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Are You Ready to be Edgy?

Bringing Your Applications to the Edge of the Network

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Hello!



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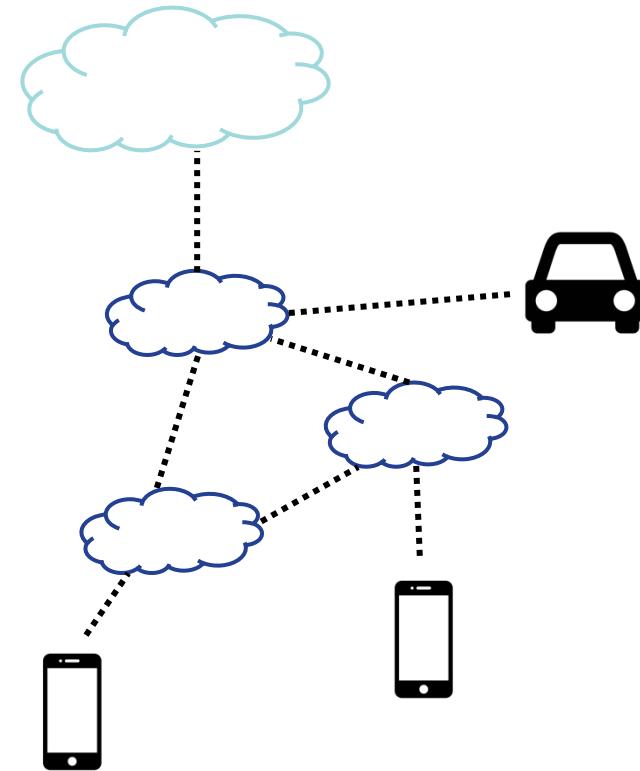
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- We are Software Engineers at Cisco
- Based out of Massachusetts, USA
- We work on customer-facing prototypes in Cloud, video, and data center technologies
- Last 18 months = Edge Computing

On Deck

1. Why Edge Computing?
2. What is the Edge?
3. Cool Edge Use Cases
4. Edge-Ready Apps
5. Edge + Kubernetes
6. Demo!



The Bandwidth Problem

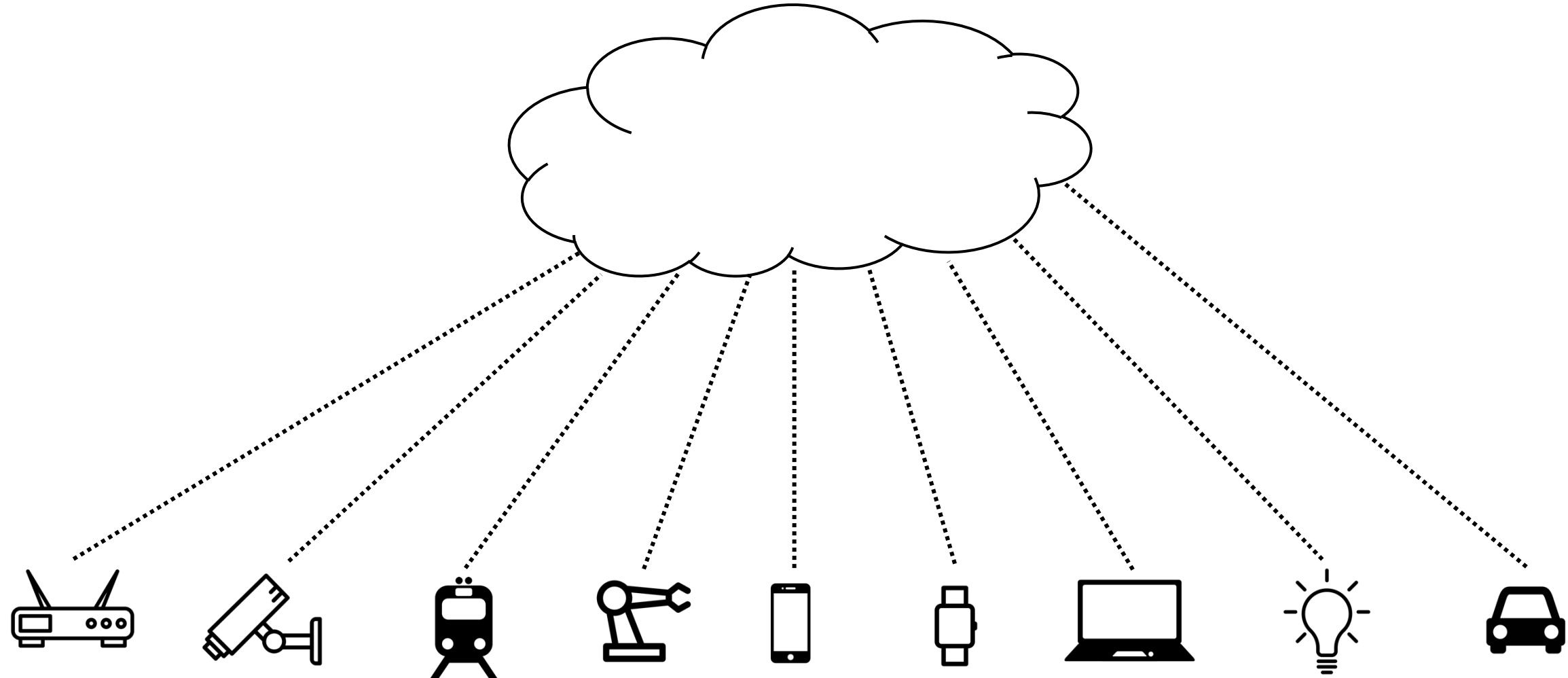


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The Latency Problem



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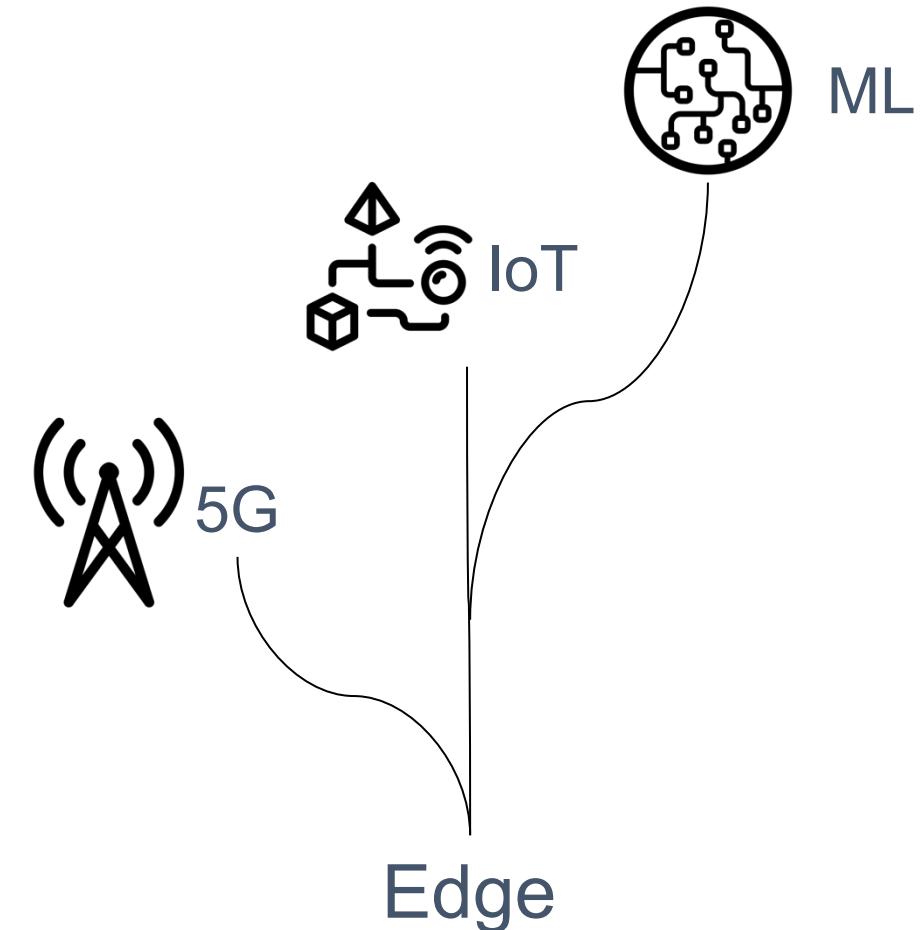


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- Evolution of wireline and **5G mobile** access technologies
- Proliferation of **IoT** sensors, devices, and connected Things
- Need for low-latency and real-time, data-driven decision making (**machine learning**)
- Web / OTT / App companies vying for **subscriber proximity**

→ Meeting all these needs requires an evolution of network, **compute**, storage, security, **app orchestration**



What is Edge Computing?



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Edge Computing is the process of moving intensive workloads from the **Cloud** out to the **Edge** of the network.

Edge Computing...



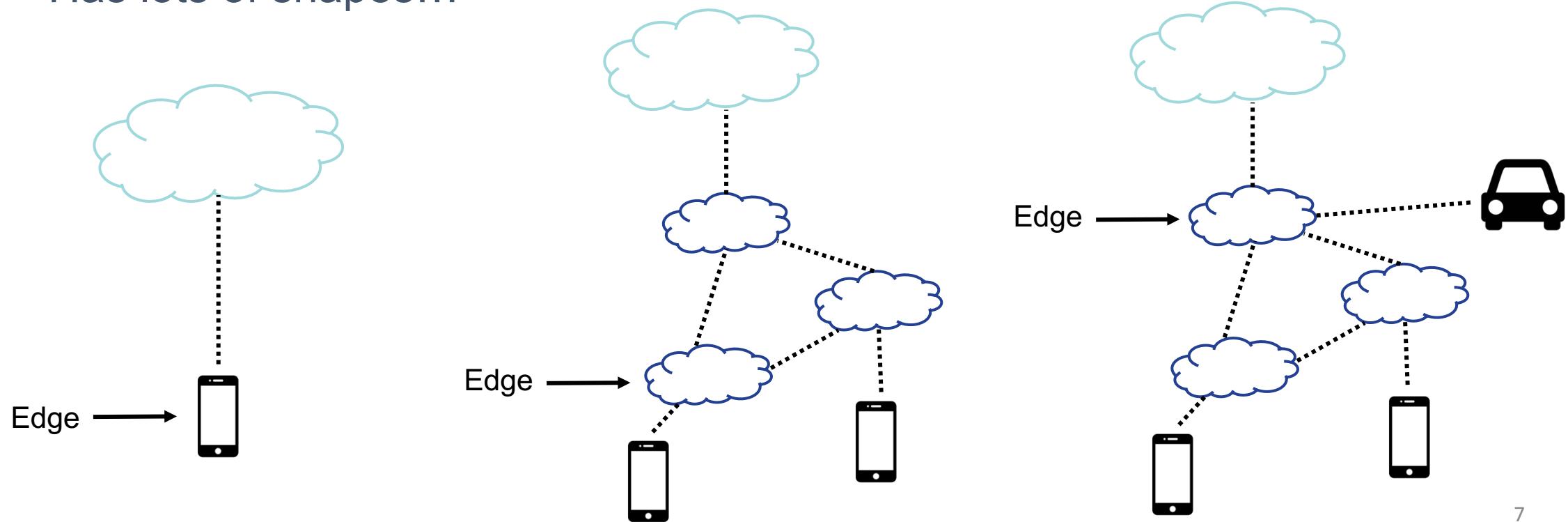
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- Extends the Cloud to the network Edge
- Is not a replacement for the Cloud
- Has lots of shapes...



Benefits of Edge Computing



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Low Latency
(VR/AR)



High Bandwidth
(Video Processing)



Temporary/Secure Data
(Facial Recognition)

Edge Computing Use Cases



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IoT

- Healthcare
- Energy
- Lighting
- Transportation
- Public safety
- Disaster detection
- Industrial robotics
- Agriculture
- Drones
- Wearables

Consumer

- Gaming
- VR/AR
- Secure messaging

Enterprise

- Machine learning
- Collaboration
- Virtual desktop
- Firewall

Web / OTT

- Edge as a Service
- CDN
- Video optimization

Service Provider

- C-RAN
- NFV

Edge Use Case: Enterprise ML

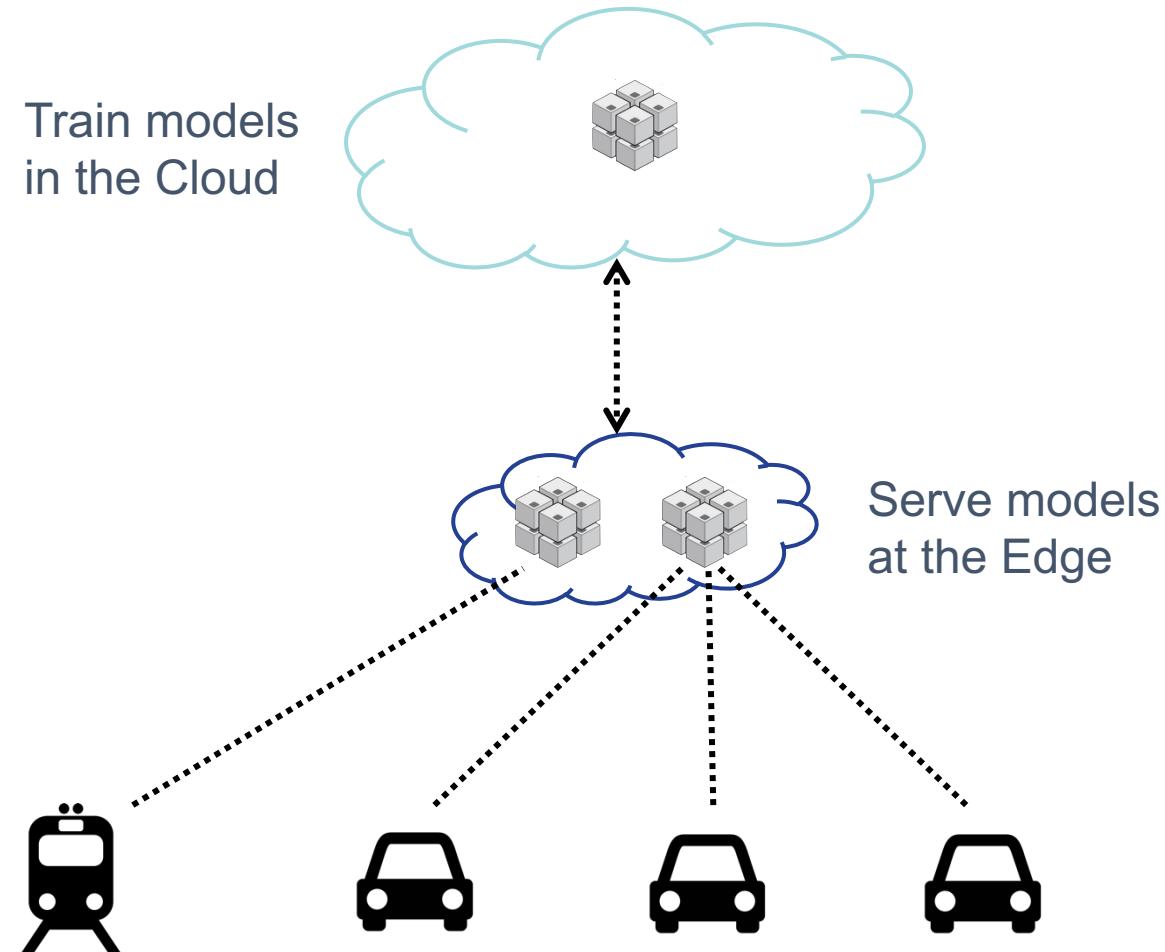


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Edge Use Case: Healthcare

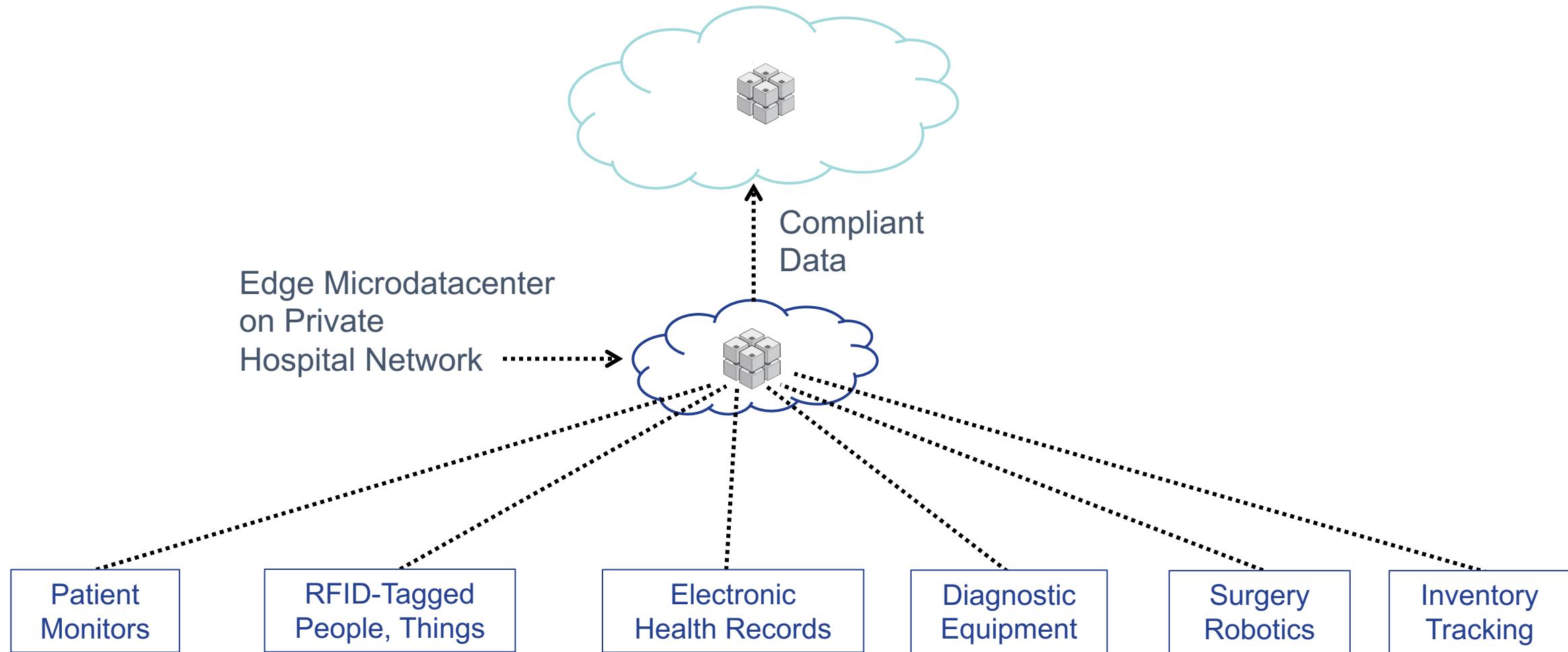


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Edge-Ready Applications



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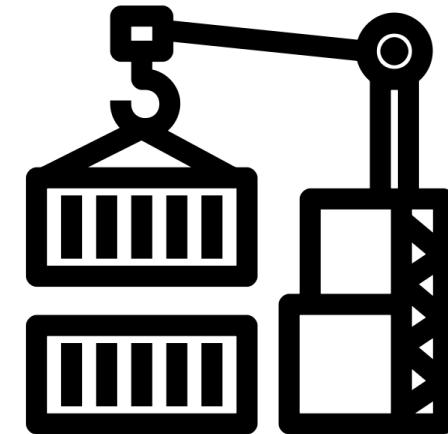


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Architecture

- API-, Microservices-Driven – Application can be deconstructed to run in Cloud, at the Edge
- Hierarchical Topology – Edge workloads and Cloud workloads have different purposes
- Minimal Size, Maximum Portability – Small, ideally <100MB application images built for maximum portability across environments



Edge-Ready Applications

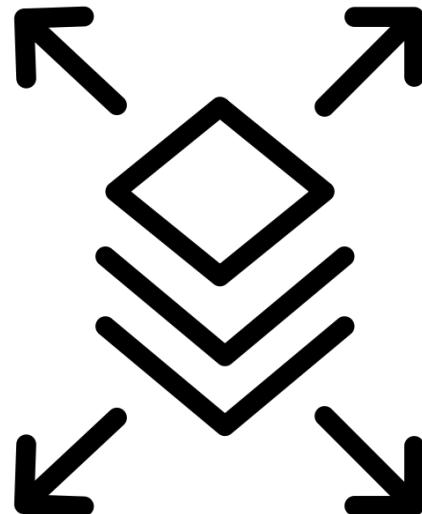


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Scalability

- Edge components must be highly scalable across thousands of clusters
- Resource consumption must scale linearly with additional Edge resources

Fault Tolerance

- Edge microservices can run offline
- Failure resiliency – Graceful handling of network partitioning events and hardware failures

Edge-Ready Applications



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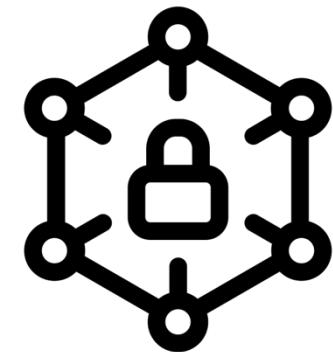
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Storage

- Cache ephemeral state at the edge as much as possible
- Sync persistent state with the public Cloud

Network

- Have a set of common service hostnames for your apps to enable anycast edge DNS routing



Security

- Multitenancy (multiple users per Edge deployment)
- Private Registry – signed, secure images

Why Kubernetes at the Edge?



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Edge Tenets	→ Kubernetes
Vast diversity of Edge use cases	Kubernetes is workload-agnostic (containers, VMs, functions).
Edge has many shapes	Kubernetes supports many nodes and works on a variety of hardware platforms.
Edge is flexible and dynamic	Kubernetes was built to support apps moving around and being spun up and down.
Edge must be repeatable, consistent	Kubernetes provides a consistent platform that has been proven in production at scale.
Edge should be familiar to developers	Kubernetes adoption is huge! Why re-invent the wheel for Edge?

Workflow: Edge Kubernetes

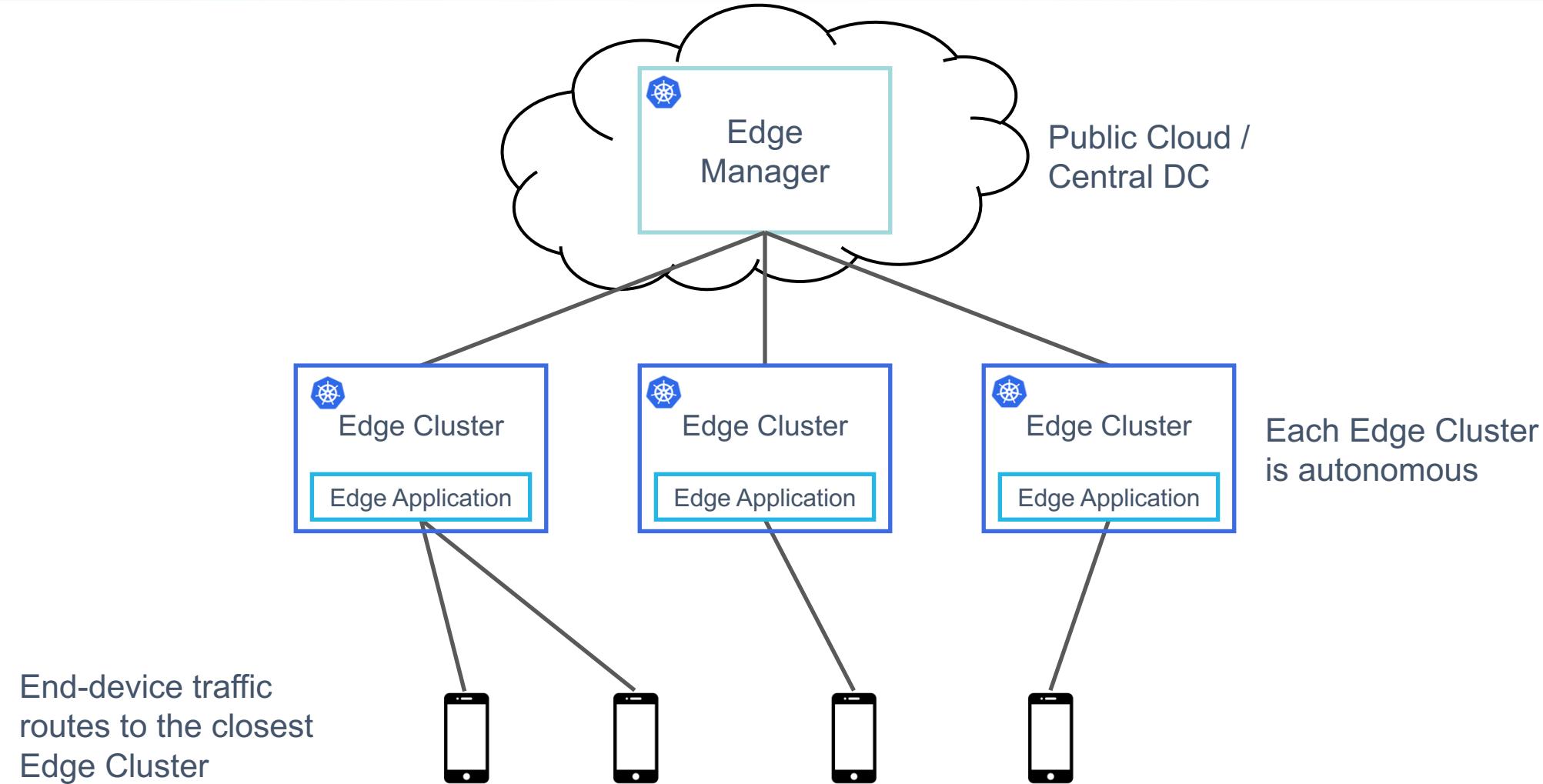


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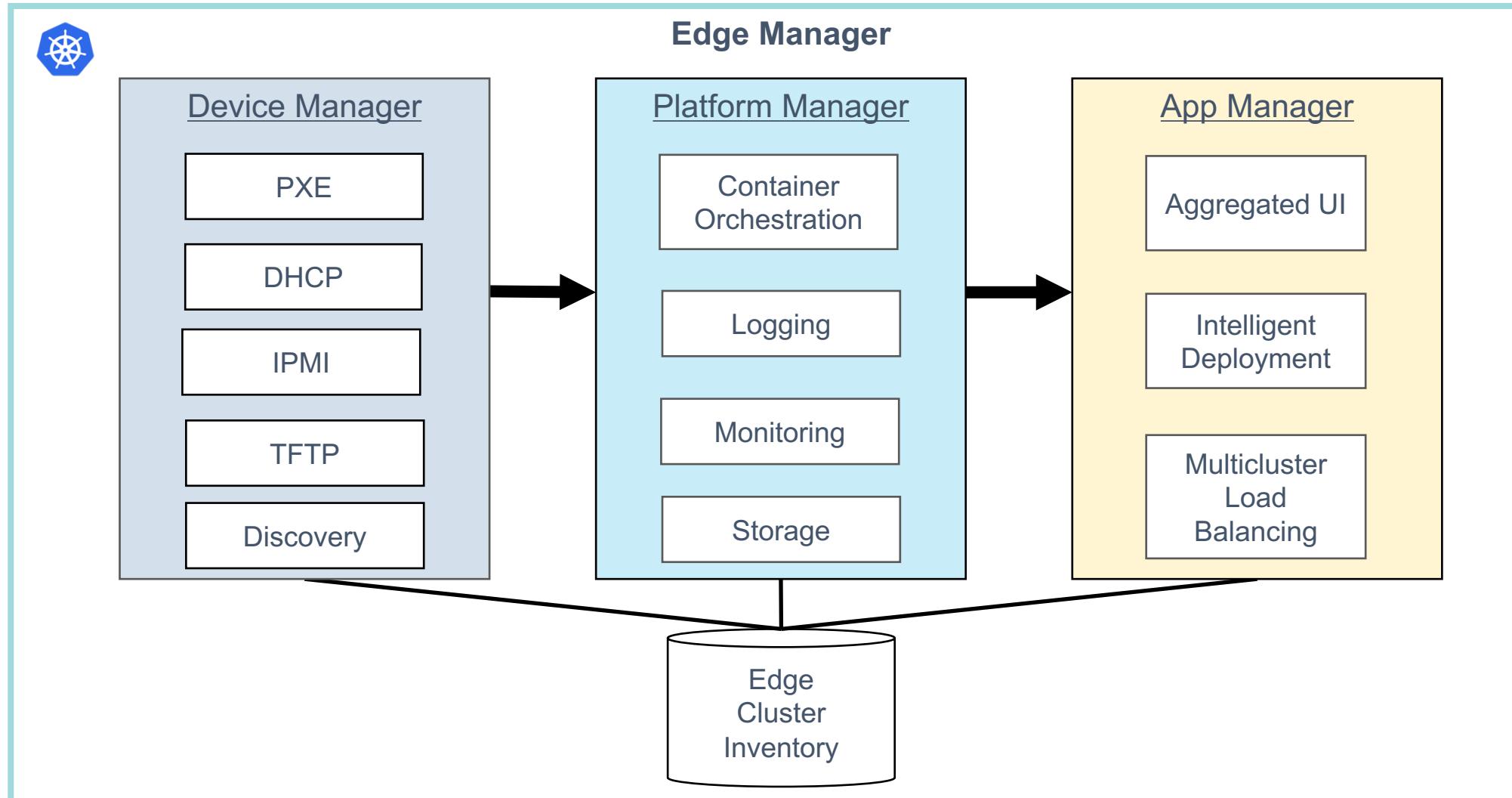


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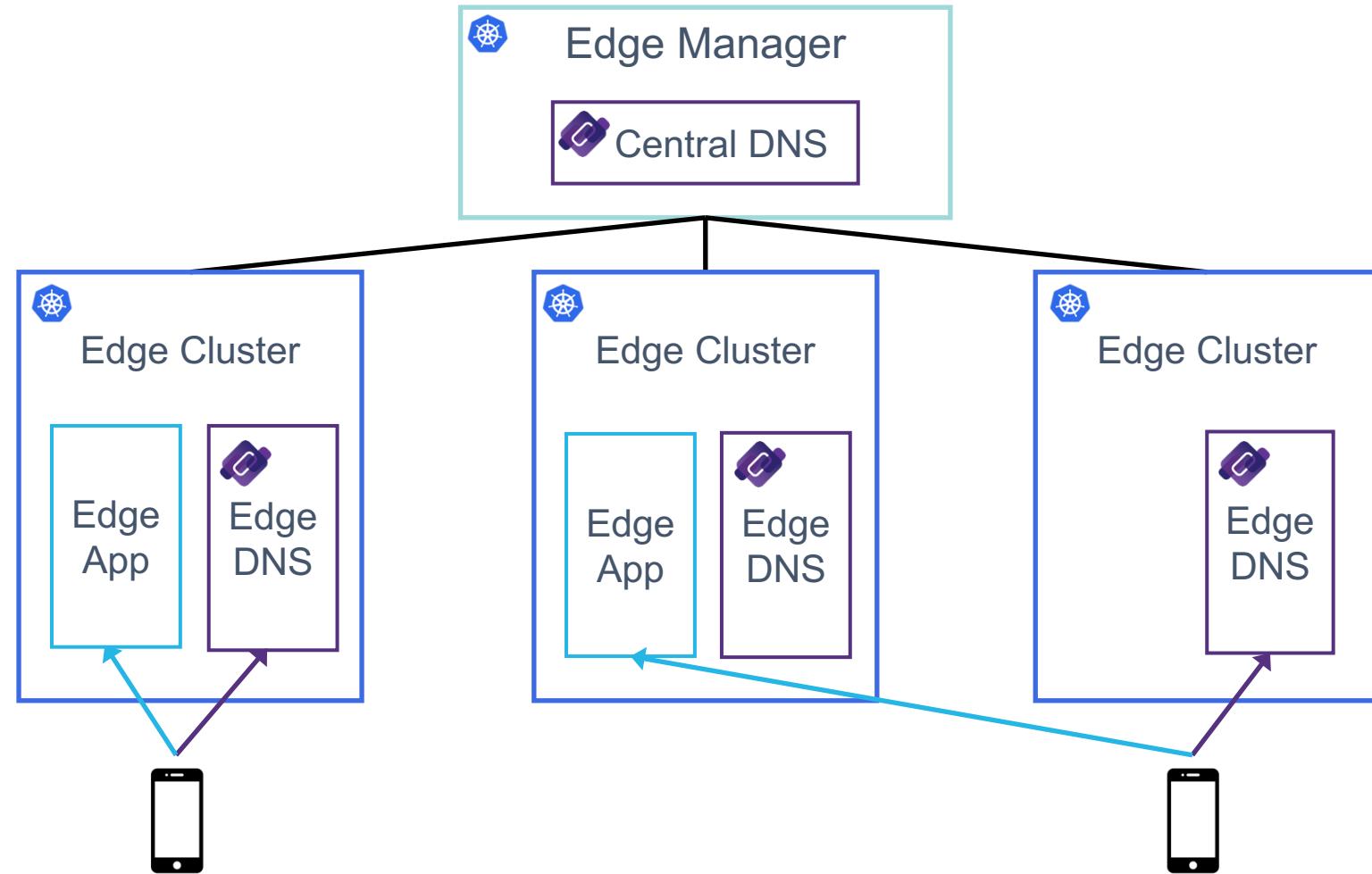


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Optikon = Edge App Management

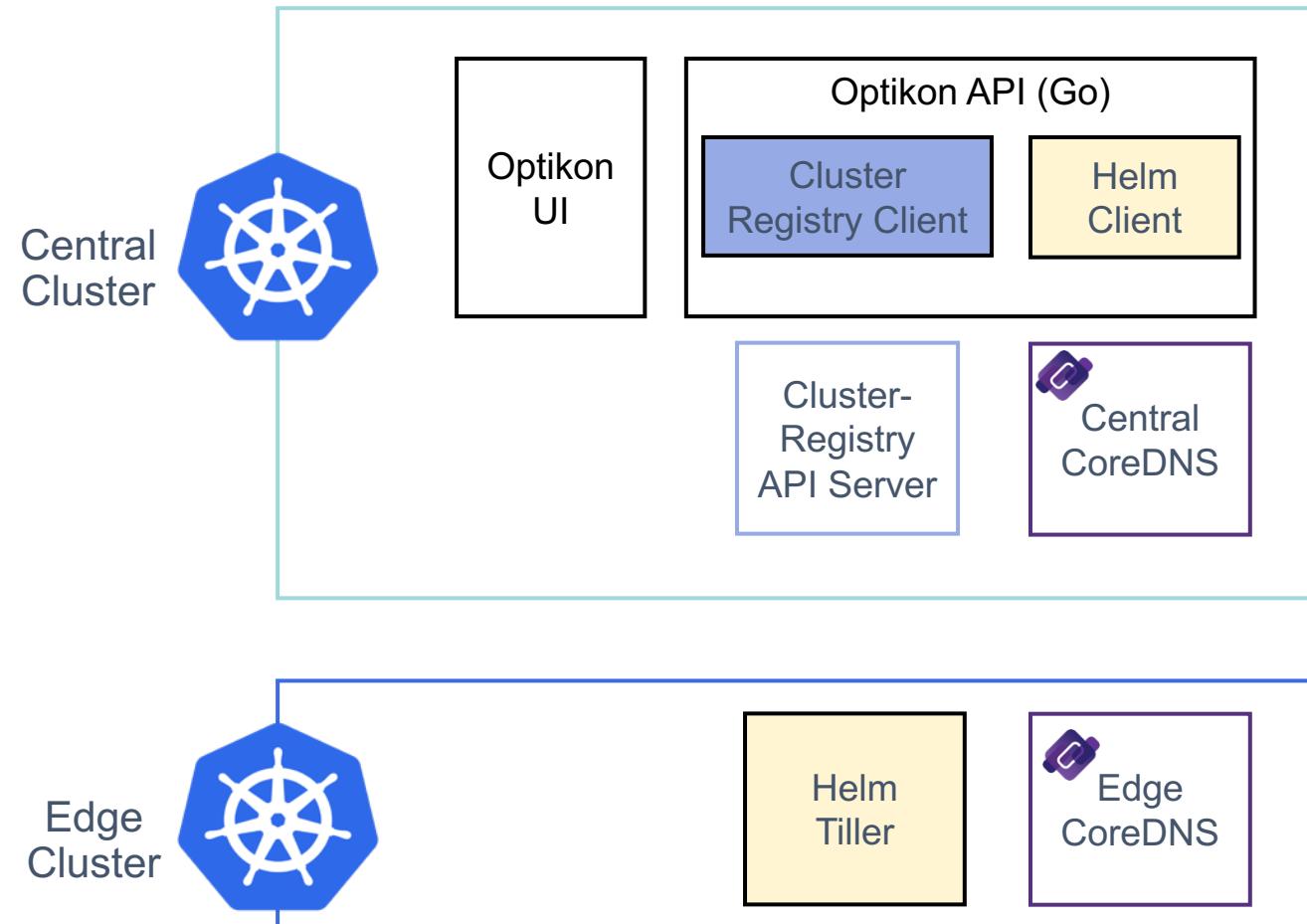


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Optikon Demo - Setup

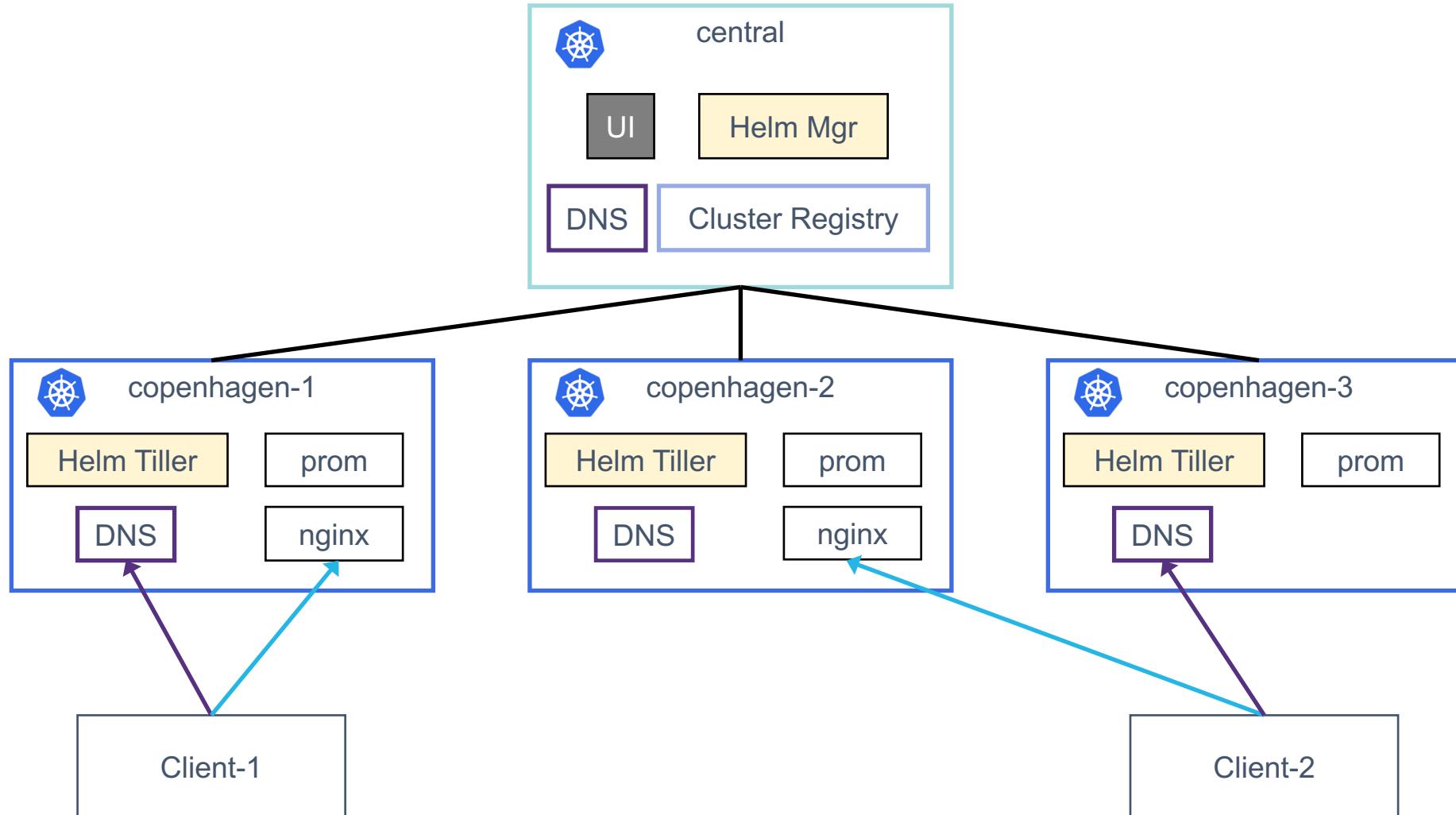


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Optikon – What's Next?



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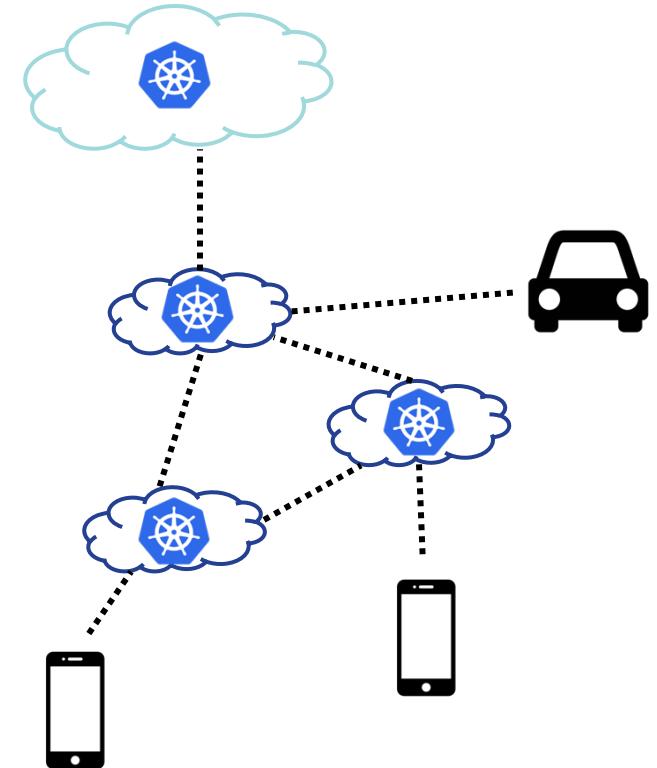
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- Cross-cluster auto-scaling / “fuzzy” deployments
- Integrate multi-cluster load balancing + traffic policy (Istio)
- Work with SIG Multi-cluster to help define best practices, use cases for additional tools
- Scaling Optikon to lots of Edge Kubernetes clusters

github.com/optikon

Key Takeaways

1. High bandwidth + low latency use cases → Edge
2. Use cases include IoT, caching, machine learning
3. Edge applications = flexible, scalable, secure Cloud-native applications
4. Our approach to Edge orchestration: 1 central Kubernetes cluster + 1 cluster per Edge site
5. CNCF projects = awesome building blocks to build new stuff! 



Thank you!



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Room [B4-M2+4](#)

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Demo Screenshots





Optikon ⚙ Edge Manager

Edge Clusters

Name	Labels	Health	# Pods
copenhagen-1	{"ID": "123", "Kubecon": "True", "Region": "Europe"}		8
copenhagen-2	{"ID": "456", "Kubecon": "True", "Region": "Europe"}		8
copenhagen-3	{"ID": "789", "Region": "Europe"}		8



Install Charts

Upload .tar helm chart:

No file chosen

Release name:

my-awesome-app

Release namespace on each edge cluster:

default

Cluster label selectors:

Universe=Big, Galaxy=MilkyWay

Releases

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