

# Controlled Mobility in Sensor Networks http://nsrc.cse.psu.edu/

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## **Wireless Sensor Networks**





## **Mobile Sensors**





Size: 7 x 4.5 x 3.5 (cm) By USC



Size: 13 x 6.5 (cm) base By UC Berkely



Size: 2.7 x 2.1 x 4 (cm) By NASA

# **Controllable Mobile Sensors**

– Power consumption:

## Movement >> Communication

- Communication:
  - Range: 10ft~100ft
  - Bandwidth: 40kpbs
- Sensing range < Comm range/2</p>
- Mobility: 20cm/s
- Cost: \$150









- Self-deployment protocols for a mix of mobile and static sensors
- Sensor relocation
- Future research plans



#### Direct the movement of mobile sensors to increase coverage



# **Our Solution**



## **Greedy heuristic**

Moving sensors to the largest holes

### Framework

- Coverage hole detection
  - Voronoi diagram
- Distributed allocation of mobile sensors to the holes
  - Basic bidding protocol
  - Proxy-based bidding protocol



## Challenge:

Mobile sensors do not know where the largest holes are

## **Idea: Bidding**

- Mobile sensor: hole-healing server
  - **Base price**: area currently covered
- Static sensor: bidder
  - **Bid**: estimated size of the detected coverage hole
  - bid > base price



## **Coverage Hole Detection**





# **Basic Bidding Protocol**





Base price increases monotonically and protocol terminates when no bidder can provide a higher bid than the lowest base price of mobile sensors



**Iterative physical movement** 





## Key idea: Virtual movement

## **Proxy sensor (winning bidder):**

- Processes bidding messages
- Advertises services
- Notifies the mobile sensor to move





Percentage of mobile sensors	Algorithm tested
100%	VEC protocol ([Infocom04])
10%~50%	Bidding protocol
0%	Random deployment









## **Comparisons**









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#### Direct the movement of sensors to overcome failures under a time/energy constraint

#### Challenges

- Recovery may have to occur before a deadline
- Relocation should not affect other missions supported by the network
- Relocation must consider network lifetime

#### **Outline of Solution**

#### Phase I

- Locate redundant sensors: quorum-based solution
- Phase II
- Relocate sensors to target positions

## **Locating Redundant Sensors**



#### Apply grid-quorum to reduce searching overhead

- Grids in one row form a supply quorum
- Grids in one column form a request quorum





## Directly moving the sensor to the destination may not be a good solution

- Long delay and unbalanced power consumption

## **Use cascaded movement**



# **Controlling Delay**





- q Let recovery delay of  $s_4$  be  $T_4$
- q distance( $s_3, s_4$ )  $\leq$  speed\*  $T_4$
- q s<sub>3</sub> can leave at (0,  $T_4$  distance(s<sub>3</sub>, s<sub>4</sub>) /speed )
- q Let recovery delay of  $s_3$  be  $T_3$
- q Let  $s_3$  leave at  $t_3 = T_4$  distance( $s_3, s_4$ ) /speed
- q distance( $s_2, s_3$ )  $\leq$  speed\*( $T_3 + t_3$ )

q .....

distance(
$$s_i, s_{i+1}$$
)  $\leq$  speed\*( $T_{i+1} + t_{i+1}$ )



## **Tradeoff between Load balance and energy efficiency**

- Maximize minimum remaining energy  $E_{min}$ ?
- Minimize total energy consumption E<sub>total</sub>?



# **Tradeoffs of Using Cascading**





Using Modified Dijkstra's Algorithm

Penn State, 6-5-06





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# Optimize value of a network over its lifetime

- Quality of data coverage
- Ability of data to be collected communication
- Energy required for reconfiguration and communication
- Value of mission

Value of data for mission *j* Value of configuration k  $v_{i,i}^{k} = u_{c}(X_{k})s_{i}(m_{i}X_{k})$  $V = \sum_{k}^{K} V_{k}$  Value over lifetime  $C_k = M(X_{k-1} \to X_k) + E(X_k)t_k$ Cost of moving Communication energy

# Summary



## Sensor deployment in mixed sensor networks

- Balancing sensor cost and coverage
- First effort to address the problem

## **Sensor relocation**

- Small impact on the topology
- In a timely and efficient way

## Challenges

- Joint optimization between sensing and communication
- Accommodation of multiple missions
- Value of data

## **Possible Extensions**



#### Varying density requirements

- Redundant will not mean the same thing in all grids

#### React to events, not just failure

- Multiple events
- Priorities

#### **Proactive movement**

- Pre-position sensors in anticipation of failure or event
- Request replacement sensor before death