

# Topology control:

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Sometimes network can be too dense, i.e., many nodes in close vicinity. Therefore, topology control methods deal with such networks by reducing / controlling transmission power, deciding which links to use ~~and~~ turning off few nodes.

Motivation: <sup>Dense network</sup> (provide better connectivity & handles node failures)

In dense network, too many nodes leads to too many collisions / too complex operation for MAC Protocol, too many paths to choose from routing protocols. More tx. Power (Bandwidth) required for nodes to communicate distant nodes.

The idea is to make topology less complex by mentioning which node is able/allowed to communicate with other nodes.

Topology control  $\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Topology control algorithm takes the graph} \\ G=(V,E) \text{ representing a network and transfers} \\ \text{it to graph } T=(V_T, E_T) \text{ such that } V_T \subseteq V \wedge E_T \subseteq E \end{array} \right.$

Control node activity

→ deliberately turn on/off nodes

Control link activity

deliberately use/not use certain links

Topology control

Flat network - all nodes have essentially same role

Flat networks: Power control Using faster modulations

Hierarchical network - assign different roles to nodes: exploit that to control node/link activity.

Backbones

Clustering

These networks mainly control transmission power. This is achieved by

- Not always using maximum power
- selective for some links or for a node
- makes topology thinner
- less interference

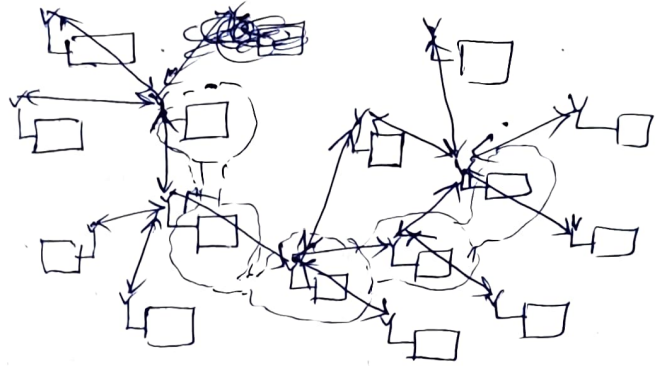
The alternation to this is to selectively discard some links.

Hierarchical networks - backbone.

Here a backbone network is constructed and only the links in backbone and from backbone to controlled neighbors are used.

In this network some nodes control their neighbors and form a dominating set.

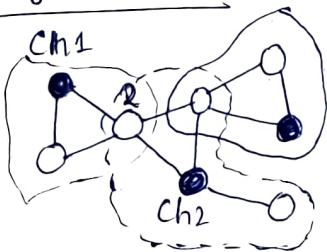
- Each node have a controlling neighbor
- Controlling nodes have to be connected (backbone)
- only links within backbone & from backbone to controlled neighbors are used.



### Hierarchical network (Clustering)

- Here nodes are partitioned into clusters. (clusters are formed <sup>if certain</sup> ~~based on~~ <sup>conditions are hold</sup>)
- A specific node is within one group only except for bridging node bet<sup>n</sup> two or more groups.
- Groups also have cluster-heads
- Clusterheads are a dominating set but separated from each other, i.e. they form independent set.
- In a cluster each node is one hop away from clusterhead. Thus it's the basis of forming clusterhead.

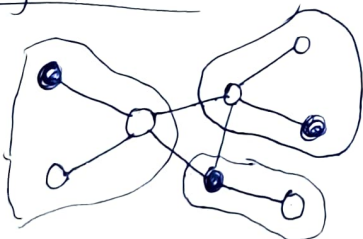
### Overlapping clusters :



In this scenario node 2 is adjacent to clusterheads 1 & 2. Therefore, this node is assigned to both clusters resulting in overlapping clusters. To avoid this some decision is made to unambiguously assign node to clusterheads.

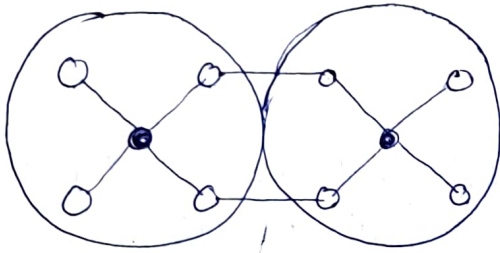
Sol<sup>n</sup>:

### Non-overlapping clusters



How do clusters communicate?

In perspective of cluster overlapping, a node which is adjacent to two clusterheads provide the comm<sup>n</sup> between two clusters and act as a gateway. Hence, intracluster comm<sup>n</sup> can be routed via clusterheads. If two clusterheads are separated by two nodes, in this case the two nodes from each cluster can act as distributed gateway to facilitate comm<sup>n</sup> bet<sup>n</sup> clusters.



→ Maximal diameter of a cluster : The max<sup>m</sup> cluster diameter of two when each node in cluster is at most two hops away from any other node. Multihop clusters use larger diameters.



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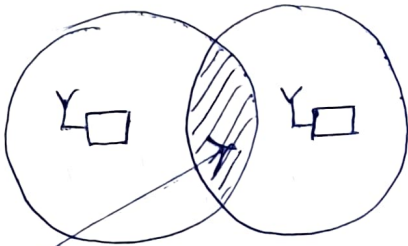
## Some examples constructions for power control

The basic idea for most methods is take a graph  $G = (V, E)$  produce a graph  $G^0 = (V, E^0)$  that maintains connectivity with fewer edges. It can be achieved through

- Assume the knowledge about node positions.
- Construction should be local.

Some examples are: Relative Neighborhood Graph (RNG), Gabriel graph, Delaunay triangulation

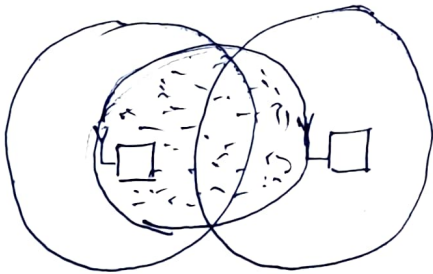
RNG:



This region has to be empty for the two nodes to be connected

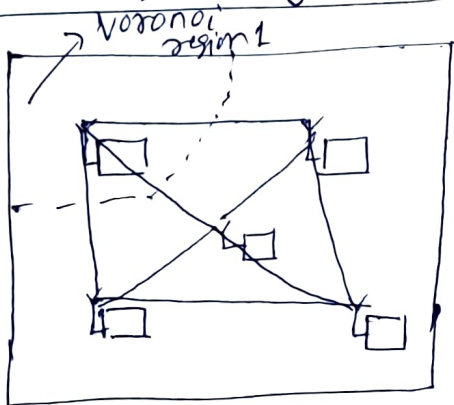
- Edge bet<sup>n</sup>. nodes  $u$  &  $v$  if and only if there is no other node  $w$  that is closer to either  $u$  or  $v$ .
- RNG maintains original graph connectivity.
- Easy to compute locally.

Gabriel graph



- Similar to RNG
- The smallest circle with nodes  $u$  &  $v$  on its circumference must only contain node  $u$  &  $v$  for  $u$  &  $v$  to be connected.

Delaunay triangulation:



- Voronoi diagram is a collection of Voronoi polygons, which are formed around each point that includes all points closer to ~~any~~ it than any other point in the set.
- Delaunay triangulation connects any two nodes for which Voronoi regions touch.

# Hierarchical networks - backbone

## Backbone by growing tree

→ initialize all nodes color to white, pick an arbitrary node & color it gray.

While (there are white nodes) {

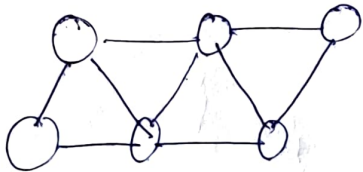
    pick a gray node  $v$  that has white neighbors color the gray node  $v$  black &

    for each white neighbor  $u$  of  $v$  {

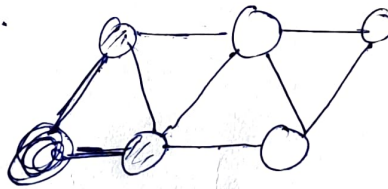
        color  $u$  gray

        add  $(v, u)$  to tree  $T$ .

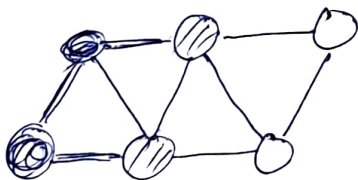
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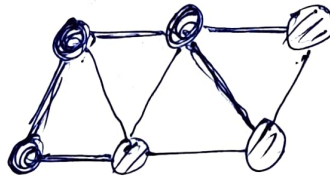
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Selected Links  
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