

QoS Routing in OLSR with Several Classes of Service

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- Outline

- Standard OLSR
- Existing propositions
- Effect of OLSR optimisations on QoS routing
- Toward the support of several QoS classes
- Conclusion and future work



- Shortest (hop count) path is not enough!
 - Selection of poor quality links
 - Poor end-to-end performance
 - Need QoS routing to compute:
 - Efficient paths
 - Optimize global network performance

- Need to satisfy application needs
 - Different regarding their types and services:
 - Audio/video streaming
 - VoIP
 - Web browsing
 - Alert triggering



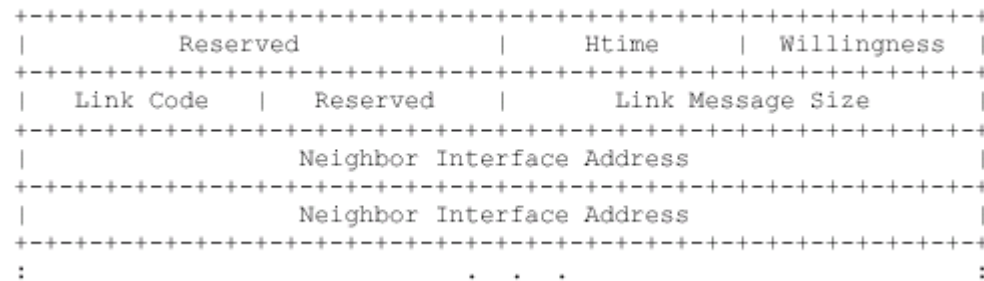
- Proactive protocol
 - No route establishment latency
- Link-state
 - Route computation with the knowledge a subset of the network topology
- Forwarding is hop by hop
 - Rather than path based
- Strongly optimized for ad hoc networks
 - Via the use of MPR (Multipoint relays)



■ 2 types of control messages

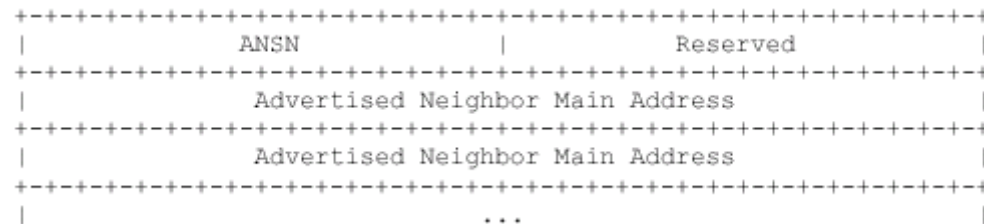
■ HELLO

- 2-hop neighborhood discovery



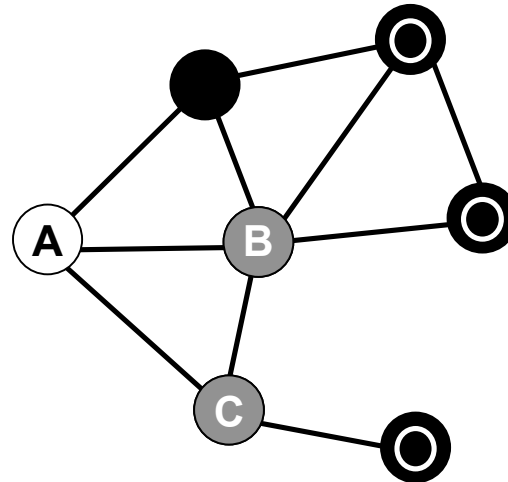
■ TC (Topology Control)

- Announcement of a subset of links to all the nodes



■ MPR definition

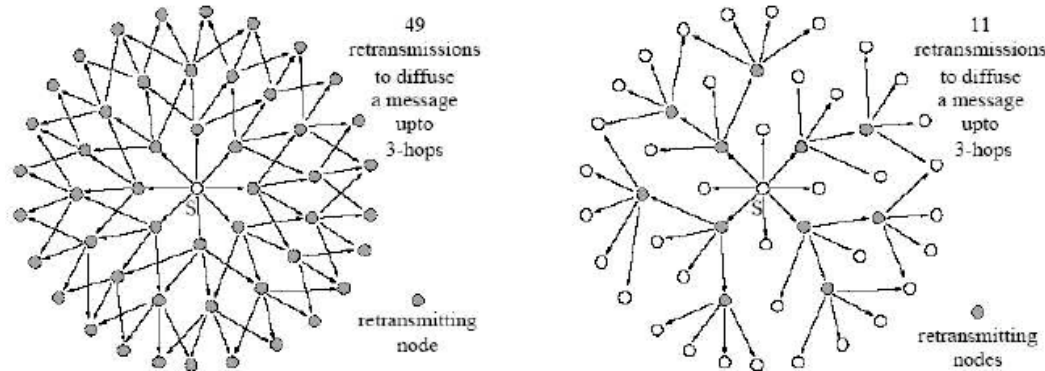
- Each node chooses its MPR set
- The MPR set is a minimum subset among the 1-hop neighborhood through which one must pass to reach all nodes 2-hops away



- Nodes maintain two sets:
 - B and C are in the MPR set of A
 - A is in the MPRSelector set of B and C



- MPR usage
 - Only MPRs send TC messages
 - By default, MPRs advertise their MPRSelector set
- Benefits of MPR
 - An efficient broadcast structure
 - Not the best existing but better than basic broadcast

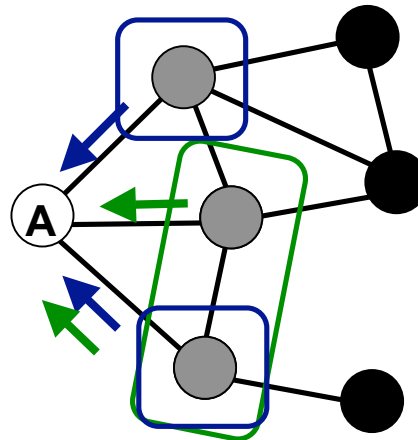


- Link advertisement control mechanism
 - Avoid announcing *useless* links
 - Guarantee to find the shortest paths (hop count)



■ MPR selection only

- Prefer *good* links to be advertised



■ Benefits:

- No need to change OLSR messages (depending on the metric)
- Only change MPR selection algorithm

■ Drawbacks:

- End-to-end route non optimal
- Handle only one set of constraints



■ QOLSR

■ Defines modifications to

● HELLO

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|           Reserved           |           Htime           | Willingness |
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|  Link Code  |  Reserved  |           Link Message Size           |
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|                                     Neighbor Address                                     |
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|           QoS fields values (bandwidth and delay)           |
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|           QoS fields values (other QoS metrics)           |
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● TC

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|           ANSN           |           Reserved           |
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|           Multipoint Relay Selector Address           |
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■ QOLSR

- Use the concept of *shortest-widest* path:
 - Find the maximum BW path (widest path)
 - If more than one widest paths exist, it chooses the one with lower delay
- Choose the MPR set according to the *shortest-widest* strategy
- Perform route computation also in this way
- Can propagate other metrics in control messages
- Benefits:
 - Optimal end-to-end route regarding the one strategy
- Drawbacks:
 - Need to change OLSR control messages
 - BW & delay are hard to measure
 - Self-interference (MPR computation based on BW & delay)

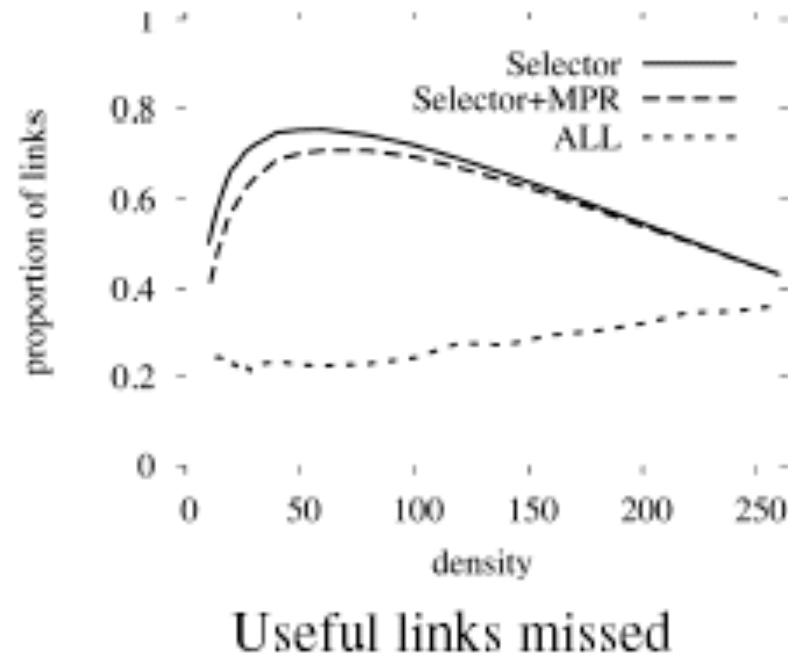


- Existing solutions drawback
 - Reduce the subset of advertise links according to only one set of constraints

- Challenges
 - Improve the ability of OLSR to perform route computations with different constraints, i.e. need for more link advertisements
 - Without affecting the network too much



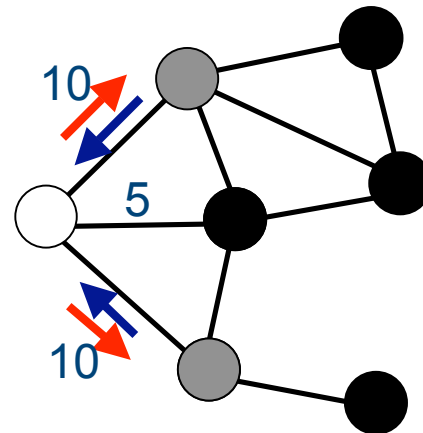
- Non advertisements of links
 - Hypothesis: each link is potentially interesting
 - Graph-based simulations:
 - 500 nodes
 - 1000m large square playground



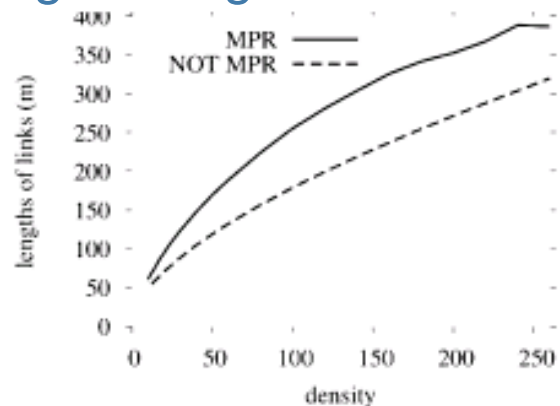
Consequences of OLSR optimizations on QoS routing



- Direction of advertisement
 - Reverse way is announced



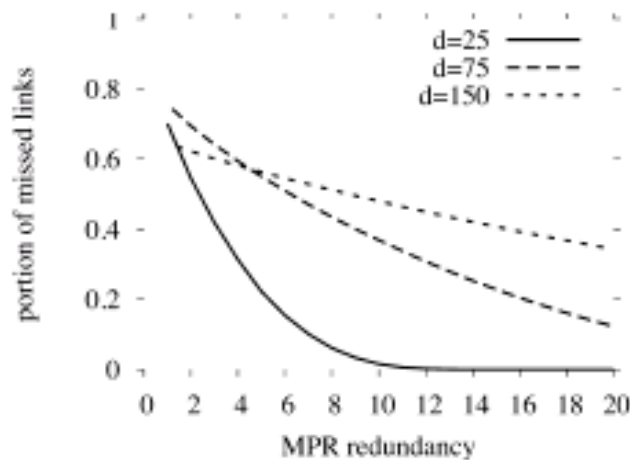
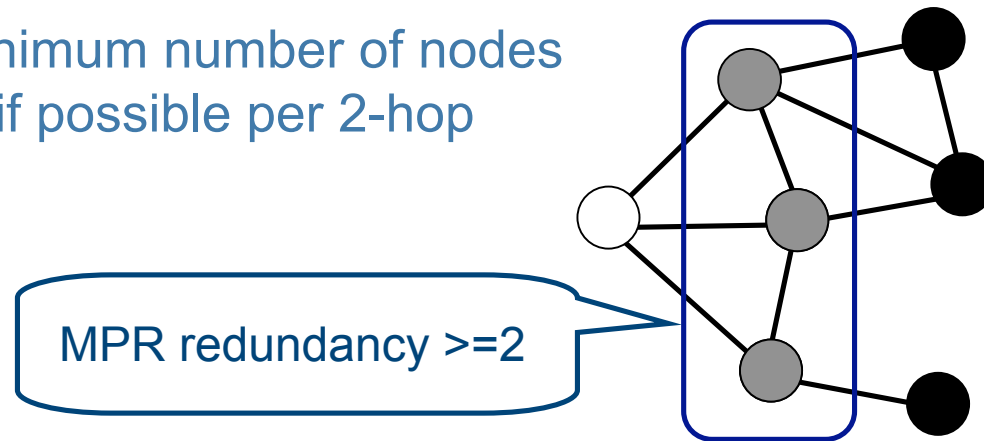
- Length of links
 - Tend to propagate longer links



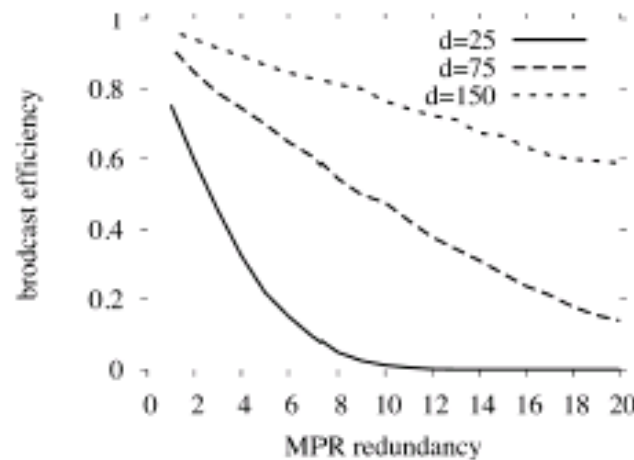
(a) Average length of links with 1-hop neighbors.

■ MPR redundancy

- Defines the minimum number of nodes to be selected if possible per 2-hop neighbor



(a) Useful links missed



(b) Broadcast efficiency

■ Multiple MPR set based

- Compute a MPR set for each constraints set
- Use one of the sets to perform broadcast operations
- Merge the different MPR sets and apply the classic OLSR link advertisement

■ Benefits:

- Advertise every *interesting* link
- Optimal end-to-end route regarding all the strategies

■ Drawbacks:

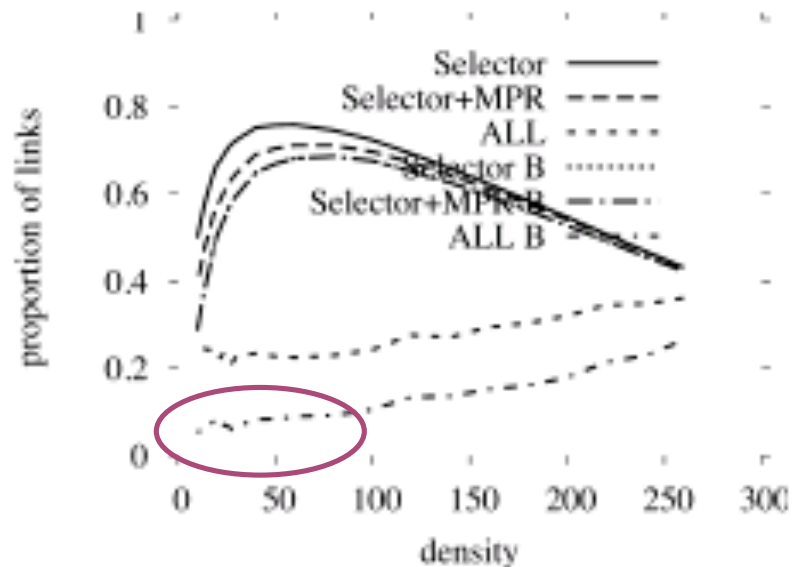
- Can lead rapidly to a wired-like link state protocol (depending on the number of constraints sets, topology,...)



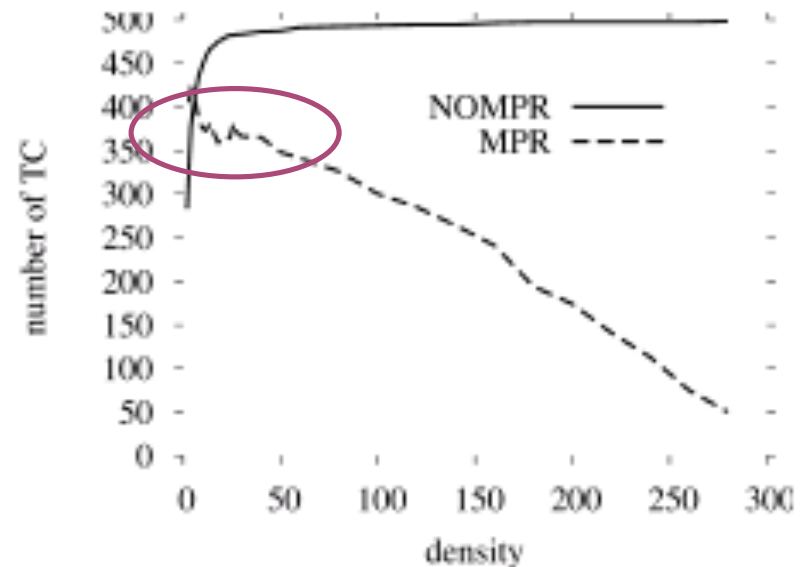
- QOLSR+ proposition:
 - MPRs are chosen only to create a stable and reliable broadcast structure (To be defined)
 - TC messages advertise bi-directional QoS information
 - Links are just announced once. A mechanism is used to avoid a link being advertised by both end nodes (the one with the highest main IP address)
 - Only MPRs can send TC messages to advertise all their 1hop neighbors.

- Benefits:
 - Limit network overhead, while advertising a large part of the network.
- Drawbacks:
 - Still misses some interesting links

- Results
 - Useful links missed



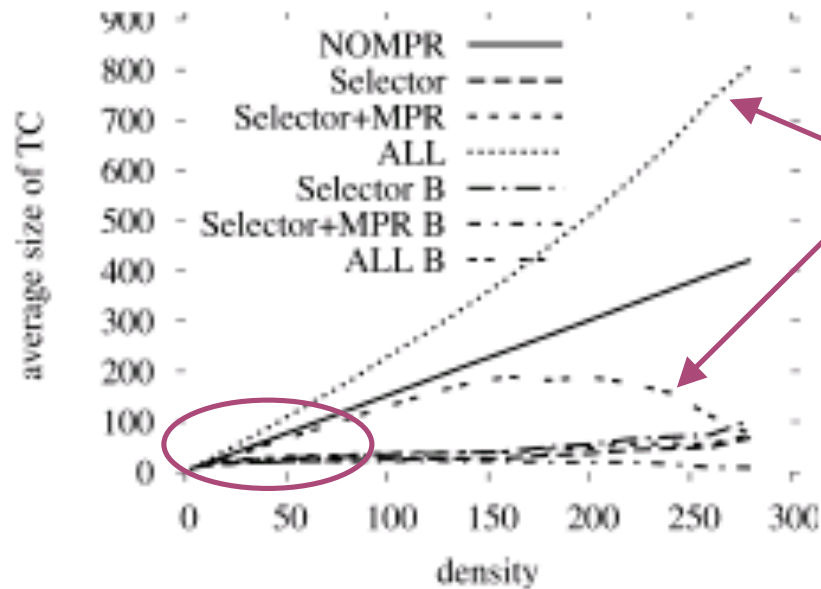
(a) Useful links missed



(b) Number of TCs

■ Results

■ Network overhead



Interest of Bi-directional advertisements



■ Conclusion

- Analysis of OLSR mechanisms impact on QoS routing
- Analysis on existing solutions ability to support several classes of service
- Introduction of possible improvements

■ Future works

- Network simulations to compare all the solutions with *real* metrics
- Metrics to create a reliable and stable broadcast structure