



Towards Trust-Aware Automotive Task Offloading

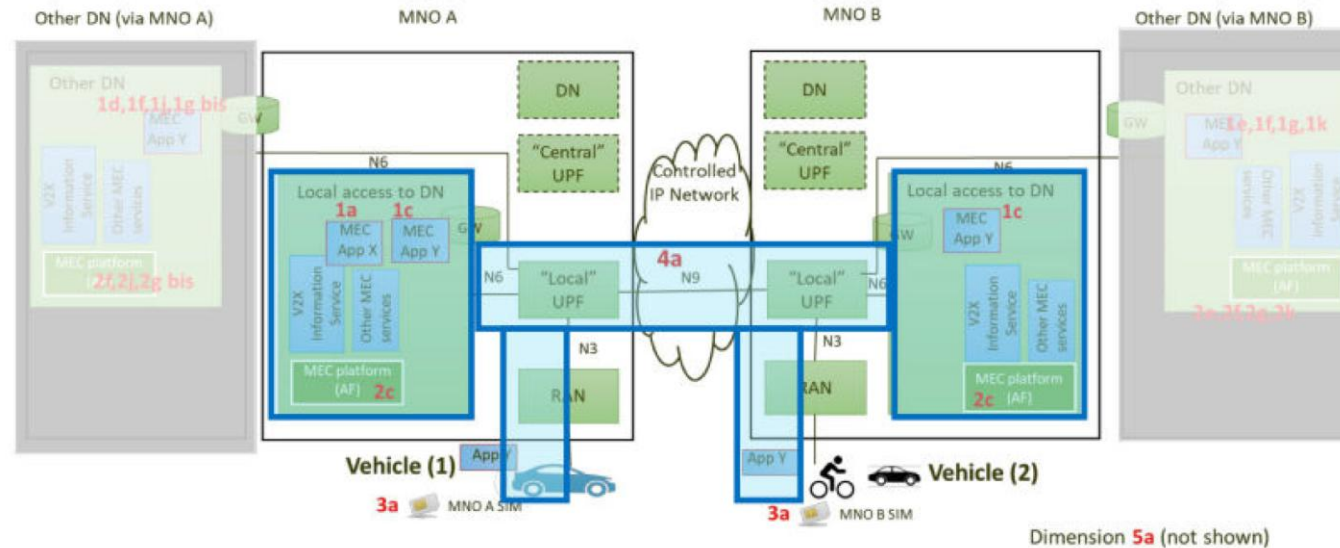
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Mutual Trust establishment in MEC

The environment becomes much more complex considering multiple trust domains that are involved, e.g. Mutual trust between MEC Applications and MEC platforms.



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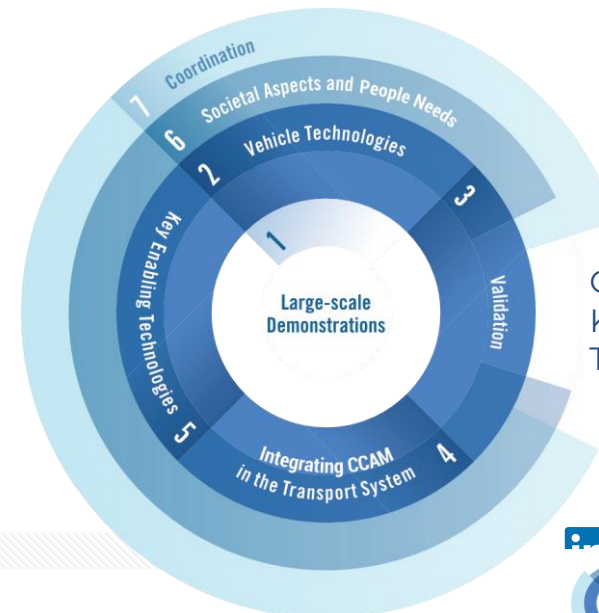


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Task Offloading in CONNECT for Vehicle Applications: Between Vehicle (UE) and MEC system

1. Concept: Slow-Moving Traffic Detection (SMTD) scenario:

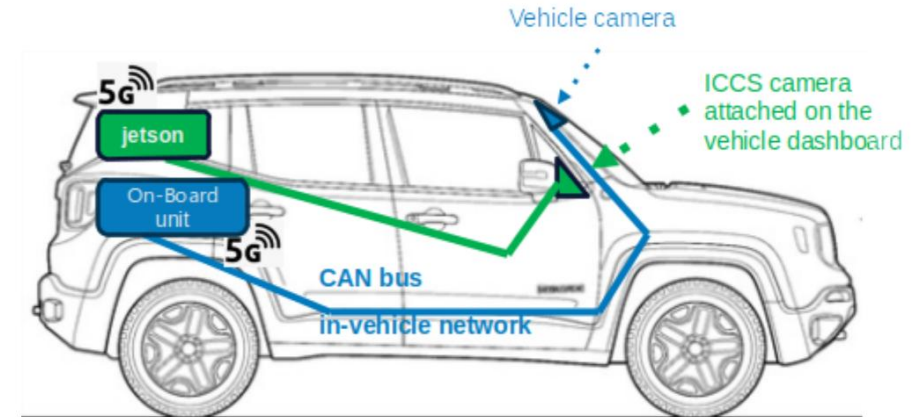
- Ego vehicle collects road video footage from camera.
- Pre-processes the data locally using its computing unit.
- Transmits the data securely to MEC for **Machine Learning (ML)-based inference**.
- MEC analyzes traffic and identifies a slow-moving vehicles ahead.
- Actionable insights are sent back to the vehicle to enhance decision-making.

2. Relevance of MEC:

- **Low Latency:** MEC reduces the delay between task execution and response, enabling real-time vehicular decisions.
- **Enhanced Efficiency:** By offloading ML tasks to MEC, vehicles preserve onboard computational resources for critical operations.

3. Importance for Automotive Applications:

- Demonstrates MEC's role in achieving seamless, low-latency service continuity in dynamic environments.



Task Offloading – System Description

- Install a second camera on vehicle dashboard
- Camera connected to a small-form-factor computer, a NUC, equipped with cellular connectivity
- NUC initiates task offloading process when necessary

Trust Framework in Task Offloading

1. Trust Challenges:

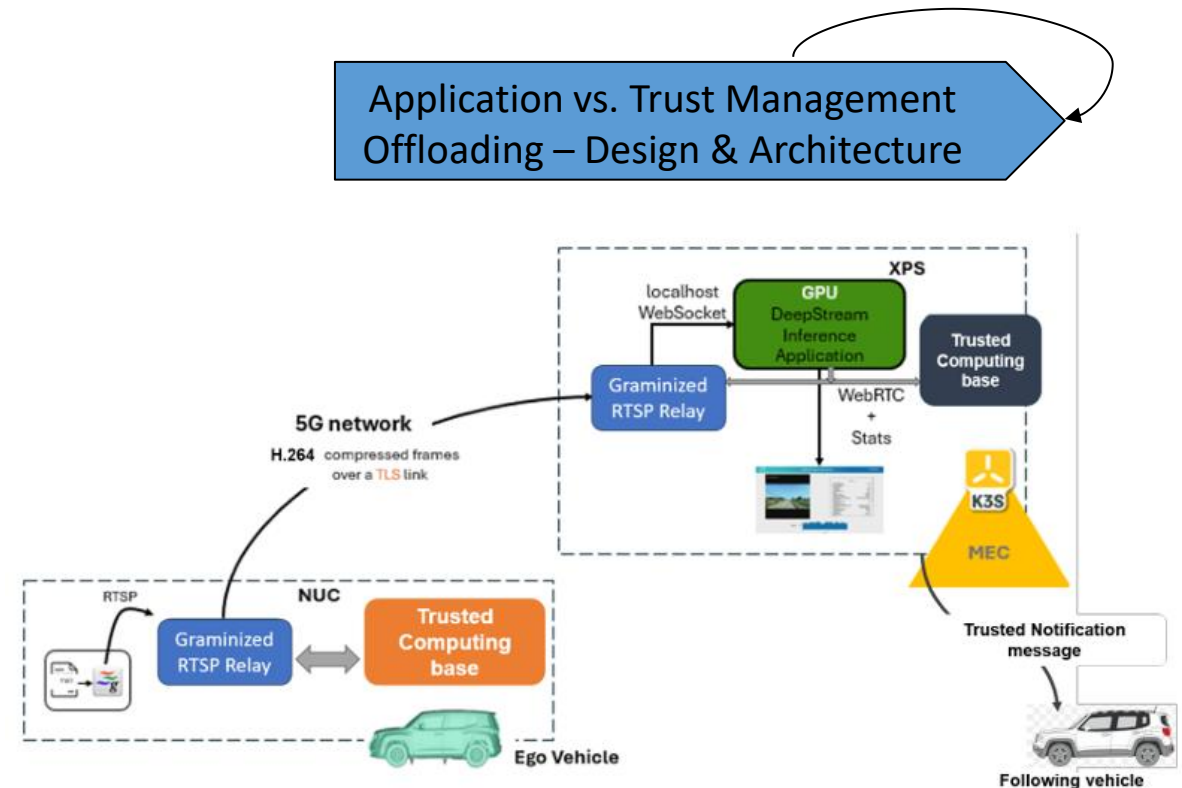
- Vehicle can send information to the MEC for securely shifting computing tasks to the MEC
- Integrity of the offloaded tasks, ensuring they are securely executed without manipulation
- Dynamic trust establishment in high-mobility environments.

2. CONNECT's Trust Framework:

- Operates at both the vehicle and MEC node levels.
- Uses evidence-based trust claims for evaluating the trustworthiness of entities before offloading tasks.
- Dynamically adapts to evolving trust contexts.

3. Security Measures:

- **Trusted Execution Environments (TEEs):** prevent unauthorized access or modification of applications and data
- **Encrypted Communication:** Video frames are compressed and transmitted to MEC node over TLS-encrypted channel and using a Graminized Real-Time Streaming Protocol (use of TEE for secure handling of the RTSP relay).



- Ensures safe, reliable, and efficient task offloading in automotive MEC scenarios, critical for applications like SMTD and beyond

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