Multimedia Transport Technologies over Wired/Wireless Networks

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### Networks and Multimedia



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### Wired Networks



VoIP, IPTV, Streaming

### RTP/UDP & RTSP & TFRC $\rightarrow$ HTTP/TCP streaming

- Broadband
- CDN (Akamai, Lime Networks)
- Firewall (port 80)

• ...

One-way (on-demand / live) Bi-directional (interactive)

### Wireless Networks



#### Wireless specific problems

- Wireless LAN
- (Cellular)
- (WiMAX)
- (Home Networks)
- (Satellite)
- ...

#### • <u>Wireless</u> issues

random errors, collisions,

interference, delay increase

• <u>Multi-hop issues</u>

severe interference, lower throughput and higher delay 6

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### Underwater Sensor Networks

#### Underwater



AUV (Autonomous Underwater Vehicle)

#### Underwater sensor networks

- Acoustic channels (sound speed, narrow band, huge delay)
- Temperature and depth effect
- Vertical or tilted (direction)



Remote control & browsing

Ship or buoy

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http://www.mbari.org/auv/ IAUV.htm

**Oversea** experiments





(TCP and) MAC extensions

### Multimedia Transport

### Protocol Stack

video	audio	aionalina	compression, computer vision, 3D, overlay (CDN, P2P), applications,	
adaptation		signaling	RTP/RTCP (synchronization, packet loss detection, congestion control)	
transport layer		TCP, UDP, TFRC (end-to-end control)		
network layer		IP (routing, multicast, mobility)		
data link & physical laver			wired (fast and broadband) wireless (WiFi, multi-hop, underwater)	
			MAC (multiple access, full/half duplex), channel coding, modulation, MIMO,	

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## TCP Variants

	Wired	Wireless	Satellite	Underwater
ТСР	TCP-Reno/SACK	TCP-Westwood	TCP-Hybla	-
	High-speed TCP	TCP-J	TCP-STAR	
	Scalable TCP	LDA		
	CUBIC-TCP	TCP-FIT		
	H-TCP			
	TCP-Vegas	Indirect TCP		
	FAST-TCP	Snoop TCP		
	Compound TCP	Freeze TCP		
	Adaptive Reno			
	TCP-Illinois	Vegas-W		
	YeAH-TCP	FeW		
	TCP-Fusion	(cross layer)		
TFRC	TFRC/DCCP	TFRC-Wireless	-	-
	RAP			
	TEAR			
	MULTFRC			
	VTP	$\rightarrow$		
	Hybrid-TFRC	$\rightarrow$		



## Wired/Wireless Classification

### MAC, hops and transmission media

	Wired	Wireless LAN	Multihop	Underwater
duplex	Full duplex	Half duplex	Half duplex	Half duplex
multiple access	Switch	CSMA	CSMA	CSMA (TDMA)
# of hops			Multiple	Multiple
signal				Acoustic



## Outline

- Introduction
- Wired Networks
  - TCP Variants
  - Hybrid TCP
- Wireless and Underwater Networks
  - Extensions for WiFi, Multihop and Underwater Sensor Networks
  - DTN extension
- Conclusions

Can we achieve high-throughput ans low-delay simultaneously by TCP for multimedia streaming ?





## TCP Variants



J.Katto et al: "Simple model analysis and performance tuning ...", IEEE Globecom 2008.

### **TCP-Reno** and Vegas

TCP-Reno (loss)

TCP-Vegas (delay)





TCP-Vegas is more efficient but is expelled by TCP-Reno. These are too slow for fast and broadband networks.

## TCP Variants

- loss based (AIMD: additive increase & multiplicative decrease upon packet losses)
  - <u>TCP-Reno</u> / NewReno / SACK
  - High-Speed TCP (IETF RFC 3649, Dec 2003)
  - Scalable TCP (PFLDnet 2003)
  - BIC / CUBIC-TCP (IEEE INFOCOM 2004, PFLDnet 2005) ... Linux
  - H-TCP (PFLDnet 2004)
  - <u>TCP-Westwood</u> (ACM MOBICOM 2001)
- delay based (RTT observation)
  - <u>TCP-Vegas</u> (IEEE JSAC, Oct 1995)
  - FAST-TCP (INFOCOM 2004)
- hybrid (adaptive selection of loss and delay modes)
  - Gentle High-Speed TCP (PfHSN 2003)
  - TCP-Africa (IEEE INFOCOM 2005)
  - <u>Compound TCP</u> (PFLDnet 2006) ... Windows
  - Adaptive Reno (PFLDnet 2006)
  - YeAH-TCP (PFLDnet 2007)
  - <u>TCP-Fusion</u> (PFLDnet 2007) ... Our contribution

## CUBIC-TCP (1)

### Fast Window Increase



fast increase at first, gradual increase around the target

"cubic" approximation of window control of BIC-TCP

/\* cubic function \*/
Winc = W(t+RTT) - cwnd;

cwnd = cwnd + Winc / cwnd;

/\* TCP mode \*/ if ( Wtcp > cwnd ) cwnd = Wtcp;

 $\beta$ : window decrease rate (e.g. 0.2) C: constant (e.g. 0.4)

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S.Ha et al: "CUBIC: A New TCP Friendly HighSpeed TCP Variant", ACM SIGOPS Review, 2008.



L.Xu et al: "Binary Increase Congestion Control (BIC) for Fast Long-Distance Networks," IEEE INFOCOM 2004.

## CUBIC-TCP (3)

CUBIC's Cyclic Behavior

repetition of convex & concave shapes

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S.Ha et al: "CUBIC: A New TCP Friendly HighSpeed TCP Variant", ACM SIGOPS Review, 2008.

## CUBIC-TCP (4)

- Advantages of CUBIC
  - <u>Stability</u> ... packets are always buffered
  - <u>Efficiency</u> ... fast increase, small decrease
  - <u>Friendliness</u> ... by TCP Reno mode
  - <u>Intra-protocol fairness</u> ... gives a chance of bandwidth sharing to newly incoming flows
- Disadvantages of CUBIC
  - Too stable due to heavy packet buffering  $\Rightarrow \underline{\text{Delay increase}}$
  - <u>Inter-protocol unfairness</u> ... expels all the other TCP flows, e.g. "Linux beats Windows !" (vs. Compound TCP)



K.Munir et al: "Linux beats Windows! or the Worrying Evolution of TCP...", PFLDNet 2007.

## TCP Westwood (1)

Duplicate ACKs

 $ssthresh = FSE * RTT_{min}$ 

#### FSE: Fair Share Estimates



*if* (*cwnd* > *ssthresh*) *cwnd* = *ssthresh* 



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Timeout

TCP-Reno's case: ssthresh = cwnd / 2

 $ssthresh = FSE * RTT_{min}$ cwnd = 1

- Multiple versions according to FSE estimation methods
  - BSE, RE, ABSE, ...

Consetti et al: "TCP Westwood: Bandwidth Estimation for Enhanced Transport over Wireless Links", ACM MOBICOM 2001.

## TCP Westwood (2)

### Fair Share Rate Estimation (TCPW-RE)





 $cwnd_{last}/2$ 

Adaptive mode selection between loss & delay modes: ① constant rate until RTT increases (delay mode) : <u>efficiency</u> ② TCP-Reno when RTT increases (loss mode) : <u>friendliness</u>



legacy (Reno

BDP

n



Adaptive mode selection between loss & delay modes: (1) fast increase of cwnd (delay mode ... <u>efficiency</u>)

2 slow decrease of cwnd (delay mode ... small buffering)

③ TCP-Reno when RTT increases (loss mode ... <u>friendliness</u>)

J.Katto et al: "Simple model analysis and performance tuning ...", IEEE Globecom 2008

## Hybrid TCP (3)

### Classification

Hybrids	Window increase (1)	Window decrease ④
СТСР	0.125*cwnd <sup>0.75</sup>	1/2
ARENO	B/10Mbps	1/2~1
YeAH-TCP	STCP(1.01)	1/2, RTT <sub>min</sub> /RTT, 7/8
TCP-Fusion	B*D <sub>min</sub> /(N*PS)	RTT <sub>min</sub> /RTT

 $D_{min}$ : timer resolution, N: # of flows

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## Hybrid TCP (4)

- Advantages of Hybrid TCP
  - <u>Efficiency</u> ... fast increase, small decrease (not causing vacant capacity)
  - <u>Friendliness</u> ... loss mode
  - Low delay ... thanks to small buffering when no loss based flows compete
- Disadvantages of Hybrid TCP
  - CUBIC friendliness (CUBIC mode ?)
  - No transition from loss mode to delay mode happens when buffer size > BDP



J.Katto et al: "Simple model analysis and performance tuning ...", IEEE Globecom 200

### Performance analysis of Hybrid TCP



J.Katto et al: "Simple model analysis and performance tuning ...", IEEE Globecom 2008.

## TCP Abstraction (1)

Definition of abstraction models

- o loss based (TCP-Reno) :
  - cwnd += 1 (per RTT)
  - cwnd \*= 1/2 (upon packet losses)
- o delay based :
  - just fills a pipe without RTT increase
     (immediately fills the pipe without buffering)
- o hybrid :
  - operates in delay mode when RTT doesn't increase
  - operates in loss mode when RTT increases
  - mode selection: cwnd = max( cwnd<sub>loss</sub>, cwnd<sub>delay</sub> )



link capacity

J.Katto et al: "Simple model analysis and performance tuning ...", IEEE Globecom 200

## TCP Abstraction(2)

- Parameter definition
  - w: cwnd when packet losses happen
  - W: cwnd which just fill a pipe (i.e. corresponding to BDP)
  - *p*: packet loss rate (PLR)
- Assumption
  - Packet losses by <u>buffer overflow</u> is equivalent to those by <u>random errors</u>

$$p = \frac{8}{3w^2}$$
 (in case of TCP-Reno)



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### Performance Analysis (1)

### Single flow case





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### Performane Analysis (2)



## Performance Analysis (3)

### Single flow formulation

ТСР	CA round	(i) $W < w/2$	(ii) $w/2 \le W < w$	(iii) $w \leq W$
Loss	transmitted	$\frac{3}{8}w^2$	$\frac{3}{8}w^2$	$\frac{3}{9}w^2$
	packets	0	0	0
	elapsed time	$\frac{1}{2}w \cdot RTT_{\min} + \frac{1}{8}(3w^2 - 4wW) \cdot \frac{PS}{B}$	$\frac{1}{2} w \cdot RTT_{\min} + \frac{1}{2} (w - W)^2 \cdot \frac{PS}{B}$	$\frac{1}{2} w \cdot RTT_{\min}$
Delay	transmitted	1 W	1 W	1 W
	packets	$\frac{-w}{2}$	$\frac{-}{2}$ w·w	$\frac{1}{2}$ w·w
	elapsed time	$\frac{1}{2} w \cdot RTT_{\min}$	$\frac{1}{2} w \cdot RTT_{\min}$	$\frac{1}{2} w \cdot RTT_{\min}$
Hybrid	transmitted	32	$1 - W + 1 (- W)^2$	1 W
	packets	$\frac{-w}{8}$	$\frac{-w}{2} + \frac{-w}{2} $	$\frac{-w}{2}$
	elapsed time	$\frac{1}{2}w \cdot RTT_{\min} + \frac{1}{8}(3w^2 - 4wW) \cdot \frac{PS}{B}$	$\frac{1}{2}w \cdot RTT_{\min} + \frac{1}{2}(w - W)^2 \cdot \frac{PS}{B}$	$\frac{1}{2} w \cdot RTT_{\min}$



PS: Packet size, B: Link bandwidth 31

### Performance Analysis (4)

### Analysis & simulations



PER ~ Throughput (single flow case)



buffer size = BDP (constant) Packet loss rate : variable

For large PLR (w/2<W), delay & hybrid flows achieve much more throughputs than loss-based one (<u>efficiency</u>)

Compound & YeAH TCPs degrade due to large window decrease rate 32

### Performance Analysis (5)

### Two competing flows case





J.Katto et al: "Simple model analysis and performance tuning ...", IEEE Globecom 2008.

### Performance Analysis (6)



(i) *W* < *w* (low PLR)

always buffered (loss mode)

large buffer, small PLR

(ii)  $w < W < 2^* w$  (medium PLR) (iii)  $2^* w < W$  (high PLR)

vacant  $\rightarrow$  buffered (delay  $\rightarrow$  loss)

small buffer, medium PLR

always vacant (delay mode)

large PLR, always vacant

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## Performance Analysis (7)

### Two flow formulation

ТСР	CA round	(i) $W < w$	(ii) $w \leq W < 2w$	(iii) $2w \leq W$
Loss	transmitted	$\frac{3}{2}w^{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}w^{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}w^{2}$
	packets	8 <sup>m</sup>	8	8
Hybrid	transmitted	3 <sup>2</sup>	$3_{w^2+1}(W-w)^2$	$\frac{1}{1}$ w. W. $\frac{3}{1}$ w <sup>2</sup>
	packets	<del>8</del> w	$\frac{-w}{8} + \frac{-(w-w)}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{8}$ $\frac{1}{8}$
(common)	elapsed time	$\frac{1}{2}w \cdot RTT_{\min} + \frac{1}{4}w(3w - 2W) \cdot \frac{PS}{B}$	$\frac{1}{2}w \cdot RTT_{\min} + \frac{1}{4}(2w - W)^2 \cdot \frac{PS}{B}$	$\frac{1}{2} w \cdot RTT_{\min}$

#### PS: Packet size, B: Link bandwidth

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### Performance Analysis (8)

### Analysis & simulations



PER ~ Throughput (two flow case)



buffer size = BDP (constant) Packet loss rate : variable

For large PLR (w<W), delay & hybrid flows achieve more throughputs than loss-based one (efficiency)

For small PLR (w>W), hybrid behaves as loss-based (<u>friendliness</u>) 36

## Performance Analysis (9)

### Hybrid TCP can achieve

- <u>throughput efficiency and low delay</u> as delaymode when vacant capacity exists on a link, and
- <u>TCP-Reno friendliness</u> as loss-mode when packets are buffered at a router

### For wired networks,

 models, simulations and implementations (though omitted here) perform almost as expected



# URL

- <u>http://www.katto.comm.waseda.ac.jp/TCP-Fusion</u>
  - MATLAB code for performance analysis
  - ns-2 simulation code
  - Linux implementation code
  - You can enjoy if you have an interest







# Wireless LAN



### Discussion

### Wireless LAN

- CSMA/CA, half-duplex, interferences, random errors, ...
  - cannot send packets when the sender wants to
  - packets are continuously stored into a transmission buffer of the sender
- NIC buffer size is very large
  - Hybrid TCP always operates in the loss mode only
- Unfairness between upload and download
   D.Leith: WiOpt 2005



## WiFi Example

### RTT instability and unfairness between upload and download



K.Kanai et al: "Performance evaluations of adaptive rate control mechanisms ...", IEICE Tech. Report, 2011.

Wireless LAN (1)

ℜ ns-2 simulation

### TCPs and throughputs



K.Sonoda et al: "Performance Improvement of TCP-Vegas ...", IEICE Tech. Report, 2010.

Wireless LAN (2)

### TCPs and delays



Reno, Fusion: though unfairness was alleviated, delay increases (esp. upload) Vegas & Proposal: unfairness and delay are decreased (compare vertical axis)

 $\rightarrow$  Hybrid TCP works in loss mode only



Number of the upstream connection

K.Sonoda et al: "Performance Improvement of TCP-Vegas ...", IEICE Tech. Report, 2010.

## Wireless LAN (3)

#### Common to wired

 Delay based TCP design is effective if we require low delay transmission (but, it is expelled by loss based flows)

### Differences to wired

- Hybrid does not operate in "hybrid" (delay mode) due to huge transmission buffer
- Too many packet insertion causes huge delay due to multiple access mechanism (i.e. CSMA)

#### Critical throughput-delay tradeoff due to CSMA/CA





### TCP Version Differentiation (1)

- TCP version identification and differentiation
- 1. Access points identify TCP versions using RTT/cwnd estimation
- 2. Access points separate different TCP versions into different buffers
- 3. Prioritize delay based TCP flows by tuning CSMA/CA parameters of IEEE 802.11e

prioritize delay-based TCPs





K.Sonoda et al: "A Method of TCP Version Identification ...", IEICE Tech. Report, 2011.

## TCP Version Differentiation (2)

- RTT estimation for delay based flow
  - When cwnd increases by one, two consecutive packets are transmitted
  - When cwnd decreases by one, no packets are transmitted for the last ACK





 Access points let the number of arrived packets per RTT be "cwnd"



K.Sonoda et al: "A Method of TCP Version Identification ...", IEICE Tech. Report, 2011.

#### -TCP Version Differentiation (3)



K.Sonoda et al: "A Method of TCP Version Identification ...", IEICE Tech. Report, 2011.

### Wireless Multihop Networks



### Wireless Multihop Networks (1)

### Single Radio Multi-hop Transmission



### Wireless Multihop Networks (2)

for wireless multihop

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- Vegas-W [Ding, C&C 2008]
  - Slower window increase than TCP-Vegas

$$cwnd = \begin{cases} cwnd + 1/cwnd & (\Delta < \alpha \& n_{CA} > N_{CA}) \\ cwnd & (\alpha \le \Delta \le \beta \text{ or } \Delta \le \alpha \& n_{CA} \le N_{CA}) \\ cwnd - 1/cwnd & (\Delta > \beta) \end{cases}$$

 $n_{CA}$ : # of consecutive states entering into  $(\alpha \le \Delta \le \beta \text{ or } \Delta \le \alpha \& n_{CA} \le N_{CA})$  $N_{CA}$ : threshold (e.g. 100)

much slower than TCP-Vegas

### Wireless Multihop Networks (3)

for multihop & USN

# Our proposal [IEICE, 2009] Exponential decrease of window increase

 $cwnd = \begin{cases} cwnd + 1/(cwnd \times 2 \times count) \\ cwnd \\ cwnd - 1/cwnd \end{cases}$ 

 $(\Delta < \alpha \&\& succ > N)$  $(\alpha \le \Delta < \beta \text{ or } \Delta < \alpha \&\& succ \le N)$ 

succ: # of states consecutively

entering into  $\Delta < \alpha \&\& succ \le N$ 

count: suppression parameter to be

incremented

N: succ maximum (e.g. 10)





## Wireless Multihop Networks (4)

⅔ ns-2 simulations



N.Iikubo et al: IEICE Tech. Report, 2009.

### Wireless Multihop Networks (6)

- Common to wired & wireless LAN
  - delay-based TCP is effective as long as no competing loss-based flows exist
- Gap to the wired case
  - wired case: faster window increase
     "immediately" fills a pipe
  - multi-hop case: slower window increase "safely" fills a pipe



### Underwater Sensor Network



## Discussion

- Uniqueness of underwater sensor networks
  - use acoustic signals instead of electric wave
    - speed of light: 300 000 000 m/s
    - speed of sound (underwater): 1500m/s
  - link utilization ratio decreases as the distance increases
    - due to huge delay
  - interferences and collisions are similar







## MAC for USN (1)

Selective ARQ

J.Rice: ACM WuWNet 2007





- Delayed NACK & ACK
- used in Seaweb prototype

JSW ARQ

M.Gao et al., IEEE ICC 2009

- A 1 2 4 A CK A CK NACK
- 1 ACK for 1 DATA
- deliver multiple packets before ACK arrival
- need node synchronization

M.Yoshinaga et al: IEICE Tech. Report, 2011.





### TCP for USN (1)

# TCP Hybla TCP for satellite links having large RTT

$$W_{i+1}^{H} = \begin{cases} W_{i}^{H} + 2^{\rho} - 1 & (SS) \\ W_{i}^{H} + \rho^{2} / W_{i}^{H} & (CA) \end{cases}$$

W<sup>H</sup>: congestion window size
p: RTT/RTT<sub>0</sub>
RTT: round trip time
RTT<sub>0</sub>: reference RTT (0.025[s])
SS: slow start
CA: congestion avoidance





## TCP for USN (2) TCP Hybla usage for USN



Hybla provides better throughput than Reno, but its PLR is very high

Due to sudden RTT increase, Hybla's congestion window becomes extremely huge





This motivate us to consider lower window increase for multihop & USN (much lower packet loss & low delay)



N.Iikubo et al: IEICE Tech. Report, 2009.





## Conclusions (1)

- Transport protocol for efficient & low-delay multimedia transmission
  - Hybrid TCP (for wired)
    - efficiency, friendliness, low-delay
  - Wireless extensions
    - TCP differentiation (for WiFi)
    - slow window increase (for multihop & USN)
- Other appoaches
  - Hybrid MAC for USN
  - DTN for Wireless & USN

## Conclusions (2)

- Transport protocol integration from wired to wireless/multihop/USN
  - high-efficiency and low-delay
    - without network assistance
      - how to reach target rate
      - how to estimate target rate
    - with network assistane
      - o differentiation

