

# Leveraging High-Altitude Balloons and Mobile Robotics for Real-Time Wildfire Detection and Monitoring Systems

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- **Networks of sensing agents:** high altitude balloons, drones, ground-based sensors
- **Mobile infrastructure** adapts to environment changes
- Distributed estimation algorithms provide **fault-tolerance** and **lower computational demand** on each agent
- **Intelligent inference** at the edge enables early-warnings and real-time monitoring

