

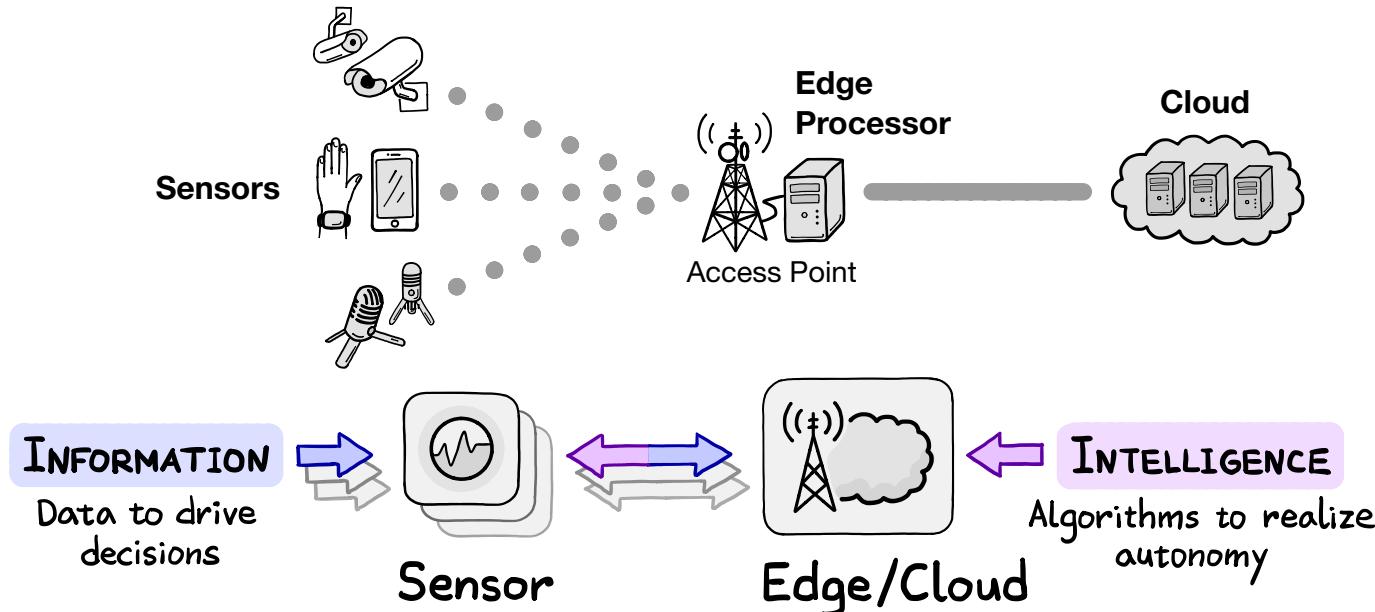
CLOUD-ASSISTED ON-SENSOR OBSERVATION CLASSIFICATION IN LATENCY-IMPEDED IOT SYSTEMS

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INTELLIGENT IoT IN PRINCIPLE

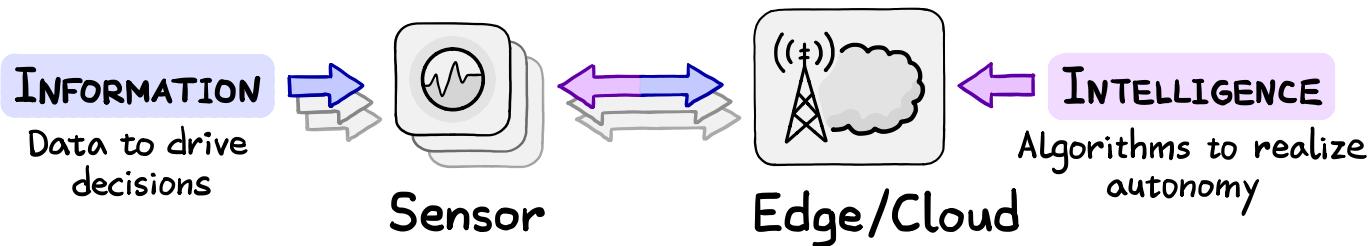


- Observes the environment
- Selectively informs the edge
- Adjusts its own operation

- Accumulates relevant observations
- Exercises high-level control
- Assists on-sensor decision-making

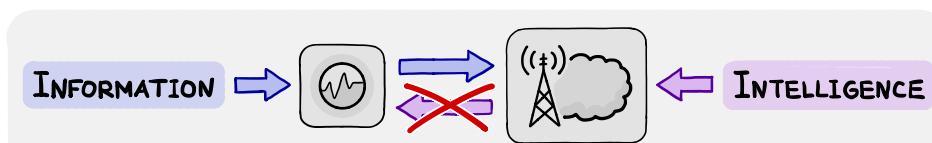
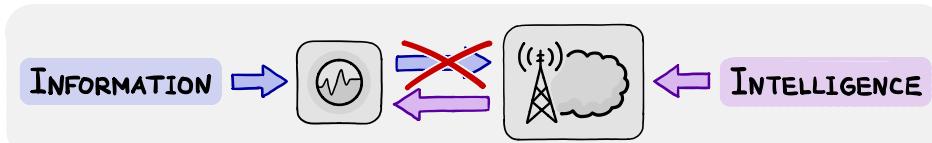
Goal: Realize the alliance between
information completeness and best intelligence

INTELLIGENT IoT CHALLENGE



System is constrained by:

- Sensor High-quality decision cannot be made locally
AND
- Channel with bottleneck in:
 - Bandwidth Edge/Cloud cannot see all observations in full
 - OR
 - Latency Decision turnaround is too slow for reactive sensor adjustments



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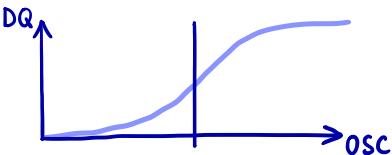
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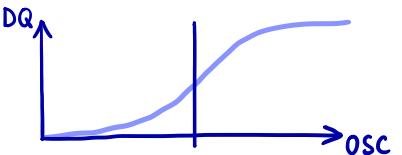
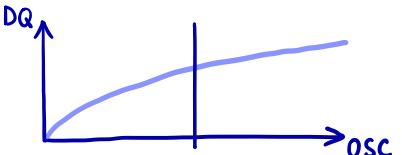
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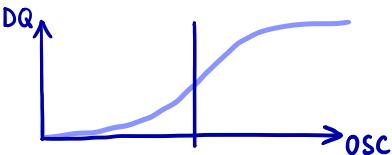
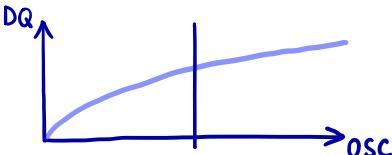
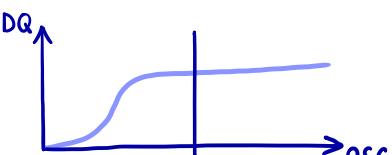
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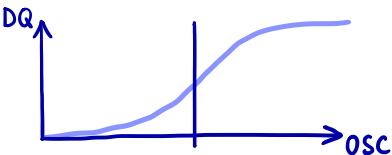
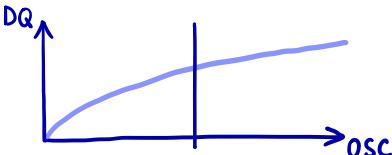
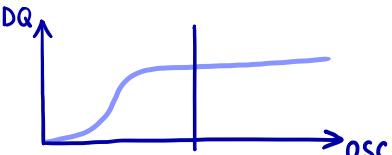
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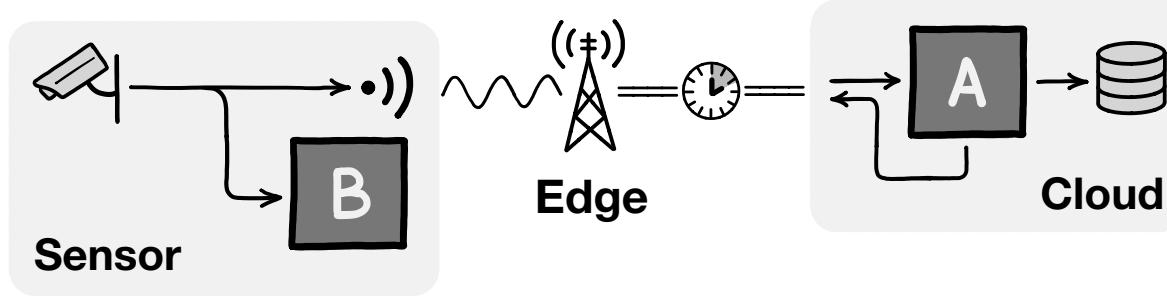
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	Decision Quality / On-Sensor Computation	Sensor-Cloud Communication	Decision Turnaround
• Offload all decisions to cloud	BEST	NONE	HIGH DELAYED
• Make all decisions on sensor		Low	NONE
• Compress observations and offload all decisions to cloud		MEDIUM	DELAYED
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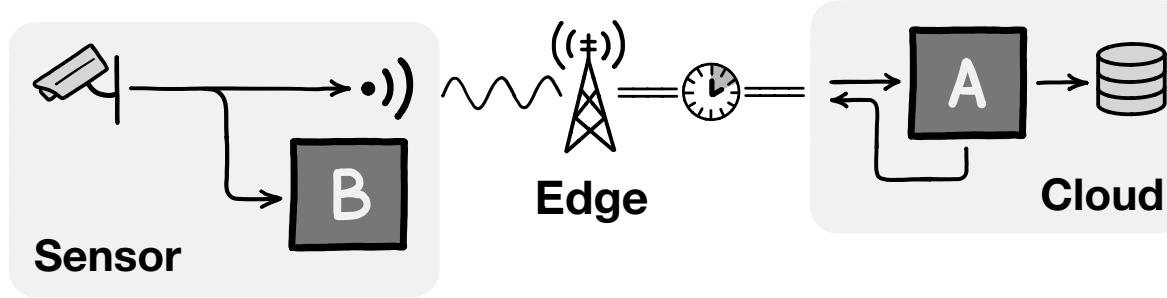
SENSOR-CLOUD COOPERATION MODEL



Model assumptions:

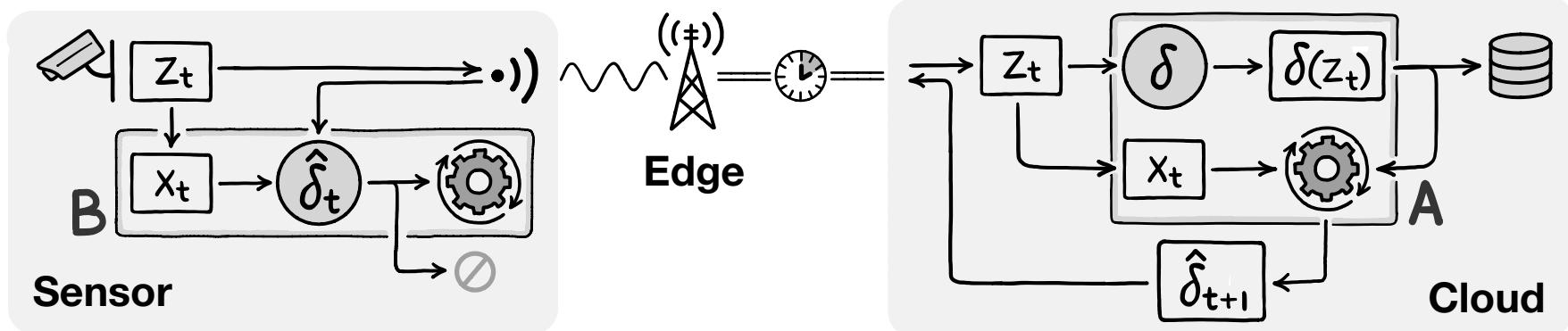
- Observations fall into two classes:
 - of interest to the sensor (positives)
 - and not (negatives)
 - Sensor adjusts to its environment by reacting to positives
 - Cloud can run the optimal classifier δ ; sensor can not
 - Sensor-cloud link has sufficient bandwidth but unacceptable latency for sensor adaptivity
- B**
- Sensor runs a low-complexity classifier, supplied by cloud, to make local decisions
- A**
- Cloud, via supervision of its classifier, trains the sensor's

SENSOR-CLOUD COOPERATION MODEL



Factors at play

- Delayed channel
- CPU, battery, etc.
- No tolerance for missing decisions
- Computation constraints
- Auxiliary decision $\hat{\delta}$ to learn
- Complexity of $\hat{\delta}$
- Need to react to environment
- Cost of error in feature space
- Expected risk V to minimize



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Problem Formulation

For the on-sensor decision rule $\hat{\delta}: f(x, \theta) \geq \mu$

$$V(\tau) \triangleq \mathbb{E}[I_E(z, \tau) |r(u_\theta - \mu)|] \longrightarrow \min_{\tau} \text{ s.t. } \psi(\tau) \leq \psi_*$$

Expected penalty for errors

$$\tau = \text{vec}[\theta, \mu]$$

Parameters

$$u_\theta \triangleq f(x, \theta)$$

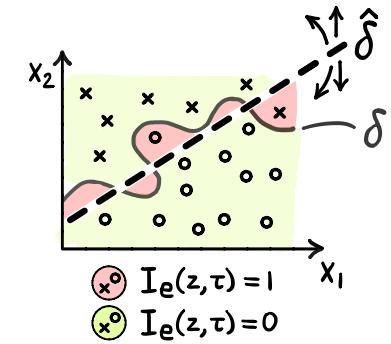
Decision function

$$\mu$$

Threshold

$$\psi(\tau) \triangleq \mathbb{E}[\hat{I}_\mu^{(1)}(u_\theta)]$$

Probability of positives



$$\psi_* > \pi_* \triangleq \mathbb{E}[I_1(z)]$$

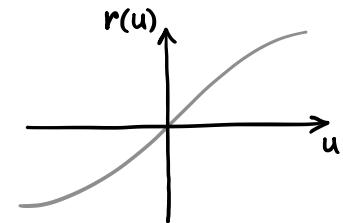
Potential positive classifiability

$\hat{I}_\mu^{(1)}$, $I_1 \in \{0, 1\}$ indicate whether an observation z with features x is classified as a positive and is a true positive, respectively.

$I_E(z, \tau) \triangleq (1 - I_1(z)) \hat{I}_\mu^{(1)}(u_\theta) + I_1(z) (1 - \hat{I}_\mu^{(1)}(u_\theta))$ is the error indicator.

r is a loss function based on the “distance” $u_\theta - \mu$.

In the simplest case, $r(u_\theta - \mu) = u_\theta - \mu$.



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Expected risk (nontrivial $r(\cdot)$): $V(\tau) \triangleq \mathbb{E}[I_E(z, \tau) | r(u_\theta - \mu)|] \longrightarrow \min_{\tau}$

Practical stochastic gradient is possible when

$I_E(z, \tau)$ and $r(\cdot)$ concord to allow $I_E(z, \tau) \cdot |r(\cdot)|$ to be differentiable

In $V(\tau)$: $r(u_\theta - \mu) > 0$ when $I_E(z, \tau) = 1$

$r(u_\theta - \mu) \leq 0$ when $I_E(z, \tau) = 0$

DECISION RULE UPDATE

Algorithm

$$\tau_{t+1} = \mathcal{H}(\tau_t - \gamma_t \hat{G}(z_{t+1}, \tau_t)),$$

where $\hat{G}(z, \tau) \triangleq \text{vec}[J(z, \tau) \nabla_\theta f(x, \theta), -J(z, \tau)]$
is a stochastic quasi-gradient of $V(\tau)$;

$J(z, \tau) \triangleq \begin{cases} +1, & \text{for false positive;} \\ 0, & \text{for correct;} \\ -1, & \text{for false negative;} \end{cases}$
is the signed error indicator;

γ_t is learning rate; and

$\mathcal{H}(\tau)$ is a transformation encapsulating the a priori knowledge on parameter localization (or $\mathcal{H}(\tau) \equiv \tau$).

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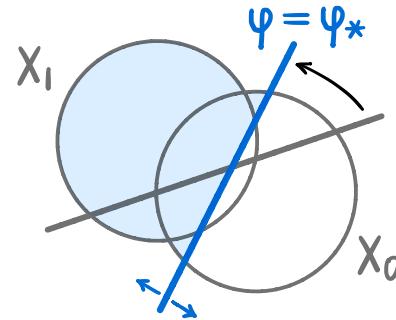
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i.e., $\psi(\tau_t)$ converges to $\pi_1 < \psi_*$ w.p. 1.



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