

# Optimization technique to enhance the energy efficiency in WSN

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## ABSTRACT

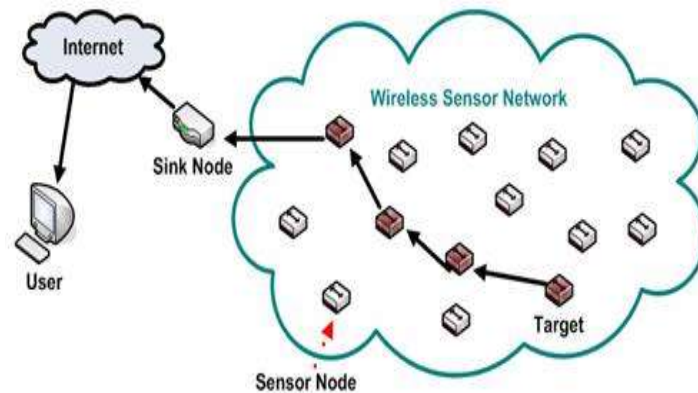
Wireless sensor network (WSN) [1] is a self-organized network composed tremendous growth has been observed in the use of Wireless sensor networks (WSN) in the last decade. WSNs behave like an interface between the virtual and physical worlds. The Sensor nodes sense the changes in external environment and send the data to other nodes in the network called sink node or Base Station (BS). The performance of the wireless sensor networks gets affected by the limited battery lifetime of the sensor nodes. Various clustering and power management protocols have been specifically designed for WSN to reduce energy consumption by the nodes. Many improvements are being made day by day in the basic clustering protocols. This paper represents a survey on the recent clustering protocols in WSN.

**Keyword:-** Wireless Sensors Network, clustering algorithms, Energy Efficiency

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Wireless sensor networks have wide range of applications area such as military applications, field surveillance, Automobiles and many more. Wireless sensor networks consist of various densely deployed sensor nodes inside the application area. Advanced micro-electro-mechanical-systems (MEMS) provides low cost small sized and powerful sensor nodes that are capable of data sensing, data processing and wireless communication and have a limited power battery. Sensor nodes work together to complete the task in time and to provide information accurately. Sensor nodes sense the external environment or application area and send the data to base station located inside or outside the network via single hop or multi-hop. Users access the collected data through some remote access. Sensor nodes work with some limited resources like battery power, memory and bandwidth etc. Wireless sensor networks lifetime depends upon battery power of nodes as every node operation consumes energy, hence node goes out of energy. And it is not possible to recharge or replace the battery of nodes. Therefore, an efficient energy consumption by the nodes is the prime design issue for wireless sensor network from the circuitry of sensor nodes to application level to network protocols. [2]

Clustering algorithms are considered energy efficient approaches for wireless sensor networks. Clustering divides the nodes into independent clusters and each cluster elect their own cluster heads. Nodes send the collected data to respective cluster head; cluster head (CH) applies data fusion/aggregation to reduce the collected data to some useful information and sends aggregated data to base station (BS). Communication between two nodes is the main energy consuming process that depends upon the distance between the two nodes. Clustering avoids long distance communication between two nodes and only cluster heads are communicating to base station (BS). To load balance the network, the cluster head is rotated among all nodes. [3]



**Fig.1:** Wireless Sensor Network Architecture [4]

## 2. DESIGN FACTORS OF WSN

There are various challenges which affect the wireless sensor network (WSN) these are:

### 1. Node deployment:

Node placement in WSNs is application-dependent and can be whichever manual or randomized. In manual placement, the sensors are manually allocated and data is routed across predetermined paths. Though, in random node placement, the sensor nodes are dispersed randomly, crafting an ad hoc routing infrastructure. The node deployment in wsn should in such way that the communication between nodes never failed. So to maintain the proper communication between these nodes an excellent routing protocol is required.

### 2. Fault tolerance:

Some sensor nodes could be blocked due to lack of domination, physical damage, or environmental interference. Individual nodes are liable to unexpected failure with a much higher probability when compared with other type of network. The network should keep alive information dissemination in spite of failure.

### 3. Scalability:

Sensor network is made up hundreds or thousands of nodes. The designed Protocol should be able to work to such high degree of nodes and take advantage of such high density of networks. So the routing protocol should not limit with the fixed nodes. But it should operate with large number of node and should be varies with the network size.

### 4. Coverage:

In WSNs, every single sensor node obtains a precise think of the environment. A given sensors think of the nature is manipulated in both scope and accuracy; it can only cover a manipulated physical distance of the environment. Hence, distance coverage is additionally a vital design parameter in WSNs.

### 5. Power consumption:

WSN is made up of thousands of nodes and these nodes are energy restricted and cannot replaceable and rechargeable. WSN lifetime depends on these nodes energy and every nodes operation consumed some energy. So an efficient energy consumption by the node is the main design issue in WSN.

### 6. transmission media:

In WSN the sensor nodes are wirelessly connected to each other so it is very important to maintain wireless connection between them. The transmission medium between sensor nodes is radio waves or infrared waves. The communication medium between these sensor nodes should be universally presents, it should not bound with any standards and should not require any license to operate.

### 3. APPLICATIONS

WSN is very useful in many applications some important applications of WSN are explain as:-

#### a) Military Applications:

Since wireless sensor networks are based on the dense deployment of expandable and low-cost sensor nodes, destruction of some nodes by warlike actions does not affect a military operation as much as destruction of a traditional sensors, which makes sensor networks concept a better. Some of the military applications of wireless sensor networks are approach for battlefields examples:-

1. Monitoring forces, equipment and inspect the area.
2. Battlefield surveillance
3. Activities of opposing forces and terrain
4. Biological, Nuclear and chemical attack detection and reconnaissance

#### b) Health Applications:

Some of the health applications of sensor networks are providing interface for the disabled; integrated patient monitoring; drug administration in hospitals; diagnostic; monitoring the internal processes and movements of insects or other small animals; monitoring the human physiological data; and tracking the location of doctors and patients inside a hospital.

#### c) Home Appliances:

As technology advances, smart sensor nodes can be engaged in appliances, such as, refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, micro-wave ovens, and VCRs. These sensor nodes inside the indoor devices can interact with each other and with the external networks via the Internet or Satellite. These sensors allow end users to manage home devices locally and remotely more easily.

#### d) Environmental Applications:

Some of the environmental applications of these sensor networks include tracking the movements of birds, insects and small animals; monitoring the environmental conditions that affect crops; chemical/ biological detection; disease detection; precision agriculture; biological, pollution, and environmental monitoring in sea, soil, and atmospheric contexts; forest fire detection; pressure monitoring; meteorological research such as; flood detection; bio-complexity mapping of the environment; and pollution study.

### 4. LITERATURE REVIEW

**Fan Yiming et al., 2007 [5]** Presented the communication protocol named LEACH. The protocol focuses on reducing the power consumption by the wireless sensor networks, which can have significant impact on the overall

energy dissipation of these networks. LEACH used localized coordination to enable scalability and robustness for dynamic networks, and used data fusion into the routing protocol to reduce the amount of information that must be transmitted to the base station. In addition, LEACH helps in load balancing of network by distributing energy dissipation evenly throughout the sensors, increase the system lifetime for the networks. Increase of network lifetime by about 30% can be accomplished.

**Fei Song et al., 2008 [6]** Proposed a trust-based LEACH (low energy adaptive clustering hierarchy) protocol which provide secure routing, while preserving the essential functions of the original protocol. The decision-making scheme is based on the decision of trust, that evaluated separately and dynamically for the different decisions by basic situational trust. The situational trust was maintained by a trust management module integrated with a trust-based routing, having novel technique in trust update model and cluster-head-assisted monitoring control.

**Wei Wang et al., 2009 [7]** In order to increase the WSN's lifetime, a refined protocol named LEACH-H (hybrid cluster head selection LEACH) is proposed. In the first round of Leach-H, the base-station (BS) selects a cluster head (CH) set through adopting simulated annealing algorithm; in the followed rounds the cluster heads (CHs) will select new cluster heads within same cluster. This will not only solved the problem that the cluster heads are unevenly distributed in LEACH, but also helps to maintain the characteristics of distribution. The energy consumed by the network is cut down and the lifetime of WSN is extended in Leach-H.

**Wu Xinhua et al., 2010 [8]** Presented the pollination based optimization algorithm also called OLEACH-C give the improvement of LEACH-C protocol. The PBO algorithm is utilized for clustering in WSN. The node with maximum remaining energy will be selected as a cluster head. If the two nodes have the same energy then cluster head (CH) will be selected based on distance. The node that has minimum distance from the base station will be selected as CH. LEACH-C protocol selects the best CHs that provides a routing optimization with the minimum energy consumption and minimum cost of communication links between nodes within each cluster.

**Mu Tong et al., 2010 [9]** Based on the analysis on the defect in LEACH including the fluctuations of the number of cluster heads and the ignorance of the nodes residual energy, presented a novel protocol called LEACH-B (LEACH-Balanced). In each round, after first selection of cluster head (CH) according to LEACH protocol, a second selection is introduced by LEACH-B to modify the number of cluster head in consideration of nodes residual energy. As a result the number of cluster head is constant and only 3% or 5% cluster heads are near optimal per round.

**Ningbo Wang et al., 2012 [10]** Proposed an effective version of LEACH protocol in extending the lifetime of wireless sensor networks. LEACH-R protocol is an improvement of LEACH protocol. LEACH-R improves the selection of cluster-head (CH) and proposed to choose relaying node as compare to LEACH. Residual energy of the nodes is considered during selection of cluster-head (CH), so the possibility of low-energy nodes being selected as cluster-head is reduced. Based on both residual energy and distance from base station, relaying node is chosen from cluster heads to become the relay node between base station (BS) and other cluster-heads.

**Asha Ahlawat et al., 2013 [11]** Presented a new version of LEACH protocol called Improved V-LEACH which aims to increase network life time. The work to be done is improved V-LEACH protocol by selecting a vice cluster head. The Vice Cluster head is that alternate cluster head that will work only when the cluster head will die. Then process of vice cluster head selection based on three factors i.e. Minimum distance, maximum residual energy. The proposed approach improved the network lifetime as never the cluster head will die. As a cluster head died it will be replaced by its vice Cluster head. The new version of improved V-LEACH out performs the original version of LEACH protocol to increase the network life time 49.37%.

**Chunyao FU et al., 2013 [12]** Due to the limitation of nodes energy in wireless sensor networks, energy efficiency is an important factor that is considered when the protocols are designed. As a typical representative of hierarchical routing protocols, LEACH Protocol played an important role in the uneven energy distribution that is caused by the randomness of cluster heads (CHs) forming, this paper proposed a new improved version of LEACH protocol i.e (LEACH-TLCH) which was intended to balance the energy consumption of the entire network by selecting two cluster heads within same cluster. And improve the lifetime of the network.

**Ravi Kishore Kodali et al., 2014 [13]** Proposed a hierarchical clustering based routing protocol for the heterogeneous wireless sensor network. The proposed protocol named as Universal - Low Energy Adaptive

Clustering Hierarchy (U-LEACH) is an energy efficient protocol showed a significant reduction in the energy consumption by the sensor nodes. In U-LEACH, the selection of Cluster Head (CH) depends on the initial and the residual energy of the nodes. In a particular cluster, the transformation of information between the nodes takes place by forming a chain, started from the farthest node from the base station (BS). Data aggregation has also been applied successfully to slam down the energy consumption.

**Richa Garg et al., 2014 [14]** Proposed an algorithm called genetic algorithm is an optimization technique that generate possible solutions to optimization problems. Optimization is the central to any problem involving whether in engineering or economics. This result shows that genetic algorithm provides more optimal solution. Genetic algorithm performs the number of iterations and produced possible number of solutions called initial population. Genetic algorithms solve the problems step by step and produced next generation. All evolutionary algorithms including Genetic Algorithm can find near optimal solution.

**Mu Tong et al., 2015 [15]** Wireless sensor networks becomes more popular because of their wide range of applications. Efficient energy consumption by the nodes is the prime design issue for these networks. Clustering approaches increase the network lifetime with the load balanced network. To achieve load balancing of network clustering algorithm rotate the role of cluster head (CH) among the nodes so, cluster head selection process is pivotal for clustering algorithms. Presented a genetic algorithm based on cluster head selection for centralized clustering algorithms to have a better load balanced sensor network than the traditional clustering algorithms. Proposed solution finds the optimal cluster heads and has prolonged sensor network lifetime than the traditional clustering algorithms.

## 5. CONCLUSION

After having gone through different literatures published on the topic of energy conservation in WSN. Mainly energy consumption in CH is due to its sending and receiving operations. Although LEACH is best protocol amongst all the routing protocols to increase the energy efficiency of WSN still it needs to be improved, here in future efforts we will implement a technique for the cluster head selection which not only provides optimal cluster head solutions but also increase the energy efficiency in WSN. Although GA (genetic algorithm) is much better than leach but it is very complex and time consuming. So in future work we will consider its complexity and time consumption for further improvements.

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