• Smart devices will require easy-to-deploy networks.
  • No base stations, cables, management.
• Ad-hoc networks promise minimal deployment effort.
  • Nodes forward each others packets: multi-hop.
  • Previous ad-hoc techniques don’t scale well.
• CarNet investigates scalable ad-hoc networking.
• CarNet techniques:
  • Geographic forwarding (Grid).
  • Scalable distributed location service (GLS).
  • Automatic self-configuration.
Progress Through June 2001

- Two papers published at MobiCom 2001 conference.
  - Analysis of ad-hoc network capacity.
    - Identified realistic bandwidth expectations.
  - Power-saving radio protocol design.
    - Elects multi-hop forwarders in each area.
    - Non-forwarders can sleep.
- Built experimental-quality prototype.
  - Floor-wide net of Compaq iPaqs and fixed relays.
Research Plan for the Next Six Months

- Complete production network deployment.
  - Relays throughout MIT AI/LCS building.
  - Gateways to wired Internet.
  - Public software distribution for iPaqs.
- Investigate position estimation using signal strength.
- Investigate hardened routing.
  - Prevent injection of malicious routing information.