

# Joint Admission Control and Resource Allocation in Edge Computing for Internet of Things

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## ABSTRACT

The IoT is a novel platform for making objects more intelligent by connecting to the Internet. However, mass connections, big data processing, and huge power consumption restrict the development of IoT. In order to address these challenges, this article proposes a novel ECloT architecture. To further enhance the system performance, radio resource and computational resource management in ECloT are also investigated. According to the characteristics of the ECloT, we mainly focus on admission control, computational resource allocation, and power control. To improve the performance of ECloT, cross-layer dynamic stochastic network optimization is studied to maximize the system utility, based on the Lyapunov stochastic optimization approach. Evaluation results are provided which demonstrate that the proposed resource allocation scheme can improve throughput, reduce end-to-end delay, and also achieve an average throughput and delay trade-off. Finally, the future research topics of resource management in ECloT are discussed.

## INTRODUCTION

As an emerging platform, the Internet of Things (IoT) enables a tremendous number of objects to be connected to the Internet, such as wearable equipment, actuators, sensors, smart vehicles, and smart buildings [1]. It integrates ubiquitous and pervasive computing and allows objects to be remotely sensed and controlled. With those capabilities, IoT has great potential to improve efficiency and accuracy, and reduce costs, and is expected to play a fundamental role for many emerging services such as smart grids, intelligent transportation systems, and smart cities.

Although IoT can bring a lot of benefits, it still faces many technical challenges [2]. First, the number of devices in IoT is huge. The European Commission has reported that the number of smart devices connected to the Internet will reach 50 to 100 billion in 2020. Second, the data generated by IoT devices is massive. According to Cisco's report, the devices in IoT will generate about 507.5 ZB/year data by 2019 [3]. Third, with vibrating devices and enormous data volume, huge power consumption is another challenging issue. In IoT, many devices are equipped with data acquisition nodes, such as micro controller units (MCUs), sensors, and wireless devices. Typ-

ically, these nodes are powered by batteries or obtained power by energy harvesting. In such a case, energy efficiency becomes very critical to guarantee the sustainable operation of these equipments.

In this article, to accommodate the mass connections and data, as well as achieve efficient, sustainable operation, we resort to edge computing and jointly study admission control and resource allocation. Specifically, the main contributions of this article can be described as:

- We propose a novel edge computing for IoT (ECloT) architecture, to cater for the mass connections and big data processing, and achieve sustainable operation.
- We review and discuss radio resource and computational resource management for ECloT, mainly focus on admission control, resource allocation, power control, and computational resource allocation to further improve the system performance.
- Based on the proposed ECloT architecture, we investigate cross-layer dynamic stochastic network optimization to enhance the performance of ECloT. In this problem, we utilize the Lyapunov dynamic stochastic optimization approach to solve the problem of joint admission control and resource allocation in ECloT.

The remainder of the article is organized as follows. First, we introduce a new ECloT architecture and explain its scalability and efficiency. Then we introduce the radio resource and computational resource management in ECloT from several aspects: admission control, resource allocation, power control, and computational resource allocation. After that, cross-layer dynamic stochastic network optimization is studied. In the next section, the future research topics of resource management in ECloT are proposed. Finally, concluding remarks are provided.

## EDGE COMPUTING FOR IoT

Cloud computing, which can provision elastic computational resources on demand, is considered as an appropriate way to efficiently process the mass data generated by IoT devices [4, 5]. However, the cloud computing for IoT also brings two issues: resource demand mismatch and high transmission latency. Transmitting the mass data generated by IoT devices to the cloud requires a huge amount of energy, time, and bandwidth. Meanwhile, the heavy load will produce enor-

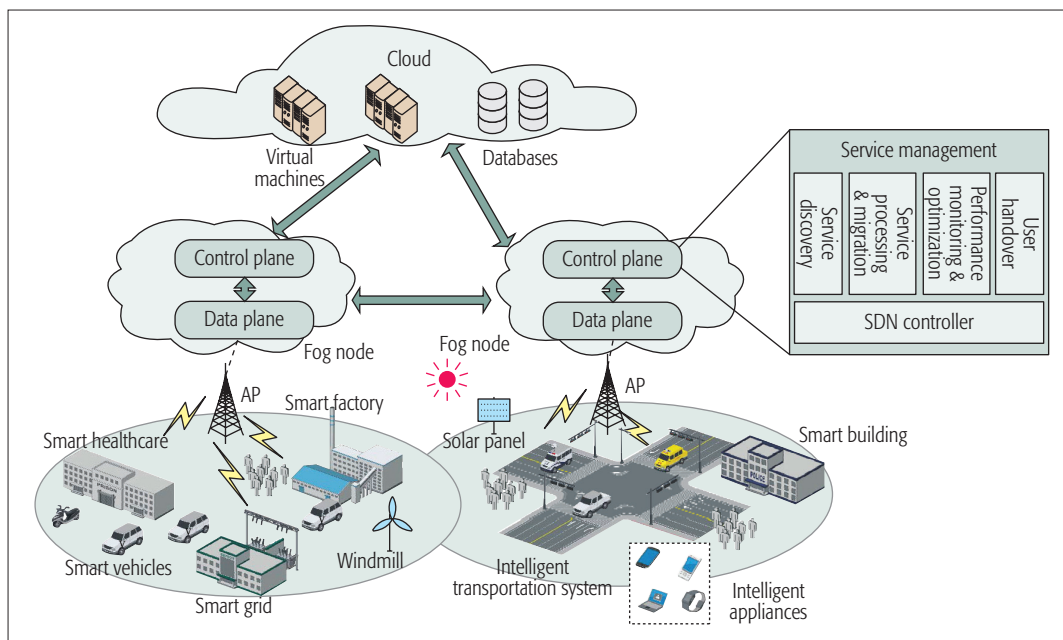


FIGURE 1. The ECloT architecture.

mous pressure on fronthaul and backhaul, leading to system congestion [6]. In addition, long distance transmission can result in greater delay. In order to deal with those issues, edge computing (or fog computing) is proposed, which distributes a part of virtual machines (VMs) from the cloud computing centers to the network edge. By utilizing the radio access network (RAN) with the fog computing paradigm, some of the control and data plane functions can be processed at the local baseband unit (BBU). Therefore, fog computing can alleviate the computing and routing burdens significantly and improve resource utilization. Moreover, since the fog node is closer to the IoT devices, the end-to-end delay can be reduced. By utilizing fog computing, we propose a novel ECloT architecture in the following.

### THE ECloT ARCHITECTURE

The proposed novel ECloT architecture is shown in Fig. 1. The IoT devices transmit data to the access points (APs), which are connected to the fog nodes with data computation and storage capabilities. The fog nodes have connections with each other and with the remote cloud. Because the VMs in fog nodes have powerful information processing capabilities, the mass data generated by IoT devices can be handled effectively. In addition, since the fog node is closer to the IoT devices, the end-to-end delay can be reduced. If the fog nodes do not have sufficient computational resources to process the data, the tasks will be uploaded to the cloud, which will consume more network resources and lead to higher end-to-end delay. In order to make the network architecture more flexible and scalable, software defined network (SDN)-based architecture can be employed. By utilizing SDN-based architecture, networks can be managed easily, and network capacity can be increased [7]. The control mechanism that is provided by SDN can reduce the complexity of ECloT architecture, and it can allocate resources flexibly. If data needs to be transmitted to the

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cloud node, an optimal route can be planned by SDN; this also can provide the highest quality service to the IoT devices. In order to better manage IoT services, a model for service management through SDN and its components are proposed.

**Service Discovery Module:** The module contains a mapping table that links the services with the corresponding server locations. This table will be updated periodically or when a new service arrives. By utilizing this module, the IoT devices can find the services and locations easily, and delay can be reduced.

**Service Processing and Migration Module:** Since the computational capacity of a fog node is limited, when a large amount of data need to be processed, this module can decide whether the data is migrated to the cloud node or a nearby fog node. Meanwhile, when the utilization of a fog node is low, it can also process data together with other fog nodes.

**Performance Monitoring and Optimization Module:** This module can utilize SDN and Open-Flow capabilities to monitor the service utilization levels and flow sizes to manage the load of the fog node. Therefore, the system throughput can be improved.

**User Handover Module:** When IoT devices move from one fog node to another, without any mobility management, service continuity cannot be guaranteed. This module can predict the coverage of the next fog node and provide continuous services for IoT devices with certain techniques.

All the IoT devices are connected to distributed fog nodes whether they are static or moving. In order to support the mass connections

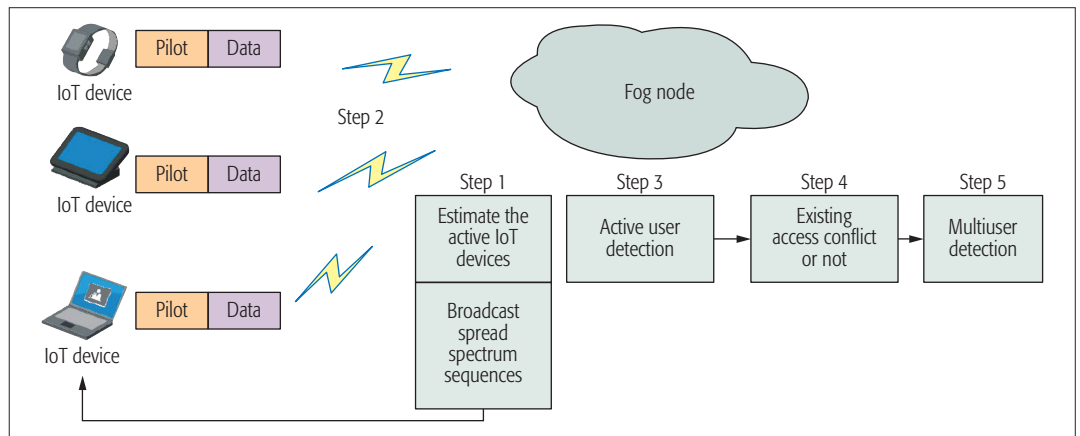


FIGURE 2. Proposed access scheme in ECIoT architecture.

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of IoT devices, fog nodes should be equipped with multiple wireless interfaces. In this regard, many wireless communications technologies can be leveraged in IoT, such as Bluetooth, Zigbee, LTE, infrared, massive multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO), WiFi, general packet radio service (GPRS), and narrowband IoT communications [8, 9]. Therefore, the multi-interface fog nodes can be connected by multiple IoT devices.

### MASS CONNECTIONS AND ACCESS CONTROL

With a multi-interface ECIoT architecture, it is of significance to coordinate the access of IoT devices. In LTE/LTE-Advanced (LTE-A), the existing random access scheme includes four steps: random access request, random access response, scheduling-based transmission, and collision avoidance. However, in IoT, the packet size of IoT is about 1/10 to 1/100 of a conventional cellular communication system [10]. Moreover, the number of devices in IoT is about 1000 times existing network devices. Therefore, it is inefficient to transmit the small packets of IoT devices by utilizing the existing random access scheme, and the preamble sequences cannot support so many devices [11]. To this end, we propose a novel access scheme, as shown in Fig. 2. Specifically, the new access scheme is performed in the following five steps.

**Step 1:** The fog node estimates the active IoT devices according to the statistical observation information, and transmits the variable size of spread spectrum sequences to the IoT devices. The spread spectrum sequence size is determined by the estimated number of devices.

**Step 2:** According to the spread spectrum sequences in step 1, IoT devices transmit pilots and data in one short packet to achieve random access. In the process, the scheduling information of the fog node is not required, so the transmission delay and signaling overhead can be reduced.

**Step 3:** In the channel estimation phase, we

estimate the identity of all active IoT devices, that is, the device index.

**Step 4:** Because the transmission codeword is a function of the device index, we can estimate the transmission codeword for each IoT device based on the device index obtained in the previous step. Then we determine whether there is access conflict.

**Step 5:** The fog node performs channel estimation and multiuser detection according to the received signals.

### SUSTAINABLE OPERATION

Energy consumption is one of the barriers that impede the development of IoT. For instance, in step 2 of the proposed access scheme, the IoT devices will transmit pilots and data to the fog node, which consumes a huge amount of energy. In order to prolong the battery life and achieve sustainable operation, countermeasures such as energy saving and energy harvesting can be employed.

For energy saving, three methods can be considered. First, the sensing equipments in IoT devices can use low-power components, which can dynamically change the working voltage according to workload. Second, in IoT, monitoring events are sporadic, the system is often in an underloaded state, and the load exhibits heterogeneity. The variation or heterogeneous characteristic of the workload provides the possibility for saving power. When the IoT devices are idle, they can enter low-power mode or sleep mode, and when necessary they can be awakened. Third, advanced software to manage the energy can be utilized, such as advanced power management (APM) and advanced configuration and power interfaces (ACPIs).

For energy harvesting, four types of energy sources can be leveraged.

**Light:** The Sun and artificial sources can convert visible light into usable electric power. Outdoors, devices with embedded solar panels can obtain energy from sunlight. However, the operation heavily depends on the weather, which is uncontrollable. Indoors, since artificial sources can be controlled, we can get sustainable energy.

**Motion/Vibration:** Wind can be converted into electric power by using AC generators. In industrial equipment, vibrations generated by machines can also be exploited for energy har-

vesting. However, it is very challenging to fabricate a generalized harvesting system for some special vibrating sources.

**Heat:** Temperature gradients can be used for energy harvesting. However, there is a fundamental limit, namely the Carnot cycle, to the maximum efficiency of power extraction.

**Radio Frequency:** By utilizing the broadcasting characteristic of wireless communication, RF can supply energy for battery-less IoT devices. Indoors, electromagnetic wave signals emitted from modems, routers, and laptops are collected, and then converted into electric power.

## KEY TECHNOLOGIES OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN ECloT

Radio resource and computational resource management are effective methods to improve the performance of a communication system. Based on the IoT characteristics of mass connections and big data processing, we mainly focus on admission control, resource allocation, power control, and computational resource allocation in this article, due to the following reasons. First, by designing the admission control scheme, the system congestion caused by mass connections can be avoided [12]. Second, because the computational resources of fog nodes are limited, we can improve the throughput of the system and guarantee the quality of service (QoS) of IoT devices through appropriate resource allocation schemes. Third, power control is an effective method to reduce the power consumption of the system. In this section, we review the recent advances in radio resource and computational resource management, and discuss them in ECloT.

### ADMISSION CONTROL

Admission control is a useful method for QoS provisioning and congestion control. In particular, there are two parts of admission control that can be considered: QoS guarantees and the remaining network resources. For an admission control scheme, a new access can be accepted only when:

- The network has adequate resources to satisfy the QoS requirements.
- The committed QoS of the accepted accesses should not be violated.
- The new access does not cause the network congestion.

Therefore, there is a trade-off between resource utilization and QoS requirements. In ECloT, since the QoS requirements of multiple services are different, the fairness and prioritization of different services should be considered. For instance, safety-related services should be given higher priority, while other services use the remaining resources. In the following, admission control mechanisms are reviewed and discussed for ECloT.

**Level-Based Admission Control Scheme:** The level-based admission control scheme can usually be divided into two categories: packet-level admission control and call-level admission control. For packet-level admission control, each service is distinguished by the packet arrival rate, packet loss ratio requirement, and packet queuing delay. For elastic traffic, the system can drop some excess packets according to the QoS require-

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ments and the system status. For call-level admission control, each call can be distinguished by its arrival rate and holding time. If the network has enough resources, the new call can be accepted; otherwise, it is rejected. Since IoT is a packet-switched system, when designing the admission control scheme, packet-level admission control should be adopted.

**Priority-Based Admission Control Scheme:** In ECloT, there are diverse services with different QoS requirements in ECloT; hence, the service priority should be considered in admission control. For example, in an intelligent transportation system [13, 14], handover services should be given higher priority, because if an ongoing service is dropped in the handover process, it will significantly degrade quality of experience (QoE) compared to blocking a new service. In general, data service should be given the lowest priority, while voice service has the highest priority.

### RADIO RESOURCE ALLOCATION

Resource allocation plays a significant role in improving the QoS performance and enhancing the data transmission efficiency in ECloT. There are many works on the resource allocation to satisfy QoS requirements. However, since IoT has some special characteristics, the existing resource allocation methods cannot be directly applied in ECloT. In addition, the dynamic characteristics of ECloT should be considered, such as the random service/packet arrivals and the time-varying wireless channels in an intelligent transportation system. In the following, resource allocation for ECloT is reviewed and discussed from the following two aspects: QoS-aware resource allocation and cross-layer dynamic resource allocation.

**QoS-Aware Resource Allocation Scheme:** In QoS-aware resource allocation, various resources are allocated appropriately to maintain or improve the QoS requirement. In the context of IoT, the reliability of data transmission is essential. Due to the massive scale and the huge number of devices in IoT, a many-to-one communication scenario will be very typical, potentially leading to packet loss. Additionally, when the IoT devices are moving, the time-varying wireless channels will cause communication instability. The other key QoS parameter is transmission delay in ECloT. The IoT devices are usually related to the change of environment, requiring low transmission delay. Moreover, one objective of utilizing edge computing is to reduce the transmission delay. Therefore, reliability and delay requirement should be considered in ECloT.

**Cross-Layer Dynamic Resource Allocation Scheme:** Cross-layer dynamic resource allocation is a useful method for QoS provisioning by jointly optimizing different layers.

In ECloT, the dynamic characteristics should be considered, such as random service/packet arrivals and the time-varying wireless channels in some moving systems. Therefore, in order to improve



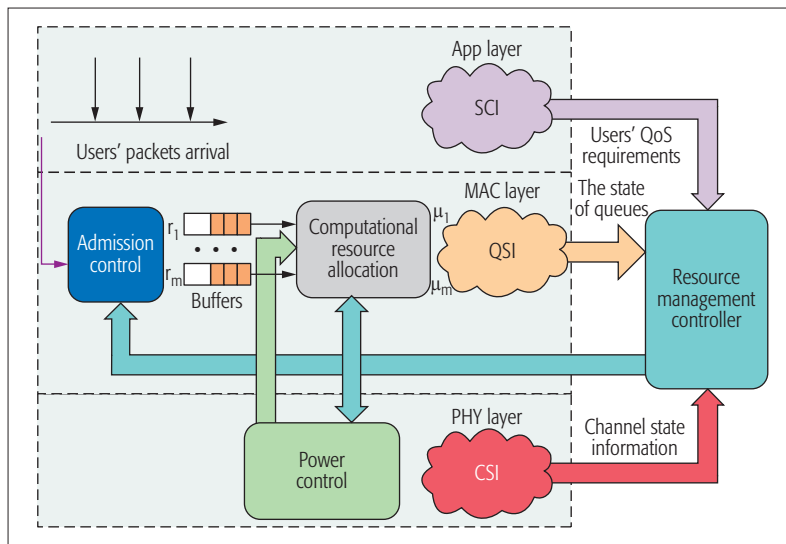


FIGURE 3. Cross-layer dynamic resource allocation framework.

the QoS performance and enhance resource utilization, a cross-layer dynamic resource allocation scheme is an effective method.

### POWER CONTROL

In ECloT, the fog nodes need to process and transmit a large amount of data, resulting in high energy consumption. Therefore, in order to save power in fog nodes, one efficient and feasible way is through power control. In general, there are four types of power allocation schemes for different optimization objectives, including constant power allocation, water-filling power allocation, channel inversion power allocation, and proportional power allocation. Constant power allocation ignores the variation of channel condition and allocates the same power to all IoT devices. The advantage lies in the simplicity of implementation, while the disadvantage is that the transmission rate is unfair. Channel inversion power allocation can help solve this issue, as it allocates more power to the IoT devices with bad channel conditions. Water-filling power allocation can maximize the total network transmission rate. It allocates more power to IoT devices with good channel conditions and less power or even no power to IoT devices with bad channel conditions. Proportional power allocation can achieve a trade-off between fairness and the total network transmission rate. In ECloT, because of dynamic services arrival and time-varying wireless channels, dynamic power control should be employed to improve the system performance.

### COMPUTATIONAL RESOURCE ALLOCATION

Computational resource allocation is a significant method to satisfy the delay requirements and achieve the minimization of energy consumption in ECloT. In the following, an overview of computational resource allocation to satisfy the delay requirements and minimize energy consumption is given from two aspects: one is computational resource allocation from a single node, and the other is computational resource allocation from multiple nodes.

**Computational Resource Allocation from a Single Node:** Because the computational resource

of fog nodes are limited, in order to satisfy the delay requirements of IoT devices, priorities should be given (i.e., an IoT device with a low delay requirement has higher priority). If the fog node has enough computational resources, the data can be processed according to their priorities. Otherwise, the data will be offloaded to the cloud nodes. When the IoT devices can choose the fog nodes, in order to minimize power consumption, the computational resource usage of fog nodes needs to be considered. Offloading all the data to a high utilization fog node may cause high energy consumption and fog node overload. An effective method is that the fog nodes can broadcast the computational resource usage to the IoT devices, and the IoT devices can choose the feasible fog nodes.

**Computational Resource Allocation from Multiple Nodes:** When each IoT device can be serviced by multiple fog nodes, in order to guarantee the delay requirements and minimize the power consumption, a common method is to cluster the IoT devices and then allocate the computational resources to the IoT devices in the cluster. In order to find an optimal formation of the clusters of IoT devices, some factors need to be considered, including network topology, cluster size, access technology, and so on.

## CROSS-LAYER DYNAMIC RADIO RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN ECloT

From the previous section, existing works do not consider the joint admission control and resource allocation in ECloT well. Therefore, this section studies cross-layer joint design of admission control, computational resource allocation, and power control in ECloT to improve the performance of ECloT. Specifically, we consider the services characteristics information (SCI) of the application (APP) layer, queue state information (QSI) of the medium access control (MAC) layer, and channel state information (CSI) of the physical (PHY) layer. We first describe the system model and then formulate an optimization problem to maximize the system utility while satisfying the queue stability and average power constraints. Then we present numerical results.

### SYSTEM MODEL

We consider  $K$  types of IoT devices transmitting packets to a fog node, which can be modeled as  $K$  queues. Suppose that the packet arrival process of each IoT device is independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.). The number of new arrival packets of IoT device  $k$  at time slot  $t$  is  $A_k(t)$ , which follows a truncated Poisson distribution with average arrival rate  $\lambda_k$ . Denote  $B_k$  as the maximum number of arrival packets per slot. In order to capture the difference of IoT devices, we define  $v_k > 0$  and  $x_k > 0$  to represent the weight and the maximum desired processing ratio of IoT device  $k$ , respectively.

As the packets of  $K$  types of IoT devices are offloaded to the fog node, we define  $Q_k(t)$  as the queue backlog at time slot  $t$ . Each queue is controlled dynamically by admission control, computational resource allocation, and power control. Let  $r_k(t) \in [0, A_k(t)]$  and  $\mu_k(t) \in [0, Q_k(t)]$  denote the admission control action and computation-

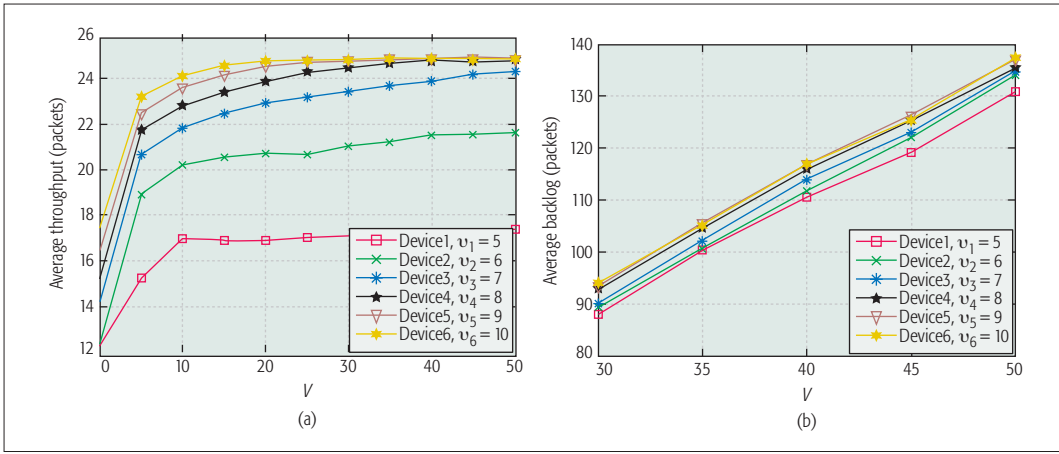


FIGURE 4. The trade-off between average throughput and backlogs with different  $V$ : a) average throughput with different  $V$ ; b) average backlogs with different  $V$ .

al resource allocation action for IoT device  $k$  at time slot  $t$ , respectively. Let  $\mu_{total}$  denote the total computational resources of the fog node, and  $\mu_k(t)$  should satisfy  $\sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \mu_k(t) \leq \mu_{total}$ . After it is processed, the data will eventually be transmitted to IoT devices. The maximum transmit power value of a fog node is  $P_{max}$ , and average value is  $P_{av}$ . For the power allocation of a fog node at time slot  $t$ ,  $P(t)$  should satisfy  $P(t) \leq P_{max}$ . Meanwhile, the average power should satisfy  $P \leq P_{av}$ . Let  $R(t)$  denote the transmission rate of the wireless channel between the fog node and IoT devices at time slot  $t$ . Suppose that each packet has equal size of  $L$  bits. Let  $C(t)$  be the maximum number of packets at time slot  $t$  of the wireless link between the fog node and the IoT devices. We have  $C(t) = \lfloor R(t)T_s/L \rfloor$ , where  $T_s$  is one time slot duration, and  $L$  is the packet size. The packets transmitted to the IoT devices are limited by channel capacity, that is,  $\sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \mu_k(t) \leq C(t)$ .

### JOINT ADMISSION CONTROL AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION

In what follows, we formulate a problem of joint admission control, computational resource allocation, and power control to maximize a sum of utility with time average constraints. We define  $U_k(\bar{r}_k)$  as a utility function to present average throughput benefit for IoT device  $k$ , which is nondecreasing concave continuous with  $\bar{r}_k$ . In this problem, we define  $\bar{z}$  as the long-term time average expectation of any variable  $z$ .

Based on the analysis, we formulate the problem to maximize the sum of utility function  $U_k(\bar{r}_k)$ . In the problem, four constraints should be considered: the stability of the queues, the power constraint of the fog node, the total computational resources constraint, and the channel capacity constraint.

Considering the dynamic packet arrival, we propose a cross-layer dynamic resource allocation framework, as shown in Fig. 3. In this framework, we consider three layers: APP, MAC, and PHY. At the APP layer, the fog node obtains the SCI, such as the packet arrival rate. At the MAC layer, the fog node acquires the QSI. At the PHY layer, the fog node obtains the CSI between the fog node and the IoT devices. Based on the PHY layer CSI, MAC layer QSI, and APP layer SCI, the fog

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node implements resource management, including admission control, computational resource allocation, and power control. Specifically, the dynamic access of data packets is decided by admission control. Computational resource allocation determines the virtual machines (VMs) allocated to each queue. Power control determines the transmitted power of the processed data from the fog node to the IoT devices.

Due to the long-term time average expectation and  $K$  integer variables  $\mu_k(t)$ , the problem is hard to solve. We can deal with the long-term time average expectation as follows. By introducing virtual queues, the original problem can be transformed into a queue stability problem. By utilizing the Lyapunov stochastic optimization approach, the queue stability problem can be decomposed into three separate subproblems. For the three subproblems, the utility maximization problem and admission control problem can easily be solved. The joint computational resource allocation and power control problem, due to the  $K$  integer variables  $\mu_k(t)$ , is difficult to solve. We can transform the problem into a single variable problem. Due to space limitation, details are omitted.

### PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

In this subsection, numerical results are provided to evaluate the performance of the proposed cross-layer resource management. We consider 6 IoT devices, and the system bandwidth is set to 5 MHz. The maximum transmit power of the fog node is 45 W, while the average transmit power is 35 W. The packet size is set to 240 bits, and the time slot duration is set to 1 ms. The path loss model is given by  $31.5 + 40\log_{10}(d)$ , where  $d$  is the distance between the IoT devices and the fog node.

Figure 4 shows the trade-off between average throughput and backlog with different  $V$ , where  $V$  is a parameter that represents the emphasis on utility maximization compared to queue stability.

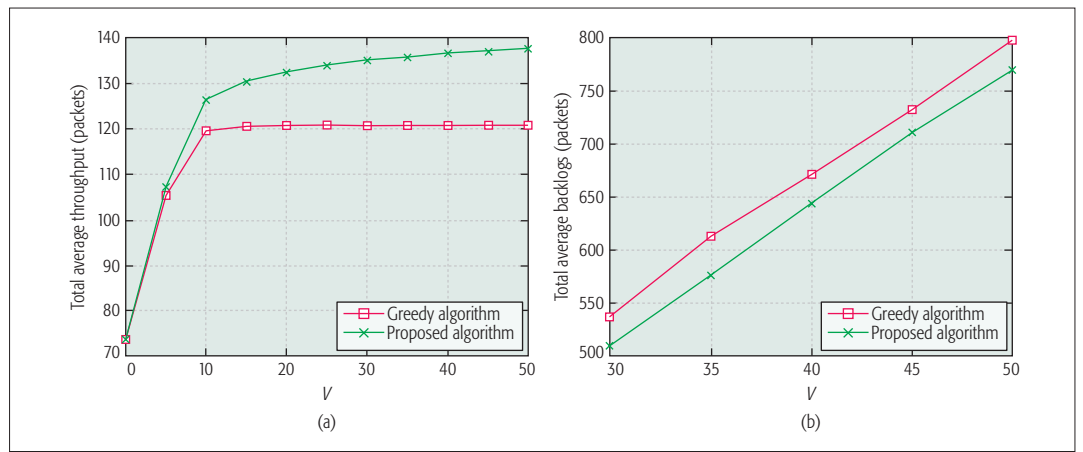


FIGURE 5. Performances comparison of two different algorithms: a) total average throughput with different  $V$ ; b) total average backlogs with different  $V$ .

The evaluation results show that the proposed joint admission control and resource allocation scheme can achieve the trade-off between average throughput and delay. Finally, we propose future research topics of resource management in ECloT.

In these two figures, we use the same parameters  $\lambda_k = 25$  and  $x_k = 1$  and different weights for IoT devices. From Fig. 4a, we can see that with increasing  $V$ , the average throughput for each IoT device also increases and the IoT device with higher weight can get larger average throughput. From Fig. 4b, we can see that the average queue backlogs of all IoT devices are linearly increasing with  $V$ . In addition, the proposed algorithm can ensure fairness, where the average queue backlogs of IoT devices with different weights are almost the same.

In order to demonstrate the efficiency of the proposed algorithm, we compare its performance with the greedy algorithm, in which order of computational resource allocation is from device 1 to device 6.

From Fig. 5, we can see that the total average throughput of the proposed algorithm is larger than that of the greedy algorithm. Meanwhile, the delay of the proposed algorithm is smaller than that of the greedy algorithm. That is because the computational resource allocation of the greedy algorithm does not consider the queues state for all IoT devices, and some computational resources are wasted.

## FUTURE DISCUSSION

This article investigates the joint admission control and resource allocation problem in ECloT. Considering the characteristics of IoT devices, such as group mobility, energy, and computational capability limitation, the other research topics of resource management in ECloT can be further explored.

**Mobility Management:** Because a cluster of IoT devices may belong to a subsystem, such as a vehicle or a social group, the IoT devices usually have group mobility pattern. To provide seamless services for such IoT devices, group mobility management should be designed. In the handover phase, the required radio resource of signaling overhead may far surpass that of data transmis-

sion; therefore, the dynamic resource allocation for control channel and traffic channel should be considered in the high mobility scenario.

**Interference Management:** The huge number of devices in IoT means interference management will be an inevitable issue. Although centralized signal processing on a fog node can eliminate interference via interference cancellation and interference coordination, facing the limited storage space and computational capability, low-complexity interference management techniques on the IoT device should be investigated.

**Effective Energy Harvesting:** As mentioned before, passive IoT devices can be powered by RF energy of fog nodes. For fog nodes with multiple antennas, energy beamforming can concentrate all the transmission energy of different antennas in the specified direction to provide better energy harvesting gain. Considering the diversity of phase and frequency of different carriers and antennas, it is a challenge issue to design the multiple energy beamformers to power mass IoT devices simultaneously.

## CONCLUSION

IoT is a new technology enabling things to interact with each other and to access the Internet. In this article, we consider the challenging issues of IoT (mass connections, big data processing, and IoT device power consumption) and propose a new ECloT architecture. Considering that radio resource and computational resource management can improve the performance of a communication system, radio resource and computational resource management in ECloT are considered, including admission control, resource allocation, power control, and computational resource allocation. Then a cross-layer dynamic stochastic network optimization problem is formulated. In order to solve this problem, the Lyapunov stochastic optimization approach is utilized. The evaluation results show that the proposed joint admission control and resource allocation scheme can achieve the trade-off between average throughput and delay. Finally, we propose future research topics of resource management in ECloT.

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