ABSTRACT

How to efficiently aggregate the information from scattered sensors, generally referred to as data gathering, is an important and challenging issue in Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs) as it largely determines network lifetime. Recent studies have shown that significant benefit can be achieved by employing mobile collectors for data gathering in WSNs via short-range communications. In this talk, I will present two of my works on mobile data gatherings.

The first work focuses on the design of mobile data gathering strategies by utilizing Spatial-Division Multiple Access (SDMA) to achieve concurrent data uploading from multiple sensors to the mobile collector. The moving tour of the mobile collector is determined based on the tradeoff between the shortest moving path and full utilization of SDMA. This design leads to prolonged network lifetime as well as shortened data gathering latency.

The second work is about joint design and optimization of mobile energy replenishment and mobile data gathering in rechargeable sensor networks. The mobile entity plays as not only a data collector but also an energy transporter to deliver energy to sensors via wireless power transmissions. I proposed distributed algorithms to provide timely energy recharge to maintain perpetual network operations, meanwhile achieving high-performance data gatherings.

I will also briefly discuss some works on other topics during my PhD and Postdoc periods. Finally, I will mention some possible future research works.

Everyone is greatly welcomed!

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