

Overview of Unicast Routing Protocols for Multihop Wireless Networks

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Controlling Flooding Using Location Information

Flooding of Control Packets

- How to reduce the scope of the route request flood ?
 - LAR [Ko98Mobicom]
 - Query localization [Castaneda99Mobicom]
- How to reduce redundant broadcasts ?
 - The Broadcast Storm Problem [Ni99Mobicom]

Location-Aided Routing (LAR) [Ko98Mobicom]

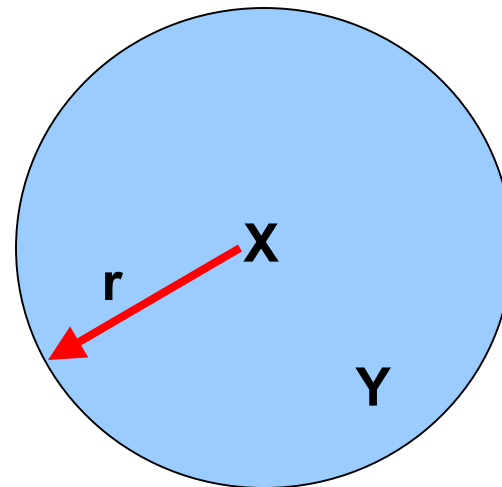
- Exploits location information to limit scope of route request flood (similar to *paging* in cellular)
 - Location information may be obtained using GPS
- *Expected Zone* is determined as a region that is expected to hold the current location of the destination
 - Expected region determined based on potentially old location information, and knowledge of the destination's speed
- Route requests limited to a *Request Zone* that contains the Expected Zone and location of the sender node

Expected Zone in LAR

X = last known location of node
D, at time t_0

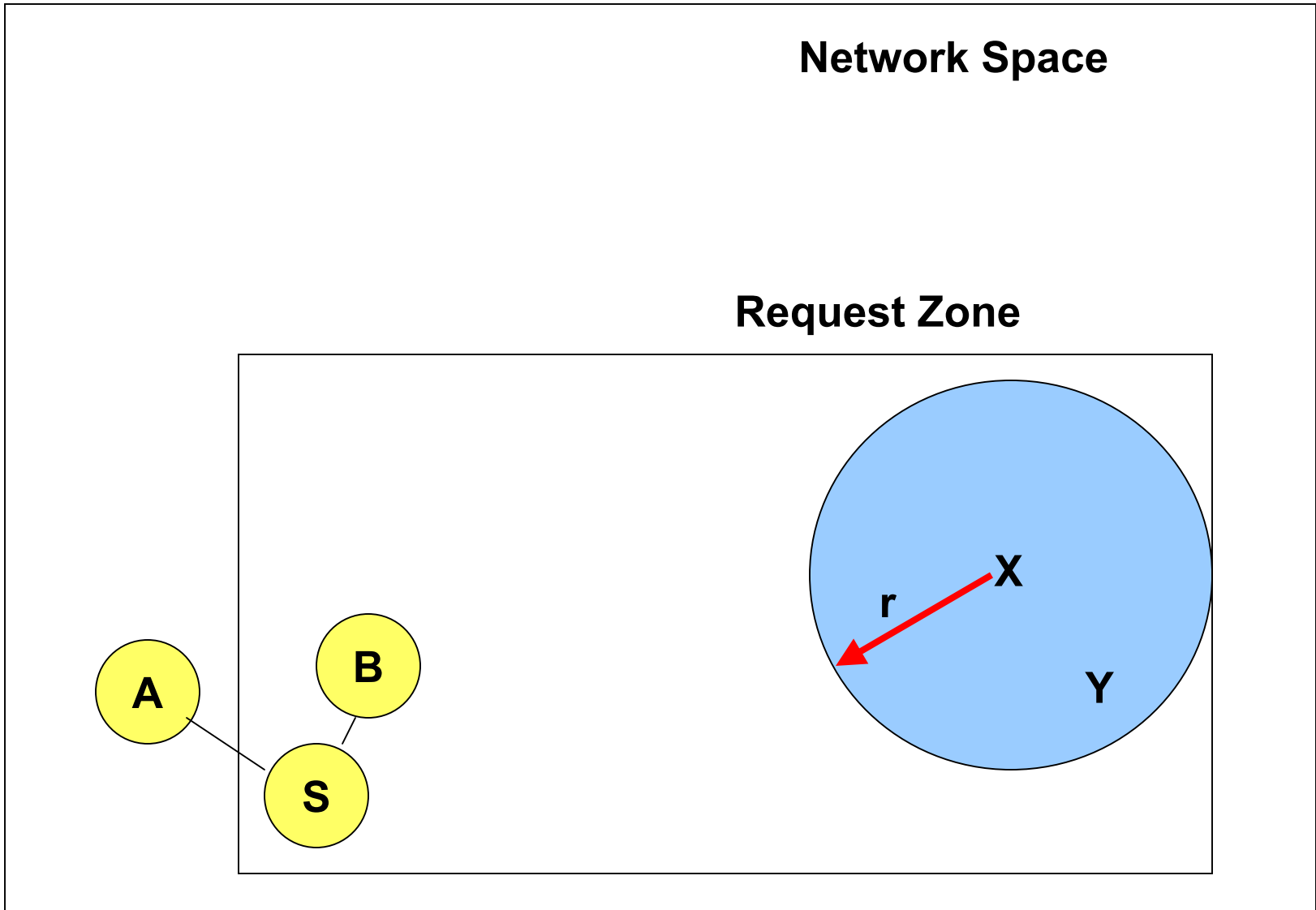
Y = location of node D at current
time t_1 , unknown to node S

$r = (t_1 - t_0) * \text{estimate of D's speed}$



Expected Zone

Request Zone in LAR



LAR

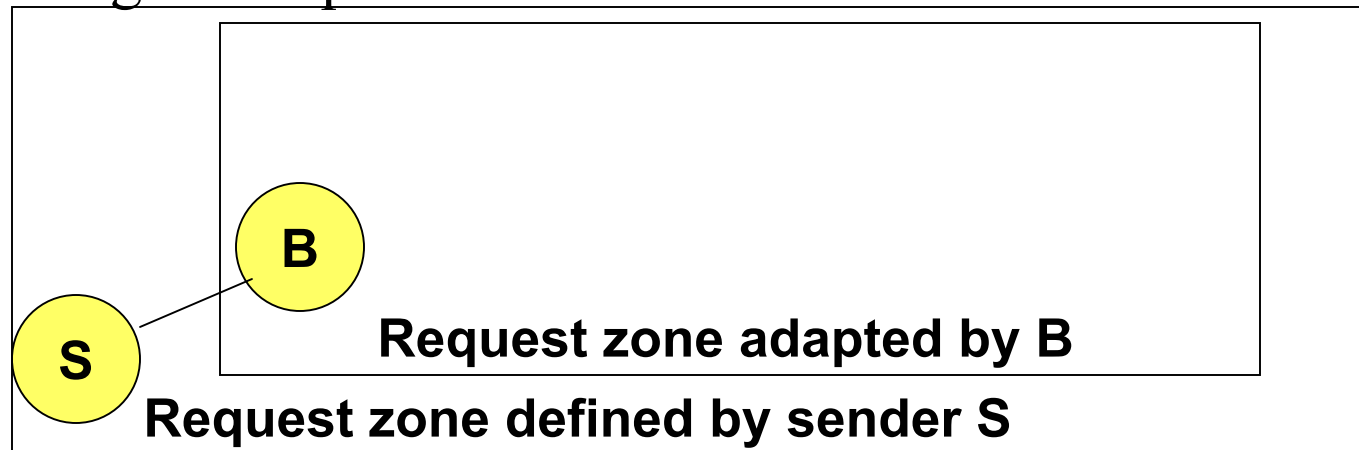
- Only nodes **within the request zone** forward route requests
 - Node A does not forward RREQ, but node B does (see previous slide)
- Request zone explicitly specified in the route request
- Each node must know its physical location to determine whether it is within the request zone

LAR

- Only nodes **within the request zone** forward route requests
- If route discovery using the smaller request zone fails to find a route, the sender initiates another route discovery (after a timeout) using a larger request zone
 - the larger request zone may be the entire network
- Rest of route discovery protocol similar to DSR

LAR Variations: Adaptive Request Zone

- Each node may modify the request zone included in the forwarded request
- Modified request zone may be determined using more recent/accurate information, and may be smaller than the original request zone



LAR Variations: Implicit Request Zone

- In the previous scheme, a route request explicitly specified a request zone
- **Alternative approach:** A node X forwards a route request received from Y if node X is deemed to be closer to the expected zone as compared to Y
- The motivation is to attempt to bring the route request physically closer to the destination node after each forwarding

Location Aided Routing (LAR)

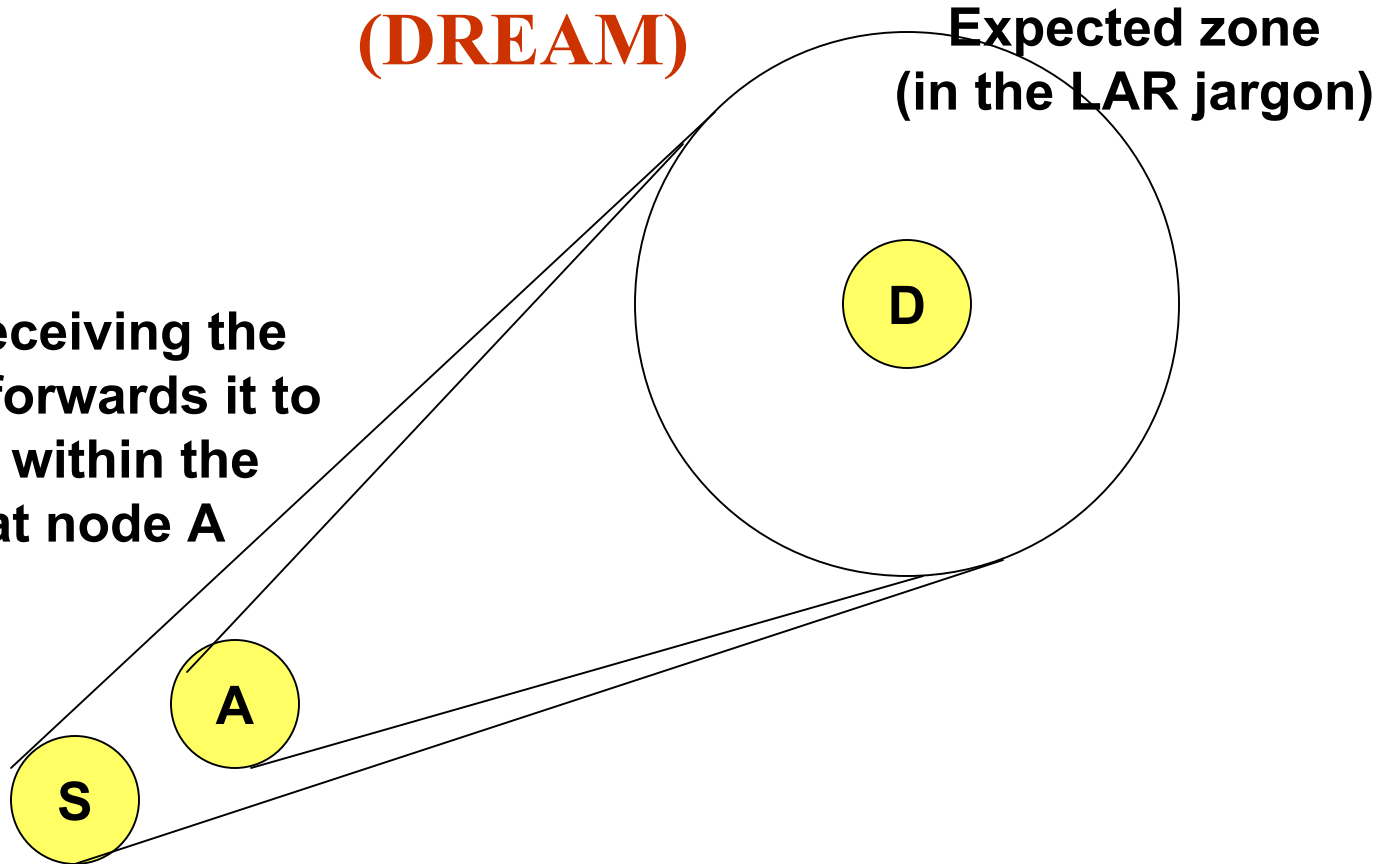
- Advantages
 - reduces the scope of route request flood
 - reduces overhead of route discovery
- Disadvantages
 - Nodes need to know their physical locations
 - Does not take into account possible existence of obstructions for radio transmissions

Distance Routing Effect Algorithm for Mobility (DREAM) [Basagni98Mobicom]

- Uses location and speed information (**like LAR**)
- DREAM uses flooding of *data packets* as the routing mechanism (**unlike LAR**)
 - DREAM uses location information to limit the flood of data packets to a small region

Distance Routing Effect Algorithm for Mobility (DREAM)

Node A, on receiving the data packet, forwards it to its neighbors within the cone rooted at node A



S sends *data packet* to all neighbors in the cone rooted at node S

Distance Routing Effect Algorithm for Mobility (DREAM)

- Nodes periodically broadcast their physical location
- Nearby nodes are updated more frequently, far away nodes less frequently
- Distance effect: Far away nodes seem to move at a lower **angular** speed as compared to nearby nodes

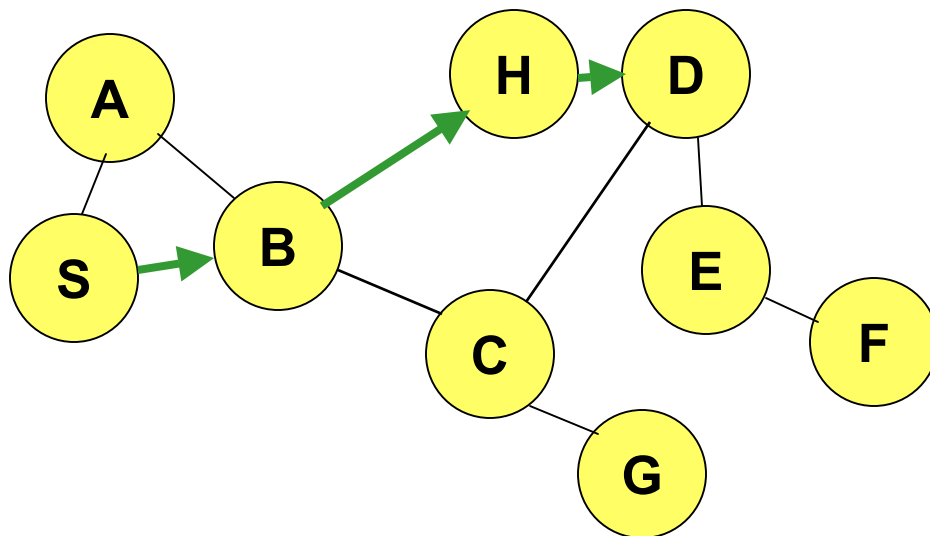
Geographic Routing

Geographic vs. Topology- based Routing

- Two extremes:
 - Topology-based routing e.g. DSR and AODV (initial slide set)
 - Geographic routing e.g. GEDIR, TBF (next slides)
- Middle ground:
 - Location aided routing e.g. DREAM (previous slides)

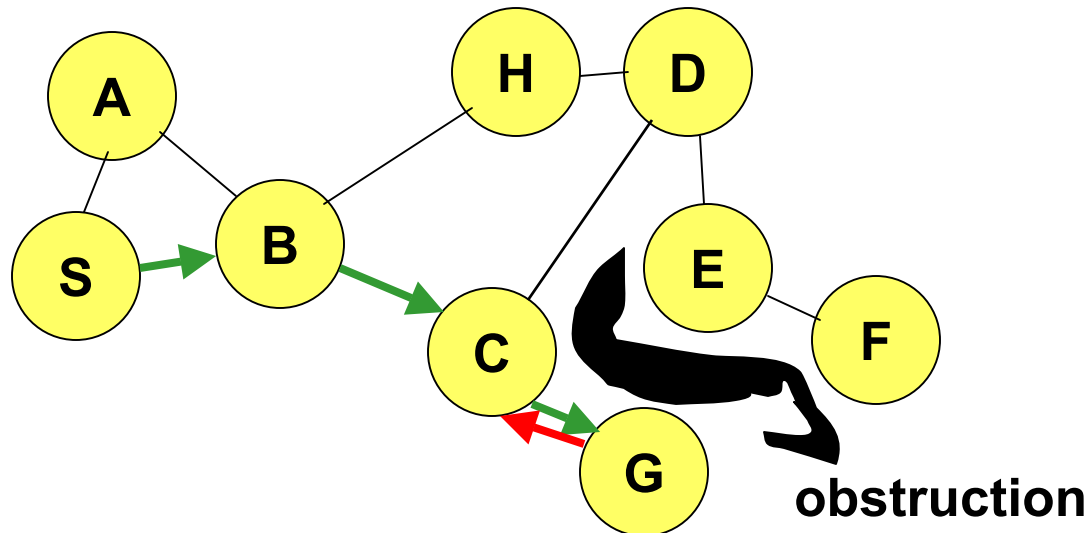
Geographic Distance Routing (GEDIR) [Lin98,Stojmenovic01]

- Location of the destination node is assumed known
- Each node knows location of its neighbors
- Each node forwards a packet to its neighbor closest to the destination
- Route taken from S to D shown below



Geographic Distance Routing (GEDIR)

- The algorithm terminates when same edge traversed twice consecutively
- Algorithm fails to route from S to E
 - Node G is the neighbor of C who is closest from destination E, but C does not have a route to E



Routing with Guaranteed Delivery

- Improves on GEDIR [Lin98]
- Guarantees delivery (using location information) provided that a path exists from source to destination
- Routes *around* obstacles if necessary
- A similar idea also appears in [Karp00Mobicom]

Trajectory-Based Forwarding [\[Nieulescu03\]](#)

- Route a packet along a predefined curve
- Intended use: Dense sensor networks
- Similar to source-routing (the source defines the curve)
- Nodes that happen to be around the curve use Cartesian-based information to forward packets

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