

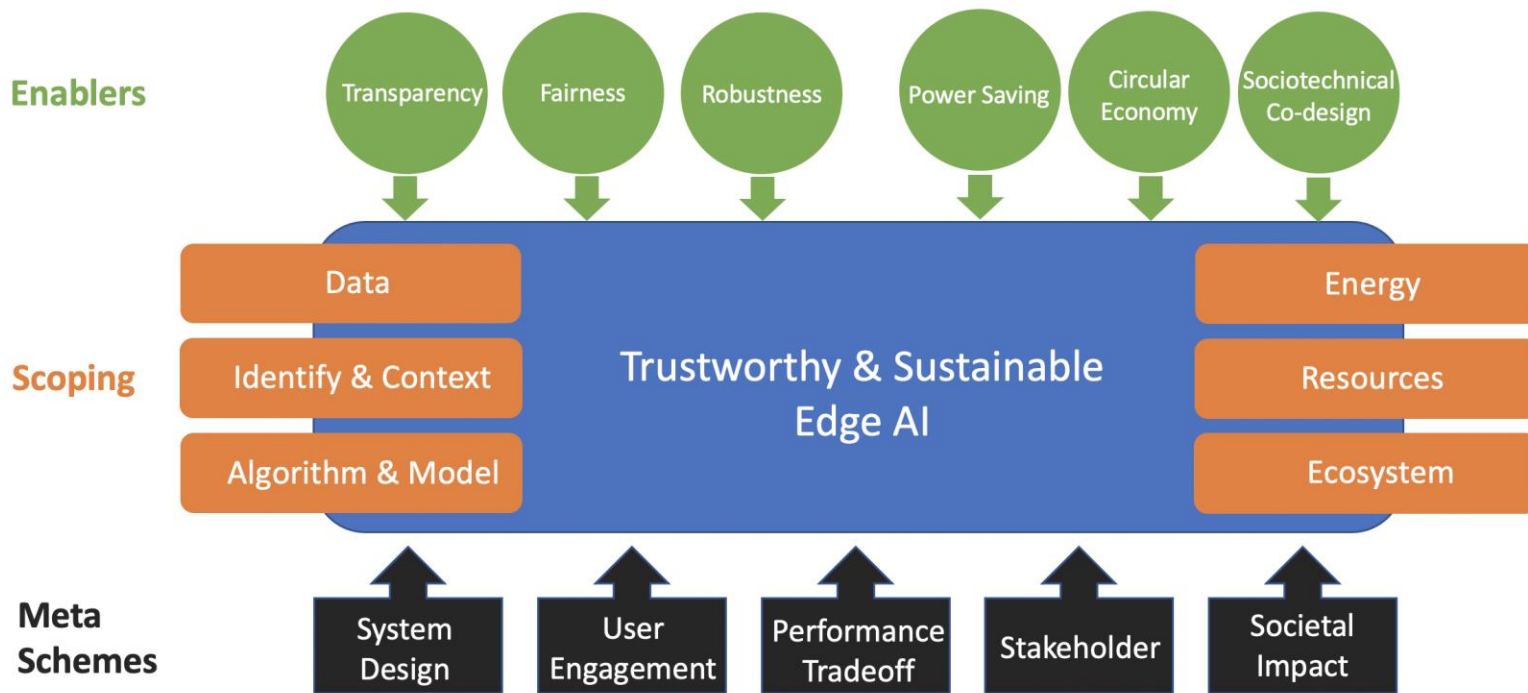
# *Sustainable & Trustworthy Edge AI for Future Computing*

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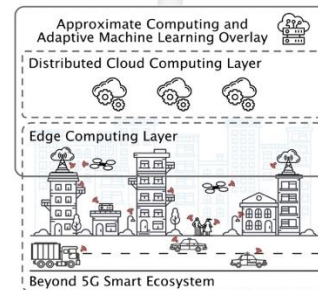


# Complex Subject



# CPI on Edge AI

- SPATIAL of €5M grant
- APROPOS of €4M grant



## Trustworthy Edge AI

Score: **98/100** | Rate: **8%**



## Sustainable Edge AI

Score: **14.5/15** | Rate: **3%**



# Is Edge AI a Real Thing?

# Edge AI is **Real**

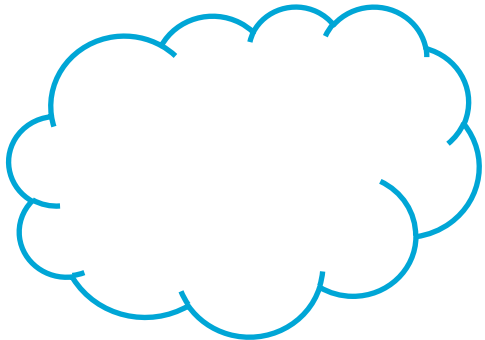
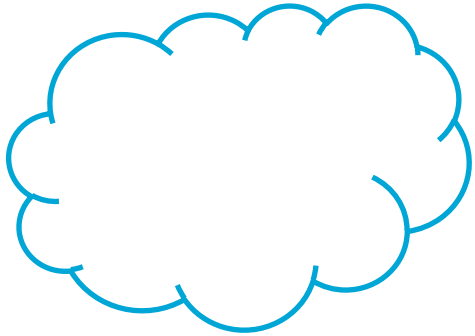
Provider	Hardware
Google	Tensor Processing Units (TPU)
Intel	Movidius Vision Processing Units (VPUs) & Xeon D-2100
Qualcomm	Qualcomm Snapdragon 8 Series, Hexagon DSP
Huawei	Ascend Series & Kirin 600/900 NPU
Samsung	Exynos 9820 Neural Processing Unit (NPU)
NVIDIA	TURING GPU

Provider	Dev Platform
Microsoft	Azure Data Box Edge
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Huawei	Atlas AI Computing Platform

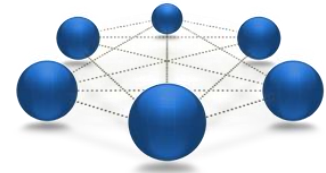
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Google	Google Cloud IoT
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# *What exactly is Edge AI ?*

# Edge Paradigm

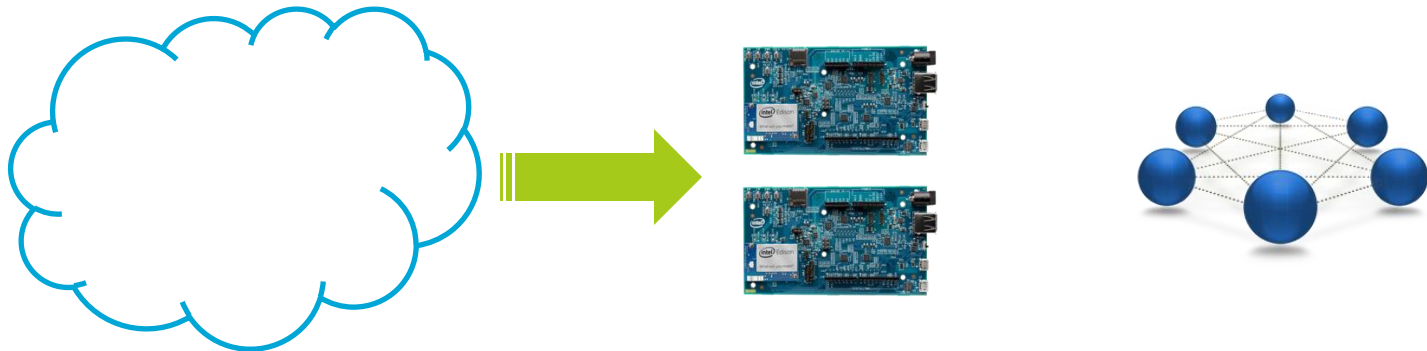
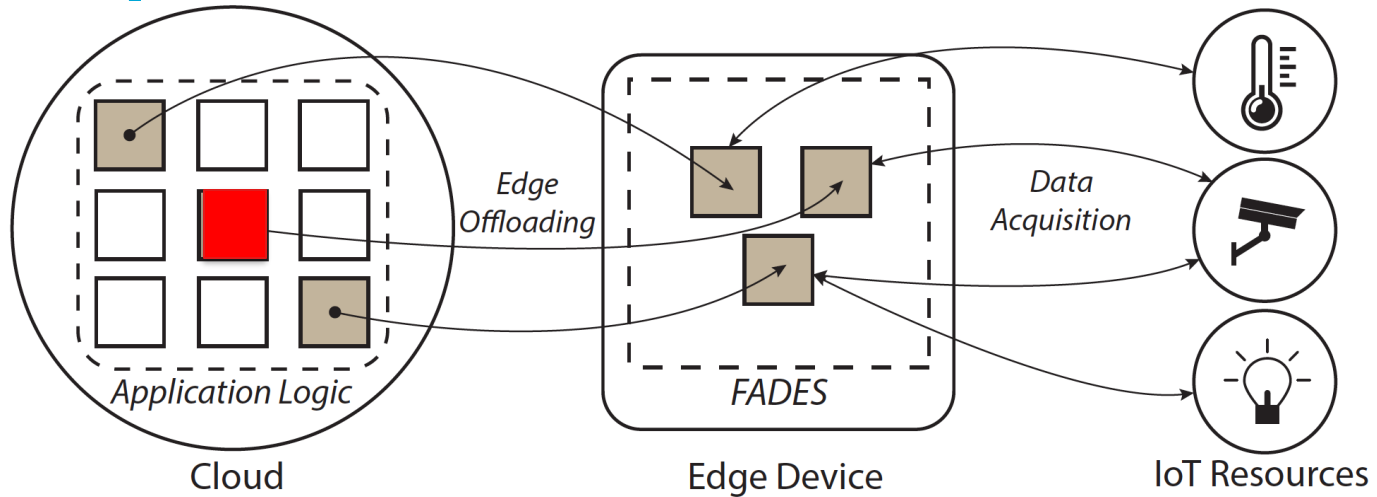


Edge



IoT

# Example

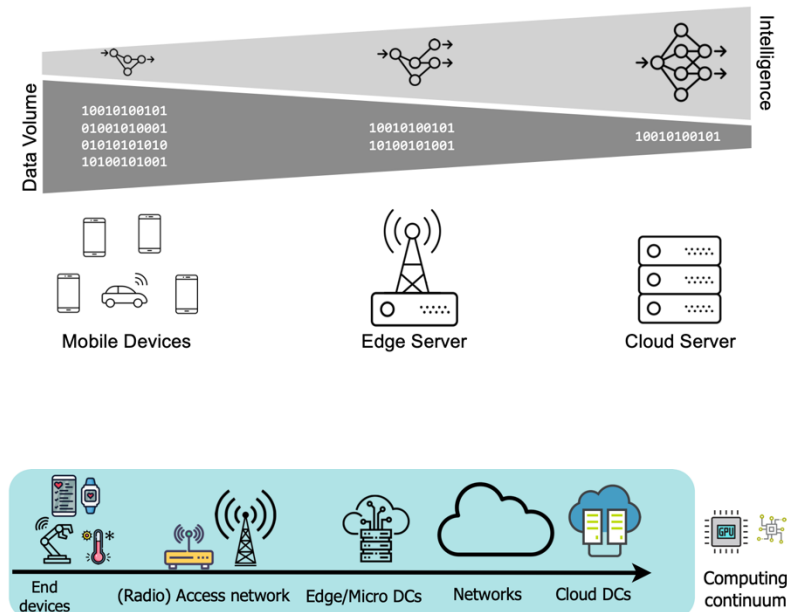




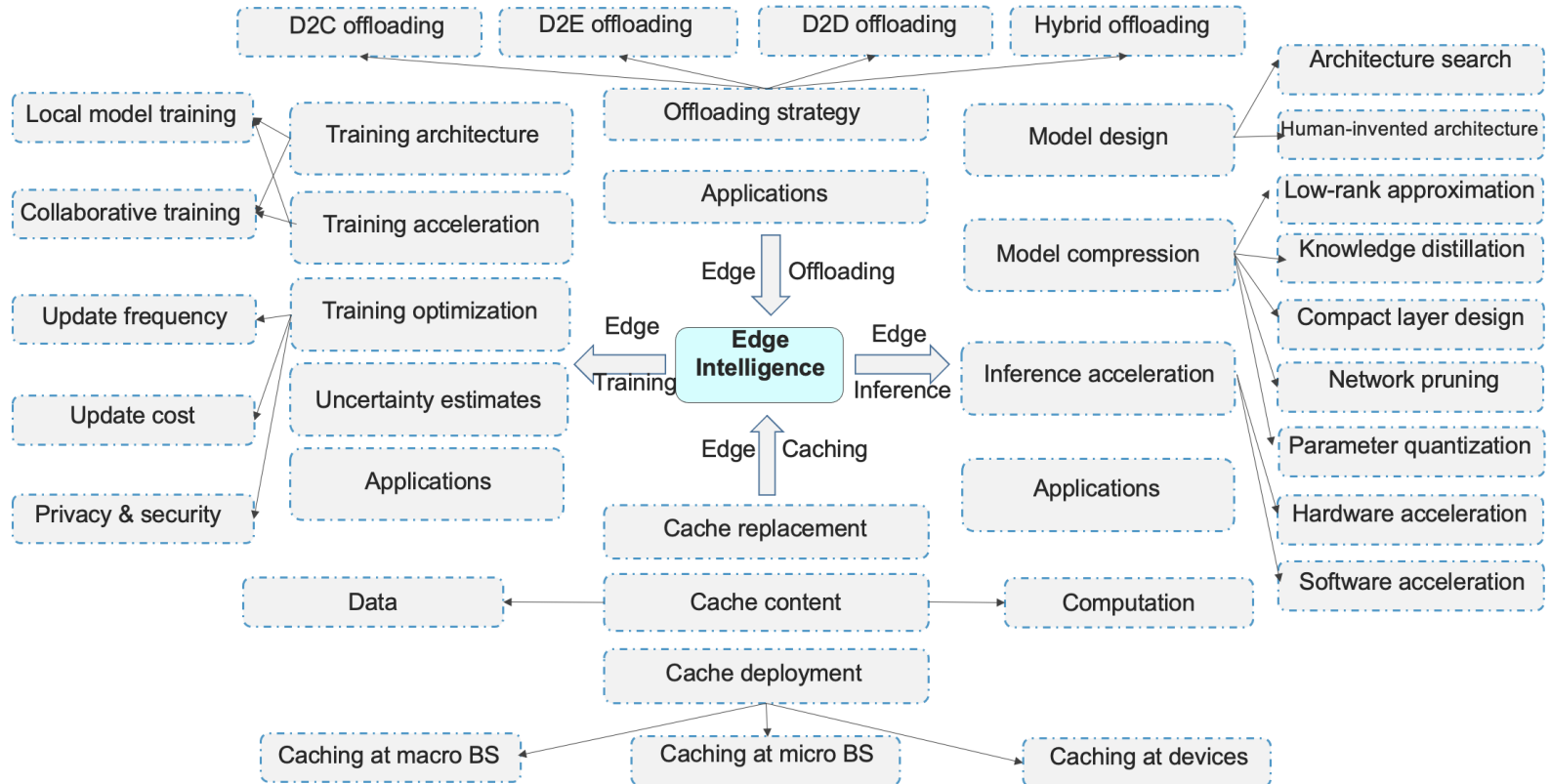
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Potential Data Offloaded to Cloud

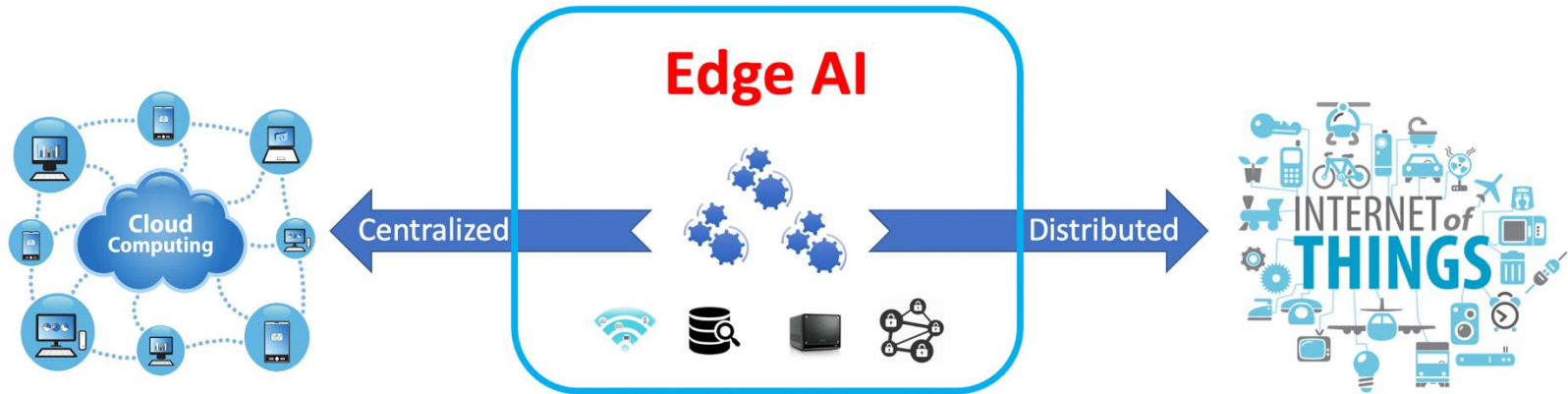


# Enabling Techniques



# Motivation

Bridge the Gap



**Consolidate Cloud & IoT**

# Case: Crowd Intelligence on Edge

- **Societal impact** of past years
  - Responding and coping with emergency/pandemics
  - **Urban activity/mobility sensing** on the edge



# Motivation

- Low cost and scalable
  - User equipment
  - Deployment and coverage
- Passive (non-intrusive)
  - No need to force user interactions nor mandatory engagement
- Privacy-aware/friendly
  - Balance fidelity and data (local) regulations



**Gap:** high fidelity entails high cost, infrastructure dependency, privacy intervention

# Unexpected

- Project ends...
  - Regulatory and legal considerations
  - Privacy in local context



# Lessons

- Boundary + Awareness
  - Privacy on Edge? regulations and legal
  - Difference across countries

## Where is my Tag? Unveiling Alternative Uses of **Apple FindMy** Service

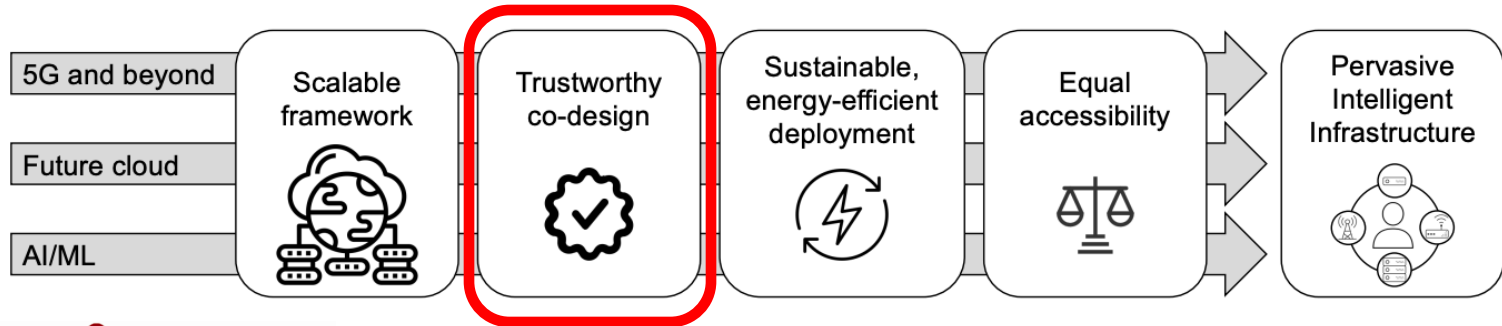
“Learn from the mistakes of others. You can’t live long enough to make them all yourself.” - Eleanor Roosevelt

# Roadmap



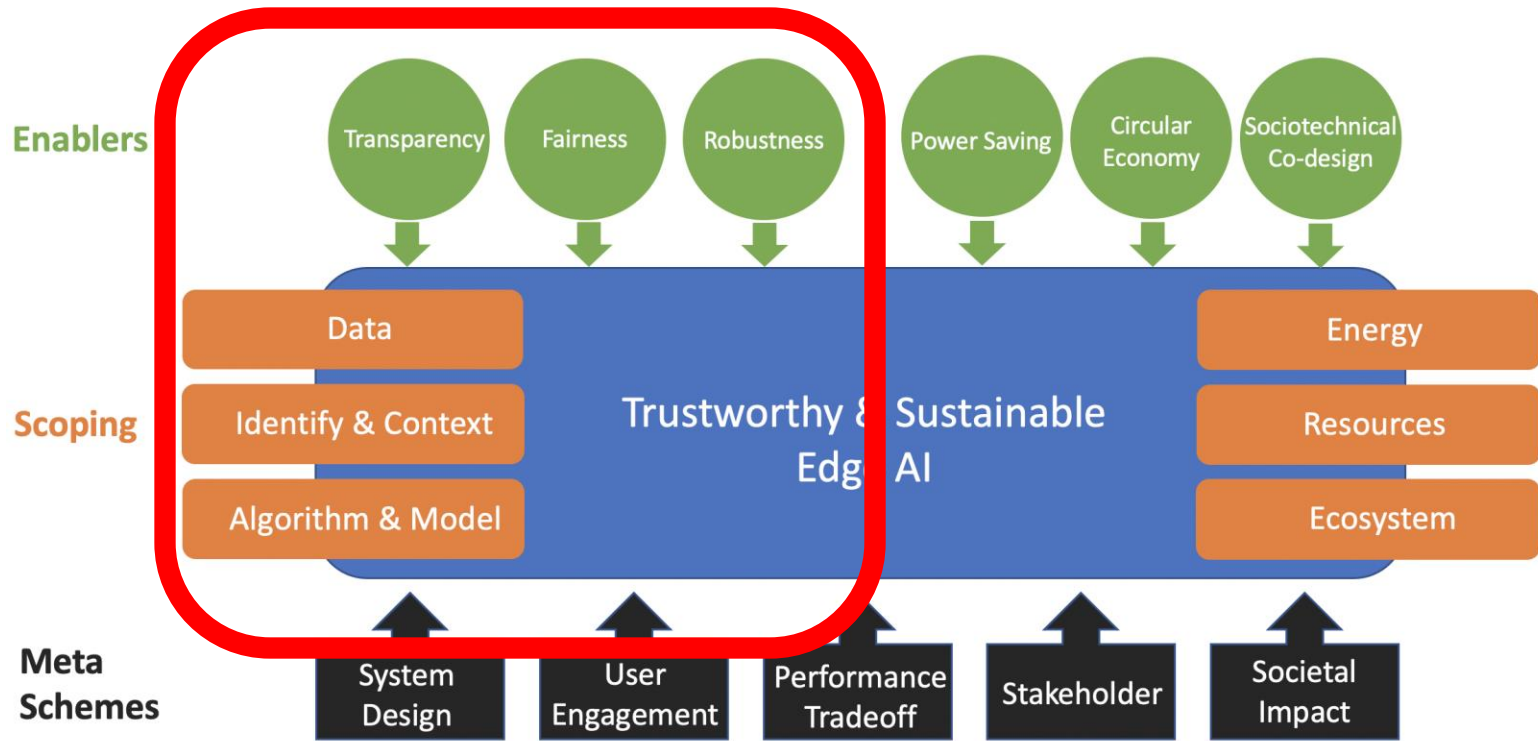
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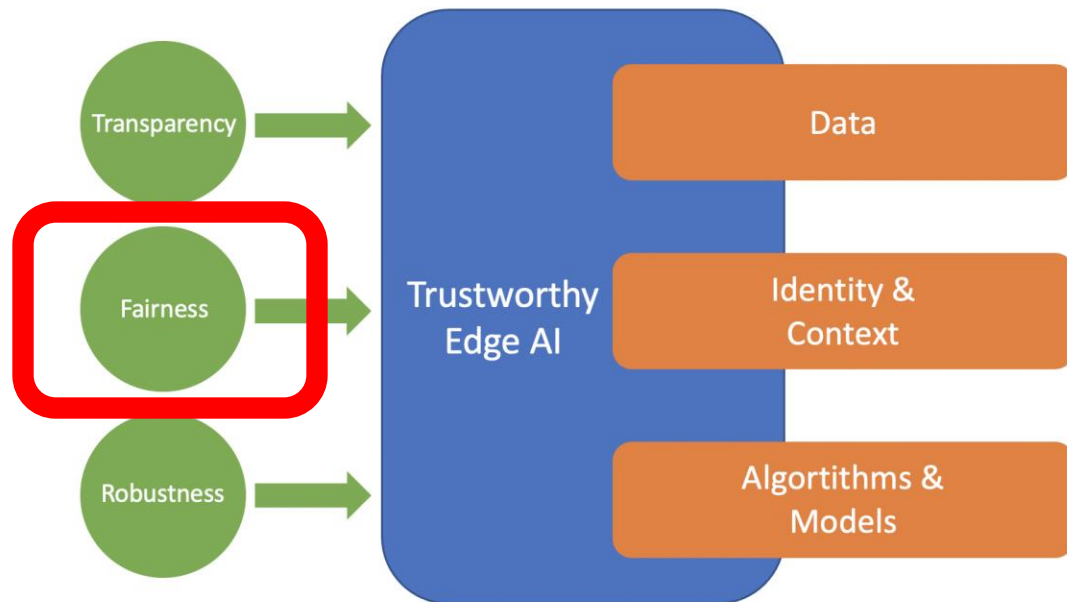
# Research Agenda



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# Targets

- Enabler 
  - Transparency
  - Fairness
  - Robustness
- Scope 
  - Data
  - Identify & Context
  - Algorithm & Model



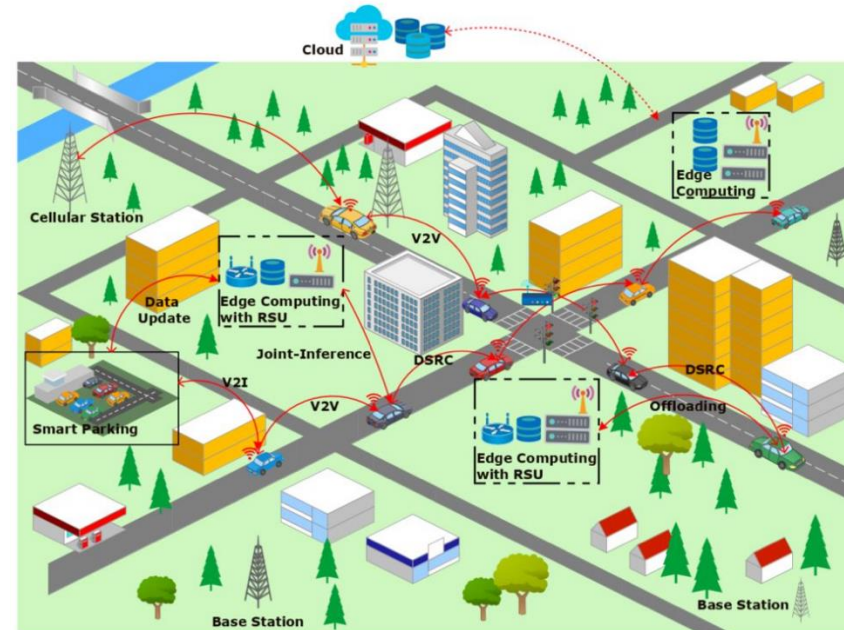
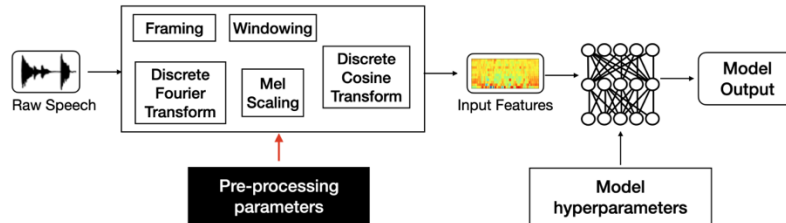
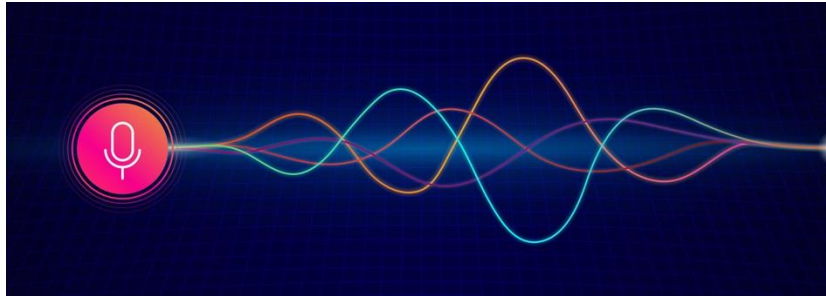
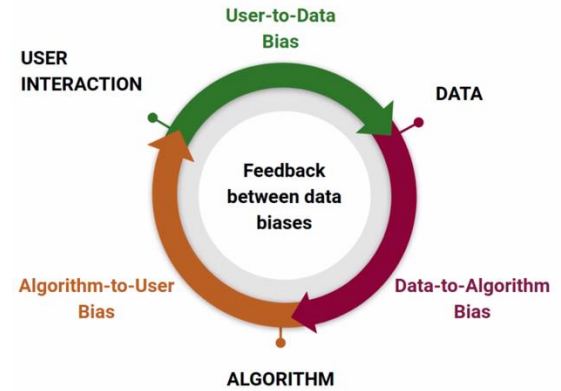
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# *Trustworthy Edge AI*

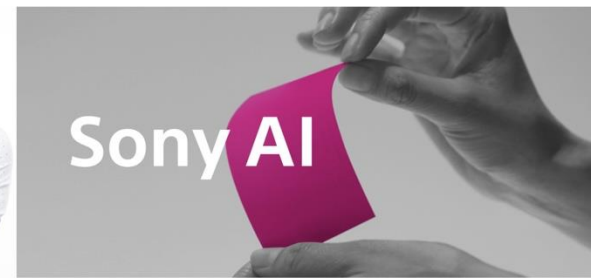
**How ?**

# Academic Case Studies

- Voice-activated services
- Vehicular services



# Case for Voice

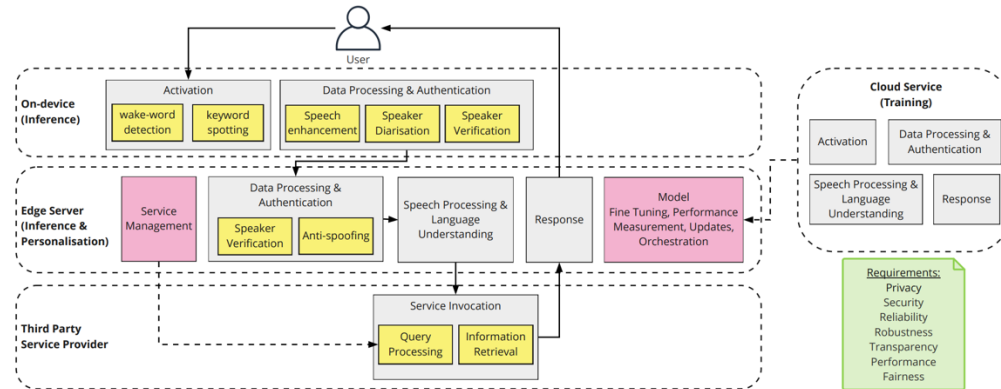


- Poor situation...
- *“Bias exists at every development stage in the well-known VoxCeleb Speaker Recognition Challenge: model building, implementation, and data generation”*
- *“Most affected are female speakers & non-US nationalities, who experience significant performance degradation.”*

“Bias Propagation in On-device ML”  
*ACM TOSEM 2023*

“Bias in Automated Speaker Recognition”  
*ACM FAccT 2022*

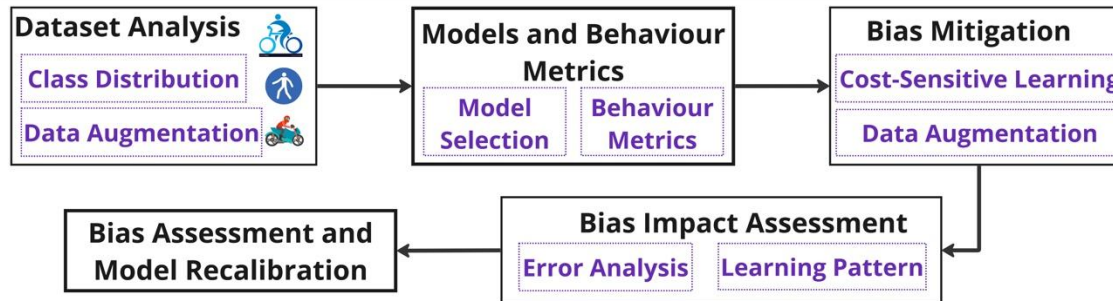
“Characterising the Role of Pre-Processing Parameters in Audio-based Embedded Machine Learning”  
*ACM SenSys 2021*



# Case for Cars



- Poor situation too ...
- *“Biased-car dataset leads to algorithmic bias, e.g., towards pedestrians and cyclists”*
- *“Poor data diversity... Vulnerable classes (e.g., pedestrians and cyclists) generally have less representation within the dataset”*



“Bias Detection and Generalization in AI Algorithms on Edge for Autonomous Driving”  
*ACM/IEEE SEC 2022*

“Approximate Edge AI for Energy Efficient Autonomous Driving Services”  
*IEEE COMST 2023*

“Adaptive Approximate Computing in Edge AI and IoT Applications”  
*Elsevier JSA 2024*

*Not Enough...*

**Real case please**

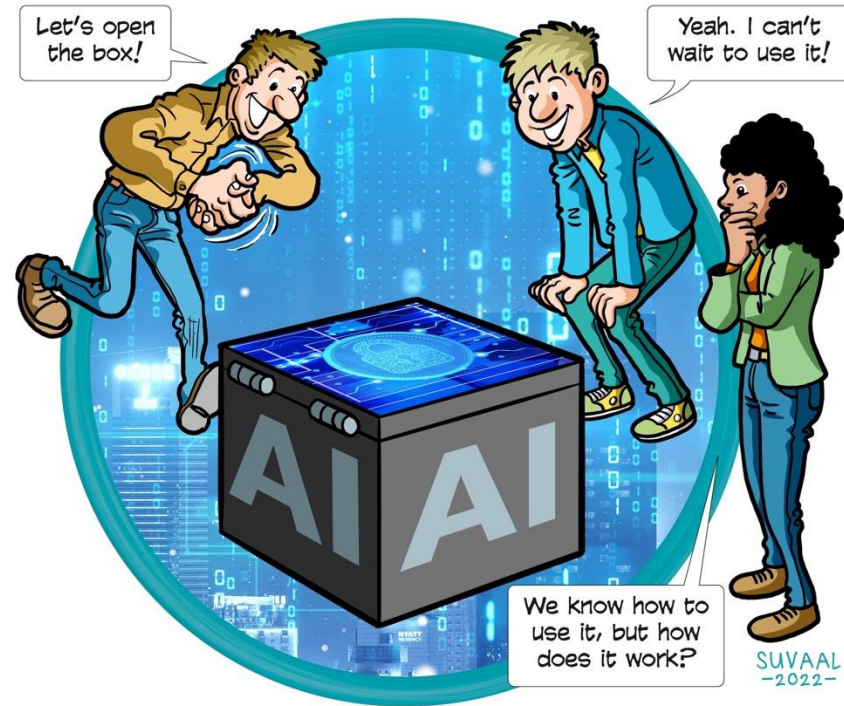


# Real Cases

Industry + Academia

EU Horizon Project

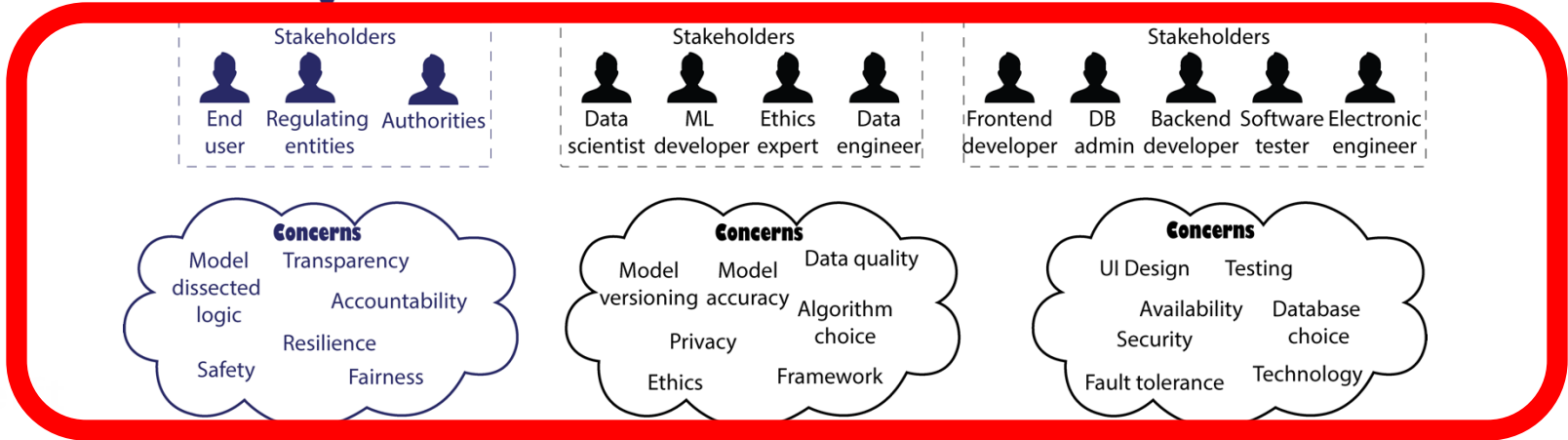
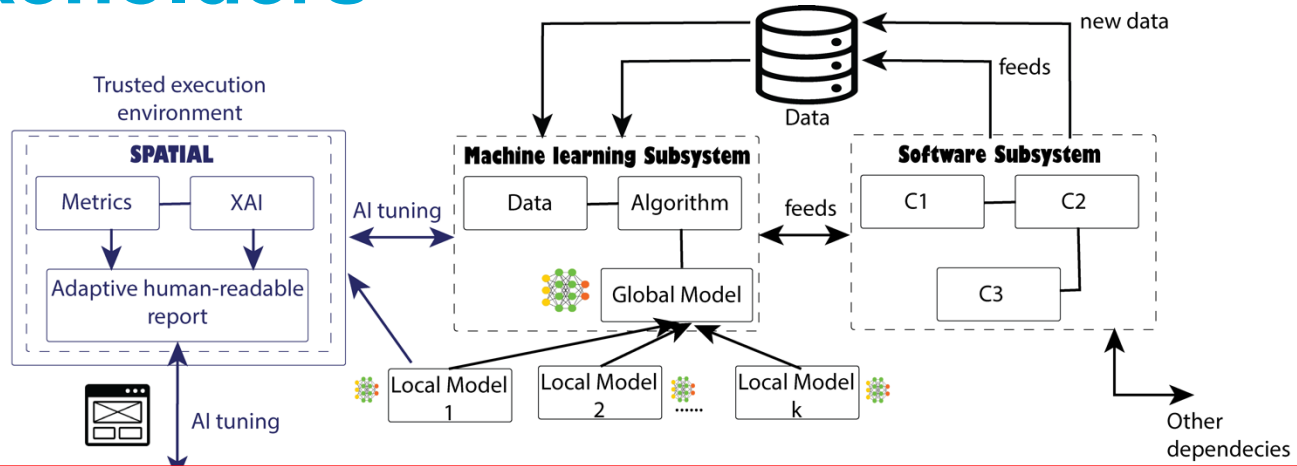
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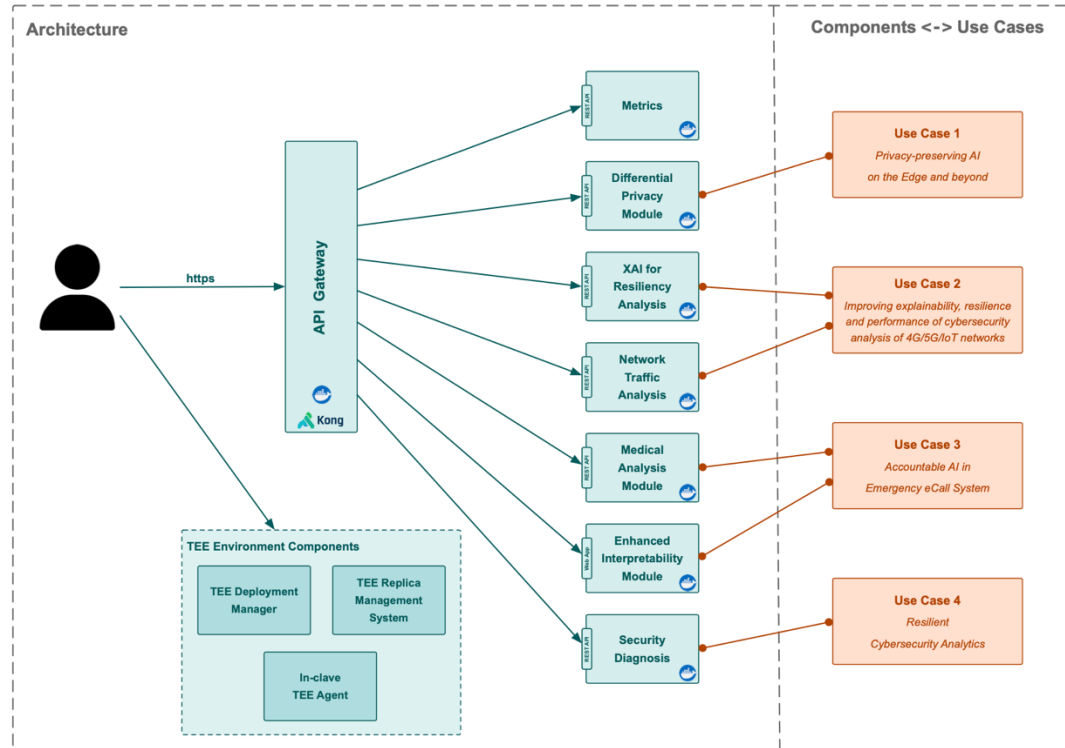
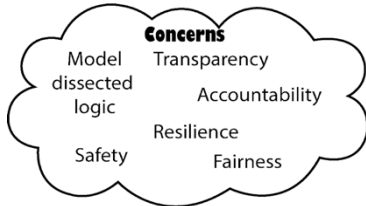
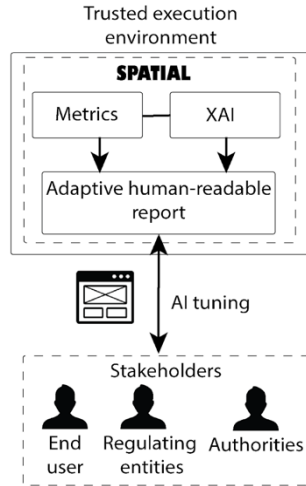
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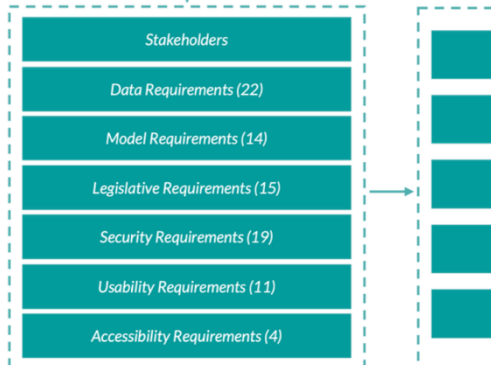
# Stakeholders



# Trust as a Service



# Know-How



relevant for AI-based systems in general  
(85 in total)

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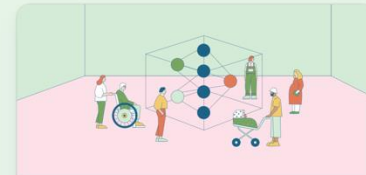
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**Trustworthy AI in society  
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Chapter 2

**Fairness and accountability**



Chapter 3

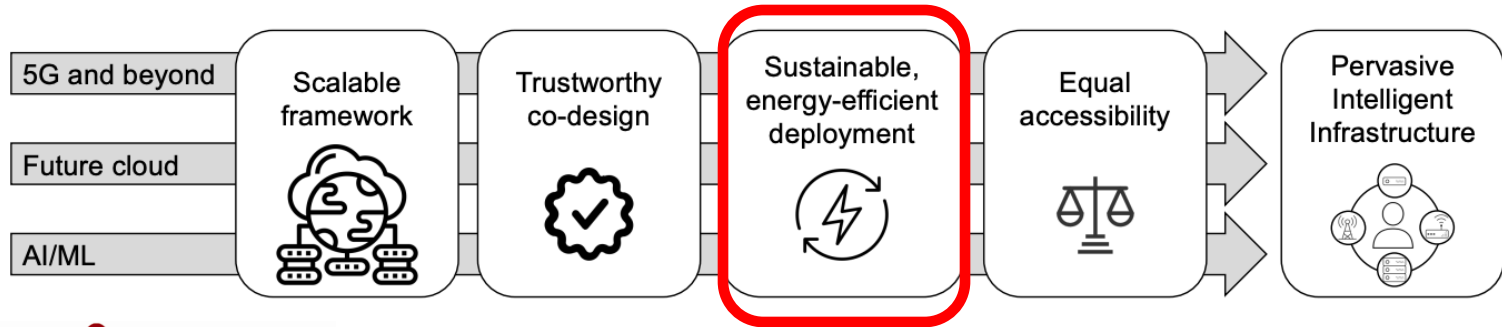
**Explainability**

# Roadmap for Future



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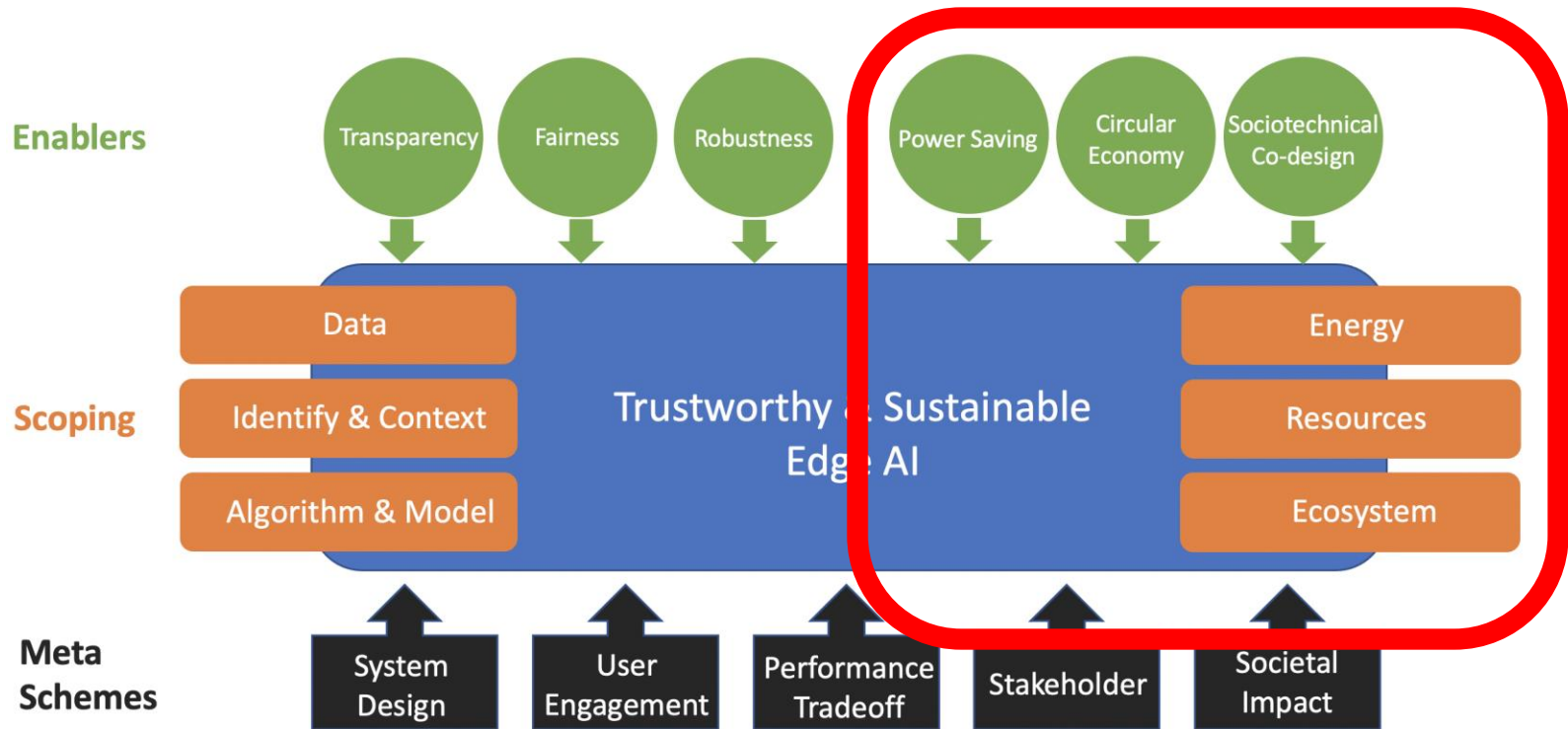
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# *Sustainable Edge AI*

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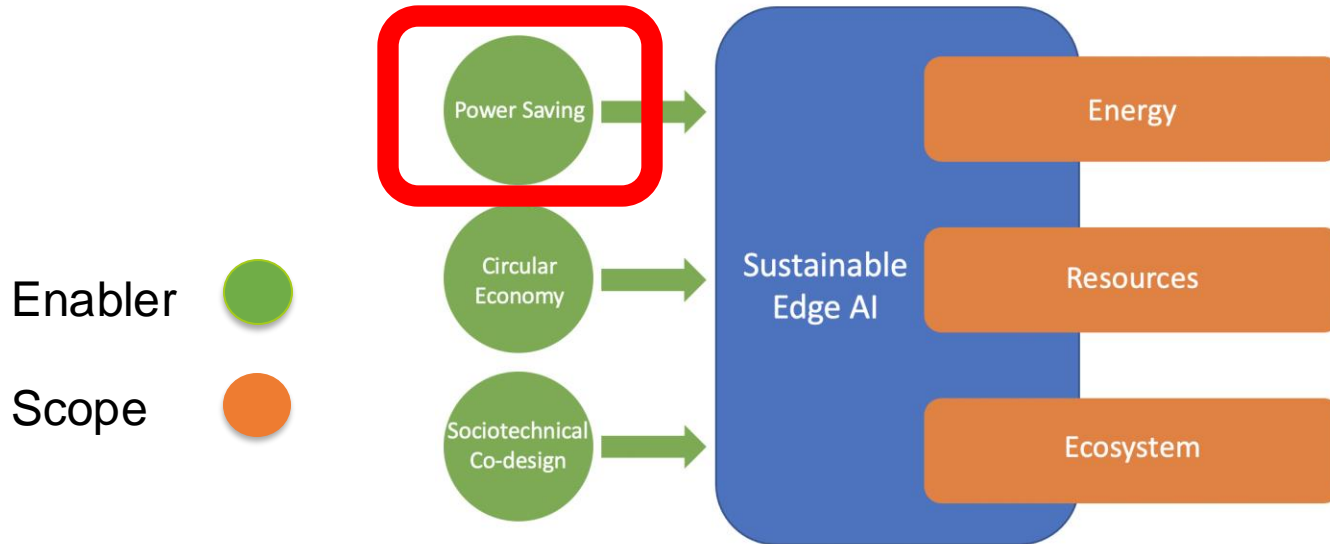
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# Sustainable is not a slogan

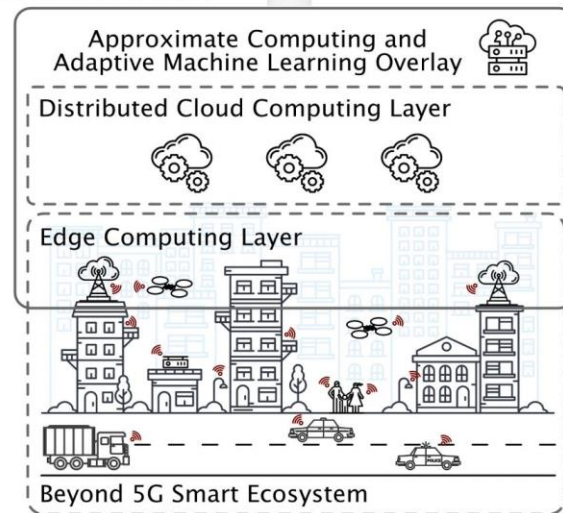
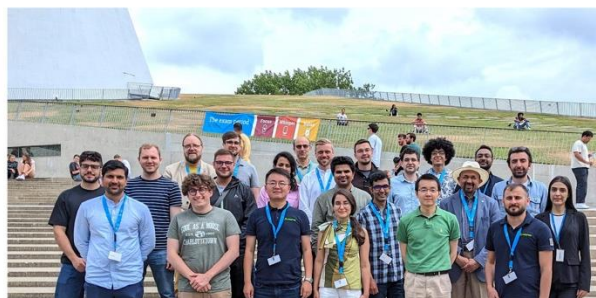
- Energy optimization for Edge AI
  - **Full pipeline:** data acquisition, transfer, computation, storage





# Sustainable Edge AI

- EU Marie Curie ITN: grant of €4M
- 15 Marie Curie Researchers
- 20+ industrial and academic partners



**APROPOS Project**  
**Sustainable AI**

**Score: 14.5/15 Rate: 3%**



# *Case of Future Cars*

# Vehicular Data

- Data increases
- Electric cars: **battery life** matters!

750MB per second, as Google's driverless car prototype reported

Autonomous Car - Sensors & Data		
Sensors	# Number	Data Volume
Camera	(8-12)	500 - 3500 Mbit/s
LiDAR	(2-4)	20-100 Mbit/s
Radar	(4-6)	0.1-15 Mbit/s
GPS		50 Kb/s
Ultrasonic	(8-16)	500-3500 Mb/s
20 TB Car/Day		

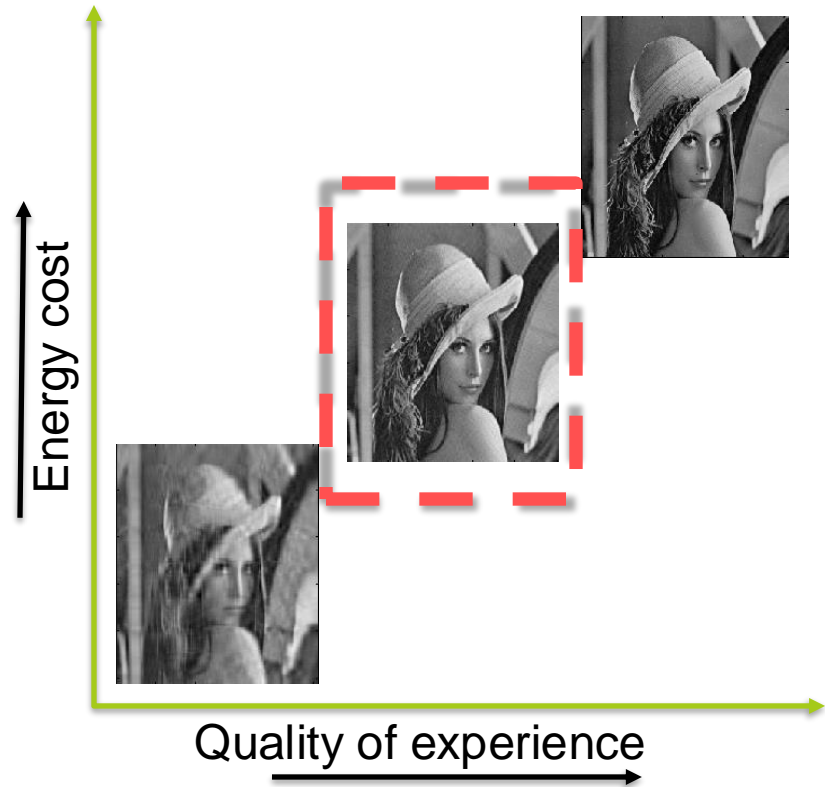
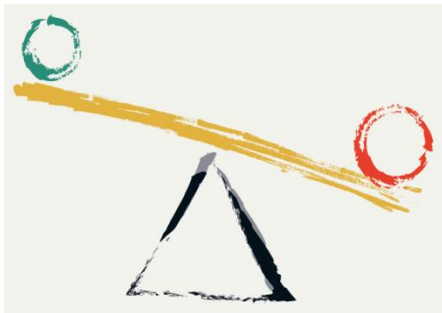
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# Energy Awareness

## Sweet spot:

- Tolerance on accuracy & latency
- Less safety critical
- Relax the accuracy but still with acceptable experience

How good is good enough?





# Energy Awareness

- Adaptive Approximation for



## Abstract

*In recent years, there has been a notable increase in the size of commonly used image classification models. This growth has empowered models to recognize thousands of diverse object types. However, their computational demands pose significant challenges, especially when deploying them on resource-constrained edge devices. In many use cases where a model is deployed on an edge device, only a small subset of the classes will ever be observed by a given model instance. Our proposed test-time specialization of dynamic neural networks allows these models to become faster at recognizing the classes that are observed frequently, while maintaining the ability to recognize all other classes, albeit slightly less efficient. We benchmark our approach on a real-world edge device, obtaining significant speedups compared to the baseline model without test-time adaptation.*

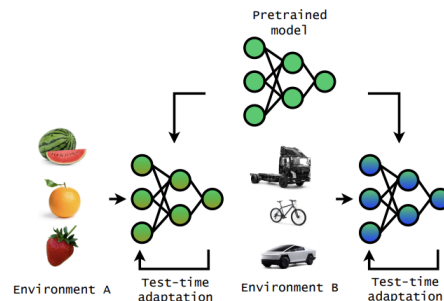


Figure 1. We propose to first train a model on a large and diverse dataset. This model is then deployed on edge devices where it is immediately able to make useful predictions. Over time, the model is updated in a self-supervised way (test-time adaptation) to become more specialized and efficient at processing the data that is commonly observed in this environment.

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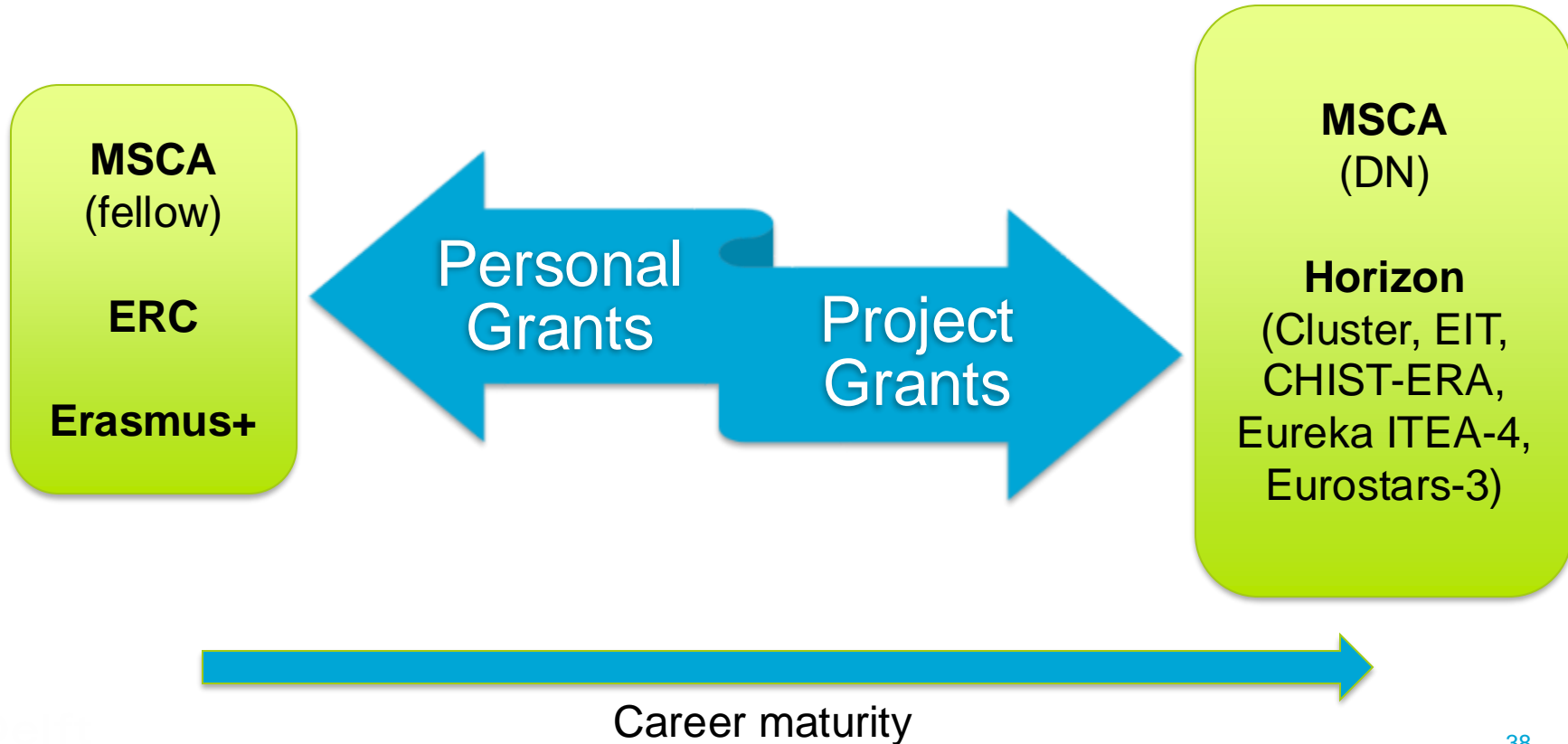
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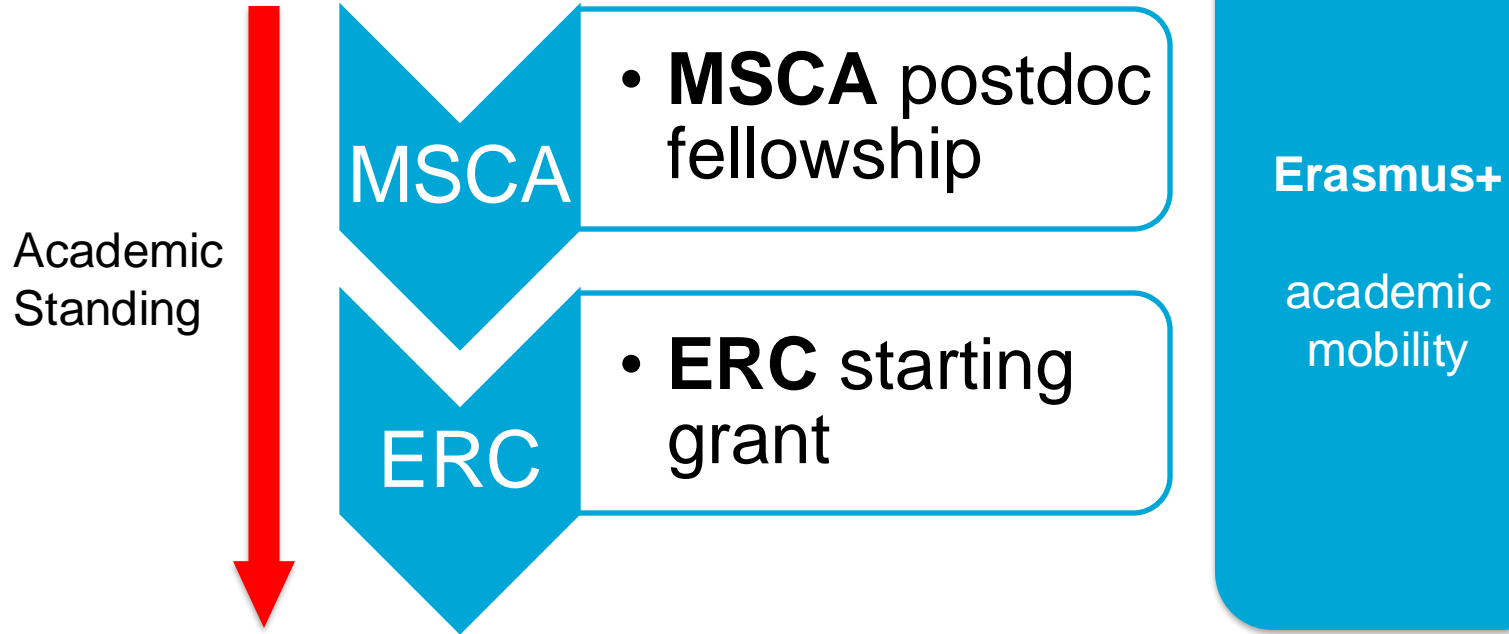
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**How many times / much 😊**

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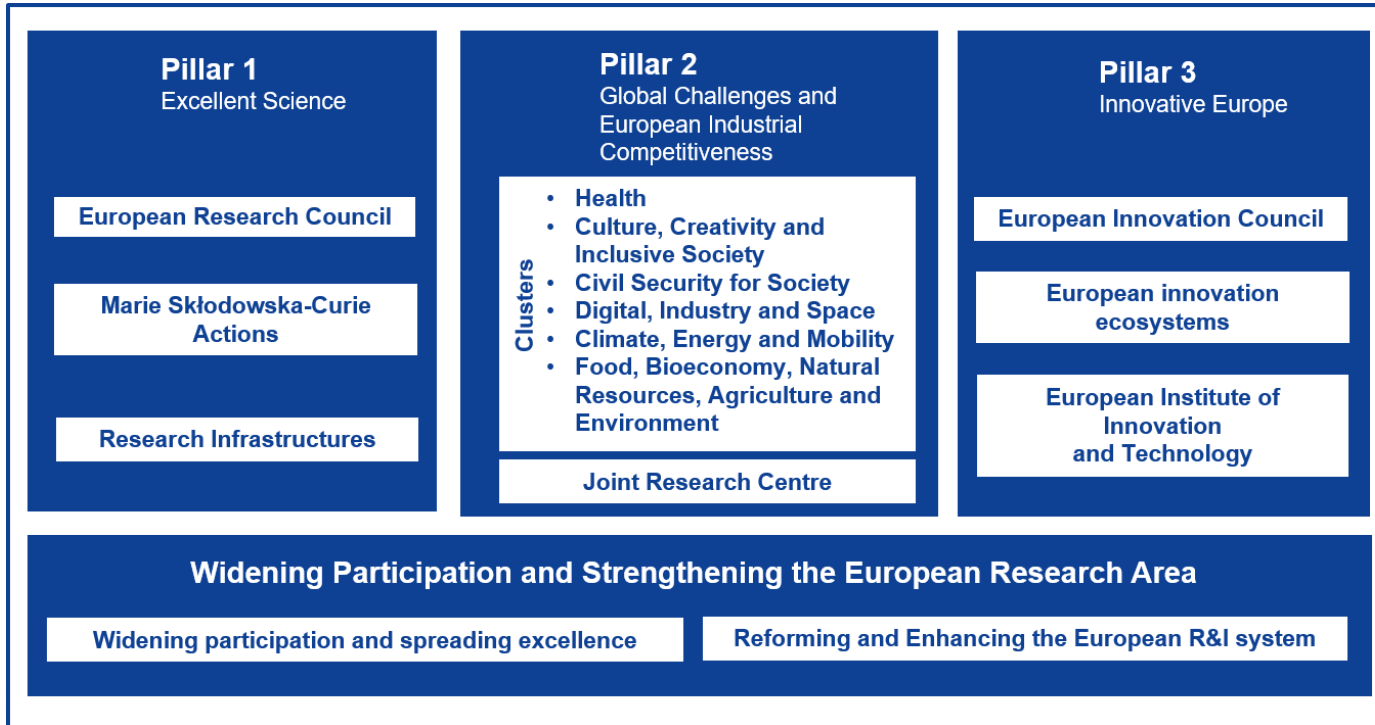


# Personal Grants



# Horizon Europe

- Time frame 2021-2027





# Takeaway

Academic Freedom  
Independence

Leadership  
Industrial Connections

**MSCA**  
(fellow)

**ERC**

**Erasmus+**

Personal  
Grants

Project  
Grants

**MSCA**  
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**Horizon**

# Takeaway

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# Pause Giant AI Experiments: An Open Letter

We call on all AI labs to immediately pause for at least 6 months the training of AI systems more powerful than GPT-4.

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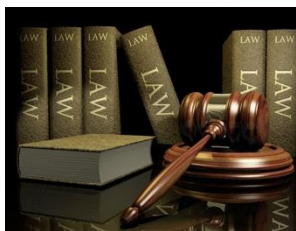
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Enablers



Scoping



Meta Schemes



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# Outlook



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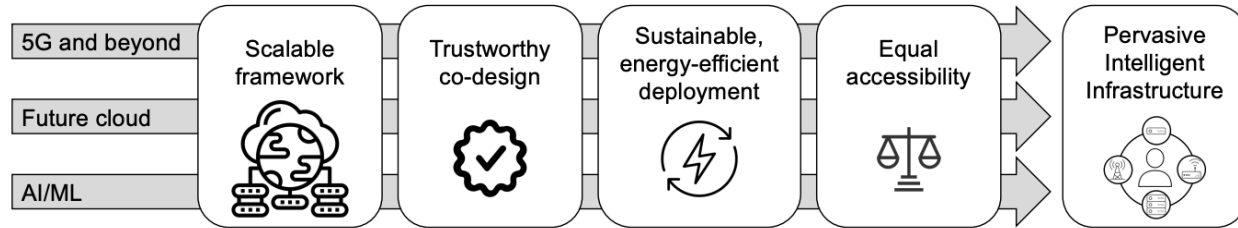


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