

## Wireless Mobile Health Care Service Using Body Sensors

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### Abstract

*Wireless sensor networks are moving from academia to real world scenarios. This will involve, in the near future the design and production of hardware platforms characterized by low-cost and small form factor. As a consequence the amount of resources available on a single node, i.e. computing power, storage, and energy, will be even more constrained than today. This paper faces the problem of storing and executing an application that exceeds the memory resources available on a single node. The proposed solution is based on the idea of partitioning the application code into a number of opportunistically cooperating modules each node contributes to the execution of the original application by running a subset of the application tasks and providing service to the neighboring nodes.*

*In this paper, we study the network Lifetime Maximization problem in Mobile healthcare sensor systems (LMM). For the healthcare system, we consider a dynamic scenario where users are mobile at their own wills and periodically report their personal health information (PHI) to a static sink, e.g. a powerful server, for further processing and distributing. The objective is to optimize the network lifetime by flow scheduling. The major difficulty lies in the time-dependent.*

*With network topologies. The pervasiveness of smart phones and the advance of wireless body sensor networks (BSNs), mobile Healthcare (m-Healthcare), which extends the operation of Healthcare provider into a pervasive environment for better health monitoring, has attracted considerable interest recently. However, the flourish of m-Healthcare still faces many challenges including information security and privacy preservation. In this paper, we propose a secure and privacy-preserving opportunistic computing framework, called SPOC, for m-Healthcare emergency. With SPOC, smart phone resources including computing power and energy can be opportunistically gathered to process the computing-intensive personal health information (PHI) during m-Healthcare emergency with minimal privacy disclosure.*

### 1. Introduction

In our aging society, Aging becomes a global trend and poses a major threat to healthcare/social service systems, especially in Japan. The aging of Japan outweighs all nations with the highest proportion of elderly citizens. According to official reports from the Japanese government elderly population (aged 65 or older) of Japan is expected to increase from 20% (2006) to 40% by 2055. This phenomenon has already raised severe problems that are related to issues like age-related disabilities, diseases and therefore caused heavy burden on healthcare service systems. To meet this challenge, recently wireless healthcare systems have been exploited with the objective of providing various reliable and real-time healthcare services to people in the daily life. In such systems, a number of small body sensors attached to the human body keeps monitoring each mobile medical user's Personal Health Information (PHI), which should be delivered through single-hop or multi-hop wireless communication to the base station for further processing and distributing. Mobile Healthcare (m-Healthcare) system has been envisioned as an important application of pervasive computing to improve health care quality and save lives, where miniaturized wearable and implantable body sensor nodes and smartphones are utilized to provide remote healthcare monitoring to people who have chronic medical conditions such as diabetes and heart disease specifically, in an m-Healthcare system, medical users are no longer needed to be monitored within home or hospital environments. Instead, after being equipped with smartphone and wireless body sensor network (BSN) formed by body sensor nodes, medical users can walk outside and receive the high-quality healthcare monitoring from medical professionals anytime and anywhere. For example, as shown in Fig. 1, each mobile medical user's personal health information (PHI).

Such as heart beat, blood sugar level, blood pressure and temperature and others, can be first collected by BSN, and then aggregated by

smart phone via Bluetooth. Finally, they are further transmitted to the remote healthcare center via 3G networks. Based on these collected PHI data, medical professionals at healthcare center can continuously monitor medical users' health conditions and as well quickly react to users' life-threatening situations and save their lives by dispatching ambulance and medical personnel to an emergency location in a timely fashion.

Although m-Healthcare system can benefit medical users by providing high-quality pervasive healthcare monitoring, the flourish of m-Healthcare system still hinges upon how we fully understand and manage the challenges facing in m-Healthcare system, especially during a medical emergency. To clearly illustrate the challenges in m-Healthcare emergency, we consider the following scenario.

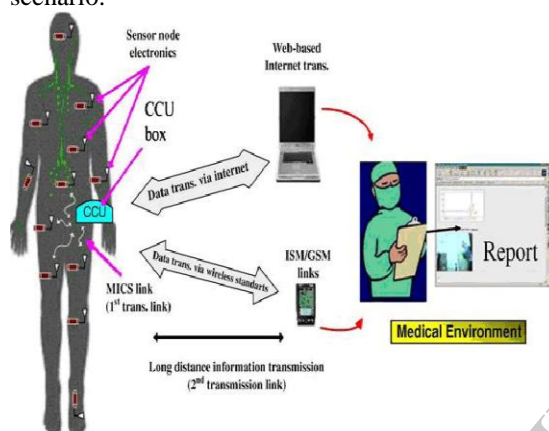


Fig 2: Pervasive health monitoring in m-Healthcare system

In general, a medical user's PHI should be reported to the healthcare center every 5 minutes for normal remote monitoring. However, when he has an emergency medical condition, for example, heart attack, his BSN becomes busy reading a variety of medical measures, such as heart rate, blood pressure, and as a result, a large amount of PHI data will be generated in a very short period of time, and they further should be reported every 10 seconds for high-intensive monitoring before ambulance and medical personnel's arrival. However, since smartphone is not only used for healthcare monitoring, but also for other applications, i.e., phoning with friends, the smartphone's energy could be insufficient when an emergency takes place. Although this kind of unexpected event may happen with very low probability, i.e., 0.005, for a medical emergency, when we take into 10,000 emergency cases into consideration, the average event number will reach 50, which is not negligible and explicitly indicates the reliability of m-Healthcare system is still challenging in emergency. Recently, opportunistic computing, as a new pervasive computing paradigm, has received much attention. Essentially, opportunistic computing is

characterized by exploiting all available computing resources in an opportunistic environment to provide a platform for the distributed execution of a computing-intensive task.

In this paper, we propose a new secure and privacy preserving opportunistic computing framework, called SPOC, to address this challenge. With the proposed SPOC framework, each medical user in emergency can achieve the user-centric privacy access control to allow only those qualified helpers to participate in the opportunistic computing to balance the high-reliability of PHI process and minimizing PHI privacy disclosure in m-Healthcare emergency. Specifically, the main contributions of this paper are threefold.

First, we propose SPOC, a secure and privacy-preserving opportunistic computing framework for m-Healthcare emergency. With SPOC, the resources available on other opportunistically contacted medical users' smartphones can be gathered together to deal with the computing intensive PHI process in emergency situation. Since the PHI will be disclosed during the process in opportunistic computing, to minimize the PHI privacy disclosure, SPOC introduces a user-centric two-phase privacy access control to only allow those medical users who have similar symptoms to participate in opportunistic computing.

Second, to achieve user-centric privacy access control in opportunistic computing, we present an efficient attribute based access control and a novel non-homomorphic encryption based privacy-preserving scalar product computation (PPSPC) protocol, where the attributed-based access control can help a medical user in emergency to identify other medical users, and PPSPC protocol can further control only those medical users who have similar symptoms to participate in the opportunistic computing while without directly revealing users' symptoms. Note that, although PPSPC protocols have been well studied in privacy-preserving data mining yet most of them are relying on time-consuming homomorphic encryption technique. To the best of our knowledge, our novel non-homomorphic encryption based PPSPC protocol is the most efficient one in terms of computational and communication overheads.

Third, to validate the effectiveness of the proposed SPOC framework in m-Healthcare emergency, we also developed custom simulator built in Java. Extensive simulation results show that the proposed SPOC framework can help medical users to balance the high-reliability of PHI process and minimizing the PHI privacy disclosure in m-Healthcare emergency. The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we formalize the system model and security model, and identify our design goal.

## 2. SYSTEM MODELS

### 2.1 System Architecture of M2M Communications for Healthcare

As in the general architecture of [1], we show the system architecture of M2M communication for healthcare in Fig. 1. Cellular type wireless systems such as 3rd generation partnership project (3GPP) long-term evolution (LTE) or LTE-advanced, and the Internet (i.e., cloud computing), serve as the M2M communication infrastructure for healthcare. The medical center can collect related information from the networked cloud and instruct machines in the reverse direction, as a bi-directional communication network. In Fig. 1, the curve dot lines represent links of a cellular type system and the solid black lines represent Internet access links as a part of a cloud. 3GPP currently is making a serious effort for machine-type communication (MTC) [2], and healthcare is one of the major applications. The remaining part of the system architecture relates to communication and networking from machines/sensors to data aggregator. It is usually referred as the local network in M2M communications. Sometimes, such communication is known as communication for the "swarm" in cyber physical systems, which suggests a huge number of machines in the system. This scenario, although it looks simple, is actually very challenging as there may be trillions of devices in this scenario, migrating from billions of devices for wireless personal communications in past decades. Since the frequency bands lower than a few GHz enjoy nice radio propagation and cost-effective semiconductor fabrication, such frequency bands are very much preferred by M2M communications, particularly for healthcare. In addition to current wireless personal communications operating in this frequency range, the very limited available spectrum has to support a good portion of these trillions of devices. Spectrum efficient communication and networking technologies are vital, while energy efficiency has to be satisfied as most machine sensors are operating by battery. In addition to the critical spectrum efficiency and energy efficiency problems, M2M communications faces the following technology challenges:

**Large and dense networks:** There should be trillions of devices in M2M, a big jump from the billions of devices of today's wireless personal communications. Consequently, the limiting behaviours of large and/or dense wireless networks play an important role, especially if there is a limited amount of available spectrum.

### 2.2 Myths in M2M Communications for Healthcare

Typical M2M communications or sensor networks assume the following: 1) the networking nodes (i.e., machines or sensors) do not move, 2) the traffic volume of M2M communications for each purpose is low, with a small duty cycle. However, these assumptions do not hold in healthcare application scenarios. Fig. 1 depicts the M2M networking structure for healthcare. We can note the special features of M2M for healthcare, in terms of network topology. Since many sensors are installed according to the human body, the locations of these sensors/machines can actually move, due to human movement. In other words, locations of sensors relative to the data aggregator (DA) may vary, while the data aggregator may also move according to human movement. Consequently, the machines are not static at all, which is similar to networking among robots. This is exactly like mobile networks. The immediate question to our minds would be "what does the channel model look like?" as this heavily impacts network topology and thus system/network design. The 400 MHz, 600 MHz, 900 MHz, and 2.4 GHz channels were studied by attaching sensors to different parts of the body and it was found that by simply modifying some parameters of the popular log-normal channel model in mobile communications we still apply this model in such a scenario.

If such healthcare applies to a good portion of population, we are facing a bandwidth hungry situation in communications and networks. After understanding the truth behind these common myths, to develop solutions to the above-mentioned challenges in terms of spectrum-efficient and energy-efficient autonomous reconfigurable connectivity supporting density, mobility, configurability, will allow us to supply the M2M local network enabling healthcare applications and services.

### 2.3 Spectrum Sharing and Interference

To serve multiple communication scopes, such as different ranges and different data rates, adopting heterogeneous wireless networks, even in the same frequency band is common in M2M communications for healthcare. This introduces a new challenge to autonomously control the configurability of the local network. Please also recall that earlier heterogeneity further induces another communication challenge: spectrum sharing among heterogeneous wireless networks.

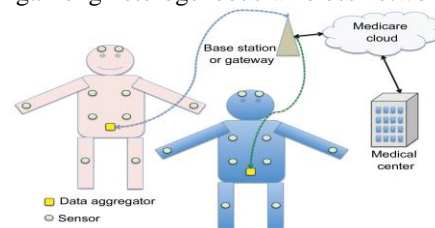


Fig. 2. System architecture of machine-to-machine communications for healthcare.



In case there exists a wireless network that has priority to use the spectrum (say, a H2H system) in spectrum sharing wireless networks, we call that network the primary system (PS). The nodes of other wireless networks can dynamically access the spectrum only if there exist transmission opportunities (i.e., nodes in the PS are not in transmission) as secondary users of the spectrum. We call such secondary nodes cognitive radios (CRs), which is a popular research subject to achieve spectrum efficiency nowadays.

### 3. SECURITY ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

Opportunistic computing can enhance the reliability for high intensive PHI process and transmission in m-Healthcare emergency. However, since PHI is very sensitive, a medical user, even in emergency, will not expect to disclose his PHI to all passing-by medical users. Instead, he may only disclose his PHI to those medical users who have some similar symptoms with him. In this case, the emergency situation can be handled by opportunistic computing with minimal privacy disclosure. Specifically, in our security model, we essentially define two-phase privacy access control in opportunistic computing, which are required for achieving high-reliable PHI process and transmission in m-Healthcare emergency.

**Phase-I access control:** Phase-I access control indicates that although a passing-by person has a smart phone with enough power, as a non-medical user, he is not welcomed to participate in opportunistic computing. Since the opportunistic computing requires smart phones that are installed with the same medical software's to cooperatively process the PHI, if a passing-by person is not a medical user, the lack of necessary software's does not make him as an ideal helper. Therefore, the phase-I privacy access control is prerequisite.

**Phase-II access control:** Phase-II access control only allows those medical users who have some similar symptoms to participate in the opportunistic computing. The reason is that those medical users, due to with the similar symptoms, are kind of skilled to process the same type PHI. Note that, the threshold  $th$  is a user self-control parameter. When the emergency takes place at a location with high traffic, the threshold  $th$  will be set high to minimize the privacy disclosure. However, if the location has low traffic, the threshold  $th$  should be low so that the high-reliable PHI process and transmission can be first guaranteed.

### 4. PROPOSED SPOC FRAMEWORK

In this section, we propose our SPOC framework, which consists of three parts: system initialization, user-centric privacy access control for m-Healthcare emergency, and analysis of

opportunistic computing in m-Healthcare emergency. Before describing them, we first review the bilinear pairing technique which serves as the basis of the proposed SPOC framework.

#### 4.1 Bilinear Pairings

Let  $G, G^T$  be two multiplicative cyclic groups with the same prime order  $q$ . Suppose  $G$  and  $G^T$  are equipped with a pairing, i.e., a non-degenerated and efficiently computable bilinear map  $e : G \times G \rightarrow G^T$  such that  $e(g^a, g^b) = e(g, g)^{ab} \in G^T$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^*_q$  and any  $g_1, g_2 \in G$ . In group  $G$ , the Computational Diffie-Hellman (CDH) problem is hard, i.e., given  $(g, g^a, g^b)$  for  $g \in G$  and unknown  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^*_q$ , it is intractable to compute  $gab$  in a polynomial time. However, the Decisional Diffie-Hellman (DDH) problem is easy, i.e., given  $(g, g^a, g^b, g^c)$  for  $g \in G$  and unknown  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}^*_q$ , it is easy to judge whether  $c = ab \pmod q$  by checking  $e(g^a, g^b) \stackrel{?}{=} e(g^c, g)$ . We refer to for a more comprehensive description of pairing technique, and complexity assumptions.

**Definition 1:** A bilinear parameter generator  $Gen$  is a probabilistic algorithm that takes a security parameter  $\kappa$  as input, and outputs a 5-tuple  $(q, g, G, G^T, e)$ , where  $q$  is a  $\kappa$ -bit prime number,  $G, G^T$  are two groups with order  $q$ ,  $g \in G$  is a generator, and  $e : G \times G \rightarrow G^T$  is a non-degenerated and efficiently computable bilinear map.

#### 4.2 Description of SPOC

##### 4.2.1 System Initialization

For a single-authority m-Healthcare system under consideration, we assume a trusted authority (TA) located at the healthcare center will bootstrap the whole system. Specifically, given the security parameter  $\kappa$ , TA first generates the bilinear parameters  $(q, g, G, G^T, e)$  by running  $Gen(\kappa)$ , and chooses a secure symmetric encryption algorithm  $Enc()$ , i.e., AES, and two secure cryptographic hash functions  $H$  and  $H'$ , where  $H, H' : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^*_q$ . In addition, TA chooses two random numbers  $(a, x) \in \mathbb{Z}^*_q$  as the master key, two random elements  $(h_1, h_2)$  in  $G$ , and computes  $b = H(a)$ ,  $A = g^a$ , and  $e(g, g)^x$ . Finally, TA keeps the master  $(a, b, x)$  secretly, and publishes the system parameter  $params = (q, g, G, G^T, e, H, H', h_1, h_2, A, e(g, g)^x, Enc())$ .

Assume there are total  $n$  symptom characters considered in m-Healthcare system, and each medical user's symptoms can be represented through his personal health profile, a binary vector  $a' = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  in the  $n$ -dimensional symptom character space, where  $a_i \in \{0, 1\}$  indicates a symptom character, i.e.,  $a_i = 1$  if the medical user has the corresponding symptom character, and  $a_i = 0$  otherwise. Therefore, for each medical user  $U_i \in U$ , when he registers himself in the healthcare center, the medical professionals at healthcare center first make medical examination for  $U_i$ , and generate  $U_i$ 's personal health profile  $a' = (a_1,$

$a_2, \dots, a_n$ ). Afterwards, the following steps will be performed by TA:

- Based on  $U_i$ 's personal health profile  $a'$ , TA first chooses the proper body sensor nodes to establish  $U_i$ 's personal BSN, and installs the necessary medical softwares in  $U_i$ 's smart phone.
- Then, TA chooses two random numbers  $(t_{i1}, t_{i2}) \in Z_q^*$ , and computes the access control key  $aki = (g^{x+ati_1}, g^{ti_1}, g^{ti_2}, h^{ti_1}, h^{ti_2})$  for  $U_i$ .
- Finally, TA uses the master key  $b$  to compute the secret key  $sk_i = H(U_i || b)$  for  $U_i$ . After being equipped with the personal BSN and key materials  $(aki, sk_i)$ ,  $U_i$  can securely report his PHI to healthcare center for achieving better healthcare monitoring by the following procedure.
- $U_i$  first chooses the current date CDate, computes the session key  $k_i = H(sk_i || CDate)$  for one day, and distributes the session key  $k_i$  to his personal BSN and smart phone.
- Every five minutes, BSN collects the raw PHI data rPHI and reports the encrypted value  $Enc(k_i, rPHI || CDate)$  to the smart phone with bluetooth technology.
- Upon receiving  $Enc(k_i, rPHI || CDate)$ , the smart phone uses  $k_i$  to recover rPHI from  $Enc(k_i, rPHI || CDate)$ . After processing rPHI, the smart phone uses the 3G technology to report the processed PHI to healthcare center in the form of  $U_i || CDate || Enc(k_i, rPHI || CDate)$ .

#### 4.2.2 User-Centric Privacy Access Control for m-Healthcare Emergency

When an emergency takes place in m-Healthcare, e.g., user  $U_0$  suddenly falls down outside, the healthcare center will monitor the emergency, and immediately dispatch an ambulance and medical personnel to the emergency location. Generally, the ambulance will arrive at the scene around 20 minutes. During the 20 minutes, the medical personnel need high intensive PHI to real-time monitor  $U_0$ . However, the power of  $U_0$ 's smart phone may be not sufficient to support the high-intensive PHI process and transmission. In this case, the opportunistic computing, as shown in Fig. 3, is launched, and the following user-centric privacy access control is performed to minimize the PHI privacy disclosure in opportunistic computing.

#### 4.2.3 Analysis of Opportunistic Computing in m-Healthcare Emergency

Consider the ambulance will arrive at the emergency location in the time period  $t$ . To gauge the benefits brought by opportunistic computing in m-Healthcare emergency, we analyze how many qualified helpers can participate in opportunistic computing within the time period  $t$ , and how many resources can the opportunities computing provide. Assume that the arrival of users at the emergency location follows a Poisson process  $\{N(t), t \geq 0\}$

having rate  $\lambda$ . For a given threshold  $th$ ,  $N_q(t) = n$  and  $N_q(t) = m$  are respectively denoted as the number of qualified helpers and the number of non-qualified helpers within  $[0, t]$ . For any arriving user at time  $\tau \in [0, t]$ , the probability that the user is a qualified helper is  $P(\tau)$ .

## 5. SECURITY ANALYSIS

In this section, we analyze the security properties of the proposed SPOC framework. In specific, following the security requirements discussed earlier, our analyses will focus on how the proposed SPOC framework can achieve the user centric privacy access control for opportunistic computing in m-Healthcare emergency.

The proposed SPOC framework can achieve the phase-I access control. In the phase-I access control; the single attribute encryption technique is employed. Since  $e(g, g)^{xs}$  can be recovered only by a registered medical user  $U_j \in U$  with his access key  $ak_j = (g^{x+atj_1}, g^{tj_1}, g^{tj_2}, h^{tj_1}, h^{tj_2})$  from  $(C1 = gs, C2 = As \cdot h^{-s_1}, C3 = h^{-s_2})$ , if  $U_j$  can recover  $e(g, g)^{xs}$ , he can be authenticated as a registered medical user. In addition, the timestamp in the returned  $Auth = H(e(g, g)^{xs} || timestamp)$  can also prevent the possible replaying attack. Therefore, the phase-I access control can be achieved in the proposed SPOC framework.

## 6. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

In this section, we evaluate the performance of the proposed SPOC framework using a custom simulator built in Java. The simulator implements the application layer under the assumptions that the communications between smart phones and the communications between BSNs and smartphones are always workable when they are within each other's transmission ranges. The performance metrics used in the evaluation are

1. The average number of qualified helpers (NQH), which indicates how many qualified helpers can participate in the opportunistic computing within a given time period, and
2. The average resource consumption ratio (RCR), which is defined as the fraction of the resources consumed by the medical user in emergency to the total resources consumed in opportunistic computing for PHI process within a given time period. Both NQH and RCR can be used to examine the effectiveness of the proposed SPOC framework with user-centric privacy access control of opportunistic computing in m-Healthcare emergency.

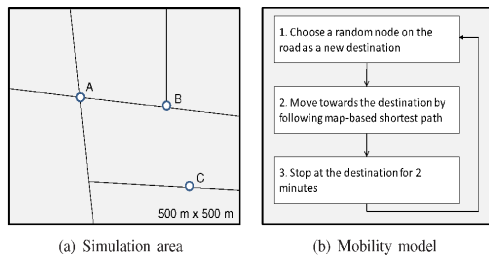


Fig 3: Simulation area and mobility model under consideration

### 7. SIMULATION RESULTS

In this section, we conduct simulations to verify the proposed algorithm and analysis. First, we use a sample to show the performance gap between offline and online scenarios of the LMM problem. Then, we demonstrate that if the prediction of user mobility can be made, the performance can be improved significantly.

In the simulations, total  $l$  users  $U = \{U_0, U_1, \dots, U_{l-1}\}$  are first uniformly deployed in an interest area of  $500\text{ m} \times 500\text{ m}$ , as shown in Fig. 5(a). Each user  $U_i \in U$  is equipped with his personal BSN and a smartphone with a transmission radius of 20 meters, and independently moves along the road with the velocity  $v \in [0.5, 1.2]\text{m/s}$  in the area by following the mobility model described in Fig. 5(b). Assume that the symptom character space  $n = 16$ , each user is randomly assigned 6-8 symptom characters. Let the emergency of user  $U_0$  take place at time  $t = 0$ , he sets the threshold  $th$  as  $\{3, 5\}$ , and waits the qualified helpers participating in the opportunistic computing before the ambulance arrives in 20 minutes. Note that, in the simulations, we consider all users will stop when they meet  $U_0$ 's emergency, and only the qualified helpers will participate in the opportunistic computing. To eliminate the influence of initial system state, a warm-up period of first 10 minutes is used. In addition, we consider  $U_0$ 's emergency takes place at three locations, A, B, and C, in the map to examine how the factors  $l$ ,  $th$  affect the NGH and RCR at different locations. The detailed parameter settings are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. Simulation Settings

Parameter	Setting
Simulation area	500 m × 500 m
Simulation warm-up, duration	10 minutes, 20 minutes
Number, velocity of users	$l = \{40, 60\}$ , $v = 0.5 - 1.2\text{ m/s}$
Similarity threshold	$th = \{3, 5\}$
Transmission of smart phone, BSN	20 m, 20 m
Raw PHI data generation interval	every 10 seconds
Emergency location	A, B, and C

#### 7.1 Simulation Results

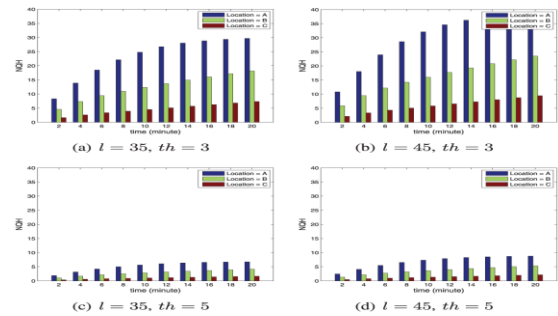


Fig 4: NQH varying with time under different  $l$  and  $th$

In Fig. 6, we compare the average NQHs at locations A, B and C varying with time from 2 minutes to 20 minutes under different user number  $l$  and threshold  $th$ . From the figure, we can see, with the increase of time, the average NQH will also increase, especially for the location A. The reason is that, when all users move in the simulation area by following the same mobility model, location A will have higher traffic than locations B and C. In addition, when the user number  $l$  in the simulation area increases, the user arrival rate at locations A, B, and C also increase. Then, the average NQH increases as well. By further observing the differences of the average NQH under thresholds  $th=3$  and  $th=5$ , we can see the average NQH under  $th=5$  is much lower than that under  $th=3$ , which indicates that, in order to minimize the privacy disclosure in opportunistic computing, the larger threshold should be chosen.

However, since the high reliability of PHI process is expected in m-Healthcare emergency, minimizing the privacy disclosure in opportunistic computing is not always the first priority. In Fig. 7,

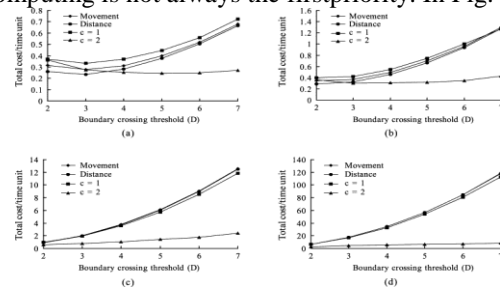


Fig. 5. RCR varying with time under different  $l$  and  $th$

We plot the corresponding RCR varying with the time under different user number  $l$  and threshold  $th$ .

### 8. Related work

A technique that can be used in a middleware layer to support opportunistic pervasive computing applications for WSNs is presented in. The technique is based on the use of domain-oriented virtual machines that expose sensor and actuator resources to the programmer. Virtual machines are node-specific, to reflect the specific sensors and actuators available on a given node. The proposed architecture pushes the development of

opportunistic applications as collections of cooperating and communicating mobile agents (executed by the virtual machines). Agents are implemented as a set of event handlers that are executed in response to events. This limits the complexity of the execution layer and makes agents compliant with the event-based programming model of WSNs. Our approach shares with this solution the purpose of supporting the execution of opportunistic pervasive computing applications, i.e. to take the best advantage of resources that happen to be available in the network. However, while we deal with the problem of running applications on homogeneous and limited hardware, the system described in defines ontology and runtime support that are useful when the network includes sensors and actuators of different nature. In the authors argue that sensor networks should be programmed at global scale: proper tools should shield the developer from low-level details of resource management, concurrency and in-network processing.

## 9. FUTURE WORK

In this work, we propose an optimization framework with the objective of maximizing the network lifetime by exploiting the mobility management in mobile healthcare sensor systems. For the problem in offline scenario, where movements of users are known, it has been formulated into a linear programming form based on a novel temporal-spatial network model. Thus the offline version could be solved in polynomial-time. However, for the online scenario, we prove that there exists no online algorithm achieving a constant performance ratio compared to the offline scenario due to lack of future information.

## 10. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we have proposed a secure and privacy preserving opportunistic computing (SPOC) framework for m-Healthcare emergency, which mainly exploits how to use opportunistic computing to achieve high reliability of PHI process and transmission in emergency while minimizing the privacy disclosure during the opportunistic computing. Detailed security analysis shows that the proposed SPOC framework can achieve the efficient user-centric privacy access control. In addition, through extensive performance evaluation, we have also demonstrated the proposed SPOC framework can balance the high-intensive PHI process and transmission and minimizing the PHI privacy disclosure in m-Healthcare emergency. In our future work, we intend to carry on smart phone based experiments to further verify the effectiveness of the proposed SPOC framework. In addition, we will also exploit the security issues of PPSPC with internal

attackers, where the internal attackers will not honestly follow the protocol.

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