







In-Network Computing: P4 Language for Data Plane Programming

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In-network computing paradigm

In-Network Computing paradigm[1]:

- executes programs traditionally run on end-hosts directly within network devices.
- leverages **existing network infrastructure**, utilizing devices already responsible for **forwarding traffic**.
- reduces the load on the network by terminating transactions as they traverse the network

[1] In-Network Computing, by Noa Zilberman on Apr 25, 2019. Link: https://www.sigarch.org/in-network-computing/

Key Enabling Technologies

Programmable network devices:

- Traditional network devices typically only forward packets.
- Programmable network devices can perform additional tasks such as:
 - Data aggregation
 - Packet filtering
 - Al inference as data passes through the network



Benefits of In-Network Computing

Reduced Latency:

- Network devices can support sub-microsecond latency.
- Eliminates the need to send data to end-hosts, thereby reducing unnecessary latency caused by the end-hosts.

Improve Throughput:

- Reduces the volume of data transmitted across the network, optimizing bandwidth.
- Aggregates data in-network, minimizing the need to send raw data to an end-host for processing.

Enable self-configuration and self-adaptation

SmartEdge Project

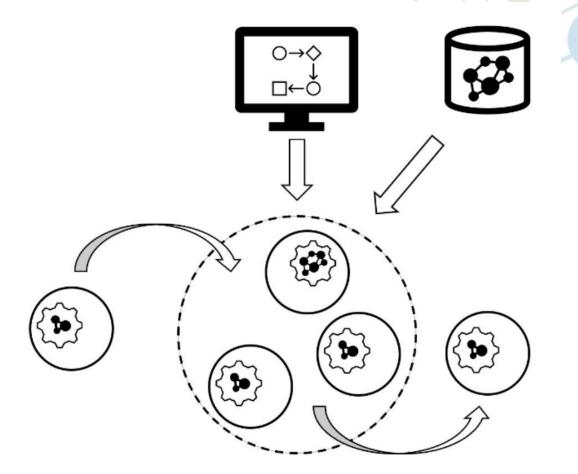
- Enable decentralized edge intelligence for smart IoT applications on Device-Edge-Cloud Continuum.
- Focus on reliability, security, privacy, and scalability.
- Achieved through Cross-layer low-code toolchains for autonomous intelligent swarms.

[2] https://www.smart-edge.eu/project/



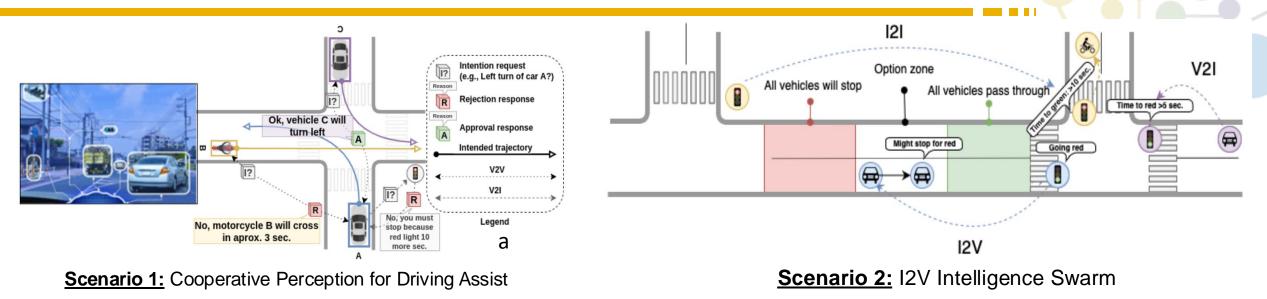
SmartEdge Intelligent Swarm

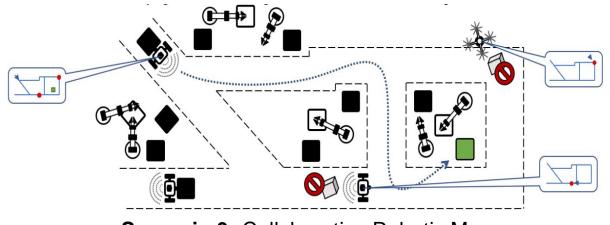
- A swarm is a collective of diverse edge devices, vehicles, sensors, and robots working together to achieve shared objectives.
- Clouds can involve to define the swarm's composition and goals but do not directly control its real-time operations, which are managed internally by the swarm members.
- Effective collaboration among swarm members is crucial for accomplishing the objectives set by the cloud.





SmartEdge Scenarios

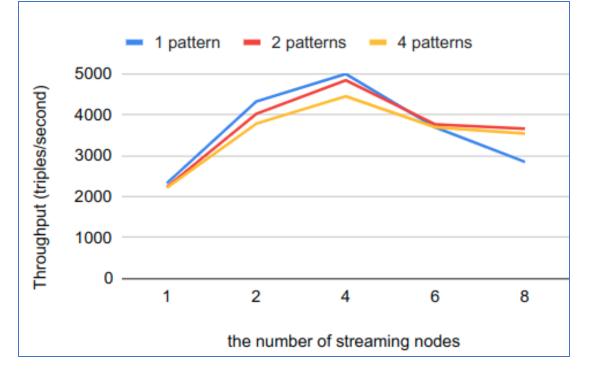




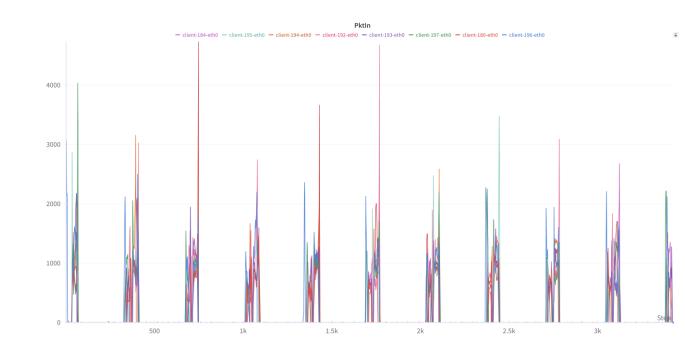
Scenario 3: Collaborative Robotic Movers

Scaling out Issue

- Adding more nodes **increases** the **throughput**.
- Simply adding more nodes does not.



Federated Learning frameworks often suffers from network collision issues.



In-network presentation in our summer school

- Workshop Paper: Dynamic Knowledge Graph Based Swarm Networks
 Authors: Xuanchi Guo
- Accelerating Data Processing through Hardware/Software Co-Design in SmartEdge Keynote by Prof. Philippe Cudre-Mauroux (University of Fribourg)

