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Technical Challenges for the Ad Hoc Architecture

- Given node mobility: Every node in the network can move unpredictably and independently, at variable speed
- Given a very large number of nodes: For supporting pervasive computing, sensing of large geographic areas, etc.
- Given the nodes' limited resources
- Network protocols need to be robust, reliable and scalable (which makes the network such)

Multipoint Communications, 1

The most general form of communication. It includes:

- One-to-one (routing)
- One-to-many (multicast)
- One-to-all (broadcast)
- Many-to-many (gossiping)

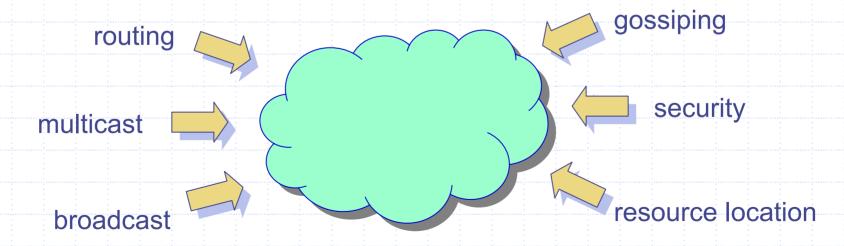
Multipoint Communications, 2

Previous approaches:

- Focus on a single communication problems
- Several diverse techniques (not efficiently "reusable")
- Have to maintain communication information at each node (state information)
- Devote lots of resources to control traffic

A Unifying Approach

An architectural concept that implements network services and communication protocols without maintaining communication information at the nodes



Inside the Cloud



- Fast and simple
- Resource efficient
- Mobility adaptive
- Node-status dependent
 node selection mechanism to efficiently
 select and maintain ONLY a small subset of
 nodes for implementing network services
 and protocols

How to Select the Best Nodes

- Independence of the clusterheads
- Dominance of the clusterheads
- Possibility to express "preferences"
- Distributed operations
- Fast and simple implementation

Previous Approaches

- Heuristics based on Independent Sets
 - Minimum ID approach (Gerla & al.)
 - Maximum degree (Ephremides & al.)
- Heuristics based on Dominating Sets
 - The concept of "spine"
 - Minimum connected dominating set

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Previous Approaches: Drawbacks

- No preferences
- Clustering "set up" differs from clustering maintenance
- One and two hops neighbors have to known at each node
- Problems with nodes mobility
- No analytical results

MWIS-Based Clustering

- MWIS = Maximal Weight Independent Set
- Clustering selection based on generic weights (real numbers > 0)
 - Mobility/node related parameters
 - Generalizes previous "Independent Set" solutions

Two Protocols

- Distributed Clustering Algorithm (DCA)
 - Quasi-mobile networks, periodical reclustering. Allow complexity analysis, fast and simple
- Distributed and Mobility-Adaptive Clustering (DMAC) Algorithm
 - Same rules/procedures for clustering set up and maintenance, adaptive to nodes mobility and node/link failures

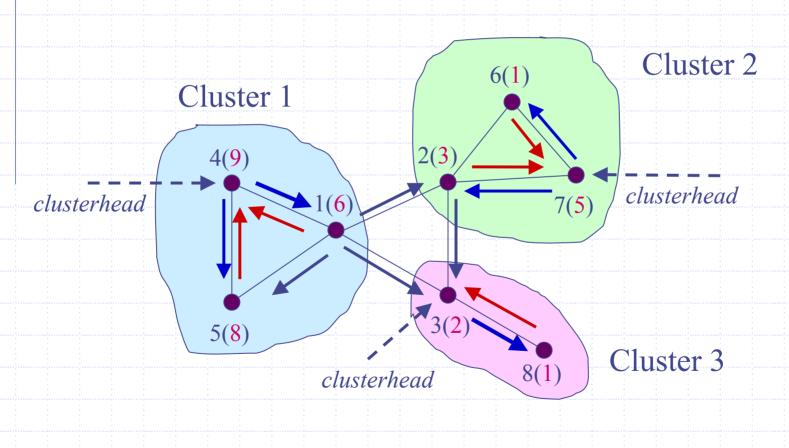
DCA: Distributed Clustering Algorithm, 1

- Assumptions
 - Knowledge of IDs and weights of one-hop neighbors
 - Broadcast transmission of a packet in finite time (a "step")
 - Nodes do not move during clustering

DCA, 2

- (Only) Two messages:
 - CH(v): Sent by a clusterhead v
 - JOIN(u,t): Sent by ordinary node u when it joins the cluster of clusterhead t
- Three (simple) procedures:
 - Init (start up)
 - OnReceivingCH(v), OnReceivingJOIN(u,v)
 (message triggered)

Example



I_Step

II Step

III Step

IV Step

V Step ₁₄

DCA: Provable Properties

Consider

$$\tau: V \to \{1,2,3,...,2k\}$$

- V = set of network nodes, k = number of clusters
- **Proposition**: Each node v in V sends exactly one message by $\tau(v)$ steps
- Corollary 1: DCA message complexity is n = |V|
- Corollary 2: DCA terminates correctly in at most 2k steps (<= 2n)</p>

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A Note on the Average Time Complexity

We notice that

$$k \leq \alpha(G)$$

- G = topology graph, $\alpha(G) = G's$ *stability number*
- We see the network as a random graph, for which

$$(2k \le) 2 \alpha(G) = circa O(log n)$$

Log's base is a function of n and the number of the network links

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Assignments

- Read the paper for HMW # 2
- Updated information on the class web page:

www.ece.neu.edu/courses/eceg364/2004sp