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Introduction: How is designing sensor networks different?

- **Network centric v/s device centric**
 Collaborative behavior is more important than individual node.
- **Multiple parameters of interest**
 Number of nodes, Lifetime of the network, Accuracy of obtained results, Delay in obtaining the results, Monitored area by the network etc.
- **Traditional design paradigm does not works!**
 Focus is on run time protocol optimization and individual device improvement.
- **Novel design paradigm**
 Should take into account the global picture and optimizations should be performed on the network scale.

Problem Description: Develop a design time methodology for sensor networks

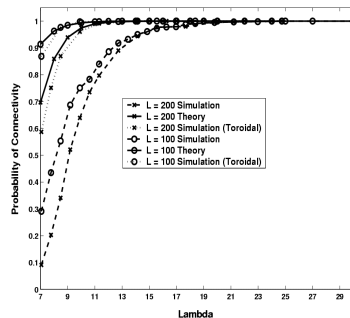
- **Identify four QoS parameters from users perspective**
 Density, Accuracy, Delay and Lifetime.
- **Analyze the QoS parameters individually**
 Develop mathematical models and verify them via simulations.
- **Analyze the interaction between these QoS parameters**
 Study tradeoffs between them to make judicious design time choices.
- **Develop a design time recipe**

Proposed Solution: Design time recipe for sensor networks

QoS parameters

Density

- Average number of neighbors per node.
- Network topology is more important than the total number of nodes.
- *Network connectivity* imposes a lower bound.
- *Budget* imposes an upper bound

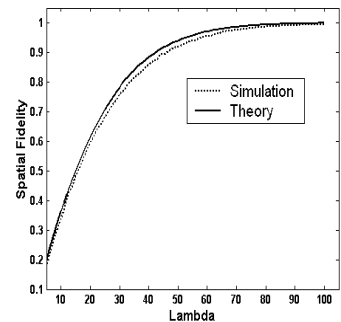


Delay

- Depends on number of hops the data takes and the latency per hop.
- Number of hops depend on the diameter of underlying graph
- Latency per hop depends on transmission delay and MAC overhead delay
- Several topology management schemes like STEM have been proposed which tradeoff the latency or delay to improve the lifetime.
- At design time we need to take into account any gains in lifetime that can be achieved if no latency constrained are imposed

Accuracy

- *Temporal* – how often data is generated.
- *Spatial* – how well an area is covered
- Define *spatial fidelity* as weighted average of nodes covering an area
- *Shaping function* associates the confidence which a user places in an observation.

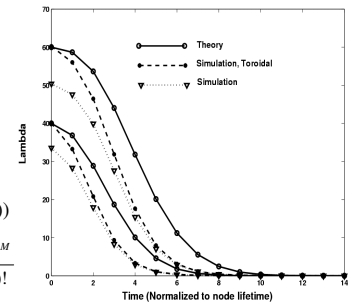


Lifetime

- A network is rendered useless if either the accuracy falls or connectivity is lost.
- Define utility of a to represents overall useful information derived from the network

$$U(t) = S(\lambda(t)) * P_{connectness}(\lambda(t))$$

$$\lambda(mT) = \lambda((m-1)T) - \lambda(0) \cdot \frac{M^{m-1} e^{-M}}{(m-1)!}$$



Design time recipe

- User has fixed budget of 480 nodes.
- At least one node should report the intrusion to the end user.
- Objective is to maximize network lifetime.

Case I – Stringent latency bound

- Average end to end delay bound is 75ms.
- Because of strict latency bound only schemes like GAF can be used to improve the lifetime.

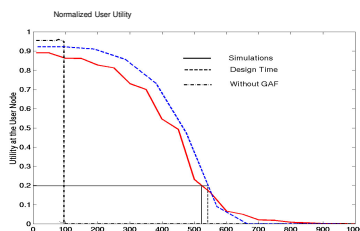


Figure 1: Stringent Delay Requirement

Case II – Loose latency bound

- Average end to end delay bound is 400ms.
- Designer can use schemes like STEM to improve network lifetime.

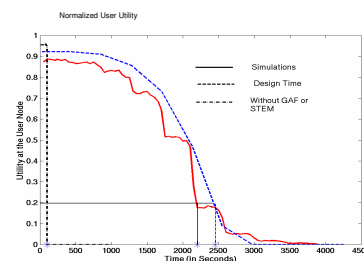


Figure 2: No Delay Requirement