

EDGE COMPUTING REPORT | VENTURE TRENDS

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Edge Computing Venture Report

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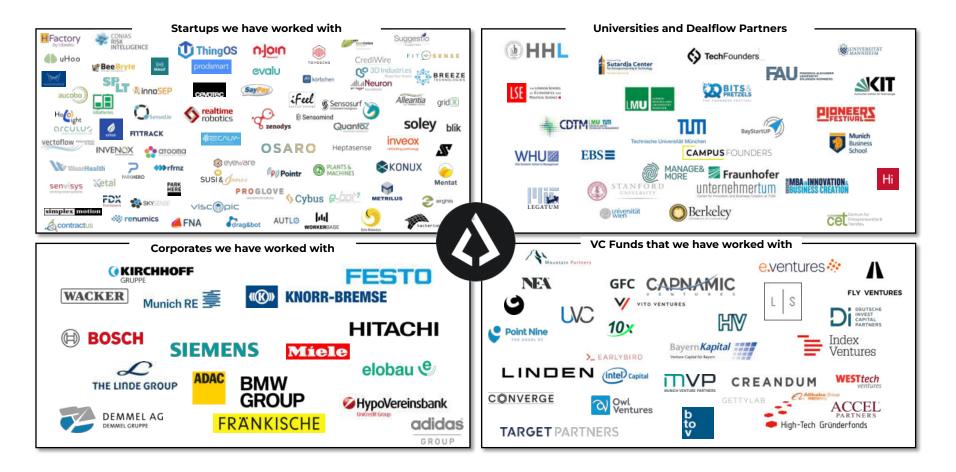






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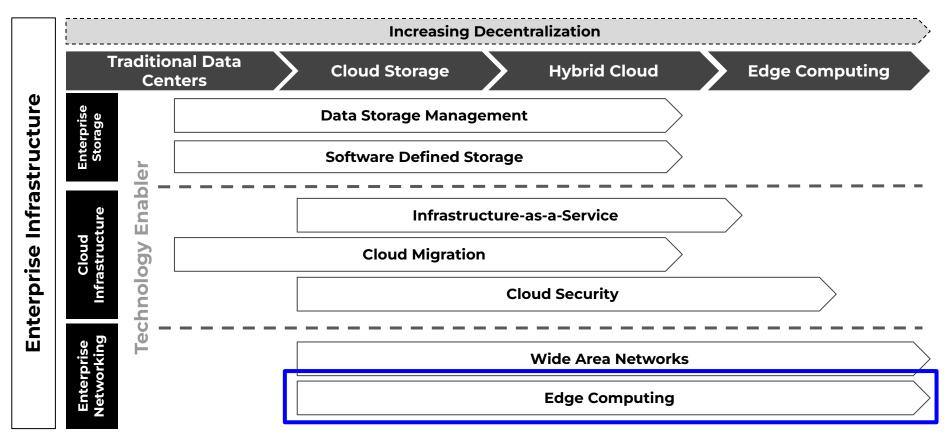
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INTRO

Taxonomy
Trends & Drivers
Laws driving Edge Computing
Load Balancing & MEC
Use Cases

Transformation from centralized on-premise data centers to decentralized Edge Computing infrastructures



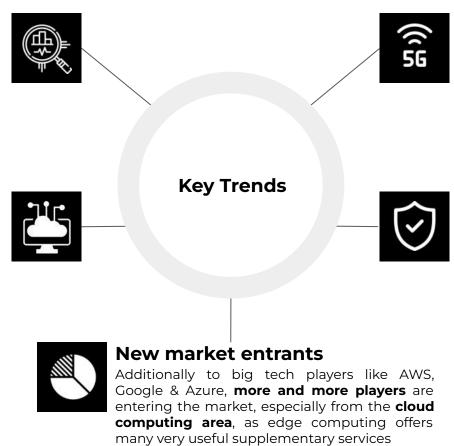
KEY TRENDS: Edge Computing saves bandwidth, time & money, while offering increased data security

Local & real-time data analysis

Processing data at the source, helps companies make **faster decisions**. This trend is fueled by **optimized hardware** for Al & machine learning as well as open standards & frameworks

Reducing data transfers

Sensors generate huge amounts of data that require equal amounts of bandwidth. If they are filtered at the edge, less data needs to be sent to the cloud. This saves costs in transmission & storage



5G Campus Networks

A **local network** for a company campus connects machines, robots, or autonomous vehicles with predictable data transmission quality & low latency. These networks play a crucial role in advancing smart factories

Security

Sensitive data is only processed on the campus network & remains protected within it. Only employees have access to the network & it operates physically separate from the public internet, thus it offers no gateways for hackers

KEY DRIVERS: The conditions in which edge computers operate form the driving factors & technologies that serve it

Data Mobility

Edge technologies can operate in places that limit or require connectivity to the cloud for computing, storage, backup, and analytics



Localized Compute

Edge computers need to be lightweight devices that can make fast, secure decisions without the support of bigger computing power

Real-time Decision Making

Edge devices & platforms need to be able to do analytics locally, without first sending data to the cloud, so decisions can be made rapidly



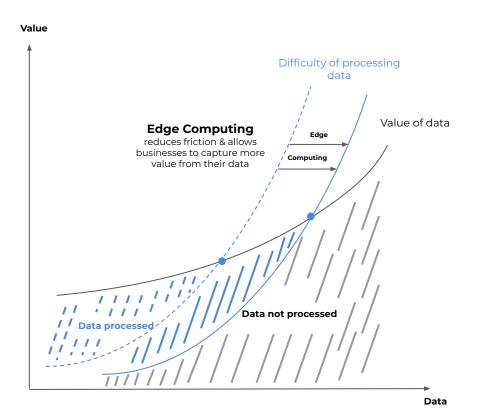
Storage & Security

As the numbers of sensors generating data grow, so does the need for efficient storage that can be secured in a variety of environments



Especially in industrial applications, edge computers need to be able to operate with a power supply that might be sporadic (e.g. agriculture, remote areas)

3 reasons why local data processing is important, in addition to cloud-based processing



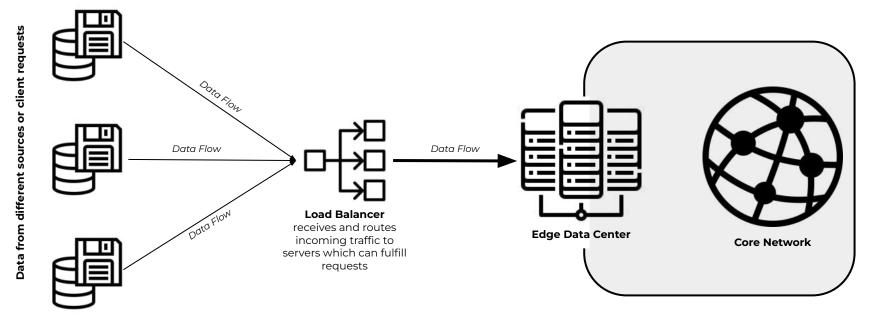
Laws driving Edge Computing

- 1. Law of Physics: It takes time to send data to the cloud, and networks don't have 100% availability. Physically remote industries, such as mining and agriculture, are more affected by these issues
- 2. Law of Economics: Data production has grown more quickly than bandwidth, and much of this data is low value. Local aggregation & filtering of data allows customers to send only high-value data to the cloud for storage and analysis
- **3. Law of the Land**: Regulatory requirements to isolate or duplicate data in particular locations. Some governments impose restrictions on where data may be stored & processed

Takeaways

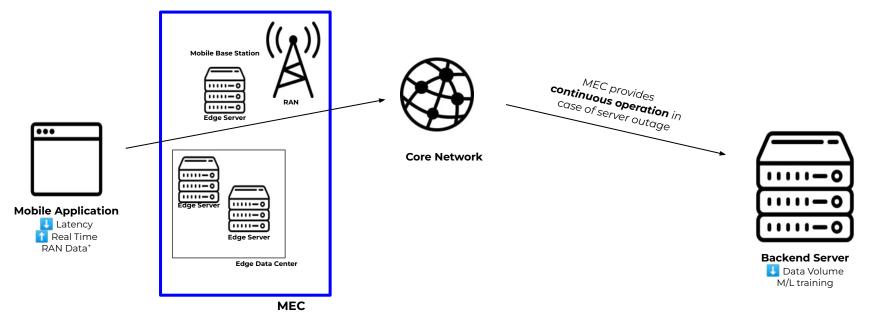
- Data gets more valuable when it can be processed together with other data, which is possible in the cloud
- At the same time, it can be valuable to process data right at the source where it is generated
- Applications like medical equipment & industrial machinery can't rely on the cloud for control alone & require some form of local storage and execution

Load balancing plays a crucial role in providing continuous services, prevention of downtimes & low latency



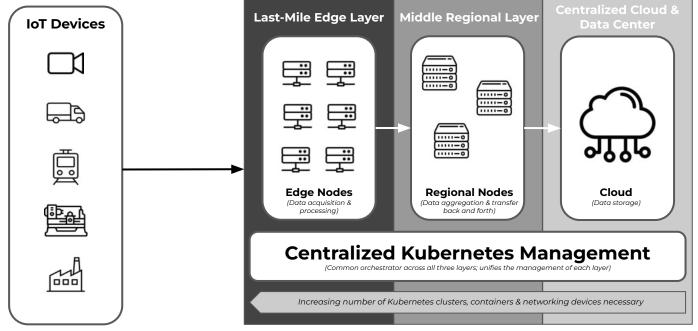
- Load balancing is the process by which network or application traffic is distributed across multiple servers in a server farm or server pool to ensure that the load is spread out and that servers do not become overloaded
- Load balancers can be **physical devices** in the network, **virtualized instances** running on specialized hardware, a **software process**, or incorporated into an **application delivery controller** devices designed to improve application performance & security

Multi Access Edge Computing (MEC) defines the next logical step in reducing latency & providing continuous operation



- MEC brings cloud computing capabilities **closer to the end user** & is widely used in video analytics, location services, augmented reality, local content distribution or data caching, among many others
- MEC reduces latency from 100ms to less than 10ms; excess capacity in the backend server can be used for machine learning training to improve the accuracy of data processing at the network's edge
- Radio Access Network knows where users are located & can predict where additional load will be required

Kubernetes is the underlying 'operating system' for each of the edge architecture layers



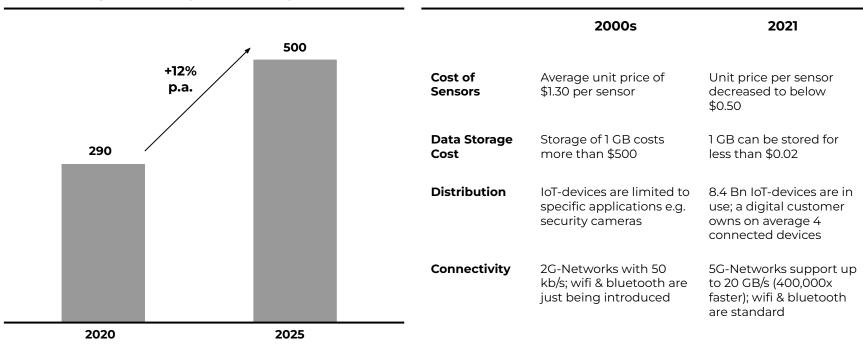
- A **typical request** from a connected device to a centralized cloud data center & back can take **as long as 250 ms**, while **at the edge** latencies **under 20 ms** are possible
- **Kubernetes'** cluster-based architecture, and its self-healing capabilities are ideal for **automating**, **deploying**, **scaling** & **managing containerized applications**, needed to power edge nodes

Increasing demand & number of use cases in Industrial IoT is driving the Edge Computing market

Industrial IoT-spendings 2020 - 2025

rough estimate by IDC, McKinsey; in \$bn

Important growth drivers



Over 100 use cases creating >\$200 bn in value within 5-7 years

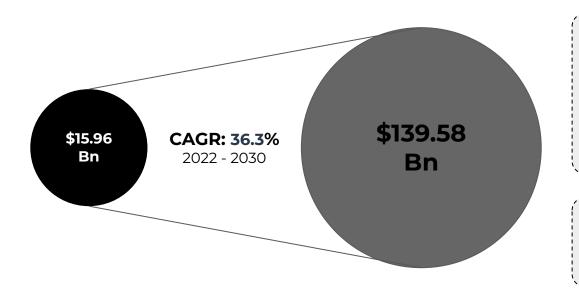
Travel, Transport & Logistics					
	Overview	Computing needs	Edge Computer	Ecosystem	Environment
Autonomous Vehicles	AVs must make instantaneous driving decisions based on data collected via LIDAR, RADAR, or cameras. Once the car returns to the garage, data is offloaded for further analytics	To avoid fatal consequences data must be processed in real-time for immediate decisions to turn, brake, or accelerate	Autonomous VehicleGarage-based data center	 AV OEMs & integrators Automotive OEM suppliers LIDAR, RADAR & camera vendors 	Mobile outdoor environment with variations in temperature, vibration and connectivity
Global Energy & Mater	ials				
	Overview	Computing needs	Edge Computer	Ecosystem	Environment
Health & Safety in Mining	Sensors on monitoring equipment, in the environment and on employees, generate data that are processed in real time to improve workforce productivity, workplace safety, and operational efficiency	With limited connectivity , data must be processed and acted upon in real time to prevent fatal accidents. The computer must also withstand harsh mining environment	Hyperconverged Edge appliance	Mining corporationsHyperconverged solution vendors	Harsh outdoor and underground environments, with limited or no connectivity
Public Sector & Utilities					
	Overview	Computing needs	Edge Computer	Ecosystem	Environment
Water quality monitoring	Sensors with integrated compute are deployed in treatment plants & pipes; data is processed on-site to monitor water quality in real time . Where connectivity is strong, data is sent to the cloud for centralized analytics	In remote settings with no connectivity, information must be processed locally in real time. The edge device must withstand outdoor environments	Hyperconverged appliance	 State utility companies Electronic equipment manufacturers Hyperconverged solution vendors 	Outdoor environment with varying temperature ranges, and indoor factory environment, such as central water treatment parks

SECTOR ANALYSIS

Edge Computing

Edge Computing Semiconductors
Edge Processing
Edge Cloud
Edge Computing Software
Hyperconverged Infrastructure
Mobile Edge Computing
Edge Application Management
Edge Load Balancing

Edge Computing addresses lower latency, processing huge data loads & supporting resilience to network disconnection



Market Trends

- Increasing data loads on cloud infrastructure globally
- Rise in number of **intelligent applications**
- Number of connected devices is anticipated to exhibit substantial increase with 5G networks

Market Driver









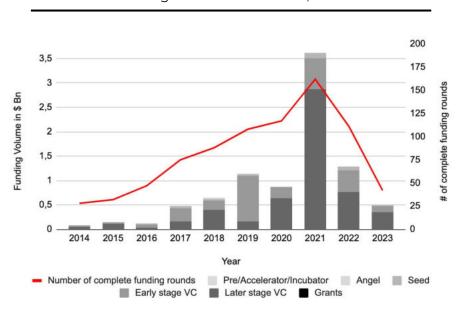


- Edge computing assists real-time applications in analyzing and processing collected data
- 5G networks and numerous frameworks for IoT solutions are expected to provide major opportunities for market growth
- These frameworks provide APIs, interfaces, connectivity, network, integration capabilities & other management features
- Market growth is mainly attributed to **increase** in number of **smart devices** and to **saving bandwidth** on transporting unnecessary data from data centers to central cloud platforms

Funding for Processors and AI chips has accelerated venture investments in Edge Computing in recent years

Total funding Edge Computing

Total funding & number of rounds, 2014 - 2023*



Take-away

- About \$8.89 Bn overall funding within last 10 years in 810 funding rounds
- Median deal size rose from \$2.00 Mn in 2020 to over \$6.5 Mn in 2023 reaching a new record
- Median Post Valuation reached a peak in 2021 at \$44 Mn and has since leveled off at \$33 Mn
- 2023 has had \$487 Mn in funding over 42 rounds so far, with a majority of funding volume (\$154.5 Mn) invested into BlocPower, a startup leveraging edge computing to reduce carbon emissions and save energy
- Main focus is on later stage startups (2023 already \$356.5 Mn investment volume)

Notable Investors

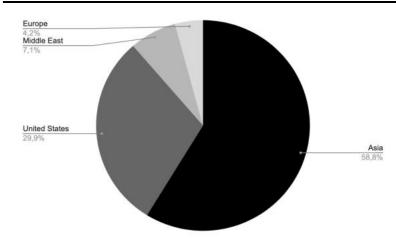
- Corporates: Juniper Networks, Microsoft, HPE, Deutsche Telekom, GE, Dell Technologies, GE, Apple, Akamai, Intel, Cisco, Qualcomm, UK Government, European Union
- Investment Banks: BlackRock, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, Societe Generale
- VC-Funds: Softbank Vision Fund, Sequoia Capital. Bessemer Ventures. Almi Invest

^{*} As of: 01/07/2021

The APAC region is heavily investing in Edge Computing startups closely followed by the US

Capital Invested by Global Region

by region in %

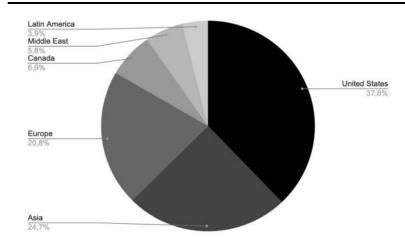


Take-away

- Asian companies receiving majority (58.8%) of the funding volume
- Chinese companies are receiving a majority of total funding, due to early rollout of 5G networks paving the way for further edge computing efforts
- UK Government is investing strongly into startups in the UK, especially in autonomous driving & infrastructure projects where edge computing is highly needed & relevant - here we saw high funding growth in the last years

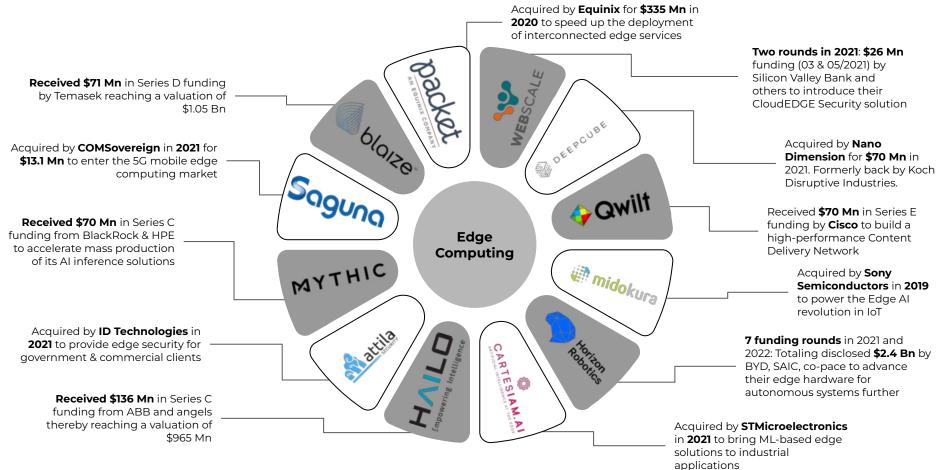
Company location

by region in %

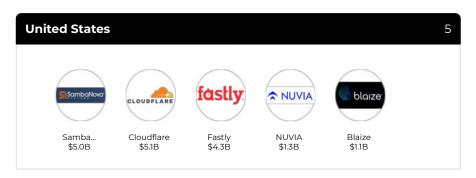


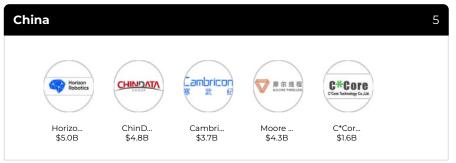
- Overall there are **429 startups** currently in the Edge Computing market
- Most startups are located in US, namely California, due to easier access to funding & big tech players
- Over **20%** of startups are located in **Europe**, due to high efforts of the **European Commission** to drive digitalization & edge computing
- In **India**, many edge **data centers & 5G networks** are bringing in lots of young talent and new startups to the region

Major investments & acquisitions* in Edge Computing



High company valuations are still rare in Edge Computing as the market is just gaining traction and still in early stages





Take-away

- Only 10 startups have reached a unicorn valuation in the Edge Computing sector
- Some Companies are focused on improving content delivery while others provide edge colocation and infrastructure services
- The segment with the highest funding and therefore most unicorns is specialized Edge Computing Semiconductors like processors and accelerator chips - prominent examples are Blaize, Horizon Robotics, Nuvia and Cambricon
- USA and China are racing to find, fund and establish market leader positions in the edge computing sector

Sector Spotlight

- Horizon Robotics has developed advanced AI processors and a software platform tailored for applications such as autonomous vehicles, smart cities, robotics, and surveillance
- They have entered a strategic partnership with Volkswagen subsidiary CARIAD to enable autonomous driving in the Chinese market and have raised over \$2 billion in venture capital

Big technology players with high efforts in the Edge **Computing market**

amazon



Strategic

Orientation

- Edge Datacenter
- Edge Security
- Factory Scaling

Key Products & Services

- AWS IoT Greengrass an open-source edge runtime and cloud service for building, deploying & managing software
- AWS supports more security standards & compliance certifications than others



DTEK uses AWS to prevent power plant equipment failures, gain real-time data access, scale on demand & meet data protection requirements



- Artificial Intelligence
- Machine Learning
- Cloud Edge combination
- Building up a multi-access edge solution in a partnership with AT&T
- Load balancing through redirecting user request to nearest edge data center
- Cloud IoT Edge enables edge devices

LG CNS uses Google Cloud IoT Edge for enhancing quality & efficiency in their manufacturing divisions, saving millions of dollars yearly



- Cloud Edge combination
- Smart Cities
- 5G Networks
- Ali-NPU own Al chips

- Link IoT Edge manages millions of edge nodes providing services at nearest location
- Strategically investing in edge computing & combining it with advantages of cloud computing, big data, and Al
- ET City Brain implements video & image recognition to provide intelligent applications for transportation and political & legal affairs for over 20 cities in China

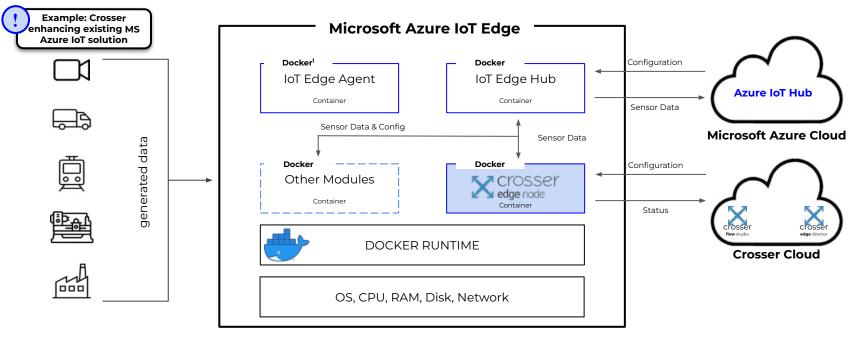


- Edge Processors
- 5G Networks
- Factory Automation
- Artificial Intelligence

- Intel Core vPro. Intel Xeon W-11000E Series, & Intel Celeron built for heavy edge workloads & high bandwidth applications
- Intel Movidius™ VPUs supports computer vision and Al workloads

Siemens Healthineers speed up cardiac MRI segmentation models improving real-time inferencing with Intel® Deep Learning Boost

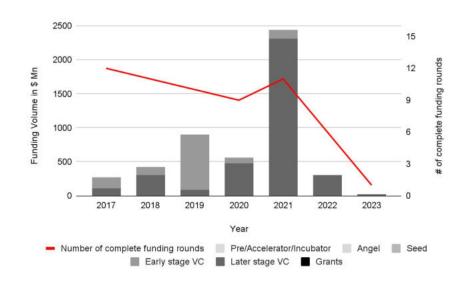
Many startups engage in strategic partnerships with major players like Google Cloud, AWS or Microsoft Azure

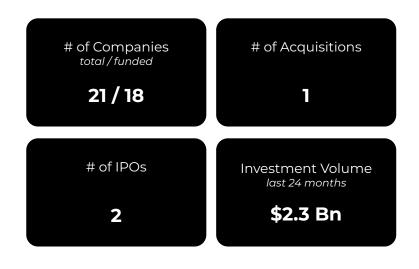


- Crosser edge node is deployed as a single **Docker container** and can **run on any platform** that supports Docker, while Azure IoT edge solution **provides deployment & management** of Docker containers
- Crosser-Azure **edge combination** brings several benefits, like **quick & easy building** of advanced Industrial IoT applications, faster **POCs & Time-to-Market** and reducing **Total Cost of Ownership**

Edge Computing ____ Semiconductor

Startups are pioneering advanced AI-driven microchips that enable innovation throughout IoT application cases







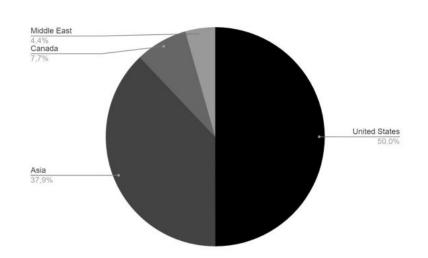




USA and China are competing to fund the best Edge Computing Semiconductor startups

Capital Invested by Global Region

by region in %



Take-away

 The USA and Asia have a clear dominance in the capital invested in Edge Computing software in recent years, with SambaNova Systems and Horizon Robotics being two unicorns that account for 8 out of the top 10 funding rounds in the industry, with a combined value of nearly \$2.9 billion.

Top 10 Venture Rounds

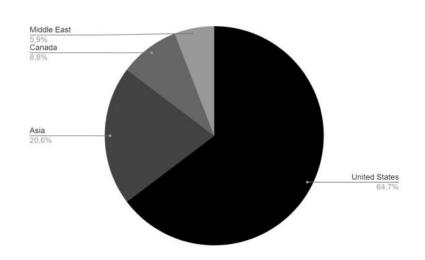
by Funding Amount

Startup Name	Funding in Mn	HQ Location
SambaNova Systems	\$676.00	USA
Horizon Robotics	\$600.00	China
Horizon Robotics	\$400.00	China
Horizon Robotics	\$350.00	China
Horizon Robotics	\$300.00	China
SambaNova Systems	\$250.00	USA
Tenstorrent	\$200.00	Canada
Ambiq	\$194.08	USA
Horizon Robotics	\$150.00	China
SambaNova Systems	\$150.00	USA

Investors want to capitalize off the demand for edge applications & the need for semiconductors that enable them

Deal Count by Global Region

by region in %



Take-away

• The USA positions itself as a clear leader in the number of deals made in the field of Edge Computing software. Involved in this are not only traditional VC funds like Lux Capital but also corporates like Intel and government organizations like the United States Air Force.

Top 10 Investors

by Deal Count

Investor Name	Deal Count	HQ Location
Lux Capital	9	USA
Eclipse Ventures	8	USA
Intel Capital	8	USA
Celesta Capital	5	USA
Huron River Ventures	5	USA
Mercury Fund	5	USA
Michigan Capital Network Ventures	5	USA
Atlantic Bridge	4	Ireland
DCVC	4	USA
Gil Agmon	4	Israel

Hailo

Search Field	Neural Learning Processors
Location	Tel Aviv, IL
Year Founded	2017
Funding in \$ Mn.	\$221.17 Mn
Last Round & Stage	\$100 Mn Series C (07.2021)
Investor	Asi Shmeltzer, Rakefet Russak-Aminoach, OurCrowd, NEC, ABB,
Website	<u>blaize.com</u>

Empowering Intelligence

Edge Computing Semiconductors

Business Overview

- Processors can be **embedded into devices** and they comprise an architecture that enables edge devices to **run deep learning applications** instead of using the cloud
- Includes real-time operation, reduced power consumption, as well as a software development kit co-developed with the hardware

Use case & partners

- Used in the automotive industry, smart cities, drones, **AR & VR** applications
- Received a grant from the European Research & Innovation program
- Partnering with Macnica, a semiconductor producer, to expand in the Japanese market

Similar Companies

- Habana (2016, Acquired (\$2 Bn), Intel)
- Horizon Robotics (2015, Series C (\$3.1 Bn), Sequoia Capital, Intel Capital)

Business Overview

- Analog techniques for signal processing & neural networks reduce number of transistors required
- Performs calculations inside a dense flash-memory array, which allows parallel processing capabilities
- Delivers hardware, software tool kit & trained neural networks to ease deployment in edge devices

Use case & partners

- Used in **Smart Cities**, **ADAS** & **Autonomous Driving**, and in **Robotics**
- Spin-off from **University of Michigan**
- Recent funding round to be used for mass producing microchips & developing more hardware & software products

Similar Companies

- Arm (1990, Acquired (\$40 Bn), NVIDIA)
- **Graphcore** (2016, Series E (\$767 Mn), Sequoia Capital, Dell Technologies, Microsoft, Robert Bosch VC, Samsung Catalyst, Atomico)

Mythic

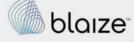
Mythic	
Search Field	Al Microchips
Location	Austin, US
Year Founded	2012
Funding in \$ Mn.	\$177.41 Mn
Last Round & Stage	\$20.49 Mn Later Stage VC (02.2023)
Investor	BlackRock, DFJ, HPE, Lockheed Martin, Softbank Ventures, Future Ventures
Website	mythic-ai.com

Edge Computing Semiconductors



Blaize

Search Field	Graph Streaming Processor
Location	El Dorado Hills, US
Year Founded	2010
Funding in \$ Mn.	\$136 Mn
Last Round & Stage	\$71 Mn Series D (07.2021)
Investor	Temasek, Denso, Franklin Templeton, Daimler, Samsung Catalyst, Magna
Website	<u>blaize.com</u>



Edge Computing Semiconductors

Business Overview

- Fully programmable 100% graph-native processor architecture & software platform
- Graph-native means developers can build multiple neural networks & entire workflows for neural networks on a single architecture
- Build entire Al applications faster, optimise for edge deployment & run them efficiently using automated data-streaming methods

Use case & partners

- Used in the automotive industry for smart vision systems and in autonomous driving & in enterprise infrastructure in robotics
- Partnered with Samsung & TSMC to build their GSP chips on Samsung's 14nm process technology

Similar Companies

- Hailo (2017, Series C (\$198 Mn), NEC, ABB Technology, OurCrowd)
- Horizon Robotics (2015, Series C (\$3.1 Bn), Seguoia Capital, Intel Capital)

Use case & partners

Business Overview

and semiconductor design.

edge devices.

processor

• These solutions allow original design manufacturers (ODMs) to easily and rapidly incorporate intelligence into various devices.

• Syntiant brings AI and machine learning to

• Their chip solutions combine deep learning

• Syntiant focuses on deep neural network

• The intelligence is added for always-on voice, sensor, and image applications.

Similar Companies

- Ambig (2022, Undisclosed (\$0,11 Mn), EDBI, Kleiner Perkins)
- Brite Semiconductor (2022, IPO)

Edge Computing

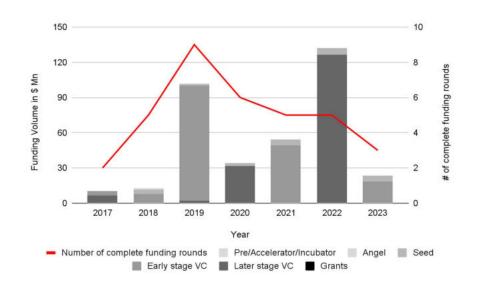
Semiconductors



Syntiant	
Search Field	Neural Network Processors
Location	Irvine , US
Year Founded	2017
Funding in \$ Mn.	\$120.06 Mn
Last Round & Stage	\$55 Mn Series C (03.2022)
Investor	Horowitz Group, M12 Lab, Bosch Ventures, Atlantic Bridge Capital
Website	syntiant.com

—— Edge Processing ——

Processing capabilities at the edge attract Corporate investors from the automotive and industrial manufacturing industries







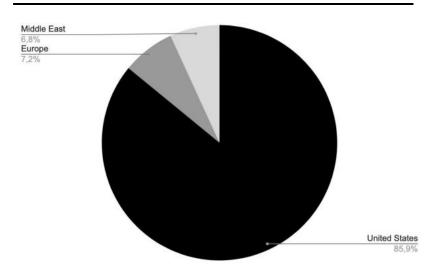




Strategic partnerships and investments by corporates are strongly driving funding volume

Capital Invested by Global Region

by region in %



Take-away

Founded in 2019, Alif Semiconductor has been able to raise over \$180 million in venture capital from well known VC firm Kleiner Perkins to connect and secure low-power high-performance edge processing tools. By combining hardware acceleration, smart MEMS IMU sensing, and a development platform for machine learning, Alif, Bosch and Edge Impulse have simplified the creation of edge sensing applications that classify complex motions and identify gestures.

Top 10 Venture Rounds

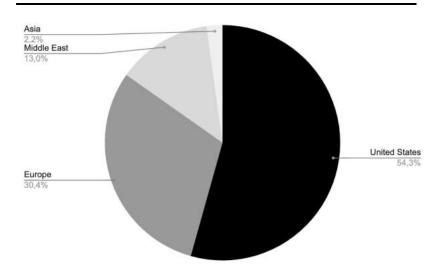
by Funding Amount

Startup Name	Funding in Mn	HQ Location
Alif Semiconductor	\$115.00	USA
Alif Semiconductor	\$50.00	USA
Recogni	\$48.90	USA
Recogni	\$25.00	USA
Alif Semiconductor	\$22.45	USA
MatrixSpace	\$18.55	USA
Eta Compute	\$12.50	USA
Overwatch Imaging	\$11.15	USA
Teraki	\$11.00	Germany
Vocal Zoom	\$9.16	Israel

IoT and Autonomous Driving use cases make startups attractive investment targets for CVC units

Deal Count by Global Region

by region in %



Take-away

Edge Processing has application cases in autonomous driving and perception systems which makes startups in this segment attractive investments for CVC arms of car manufacturers and tier 1 suppliers.
 BMW, Toyota, Continental and OSRAM are actively investing in the space. But also CVCs from other industries are scouting for the best solutions in the market such as 3M, Intel and Deutsche Telekom.

Top 10 Investors

by Deal Count

Investor Name	Deal Count	HQ Location
OurCrowd	5	Israel
Celesta Capital	4	USA
3M Ventures	3	USA
Horizons Ventures	3	Hong Kong
Motorola Solutions Venture Capital	3	USA
Radiant Ventures	3	Hong Kong
BMW i Ventures	2	Germany
Fluxunit (OSRAM)	2	Germany
hubraum (Deutsche Telekom)	2	Germany
Intel Capital	2	USA

Recogn

Recogni	
Search Field	AI-powered Perception Chips
Location	San Jose, USA
Year Founded	2017
Funding in \$ Mn.	\$73.9 Mn
Last Round & Stage	\$48.9 Mn Series B (02.2021)
Investor	BMW i Ventures, Toyota Ventures, Robert Bosch Venture Capital, Continental
Website	recognicom

RECOGNI

Edge Processing

Business Overview

 Enabling real-time object recognition for self-driving cars

humans with minimal battery power

 Develops visual perception platform, purpose built for autonomous vehicles, allowing vehicles to detect small objects at long distances, make driving decisions faster than

Use case & partners

- Used in **autonomous** driving, drones & robots
- OEMs will have perception capabilities for any level of autonomy
- Enabling chips from Continental to perform
 100 times better through cooperation
- Partnering with **BMW. Toyota & Continental**

Similar Companies

- Cortica (2007, Series C (\$20 Mn), Horizon Ventures, GEM Asset Management)
- BlinkAI (2018, Seed (\$2.4 Mn), Plug and Play, MIT Startup Exchange)

Business Overview

- Helps build, train and improve sensor-data driven Al-models
- Increases the **accuracy rate** of Al-models by an additional 10-30%
- Application runs 10x faster and consumes 10x less power
- Achieves 4x -10x less data needed to train algorithms

Use case & partners

- Used in Autonomous Driving model training for safer driving & 20% less insurance premium cost
- Offers battery energy consumption & lifetime improvements
- Partners include Infineon, NXP & Microsoft

_ Similar Companies

- Cartesiam (2016, Acquired (Undisclosed), STMicroelectronics)
- FogHorn (2014, Series C (\$72.5 Mn), Intel Capital, GE Ventures, Dell, Plug and Play)

Teraki	
Search Field	Edge Processing Platform for Automotive Industry
Location	Berlin, DE
Year Founded	2014
Funding in \$ Mn.	\$16.3 Mn
Last Round & Stage	\$11 Mn Series A (12.2019)
Investor	Horizons Ventures, Airbus Biz Lab, Innogy Ventures, Hubraum, MobilityFund
Website	<u>teraki.com</u>

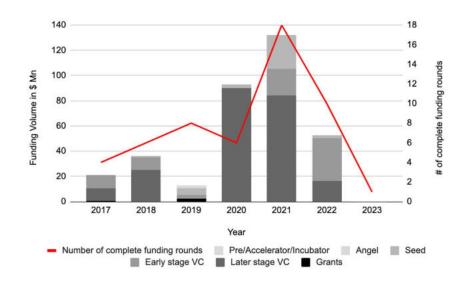
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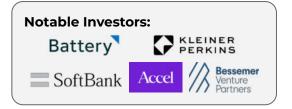
The Edge Cloud market is still in its early stages, and as the technology matures, we may see an increase in startups







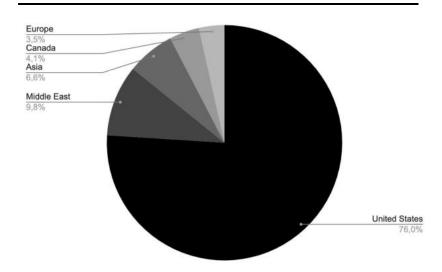




Especially Qwilt, one of the top funded startups, has established itself as market leader in the edge cloud segment

Capital Invested by Global Region

by region in %



Take-away

- The need for significant upfront investment and infrastructure deployment can be a barrier for startups. It often involves deploying distributed edge nodes, establishing partnerships with network providers, & investing in high-performance networking equipment
- Edge Clouds find use cases in autonomous driving, smart cities, industrial automation. IoT and video streaming

Top 10 Venture Rounds

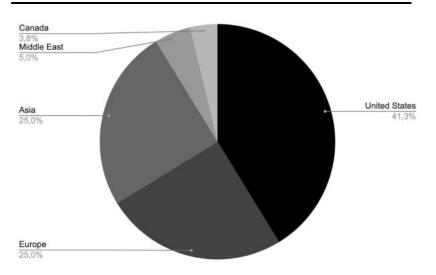
by Funding Amount

Startup Name	Funding in Mn	HQ Location
Vapor	\$90.00	USA
Qwilt	\$70.00	USA
Qwilt	\$25.00	USA
Zadara	\$25.00	USA
Ridge	\$22.00	Israel
Qwilt	\$18.10	USA
EDJX	\$16.74	USA
Scientree	\$15.61	China
Qwilt	\$15.00	USA
Mimik	\$14.30	Canada

The limited number of success stories or industry-leading Edge Cloud startups results in caution from investors

Deal Count by Global Region

by region in %



Take-away

- Top investors including Accel, Bessemer Venture Partners and corporate VC arm Cisco Investments are involved in finding attractive venture opportunities in the segment
- In Europe the European Commission, Horizon 2020 and Innovate UK are driving many smaller investments in Edge Cloud startups

Top 10 Investors

by Deal Count

Investor Name	Deal Count	HQ Location
Accel	4	USA
Redpoint Ventures	4	USA
Marker	3	USA
Mayfield Fund	3	USA
NFX	3	USA
Shunwei Capital	3	China
Slow Ventures	3	USA
Viola Ventures	3	Israel
Bessemer Venture Partners	2	USA
Cisco Investments	2	USA

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Qwilt

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Search Field	Edge Cloud
Location	Redwood City, US
Year Founded	2010
Funding in \$ Mn.	\$137.20 Mn
Last Round & Stage	\$70 Mn Series E (09.2021)
Investor	Bessemer Venture Partners, Cisco, Accel, Redpoint Ventures, and others
Website	<u>qwilt.com</u>



Edge Cloud

Business Overview

- Software-based edge delivery nodes deliver both service provider-owned & third party content
- Cloud-based Open API to commercial CDNs & publishers serves as a single point of integration for access to Open Edge Cloud infrastructure
- Centralized management & control plane orchestrates dynamic assignment of edge cloud resources for content delivery

Use case & partners

- Used in **video streaming, gaming & VR** at the mobile network edge
- Partnering with Cisco & Verizon for building the largest content delivery network, by deeply embedding edge nodes in the service provider's last mile network

Similar Companies

- Theta Network (2016, \$137.41 Mn (Later Stage VC), Samsung Next, Greycroft)
- Gigamon (2004, \$738.94 Mn (Debt), KKR, Qatar Investment Authority, LBO (2017))

Business Overview

- Continuously reconfigures delivery networks to ensure workloads are running in optimal locations to meet real-time traffic demands
- Empowers DevOps teams to run Node.js applications at the network edge for fast results with enterprise level protection
- Visualize how **traffic is flowing** through edge architecture, delivering valuable insights

Use case & partners

- Delivering **faster & more secure** digital experiences at the edge
- Empowers **application engineers** to run any workload, anywhere
- Partnering with **DigitalOcean** to offer edge solutions to SMEs

Similar Companies

Website

- Fastly (2011, IPO (05/2019))
- **Kwicr** (2012, Acquired (Undisclosed), Instart Logic)

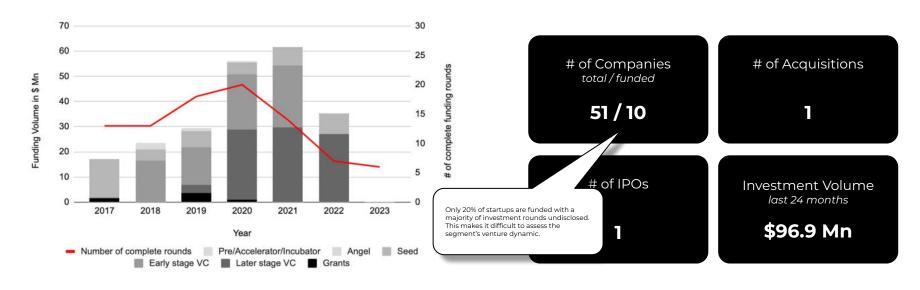
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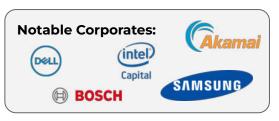


Search Field Edge-as-a-Service provider Location Boulder, US Year Founded 2012 Funding in \$ Mn. \$23.65 Mn Last Round & Stage \$12 Mn Series B (04.2021) Investor Techstars, Lumen, Foundry Group, Galvanize, Government of Australia, Boom Startup

Edge Computing _____ Software

While most startups in the segment are still in early stages, several are reaching maturity and raising large rounds





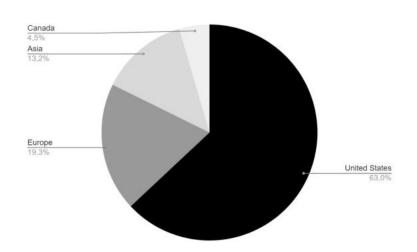




The rising IoT trend creates demand for software that can process & analyze data in real time at the network edge

Capital Invested by Global Region

by region in %



Take-away

- Vantiq enables the development and deployment of real-time, event-driven applications, while Fly.io provides a platform for deploying applications at the network edge to enhance performance and reduce latency for end-users
- Both startups offer solutions that address specific needs in software development and deployment, leveraging technologies that cater to real-time data processing and edge computing requirements

Top 10 Venture Rounds

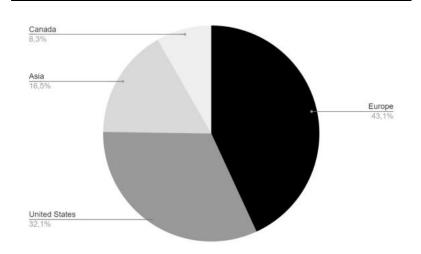
by Funding Amount

Startup Name	Funding in Mn	HQ Location
Fly.io	\$70.00	USA
Vantiq	\$27.75	India
Fly.io	\$25.00	USA
Vantiq	\$16.60	USA
vdncloud.com	\$14.31	China
Fly.io	\$11.99	USA
EdgeCortix	\$10.00	Japan
Vantiq	\$9.50	USA
Vantiq	\$9.00	USA
IOTech	\$7.63	UK

Corporates are looking to secure early partnerships with leading edge computing software startups

Deal Count by Global Region

by region in %



Take-away

- The Edge Computing Software segment is still in its very early stages as can be seen by the large number of accelerators investing here
- Especially corporates active in IoT and networking including **Dell, Intel, Bosch, Akamai,** and **Samsung** are investing in the segment

Top 10 Investors

by Deal Count

Investor Name	Deal Count	HQ Location
Dell Technologies	5	USA
Plug and Play Tech Center	5	USA
The MAD Lab	5	Austria
Almi Invest	3	Sweden
Intel Capital	3	USA
Norrlandsfonden	3	Sweden
Spintop Venture	3	Sweden
Techstars	3	USA
Y Combinator	3	USA
Andreessen Horowitz	2	USA

Edge Computing

Software

IOTech

• Offers an open-source platform for building edge applications that enables workloads to be processed at the edge, providing real-time decision-making & reducing IoT data storage or

• Reduces time to market and integration costs

Use case & partners

transport requirements

- Used in edge devices especially in manufacturing, smart energy, oil & gas, telecommunication and smart retail & building • Ambitious growth goals for **expanding** their
- acquisition capabilities & channel support
- Partners include Intel. Dell. HPE & many more

Similar Companies

- Macrometa (2017, Series A (\$27.9 Mn), Partech Ventures, Sway Ventures, Pelion Ventures)
- Kneron (2015, Series A (\$90 Mn), Sequoia Capital, Alibaba, Foxconn Technology)

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ClearBlade

Search Field

Year Founded

Funding in \$ Mn.

Business Overview

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enterprise system

Use case & partners

for edge data integration

Similar Companies

Location

Investor

Website

Edge Computing Platform

Corsa Ventures, Capital Factory,

Align Capital Partners, Equipo

Austin, US

\$17.20 Mn

Ventures

• Enables companies to ingest, analyze, adapt and act on any data in real-time & at scale

• Fully extensible with a suite of proven

components and integrations to deliver

• Leverages local compute, AI & actionable

visualizations while integrating with any

• Technology collaboration with Google Cloud

• Payzerware (2012, Series D (\$23 Mn), Habert

• Losant (2015, Series B (\$19.5 Mn), Cincy Tech, Revolution, Techstars, TechNexus)

Management, Grotech Ventures)

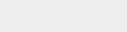
• ClearBlade Intelligent Assets released integration support for IBM Maximo and is also available on Google Cloud Marketplace

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Last Round & Stage Undisclosed Later Stage VC (11.2022)

Software

Edge Computing



ObjectBox

Objection	
Search Field	Object-oriented Edge Database
Location	Berlin, Germany
Year Founded	2015
Funding in \$ Mn.	\$3.39 Mn
Last Round & Stage	\$2 Mn Seed (12.2018)
Investor	Techstars, Vito Ventures, Cavalry Ventures
Website	<u>objectbox.io</u>



Edge Computing Software

Business Overview

- Empowers fast, efficient & sustainable Edge Computing with a **high performance Edge** Database and Data Sync solution
- Enabling developers to work with data on distributed edge devices efficiently, quickly, and reliably with easy to use APIs
- Offers **10X** data **speeds** & bi-directional data sync that **reduces** data **transmission by 40%**

Use case & customers

- Used in V2X solutions as ObjectBox allows syncing of data between different devices in close to real-time
- **Customers** include Edeka, BMW Group, Skyworth and Scottish Power

Similar Companies

- Couchbase (2009, Public (07/2021))
- Realm (2011, Acquired (\$39 Mn), MongoDB)

Business Overview

- Platform to manage and control edge devices in complex industrial environments
- Enables users to determine whether connected devices are trustworthy, reliable and secure
- Provides details of device performance, allows establishing of security rules, and viewing detailed reports

Use case & partners

- Used in **Smart Factories** for monitoring assembly area devices at the edge
- Partnered with Hitachi High-Tech to work on their Smart Factory solution
- Member of the US Space Force Catalyst Accelerator

Similar Companies

- Armis Security (2015, Acquired (\$1.1 Bn), Insight Partners, CapitalG)
- **Ordr** (2015, Series B (\$50 Mn), Battery Ventures, Wing Venture Capital)

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Cornina	
Search Field	Edge Security, Device Security
Location	Menlo Park, US
Year Founded	2017
Funding in \$ Mn.	Undisclosed
Last Round & Stage	Undisclosed
Investor	N.A.
Website	

Software

Edge Computing



Crosser

Crosser	
Search Field	IoT Platform
Location	Stockholm, SWE
Year Founded	2016
Funding in \$ Mn.	\$8.65 Mn
Last Round & Stage	Undisclosed Later Stage VC (01.2023)
Investor	NTT DOCOMO Ventures, Industrifonden, 42 Capital, Spintop Ventures
Website	crosser in

Crosser INTELLIGENT EDGE COMPUTING SOLUTIONS

Edge Computing Software

Business Overview

- Provider of AI-based low code edge analytics, integration & automation platform for industrial & enterprise IoT
- Platform is an on-site middle-layer between sensor & cloud or on-premise storage
- Enables the **processing of data** close to the point of origin **in real-time**

Use case & partners

- Collects data from sensors, analyzes it, aggregates, filters, takes actions in real-time, & stores it at any storage solution (e.g. cloud)
- Partners & customers include Microsoft, AWS, Intel, Siemens & others

Similar Companies

- FogHorn (2014, Series C (\$72.5 Mn), Intel Capital, GE Ventures, Dell, Plug and Play)
- Nebbiolo Technologies (2015, Series A (\$16.8 Mn), Gatewest Capital, Global IoT Tech Ventures)

Business Overview

- Developer of an Al co-processor and entire software suite for edge applications
- Offers a low-power processor for edge devices to run high-resolution video and signal processing data streams in real-time
- Utilizes **deep-learning algorithms** to meet low-latency and real-time requirements

Use case & partners

- The solutions are geared towards defense, telecommunications, aerospace, smart cities, industry 4.0, autonomous vehicles & robotics
- Partnering with FPGA acceleration manufacturer
 BittWare

_ Similar Companies

- **Rebellions** (2023, Grant (\$7.66 Mn), Angelnet, IMM Investment, Kakao Ventures)
- Hailo (2021, undisclosed), ABB Technology Ventures, Asi Shmeltzer, Astarc Ventures)

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Edge Computing

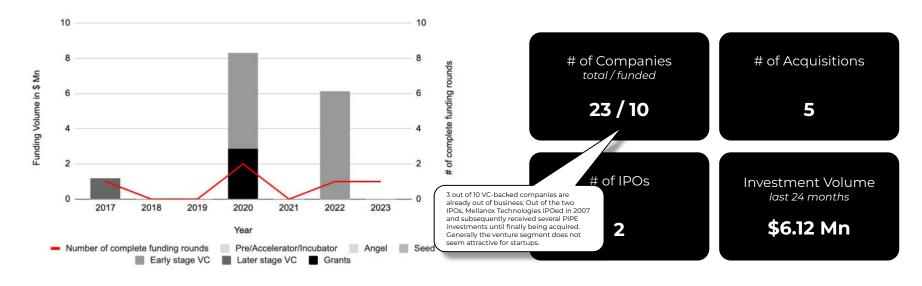
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EdgeCortix Search Field Hardware Computing Platform Location Tokyo, Japan Year Founded 2019 Funding in \$ Mn. \$15.00 Mn Last Round & Stage \$10.00 Mn Series A (12.2021) Investor Cycle Group, Future Play, Monozukuri Ventures, Vajra Ventures Website

Edge Hyperconverged_____Infrastructure

Less than half the startups in the segment received funding so far and 3 have already gone out of business









Edge HCI

Sunlight.io	
Search Field	Hyperconverged Infrastructure Platform
Location	Cambridge, UK
Year Founded	2018
Funding in \$ Mn.	> \$11.57 Mn
Last Round & Stage	undisclosed Series A (01.2023)
Investor	OpenOcean, Robert Bosch Venture Capital
Website	sunlight io

Business Overview

- Offers hyperconverged infrastructure with a centralized management platform for running applications across the cloud, on-premise and at the edge
- Offers increased efficiency, not only reducing hardware costs, but also power, space, and cooling requirements, especially valuable for data-intensive workloads

Use case & partners

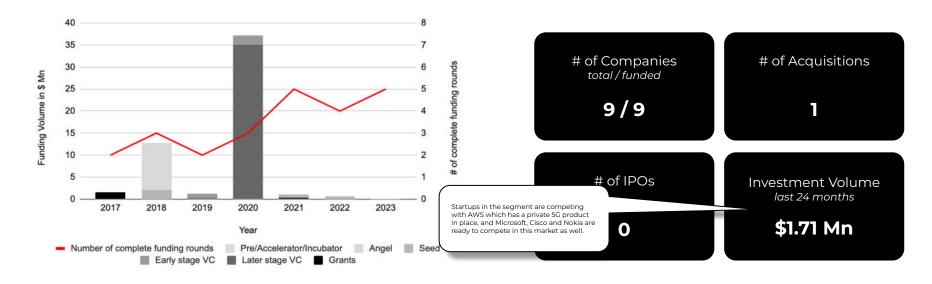
- Is 81% more CPU efficient and 98% more RAM efficient than two industry leading data center HCI solutions
- Enables use cases across a variety of industries
- Partnered with Intel, NVIDIA, AWS and Microsoft offering their edge HCI solution

Similar Companies

- Medigate (2017, Series B (\$50.3 Mn), Blumberg Capital, Partech Partners)
- Forescout(2000, Acquired (\$1.9 Bn), Advent International, Crosspoint Capital Partners)

Mobile Edge
Computing

A majority of startups are currently still in their very early stages with 75% only reaching a seed funding round





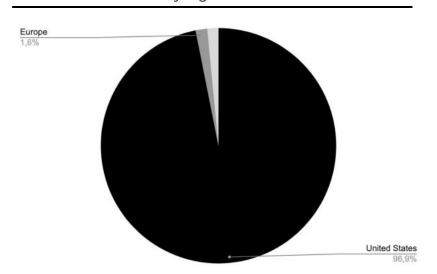




Startups Alef and Edison Interactive received 99% of the funding in the segment

Capital Invested by Global Region

by region in %



Take-away

• Edge software specialist Alef is claiming a spot in the emerging market for pay-as-you-go private 5G. The company is delivering its edge API platform to enterprises via a hardware kit it says will enable corporate IT departments to install their own private networks within an hour.

Top 10 Venture Rounds

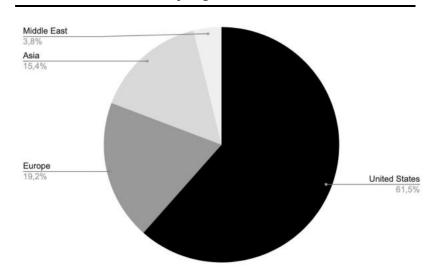
by Funding Amount

Startup Name	Funding in Mn	HQ Location
Alef	\$35.00	USA
Edison Interactive	\$10.70	USA
Alef	\$5.00	USA
Edison Interactive	\$2.04	USA
Edison Interactive	\$2.00	USA
Edison Interactive	\$1.00	USA
Vimmi Communications	\$0.90	Israel
Spectronn	\$0.65	USA
EdgeNectar	\$0.64	USA
Neutroon	\$0.62	Spain

Governments invest in MEC to develop edge infrastructure and support AV and smart cities technologies

Deal Count by Global Region

by region in %



Take-away

- Governmental investors and the defense sector have an interest in mobile edge computing to bring computational capabilities closer to the edge of the network, decrease reliance on foreign infrastructure and therefore increase their national security.
- Several startups in the MEC sector have gone through an accelerator program and are still in early stages of development.

Top 10 Investors

by Deal Count

Investor Name	Deal Count	HQ Location
Shunwei Capital	3	China
5G Ventures	2	Spain
Vinyl Capital	2	USA
EvoNexus	1	USA
EIT Digital	1	Belgium
National Science Foundation	1	USA
SAP.iO	1	Germany
The Catalyst Accelerator	1	USA
US Department of Defense	1	USA
Singtel Innov8	1	Singapore

Alef (formerly AlefEdge)

Search Field	5G Edge Network Provider
Location	New York, US
Year Founded	2013
Funding in \$ Mn.	\$40.39 Mn
Last Round & Stage	\$35 Mn Series B (04.2020)
Investor	Tata Capital, Redwood Venture Partners, Select Venture Partners
Website	alefedge.com



Mobile Edge Computing

Business Overview

- Alef EdgeNet is a collection of interconnected Mobile Private Networks driven by a Software-Defined Mobile Edge (SD-ME) platform that orchestrates applications, devices & network services seamlessly
- Enables enterprises and application developers to unleash the full power of the Mobile Edge using a software defined architecture

Use case & partners

- Used in AI & Virtual Reality applications, Smart Cities & IoT devices and building up private networks
- Partnering with **Dell Technologies** to offer a complete edge infrastructure

Similar Companies

- Pensando Sytems (2017, US, Series C (\$278 Mn), Qualcomm Ventures, Lightspeed Ventures, Hewlett Packard Enterprises)
- Cloudbrink (2019, US, Unfunded)

Business Overview

 Spectronn's SiFi multi-access edge computing router resiliently connects devices to network and computing services.

 In case of connectivity loss, the technology is intended to provide access to mission critical applications and data on the mobile edge without internet connectivity

Use case & partners

- Spectronn developed a "mobile edge computing-in-a-box" system tailored to the needs of first responders
- Spectronn's system always offers a backup line of communication & computing if local networks fail either partially or completely

Similar Companies

- Abside Network (2012, US, \$2.00 Mn (Seed), undisclosed)
- NewEdge Signal Solutions (2011, US, \$6.63 Mn (Acquired), Microelectronics Technology)

Spectronn

Spectronn	
Search Field	SD-Wireless Networking
Location	Holmdel, US
Year Founded	2016
Funding in \$ Mn.	\$0.85 Mn
Last Round & Stage	\$0.02 Mn Accelerator (03.2022)
Investor	The Catalyst Accelerator, National Science Foundation, US DoD, US DHS, NIST
Website	spectronn.com







We could only identify two startups in our search, therefore the funding graph and distributions have been removed

Edge Application Management

Pelion	
Search Field	Cellular Connectivity
Location	Scotland, UK
Year Founded	2000
Funding in \$ Mn.	undisclosed
Last Round & Stage	undisclosed (10.2022)
Investor	Scottish Equity Partners, Soute Investments
Website	pelion.com

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Edge Application

Management

Business Overview

- Aims to create the easiest path to secure and scalable global cellular connectivity
- Provides a single supplier with one SIM and platform
- Pelion's platform offers connectivity for any device, anywhere, and on any cellular standard

Use case & partners

- Global cellular connectivity provider with customizable options for devices, networks, and data plans
- Notable clients include Avanti West Coast, FaceWatch, SAVORTEX, Sensize

Similar Companies

- Eseye (2021, undisclosed (\$6.01 Mn), QQ Capital, TELUS Ventures, Accion)
- floLIVE (2023, (undisclosed), 83North, Arie Capital, Dell Technologies Capital)

Business Overview

- Enabling organizations to operate distributed applications at the distributed edge cloud
- Avassa Control Tower provides central management of distributed edge resources & applications through user interfaces & APIs
- Avassa Edge Enforcer provides functions, local cluster management, application placement & scheduling, & local container registry server

Use case & partners

- Used in deploying & managing massively distributed edge clouds, as extensions for the public cloud
- Part of the **TECoSA** edge computing research partner network

Similar Companies

Website

- LeanIX (2012, Series D (\$120 Mn), Deutsche Telekom, Goldman Sachs, Insight Ventures)
- **Heroku** (2007, Acquired (Undisclosed), Parseg)

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Management

Edge Application



Edge Load Balancing

Tetrate

Search Field Application Load Balancing Location Milpitas, USA Year Founded 2018 Funding in \$ Mn. \$52.45 Mn Last Round & Stage \$40.00 Mn Series B (03.2021) Investor 8VC, Dell Technologies Capital, Intel Capital, KAAJ Ventures Website www.tetrate.io		
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Load Balancing

Business Overview

- Operates at the edge of applications, at the cluster ingress, and **between workloads** in both Kubernetes and traditional compute clusters
- Edge and ingress gateways direct and balance application traffic across clusters, the edge and clouds, while the mesh manages connectivity between services

Use case & partners

- Service mesh architecture plays a crucial role in modernizing application development strategies for enterprises
- Notable clients include Autodesk. Delta Dental. Gap, JUSPAY, KPMG, MicroStrategy, Sony, Square, the U.S. Air Force, VISA, and Wex

Similar Companies

- CloudBolt Software (2020, Series B (\$35.00 Mn). Insight Partners, Hercules Capital BDC)
- Egenera (2017, Secondary Transaction) Austin Ventures, Crosslink Capital, Pharos Capital Group)

Business Overview

• ietNexus ADC ensures that core business applications are always available & delivered securely to end users with speed & efficiency

- Incorporates industry leading, hardened **firewall technology** to provide protection for web-based applications
- Pre-authentication to prevent untrusted **traffic** from accessing internal resources

Use case & partners

- Used in protecting applications & balancing workloads between the edge & clouds
- Partnered with AWS, Azure, Oracle, VMWare & Nutanix to offer load balancing & application delivery controlling on hyperconverged infrastructure

Similar Companies

- Kemp Technologies (2000, Acquired (\$258) Mn), Progress)
- Avi Networks (2012, Acquired (Undisclosed), VMWare)

Load Balancing



edgeNexus	
Search Field	Application Delivery Controller
Location	Marlow, UK
Year Founded	2017
Funding in \$ Mn.	undisclosed
Last Round & Stage	undisclosed
Investor	-
Website	edgenexus.io

SUMMARY

Big technology companies like Amazon, Alibaba, Google & Microsoft are building up end-2-end infrastructure solutions, while startups build upon this infrastructure and expand it. Here strategic partnerships are essential to startup efforts in the market.

Edge Computing defines a fairly new market with many solutions tackling the problems of latency times, processing power & quality of processed data. The exponential rise in data generated by IoT devices will lead to high demand for cutting edge technologies in the future.

SUMMARY

PEAKZONE sees strongest opportunities for startups positioned within strategic partnerships, building Edge Processing Platforms & Edge Clouds that enable high data security, real-time applications, flexibility & scalability.

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