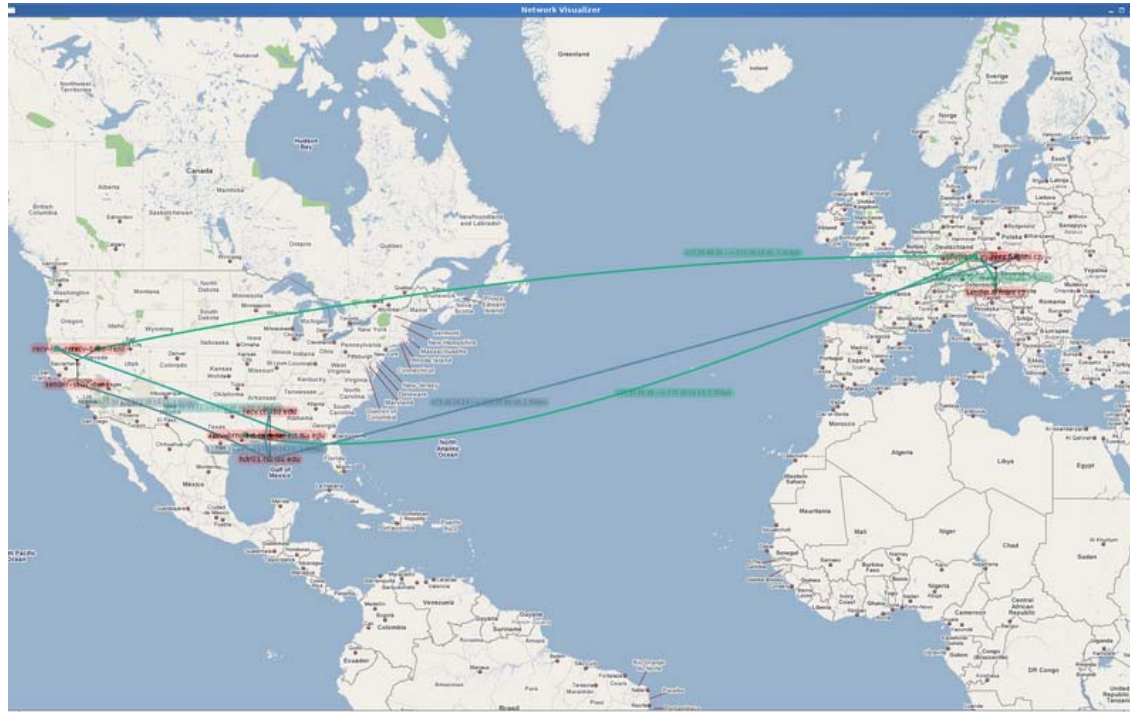


Data Transfer Planning



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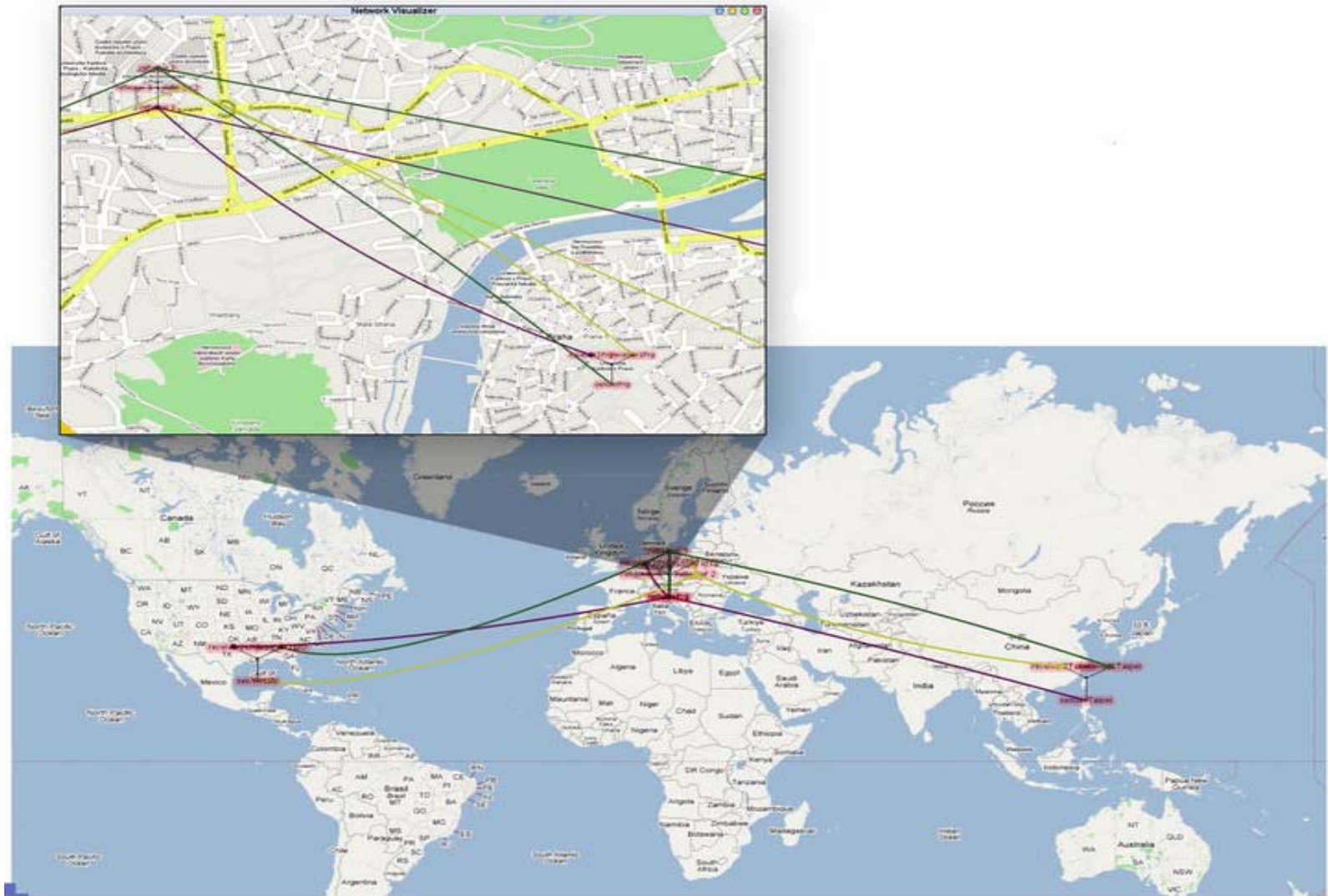
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CoUniverse

- Framework for building and self-organization of ad-hoc collaborative environments developed by Miloš Liška and Petr Holub (FI MUNI)
- Continuous adaptation on changing conditions based on built-in monitoring – re-planning from scratch on change
- Support for media streams with bitrate comparable to capacity of network links (e.g. HD video) – sophisticated scheduler needed
- Visualization of the environment for the users to make it understandable
- Uses a constraint based scheduler implemented in Java using a CHOCO solver library
- My work extends the original scheduler and adds some new features

CoUniverse - GLIF2007 conference



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Problem Description

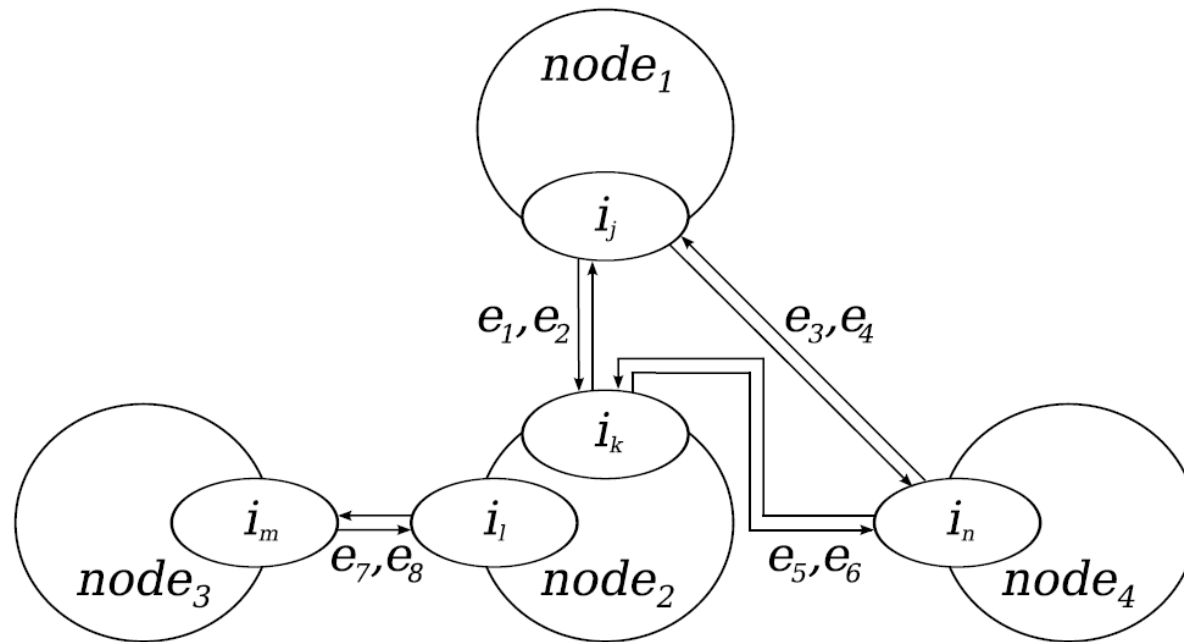
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Network Organization I

- Network represented as a graph $G = (V, E)$
 - Vertices \rightarrow *Nodes*
 - Edges \rightarrow *Links*
- *Sites* – geographical or logical (virtual) collocation of nodes
 - used to specify source for applications consuming data
- *Subnetworks* – separated parts of the network
- *Interfaces* – used to connect nodes within particular subnetworks
 - they describe a physical network infrastructure
- *Nodes* – configured with data processing applications
 - applications define capabilities of the node
- *Links* – full-mesh network topology between interfaces (of two different nodes) belonging to the same subnetwork

Network Organization II

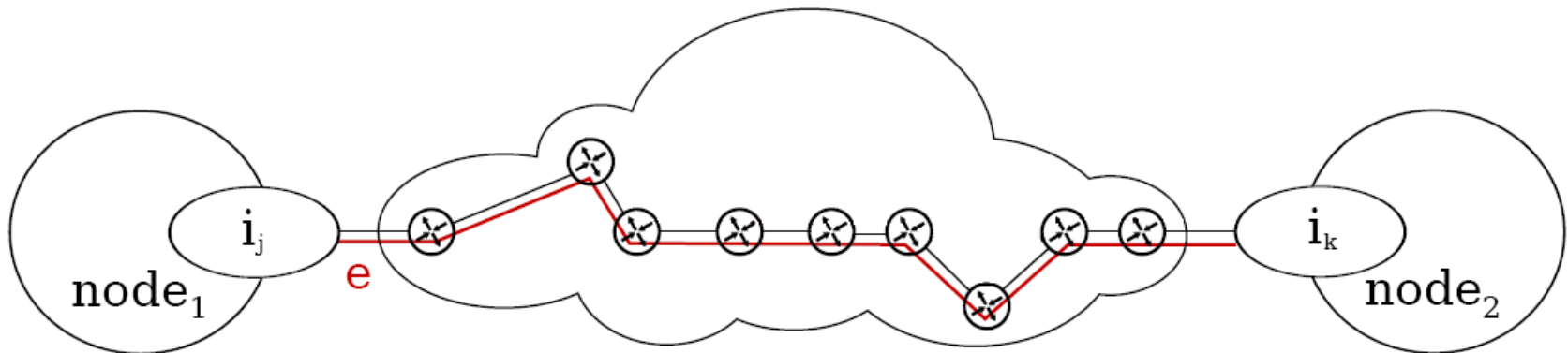
- $subnet(i_j) = subnet(i_k) = subnet(i_n) = net_1$
- $subnet(i_m) = subnet(i_l) = net_2$
- $node_2$ – “gateway” between net_1 and net_2



Nodes, interfaces and links example

Network Organization III

- *Links* are comprehended as end-to-end links between node interfaces and thus they do not reflect the structure of real physical network topology
- Each *Link* in our model may be built using a number of physical network links, switches and routers



Physical network infrastructure vs. *Link*

Media Applications

- Running on nodes
- Capable of producing and/or consuming data
- Communicate using *streams* of particular types
- *Stream* – abstract entity
 - defined by its *Producer* and its *Stream Type*
- *Stream Type* – data (video) format (e.g. HDTV, HDV MPEG2)
 - bandwidth, quality
- *Media Application Producer / Consumer*
 - capable of producing / consuming one or more *stream types*
 - e.g. UltraGrid, VideoLAN Client (VLC), Polycom device
- *Media Application Distributor*
 - special application for data distribution
 - receives a stream and proliferates it to other applications

Media Application Distributor

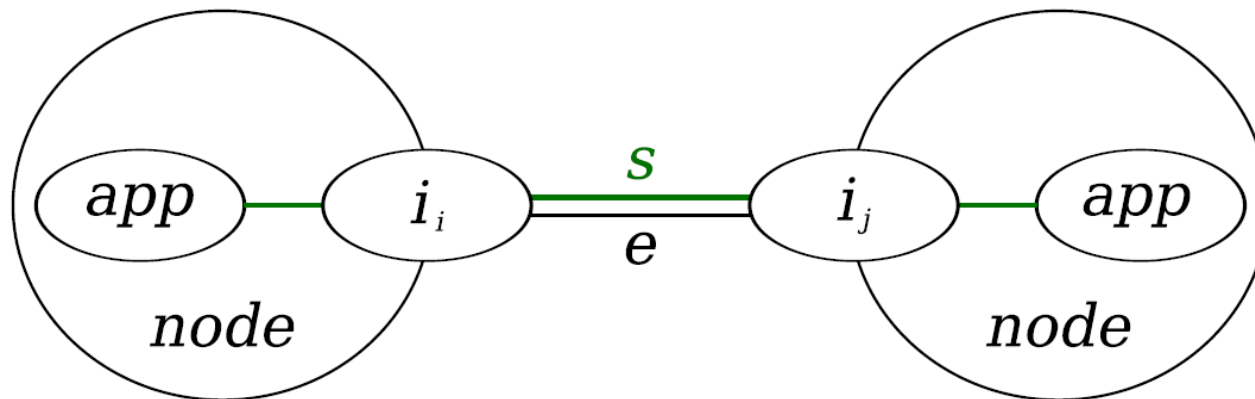
- Application used for data distribution
- Consumes exactly one stream and is able to proliferate this (possibly transcoded) stream to more than one consumer (or other distributor/s)
- Transcoding type distributor (e.g. Active Element)
 - stream type of the input stream can be transcoded to some other stream type (dependent on distributor's capability)
 - stream producer is always preserved!
- Reflector type distributor
 - no transcoding capabilities
 - only exact copies of the input stream can be distributed
 - used in previous version of constraint based scheduler

Applications on Nodes Restrictions

- There are some restrictions on applications running on nodes for the input network:
- Each node has to run either
 - just one $d \in D$ and no other application
- Or
 - i producers and/or j consumers where $(i + j) > 0, i \geq 0, j \geq 0$
- Two applications (consumers) processing a stream from the same source cannot run on the same node
- For example, two instances of UltraGrid consumers use fixed port number for addressing, thus cannot be listening for incoming media stream on a single node at the same time

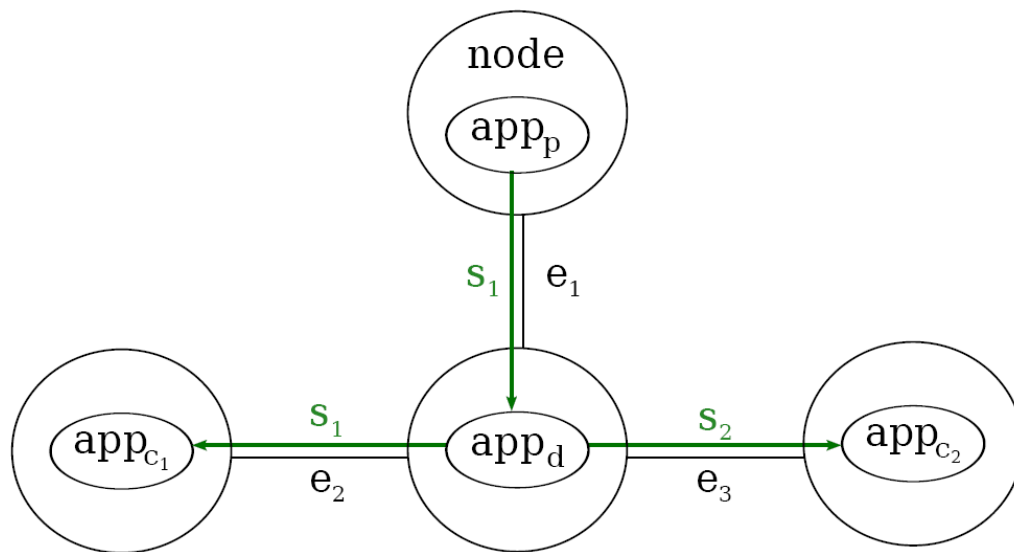
Stream Links

- Abstraction of a fact that a stream is being transmitted over particular network link
- Basic entity to be scheduled in the proposed model
- Representation of stream link in proposed model: $sl(l, p, t)$, where l is a network link, p is a producer and t is a stream type



Media Streams Planning Problem

- The goal is to find such a set of media stream distribution trees (a forest) that all consumers are covered by producer/s from requested sites while satisfying all other conditions (distributors transcoding capabilities, links/interfaces capacities etc.)
- We want to optimize latency and/or quality of the solution

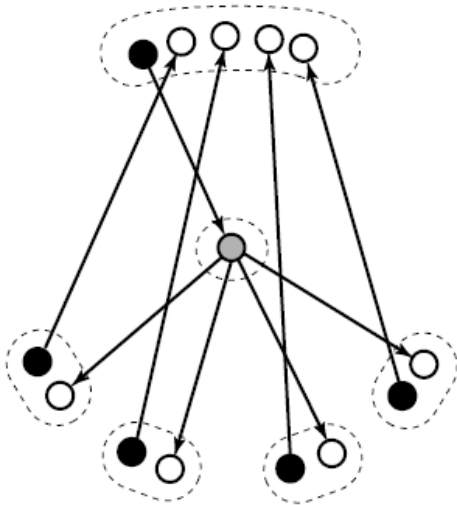


stream	producer	type
s ₁	app _p	A
s ₂	app _p	B

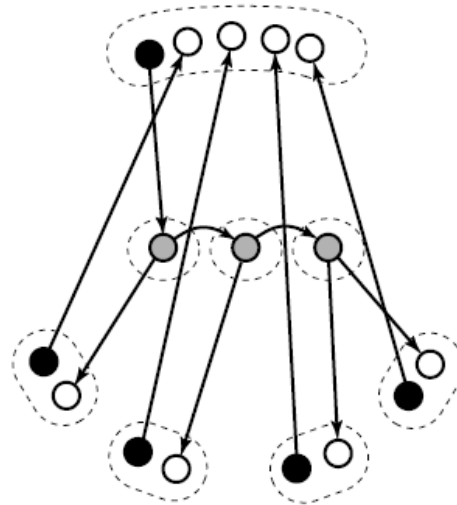
Media streams distribution tree example

Network Topologies Examples

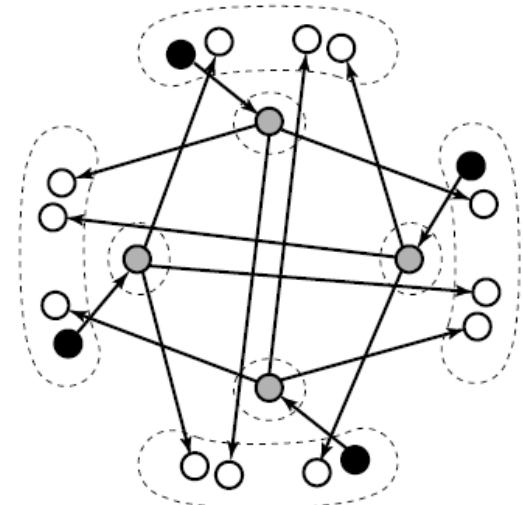
- Used for testing the simplified media streams planning problem
- (a) 1:n topology with a single distributor having sufficient capacity
- (b) 1:n topology with several distributors creating a distribution network
- (c) m:n full-mesh topology with a number of distributors



(a)



(b)



(c)

Entities and Notation I

- *Nodes* (V)

$\forall v \in V$:

site(v) – particular site the node belongs to

interfaces(v) – a set of interfaces belonging to the node v

- *Interfaces* (I)

$\forall i \in I$:

subnet(i) – just one subnet the interface belongs to

capacity(i) – capacity of the interface

- *Links* (E)

– directed link $e = (i, j)$ where $i, j \in I$ are the terminal interfaces

– such e exists iff $subnet(i) = subnet(j)$

Entities and Notation II

- *Links* (cont.)

$\forall e \in E$:

$beginI(e)$ – beginning interface of the link e

$endI(e)$ – ending interface of the link e

$begin(e)$ – beginning node of the link e

$end(e)$ – ending node of the link e

Note: one interface can be shared by more links!

$capacity(e)$ – capacity of the link e

– determined by its interfaces (i.e. $\min(capacityI(i), capacityI(j))$)
or further by the network monitoring

$latency(e)$ – latency of the link e

– determined solely by the network monitoring

Entities and Notation III

- *Stream Types (T)*

$\forall t \in T:$

bandwidth(t) – bandwidth needed to transfer a stream of type t

quality(t) – quality of a stream of type t

- *Producers (P)*

$\forall p \in P:$

node(p) – parent node of the producer p

stream_types(p) – a set of stream types the producer p is able to produce

Entities and Notation IV

- *Consumers (C)*

$\forall c \in C:$

$node(c)$ – parent node of the consumer c

$stream_types(c)$ – a set of stream types the consumer c is able to consume

$requested_site(c)$ – a site from which the consumer c wants to receive data and where appropriate producer is sought

- *Distributors (D)*

$\forall d \in D:$

$node(d)$ – parent node of the distributor d

$transcode_pairs(d) = \{(t_{in}, t_{out}) \mid t_{in}, t_{out} \in T\}$

Entities and Notation V

Additional notation

- “*Belongs to node*” notation

$\forall x \in P \cup C \cup D \cup I$ we write $x \in v$ meaning that producer/consumer/distributor/interface x belongs to the node v

- *Sites (SI)*

$$\text{consumers}(si) = \{ c \mid c \in C \wedge \text{requested_site}(c) = si \}$$

- *Distributors*

$$\text{transcode_in}(d) = \{ t_{in} \mid (t_{in}, t_{out}) \in \text{transcode_pairs}(d) \wedge t_{out} \in T \}$$

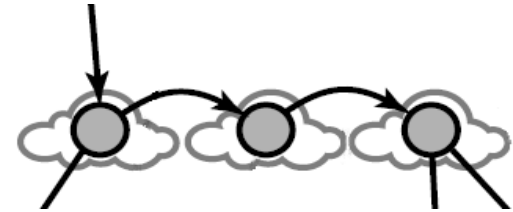
$$\text{transcode_out}(d) = \{ t_{out} \mid (t_{in}, t_{out}) \in \text{transcode_pairs}(d) \wedge t_{in} \in T \}$$

$$\text{transcode}(d, t_{in}) = \{ t_{out} \mid (t_{in}, t_{out}) \in \text{transcode_pairs}(d) \wedge t_{out} \in T \}$$

Entities and Notation VI

- *Producers*

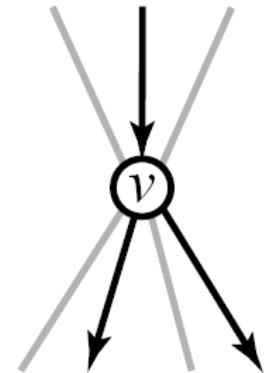
$possible_types(p)$ – a set of all types that streams of producer p can acquire in the given network configuration
 = $stream_types(p)$ + their possible transcoding



- *Distributors & Producers*

$$indeg(d, p) = \sum_{\substack{(l \in E) \wedge \\ (node(d) = end(l))}} \sum_{\substack{t \in possible_types(p) \cap \\ transcode_in(d)}} sl(l, p, t)$$

$$outdeg(d, p) = \sum_{\substack{(l \in E) \wedge \\ (node(d) = begin(l))}} \sum_{\substack{t \in possible_types(p) \cap \\ transcode_out(d)}} sl(l, p, t)$$



Pre-processing part I

- Eliminate inactive consumers (i.e. those where $requested_site(c) = \text{null}$)
- Eliminate producers from non-requested sites
- Generate a $possible_types(p)$ set for each producer p
- Replace multi-input-type distributors by a set of *virtual distributors* (single-input type)
- Motivation example:

$d: transcode_pairs(d) = \{(A, B), (A, C), (B, C)\}$



– we are not able to distinguish whether the type C was transcoded from type A or type B

Pre-processing part II

- Solution: we replace the original distributor by a set of virtual distributors on the particular node

$$d: \text{transcode_pairs}(d) = \{(A, B), (A, C), (B, C)\}$$

$$\longrightarrow d_1: \text{transcode_pairs}(d_1) = \{(A, B), (A, C)\}$$

$$d_2: \text{transcode_pairs}(d_2) = \{(B, C)\}$$

- number of virtual distributors = $\text{transcode_in}(d)$
- restriction on just one distributor on a node does not apply any more (it is restriction on the input network)
- only one of the virtual distributors can be active
- Network links elimination
 - helps to reduce number of network links and consequently the number of domain variables, thus making the problem smaller

Network Links Elimination

- Eliminate edges that cannot be used for data transfer in our problem
- We will obtain significantly smaller number of stream links
- Stream link $sl(l, p, t)$ will not be created for eliminated link l
- We want to find a set of edges

$$E_{\text{elim}} = E \setminus \{ L_{\text{cap}} \cup L_{\text{c}} \cup L_{\text{p}} \cup L_{\text{site}} \}$$

where

$$L_{\text{cap}} = \{ l \in E \mid \text{capacity}(l) < \min(\{ \text{bandwidth}(t) \mid t \in \text{possible_types}(p) \wedge p \in P \}) \}$$

$$L_{\text{c}} = \{ l \in E \mid p \notin \text{begin}(l) \wedge d \notin \text{begin}(l) \}$$

$$L_{\text{p}} = \{ l \in E \mid c \notin \text{end}(l) \wedge d \notin \text{end}(l) \}$$

$$L_{\text{site}} = \{ l \in E \mid \text{site}(\text{begin}(l)) = \text{site}(\text{end}(l)) \}$$

- In the following text we still denote a set of links as E for sake of brevity but we treat it as E_{elim}

Constraint Model

- Domain Variables
- Capacity and Bandwidth
- Links to Node
- Links from Node
- Distributors
- Cycle Elimination
- Direct Links
- Optimization
- Constraint Satisfaction Problem
- Search Strategies

Domain Variables

- We want to place requests (streams) to resources (network)
- Stream = producer + type

- Stream Links

$$X = \{ sl(l, p, t) \mid l \in E, p \in P, t \in possible_types(p) \}$$

- Boolean domain ($D = \{0, 1\}$)

$sl(l, p, t) = 0$ – stream from producer p of type t is not transmitted over link l

$sl(l, p, t) = 1$ – stream from producer p of type t is transmitted over link l

Capacity and Bandwidth

- Capacity of each interface i must be sufficient to transfer all streams that are transmitted over links using the interface

$$\forall i \in I: \sum_{\substack{l \in E: \\ (i = \text{begin}l(l)) \\ \wedge (i = \text{end}l(l))}} \sum_{p \in P} \sum_{t \in \text{possible_types}(p)} sl(l, p, t) \times \text{bandwidth}(t) \leq \text{capacity}I(i) \quad (1)$$

- Capacity of each link l must be sufficient to transfer all streams that are transmitted over the link

$$\forall l \in E: \sum_{p \in P} \sum_{t \in \text{possible_types}(p)} sl(l, p, t) \times \text{bandwidth}(t) \leq \text{capacity}(l) \quad (2)$$

- Each link l must have sufficient capacity to transmit the stream of type t (redundant constraint)

$$\forall l \in E \forall p \in P \forall t \in \text{possible_types}(p) \\ (\text{bandwidth}(t) > \text{capacity}(l)): sl(l, p, t) = 0 \quad (3)$$

Links to Node

- Each consumer c receives data by just one link carrying a stream of type t it is able to consume and which contains data produced by a producer p from the requested site

$$\forall c \in C : \sum_{\substack{(l \in E) \\ \wedge (c \in \text{end}(l))}} \sum_{\substack{(p \in P) \wedge \\ (\text{site}(\text{node}(p)) = \\ \text{requested_site}(c))}} \sum_{\substack{t \in \text{possible_types}(p) \cap \\ \text{stream_types}(c)}} sl(l, p, t) = 1 \quad (4)$$

- If there is neither an appropriate consumer nor an appropriate distributor at the ending node of the link l , this link cannot be used for transmitting the particular stream

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall l \in E \forall p \in P \forall t \in \text{possible_types}(p) \\ & ((\neg \exists c \in C ((c \in \text{end}(l)) \wedge (\text{site}(\text{node}(p)) = \\ & \quad \text{requested_site}(c)) \wedge (t \in \text{stream_types}(c)))) \wedge \\ & (\neg \exists d \in D ((d \in \text{end}(l)) \wedge (t \in \text{transcode_in}(d))))): sl(l, p, t) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Links from Node I

- Each producer p sends data by at most one link out of all beginning at the node it is placed on

$$\forall p \in P: \sum_{(l \in E) \wedge (p \in \text{begin}(l))} \sum_{t \in \text{stream_types}(p)} sl(l, p, t) \leq 1 \quad (6)$$

- At least one producer from each requested site has to send data to the respective consumer/s (possibly distributed by distributors)

$$\forall si \in SI \exists c \in C (\text{requested_site}(c) = si):$$
$$\sum_{(l \in E) \wedge (p \in \text{begin}(l))} \sum_{(p \in P) \wedge (\text{site}(\text{node}(p)) = si)} \sum_{t \in \text{stream_types}(p)} sl(l, p, t) \geq 1 \quad (7)$$

Links from Node II

- If there is neither an appropriate producer nor an appropriate distributor at the beginning node of the link l , this link cannot be used for transmitting the particular stream

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall l \in E \forall p \in P \forall t \in \text{possible_types}(p) \\ &\quad ((p \notin \text{begin}(l)) \vee (t \notin \text{stream_types}(p))) \\ &\quad \wedge (\neg \exists d \in D ((d \in \text{begin}(l)) \wedge (t \in \text{transcode_out}(d))))): \quad sl(s, l) = 0 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Distributors I

- Only one out of all (virtual!) distributors sharing a common parent node can be active

$$\forall v \in V \exists d', d'' \in D (d' \in v \wedge d'' \in v): \sum_{(d \in D) \wedge (d \in v)} \sum_{p \in P} \text{indeg}(d, p) \leq 1 \quad (9)$$

- applied only if number of distributors on a node is more than one
- in case of one distributor (original) this constraint is not used as it would match the following constraint

- Each distributor d can be used for distribution of at most one input stream (i.e. it receives the data by one link at most)

$$\forall d \in D: \sum_{p \in P} \text{indeg}(d, p) \leq 1 \quad (10)$$

Distributors II

- Data distribution constraints (distributors have to satisfy the following rules)

$$\forall d \in D \forall p \in P: \begin{array}{l} \text{if } \text{indeg}(d,p) = 0 \text{ then } \text{outdeg}(d,p) = 0 \\ \text{if } \text{indeg}(d,p) = 1 \text{ then } \text{outdeg}(d,p) \geq 1 \end{array}$$

$$\forall d \in D \forall p \in P: \text{if } \text{outdeg}(d,p) = 0 \text{ then } \text{indeg}(d,p) = 0$$

- Constraint for the first part of rules for $\text{indeg}(d, p)$

$$\forall d \in D \forall p \in P: \text{indeg}(d, p) \times \text{outdeg}(d, p) = \text{outdeg}(d, p) \quad (11)$$

- Constraint for the second part of rules for $\text{outdeg}(d, p)$

$$\forall d \in D \forall p \in P: \text{indeg}(d, p) + \text{outdeg}(d, p) \neq 1 \quad (12)$$

Cycle Elimination

- To avoid cycles among the nodes with distributors, the cycle elimination constraint has to be used for each possible producer
- n = number of nodes with distributors (i.e. number of distributors before generating the virtual distributors)

$$\forall p \in P \forall l \in E \forall k (2 \leq k \leq n) \forall i (1 \leq i \leq \binom{n}{k}):$$

$$\sum_{t \in \text{possible_types}(p)} \sum_{\substack{j1, j2 \in C_{(n,k)}(i): \\ (v_{j1} = \text{begin}(l)) \wedge (v_{j2} = \text{end}(l)) \\ \wedge (1 \in sl(l, p, t))}} sl(l, p, t) < (k - 1) \quad (13)$$

- For each possible producer and for each k smaller or equal than n , this constraint ensures that cycles among k distributor nodes are prohibited

Direct Links

- If there is more than one consumer for a particular site, data should be sent using some distributor and not directly from possible producer to respective consumers (redundant constraint)

$$\begin{aligned} \forall si \in SI \ \forall l \in E \ \forall p \in P \ \forall c \in consumers(si) \ \forall t \in possible_types(p) \\ ((\|consumers(si)\| > 1) \wedge (site(node(p)) = si) \quad (14) \\ \wedge (p \in begin(l)) \wedge (c \in end(l))) : \quad sl(l, p, t) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Problem: this constraint can eliminate some feasible solutions

Optimization

- Latency minimization

$$\text{minimize } \sum_{l \in E} \sum_{p \in P} \sum_{t \in \text{possible_types}(p)} sl(l, p, t) \times \text{latency}(l) \quad (15)$$

- Quality maximization

$$\text{maximize } \sum_{l \in E} \sum_{p \in P} \sum_{t \in \text{possible_types}(p)} sl(l, p, t) \times \text{quality}(t) \quad (16)$$

Constraint Satisfaction Problem I

- A set of domain variables – $X = \{ sl(l, p, t) \mid l \in E, p \in P, t \in possible_types(p) \}$
- A domain of the variables – $D = \{0, 1\}$
- A set of essential constraints – C
 $= \{(1), (2), (4) - (13)\}$
- A set of all constraints (including the redundant ones) – C^+
 $= \{(1) - (14)\}$
- A set of constraints for minimization problem – C_{\min} / C^+_{\min}
 $= \{C / C^+ \cup (15)\}$
- A set of constraints for maximization problem – C_{\max} / C^+_{\max}
 $= \{C / C^+ \cup (16)\}$
- A set of constraints for optimization problem – $C_{\text{multi}} / C^+_{\text{multi}}$
 $= \{C / C^+ \cup (15), (16)\}$

Constraint Satisfaction Problem II

- Consequently, we can define these corresponding CSPs:

$$P = (X, D, C)$$

$$P^+ = (X, D, C^+)$$

$$P_{\min} = (X, D, C_{\min}) / P^+_{\min} = (X, D, C^+_{\min})$$

$$P_{\max} = (X, D, C_{\max}) / P^+_{\max} = (X, D, C^+_{\max})$$

$$P_{\text{multi}} = (X, D, C_{\text{multi}}) / P^+_{\text{multi}} = (X, D, C^+_{\text{multi}})$$

- Each solution of described problems defines a forest where one tree in this forest corresponds to the data distribution of a set of streams from one producer to consumers
- We can have more distribution trees for one requested site (more than one producer can be active)

Search Strategies

- Value ordering
 - boolean variables – increasing (default), decreasing
- Variable ordering
 - static:
 - leftmost – simple linearization of $sl(l, p, t)$ array over l first (outer loop) and then over p and its t (inner loop)
 - rightmost – simple linearization of $sl(l, p, t)$ array over p and its t first (outer loop) and then over l (inner loop)
 - DFS – depth first search traversal from each possible producer
 - BFS – breadth first search traversal from each possible producer
 - dynamic:
 - degree – based on the maximum number of constraints related with each variable

Experimental Testing Proposal

Input instances configuration:

- Several different topologies (1:n, m:n, ...)
- Consumers capable of receiving more than one stream type to be able to evaluate the maximization of the quality feature
- More sophisticated link latency values if possible to better evaluate the minimization of the latency feature

Experimental tests evaluation:

- Usage of different value and variable orderings
- Times needed to find a solution for different input instances and different types of CSP (optimization, all solutions, usage of the redundant constraints, ...)
- Time to find only a first solution – appropriate for significantly large problems where finding optimal solution can take a long time

Simplified Problem

- Solved by the original scheduler implemented by Miloš Liška and Petr Holub
- Precomputed matching of consumers and producers
- Only one producer from requested site can be active
- Selection of the producer is not unambiguous – there can be more suitable producers in the requested site, in such case the producer is chosen as a first match
- $X = \{sl(l, p) \mid l \in E, p \in P\}$ – significantly smaller problem
- $producer(c)$ – just one producer for the consumer c
- $consumers(p)$ – a set of consumers of the producer p
- Only reflector type distributors
- Only latency minimization as an objective function

Evaluation of the Simplified P. I

Parameters of different topologies:

$topology$ - $\ SI_D\ $	$\ V\ $	$\ D\ $	$\ E\ $	$\ E_{elim}\ $	$\ \mathcal{X}_{elim}\ $	$unass(\mathcal{X}_{elim})$	$\ (11)\ $	$\ \Theta_{elim}^+\ $	F^o
$1:n-s-2$	5	1	40	10	20	6	0	3	22
$1:n-s-4$	11	1	220	44	176	13	0	1	77
$1:n-s-8$	23	1	1,012	184	1,472	29	0	1	165
$1:n-s-16$	47	1	4,324	752	12,032	61	0	1	341
$1:n-s-32$	95	1	17,860	3,040	97,280	125	0	1	693
$1:n-r-2$	5	1	40	10	20	6	0	3	22
$1:n-r-3$	9	2	144	36	108	22	3	6	55
$1:n-r-4$	13	3	312	78	312	57	16	39	77
$1:n-r-5$	17	4	544	136	680	116	55	292	99
$1:n-r-6$	21	5	840	210	1,260	205	156	2505	121
$1:n-r-7$	25	6	1,200	300	2,100	300	399	24,306	143
$m:n-2$	6	2	60	18	36	14	2	7	22
$m:n-3$	12	3	264	60	180	45	12	6	99
$m:n-4$	20	4	760	140	560	112	44	24	176
$m:n-5$	30	5	1,740	270	1,350	225	130	120	275
$m:n-6$	42	6	3,444	462	2,772	396	342	720	396

Evaluation of the Simplified P. II

1:n-s topology [ms]

$\ SI_D\ $	2	4	8	16	32
first	2.0 ± 0.4	6.4 ± 0.5	40.4 ± 0.5	664 ± 6	$15,600 \pm 200$
min	2.0 ± 0.4	5.6 ± 0.5	40.6 ± 0.5	652 ± 6	$15,400 \pm 300$

1:n-r topology [ms]

$\ SI_D\ $	2	3	4	5	6	7
first	2.0 ± 0.4	4.0 ± 0.4	9.6 ± 0.5	20.6 ± 0.5	40.0 ± 0.4	81 ± 2
min	2.0 ± 0.4	4.8 ± 0.4	13.6 ± 0.5	39.2 ± 0.5	240.8 ± 0.4	$3,050 \pm 70$

m:n topology [ms]

$\ SI_D\ $	2	3	4	5	6
first	2.0 ± 0.4	6.0 ± 0.4	18 ± 1	44.2 ± 0.4	107.4 ± 0.8
min	2.0 ± 0.4	6.4 ± 0.5	20.2 ± 0.4	65.0 ± 0.4	313 ± 3

Evaluation of the Simplified P. III

Computational results for different variable and value ordering heuristics for selected topologies

	$1:n-s-32$		$1:n-r-5$		$m:n-r-4$	
	dec [ms]	inc [ms]	dec [ms]	inc [ms]	dec [ms]	inc [ms]
<i>leftmost</i>	15,500±200	14,700±200	62,350±50	57,000±100	219,300±300	198,300±600
<i>stream</i>	15,400±200	14,700±200	510±20	475±1	88.4±0.5	84.8±0.4
<i>dfs</i>	16,400±80	16,200±300	304.6±0.8	283.4±0.8	51±0	48±0
<i>degree</i>	15,100±140	15,000±300	42.6±0.8	38.8±0.4	21.6±0.5	20.6±0.5

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