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Dawei Gong	0.50	
Xi Deng	0.50	
Ji Li	0.50	
Cong Wang	0.50	
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We have proposed a mechanism named bounded relay hop mobile data collection (BRH-MDC) to explore the inherent tradeoff between the energy saving and data collection latency in mobile data gathering. In BRH-MDC, we incorporated multi-hop relay into mobile data gathering, while the relay hop count is constrained to a certain level to limit the energy consumption at sensors. Specifically, a subset of sensors will be selected as the anchor points that buffer the locally aggregated data and upload the data to the mobile data observer, referred to as SenCar, when it arrives. In the meanwhile, when sensors are affiliated with these anchor points, it is guaranteed that the local relaying of any packet is bounded within a given number of hops. We also provided two efficient algorithms to select the anchor points among the sensors. It is observed in our simulations that when the local relays are required to complete within two hops for all sensors, our proposed algorithms can result in at least 38% shorter tour length on average compared to the single hop data gathering scheme with shortened moving tour.

We have considered the data gathering with a joint design of controlled mobility and space-division multiple access (SDMA) technique. By employing SDMA, two distinct compatible sensors may upload data to a SenCar concurrently, which may reduce the data uploading time into half in the ideal situation. We focused on minimizing the time of a data gathering tour which consists of the data uploading time and the moving time of the SenCar. The SenCar has to visit some specific locations where more sensors are compatible, and the moving tour of the SenCar may be adversely prolonged. We formalized the optimization problem of finding the tradeoff between the shortest moving tour and the full utilization of SDMA into an integer linear program (ILP) and proposed three heuristic algorithms that provide practically good solutions to the problem. Simulation results show that our proposed algorithms can save at least 35% of data gathering time compared to other non-SDMA single-hop data gathering schemes.

We have also extended such joint design to the case of employing multiple SenCars in which the sensing field is divided into several non-overlapping regions, each having a SenCar. We focused on minimizing the maximum time of a data gathering tour among different regions over the sensing field, which is referred to as mobile data gathering with multiple mobile collectors and SDMA (MDG-MS). It is also an ILP problem and a region-division and tour-planning (RDTP) algorithm was given. Our simulations showed that the RDTP algorithm with two available SenCars can achieve at least 56% time saving with respect to the non-SMDA+single SenCar scheme.

We have studied the problem on how to achieve the optimal performance of the anchor-based mobile data gathering, where the SenCar stays at each anchor point for a period of sojourn time and meanwhile the nearby sensors transmit data to the SenCar in a multi-hop manner. We formalized the problems as a network utility maximization problem under the constraints of guaranteed network lifetime and bounded data gathering latency. We jointly addressed the three issues that are critical to data gathering performance: data rate control, flow routing, and sojourn time allocation. We then decomposed the utility maximization problem into several subproblems and solved them in a distributed manner, which facilitates a scalable implementation of the optimization algorithms. Our extensive numerical results demonstrated that the algorithms can achieve fast convergence with the variables well within 5% of their optimal values after only 100 iterations.

To achieve good scalability, long network lifetime and low data collection latency. We have proposed a three-layer framework for mobile data collection in wireless sensor networks, which includes the sensor layer, cluster head layer, and mobile collector (called SenCar) layer. The framework employs distributed load balanced clustering and MIMO uploading techniques, which is referred to as LBC-MU. At the sensor layer, a distributed load balanced clustering (LBC) algorithm is proposed for sensors to self-organize themselves into clusters. In contrast to existing clustering methods, our scheme generates multiple cluster heads in each cluster to balance the work load and facilitate MIMO data uploading. At the cluster head layer, the inter-cluster transmission range is carefully chosen to guarantee the connectivity among the clusters. Multiple cluster heads within a cluster cooperate with each other to perform energy-saving inter-cluster communications. Through inter-cluster transmissions, cluster head information is forwarded to the SenCar for its moving trajectory planning. At the mobile collector layer, the SenCar is equipped with two antennas, which enables multiple cluster heads to simultaneously upload data to the SenCar. The trajectory planning for the SenCar is optimized to fully utilize MIMO uploading capability by

properly selecting polling points in each cluster. By visiting each selected polling point, the SenCar can efficiently gather data from cluster heads and transport the data to the static data sink. Extensive simulations have been conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed LBCMU scheme. The results show that when each cluster has at most two cluster heads, LBC-MU can reduce the maximum number of transmissions a sensor performs by 90% and the average number of transmissions by 88% compared with the enhanced relay routing scheme. It also results in 25% shorter average data latency compared with the mobile collection scheme with single head clustering.

Recent experimental studies have revealed that a large percentage of wireless links are lossy and unreliable for data delivery in wireless sensor networks (WSNs). Such findings raise new challenges for the design of algorithms in WSNs in terms of data reliability and energy efficiency. We have considered this problem and developed distributed clustering algorithms for WSNs by taking into account of the lossy nature of wireless links. We formulated the one-hop clustering problem that maintains reliability as well as saves energy into an integer program and prove its NP-hardness. We then proposed a metric based distributed clustering algorithm to solve the problem. We adopted a metric called selection weight for each sensor node that can indicate both link qualities around the node and its capability of being a cluster head. We further extended the algorithm to multi-hop clustering to achieve better scalability. Extensive simulations have been conducted under a realistic link model and the results demonstrate that the proposed clustering algorithm can reduce the total energy consumption in the network and prolong network lifetime significantly compared to typical distributed clustering algorithms that do not consider lossy links.

We have considered applying compression, a popular technique to reduce data size by exploiting data redundancy, to delay sensitive data gathering in wireless sensor networks (WSNs). The limited computing resources at sensor nodes make the processing time of compression a nontrivial factor in the total delay a packet experiences and must be carefully examined when adopting compression. We have studied the effect of compression on data gathering in WSNs under a practical compression algorithm. We observed that that compression does not always reduce the packet delay in a WSN as commonly perceived, whereas its effect is jointly determined by the network configuration and hardware configuration. Based on this observation, we designed an adaptive algorithm to make on-line decisions such that compression is only performed when it can benefit the overall performance. We implemented the algorithm in a completely distributed manner that utilizes only local information of individual sensor nodes. Our extensive experimental results show that the algorithm demonstrates good adaptiveness to network dynamics and maximizes compression benefit.

Recent studies show that multi-channel MAC protocols can improve network capacity and boost energy efficiency, and cooperative multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) technique can significantly enhance the energy efficiency. We have investigated a joint design of these two techniques by proposing a MAC protocol for wireless sensor networks that takes advantage of both multiple channels and cooperative MIMO. Specifically, sensor nodes in a WSN are organized into clusters and each cluster head selects some cooperative nodes to help forward traffic to or receive from other clusters by utilizing cooperative MIMO technique. For intra-cluster communications, different channels are assigned to adjacent clusters to reduce collisions, while for inter-cluster communications, cooperative MIMO links are scheduled to improve energy efficiency and concurrent transmissions are enabled by assigning different channels to them. We have carried out extensive simulations and the results demonstrate that the proposed protocol can significantly increase throughput and improve energy efficiency compared to other schemes.

We have also developed an advanced wireless testbed for validating our data gathering mechanism and the algorithms designed. The testbed consists of two types of self-designed devices: wireless node and SenCar. The node works in 2.4GHz industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) and transfers data at 10 Kbps/250 Kbps/1 Mbps. It has enhanced computing capability provided by a 16-bit microprocessor and a Flash-FPGA based coprocessor with low power consumption. It also has extended memory (1 MB SRAM) for data buffering. ANSI C and standard digital logic design methods are used for implementation to verify our data gathering mechanism and the algorithms. The SenCar works as an autonomous mobile data collector that travels along the planned path through the area where the sensor network has been deployed to collect sensing data. With the equipped MIMO receiver, SenCar can communicate with two sensor nodes simultaneously thus data collection is more efficient. It also has a high performance central processing module (Freescale MPC8548E) and a high speed baseband processor (Xilinx XC6VSX475T) for fully-customizable computation, such as baseband digital signal processing for MIMO wireless communications, vehicle allocation (with GPS or ultrasonic), mobility control and high layer algorithms/protocols processing.

Significant Results:

We have investigated several research issues in mobile data gathering in wireless sensor networks, which are essentially adaptive, cross-layer solutions to reduce sensor energy consumption and shortening data gathering latency. The following are some highlights of our research results obtained in this project.

- (1) We have designed algorithms for planning the moving path/circle of SenCar and balancing traffic load in the network. We show that by driving SenCar along a better path and balancing the traffic load from sensors to SenCar, the network lifetime can be prolonged significantly. Our moving planning algorithm can be used in both connected networks and disconnected networks. In addition, SenCar can avoid obstacles while moving.
- (2) We have studied data gathering with a joint design of controlled mobility and space-division multiple access (SDMA) technique. By employing SDMA, two distinct compatible sensors may upload data to a SenCar concurrently, which may reduce the data uploading time into half in the ideal situation. We focused on minimizing the time of a data gathering tour which consists of the data uploading time of sensors and the moving time of the SenCar.
- (3) We have also extended such a joint design to the case of employing multiple SenCars in which the sensing field is divided into several non-overlapping regions, each having a SenCar. We focused on minimizing the maximum time of a data gathering tour among different regions over the sensing field.
- (4) We have proposed a mechanism named bounded relay hop mobile data collection (BRH-MDC) to explore the inherent tradeoff between the energy saving and data collection latency in mobile data gathering. In BRH-MDC, we incorporated multi-hop relay into mobile data gathering, while the relay hop count is constrained to a certain level to limit the energy consumption at sensors.
- (5) We have studied the problem on how to achieve the optimal performance of the anchor-based mobile data gathering. We formalized the problems as a network utility maximization problem under the constraints of guaranteed network lifetime and bounded data gathering latency. We jointly addressed the three issues that are critical to data gathering performance: data rate control, flow routing, and sojourn time allocation. We then decomposed the utility maximization problem into several subproblems and solved them in a distributed manner, which facilitates a scalable implementation of the optimization algorithms.
- (6) We have proposed a three-layer framework for mobile data collection in wireless sensor networks, which includes the sensor layer, cluster head layer, and mobile collector layer. The framework employs distributed load balanced clustering and MIMO uploading techniques to achieve good scalability, long network lifetime and low data collection latency.
- (7) We have developed distributed clustering algorithms for wireless sensor networks by taking into account of the lossy nature of wireless links. We formulated the clustering problem that maintains reliability as well as saves energy into an integer program and proposed a metric based distributed clustering algorithm to solve the problem.
- (8) We have considered applying compression to reduce data size by exploiting data redundancy, to delay sensitive data gathering in wireless sensor networks (WSNs). We have observed that that compression does not always reduce the packet delay in a WSN as commonly perceived, whereas its effect is jointly determined by the network configuration and hardware configuration. Based on this observation, we designed an adaptive algorithm to make on-line decisions such that compression is only performed when it can benefit the overall performance.
- (9) We have proposed a MAC protocol for wireless sensor networks that takes advantage of both multiple channels and cooperative multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) technique to improve network capacity and boost energy efficiency.
- (10) We have also developed an advanced wireless testbed for validating our data gathering mechanism and the algorithms designed. The testbed consists of two types of self-designed devices: wireless node and SenCar. The node works in 2.4GHz industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) and transfers data at 10 Kbps/250 Kbps/1 Mbps. It has enhanced computing capability provided by a 16-bit microprocessor and a Flash-FPGA based coprocessor with low power consumption. It also has extended memory (1 MB SRAM) for data buffering. ANSI C and standard digital logic design methods are used for implementation to verify our data gathering mechanism and the algorithms. The SenCar works as an autonomous mobile data collector that travels along the planned path through the area where the sensor network has been deployed to collect sensing data. With the equipped MIMO receiver, SenCar can communicate with two sensor nodes simultaneously thus data collection is more efficient. It also has a high performance central processing module (Freescale MPC8548E) and a high speed baseband processor (Xilinx XC6VSX475T) for fully-customizable computation, such as baseband digital signal processing for MIMO wireless communications, vehicle allocation (with GPS or ultrasonic), mobility control and high layer algorithms/protocols processing.

This advanced testbed can also be used for other wireless networking projects.

Key outcomes and achievements:

This project systematically studies mobile data gathering in wireless sensor networks and provides practically good solutions to reduce energy consumption and improve the performance of data gathering in wireless sensor networks. By efficiently solving the main problems wireless sensor networks are currently facing, i.e., improving network performance with extended network lifetime, this project will greatly impel the application of wireless sensor networks in industry and national security.

We have introduced the design methodology of “smart-server dull-client” into wireless sensor networks (WSNs). Conventional WSNs are built with wireless sensor nodes that have been designed “as simple as possible” due to the constraint of hardware cost and are incapable of complex signal processing. In our project, sensor nodes are kept simple, and signal processing for space-division multiple-access is performed on mobile data collectors. The budget constraint on hardware of the networks can still be satisfied since only a few mobile data collectors are needed for large scale networks, while we can take advantage of high performance wireless communication techniques in WSNs. With this design methodology, it is possible to further improve network performance by incorporating advanced signal/algorithm processing techniques with low hardware cost of the networks.

We have developed an integrated data gathering mechanism for single-hop and multi-hop data gathering by utilizing analytical, simulation and testbed techniques. We have identified and addressed several research issues, focusing on path planning for mobile collectors, reducing sensor energy consumption, balancing traffic load and shortening data gathering latency in a cross-layer manner.

The broader impact of the project includes integrating graduate students into the project and disseminating important findings to the research community by way of conferences, journals and web site access. We have been improving the quality and productivity of graduate students through supervising students to perform research and to publish quality results in wireless networking area. So far, five Ph.D. students involved in the project have graduated, including a female student. They have taken positions in major IT companies, such as Google, HP and Huawei.

The broader impact of the project is also evidenced by developing an advanced wireless sensor testbed. The testbed is a critical component in this project and is used for testing the feasibility and performance of the algorithms and protocols designed. It also will be an important facility for our related projects in future.

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