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Bluetooth Topology: the Model





Bluetooth Technology



- Technology for wireless communication, named after *King Harald Bluetooth* who unified Denmark and Norway (10th century)
- Introduced as cable replacement for small PANs connecting laptops, mobile phones, PDAs, etc.
- Arguments in favor of BT for large ad-hoc scenarios:
 - cheap and easily integrable
 - good data rate/energy consumption tradeoff
 - wide adoption
 - see [Whitaker et al., 05] and [Kettimuthu, Muthukrishnan, 05]

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Bluetooth Technology: Device Discovery

Goal

Each device must discover and set up links with (a subset of) all *visible* devices (i.e., distance $\leq r$) so to form a connected topology called Bluetooth Topology (BT).

Remarks:

- time and energy consuming task
- in practice, suitable time-outs (e.g., 10 s) are used
- alternative: a node stops when at least *c* links have been established [Dubhashi et al., 07]



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BT(0.075, 5) with n = 1500 nodes.

How many neighbors should each device discover, in order for BT to exhibit:

- connectivity (i.e., single connected component)?
- good expansion (i.e., high bandwidth)?
- low diameter (i.e., low latency)?

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Analysis for r(n) decreasing in n is needed!

Theorem (Crescenzi, Nocentini, Pietracaprina, Pucci, 2007)

There exist two positive real constants γ_1 , γ_2 such that if

$$r(n) \ge \gamma_1 \sqrt{\frac{\log n}{n}}$$
 and $c(n) = \gamma_2 \log \frac{1}{r(n)}$

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Our Contribution

- Tight bounds on the expansion of BT(*r*(*n*), *c*(*n*))
- Quasi-tight bounds (up to a logarithmic additive term) on the diameter of BT(r(n), c(n))
- Results hold for all ranges of the parameters for which connectivity has been established in previous work
- We extend the results of Panconesi et al. (SPAA'04) to the case of vanishing r(n)

Let G = (V, E) be an undirected connected graph.

The neighborhood of $S \subseteq V$:

$$\Gamma(S) = \{ u \in V : \exists e = (u, v) \in E, v \in S \}.$$

The (node) expansion of G:

$$\lambda(s) = \min_{S \subseteq V: |S| = s} \frac{|\Gamma(S) - S|}{s}, \ 1 \leqslant s \leqslant |V|/2.$$

Expansion of BT(r(n), c(n))

Theorem (Expansion of BT)

Let $m = \Theta(nr^2(n))$. Then, there exist two constants $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 > 0$ such that if

$$r(n) \ge \gamma_1 \sqrt{\frac{\log n}{n}}$$
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then the expansion of BT(r(n), c(n)) is, w.h.p.,

$$\lambda(s) = \begin{cases} \Theta(\min\{c(n), m/s\}) & \text{if } 1 \leq s \leq \alpha m \\ \Theta(\sqrt{m/s}) & \text{if } \alpha m < s \leq n/2. \end{cases}$$

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- Upper bound: select a "worst-case" subset S whose expansion matches the above lower bound (easy).

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Let $\alpha = 9/10$, $\beta = 11/10$ and $m = n/k^2$.

- ⇒ W.h.p. each cell contains $\ge \alpha m$ and $\le \beta m$ nodes.
- \Rightarrow W.h.p. each device sees $\Theta(nr^2)$ nodes.



Lower Bounds on Pockets' Expansion

Consider a generic pocket $P_Q = S \cap Q$, for a given cell Q:

Three lemmas cover untargeted expansion for large (1) and small (2) pockets and targeted (3) expansion, respectively, as r(n) varies.



The Three Lemmas

W.h.p., for every cell *Q* and every pocket $P \subseteq Q \cap S$, the following results hold:

Lemma 1 — Large pockets or short radii

If
$$|P| \ge \log n$$
 or $r(n) = O(n^{-1/8})$, then, $\forall P : 1 \le |P| \le \alpha' m$,

 $|\Gamma(P) - P| \ge \epsilon' \min\{c(n) | P|, m\}.$

Lemma 2 — Small pockets and large radii

If $r(n) = \Omega\left(n^{-1/8}\right)$, then, $\forall P : 1 \leq |P| < \log n$, $|\Gamma(P)| \geq \frac{1}{3}c(n)|P|$.

Lemma 3 — Targeted expansion

For any Q' adjacent to Q, $\forall P \subseteq Q : m/c(n) \leq |P| \leq \alpha'' m$,

 $|\Gamma(P) \cap Q'| \ge (1 + \varepsilon'') |P|.$

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A majority of nodes of *S* is contained either in black or gray cells.



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A subset *B* of $\Omega(\sqrt{N_b})$ black cells are adjacent to distinct non-black cells.



Each black/non-black pair contributes $\Omega(m)$ "new nodes" (Lemma 3), hence

$$|\Gamma(B) - S| = \Omega\left(\sqrt{sm}\right).$$

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 - $\forall Q' \notin S_Q, A_Q \cap A_{Q'} = \emptyset.$



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• diam $(BT) = \Omega (\log n / \log \log n)$ for $r(n) = \Theta(1)$.

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The Theorem follows easily from the above Lemma and standard calculations.

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Notation:

- *W* is the set of selected centers, |W| = w;
- c_t is the center (cell) selected at the *t*-th iteration, $1 \le t \le w$;
- $P_{c_t} = S \cap c_t;$
- g_t : # of nodes of S in unmarked gray cells of S_{c_t} at the beginning of iteration t.

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The number of "new nodes" reached by G is

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For a sufficiently large c(n), we have $|N_t| - 169p_t = \mu |N_t|$, for a constant μ . Hence,

$$\sum_{t=1}^{w} |N_t| - 169p_t = \Omega\left(\sum_{t=1}^{w} \overline{\varepsilon} \min\{c(n)p_t, m\}\right) = \Omega\left(\min\{c(n)s, m\}\right)$$

and the theorem follows.

In the second subcase, some active area contains a black cell.

Partition $W = B_1 \cup B_2$ where the centers in B_1 do not have black cells in their active areas and B_2 do have.

Suppose that $\sum_{t \in B_2} |N_t| \ge \tau \sum_{t \in B_1} |N_t|$, where τ is a constant.

For each $t \in B_2$ the set N_t contains $(1 + \overline{\epsilon})\overline{\alpha}m$ nodes, and at least $\overline{\epsilon}\overline{\alpha}m$ of these are "new nodes". Hence, the total number of "new nodes" of *S* is at least

$$\sum_{t\in B_2} \bar{\epsilon} \bar{\alpha} m = \frac{\bar{\epsilon}}{1+\bar{\epsilon}} \sum_{t\in B_2} |N_t| \geqslant \frac{\bar{\epsilon}}{1+\bar{\epsilon}} \frac{\tau}{1+\tau} \sum_{t=1}^{w} |N_t|,$$

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Finally, if $\sum_{t \in B_2} |N_t| < \tau \sum_{t \in B_1} |N_t|$, the number of "new nodes" accounted for by the N_t 's is

$$\left(\sum_{t=1}^{w} |N_t|\right) - |G| = \sum_{t \in B_1} (|N_t| - 169p_t) + \sum_{t \in B_2} (|N_t| - 169p_t)$$

$$\ge \sum_{t \in B_1} \mu |N_t| + \sum_{t \in B_2} ((1 + \bar{\varepsilon})\bar{\alpha}m - 169\bar{\alpha}m) > \sum_{t \in B_1} \mu |N_t| - \sum_{t \in B_1} \left(\frac{169}{1 + \bar{\varepsilon}} - 1\right) \tau |N_t| .$$

By fixing τ such that $((169/(1+\bar{\varepsilon}))-1)\tau=\mu/2,$ we get

$$\sum_{t \in B_1} \mu |N_t| - \sum_{t \in B_1} \left(\frac{169}{1 + \overline{\epsilon}} - 1 \right) \tau |N_t| = \frac{\mu}{2} \sum_{t \in B_1} |N_t| = \Omega \left(\sum_{t=1}^w |N_t| \right),$$

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