

ECE 590 COMPSI 590

Special Topics: Edge Computing

Wednesday January 8th, 2020

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1ST DAY
OF CLASSES!

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About the Instructor (1/2)

- Started at Duke in Fall 2018
- Previously: Associate Research Scholar, Princeton University, Electrical Engineering 
- Ph.D. Columbia University, Electrical Engineering 
- M.Sc., B.Sc. University of Ottawa, Canada

About the Instructor (2/2)

- Worked in industry before, during, and after all degrees



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Introductions

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- Introduction to edge computing, part 1
- Course structure and syllabus
- Introduction to edge computing, part 2

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Cloud: Computing in Datacenters



AWS Global Infrastructure

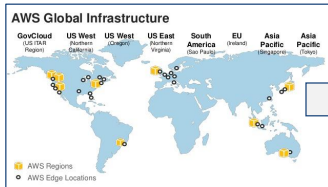


- AWS: 44 locations worldwide, MS Azure: 30
- For emerging applications: **fundamental limitations in latency, bandwidth**

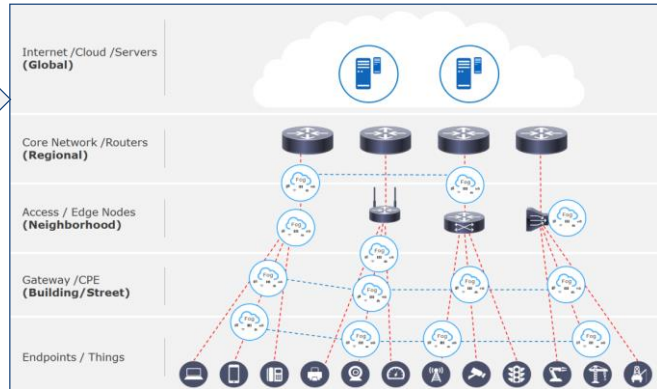


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Edge/Fog: Computing Closer to the Users



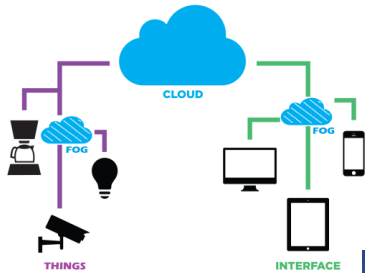
- Data processing, business logic, decision-making at multiple points in the hierarchy



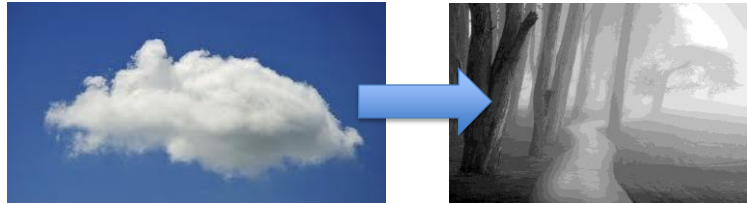
Smart city IoT deployments: computing in buildings, neighborhoods, zip codes

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Edge Computing: Cloud to Fog



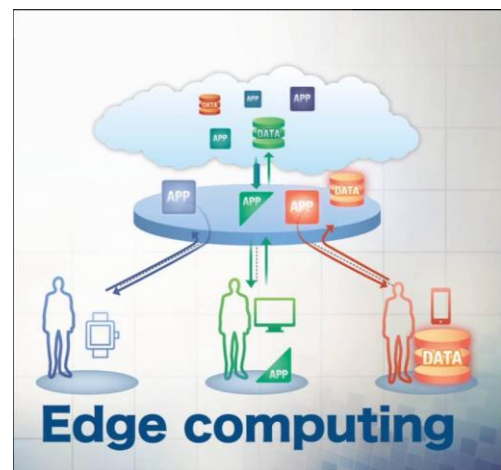
- Distribute computation, storage, communication and control services immersively closer to end-users along the **Cloud-to-Things (C2T) continuum**



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Edge Computing: Core to Edge

- An architecture that uses **one** or a **collaborative multitude** of **end-user clients** or **near-user edge devices** to carry out a **substantial amount** of computation, storage, communication, and control
- **Core** → **Edge**



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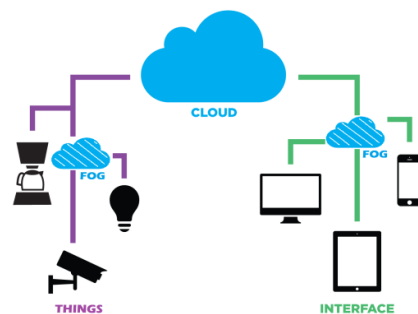
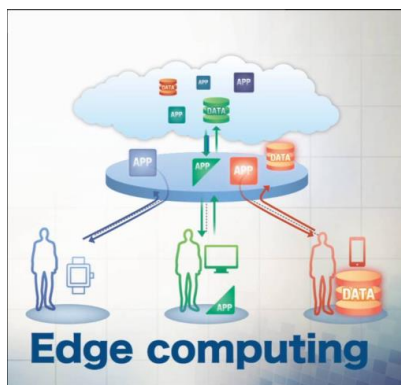
End-User Clients or Near-User Edge Devices: A Range of Options

- Gateways, stationary or mobile
- Set-top boxes 
- Servers, cloudlets
- Mini-datacenters
- Different properties



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Substantial Amount of Work Near the Users: Range of (De)centralization Alternatives



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What Does Edge Provide?

- Latency, bandwidth
- Cognition – advanced intelligence close to the users
- Privacy
- **Improve the performance of existing applications and enable new ones**

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Why Edge Computing? (1/2)

- “Next billion-dollar tech market”
- “Most interesting part of cloud computing”
- Fundamental enabler of the pervasive computing vision

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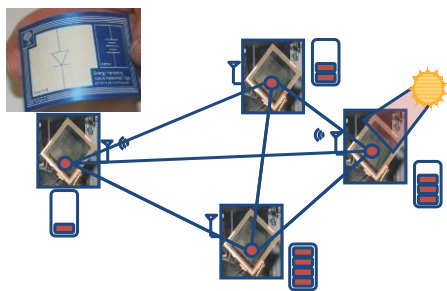
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Why Edge Computing? (2/2)

- Advanced intelligence close to users is cool
- Emerging field
- On the boundary of domains not usually examined together
- Requires re-thinking implicit assumptions

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My Life On the Edge: Background



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- See edge as an enabler for the true potential of the Internet of Things
- Unusual IoT-to-cloud perspective

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My Life on the Edge: 2016-2018

- OpenFog Consortuim technical committee member, working group co-chair, board of directors alternate
- Contributor to the IEEE 1934 Fog Computing Standard
- Associate director of Princeton Edge Lab



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My Life on the Edge: 2019-2020

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Course Logistics

- Lecture times: **01:25 -02:40 PM**, Mondays and Wednesdays
- Professor office hours: Mondays 03:00 – 04:00 PM, Wednesdays 11:00 – 12:00 AM, 2471 CIEMAS
- TA office hours: TBD
- Readings before every class

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Course Structure

1. Background, core architectural principles, challenges and opportunities
 - Goal: enough “lay of the land” for the research projects
2. Domains where edge is particularly exciting
3. Notable papers in the field and techniques that need to be re-imagined for the edge

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Upcoming Lectures

- **1/13:** The origins and the current state of edge computing
- **1/15:** Edge helping the IoT
- **1/22:** Edge helping higher-end mobile devices
- **1/27:** Edge helping the cloud

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Grading

- Quizzes: 20%
- Research paper presentation: 20%
- Research project: 50%
- Participation in class discussions: 10%

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Please See the Syllabus for ...

- Quizzes
- Research paper presentation
 - Spread over weeks of **September 12th – October 15th**
 - Sign-up Google Sheets available
- Participation in class discussions

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Research Project in Edge Computing

- 50% of the grade
- Teams of 1-3 people
- Research project
 - Generate and thoroughly validate a new idea
- Best-case outcome: work leading to a paper that can be published
 - But, its research – not all explorations are fruitful
 - High-risk high-rewards > incremental improvement

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Project Grading

- **50% total**
 - 10% project proposal
 - 10% progress report
 - 15% final presentation
 - 25% final report
- For late reports, 10% penalty per day, up to 5 days.

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Research Project: Timelines

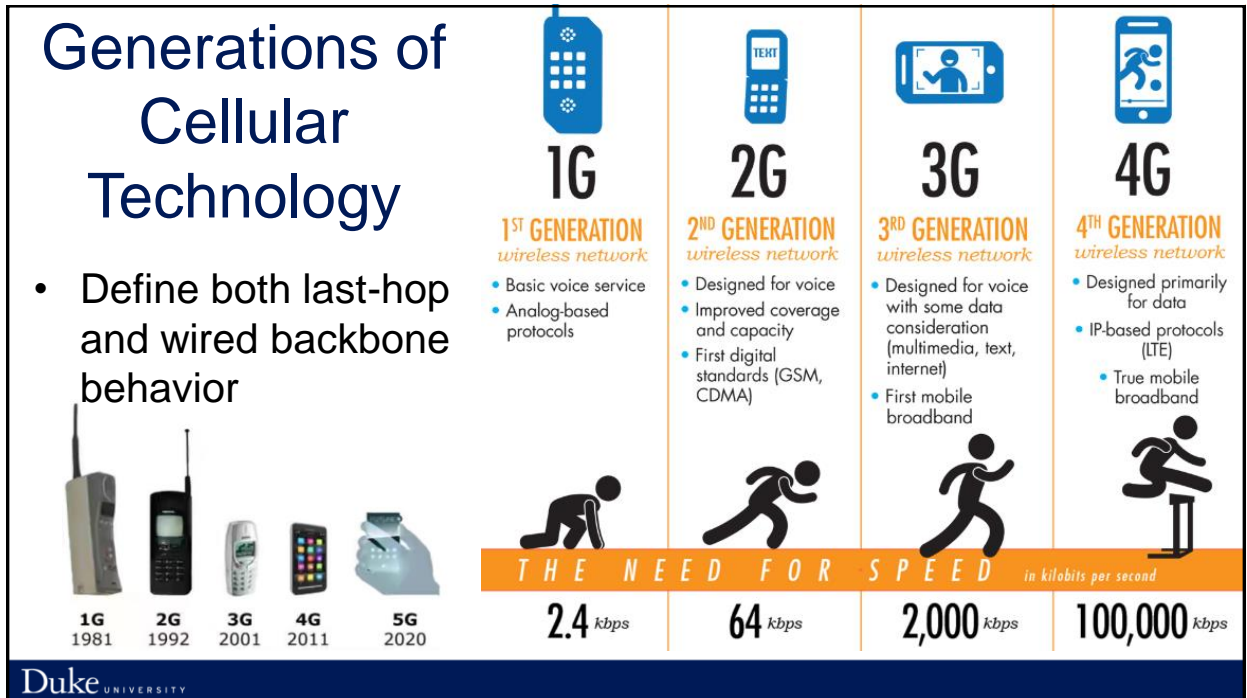
- Teams established: Friday **January 24th**
- Proposal (10%) due: Monday **February 10th**
 - Will talk about the format next class
- Progress report (10%) due: **Friday March 20th**
- Final presentations (15%): **weeks of March 29th, April 5th, and April 12th**
- Final report (25%) due: **Friday April 17th**

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 - Edge and 5G
 - Research themes in edge computing

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5G Requirements

- 1 ms end-to-end round-trip latency
 - Compared to ~ 10 ms with 4G
- 1-10 Gbps connections to mobile hosts
 - 4G Verizon: 12 Mbps downlink, 5 Mbps uplink
 - Peak downlink ~ 50 Mbps: 20 – 200x slower than 4G
- 1000x bandwidth per unit area

5G is Coming

- Several phone models already support 5G
 - Samsung Galaxy S10 5G
 - LG V50 THINQ
- Limited deployments ongoing world-wide
 - Limited regionally
 - Limited in capabilities
- Much more expected over the next couple of years
 - E.g., Germany expects 98% of households to have 5G access by 2022

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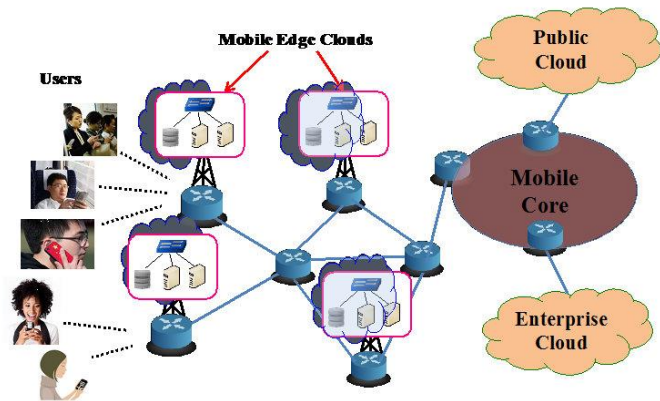
Current 5G Deployments in the US

City	Carrier	AT&T	Sprint	T-Mobile	Verizon
Atlanta	Live	Live	Live	Live	Live
Boston	—	—	—	—	Planned
Charlotte	Live	—	—	—	Planned
Chicago	—	Live	—	—	Live
Cincinnati	—	—	—	—	Planned
Cleveland	—	—	—	—	Planned
Columbus	—	—	—	—	Planned
Dallas–Fort Worth	Live	Live	Planned	—	Planned
Denver	—	—	—	—	Live
Des Moines	—	—	—	—	Planned
Detroit	—	—	—	—	Live
Houston	Live	Live	—	—	Planned
Indianapolis	Live	—	—	—	Live
Jacksonville	Live	—	—	—	—
Kansas City	—	Live	—	—	Planned
Las Vegas	Live	—	—	Live	—
Little Rock	—	—	—	—	Planned
Los Angeles	Live	Live	Live	—	—
Louisville	Live	—	—	—	—
Memphis	—	—	—	—	Planned
Minneapolis–Saint Paul	—	—	—	—	Live
Nashville	Live	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	Live	—	—	—	—
New York	—	Live	Live	—	—
Oklahoma City	Live	—	—	—	—
Orlando	Live	—	—	—	—
Phoenix	—	Live	—	—	Live
Providence	—	—	—	—	Live
Raleigh	Live	—	—	—	—
Salt Lake City	—	—	—	—	Planned
San Antonio	Live	—	—	—	—
San Diego	Live	—	—	—	Planned
San Francisco	Live	—	—	—	—
San Jose	Live	—	—	—	—
Tampa	Live	—	—	—	—
Waco	Live	—	—	—	—
Washington	—	Live	—	—	Live

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Edge Computing is a Part of 5G

- Edge computing
 - Computing capabilities attached to each base station
- Offers:
 - Lower latency
 - Reduced load on core network



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Research Themes in Edge Computing (1/5)

- What should be placed where?
 - Computing, storage, decision-making
- Restructuring applications and algorithms to fit edge/fog conditions

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Research Themes in Edge Computing (2/5)

- Edge in specific applications
 - Augmented reality, virtual reality
 - Networks of drones
 - Autonomous driving
 - Invited speaker: edge computing for autonomous trucking

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Research Themes in Edge Computing (3/5)

- Data processing that preserves privacy
- ML training on the edge
- ML inference on the edge
- Reinforcement learning on the edge

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Research Themes in Edge Computing (4/5)

- Thinking across applications, devices, platforms
- Operating across multiple computing / storage / control / decision quality levels

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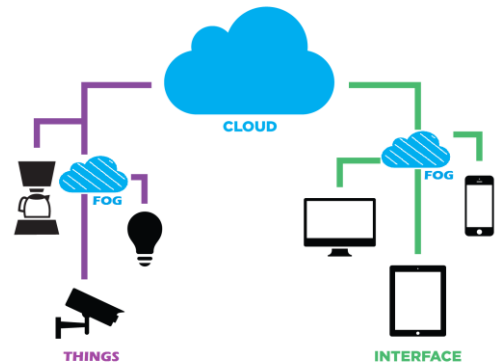
Research Themes in Edge Computing (5/5)

- Multi-tenancy
- Multi-device operation
- *Uberization* of resources
- ...

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Lecture Recap

- Edge computing: definitions
 - Different devices
 - Different degrees of application centralization
- Logistics of the class
- Research themes



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Next Class and Homework (1/2)

- *“IoT meets the cloud: the origins and the current state of edge computing”*
- Reading materials for the class

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Next Class and Homework (2/2)

- Choose the dates for your presentations
- Start thinking about your research project
 - My office hours: 3-4 PM Mondays, 11-noon Wednesdays
 - Feel free to reach out via e-mail as well

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