

# Federated Learning for Autonomous IoT Systems:

**Tiny data collectors,  
vastly distributed systems,  
and the land of tiny challenges**

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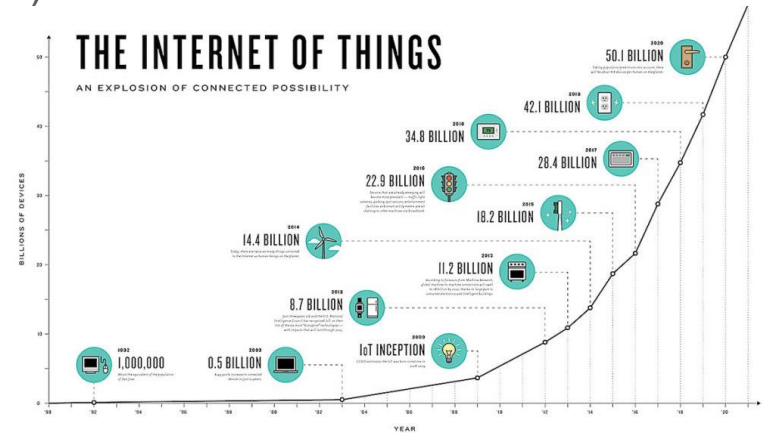
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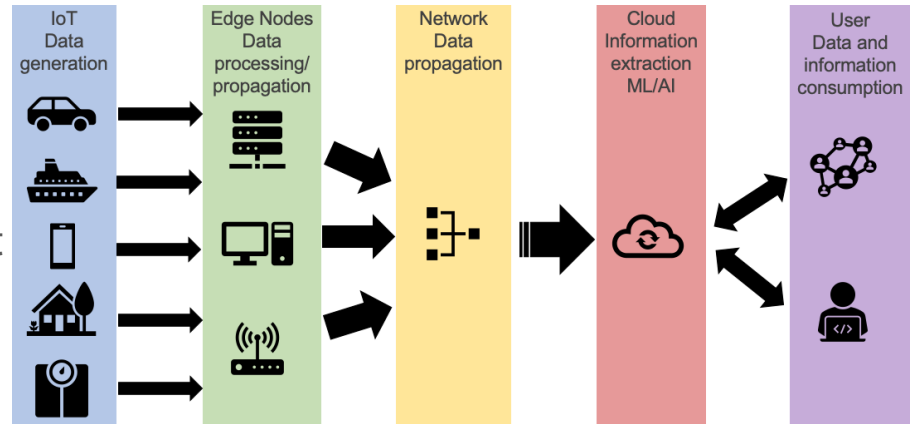
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- **IoT** capabilities increase (CPU, memory, GPUs, FPGAs and custom accelerators)
- The **cloud** is not enough!
  - Latency
  - Privacy
  - “Dirty” data
  - Demand
- ML is becoming an **Edge** core component
- But what will the Edge look like?



# On the Edge

## Solving the task variant allocation problem in distributed robotics

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## Optimizing Task Allocation for Edge Micro-Clusters in Smart Cities

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## Real-time Recursive Risk Assessment Framework for Autonomous Vehicle Operations

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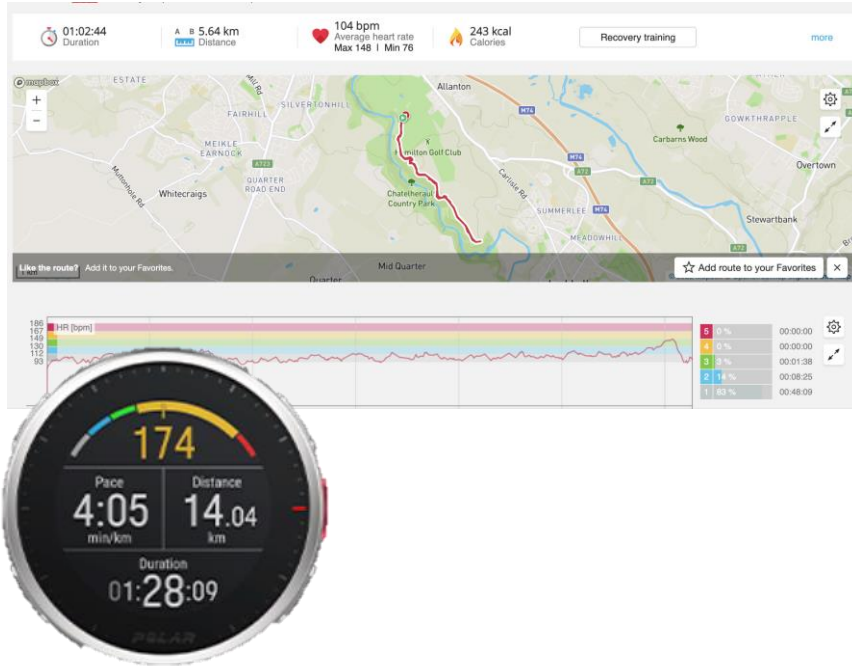
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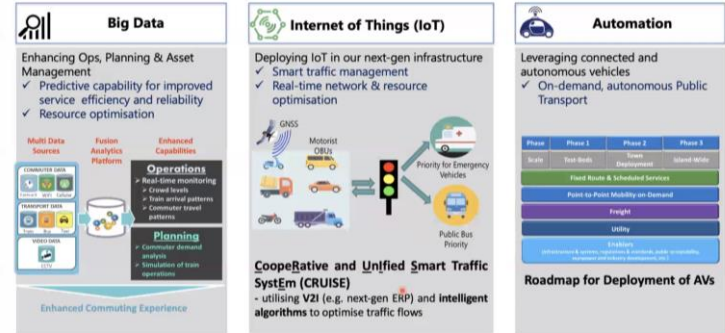
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# Vastly distributed systems

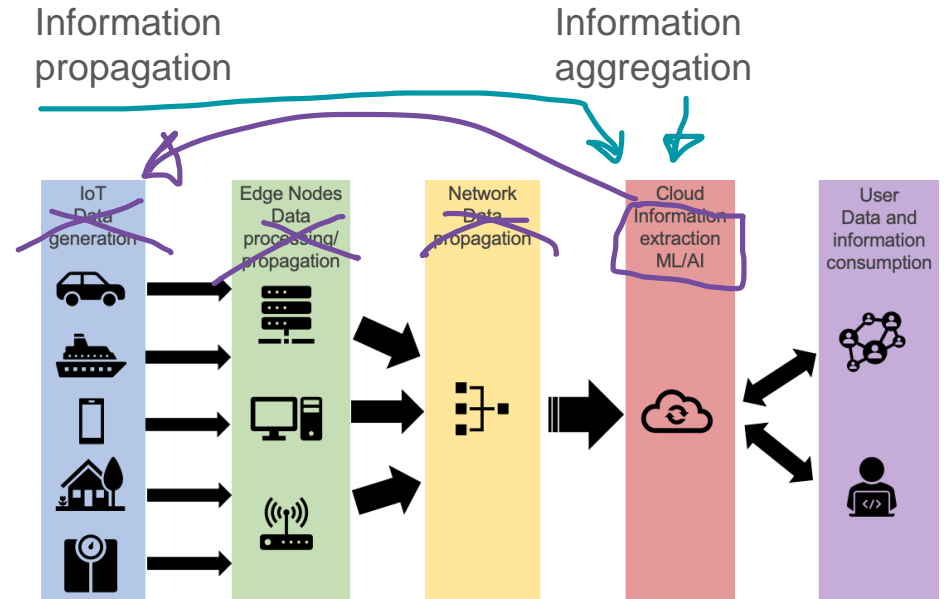


## Land Transport : Major Technology Areas



# Federated Learning

- A new architecture
- Still vastly distributed
- Where should the aggregation take place?
- How computationally intensive is the information extraction when looking at one set of collected data ?
- Can it be deployed in IoT or should it be on the Edge?



# Federated Learning Frameworks

- IntegrateFL (MLOps platform)
- Python SDKs
- Differential privacy Real-time Data network monitoring and metrics
- Mostly built around **Kubernetes**, AWS and similar infrastructure technologies with some interesting web interfaces to improve usability and scalability
- NVIDIA Flare
- Similar to above but Open Source. Implemented in **Python**.
- Flower
- **Docker** and **Python**, Open source



# The land of tiny challenges

- Power
- CPU
- RAM
- Networking
- Cost

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## Vibration Edge Computing in Maritime IoT

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## mini-ELSA: using Machine Learning to improve space efficiency in Edge Lightweight Searchable Attribute-based encryption

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# Smartphone-based DNA diagnostics for malaria detection using deep learning for local decision support and blockchain technology for security

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# Data Privacy Threat Modelling for Autonomous Systems: A Survey from the GDPR's Perspective

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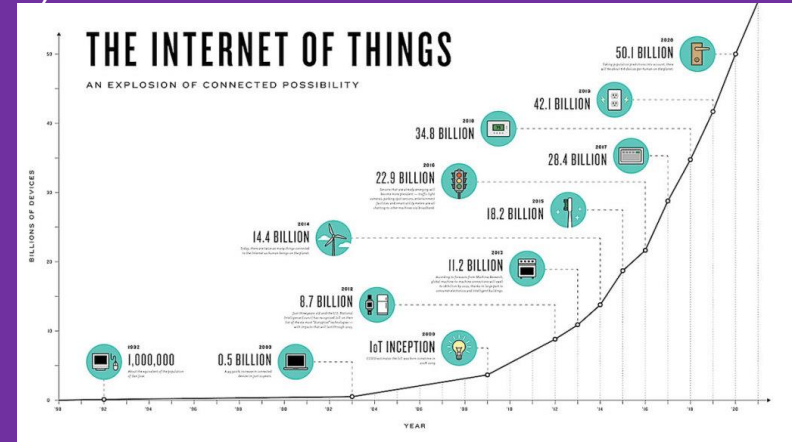
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# Elixir benefits

- High availability
- High concurrency
- Reliability by design
- Fault tolerance
- Communication protocols
- Quick development time
- Easier code maintenance (source code lines)
- Heterogeneous hardware compatibility

# Erlang/Elixir ecosystem

- Nerves (OS targeting IoT)
- Kry10 (secure OS)
- Nx (Tensor math)
- evision (OpenCV Elixir bindings)
- Explorer, Livebook
- Other projects looking at
  - Learning/Federated learning
  - IoT programming in general



# CAEFL: Composable and Environment Aware Federated Learning Models

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# The land of opportunities

- Are we saving enough power by not sending each data point from the IoT device?
- Is that sufficient to be used for our computation needs efficiently?
- Can other algorithms adapt to such vast distribution?
- What happens when we have small local datasets?



**Thank you!**

**Questions?**

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