

Stochastic Routing for Delay Tolerant Networks

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About the Speaker

Prof. Zygmunt J. Haas received his Ph.D. in 1988 from Stanford University, at which time he joined the AT&T Bell Laboratories, pursuing research in wireless communications, mobility management, fast protocols, optical networks, and optical switching. In 1995, he joined the faculty of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Cornell University. He heads the Wireless Network Laboratory (wnl.ece.cornell.edu), a research group with extensive contributions in the area of Ad Hoc Networks and Sensor Networks. Recently, he has been serving as an NSF Program Director in the Engineering Directorate.

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About the Talk

In this talk, I will discuss selected research results in the area of Stochastic Routing. Especially, I will concentrate on the use of Stochastic Routing as it applies to Delay/Disruption Tolerant Networks (DTNs). DTNs are useful for applications with lenient requirements on message latency and Stochastic Routing is especially well suited for mobile DTNs. I will compare some of the Stochastic Routing schemes and discuss a number of potential applications.

Gossiping, an example of Stochastic Routing, is a techniques where each node resends the received message with some probability. In fact, flooding is a limiting case of Gossiping, where the retransmission probability equals 1. Numerous variants of Gossiping have been proposed and optimized to implement efficient broadcasting, multicasting, and anycasting.

Epidemic Routing, another example of Stochastic Routing schemes, has been proposed as a routing protocol for DTNs. Unrestricted Epidemic Routing results in shortest packet delivery time and high packet delivery probability at the destination nodes. However, this comes at the cost of excessive number of packet copies in the network, which leads to wasteful energy consumption at the nodes. I will introduce and present the performance of several schemes which, in different ways, restrict the Epidemic Routing in the number of generated packet copies. The schemes are compared in regards to the tradeoff between energy consumption and delivery delay, while maintaining fixed delivery rate.

Another drawback of Epidemic Routing is that the energy consumption is unequal at the different network nodes. Consequently, the system's lifetime is reduced. I will discuss several of our approaches to extend the system lifetime of Epidemic Routing.

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