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A novel software architecture for advanced mobility systems and autonomous transport networks

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The ELASTIC Project

- ELASTIC: a software architecture for Extreme-scaLe big-data AnalyticS in fog compuTIng eCosystems
  - Under the scope of the H2020 call ICT-12-2018-2020: Big Data technologies and extreme-scale analytics
  - 42 month project (starting Dec 2018); 6 million € budget
  - https://elastic-project.eu/

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Challenges in the fog computing ecosystem

Higher computational resources

Compute Continuum

Lower response times

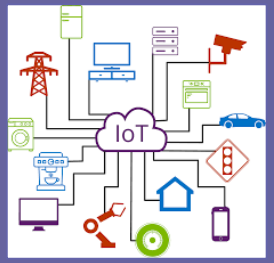
Cloud

Edge

Data sources

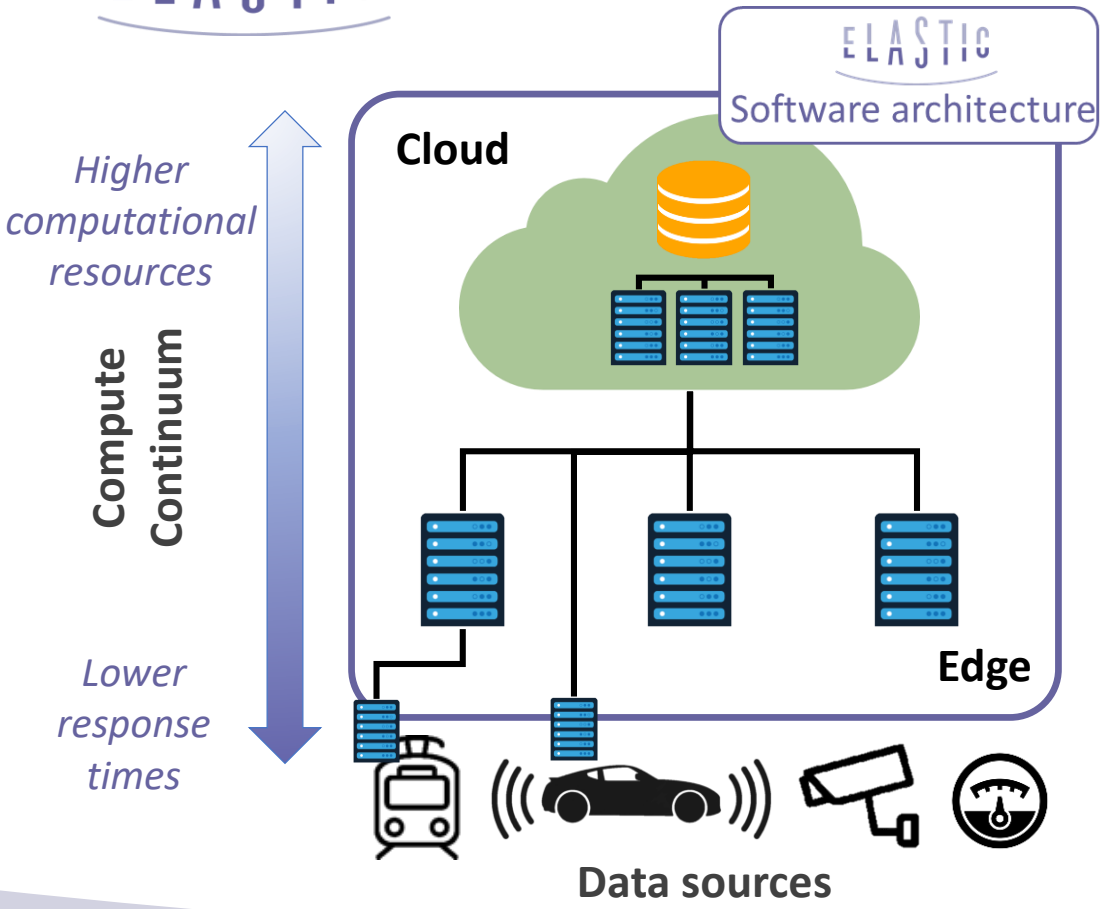
Heterogeneous computing

Heterogeneous networking



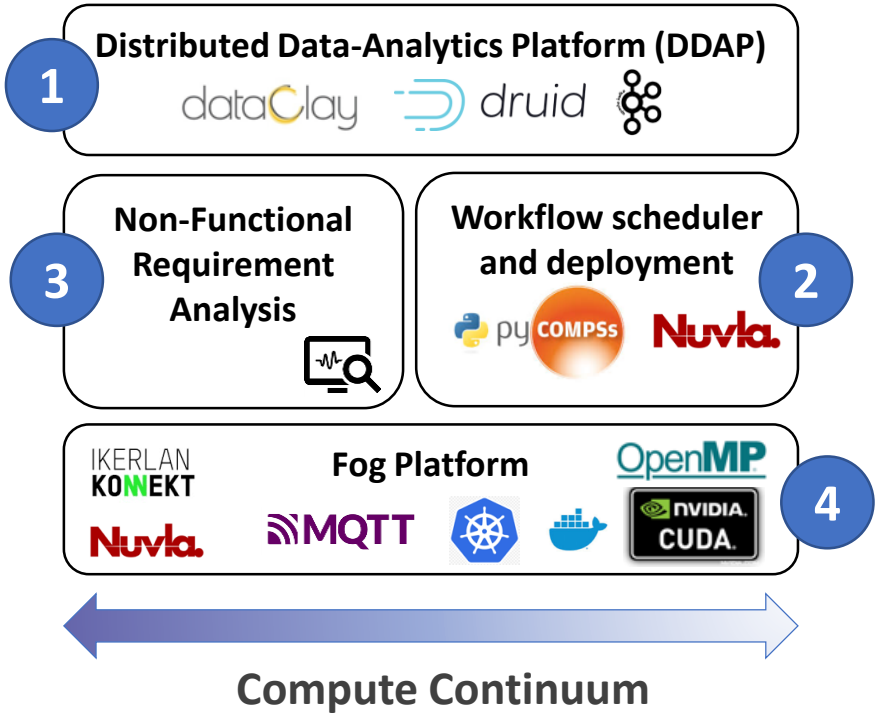
Massive data from disperse sources

The vision of ELASTIC



- ✓ *Facilitate* the development of ***complex data analytics***
- ✓ *Increase* the ***capabilities of the data analytics*** by distributing them across the compute continuum
- ✓ *Fulfill* the ***non-functional properties*** inherited from the application domain
- ✓ *Exploit* ***advanced parallel and energy-efficient*** embedded platforms at the edge

Main Contribution:
The ELASTIC Software Architecture



1. Powerful API for the development of advanced **data-analytics workflows**, supported with a **Distributed Data platform (DDAP)**
2. **Advanced orchestration methods** workflow scheduling and deployment
3. **Non-functional analysis** inherited from the cyber-physical domain
4. Fog-based platforms including
   - **Cloud-based** Container as a Service (Caas)
   - **IoT** cyber-secured communication
   - Advanced highly parallel and energy-efficient **edge** platforms

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Towards autonomous vehicles

Towards enhanced maintenance services

Towards smart and safer mobility

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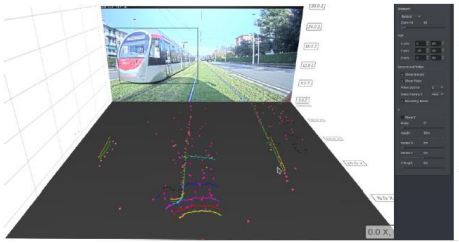
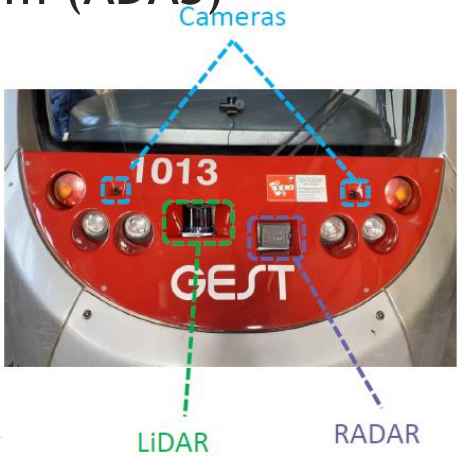
Towards autonomous vehicles

Towards enhanced maintenance services

Towards smarted and safer mobility

- ✓ Next Generation Autonomous Positioning (NGAP)
- ✓ Advanced Driving Assistant System (ADAS)
  - Sensorized trams
    - Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU)
    - Odometer
    - GPS
    - Lidar
    - Radar
    - Cameras





  - Advanced parallel edge processor platforms
  - WiFi and LTE connectivity

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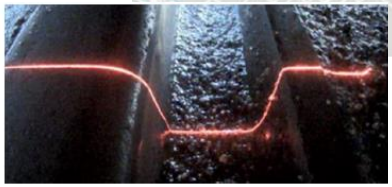
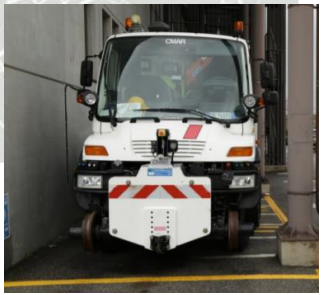
Towards smarted and safer mobility

- ✓ Predictive maintenance
  - Track profiling and automatic detection of track wear
- ✓ Energy efficient driving
  - Profiling of driving behavior
- Sensors employed
  - Laser measuring heads
  - Accelerometers
  - Cameras
  - Odometers
  - Inertial platform
  - Energy extraction unit





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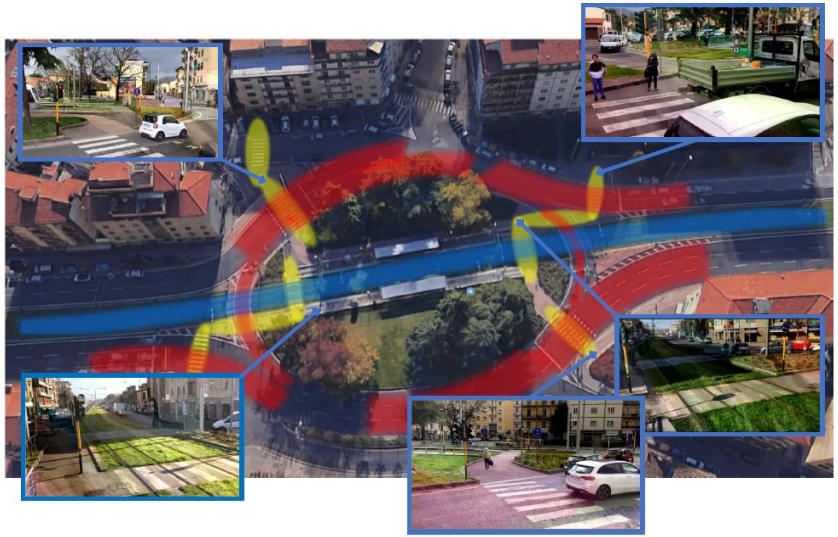
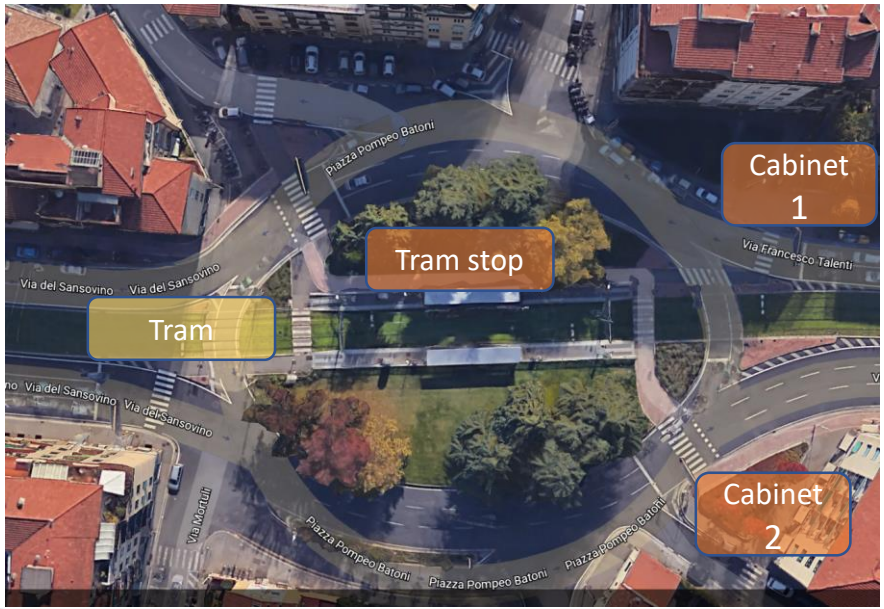
- ✓ Interaction between the public and the private transport in the City of Florence
  - Real-time event detection and hazard alerts
  - Offline analytics for traffic management

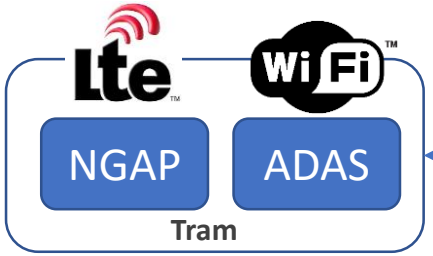


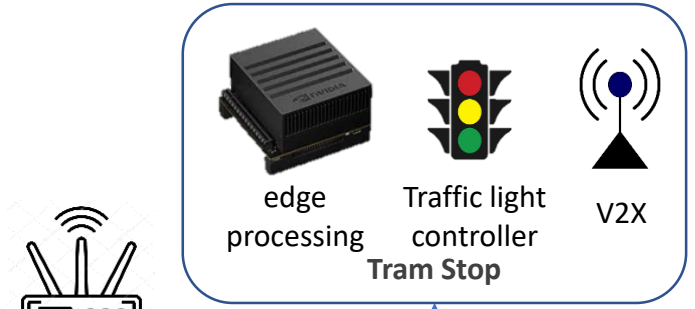
Three pilot intersections

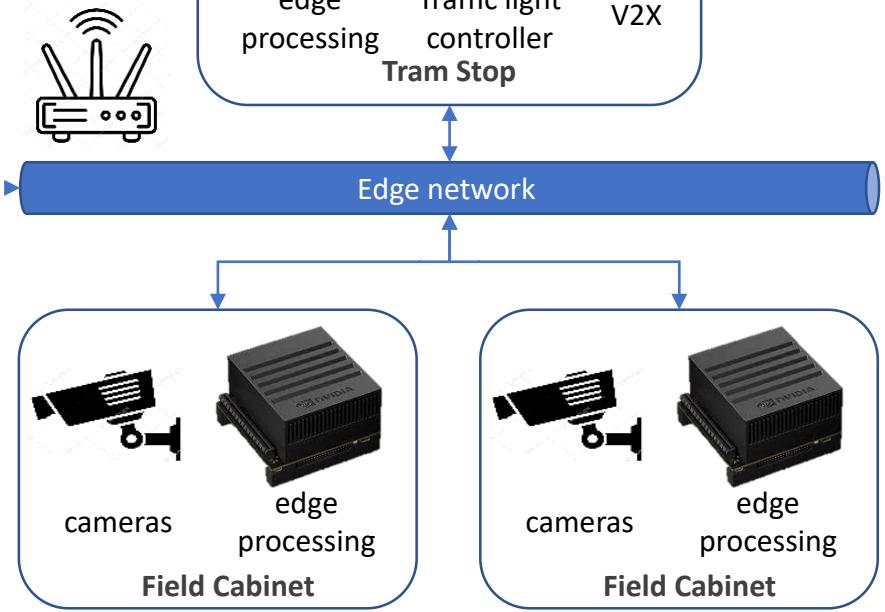
- ✓ 2 cameras per intersection
- ✓ 3 processing edge platforms
- ✓ Traffic light controller
- ✓ V2X infrastructure to alert vehicles

Edge infrastructure





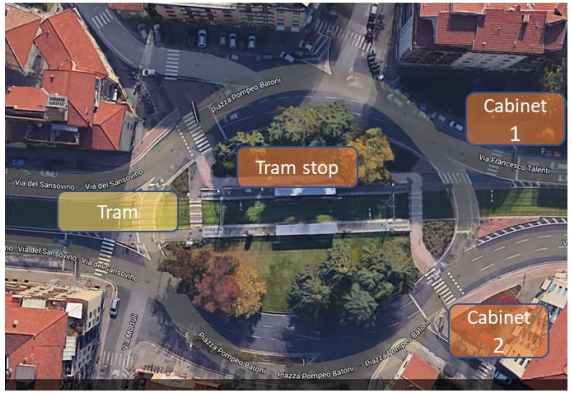




The ELASTIC Compute Continuum

Cloud
(GEST depot)

Lte Wi Fi
NGAP ADAS
Tram



edge processing
Traffic light controller
V2X
Tram Stop

Edge network

cameras
edge processing
Field Cabinet

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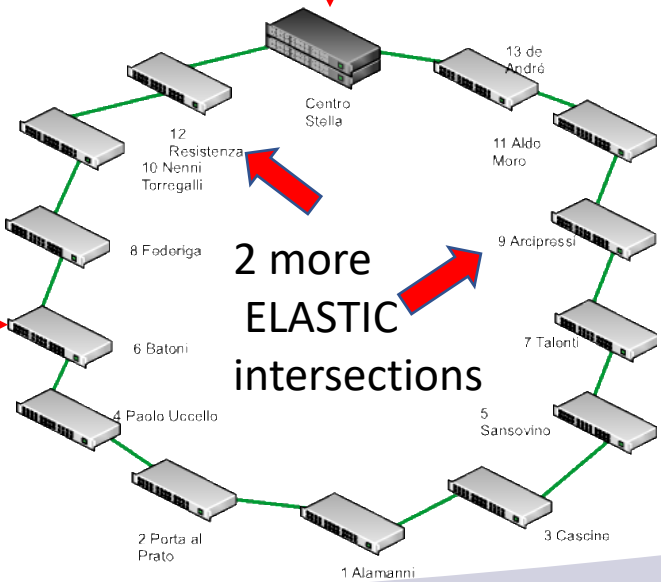
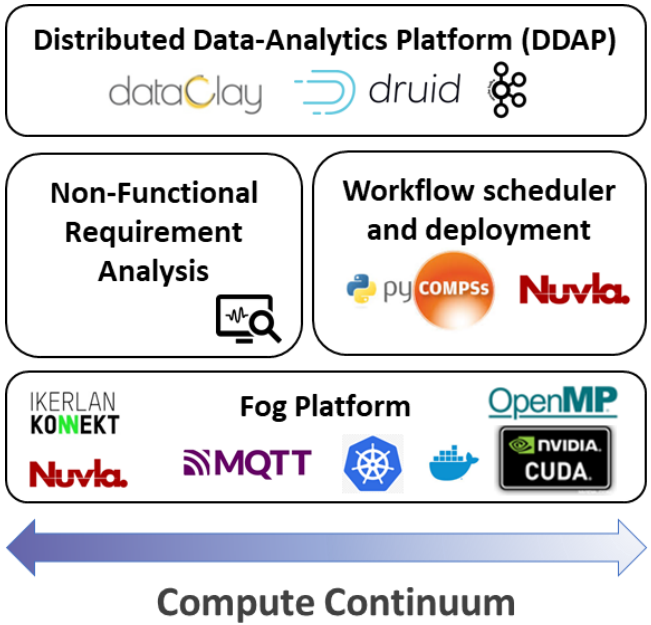
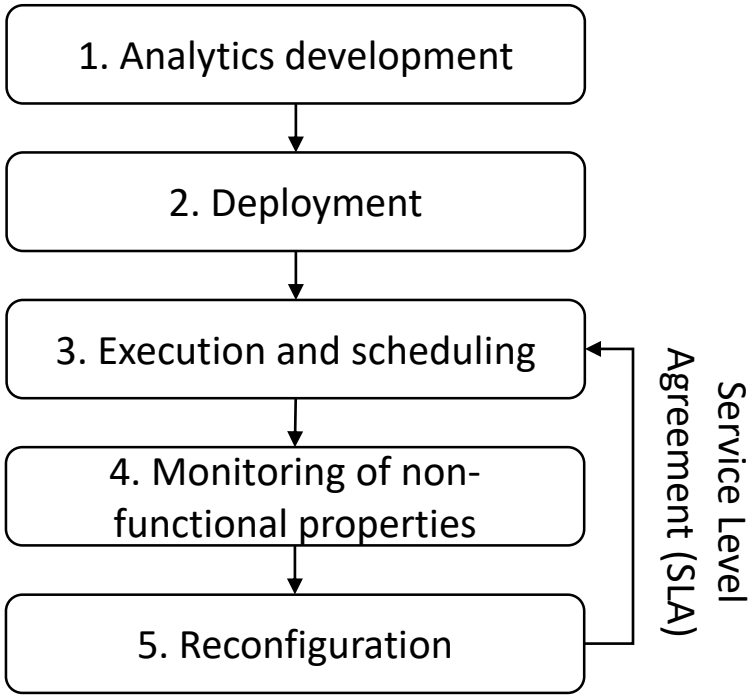


Batoni intersection

ELASTIC Software Architecture

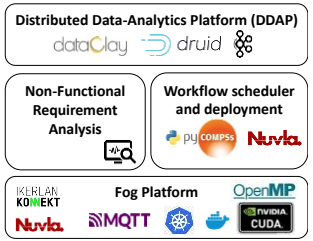


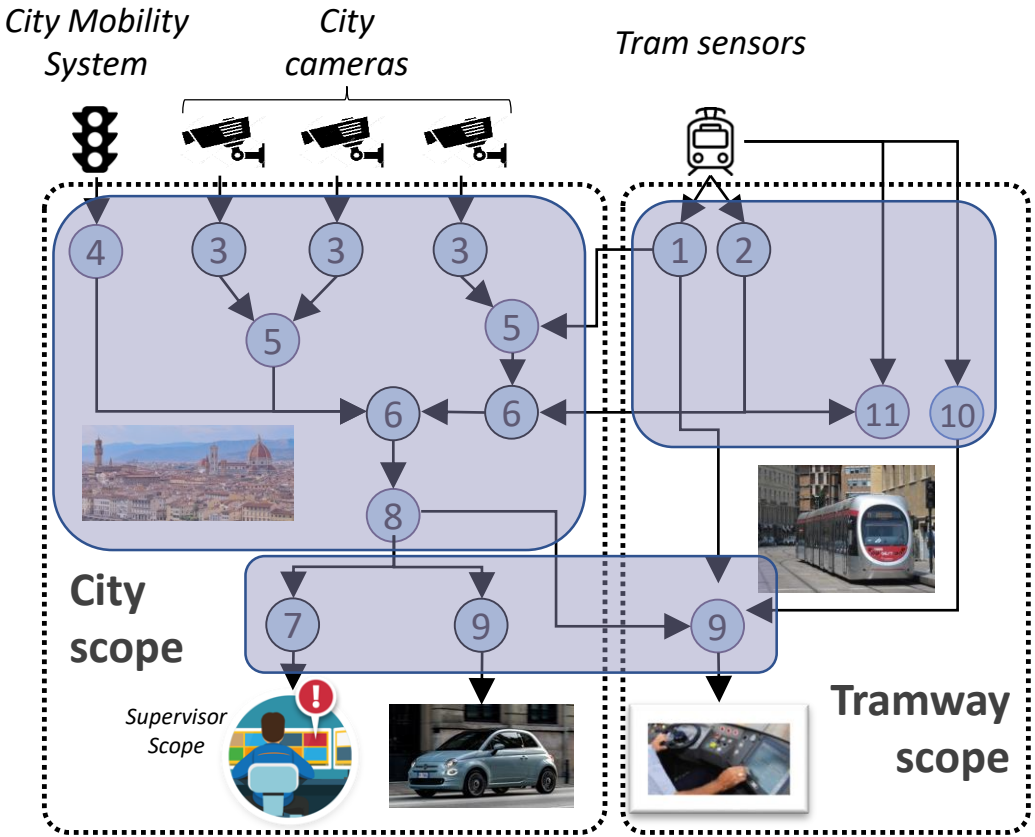


The Data-Analytics Workflow

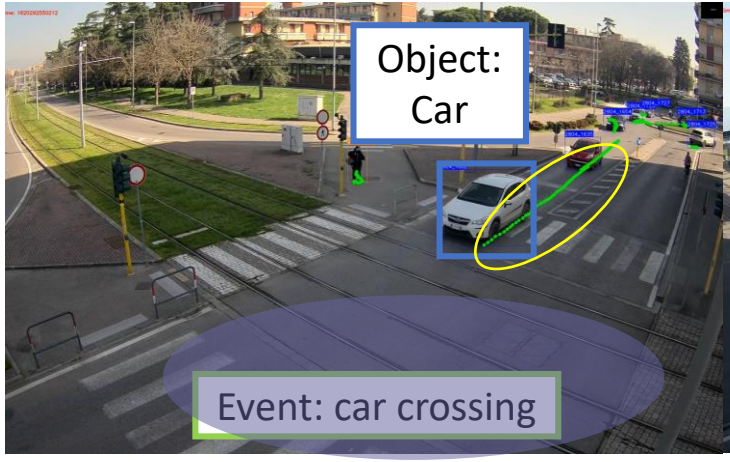
Data Analytics Methods

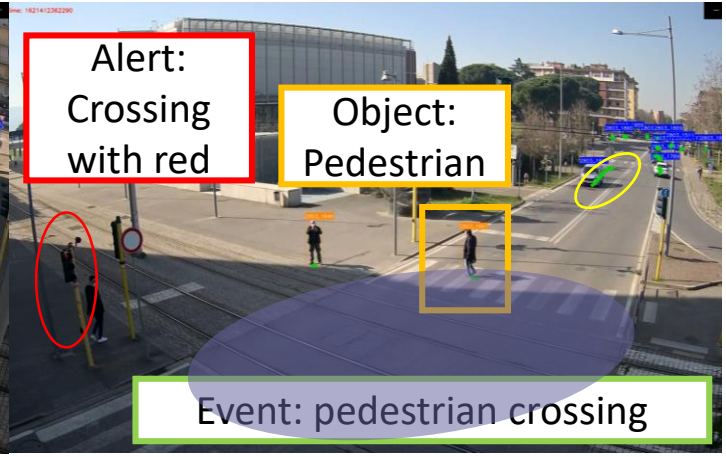
1. Sensor fusion (ADAS)
2. Tram position (NGAP)
3. Object detection
4. UTC/Supervisor consolidation
5. Data fusion
6. Data aggregation
7. Dashboard
8. Hazard detection
9. Alert visualization (cars/trams)
10. Electric power consumption
11. Defect Detector

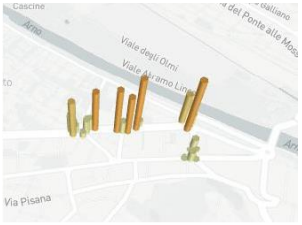


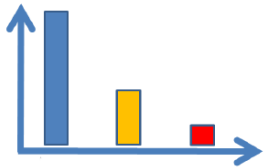


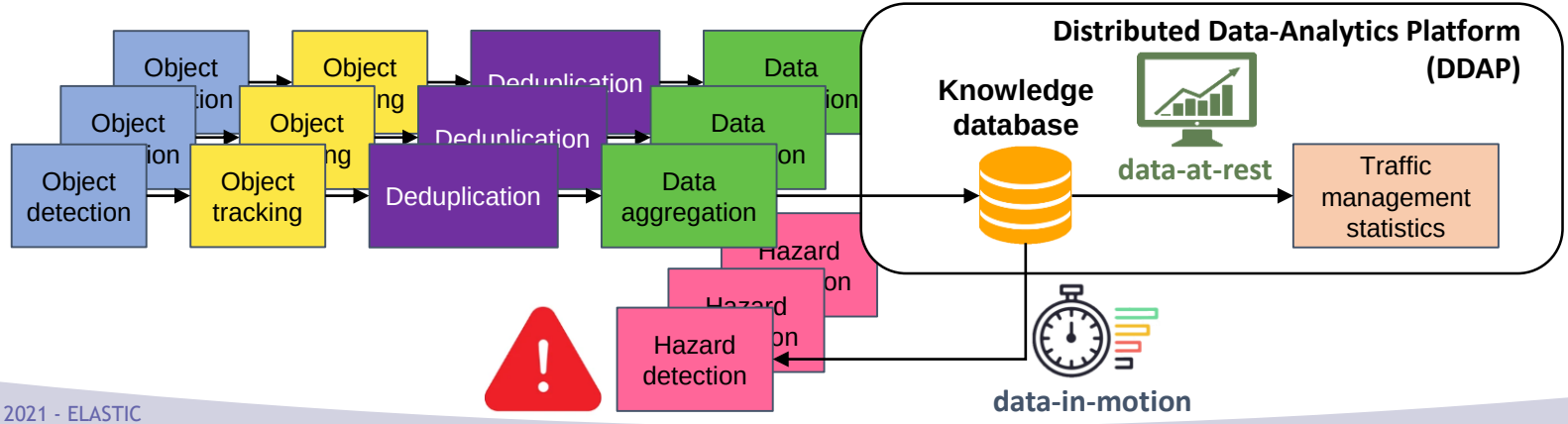
Data analytics: from data to knowledge



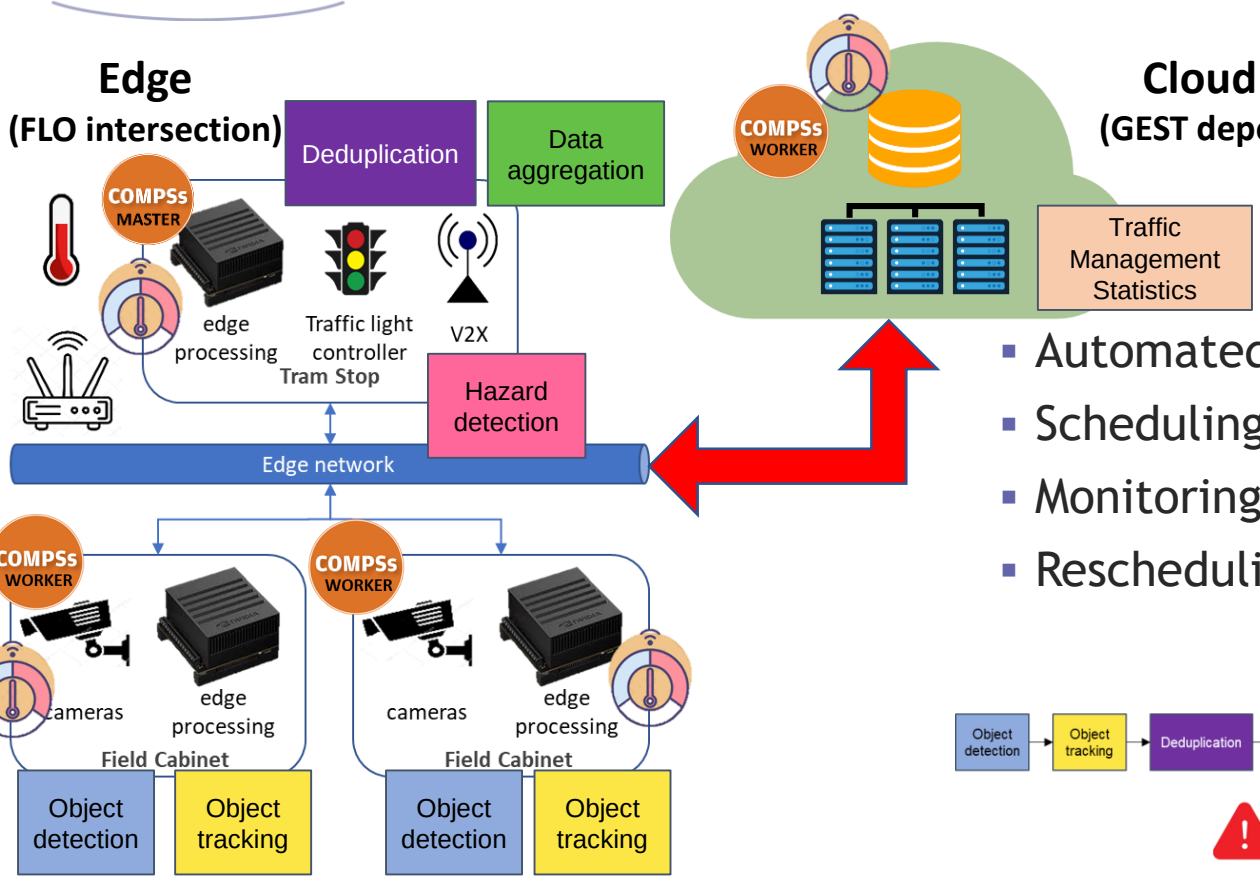








Deployment and distributed execution across the compute continuum



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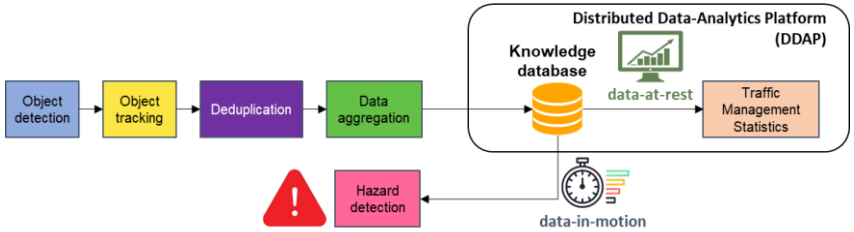
- Automated deployment
- Scheduling based on heuristics
- Monitoring
- Rescheduling on-the-fly



Conclusions

- ELASTIC proposes a **novel software architecture** for the ***development***, ***distribution*** and ***execution*** of
  - ✓ complex analytics workflows over the compute continuum
  - ✓ in a way transparent to programmer and agnostic to infrastructure
  - ✓ while guaranteeing non-functional requirements inherited from the application domain
  - ✓ supporting the reallocation of resources on-the-fly
  - ✓ enhancing the overall ***programmability***, ***portability*** and ***performance***
- The ELASTIC software architecture is being validated in a smart mobility use case involving the Florence tramway network, towards smarter, safer, efficient and autonomous transportation

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Workflow orchestration

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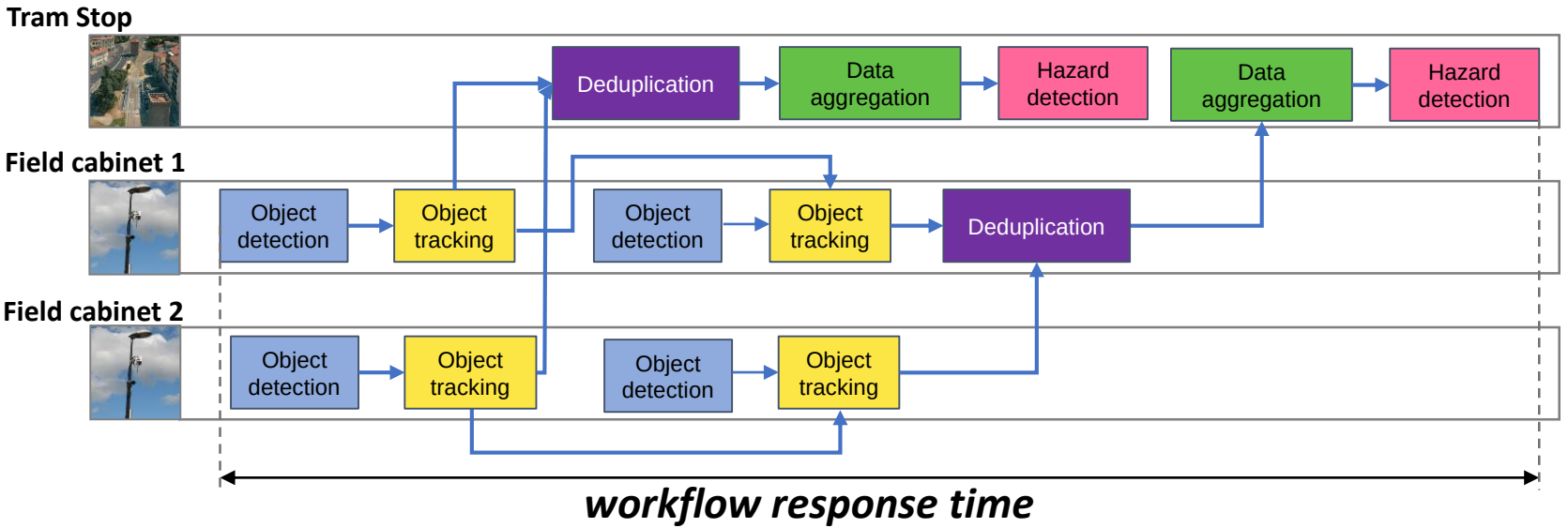

- Scheduling heuristics that minimize the end-to-end response time
- Exploit parallelism of applications and edge platforms

Real-time monitoring and reconfiguration

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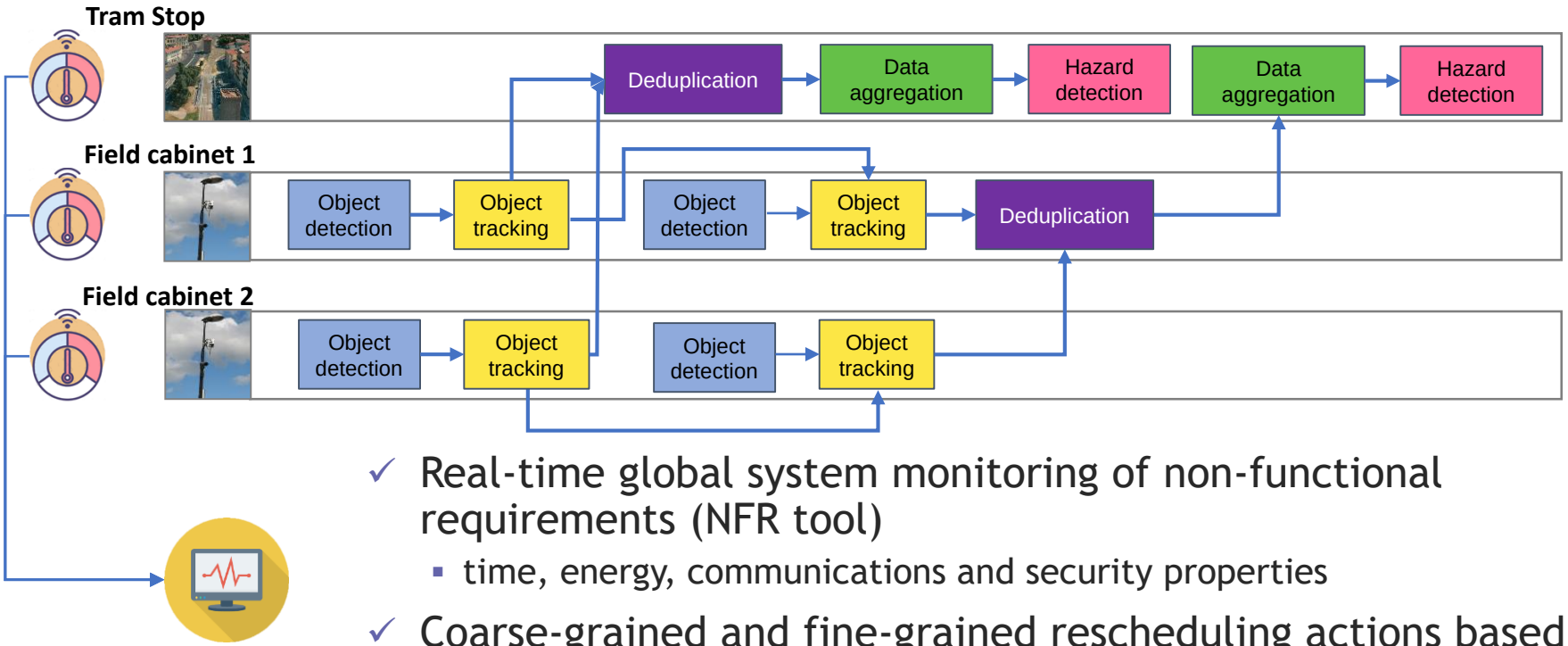

- ✓ Real-time global system monitoring of non-functional requirements (NFR tool)
  - time, energy, communications and security properties
- ✓ Coarse-grained and fine-grained rescheduling actions based on recommendations and scheduling policies

Application Example – Task based programming

```python
@task(returns=numpy.ndarray)
def get_frame():
    return get_next_frame_from_video()

@task(frame=IN, returns=list)
def get_objects_from_frame(frame):
    return yolo.detect(frame)

@task(list_objects=IN)
def tracker(list_objects):
    return track(list_objects)

@task(list_objects=IN, frame = IN)
def collect_and_display(list_objects, frame):
    for obj in list_objects:
        display(obj, frame)

## Main function ##
while True:
    frame = get_frame()
    list_obj = get_objects_from_frame(frame)
    for i in range(len(list_obj)):
        list_obj[i] = tracker (list_obj)
    collect_and_display (list_obj, frame)
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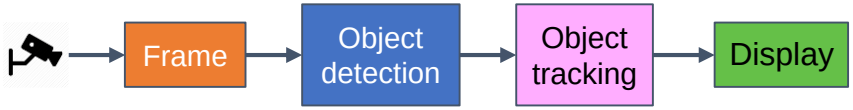
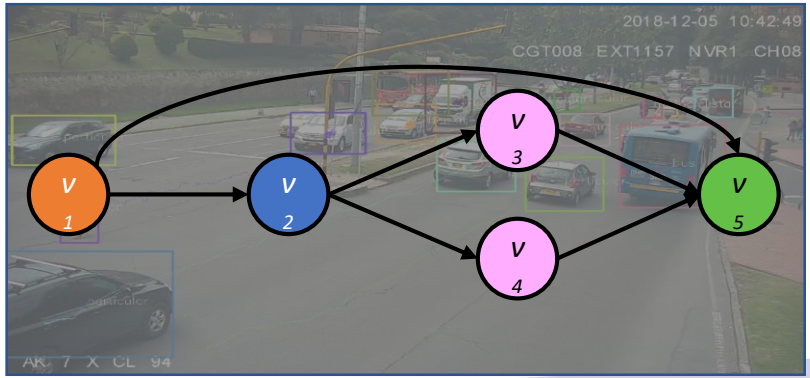
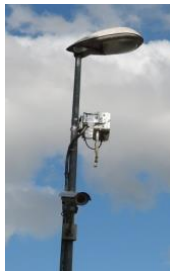


- Write sequential code
- Annotate tasks to be distributed with @task and identify their dependencies

✓ COMPSs will create the task graph and distribute the tasks



Application Example – Distributed deployment



Edge site
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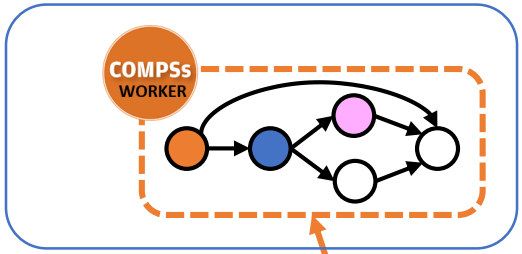
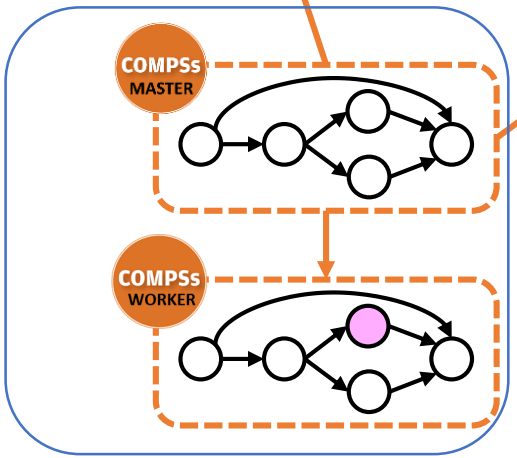
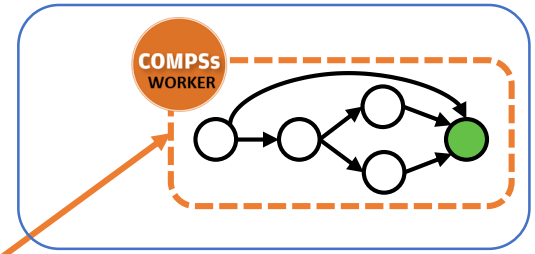
Edge site
(Tram Stop)



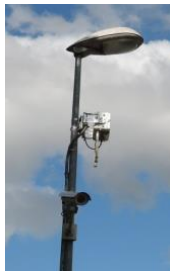


Cloud



- COMPSs deploys workers across the compute continuum
- Runtime manages task distribution based on scheduling policy

Application Example – Real-time monitoring for non-functional requirement guarantees



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Cloud

Worker down

Rescheduling

Alerts &
recommendations

COMPSs
MASTER

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Real-time monitoring:

- ✓ CPU utilization
- ✓ Energy consumption
- ✓ Link quality
- ✓ Security