Efficient Broadcasting, through Irresponsible Forwarding, in Intelligent Transportation Systems



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Why Broadcast Protocols in VANETs?

o Topology information dissemination

- Weak QoS requirements
- One or two hops
- Used by unicast (multicast) routing protocol

o Event-driven information dissemination

- Strong QoS requirements
- Multiple hops
- Broadcast storm problem







Irresponsible Forwarding: the idea

A "simple" question for each node: to rebroadcast or not to rebroadcast?

- We propose a probabilistic distance-based approach
- Nodes answer the question in a probabilistic way
- The retransmission probability is

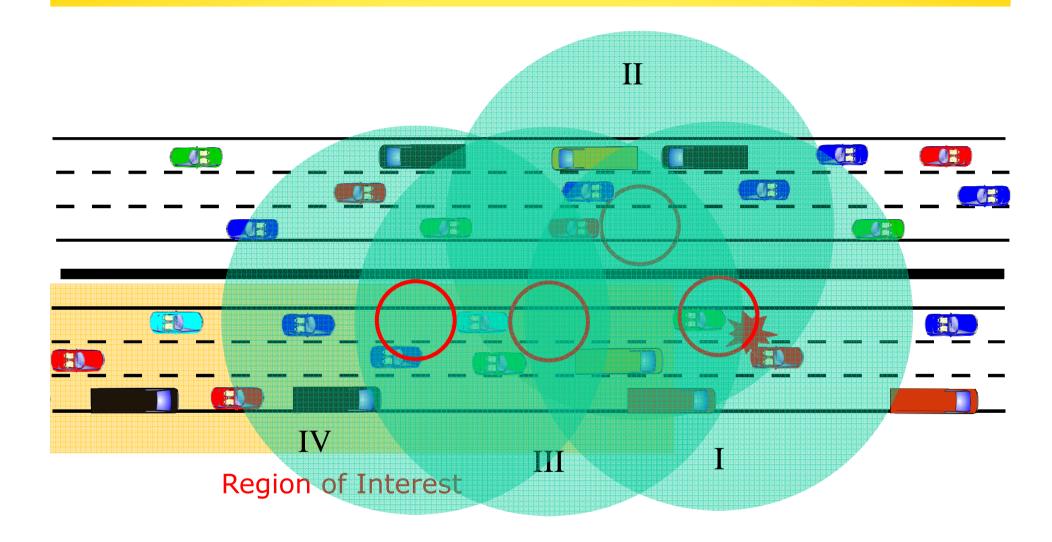
$$p_{retx} = \exp\left\{-\frac{\rho(z-d)}{c}\right\}$$

 The distance from the source & the node spatial density are taken into account







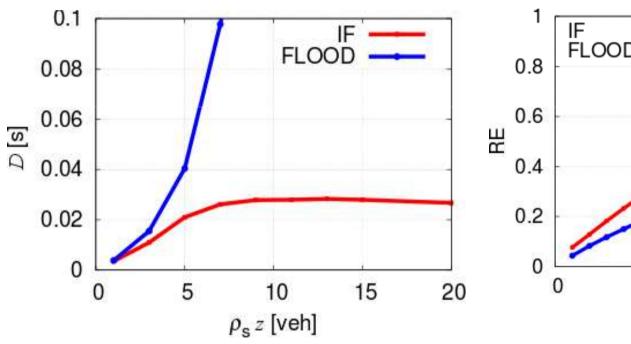


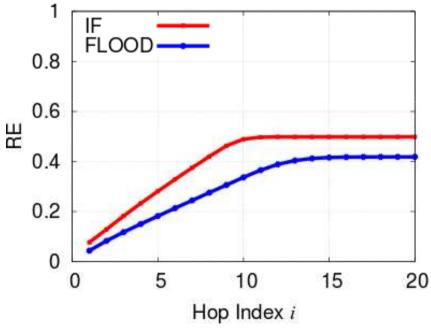






Performance in IEEE 802.11 linear networks $(\lambda = 100 \text{ pck/s} \text{ and IF with } c = 5)$



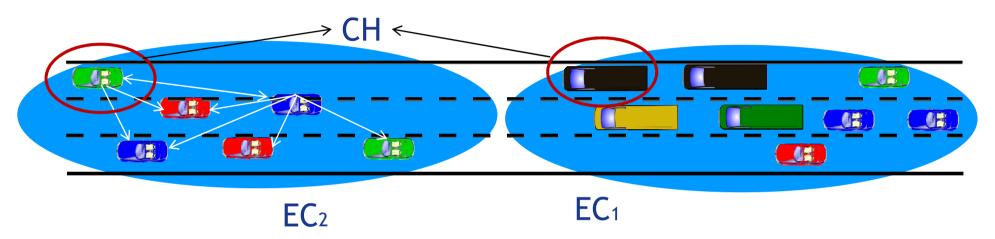






An Improvement: Cluster Irresponsible Forwarding(CIF)

Concept of Ephemeral Cluster (EC)



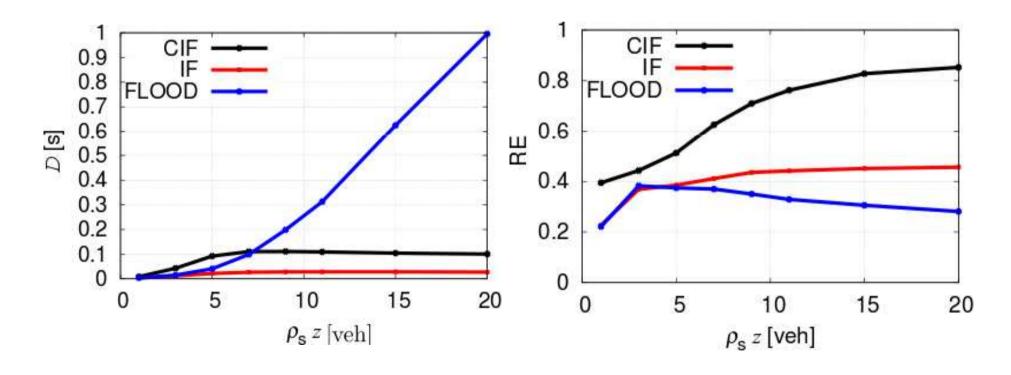
- The logical abstraction of "a cluster" coincides with the underlying topology
- Per-cluster virtual selection mechanism (based on IF)
- Cluster head (CH) election through a real contention mechanism
 - Decentralized
 - With short low power probe packets







A better reachability for a higher delay $(\lambda = 100 \text{ pck/s}, \text{ IF and CIF with } c = 5)$







Conclusions

- The use of efficient broadcast transmissions is a key factor in VANETs
- In safety-related applications latency is a critical issue
- An outdated information is useless
- o Tradeoff between reliability, latency, and efficiency



- IF uses "easy to retrieve" information -> No need for a dedicated control channel
- No additional delay is introduced by IF
- o IF, with a few adjustements, can be the solution







Thank you for your attention!

...Questions?





