

# Cloud-based Geospatial open systems for mitigating climate change: research directions, challenges, and future perspectives

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# Outline

- **Overview** & motivating scenario
- **Challenges** in exploitation open-source geospatial systems climate change
- Novel Cloud-based **architectures** for spatial-meteorological integrity
- **Future research** frontiers and recommendations



# Background & Motivating Scenario

# Motivating Application Scenario

Promoting the health of lightweight dwellers:

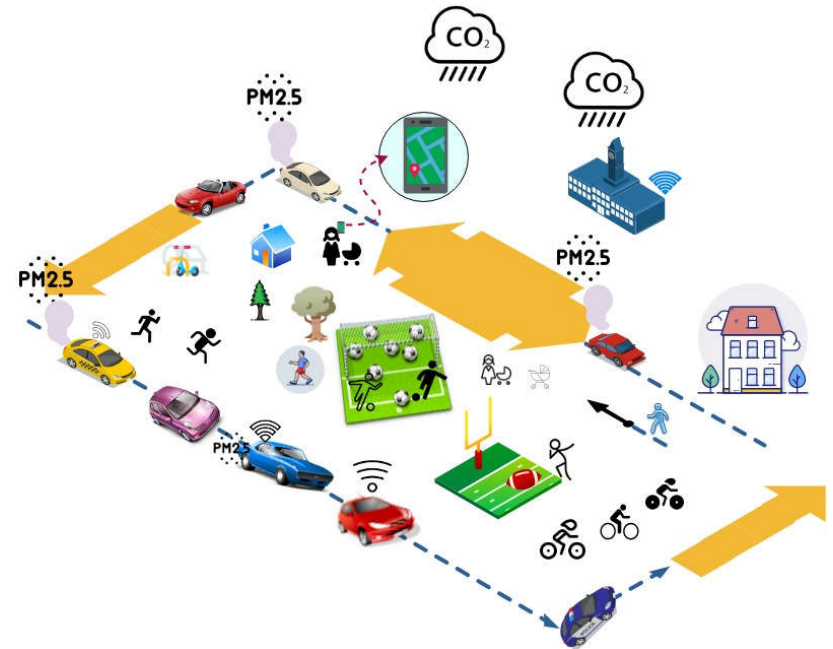
- Relationships between mobility and meteorological data
  - How vehicle emissions affect health of people
- Interactive visualization
  - Interactive heatmaps showing pollution and mobility
- Green pathfinder
  - Origin-destination health-aware paths

➤ **Primitive geospatial queries**

- Proximity queries
- **Spatial join**
- Spatial clustering
- Spatial geo-statistics (e.g., sampling)
- k-Nearest Neighborhoods

QoS goals include

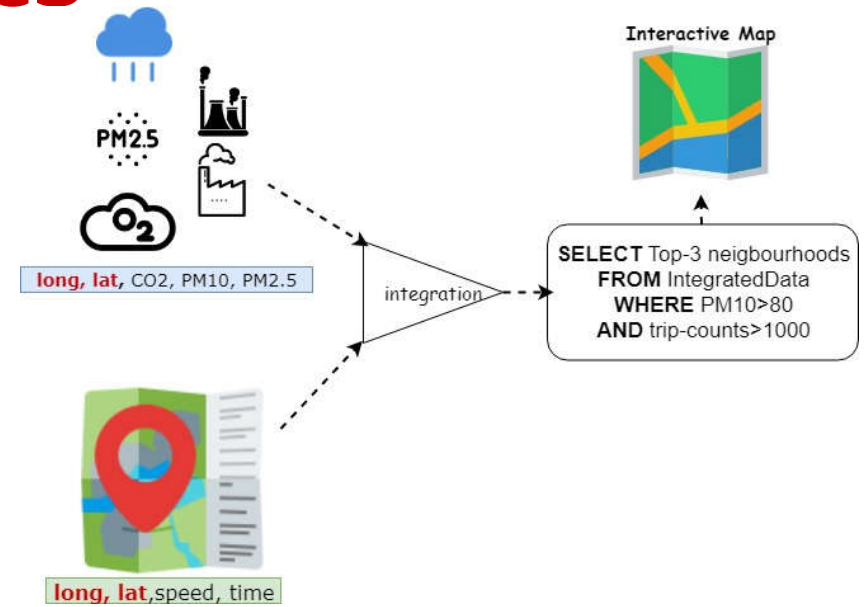
- ✓ Low latency
- ✓ High throughput
- ✓ Maximum resource utilization
- ✓ Maximum accuracy



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# Shared meteorological and mobility analytics

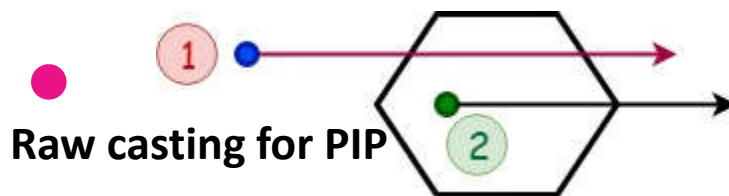
- Spatial join between mobility & meteorological data
- Enables new interesting interactive queries



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# Geospatial Queries

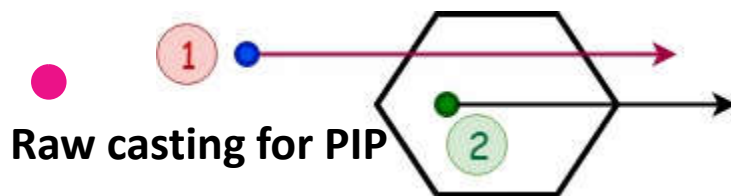
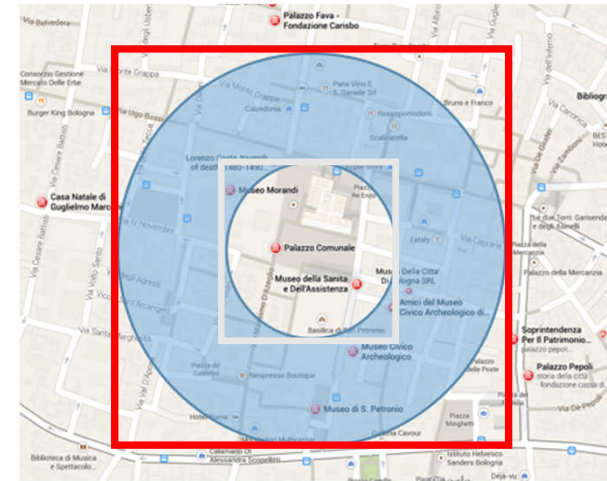
- Proximity query:
  - Data sorted on distance to a POI criteria (optionally specifying a range of distance)
  - Can be solved by applying Point-in-Polygon (PIP) test, by transforming the problem into an inclusion (**Containment**) query
- Containment query:
  - Requests all points contained within the premises of a polygonal shape (regularly or arbitrarily shaped)
  - Requires PIP test



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# Solving proximity queries by spatial join

- Transforming proximity query into a containment:
  - Calculate the embedding area (rectangular areas)
  - Apply a PIP algorithm to retrieve points within the embedding space. (join op., filter)
  - Calculate distance between all points from the previous list and retrieve points that fall within the range specified. (refine)



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# Partial landscape of Cloud-based geospatial systems

Desired features include:

- **Filter-and-refinement** approach. For spatial join.
- **SQL-like** support. For spatial queries
- Spatial **Approximate** Query Processing. e.g., Spatial **sampling**

spatial join	queries	SQL	
others	join, range, containment, clustering (MR-DBSCAN), KNN	X	Stark
Broadcast, partition	join, range	X	SpatialSpark
others	join, range, KNN	X	localonSpark
distance join	join, range, KNN	✓	simba
<b>filter-and-refine</b>	join, range	✓	Spark Magellan
<b>filter-and-refine</b>	join, range, KNN, <b>sampling</b>	✓	Sedona
<b>filter-and-refine</b>	join, range, KNN	✗	GeoMesa
<b>filter-and-refine</b>	join, range, KNN, .....	✓	GeoFlink
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Spark, Flink, Hadoop

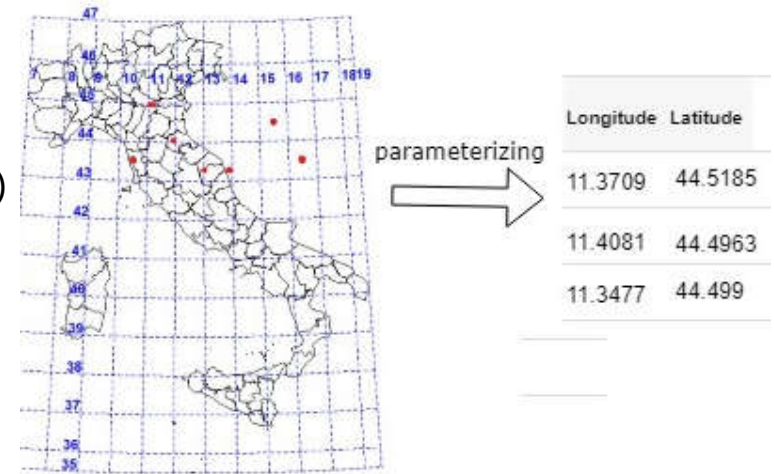




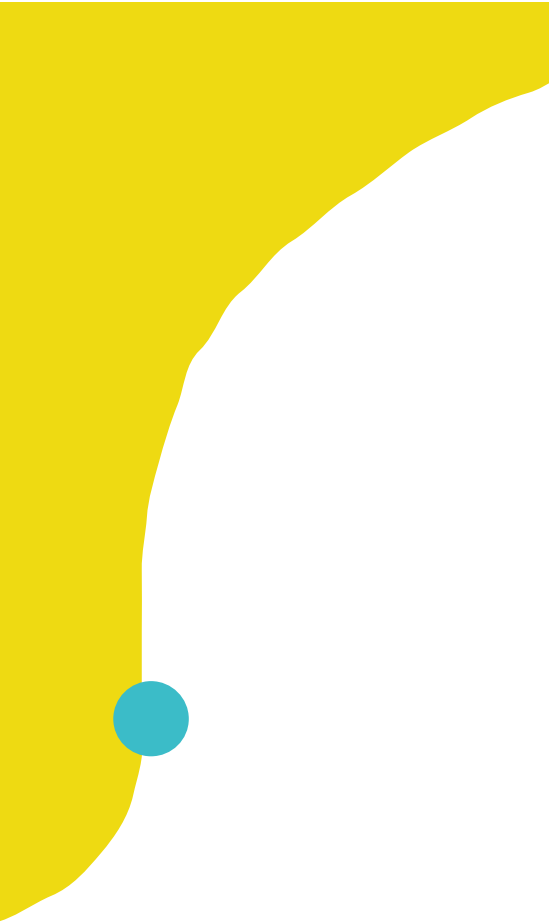
challenges

# Geospatial data transformation

- Big geospatial data management is challenging
  - geospatial records are parametrized (**longitudes** and **latitudes**)
  - GPS is rarely 100% accurate,
    - susceptible to acceptable error-bounds
  - Real geometries are lost by this kind of transformation
  - Reconstructing into real geometries is **expensive**



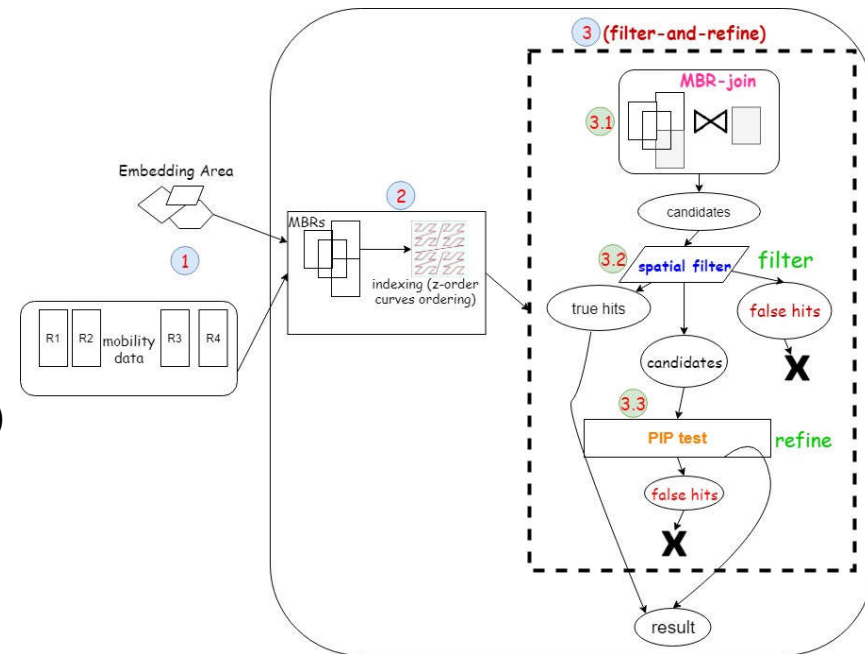






# Filter-and-refine

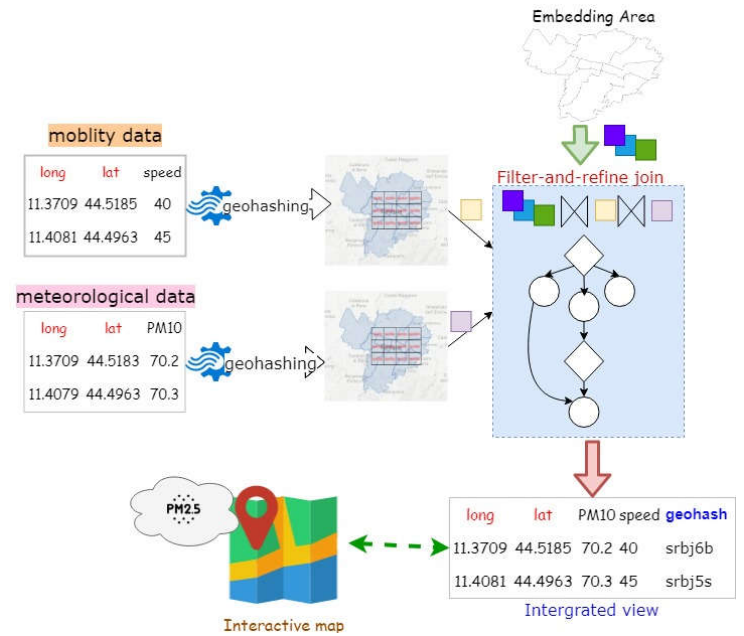
- Based on dimensionality reduction
  - Compute geohash for every point
  - Compute geohash covering of the embedding area
  - Perform a cheap equi-join to find which points fall within the embedding area (**filter**)
  - Use the ray casting algorithm to exclude false positives (**refine**)
- Adopted by Spark's Magellan and Geomesa



# Architectures

# Proposed Architecture

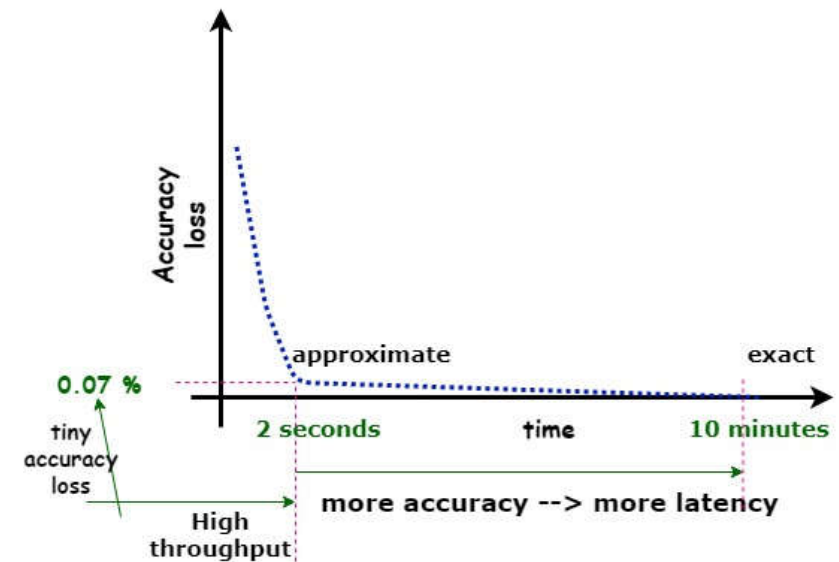
- **Generate** geohashes of mobility and meteorological
- **Apply** the filter-and-refine spatial join
  - The results contain a unified view
- **Generate** interactive maps (e.g., heatmaps)





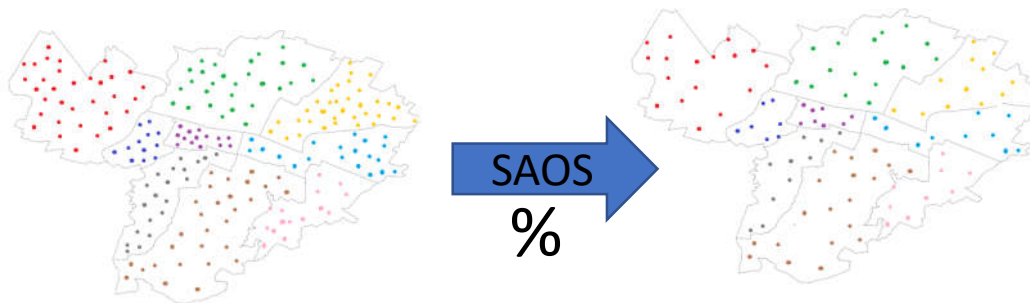
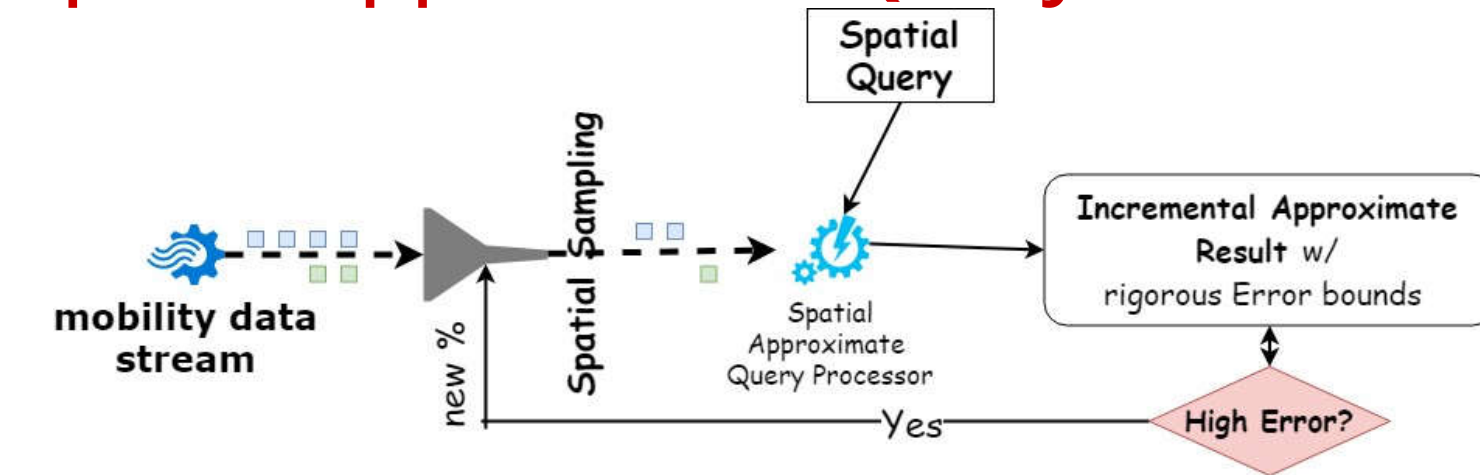
# Spatial Approximate Query Processing

- Challenges
  - Data streams arrive very fast
  - Skewness and arrival rates fluctuate
- Decision makers accept tiny loss in accuracy in exchange for a throughput gain



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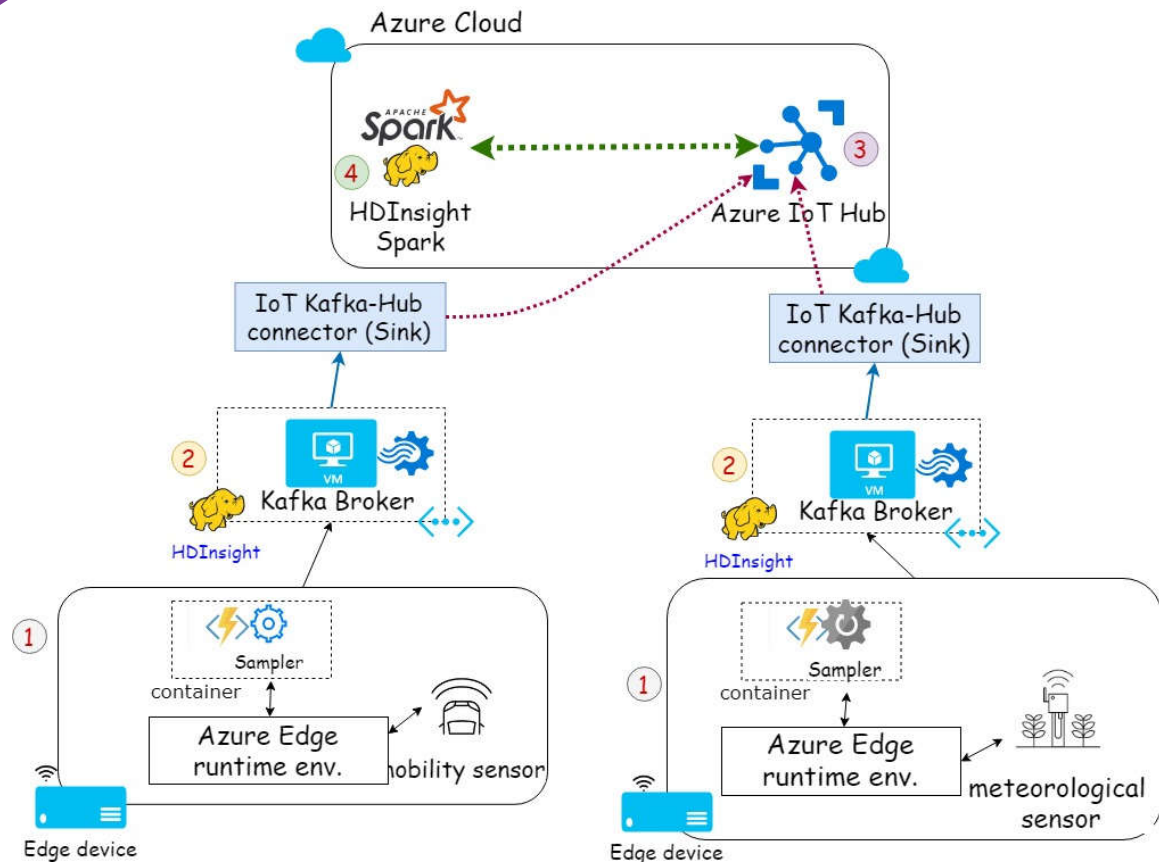


# Future Research

# Conclusion and Open research

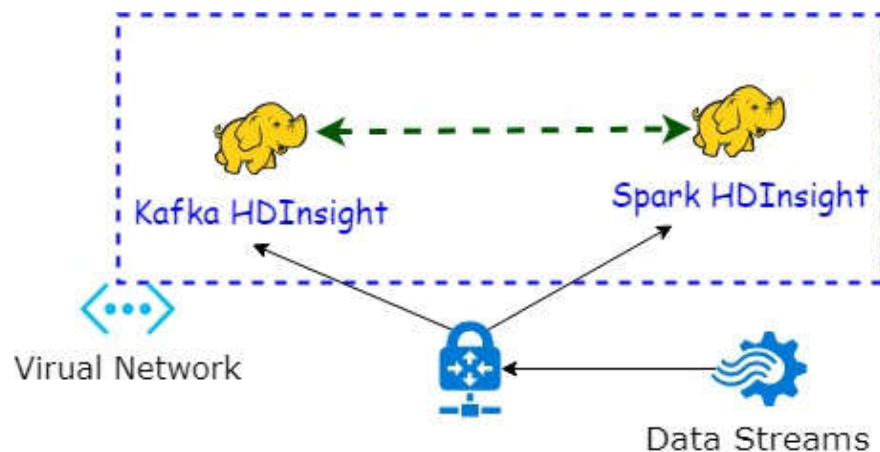
- Current Cloud-based open-source geospatial systems are limited in their capacity
  - However, they are good springboards!
- **Offloading** jobs to Edge devices
  - Port some processing to Edge devices,
  - reducing time-to-insight.
    - e.g., pushing spatial **sampler** to Edge devices upstream (near the data sources).





# Open-source code

- My code for Cloud-based Spatial Approximate Query processing with instructions to deploy on Microsoft Azure:
  - <https://isamaljawarneh.github.io/ApproximateStream/>



# Open for collaboration

- Our group (Mobile Middleware Research Group) at University of Bologna:  
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