Energy-Efficient MAC Scheme for Sensor Oriented Future Internet Services

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***Abstract*— The design of an energy–efficient MAC protocol for provision of quality of service in sensor oriented personal area networks is challenging task. In this paper we propose energy-efficient MAC protocol with respect end-to end delays on IPv6-oriented-wireless sensor networks (IP-WSN). The proposed protocol can indentify multi-hop communication between source and destination for patient's monitoring applications. The hierarchical-cluster based schemes has been used for integrates IP-WSN (6Lowpan). This scheme (global communication) could be suitable for several Future Internet Services which one of the global healthcare monitoring applications (heart rate, three-lead electrocardiography, SpO2). The evaluation work of the protocol has implemented in NS-2.33 simulator and analysis the performance ratio of QoS with respect of throughput and packet delivery ratio.**

Keywords— IP-WSN, MAC, Energy-Efficient, uHealthcare, Future Internet Services.

I. INTRODUCTION

The most important issue is the Internet Protocol connectivity over small low power embedded device. The IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force) working groups are continuously working to develop a standard 6Lowpan (IPv6 over Low Power Wireless Personal Area Networks) stack. In this stack, IPv6 is integrated to Lowpan device [RFC-4944]. The overall 6lowpan communication system into the PAN is offering global connectivity to the applications that have limited computational capacity, power and relaxed throughput. Some typical characteristics of 6Lowpan are: small packet size, support for 16-bit or IEEE 64-bit extended media access control addresses, low bandwidth, two kinds of topologies (mesh and star), low power, low cost and so on. Routing in different kinds of topologies should be implemented in such a way that computation and memory requirements are minimal. The IP-WSN node is using a web interface and the serial forwarder during the connectivity with sink node (gateway). The IEEE 802.15.4 standard defined reduced-function devices (RFDs) and full-function devices (FFDs) type of nodes. MAC layer beacons, RFDs can only communicate with FFDs in a resulting "master/slave" topology. FFDs can work in multi-hop mesh topologies [1-2].

The utilization of IP-based interconnection is the most common concern of industrial instrumentation makers. IP option is introduce to utilizing neither TCP/IP nor UDP/IP over Ethernet. However, this making some fear because of IP's ease of integration and broad interoperability. The (IP-WSN) nodes are use to transmit data which it receives from gateway and other sensor devices. The IP-WSN nodes are usually support mobility. Thus, the node can easily move and continue its communication in PAN but in association (joining or leaving node) would be a difficult task for wireless signal strength changes. Thus, the networks are working in a limited power capability and unable to carry large energy sources. These nodes usually operate in long hour of periods and making these devices to be build with little memory and modest processing capability.

The IP-WSN scheme is making more obvious and global connectivity with computers, laptops, and PDAs used by Wi-Fi (IEEE802.11) as their dominant wireless link. Wi-Fi is the most widely used in handheld client devices and embedded PCs, which are mains powered because of its high power consumption. The sensor oriented applications would be a part of Future Internet Services. For that, we have proposed a novel global healthcare monitoring applications. In technique, we need to design an intelligent wearable with fixed biomedical sensors over IP-WSN nodes. The biomedical sensors detect data such as ECG, glucose, or fitness related data from patient body and transmit it to the gateway operate by the consecutive forwarder over IPv6 networks. The intelligent wearable is considered "always connected" when there is a network connection between any two given nodes. The connected with the help of routing protocol and directly communicate with the IP-based networks. The intelligent wearable device fixed over patient body with integrated to IPv6 based gateway. Using this scheme the doctor can monitor his patient applications.

In this paper, we have worked on a novel energy-efficient MAC scheme to support several sensors oriented global monitoring applications. It is a very hot and challenging topic for researcher. To design energy consumption scheme while WSN network maintaining throughput and latency. Thus, we believe the novel energy efficient MAC scheme would be good choice to support Future Internet Services due to its global connectivity.

II. ENERGY EFFICIENT MAC SCHEME

The sensor oriented services for FI allows the ways to integrate the control of energy in everyday life easily with or without user awareness. With the load-balancing mechanism of shifting electricity usage and aggregating energy usage into cooperating pools, energy is used more efficiently. For example, a micro-controller controls the hardware modules inside the appliance and communicates with charging healthcare monitoring service over the Internet. The healthcare service monitors appliances current and predicted future power usage and reports to a pooling services that would construct an aggregated "profile" of the near-future power usage of connected units. This paper is discussing about the sensor oriented application monitoring with effective energy consumption with the respect of patient monitoring applications.

The transceiver characteristic distance dchar is the distance at which the transceiver characteristics are in equilibrium and it is the most energy-efficient communications distance.

$$d_{char} = \alpha\sqrt{(e_{te} + e_{rx}) / e_{ta}\,(\alpha-1)} \text{ ----------(1)}$$

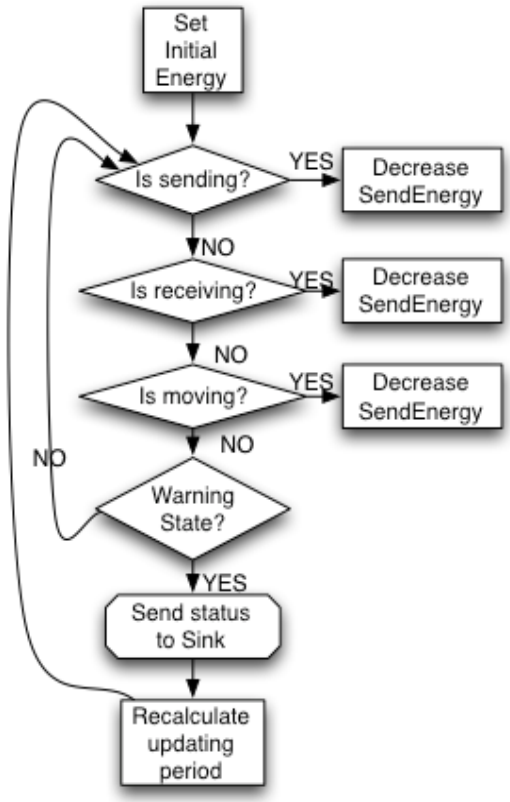

Figure1. Energy efficient MAC Scheme.

Where α is the path loss exponent, ete is the energy consumption of the transmitter electronics per bit, erx is the energy consumption of the receiver per bit, eta is the energy consumption of the transmit amplifier per bit over a distance of 1 meter. The energy model is a node attribute system in which energy will be decrease for each sending and receiving. When energy drops to a warning state, energy status will be periodically send to the sink. Also, the updating period is decreasing linearly as the energy is dropping. The sink collects energy data and sends it to the energy administration system so that necessary energy recovery can be carried out to the nodes. The overall algorithm is described in Fig.1.

Technically as we know the MAC layer used efficient communication of nodes network topology. It provides error free data transfer to the network layer. The design of protocol for MAC can be oriented towards the throughput, power consumption delay and quality of service. We use a Xemics 1209 transceiver designed for short range 2-5 m low frequency 36.86-45.05 data communication system. Sensor node worked discrete format for radio frequency and data communication between nodes. The data communication process master and each slave node in a wireless network to ensure, efficient and secure data field of each data packets. Cyclic redundancy checks standard polynomial in particulate CRC. The MAC frame format should fixed application information in PAN such as source to destination.

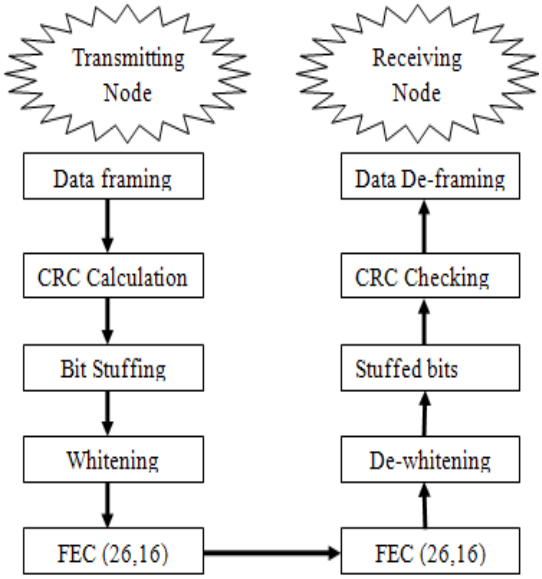

Figure 2. Simple Functional Diagrams for MAC Layer.

MAC layer has very important role during the communication between nodes in the network topology, which it provides error free during transmission to the network layer. In transmission node, it started with data framing. A data frame format is defined, then, it goes to cyclic redundancy check (CRC) calculation process. CRC calculation is used to detect any alteration of data during transmission. Thereafter, bit stuffing process that is the insertion of non-information bits into data. Whitening process is the next process and lastly gets to FEC (26, 12) encoding. For receiving node, it is directly opposite to transmitting node. It start with FEC (26, 12) decoding, and then de-whitening. Thereafter, stuffed bit is discarding. During this process, the non-information bits into data are taken out. Then, CRC checking, which is to checksum any alteration of data during transmission. Lastly, data de-framing is the last function flow.

III. Future Internet Service SCHEME: Global Healthcare Monitoring Applications

A. System Design

In our Prototype design, patient's body has fixed intelligent wearable to continuously monitoring application data. The wearable device should be in the range of IPv6-based gateway. The IEEE 802.15.4 standard defined reduced-function devices (RFDs) such as biological sensor nodes and full-function devices (FFDs) IP-WSN nodes. The MAC layer beacons RFD nodes commutate only FFD nodes via master/slave topology and the FFD nodes communicate both RFD and FFD to the gateway in Personal Area Network. Fig. 3 has shown several energy level of communication scheme.

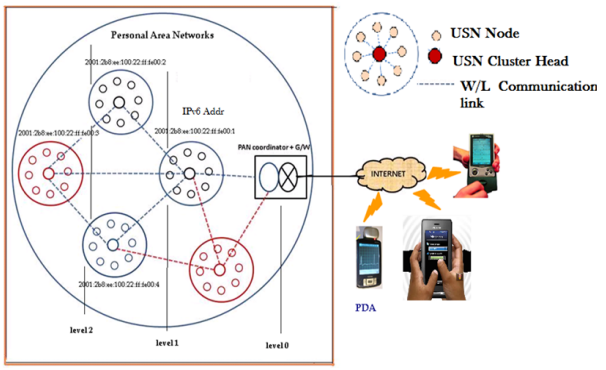

Figure 3. Global Patient's Monitoring System.

In each packet contains several bytes of preamble data with little energy to receiver. The energy efficiency measurement depends on the percentage of energy consumed by IP-WSN node during the delivery process. The analysis of energy consumption depends on the percentage of consumed energy at IP-WSN node and is calculated as initial energy. In networks system, the percentages of energy consumed by all IP-WSN nodes are measures of energy consumption of each node. The Intelligent wearable uses global unique IPv6 address for the identification and global connectivity between patient and doctor. Thus, the global connectivity technique has several challenges. We have given the solution of energy efficient MAC scheme of IP-WSN node. The doctor can send patient's query request to the gateway, and then gateway broadcasts query packet to all IP-WSN nodes. Thus, All intelligent wearable nodes transmit query response to the doctor with carry patient's IPaddr, query data, and signal strength of level 1 with gateway's level 0. After query request is received from gateway, the IP-WSN set their transmission power and reply to gateway its carry current position, energy consumption, and level. After data is received from IP-WSN, gateway can analyze energy consumption of all IP-WSN nodes.

The header contains destination EUID64 and source EUID64 that give information such as from where it came from and to whom it will receive. The relatively large identifier, EUID64 means at the time manufacturing, which is similar to Ethernet (IEEE 802.3) and Wi-Fi (IEEE 802.11). A 16-bit short address can be assigned to the device for the use of communication due to the lowpan packet size is small. The 6lowpan (IP-WSN) working group has presented IPv6 connectively over IEEE802.15.4. This working group also provides interconnection among lowpan devices and other IP links. Thus, it brings many advantages. One of the advantages is reduce a series of complex gateways. Gateway is a communication link for many adapters of the existing applications. Thus, it not only allows different company that using lowpan devices to be able to work together in a network, but able to work with many networked devices that already exists. Many industrial communication standards are able to support IP option.

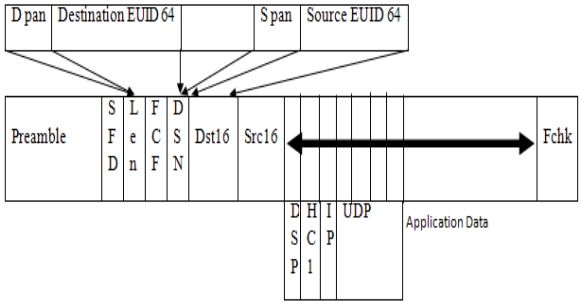

Figure 4. Header Compression Frame Format.

The working group makes these techniques because of the address, headers are large, and thus data transfers need to be larger so that it can fits in small 802.15.4 packets. Besides that, IP's utility is not free for usage. Fig. 4 show the example of extremely compact basic header expands where it also utilized the IP capability. There are only just 7 bytes, which are compressed from the entire 40-bytes IPv6 header plus the 8-byte UDP transport header. This is even smaller than a ZigBee header.

IV. Related Works

This paper has studies the basic technology available in today's healthcare monitoring applications in sensor networks and then designed energy-efficient scheme for future internet technology with respect patient's monitoring applications. In this part we have described the existing MAC frame work in Lowpan and then IPv6 based Lowpan for novel scheme.

A. Lowpan (Low Power Wireless Personal Area Networks) and Its Problems

Each communication link is corresponds to a specific low-level standards, which include a packet is coding scheme, and thus the physical device are able to communicate to each others. In 2004, IEEE standardized the latest wireless link, which is IEEE802.15.4. The IEEE802.15.4 is developing in compact, low power, low cost embedded devices, which can run on batteries for a certain periods. IEEE802.15.4 radio is use in home and industrial automation proprietary. It carries information at 2.5 GHz radio transceivers, at the power of 1mW, which is about 1% of the power Wi-Fi. Thus, it can say that it has low transmit power limits transmission range. Currently, in all wireless network protocols that used IEEE802.15.4 network use the same frame format and link-level header. Since all network protocols used the same frame format, additional information must exchange within the data payload section as a network-level header. This can be further explained that a network header will specifies where it starts, where it ends, and how it connecting each other. However, each of the current

industrial protocols performs its network operation differently. Besides, there is no protocols address show how a packet is transferred out or into the IEEE802.15.4 network to the existing computers. The time synchronization with IEEE802.15.4 2006 MAC has defined beacon enabled and non-beacon enabled modes. The beacon enabled mode used only star topology networks, it cannot support mesh topology. During frame loss or collision period it uses beacons scheduling algorithm and periodic an overhead time has a lots of traffic overhead. However, non beacon mode required long idle listening in high power consumption. This frame format is not suitable for 6lowpan stack, it needs modification. For Global health care monitoring applications technique needs peer to peer & multi-hop mesh topology with beacon and without beacon enable network technique. It must be used time synchronization with guarantee time accuracy within error boundary and robust in change of topology.

The GTS (Guaranteed Time Slot) requests should compete with data frame in CAP (Contention Access Period) then it would increase collision probability, which reduces reliability. The acknowledgement in the next beacon period, so latency is the major problem. Maximum number of GTS is limited to 7 so inefficient overload networks. Quality of Services provision is difficult between Contention Access Period vs. Contention Free Period. For global healthcare monitoring applications, required reliable and fast channel access for communication because 6lowpan node broadcast req. packet by MAC layer to other neighbor 6lopwan nodes then it announces destination node id.

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The IEEE802.15.4 super frame is not flexible to accommodate dynamic traffic and channel hopping technique. The channel hoping technique provides high reliable link-level connectivity but current channel may not be sufficient to established requested channel connections. The quality of services provision may require more robust control of bandwidth requests instead of competing with data frame in contention access period. Flexible but robust out of band control frame may provide efficient channel access.

V. Simulation Work & Results

In this system, we assumed 11 6lowpan nodes their some of cluster head. Each node connected to cluster head and has its own IP address. The cluster head transmit its information to the gateway via multi-hop routing. The simulation parameters are presenting in Table 1.

TABLE 1

Parameter	Value
Transmission Range	15m
Simulation Time	120 s
Topology Size	100m * 100m
Number of Mobile Nodes	11
Number of Sources	2
Number of PAN Coordinator	1
Traffic Type	Constant bit rate
Packet Type	15 packets/s
Packet Size	32 bytes
Pause Time	5s
Maximum Speed	2 m/s

The initial energy of gateway is high due to its wired fixed power supply and it is not resource constraint. For simulation, we took 100j power supply for gateway. The initial energy of IP-WSN node is 1.5j and biomedical sensor is 0.5j are fixed. The IP-WSN node knows their location and distance with other IP-WSN node. But for simulation, we took a variable type 0, 1, 3 for IP-WSN, boi-medical sensor, and gateway respectively. Initially, we have used the signal strength of IP-WSN, biomedical sensor and gateway nodes are8, 3 and 10 respectively. Then, it will vary this signal strength afterwards and test its affect the network connectivity. Initially its value is enough to satisfy the coverage and connectivity. Initially gateway is – infinity (very low value) and IP-WSN node is –infinity (a very low value) due modified MAC protocol they choose their parents. By analyzing the data and running the simulation process is placing the left energy at initial energy.

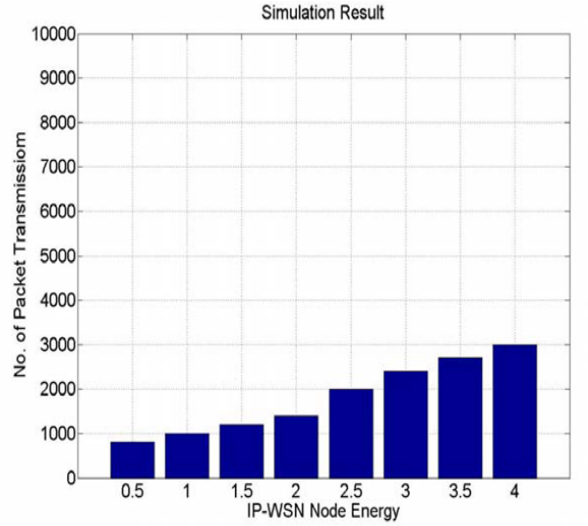

Figure 5. End-End Packet delivery Ratio.

In this paper, we have analysis about energy of IP-WSN. Thus, we get the total no. of transmission packet send to the gateway. We took IP-WSN Energy is 1.5, and then it varies up to 4 joule for total no. of packets.

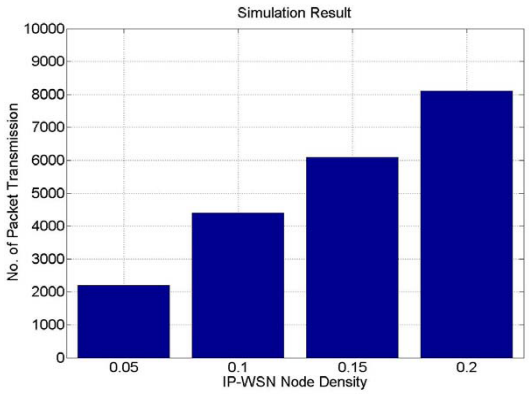

Figure 6. Throughput .

The simulation communication channels are also modeled and different type of fading and channel are used so due to fading simulation result varies with numerical results. Thus, the 3j energy of IP-WSN node's density is varies 0.05 to 0.2 Joule.

VI. Conclusion & Future Work

The paper has presented the energy efficient MAC scheme with respect delay and throughput. For that, the author has work on IP-WSN header and stack format. The stack has ability to fully realizable and highly pervasive with routing protocols, connectivity with external internet, service discovery, and coexistence with other peer technologies. The IP-WSN nodes are uniformly distributes in the PAN. The author has implemented novel MAC scheme on the NS-2.33. The designed scheme support IP-based networks to assist current status of the patient in hospital-based PAN. The next face of this paper is test-bed setup which is under progress work. We are developing an effecting protocol for fault tolerance in IP-enable USN as well as better performance of energy and routing especially biomedical data. We are trying to real time testing for whole global healthcare monitoring system.

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