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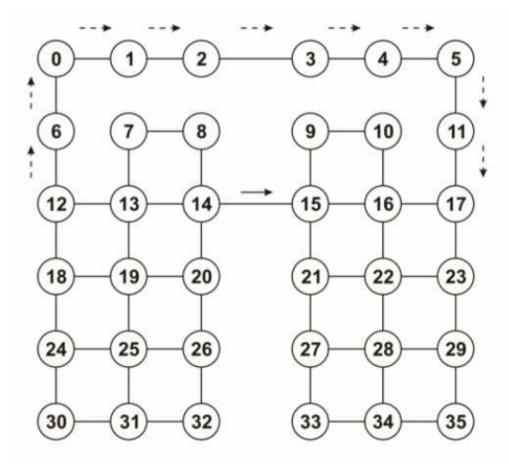
Improving Predictability of Adaptive Q-Routing

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- Mobile ad hoc networks
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- end-to-end delays
- jitters
- loss of packets
- unpredictable behavior

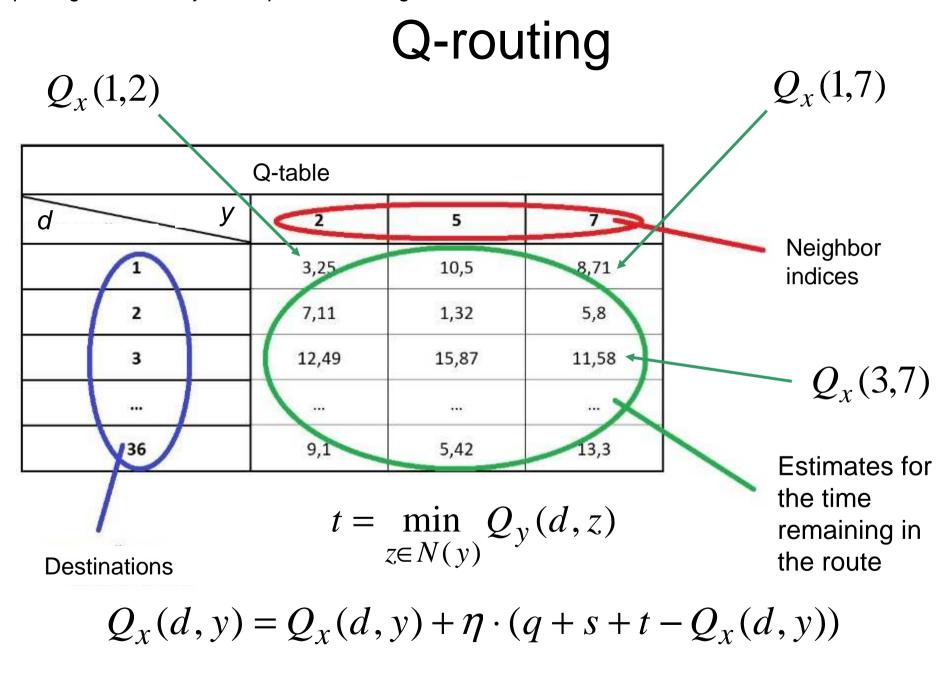


problem of routing packets to meet real-time requirements



Q-routing and its extensions:

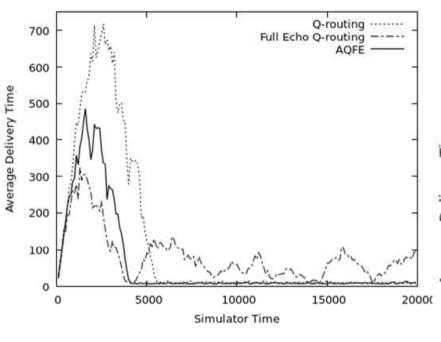
- based on reinforcement learning
- flexible
- lightweight



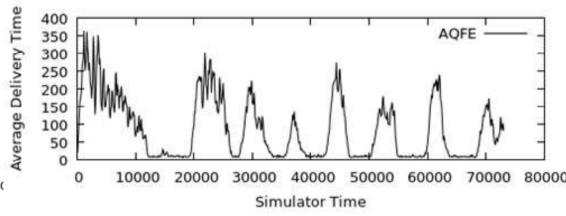
Extensions: Full Echo, DRQ-routing, AQFE etc

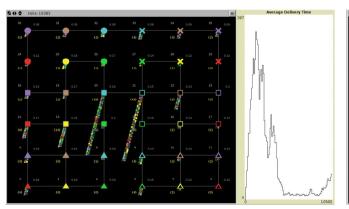
Unpredictability of Q-routing and its extensions

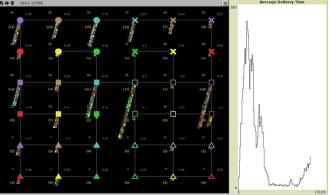
- initial learning spike (caused by changes, can be estimated)
- self-induced oscillations (problem to predict or eliminate)

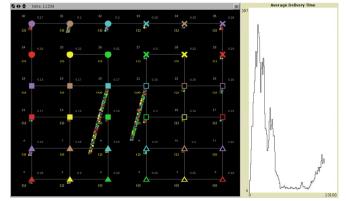


AQFE has smaller initial spike but oscillate under high load



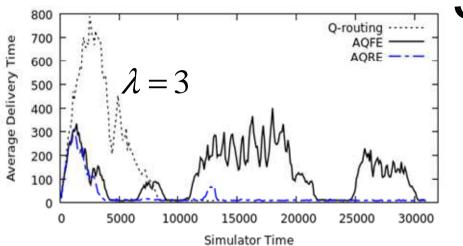




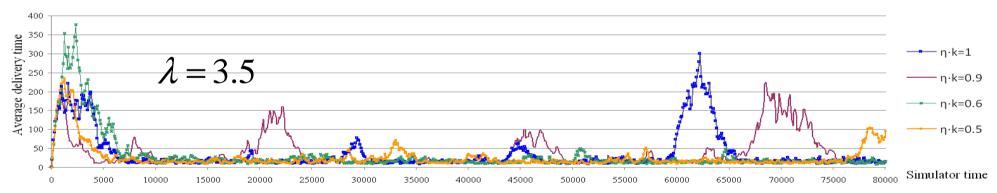


New extensions of Q-routing are proposed:

- (i) AQRE Adaptive Q-routing with Random Echo
- (ii) AQRERM AQRE with Route Memory



But under higher load spikes occur with some regularity. This can be used to predict and reduce spikes.



Performance of AQRERM under high load conditions for stationary network and various $\eta \cdot k$

We hypothesize that the spike indicates the start of some kind of hyperperiod.

Future research: find the methods to estimate the hyperperiods, prevent the spikes, stabilize end-to-end delays, reduce jitters, and further improve predictability under high loads.