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Fogify: A Fog Computing Emulation Framework

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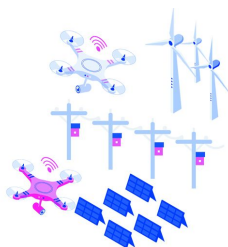


Fog Design and Deployment Challenges

Fog Application Use-cases



UC1. Human-Robot Collaboration in Industrial Ecosystems



UC2. Power Line Surveillance via Swarm of Drones



UC3. Digital Transformation of Urban Mobility

Costly device's selection

Time-consuming configuration

Monitoring

Infrastructure Realization

Performance Analysis

Workload Alterations

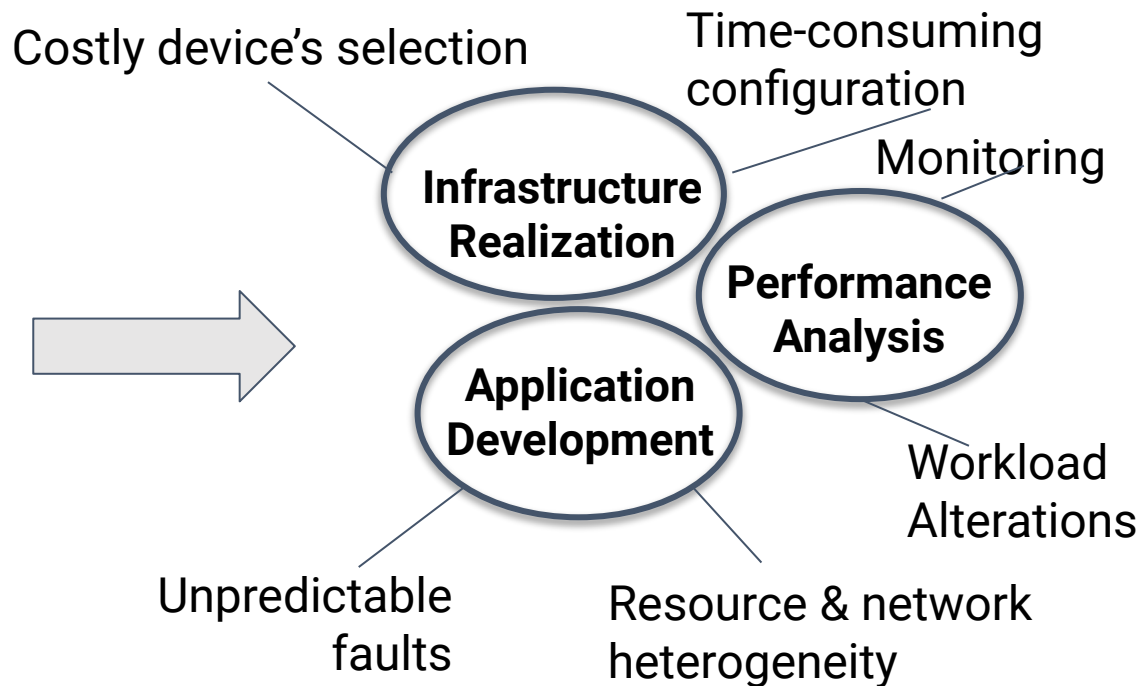
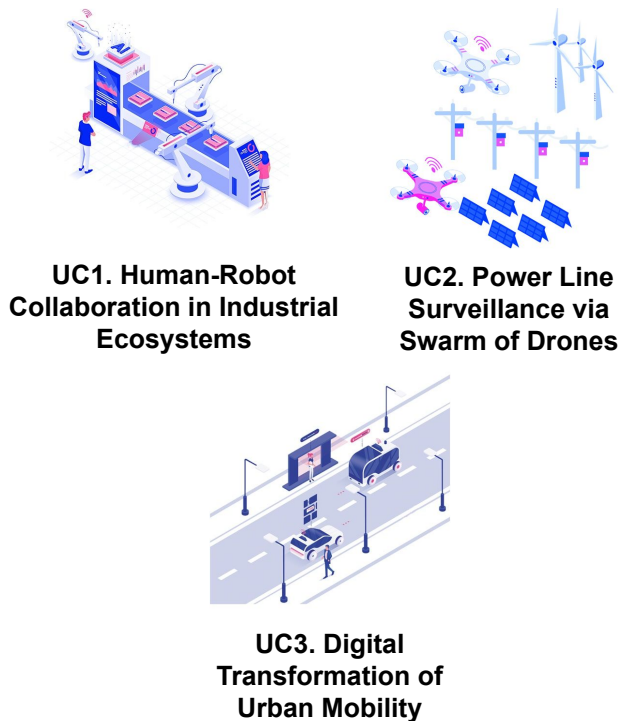
Application Development

Unpredictable faults

Resource & network heterogeneity

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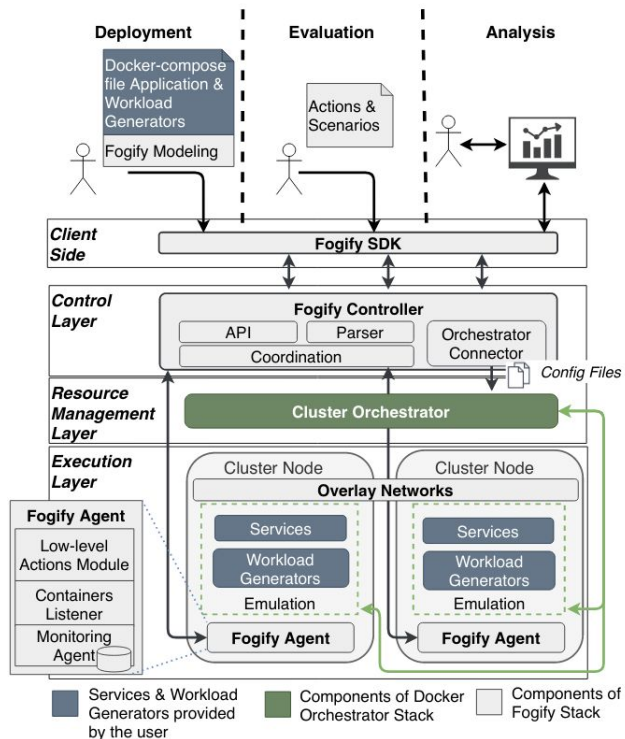
To this end, the users seek solutions to model and analyze the behavior of Fog infrastructure and IoT services...

Why do we Need a Fog Emulator?

- Evaluation on real infrastructure is extremely costly and time-consuming (configuration, deployment, etc).
- Why do not use a simulator?
 - Must have models for every piece of infrastructure, application behavior and their interactions... application not actually run...

Emulators mimic production-end environment and application executes in real-time.

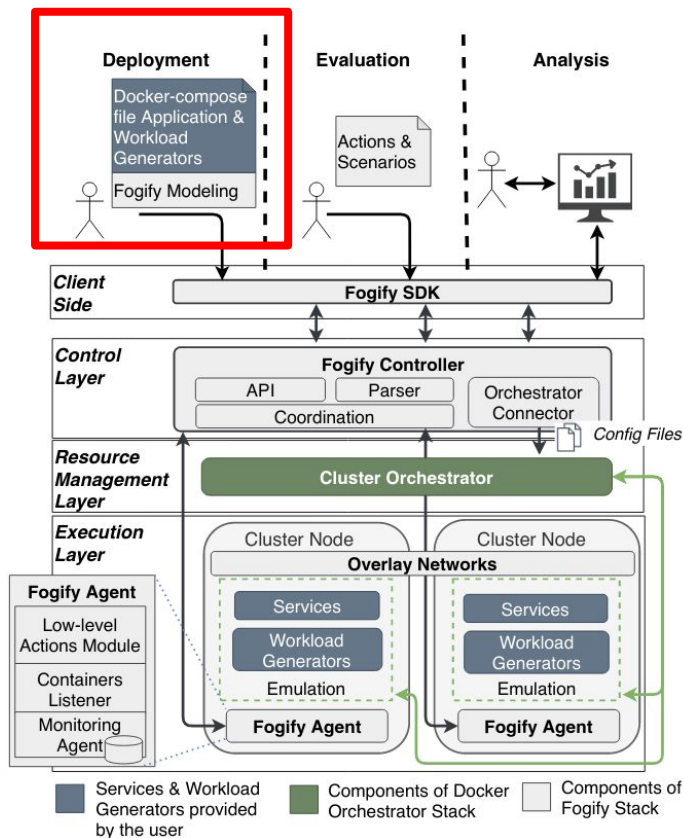
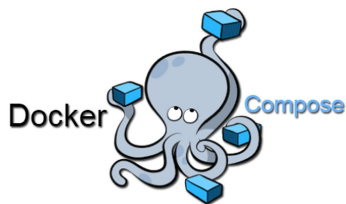
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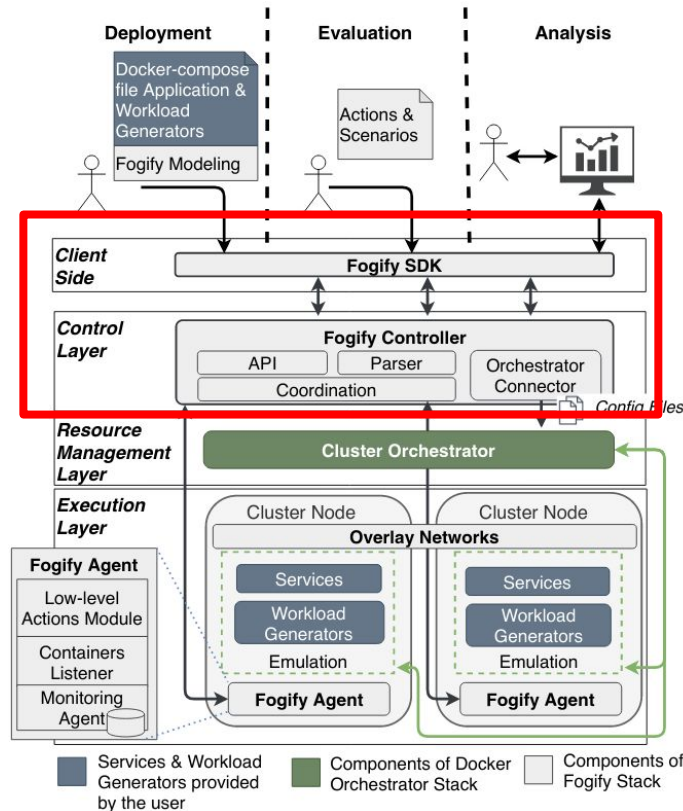
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- Network Link Heterogeneity
- Controllable Faults and Alterations
- Any-scale Experimentation
- Monitoring Capabilities
- Rapid Application Deployment

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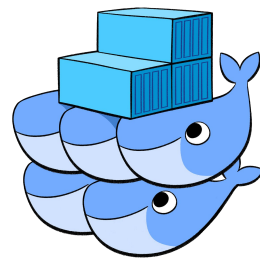
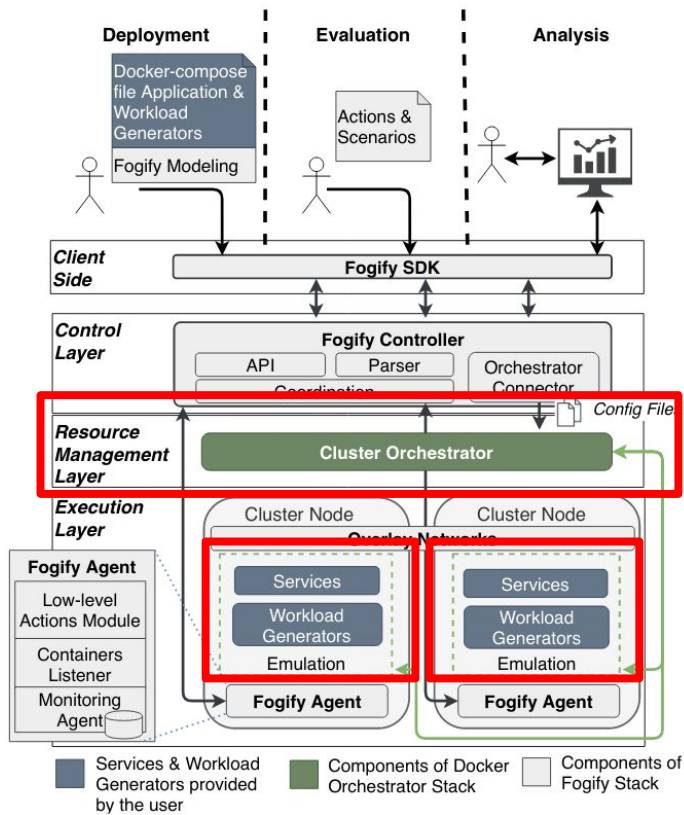
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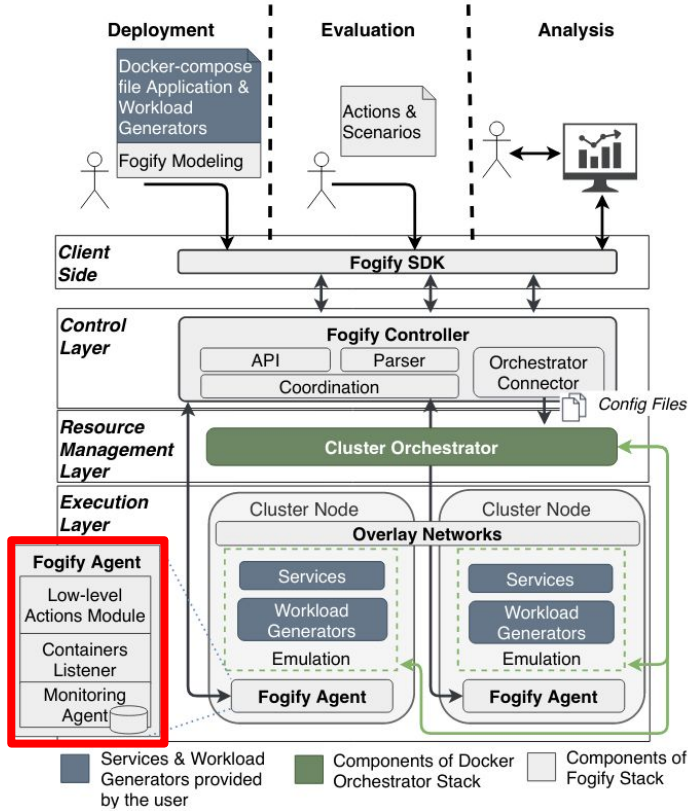
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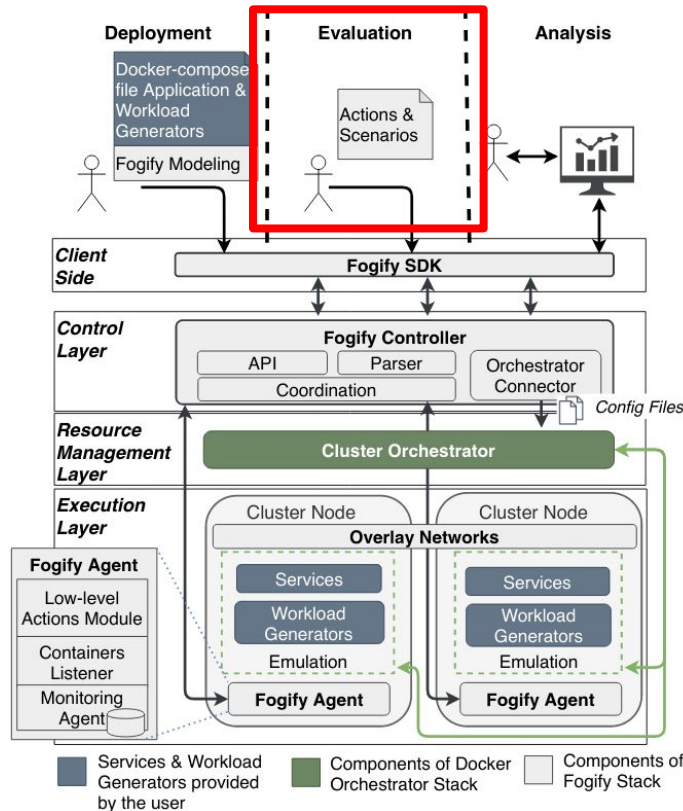
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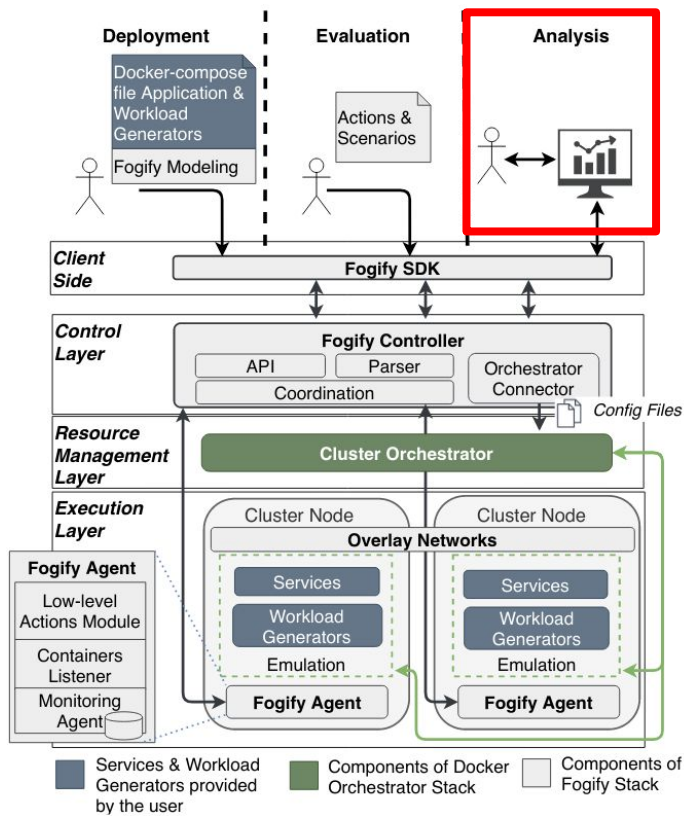
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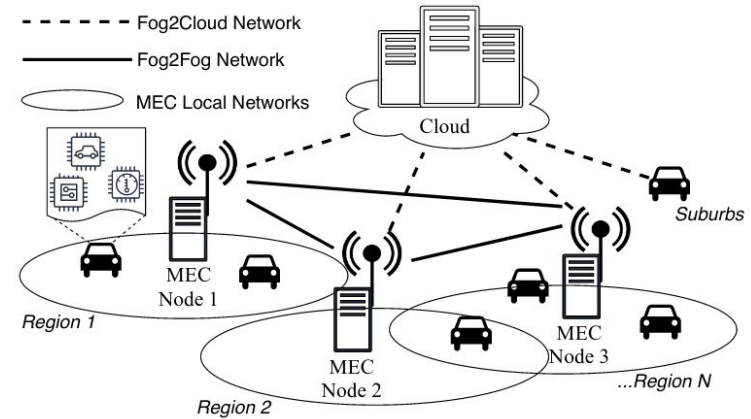
Modeling

Motivating Example

Use-case: A taxi company wants to analyse **region-based data** from its fleet.

In a **real testbed**, the company should:

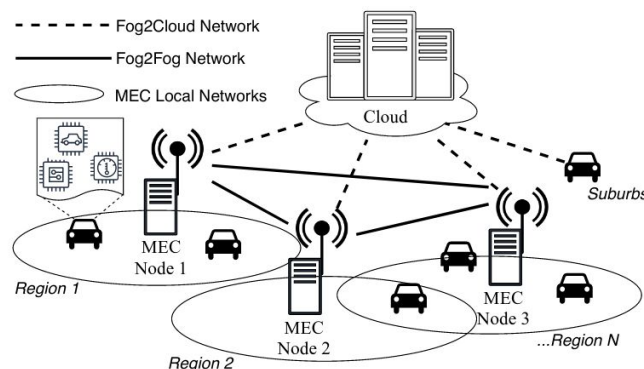
- **Purchase** MECs and taxis sensors
- **Configure** the MECs and **place** them at their physical location
- Setup the **network components**
- **Monitor** the “health” of the infrastructure



At the end, the developers will **not be sure if they tackle every single obstacle of network changes and device’s failures.**

A similar application to RAINBOW’s UC3 (Digital Transformation of Urban Mobility)

Use-case Modeling in Fogify



```

services: .....
x-fogify:
  nodes: .....
  networks: .....
  topology:
    - label: mec-node-1
      service: mec-svc
      node: mec-node
      networks:
        - name: mec-net-1
          links:
            car-node-at-mec-1:
              downlink: {
                latency: 50ms}
        - name: mec-2-cloud-net
        - name: mec-2-mec-net
      replicas: 1
      label: mec-node-2
      service: .....

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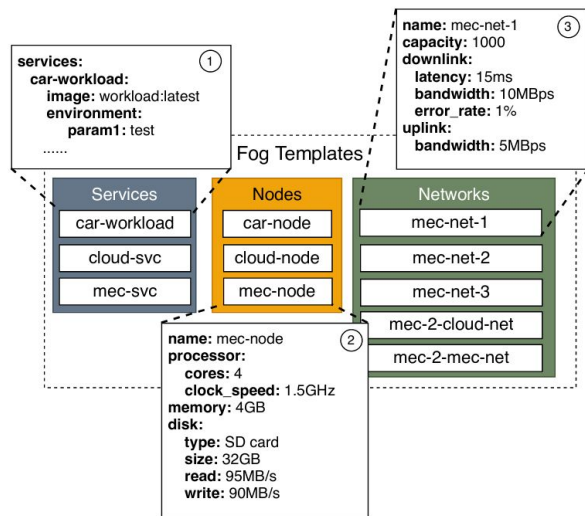
For the Fog Nodes:

- **5 MECs** (4 cores@1.4GHz, 4GB RAM) are placed in 5 different regions (*region-{1-5}*)
- **Taxis/car-node** (1 core@700MHz, 256MB RAM) sending sensed data to nearby MEC
- **Cloud server** (8 cores@2.4GHz, 8GB RAM) computes the final results.

According to the **Network QoS**:

- **Regional Network**: 15ms latency and up to 10Mbps bandwidth
- **Edge-Cloud connection**: 100ms latency and up to 5Mbps bandwidth

Fog Topology

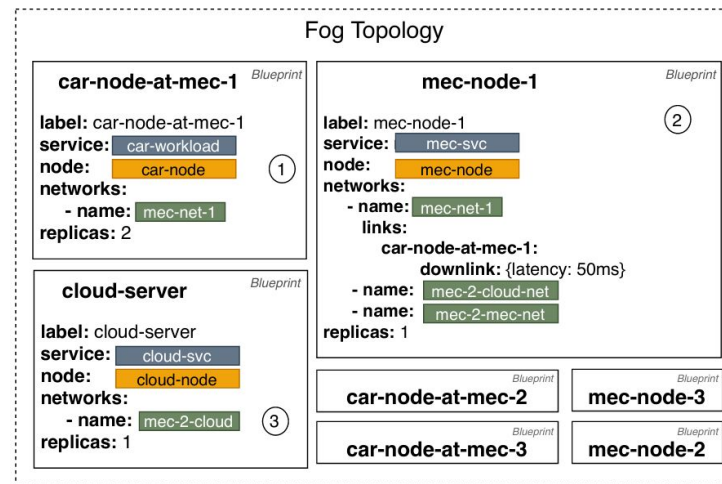


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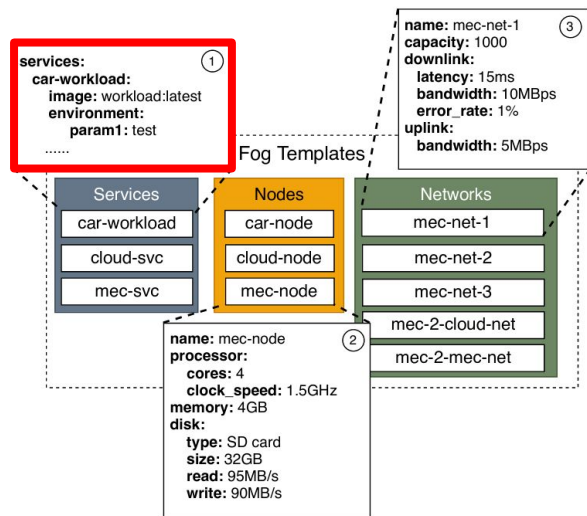
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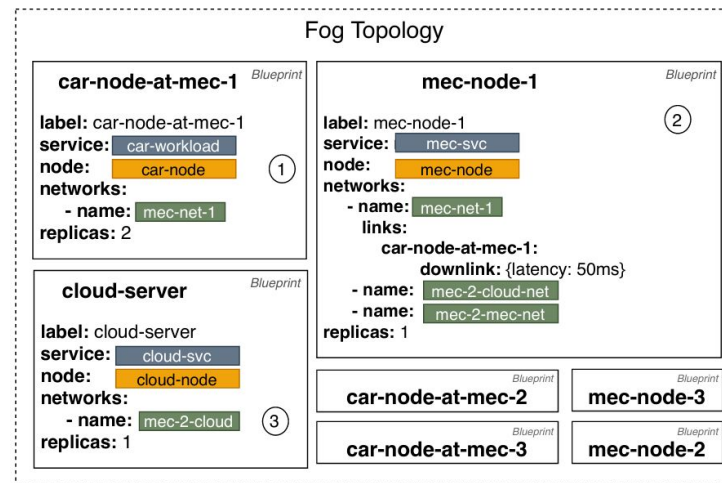


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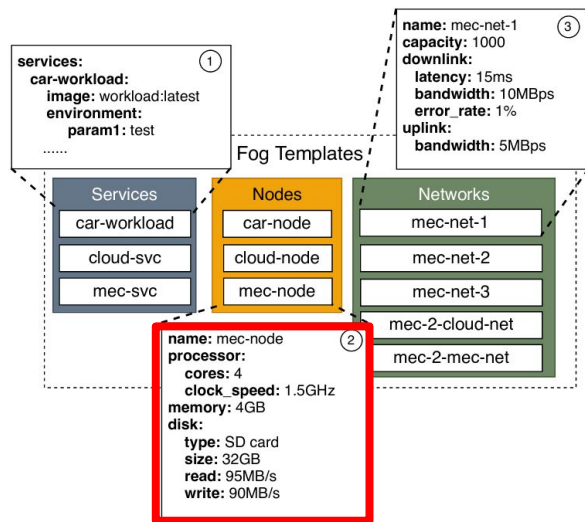
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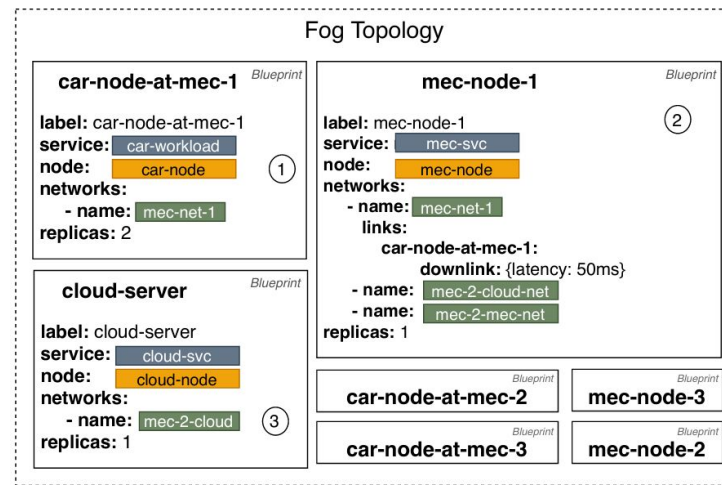
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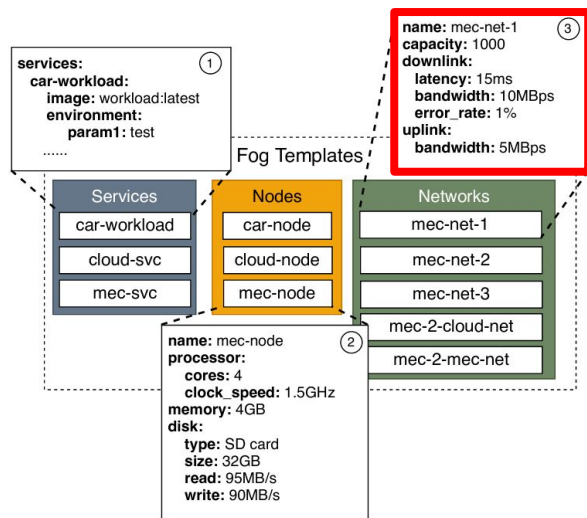


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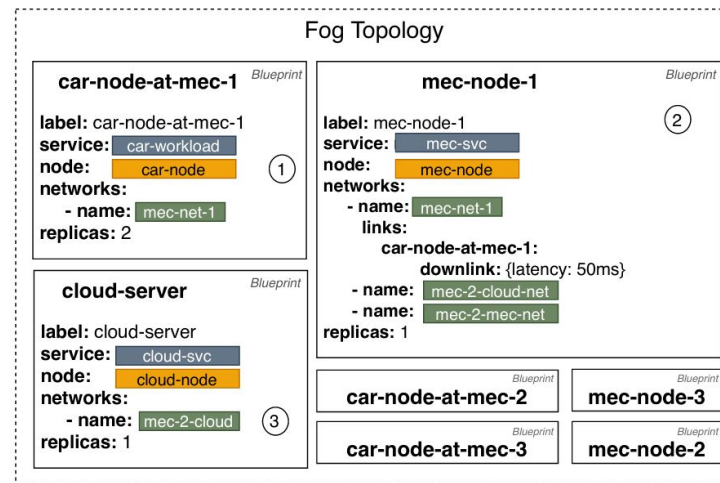
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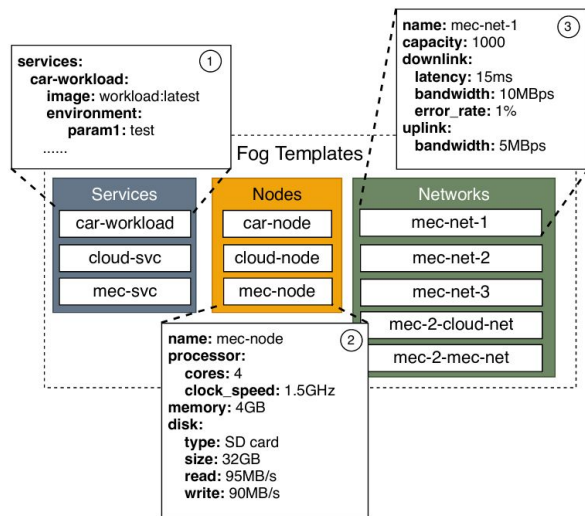


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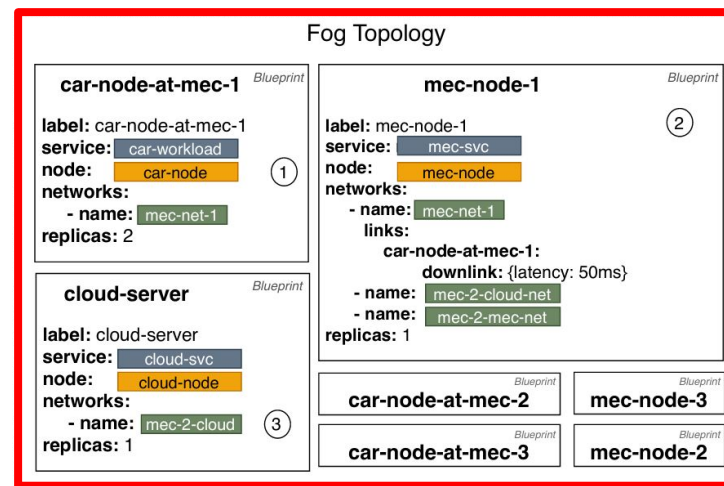


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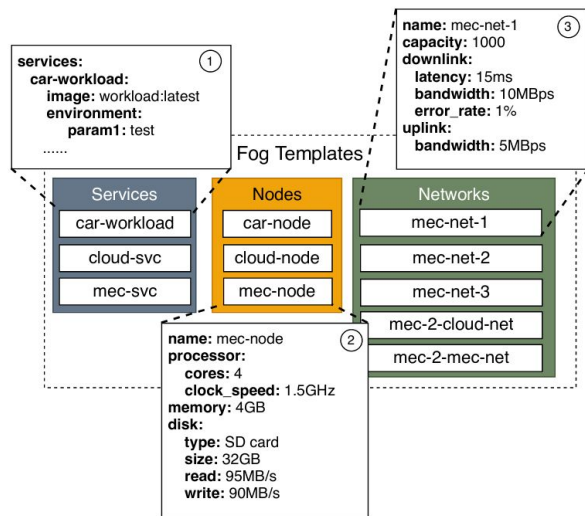
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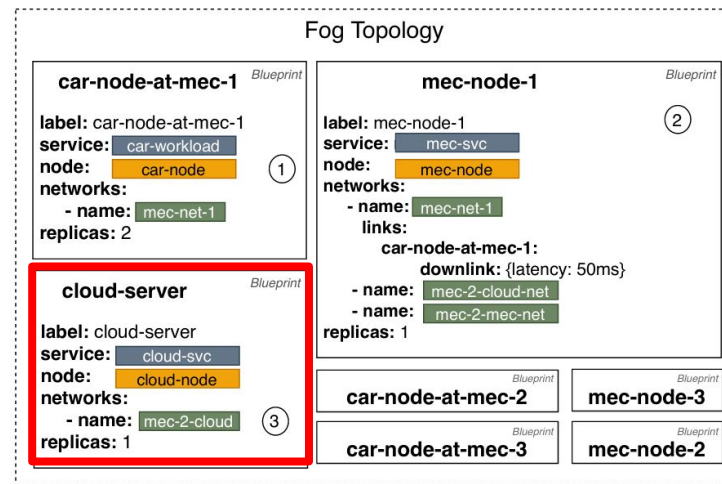


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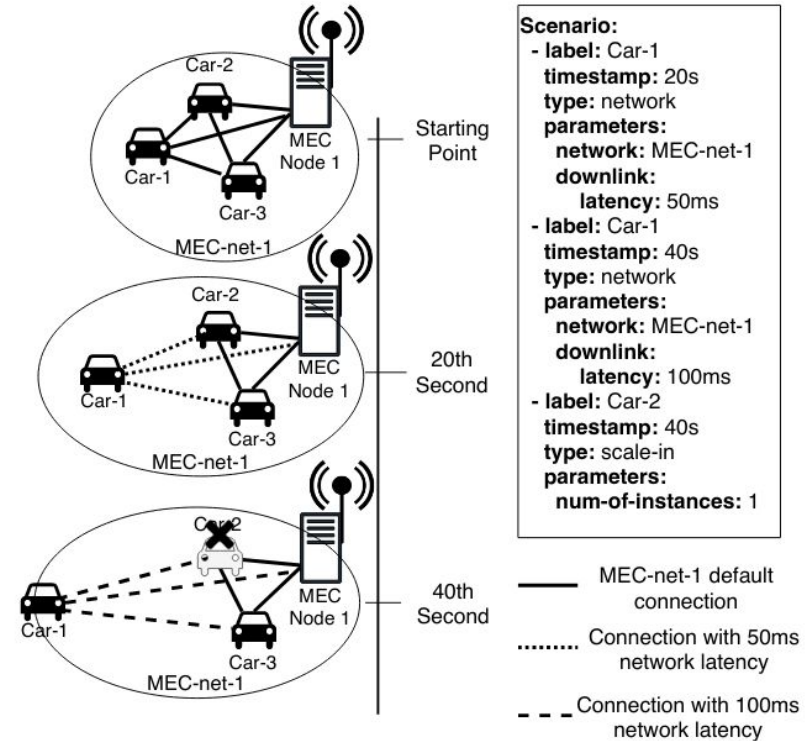


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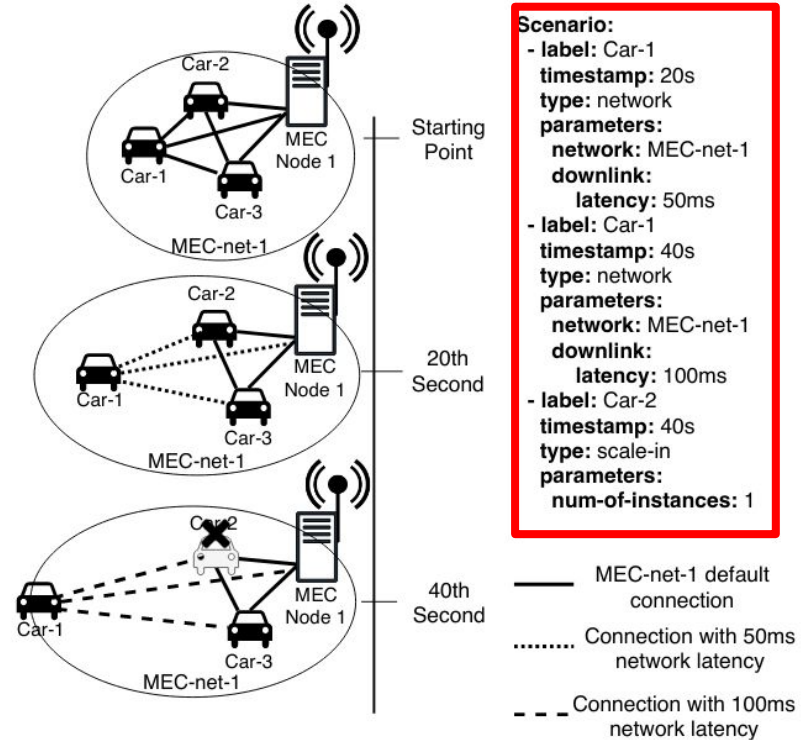
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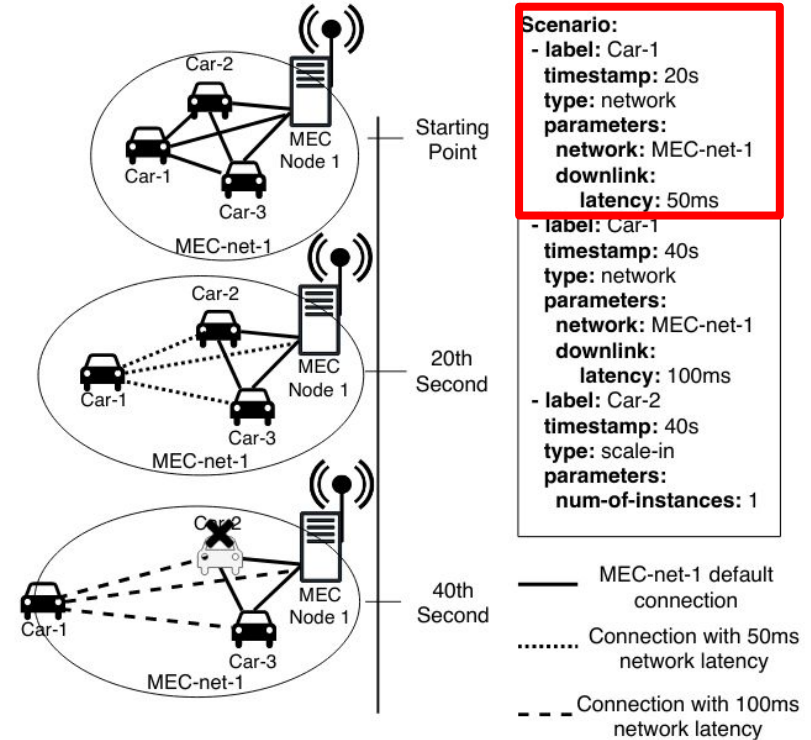
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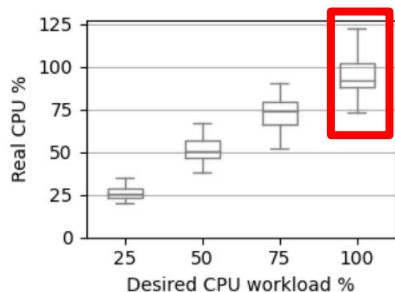


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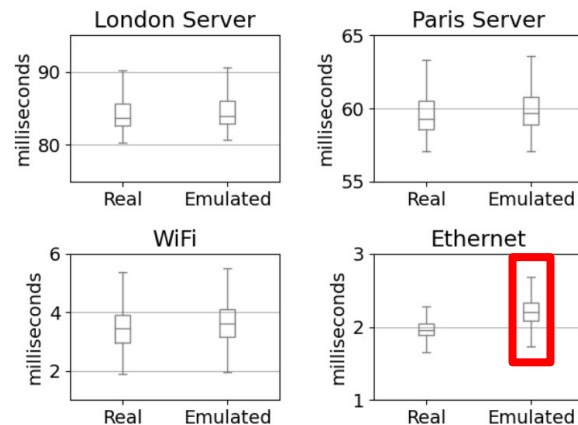
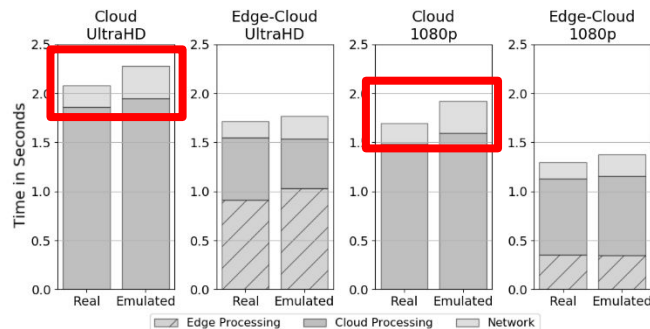
Evaluation

Emulation Accuracy



The **emulated computing resources** has only a *small performance degradation* for workloads approaching 100% CPU usage

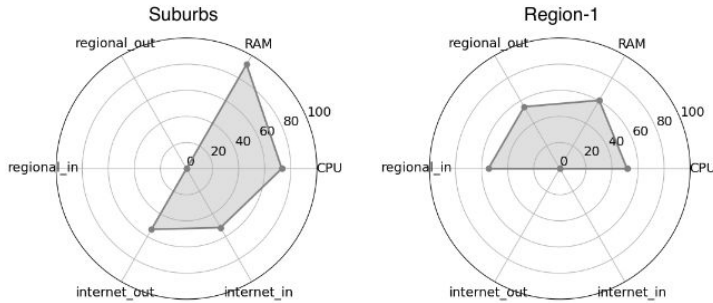
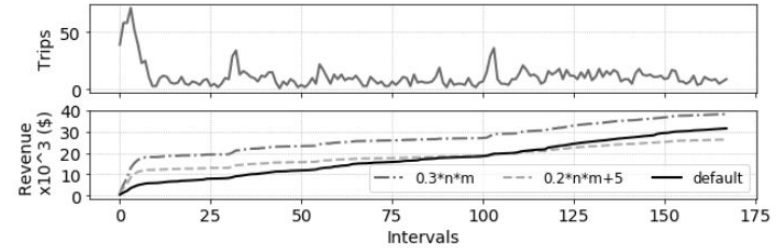
Fogify achieves near to **real-world network link capabilities**, with *only outliers* not captured and a *slight overhead* in low-latency connections



The emulation results **closely follow the real measurements** with a *5%-8% deviation* of the overall experiment time.

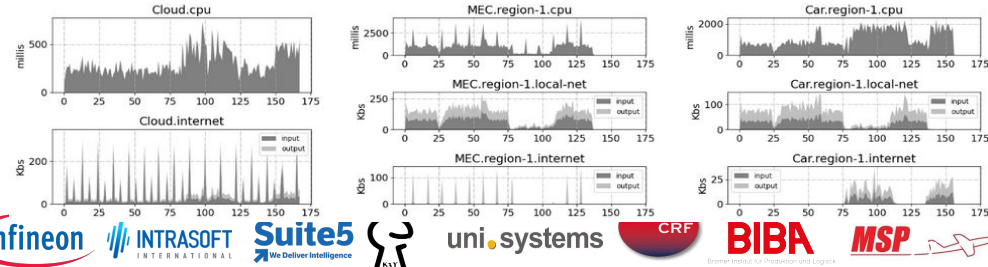
Scenarios Evaluation

Application-level metrics: Operators can employ Fogify to produce and evaluate analytic insights, implementing adequate app-level metrics.



Node profiling: insights are highly beneficial to engineers for capacity planning, optimizing service and resource placement.

Scaling Actions, Network Alterations & Workload Changes: released insights about service performance and resources utilization.



How do we use Fogify in the RAINBOW project?

Performance evaluation of WP4's components

- Evaluation of scheduling algorithms for RAINBOW's analytic layer (Apache Storm)
- Benchmarking and performance analysis of RAINBOW's storage layer (Apache Ignite vs Redis)

Quantitative experiments of Human-Robot Collaboration in Industrial Ecosystems (UC1)

- Microservice application with more than 8 containerized services including queues (MQTT), in-memory databases (Redis), workloads, etc.

In creation of **Fog service placement algorithms** for K8s clusters (work in progress)

- Currently, we have integrated kind (k8s in docker) with Fogify



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Fogify is an emulation Framework easing the modeling, deployment and experimentation of fog testbeds. Fogify provides a toolset to: model complex fog topologies comprised of heterogeneous resources, network capabilities and QoS criteria; deploy the modelled configuration and services using popular containerized infrastructure-as-code descriptions to a cloud or local environment; experiment, measure and evaluate the deployment by injecting faults and adapting the configuration at runtime to test different "what-if" scenarios that reveal the limitations of a service before introduced to the public.

Features

Resources Heterogeneity

Fogify is able to emulate Fog nodes with heterogeneous resources and capabilities.

Network Links Heterogeneity

Controlling the link quality, such as network latency, bandwidth, error rate, etc., and even reproduce real-world node-to-node and node-to-network connection traces

Controllable Faults and Alterations

Changes on running topology by injecting faults, alter network quality and inject (varying) workload and compute resources

Any-scale Experimentation

Scalability from topologies with a limited number of nodes, capable to run on a single laptop or PC, to hundreds or thousands nodes, running on a whole cluster.

Monitoring Capabilities

Collect, manage, and process metrics from emulated Fog Nodes, network connections, and application-level information seamlessly

Rapid Application Deployment

Functional prototypes of an applications, written in docker-compose, demand no modifications to its business logic in order run on Fogify.



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Give it a try!

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