Safer Urban Mobility through C-V2X connectivity



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# **Motivation – Improving Road Safety**

Accidents involving pedestrians and cyclists account for around 25% of road traffic deaths in Germany<sup>1</sup>



## **Benefits**

- Reduce accident count and injuries
- Enable new services
- Improve driving experience
- Leverage "low-cost" front-end and relocate heavy processing to edge cloud



<sup>1</sup> Federal Statistical Office of

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# **Edge Computing Enabled Pedestrian Safety Shield**



#### **Business Motivation – Making Roads Safer with Artificial Intelligence**

 See
 Analyse & Predict
 Alert and brake

 Al and video camera in vehicle
 Al in network edge cloud
 Vehicle

### Proof of Concept: Artificial Real-Time Intelligence with MEC MEC: Multi-access Edge Computing



- Distributed AI application in car sends video data over 4G (5G) radio to Vodafone's Multiaccess Edge Computing site inside the telco network.
- Video data is processed in near real-time by Machine Learning algorithms at the edge cloud.
- 3 Results of real-time image processing are sent to the car where comparison to local analysis can be done, making final decision: instruction to driver or autonomous car.

**Distributed** 

Edge

#### Challenges

- Required processing power
- Hardware acceleration
- Real-time responsiveness

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# Realisation at Vodafone's 5G Mobility Lab (DE) and R&D Lab (UK)





**O** 5G Mobility Lab

Aldenhoven Testing Center

#### 2 Phase Strategy

- 1. Indoor lab testing in controlled environment
- Emulating network latency, load, packet loss
- 2. Outdoor testing with application hosted in RAN
  - Exposure to outdoor radio, speed, cell load



Drive tests in January 2019:

- 4G outdoor radio
- Vehicle speed 30 70 km/h
- Varying radio cell load
- Radio handover



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# Findings from the Proof of Concept "Pedestrian Safety Shield"

**Findings** 

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 Cell load and vehicle mobility impact E2E latency.

• MEC system optimisations and 5G radio will reduce latency further.





**Results for 50km/h** 



# Summary

### With edge computing

- Access to heavy, edge-based compute power
  - -Only low-cost front-end in vehicle
  - -Shorter path towards mass adoption
  - -Reduced processing demand on vehicle
- High quality service and application capabilities
  - Improved road safety for VRUs
- Improved trust between entities
  - Only local data exchange with closest edge cloud

## Scalability & Flexibility

- Service heavily depends on uplink bandwidth
- Radio resources are traditionally geared towards downlink
- Spectrum availability increases with 5G
  - -With further improvements in throughput and latency
  - Network slicing aims at improving service availability and reliability
- Flexible service upgradability through MEC
  - Much lower number of edge clouds than vehicles to upgrade

## We're looking forward to discuss in 5GAA how to further develop such business scenarios and ecosystems



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## Al and edge cloud enabled pedestrian safety shield



