

Assurance-aware 5G Edge-Cloud Architectures for Intensive Data Analytics

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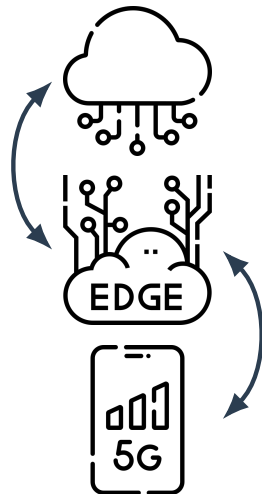
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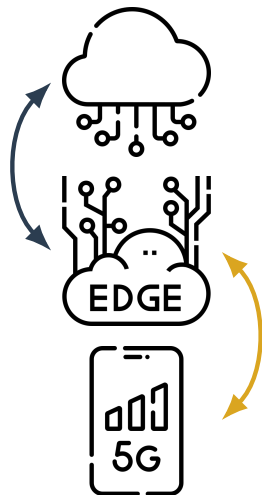
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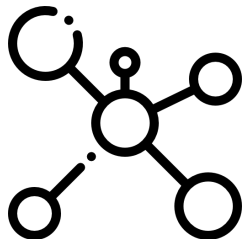
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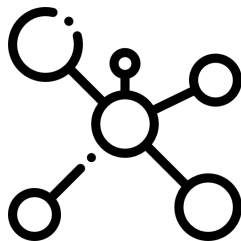
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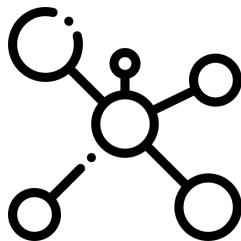


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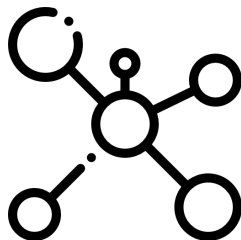
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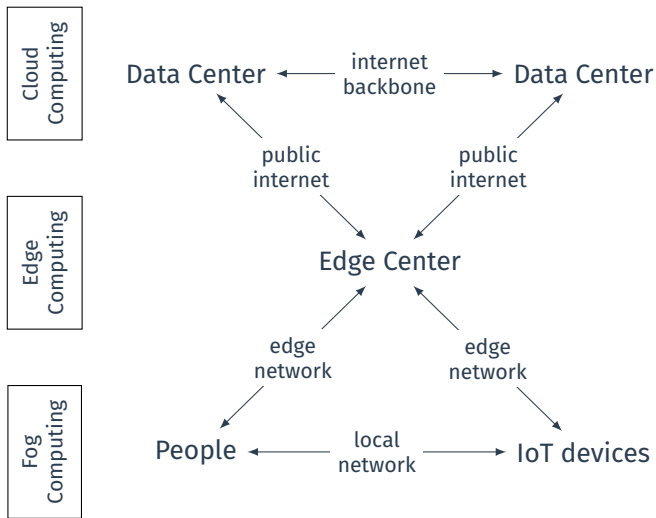
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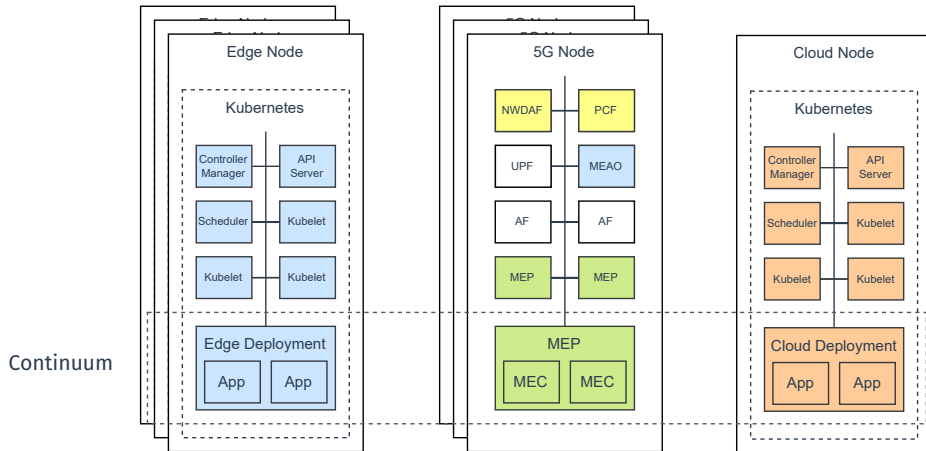


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Current notion of Edge-Cloud Continuum



Our 5G enabled continuum



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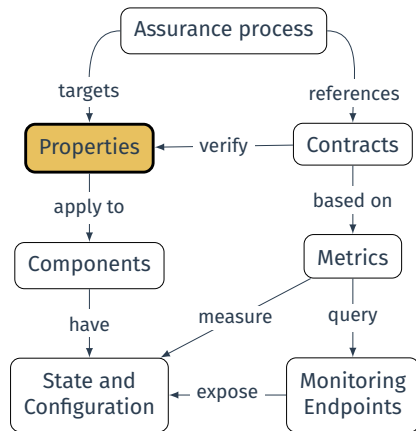
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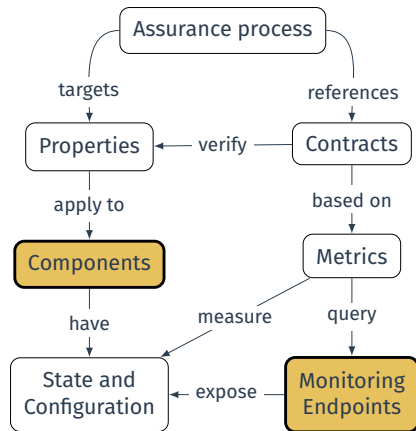


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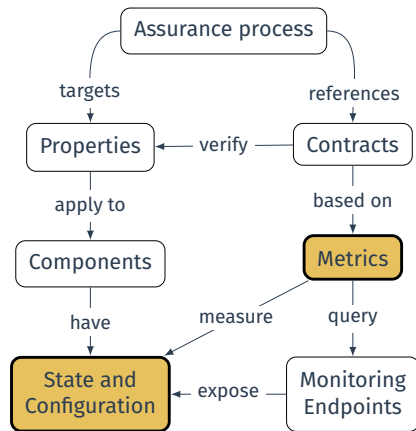


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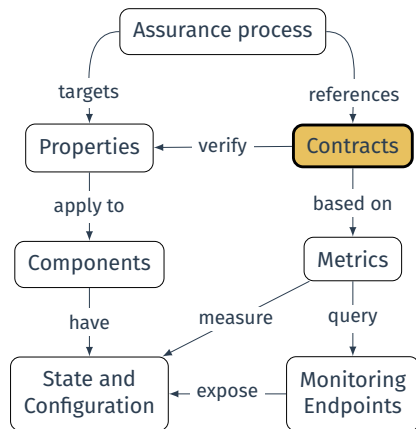
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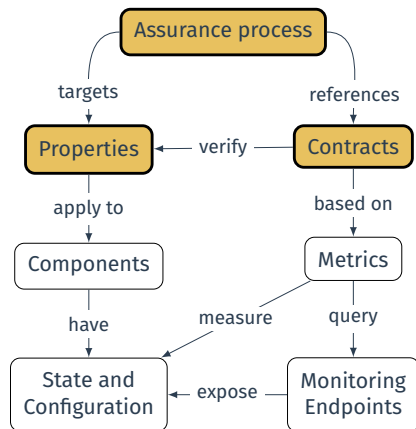
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Assurance for Analytics Workflows

The target of the assurance process is a workflow τ composed of

- a set of tasks $t \in T$ implementing the processing workflow w
- a set of services $s \in$ implementing the ecosystem e and supporting the deployment and execution of the workflow

Our methodology is based on two abstractions

Assurance for Analytics Workflows

Abstract workflow defined via BNF as a sequence of steps (Input, Preparation, Analytics, Visualization)

Concrete workflow produced by instantiating each generic task $t \in w$ in an executable task with the form of a function call

$$w ::= \langle T_I \oplus P \oplus A \oplus T_V \rangle$$
$$P ::= \epsilon \mid T_P \mid P \oplus T_P$$
$$A ::= \epsilon \mid T_A \mid A \oplus T_A$$
$$T_I ::= \textit{stream} \mid \textit{fileSystem} \mid \textit{DBMS} \mid \dots$$
$$T_P ::= \textit{cleaning} \mid \textit{normalization} \mid \textit{selection} \mid \dots$$
$$T_A ::= \textit{modeling} \mid \textit{prediction}$$
$$T_V ::= T_I \mid T_I \oplus \textit{visualization} \mid$$

Abstract Service Ecosystem is a 5-tuple $\langle S_I, S_C, S_S, S_V, S_E \rangle$

- S_S is a set of storage services,
- S_C is a set of computational services,
- S_I is a set of ingestion services supporting data collection,
- S_V is a set of visualization services,
- S_E is a set of environmental services offering additional non-functional capabilities.

Running Example on Apache Spark

Tasks in p and \hat{p}		
	t	\hat{t}
T_I	$t_1 = \text{fileSystem}$	$\hat{t}_1 = \text{loadFromHDFS}()$
T_P	$t_2 = \text{normalization}$	$\hat{t}_2 = \text{normalization}(\text{all})$
T_A	$t_3 = \text{modeling}(\text{clustering})$	$\hat{t}_3 = \text{k-meansModeling}(k)$
T_V	$t_4 = \text{fileSystem}$	$\hat{t}_4 = \text{saveToHDFS}(\text{model})$

Services in e and \hat{e}		
	s	\hat{s}
S_I	$s_1 = \text{LoadFilesystem}$	$\hat{s}_1 = \text{Hadoop}$
S_C	$s_2 = \text{BatchProcessing}$	$\hat{s}_2 = \text{Spark}$
S_C	$s_3 = \text{Orchestration}$	$\hat{s}_3 = \text{Airflow}$
S_S	$s_4 = \text{StoreFilesystem}$	$\hat{s}_1 = \text{Hadoop}$
S_V	$s_5 = \epsilon$	
S_E	$s_6 = \text{AC: Authentication}$	$\hat{s}_4 = \text{Knox}$
S_E	$s_6 = \text{AC: Authorization}$	$\hat{s}_5 = \text{Ranger}$

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi &= \langle w, e \rangle & w &= \langle t_1 \oplus t_2 \oplus t_3 \oplus t_4 \rangle \\ & & e &= \langle s_1, [s_2, s_3], s_4, s_5, s_6 \rangle \\ I &= \langle \hat{w}, \hat{e} \rangle & \hat{w} &= \langle \hat{t}_1 \oplus \hat{t}_2 \oplus \hat{t}_3 \oplus \hat{t}_4 \rangle \\ & & \hat{e} &= \langle \hat{s}_1, [\hat{s}_2, \hat{s}_3], \hat{s}_1, \epsilon, [\hat{s}_4, \hat{s}_5] \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Requirements Annotations

The template is annotated with **generic non-functional requirements** to be addressed via two labeling functions

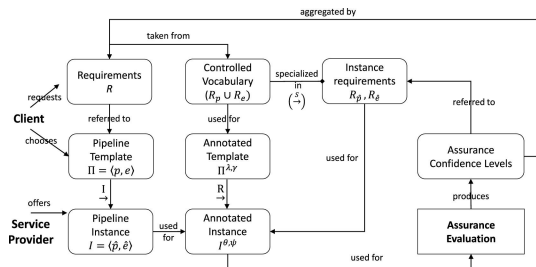
- λ assigns labels $\lambda(t_i)$ corresponding to workflow requirements in R_w
- γ assigns labels $\gamma(s_i)$ corresponding to service requirements in R_e

The instance is annotated with **specific non-functional requirements** to be address via two labeling functions

- θ assigns a label $\theta(\hat{t}_i)$ corresponding to workflow requirements in $R_{\hat{w}}$
- ψ assigns a label $\psi(\hat{s}_i)$ corresponding to workflow requirements in $R_{\hat{e}}$

Assurance Methodology

- The **client** chooses a **workflow template** and annotates it with **generic requirements**
- The annotated template is converted to an **annotated workflow instance** based on the concrete requirements that can be supported
- The workflow is checked using **probes**, verifying the annotated requirements, producing **assurance confidence levels**



Running Example: Requirements and Assurance Probes

\mathcal{R}	Description
Template requirements	
r_1^t	<i>Confidentiality at rest and in transit</i> for all the t in p
r_2^t	<i>Authorization</i> for the <i>fileSystem</i> task t in p
r_3^s	<i>Confidentiality at rest and in transit</i> for all the s in e
Pipeline Instance requirements derived from r_1^t	
$r_1^{\hat{p}}$	<i>No temporarily unprotected data storage</i> for all the $\hat{t} \in \hat{p}$
$r_2^{\hat{p}}$	<i>Avoid connection to external services</i> for all the $\hat{t} \in \hat{p}$
$r_3^{\hat{p}}$	<i>Avoid use of vulnerable code/libraries</i> for all the $\hat{t} \in \hat{p}$
$r_4^{\hat{p}}$	<i>Pipeline integrity</i> checking the correct ordering of tasks $\hat{t} \in \hat{p}$
Pipeline Instance requirements derived from r_2^t	
$r_5^{\hat{p}}$	<i>Check Authorization</i> for ingestion task $\hat{t}_1 \in \hat{p}$
$r_6^{\hat{p}}$	<i>Check ownerships at rest</i> for visualization tasks $\hat{t}_4 \in \hat{p}$
Ecosystem Instance requirements derived from r_1^t	
$r_1^{\hat{e}}$	<i>Encrypted HDFS</i> for the $\hat{s}_1 \in \hat{e}$
$r_2^{\hat{e}}$	<i>Inter-node communication security</i> for the \hat{s}_1 and $\hat{s}_2 \in \hat{e}$
$r_3^{\hat{e}}$	<i>Orchestrator Confidentiality</i> for the $\hat{s}_3 \in \hat{e}$
$r_4^{\hat{e}}$	<i>Communication channel security</i> for the $\hat{s}_4 \in \hat{e}$
$r_5^{\hat{e}}$	<i>Authentication-enabled</i> for the $\hat{s}_4 \in \hat{e}$
$r_6^{\hat{e}}$	<i>Authorization policies-enabled</i> for the $\hat{s}_5 \in \hat{e}$
$r_7^{\hat{e}}$	<i>Vulnerability check</i> for all the services $\hat{s} \in \hat{e}$

Probe Name	Description
Task probes	
Code Inspection	search instructions/pattern
Dependency Check	find vulnerable dependencies
Code Vulnerability Check	search vulnerable code
Lineage	verify sequence of actions using logs
Pipeline probes	
Parameters Check	check tasks' actual parameters
Orchestration Check	check the workflow structure
Service probes	
Vulnerability Check	search for vulnerability
Configuration Check	parse and verify configuration
Ecosystem probes	
Infrastructure	targets lower layers such as OS (see [21])
General purposes probes	
Testing	perform specific test cases on a target
Monitoring	monitor a target ore a time frame

Running Example: Assurance Evaluation

Workflow tasks $\hat{t} \in \hat{T}$				
\hat{t}	\mathcal{R}	$P(r, \tau)$	$E(EV, r)$	$A_{\tau, \nabla}$
\hat{t}_1	r_1^θ	$P_1(r_1^\theta, \hat{t}_1)$	[1.0]	1.0
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	r_2^ψ	$P_{11}(r_2^\psi, \hat{s}_1)$	[0.1]	0.1
\hat{s}_2	r_2^ψ	$P_{12}(r_2^\psi, \hat{s}_2)$	[0.1]	0.1
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\hat{s}_5	r_7^ψ	$P_{17}(r_7^\psi, \hat{s}_5)$	[0.57]	0.57

Assurance levels $A_{\tau, \gamma}$ = Frequency of positive evaluation multiplied by the average of the positive evaluations

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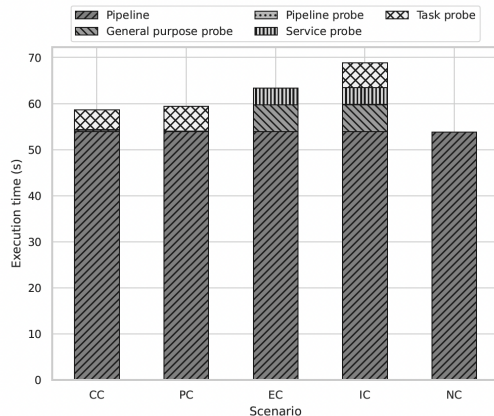
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\hat{s}_5	r_6^ψ	$P_{16}(r_6^\psi, \hat{s}_5)$	[1.0]	1.0
\hat{s}_5	r_7^ψ	$P_{17}(r_7^\psi, \hat{s}_5)$	[0.57]	0.57

Assurance levels $A_{\tau, \gamma}$ = Frequency of positive evaluation multiplied by the average of the positive evaluations

Running Example: Assurance Evaluation

Performance of the assurance process on the example workflow in different scenarios:

- Contextual changes (CC)
- Workflow changes (PC)
- Ecosystem changes (EC)
- Instance changes (IC)
- No changes (NC)



Assurance-aware deployments in the continuum

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Deployment in Network and Computing infrastructures

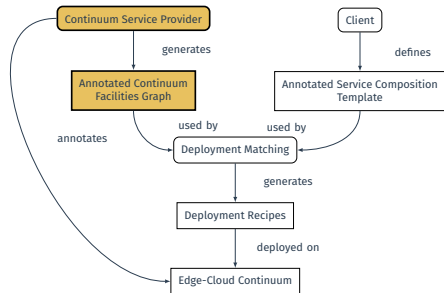
The non-functional properties of the deployment targets influence the deployed application's properties

The **heterogeneity** of the continuum ecosystem reflects on the deployment targets

Exploiting infrastructure peculiarities to support NFP-based Service Level Agreements while deploying workflows in the continuum

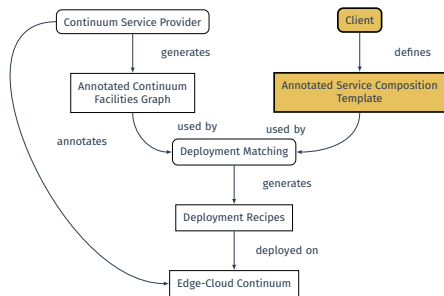
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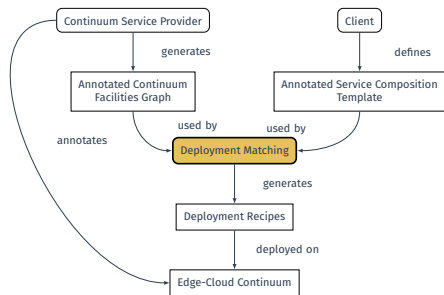
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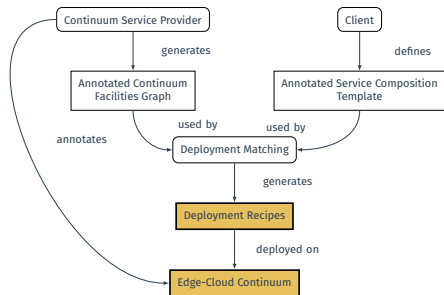
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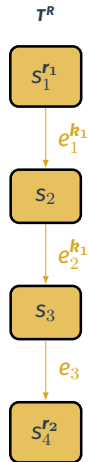
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- If a match is found, the system generates **deployment recipes for the Edge-Cloud continuum**



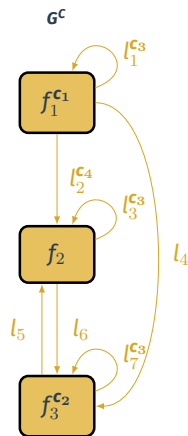
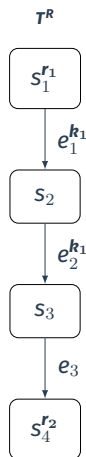
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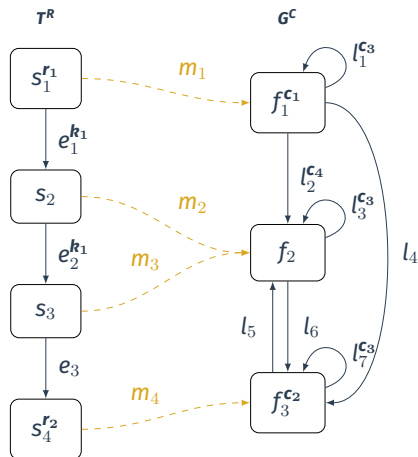
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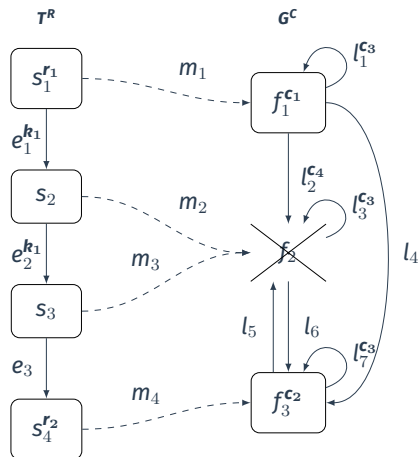
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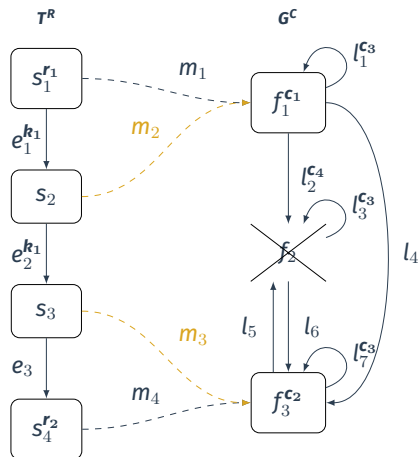
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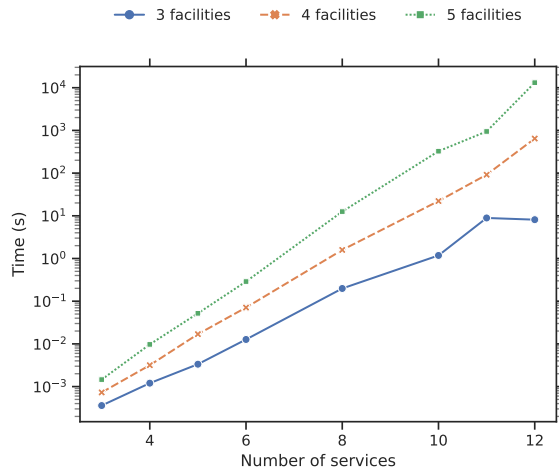
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- The deployment process finds a new suitable matching and generates new deployment recipes



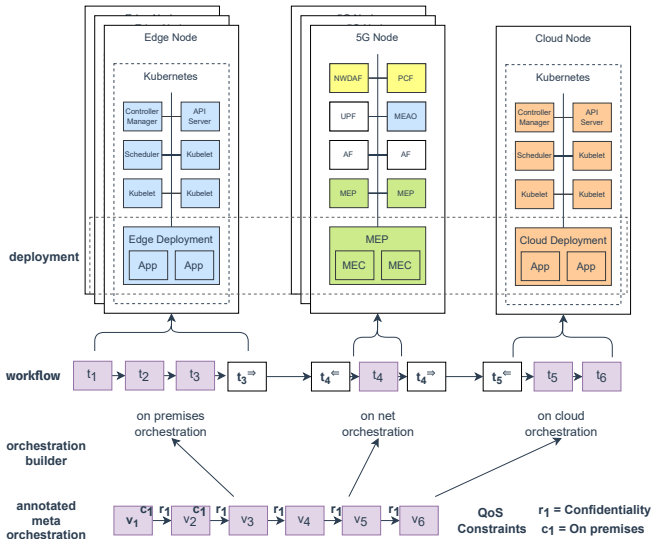
Performance Evaluation

Performance of the Matching Process
varying the number of services and
facilities

Services requirements and Facilities
capabilities are synthetically generated



Workflow Deployment in the Continuum



Assurance for Content Distribution Networks

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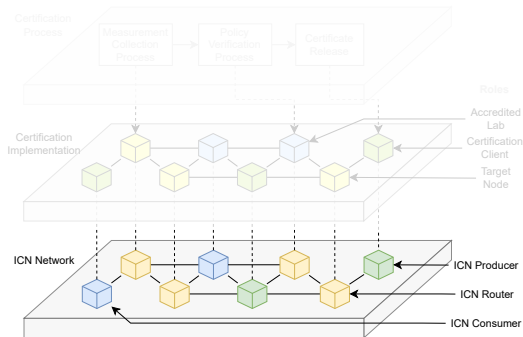
CDN based on **Named Data Networking**

Alternative network stack to TCP/IP

Advanced content cache system focused on **in-protocol caching and security**

Contents security and privacy by default

Can be used as an application layer in other protocols

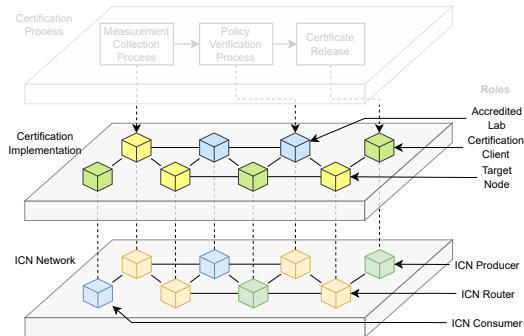


Assurance for Content Distribution Networks

Target Nodes expose metrics as NDN contents

Accredited Labs implement the assurance process

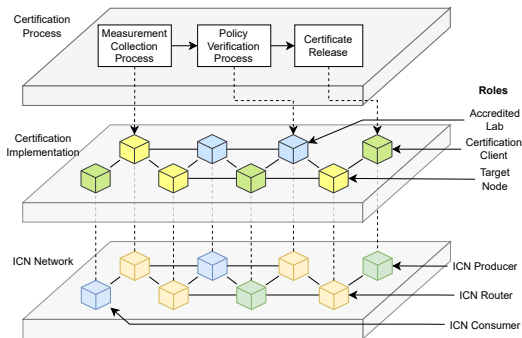
- collect evidence from **Target Nodes**
- verify properties of Target Nodes on-demand of **Certification Clients**
- issue **signed certificates** containing the **verification results**



Assurance for Content Distribution Networks

Previously issued certificates by trusted AL can be reused to **speed-up the verification process**

Accredited Labs can collaborate sharing **signed certificates and evidence**



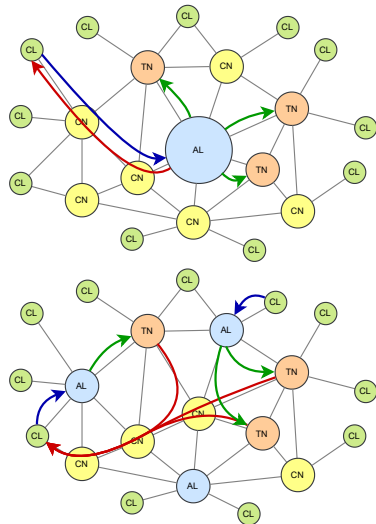
Centralized VS Decentralized Certification

The peculiar capabilities of NDN allowed us to develop two certification solutions

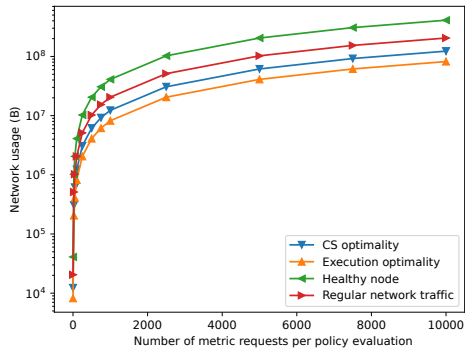
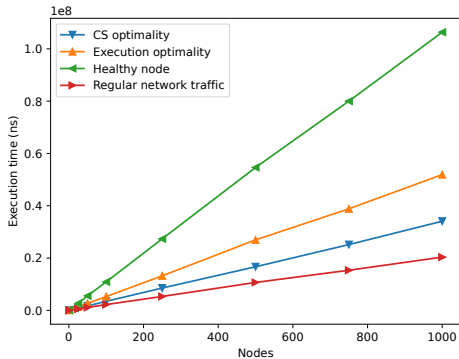
A **centralized certification process**, which is the standard implementation

A **collaborative and decentralized certification process** using NDN caching model

ALs **share evidence and certificates** with other ALs in the network, maintaining **confidentiality and non-repudiability**



Performance evaluation

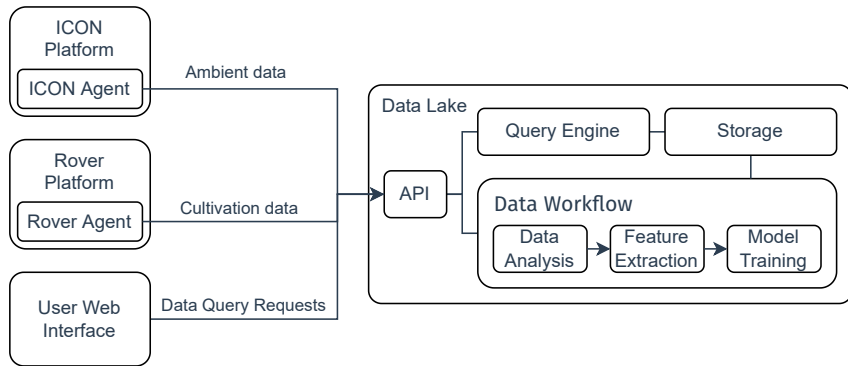


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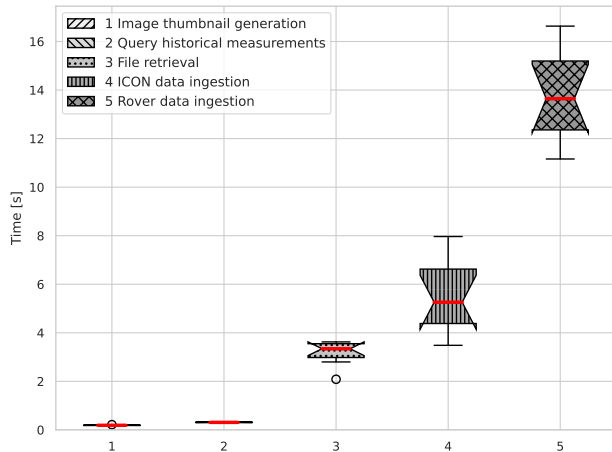
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TIM Industrial Scenario: Workflow



TIM Industrial Scenario: Performance



Conclusions

Introduction of a **novel fully-functional 5G-empowered continuum architecture**

The **infrastructure assurance methodology** has been developed and verified in **integrated industrial-ready scenario**

Proposed a solution for supporting **intensive computation and smart deployment**

Assurance for **data intensive workflows** exploiting big data platforms

Novel seamless deployment solution for **workflows in the continuum**



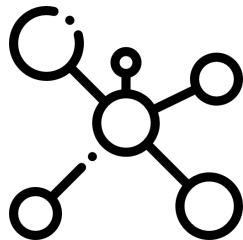
Future Research Directions

Intent-driven continuum empowered by assurance

Satellite based continuum

Lightweight assurance for unreliable networks

AI-based assurance methodology



The **work in this thesis** resulted in

- **2** journal article (Q1 according to Scimago)
- **7** conference papers
- **1** chapters in international books

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