

Multimedia Wireless Sensor Networks: Perspectives and Future Directions

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Outline

Multimedia Wireless Sensor Networks (MWSNs)
 Challenges in MWSNs
 Ambiguous Context Mediation
 Quality-Aware Context Determination
 Security Issues
 Future Directions



Sensing the Physical World: Cyber-Physical System



Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs)



Computation

Sensory Data: A/D conversion, Compression, Filtering, Aggregation, Analysis

Communication (Wireless)

Broadcast sensory data, Dissemination, Routing





Control (Sensing / Actuation)

Sensing the physical world: temperature, humidity, pressure, light, velocity, sound, image



Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS)

• CPS integrate seamlessly the physical and computational worlds

• CPS exploit pervasive, networked computation, sensing, and control, i.e., "Internet of things" (IoT)

CPS Critical Infrastructures

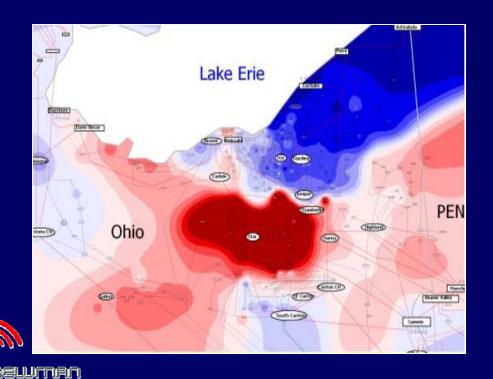
Transportation	 Faster and more energy efficient aircraft Improved use of airspace 	1-1-
	 Safer, more efficient cars 	
Energy, Sustainability, Automation	 Homes and offices that are more energy efficient and cheaper to operate Distributed micro-generation for the grid 	
Healthcare and Biomedical	 Increased use of effective in-home care More capable devices for diagnosis New internal and external prosthetics 	
Critical Infrastructure	 More reliable, efficient (smart) power grid Highways that allow denser traffic with increased safety 	

CPS are natural and engineered physical systems that are integrated monitored, and controlled by an intelligent computational core



Energy and Sustainability

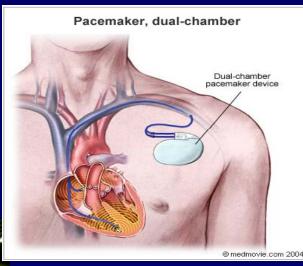
- Smart appliances, buildings, power grid
 - Net-zero energy buildings
 - Minimize peak system usage
 - No cascading failures





Smart Health Care

- Embedded medical devices and smart prosthetics; operating room of future; integrated health care delivery
 - Patient records at every point of care
 - 24/7 monitoring and treatment
 - Assisted Technology for everyone





Multimedia Wireless Sensor Network (MWSN)

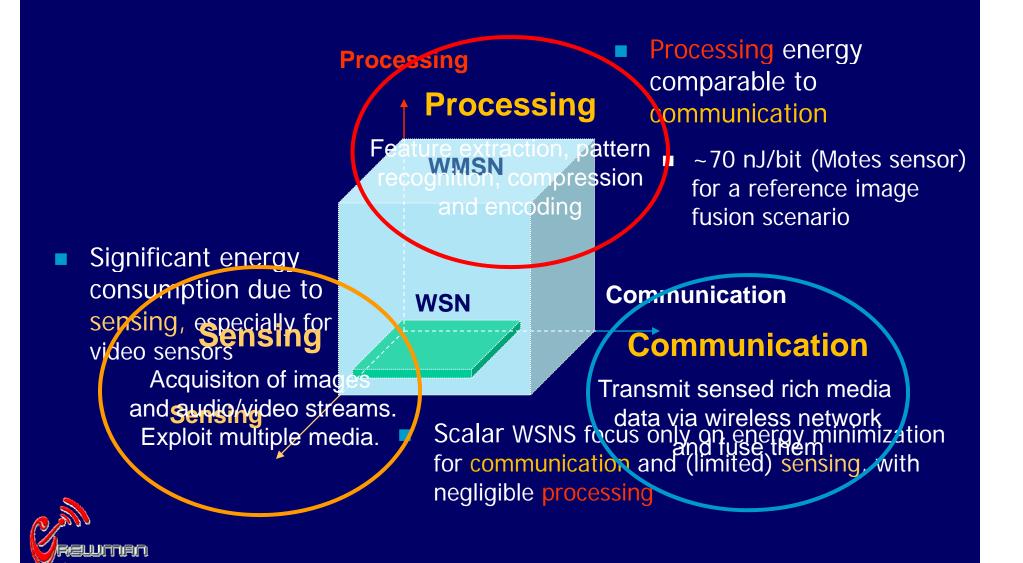
A network of wireless sensors with image and audio/video streaming capability

- can also support scalar data
- combines different media to perform a specific task

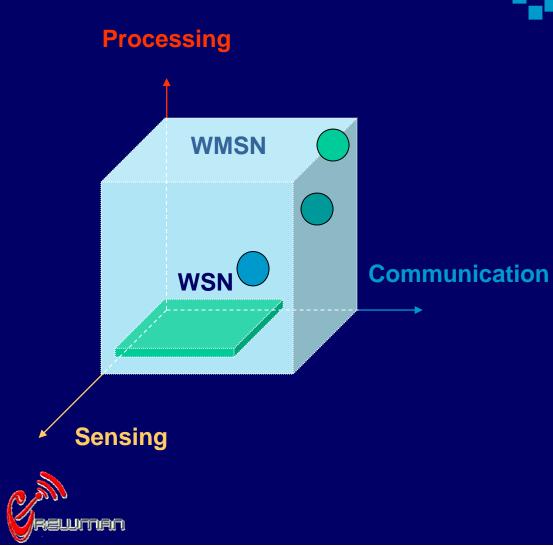




Energy in Multimedia Wireless Sensor Networks



WMSN Examples



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 privacy concerns, involving operate of service/us/ved confidentiality and important authentocationch complex



Devices in Multimedia Wireless Sensor Networks



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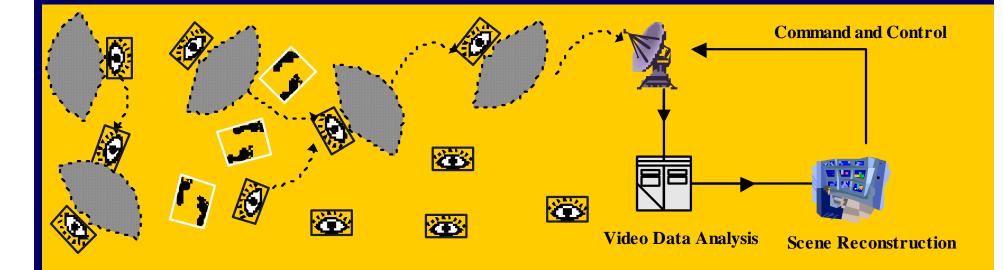


WSN vs. WMSN: New Challenges

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- Higher Data Rate
 - Innovative energy-saving architectures, algorithms, and protocols
- Spatio-temporal Data (higher correlation / redundancy)
 - In-network: Fusion, estimation, detection, filtering, gathering, ...
- High Information Assurance
 - Accuracy, reliability, fault-tolerance, resiliency, security, robustness, ...
- Emerging Security and Privacy Threats
 - Virus spreading, e.g., *Cabir* for wireless cell phone networks



Wireless Video Sensor Network



- Higher data rate: 5 frames/second
- Vector data format
- Special platform support
- () Reiun
- Higher correlation / redundancy

- Vast applications
 - Border / perimeter control
 - Battle field surveillance
 - Smart health care
 - Airport security

Challenges in WMSNs: QoS Support

Data quality

- adequate coverage for sensing
- proper characterization of the phenomenon
- security and privacy concerns
- Timeliness
 - Iatency, jitter
 - deadlines and prioritites
 - different delivery modes, each with specific requirements



Challenges in MWSNs: Information Intensiveness

- Multimedia content is inherently information rich
 - efficient methods to get meaningful representation of information
 - avoid sensing when it does not add information
- Congestion problems for multimedia data
 - reduce data coming into the network
 - use many low-resolution sources and fuse information
 - use new technologies to improve available bandwidth



Research Directions: MWSNs

- Semantic Use of Sensor Data
 - Sensor information processing: Not just aggregating correlated measurements
 - Sensor information integration: Models for multi-sensor information fusion to assess context and situation awareness
 - Information intensive sensing:
 Fusion cost important (e.g., video and multimedia sensors)

– Quality of Information: Sensing quality and QoS, how to measure?

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Fusion Driven Routing of Intensive Information

Aggregation (fusion)

- Sensory information from proximate nodes is often redundant
 - Highly correlated data (e.g., temperature, humidity, light)
- Fusion reduces redundancy and communication
 - Curtails network load → less energy consumption, increased lifetime
- Fusion-driven routing algorithm
 - Routing structure depends on (spatio-temporal) data correlation



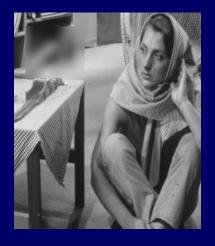
Aggregation Isn't Free for MWSNs

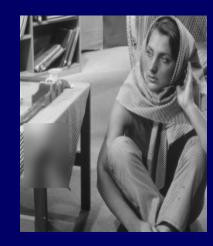
Fusion is Free (almost zero cost) for scalar aggregation functions

- Average, count, max / min
- Traditional WSN Routing Goal:
 - Minimize total *communication cost* of the network for gathering all the sensory data – fully exploit the fusion benefit
- Potentially high fusion cost for information intensive WSNs
 - Compression, image fusion, etc.
 - Image fusion: tens of nJ / bit
 - same order as communication
- Fusion cost different from communication cost
 - Depends on inputs, not output of fusion function



Cost for Fusing Images



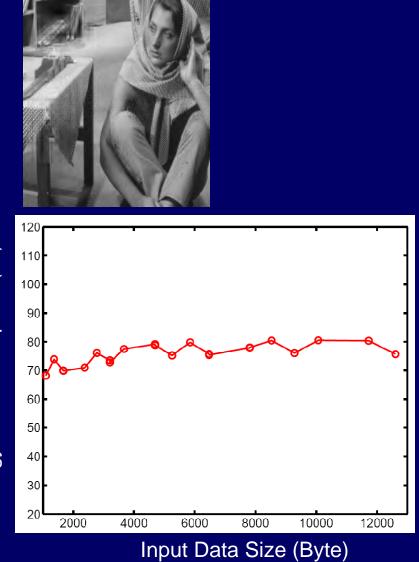


Fusion cost is around 70 nJ / bit (Motes)

Communication cost about 100 nJ / bit

They are on the same order!

Energy/bit Consumption (nJ)





Dynamic Optimization Problem

Optimize fusiion routing tree over both communication (link) and fusion (node) costs The routing structure shall determine dynamically Whether to fuse or not ? Maximize fusion benefit – Reduction in communication cost vs. increase in fusion cost How to fuse ? When and where

Fusion-Driven, Energy Efficient Routing New problem demands new solutions!

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Research Direction in MWSN: Uncertainty Reasoning

- Uncertainty in sensing, aggregation, wireless communication, mobility, dynamic topology, routing, ...
- Uncertainty in distributed collaboration / coordination, fusion, processing, decision making
- Uncertainty in deployment density, battery usage
- How to capture contexts unambiguously despite uncertain (noisy) and incomplete information?



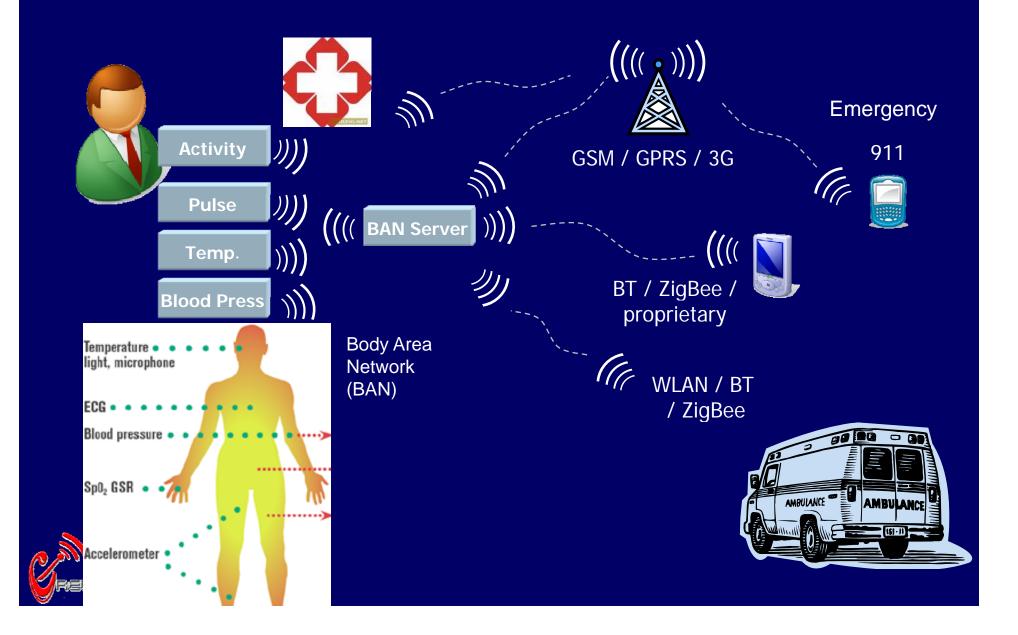
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Pervasive Hearth Care

Different types of services (Priority) Information Query (Heterogeneity)



Pervasive Healthcare

Situation-aware data collection
 (e.g., activity, movement, behavior)

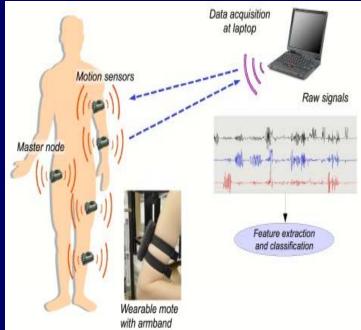
 Process sensor data stream to determine Activities of Daily Living (ADL)

 Characterize uncertainty, ambiguity, error in sensor-driven decision processes

 Context modeling, mediation and determination for higher level properties

Quality-of-Context (QoC) aware sensing protocol

 Tune energy efficiency of sensors, analyze information accuracy

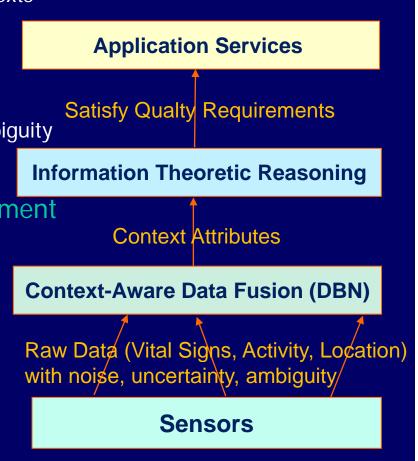




Novel Contributions: Techniques

- Context model
 - Abstraction of raw data into high level contexts
- Context aware data fusion
 - Understanding ambiguity
 - Dynamic Bayesian Networks (DBNs) for ambiguity resolution
- Intelligent sensor information management
 - Information theoretic reasoning
 - Optimal sensor parameter selection
 - Reduction in ambiguity/error in state estimation process
- Quality-aware context determination
 - Tradeoff communication cost vs. accuracy

Validation with SunSPOT sensor test bed



Context-Aware Data Fusion Framework

Context-Aware Data Fusion

Top-down Inference

Given context state, select relevant ambiguityreducing context attributes (e.g., time, blood sugar, frequency of getting up from bed)

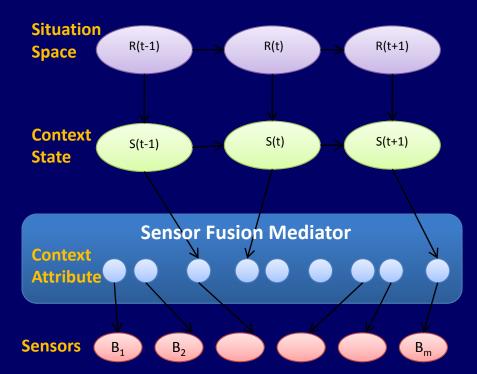
Bottom-up Inference

Given a set of context attributes, infer context states with varying (reported) ambiguities

Dynamic Bayesian Network (DBN)

- Coherent and unified hierarchical probabilistic framework
- Sensory data representations, integration and inference

> Compute Ambiguity-Reducing Utility:



$$V_{i} = \max_{i=0}^{K} \sum_{j=0}^{N} \left[p \left\langle a_{j}^{R} \mid a_{i}^{t} \right\rangle \right]^{2} - \min_{i=0}^{K} \sum_{j=0}^{N} \left[p \left\langle a_{j}^{R} \mid a_{i}^{t} \right\rangle \right]^{2}$$





Intelligent Sensor Management

What information should each selected sensor send to enable the fusion center to

- best estimate the current situation state
- while satisfying the application's QoC requirements and
- minimizing the state estimation error?

Model assumptions

- Noisy observations across sensors are independently and identically distributed (i.i.d.) random variables

- Each sensor has a source entropy rate $H(a_i)$; i.e., to send data about attribute a_i requires $H(a_i)$ bits of data

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Information Theoretic Reasoning

- \blacktriangleright B = set of sensors, A = set of context attributes
- \succ (B × A) matrix where *Bmi* = 1 iff sensor m sends attribute *ai*
- Goal: Find the best (B × A) within capacity constraint Q that minimizes the estimation error of the situation space

$$\sum_{m} \sum_{i} H(a_{i}) * B_{mi} < Q \text{ and minimize } [P_{e} = P\{\overline{R} \neq R\}]$$

Use Chernoff theorem to maximize information content
 Ideally, each sensor sending exactly one bit of information is optimal

Implication: Multiple sensor fusion exceeds the benefits of detailed information from each individual sensor

Quality-Aware Context Sensing

Automated determination of context

 We assume an underlying set of sensor data streams that can be aggregated into context data

Estimation problem over multiple sensor data streams

- Compute the best set of sensors + associated *tolerance* values

- Satisfy a target quality
- Minimize the *cost* of sensing

Tolerance range

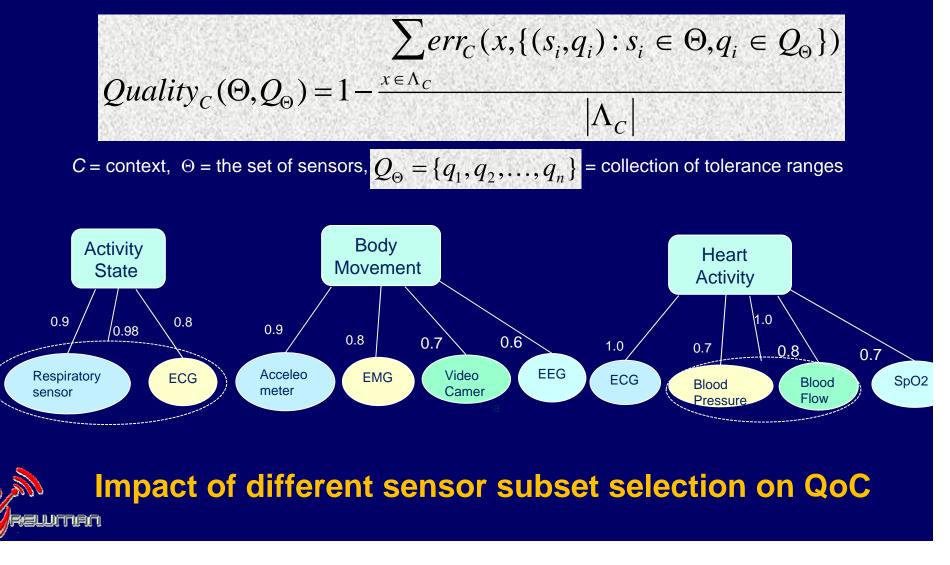
- Measured in terms of a sensor's data reporting frequency
- Ensure acceptable accuracy of the derived context

Sensing Cost

Measured in terms of communication overhead (energy cost)

Quality of Context (QoC) Function

QoC Function = Potential error of measure from true value = (1 – Average Estimation Error)



Quality vs. Cost Tradeoff

Cost measure: the cost of using a sensor is a function of its assigned tolerance range (q):

$$COST \ (\theta, q_{\theta}) = \sum_{s_i \in \theta} c_i(q_i)$$

> When the cost is communication overhead, it scales with hop count, and we can use: $COST \ (\theta, q_{\theta}) = \kappa * \sum_{i \in \theta} \frac{h_i}{q_i^2}$

where κ is a scaling constant and h_i is the hop count

Formulate the *best* sensor selection as an optimization problem:

$$(\hat{\Theta}, \hat{q}_{\Theta})_{F_{\min}} = \Theta \overset{\operatorname{arg\,min}}{\subseteq} S, q_{\Theta}, COST(\Theta, q_{\Theta})$$

such that $Quality_{C}(\hat{\Theta}, \hat{q}_{\Theta}) \ge F_{\min}$



Quality vs. Cost Tradeoff

- Solving for arbitrary functions requires brute-force approach
- Certain forms are more tractable when the QoC of an individual sensor is expressed by an inverse exponential:

$$Quality_i = 1 - \frac{1}{v_i} e^{\frac{-1}{\eta_i q_i}}$$

• where η_i and v_i are sensitivity constants for sensor s_i

Then the problem becomes: (Lagrangian Optimization)

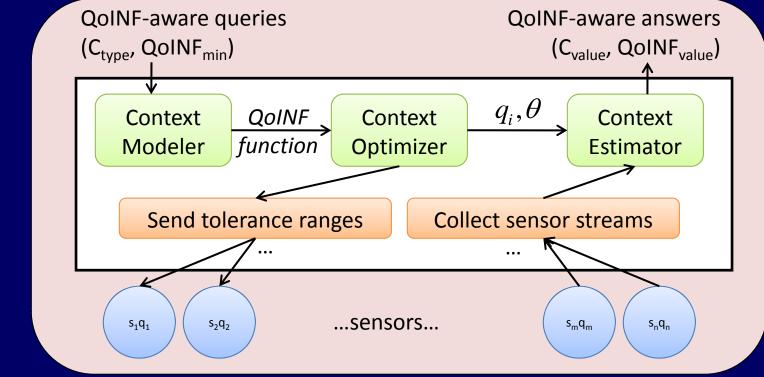
minimize $COST(\Theta, q_{\Theta})$ subject to $Quality_{C}(\Theta, q_{\Theta}) \ge F_{\min}$

minimize
$$\sum_{s_i \in \Theta} \frac{h_i}{q_i^2} + \lambda \left[1 - \prod_{s_i \in \Theta} \left[\frac{1}{\nu_i} e^{\frac{-1}{\eta_i q_i}} \right] - F_{\min} \right]$$



Context Sensing Architecture

- Activity monitoring specifies minimal acceptable QoC
- Context Optimizer
 - Compute optimal set (θ) of sensor data streams
 - Determine optimal tolerance range (q_i) for each selected sensor





QoC-Aware Context Determination Architecture

Experimental Evaluation

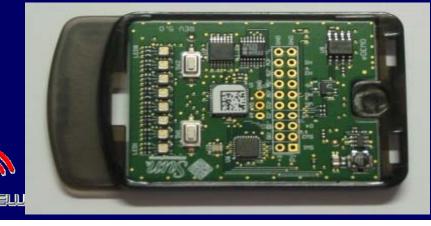
SunSPOT (Sun Small Programmable Object Technology)

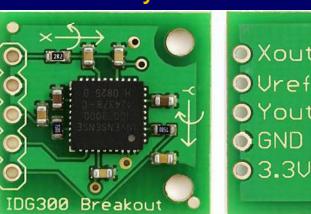
- SunSPOT Processor Board
 - 2.4 GHz IEEE 802.15.4 radio with integrated antenna
- SunSPOT Sensor Board
 - 3-axis accelerometer(2G or 6G), light and temperature sensor
- Single chip dual axis Gyro sensor board



Gyro with SunSPOT

SunSPOT Sensor Board



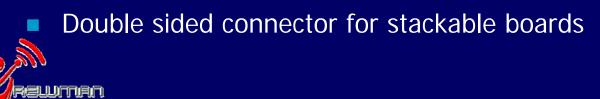


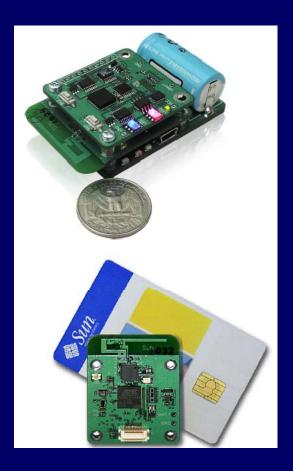
Gyro Breakout board

More Powerful Sensors (Sun Microsystems)

SunSPOTs: Small Programmable Object Technology

- CPU: 180 MHz 32 bit ARM9 core ARM7
- Memory: 512 KB RAM, 4 MB Flash
- Communication: Chipcon 2024 Radio
 2.4 GHz Zigbee (IEEE 802.15.4)
- USB Interface
- 3.7V rechargeable 750mA lithium ion battery
 - 40µA in deep sleep mode





Test bed Setup

Accelerometer Values for different context states

Ranges of Tilt Values (in degree)	Context State
85.21 to 83.33	Sitting
68.40 to 33.09	Walking
28.00 to -15.60	Running

Light Sensor Values for		
different context states		

Avg. Range of Light level (lumen)	Context State
10 to 50	Turned on (active)
0 to 1	Turned off (sleeping)

Trace Collection: Five users engaged in different activities

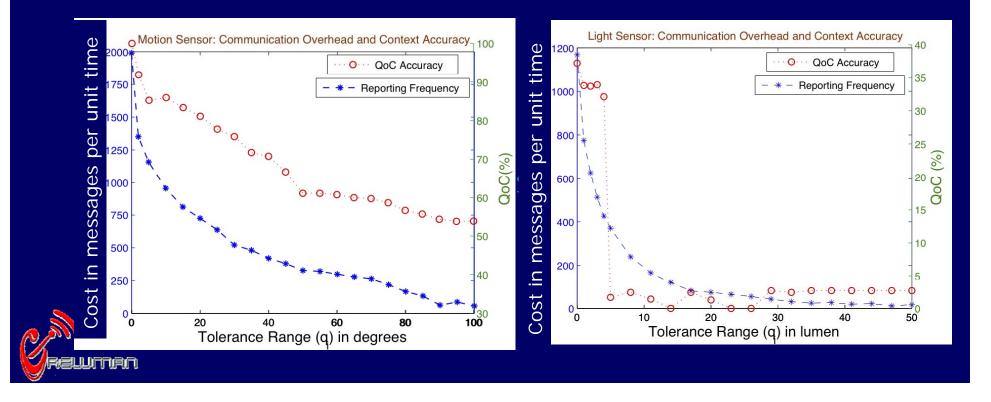
- Sitting, walking, running for 30 days
- Sampling frequency 5.5 Hz (2000 samples)



Experimental Evaluation: Sample Results

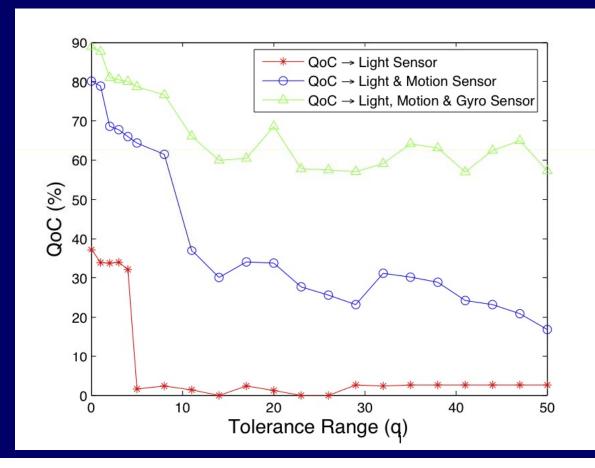
- Quality of context measured as the accuracy of measurement to the known ground truth
- Significant reduction in reporting frequency (communication cost) for moderate loss in fidelity:

~85% reduction in QoC →cost reduction from1953 to 248 for motion sensor



Benefit of Joint Sensing

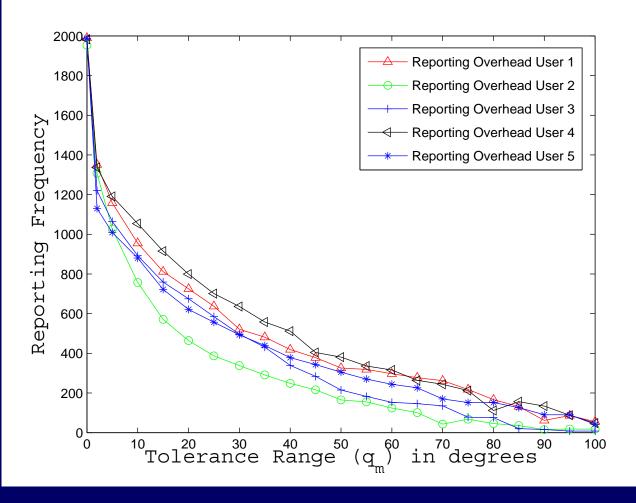
- Context accuracy improves using multiple sensors
 - QoC obtained through combination of light and motion sensor is higher than that of a single sensor, at a lower cost
 - QoC is less susceptible to individual range variation





Experimental Results: Multiple Users

Communication Cost vs. Tolerance Range (Motion Sensor)



For tolerance range q = 20, worst case reduction in cost is 60% for User 4

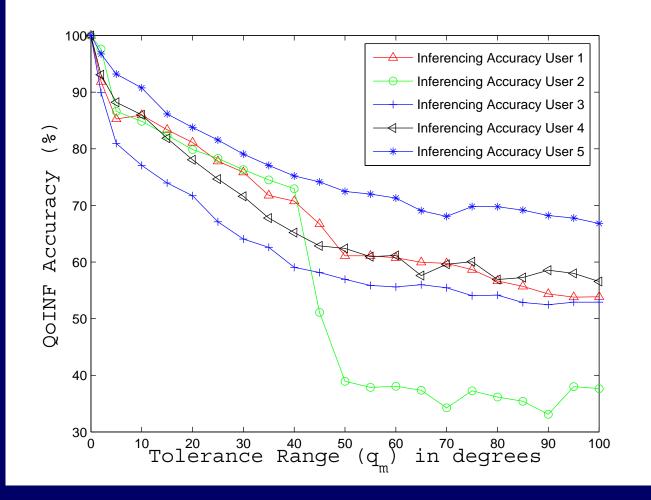


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Sensitivity of the tradeoff to individualized activity patterns

Experimental Results: Multiple Users

Context Accuracy vs. Tolerance Range (Motion Sensor)



For tolerance range q = 20, lower bound of accuracy is 71% for User 3



Personalization of QoC function

Summary

- Towards an understanding of the quality of collected and inferred information in sensor-based pervasive computing environments
 - Where the information may be imprecise or ambiguous due to dynamics, errors, and unpredictability
- We apply a suite of techniques to help resolve context ambiguity
- We empower applications to be *quality-aware*
 - Through explicit codification of cost/accuracy tradeoff

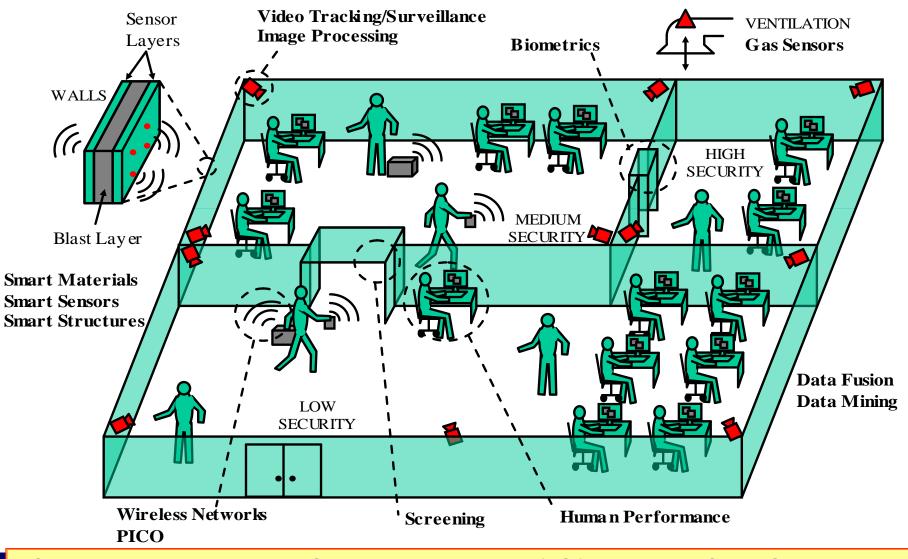


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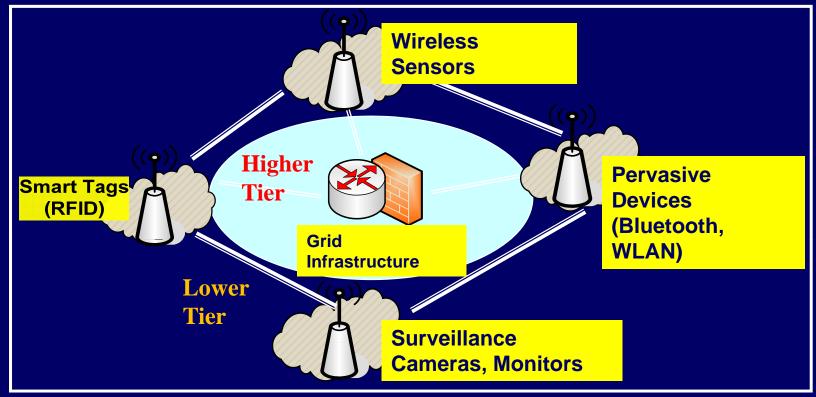


Pervasive Security



NSF ITR Project – Pervasively Secured Infrastructures (PSI): Integrating Smart Sensing, Data Mining, Pervasive Networking and Community Computing, 2003-2010. http://crewman.uta.edu/psi

Pervasive Security: Research Goals



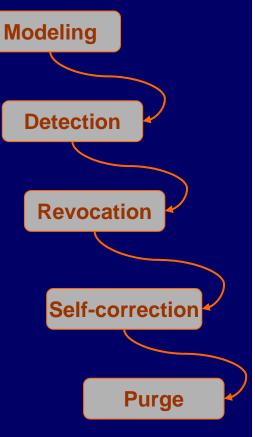
- Context / situation-aware data collection and aggregation (fusion) from heterogeneous sensors, surveillance, and tracking devices
- Data Mining to discover knowledge and patterns, leading to anomaly detection and hence potential security threats

 Intelligent decision making in integrated, adaptive, autonomous and scalable manner for mission-critical safety and security services

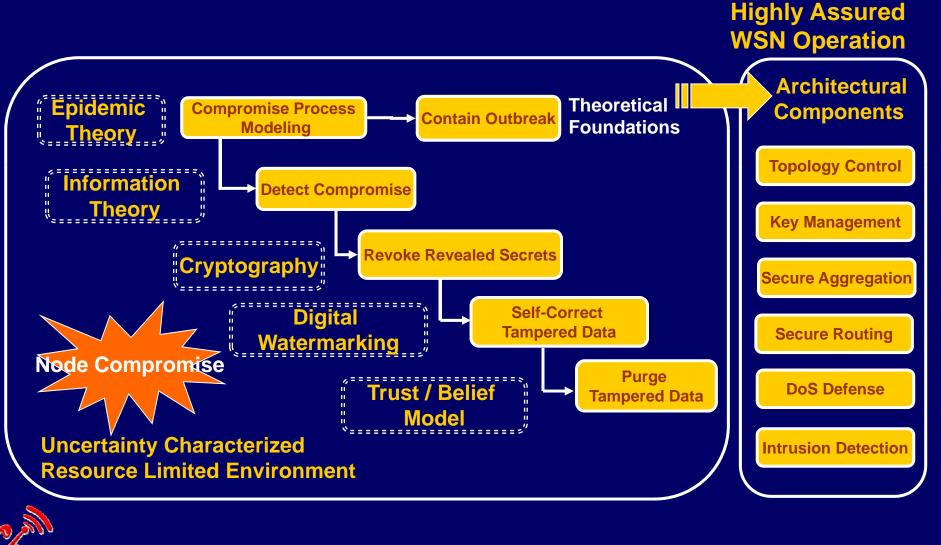
Multi-Level Security Solution

Defend attacks at multiple levels

- Modeling node compromise propagation
 - trojan virus spreading
- Detect forged data
 - abnormal reports
- Revoke revealed secrets
 - broadcast confidentiality
- Self-correct and purge false data
 - average temperature calculation



Multi-Level Integrated Security Architecture



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Ongoing Projects

- Paradigm shift: Asynchronous sampling, architectures, protocols and optimization in information intensive WSNs
 - Ultra-energy efficient, Scalable, Reliable, Secured
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Reprogramming: Debugging (mobile) sensor networks

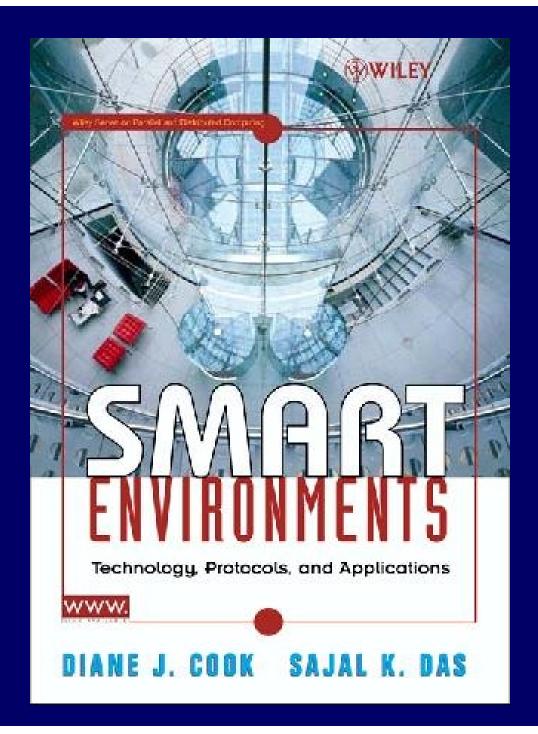
- Large scale, high density deployment, often inaccessible
- P. De, Y. Liu and S. K. Das, "Energy Efficient Reprogramming of a Swarm of Mobile Sensors," *IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing, Vol. 9, 2010.* (*Preliminary version in IEEE PerCom 2008*)

Ongoing Projects

- Performance Modeling, Localization, Information Quality on real sensor-actor test bed for data intensive applications (e.g., smart environments, health care, security)
- Modeling, analysis and decision making in the presence of ambiguous contexts and ontology – multiple contexts from one sensor, or single context from multiple sensors
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Smart Sensor-Actuator Systems

• <u>Smart Environments</u>: Autonomously *acquire* and *apply* knowledge about user interactions with environments (e.g., devices, networks, cyber-physical systems), and *adapt* to improve user experience *without explicit awareness*

Contexts:

- <u>Tangible:</u> Mobility, Activity, Switching ... can be measured quantified with the help of pervasive devices/networking technologies

- Intangible: Intent / Desire, Behavior, Mood, ... how to precisely define and model them? Could they be captured via social interactions and networking? Socio-Cultural Policy and Psychology implications?

Context-Awareness: Major Issues

- Early Detection and <u>semantic interpretation</u> of sequences of contexts, leading to **situations** (or crisis) even in the presence of noisy sensor readings and uncertain information

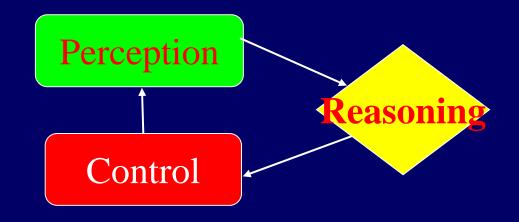


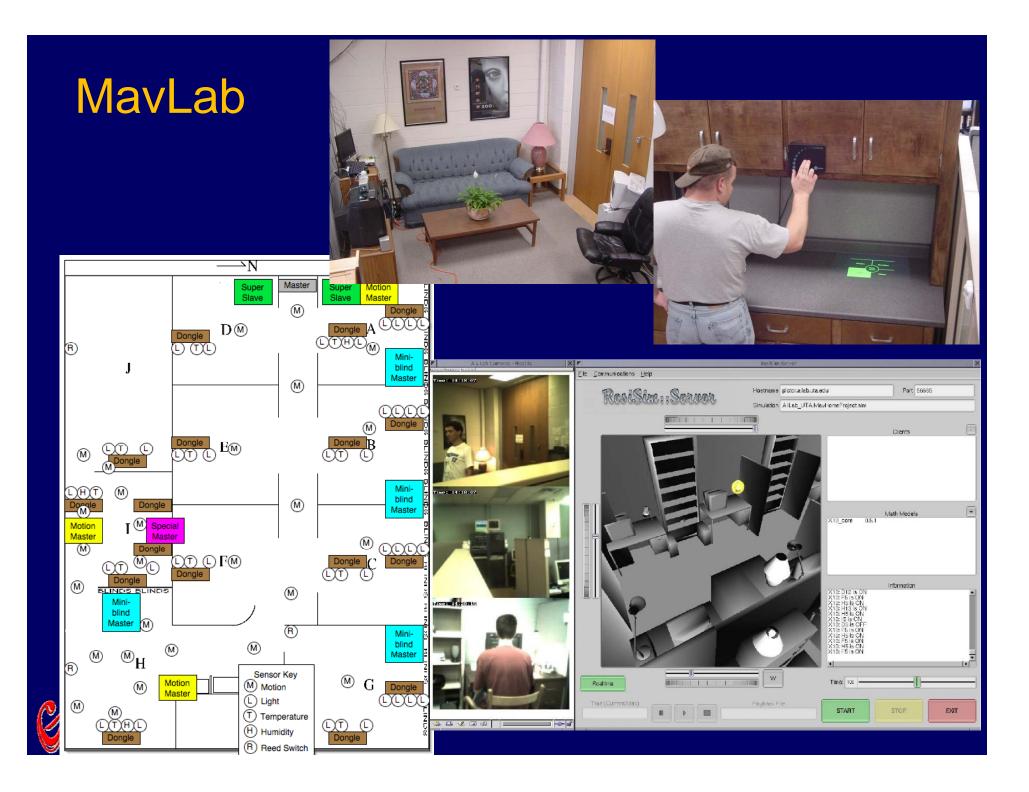
Context Quality and Disambiguation, Context Privacy / Anonymity

Research Challenges

- Sensing / Perception: How to unambiguously perceive state of the (uncertain) environment, and extract meaningful contexts/situations by fusing spatio-temporal information from heterogeneous sources for dynamically evolving scenarios?
- Reasoning: How to understand, analyze (reason about), and "correlate" seemingly unrelated events w/o external knowledge and "discover" hidden links and patterns? How to learn and predict potential anomalies (e.g. threats) with minimum false positive or false negatives?
- Decision Control: How to make adaptive (robust), intelligent decisions to take pro-active actions?







MavPad: Smart Dorm Apartment



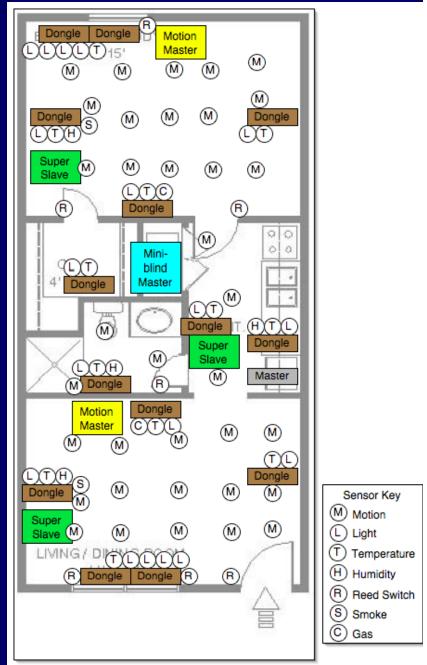
MavPad Environment

Sensors

 Motion, light, temperature, humidity, door, water leak, smoke, CO2

Controllers

Lights, fans, TV,
 receiver, mini-blinds,
 HVAC, diffusers



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 - Integration of sensing with mobile social networks
 - Energy, environment, green ICT, zero carbon networking



Emerging Research Challenges

- Science of Socio-Sensing Systems
- Architectures at Scale
- Human Interaction Models
- Security, Privacy, Trust
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 - Sensing and networking
 - Data management and mining
 - Machine learning
 - Feedback control



Psychology, social and cognitive science

Epilogue

"A teacher can never truly teach unless he is still learning himself. A lamp can never light another lamp unless it continues to burn its own flame. The teacher who has come to the end of his subject, who has no living traffic with his knowledge but merely repeats his lesson to his students, can only load their minds, he cannot quicken them".

Rabindranath Tagore (Nobel Laureate, 1913)



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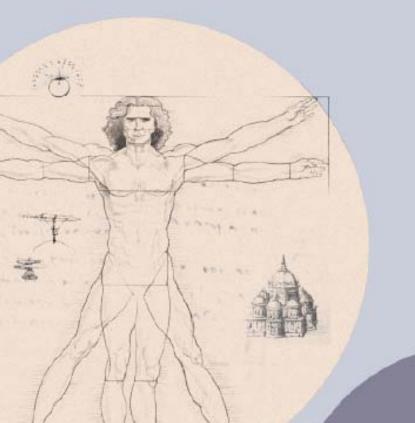
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