

Announcements



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CSCI {4,6}900: Ubiquitous Computing

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Outline

- Every Joule is Previous: The Case for Revisiting Operating System Design for Energy Efficiency



Battery power as a managed resource

- Little change in basic technology
 - store energy using a chemical reaction
- Battery capacity doubles every 10 years
- Energy density/size, safe handling are limiting factor

<i>Energy density of material</i>	<i>KWH/kg</i>
Gasoline	14
Lead-Acid	0.04
Li polymer	0.15



Energy conserving opportunities

Energy consumed = time * power

- OS: The OS can reduce energy consumption by reducing the time spent in high energy consumption states
- HW: Hardware can reduce energy consumption by reducing the power consumed by high energy consumption states



Hardware advances

- Lower power CPUs
 - disable idle units in CPU to save power
 - e.g. transmeta crusoe chip
 - lower clock frequency to conserve battery
 - e.g. intel speedstep technology
- Displays
 - active matrix LCD
 - reflective displays (uses ambient light for lighting)
- Memory
 - RAMBUS RDRAM provides various power modes
- Batteries not constant source of power
 - pulsed mode is better



Battery power - disk

- Problem:
 - disk spinup, seek / flash memory erase costs

(power values
for IBM travelstar)

<i>Operation</i>	<i>Energy Consumption</i>
Spinup	4.7 W
Read/write	2 W
Idle	0.65 W
Seek	1.8 W
Sleep	0.1 W
Standby	0.25 W

- Predictive spin-ups
- Caching/prefetching



Battery power - memory

- power aware memory hierarchy - e.g. Rambus

(power values for
128 Mb PC800
RDRAM)

<i>Operation</i>	<i>Energy Consumption</i>
Burst READ	567 mA
Burst WRITE	575 mA
Attention	148 mA
Standby	101 mA
NAP	4.2 mA
Self refresh (low power)	0.7 mA

- each chip can be put into different power modes
- Initial page placement, power transition, page migration



Battery power - network

- Transmit, listen, idle costs

(power values for
Lucent wavelan
2 Mbps)

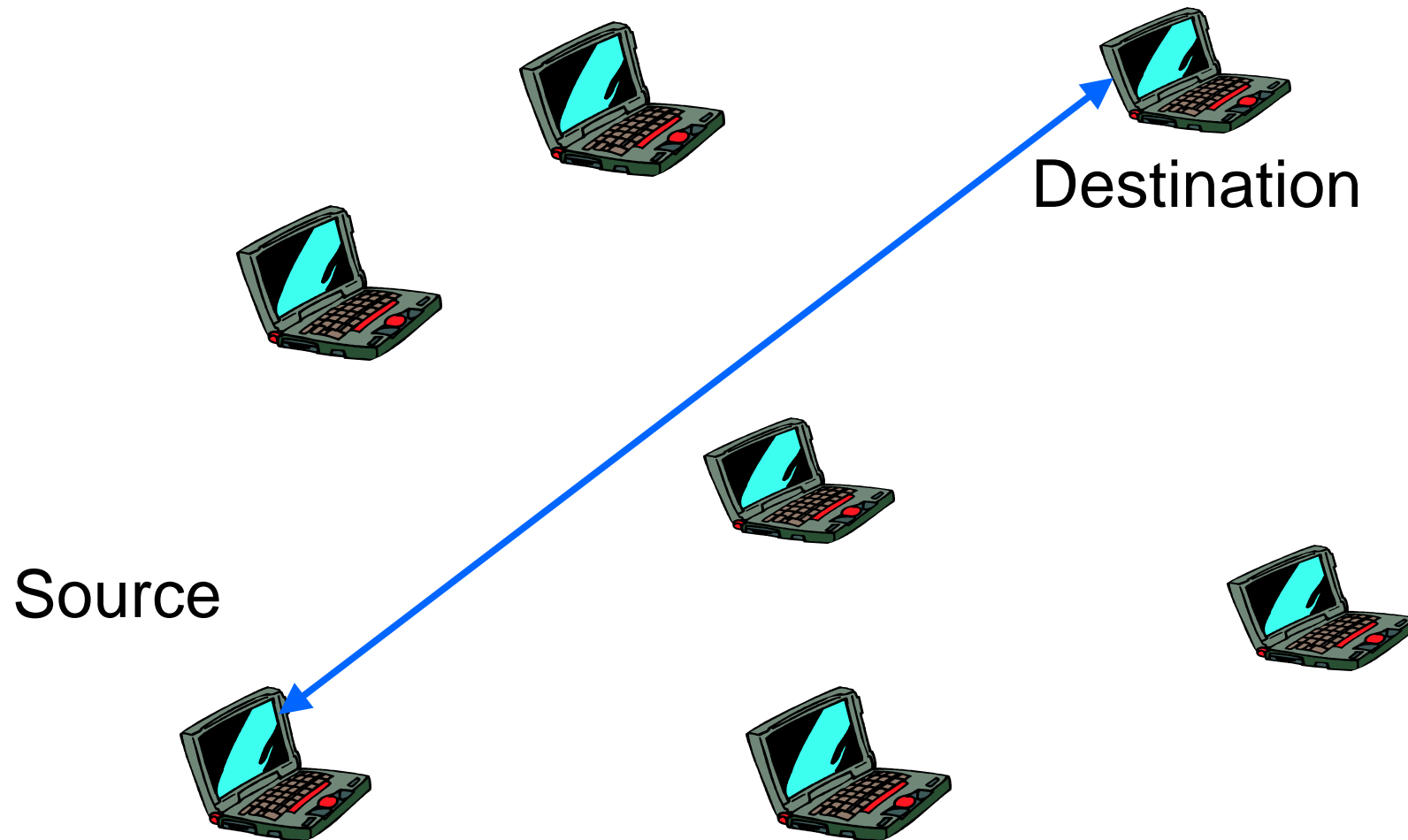
<i>Operation</i>	<i>Energy Consumption</i>
Transmit	330 mA
Receive	280 mA
Doze	9 mA

- Power consumed when device is active
- Receiver does not know when sender has data to be sent - continuous wait is expensive



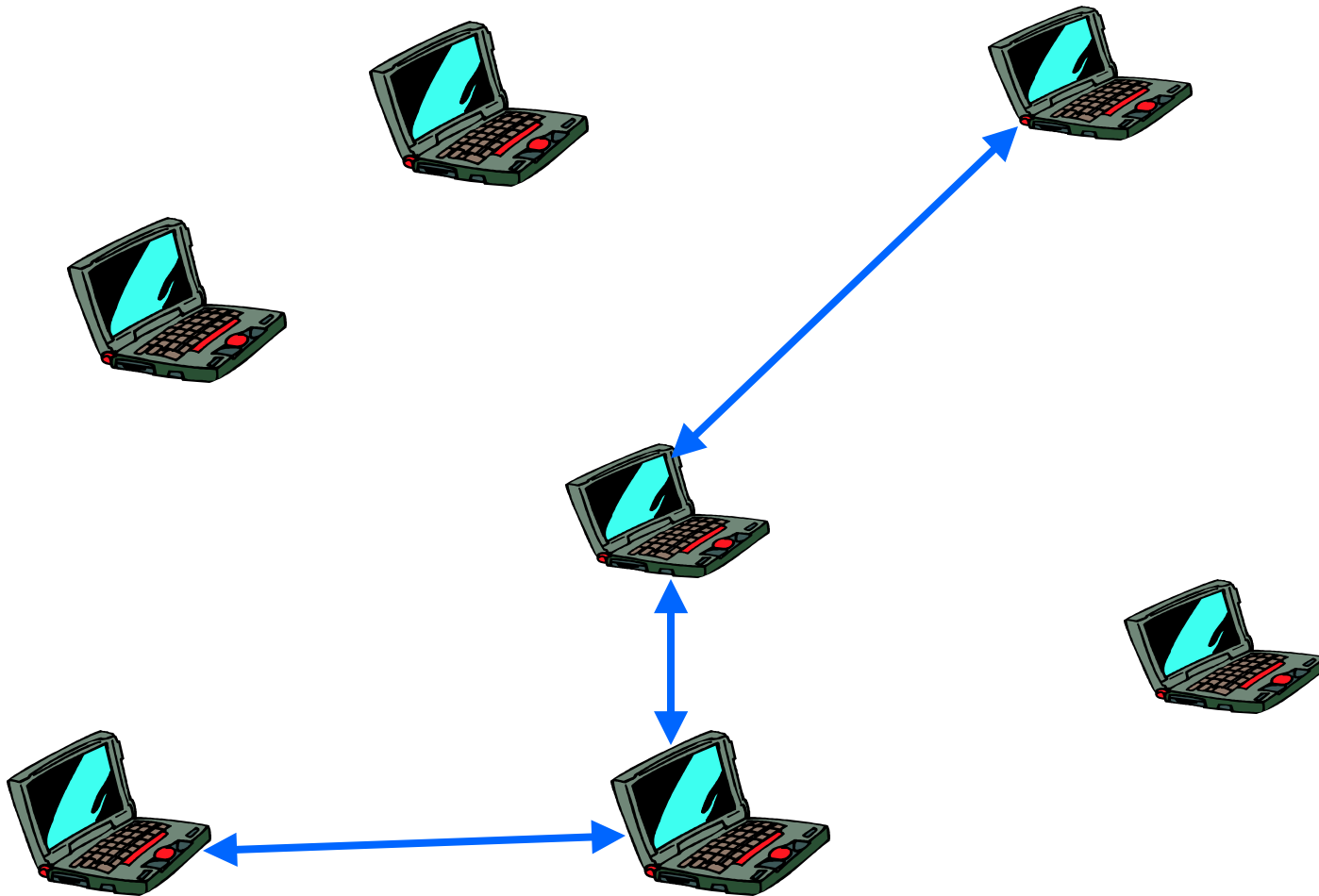
Ad-hoc networking

Cooperative routing in a mobile, highly variant scenario



Power Aware Ad-hoc networking

Power consumption exponential with distance



Battery power – application level

- Application aware adaptation to manage high power energy states
 - Managing the power states in a palm
 - Managing battery in a digital camera using image transcoding
 - Application level adaptation to manage energy
 - Client/server computation split



Hypothesis: OS should manage power

- Typical Operating Systems are designed to hide latency (caching), fairly share resources (CPU, memory, network, etc.)
- What about power? If two processes are runnable and one is expected to consume more power, which do you run?
- Do you run cleanup daemon when the battery power is low?



Discussion

