

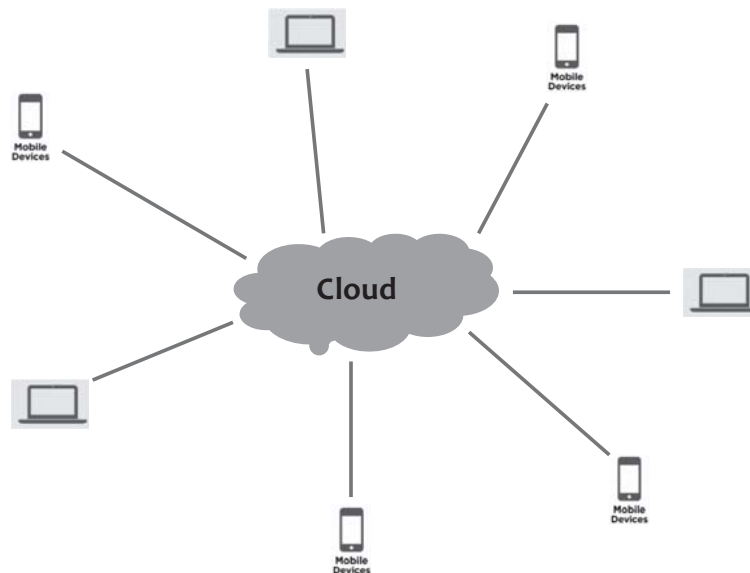
# EDGE COMPUTING CONCEPTS, MOTIVATIONS, AND CHALLENGES

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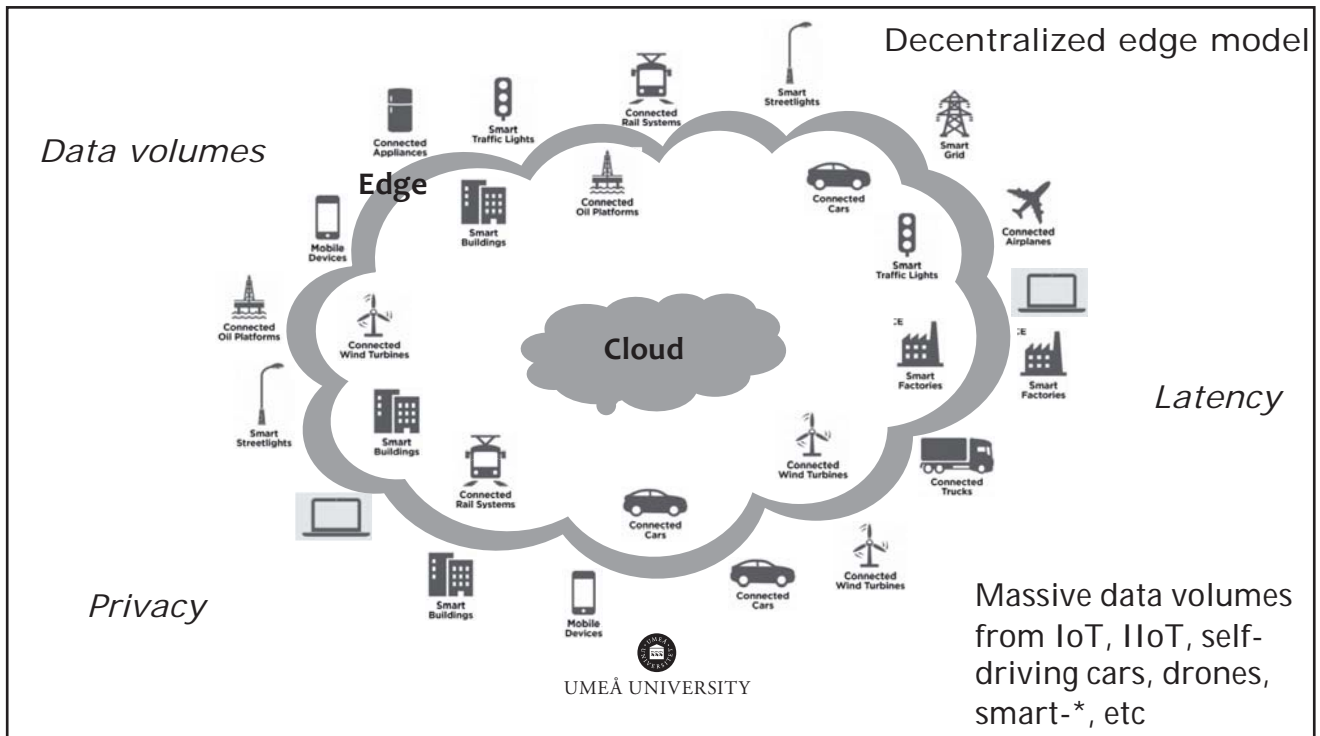


Centralized cloud model

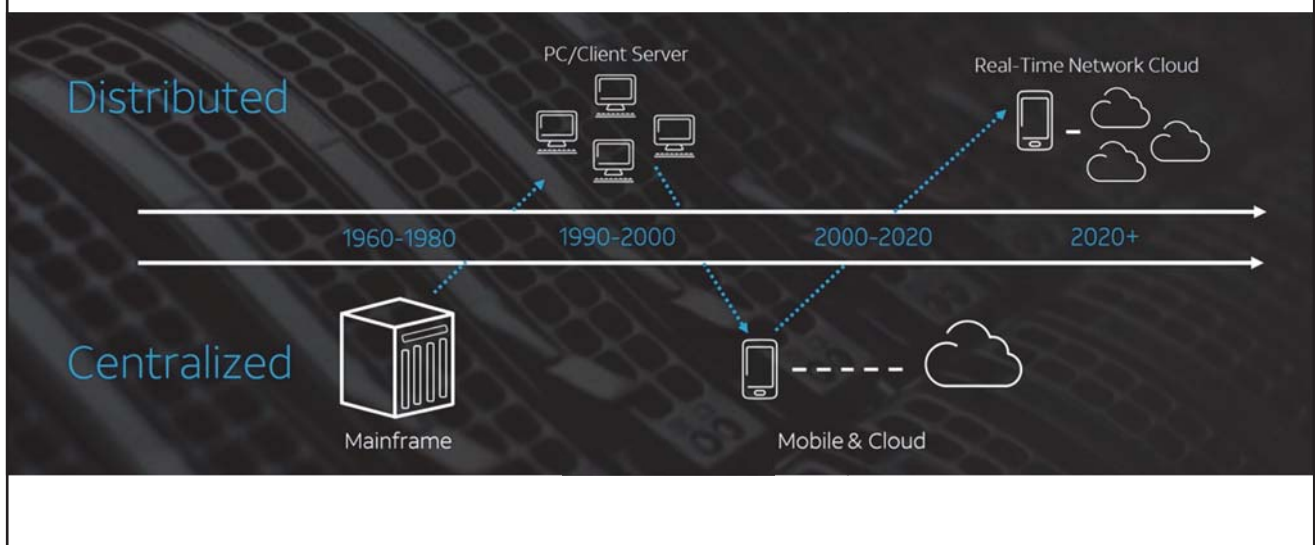


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Near future expectation:  
• 1 GB/person per day



## CENTRALIZED OR DISTRIBUTED? WE HAVE SEEN IT ALL BEFORE!

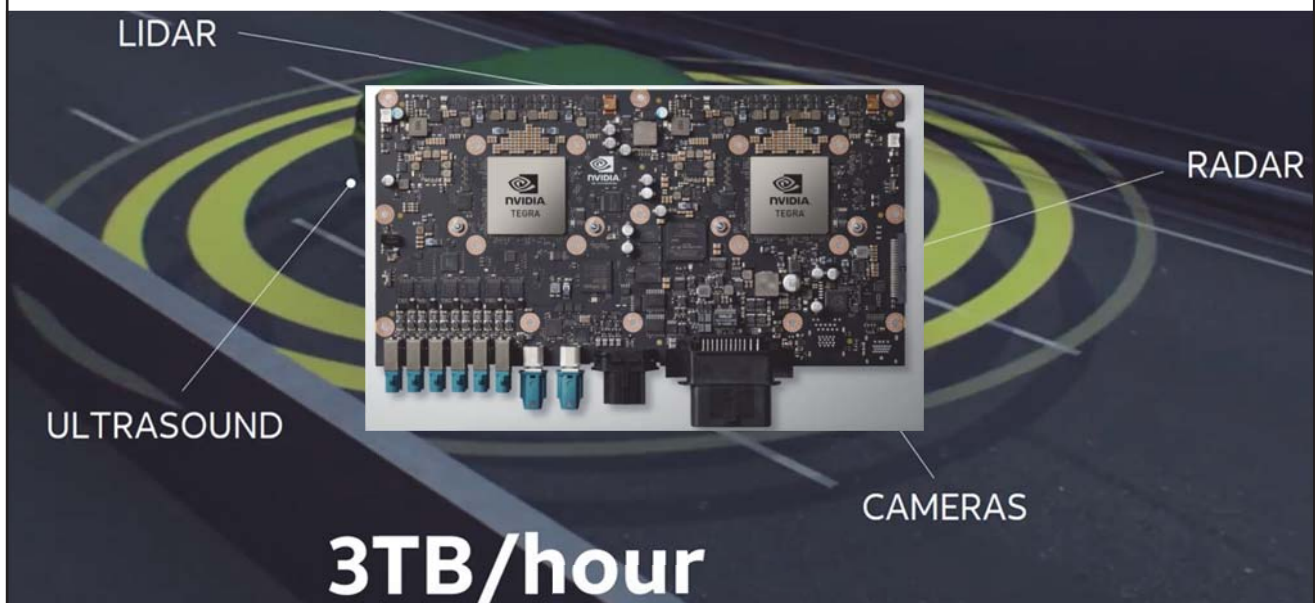


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  - Cheap, powerful, and ubiquitous sensors. Video cams a good example
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## DATA CENTER ON WHEELS!





**Assume these are self-driving cars,**  
guided by on-line traffic control

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### Response-time critical

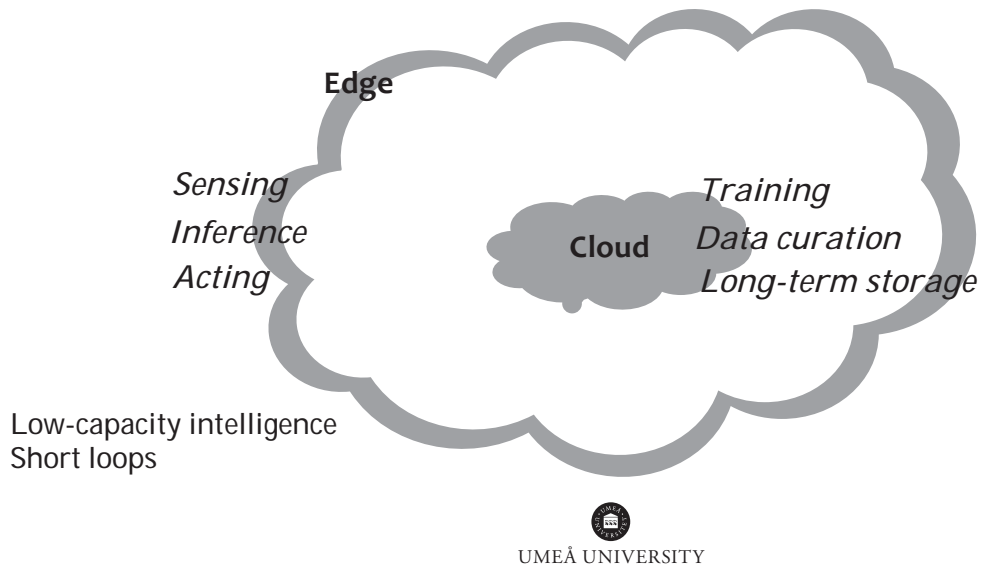
- VR/AR applications
- Smart factories, control loops
- Smart hospitals, remote surgery
- Autonomous driving

### Locality-sensitive data handling

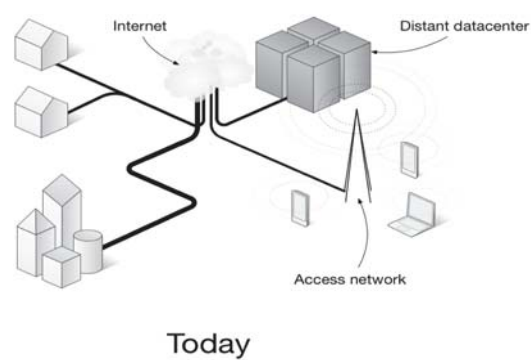
- Data too sensitive for off-premise
- Data location legislations
- Data of pure local interest



## INTELLIGENCE AT THE EDGE



## FROM DATACENTERS TO EDGE COMPUTING



## SAMPLE CHALLENGES

- Performance & availability demands
- Cost
  - Investments
  - Maintenance in distributed hard-to-control environments
- Power consumption
- Programming models
- Security / Privacy / Compliance
- Scalability
- Complex multi-stakeholder scenarios
- Overall self-management



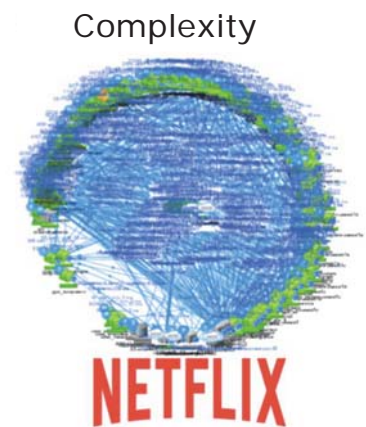
## RELATED & SUPPORTING TRENDS

- Containerization complementing traditional virtualization
- Orchestration – primarily Kubernetes and cloud-native design
- AI pushed out to the edge
- Edge development goes hand-in-hand with 5G development
- Functional safety - freedom from unacceptable risk of physical injury or of damage to health
- Time-sensitive networking - deterministic networking
- Privacy & compliance





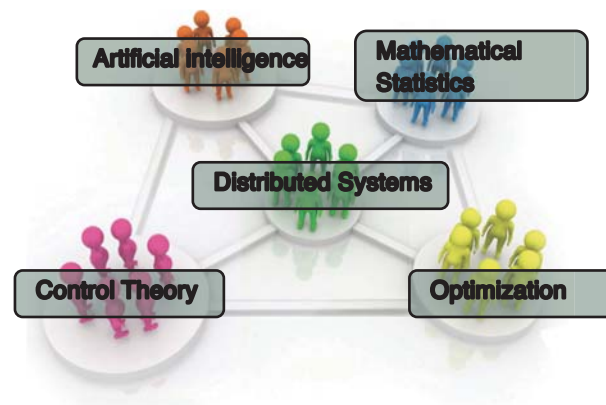
# INTELLIGENT EDGE CLOUD AUTOMATION



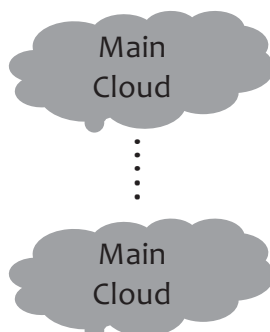
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## OUR APPROACH

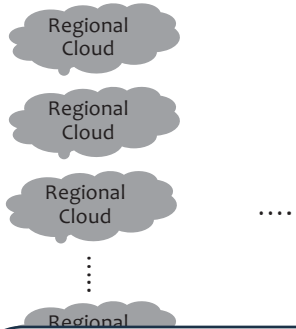


## MULTI-STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT SCENARIO



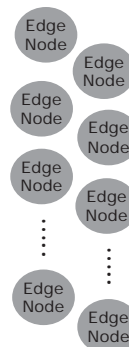
### Management:

- App-owner has contracts with multiple cloud & telco providers
- Management by virtual operator or telco/cloud provider
- Management decisions left-to-right



### Challenges:

- Scarce edge resources (capacity & power)
- Co-management – both resources & applications
- Different application characteristics
- Different performance demands



### Stakeholders:

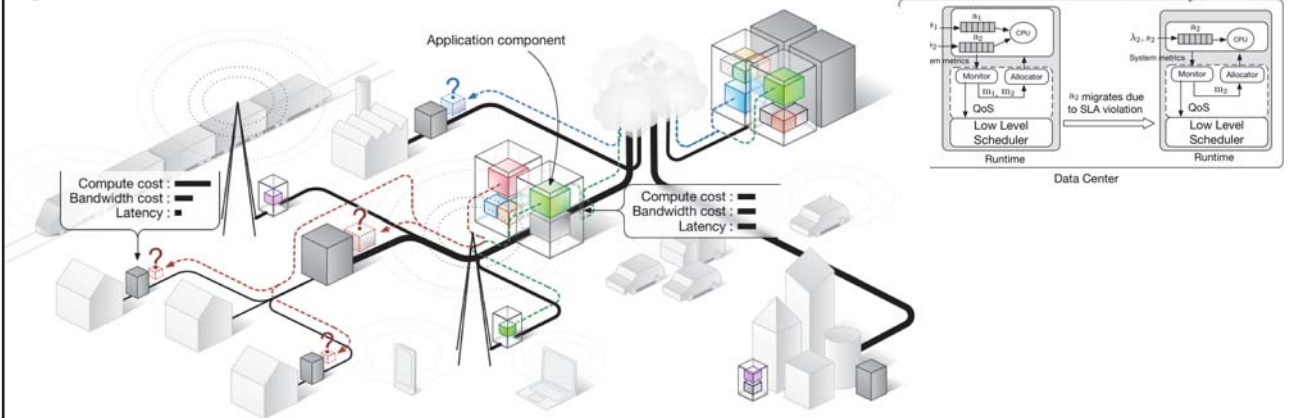
- Cloud-providers
- Telecom operators
- Virtual operators
- Application-owners
- IoT-owners



Many telcos / private  
Specialized, heterogeneous  
In neighborhood/on-premise  
Power-constrained  
Limited multi-tenancy



## Controlling end-user performance and network load



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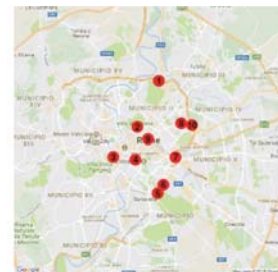
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## WORKLOAD PREDICTION, MOBILITY PREDICTION

- Edge clouds modelling using the real geographical distribution of the network base stations
- Multivariate Long Short Term Memory networks (recurrent neural network) on historical workload information of edge resources



Emulated edge clouds  
with resource distribution  
in San Francisco & Rome



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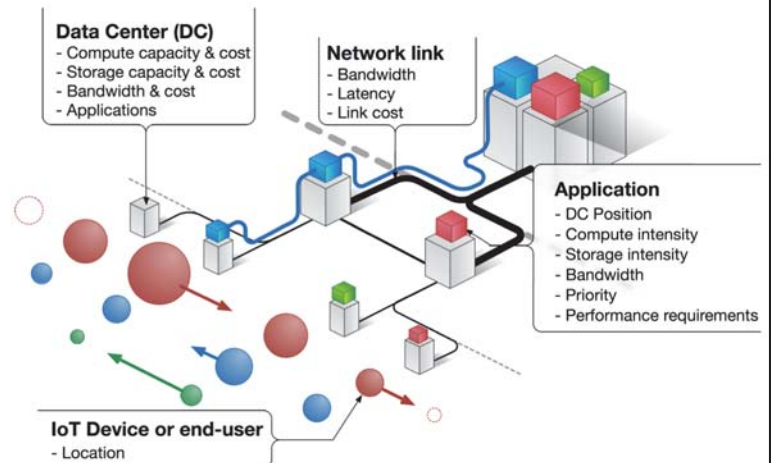
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## EDGE CLOUD DESIGN

Example:

Quantify the benefit of additional Data Centers (DCs) closer to the network edge for the optimal application placement

- How close?
- How many layers?
- What relative size?

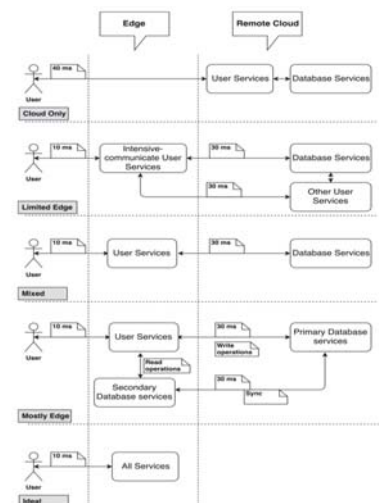
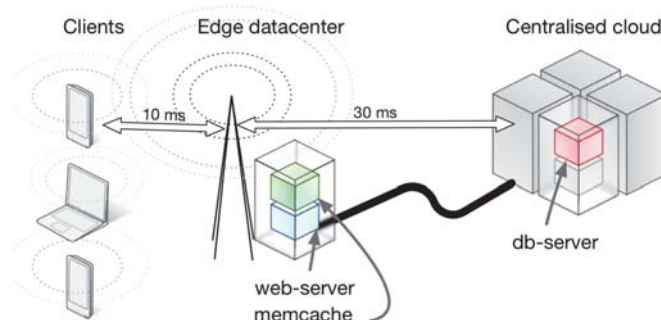


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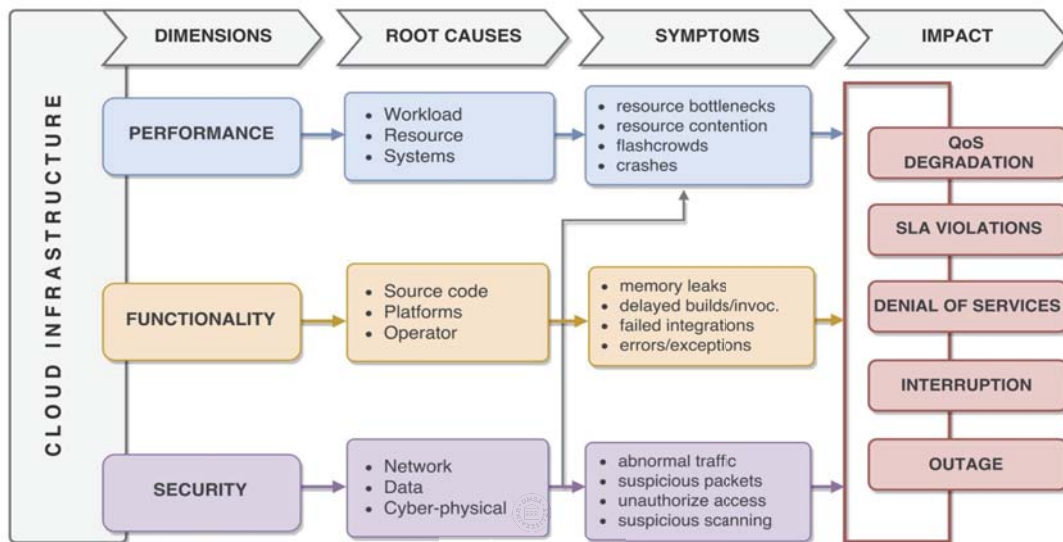
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Software design for highly distributed edge clouds

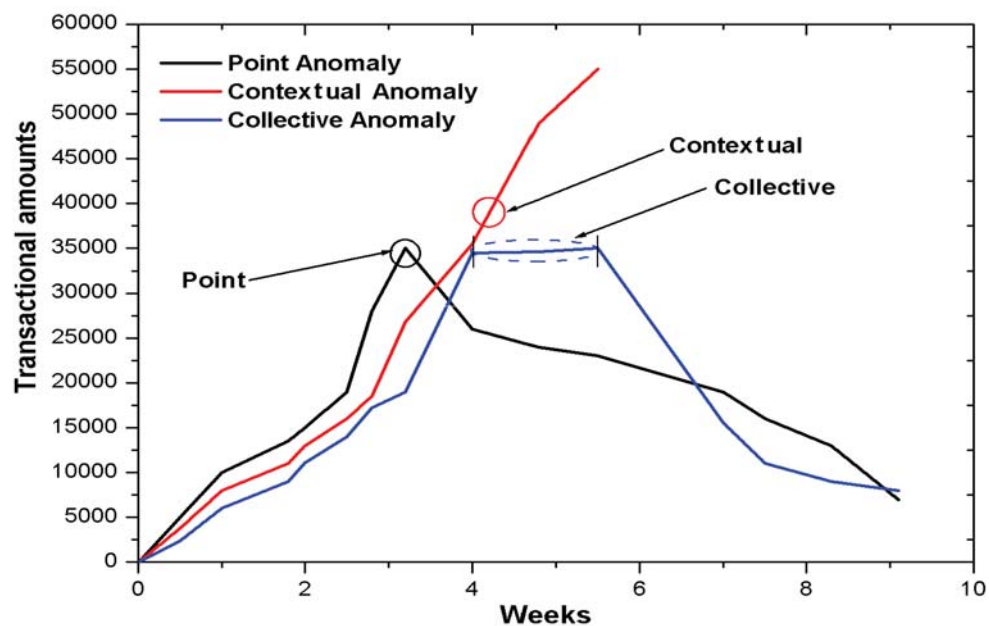


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## AUTOMATED ANOMALY DETECTION



## ANOMALIES: ILLUSTRATION



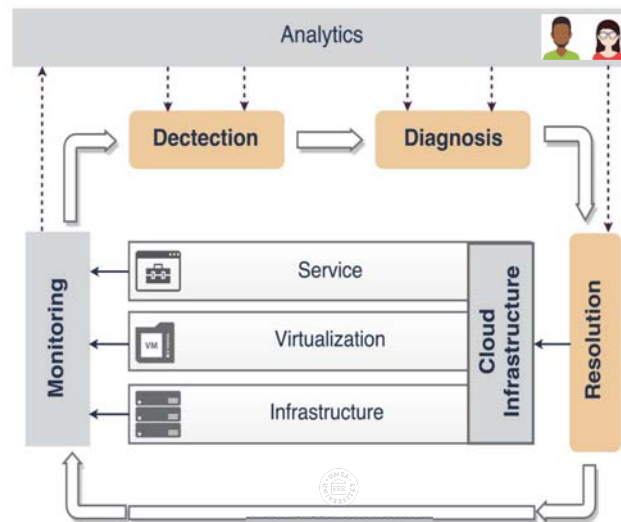
# ANOMALY DETECTION PIPELINE (THE MAPE LOOP OF ANOMALY DETECTION)

## Anomalies

- increased latency, SLA violation, excessive stolen CPU cycles, unreachable endpoints

## KPIs

- response time, throughput, resource usage, errors and workload rates



## Root-causes

- crashed servers, resource contention, code bugs, DDoS attacks

## Corrective actions

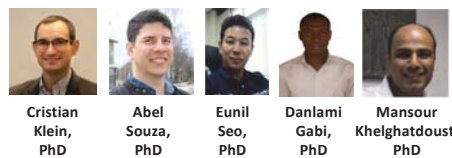
- passive: rebooting, replacement, reconfiguration  
- active: micro-booting, patching, throttling, scaling, migration,

## The Autonomous Distributed Systems Lab

### Principal Investigators



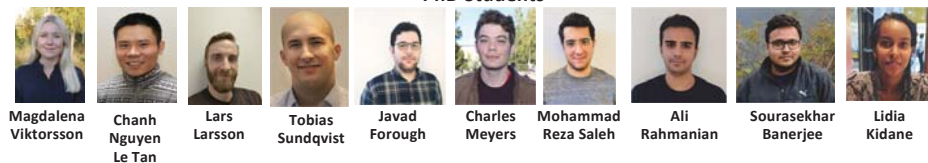
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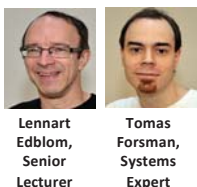
### Affiliated Researchers



### PhD Students



### Others



### Recent PhD/PostDoc Departures

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- Amardeep Mehta, Ericsson Research (Stockholm)
- Olumuyiwa Ibidunmoye, IBM Advanced Analytics (Calgary)
- Gonzalo Rodrigo, Apple, USA (via Lawrence Berkeley Lab)
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