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# Computing Infrastructures



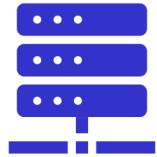
## 1) Computing Infrastructures

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# The topics of the course



## A. HW Infrastructures:

- **System-level:** Computing Infrastructures and Data Center Architectures, Rack/Structure;
- **Node-level:** Server (computation, HW accelerators), Storage (Type, technology), Networking (architecture and technology)
- **Building-level:** Cooling systems, power supply, fail

Feb and mid  
March



## B. SW Infrastructures:

- **Virtualization:** Process/System VM, Virtualization Mechanisms (Hypervisor, Para/Full virtualization, Containers)
- **Computing Architectures:** Cloud Computing (types, characteristic X-as-a service, Edge/Fog Computing)
- **Machine and deep learning-as-a-service**

End of May



## C. Methods:

- **Reliability and availability of datacenters** (definitions, failure laws, RBDs)
- **Disk performance** (Type, Performance, RAID)
- **Scalability and performance of datacenters** (definitions, fundamental laws, queuing network theory)

Mid March to  
April



Mid April to mid  
May



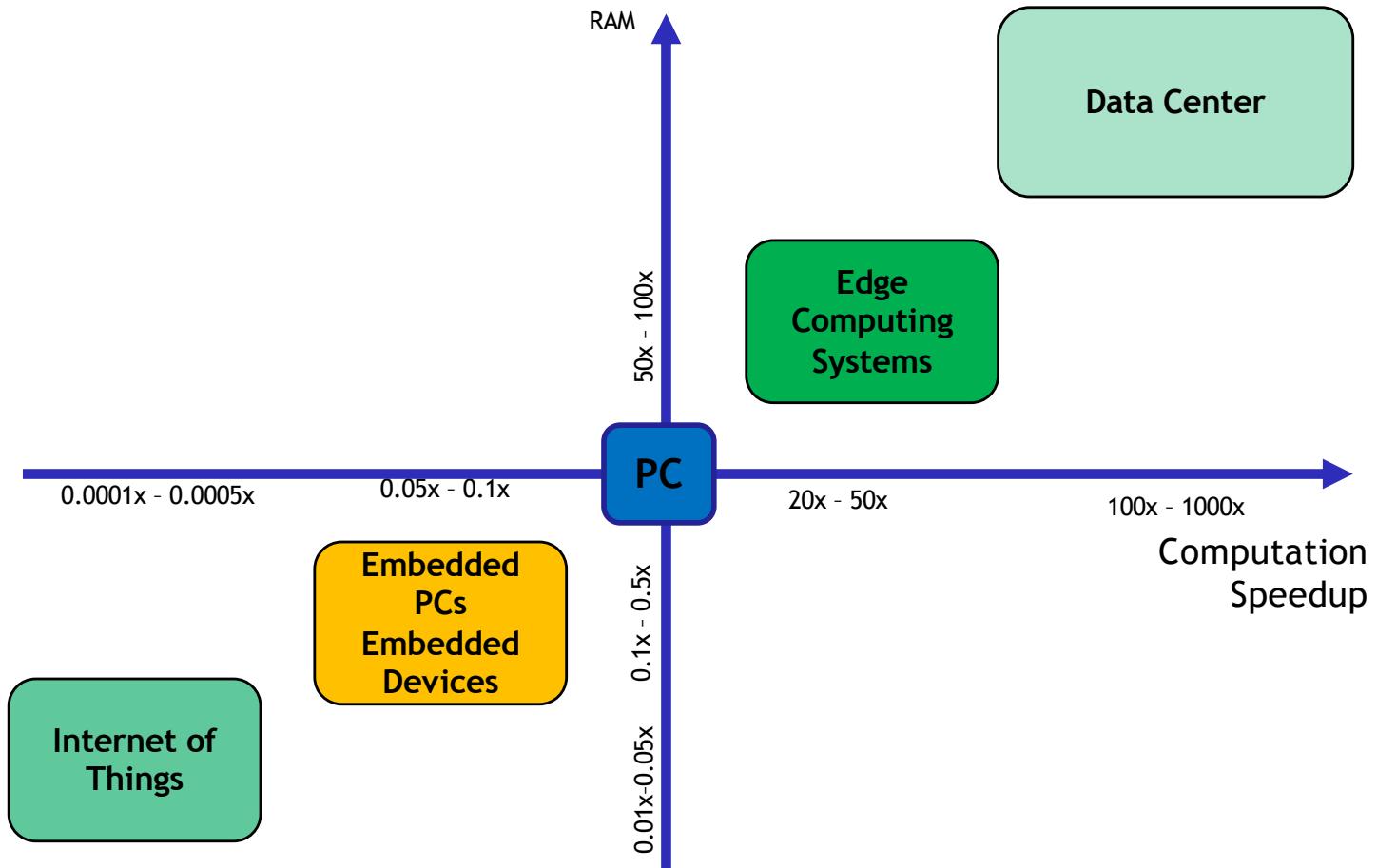


# What is a computing infrastructure?

Technological infrastructure  
that provides **hardware** and  
**software** for computation to  
**other systems and services**



# Examples of Computing Infrastructures





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IoT/Edge		Fog			HPC/Cloud/Instrument		
Size	Nano	Micro	Milli	Server	Fog	Campus	Facility
Example	Adafruit Trinket	Particle.io Boron	Array of Things	Linux Box	Co-located Blades	1000-node cluster	Datacenter
Memory	0.5K	256K	8GB	32GB	256G	32TB	16PB
Network	BLE	WiFi/LTE	WiFi/LTE	1 GigE	10GigE	40GigE	N*100GigE
Cost	\$5	\$30	\$600	\$3K	\$50K	\$2M	\$1000M

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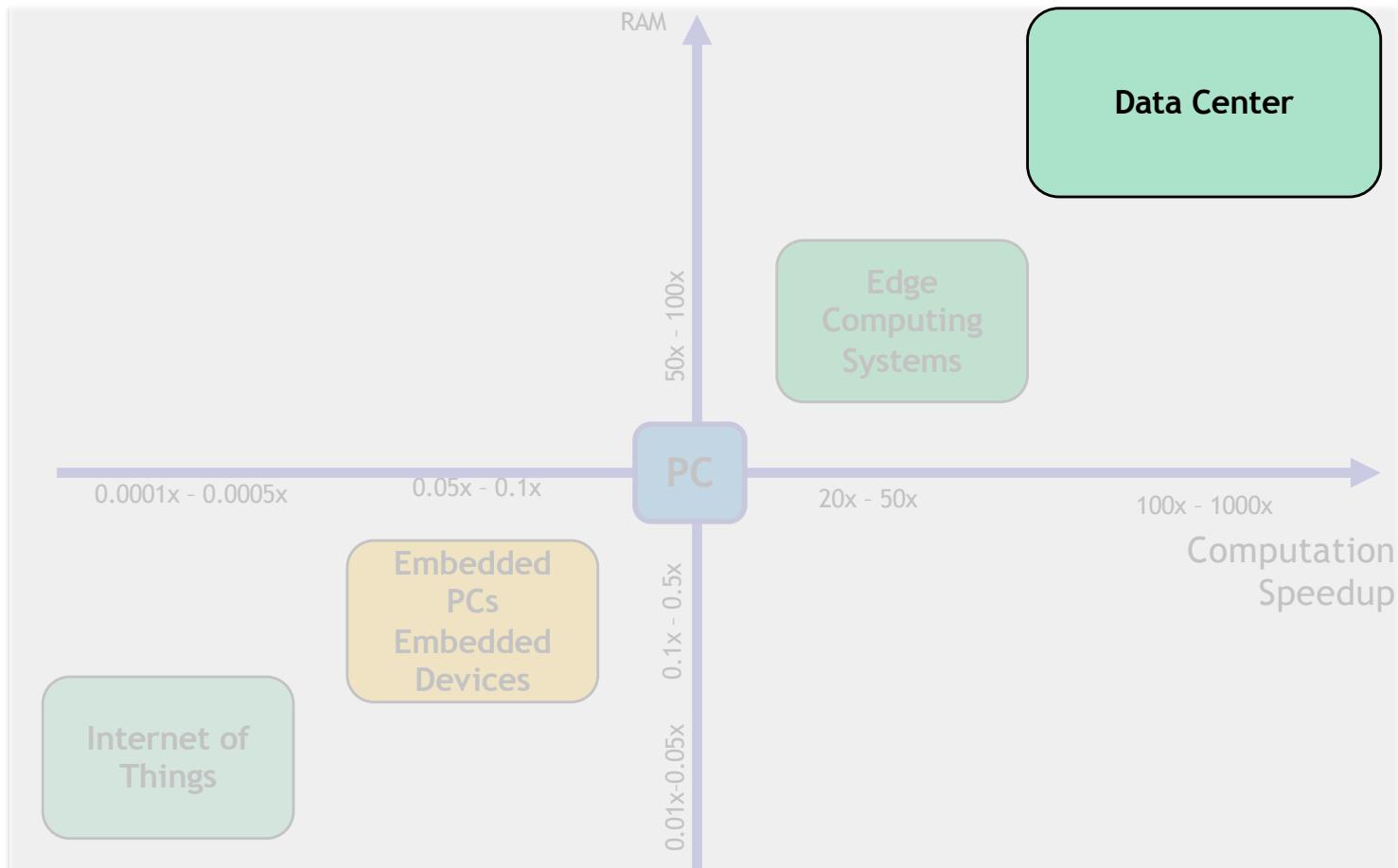


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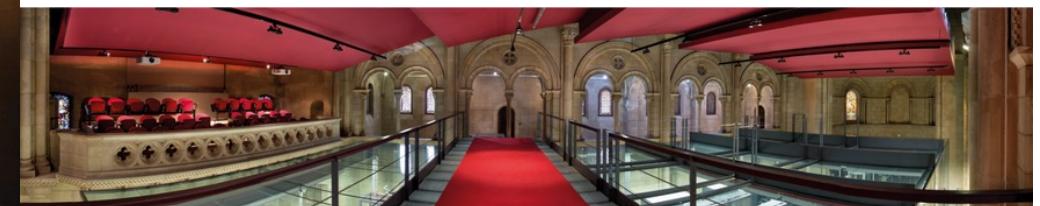
# Data Centers: a technological perspective



The Pionen White Mountains is a Swedish data center. This center is located in Stockholm.



Barcellona Supercomputing Center





## ... Not always nice places

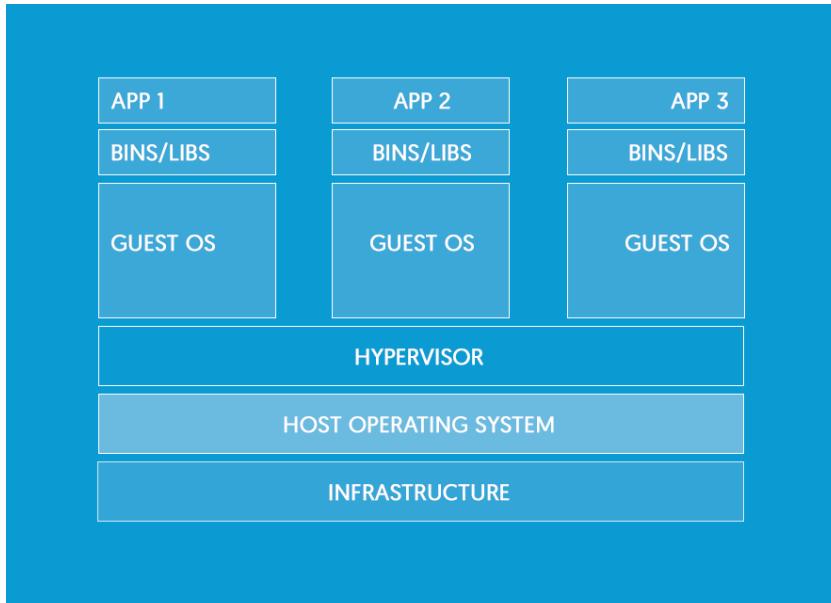




# Virtual Machines and Containers

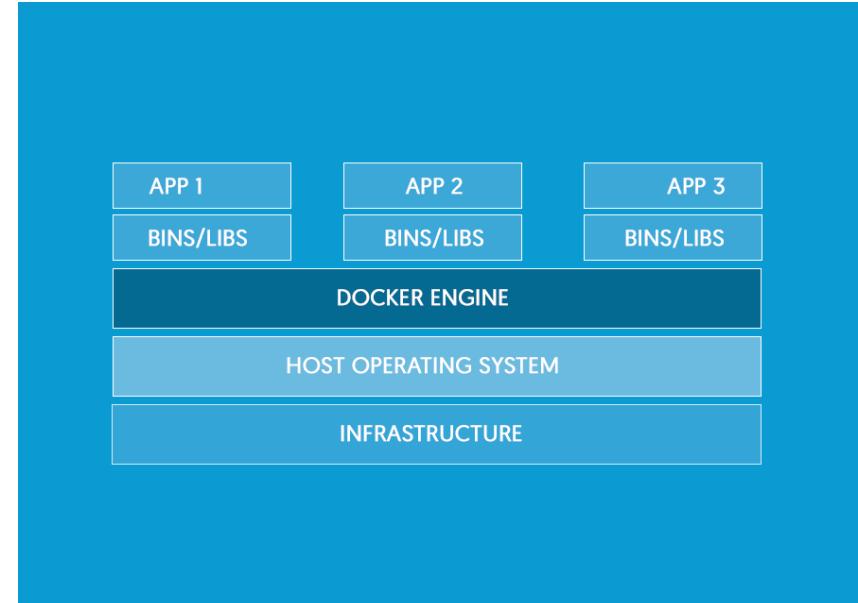
## VMMs

Provide the full stack (OS, LIB, APP).  
Applications depend on guest OS.



## Containers

Applications are packaged with all their dependencies into a standardized unit for software development/deployment.





## Data Centers: advantages and disadvantages

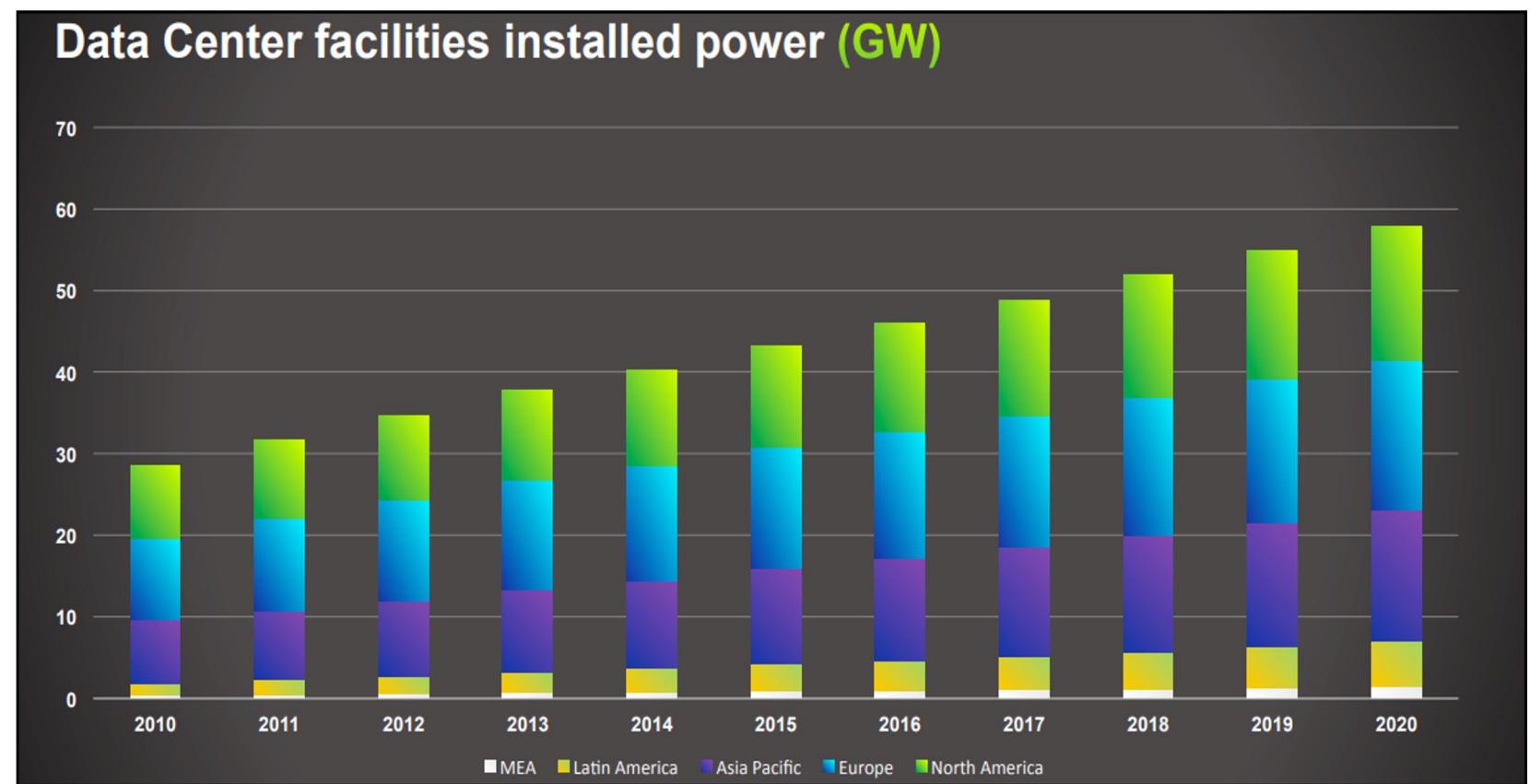
- ✓ Lower IT costs
- ✓ High performance
- ✓ Instant software updates
- ✓ “Unlimited” storage capacity
- ✓ Increased data reliability
- ✓ Universal document access
- ✓ Device Independence

- Require a constant Internet connection
- Do not work well with low-speed connections
- Hardware Features might be limited
- Privacy and security issues
- High Power Consumption
- Latency in making decision



## Data Centers: advantages and disadvantages

### INSTALLED POWER





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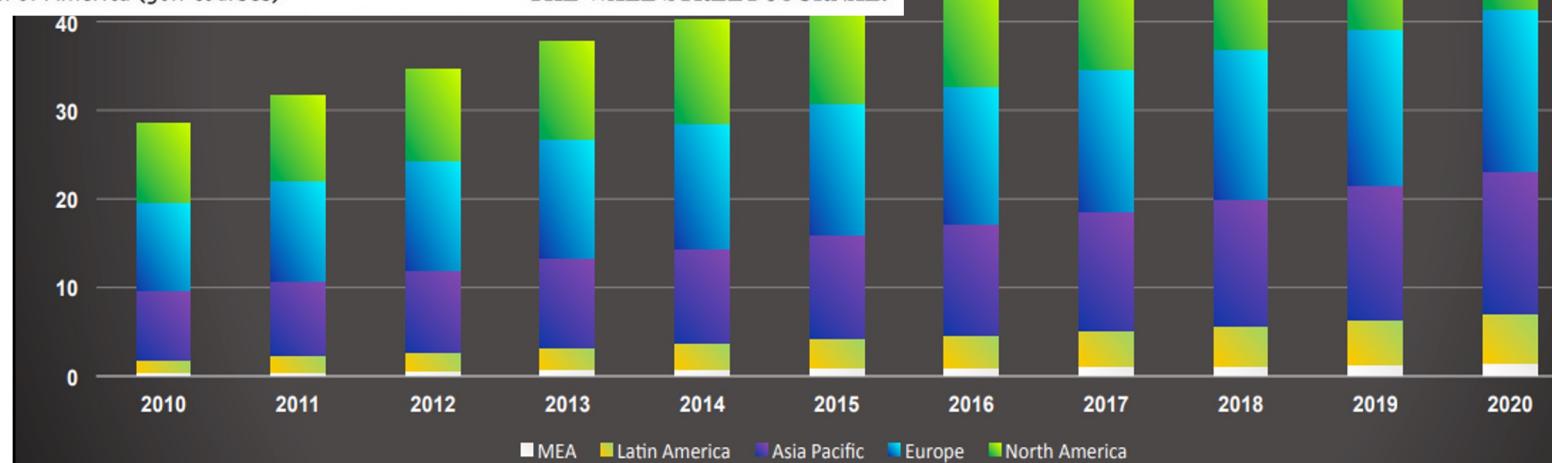
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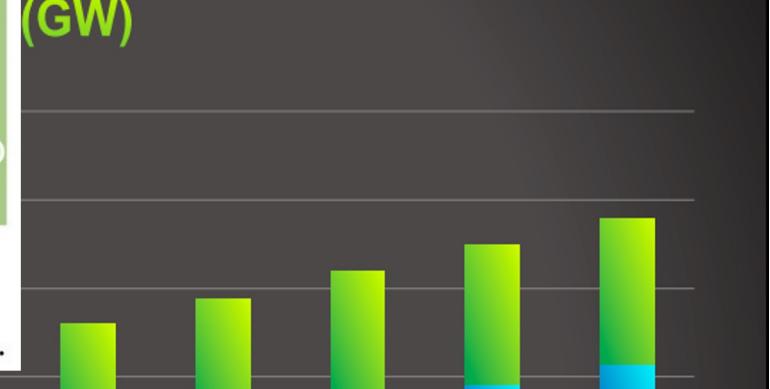


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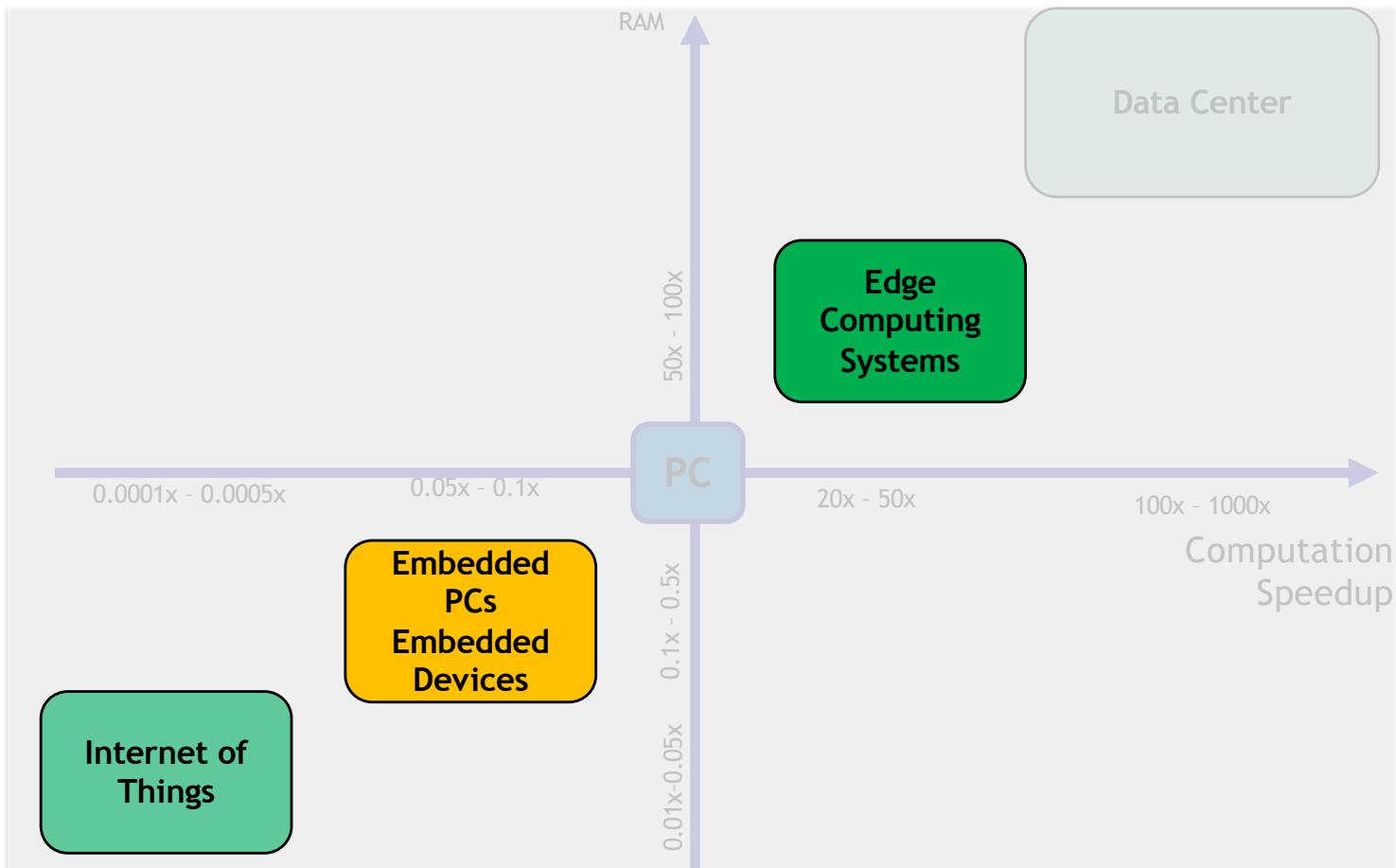


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Amortized Cost	Component	Sub-Components
~45%	Servers	CPU, memory, disk
~25%	Infrastructure	UPS, cooling, power distribution
~15%	Power draw	Electrical utility costs
~15%	Network	Switches, links, transit

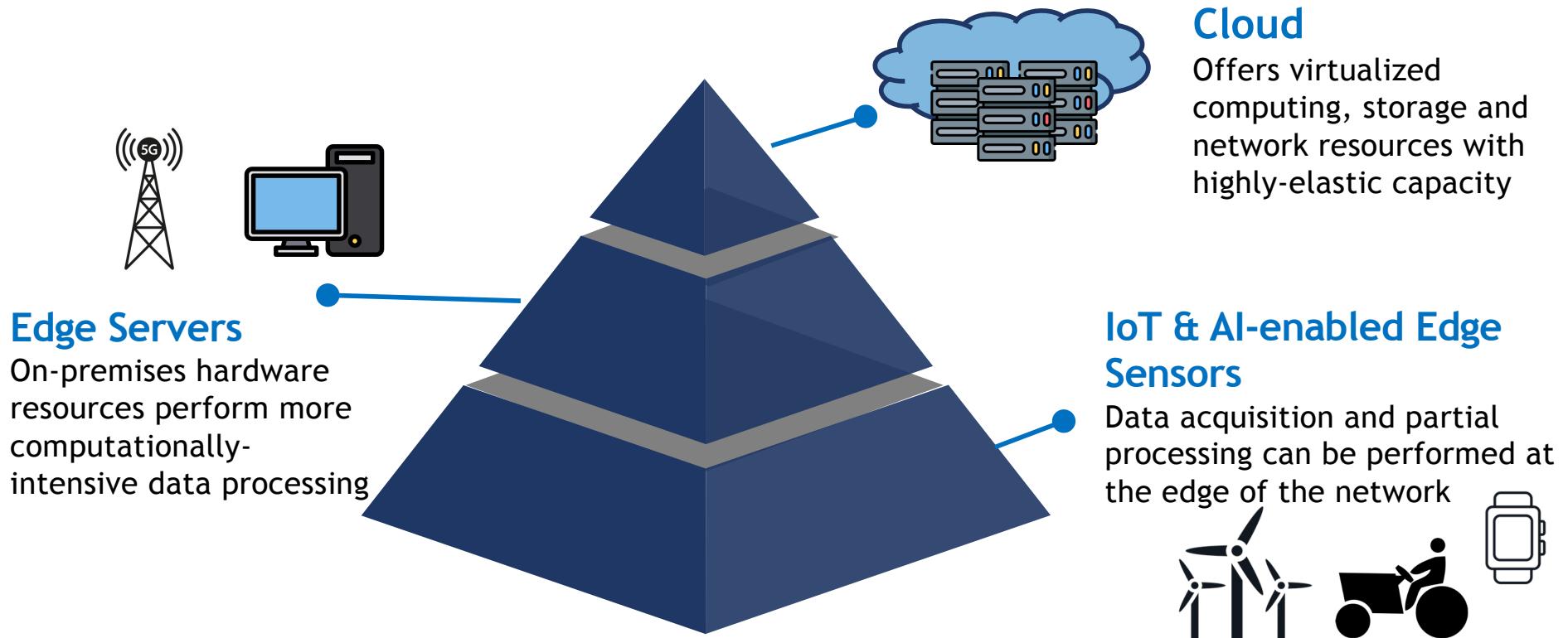


# Edge Computing, PC Embedded and IoT



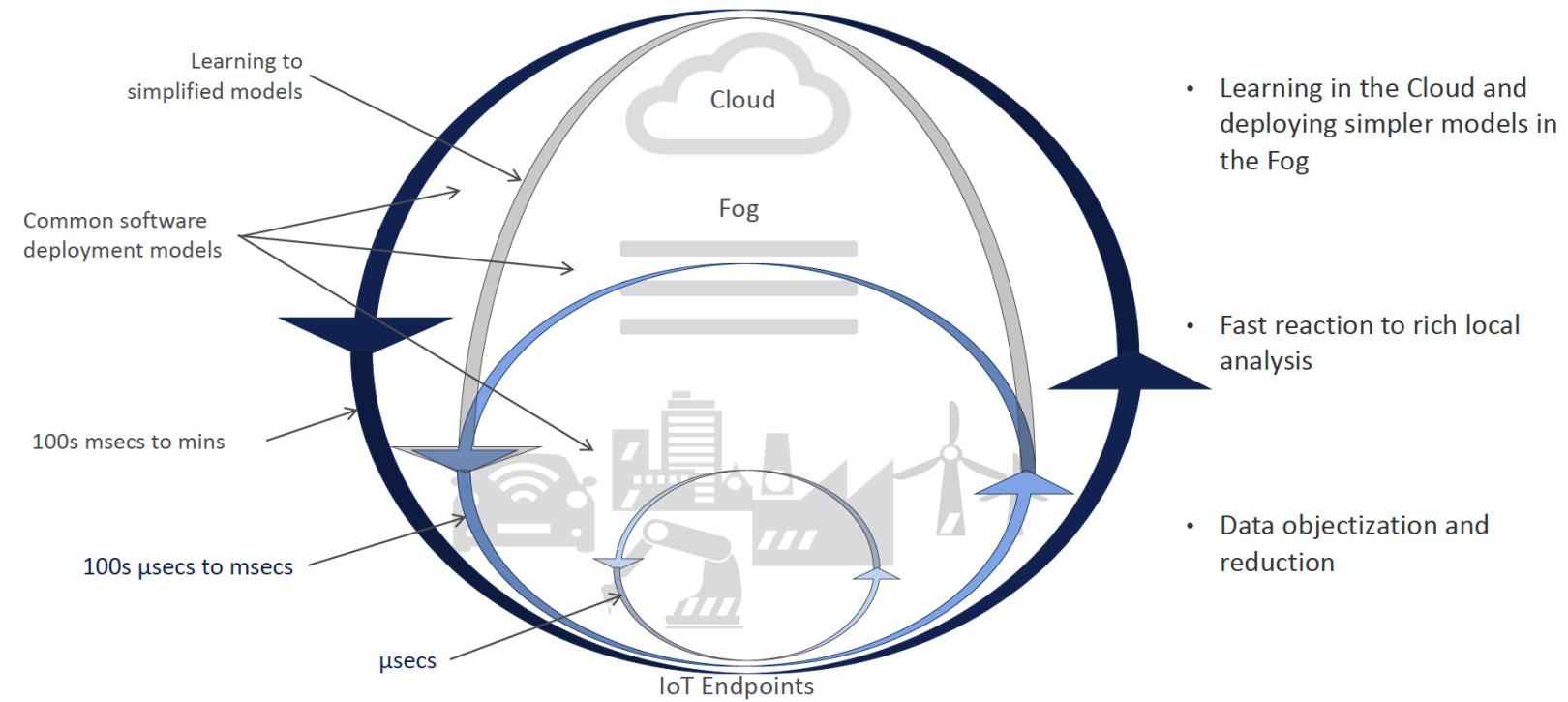


# Edge/Fog Computing Systems



# An example: Edge computing in manufacturing

## Enabling the Support for a Hierarchical Data Acquisition-A Control Cycle with a Common Software Paradigm





# An example: Maintenance and Inspection

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Damage detection, classification and severity assessment



## CLOUD BASED SOLUTION

Manual data upload to the cloud and cloud only data processing



## EDGE SOLUTION

Immediate data analysis on-site

Provide on-site data analysis capabilities for immediate data quality assessment and data volume reduction.

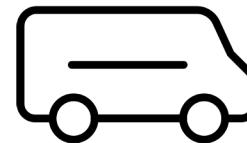


## DATA ACQUISITION AND QUALITY ASSESSMENT

- Manual or auto flight UAV mission
- Data quality assessment with immediate feedback to the UAV operator
- Blade part detection



## ON-SITE DATA PROCESSING



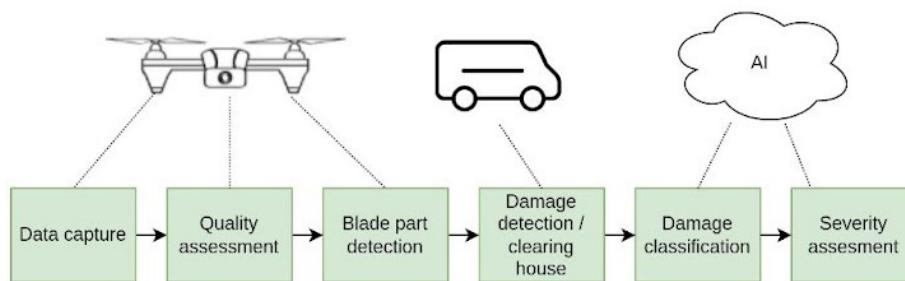
- Clearing house process
- Optional data compression (semantic segmentation)

## CLOUD DATA PROCESSING

- Damage detection
- Damage and severity classification
- Data preparation for reporting



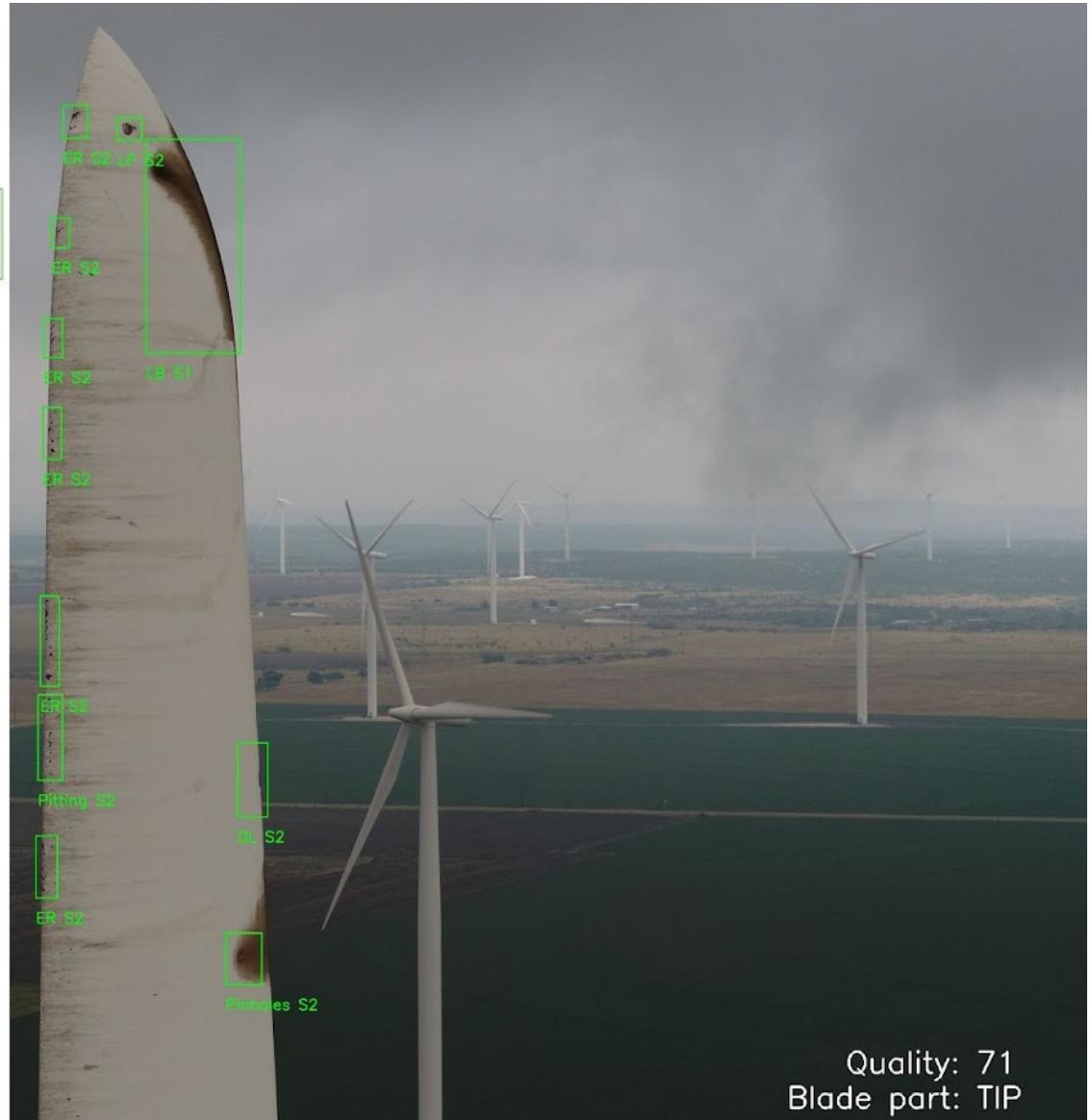
# An example: Maintenance and Inspection



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This JSON object provides detailed information about detected blade damage. It includes the SHA-256 hash of the image, its dimensions (3x3653x2736 pixels), quality (71), element (TIP), and a list of objects with bounding boxes and severities. The objects include LB (Severity S1) at [1773, 772, 1961, 1199], Pinholes (Severity S2) at [1932, 2357, 2004, 2460], DL (Severity S2) at [1956, 1977, 2016, 2125], and LP (Severity S2) at [1716, 729, 1764, 774]. Each entry also contains a 'name' and 'severity' field.





# Edge/Fog Computing Systems

MODELS	WORKLOADS	RACK UNITS	PROCESSOR	MAX MEMORY	MAX STORAGE	GPU
 PowerEdge XE9680	AI and machine learning, DL large data set training, HPC, CRISP, and healthcare	6U	2 x 5th Generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable processors	32 x 128 GB DDR5 (4 TB)	16 x E3.S or 8 x 2.5" SAS/SATA/NVMe (122.88 TB)	8 x (NVIDIA A100, H100, H200, or AMD MI300X)
 PowerEdge XE9640	AI, machine learning, DL training modeling and simulation, HPC, and healthcare	2U	2 x 5th Generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable processors	32 x 128 GB DDR5 (4 TB)	4 x 2.5" NVMe (61.44 TB)	4 x NVIDIA H100
 PowerEdge XE8640	AI, machine learning, DL medium data set training, HPC, finance, and research	4U	2 x 5th Generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable processors	32 x 128 GB DDR5 (4 TB)	8 x E3.S or 8 x 2.5" SAS/SATA/NVMe (122.88 TB)	4 x NVIDIA H100
 PowerEdge R760xa	AI, machine learning, DL training and inferencing, HPC, and render farms and virtualisation	2U	2 x 5th Generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable processors	32 x 256 GB DDR5 (8 TB)	8 x 2.5" SAS/SATA/NVMe (122.88 TB)	4 x 400W (DW) or 12 x 75W (SW)

- ✓ High computational capacity
- ✓ Distributed computing
- ✓ Privacy and security
- ✓ Reduced Latency in making a decision

- Require a power connection
- Require connection with the Cloud



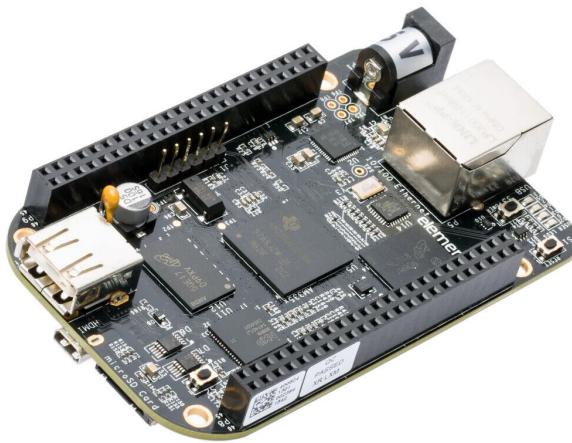
## Embedded PCs



Raspberry Pi 5 8GB Quad-Core  
ARMA76 (64 Bits - 2,4 GHz)



Nvidia Jetson Orin™ Nano 8 GB  
6 x 1.5 GHz



BeagleBoard Black - CPU ARM  
Cortex A8 1GHz - 512MB RAM



Google Coral Dev Board, 1 GB RAM

- ✓ Pervasive computing
- ✓ High performance unit
- ✓ Availability of development boards
- ✓ Programmed as PCs
- ✓ Large community

- Pretty high power consumption
- (Some) HW design has to be done



# Internet-of-Things



	Arduino Nano	Nano ESP32-S3	Nano 33 IoT	Nano 33 BLE	Nano 33 BLE Sense Rev2	Nano RP2040 Connect	Nano Every	Nano Matter
Microcontroller	ATmega328	ESP32-S3	SAMD21 Arm® Cortex®-M0+ / u-blox® NINA-W102	nRF52840 / u-blox® NINA-B306	nRF5284 / u-blox® NINA-B306	Raspberry Pi RP2040 / u-blox® NINA-W102	ATMega4809	Silicon Labs MGM24
USB connector	Mini-B USB	USB-C®	Micro USB	Micro USB	Micro USB	Micro USB	Micro USB	USB-C®
I/O voltage	5 V	3.3 V	3.3 V	3.3 V	3.3 V	3.3 V	5 V	3.3 V
Input range	7-12 V	5-21 V	7-12 V	7-12 V	7-12 V	5-21 V	7-12 V	5-21 V
Clock speed	16 MHz	up to 240 MHz	48 MHz	64 MHz	64 MHz	133 MHz	16 MHz	78 MHz
SRAM	2 kB	512 kB	256 kB	256 kB	256 kB	264 kB	6 kB	256 kB
Flash	32 kB	16 MB	1 MB	1 MB	1 MB	16 MB	48 kB	1536 kB

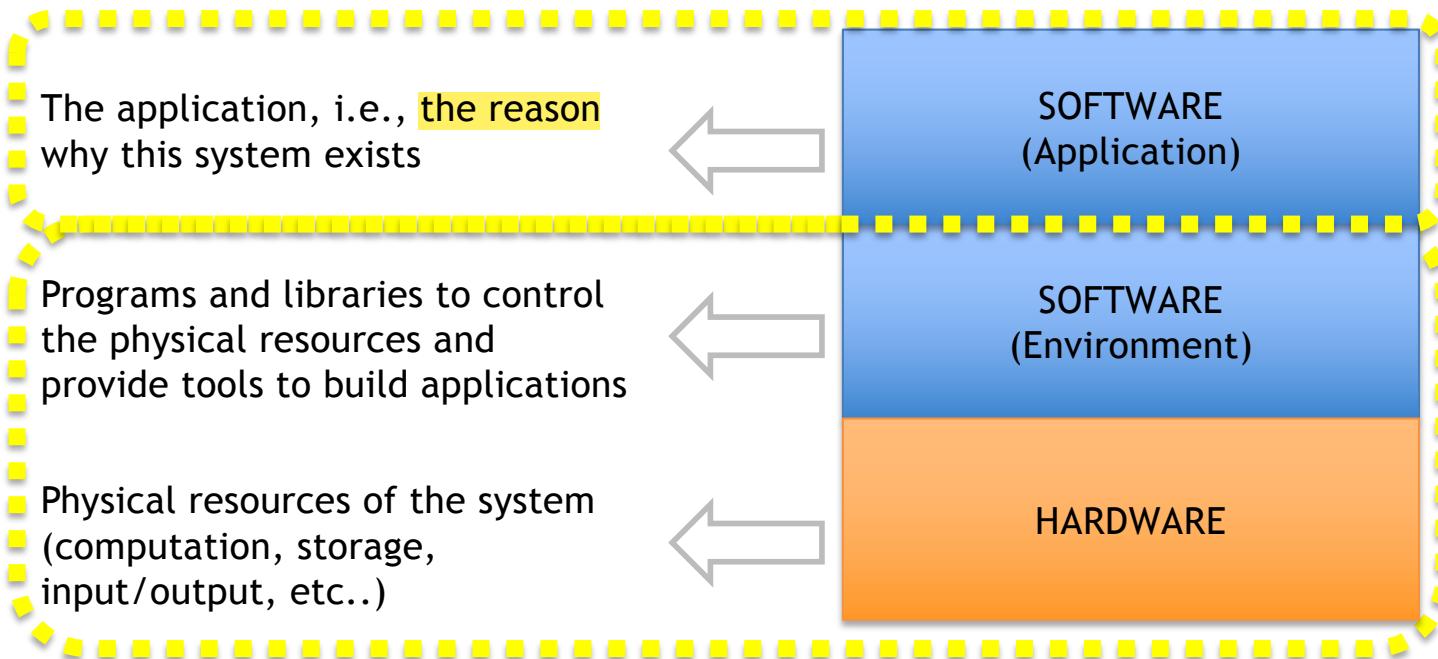
- ✓ Highly Pervasive
- ✓ Wireless connection
- ✓ Battery Powered
- ✓ Low costs
- ✓ Sensing and actuating

- Low computing ability
- Constraints on energy
- Constraints on memory (RAM/FLASH)
- Difficulties in programming





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