EdgeRDV: A Framework for Edge Workload Management at Scale

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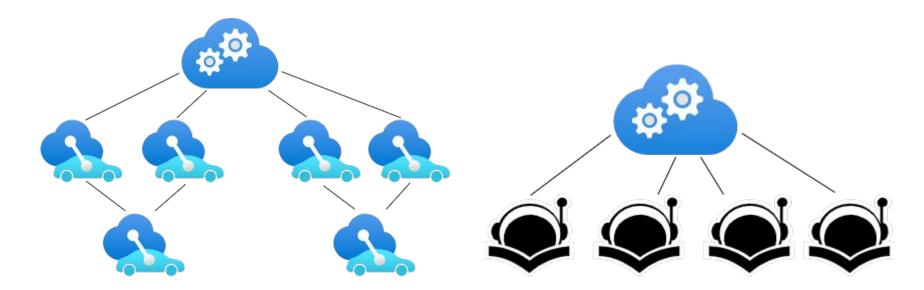
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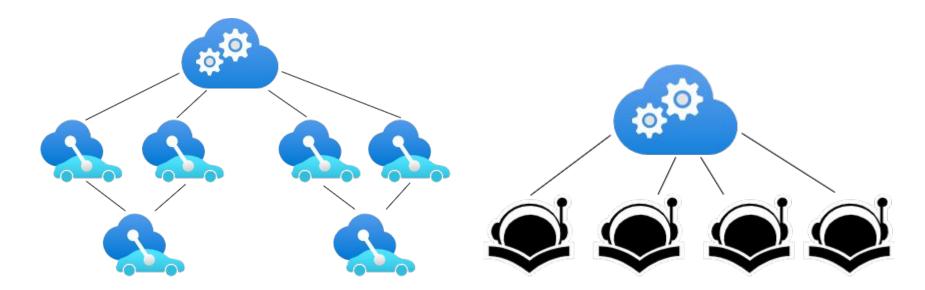
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- Edge Computing
 - Supports manufacturing, smart homes, supply chains, etc.
 - Reduces latency and bandwidth consumption
 - Novel applications such as AI inference at the edge



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Research Question: how do we efficiently manage the application lifecycle on hundreds of thousands of endpoints?

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Edge Workload Management in Resource-Constrained Environments

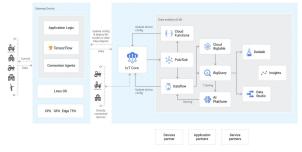
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Azure IoT Edge

Google IoT Core

AWS IoT Core



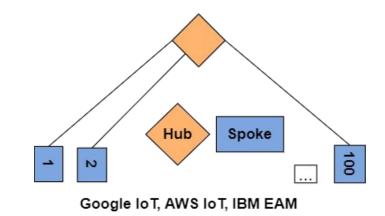


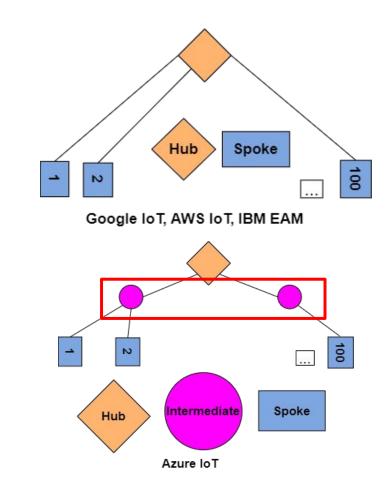


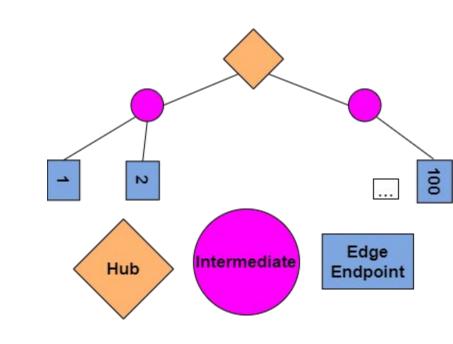
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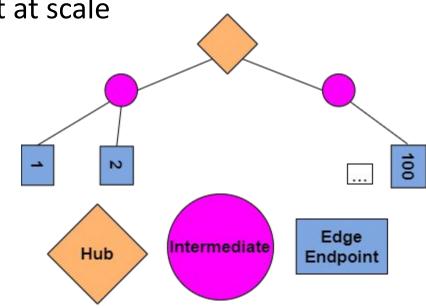
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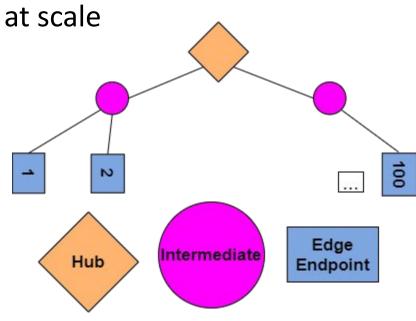
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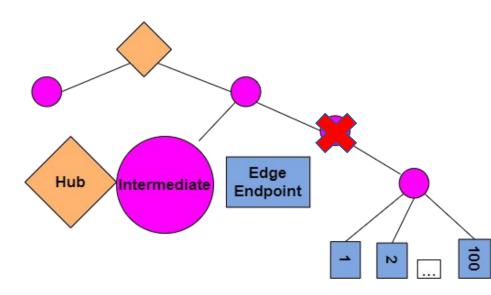
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 - Bootstrapping IoT runtimes 👍
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 - Min. bandwidth consumption X
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 - Peer-to-peer communication X
- Disconnected operation
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- Failure recovery
 - Caching workloads X
 - Avoid single point of failure X



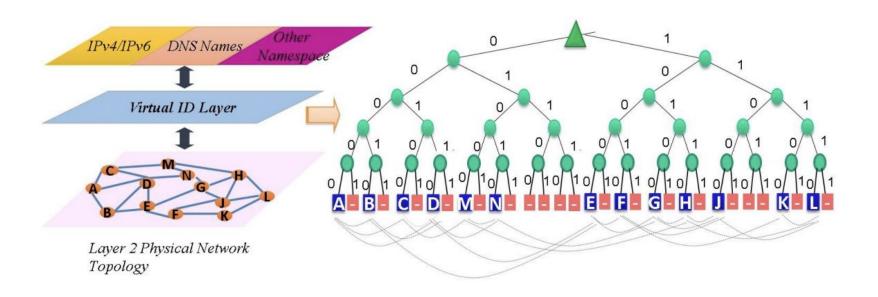
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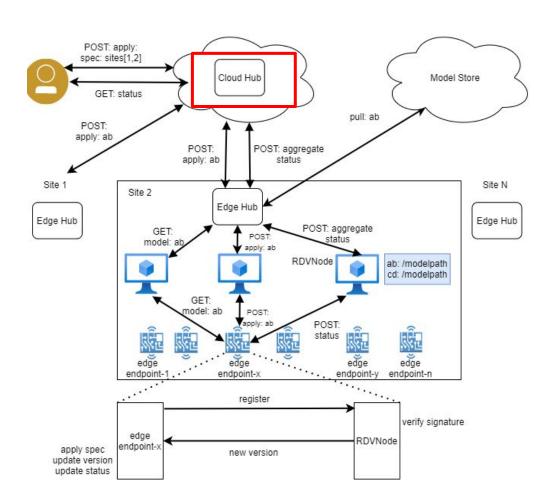
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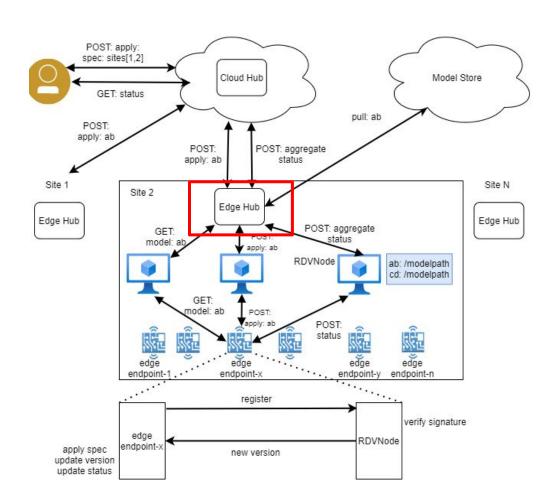
Proposed Solution – Key Idea Scaling Edge Deployments using Rendezvous Nodes

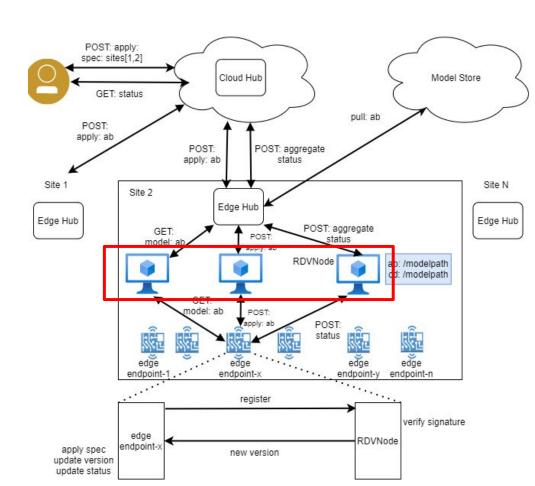


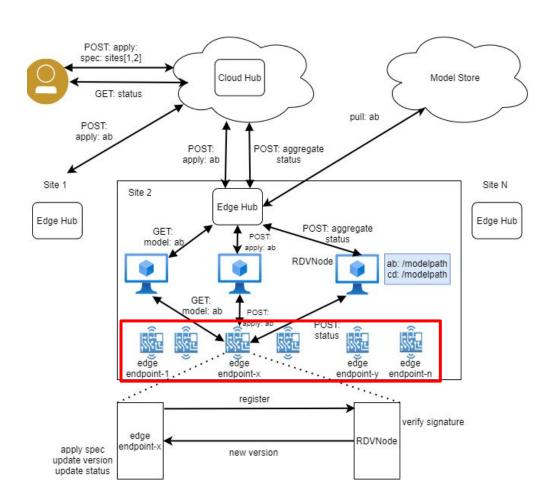
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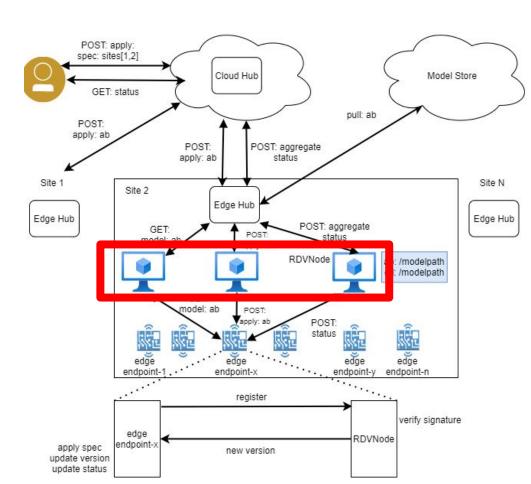
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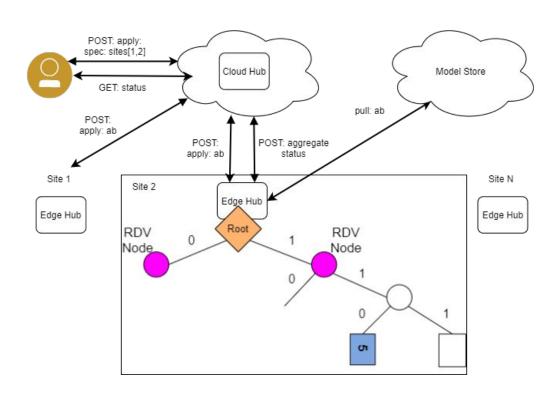


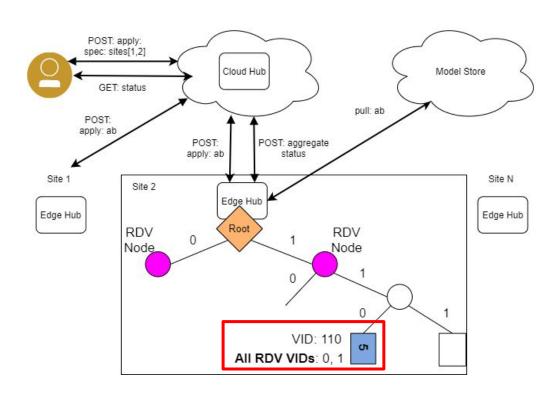


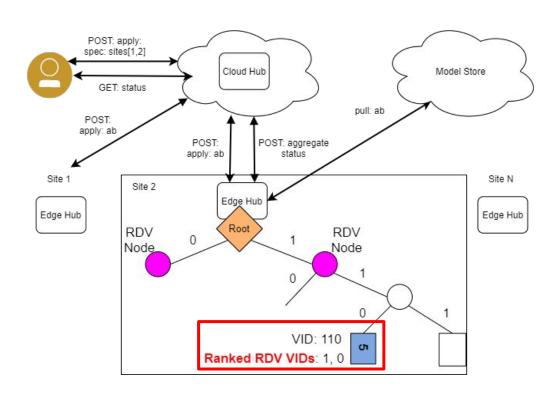








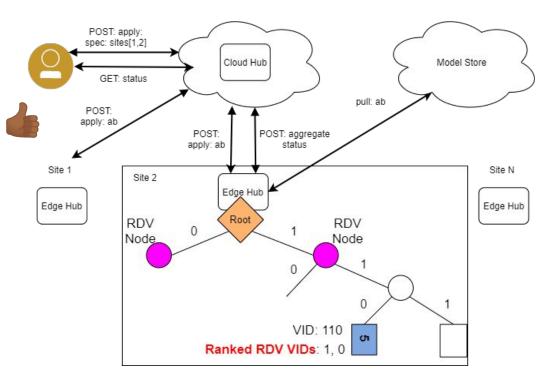




Priority list of RDV nodes

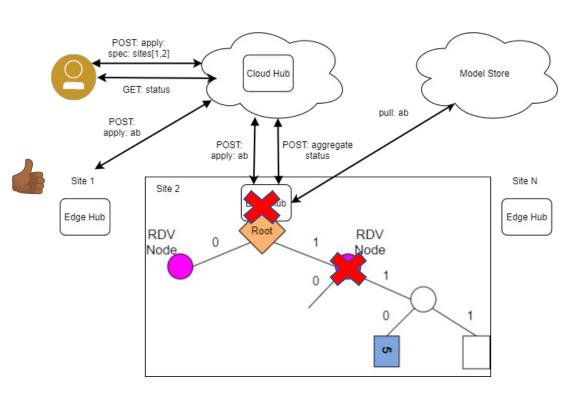


Minimal edge hub overhead

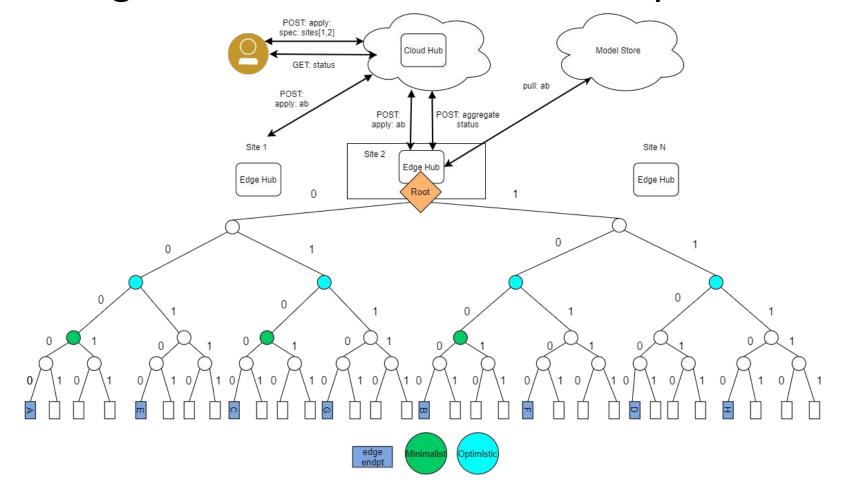


EdgeRDV Benefits: Multi-level Failure Resilience

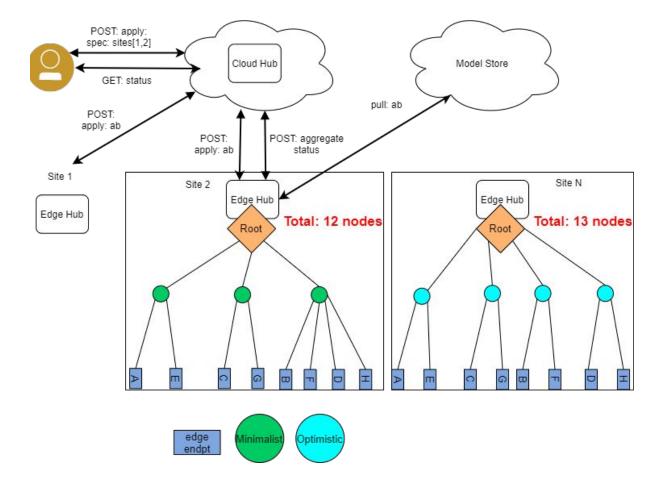
- Multi-level caching
- Multiple RDV nodes 👍
- Ranked list of backup RDVs



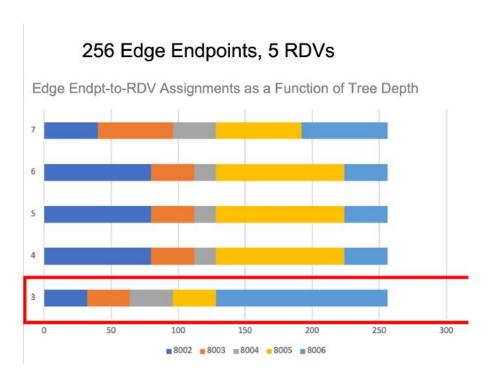
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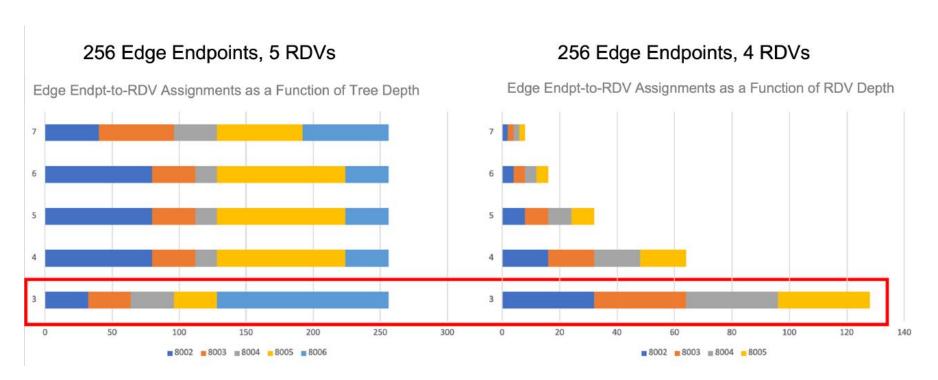


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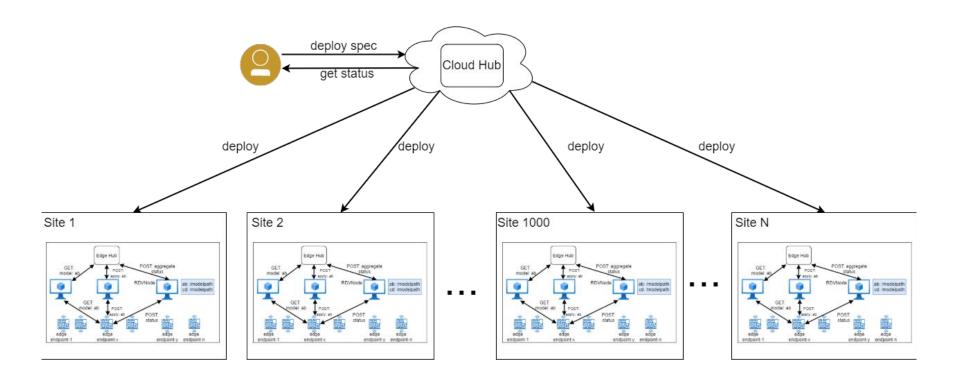
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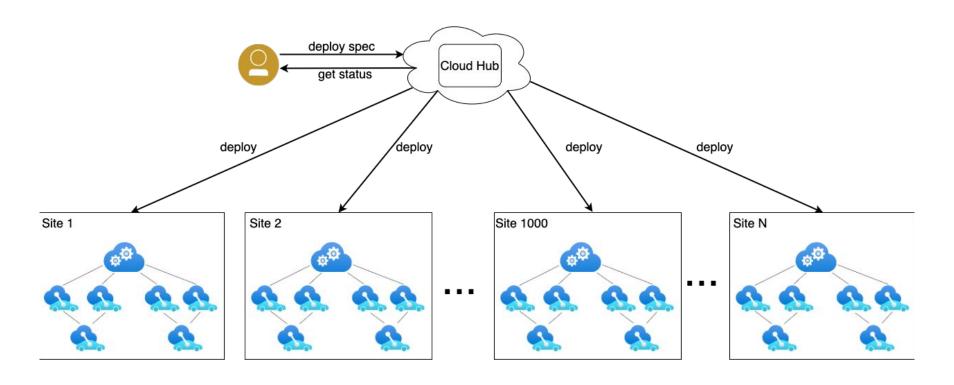
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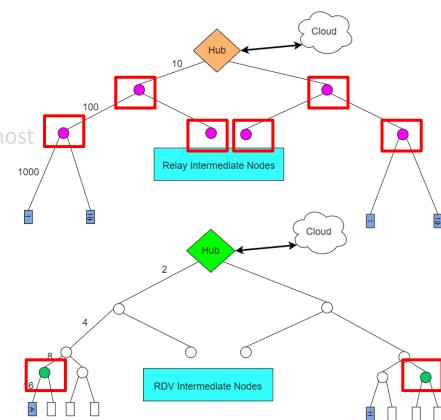
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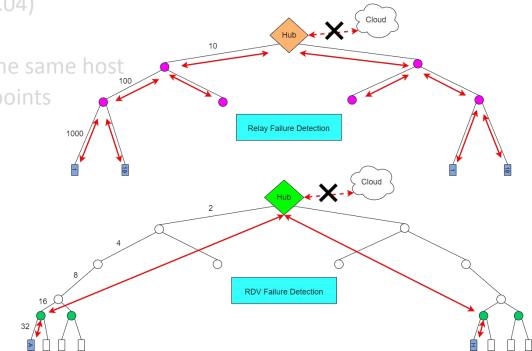


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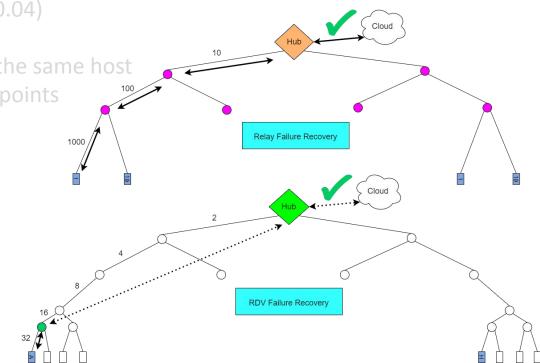
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Analysis: Minimizing Intermediate Nodes

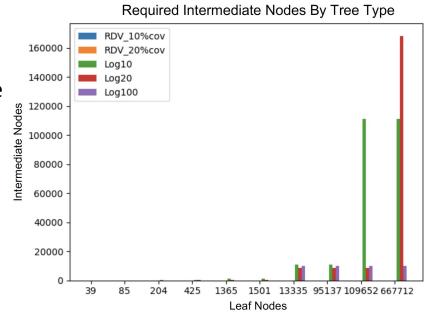
Minimizing intermediate nodes

Experiment:

 To estimate the number of intermediate nodes required to get messages to the hub

• Observation(s):

- RDV method has 10-1000x fewer intermediate nodes depending on targeted coverage
- RDV selection algorithm is sensitive to coverage and costs



Analysis: Detecting and Adapting to Failures

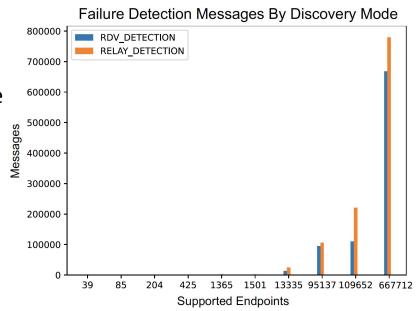
Time to acquiesce/adapt to failures

Experiment:

 To understand the number of messages required to update all endpoints of single point of failure (i.e., the hub)

Observation(s):

 RDV failure messages scale gracefully with number of endpoints

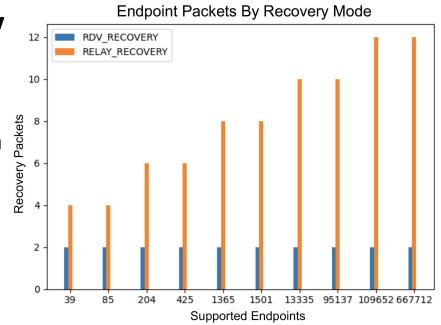


Analysis: Recovering from Failures

Model download in failure recovery

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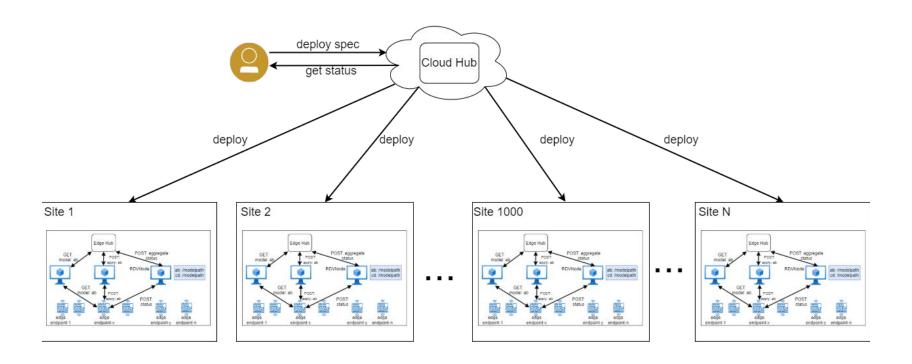
- To understand the number of control/data messages required to pull a new update during failure recovery
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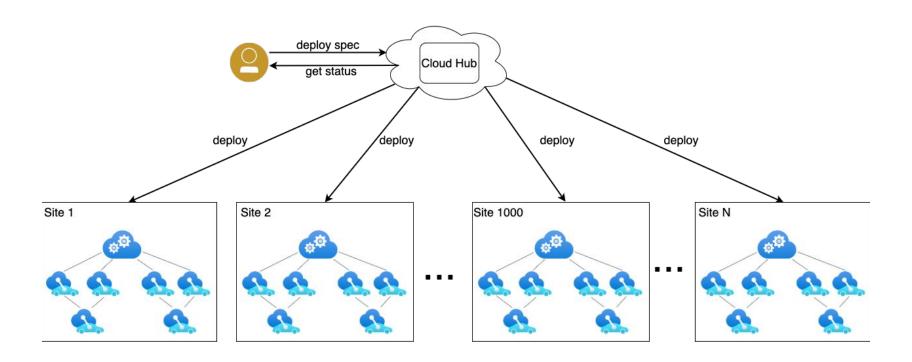
Next Steps

- Hardware implementation
 - Scalability
 - Bandwidth consumption
 - Data transfer
 - RTT optimization
- Novel applications
 - Digital agriculture

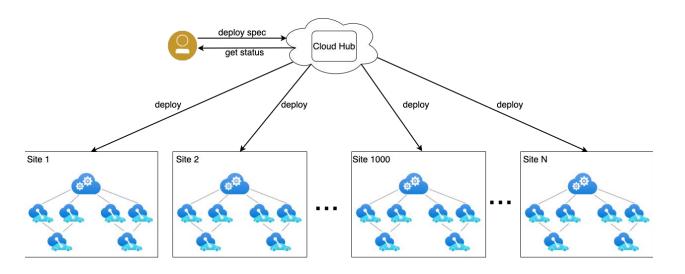
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- 1-3 orders of magnitude fewer intermediate nodes
- Scalable infrastructure bootstrapping
- Adjustable network resilience
- Efficient resource usage

Thank You



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