

# LEACH and Extended LEACH Protocols in Wireless Sensor Network-A Survey

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## ABSTRACT

Wireless Sensor Network is collection of wireless sensor nodes in which routing protocol is most challenging issue. Sensors have limited battery power. Battery extends the lifetime of sensor nodes. Energy utilization is one of the most important considerations. There are various routing techniques which increase lifetime of battery. One of the most energy efficient clustering routing protocols is LEACH. In this survey paper we represent LEACH & Extended version of LEACH routing protocol. Some issues are faced by LEACH. In this paper we represent how Extended LEACH version tackled these issues. We compare Extended LEACH Protocols with original LEACH.

## Keywords

Cluster Head (CH), Time division multiple access (TDMA), Cluster member (CM), Base Station (BS), Wireless Sensor Network (WSN).

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Wireless Sensor Network is renowned as most important technology in twenty-first century [2]. A wireless sensor network builds from large number of sensor nodes that bring themselves together to form a wireless network. Sensor nodes are in small size and battery-powered devices. Routing in WSNs is very challenging from other wireless networks because sensor nodes have low battery power and replace the batteries is costly [9]. WSN are used for many applications such as flood detection, home automation, environmental monitoring, forest fire detection etc. [1]. Various routing protocols are available to increase the lifetime of network. Hierarchical routing protocols are more energy efficient routing protocols. In this network is divided into various clusters [11]. In every cluster, single node is considered as a cluster head (CH) and non cluster head nodes are treated as cluster members (CM). In every cluster, cluster head gathers the data from the cluster members and aggregate this data and broadcast this data to Base station through single-hop or multi-hop. CHs utilize more energy than the CM [13]. So clustering protocols distributes the load of the CHs amongst the sensor nodes and their role is revolved among all nodes for energy-consumption equalization. LEACH is first energy efficient clustering routing protocol. But LEACH has some drawbacks. Many protocols are derived from LEACH with some modification such as Two-Level LEACH, multi-hop LEACH, E-LEACH, Vice-Cluster Head LEACH, Mobile LEACH, Advanced LEACH (LEACH-A), Balanced LEACH, LEACH-S. This survey paper discuss these Extended-LEACH and compare with original LEACH. Bajaber, Fuad G. (Awan, Irfan U.) [13] Proposed an energy efficient clustering protocol

(EECP) to improve the duration of WSN. EECP decrease power utilization and increase duration of WSN by allocating energy load between all sensor nodes. Zahoor A. Khan, Srinivas Sampall [15] proposed AZR-LEACH to enhance

duration of WSN. In AZR-LEACH static clustering is used for the efficient selection of cluster heads. This routing protocol works efficiently in large as well as small areas.

## 2. LEACH PROTOCOL

LEACH is “Low Energy Adaptive Clustering Hierarchy” routing protocol and it is 1<sup>st</sup> energy efficient cluster based routing protocol used to enhance the lifetime of wireless sensor network. LEACH include distribution cluster algorithm. In each cluster one node considered as cluster head (CH) and remaining nodes as cluster members (CMs) and in LEACH rotate this role at every round. Because cluster head consume more energy than cluster members and if one node is selected permanently as CH then it will die soon. In each round made of two phases are:-

1. Set-up phase
2. Steady state phase

In setup phase cluster heads are created using formula:-

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

Where P is suggested percentage, G is set of nodes which are not elected as cluster head in previous  $1/P$  rounds and r is recent round [9]. Nodes select themselves as cluster head (CH) on behalf of suggested percentage (P) and its earlier record of CH [11]. The node that is elected as cluster head in current round, it will become cluster head again after  $1/P$  rounds [1, 4]. This is for uniform energy dissipation throughout the network. Selected CHs send an advertisement packet to other nodes which are not elected as cluster head to join their cluster. These nodes send joint request to those cluster heads (CHs) from which they receive advertisement packet with strongest signal power.

After formation of cluster, CH create TDMA schedule for its CM in cluster, pick CSMA code and send TDMA schedule table to its cluster members. In Steady State Phase cluster members transmits data to its cluster heads (CHs) according to allocated TDMA time slots. Cluster heads gathers data from its cluster members and aggregates this data to decrease amount of data that broadcast to base station.

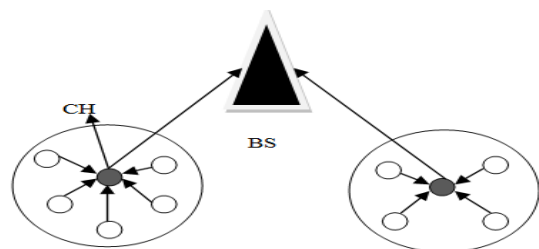


Fig 1: LEACH Protocol

### 3. EXTENDED LEACH PROTOCOL'S

#### 3.1 TL-LEACH (Two Levels LEACH)

In original LEACH, within its cluster CHs collect data from its cluster members (CMs), aggregates it and broadcasts data to Base station (BS). But most of the time CHs located away from Base station and use more power to send data to Base station (BS). So new extended version of LEACH introduced which is TL-LEACH. In TL-LEACH within its cluster CHs gather data from its cluster members and transmit data to another cluster head (CH) which lies between cluster head and Base station. TL-LEACH reduces more energy consumption than original LEACH and also reduces number of nodes to transmit data to Base station.

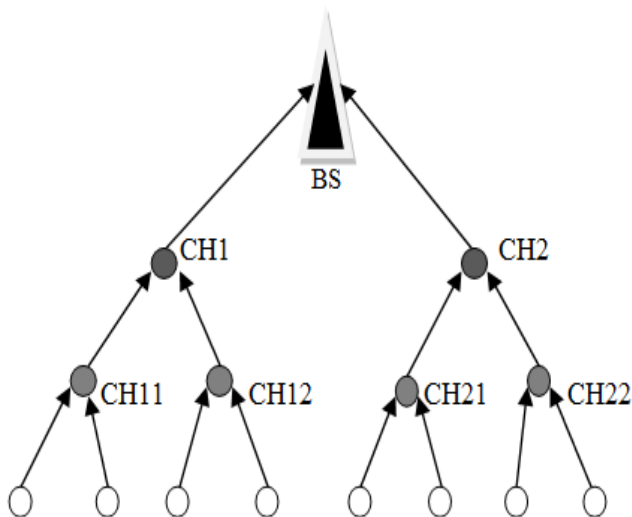


Fig 2: TL-LEACH

#### 3.2 LEACH-C (Centralised LEACH)

LEACH-C is different from original LEACH in cluster formation but its operation similar to original LEACH Protocol. LEACH-C perform centralised cluster algorithm for selection of cluster heads (CHs). In LEACH-C setup phase is similar to original LEACH but Steady state phase is different. Base station (BS) collects location data and energy level related information from each node. Now base station has global information of network. Base station calculates average node energy. Nodes have energy more than average energy is elected as cluster heads. LEACH-C use GPS or other location tracking methods. Base station sends its decision back to nodes that which nodes are elected as cluster heads. Base station broadcasts CHs ID(identifier) to nodes in network and nodes have same ID as elected CHs ID are nominated as CH and collect data from its cluster members using TDMA schedule [5] [6]. Centralised-LEACH uses a deterministic threshold algorithm in which amount of energy in the node and/or whether or not the node was a cluster head in recent time. The number of CH nodes and their placement cannot be assured. The central control algorithm is used in Centralised-LEACH to form the clusters which produce improved clusters by distributing the cluster head nodes through the network. [6][7].

#### 3.3 Multi-Hop LEACH

In LEACH distance between Base station and CH has no effect. Data transmitted from CHs to base station in single hop communication. As diameter of network increased, distance between Cluster head (CH) and base station also increased [4]. Power consumption of battery will increase as distance

increased. Therefore in order to reduce energy consumption modified protocol Multihop LEACH introduced. In Multihop LEACH data broadcasts from cluster head (CH) to base station occur in multi hop communication [8]. In Multihop LEACH data transmitted from one CH to other CH, then to other CH, CH which is near to Base station transmits whole data to Base station (BS). Multi-hop LEACH is a distributed routing protocol based upon clustering [14]. Cluster Heads (CHs) perform data aggregation to the data receive in order to reduce the total data broadcasted in the network [3], [4], [6].

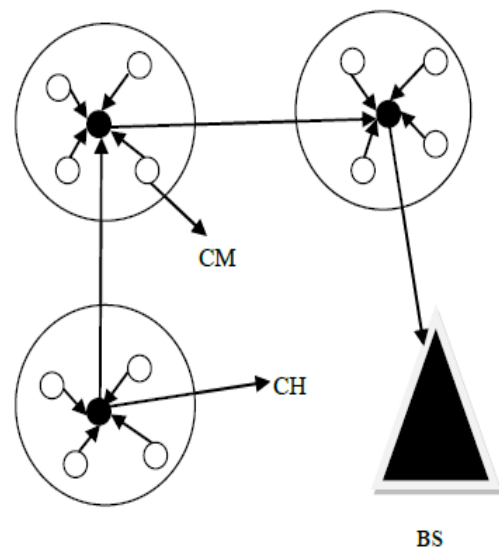


Fig 3: MULTIHOP LEACH

#### 3.4 E-LEACH (Enhanced-LEACH)

Enhanced LEACH is introduced to handle overload power consumption problem based on LEACH protocol. E-LEACH involves cluster head selection algorithms which have global information about the other sensor nodes [6]. The main factor that affects the overall performance of hierarchical clustering routing protocols is the total number of cluster heads. As there are less number of cluster heads then each CH has to cover large area, it will results the trouble that cluster members (CMs) which are at far distance from their CHs consume more energy [3]. Large number of CHs will consume more energy and decrease lifetime of network. So it needs to select only optimal cluster head have large residual energy in order to reduce energy utilization. Residual energy of sensor nodes considered as most important factor, it makes a decision that sensor node turn into cluster head or not in next round. Communication between CHs and base station needs more energy than communication between CHs and cluster members. E-LEACH choose that nodes as CH that have large residual energy at root node.

#### 3.5 LEACH-A (Advanced LEACH)

In original LEACH protocol CH is responsible for transmits data directly to base station and cluster head (CH) consume extra energy than cluster member (CM) nodes in network. A-LEACH is extension of LEACH. Hence in Advanced LEACH protocol energy conserving and reliable data transfer both are improved [6]. In Advanced-LEACH, the data is processed with mobile agent technique.

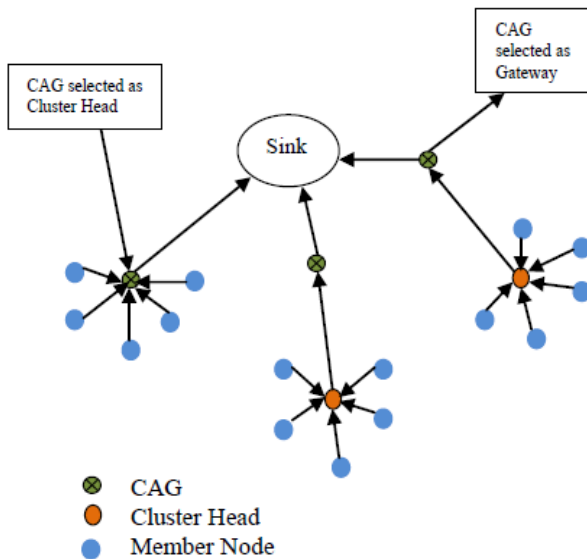


Fig 4: Advanced-LEACH

Advanced-LEACH is proposed for the purpose of reliable data transfer, energy saving, decreasing the chance of failure of sensor nodes and for increasing the time interval before the first node dies. A-LEACH uses synchronized clock through which sensors get starting time of each round [6],[9]. CAG nodes are set with time more energy than other nodes. CAG used as gateway or cluster head and rest nodes are used as normal nodes.

A-LEACH protocol has following advantages:

1. The data is collaborates to reducing the quantity of data that is broadcasted to the Base Station [15].
2. The CAG nodes continue to send data to base station when all normal nodes die.
3. The Gateways extend the lifetime of network by reducing energy consumption.
4. Gateways reduce probability of node's failure and increase time interval before first node dies.
5. Advanced-LEACH use TDMA/CDMA techniques that create clustering on several levels. It saves more energy.

### 3.6 LEACH-B (Balanced LEACH)

Balanced-LEACH is an improvement of original LEACH Protocol. In LEACH-B decentralized algorithms used for formation of clusters. In Leach-B sensor nodes have knowledge about its own position and destination receiver position and have no information about location of other sensor nodes. In Balanced-LEACH data transmits using multiple access techniques. Each sensor nodes selects its cluster head, by analysing the energy lost in the pathway between final recipient and itself. Efficiency of Balanced-LEACH protocol is better as compared to original LEACH protocol.

### 3.7 Vice-Cluster Head LEACH (V-LEACH)

The main disadvantage of fundamental LEACH that there is a cluster head in each cluster and it dies when it does not have enough energy to send cluster member's data to the base station [13]. All the data with that cluster head is lost when it dies. In LEACH protocol cluster head randomly chooses that

is another disadvantage. To overcome these disadvantages V-LEACH has introduced the concept Vice Cluster Head.

1. A vice cluster node will become a cluster head of the cluster when the existing cluster head dies [13].
2. It is CH's responsibility to collect from its cluster members and send data that to base station.
3. When CH dies due to low power then vice cluster head sends data to base station.

V-LEACH has no solution when vice cluster head dies. In V-LEACH the CH and Vice-CH are selected on the behalf of Energy, Residual Energy and Distance. The V-LEACH will increase lifetime of network.

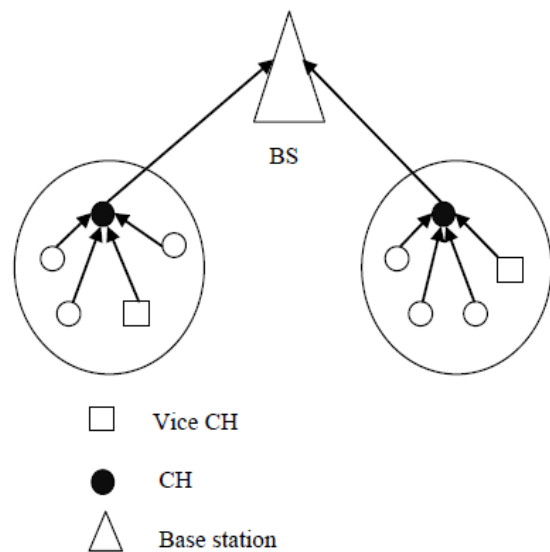


Fig 5: V-LEACH

### 3.8 LEACH-M (Mobile-LEACH)

In the routing based LEACH protocol Mobility support is an essential concern. To overcome this issue Mobile-LEACH is proposed. In LEACH-M protocol, during the set-up and steady phase, cluster head nodes and cluster member nodes can move [12]. In Mobile-LEACH base station is fixed, initially the nodes are assumed to be homogeneous and information about their location gets through GPS. Base station is assumed to be fixed [4]. In LEACH-M distributed setup phase of original LEACH is modified to select suitable cluster head. On the basis of minimum mobility and lowest attenuation energy the optimal CHs are selected, that transmit their position to all nodes in cluster which are in its communication range. Either member nodes move away from the cluster head or cluster-head moves away from its cluster member nodes another cluster head is elected in the steady state phase of fundamental routing LEACH protocol which results into ineffective clustering formation. Mobile-LEACH offers a handover mechanism for nodes to switch on to new cluster-head to deal with this problem [6] [11].

### 3.9 LEACH-L (Energy Balanced LEACH)

LEACH-L is energy balanced advanced multi-hop cluster based routing protocol. It is only depends upon distance. In LEACH-L the optimal hop counts are assumed. When cluster heads are sited near to BS (Base Station), then they directly communicate with BS. Cluster heads communicate via multi-hop mode when they are sited far away from the BS, and

shortest communication distance is limited. In LEACH-L sensors nodes communicate with BS at different frequencies. The clusters are reorganized in each round and there are two phase: set-up phase and steady phase in each round. The new CHs are selected in each round. Load is circulated and balanced between all the nodes in the sensor network. LEACH-L covers large area than Mobile-LEACH because LEACH-L allocates equal power among all the sensor nodes in the pre-period [6], [12].

### 3.10 LEACH-S (Solaraware Centralized LEACH)

In LEACH-S solar power extends the lifetime of sensor nodes in wireless sensor network. In LEACH-S, the base station applies the improved central control algorithm to select CH (Cluster Head). Base station generally selects solar powered nodes that have maximum remaining power. In Solar-LEACH, nodes send out its solar status to the BS along with the power left in them and nodes with higher power are chosen as the CH (cluster head). As soon as numbers of solar nodes are increases the performance of wireless sensor network also increases. The duration of sun extend the lifetime of the sensor nodes in WSN. But if the sun duration is smaller cluster head handover is obtain in LEACH-S [11] [12].

### 3.11 LEACH-S (Solaraware Distributed LEACH)

In this LEACH-S, cluster head is selected by to solar driven nodes that have maximum probability as compared to battery-driven nodes [6].

Table 1. Comparison

EXTENDED LEACH PROTOCOLS	ABBREVIATIONS	COMPARISON WITH ORIGINAL LEACH
TL-LEACH	Two Levels LEACH	A CH that lies between the CH and BS sends the Data to BS.
LEACH-C	Centralised LEACH	By using Centralized Cluster Algorithm BS is Responsible for making Clusters for each round.
MULTIHOP LEACH	MULTIHOP LEACH	In Multihop LEACH data communication from cluster heads (CHs) to base station take place in multi hop communication.
E-LEACH	Enhanced-LEACH	Selection of CH is on the basis of Residual Energy.
LEACH-A	Advanced-LEACH	A-LEACH is a mixed energy protocol planned for the purpose of reliable data transfer, energy saving.

LEACH-B	Balanced-LEACH	LEACH-B Choose its CH by calculating the Energy required for the Path Between itself and Destination.
V-LEACH	Vice-Cluster Head LEACH	When CH dies the vice CH send all data to BS.
LEACH-M	MOBILE-LEACH	Mobile LEACH is Suited for Mobility Centric Environment.
LEACH-L	Energy Balanced LEACH	Cluster head selected on basis of distance.
LEACH-S	SOLARAWARE CENTRALIZED LEACH	CH is chosen on basis of Residual Energy Level.

## 4. CONCLUSION

In this paper, the most important issue is energy efficiency in designing cluster based routing protocols for WSN (Wireless Sensor Network), because sensor nodes have limited energy. Sensor nodes mostly consume energy during data broadcast reception. So, routing protocols used in Wireless Sensor Network should be energy efficient to increase not only the individual node lifetime, but also extend the lifetime of the whole of the wireless sensor networks. There are various routing protocols but we have selected LEACH protocol because it gives better performance in both the energy efficiency and the network lifetime. LEACH can overcome the problem of Wireless Sensor Network. LEACH has many advantages but along with advantages some disadvantages are also present. To overcome these disadvantages many descendants of LEACH protocol are introduced like TL-LEACH, E-LEACH, LEACH-M, LEACH-C, Multihop LEACH and V-LEACH, L-LEACH, Fixed-LEACH A-LEACH, S-LEACH etc are explained in this paper. These extended LEACH protocols or LEACH descendant's provides better result than Original LEACH. Each Extended LEACH protocols have some advantages as compared to the original LEACH protocol and fundamentals one. But still needs to find more efficient cluster based routing protocol to improve the performance of Wireless Sensor Network.

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