An Efficient Scheduling Technique for the Improvement of WSN with Network Lifetime & Delay Constraint

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Abstract— This paper highlight about the maximization of network lifetime & minimization of delay parameter which is important to improve the performance of the wireless sensor network as effective and reliable Wireless mostly energy is used when communication radios are on. The network lifetime is usually defined as the time until the first node fails because of energy depletion. So sleep-wake scheduling is effective mechanism to increase network lifetime. Sleep-wake scheduling is efficient to increase network lifetime but it could result in substantial delays because a transmitting node needs to wait for its next-hop relay node to wake up. We attempts to reduce these delays by developing “anycast”-based packet forwarding schemes, where each node opportunistically forwards a packet to the first neighboring node that wakes up among multiple candidate nodes such set of nodes called forwarding node set. We used anycast forwarding schemes to forward the data packet to next hop node which minimizes the expected packet-delivery delays from the sensor nodes to the sink node. Based on this result, we provide a solution to the problem of how to optimally control the system parameters of the sleep-wake scheduling protocol and the anycast packet forwarding protocol to maximize the network lifetime and minimize the delay with constraint on the expected end-to-end packet-delivery delay.

Keywords— WSN, any cast, sleep–wake scheduling, network lifetime, Network delay.

I. INTRODUCTION

The sensor nodes usually operate with batteries and are often deployed into a harsh environment. Once deployed, it is hard or even impossible to recharge or replace the batteries of the sensor nodes. Therefore, extending the network lifetime by efficient use of energy is a critical requirement for a WSN. For any network the performance is the important and main focusing aspect ie is called as the performance metrics of the network including packet delivery ratio ,end to end delay ,network lifetime, packet loss ratio ,throughput etc .In this paper we are focusing on parameter of network life and delay and their enhancement towards the performance improvement for the WSN by using anycast and sleep wake scheduling concept .The wireless sensor network consists of large number of sensing nodes equipped with various sensing devices to observe different phenomenon changes in real world. Wireless sensor networks (WSN) are used to remotely Sense the environment. Wireless sensor networks consists of many sensing nodes that captures the changes in the environment enclose data in data packets and gives these packets to sink node present in the network. Such networks are present in hard to reach areas so they remain unattended for long duration. So key issue in such area is efficient use of node energy to extend the lifetime of network. We mainly focus here on event driven sensor networks for which events occur rarely. This is very important area of research and has many applications such as environment monitoring, intrusion detection etc.

Fig.1. Example of mobile nodes communication

In Fig.1 red circles indicates the source and destination node. In example every node broadcast the message to the neighboring nodes & this process continues in operation when desired destination is encountered some node emerge gateways to the subsection of the network.

In such systems, there are four sources of Synchronized sleep–wake scheduling protocols have been proposed in [1]-[5] these protocols, sensor nodes periodically or aperiodically exchange synchronization information with neighboring nodes. Energy consumption these sources are: communication radios, data transmission and reception, sensors and transmission and reception of control packets. Fraction of total energy consumption for data transmission and reception is small for such systems because events occur so rarely. To sense the event, constant energy is required and it cannot be controlled. Hence energy required to keep communication system on means for listening the medium and control packets is dominant component of energy consumption which can be controlled to extend network lifetime. So sleep-wake scheduling is used to increase the lifetime of event driven sensor networks. We intend to use asynchronous sleep wake scheduling where each node wakes up independent of its neighboring nodes in order to save energy. But due to this independence of wake-up processes, additional delays encounter at each node along path to sink.
node because each node has to wait for its next hop node to wake up before transmitting the packet. Anycast packet forwarding scheme is used to reduce this event reporting delay to sink node and thus minimization of delay is done.

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Problem related to the wireless sensor network basically performance parameter of the network. Section V deals with the conclusion & Future work so as to improve the performance of the WSN. Prior work in the literature has proposed the use of anycast packet-forwarding schemes (also called opportunistic forwarding schemes) to reduce this event reporting delay [11]-[15]. Much work has been done during recent years to increase the lifetime of a WSN. Among them, in spite of the difficulties in realization, taking advantage of mobility in the WSN has attracted much interest from researchers [4].

II. RELATED WORK & CONTRIBUTIONS

In traditional packet-forwarding schemes, every node has one designated next-hop relaying node in the neighborhood, and it has to wait for the next-hop node to wake up when forward a packet has to be done. In contrast, under anycast packet-forwarding schemes, each node has multiple next-hop relaying nodes in a candidate set (we call it as forwarding set) and forwards the packet to the first node that wakes up in the forwarding set. It is easy to see that, compared to the basic scheme; anycast clearly reduces the expected one-hop delay. But anycast does not necessarily lead to minimum end to end delay because packet has to relay through time consuming path. Therefore to reduce this expected end to end delay, one challenge is how each node chooses its anycast forwarding policy like forwarding set this is to be solved and another important concept here is that implementing anycast in isolation does not give good performance it has to be jointly controlled with parameters of sleep scheduling like wake up rate. Anycast addresses these challenges.

Sleep-wake scheduling protocol have been proposed in literature. In synchronized sleep–wake scheduling [1]-[5] protocols sensor nodes periodically or aperiodically exchange synchronization information with neighbouring nodes. However, such synchronization procedures could incur additional communication overhead and consume a considerable energy. On-demand sleep–wake scheduling protocols [6]-[7] is one scheduling where nodes turn off most of their circuitry and always turn on a secondary powered receiver to listen to “wake-up” calls from neighbouring nodes when to relay the packet. But this on-demand sleep–wake scheduling can significantly increases sensor nodes cost due to the additional receiver. In this, we are interested in asynchronous sleep–wake scheduling protocols [8]-[10] in which each node wakes up independently of neighbouring nodes for energy saving. However, this independence of the wake-up processes causes additional delays at each node along the path to the sink because each node needs to wait for its next-hop node to wake up before it can transmission of the packet. This delay could be unacceptable for delay-sensitive applications which require the event reporting delay to be very small. So for minimizing this event reporting delay, anycast packet forwarding technique is used.

This technique shows how to use the solution to the delay-minimization problem to construct an optimal solution to the lifetime-maximization problem related to the wireless sensor network basically performance parameter of the network.
problem for a specific definition of network lifetime. However, anycast does not necessarily lead to the minimum expected end-to-end delay because a packet can still be relayed through a time-consuming routing path. Therefore, the first challenge for minimizing the expected end-to-end delay is to determine how each node should choose its anycast forwarding policy (e.g., the forwarding set) carefully. Study of [12]-[14] proposes heuristic anycast protocols that exploit the geographical distance to the sink node. The work in [15] and [16] considers MAC-layer anycast protocols that work with the separate routing protocols in the network layer. However, these solutions are heuristic in nature and do not directly minimize the expected end-to-end delay.

The algorithms in [17] use the hop-count information (i.e., the number of hops for each node to reach the sink) to minimize some state-dependent cost (delay) metric along the possible routing paths. However, these algorithms do not directly apply to asynchronous sleep–wake scheduling, where each node does not know the wake-up schedule of neighboring nodes when it has a packet to forward.

The second challenge stems from the fact that good performance cannot be obtained by studying the anycast forwarding policy in isolation. Rather, it should be jointly controlled with the parameters of sleep–wake scheduling (e.g., the wake-up rate of each node). It will directly impact both network lifetime and the packet-delivery delay. Hence, to optimally trade off network lifetime and delay, both the wake-up rates and the anycast packet-forwarding policy should be jointly controlled. However, related work is studied in the literature [11]-[18] but it is not jointly controlled.

III. PROBLEM DEFINITION & OBJECTIVES

In the problem definition we are focusing on the two main important issues related to the performance enhancement which affect the WSN. Anycast packet forwarding should be implemented along with sleep scheduling here in order to get good performance.

Objectives work are summarized as follows

- Analysis of delay incurred during packet transmission in wireless sensor network.
- Analysis of network lifetime for wireless sensor network.
- Proposed technique for increasing energy efficiency to maximize lifetime of network & minimization of incurred packet transmission delay to sink node
- Improve the performance of the event driven sensor network.

A. Delay Minimization Problem

With the wake-up rates of the sensor nodes, optimally choosing the anycast forwarding policy to reduce the expected delay.

B. Lifetime Maximization Problem

With constraint on the expected end-to-end delay, how to maximize the network lifetime by jointly controlling the wake-up rates and the anycast packet-forwarding policy.

Sleep-wake scheduling with anycast intend to solve these two main problems. The lifetime of event driven sensor network consists of two phases’ configuration phase and operation phase. In configuration phase, node optimizes control parameters of anycast forwarding policy and their

wakeup rate. After configuration phase, operation phase begins in which each node alternates between two sub phases sleeping sub phase and event reporting sub phase.

This Technique assume that the sensor network employs asynchronous sleep–wake scheduling to improve energy efficiency, and nodes choose the next-hop node and forward the packet to the chosen node using the following basic sleep–wake scheduling protocol. This basic protocol generalizes typical asynchronous sleep–wake scheduling protocols in to account for anycast. In this basic protocol, we assume that there is a single source that sends out event-reporting packets to the sink. This is the most likely operating mode because when nodes wake up asynchronously and with low duty-cycles, the chance of multiple sources generating event-reporting packets simultaneously is small.

The sensor nodes sleep for most of the time and occasionally wake up for a short period of time \( T_{active} \). When a node \( i \) has a packet for node \( j \) to relay, it will send a beacon signal and an ID signal (carrying the sender information) for time periods \( t_B \) and \( t_c \), respectively, and then hear the medium for time period \( t_J \). If the node does not hear any acknowledgment signal from neighboring nodes, it repeats this signaling procedure. When a neighboring node \( j \) wakes up and senses the beacon signal, it keeps awake, waiting for the following ID signal to recognize the sender. When node \( j \) wakes up in the middle of an ID signal, it keeps awake, waiting for the next ID signal. If node \( j \) successfully recognizes the sender, and it is a next-hop node of node \( i \), it then communicates with node to receive the packet. Node \( j \) can then use a similar procedure to wake up its own next-hop node. If a node wakes up and does not sense a beacon signal or ID signal, it will then go back to sleep. Assumption is made that the time instants that a node \( j \) wakes up follow a Poisson random process with rate \( \lambda \). It is also assume that the wake-up processes of different nodes are independent. The independence assumption is suitable for the scenario in which the nodes do not synchronize their wake-up times, which is easier to implement than the schemes that require global synchronization [3]-[5].

Advantage of Poisson sleep–wake scheduling is that, due to its memory less property, sensor nodes are able to use a time-invariant optimal policy to maximize the network lifetime.

![Fig.3. System Model][19]

well-known problem of using sleep–wake scheduling in sensor networks is the additional delay incurred in transmitting a packet from source to sink because each node along the transmission path has to wait for its next-hop node to wake up. To reduce this delay, we use an anycast forwarding scheme as described in Fig 2 [19] Let \( C_i \) denote the set of nodes in the transmission range of node \( i \). Suppose that node \( i \) has a packet, and it needs to pick up a node in its
transmission range $C_i$ to relay the packet. Each node $i$ maintains a list of nodes that node $i$ intends to use as a forwarder. We call the set of such nodes the forwarding set, which is denoted by $F_i$ for node $i$.

In addition, each node $j$ is also assumed to maintain a list of nodes $i$ that use node $j$ as a forwarder (i.e. $j \in F_i$). As shown in Fig 3, node $i$ starts sending a beacon signal and an ID signal successively. All nodes in $C_i$ can hear these signals, regardless of whom these signals are intended for. A node $j$ that wakes up during the beacon signal or the ID signal will check if it is in the forwarding set of node $i$. If it is, node $j$ sends one acknowledgment after the ID signal ends. After each ID signal, node $i$ checks whether there is any acknowledgment from the nodes in $F_i$. If no acknowledgment is detected, node repeats the beacon-ID-signalling and acknowledgment-detection processes until it hears one. On the other hand, if there is an acknowledgment, it may take additional time for node $i$ to identify which node acknowledge the beacon-ID signals, especially when there are multiple nodes that wake up at the same time. Let $T_r$ denote the resolution period, during which time node $i$ identifies which nodes have sent acknowledgments. If there are multiple awake nodes, node $i$ chooses one node among them that will forward the packet. After the resolution period, the chosen node receives the packet from node $i$ during the packet transmission period $T_p$, and then starts the beacon-ID-signaling and acknowledgment-detection processes to find the next forwarder. Since nodes consume energy when awake, $T_{active}$ should be as small as possible. However, if it is too small, a node that wakes up right after an ID signal could return to sleep before the following beacon signal. In order to avoid this case, set

$$t_{active} = t_A + t_{detect},$$

where $t_{detect}$ is a small amount of time required for a node to detect signal in the wireless medium.

### IV. SIMULATION PARAMETER & DISCUSSION

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**Table 1: Simulation Parameter**

Fig 4 to 9 shows graphical representation of the nodes movement in a network simulator by selecting the simulation parameters required to set up the network.
In this paper, we are highly concentrated of the issue of the maximization of network lifetime & minimization of delay for the improvement of WSN performance. In the event driven wireless sensor network, anycast packet-forwarding scheme is designed to reduce the event-reporting delay and to prolong the lifetime of wireless sensor networks employing asynchronous sleep–wake scheduling. Specifically, two optimization problems are focused. First, when the wake-up rates of the sensor nodes are given, we develop an efficient and distributed algorithm to minimize the expected event-reporting delay from all sensor nodes to the sink. Second, using a specific definition of the network lifetime, lifetime-maximization problem is handled to optimally control the sleep–wake scheduling policy and the anycast policy in order to maximize the network lifetime subject to an upper limit on the expected end-to-end delay. Sleep-wake scheduling with anycast substantially gives better performance than heuristic solutions in the literature under practical scenarios where there are obstructions in the coverage area of the wireless sensor network. Future work will include strategy which will improve the performance of the wireless sensor network and make the network reliable & efficient. The results were validated by network simulations, which showed that the proposed schemes maintained the desired implication throughout the lifetime of the network. Many parameters in WSN remains to be investigated. Future work will be conducted for improving the WSN performance is still is in progress.

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