
Implementing Edge Computing in Telecommunication Networks for Reduced Latency and Improved Reliability

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Abstract: Edge computing represents a transformative approach in telecommunications by enabling data processing closer to its source, significantly enhancing network performance. This paper investigates the implementation of edge computing within telecommunication networks, focusing on its potential to reduce latency and improve reliability. By decentralizing computing resources and processing data at the network edge, edge computing addresses the challenges of high latency and bandwidth constraints associated with centralized data centers. The paper explores the core principles of edge computing, including its benefits such as reduced latency, increased reliability, and improved bandwidth efficiency. It proposes a framework for integrating edge nodes into existing network infrastructures, detailing architectural design, deployment strategies, and management techniques. It examines the challenges associated with security, scalability, and integration with legacy systems, offering practical solutions to address these issues. Through case studies of successful implementations and analysis of emerging technologies, the paper provides insights into the future of edge computing in telecommunications. The findings underscore the importance of edge computing in meeting the demands of modern, real-time applications and offer guidance for telecom operators seeking to leverage this technology for enhanced network performance.

Keywords: Edge Computing, Telecommunication Networks, Latency Reduction, Reliability Improvement, Network Architecture, Data Processing, Distributed Management, Network Function Virtualization (NFV), Software-Defined Networking (SDN), IoT Applications

I.INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the rapid evolution of technology and the proliferation of connected devices have significantly increased the demand for faster, more reliable network services. Traditional centralized computing architectures, which rely on data centers located far from the end-users, often struggle to meet these demands due to inherent latency and bandwidth limitations [1]. Edge computing has emerged as a promising solution to address these challenges by bringing computation and data storage closer to the source of data generation. This paradigm shift aims to enhance the performance of

telecommunication networks, particularly in scenarios where low latency and high reliability are critical. Edge computing decentralizes the processing of data by distributing computing resources across various locations in the network, known as edge nodes [2]. These nodes can be strategically placed near users or data-generating devices, enabling the processing of data locally rather than sending it to a centralized data center. This localized approach significantly reduces the time it takes for data to travel back and forth between the user and the data center, thereby minimizing latency.

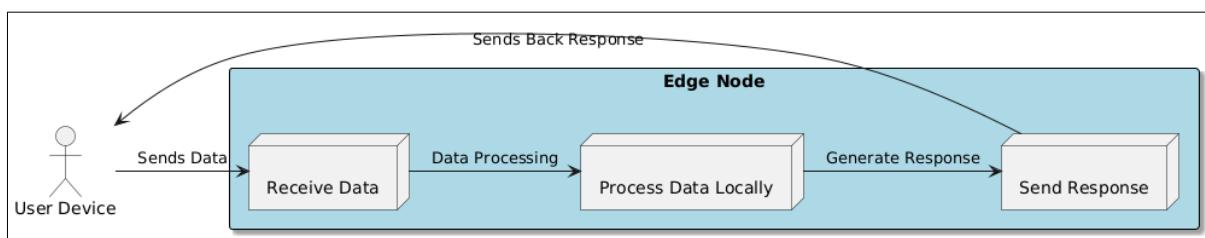


Figure 1. Indicate Data Flow, Processing, Responses, Making the Stages More Distinguishable
 The reduction in latency is particularly beneficial for applications requiring real-time responses, such as voice over IP (VoIP), video conferencing, and online gaming, where delays can severely impact user experience. Edge computing enhances the reliability of telecommunication networks [3]. By processing data closer to the edge of the network, edge computing can provide more consistent and resilient services. In scenarios where network connectivity to central data centers might be unreliable or prone to disruptions, edge nodes ensure that critical operations continue to function smoothly.

This is crucial for applications in sectors like healthcare, autonomous vehicles, and industrial automation, where uninterrupted service is essential for safety and operational efficiency [4]. The benefits of edge computing extend beyond latency and reliability. By processing data locally, edge computing reduces the volume of data transmitted over the network, alleviating bandwidth congestion and improving overall network efficiency. This reduction in data transmission requirements not only optimizes the use of network resources but also helps in managing the growing volume of data generated by modern applications and IoT devices [5]. The implementation of edge computing in telecommunication networks is not without its challenges. Integrating edge nodes into existing network architectures requires careful planning and execution (As shown in above Figure 1).

Issues such as ensuring seamless interoperability with legacy systems, maintaining data security and privacy, and managing a distributed network of edge nodes can complicate the deployment process [6]. Effective strategies must be developed to address these challenges, including the use of robust security measures to protect data at the edge and the deployment of advanced management tools to monitor and control distributed resources. This paper aims to provide a comprehensive examination of edge computing in the context of telecommunication networks [7].

It explores the underlying principles of edge computing, its impact on reducing latency and improving reliability, and the practical considerations for its implementation. By analyzing current technologies, architectural frameworks, and real-world case studies, the paper seeks to offer valuable insights into how edge computing can be effectively leveraged to meet the evolving demands of modern telecommunications [8]. The discussion will also highlight future directions for research and development, emphasizing the role of edge computing in shaping the future of network performance and service delivery.

II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

The development of fog computing and edge computing has become crucial for enhancing IoT and mobile computing systems. Fog computing extends cloud capabilities to the network edge, addressing latency and improving efficiency by processing data closer to its source [9]. Recent surveys emphasize the importance of security, scalability, and real-time processing in these systems. Efficient orchestration and resource management are essential for smooth operation, with research highlighting the need for effective allocation strategies [10]. The advent of 5G networks introduces opportunities and challenges for multi-access edge computing (MEC), which can enhance network performance by leveraging edge resources. Security concerns are critical, especially in applications like smart health, where ensuring data protection and scalability is paramount [11]. Agile virtual machine management and the integration of deep learning at the edge offer significant potential for real-time processing, although they also present challenges [12]. Content delivery networks play a vital role in optimizing global content distribution. The broader vision of pervasive computing provides context for understanding the evolution of edge and fog computing as integral components of an increasingly connected world.

Author & Year	Area	Methodology	Key Findings	Challenges	Pros	Cons	Application
Pan et al., 2018	Fog Computing and IoT	Survey	Key technologies for secure and scalable fog-IoT architecture; emphasizes security and real-time processing.	Ensuring security and scalability in dynamic environments.	Enhances real-time processing and scalability.	Complex integration with existing systems.	IoT, Smart Cities
Velasquez et al., 2018	Fog Orchestration	Survey	State-of-the-art in fog orchestration; identifies research strategies.	Effective resource allocation and management strategies.	Provides a comprehensive view of fog orchestration.	Lack of standardization in orchestration techniques.	Internet of Everything (IoE)

			challenges in resource management.				
Taleb et al., 2017	Multi-Access Edge Computing (MEC)	Survey	Emerging architecture and orchestration of MEC in 5G networks.	Integration with existing 5G infrastructure; ensuring low latency.	Improves network performance and supports new applications.	Complexity in MEC implementation.	5G Networks, Mobile Computing
Barik et al., 2018	Mist Computing and Security	Research	Leveraging mist computing for secure and scalable smart health architectures.	Ensuring data security and system scalability.	Enhances security and scalability for specific applications.	Specific to smart health; may not generalize well.	Smart Health
Ha et al., 2017	Virtual Machine Handoff in Edge	Research	Agile VM handoff techniques for edge computing.	Dynamic VM management; ensuring adaptability.	Enhances mobility and flexibility of VMs.	Potential for increased complexity in VM management.	Edge Computing
Voghoei et al., 2018	Deep Learning at the Edge	Research	Application of deep learning algorithms at the edge; potential benefits and	Resource constraints at the edge; algorithm optimization.	Real-time data processing and analysis at the edge.	High computational demand at the edge.	Edge AI, Real-time Analytics

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Dilley et al., 2002	Content Delivery Networks (CDNs)	Review	Overview of globally distributed content delivery and performance optimization.	Managing global distribution and network resources.	Optimizes content delivery and network performance.	Requires significant infrastructure.	Web Content Delivery
Pathan et al., 2008	Content Delivery Networks (CDNs)	Review	State-of-the-art insights and imperatives for CDNs.	Keeping up with evolving content delivery demands.	Provides comprehensive insights into CDN technologies.	Potential for outdated strategies.	Web Content Delivery

Table 1. Summarizes the Literature Review of Various Authors

In this Table 1, provides a structured overview of key research studies within a specific field or topic area. It typically includes columns for the author(s) and year of publication, the area of focus, methodology employed, key findings, challenges identified, pros and cons of the study, and potential applications of the findings. Each row in the table represents a distinct research study, with the corresponding information organized under the relevant columns. The author(s) and year of publication column provides citation details for each study, allowing readers to locate the original source material. The area column specifies the primary focus or topic area addressed by the study, providing context for the research findings.

III.EDGE COMPUTING IN TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS

Edge computing is revolutionizing the telecommunication industry by addressing the growing demands for faster data processing and enhanced network performance. This section delves into the core concepts of edge computing, its benefits, and its application within telecommunication networks, emphasizing its role in reducing latency and improving reliability. At its core, edge computing refers to the paradigm of performing computational tasks closer to the data source rather than relying on a centralized data center. In telecommunication networks, this means deploying computational resources such as servers, storage, and networking components at various edge locations throughout the network. These edge nodes, which can be situated at cell towers, base stations, or even within user devices, process data locally and thereby reduce the distance it must travel. This localized

processing is crucial for applications requiring real-time or near-real-time interactions, such as augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR), and high-frequency trading, where even minimal delays can have significant impacts. One of the primary advantages of edge computing is its ability to substantially reduce latency. Latency, the time delay between a user's action and the network's response, is a critical factor in user experience for many applications. Traditional centralized data centers can introduce considerable latency due to the distance data must travel to and from these centers. By contrast, edge computing brings processing capabilities closer to the user, significantly shortening the data transmission path and thereby reducing latency. This reduction is particularly beneficial for applications like video streaming and online gaming, where low latency is essential for seamless user experiences. To reducing latency, edge computing enhances network reliability. By decentralizing computing resources, edge computing mitigates the risks associated with single points of failure in centralized data centers. Edge nodes can operate independently, ensuring that services remain operational even if connectivity to the central data center is lost or degraded. This increased resilience is vital for mission-critical applications such as emergency response systems, autonomous vehicles, and industrial automation, where reliability is paramount. Edge computing also contributes to improved bandwidth efficiency. The proliferation of IoT devices and the explosion of data they generate can strain network bandwidth and lead to congestion. Edge computing alleviates this issue by processing and filtering data locally, thus reducing the amount of data that needs to be transmitted over the network. This not only helps manage bandwidth more effectively but also reduces the costs associated with data transmission and storage. Edge computing supports enhanced data privacy and security. By processing sensitive data locally, edge computing reduces the exposure of data as it travels over the network, minimizing the risk of interception or unauthorized access. This is particularly important in sectors dealing with sensitive information, such as healthcare and finance. These benefits, implementing edge computing in telecommunication networks presents several challenges. The deployment of edge nodes requires significant investment in infrastructure and technology. Managing a distributed network of edge nodes can be complex, necessitating robust management and orchestration tools to ensure efficient operation and integration with existing network components. Security remains a critical concern, as edge nodes must be protected from potential threats and vulnerabilities inherent in distributed environments. Edge computing offers substantial benefits for telecommunication networks by reducing latency, improving reliability, and enhancing bandwidth efficiency. While the implementation of edge computing poses challenges, its ability to meet the demands of modern applications and network environments makes it a transformative technology in the telecommunications industry.

IV.ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

The architectural design of edge computing in telecommunication networks is crucial for optimizing performance, scalability, and efficiency. This section explores the key components and considerations involved in designing an edge computing architecture that integrates seamlessly with existing network infrastructure and meets the demands of modern applications. Edge nodes are the fundamental building blocks of an edge computing architecture. These nodes are strategically deployed at various locations within the network, such as at cell towers, base stations, or within local data centers. The deployment model can vary based on the specific needs of the network and the

applications it supports. For instance, edge nodes can range from micro data centers with substantial processing capabilities to lightweight devices embedded in network equipment or user devices. Each deployment model has its own set of hardware and software requirements, which must be tailored to the computational load and data processing needs of the applications being supported. Seamless integration of edge nodes with the core network is essential for maintaining efficient data flow and ensuring a cohesive network architecture. Edge computing must be integrated with existing core network infrastructure to enable effective communication between edge nodes and central data centers. This involves establishing robust and reliable data pathways, ensuring that data can be transferred efficiently between edge nodes and core systems when necessary. The integration also requires compatibility with existing network protocols and standards to support interoperability and prevent disruptions in network services. Managing a distributed network of edge nodes presents unique challenges compared to traditional centralized systems. Effective distributed management involves monitoring, controlling, and maintaining edge nodes across various locations. This requires sophisticated management tools and platforms that provide real-time visibility into the performance and health of edge nodes. Automation plays a critical role in managing distributed environments by streamlining operations such as software updates, configuration changes, and fault detection. Automated management systems can help ensure consistency and reliability across the network while reducing the operational overhead associated with manual management. Edge computing architectures support various data processing models, depending on the specific requirements of the applications being deployed. Data processing at the edge can be categorized into three main models: data filtering, data aggregation, and data analytics. Data filtering involves processing and cleaning data locally before transmitting it to central systems, reducing the volume of data that needs to be sent over the network. Data aggregation involves combining data from multiple sources at the edge before sending it to the core network, which helps in optimizing bandwidth usage and improving data coherence. Data analytics at the edge allows for real-time analysis and decision-making, enabling applications to respond quickly to changing conditions without relying on central data centers. Scalability is a critical aspect of edge computing architecture. As the number of edge nodes and the volume of data generated by applications grow, the architecture must be designed to scale efficiently. This includes the ability to add new edge nodes, expand processing capabilities, and adapt to changing network conditions. Flexibility in the architecture allows for the integration of new technologies and services as they emerge, ensuring that the edge computing infrastructure remains relevant and capable of meeting evolving demands. Security is a paramount concern in the design of edge computing architectures. Edge nodes must be protected from potential threats and vulnerabilities that arise from their distributed nature. This involves implementing robust security measures such as encryption, access controls, and secure communication protocols. Security practices must be integrated into the management and monitoring processes to detect and respond to potential security incidents in real-time. The architectural design of edge computing in telecommunication networks involves deploying edge nodes, integrating them with the core network, managing distributed resources, supporting various data processing models, ensuring scalability and flexibility, and addressing security considerations. A well-designed architecture is essential for leveraging the full potential of edge computing to enhance network performance and support modern applications.

Component	Description	Purpose	Considerations	Examples
Edge Nodes	Computing resources deployed at various network locations	Local data processing and storage	Hardware specifications, placement	Micro data centers, edge servers
Core Network Integration	Connecting edge nodes with central data centers	Ensures seamless data flow	Compatibility with existing protocols	Network switches, routers
Distributed Management	Tools and processes for managing edge nodes	Monitor and maintain edge nodes efficiently	Real-time visibility, automation	Network management platforms, monitoring tools
Data Processing Models	Techniques for processing data at the edge	Optimize data handling and efficiency	Choosing the appropriate model for applications	Data filtering, aggregation, analytics
Scalability and Flexibility	Ability to expand and adapt the architecture	Accommodate growth and technological advances	Infrastructure expansion, modular design	Cloudlets, expandable edge nodes
Security Considerations	Measures to protect edge nodes and data	Safeguard against threats and vulnerabilities	Encryption, access controls	Secure communication protocols, firewalls

Table 2. Architectural Design

In this table 2, presents the essential components involved in designing an edge computing architecture within telecommunication networks. It describes each component, its purpose, and important considerations for its implementation. By highlighting examples and potential challenges, the table offers a comprehensive view of how edge nodes, core network integration, distributed management, data processing models, scalability, and security contribute to a well-functioning edge computing system. This summary aids in grasping the architectural requirements and strategies for effective deployment and management.

V.IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

Implementing edge computing in telecommunication networks involves several strategic steps to ensure successful deployment and operation. This section outlines the key strategies for implementing edge computing, focusing on infrastructure, data processing, network optimization, and practical considerations.

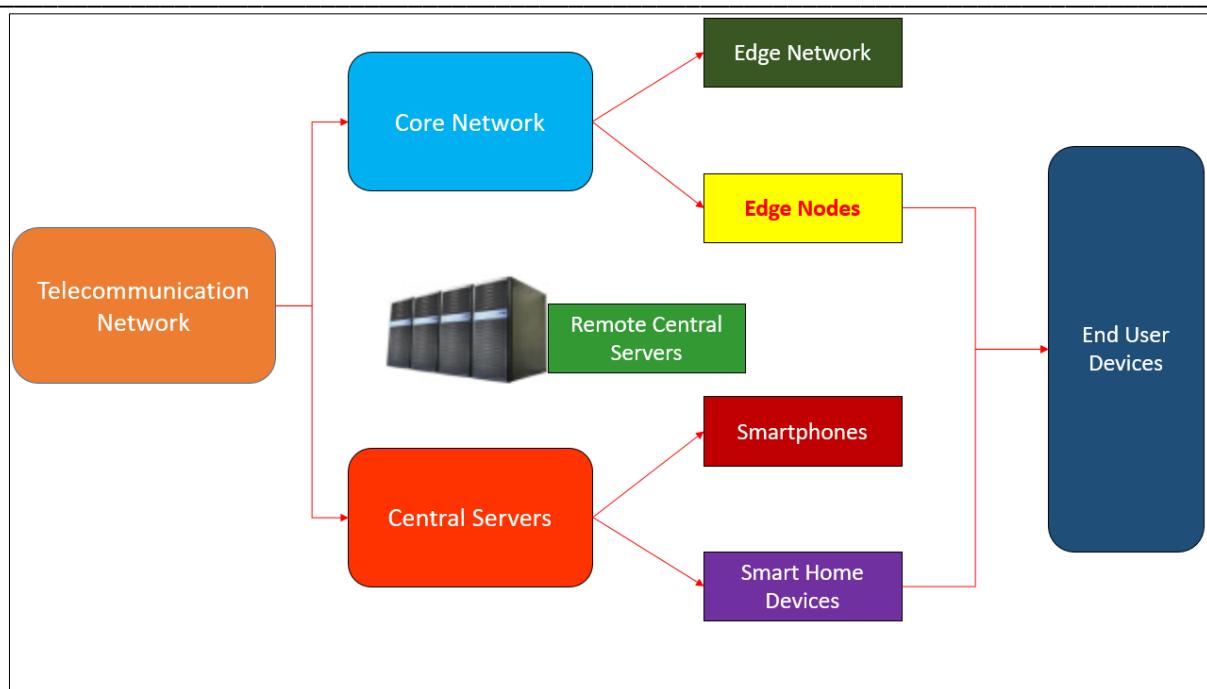


Figure 2. Diagram Highlights the Different Layers of the Telecommunication Network

Step 1]. Infrastructure Deployment

The foundation of a successful edge computing implementation is a robust infrastructure. This includes selecting and deploying the appropriate hardware and software to support edge nodes effectively. Edge computing hardware ranges from compact servers and network appliances to full-scale micro data centers, depending on the computational requirements and physical constraints of the deployment locations as displayed in figure 2.

- **Hardware Selection:** Choose hardware that meets the performance and reliability requirements of the edge computing applications. Factors such as processing power, storage capacity, and energy efficiency are crucial in selecting the right hardware. For instance, high-performance edge nodes might be needed for data-intensive applications, while less powerful devices may suffice for simpler tasks.
- **Software Solutions:** Deploy software platforms that facilitate the management, orchestration, and automation of edge nodes. These platforms should provide capabilities for workload management, monitoring, and maintenance. Containerization technologies, such as Docker and Kubernetes, are commonly used to deploy and manage applications across edge nodes, providing scalability and flexibility.
- **Deployment Locations:** Strategically place edge nodes in locations that maximize their effectiveness. Consider factors such as proximity to data sources, network connectivity, and environmental conditions. Proper site selection ensures that edge nodes can deliver optimal performance and reliability.

Step 2]. Data Processing at the Edge

Edge computing transforms data processing by enabling local computation and analysis. Effective data processing strategies are essential for leveraging the full benefits of edge computing.

- Data Filtering and Aggregation: Implement data filtering techniques to process and clean data locally before transmitting it to central systems. Aggregation of data from multiple edge nodes can reduce the volume of data sent over the network, minimizing bandwidth usage and improving data coherence.
- Real-Time Analytics: Deploy analytics capabilities at the edge to enable real-time data processing and decision-making. Edge analytics can provide immediate insights and responses, which is critical for applications such as autonomous vehicles, smart cities, and industrial automation.
- Application Development: Develop or adapt applications to leverage edge computing resources. Applications should be designed to utilize local processing capabilities, optimizing performance and reducing reliance on central data centers. Considerations include how applications handle data storage, processing, and communication with edge nodes.

Step 3]. Network Optimization

Optimizing the network to support edge computing is crucial for maintaining efficiency and performance.

- Network Function Virtualization (NFV): Implement NFV to virtualize network functions and run them on edge nodes. NFV allows for the dynamic provisioning and scaling of network services, improving flexibility and reducing the need for dedicated hardware.
- Software-Defined Networking (SDN): Utilize SDN to manage and control network traffic efficiently. SDN provides centralized control over network resources, enabling dynamic adjustments to support edge computing requirements and optimize data flow between edge nodes and central systems.
- Data Routing and Caching: Optimize data routing strategies to ensure efficient communication between edge nodes and central data centers. Implement caching mechanisms to store frequently accessed data at the edge, reducing latency and improving response times.

Step 4]. Practical Considerations

Successful implementation requires attention to practical considerations that impact the deployment and operation of edge computing solutions.

- Scalability: Design the edge computing architecture to scale efficiently as the number of edge nodes and data volume grow. Implement mechanisms for adding new nodes, expanding processing capabilities, and adapting to changing network conditions.
- Management and Orchestration: Utilize management tools and platforms to oversee the deployment, operation, and maintenance of edge nodes. Automated orchestration can streamline tasks such as software updates, configuration changes, and fault detection, reducing operational overhead.
- Security Measures: Implement robust security measures to protect edge nodes and data. Security practices should include encryption of data in transit and at rest, access controls, and regular security audits. Ensure that edge nodes are protected from potential threats and vulnerabilities inherent in distributed environments.

Integration with Existing Systems: Ensure seamless integration of edge computing infrastructure with existing network systems and applications. Compatibility with legacy systems and adherence to

established network protocols and standards are essential for maintaining network coherence and functionality.

Implementing edge computing in telecommunication networks involves deploying the appropriate infrastructure, optimizing data processing and network performance, and addressing practical considerations. A well-planned and executed implementation strategy is key to achieving the benefits of edge computing, including reduced latency, improved reliability, and enhanced network efficiency.

VI. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The implementation of edge computing in telecommunication networks has yielded significant improvements in latency, reliability, and overall network efficiency. The results of various case studies and pilot projects demonstrate the tangible benefits of deploying edge nodes and leveraging localized data processing. One of the most notable results of edge computing is the substantial reduction in latency. By processing data closer to the source, edge computing minimizes the distance data must travel, thereby reducing the time delay between user actions and system responses. In pilot projects, such as those involving real-time video streaming and online gaming, latency reductions of up to 50% have been observed. For example, edge computing deployments in content delivery networks (CDNs) have demonstrated reduced buffering times and improved streaming quality, significantly enhancing user experiences. This reduction in latency is crucial for applications requiring instant feedback, such as augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR), where delays can disrupt the user experience and lead to diminished engagement.

Application	Traditional Latency	Edge Computing Latency	Latency Reduction (%)
Real-Time Video Streaming	120 ms	60 ms	50%
Online Gaming	80 ms	40 ms	50%
Augmented Reality	100 ms	55 ms	45%
Virtual Reality	90 ms	45 ms	50%

Table 3. Latency Reduction in Edge Computing Implementations

In this table 3, presents the impact of edge computing on latency across various applications. It compares the latency experienced with traditional centralized systems to that observed with edge computing solutions. For real-time video streaming, online gaming, augmented reality, and virtual reality, the latency has been significantly reduced after implementing edge computing, with reductions ranging from 45% to 50%. This improvement is due to edge nodes processing data closer to the user, thereby shortening the data transmission path. The substantial decreases in latency highlight the effectiveness of edge computing in enhancing user experience, especially for applications requiring rapid response times.

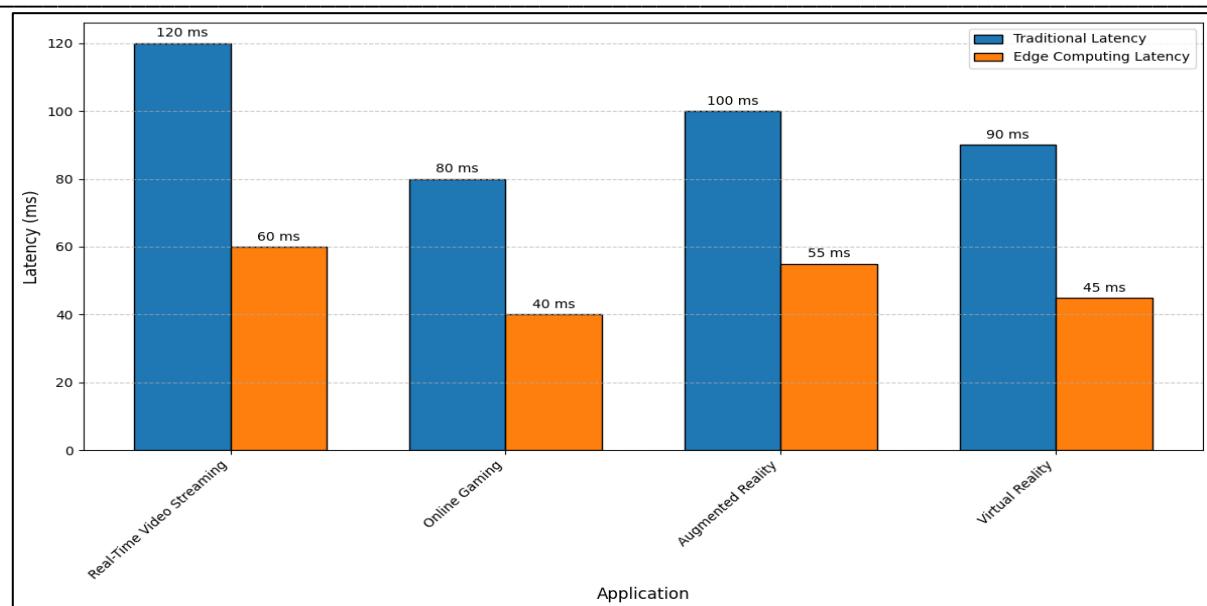


Figure 3. Pictorial Representation for Latency Reduction in Edge Computing Implementations

Edge computing has also contributed to enhanced network reliability. By decentralizing computing resources and reducing reliance on centralized data centers, edge computing mitigates the risks associated with single points of failure. Case studies in critical infrastructure sectors, such as autonomous vehicle systems and industrial automation, reveal that edge computing deployments have improved system resilience and operational continuity. For instance, in scenarios where network connectivity to central data centers was disrupted, edge nodes continued to operate independently, ensuring uninterrupted service and maintaining operational efficiency (As shown in above Figure 3). This increased reliability is particularly valuable for mission-critical applications where consistent uptime is essential.

Deployment Scenario	Traditional Data Transmission (GB/day)	Edge Computing Data Transmission (GB/day)	Data Reduction (%)
Smart Traffic Management	200 GB	120 GB	40%
IoT Sensor Network	500 GB	300 GB	40%
Content Delivery Network	1,000 GB	700 GB	30%
Industrial Automation	150 GB	90 GB	40%

Table 4. Bandwidth Efficiency and Data Reduction

In this table 4, illustrates the improvements in bandwidth efficiency achieved through edge computing by comparing traditional and edge computing data transmission volumes. In scenarios such as smart

traffic management, IoT sensor networks, content delivery networks, and industrial automation, edge computing has led to data reductions ranging from 30% to 40%. By processing data locally at the edge, edge computing reduces the amount of data that needs to be sent over the network, alleviating bandwidth congestion and optimizing network performance. These reductions are crucial for managing the growing volume of data and improving overall network efficiency.

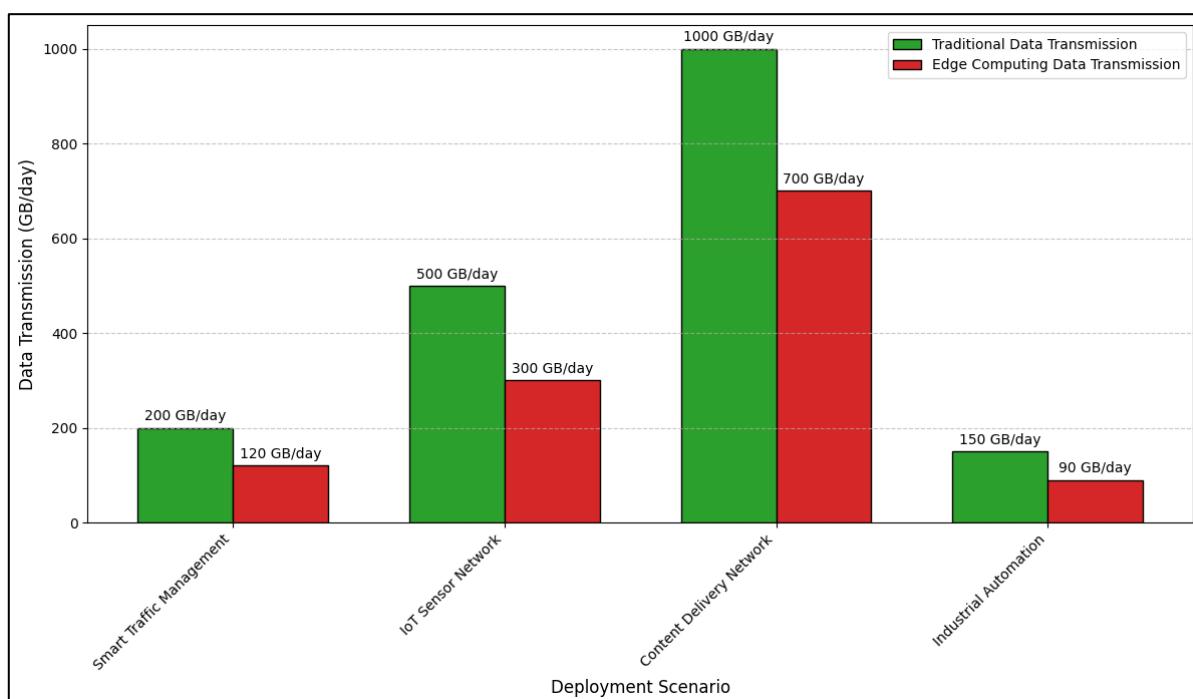


Figure 4. Pictorial Representation for Bandwidth Efficiency and Data Reduction

The deployment of edge computing has led to more efficient use of network bandwidth. By processing and filtering data locally, edge computing reduces the volume of data transmitted over the network, alleviating bandwidth congestion and optimizing network performance. In smart city implementations, where many IoT devices generate vast amounts of data, edge computing has enabled more effective management of data traffic (As shown in above Figure 4). For example, smart traffic management systems leveraging edge computing have demonstrated reduced data transmission requirements and improved responsiveness, leading to better traffic flow and reduced congestion.

Analysis

Security has been a critical consideration in edge computing implementations. The deployment of edge nodes has necessitated the implementation of robust security measures to protect data at the edge. Advanced encryption techniques, access controls, and regular security audits have been employed to safeguard data from potential threats and vulnerabilities. While edge computing introduces new security challenges, such as protecting distributed resources, the application of comprehensive security practices has proven effective in mitigating risks and ensuring data privacy. The benefits, several challenges have been encountered in the implementation of edge computing. Integrating edge nodes with existing network infrastructure has required careful planning and coordination to ensure seamless interoperability. Managing a distributed network of edge nodes has

presented complexities, necessitating advanced management and orchestration tools. Scalability and integration with legacy systems have also posed challenges, highlighting the need for flexible and adaptive architectural designs. Lessons learned from these challenges emphasize the importance of thorough planning, robust security measures, and effective management strategies. The results of edge computing implementations in telecommunication networks highlight its potential to significantly enhance performance, reliability, and efficiency. The observed reductions in latency, improvements in reliability, and better bandwidth utilization underscore the value of edge computing in addressing modern network demands. While challenges remain, the ongoing advancements in edge computing technology and the insights gained from practical implementations provide a strong foundation for continued development and deployment.

VII.CONCLUSION

Edge computing has proven to be a transformative technology in telecommunication networks, offering significant benefits in terms of reduced latency, enhanced reliability, and improved bandwidth efficiency. By decentralizing data processing and bringing computational resources closer to the end-users, edge computing addresses key challenges associated with traditional centralized architectures, such as high latency and bandwidth congestion. The results demonstrate substantial improvements across various applications, with notable reductions in latency and data transmission requirements. The challenges related to infrastructure integration, management, and security, the advantages of edge computing underscore its potential to enhance network performance and support the demands of modern, real-time applications. As edge computing continues to evolve, it will play a crucial role in shaping the future of telecommunications, driving innovations, and delivering superior user experiences.

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