

# TinyEdge: Enabling Rapid Edge System Customization for IoT Applications

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# Edge Systems and Applications are Increasing

Application



AR/VR



Video Surveillance



Autonomous Vehicle

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System

|   |  |
|---|--|
|  Akraino EdgeStack   |  |
|  KubeEdge  |  |
|  EdgeX  EdgeTPU |  |
|  AWS Greengrass  |  Azure IoT Edge    |
|  Paradrop  |  CORD              |
|  Baidu BIE   |  Alibaba LinkEdge |
|  Tencent ICEP  |  K3s              |
|  OneEdge   |  |



2016

2017

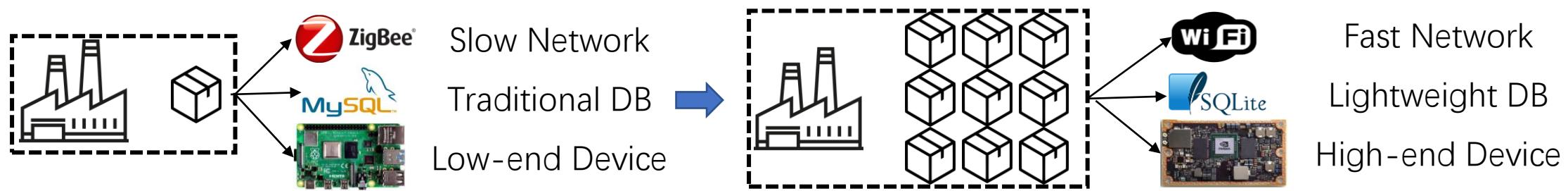
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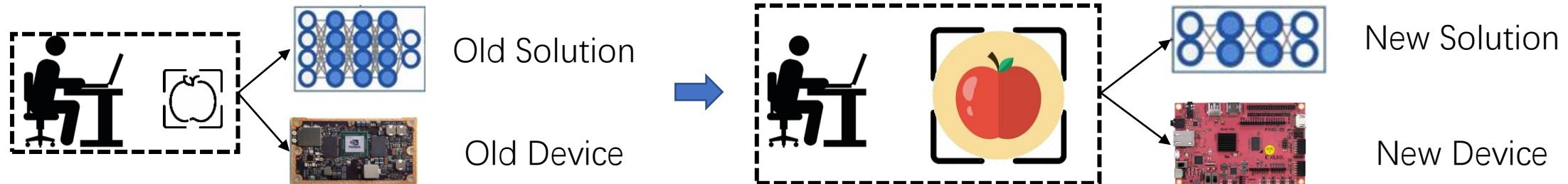
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# Why Do We Need Rapid Customization?

- **Similar Functionalities with Different Requirements!**
  - Scenario 1: Industrial Internet

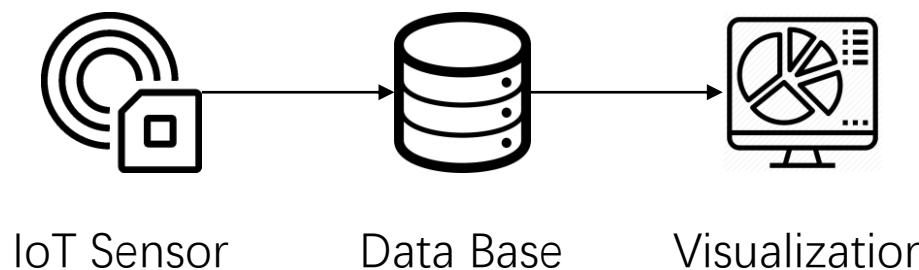


- Scenario 2: Education Experiment



# Conventional Customization Steps

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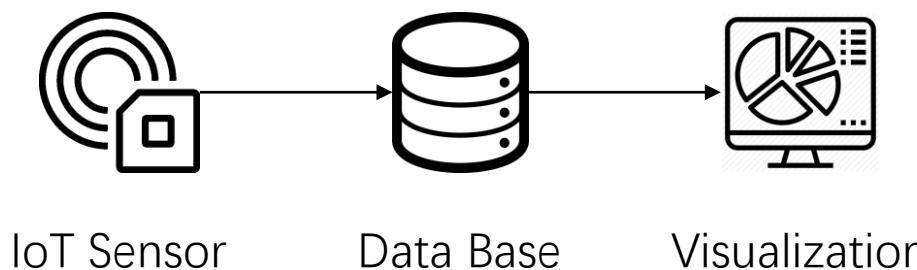


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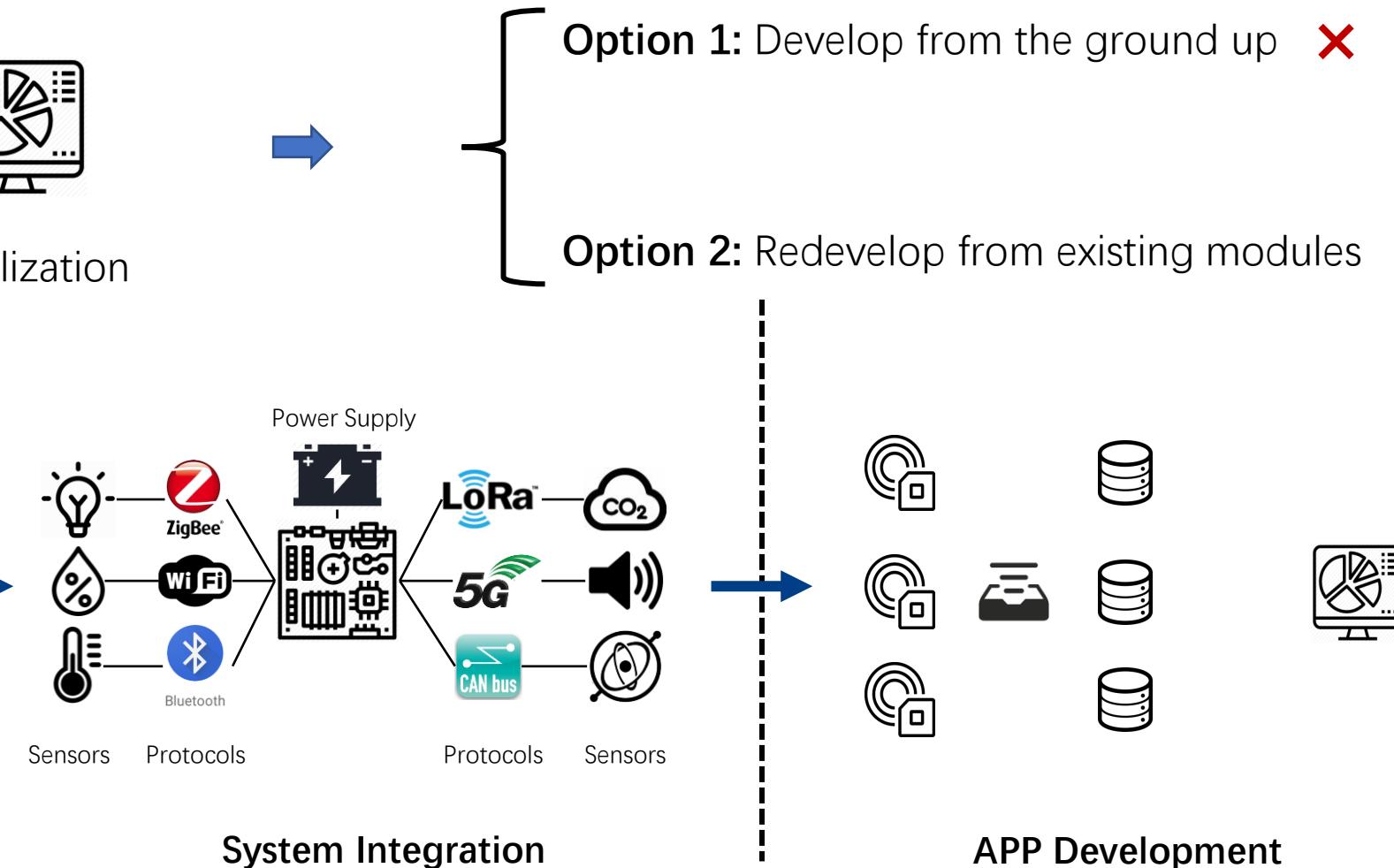
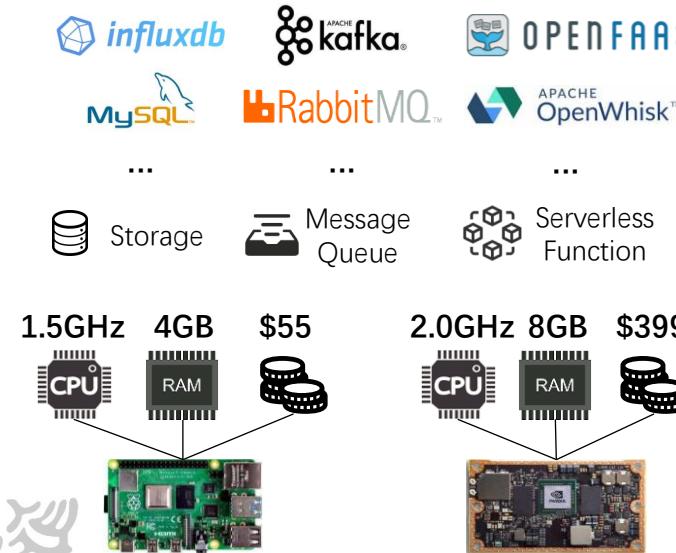
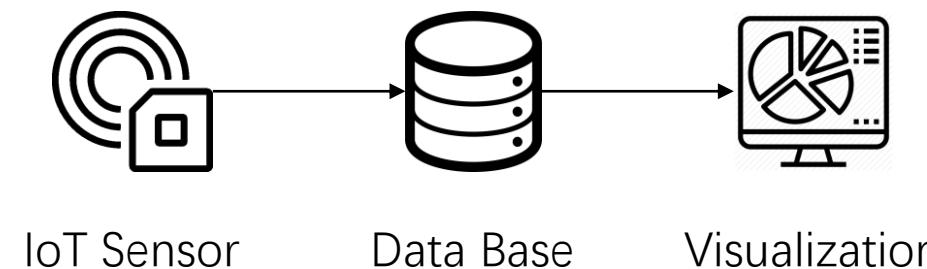
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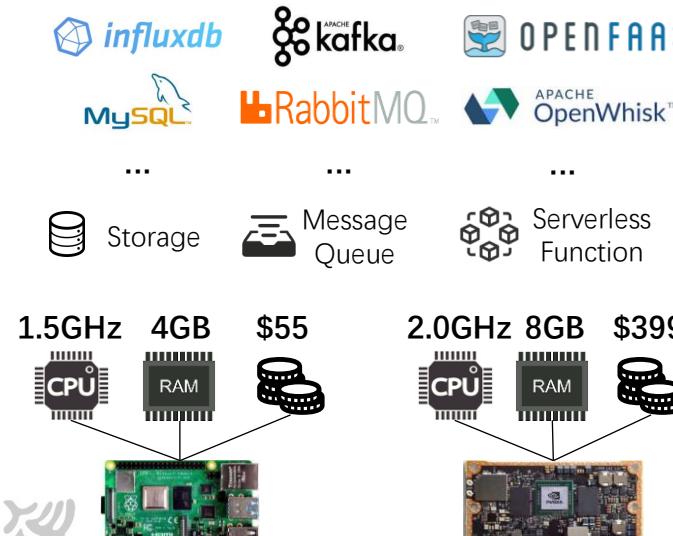
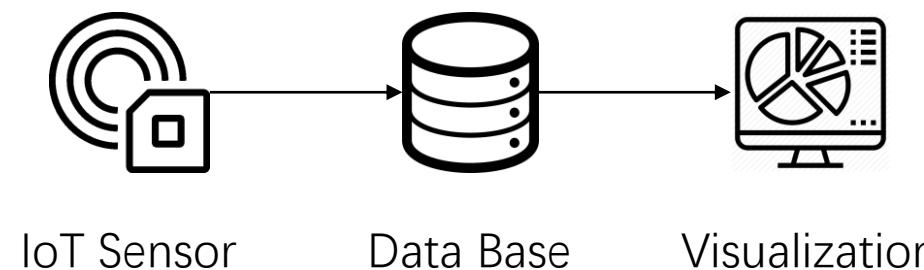


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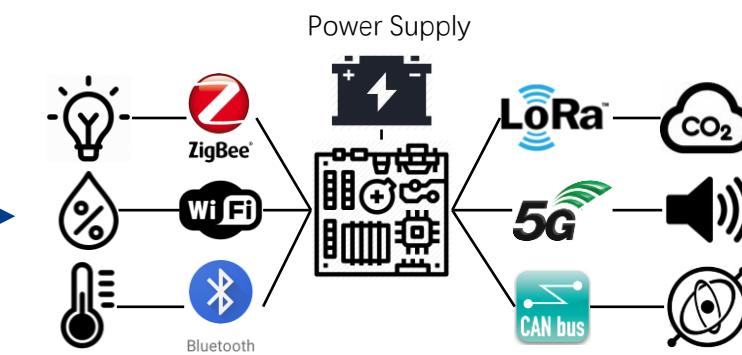
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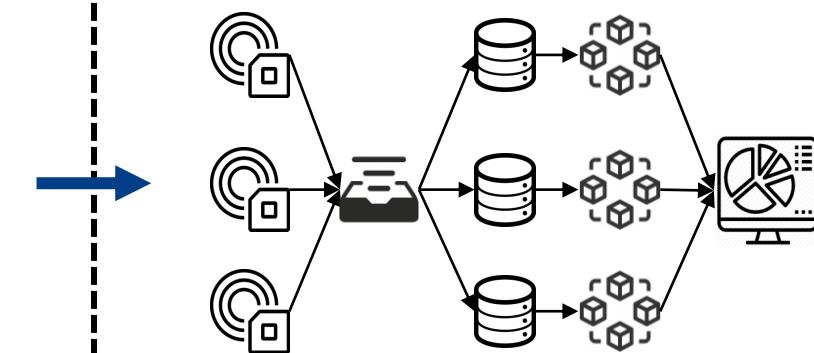
Prototype Design

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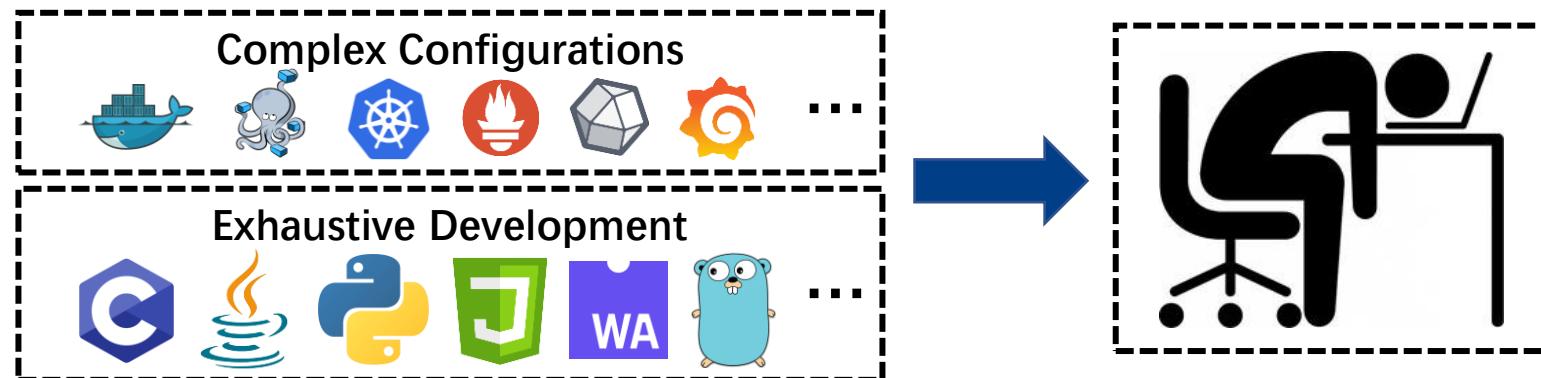
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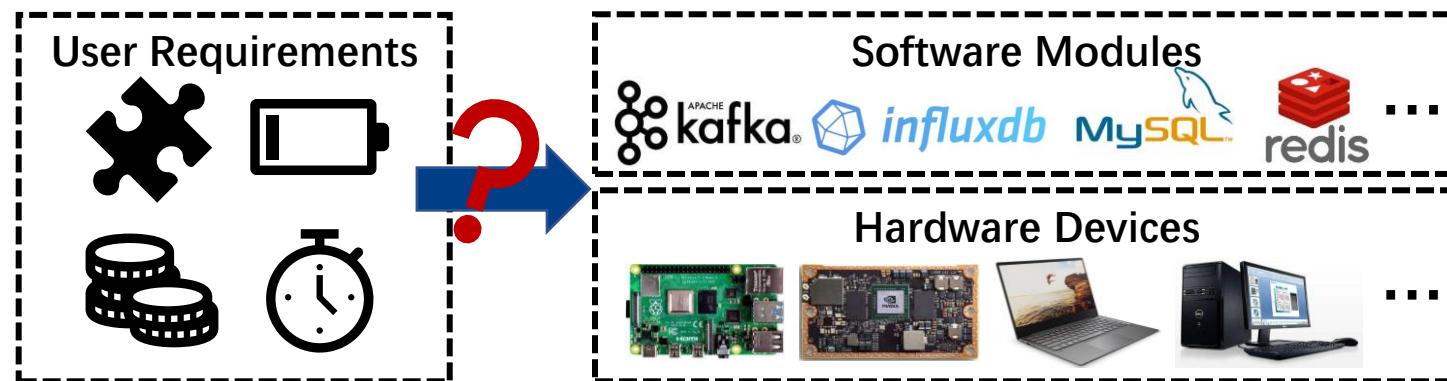
APP Development

# Issues of Existing Work

- **Rapid Customization is HARD!**
  - Hard to redevelop from existing modules



- Hard to select hardware and software with better trade-off



# TinyEdge Vision

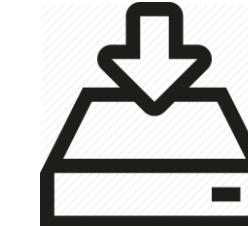
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Profile module condition  
under different situations



Latency  
Models      Workload  
Models



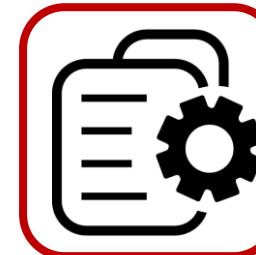
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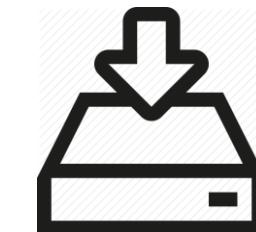
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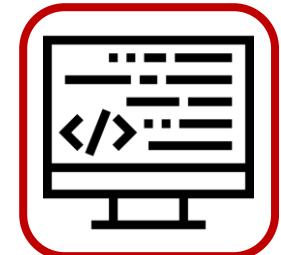
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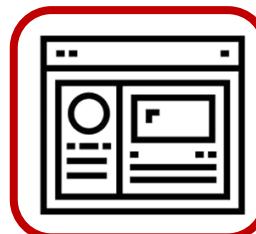


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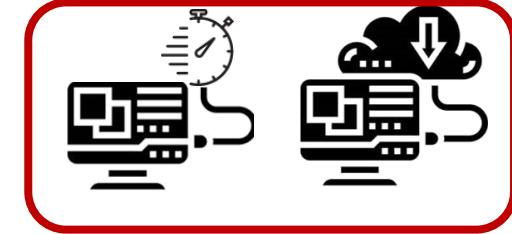


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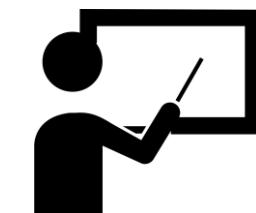
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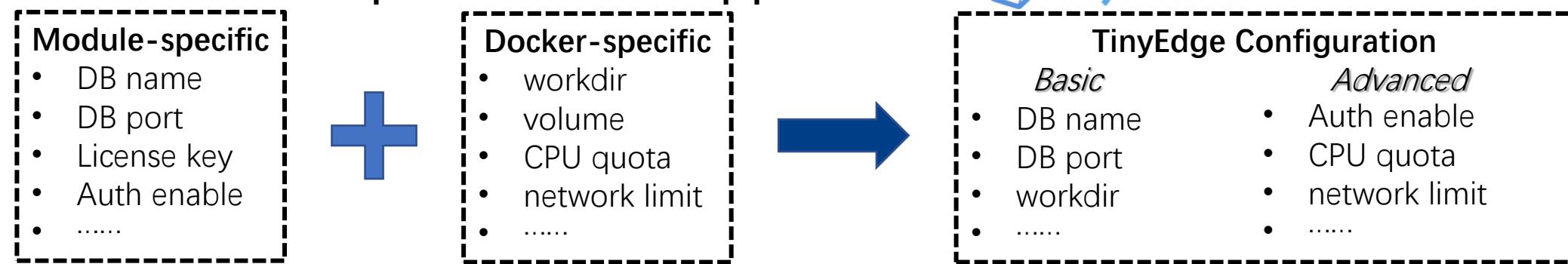


Hardware and software selection guidance

# TinyEdge Customization Service - Configuration

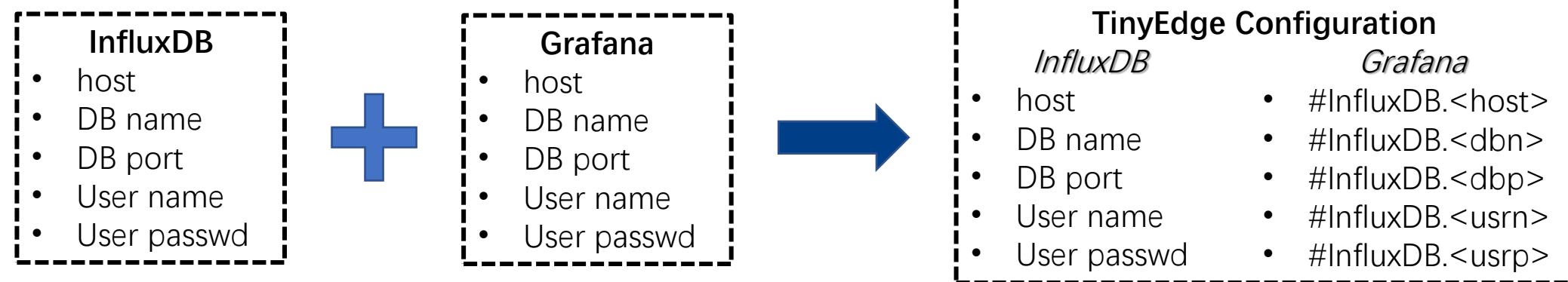
- **Complex Configuration Items Within a Module**

- Recall the example of the IoT application



- **Redundant Configuration Items Across Modules**

- Recall the example of the IoT application



# TinyEdge Customization Service - DSL

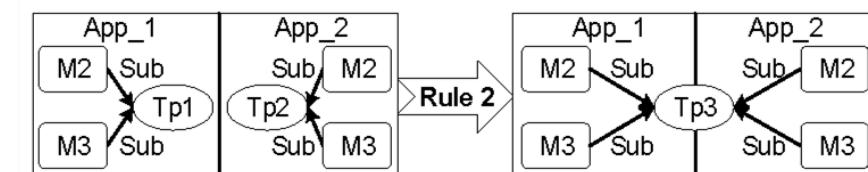
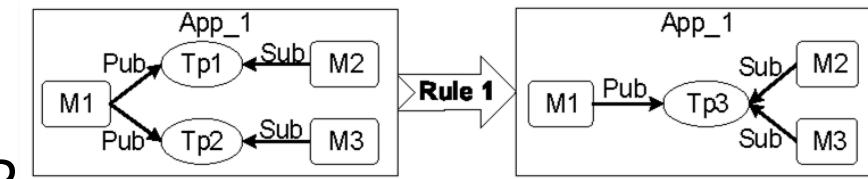
- **Grammar of TinyEdge DSL**

- Module function call
- Message routing
  - Pub()/Sub()
- Serverless function
  - Serverless()/get\_results()

- **Dynamic Topic Generation**

- Performance issue
  - # of Topics ↑ → Throughput ↓ Resources ↑
- Generation rules
  - 1. Define **1** topic multi-sub of **single** pub in **1 APP**
  - 2. Merge topics with the **same** sub in **1 SYS**

```
1 from tinyedge.modules import mqtt, influxdb, grafana
2 from tinyedge.utils import Serverless
3
4 MQTT_Connector = mqtt("emq")
5 data = MQTT_Connector.get_data("device_id")
6 topic_id_1 = MQTT_Connector.Pub(data)
7 func = Serverless(language={"name": "python", "version": "3.6"}, package=[{"numpy": "1.14"}], path)
8 func.Sub(topic_id_1)
9 data = func.get_results(**args)
10 topic_id_2 = func.Pub(data)
11 Influx = influxdb("influxdb")
12 data = Influx.Sub(topic_id_2)
13 InfluxDB.insert(data)
14 Grafana = grafana("grafana")
15 data = Grafana.Sub(topic_id_1)
16 Grafana.visualize(data)
```



# TinyEdge Performance Estimation Service

## • Module Profile influxdb

- Configuration: Basic/Advanced | User
- Functionality: Read/Write | Built-in
- Performance model: Path | User
- Resource requirement: Memory/Storage | User

## • Estimation Models

- Workload model
  - workload vector + hardware specs.
- Latency model
  - Connecting/Processing modules
    - Data I/O size + RTT + exec + wait
  - $M^\alpha/M^\beta/C$  queuing model

“config”:{

“basic”:[{“port”:8086}, {“dbn”：“test”}],  
“adv”:[{“adm”:True}, {“admp”:8083}],  
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“func”:[

{“read”: read()}, {“write”: write()},  
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“model”:[

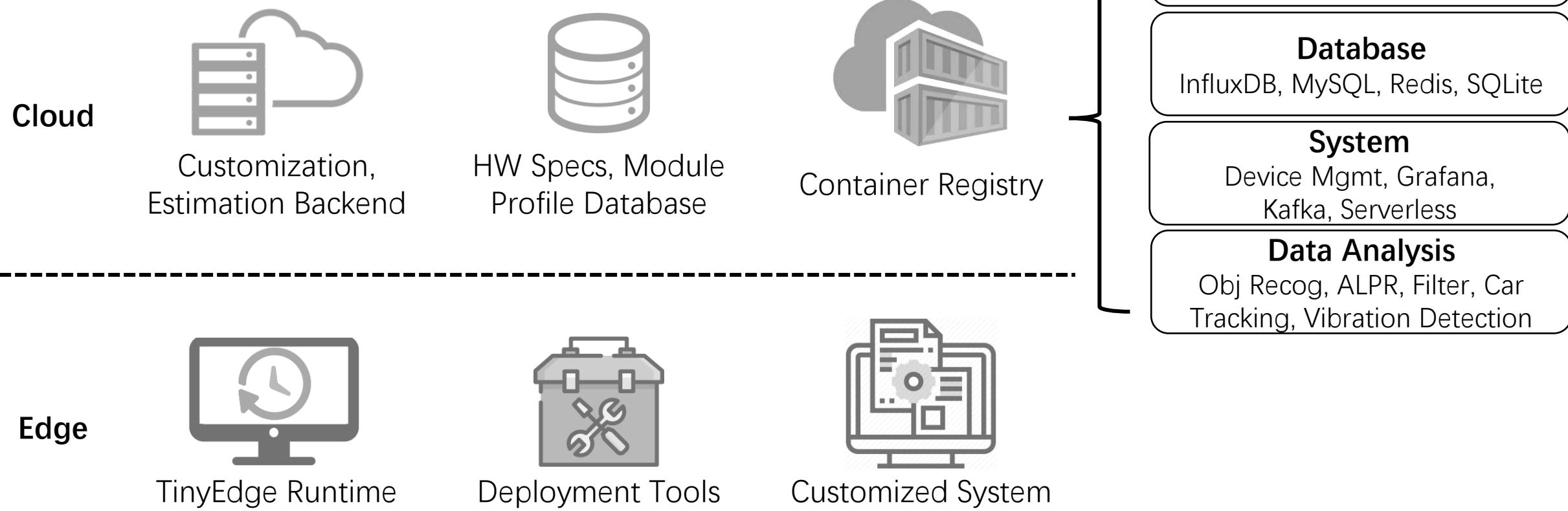
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# Implementation

- Overall Architecture

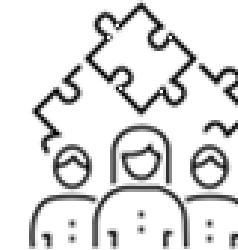


# Evaluation

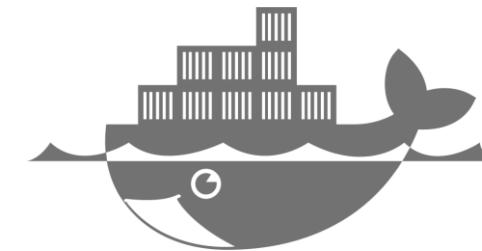
- **Baseline**
  - Azure IoT Edge (Industry), EdgeX (Open-source community)



Maturity



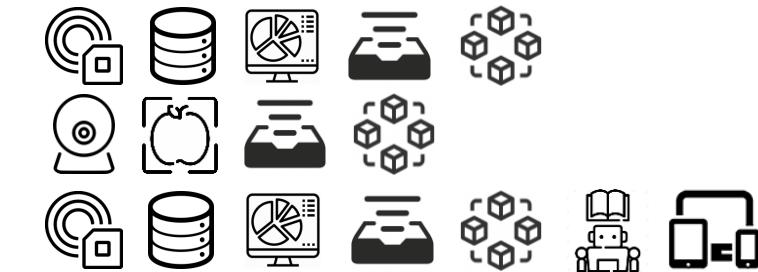
Third-party Support



Docker Backbone

## • Cases

- Data connection and visualization (IoT)
- Intelligent data processing (EI)
- A hybrid-analysis system (GloTTO[1])

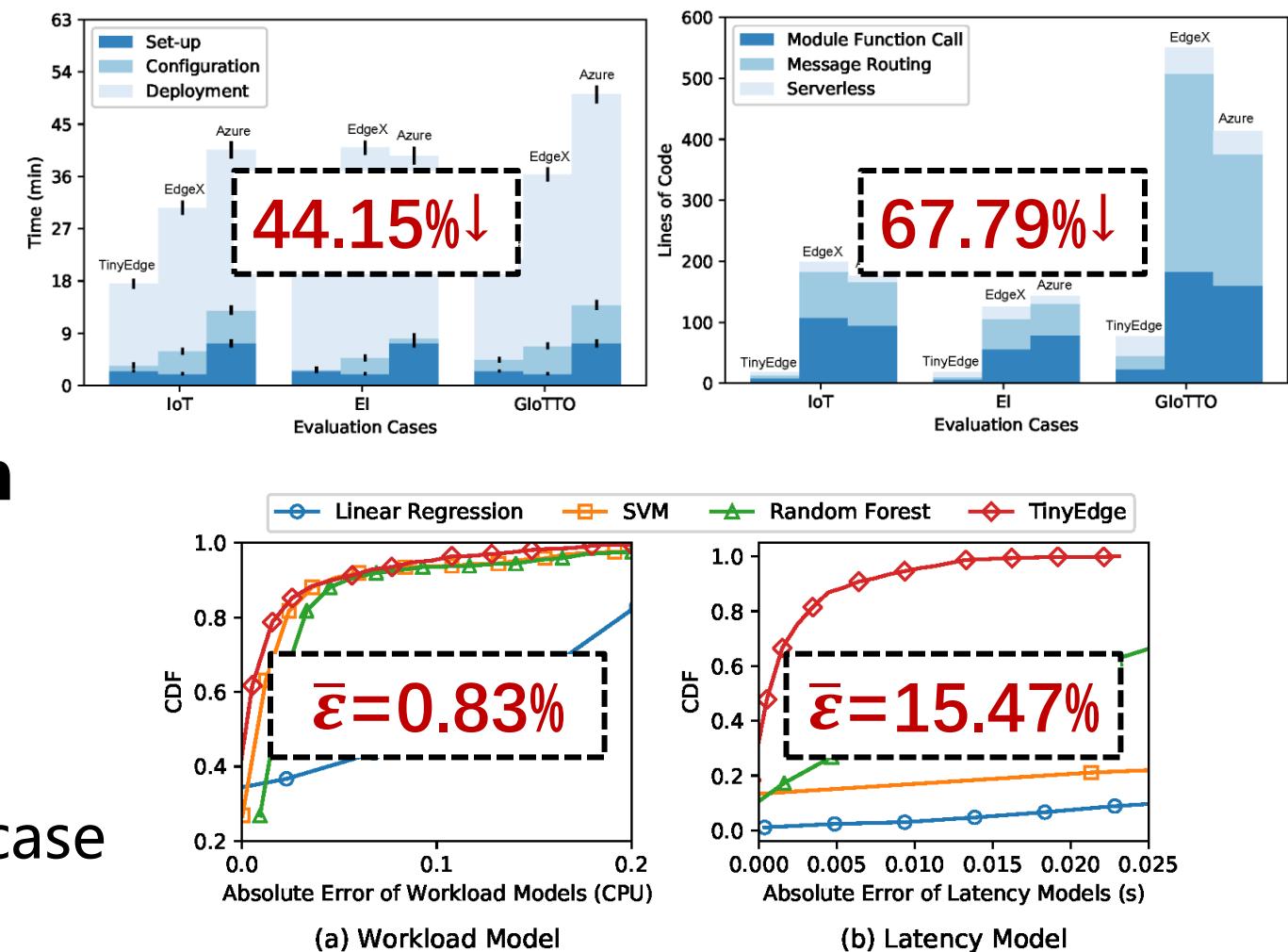


[1] IoT Expedition: A large-scale deployment of Internet of Things that is extensible, privacy-sensitive, and end-user-programmable.  
Online Available: <https://iotexpedition.org/>



# Evaluation

- Customization
  - Overall time reduction
    - 1. Environment set-up
    - 2. Module configuration
    - 3. System deployment
  - Lines-of-code reduction
- Performance Estimation
  - Baseline models
    - Linear regression
    - SVM
    - Random forest
  - Data size: 1.5k/0.5k each case



# TinyEdge

A *rapid* customization approach for edge systems  
target at IoT applications:

- *Full-stack optimizations* → *Faster customization*
- *2 types of models* → *Better performance awareness*

Thanks for your attention!

Q & A

