Discussion of "Bits-per-Joule Capacity of Wireless Ad Hoc Networks"

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Special Challenges of Ad Hoc Nets

- No infrastructure
- Decentralized control (power, routing, data rates, etc)
- Dynamic topology
- Wireless channel impairments

Bits per Joule capacity : why?

- In the wirelessLAN domain, BW is plentiful. Ex:
 - **5GHz carrier** \rightarrow TotalBW=300MHz ; 13 chans
 - 60GHz carrier \rightarrow TotalBW=5GHz; 100's chans
- More BW than applications can consume. Bps capacity no longer relevant
- BpJ-capacity : Max # of bits a network can deliver per Joule of energy in the network
- It can be shown that adhoc networks have a much greater bpJ capacity than cellular nets

Network Model-1

- Set of stationary nodes \mathcal{N} over a deployment region
- Each node *i* :
 - has enough power to reach any other node
 - can transmit at minimal power needed to reach destination
 - can use multihop
 - has finite energy E_i
 - receives/processes at NO energy cost

Network Model–2

- c_{ij} : cost in Joules-per-bit of link ij
- $d^{(m,n)}$: amount of traffic *m* wishes to send to *n*
- $= x_{ij}^{(m,n)}$: flow of traffic (m,n) on link ij

Network Model –3

Demands are feasible if constraints below can be satisfied

$$\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \{i\}} x_{ji}^{(m,i)} = d^{(m,i)} \text{ e.g., } \rightarrow x_{1,3}^{(1,3)} + x_{2,3}^{(1,3)} + x_{4,3}^{(1,3)} = d^{(1,3)}$$

For
$$p \neq i \ l \neq i$$
, $\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \{i\}} x_{ji}^{(l,p)} = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \{i\}} x_{ik}^{(l,p)}$
 $x_{14}^{(1,3)} + x_{24}^{(1,3)} = x_{41}^{(1,3)} + x_{42}^{(1,3)} + x_{43}^{(1,3)}$

 $\sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}} c_{ik} x_{ik}^{(m,n)} \leq E_i$ $c_{41} x_{41}^{(1,3)} + c_{42} x_{42}^{(1,3)} + c_{43} x_{43}^{(1,3)} + c_{41} x_{41}^{(4,3)} + c_{42} x_{42}^{(4,3)} + c_{43} x_{43}^{(4,3)} \leq E_4$

Traffic Models

- 1. One-to-one: each node generates demand for exactly one randomly chosen node. objective funct.: max $\sum \sum d^{(m,n)} \leftarrow$ ("sum capacity")
- 2. Many-to-one: all demands are like $d^{(m,1)}$ obj. func.: max min $d^{(m,1)}$ ("maxmin capacity")
- 3. One-to-many: all demands are like $d^{(1,n)}$ obj. func.: min max $d^{(1,n)}$ ("minmax capacity")
- **bpJ-capacity** : divide above capacity by $\sum E_i$
 - Assume node energies are of same order of magnitude

Capacity of a Topology

- A "fully-connected graph" has been assumed. If not true :
 - Pretend the network is fully-connected
 - Add the additional constraint $x_{ij}^{(m,n)} = 0$ for any link ij that is not part of the actual network (or $c_{ij} = \infty$)
- Some topologies
 - 1. Minimum energy graph (1999 paper)
 - 2. K-best-neighbor graph (each node only transmit thru the best K (lowest energy/bit) channels)
 - 3. "ad hoc cellular hybrid" (1 BS operates at NO energy cost; in many-1 and 1-many traffic, BS is "1")

Adhoc-cellular Hybrid

Nodes in the cellular part see "uplinks" or "downlinks" to BS. To adhoc nodes, BS is just another node. In 1-to-1 traffic, BS relays traffic at NO energy cost. In many-to-1, BS is info "sink". In 1-to-many, BS is the info "source"; its energy is constrained.



Simulation Setup

 Deployment area : 120m ×120m square
 Propagation : urban, outdoor (models by Feuerstein, et al., '94 and Gudmunson, '91)
 Node locations: ind., uniform
 Energies: ind., uniform in [0.2, 1] J



Bits-per-Joule Capacity under One-to-One Traffic Model







Discussion

- MET and 3-BNT can achieve most of the capacity of the fully-connected graph, although they are "sparce".
- Pathologies are possible, even if $E_i \approx E_j \ \forall i, j$:
- for MET, bpJ $\downarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
- bpJ=0 for K-BNT with K<N/2 and 1-1 traffic, for some demands</p>
- **NO** such pathologies for randomly deployed nodes

With 1-1 traffic, adhoc arch. dominates cellular, beyond a certain # of nodes (18). Under other traffic patterns, adhoc arch. also performs better.