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STEM Degrees:

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Major Goals: The major goals of the project are discovery of new wireless interference management techniques, new techniques to prevent malware from spreading in distributed decentralized networks and new protocols for streaming data over purely distributed networks.

Accomplishments: See PDF document.

Training Opportunities: Nothing to Report

Results Dissemination: Journal papers:

Hiding the Rumor Source

Giulia Fanti, Peter Kairouz, Sewoong Oh, Kannan Ramchandran, and Pramod Viswanath
IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, Vol. 63(10), pp. 6679-6713, 2017.

Costly Circuits, Submodular Schedules and Approximate Caratheodory Theorems,

S. Venkatakrisnan, M. Alizadeh and P. Viswanath,
Queueing Systems, pp. 1-37, September 2017.

Honors and Awards: Lead Phd student on the project was Shaileshh Venkatakrisnan. He has graduated with his PhD and is now a postdoc at MIT.

Protocol Activity Status:

Technology Transfer: Collaboration with ARL researcher Dr. Hasan Cam has been successful and led to a technical paper, under review.

PARTICIPANTS:

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Final Report

ARO Project: W911NF-14-1-0220; Title: Wireless Networks as Polymatroidal Graphs: Embeddings, Multicommodity Flows, Cuts and Function Computation.

The project has successfully led to new wireless interference management techniques, new techniques to prevent malware from spreading in distributed decentralized networks and new protocols for streaming data over purely distributed networks. This has included collaborations with ARL researcher Dr. Hasan Cam. Each of these works have been published in mainstream journals and conferences and the support from ARO acknowledged. We give a brief synopsis of the prominent outputs of this project below.

Interactive Interference Alignment.

Authors: Quan Geng, Sreeram Kannan, Pramod Viswanath

Abstract: We study interference channels (IFC) where interaction among sources and destinations is enabled, e.g., both sources and destinations can talk to each other using full-duplex radios. The interaction can come in two ways: 1) *In-band interaction*: sources and destinations can transmit and listen in the same channel simultaneously, enabling interaction. 2) *out-of-band interaction*: destinations talk back to the sources on an out-of-band channel, possible from white-space channels. The flexibility afforded by interaction among sources and destinations allows for the derivation of interference alignment (IA) strategies that have desirable "engineering properties": insensitivity to the rationality or irrationality of channel parameters, small block lengths and finite SNR operations. We show that for several classes of interference channels the interactive interference alignment scheme can achieve the optimal degrees of freedom. In particular, we show the *first simple scheme* (having finite block length, for channels having no diversity) for $K=3,4$ that can achieve the optimal degrees of freedom of $K/2$ even after accounting for the cost of interaction. We also give simulation results on the finite SNR performance of interactive alignment under some settings. On the technical side, we show using a Gröbner basis argument that in a general network potentially utilizing cooperation and feedback, the optimal degrees of freedom under linear schemes of a fixed block length is the same for channel coefficients with probability 1. Furthermore, a numerical method to estimate this value is also presented. These tools have potentially wider utility in studying other wireless networks as well.

Publications: IEEE ISIT 2013 (conference) and IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications, Vol. 32(9), pp. 1619-1706, June 2014 (journal).

Deterministic Near-Optimal P2P Streaming

Authors: Shaileshh Venkatakrishnan, Pramod Viswanath.

Abstract: We consider streaming over a peer-to-peer network with homogeneous nodes in which a single source broadcasts a data stream to all the users in the system. Peers are allowed to enter or leave the system (adversarially) arbitrarily. Previous approaches for streaming in this setting have either used randomized distribution graphs or structured trees with randomized maintenance algorithms. Randomized graphs handle peer churn well but have poor connectivity guarantees, while structured trees have good connectivity but have proven hard to maintain under peer churn. We improve upon both approaches by presenting a novel distribution structure with a deterministic and distributed algorithm for maintenance under peer churn; our result is inspired by a recent work proposing deterministic algorithms for rumor spreading in graphs. A key innovation in our approach is in having redundant links in the distribution structure. While this leads to a reduction in the maximum streaming rate possible, we show that for the amount of redundancy used, the delay guarantee of the proposed algorithm is near optimal. We introduce a tolerance parameter that captures the worst-case transient streaming rate received by the peers during churn events

and characterize the fundamental tradeoff between rate, delay and tolerance. A natural generalization of the deterministic algorithm achieves this tradeoff near optimally. Finally, the proposed deterministic algorithm is robust enough to handle various generalizations: ability to deal with heterogeneous node capacities of the peers and more complicated streaming patterns where multiple source transmissions are present.

Publication: ACM Sigmetrics, 2015.

Topological Immunization in Peer-to-Peer Networks.

Authors: Authors: Shaileshh Venkatakrishnan, Hasan Cam, Pramod Viswanath.

Abstract: Peer-to-Peer (p2p) networks, due to their popularity, vast user numbers and decentralized control, are experiencing a massive surge of malware attacks. Left unchecked, these malicious programs are capable of causing widespread damage to the network and financial loss. Traditional mitigation strategies at the application-level are impractical at this scale, and have led to network-based immunization strategies such as dynamically modifying connections based on peer interactions. In this paper, we propose an alternative approach of using the network's topology to deter malware spread. Our approach proactively engineers the network in such a way that malware-resistant peers help shield the infection from spreading to the rest of the network. We propose a new metric called immunization-capacity to quantify and measure this spreading resistance. Using this metric the proposed algorithm is shown to be essentially optimal.

Publication: under review, 2018.