



Deep and Autonomic High-Performance Networks

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WAN-scale Network Resource and Traffic Optimization

Dynamic control of flow traffic for exascale science applications

- Achieve maximum application performance
- Minimize travel time
- Reduce traffic congestion
- Improve bandwidth utilization

Problem domain: Develop techniques to handle online and fast decision-making on very large-scale decentralized infrastructure

- > 50 sites
- > 10^2 devices
- > 10^4 flows per second per link
- > 10^5 Bytes of moving data

Impact

- Improve reliability of large and long running network transfers
- Enable intent-driven network resource allocation
- Enable complex science workflows requiring deadline-driven transfers
- Enable 100% utilization of network links
- Dynamically control and optimize network resource usage

TCP Performance Improvement for End-to-End Workflows

Panorama 360: Performance Data Capture and Analysis for End-to-End Scientific Workflows

- End-to-End performance analysis of distributed and large scientific workflows
- Optimizing behavior of workflow manager, storage, compute and network during a workflow cycle
- Unsupervised feature extraction for studying TCP algorithm behavior

TCP behavior analysis

- Study TCP statistics for TCP cubic, TCP reno and TCP Hamilton for behavior differences using machine learning feature extraction
- Understand and predict packet loss, packet duplication and reordering to improve TCP flows
- Improve bandwidth utilization and TCP slow start behavior

PCA, Autoencoders and Isolation Forest for distinguishing good and bad transfers

Developing new decision tree algorithms to extract abnormal transfer behavior features in large science transfers

Deep Learning and Control

Learning optimal actions given current environment state for dynamic management of resources

- Learning through trial and error (state, action, Q(state,action))
- Deep neural networks to capture more detail through hidden states
- Improve the reward captured through many episodes played
- Multiple RL agents across the WAN layers
- Model-based and model-free learning
- Cost optimization function approximation

First year explored unsupervised machine learning methods

- Future is exploring Reinforcement and Control algorithms

Novel Time-Series Prediction Methods

- Developing improved time-series prediction algorithms to capture and predict random user behavior on network use
- Advancing current LSTM models to improve the prediction error multiple time-steps into the future

- Reducing prediction error multiple hours in the future
- Reducing the training size required
- Comparing to traditional time-series methods

Scheduling and Optimizing Link Utilization

DeepRoute*

- Developing heuristic-informed path routing versus distance-vector (Bellman-Ford) and Link-state (Dijkstra) planning
- D* dynamic variant of A* route planning
- Current testing shows looping in the algorithm
- Advance based on utilized bandwidth for dynamic scheduling of transfers

- Finding optimal routes vs shortest possible routes
- Reducing flow completion times
- Utilize links to highest capacity (current cap 40% fault tolerance)

Intent-based Network Research

Tell me WHAT not HOW

Intent-based projects INDRA and EVIAN to enable superfacility use cases using Bots, ML and negotiation

- Planned network features:
 - Check availability of resources
 - Minimize transfer time
 - Optimizing configuration
 - Scheduling

Collaborations with NERSC, superfacility teams and ALS. This is ongoing work at LBNL

Summary

Goal: Optimize and improve network resources by automating the network actions to make it an autonomic network

Real-time ML and control for network management

Next steps:

- Dynamic optimization of link utilization
- ML-based time-series prediction algorithms for predicting time-based behavior
- Intent-based resource allocation
- Autonomic network use cases with self-X properties (Self-configure, Self-optimize, Self-healing, Self-protect)

Collaborating Institutions: Renci, USC, ANL, ORNL, LLNL, FNAL, UCSD, UCDavis

