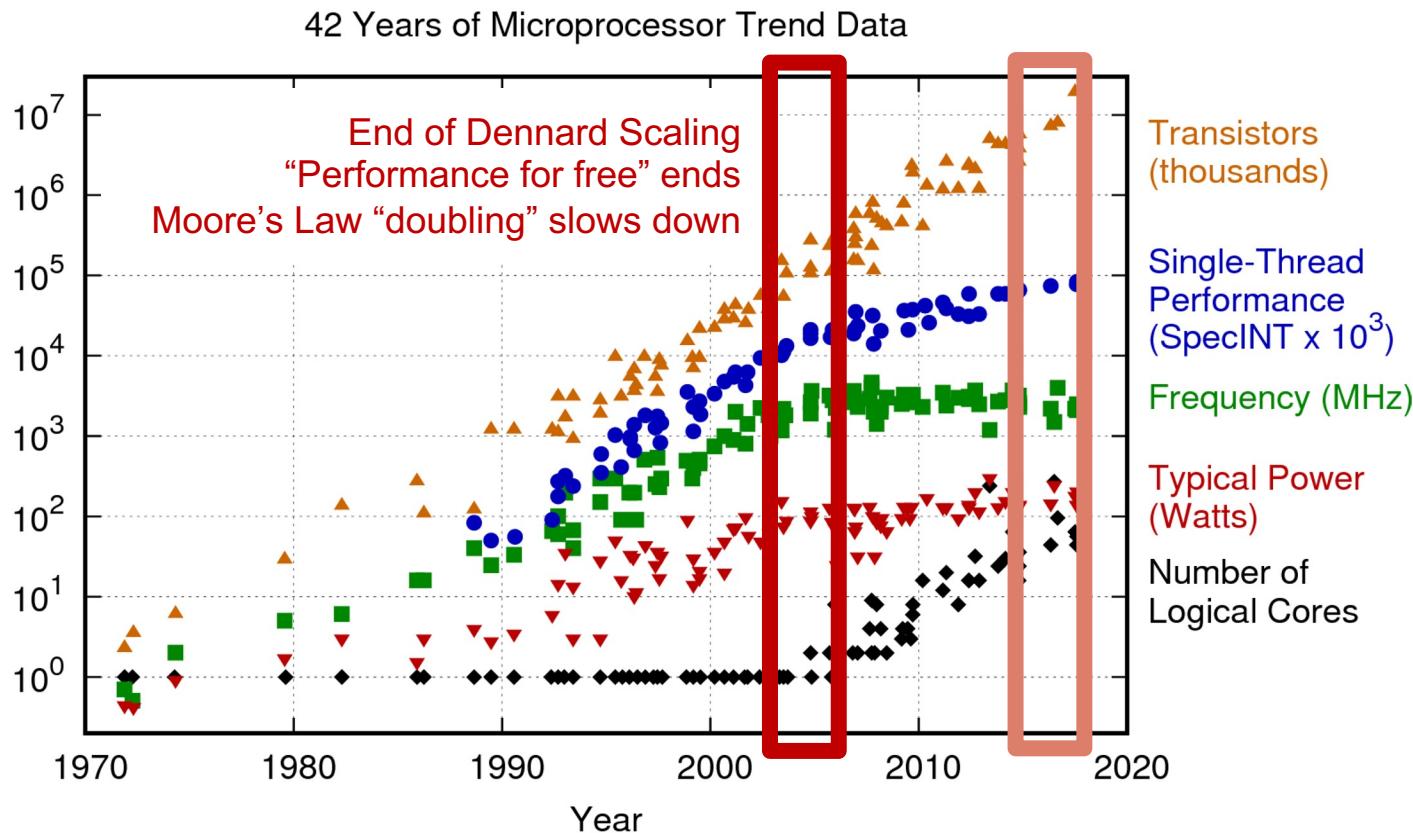


Sources: Iosup et al., Massivizing Computer Systems, ICDCS 2018 [Online] / Dutch Data Center Association, 2020 [Online] / Growth: NL Gov't, Flexera, Binx 2020. Gartner 2019. IA 2017.



TECHNOLOGY EVOLUTION

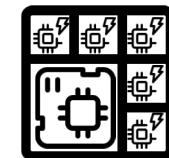
END OF MOORE'S LAW/DENNARD SCALING → COMPLEX, DISTRIBUTED ECOSYSTEMS



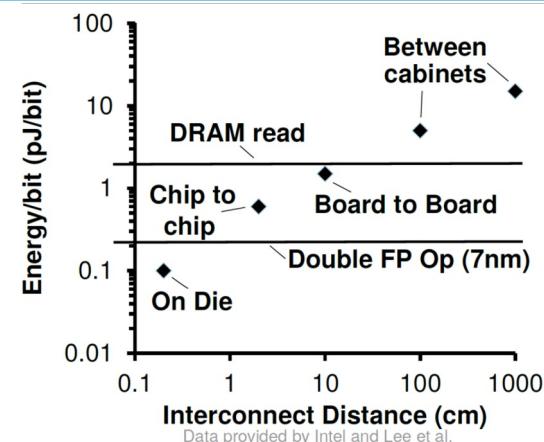
Original data up to the year 2010 collected and plotted by M. Horowitz, F. Labonte, O. Shacham, K. Olukotun, L. Hammond, and C. Batten
New plot and data collected for 2010-2017 by K. Rupp

Source: karlrupp.net

Need for parallelism and distribution



Cost of energy for data movement still high



Data provided by Intel and Lee et al.



COMPLEXITY GROWS

Complexity challenge

COMPLEX, DISTRIBUTED ECOSYSTEMS DO NOT ACT LIKE REGULAR COMPUTER SYSTEMS

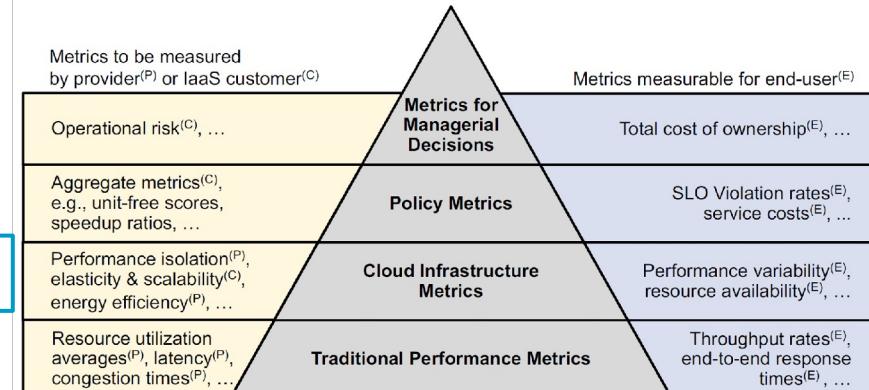
Ecosystems don't have easily...

- Simplicity
- Maintainability
- Responsibility
- Sustainability
- Usability

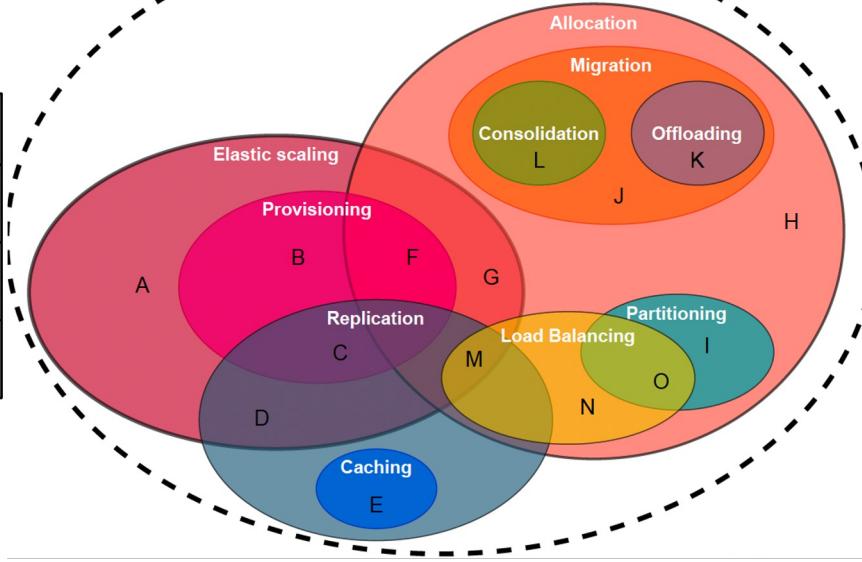
which includes:

- Synchronization
- Consistency, consensus
- Performance
- Scalability, elasticity
- Availability, reliability
- Energy-efficiency

Operational goals are becoming more complex



Operational techniques are becoming more complex



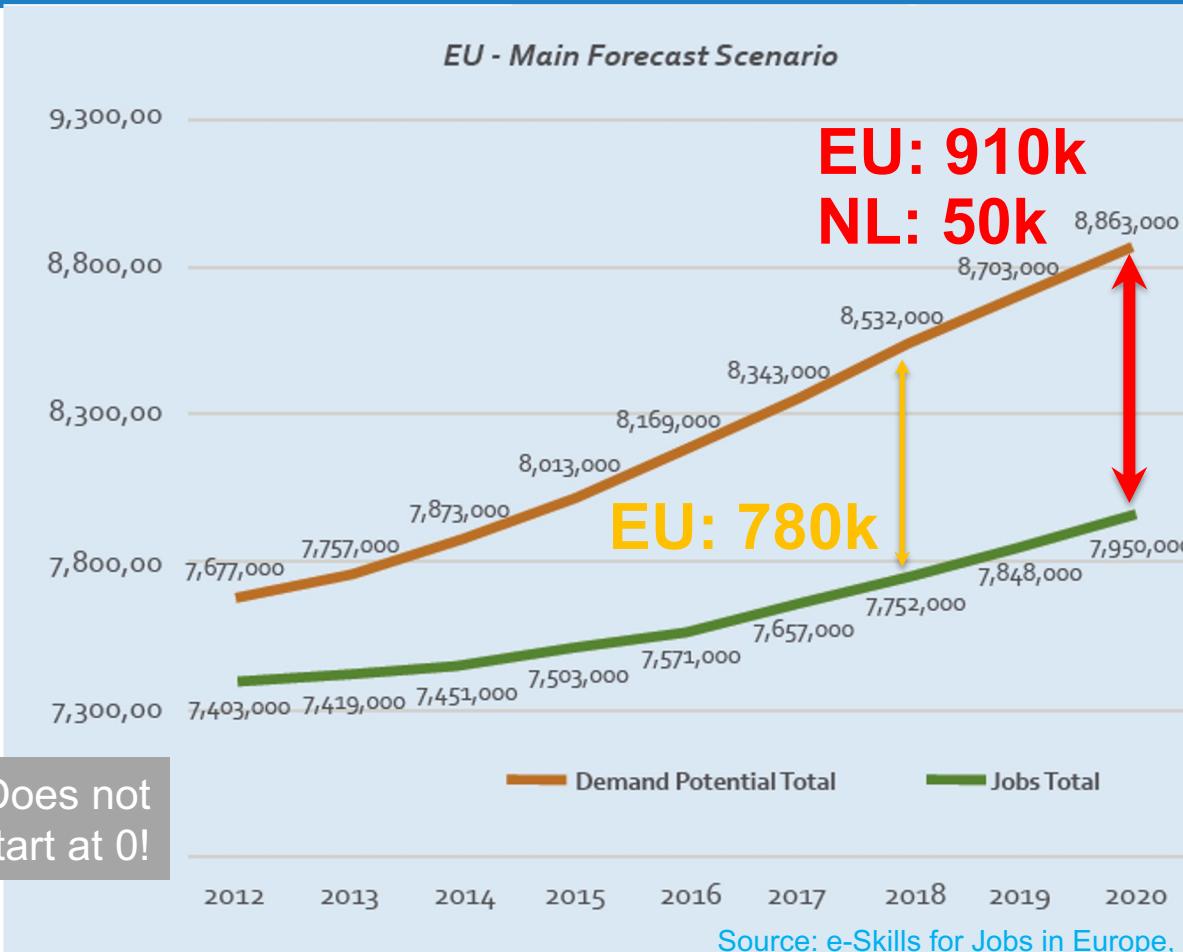
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Future Computer Systems and Networking Research in the Netherlands: A Manifesto. CORR

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Stijn Meijerink, Erwin van Eyk, Alexandru Iosup (2021) Multivocal Survey of Operational Techniques for Serverless Computing. White Paper.

FEW CAN OPERATE COMPLEX IT ECOSYSTEMS

THE WORKFORCE GAP, IN THE NETHERLANDS & IN EUROPE



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UNIVERSITY



CHALMERS
UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE
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PHENOMENON: PERFORMANCE IN CLOUD SERVICES

UNCOVERING THE PRESENCE OF PERFORMANCE ISSUES, EVEN LEADING TO CRASHES



Source: <http://bit.ly/EveOnline21Crash>

NEWS

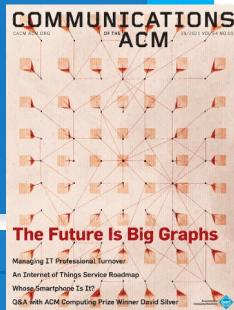
Players in Eve Online broke a world record — and then the game itself

Developers said they're not 'able to predict the server performance in these kinds of situations'

By Charlie Hall | [@Charlie_L_Hall](#) | Jan 5, 2021, 2:54pm EST

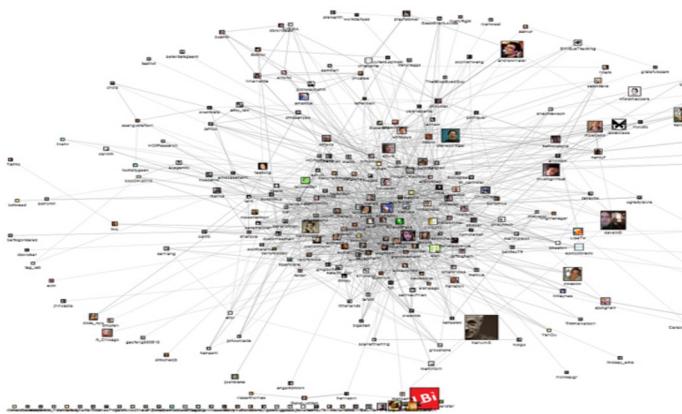


Source: Razorien/CCP Games



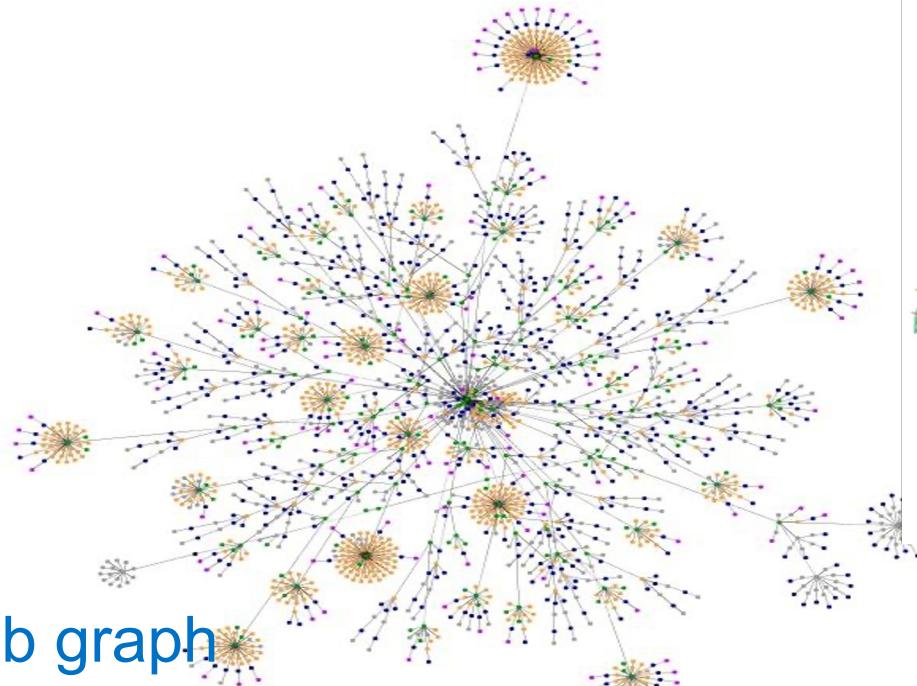
GRAPH DATA EVERYWHERE, UNPRECEDENTED SCALE

NEED TO MASSIVIZE GRAPH PROCESSING



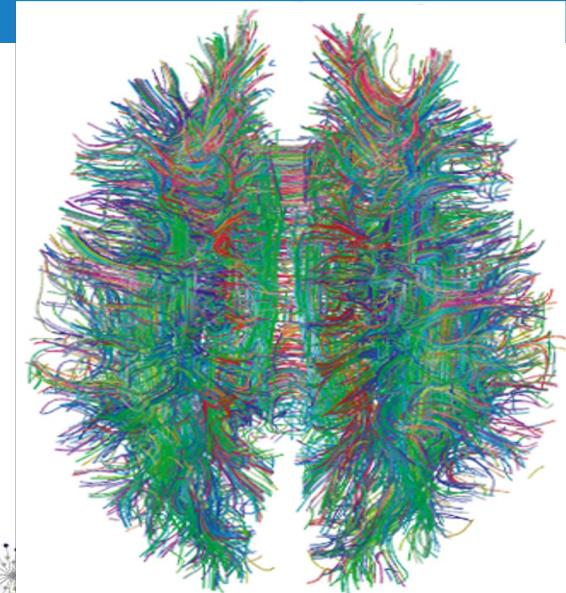
Social / gaming network

~1 billion vertices
~100 billion connections



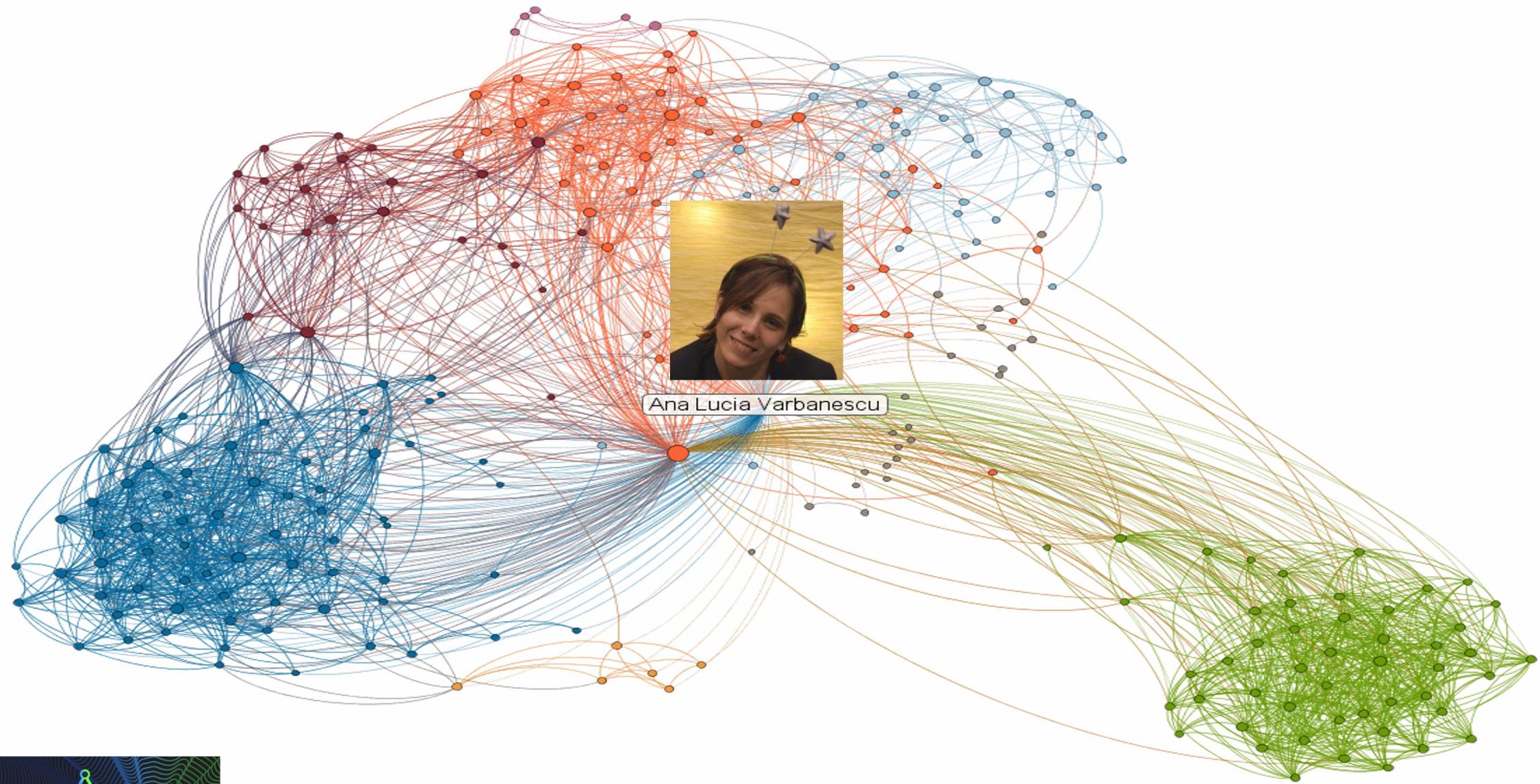
Web graph

~50 billion pages
~1 trillion hyperlinks



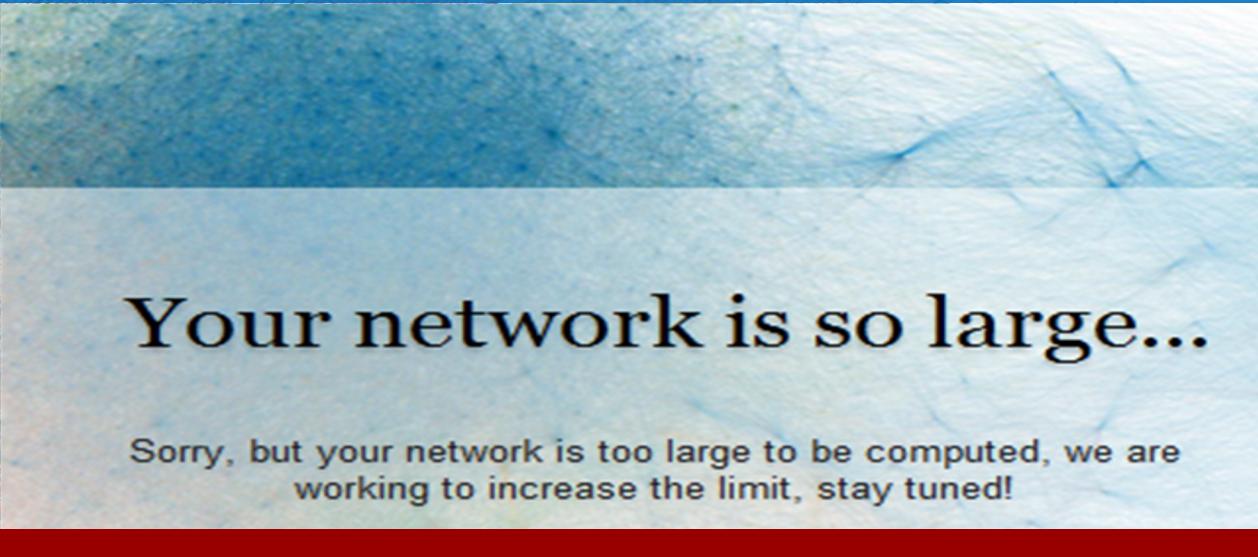
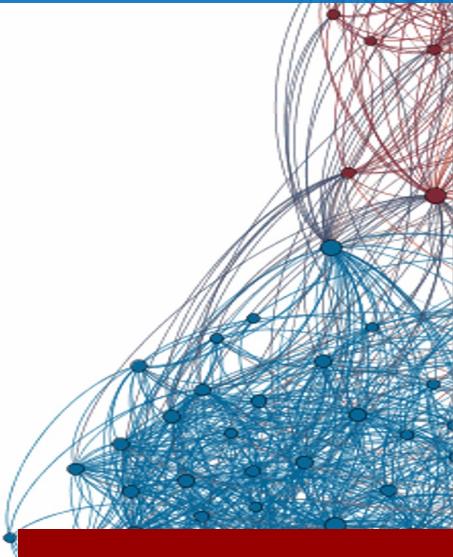
Brain network

~100 billion neurons
~100 trillion connections



PHENOMENON: PERFORMANCE IN CLOUD SERVICES

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Your network is so large...

Sorry, but your network is too large to be computed, we are working to increase the limit, stay tuned!

Feature discontinued!

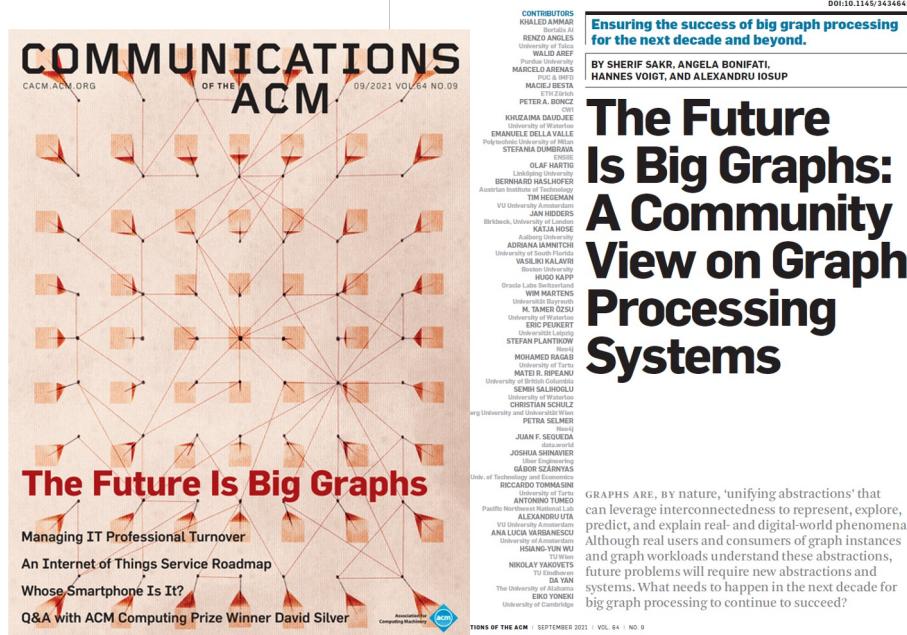
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IN THIS TALK: INTRO TO THE DIGITAL / COMPUTING / EDGE-CLOUD CONTINUUM (What do we need in CompSys infrastructure for the 21st century)

Big Graph Processing: Used in AI/ML, FinTech, ICT Infra., Industry 4.0, Energy Mgmt.*, etc.

Vision: Massivizing computer systems approaches are key to enable big graph ecosystems

contributed articles



CACM Cover/Featured article, Sep 2021

Graph-Massivizer EU Horizon project (starting 2023)



(*) Digital twin for datacenters, with partners CINECA, UniBo, etc.

Trustworthiness

Digital autonomy

Earning power

Sustainable



6G FUTURE NETWORK SERVICES

2024—2030
€ 315 M
75+ partners

PL1: Intelligent components

- TU/e Eindhoven University of Technology
- NP AMPLEON
- TU Delft
- ERICSSON
- TNO innovation for life
- CITEC
- ItoM
- imec
- ANTENNA COMPANY
- UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE.
- ALTUM RF
- Signify
- vodafone O
- Ziggo
- robin radar systems
- ANTENNEX
- kpn
- ASTRON
- VTEC LASERS & SENSORS
- AIRCISION empowering connectivity
- sabic
- Viasat™ PRODRIVE TECHNOLOGIES

PL2: Intelligent networks

- TU Delft
- TNO innovation for life
- SURF
- NVIDIA
- ERICKSON
- kpn
- UNIVERSITY OF TWENTE.
- VU VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM
- vodafone O
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- almende
- amsix
- Solvinity. Secure Managed IT Services

PL3: Leading applications

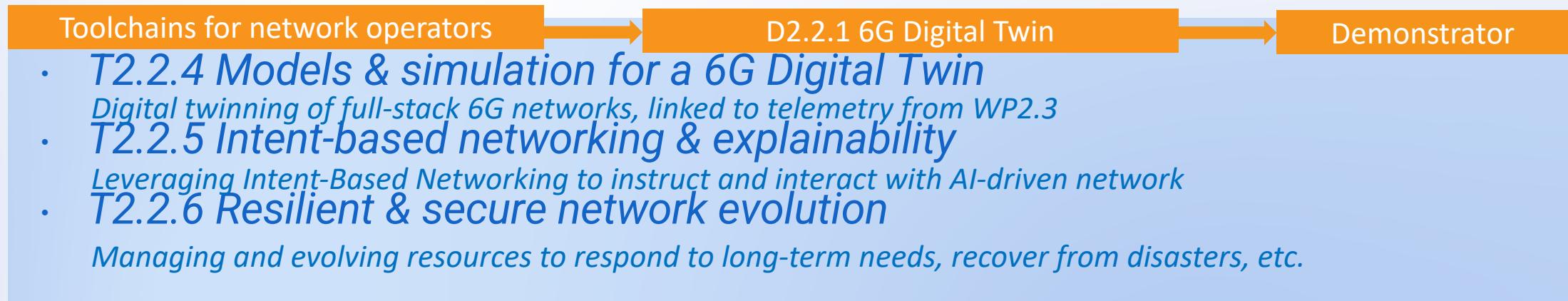
- PHILIPS
- Vialis
- Gomibo
- CORDIS SUITE
- DRONE DELIVERY SERVICES
- FUTURE MOBILITY NETWORK
- ASML
- Gemeente Amsterdam
- TNO innovation for life
- Port of Rotterdam
- COMFOREST
- kpn
- robin radar systems
- TU/e Eindhoven University of Technology
- PRODRIVE TECHNOLOGIES
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Objectives AND kEY TECHNOLOGIES FOR A 6g DevOps PLATFORM & DIGITAL TWIN

Phase 1: 2024–mid-2026

Reduce complexity for app providers and network operators through a comprehensive DevOps platform, including a 6G Digital Twin.



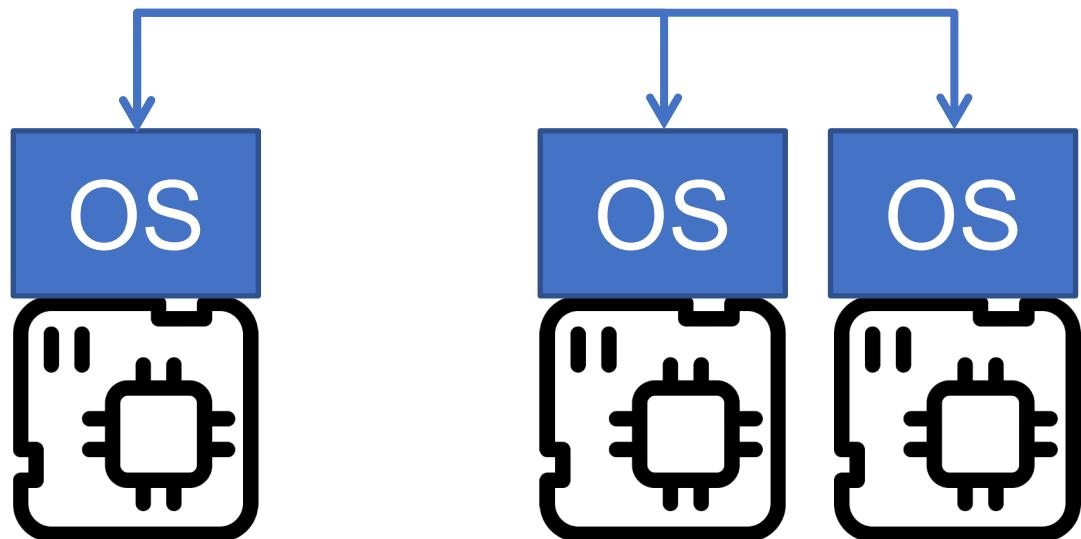


Message 4

A new way of thinking about continuum systems

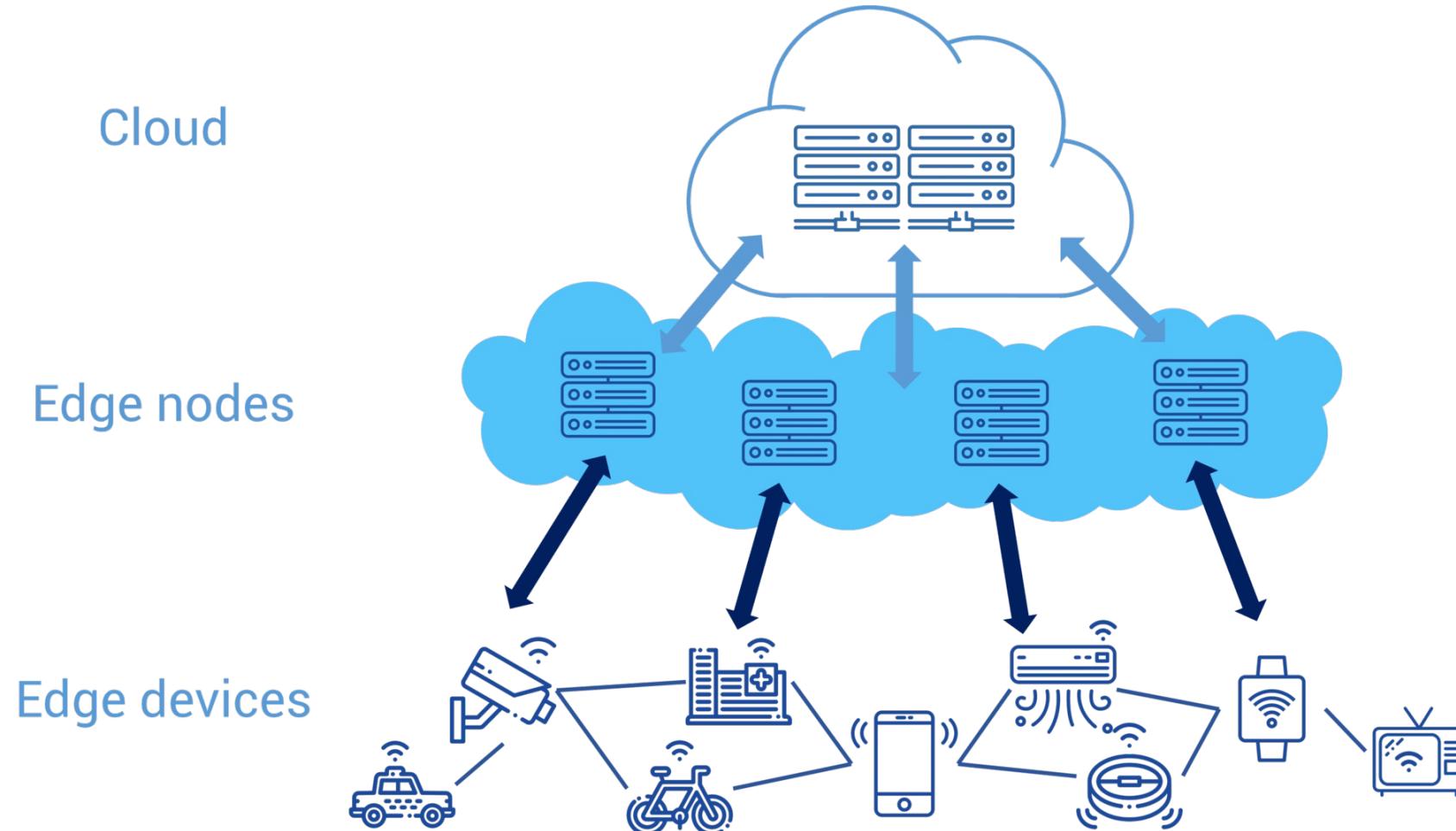
Traditional system models in computing

- System and the **systems** view
- **Computer network**
- Operating system
- **Computer system**
(from CO course)



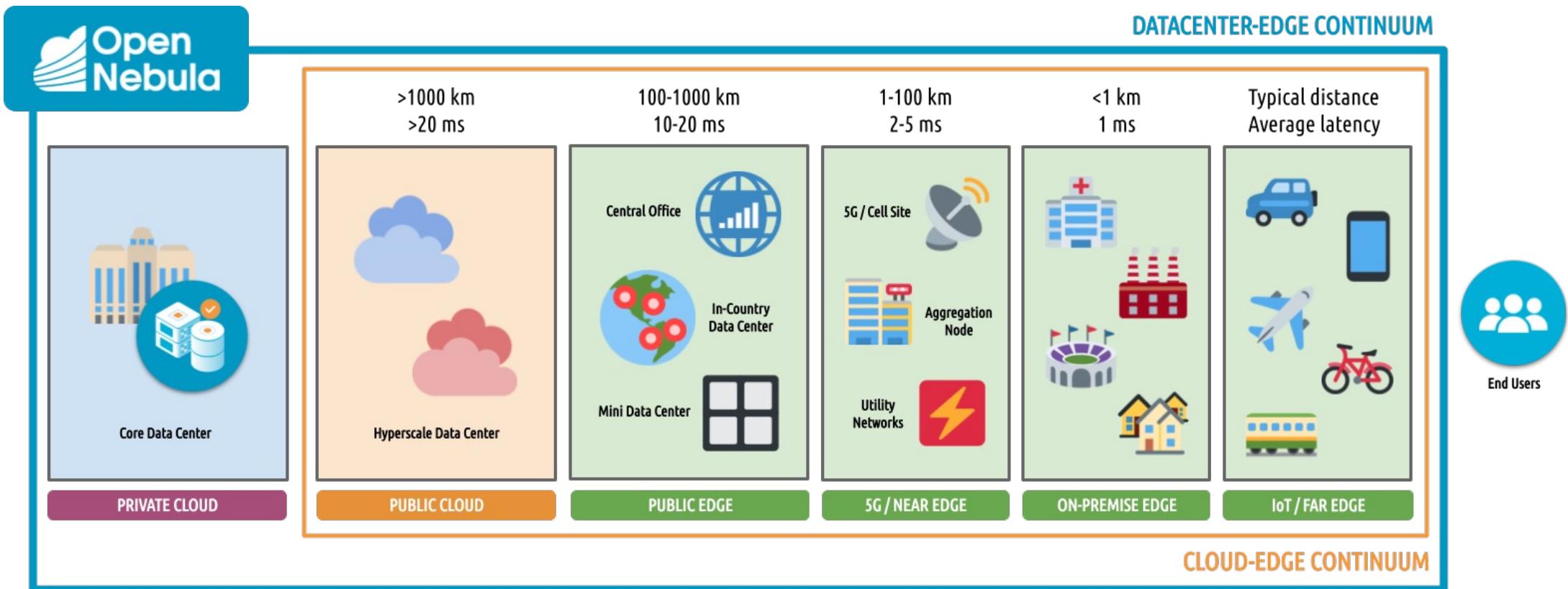
How well do previous system models match this?

Computing continuum (over)view



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Computing continuum (over)view



Distributed Systems



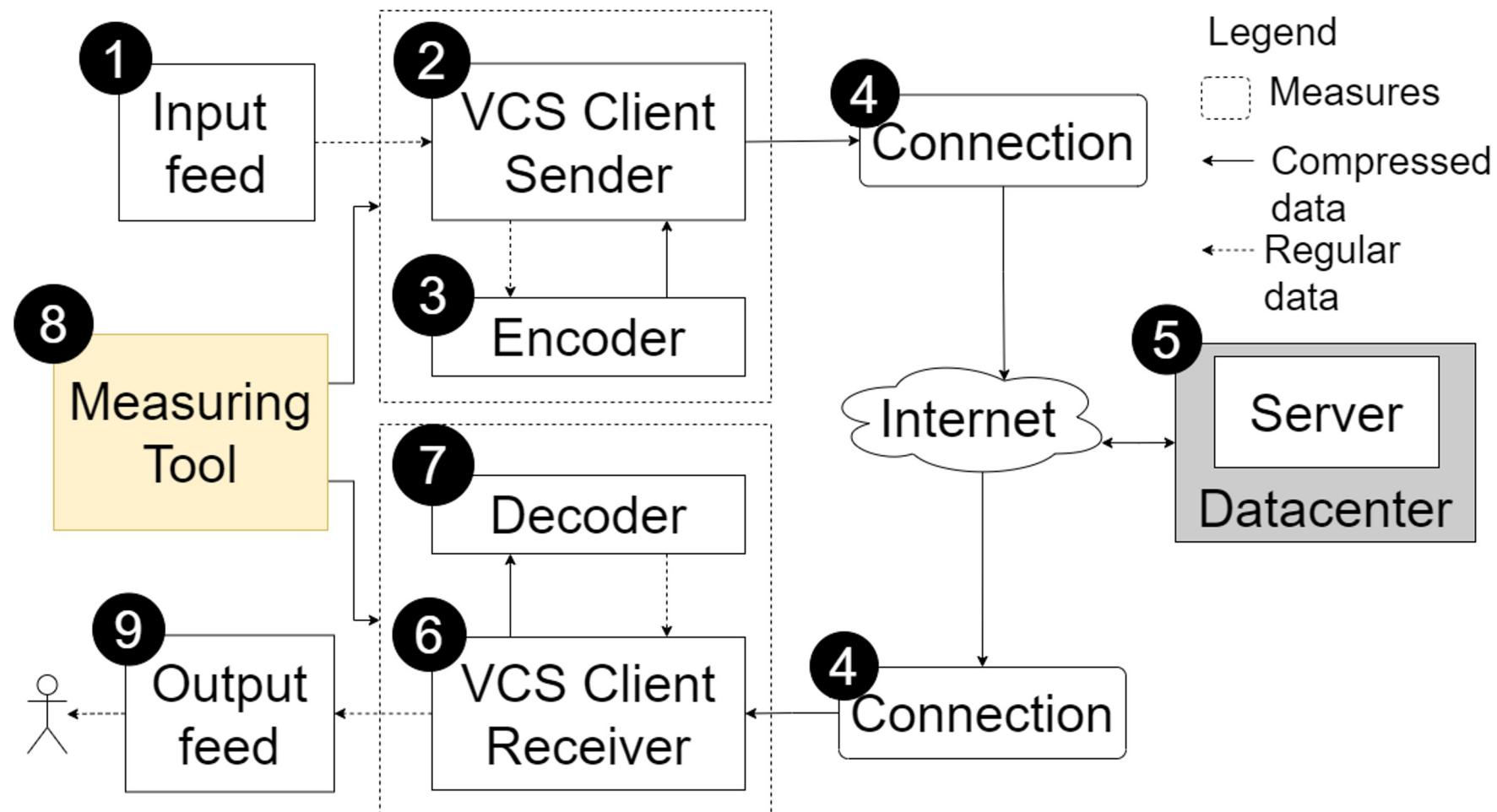
4.1

What is a Distributed System?

Our definition

1. Group of 2+ constituents, often homogeneous
2. Physically distributed → network to communicate
3. Constituents orchestrate their actions, may be autonomous
4. System structure and organization ensure responsibility
 1. Completing functions or services
 2. Providing desirable non-functional properties
 3. Possibly subject to Service Level Agreements / Objectives
5. Long and short-term dynamics occur in the system

Continuum matched by distributed system models? Model for Video Conferencing Systems



Distributed Ecosystems (in the Continuum)

4.
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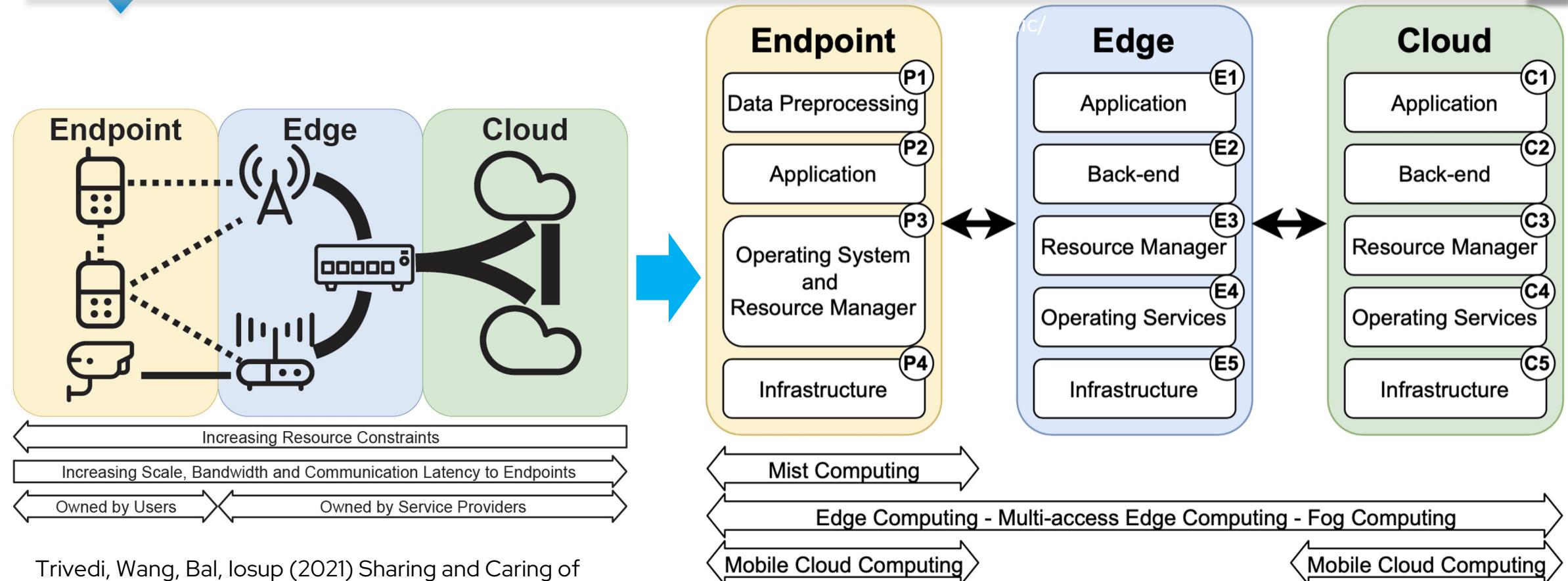


What is a Distributed Ecosystem?

Our definition

1. Set of 2+ **constituents**, often **heterogeneous**
2. Each constituent is a system or an ecosystem (**recursively**)
3. Constituents are **autonomous**, cooperative or in competition
4. Ecosystem **structure** and **organization** ensure responsibility
 1. Completing functions
 2. Providing desirable non-functional properties
 3. Fulfill agreements with both operators and clients, clients in the loop
5. Long and short-term **dynamics** occur in the ecosystem

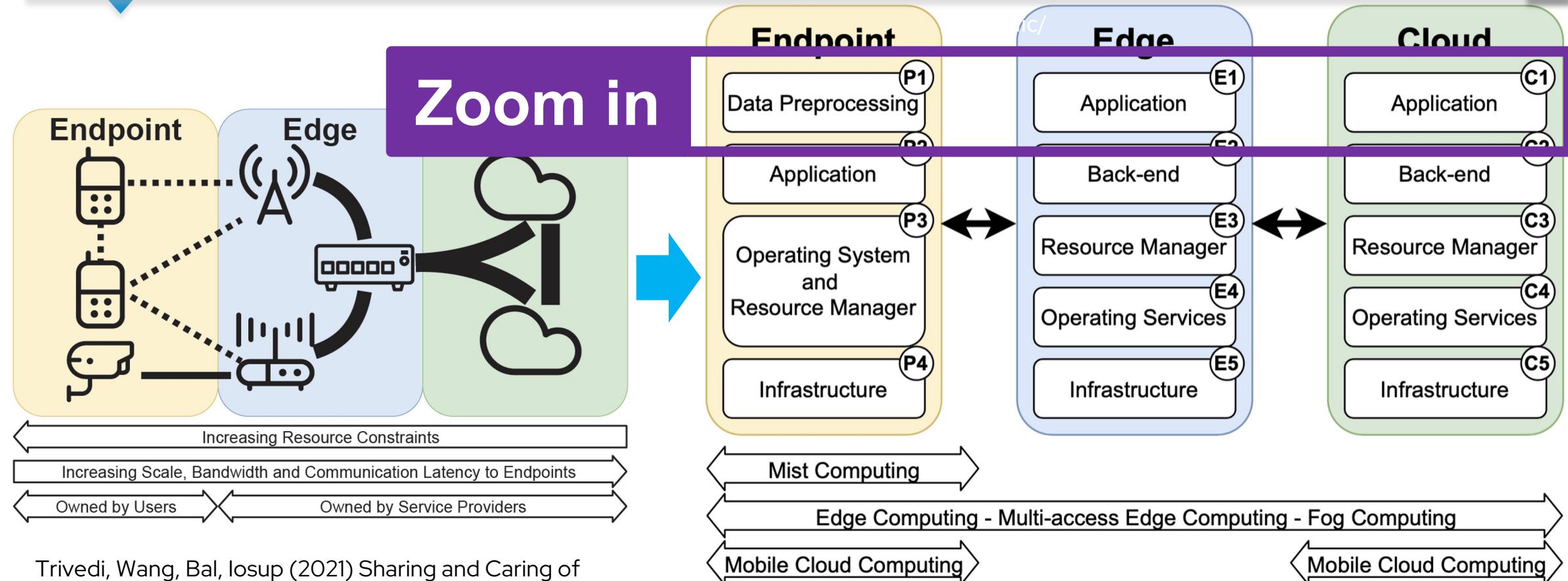
CONTINUUM RESOURCES & SERVICES



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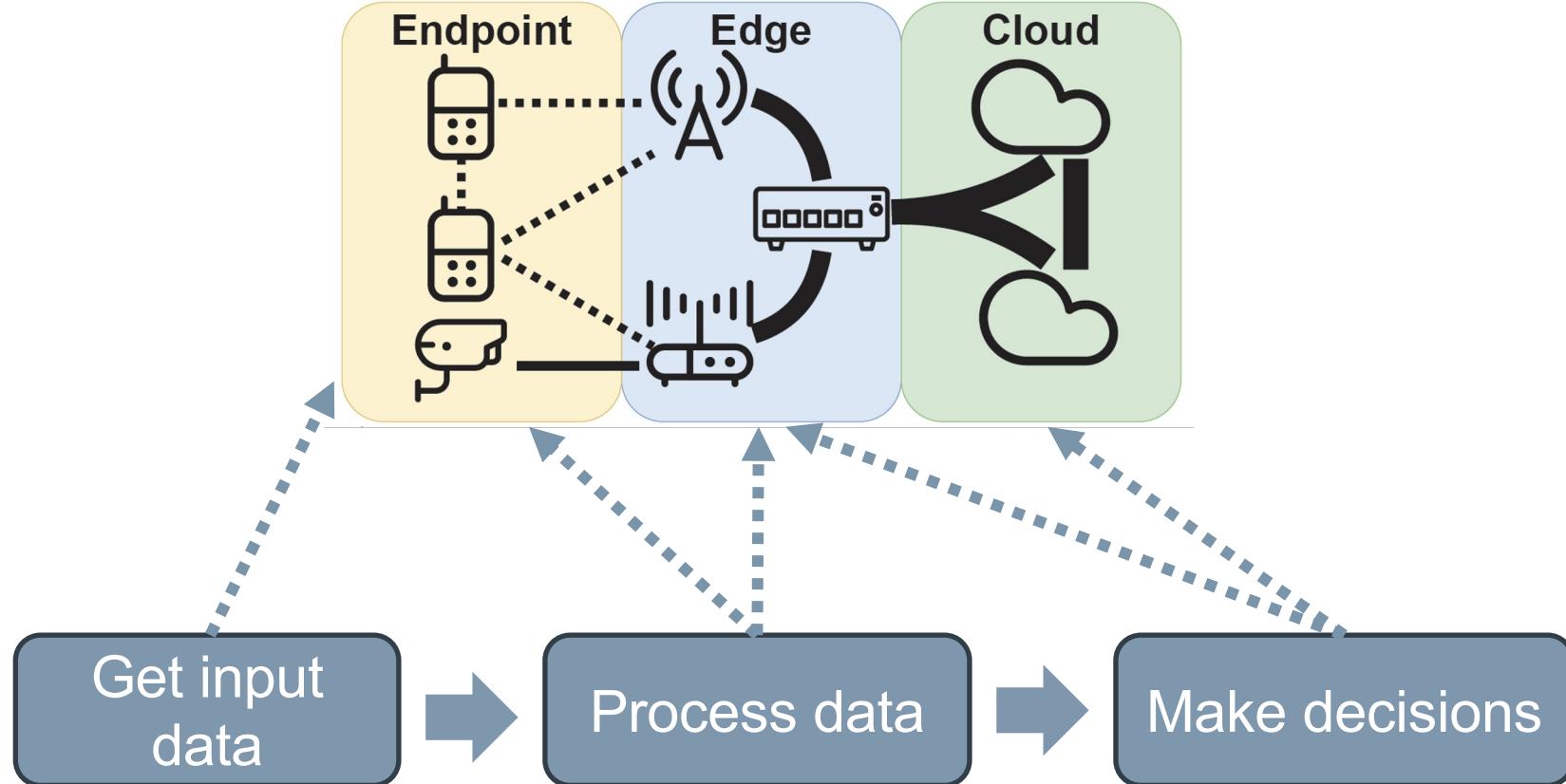
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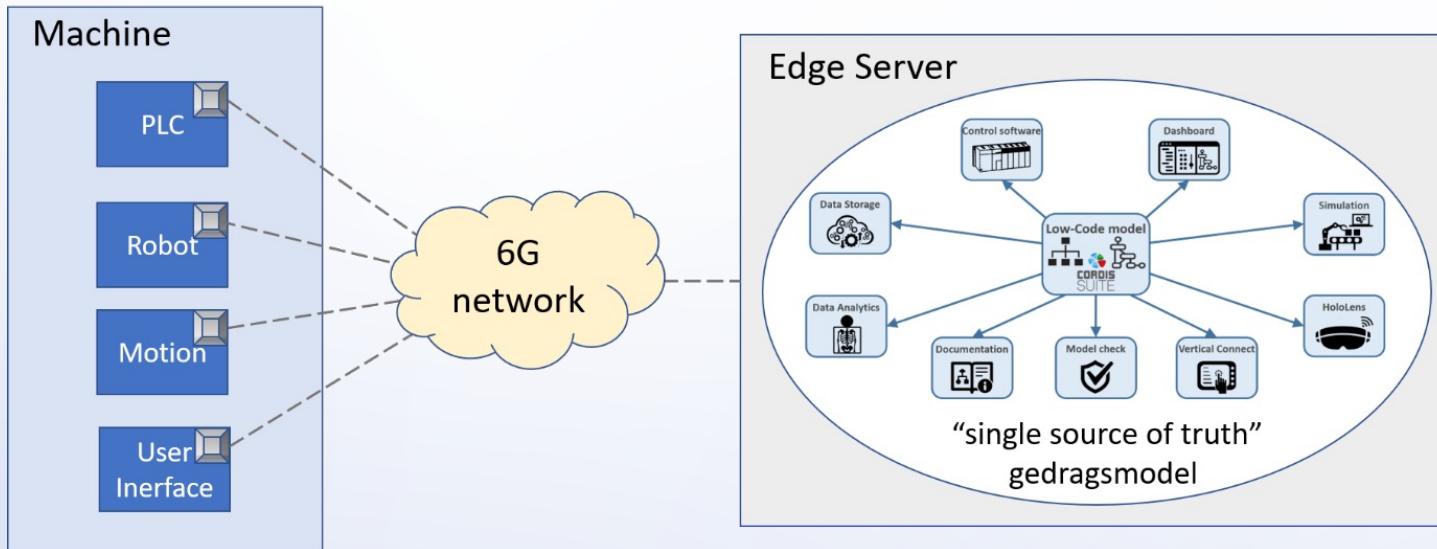
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APPLICATIONS IN THE CONTINUUM



6G wireless factory: wire & connector removal within machine

■ 6G "eSIM capable embedded module"



6G Requirements

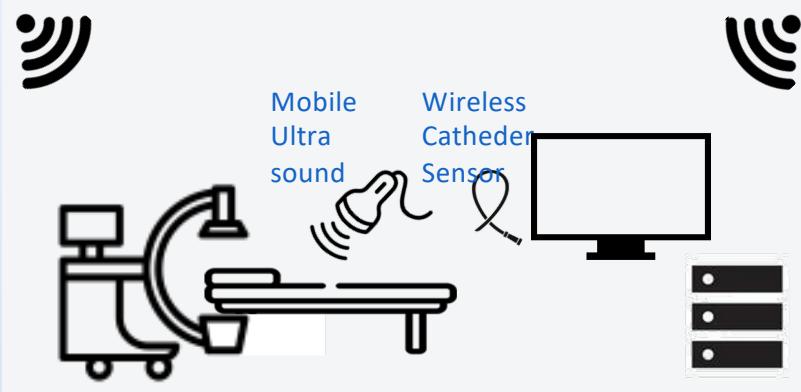
- < 1 ms for motion control
- Sensor fusion & actuator control on edge
TR 22.804 & 3GPP SA1 S1-212056r6
- Raw data > 20 Gbps
- Deterministic network
- Flexible coverage (extension)

Benefit usecases

- Realtime firmware update to achieve new efficiencies
- RAW data to identify new efficiencies with AI
- XR visualization for maintenance

Image-guided therapy:

Operating theater



Mobile C-Arm

Mobile
Ultra
sound

Wireless
Catheter
Sensor



Stringent network latency budget, as
budget is dedicated to image quality (for
productivity & operating safety)



Processing to at least
guarantee safe
termination of procedure



Full fledged Applications
3D rendering
Supporting software tools
(Integration of applications in different clouds)

6G Requirement

- Bound latency budget 1 ms
- Packet loss / jitter is predictable
- Support advanced 3D video rendering in the edge
- Peakrate > 20 gbps raw data (for studio setup
allowing more realtime / AI manipulation)

Benefits

- Support for specialized medical centers (no IT staff)
- Advanced tooling over the lifecycle to improve productivity
- Less on prem. Upgrades during the lifecycle

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 **PHILIPS**

 **ERICSSON**

 **FNS 6G**

Source:
TNO/PL3

Active E-Sports



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TNO/PL3

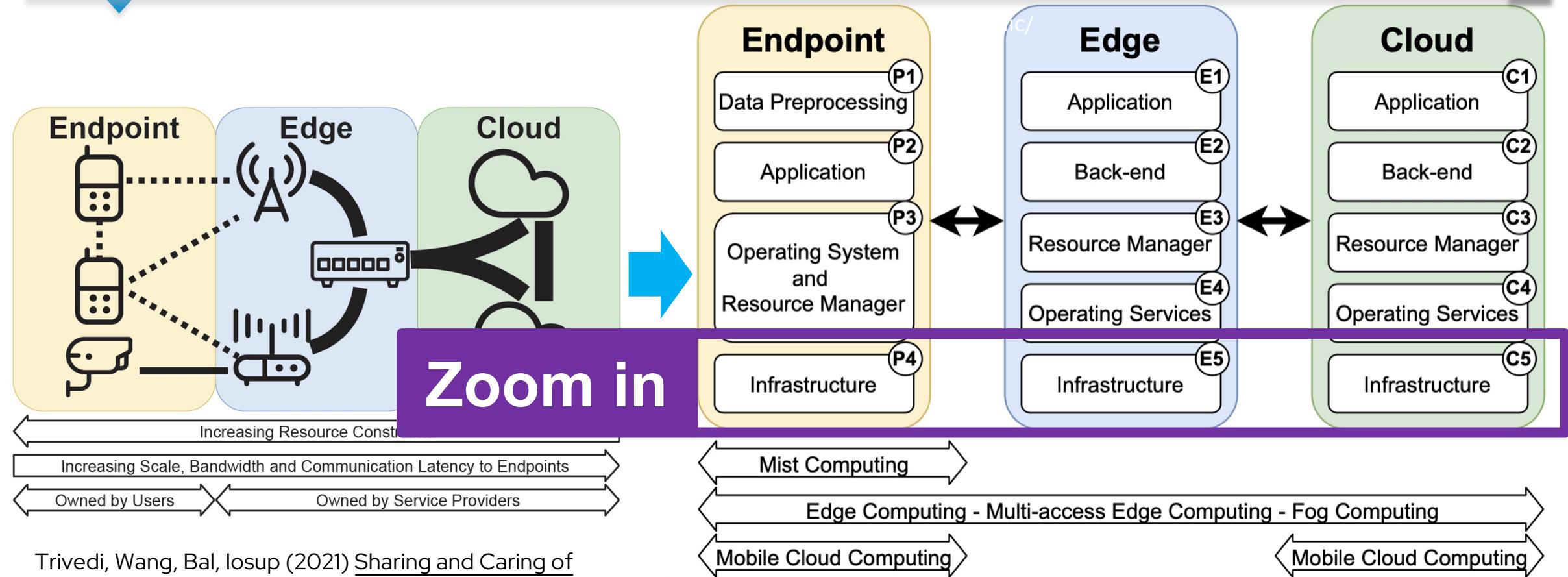
6G Requirement

- Density low latency capacity - 12 Camera's – 1 GBps
- Processing in the (edge) cloud for multi-geo-player
- Peakrate > 20 gbps raw data (for studio setup allowing more realtime / AI manipulation)

Benefits

- Low & fast setup costs ad hoc e-sports allowing entry mass market (as a service)
- Low setup costs advanced studio setup

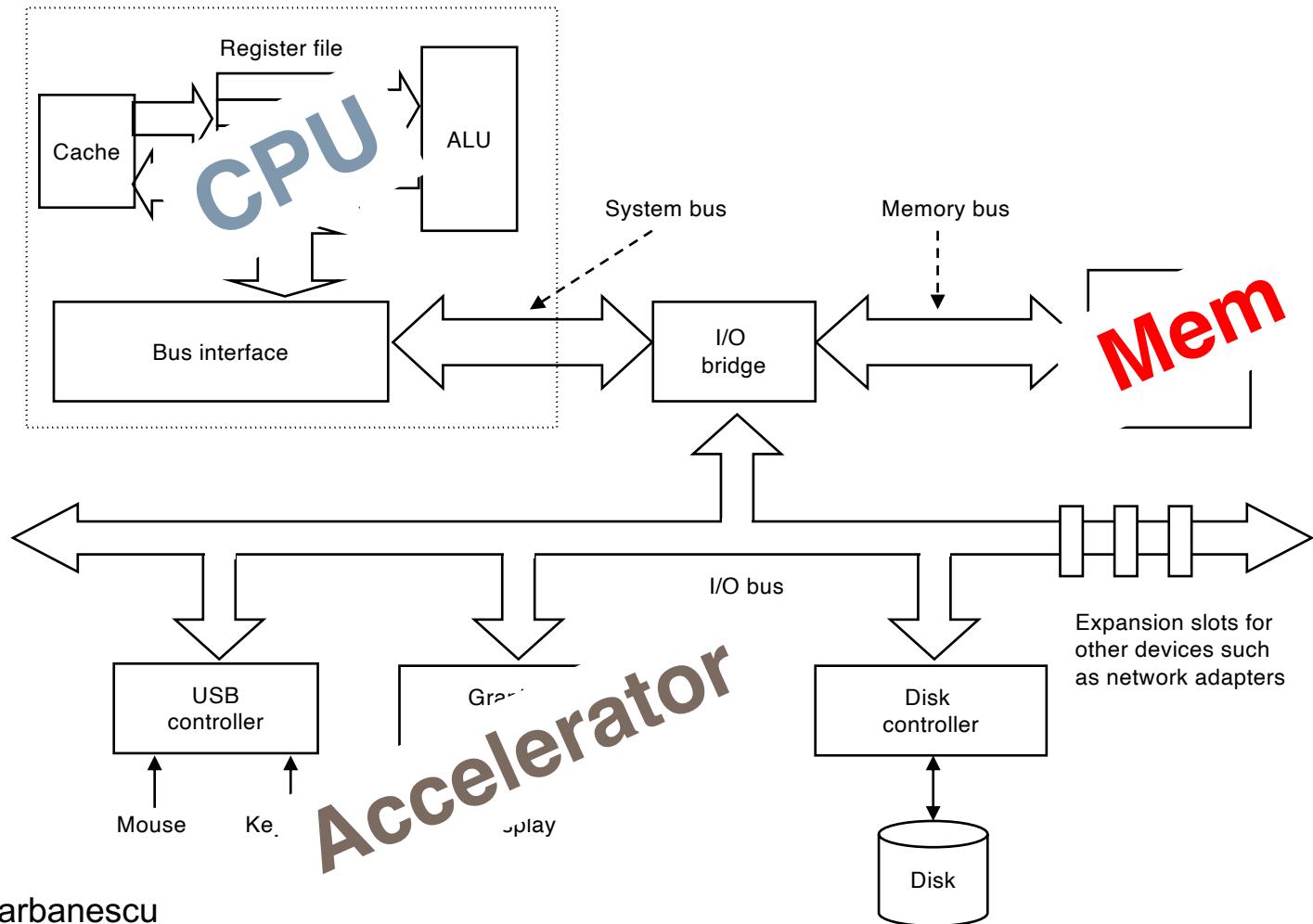
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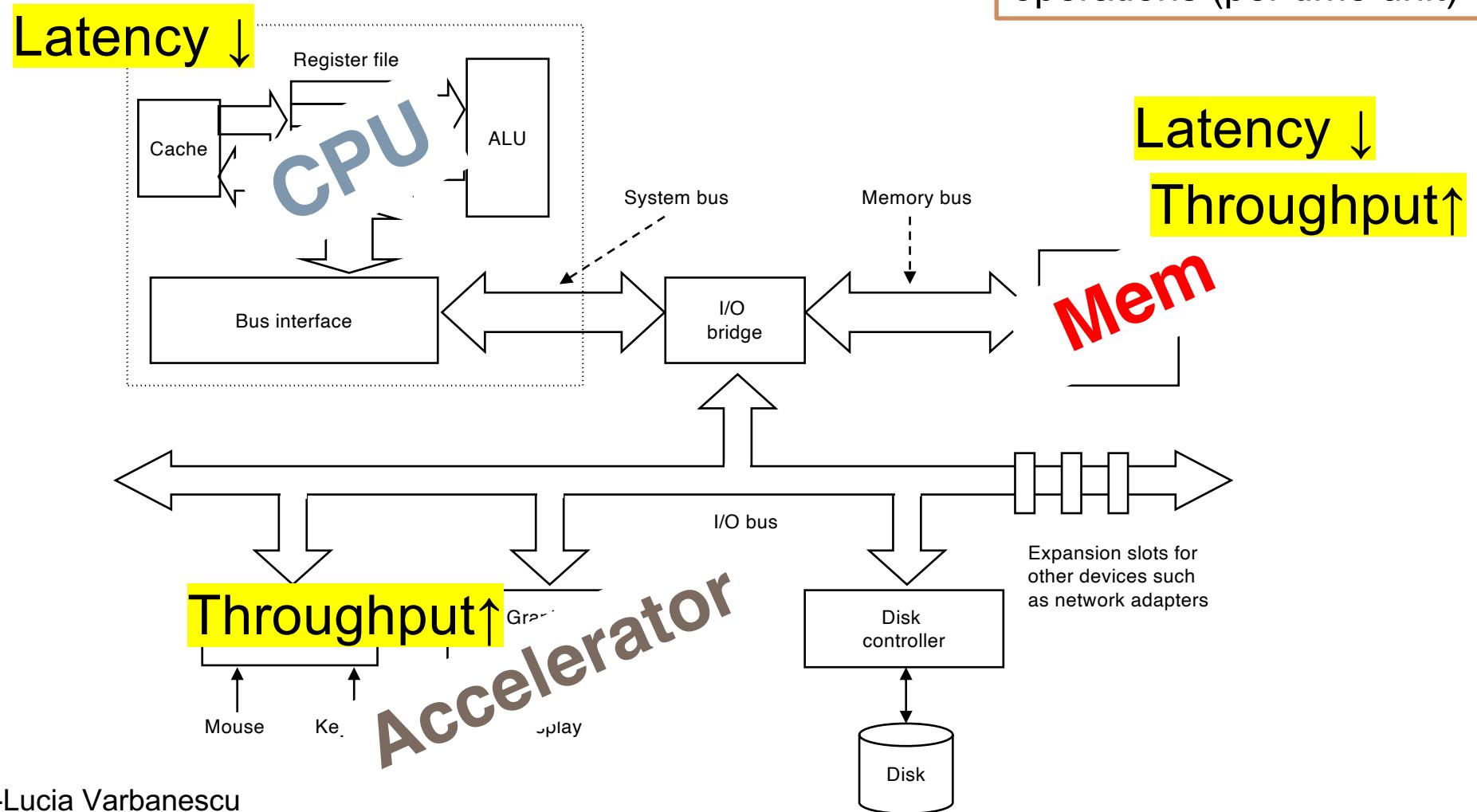
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Basic computing system

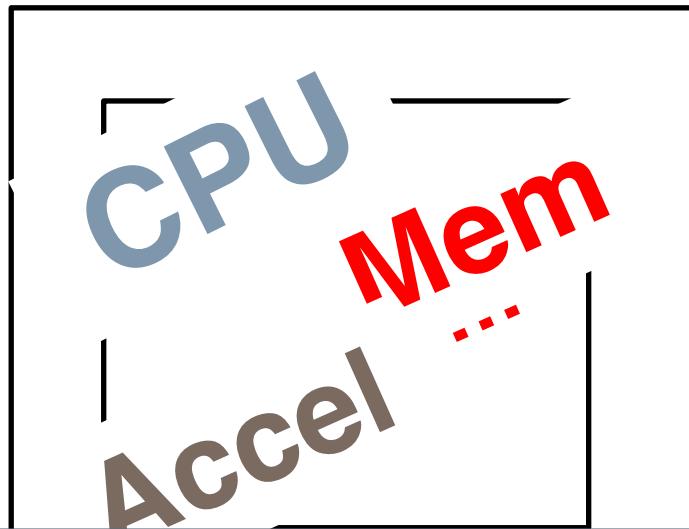


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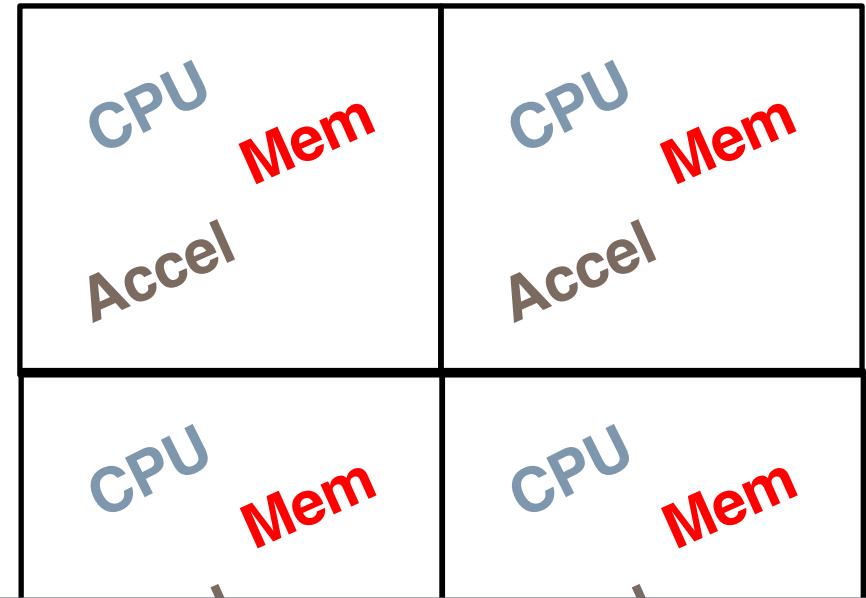
Latency – time per operation
Throughput – volume of operations (per time unit)



Bigger & more computers ...



vs.



Which one is best?

Scale-up (vertical scaling)

Bigger machine

Scale-out (horizontal scaling)

More machines

A Multi-Metric View of Datacenter Operations

Requested CPU cycles

Failed VM time slices

Total submitted VMs

Granted CPU cycles

Mean CPU usage

Max. num. queued VMs

Overcommitted CPU cycles
(throughput metric)

Mean CPU demand

Total finished VMs

Interfered CPU cycles

Mean num. VM per host

Total failed VMs

Power consumption
(responsibility/cost metric)

Max. num. VM. per host

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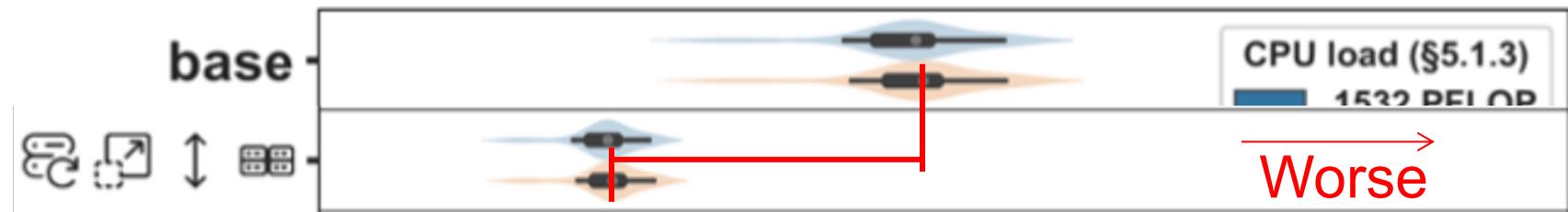
Example: Horizontal vs. Vertical Scaling

Multi-objective optimization, no overall best

CPU
Overcomm.



Power
consumption

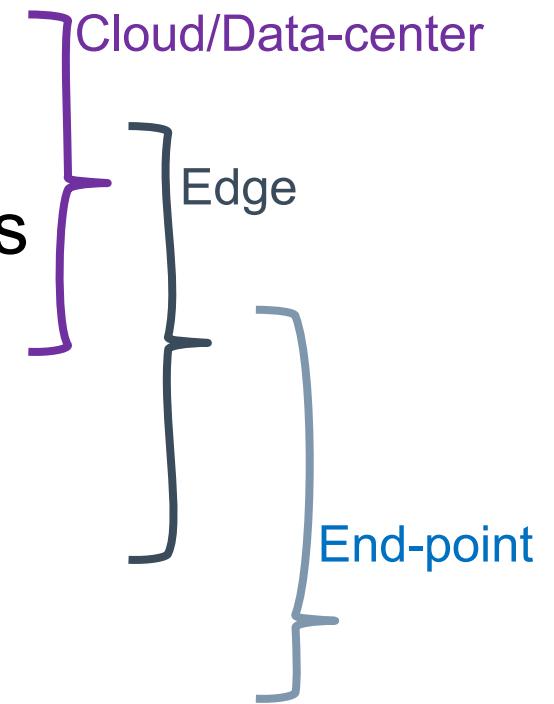


1. Capelin enables complex **trade-off exploration**
2. Vertical scaling: **power vs. performance**

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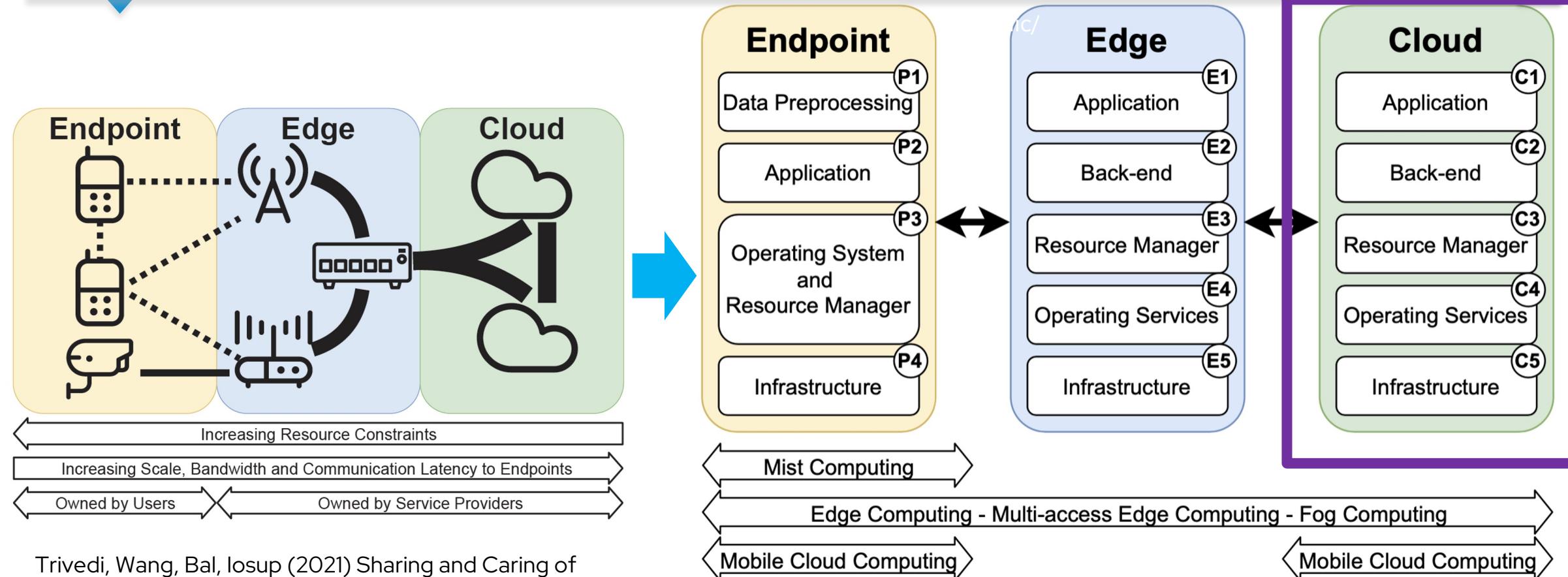
From large to small ...

1. HPC clusters = supercomputers
2. Servers/Clusters = data-centers
3. Many-core = Accelerators = GPUs and alikes
4. Multi-core = CPUs
5. Co-processors = heterogeneous CPUs
6. Single-core = ILP, SIMD
7. Mix-and-match of the above = FPGA
8. Dedicated HW = ASIC



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Zoom in



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ONE SYSTEM MODEL: FITS AI/ML, BIG DATA, SCIENTIFIC, ENGINEERING, BUSINESS CRITICAL, ONLINE GAMING, OTHER APPS



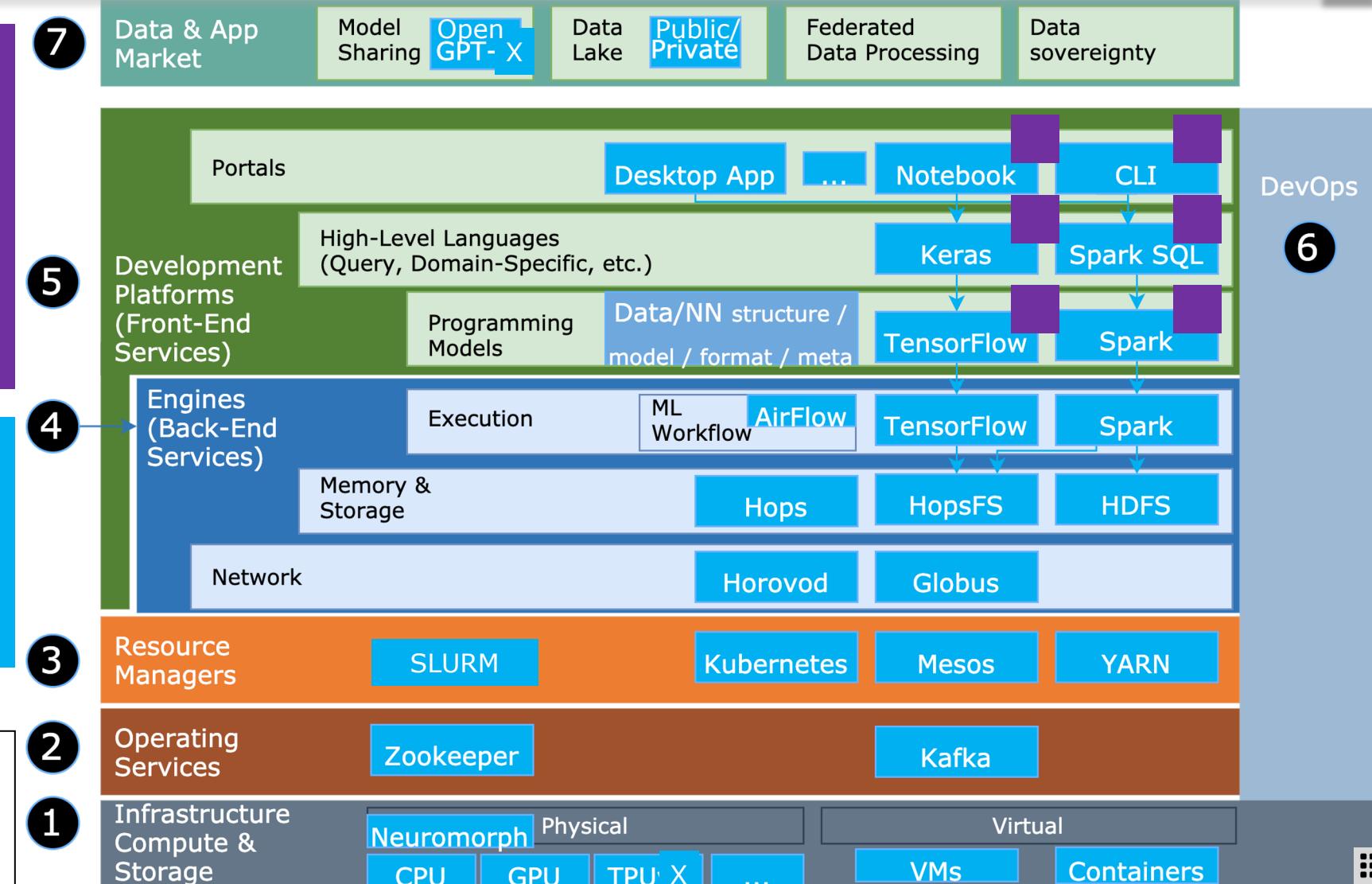
ML app is a small part, but now we can do **complex workflows**

Rest is systems, HW+SW, including HPC

Adapted from:

Sakr, Bonifati, Voigt, Iosup, et al. (2021) The Future Is Big

Graphs! CACM.





TAKE-HOME

We're building the ICT infrastructure for the the 21st century. We have many (developing) theories and practical results, and large ongoing projects. To discuss:

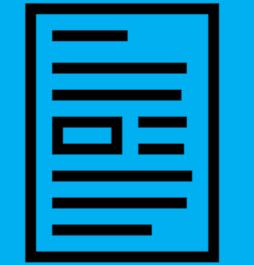
- Theory: What are the core components of the digital continuum? How do they relate - what is a good reference architecture for the continuum?
- Theory: Are performance and availability just parts of a conceptual continuum?
- Theory: We say: Just touch it with your lower lip, briefly, and move away if too hot. How to reason about energy use, both short- and long-term?
- Practice: How to build continuum components? How to assemble them well? How to deploy and later orchestrate them well?
- Theory/Practice: How to understand the continuum?
- Ethics: If a tree falls in front of you, do you have to see it? From plausible deniability to responsibility in ICT infrastructure management
- Etc. (Propose your own)



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MASSIVIZING COMPUTER SYSTEMS



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