

# Implementation of Utility-based Rate Control Protocol (WSN-NUM)

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## Mission-oriented Sensor Networks

### Mission utilizes multiple sensors

- Different sensors have different relative importance
- Importance of one sensor changes dynamically based on data quality from other sensors.

### Sensor contributes to multiple missions

- Multicast flows
- Different missions need different amount of data from the same sensor.

## Mission-oriented Wireless Sensor Networks

### Wireless medium

- Channel capacity is not fixed
- Exploit broadcast capabilities at the link layer
- Contention among transmissions can change

### Dynamic environment

- Missions come and go at different times
- Topology changes frequently (node mobility, wireless link variability, sensor activation)

## Mission-oriented Military Wireless Sensor Networks

### High priority missions

- High priority missions have different resource requirements
- Need for differentiated or prioritized congestion control

## Network Utility Maximization (NUM)

A Distributed, Utility-Based Formulation of Resource Sharing

- Each mission has a "utility":  $U_m(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_s)$ 
  - A measure of how "happy" the mission is
  - A function of source rates from all its sensors
- Allocate WSN resources (network interface bandwidth of nodes) to maximize cumulative utility.
- Congestion control is formulated as a utility maximization problem

### Our Objective:

"Rate/Congestion Control for Network Utility Maximization"

## Our Analysis Framework

$SENSOR(U, L)$ :

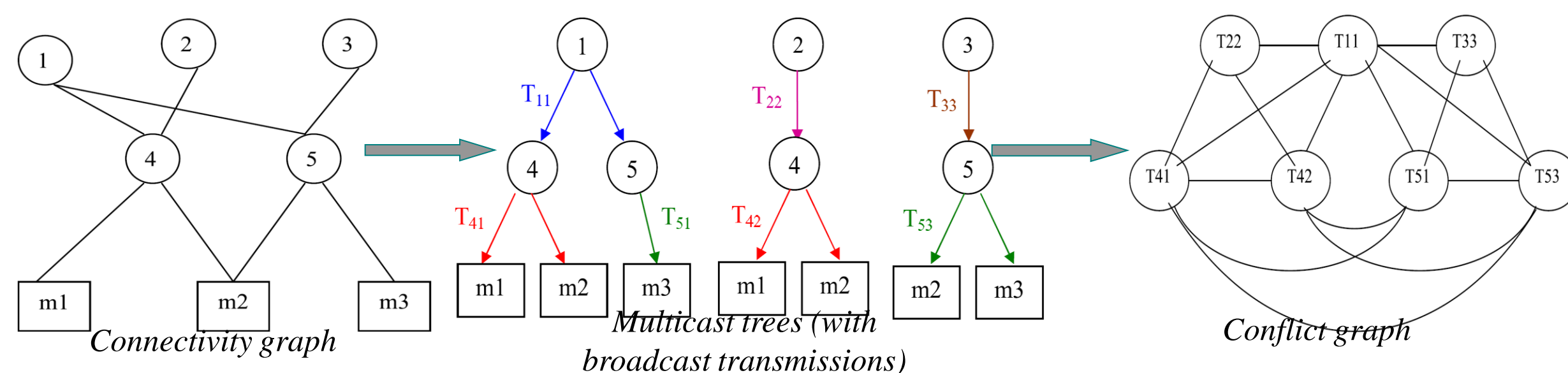
$$\text{maximize } \sum_{m \in M} U_m(X_m)$$

subject to:

$$\sum_{\forall (k,s) \in l} \frac{x_s}{c_{k,s}} \leq 1$$

for each maximal clique  $l \in L$

- Airtime constraint over "transmission-specific" cliques
- Cliques => "contention region"
- No two transmissions in a clique can occur simultaneously



## WSN-NUM Protocol

- Price-based, iterative scheme
- Solve two independent sub-problems
- Network nodes:

- Aim to maximize "revenue"
- Compute Clique cost: degree of congestion in the clique
- Flow cost = sum of costs of all cliques along the flow

$NETWORK(L; w)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{maximize } \sum_{s \in S} \sum_{m \in M} w_{ms} \log(x_s); \\ &\text{subject to } \sum_{\forall (k,s) \in l} \frac{x_s}{c_{k,s}} \leq 1, \text{ for each clique } l \in L, \\ &\text{over } x_s \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\mu_l(t) = \left( \sum_{\forall (k,s) \in l} \frac{x_s(t)}{c_{k,s}} - 1 + \epsilon \right)^+ / \epsilon^2$$

- Mission (sink):

- Aims to maximize its utility minus the cost
- Sends path cost to each source
- Sends 'willingness to pay' for each source

$SINK_m(U_m; \lambda_m)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{maximize } U_m\left(\frac{\bar{w}_m}{\lambda_m}\right) - \sum_{s \in S \cap l(m)} w_{ms} \\ &\text{over } x_s \geq 0. \\ &w_{ms} = \lambda_{ms} * x_s : \text{"willingness to pay"} \end{aligned}$$

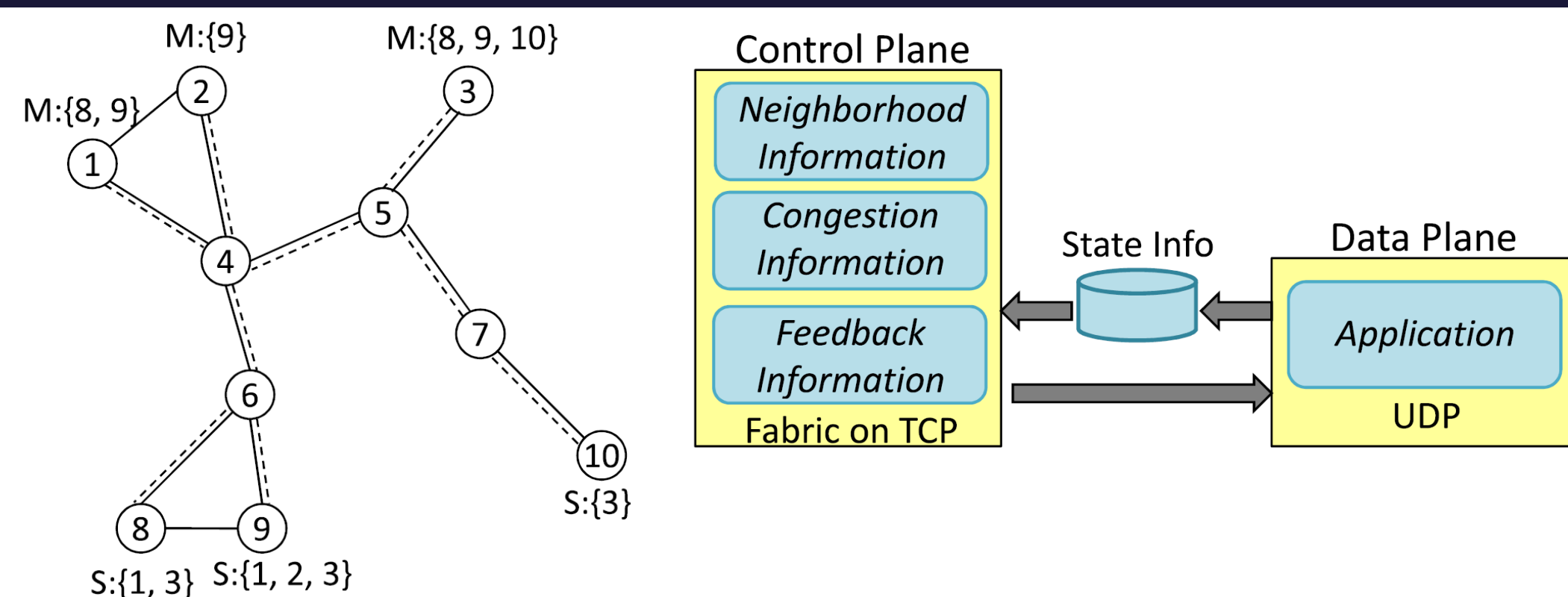
- Sensor (source):

- Adjusts rate to drive gradient to zero:

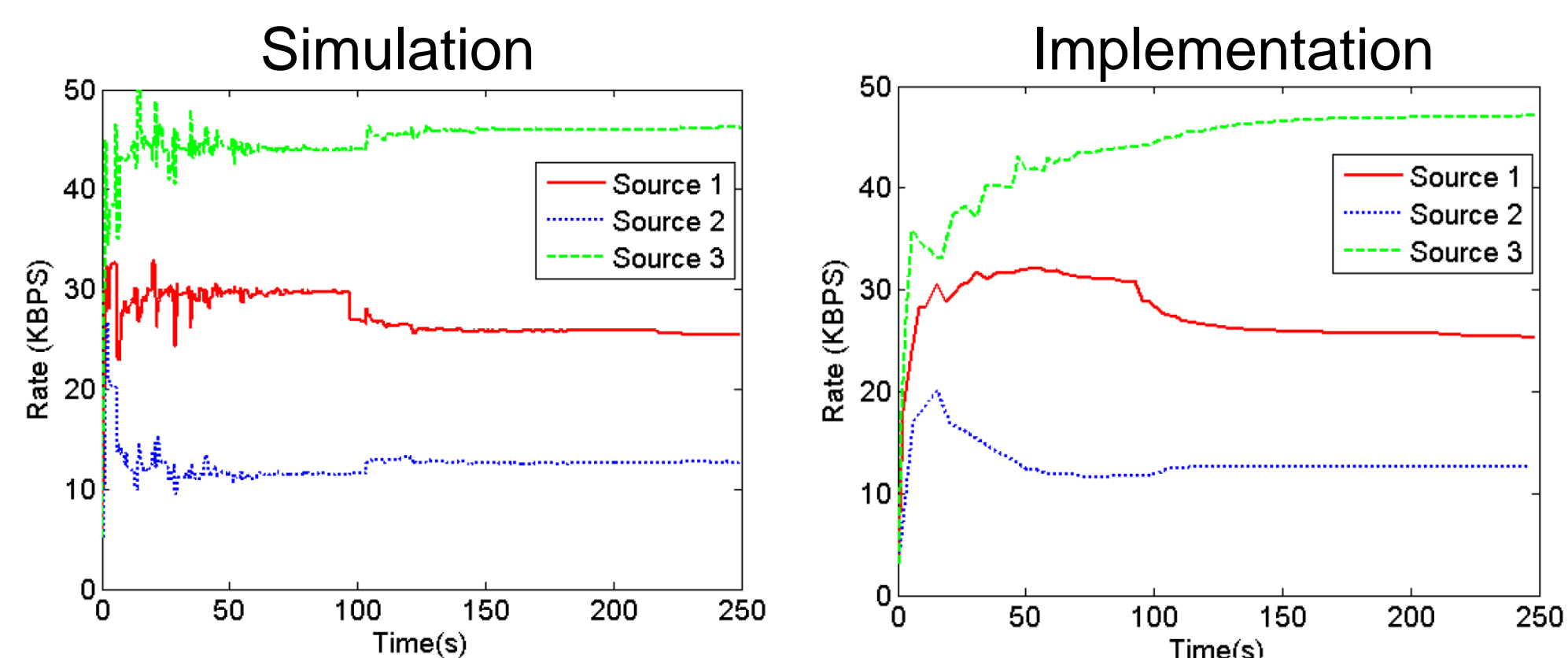
$$w_{ms} = x_s(t) \frac{\partial U_m}{\partial x_s}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} x_s(t) = \kappa \left( \sum_{m \in Miss(s)} w_{ms}(t) - x_s(t) * \left( \sum_{\forall l \in flow(s)} \mu_l(t) * \sum_{\forall (k,s) \in l} \frac{1}{c_{k,s}} \right) \right)$$

## Implementation Details



## Results



| Parameter       | Broadcast |            |       | Unicast |            |       |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|-------|---------|------------|-------|
|                 | Optimal   | Simulation | Impl. | Optimal | Simulation | Impl. |
| Rate (KBPS)     | 33.33     | 25.81      | 25.35 | 23.83   | 19.19      | 18.70 |
|                 | 16.67     | 13.08      | 11.63 | 11.42   | 9.58       | 9.34  |
|                 | 50.00     | 46.09      | 46.11 | 41.67   | 35.70      | 34.14 |
| PDR (%)         | 0         | 83.30      | 77.70 | 0       | 97.22      | 96.39 |
| Net Rate (KBPS) | 33.33     | 21.50      | 19.70 | 23.83   | 18.65      | 18.01 |
|                 | 16.67     | 10.90      | 9.03  | 11.416  | 9.31       | 8.99  |
|                 | 50.00     | 38.39      | 35.82 | 41.67   | 34.7       | 32.88 |
| Utility         | 63.01     | 60.92      | 60.34 | 61.41   | 60.17      | 59.90 |

## Conclusion

- Real-time implementation shows correctness and applicability of WSN-NUM
- Using sensor fabric shows compatibility of WSN-NUM with SOA applications
- Many tunable parameters for controlling performance factors such as convergence time and packet loss.