Video streaming is now ubiquitous on the mobile Internet. This motivated intense research in adaptive streaming algorithms to tackle mobile networks' fluctuating conditions. Our investigations revealed that while existing learning-based algorithms can perform well in their intended operating environments, their performance can degrade substantially in other environments. In this talk, I will introduce a novel Ensemble Adaptive Streaming (EAS) paradigm to tackle the challenge. Specifically, as opposed to training one single streaming algorithm for all network conditions, we argue that different network conditions require different algorithms. We thus introduce the notion of network differentiators to segregate the network conditions into different classes where each class has its own adaptation algorithm optimized specifically for it. At runtime, an EAS mobile streaming client selects the matching adaptation algorithm using the same network differentiator on a per video session basis. EAS not only outperformed state-of-the-art algorithms substantially, but also exhibited remarkable robustness over time, location, mobile operators, as well as quality-of-experience metrics.

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