

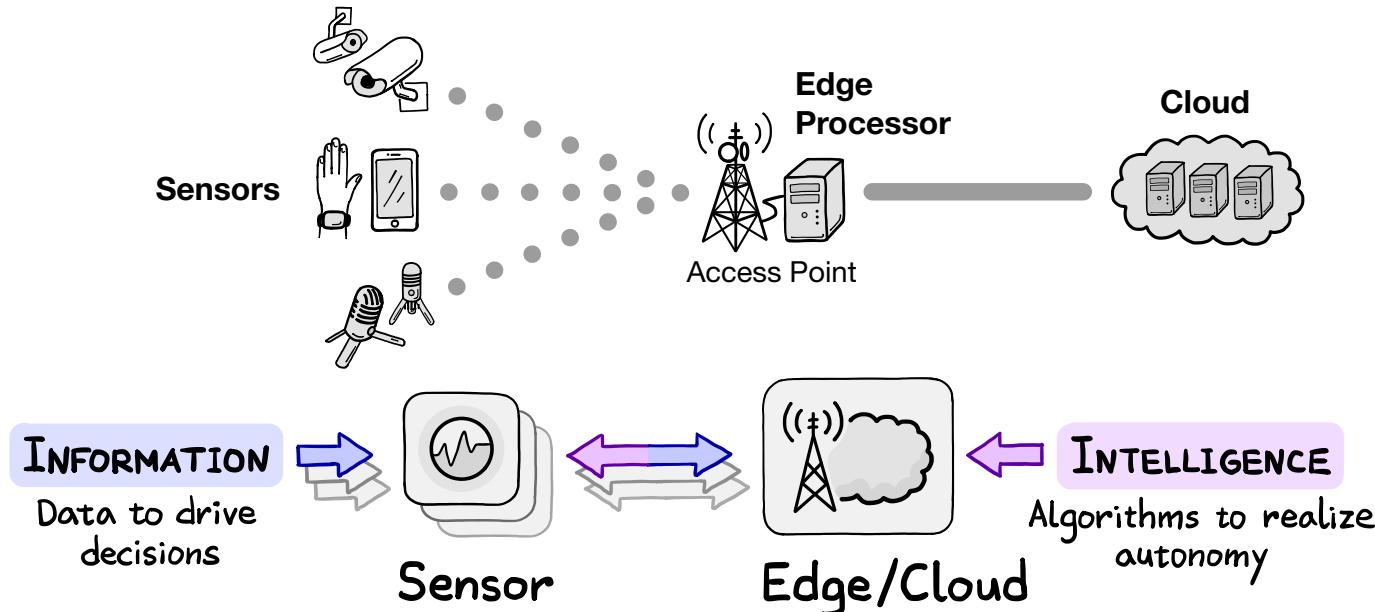
# CLOUD-ASSISTED ON-SENSOR OBSERVATION CLASSIFICATION IN LATENCY-IMPEDED IOT SYSTEMS

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# INTELLIGENT IoT IN PRINCIPLE

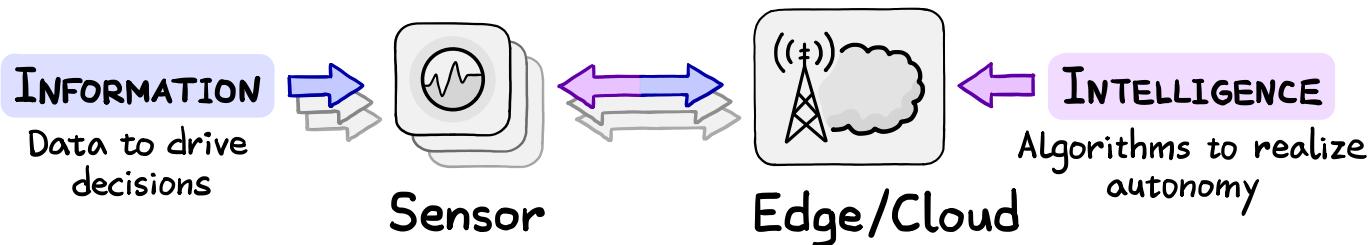


- Observes the environment
- Selectively informs the edge
- Adjusts its own operation

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

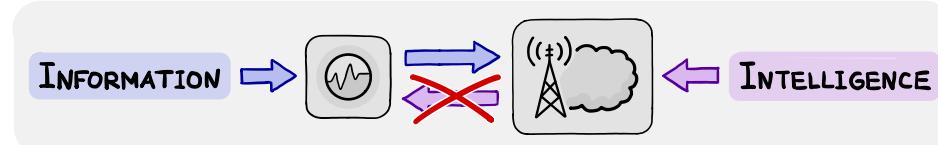
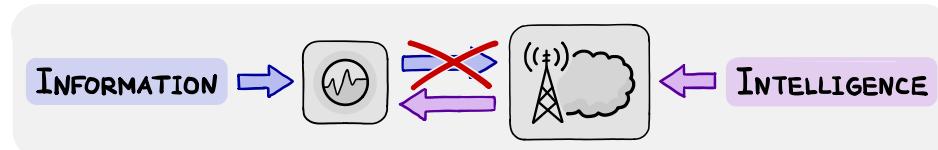
**Goal:** Realize the alliance between  
information completeness and best intelligence

# INTELLIGENT IoT CHALLENGE



System is constrained by:

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



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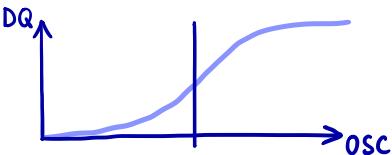
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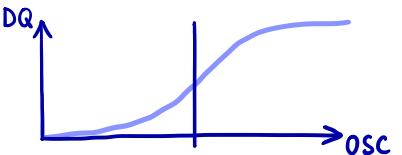
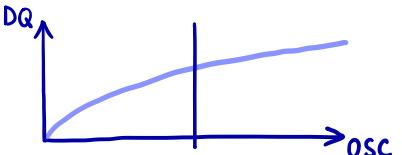
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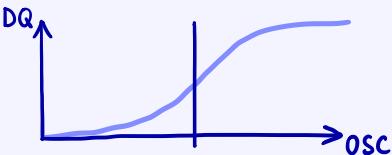
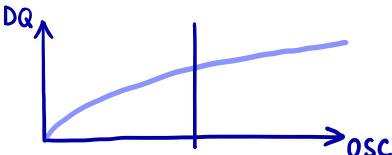
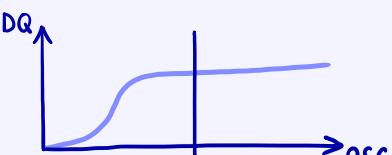
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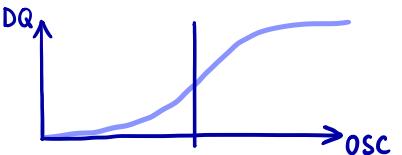
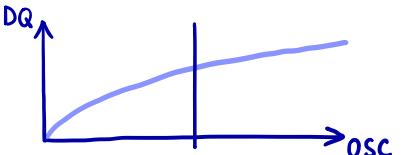
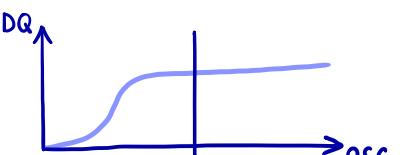
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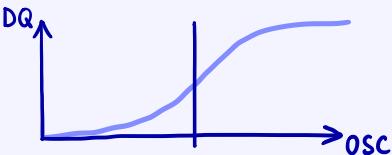
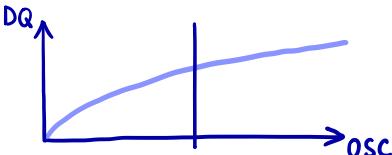
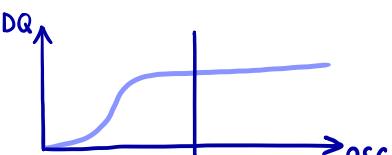
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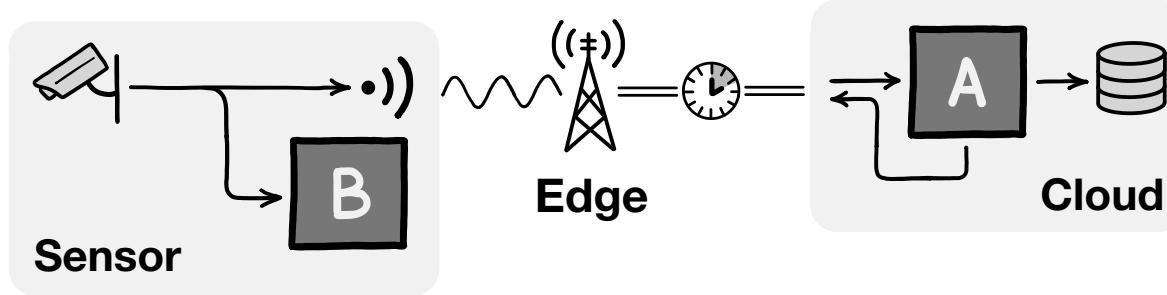
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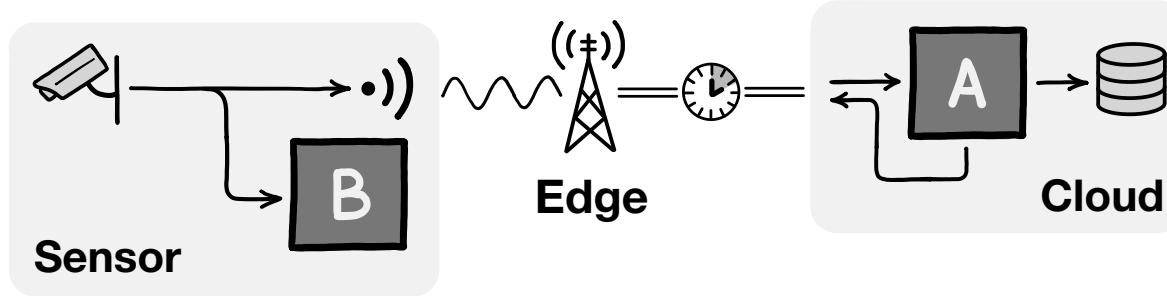
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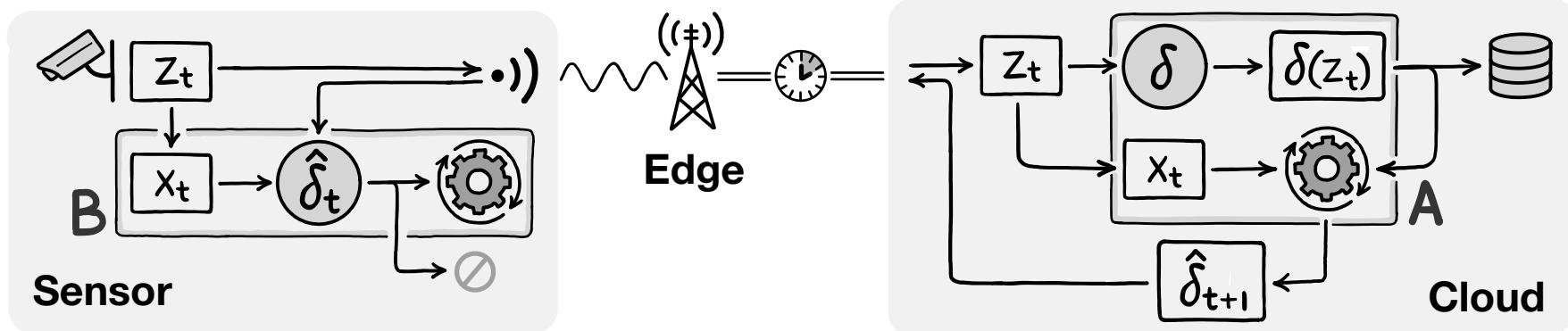
- Observations fall into two classes:
    - of interest to the sensor (positives)
    - and not (negatives)
  - Sensor adjusts to its environment by reacting to positives
  - Cloud can run the optimal classifier  $\delta$ ; sensor can not
  - Sensor-cloud link has sufficient bandwidth but unacceptable 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

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## 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  $\hat{\delta}: f(x, \theta) \gtrsim \mu$

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

Expected penalty for errors

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

Parameters

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

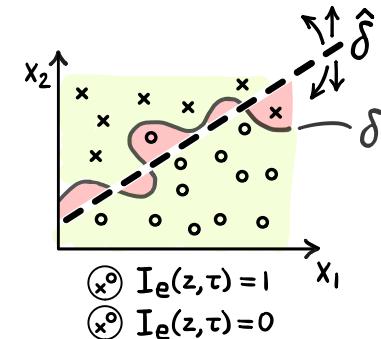
Decision function

$$\mu$$

Threshold

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

Probability of positives



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

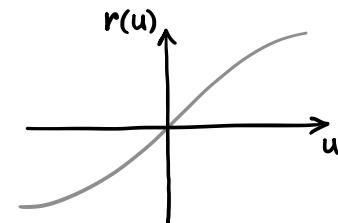
Potential positive classifiability

$\hat{I}_\mu^{(1)}$ ,  $I_1 \in \{0, 1\}$  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;

$\gamma_t$  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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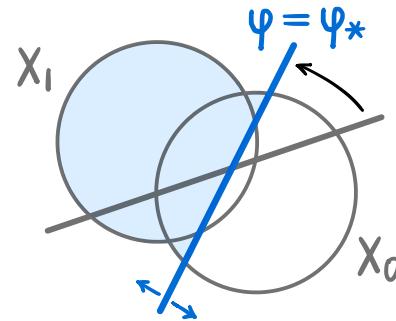
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