AN EDGE COMPUTING SIZING TOOL FOR ROBOTIC WORKLOADS

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MOTIVATION

- Advancement in automating physical labour-intensive work
- Industry 4.0 vision: Automate High-Mix, Low-Volume productions
 - Present adaptation problems for future robotics
- Deployment of such strategies are limited by current deployment strategies and computing resources
 - New equipment, data storage and data processing

STATUS QUO

- Most robots are equipped with minimal resources
 - Performing lightweight static instructions
- I4.0 visions imposes fluidity in production
 - Introducing data-driven processes
- Current practice, to avoid resource limitations
 - Acquire over-the-top hardware
 - Not cost-effective
 - Underutilised hardware

COMPUTING PARADIGMS

- Single Node Computing
- Cloud Computing
 - Move Data to the Cloud
 - Cloud Robotics
 - Wide Area Network (WAN) Dependency
 - High Latency
 - Low Bandwidth
 - Inherent Trust & Control Issues

- Edge Computing
 - Move Compute to the Edge
 - Less Network Congestion
 - Low Latency
 - High Bandwidth
 - Increased Trust & Control

BENCHMARKING METRICS

RESOURCE-BOUND METRICS

- CPU Utilisation
- Memory Utilisation
- Storage R/W
- Network Tx/Rx
- Energy Consumption

WORKLOAD-BOUND METRICS

- Accuracy
- Precision
- Throughput
- Max Concurrent
 Connections
- Processing Latency

SIZING TOOL

- Statical evaluation of Workload against pre-written Testing Task
 - Evaluating Quality Attribute per requirement
- Evaluation on numerous hardware configurations
- Determine optimal hardware configuration
 - Ensure intended QoS
 - Reduction in initial and operation costs

SIZING TOOL

- 1. Submit Workload, Testing Task and Configuration
- 2. Sizing Tool Runs Benchmarking
- 3. Sizing Tool Composes Benchmarking Report





SIZING TOOL

- 1. Select Connector
- 2. Select Hardware to Evaluate
- 3. Deploy Workload and Testing Task on Infrastructure
- 4. Monitor Metrics



FUTURE WORK

- Incorporating proposed methods into production-grade deployment frameworks
- Dynamical Metric Assessment to introduce high availability and autoscaling
 - Using input metrics other than resource-bound metrics

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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