

**SIMPLE: using Swarm  
Intelligence Methodology to  
design data acquisition  
Protocol in sEnsor networks  
with mobile sinks**

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# Introduction (1/2)

- This paper addresses the data acquisition problem in sensor networks with multiple sources and multiple **mobile** sinks
  - Source: sensor nearest to the target
  - Sink: soldier or policeman



# Introduction (2/2)

- Motivation

- Sensor's low computation capability
- Sensor's limited energy

- Problem

- How should the static sources report their data to the mobile sink so that network and individual sensor's lifetime is maximized



## Related work (1/2)

- Obstacle: sink's location changes constantly
- Most of the existing proposal
  - Sink continuously updates all sensors with its current location information



## Related work (2/2)

- TTDD

- Each source forms a grid like path to the sink
- The Communication and state overheads associated with maintaining these routes degrade its scalability and ability to maximize network lifetime
- Energy unaware



# Background (1/3)

## ■ Assumptions

- No prior knowledge about the sink's mobility characteristics is available
- No prior knowledge about source data generation characteristics is available

# Background (2/3)

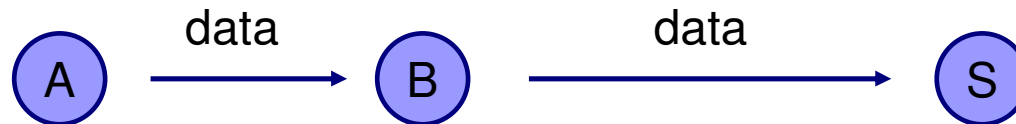
## ■ Terminology

### □ Lifetime of the network

- The time till the first node in the network die

### □ Gradient of a node

- A node's next hop neighbor on the shortest path leading to the sink







## Background (3/3)

- “Shortest path” definition
  - Between a given source and destination there exist several paths
  - The path which contains the node with the highest minimum residual energy



# SIMPLE

- Swarm agent
- Advertisement suppression scenarios
- Probabilistic Advertising Model
- Networks with multiple sinks

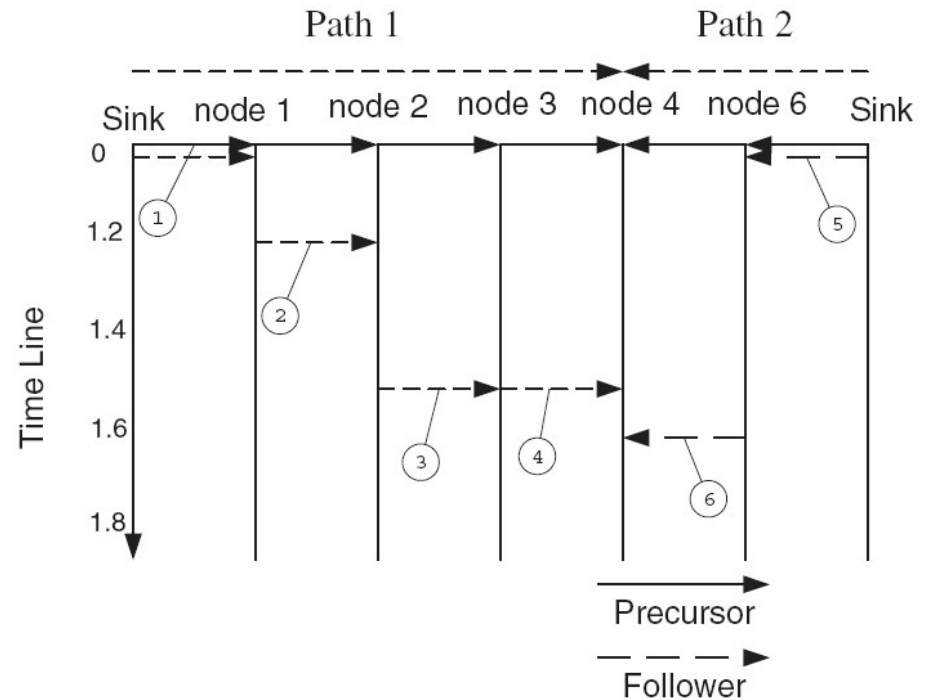
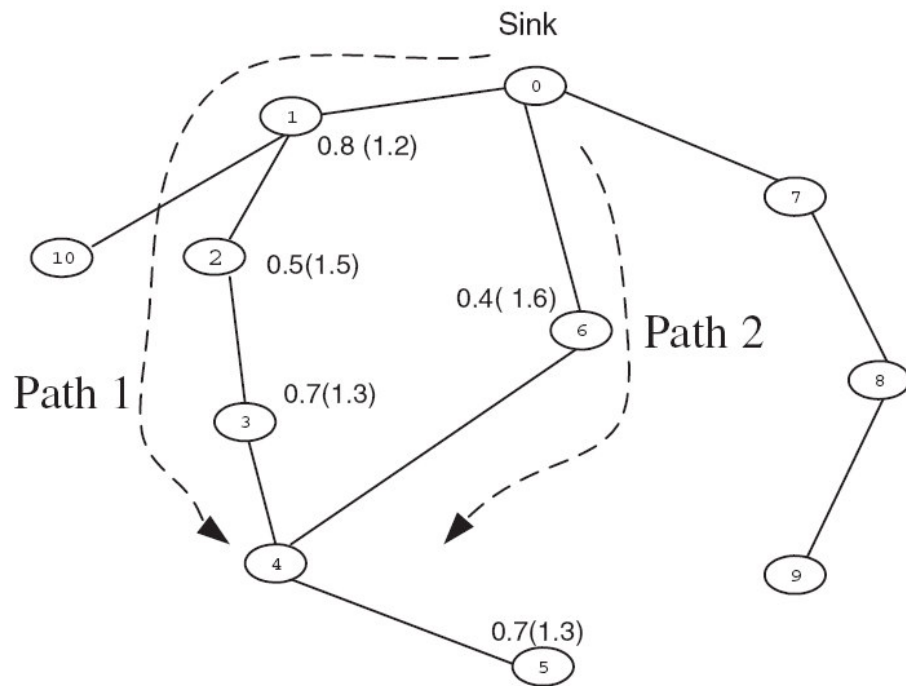


# Swarm agent

- stamped with an unique and increasing sequence number and consists of two very short packets, namely the precursor and follower
- advertised by the sink periodically or only when the sink loses contact with some of its one hop neighbors

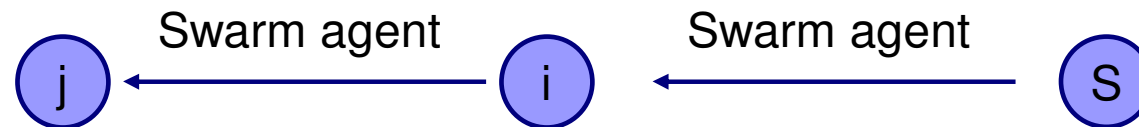
# Swarm agent

$T = 2 - e_r$        $e_r$  is the node's remaining energy (normalized between [0,1])



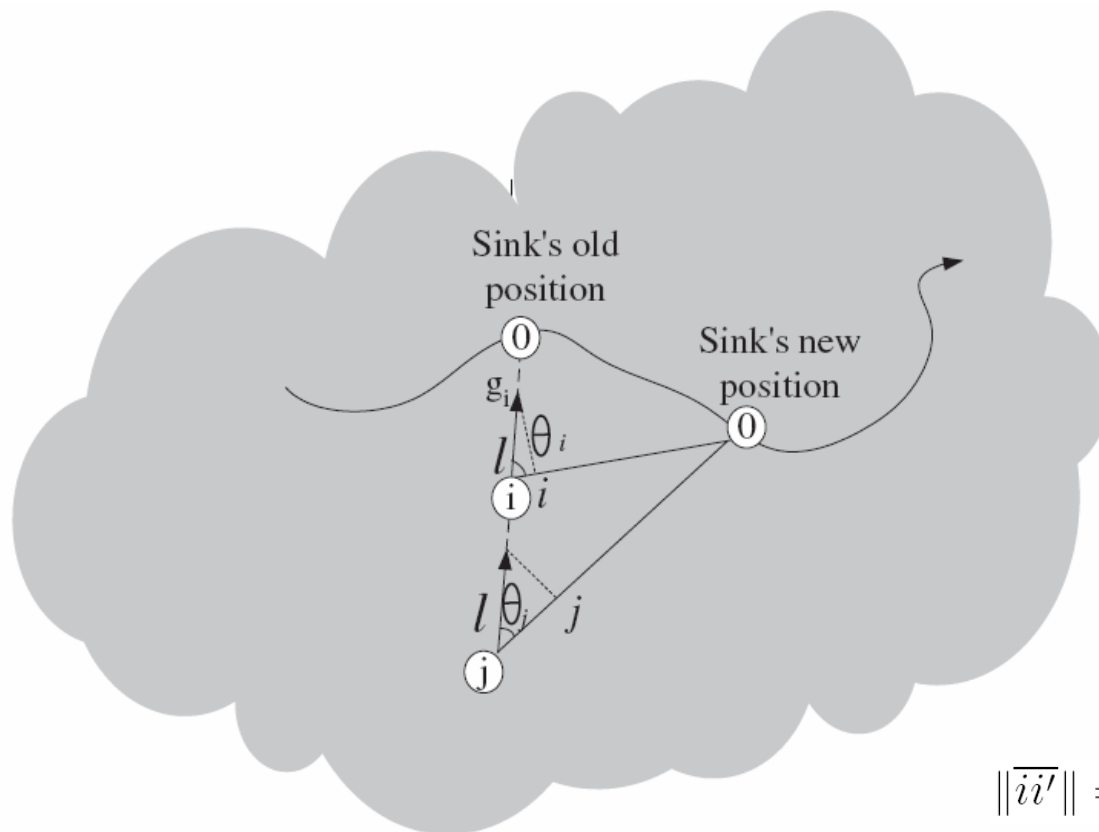
## Advertisement suppression scenarios

- Node  $i$ 's utility increases for each node  $j$  that picks  $i$  as its next hop on the shortest path based on node  $i$ 's advertisement



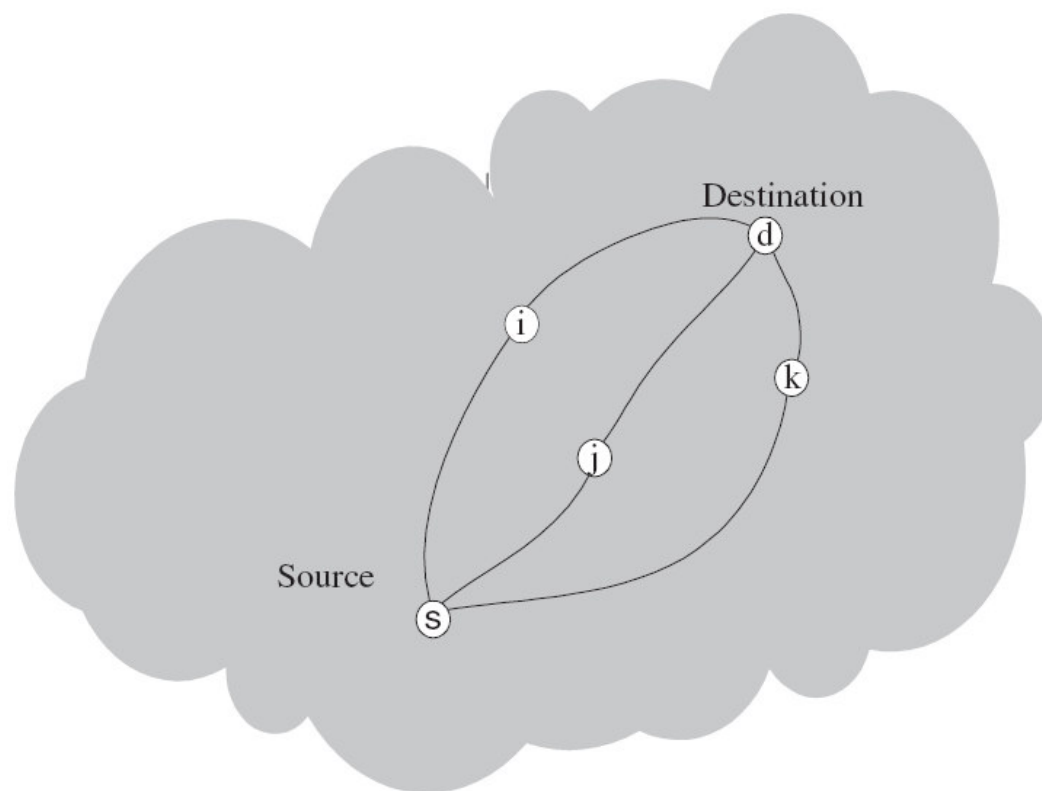
- A higher utility / energy consumption ratio is desired for each node

# Advertisement suppression Scenario 1



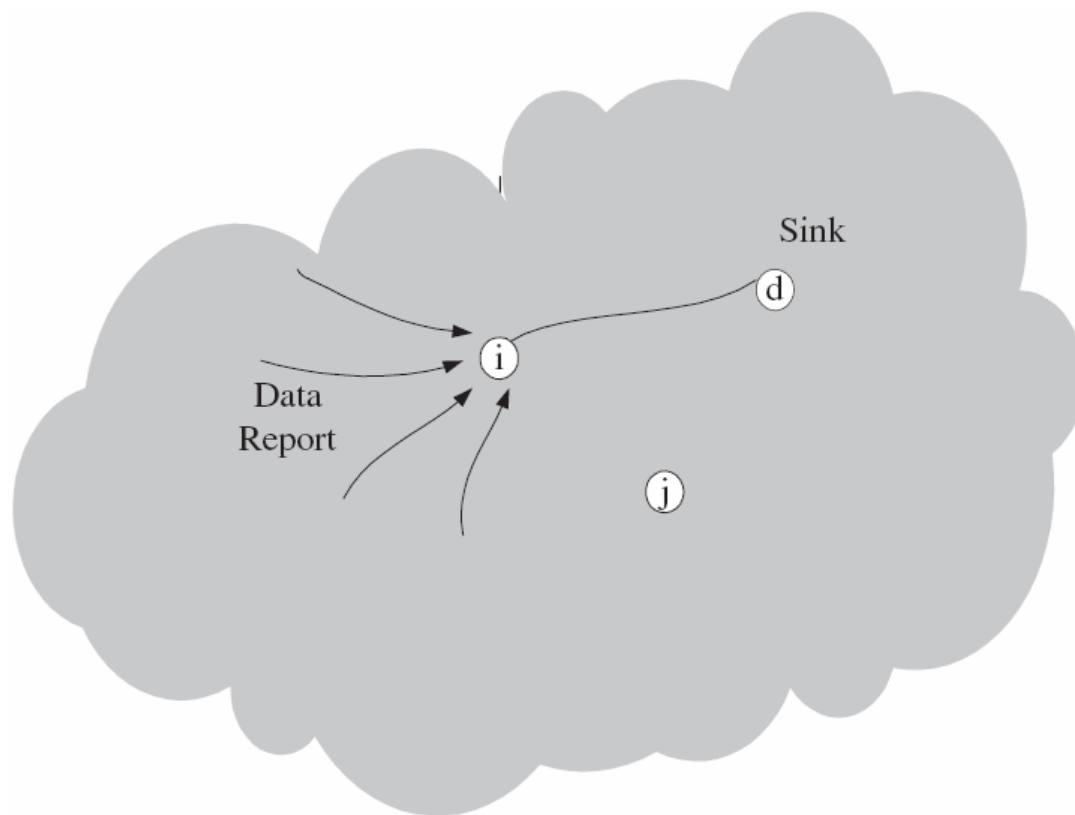
Sink's movement has lower effect on nodes further away.

## Advertisement suppression Scenario 2



Sensors with more residual energy should advertise more actively.

## Advertisement suppression Scenario 3



Sensors relaying more data should advertise more actively.





# Probabilistic Advertising Model

- Each node re-advertises the swarm agent based on a probability  $\rho$
- Have  $\rho$  :
  - Increase each time it relays data for its neighbors
  - Decrease if the node does not relay any data as time elapses
  - Have a higher lower-bound when the node has more residual energy
  - Will never reach 0 except sensor's energy is fully depleted



# Networks with multiple sinks

- Two schemes to avoid the energy consumption incurred by too much swarm agent broadcast
  - networks of small scale
    - Node relays swarm agent from the closest sink
    - Node reports to the closest sink
  - networks of large scale
    - Pre-divide an area into sub-regions with one sink in each of them

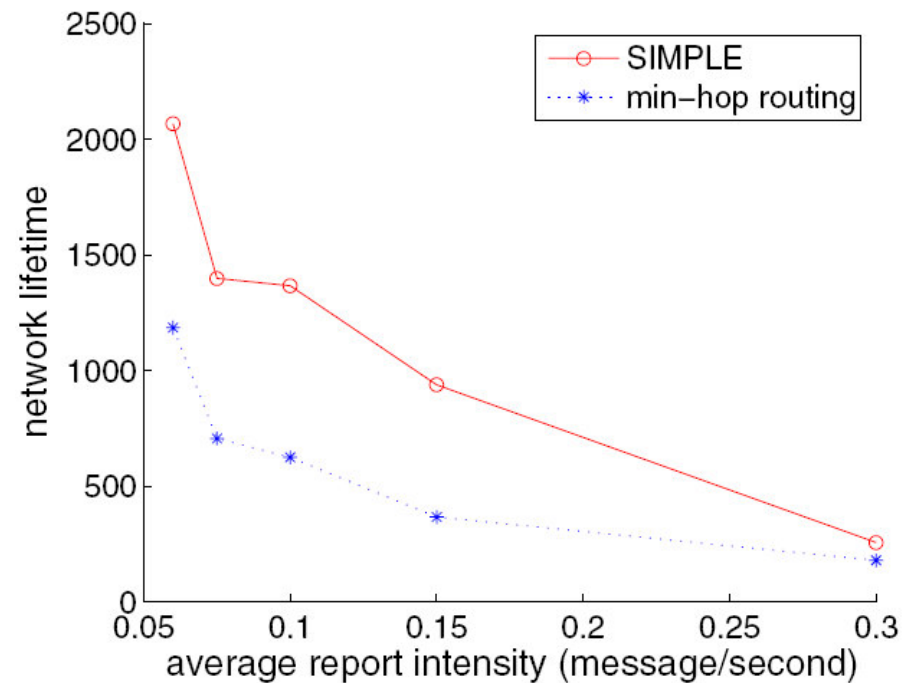
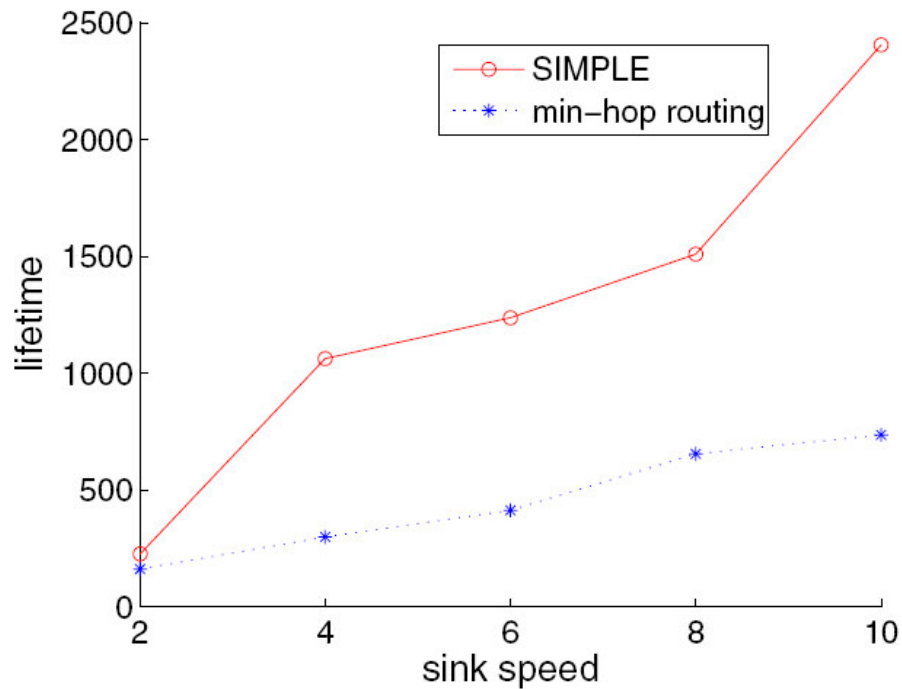


# Simulation Setup 1

Compare with min-hop routing

- 200 nodes are uniformly distributed in a 100 x 100m<sup>2</sup> network area
- swarm agent is 64 bytes
- report message is 512bytes
- Node's transmission range = 25m
- Each node's initial energy is 500 units
- Data reports generated at each node with Poisson arrival rate  $\lambda = 0.3$  messages per second

# Compare with min-hop routing

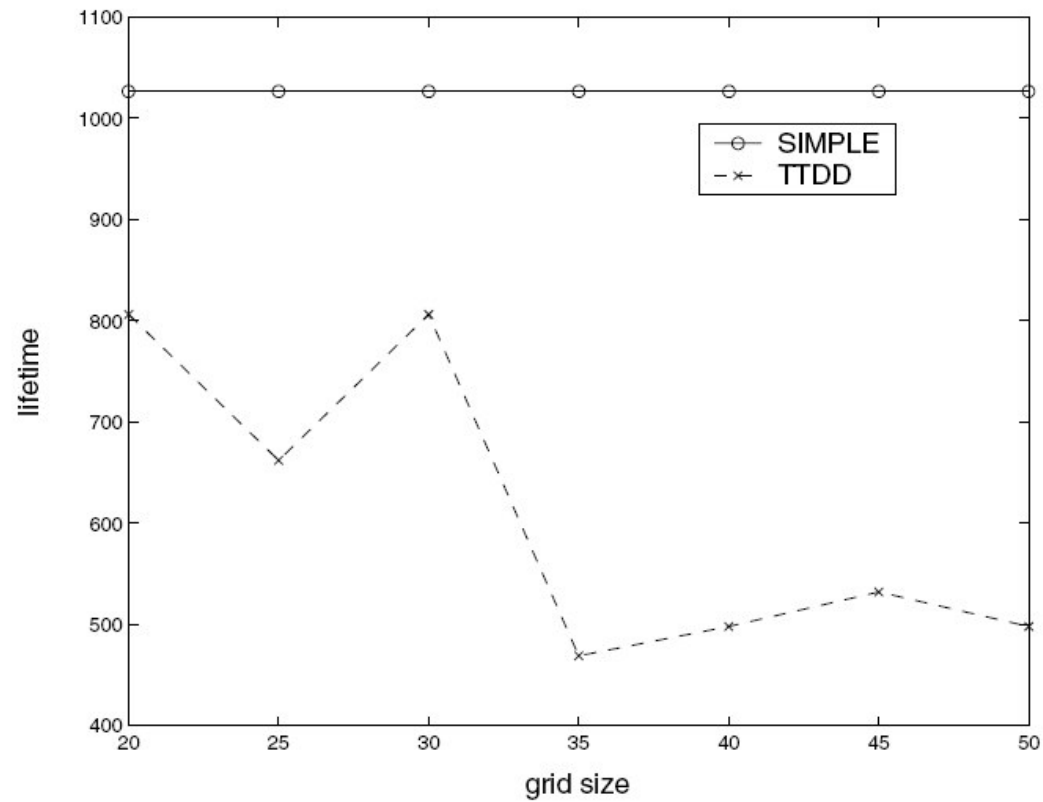




# Simulation Setup 2 Compare with TTDD

- 100 nodes located in 100 x 100m<sup>2</sup> region
- The area is divided into 10 x 10 grids, and all nodes are located at cross point of grids
- swarm agent is 64 bytes
- report message is 512bytes
- Sink speed = 10 m/s
- Node's transmission range = 11m
- Each node's initial energy is 250 units
- $\lambda = 0.05$  message per second
- Ignore TTDD's overhead induced by each source to construct and maintain the grid
- SIMPLE without suppressing any swarm agents

# Compare with TTDD

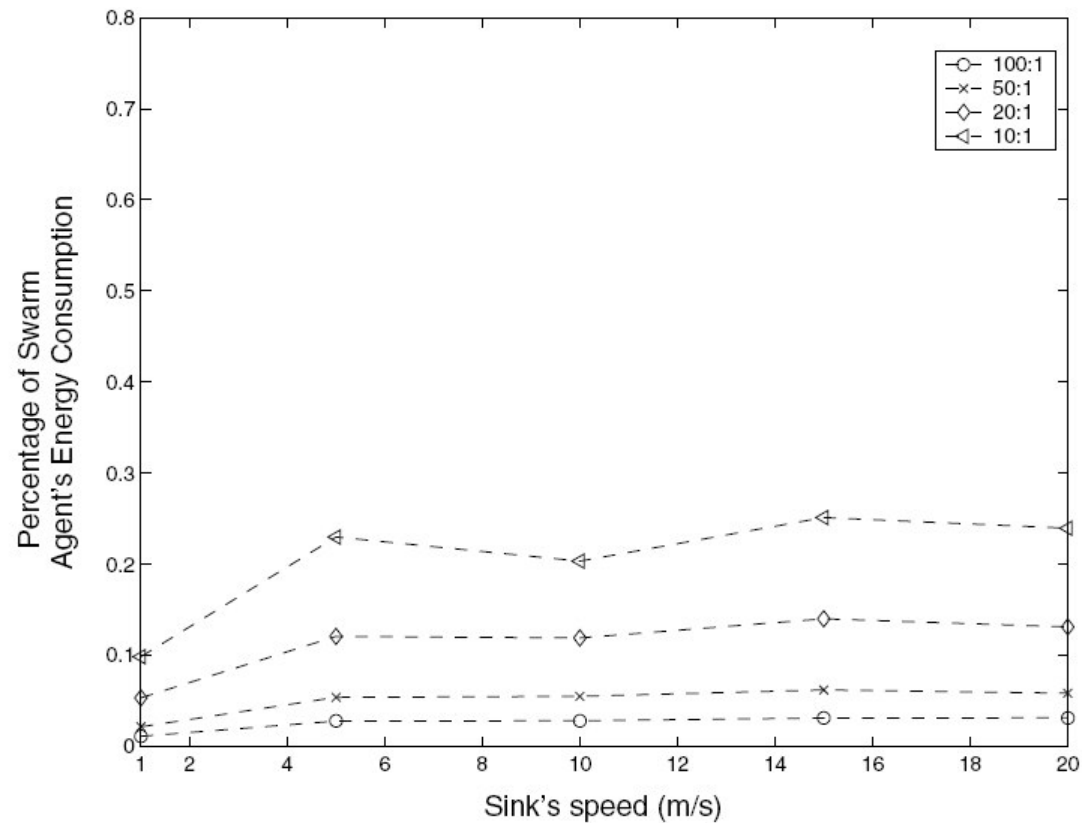




## Simulation Setup 3 effect of the Environmental factors

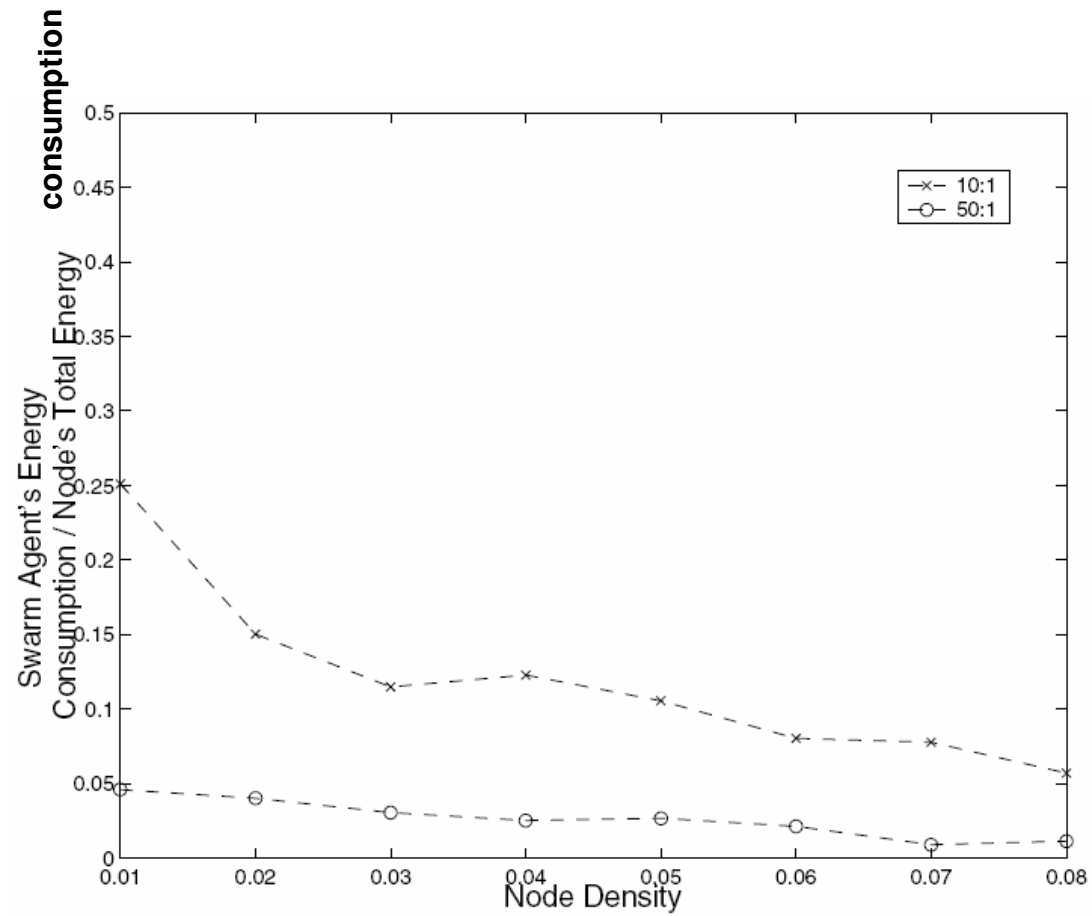
- 200 nodes are uniformly distributed in a 100 x 100m<sup>2</sup> network area
- Node's transmission range = 25m
- Each node's initial energy is 500 units
- Suppression is involved

# Effect of the sink's speed and Length of the swarm agent





# Effect of node density

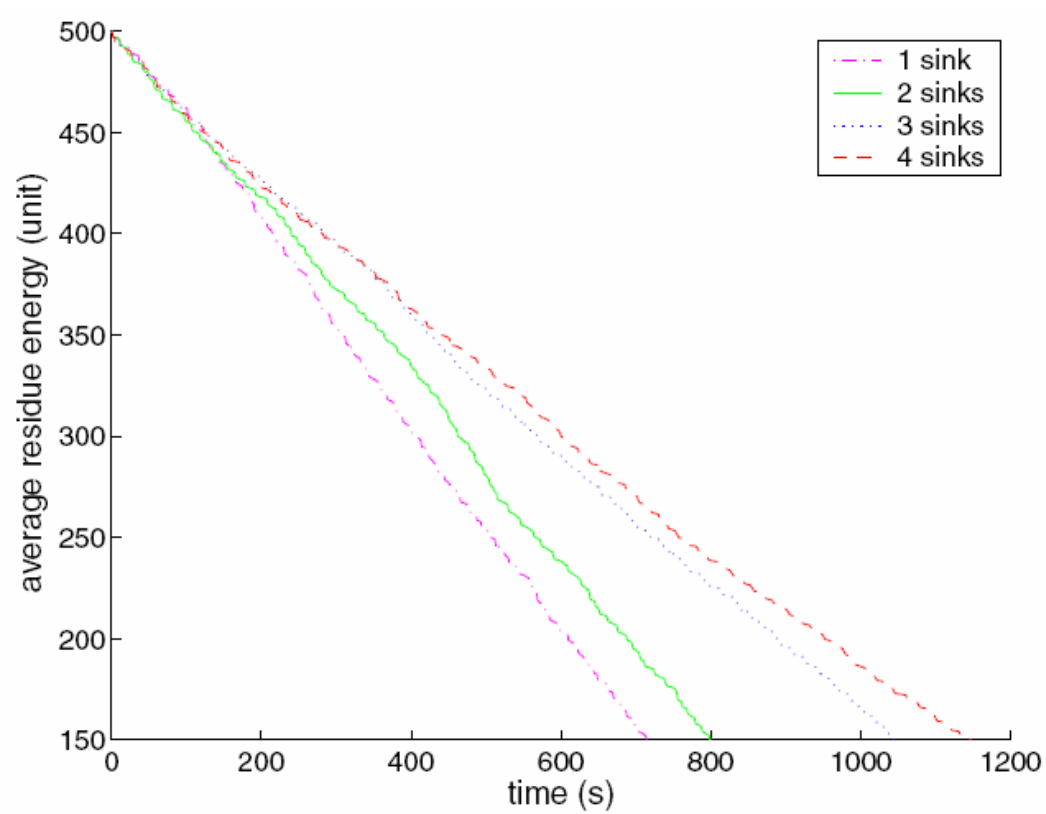




# Simulation Setup 4 Multi-sink Scenarios

- 400 nodes are uniformly distributed in a 200 x 200m<sup>2</sup> network area
- swarm agent is 64 bytes
- report message is 512bytes
- Node's transmission range = 25m
- Sink's speed = 10m/s
- $\lambda = 0.05$  message per second

# Multi-sink Scenarios

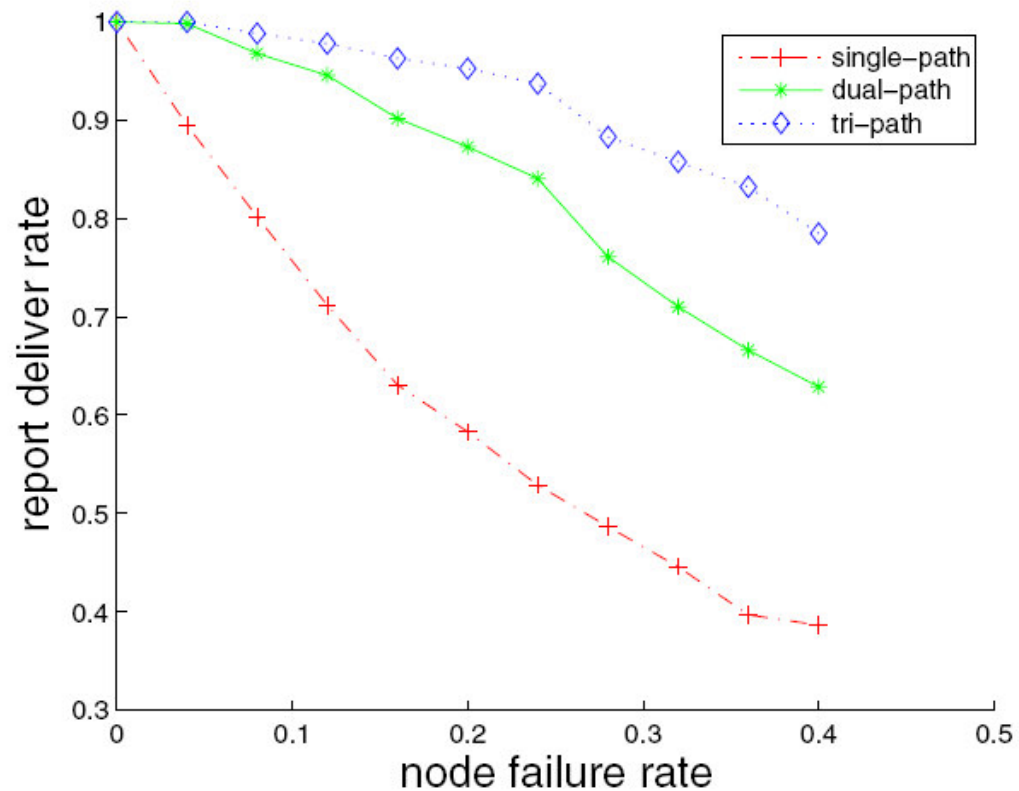




## Simulation Setup 5 resilience against node failures

- 200 nodes are uniformly distributed in a 100 x 100m<sup>2</sup> network area
- Node's transmission range = 25m
- Sink's speed = 10m/s
- Each node's initial energy is 500 units
- $\lambda = 0.05$  message per second

# Protocol resilience against node failures





# Conclusion

- SIMPLE is design based on the techniques of swarm intelligence, energy-wise shortest path and a probabilistic model for dynamically updating the shortest paths
- Simulations demonstrate its robustness and superior performance as compared to existing protocols



# Discussion

- Swarm agent
- Networks with multiple sinks