WLAN channel selection without communication

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Abstract

This talk discusses a new class of channel allocation algorithms that are simple, robust and require no communication between interfering WLANs. These algorithms are provably convergent and yet remarkably efficient under a wide range of network conditions and topologies. Using measurements of performance in a real office environment one interesting observation is that the interference between WLANs is generally channel dependent. This means that a different conflict graph is associated with each channel. This potentially has important implications as the behaviour of many proposed colouring-based algorithms for channel allocation is unclear in this context.

Biography

Professor Doug Leith is Director of the Hamilton Institute at the National University of Ireland Maynooth. His research interests include TCP congestion control, analysis and resource allocation in 802.11 wireless networks, fairness and routing in mesh networks.

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