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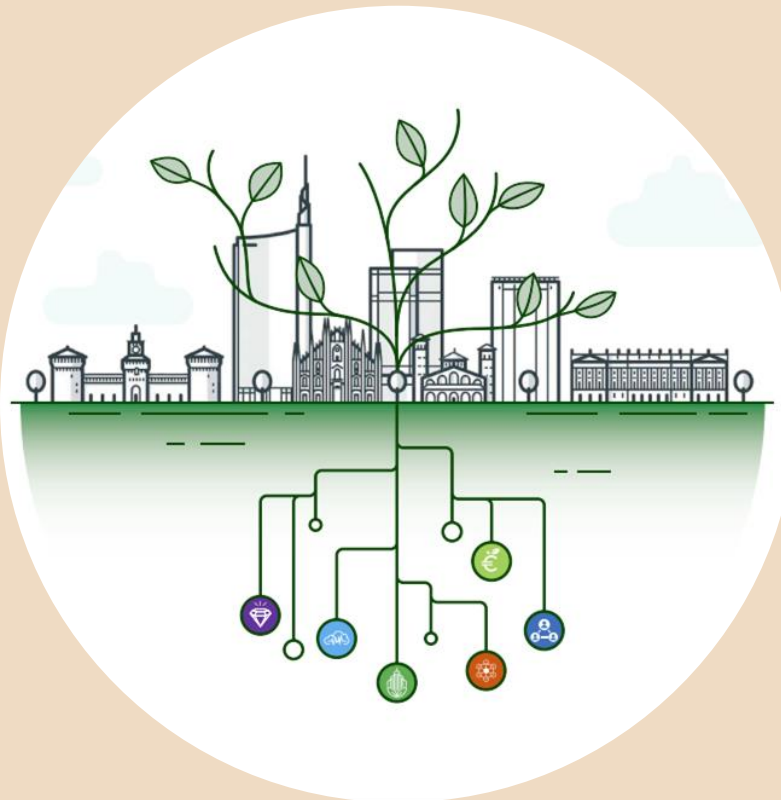


# PNRR MUSA

Smart Deployment Solution for PNRR  
MUSA services in Edge-Cloud Continuum

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## Agenda

- Overview of PNRR Project Multilayered Urban Sustainability Action (MUSA) – Spoke 2
- MUSA digital platform for data analytics pipeline management in the cloud-edge continuum
- Smart Service Deployment Solution in Edge-Cloud Continuum
- Next steps and cascading grant



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- PNRR Innovation Ecosystem
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Spoke	Coordinator	Public Affiliates	Private Affiliates
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## Spoke 2 - Mission

- MUSA Spoke 2's focus is the design, implementation and deployment of a highly **innovative, secure ICT infrastructure and platform for Big Data collection and sharing**, suitable for both telemedicine and life science applications
- MUSA Spoke 2's objective is to **enable healthcare organizations to leverage secure data management capabilities and advanced AI-based analytics** to improve clinical practice, wellness and to deliver richer insights to internal and external data consumers



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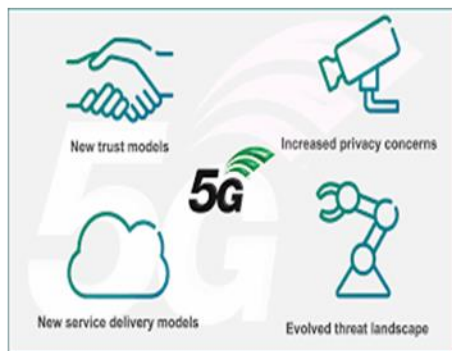
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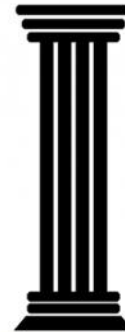
## MUSA Spoke 2 Four Pillars



Smart Devices (WP4)  
Secure (mobile) communication (WP1)



Biomedical Data (WP1) Telemedicine services  
(WP2) Disease prevention (WP3)



AI/ML services (WP1) Big Data  
Analytics (WP3)



Entrepreneurship and Innovation (WP5)  
Business and Value Generation (WP1)



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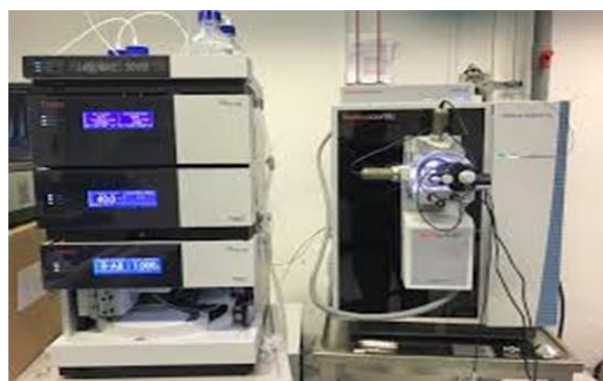


## Spoke 2 – Outlook to the future

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EVERYWHERE



- The 2023-2025 evolution of MUSA Spoke 2 will cover the entire data value chain
- We will support remote assistance, intelligent devices, 5G/6G communication, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence models, edge/cloud big data pipelines, human-system interfaces



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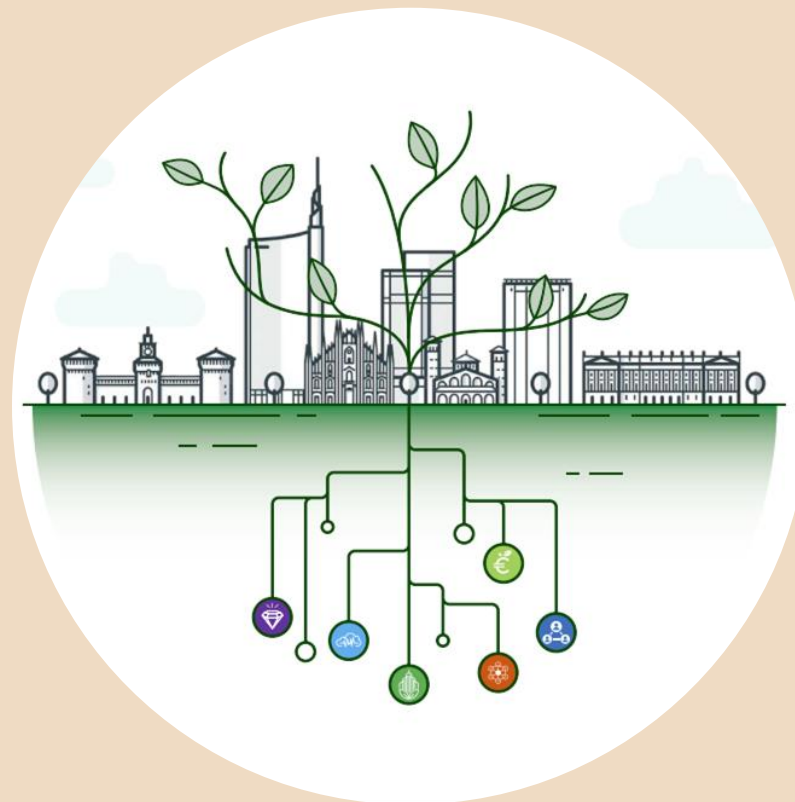


# PNRR MUSA

**MUSA digital platform for data analytics  
pipeline management in the cloud-edge  
continuum**

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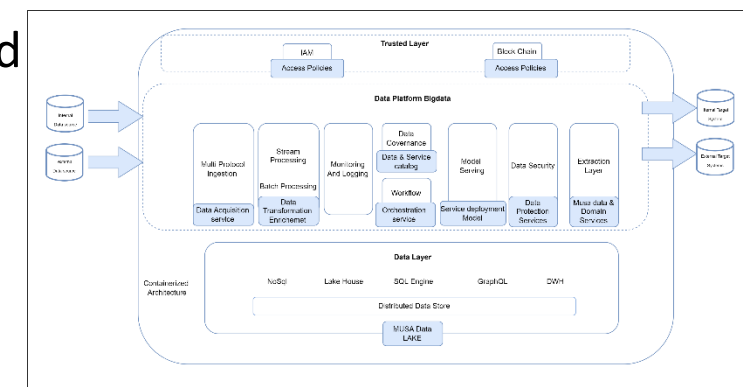
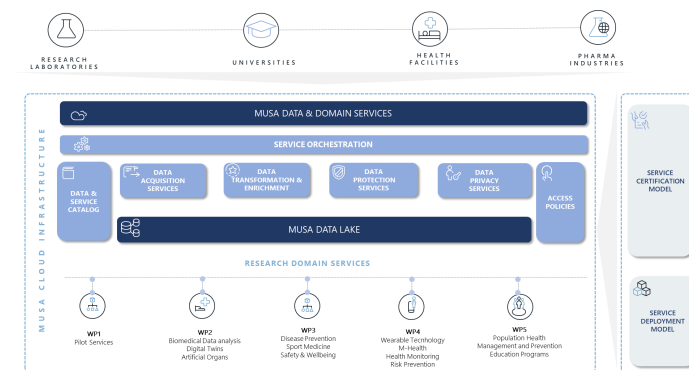
## Objectives

- **Objective 1:** Development of an **innovative digital platform** for the rapid and secure storage and exchange of big data
  - Edge-cloud platform enabled by 5G
- **Objective 2:** Definition and design of an ecosystem of **services for data processing and analysis**
  - Support for the provision of advanced services to citizens
  - Provide value-added services that allow companies to build new services and business value
  - Based on AI techniques
  - Support secondary reuse of data for multi-stakeholder clinical studies led by pharmaceutical companies
- **Objective 3:** Definition of **advanced deployment solutions** for the provision of intelligent and accurate services with verified non-functional properties
- **Objective 4:** **Certified ecosystem that provides certified solutions and services**

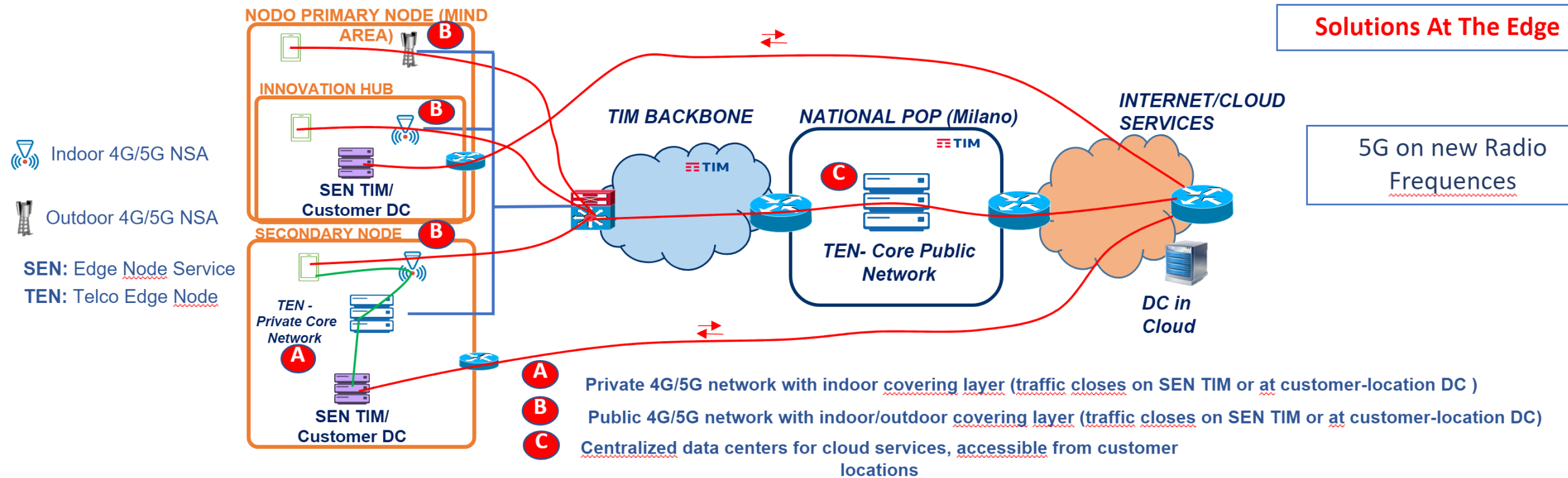


## A holistic, innovative digital architecture for the storage and safe exchange of life sciences big data

- Design and deployment of an **innovative digital platform for data analysis and exchange** based on edge-cloud continuum and supported by a private 5G network and AI services
  - Data architecture and service selection
  - **MUSA Infrastructure development**
    - MUSA Cloud infrastructure build on kubernetes (public cloud on AWS)
    - Complete simulator of a 5G infrastructure
  - Smart service deployment approach on a multi-platform environment driven by non-functional properties



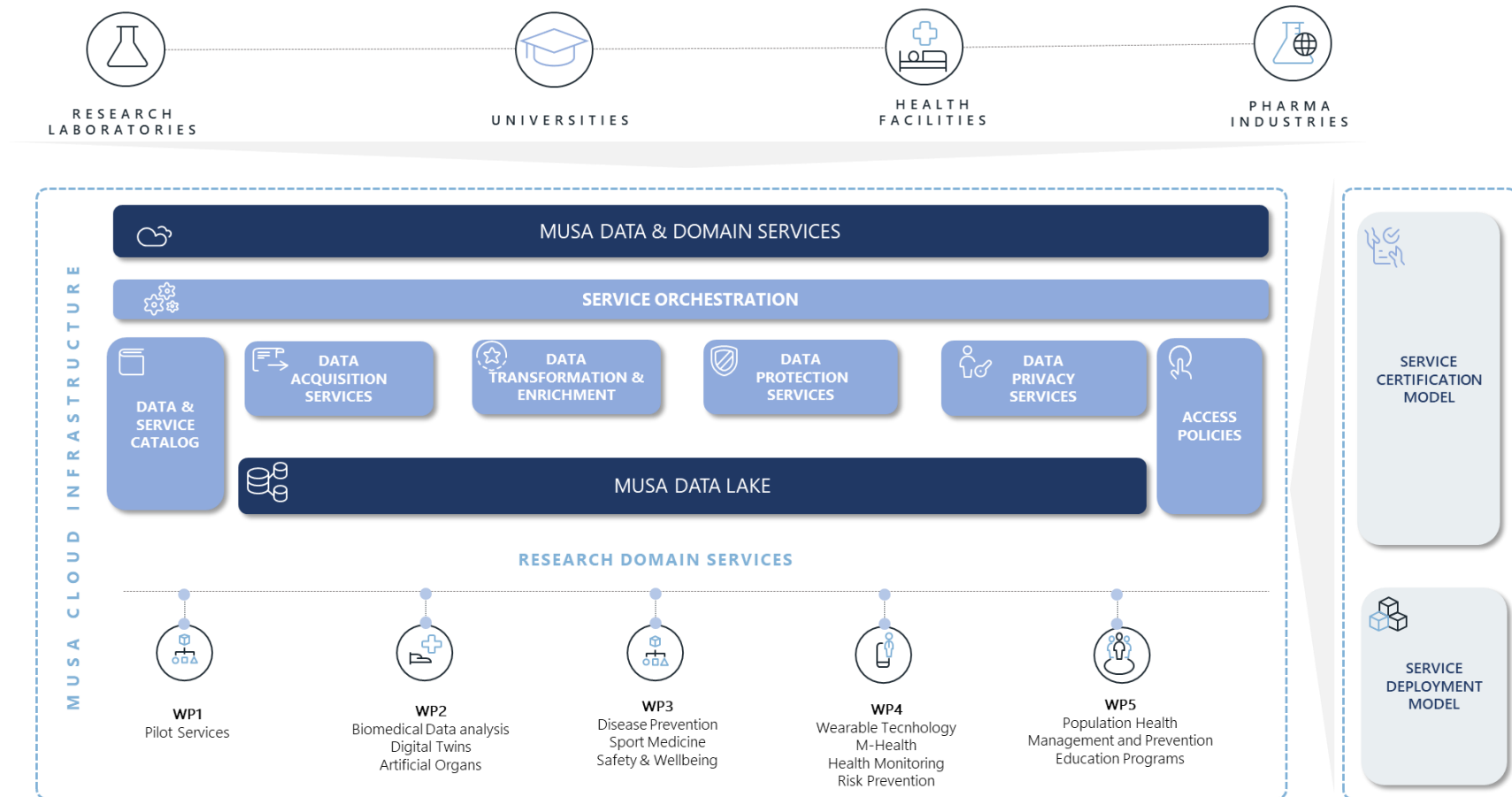
# Platform and Infrastructure: Future-proof, unique at Italian level, and one of the most advanced in Europe





# Cloud Hub Data Architecture

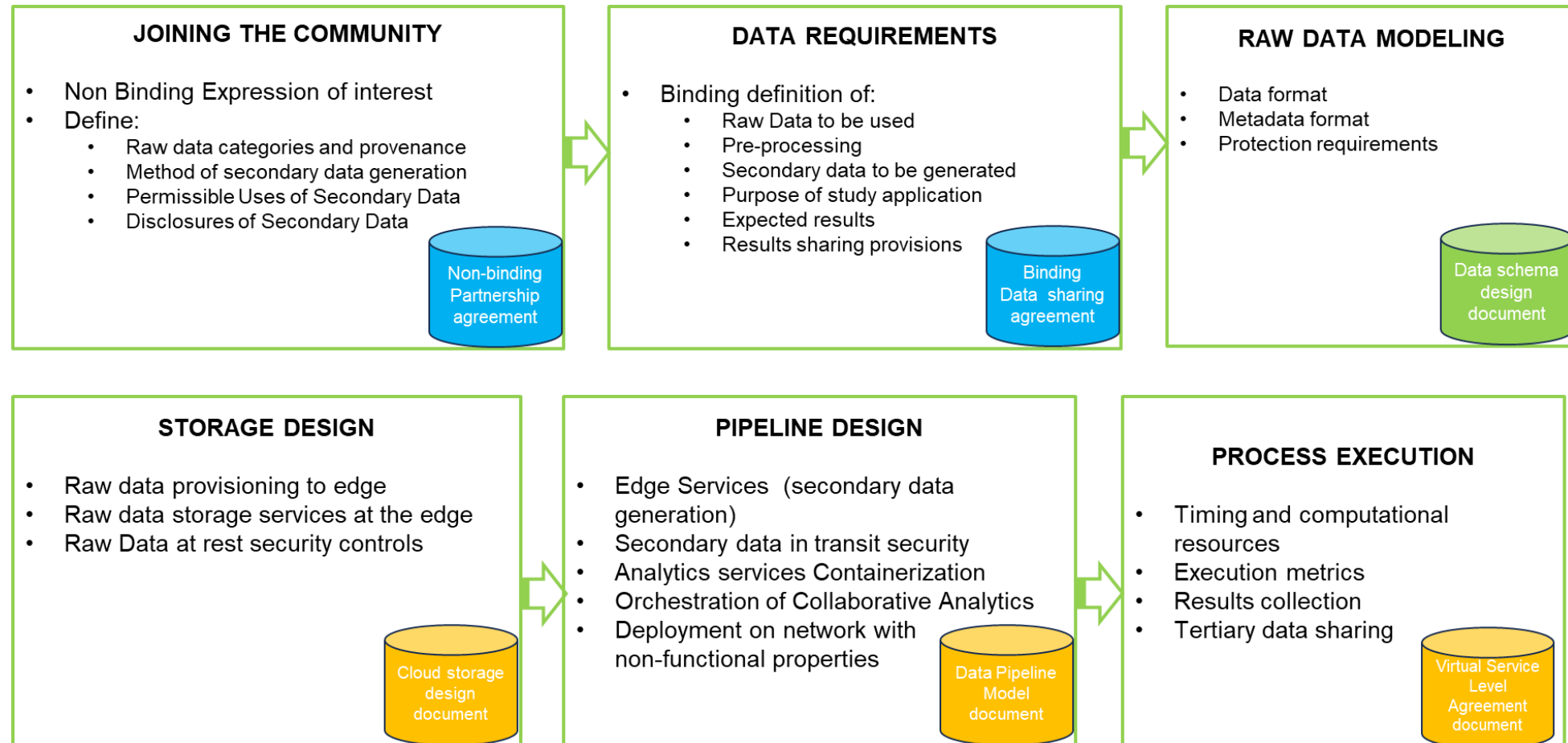
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- Data Services
- Access Services





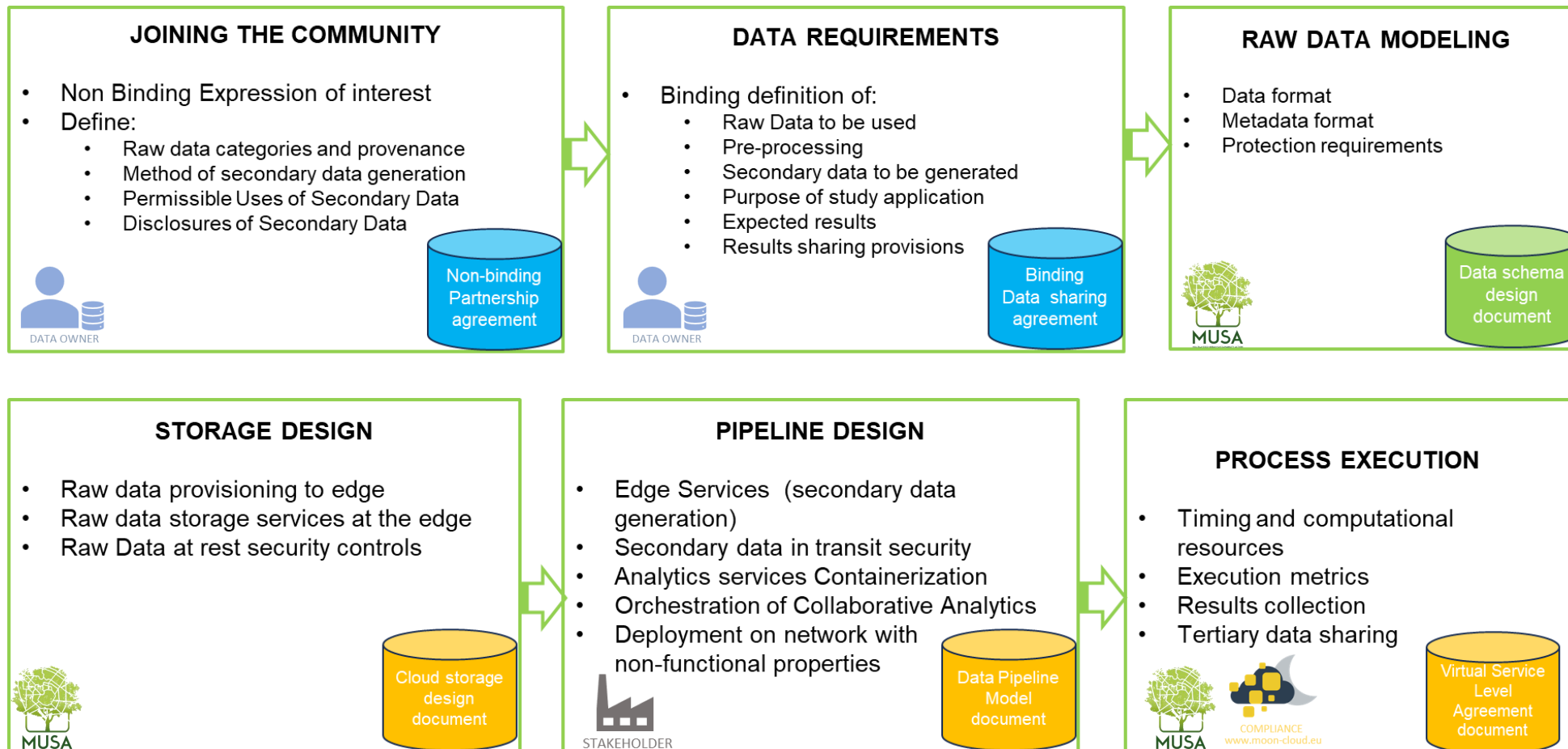


# The MUSA Process



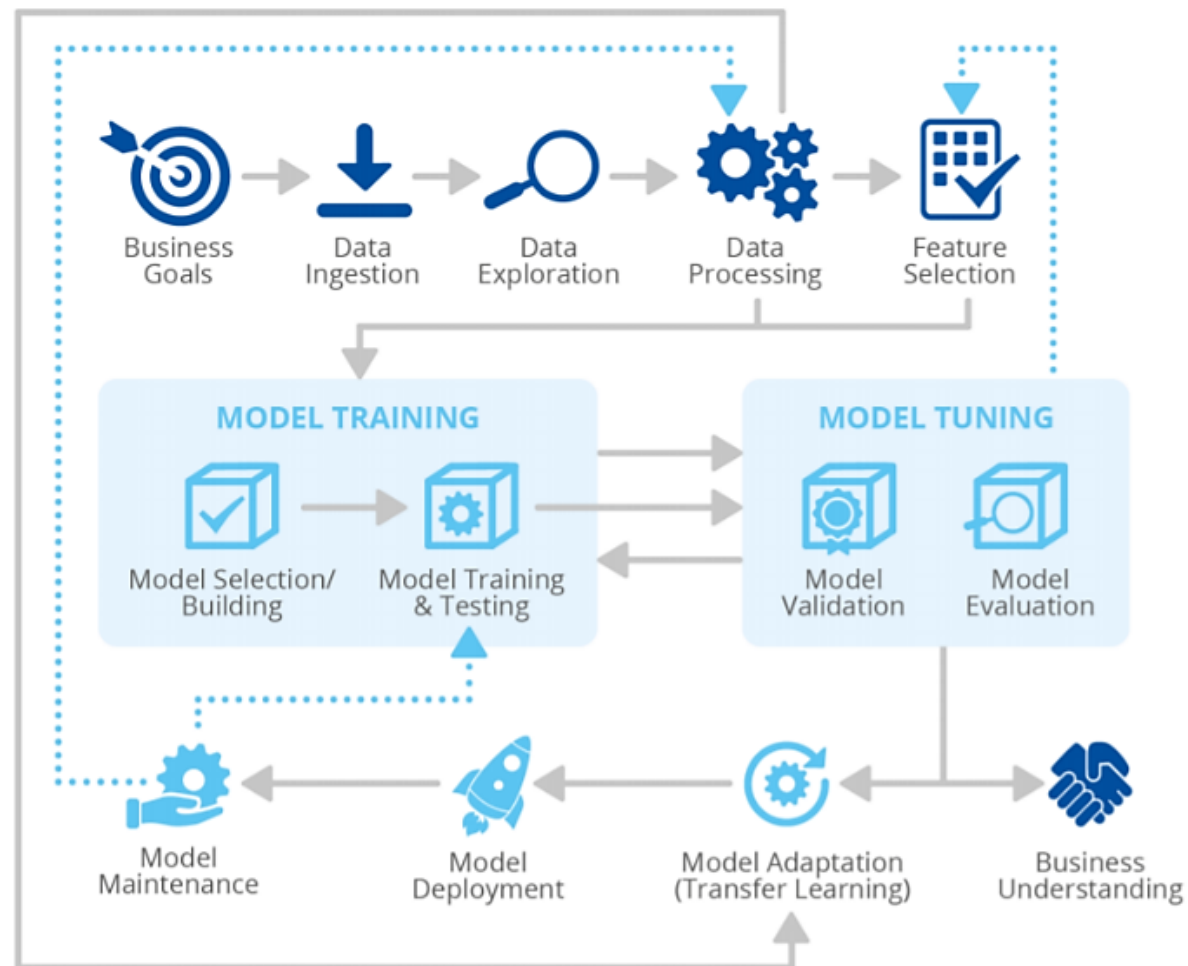


# The MUSAA Process





# The complete life cycle of the data analytics platform





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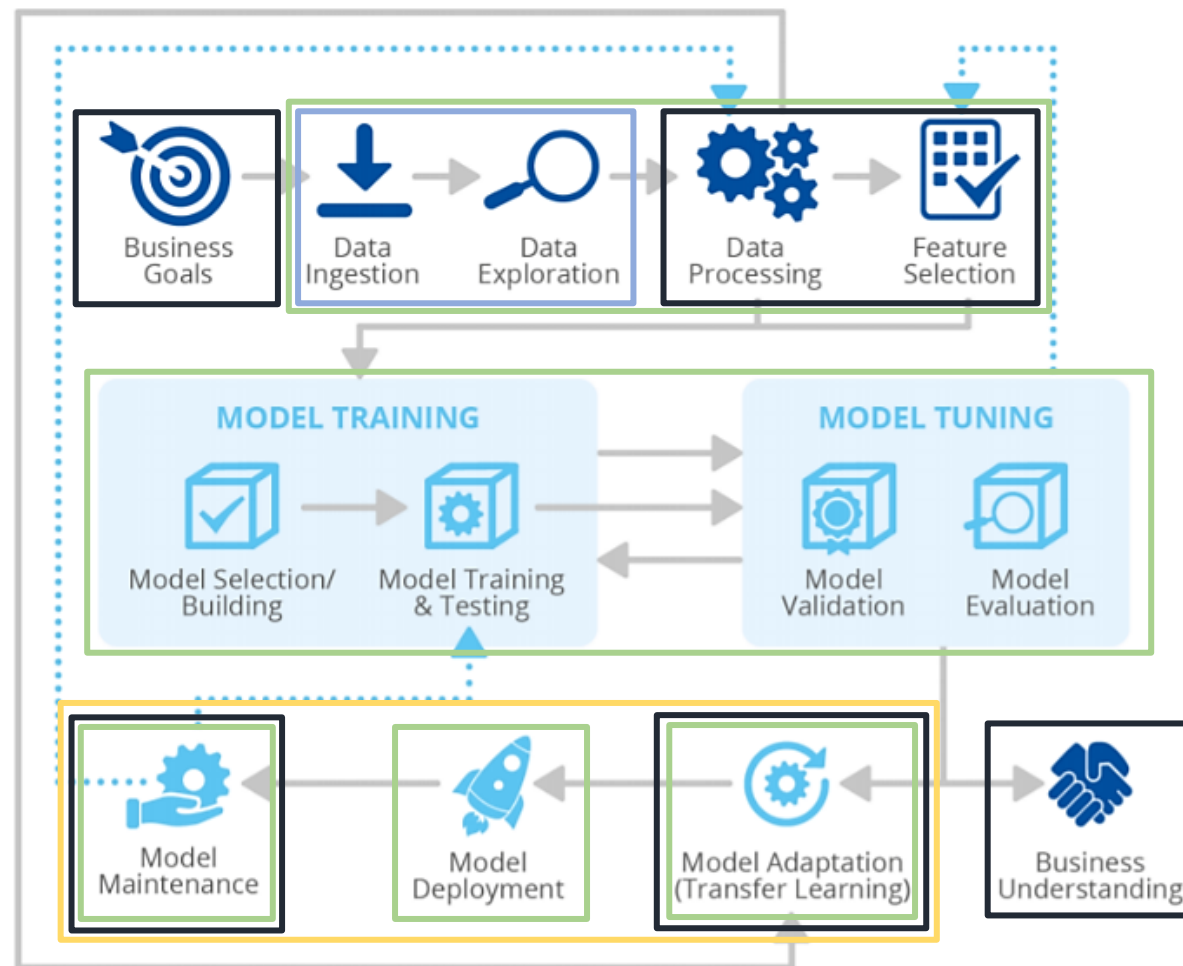
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## Pilot Applications: Polycentric Studies

- Image/tabular data fusion for federated learning of diagnostic models
- Goals
  - Metadata standardization and quality improvement
  - Fusion of image data and tabular metadata
  - Training of local models
  - Orchestrated federated learning for sharing local model parameters
  - Automatic feature selection and model comparison
- **Requirements:** data privacy
- **Modeling and deployment:** On-premises node with sensitive data; federated learning pipeline with centralized cloud node





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## Pilot Applications: Wellbeing and disease prevention

- Quantitative validation of good practices
- Goals
  - Definition of correct lifestyle (metrics and impact indices)
  - Validate whether a choice has a positive or negative impact on wellness
  - Validation at different levels: urban planning, nutrition...
  - **Requirements:** privacy of input data; quality of data processing
  - **Modeling and deployment:** on-premise node for the preparation of sensitive data, cloud pipeline with direct ingestion of processed data





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## Pilot Applications: Diagnostic and therapeutic services and risk models

- Diagnostic services and specialist tests with remote doctor or mobile patient
  - Diagnostic tests in the ambulance
  - Ultrasound scans with a medical examiner not present on site (for mountain communities)
  - **Requirements:** low latency, privacy and security of communication channels
  - **Modeling:** pipeline with 5G Edge nodes
- Management of massive IoT scenarios
  - Risk models for widespread diseases (cardiac risk)
  - Optimization of processes and consumption in smart cities (mobility)
- Data protection in distributed, heterogeneous and mobile environments
  - Throughout the data lifecycle





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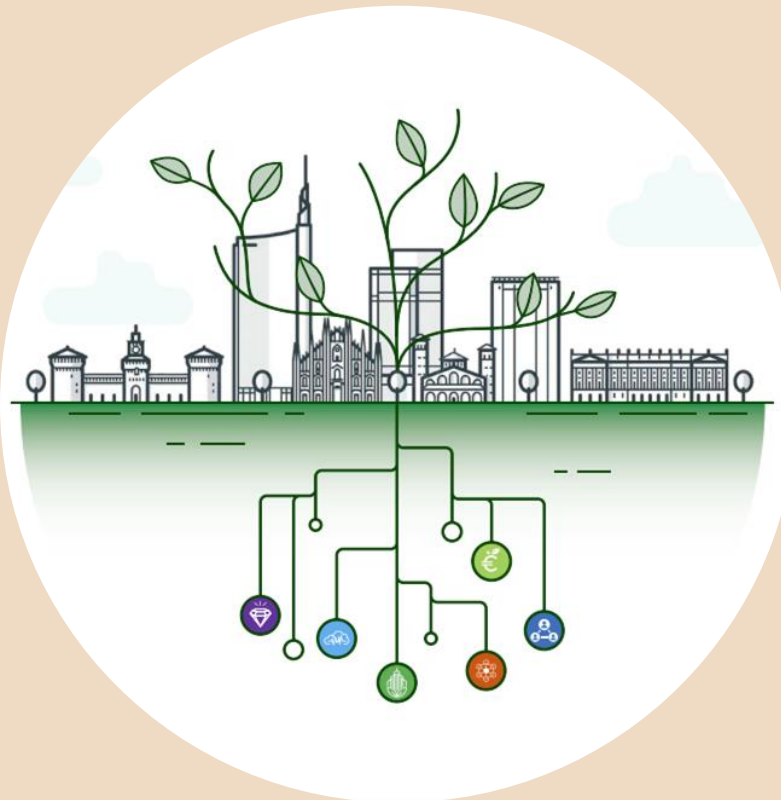


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## Smart Service Deployment Solution in Edge-Cloud Continuum

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## MUSA Edge Cloud Continuum

- **Edge-Cloud Continuum**: a novel paradigm enabling **new opportunities** for distributed applications
- **MUSA Continuum involves 5G MEC**
  - fully support compositions of services
  - suit advanced **QoS requirements**
    - vast computational resources: **Cloud**
    - low-latency: **MEC or far Edge**
    - legacy systems compatibility/strict privacy: **Edge on-Premises**
  - differentiate security/privacy policies



## Challenges

- **C1** - Compose and distribute both MUSA' services and customers' services
- **C2** - Maintaining advanced QoS such as security and privacy
- **C3** - Involve facilities of different providers
- **C4** - Coexistence with other services and compositions



## Solutions: MUSA approach

- Automatically decide how to **compose** (C1) and where to **deploy** services (C3) guided by **QoS** requirements (C2)
- Cross-provider Continuum using **MUSA continuum agents** (C3)
- **Containerization** of services and assurance-based **monitoring** (C4)



## Deployment: open issues

- Obtain scalable deployment in continuum
- **Guarantee properties** on the composed deployment
  - Some solutions have been proposed in serverless computation
    - limited to resource allocation (i.e., CPU, memory, and bandwidth)
    - cannot be applied to compositions
- **MUSA deployment Goal**: automatic QoS-aware deployment solution for composed services in the Continuum
- **Deployment decisions impact on QoS (e.g., latency)**





## MUSA Scenario

- Different entities are part of the MUSA Continuum
  - **CSP** offering services and hosting facilities (mainly Cloud)
  - **Telco providers** offering Edge telco nodes and connectivity
  - **MUSA clients** willing to use MUSA
    - allowing their premises to join MUSA continuum
    - upload their services on the MUSA catalogue (private or public accessible)
- **Data** hosted on privacy-preserving **MUSA Data lake** or on **MUSA-enabled on-premises** data warehouse

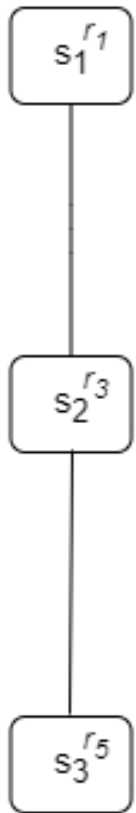


## MUSA Scenario

- **Clients**: express their workflow of services composing custom and/or MUSA services
  - Musa service catalogue contains general purposes MUSA services such as authentication, data preparation, basic AI algorithms...
- **CSP and Telco**: have an agreement with MUSA to offer their landing facilities for the client's workflows to be deployed and executed



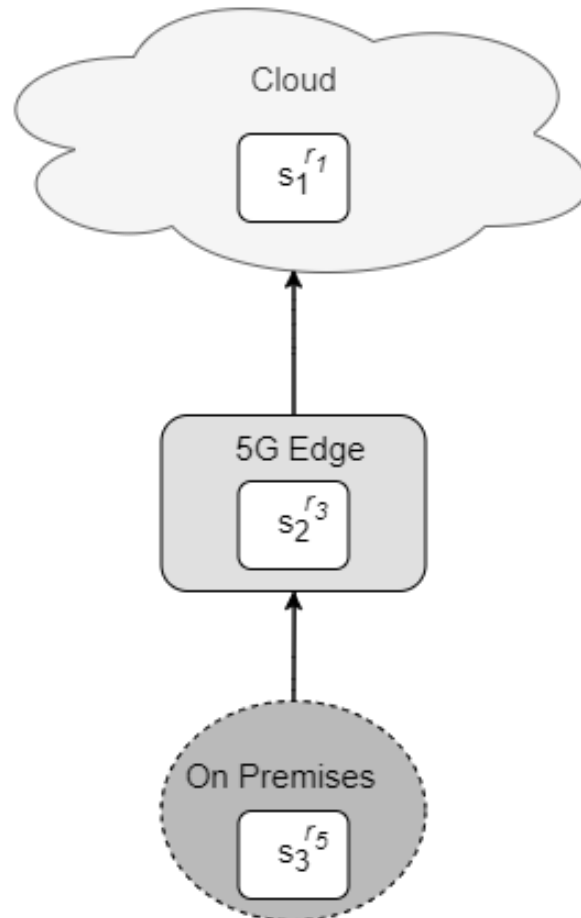
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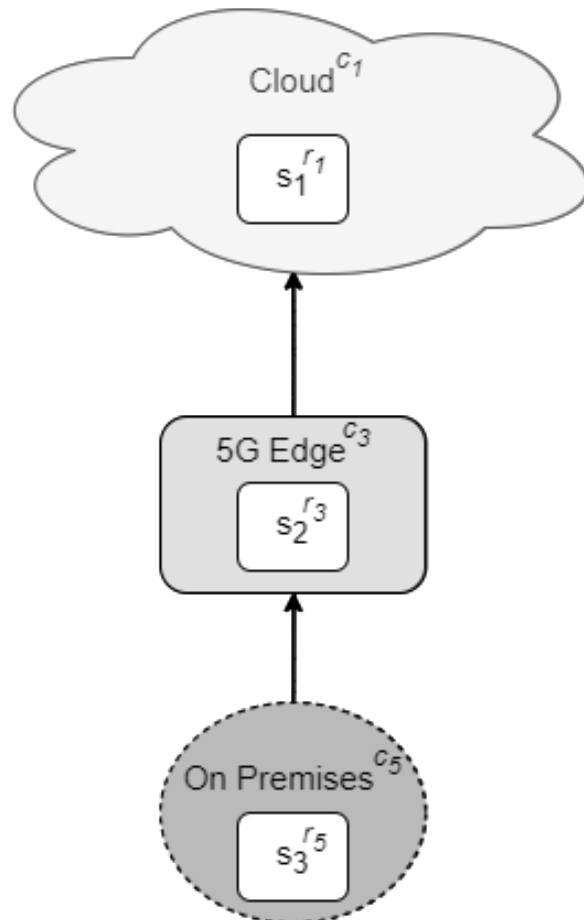
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- Facilities: provide specific **capabilities  $C_i$**





## Deployment Requirements

- **R<sub>1</sub> - continuum-readiness:** seamlessly deploy services on every Continuum premises
- **R<sub>2</sub> - property-driven:** grounded on QoS properties and *constraints* expressed by the client
- **R<sub>3</sub> - technology agnostic:** handle heterogeneous deployment facilities
- **R<sub>4</sub> - comprehensive model:** provide a general way to represent workflows and facilities
- **R<sub>5</sub> - interoperability:** able to interact with different CSP/Telco hooks
- **R<sub>6</sub> - context adaptability:** automatically manage deployment life-cycle



## Deployment Requirements: State of the Art

Most of the solutions are focused  
on resources (CPU, storage,  
Memory)

Difficulties in addressing  
Requirements

- **R<sub>2</sub> - property-driven**
- **R<sub>6</sub> - context adaptability**

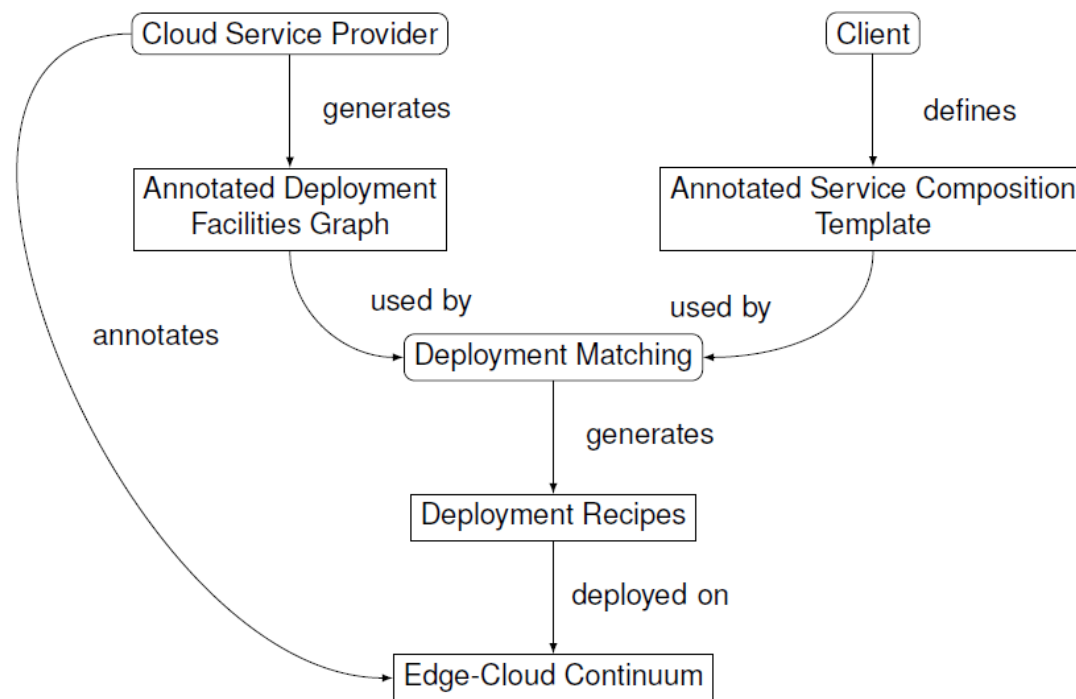
**ML solutions increasingly  
adopted**

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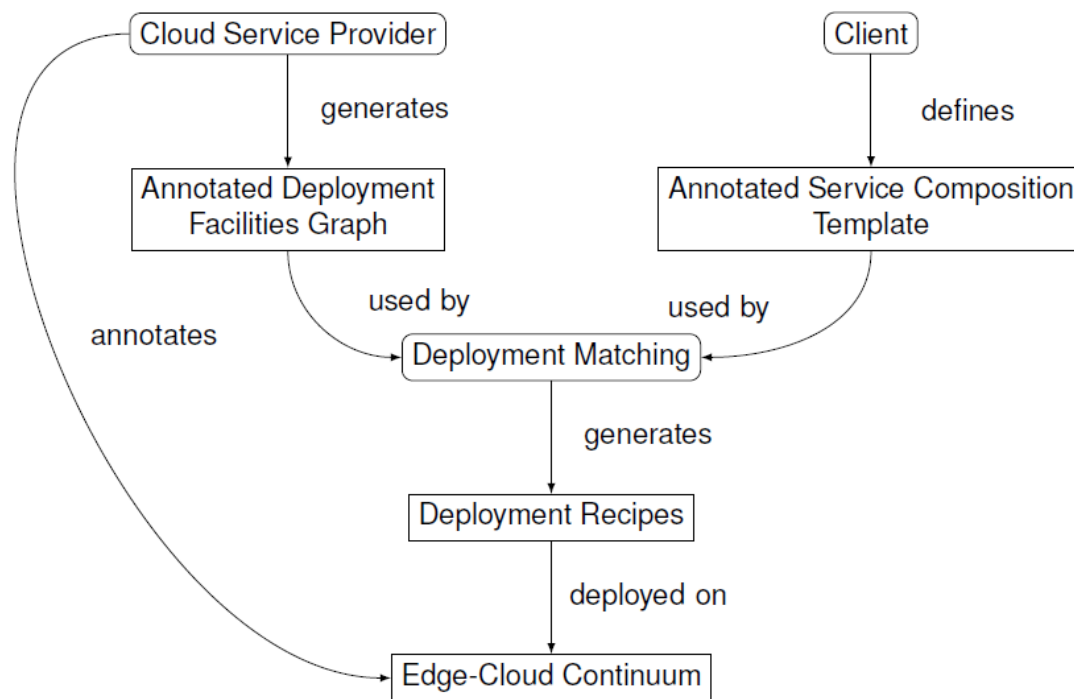


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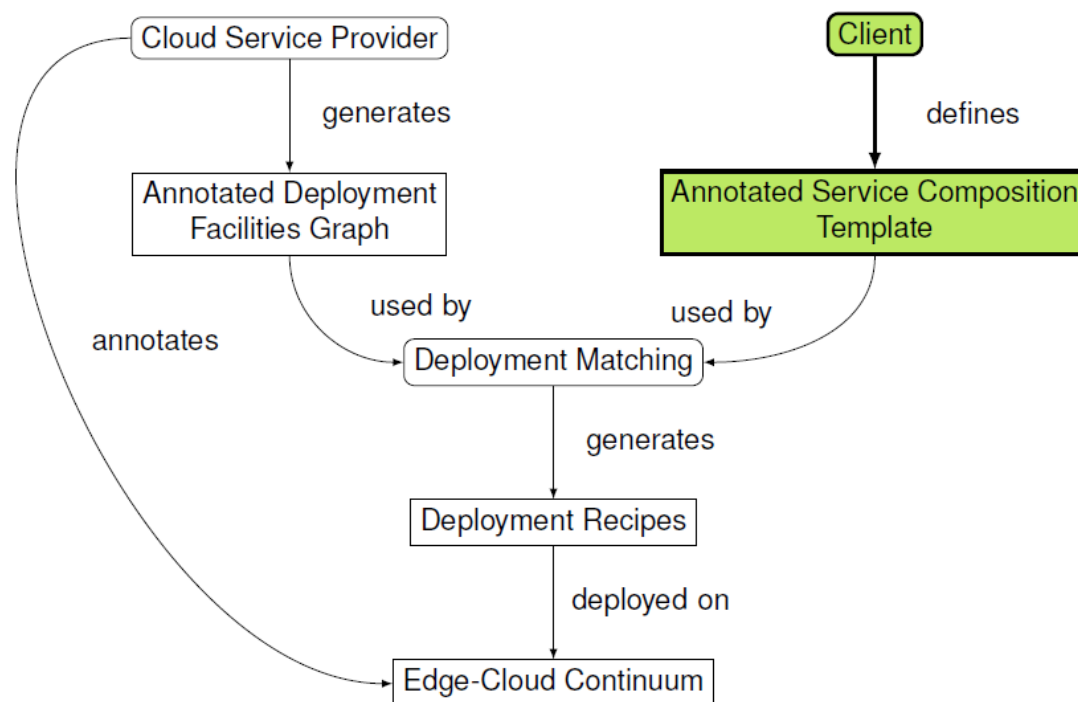
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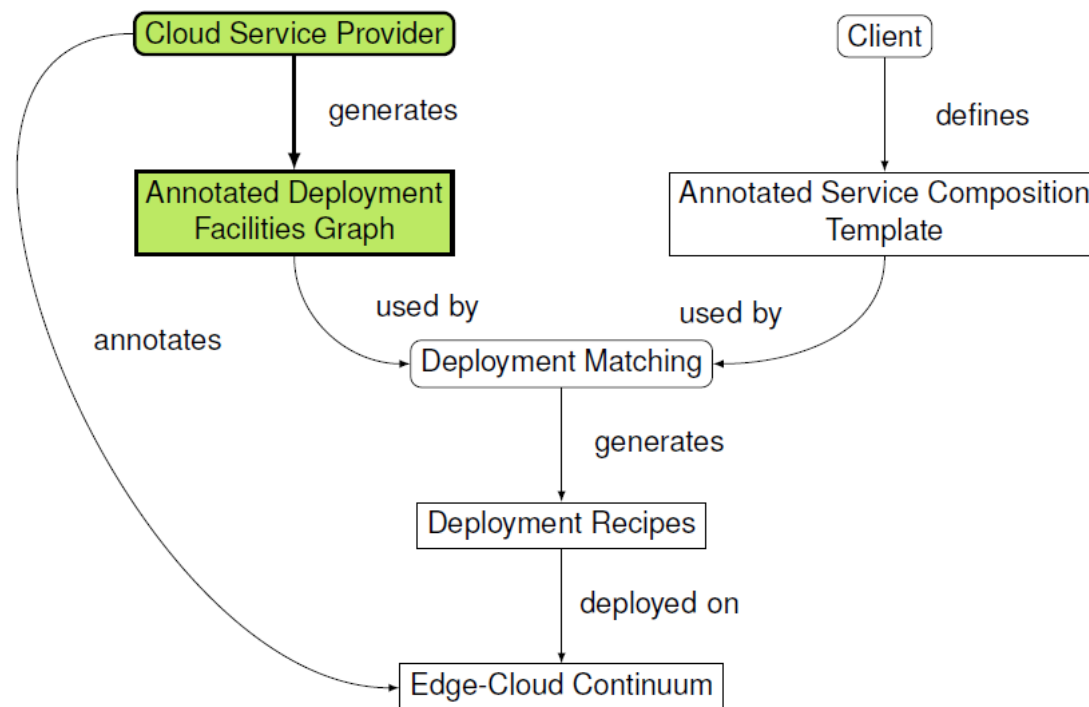


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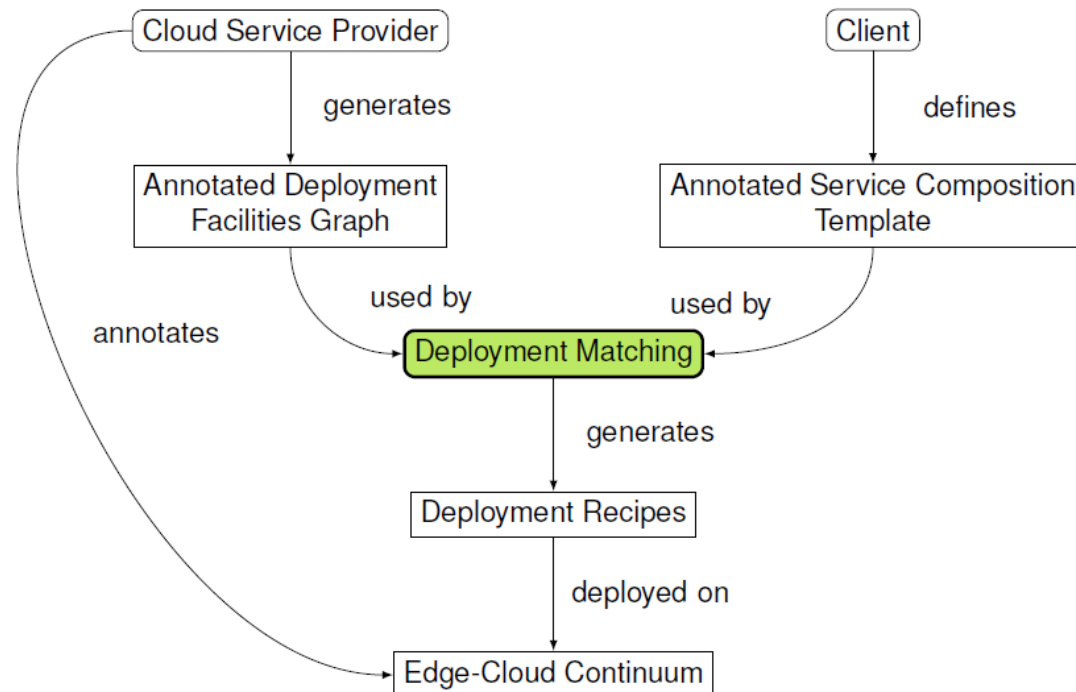
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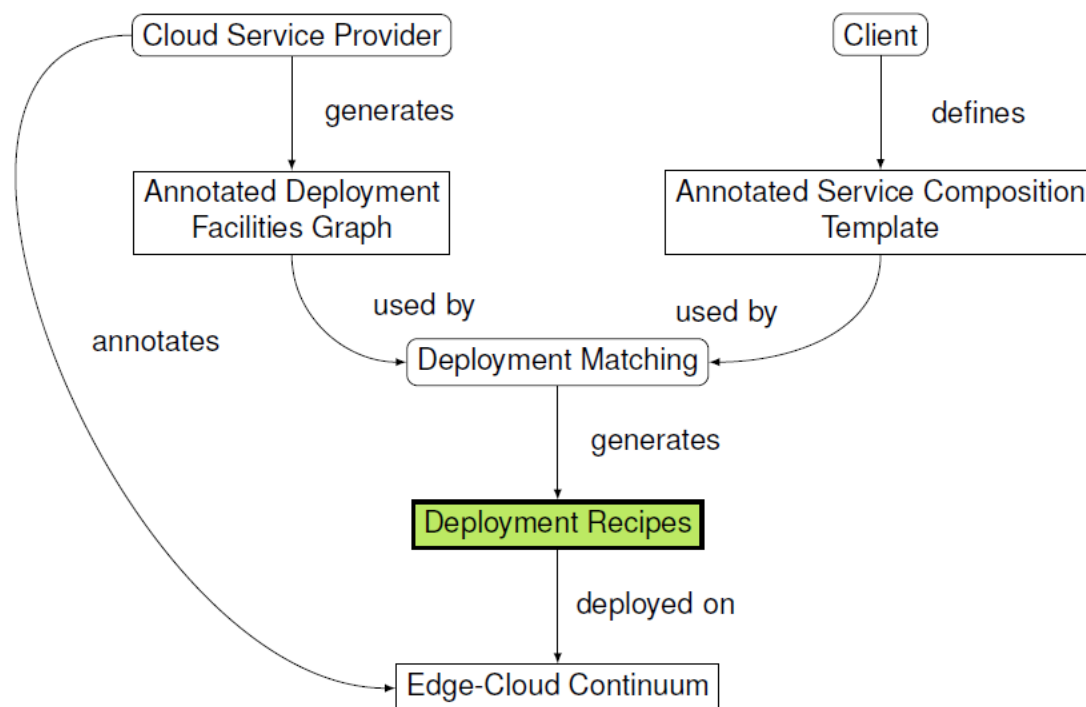
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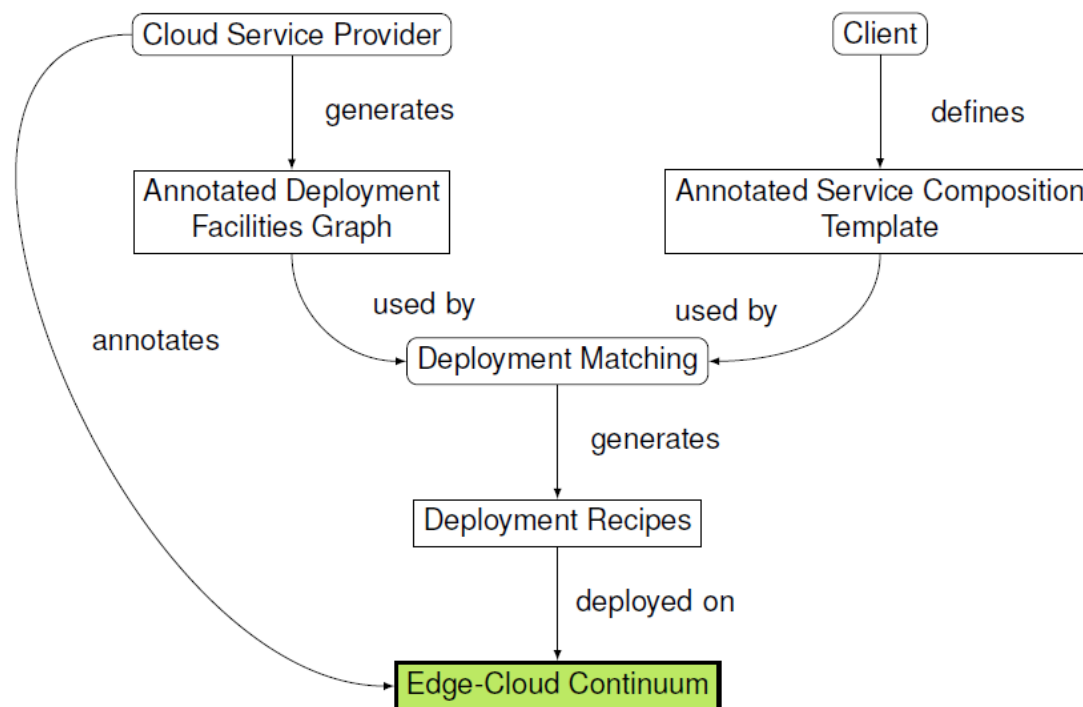
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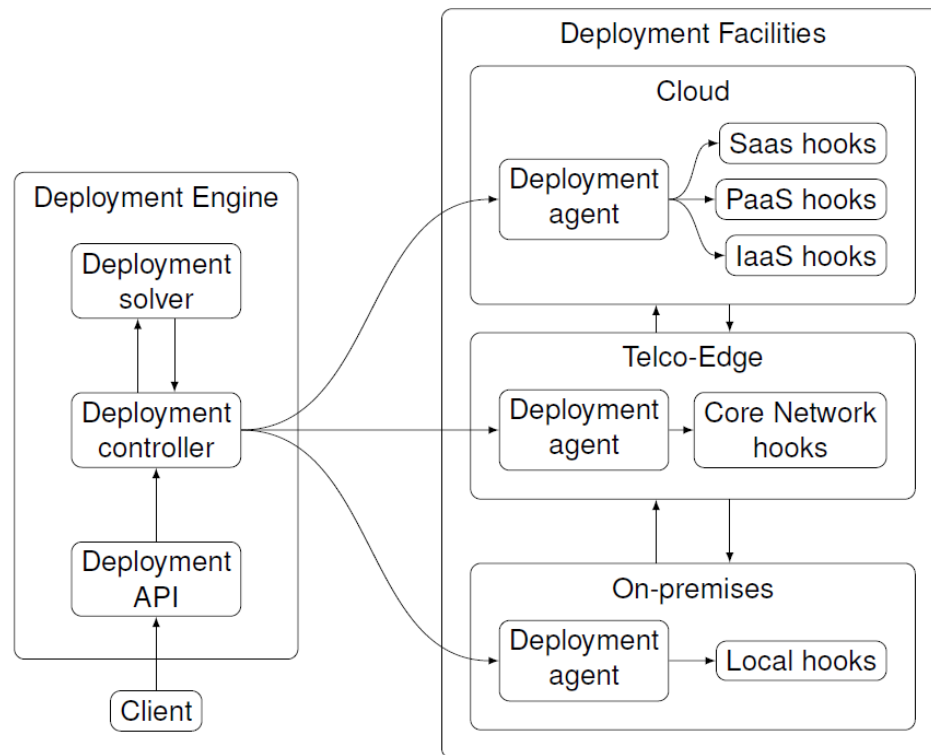
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- **Concretize recipe** for each specific node



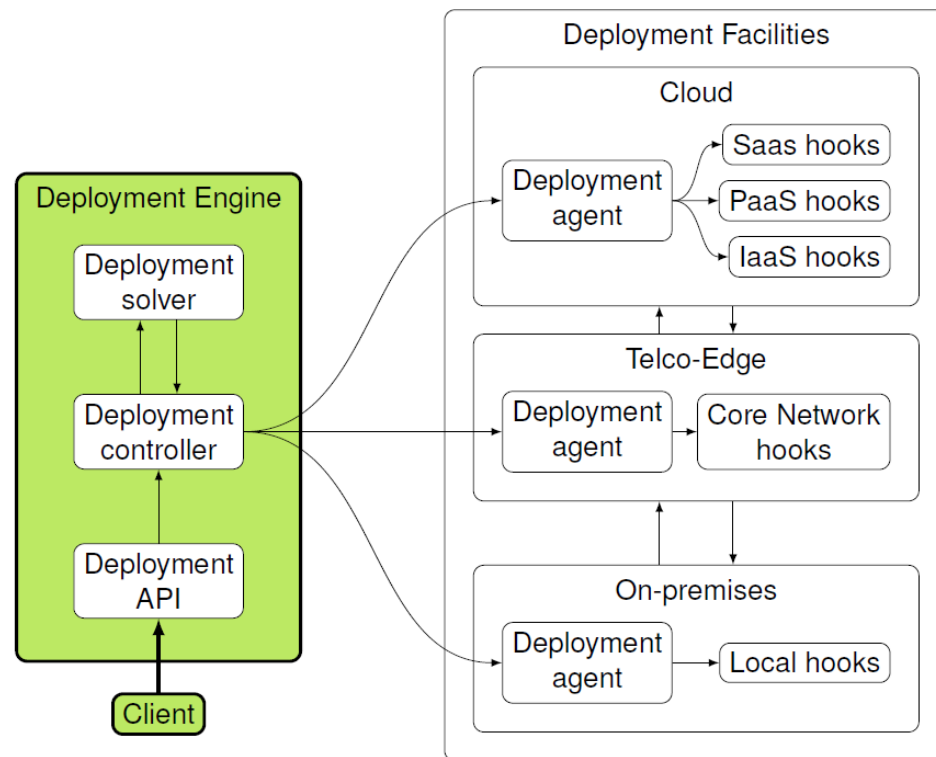
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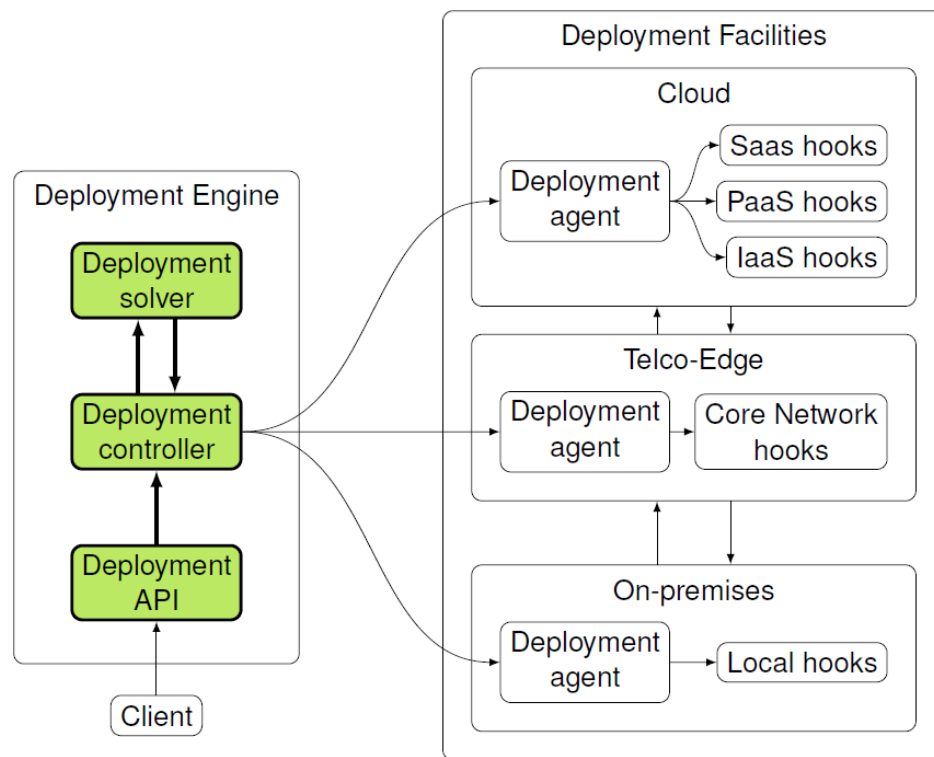
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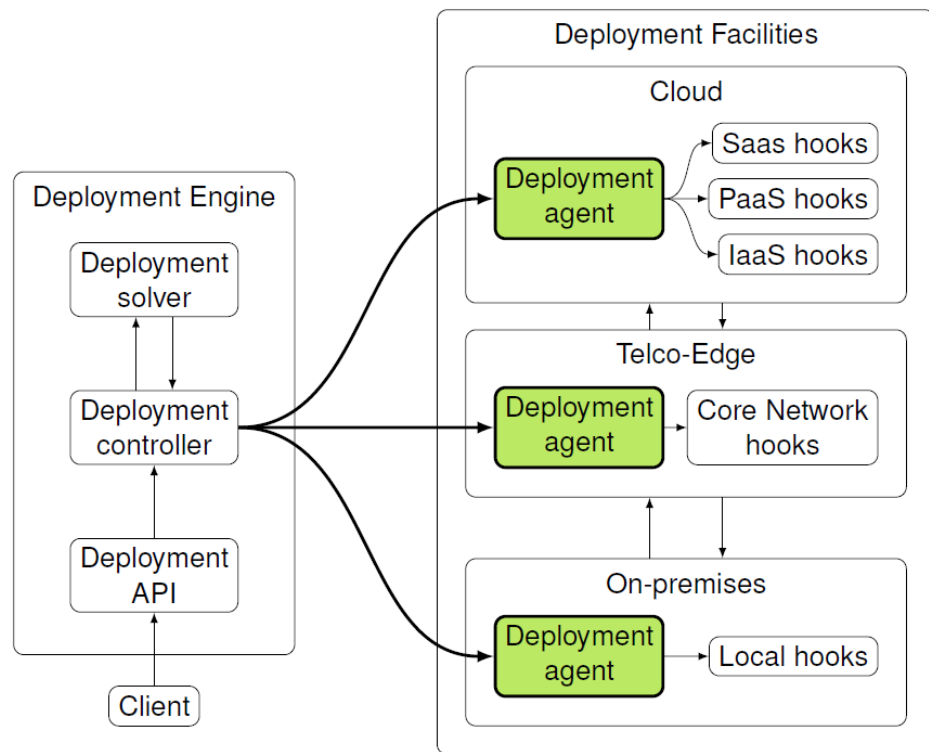
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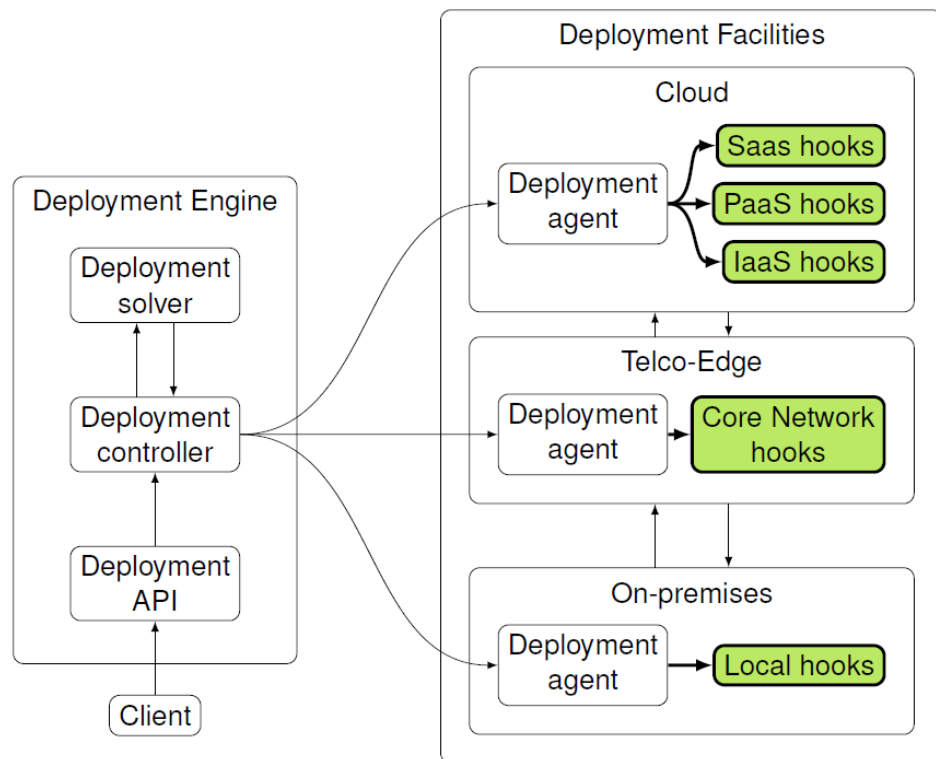
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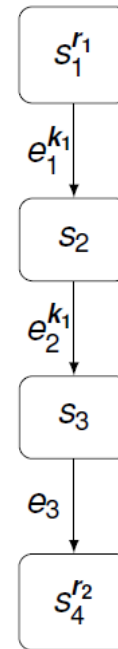
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- Facilities provide **hooks** to relevant resources or services



## Model of workflows and facilities

- **Annotated Service Composition Template  $T^{R,K}$**  is
  - a directed graph  $T = (S, E)$
  - annotated with requirements  $r$  and constraints  $k$

$T^{R,K}$



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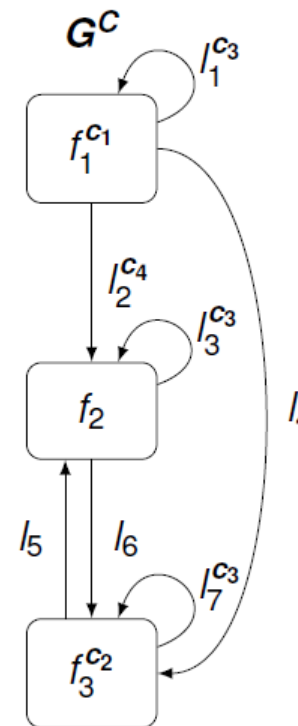
$k_1 = (Bandwidth, 200, \geq)$





## Model of workflows and facilities

- **Annotated Deployment Facilities Graph  $G^c$**  is
  - a directed graph  $G = (F, L)$
  - annotated with capabilities  $c$
  - implement capabilities



$c_1 = (\text{Confidentiality},$   
 $\text{Isolation}, =, [])$

$c_2 = (\text{Integrity}, \text{Rest}, =,$   
 $[\text{service: sI; mode:}$   
 $\text{interception}])$

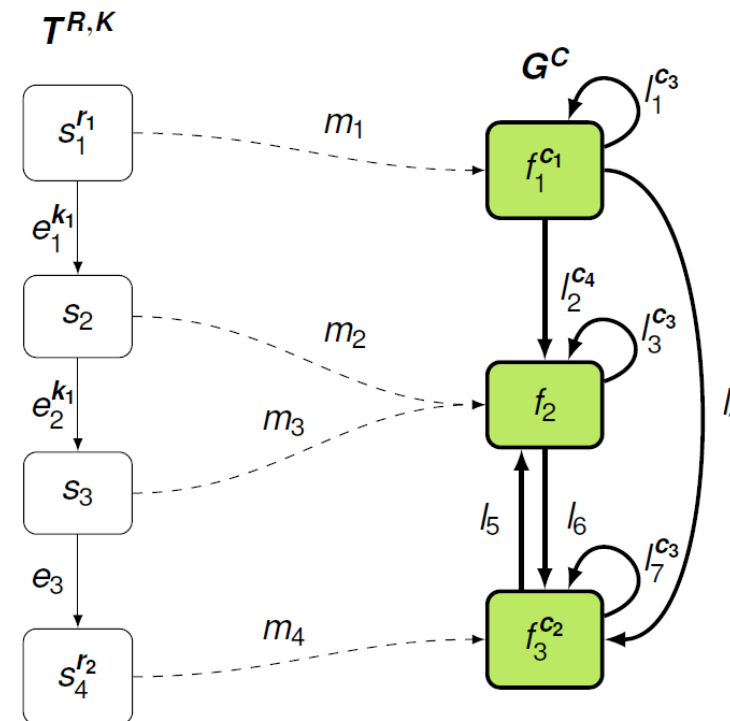
$c_3 = (\text{Bandwidth}, +\infty, =, [])$

$c_4 = (\text{Bandwidth}, 500, \geq, [])$



## Deployment Matching

- Searches for the **most suitable solution** for the QoS-aware deployment
  - takes as input the **annotated models**
  - generates a set of suitable solutions **M**
  - among them selects the one better satisfying a provider-specific policy
    - lowest operational cost  $\{m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4\}$
- if **M** is empty, the deployment cannot take place under the specified requirements



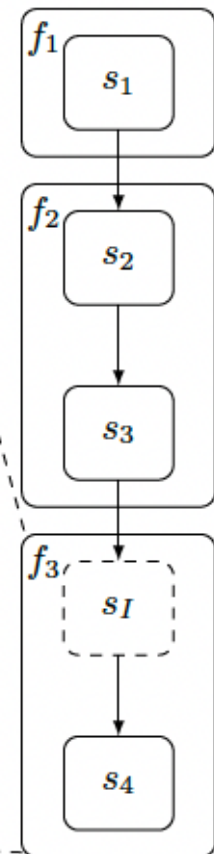


## Deployment Recipes

Generates **recipes** to enable properties

- **configure** facilities
- deploy **additional MUSA services** to support properties
- **deployment recipes enriched** with hooks to enable properties
- consists of three parts
  - service deployment **configuration**
  - support MUSA services description
  - **modality of integration** (i.e., none, interception or wrapper)

```
facility:  
  name: f3  
  services:  
  - name: s4  
    kubernetes_template:  
      apiVersion: apps/v1  
      kind: Deployment  
      metadata:  
        name: s4  
      spec:  
        replicas: 1  
        template:  
          spec:  
            containers:  
            - name: s4  
              image: local.registry/s4  
              ports:  
              - containerPort: 80  
        capabilities:  
        - property: integrity  
          attribute: rest  
          operation: "="  
          implementation:  
            service: s1  
            mode: interception
```

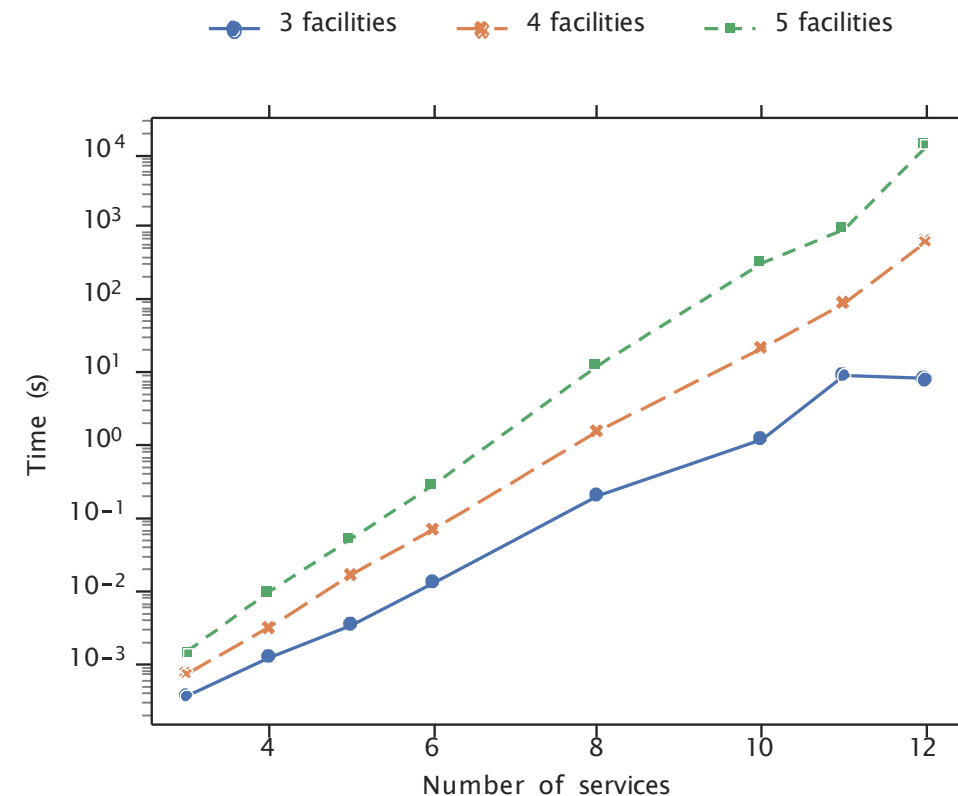




## Matching Evaluation

The matching was evaluated in a simulated MUSA continuum environment

- **matching time** of different sets of services and facilities
- matching performed in an **exhaustive** manner (no optimization)
- the number of **services dominates** the deployment time (exponential)
  - impractical after  $s = 10$  and  $f = 5$





## Deployment Evaluation: MUSA Pilots

Different type of pilots to be deployed on the MUSA Continuum

- **Cloud only:** high performance processing pipelines
- **On-premises and Cloud:** privacy y preserving polycentric studies (e.g., using Federated Learning)
- **On-premises, 5G Edge and Cloud:** polycentric 5G connected studies, low latency consultancy services

Monitoring of the MUSA Cloud Facilities via **moon cloud probes**



## Example of 5G MUSA pipeline

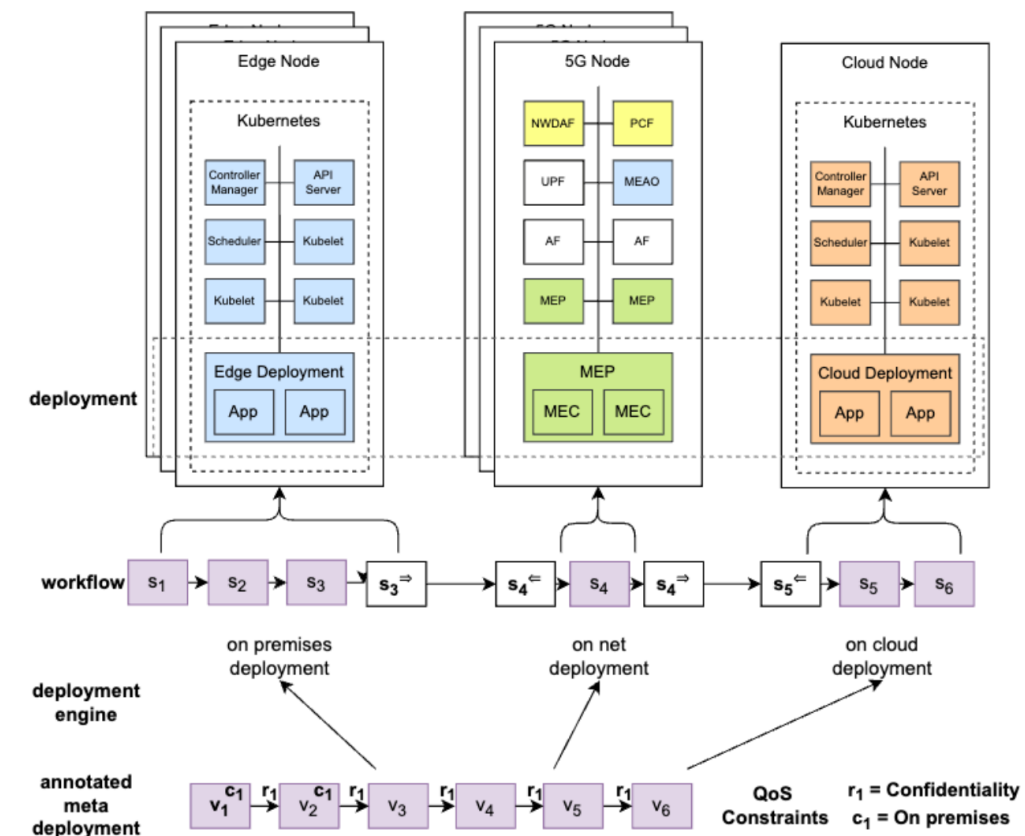
Custom and MUSA native services

Connectivity services inserted (e.g.,  
s3 $\Rightarrow$ ) by MUSA deployer

Data pre-processing on premises  
Edge

Low latency processing in 5G Edge

Computational-expansive analytics  
in Cloud



M. Anisetti, F. Berto, M. Banzi, "Orchestration of data-intensive pipeline in 5G-enabled Edge Continuum," IEEE EDGE 2022





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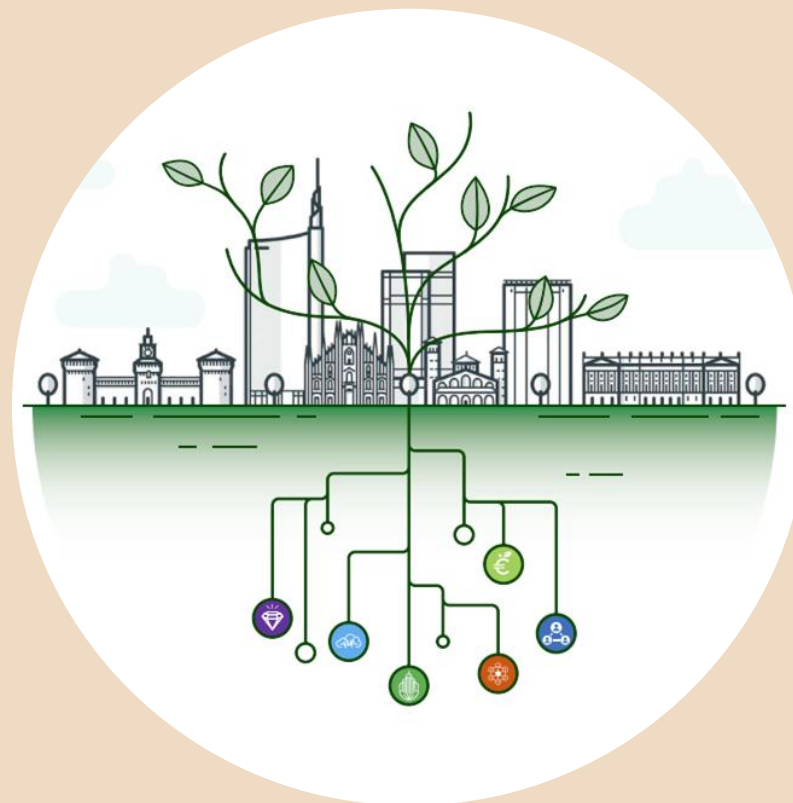
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## Encapsulation and Deployment of Data-Intensive Services in Polymorphic Containers

- Development and implementation of **new techniques for the rapid creation and implementation of polymorphic implementations of software services** starting from user code, through multiple multi-format containers.
- Development and implementation of technologies for **manual deployment, testing and compliance verification of polymorphic implementations of digital services** on cloud and mobile network edge.
- **User-friendly interface** for controlling and executing service implementation and configuration tasks



## Automatic optimization of the deployment and operation of services on the platform through Artificial Intelligence techniques

- Development, training and testing on benchmark data of high-dimensional supervised computational learning models for the **automatic real-time distribution of software services on the 5G network**, capable of minimizing complex cost functions in terms of energy and latency.
- Adoption of **assurance frameworks** capable of applying policies and verifying the configuration of the necessary network resources, as well as the feasibility and non-functional properties of services and processes.



## Preparation and management of an environment for testing and verification of services on the 5G infrastructure

- Creation of an **innovative environment for the testing and continuous monitoring of digital processes in the healthcare sector**, which also includes peripheral devices and edge computing services, in the form of a private mobile network composed of territorially distributed nodes
- Implementation of the **private multi-node mobile network** that hosts the test and monitoring environment on the fifth generation mobile network (5G) in the **Milan metropolitan area**
  - **MUST be in operation until the end of the MUSA project**
- Inclusion in the testing and monitoring environment of **at least two** geographical areas of interest for innovation in the biomedical field **in the Milan metropolitan area** with the possibility of simultaneous access of **at least five devices per area**
- Preparation and interface for the future extension of the test environment in a large-scale production environment in a metropolitan network
- Complementarity with existing mobile network test infrastructures





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