

Optimization of Leach Protocol in Wireless Sensor Network

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ABSTRACT

Continuous advancement in wireless communication has enabled the deployment of wireless sensor networks for environment monitoring. The use of wireless sensor networks in this type of monitoring, it is very much difficult to replace the battery of the sensor node or replace whole sensor node once they deployed. So that development the different methodology to extend the lifetime of the sensor node is must. Low Energy Adaptive Clustering Hierarchy (LEACH) is cluster based routing protocol which provides life expectancy. In this paper proposed new routing protocol Energy Efficient Hybrid LEACH (EH-LEACH) in which the threshold criteria for selection of cluster head is changed and also consider residual energy of the sensor node. The simulation results clearly indicate that proposed approach is very much energy efficient as compared to LEACH. Also EH-LEACH is sustaining his properties while varying node density. Optimization of cluster based hierarchical routing protocols is required for Better Operations.

General Terms

Two ray model, Cluster head selection algorithm, Steady state phase, Threshold Criteria, Sensor nodes.

Keywords

Wireless Sensor Network; LEACH; Lifetime; EH- LEACH.

1. INTRODUCTION

Recent development in the area of the network communications & sensor technologies making wide range of research area in the field of wireless sensor network. A wireless sensor network is a wireless ad-hoc network having large number of small, low cost, low power and intelligent sensor nodes which monitor physical or environmental conditions such as temperature, pressure, motion etc. at different regions [3]. The sensors are randomly placed around a sensing field to collect information about their surroundings. One of the unique features that WSN is smart nodes are fitted with an onboard processor. And also Instead of sending the original data to the nodes responsible for the fusion, they use their processing abilities to locally carry out simple computations and transmit only the required and partially processed data. Because of these features WSN have potential applications and expand human ability to monitor and interact remotely with the physical world.

Network protocols must be designed to achieve fault tolerance in the presence of individual node failure due to battery operated while minimizing energy consumption. Also the limited channel bandwidth must be shared among all the

nodes in the network, so routing protocols for these networks must be able to perform local collaboration to reduce bandwidth requirements & energy consumptions. Eventually, the data being sensed by the nodes in the network must be transmitted to a control center or base station, where the end-user can access the data. There are many possible network models for these networks. In this work, consideration of all nodes in the network are homogeneous and energy constrained [1].

Nodes are battery operated and have low computational capacity, so these nodes remain fixed once they are deployed in the application environments. Also, cost of battery replacement of the nodes are very expensive. Hence, network lifetime enhancement is a challenging issue and hot research area for the researchers. Also energy required for communication is very high compared to computation [3]. Hence, communication between the nodes must be minimized to prolong the network lifetime.

Thus improvement in energy efficiency is one of the hottest issues and designing power efficient protocols are difficult for improve the lifetime. Clustering the network is an efficient way to organize WSNs [4]. A cluster head is responsible for passing any information collected by the nodes in its cluster and may aggregate data before transmitting it to the base station. However, the function of aggregation required higher energy. One of the most interesting & bench mark clustering mechanisms - LEACH addresses this by probabilistically rotating the role of cluster head among all nodes [2]. However the optimality of the network performance depends upon how wisely the selection of the cluster head occurs. The objective of the paper is to develop an algorithm that will calculate the optimal probability with which a node should become a cluster head in order to keep the energy consumption at its minimal requirement.

2. CHANNEL PROPAGATION MODEL AND RADIO ENERGY DISSIPATION MODEL

For the wireless communication it uses the wireless channel, in which the electromagnetic wave propagation can be modeled as falling off as a power law function of the distance between the transmitter and receiver. Both free space model which considered direct line-of-sight and two-ray ground propagation model which considered ground reflected signal also, were considered depending upon the distance between transmitter and receiver [5]. If the distance is less than crossover, free space model used and If the distance is greater than crossover, two-ray ground propagation model is used. The crossover is defined as follows (1):

$$d_{crossover} = \frac{4\pi * \sqrt{L} * h_r * h_t}{\lambda} \quad (1)$$

Where, $L \geq 1$ is system loss factor. h_r is the height of the receiving antenna, h_t is the height of the transmitting antenna and λ is the wavelength of the carrier signal. The transmitted power is attenuated based on following (2):

$$P_r(d) = \begin{cases} \frac{P_t * G_t * G_r * \lambda^2}{(4\pi d)^2 * L} & \text{if } d < d_{crossover} \\ \frac{P_t * G_t * G_r * h_t^2 * h_r^2}{d^4} & \text{if } d \geq d_{crossover} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Where, P_r is the received power at distance d , P_t is transmitted power, G_t is gain of the transmitting antenna and G_r is gain of the receiving antenna.

In this research proposed radio energy model as described in [1]. The radio energy model described about the radio characteristics, including energy dissipation in the transmit and receive modes. Transmitter will dissipates energy to run the radio electronics and power amplifier and receiver dissipates energy to run the radio electronics. Fig.1 shows the radio energy dissipation model. Using this radio model, to transmit k -bit message at distance d the radio expends (3), (4):

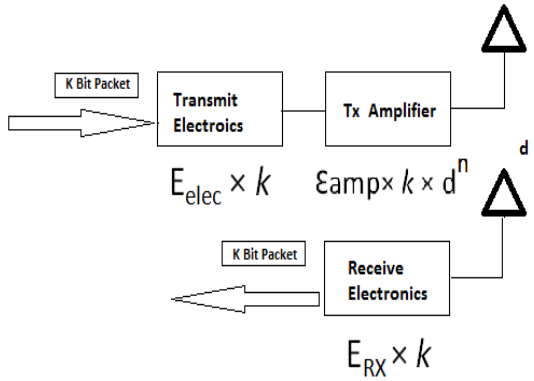


Fig.1. Radio energy dissipation model

$$E_{Tx}(k, d) = E_{Tx-elec}(k) + E_{Tx-emp}(k, d) \quad (3)$$

$$E_{Tx}(k, d) = \begin{cases} E_{elec} * k + \epsilon_{fs} * k * d^2 & \text{if } d < d_0 \\ E_{elec} * k + \epsilon_{mp} * k * d^4 & \text{if } d \geq d_0 \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

And to receive this message, the radio expends (5), (6):

$$E_{Rx}(k) = E_{Rx-elec}(k) \quad (5)$$

$$E_{Rx}(k) = E_{elec} * k \quad (6)$$

In the simulation work it is assumed that each sensor node is enough to act as a cluster head and implements data fusion. In other words all sensor nodes have enough power to reach the sink. The algorithm also ascertains that nodes have data to send periodically. In the simulated network, all the nodes have the same amount of initial energy capacity at starting of rounds. Hence, Developed algorithms possess node homogeneity.

3. LOW ENERGY ADAPTIVE CLUSTERING HIERARCHY PROTOCOL

The Low Energy Adaptive Clustering Hierarchy (LEACH) protocol combines TDMA-style contention-free communication with a clustering algorithm for wireless sensor networks. The basic operation of this protocol includes nodes which all have capabilities to elect themselves as cluster head as per threshold criteria and also role of cluster head is rotating among the nodes so that no any burden given to the any one node and life time of network is improved. A Network consists of clusters in which every cluster has single cluster head and any number of cluster members, which only communicate with their cluster head. Clustering is a popular approach for sensor networks since it facilitates data aggregation and in-network processing at the cluster head to reduce the amount of data that needs to be transmitted to the base station.

By doing so LEACH protocol improves the energy efficiency of wireless sensor networking model beyond the conventional clustering architecture; which in turn results in the extension of the life time of proposed entire network, and this is the hot issue that is considered in the wireless sensor networking field as all the nodes are being supported by the battery.

LEACH operates in rounds consisting of two phases: a setup phase and a steady-state phase.

3.1 Setup Phase

Setup phase includes CH selection algorithm & cluster formation algorithm. Setup phase starts with the self-election of sensor nodes to become CHs. This algorithm ensures that CH role rotates among sensor nodes to distribute energy among nodes. A setup up phase algorithm is shown in Fig.2.

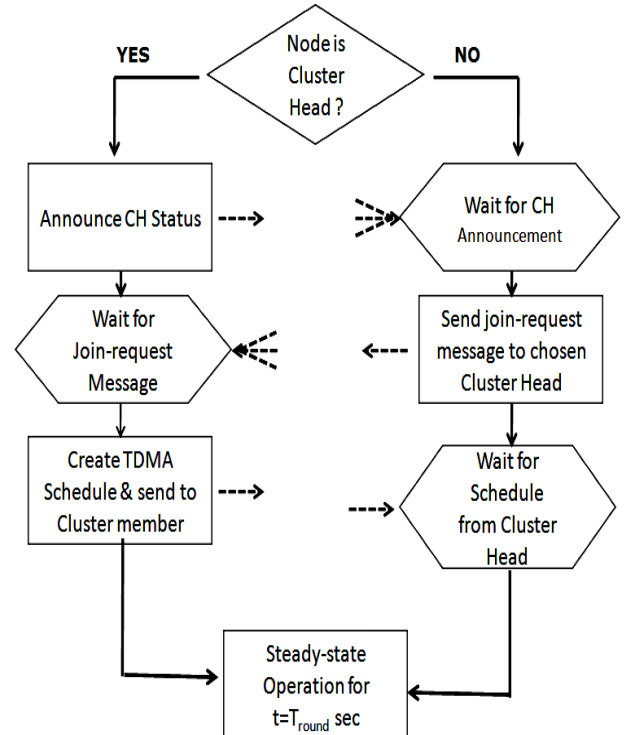


Fig.2. Setup phase algorithm[8]

3.1.1 Cluster Head Selection Algorithm

The Cluster head selection algorithm is simple using random choice for CH selection. Since the cluster head is only responsible for coordinating cluster activity and send data to the base station, its energy requirements will be significantly large compared to other sensor nodes. So that, LEACH protocol rotates the cluster head responsibility among sensor nodes to evenly distribute the energy load. Specifically, at the beginning of a round, every sensor node elects itself to be a cluster head with a certain probability [2]. A node generates any random number between 0 and 1. It then compares it with CH selection threshold, $T(n)$. If this random number is less than the threshold $T(n)$, the sensor node is a cluster head. $T(n)$ is calculated as given follows (7):

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{P}{1 - P * (r \bmod \frac{1}{P})} & \text{if } n \in G \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

Where P is the aspired percentage to become a cluster head, r is the current round, and G is the set of nodes that have not being preferred as a cluster head in the last $1/P$ rounds (generally the percentage P is chosen less than or equal to 10% of the total number of nodes)[8].

3.1.2 Cluster Formation Algorithm

Once a sensor node has determined that it will serve as cluster head for the next round, it informs other sensor nodes of its new role by broadcasting an advertisement message using a non-persistent CSMA protocol. Once the sensor nodes receive the advertisement, they determine the cluster to which they want to belong based on the signal strength of the advertisement from the cluster heads to the sensor nodes. The sensor nodes inform the appropriate cluster heads that they will be a member of the cluster. Afterward, the cluster heads assign the time on which the sensor nodes can send data to the cluster heads based on a TDMA approach[4]. The cluster head establishes a transmission schedule for its cluster and transmits this schedule to each node in its cluster. The completion of setup phase triggers beginning of the steady-state phase.

3.2 Steady State Phase

During this phase, Non cluster head nodes periodically collect sensor data and transmit it to CH in their allocated slots. The entire steady-state operation is broken into frames which are further broken into slots of constant duration. Non cluster head nodes send collected sensor data to their respective CH at most once per frame during their allocated transmission slot and enter the sleep mode otherwise. Data transmissions are scheduled to avoid collisions and increase sleep time of each NCH node. With slots of constant duration, time to send a frame of data depends on the number of nodes in the cluster. After a certain period of time spent on the steady-state phase, the network goes into the setup phase again and enters another round of selecting cluster heads[4].

A steady state algorithm is as shown in Fig.3.

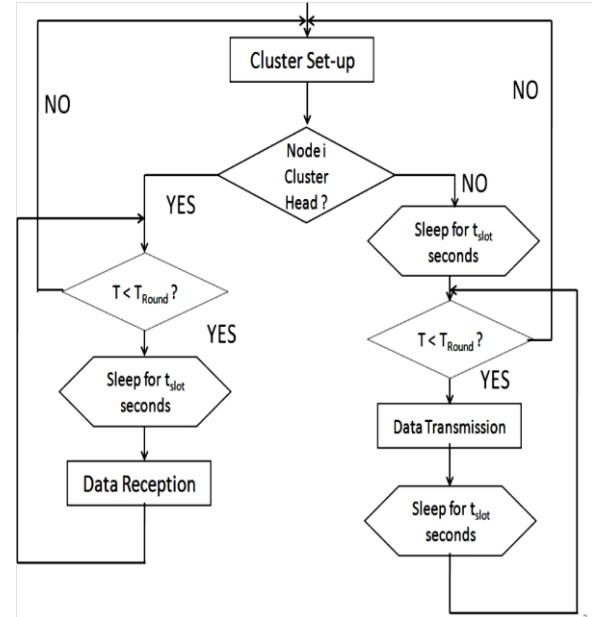


Fig.3. Steady state algorithm [8]

4. LIFETIME PROLONGING OF LEACH

In this proposed modification of LEACH's cluster-head selection algorithm is to reduce energy consumption where an optimal cluster head selection algorithm prolongs the lifetime of wireless sensor network based on the LEACH architecture. The major disadvantage of LEACH is that The CH selection algorithm does not consider node's residual energy and location with respect to CH & BS. So this kind of CH selection technique is not competent enough to ensure proper CH selection and it is quite possible that nodes located at long distances from BS and/or the ones having less residual energy may be selected as CHs. For efficient CH selection, mechanisms that consider the node's distance from BS and its residual energy are required.

Proposed implementation techniques for overcome disadvantage of LEACH identified above. The EH-LEACH is proposed. Mainly to increase lifetime of network, node having more residual energy should have high probability to become the CH. Hence proposed technique is use node's $E_{current}/E_{initial}$ for selection of CH. The energy consumed in transmission of data from CH to BS is directly proportional to distance between them. In EH-LEACH the threshold criteria is modified according to denote in equation (8), which consider the residual energy of the sensor node & also distance from BS.

$$T_{new}(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{P_{New}}{1 - P_{New} * (r \bmod \frac{1}{P_{New}})} + \left(\frac{E_{current}}{E_{initial}} * P_{New} \right) & \text{if } n \in G \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

$$P_{New} = \sqrt{\frac{n}{2\pi}} * \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_{fs}}{\epsilon_{mp}}} * \frac{Xm}{d_{nBS}^2} \quad (9)$$

Where, d_{nBS} is distance of node from BS, $E_{current}$ is the current energy, and $E_{initial}$ is the initial energy of sensor node, Xm is length of network. To decide if it is its turn to become a CH, a node, n , generates a random number between 0 and 1, If number $> T_{new}(n)$, node becomes CH.

Sensor nodes elect themselves to be local cluster heads at any given time with the modified threshold $T_{new}(n)$ as per equation (8). These cluster head nodes broadcast their status to the other sensors in the network. The operation of EH-LEACH is same as LEACH.

5. NETWORK MODEL

For this proposed approach, a few reasonable assumptions have been proposed for the network model based on as follows:

1. The base station is fixed.
2. The sensor nodes are homogeneous and energy constrained with uniformly energy.
3. No mobility of sensor nodes.
4. All nodes are able to reach BS.
5. Nodes RAM size should be sufficient enough to store the distance of the nodes from Base station.

6. SIMULATION RESULTS

In this section presented various results have been explore the relationship between various WSN parameters and the network lifetime. In this section all simulation results are derived using MATLAB. The simulations assume the radio characteristics mentioned in Table 1. A simulation has been defined the homogeneous sensor network with 50, 100, 200 and 500 number of sensor nodes are distributed randomly in the 100×100 m² area and BS at (50, 50).

Table 1. Simulation parameters

Parameters	Value
Nodes	Range[50-500]
Network Size	100×100mtr
BS Location	(50,50)
E_0	0.5J
E_{elec}	5 nJ/bit
E_{fs}	10 pJ/bit/m ²
E_{mp}	0.0013 pJ/bit/m ⁴
E_{da}	5 nJ/bit/message
d_0	87m
Data Packet size	4000 bits
Height of Antenna(ht,hr)	1.5m
Gain of Antenna(Gt,Gr)	1
Signal Wavelength	0.325m
Monte Carlo Iteration	10

A packets deliver to the BS in the LEACH & EH-LEACH is as given in Table 2. A clearly investigation has been shown that packets deliver in LEACH is very much improved in EH-LEACH.

Table 2. Packets deliver to BS

No. Nodes	Packets Deliver To BS	
	LEACH	EH-LEACH
n=50	7247	113600
n=100	12800	225400
n=200	25300	453100
n=500	62550	1111000

A very much important parameter for WSN is Lifetime of the sensor node. In this simulation both LEACH and EH-LEACH have been simulated for different nodes and have been given

very much improved lifetime in EH-LEACH as shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Analyzed parameters

Parameters	Number of nodes in wireless sensor network					
	N=50		N=200		N=500	
	LEA CH	EH-LEA CH	LEA CH	EH-LEA CH	LEA CH	EH-LEA CH
FND	938	1632	1009	1723	1025	1618
TND	1016	2072	1099	2026	1146	1974
HND	1212	2328	1221	2295	1234	2320

The simulation results for FND of LEACH and EH-LEACH for 100 nodes is as shown in Fig.4. Also for TND and HND is as shown in Fig.5 and Fig.6 respectively.

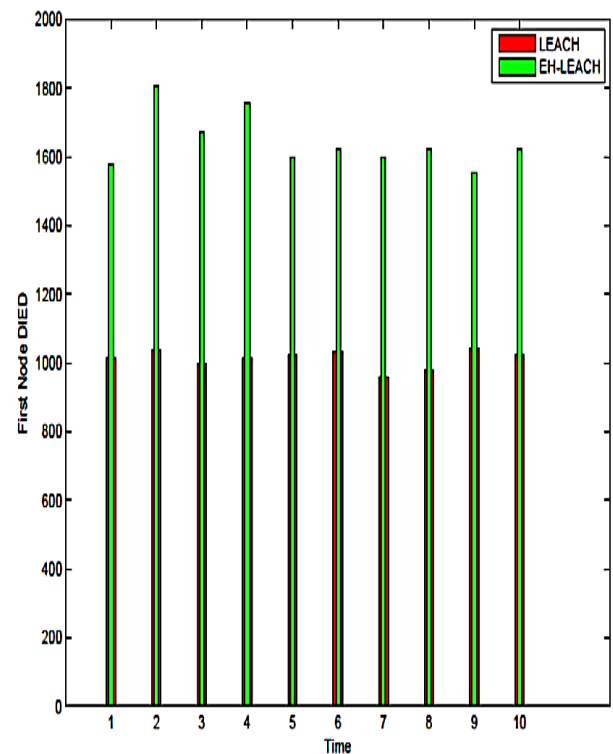


Fig.4. Life cycle comparison for FND

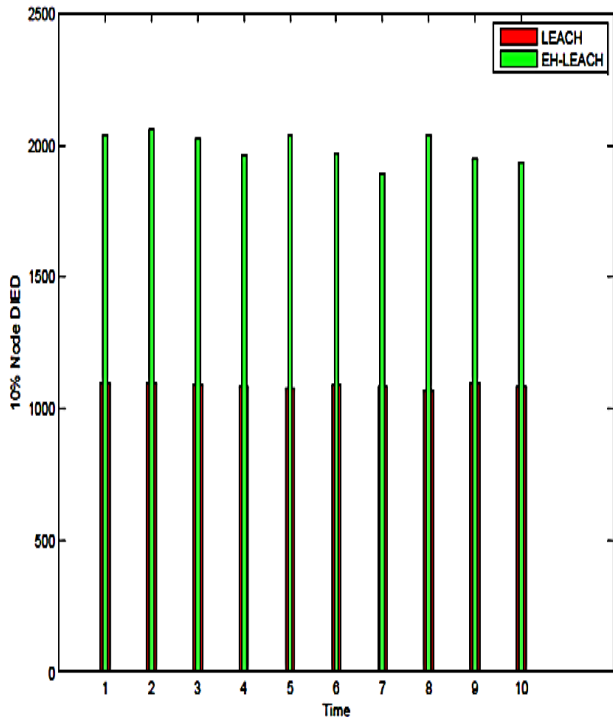


Fig.5. Life cycle comparison for TND

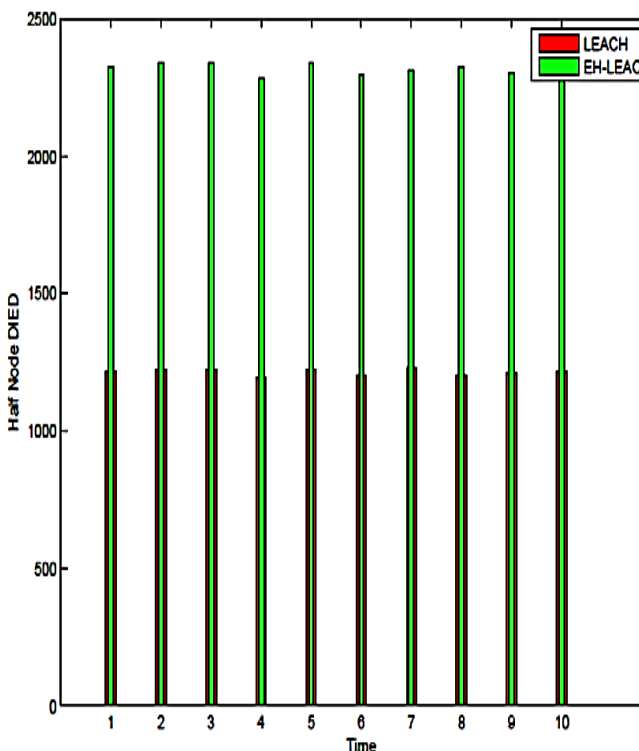


Fig.6. Life cycle comparison for HND

As Fig.4 shows that EH-LEACH is 76% better than LEACH with respect to First Node Died (FND). Fig.5 shows that EH-LEACH is 72% better than LEACH with respect to 10% of node died (TND). Fig.6 shows that EH-LEACH is 91.6% better than LEACH with respect to Half Node Died (HND).

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8. CONCLUSION

In this Research paper proposed EH-LEACH protocol, provides sustain network while varying nodes. Also EH-LEACH gives very much improved lifetime than LEACH and HND is very much better than LEACH. Thus EH-LEACH gives network stability and prolongs the lifetime of the network. Also in future work will be done on mobility of the base station and optimize location of BS.

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