



Collaborative Processing in Sensor Networks

Lecture 5 - Visual Coverage

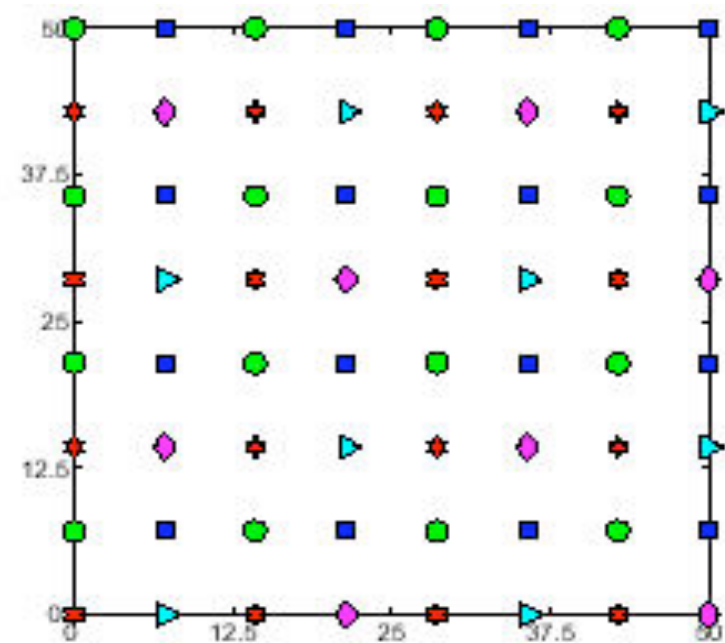
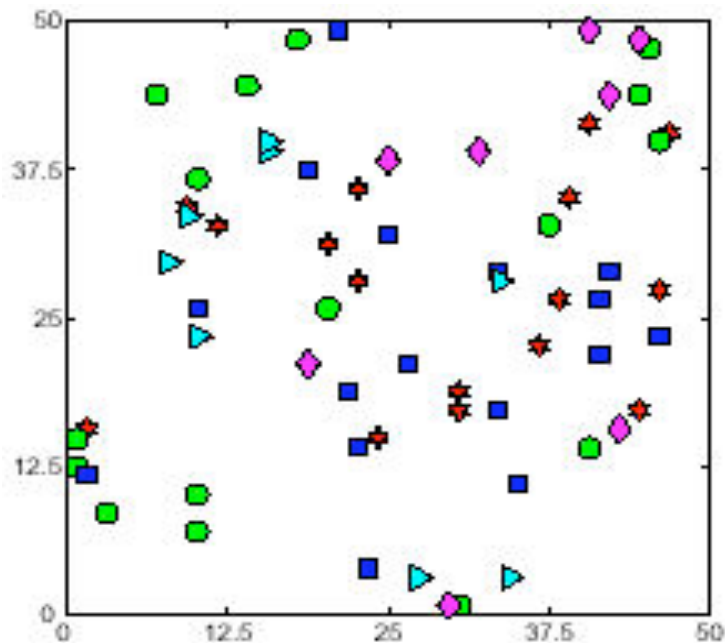
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Research Focus - Recap

- Develop **energy-efficient** collaborative processing algorithms with **fault tolerance** in sensor networks
 - Where to perform collaboration?
 - Computing paradigms
 - Who should participate in the collaboration?
 - Reactive clustering protocols
 - Sensor selection protocols
 - How to conduct collaboration?
 - In-network processing
 - Self deployment <--> **Coverage**

Coverage vs. Deployment



Visual Sensor Networks

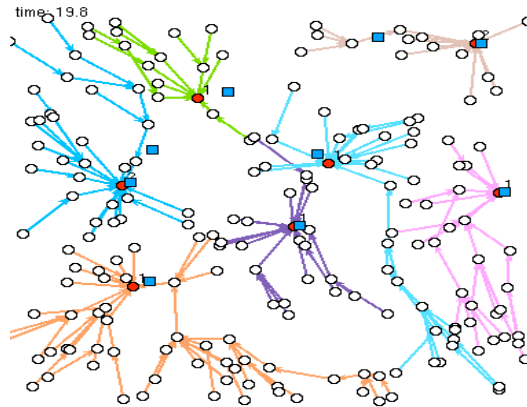


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Visual sensor

Visual sensing, computing, and wireless communication.

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Sensor networks

A large population of nodes

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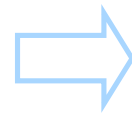
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Visual sensor networks

Collaborative visual computing

Environmental Surveillance

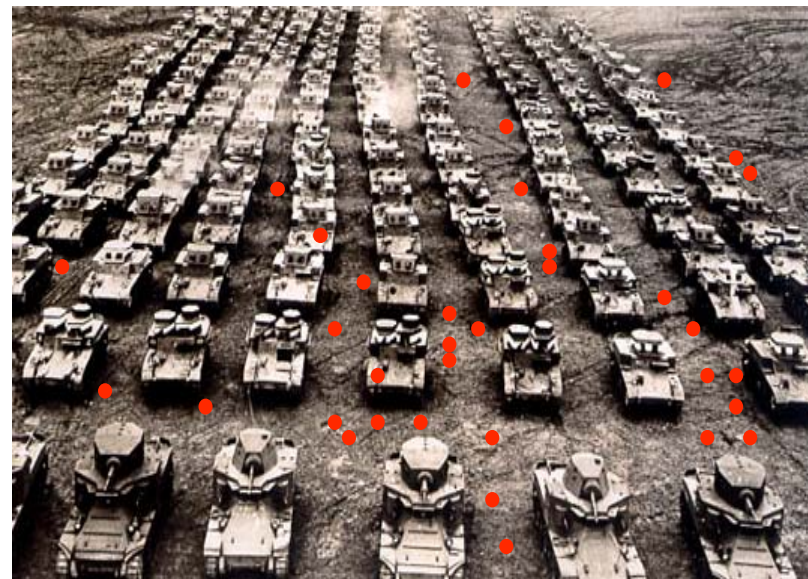
Use **2D images** captured by the nodes across the field.



Estimate the number of targets

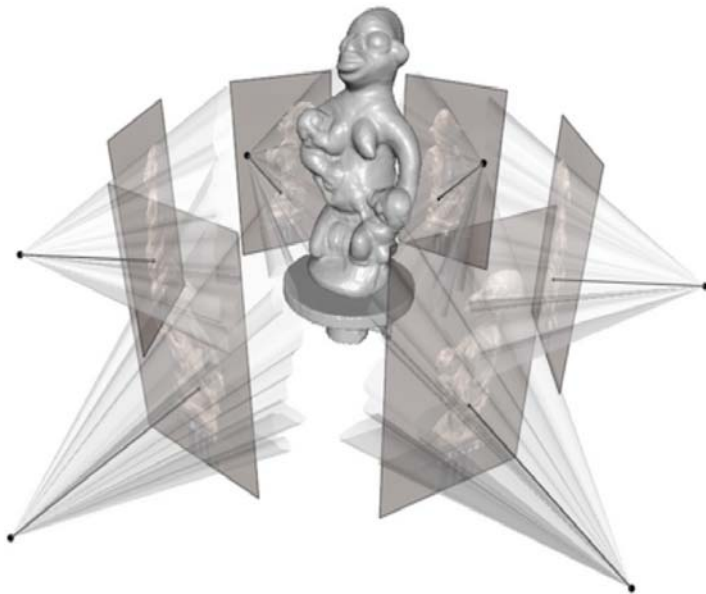
Localize targets

Reconstruct their shape, texture, etc



Visual Coverage

Multi-perspective geometry



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Each target should be captured (covered)
by multiple (i.e. at least k) nodes



How many nodes are necessary ?
(Minimum node density)



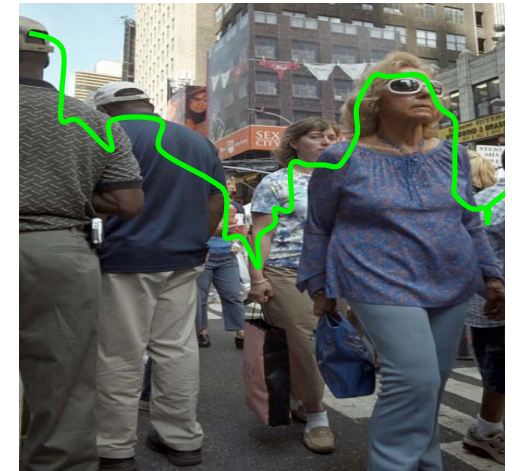
Statistics about visual coverage
(parameterized by

node density and target density)

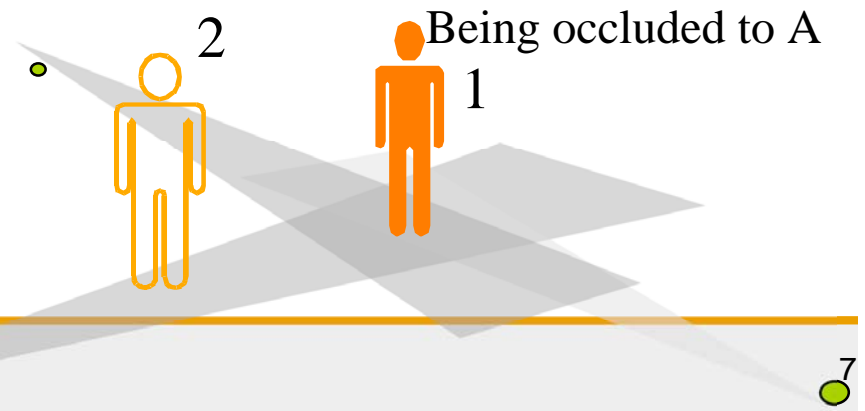
Challenges

- Occlusion



- A node can visually capture a target only when
 - The target stands in the field of view
 - No other occluding targets
- Visual coverage is related with
 - Statistical distribution of nodes
 - AND
 - Statistical distribution of targets

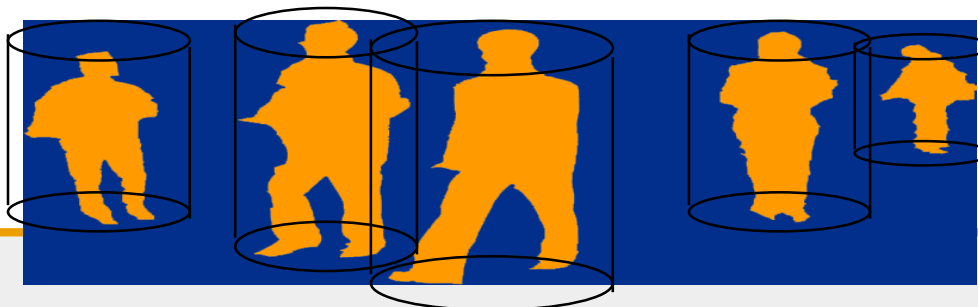
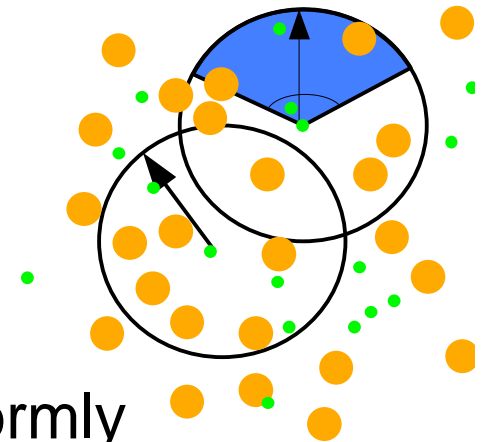


- Directional sensing



Assumptions

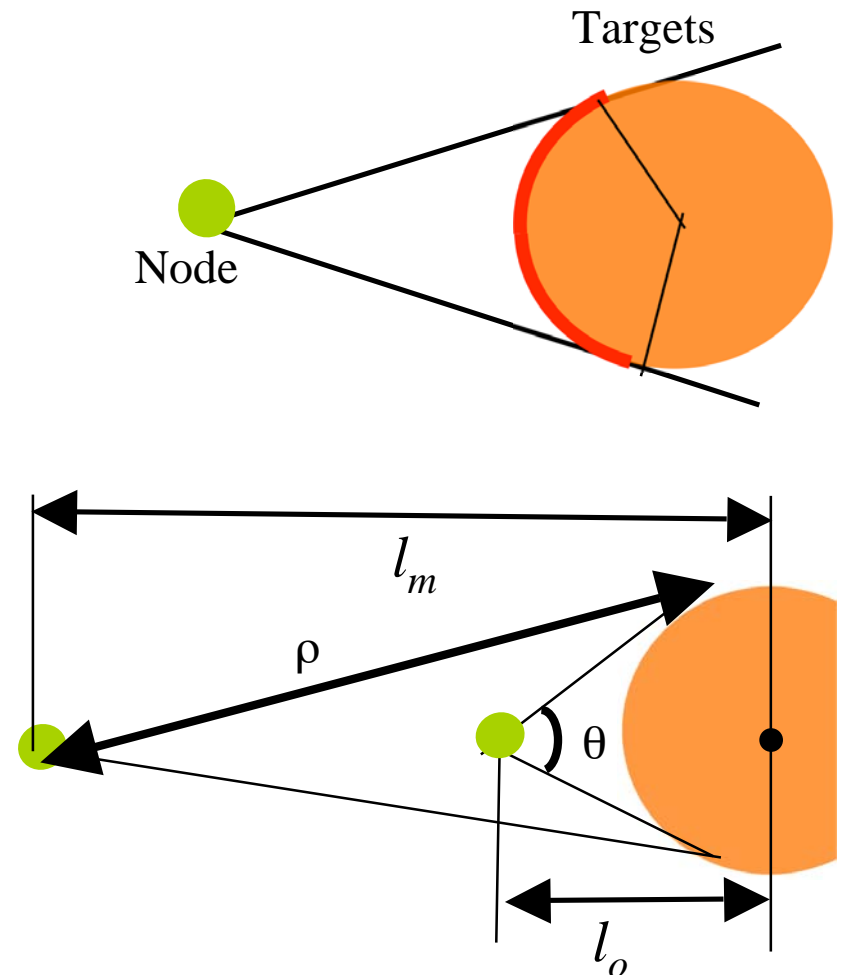
- 2D horizontal sensing field
 - Very large, boundary effect ignored
- Nodes infinitesimal points 
 - Poisson point process, orientations uniformly distributed over $[0, 360)$, uniform FOV, pointed horizontally
- Target isotropic disc 
 - Uniformly located, never overlapping each other, uniform radius



Cylinder target model


Sensing Model

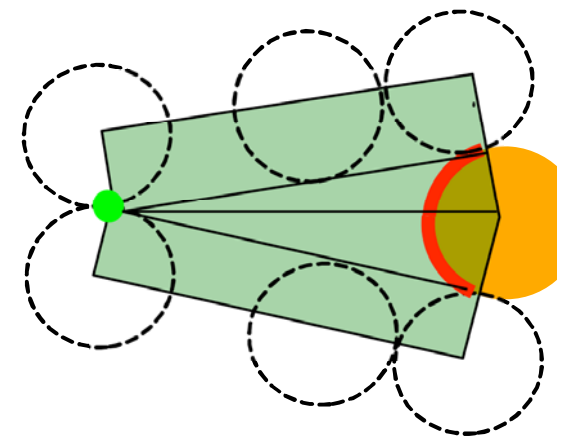
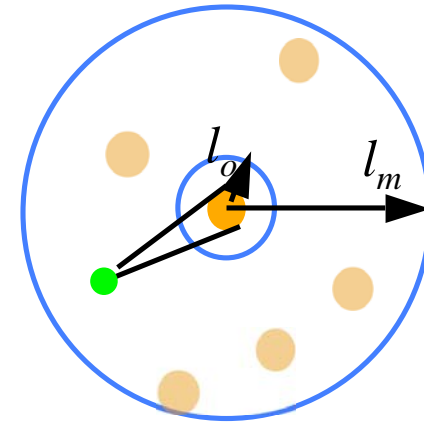
- A node captures a target only when the front arc of the target bounded by tangent viewing rays is completely visible
- Capture range
 - Maximum (l_m): when the target touches the edge of the field of view
 - Minimum (l_o): when the target blocks the entire field of view



ρ, θ : Range and angle of the uniform field of view of nodes

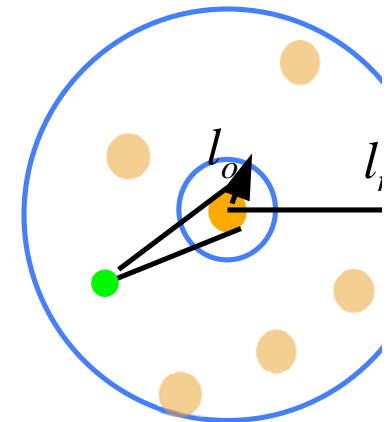
The Two Conditions

- To capture a target, a node must satisfy two conditions
 - Condition 1: It stands **in the ring** with outer radius l_m and inner radius l_o centered at the target
 - Condition 2: An in-between **occlusion zone** is clear of other targets 



The Derivation

- $p(k)$: The probability that an arbitrary target is captured by exactly k nodes
- $\Gamma(k, A, \lambda_s)$: The probability that the ring contains exactly k nodes
- q : The probability that an arbitrary node within the ring captures the target
 - A **random value** with respect to the randomness of the locations of other targets
 - $f(q)$: pdf of q . **Very difficult to derive**

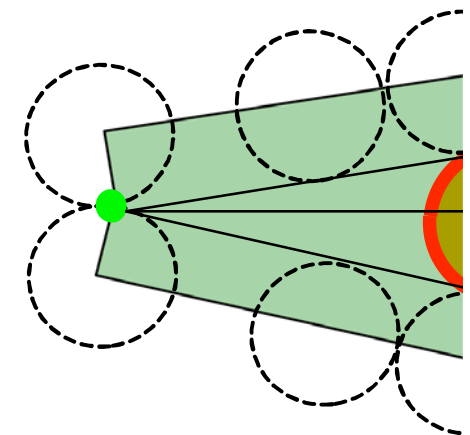


λ_s : node density
A: area of the ring

$$p(k) = \sum_{i=k}^{\infty} \Gamma(i, A, \lambda_s) C_i^k q^k (1-q)^{i-k} = \Gamma(k, qA, \lambda_s)$$

$$p(k) = \int \Gamma(k, qA, \lambda_s) f(q) dq$$

$$\Gamma(k, A, \lambda_s) = e^{-\lambda_s A} (\lambda_s A)^k / k!$$



How to Find $f(q)$?

- The derivation of several significant statistical parameters of q ,
 - Minimum value of q
 - Maximum value of q and the corresponding $f(q)$
 - Expectation of q
- To construct an approximation function $\sim f(q)$ based on these parameters

$$p(k) = \int \Gamma(k, qA, \lambda_s) \tilde{f}(q) dq$$

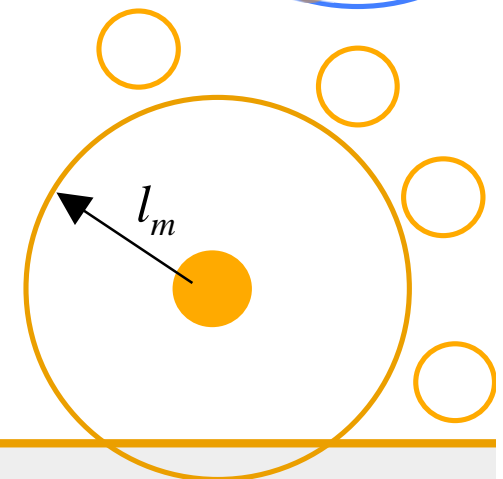
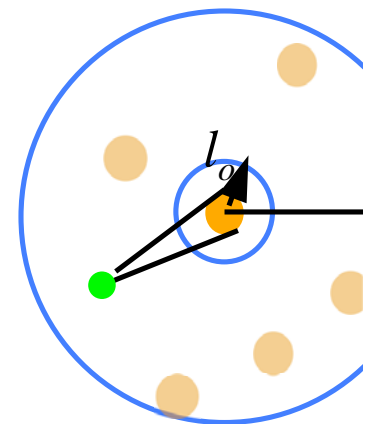
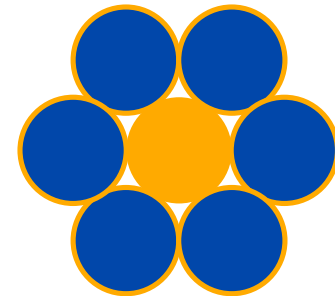
Minimum and Maximum q

- Minimum q (crowded)
 - When the target is tightly surrounded by six other targets
 - Only nodes falling into the tiny (white) area have the chance to capture the target

$$q_o \approx 0$$

- Maximum q (empty)
 - When the entire ring is empty
 - Nodes are only required to face the target

$$q_m = \frac{1}{A} \int_{l_o}^{l_m} [\theta - 2 \sin^{-1}(r/l)] l dl$$



Probability when $q=q_m$

$$F_m = \Gamma(0, \pi(l_m + r)^2, \lambda_t) = \exp(-\pi(l_m + r)^2 \lambda_t) \neq 0$$

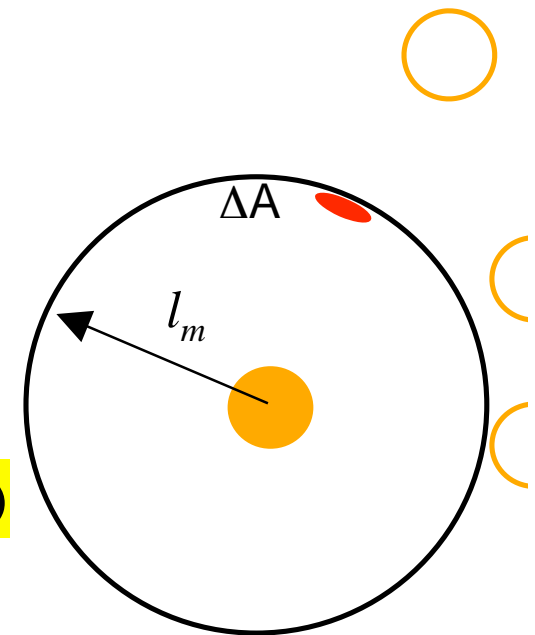
- This says that $f(q)$ has an **impulse** at q_m with amplitude F_m
- What is left-hand limit of $f(q)$ at q_m ?

$$\Delta q = \Delta A \sin^{-1}(r / l_m) / \pi$$

Probability that $q \in [q_m - \Delta q, q_m)$

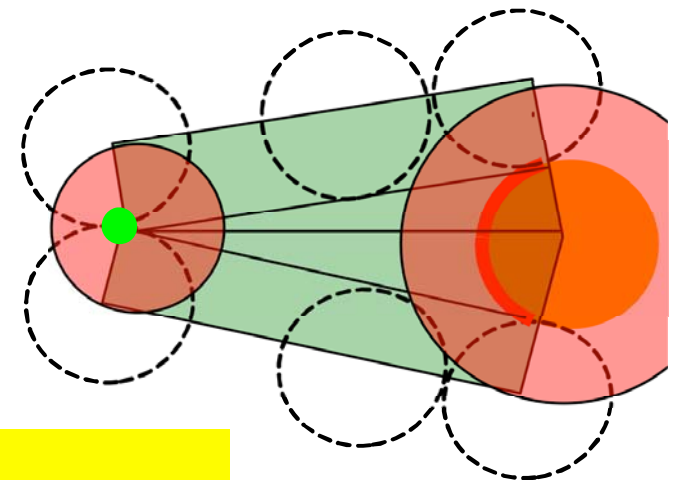
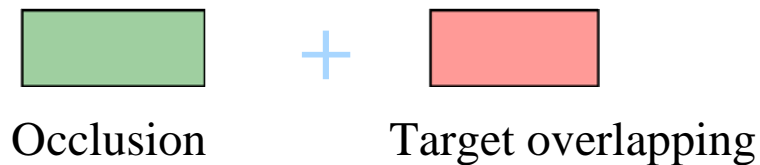
$$\Delta F = \Gamma(0, \pi(l_m + r)^2 - \Delta A, \lambda_t) - \Gamma(0, \pi(l_m + r)^2, \lambda_t)$$

$$f(q_m^-) = \lim_{\Delta A \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta q}$$



Expectation of q

- Zone that other targets are forbidden to enter (area A_{FB})



$$E(q) = \frac{1}{A} \int_{l_o}^{l_m} \left[\frac{\theta - 2 \sin^{-1}(r/l)}{2\pi} \right] \Gamma(0, A_{FB}, \lambda_t) 2\pi l dl$$

At a certain point in the ring, the probability that the node is oriented towards the target

Probability of an empty forbidden zone

Average over the entire ring

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Approximation of $f(q)$

- Approximate function
 - A scaled Binominal distribution and an impulse function

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{(1-F_m)N}{q_m} C_N^i \gamma^i (1-\gamma)^{N-i}, & i = \text{int}(Nq/q_m) \text{ if } 0 \leq q \leq q_m^- \\ F_m & \text{if } q = q_m \end{cases}$$

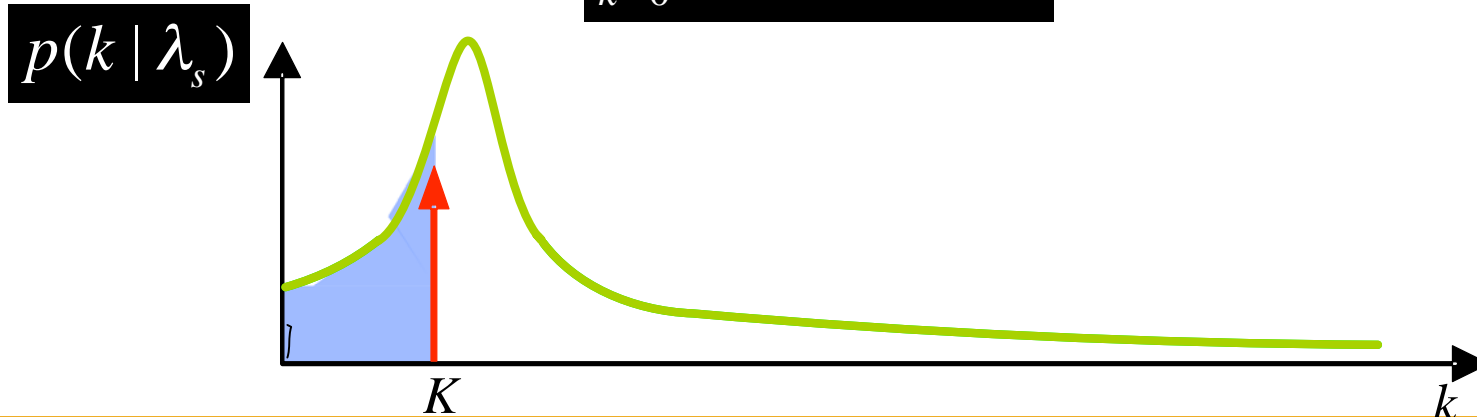
$$(1-F_m)\gamma q_m + F_m q_m = E(q)$$

$$\frac{(1-F_m)N}{q_m} \gamma^N = f(q_m^-)$$

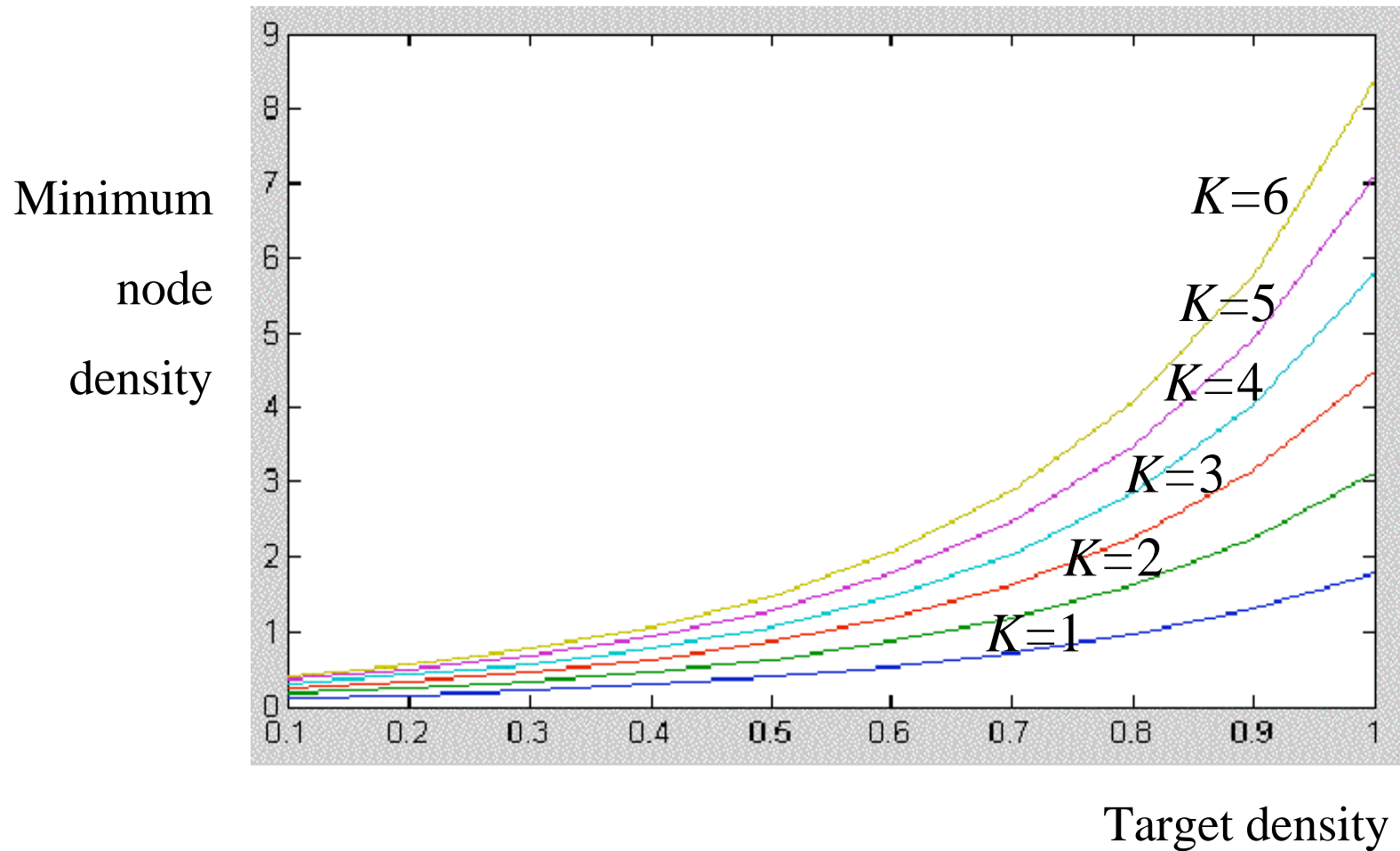
Minimum Node Density

- To ensure the probability that an arbitrary target is captured by less than K nodes is smaller than ϵ , the minimum node density $\sim \lambda_s$ should be the smallest positive root of

$$\sum_{k=0}^{K-1} p(k | \lambda_s) = \epsilon$$



Simulation Results



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