



Where Fog/Edge global services should be deployed?

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The Discovery Initiative Project



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Context: The lastest wave of Cloud & IoT adoption



The New Reality - Dynamic, Data Driven!



Traditional Cloud Computing architectures do not meet all of IoT requirements.

The New Reality - Dynamic, Data Driven!

New types of mobile applications

- Interactive applications require ultra-low network latencies e.g., augmented reality require end-to-end delays under 20 ms
- But latencies to the closest data center are 20-30 ms using wired networks, up to 50-150 ms on 4G mobile networks!!!





Throughput-oriented applications require local computations E.g., distributed video-surveillance is relevant only close to the cameras

In a new distributed environment

Reduce latency, network traffic, power consumption and increase scalability and availability

Exploit distributed and near-edge computation

Fog Computing

("the cloud close to the ground")

Analyze most IoT data near the devices that produce and act on that data

Fog Computing

A paradigm that extends Cloud computing and services to the edge of the network. Similar to Cloud, Fog provides data, compute, storage, and application services to end-users.



Fog Computing



Conceptual architecture of Fog /Cloud infrastructure

Fog computing poses old and new challenges

One of the main challenges in Fog computing is:



How to assign the IoT applications to computing nodes (fog nodes) which are distributed in a Fog environment



Fog computing poses old and new challenges



- Computing and networking resources are heterogeneous (e.g., business constraints, capacity limits, ...)
- Nature of the system
- Computing and network resources are not always available
- Service cannot be processed everywhere

First goal of our work

- Identify the different aspects considered in the literature regarding: problem statement, problem formulation, optimization strategies, and evaluation platforms
- Propose a classification of the surveyed works in order to identify more easily the placement-related challenges







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Service Placement Problem in Fog Computing

To Address the SPP



- Problem statement
- **Optimization strategies**





I.a) Infrastructure model

Computing and network resources



Resources type

- Computing: servers, PCs, etc
- Networking: gateways, routers, switches,
- base stations, etc
- Storage: every node that can provide storage.
- *Mobile*: vehicles, smartphones, etc
- Endpoint abstraction: sensor agent, actuators...

➡ Characteristics

- Computing: CPU power, RAM, etc
- Networking:
 - Type: wireless, wired
 - *Capabilities:* latency, bandwidth, error rate...
- Storage: disk, etc

I.b) Application model

Application types

- a) A data pipeline
- b) A monolithic service
- c) A set of inter-dependent components
- d) A Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)





Example of a DAG application

-Cognitive assistance

• Application requirements

- Computing: CPU power, number of cores, RAM, etc
- Network-oriented:
 - Bandwidth: Per link, End-to-end
 - Latency: Per link, End-to-end
 - Error-rate: Per link, End-to-end
 - Jitter: Per link, End-to-end
- Task-oriented: Deadline Location-oriented:
 - Location: app must run in Paris
 - Application-specific: this app can run only at some node

I.c) Placement pattern

Defines a mapping pattern by which applications (components+communication among components) are mapped onto an infrastructure graph

Application placement involves finding the host nodes (resp. links) that satisfy the given restrictions

- **Example:**
 - Capacity limit.
 - Physical Node limitations (CPU, RAM, Storage...), and
 - Physical link limitations (Bandwidth, delay. . .)
 - Locality requirement
 - Delay sensitivity



Placement taxonomy

- i) Control plan design: Centralized vs. Distributed
- ii) Offline vs. Online placement
- iii) Static vs. Dynamic placement
- iv) Mobility support

i) Control plane: Centralized vs. Distributed

Centralized policy

Access to the entire resource and network state, application state, workload

information (global view)

- Pro: Capable of determining optimal global solutions
- Cons: Scalability

Distributed policy

- Take decision based on local information
 - Pro: Scalability, better suited for runtime adaptation
 - Cons: Optimality is not guaranteed



ii) Offline vs. Online Placement

Offline Placement

Takes a deployment decision at the compile-time, where all required information are available

Online Placement

A proactive scenario of service placement. The placement of services is calculated and applied periodically

iii) Static vs. Dynamic Placement

• Static

No changes in infrastructure and/or application(s) topologies or characteristics

• Dynamic

- > Dynamic numbers of devices appearing and disappearing, dynamic workload distribution
- Deploy new service, moving an operator from one host to another, or releasing service

iv) Mobility support

• Mobility

- Handle the mobility of terminal nodes (resp. fog node) which can frequently change locations from one subnetwork to another
- Ensure that associated users always receive the desired performance in terms of delay, capacity, etc

Service Placement Problem in Fog Computing

• To Address the SPP





Optimization strategies

• Optimization metrics

- Most often considered: Latency ; Utilization ; Cost ; Energy consumption
- Others: Quality-of-experience; Blocking probability; Failed requests; Number of computationally active Fog nodes:

• **Problem Formulation**

- Linear programming: Integer Linear Programming (ILP), Integer Nonlinear Programming (INLP), Mixed Integer Linear Programming (MILP), Mixed-integer non-linear programming (MINLP), Mixed Integer Quadratic Programming (MIQP)
- ► <u>Constraint programming</u>
- <u>Others:</u> Markov decision process, stochastic optimization, Potential games, ...

Resolution approaches

- Service placement: NP-hard problem
- Exact optimization method —> scaling problem (fail to solve the problem on the Big Data scale)
- The main focus of work within the research community is based on providing an effective approximation, heuristic or meta-heuristic approaches

Service Placement Problem in Fog Computing







• Analytic tools

Most often used: Java ; C++ ; Matlab ; Optimization engine (IBM CPLEX, Gurobi...)

• Simulators

Most often used: CloudSim, SimGrid, iFogSim, OMNet++

Testbeds

Most often used: FIT/IoT-LAB, Grid5000, OpenStack

How can we evaluate/compare the different proposals?





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• Classification

- Identified Scenarios (use-cases)
- Classification according to Placement taxonomy
- Classification according to resolution approaches

Identified Scenarios (use-cases)

• Scenario I: Assign application(s) according to QoS requirements



Scenario 2: Ensure latency and QoS for a service by service assignment



Identified Scenarios (use-cases)

• Scenario I: Assign application(s) according to QoS requirements



- According to application definition we identify:
 - Scenario I.I: Deploy applications that receives continuous data from one or more data sources
 - **Scenario I.2:** Deploy a set of monolithic applications
 - Scenario 1.3: Deploy a set of applications each abstracted as a set of interdependent components
 - **Scenario I.4:** Deploy a set of services each abstracted as a Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG).

Scenario 1.5: Deploy a set of services each abstracted as a Data Stream Processing.

Identified Scenarios (use-cases)

• Scenario 2: Ensure latency and QoS for a service by service assignment



- <u>Challenges</u>: Decision on replication and placement of data originating from a central server towards the end devices in Cloud network
- Find answers to the following questions: Which data objects to replicate? When to create or destroy
 a replica? How many replicas for each object to create? Where to store each replica? How to redirect
 requests to the closest replica?

Classification

Identified Scenarios (use-cases)

Classification according to Placement taxonomy

Classification according to resolution approaches

Service model		Papers
Scenario 1 [5, 8, 12, 14, 21, 38–40, 45, 48, 50, 57, 70, 71, 82, 84, 97, 104, 105, 125, 139, 140, 144, 145 Scenario 1.2 [29, 30, 49, 62, 74, 92, 111, 123, 127, 130, 131, 135, 137] Scenario 1.3 [66, 87, 98, 118, 122, 128, 129, 142, 143] Scenario 1.4 [13, 15, 17, 24, 25, 41, 51, 60, 65, 69, 72, 89, 93, 94, 99, 126, 136, 144, 150, 153] Scenario 1.5 [10, 16, 28, 52]		[5, 8, 12, 14, 21, 38–40, 45, 48, 50, 57, 70, 71, 82, 84, 97, 104, 105, 125, 139, 140, 144, 145, 157? –160]
		[29, 30, 49, 62, 74, 92, 111, 123, 127, 130, 131, 135, 137]
		[66, 87, 98, 118, 122, 128, 129, 142, 143]
		[13, 15, 17, 24, 25, 41, 51, 60, 65, 69, 72, 89, 93, 94, 99, 126, 136, 144, 150, 153]
		[10, 16, 28, 52]
Scenario 2		[9, 11, 96, 124, 162, 163]

Classification

Identified Scenarios (use-cases)



Classification according to Placement taxonomy

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Scenario	Reference	Service placement taxonomy			
		Control plane	Online	Dynamic	Mobility
	[12, 21, 38–40, 45, 47, 50, 57, 70, 84, 97, 104, 105, 125, 160]	С	1		
	[14, 159]	C	1	1	
	[140, 144]	С	1	~	1
Scenario 1.1	[5, 8, 71, 81, 82, 139, 157, 158]	Di	1		
	[67, 145]	Di	1	~	1
	[62, 137]	С			
	[74, 92, 123, 135]	C	1		
	[29]	C	1	~	
Scenario 1.2	[30, 111]	С	1	1	1
	[131]	Di			
	[49, 127, 130]	Di	1		
	[66]	С			
	[87, 118]	C	1		
	[122, 142]	C	1	1	
Scenario 1.3	[98, 128, 129, 143]	Di	1		
	[17, 24, 25, 51, 65, 69, 72, 94, 99, 114, 136, 150]	С			
Scenario 1.4	[41, 60, 89, 146, 153]	С	1		
Sechario 1.4	[13, 93]	С	1	1	
	[15]	C	1	1	1
	[126]	Di	1		
Scenario 1.5	[10, 16, 28]	С	1		
	[52]	C	1	1	
	[9, 163]	С			
Scenario 2	[96, 162] 30	С	1		
	[11, 124]	Di	1	1	

Classification

Di/On/Dy/M

Heuristic



[71, 81, 82, 157]

[145]

Classification according to Placement taxonomy

Classification according to resolution approaches

Category Solutions References Objective C/Off/S/nM [160] Approximation Finds the minimum congestion ratio. [125] Each user aims to maximize its own quality of experience. Heuristic [38, 39] Minimizes the power consumption of the Cloud-Fog Computing. [45] Minimizes the total task computing latency under reliability constraints. [50] Minimizes service time and minimize expensive resource over provisioning. [56] Minimizes the overall unit cost for deploying Fog Computing supported Medical Cyber-Physical System. [70] Minimizes the blocking probability. [84] Optimizes the network usage. [104, 105] Minimizes the overall latency of storing and retrieving data in a Fog. [12, 21, 40] Meta-heuristic [97] Minimizes the total energy consumption of the mobile. C/On/Dy/nM [14] Heuristic Minimizes failed requests. [159] Minimizes overall cost (processing, storage, communication). C/On/Dy/M Heuristic [140] Minimizes the cost of execution and accounting for delays and location in constraints. [144] Minimizes the average cost over time. Di/On/S/nM Heuristic [5] Minimizes the response time and maximize the throughput. [8] Meets service level agreement and quality of services. [139] Minimizes the cumulative delay of executing mobile services. [158] Reduces the service delay for IoT applications.

Reduces the application delay of IoT applications in the Smart Grid.

- Scenarios I.I -

• Classification

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 - Scenarios I.2 -

Category	Solutions	References	Objective	
C/Off/S/nM	Exact	[137]	Minimizes the number of Fog nodes leads to an overall power-consumption minimization.	
		[62]	Minimizes the overall communication cost.	
C/On/S/nM	Approximation	[135]	Minimizes the total weighted response time over all the deployed jobs.	
	Heuristic	[74]	Maximizes the utilization of the residual computation capacities of the end devices.	
		[123]	Maximizes the service quality experienced by end users.	
	Meta-heuristic	[92]	Ensures the best convergence between user expectations and scope within the Fog environment that even- tually maximizes the QoE.	
C/On/Dy/nM	Heuristic	[29]	Equally satisfies all applications.	
C/On/Dy/M	Heuristic	[111]	Minimizes the long-term time-average service latency under the constraints of long-term cost budget.	
	Machine Learning	[30]	Minimizes the service costs, and in the meantime, improve the QoE by providing different service resolu- tions based on user demands, user mobility and dynamic network resources.	
Di/Off/S/nM	Exact	[131]	Minimizes the service latencies in a Fog Computing environment, while the fulfillment of capacity re- quirements were guaranteed.	
Di/On/S/nM	Heuristic	[127]	Completing the user job at a minimum cost.	
		[130]	Maximizes utilization of fog resources.	
		[49]	Maximizes the revenue obtained in the provision of the Fog infrastructure to application tenants.	

• Classification



Classification according to Placement taxonomy

Classification according to resolution approaches

- Scenarios 1.3 -

Category	Solutions	References	Objective, Algorithms, and tool	
C/Off/S/nM	Heuristic	[66]	Maximizes the number of satisfied requests.	
C/On/S/nM	Heuristic	[87]	Minimizes the total inter-cloudlet communication traffic in the cloudlet mesh.	
		[118]	Optimizes multiple objectives: maximize number of accepted IoT application requests, maximize service bandwidth, minimize service migrations between iterations, minimize number of active computational nodes, minimize the number of active gateways, minimize hop count between computational nodes and end devices, and minimize of path loss.	
C/On/Dy/M	Heuristic	[122]	Optimizes task deployment over distributed edges in terms of saving bandwidth and reducing latency.	
		[142]	Minimizes the hop count between users location and serving nodes, the hop count between communica- tion nodes, and the number of service migrations.	
Di/On/S/nM	Exact	[98]	Maximizes the number of tasks deployed on the Fog landscape.	
		[129]	Maximizes the number of tasks deployed on the Fog landscape.	
	Heuristic	[129]	Maximizes the number of service placements to Fog landscape.	
	Meta-heuristic	[128]	Maximizes the number of service placements to Fog landscape (rather than to Cloud ones).	

• Classification



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- Scenarios I.4 -

Category	Solutions	References	Objective		
C/Off/S/nM	Exact	[17]	Minimize the overall inter-node latency and ensure the QoS of the applications.		
	Heuristic	[24]	Determines eligible deployments of composite applications to Fog infrastructures.		
		[25]	Determines eligible deployments of composite applications by estimating the cost of deploying over Fog infrastruc- tures.		
		[94]	Finds a valid deployment that optimizes the different objectives: the minimum runtime, the minimum user cost and the maximum battery lifetime.		
		[51]	Minimizes the overall cost (placement and link costs).		
		[65]	Maximizes the number of satisfied IoT analytics.		
		[69]	Minimizes end-to-end delay.		
		[72]	Minimizes maximum cost service node.		
		[99]	Minimizes network cost.		
		[136]	Efficient utilization of network resources and minimize application latency.		
		[150]	Minimises the average response time of deployed IoT applications.		
C/On/S/nM	Approximation	[146]	Minimizes the maximum weighted cost on each physical node and link.		
	Heuristic	[41]	Minimizes the provisioning cost.		
		[60]	Determines an eligible application placement.		
		[89]	Minimizes increment of energy consumption.		
2		[153]	Minimizes the response time.		
C/on/Dy/nM	Heuristic	[93]	Minimizes network cost.		
	Meta-heuristic	[13]	Multi-objective: Minimize cost, maximize user support, minimize latency, maximize user footprint.		
C/On/Dy/M	Heuristic	[15]	Minimizes the cost to run the application.		
Di/On/S/nM	Heuristic	[126]	Minimizes the cost to run the application.		

Classification



Classification according to Placement taxonomy

Classification according to resolution approaches

- Scenarios 1.5 -

Category	Solutions	References	Objective	
C/On/S/nM	Exact	[16]	Minimizes overall operational cost.	
		[28]	Minimizes the application end-to-end latency.Minimises end-to-end latency.	
	Heuristic	[10]		
C/On/Dy/nM	Heuristic	[52]	Minimizes the total makespan for all event analytics, while meeting energy and compute constraints of the re- sources.	
	Meta-heuristic	[52]	Minimize the total makespan.	

- Scenarios 2 -

Category	Solutions	References	Objective	
C/Off/S/nM	Exact	[163]	Minimizes the average data traffic in the edge network.	
	Heuristic	[163]	Minimizes the overall latency of storing and retrieving data in a Fog.	
		[9]	Maximizes the energy efficiency while maintaining the successful delivery.	
C/On/S/nM	Heuristic	[162]	Minimizes the maximum average task completion time.	
		[96]	Fog-aware replica placement and context-sensitive differential consistency.	
Di/On/Dy/nM	Heuristic	[11]	Minimizes storage cost.	
		[124]	Allocates services taking into account the bandwidth of the network and the node availability.	

Classification



Classification according to Placement taxonomy



Classification according to resolution approaches

Goal of this classification

- This classification aims to simplify the user's access to references in a particular category
- Identify a flavor of some challenges that arise when deploying IoT applications in a Fog environment



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Conclusion & current + future work

Service Placement Problem using Constraint programming and Choco solver

• Goal

- Provide a generic and easy upgraded model able to handle the identified scenarios
- As first study, we propose to consider the sub-cases of scenario 1, i.e., scenarios: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5
- Provide a new formulation of the placement problem considering a general definition of service and infrastructure network through graphs using constraint programming

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System model and problem formulation

Infrastructure

- A directed graph G = <V,E> represents the Network
- ▶ V: set of vertices or nodes (server)
- E: set of edges or arcs (connections)
- Each node defines CPU and RAM capacities
- Each arc defines a latency and a bandwidth capacity

Application

- An application is an ordered set of components
- A component requires CPU/RAM to work
- A component can send data (bandwidth, latency)
- Some components are fixed (f-ex., cameras)



System model and problem formulation

Placement (Mapping)

Assign services (each component and each edge) to network infrastructure (node and link) such that:

- CPU capacity of each node is respected
- Same goes with **RAM capacity**
- Bandwidth capacity is respected on arcs too
- **Latencies** are satisfied



Constraint Programming model (CP)

• What is CP?

- CP stands for Constraint Programming
- CP is a general purpose implementation of Mathematical
 Programming
 Like LP = Linear Programming or SAT = Clauses
- MP theoretically studies optimization problems and resolution techniques
- It aims at describing real combinatorial problems in the form of Constraint Satisfaction Problems and solving them with Constraint Programming techniques
- The problem is solved by alternating constraint filtering algorithms with a search mechanism

Constraint Programming model (CP)

• Modeling steps

There are **3** main steps to follow:

- Declare variables and their domain
- Find relation between them
- Declare a objective function, if any

Hint



Application

Infrastructure





Infrastructure









• Variables and domains

The variables related to nodes are:

- \triangleright s_k: node that hosts the component source of pair k
- \succ t_k : node that hosts the component sink of pair k
- h_i : node that hosts component *i*
- \triangleright $n_{k,j}$: node at position j in the path of pair k
- ▶ p_k : position of t_k in n_k (position of $s_k = 0$)

k denotes a pair in service graph.

Constraint Programming model (CP)

• Variables and domains

The variables related to arcs are:

- ► $a_{k,j}$: arc between $n_{k,j}$ and $n_{k,j+1}$ in path of pair k
- ► $b_{k,j}$: bandwidth on arc $a_{k,j}$
- ► $l_{k,j}$: latency on arc $a_{k,j}$
- k denotes a pair in service graph.

Example of application mapping



Constraints

- Constraints on nodes
 - Straightforward ones, satisfying capacities:
 - Respect CPU capacity of each node
 - bin_packing(<h_k, cpu_comp>, CPU)
 - Respect RAM capacity of each node
 - bin_packing(h_k, ram_comp>, RAM)



BIN

Constraints

- Constraints on nodes
 - Links between h_k , $n_{k,j}$ and p_k :
 - The item at position p_k in path n_k is equal to t_k :
 - element(t_k , $\langle n_k \rangle$, p_k) \iff t[k]=n[k][p[k]]
 - Position of t_k if source and sink of a pair are identical:
 - $\bullet \ s_k = t_k \iff p_k = 1$
 - Avoid cycles (all items of n_k are different except $s_k = t_k$):
 - allDifferent($n_{k,[1:]}$)
 - Contiguous pairs:

• $t_k = s_j$, for two adjacent pairs k and j

Positions are lexicographically ordered:

► $n_{k,0} = s_k$

- Constraints on arcs
 - Straightforward ones, satisfying capacities:
 - Respect bandwidth limit of each arcs:
 - bin_packing(<b_k,j, bdw_pair>, BDW)
 - Satisfy latencies, per pair :
 - element($l_{k,j}$, <LAT>, $a_{k,j}$) $\iff l[k][j] = LAT[a[k][j]]$
 - $sum(l_k, "<=", lat_pair_k)$

• Constraints between nodes and arcs

- Connect everything together
 - Represent paths extensively, per service:
 - $table(n_{k,j}, a_{k,j}, n_{k,j+1}, T)$

where T is a set of tuples extract from infrastructure graph G, that lists all links.

Summary

- We defined
 - A very basic model
 - Satisfying all rules
 - Easy to upgrade
 - Ready to be solved ...

- And now ?
 - Implement the model on Choco solver
 - Choco is a Free Open-Source Java library dedicated to Constraint Programming



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Experiment I



• Requirements

- Resources: CPU, RAM, DISK
- Networking: Latency and Bandwidth
- Locality

Objective

Minimize average latency

Experiment I



Infrastructure

Smart bell application

Algorithm	gorithm Resolution time (s)	
		the solution
ILP	343	100%
First Fit	265	186.8%
GA	28	143.9%
DAFNO-InitCO-DCO(0.3)	0.003	100.3%
 CP-SPP	0.559	100%

TABLE I: Evaluation Results of Different Placement Algorithms for the Smart Bell application [9].

Experiment 2



Infrastructure

Greek Forthnet topology



Applications

(a) Storage Application, (b) Smart Bell application, and (c) A face recognition application

Experiment 2





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Conclusion

- Present a classification of the reviewed papers in order to simplify the user's access to references in a particular category Identify a flavor of some challenges that arise when deploying IoT applications in a Fog environment
- Provide service placement model that can not only be easily enhanced (deployment constraints/objectives), and upgraded (exploiting any resolution approach) but that also shows a competitive tradeoff between resolution times and solutions quality

• Future work

- Extend our model to include the scenario 2
- Extend our model to include the notion of the service sharing
- Investigate the relevance of our model in the context of the reconfiguration

• Current work (join work with C. Perez, F. Desprez and L. Lefèvre)

- Concurrent Planning and Execution Phases in Reconfiguration Loops
- Investigate placement strategies under Planning phases

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