Network FRESCO: A Framework for Experimental Screening, Control, and Optimization

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ABSTRACT:
FRESCO is an interdisciplinary project driven by the challenging long-standing problem of optimizing performance of wireless networks under changing operating conditions. It provides a general framework to screen for factors and their interactions that are significant for the response variables of interest. Statistical models of responses are developed and used for optimization. Models for expected operating scenarios are developed offline. As the network executes, each node monitors online both its actual performance and its performance as predicted by a model. Significant deviation from the expectation for a monitored variable triggers the network to adapt by interpolation among, or extrapolation from, the existing models. Unstable model usage instead triggers a model to be updated locally. The FRESCO framework can be applied to data gathered from experimentation with a stochastic simulation model or a physical system. FRESCO is joint work with Charles J. Colbourn and Douglas C. Montgomery of Arizona State University, and Murat Kulahci of the Technical University of Denmark.

Bio:
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