Wireless Sensor Networks



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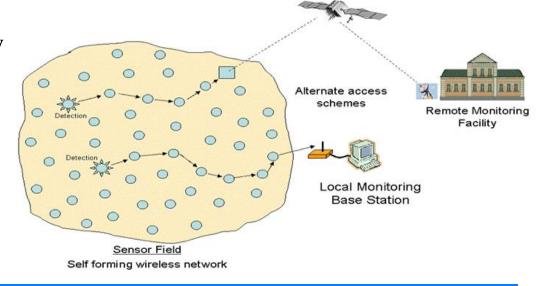
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WIRELESS SENSOR NETWORKS (WSNS) AND MAC PROTOCOLS

Single node architecture: hardware and software components of a sensor node - WSN Network architecture: typical network architectures-data relaying and aggregation strategies -MAC layer protocols: self-organizing, Hybrid TDMA/FDMA and CSMA based MAC-IEEE 802.15.4.

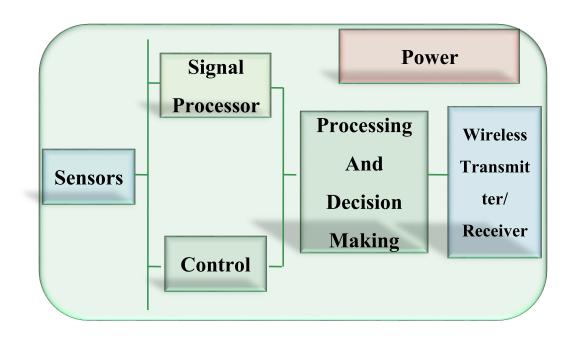
□Wireless Sensor Network?

- ☐ It's a collection of devices "sensor nodes"
- ☐ They are small, inexpensive, with constrained power
- ☐ They are organized in a cooperative network
- ☐ They communicate wirelessly
 - in multi hop routing
- ☐ Heavily deployment
- ☐ Changing network topology



□ Component and Schematic of Node

- ☐ Processor.
- ☐ Memory.
- ☐ RF Radio.
- ☐ Power Source.
- ☐ Sensor.
- \Box GPS



☐Goal of Wireless Sensor Network ☐ Collect data at regular intervals. Sensing Computing ☐ Then transform data into an electrical signal. Communication Finally, send the signals to the sink or the base nod. ☐ Types of Wireless Sensor Network Temperature sensor. ☐ Light sensor. Sound sensor. Vibration Sensor.

□ Communication pattern

- ☐ Broadcast : Base station transmits message to all its immediate neighbors.
- ☐ Converge cast: a group of sensors communicates to a specific sensor
- □ Local gossip: a sensor node sends a message to its neighboring nodes within a range.

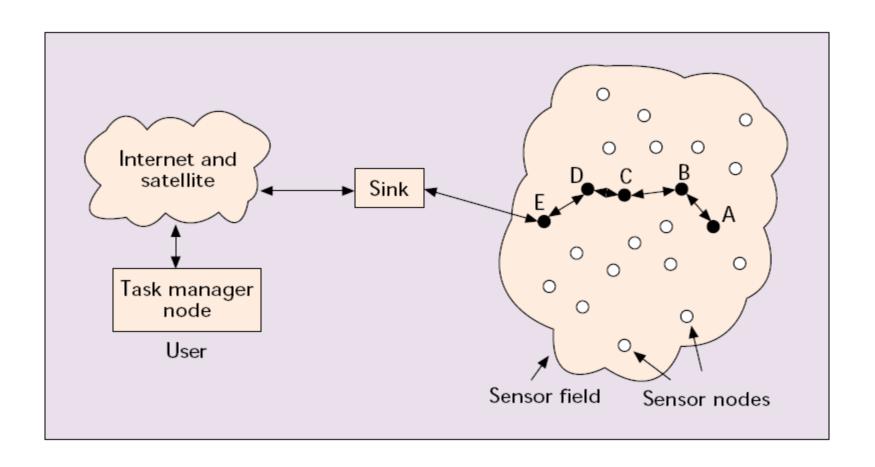
WSN Definition

- ■A sensor network is composed of a large number of sensor nodes that are densely deployed inside or very close to the phenomenon
 - ☐random deployment
 - self-organizing capabilities
- ☐ Each node of the sensor networks consist of three subsystem:
 - Sensor subsystem: senses the environment
 - ☐ Processing subsystem: performs local computations on the sensed data
 - ☐ Communication subsystem: responsible for message exchange with neighboring sensor nodes
- ☐ The features of sensor nodes
 - Limited sensing region, processing power, energy

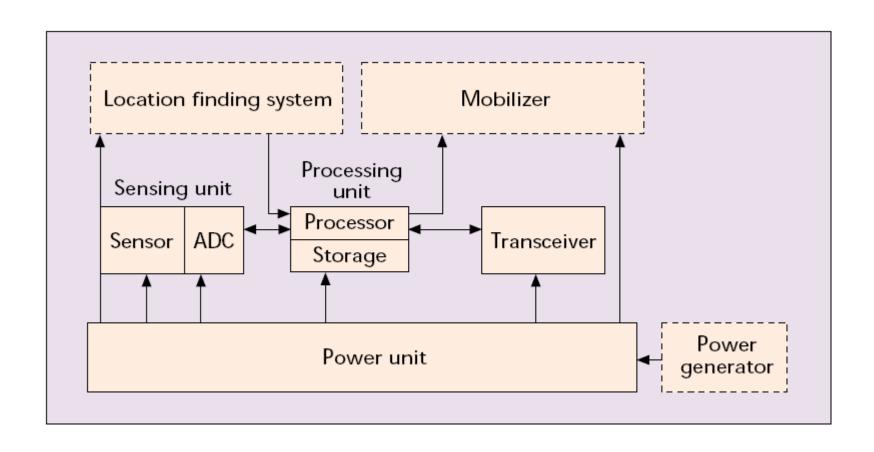
WSN

- ☐ The advantage of sensor networks
 - □ Robust : a large number of sensors
 - Reliable:
 - ☐ Accurate: sensor networks covering a wider region
 - ☐ Fault-tolerant: many nodes are sensing the same event
- Two important operations in a sensor networks
 - □ Data dissemination: the propagation of data/queries throughout the network
 - □ Data gathering: the collection of observed data from the individual sensor nodes to a sink
- ☐ The different types of sensors
 - ■Seismic, thermal, visual, infrared

WSN Communication Architecture

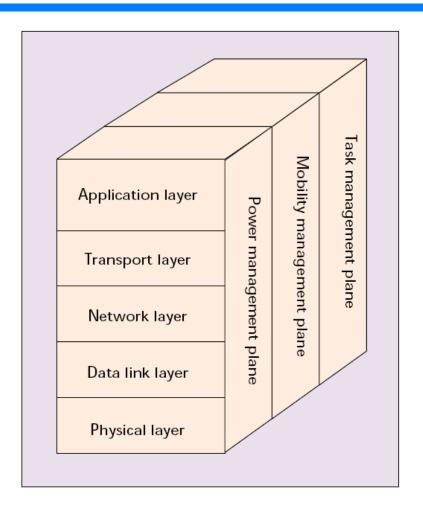


Components of Sensor Node



Protocol Stack

- Protocols should be
 - □ Power aware
 - Location aware
 - ☐ Application aware



WSN Characteristics

- Major differences between sensor and ad-hoc network
 - ■Number of nodes is higher
 - ☐Densely deployment
 - Sensor nodes are prone to failure.
 - ☐Frequent topology changes
 - ☐ Broadcast communication paradigm
 - Limited processing and power capabilities.
 - ■Possible absence of unique global ID

WSN Design Factors

- ☐ Fault Tolerance
- Scalability
- Production Costs
- Hardware Constraints
- Sensor Network Topology
- Environment
- Transmission Media
- Power Consumption

Design Factors: Fault Tolerance

- Each Nodes are prone to unexpected failure (more than other network)
- Fault tolerance is the ability to sustain sensor network functionalities without any interruption due to sensor node failures.

Design Factors: Scalability

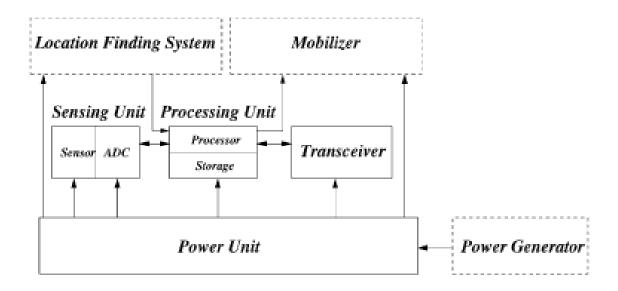
- ■Size: Number of node (100 ~1000)
- Density: $\mu(R) = (N\pi R^2)/A$
- Protocol should
 - be able to scale to such high degree
 - □ take advantage of the high density of such networks

Design Factors: Production Costs

- ☐ The cost of a single node must be low given the amount of functionalities
- Much less than \$1

Design Factors: Hardware Constraint

- ☐ All these units combined together must
 - ☐Extremely low power
 - Extremely small volume



Design Factors: Topology

- Must be maintained specially in very high densities
 - Pre-deployment and deployment phase
 - Post-deployment phase
 - Re-deployment of additional nodes phase

Design Factors: Environment

- May be inaccessible
 - either because of hostile environment
 - or because they are embedded in a structure
- ☐ Impact of environment condition
 - Temperature
 - ☐ Humidity
 - Movement
 - Underwater
 - Underground

Design Factors: Environment

- ☐Busy intersections
- ☐ Interior of a large machinery
- ■Bottom of an ocean
- ■Surface of an ocean during a tornado
- ☐ Biologically or chemically contaminated field
- ■Battlefield beyond the enemy lines
- ☐ Home or a large building
- Large warehouse
- Animals
- ☐ Fast moving vehicles
- Drain or river moving with current

Design Factors: Transmission Media

- \square RF
- ☐ Infrared
- Optical
- Acoustic

Design Factors: Power Consumption

- Power conservation
 - Sensing
 - Communication
 - Data processing

Applications of WSN

- ☐ Global scale
- ☐ Battle field
- ☐ Factories
- ☐ Buildings
- ☐ Homes
- □ bodies



Applications of Sensor Networks

- ☐ Using in military
 - Battlefield surveillance and monitoring, guidance systems of intelligent missiles, detection of attack by weapons of mass destruction such as chemical, biological, or nuclear
- ☐ Using in nature
 - ☐ Forest fire, flood detection, habitat exploration of animals
- ☐ Using in health
 - Monitor the patient's heart rate or blood pressure, and sent regularly to alert the concerned doctor, provide patients a greater freedom of movement

Applications of Sensor Networks

- Using in home (smart home)
 - Sensor node can built into appliances at home, such as ovens, refrigerators, and vacuum cleaners, which enable them to interact with each other and be remote-controlled
- Using in office building
 - ☐ Airflow and temperature of different parts of the building can be automatically controlled
- Using in warehouse
 - ☐ Improve their inventory control system by installing sensors on the products to track their movement

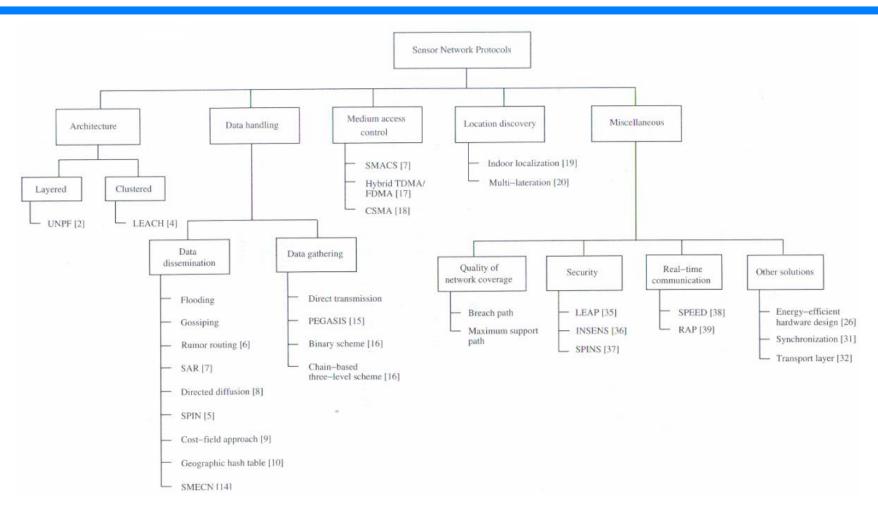
Comparison with Ad Hoc Wireless Networks

- □ Different from Ad Hoc wireless networks
 - ☐ The number of nodes in sensor network can be several orders of magnitude large than the number of nodes in an ad hoc network.
 - Sensor nodes are more easy to failure and energy drain, and their battery sources are usually not replaceable or rechargeable.
 - Sensor nodes may not have unique global identifiers (ID), so unique addressing is not always feasible in sensor networks.
 - □ Sensor networks are data-centric, the queries in sensor networks are addressed to nodes which have data satisfying some conditions. Ad Hoc networks are address-centric, with queries addressed to particular nodes specified by their unique address.
 - □ Data fusion/aggregation: the sensor nodes aggregate the local information before relaying. The goals are reduce bandwidth consumption, media access delay, and power consumption for communication.

Issues and Challenges

- □ Sensor nodes are randomly deployed and hence do not fit into any regular topology. Once deployed, they usually do not require any human intervention. Hence, the setup and maintenance of the network should be entirely autonomous.
- Sensor networks are infrastructure-less. Therefore, all routing and maintenance algorithms need to be distributed.
- Energy problem
- ☐ Hardware and software should be designed to conserve power
- Sensor nodes should be able to synchronize with each other in a completely distributed manner, so that TDMA schedules can be imposed.
- A sensor network should also be capable of adapting to changing connectivity due to the failure of nodes, or new nodes powering up. The routing protocols should be able to dynamically include or avoid sensor nodes in their paths.
- □ Real-time communication over sensor networks must be supported through provision of guarantees on maximum delay, minimum bandwidth, or other QoS parameters.
- ☐ Provision must be made for secure communication over sensor networks, especially for military applications which carry sensitive data.

Classification of sensor network protocol



Sensor Network Architecture

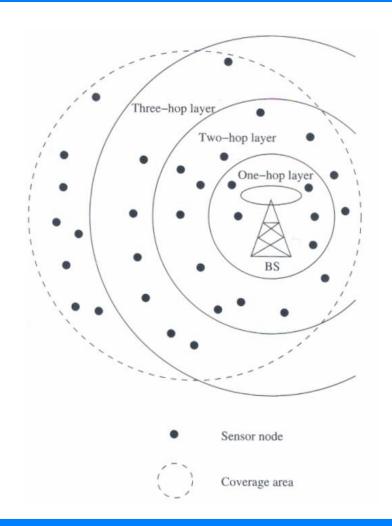
The two basic kinds of sensor network architecture

☐ Layered Architecture

Clustered Architecture

Layered Architecture

- A layered architecture has a single powerful base station, and the layers of sensor nodes around it correspond to the nodes that have the same hop-count to the BS.
- ☐ In the in-building scenario, the BS acts an access point to a wired network, and small nodes form a wireless backbone to provide wireless connectivity.
- ☐ The advantage of a layered architecture is that each node is involved only in short-distance, low-power transmissions to nodes of the neighboring layers.



Unified Network Protocol Framework (UNPF)

- UNPF is a set of protocols for complete implementation of a layered architecture for sensor networks
- UNPF integrates three operations in its protocol structure:
 - Network initialization and maintenance
 - MAC protocol
 - Routing protocol

Network initialization and maintenance

- ☐ The BS broadcasts its ID using a known CDMA code on the common control channel.
- □All node which hear this broadcast then record the BS ID. They send a beacon signal with their own IDs at their low default power levels.
- ☐ Those nodes which the BS can hear form layer one
- □BS broadcasts a control packet with all layer one node IDs. All nodes send a beacon signal again.
- ☐ The layer one nodes record the IDs which they hear (form layer two) and inform the BS of the layer two nodes IDs.
- Periodic beaconing updates neighbor information and change the layer structure if nodes die out or move out of range.

MAC protocol

- □ During the data transmission phase, the distributed TDMA receiver oriented channel (DTROC) assignment MAC protocol is used.
- ☐Two steps of DTROC
 - Channel allocation: Each node is assigned a reception channel by the BS, and channel reuse is such that collisions are avoided.
 - Channel scheduling: The node schedules transmission slots for all its neighbors and broadcasts the schedule. This enables collision-free transmission and saves energy, as nodes can turn off when they are not involved on a send/receive operation.

Routing protocol

- Downlink from the BS is by direct broadcast on the control channel. Uplink from the sensor nodes to BS is by multi-hop data forwarding.
- The node to which a packet is to be forwarded is selected considering the remaining energy of the nodes. This achieves a higher network lifetime.

UNPF-R

- ☐ Optimize the network performance by make the sensor nodes adaptively vary their transmission range.
- Because while a very small transmission range cause network partitioning, a very large transmission range reduce the spatial reuse of frequencies.
- ☐ The optimal range (R) is determined by simulated annealing

$$f(R) = \frac{\epsilon \times d}{n/N}$$

- □ Objective function :
 - □ N: the total number of sensors
 - n: the number of nodes in layer one
 - $\sqsubseteq \epsilon$: the energy consumption per packet
 - d: the average packet delay

UNPF-R

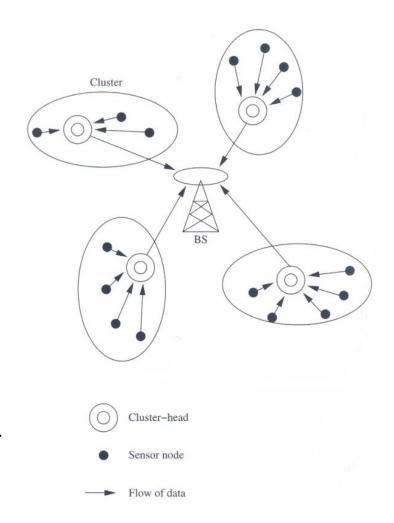
- If no packet is received by the BS from any sensor node for some interval of time, the transmission range increase by Δ_{Γ} . Otherwise, the transmission range is either decrease by Δ_{Γ} with probability 0.5 x (n / N), or increase by Δ_{Γ} with probability [1 0.5 x (n / N)].
- If f(R') < f(R), then the transmission range R' is adopt. Otherwise, R is modified to R' with probability

$$e^{\frac{(f(R)-f(R'))\times(n/N)}{T}}$$

- ☐T: the temperature parameter
- ☐ The advantage of the UNPF-R:
 - ☐ Minimize the energy x delay
 - Maximize the number of nodes which can connect to the BS

Clustered Architecture

- □ A clustered architecture organizes the sensor nodes into clusters, each governed by a cluster-head. The nodes in each cluster are involved in message exchanges with their cluster-heads, and these heads send message to a BS.
- □ Clustered architecture is useful for sensor networks because of its inherent suitability for data fusion. The data gathered by all member of the cluster can be fused at the cluster-head, and only the resulting information needs to be communicated to the BS.
- ☐ The cluster formation and election of cluster-heads must be an autonomous, distributed process.



Low-Energy Adaptive Clustering Hierarchy (LEACH)

- LEACH is a clustering-based protocol that minimizes energy dissipation in sensor networks. The operation of LEACH is spilt into two phases : setup and steady.
 - □ Setup phase: each sensor node chooses a random number between 0 and 1. If this is lower than the threshold for node n, T(n), the sensor node becomes a cluster-head. The threshold T(n) is calculated as

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

- □ P: the percentage of nodes which are cluster-heads
- r: the current round
- □ G: the set of nodes that has not been cluster-heads in the past 1/P rounds

Low-Energy Adaptive Clustering Hierarchy (LEACH)

- After selection, the cluster-heads advertise their selection to all nodes. All nodes choose their nearest cluster-head by signal strength (RSSI). The cluster-heads then assign a TDMA schedule for their cluster members
- ☐Steady phase: data transmission takes place based on the TDMA schedule, and the cluster-heads perform data aggregation/fusion.
- After a certain period of time in the steady phase, clusterheads are selected again through the setup phase.

Data Dissemination

- Data dissemination is the process by which queries or data are routed in the sensor network. The data collected by sensor nodes has to be communicated to the node which interested in the data.
- □ The node that generates data is call source and the information to be reported is called an event. A node which interested in an event is called sink.
- □ Data dissemination consist of a two-step process : interest propagation and data propagation.
 - ☐ Interest propagation : for every event that a sink is interested in, it broadcasts its interest to is neighbor, and across the network.
 - □ Data dissemination: When an event is detected, it reported to the interested nodes (sink).

Flooding

Each node which receives a packet (queries/data) broadcasts it if the maximum hop-count of the packet is not reached and the node itself is not the destination of the packet.

☐ Disadvantages:

- Implosion: this is the situation when duplicate messages are send to the same node. This occurs when a node receives copies of the same messages from many of its neighbors.
- Overlap: the same event may be sensed by more than one node due to overlapping regions of coverage. This results in their neighbors receiving duplicate reports of the same event.
- Resource blindness: the flooding protocol does not consider the available energy at the nodes and results in many redundant transmissions. Hence, it reduces the network lifetime.

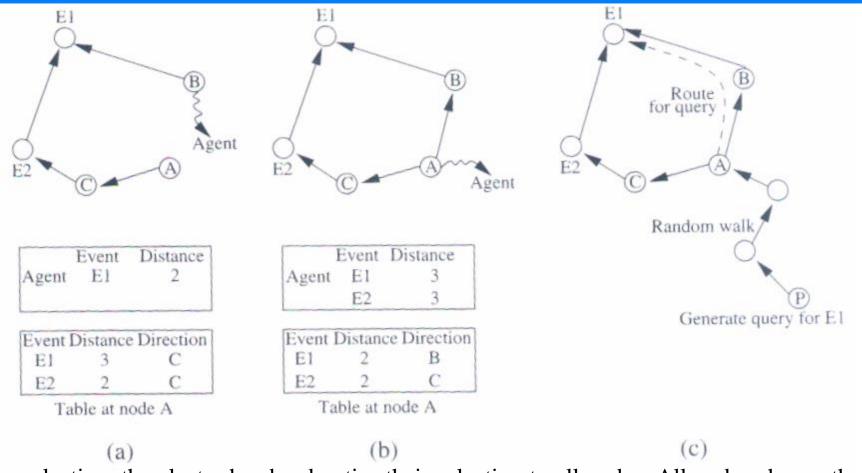
Gossiping

- Modified version of flooding
- The nodes do not broadcast a packet, but send it to a randomly selected neighbor.
- Avoid the problem of implosion
- It takes a long time for message to propagate throughout the network.
- It does not guarantee that all nodes of network will receive the message.

Rumor Routing

- Agent-based path creation algorithm
- Agent is a long-lived packet created at random by nodes, and it will die after visit k hops.
- ☐ It circulated in the network to establish shortest paths to events that they encounter.
- When an agent finds a node whose path to an event is longer than its own, it updates the node's routing table.

Rumor routing

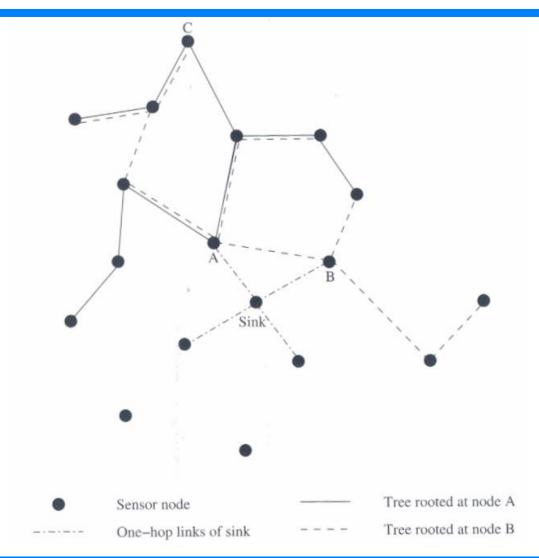


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Sequential Assignment Routing (SAR)

- □ The sequential assignment routing (SAR) algorithm creates multiple trees, where the root of each tree is a one-hop neighbor of the sink.
- ☐ To avoid nodes with low throughput or high delay.
- Each sensor node records two parameters about each path though it: available energy resources on the path and an additive QoS metric such as delay.
 - ☐ Higher priority packets take lower delay paths, and lower priority packets have to use the paths of greater delay, so that the priority x delay QoS metric is maintained.
- SAR minimizes the average weighted QoS metric over the lifetime of the network.

Sequential Assignment Routing (SAR)



Directed Diffusion

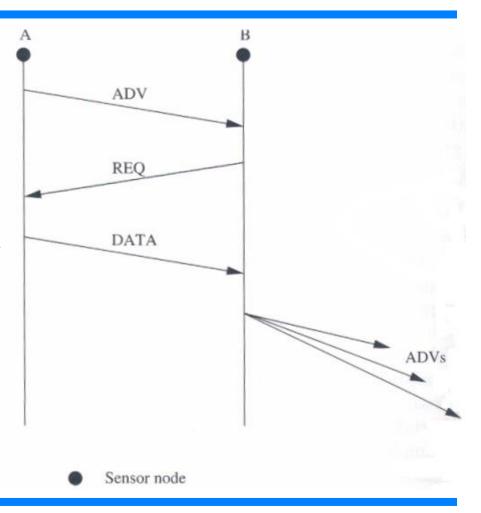
- ☐ The directed diffusion protocol is useful in scenarios where the sensor nodes themselves generate requests/queries for data sensed by other nodes.
- ☐ Each sensor node names its data with one or more attributes.
- ☐ Each sensor node express their interest depending on these attributes.
- Each path is associated with a interest gradient, while positive gradient make the data flow along the path, negative gradient inhibit the distribution data along a particular path.
 - Example: two path formed with gradient 0.4 and 0.8, the source may twice as much data along the higher one
 - □ Suppose the sink wants more frequent update from the sensor which have detected an event => send a higher data-rate requirement for increasing the gradient of that path.

Directed Diffusion

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Query
 ☐ Type = vehicle /* detect vehicle location
       interval = 1 s /* report every 1 second
       rect = [0,0,600,800] /* query addressed to sensors within the rectangle
       timestamp = 02:30:00 /* when the interest was originated
       expiresAt = 03:00:00 /* till when the sink retain interest in this data
■Report
 \square Type = vehicle /* type of intrusion seen
       instance = car /* particular instance of the type
       location = [200,250] /* location of node
       confidence = 0.80 /* confidence of match
       timestamp = 02:45:20 /* time of detection
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Sensor Protocols for Information via Negotiation

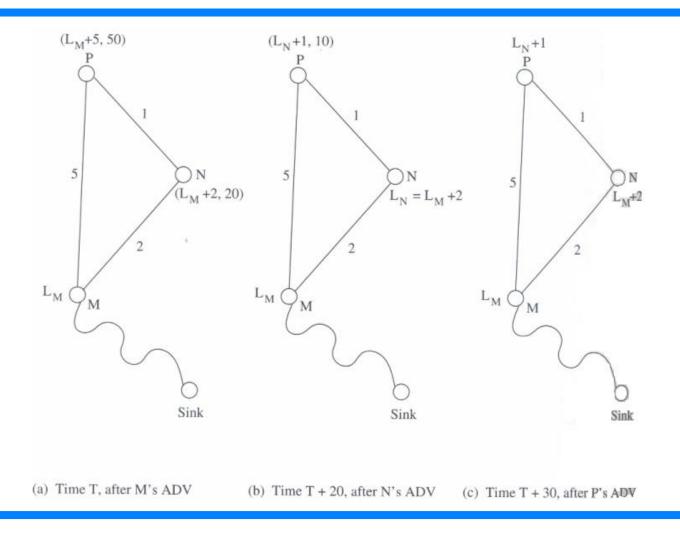
- ☐ SPIN use negotiation and resource adaptation to address the disadvantage of flooding.
- ☐ Reduce overlap and implosion, and prolong network lifetime.
- Use meta-data instead of raw data.
- ☐ SPIN has three types of messages: ADV, REQ, and DATA.
- SPIN-2 using an energy threshold to reduce participation. A node may join in the ADV-REQ-DATA handshake only if it has sufficient resource above a threshold.



Cost-Field Approach

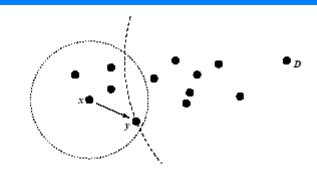
- ☐ The cost-field approach considers the problem of setting up paths to a sink. The first phase being to set up the cost field, based on metrics such as delay. The second phase being data dissemination using the costs.
- ☐ A sink broadcasts an ADV packet with its own cost as 0.
- When a node N hears an ADV message from node M, it sets its own path cost to min $(L_N, L_M + C_{NM})$, where L_N is the total path cost from node N to the sink, L_M is the cost of node M to the sink, C_{NM} is the cost from N to M.
- \square If L_N updated, the new cost is broadcast though another ADV.
- The back-off time make a node defer its ADV instead of immediately broadcast it. The back-off time is $r \times C_{MN}$, where r is a parameter of algorithm.

Cost-Field Approach



Geographic Hash Table (GHT)

GHT hashes keys into geographic coordinates and stores a (key, value) pair at the sensor node nearest to the hash value.



☐Stored data is replicated to ensure redundancy in case of node failures.

Figure 1: Greedy Forwarding Example: *x* forwards to *y*, its neighbor closest to *D*.

☐ The data is distributed among nodes such that it is scalable and the storage load is balanced.

□ The routing protocol used is greedy perimeter stateless routing (GPSR), which again uses geographic information to route the data and queries.

Small Minimum Energy Communication Network

- □ If the entire sensor network is represented by G, the subgraph G' is constructed such that the energy usage of the network is minimized.
- □ The number of edges in G' is less than G, and the connectivity between any two nodes is not disrupted by G'.
- ☐ The power required to transmit data between u and v is modeled as

$$p(u,v) = t \times d(u,v)^n$$

- t: constant
- n: loss exponent indicating the loss of power with distance from transmitter
- \Box d(u,v): the distance between u and v
- ☐ It would be more economical to transmit data by smaller hops

Small Minimum Energy Communication Network

- Suppose the path between u (i.e. u_0) and v (i.e. u_k) is represented by $r = (u_0, u_1, \dots u_k)$, each (u_i, u_{i+1}) is edge in G'
 - ☐ The total power consumed for the transmission is

$$C(r) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (p(u_i, u_{i+1}) + c)$$

- C: the power needed to receive the data
- □ The path r is the minimum energy path if $C(r) \le C(r')$ for all path's r' between u and v in G.
- ■SMECN uses only the ME paths from G' for data transmission, so that the overall energy consumed is minimized.

Data Gathering

- □ The objective of the data gathering problem is to transmit the sensed data from each sensor node to a BS.
- ☐ The goal of algorithm which implement data gathering is
 - maximize the lifetime of network
 - Minimum energy should be consumed
 - ☐ The transmission occur with minimum delay
- ☐ The energy x delay metric is used to compare algorithm

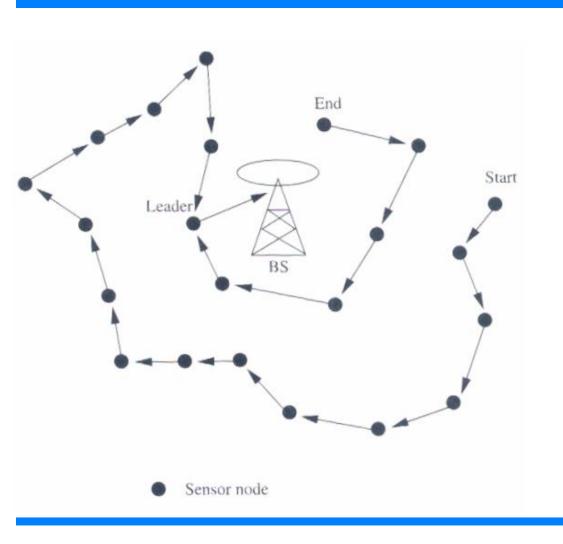
Direct Transmission

- All sensor nodes transmit their data directly to the BS.
- □ It cost expensive when the sensor nodes are very far from the BS.
- Nodes must take turns while transmitting to the BS to avoid collision, so the media access delay is also large. Hence, this scheme performs poorly with respect to the energy x delay metric.

Power-Efficient Gathering for Sensor Information Systems

- □ PEGASIS based on the assumption that all sensor nodes know the location of every other node.
- ☐ Any node has the required transmission range to reach the BS in one hop, when it is selected as a leader.
- The goal of PEGASIS are as following
 - ☐ Minimize the distance over which each node transmit
 - ☐ Minimize the broadcasting overhead
 - ☐ Minimize the number of messages that need to be sent to the BS
 - ☐ Distribute the energy consumption equally across all nodes
- ☐ To construct a chain of sensor nodes, starting from the node farthest from the BS. At each step, the nearest neighbor which has not been visited is added to the chain.
- ☐ It is reconstructed when nodes die out.

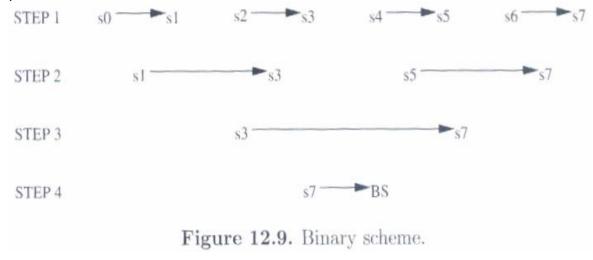
PEGASIS



- At every node, data fusion or aggregation is carried out.
- A node which is designated as the leader finally transmits one message to the BS.
- Leadership is transferred in sequential order.
- ☐ The delay involved in messages reaching the BS is O(N)

Binary Scheme

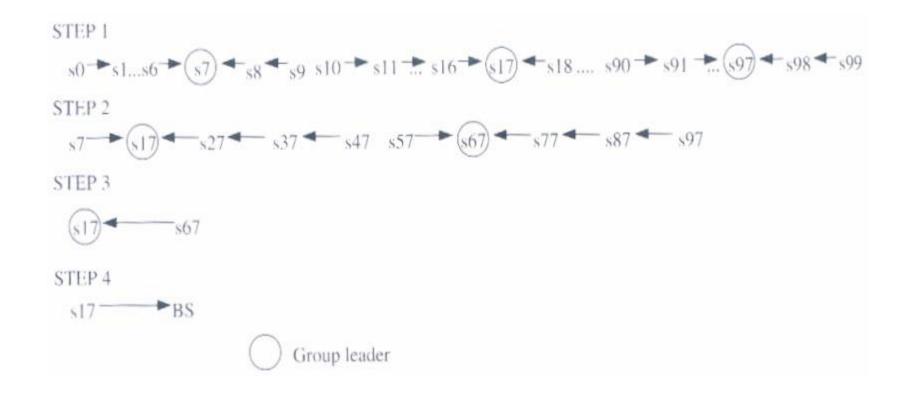
- ☐ This is a chain-based scheme like PEGASIS, which classifies nodes into different levels.
- □ This scheme is possible when nodes communicate using CDMA, so that transmissions of each level can take place simultaneously.
- ☐The delay is O(logN)



Chain-Based Three-Level Scheme

- For non-CDMA sensor nodes
- □ The chain is divided into a number of groups to space out simultaneous transmissions in order to minimize interference.
- ■Within a group, nodes transmit data to the group leader, and the leader fusion the data, and become the member to the next level.
- ☐ In the second level, all nodes are divided into two groups.
- □ In the third level, consists of a message exchange between one node from each group of the second level.
- ☐ Finally, the leader transmit a single message to the BS.

Chain-Based Three-Level Scheme



MAC Protocols for Sensor Networks

- ☐ The challenges posed by sensor network MAC protocol
 - ■No single controlling authority, so global synchronization is difficult
 - ☐Power efficiency issue
 - ☐Frequent topology changes due to mobility and failure
- ☐ There are three kinds of MAC protocols used in sensor network:
 - ☐Fixed-allocation
 - ☐Demand-based
 - Contention-based

MAC Protocols for Sensor Networks

- ☐ Fixed-allocation MAC protocol
 - □Share the common medium through a predetermined assignment.
 - ☐ It is suitable for sensor network that continuously monitor and generate deterministic data traffic
 - Provide a bounded delay for each node
 - However, in the case of bursty traffic, where the channel requirements of each node may vary over time, it may lead to inefficient usage of the channel.

MAC Protocols for Sensor Networks

- Demand-based MAC protocol
 - ☐ Used in such cases, where the channel is allocated according to the demand of the node
 - ☐ Variable rate traffic can be efficiently transmitted
 - ☐ Require the additional overhead of a reservation process
- Contention-based MAC protocol
 - ☐ Random-access-based contention for the channel when packets need to be transmitted
 - Suitable for bursty traffic
 - ☐ Collisions and no delay guarantees, are not suitable for delay-sensitive or real-time traffic

Self-Organizing MAC for Sensor Networks and Eavesdrop and Register

- Self-Organizing MAC for sensor (SMACS) networks and eavesdrop and register (EAR) are two protocols which handle network initialization and mobility support, respectively.
- ☐ In SMACS
 - neighbor discovery and channel assignment take place simultaneously in a completely distributed manner.
 - □ A communication link between two nodes consists of a pair of time slots, at fixed frequency.
 - This scheme requires synchronization only between communicating neighbors, in order to define the slots to be used for their communication.
 - ■Power is conserved by turning off the transceiver during idle slots.

Self-Organizing MAC for Sensor Networks and Eavesdrop and Register

- ☐In EAR protocol
 - Enable seamless connection of nodes under mobile and stationary conditions.
 - This protocol make use of certain mobile nodes, besides the existing stationary sensor nodes, to offer service to maintain connections.
 - Mobile nodes eavesdrop on the control signals and maintain neighbor information.

Hybrid TDMA/FDMA

- □ A pure TDMA scheme minimize the time for which a node has to be kept on, but the associated time synchronization cost are very high.
- □ A pure FDMA scheme allots the minimum required bandwidth for each connection
- ☐ If the transmitter consumes more power, a TDMA scheme is favored, since it can be switch off in idle slots to save power.
- If the receiver consumes greater power, a FDMA scheme is favored, because the receiver need not expend power for time synchronization.

CSMA-Base MAC Protocols

- CSMA-based schemes are suitable for point-to-point randomly distributed traffic flows.
- ☐ The sensing periods of CSMA are constant for energy efficiency, while the back-off is random to avoid repeated collisions.
- ■Binary exponential back-off is used to maintain fairness in the network.
- Use an adaptive transmission rate control (ARC) to balance originating traffic and route-through traffic in nodes. This ensures that nodes closer to the BS are not favored over farther nodes.
- □CSMA-based MAC protocol are contention-based and are designed mainly to increase energy efficiency and maintain fairness.

IEEE 802.15.4 MAC

Architecture

- ☐ Channel acquisition
- ☐ Contention Window

Applications

ZigBee Network



IEEE 802.15.4 MAC

IEEE 802.15.4 PHY

IEEE 802.15.4 MAC

Architecture ☐ Device join and leave ☐ Frame routing **Applications** ZigBee Network IEEE 802.15.4 MAC IEEE 802.15.4 PHY

IEEE 802.15.4

- □IEEE 802.15.4 task group began to develop a standard for LR-WPAN.
- The goal of this group was to provide a standard with ultra-low complexity, cost, and power for low-data-rate wireless connectivity among inexpensive fixed, portable, and moving devices.

General characteristics

Property	Range
Raw data rate	868 MHz: 20 kb/s; 915 MHz: 40 kb/s; 2.4 GHz: 250 kb/s
Range	10–20 m
Latency	Down to 15 ms
Channels	868/915 MHz: 11 channels 2.4 GHz: 16 channels
Frequency band	Two PHYs: 868 MHz/915 MHz and 2.4 GHz
Addressing	Short 8-bit or 64-bit IEEE
Channel access	CSMA-CA and slotted CSMA-CA

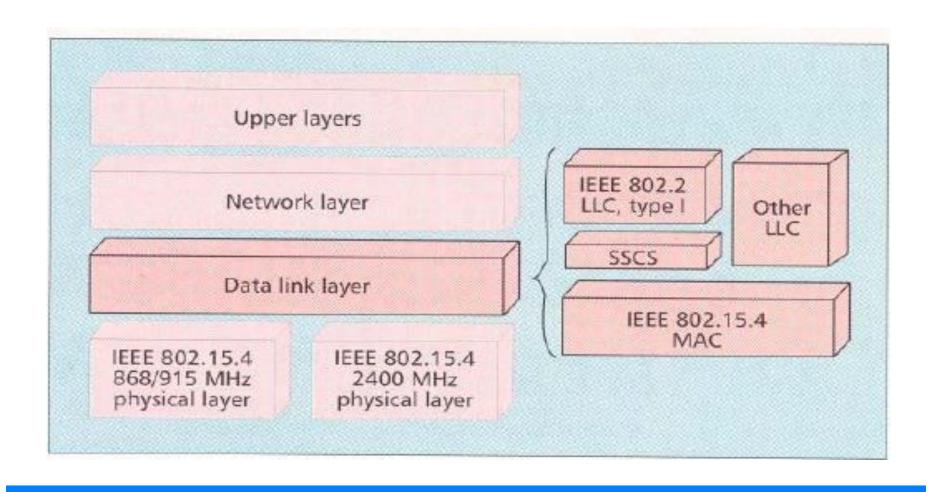
Approaches for low power

- □ In order to achieve the low power and low cost goals established by IEEE 802.15.4 the following approaches are taken
- Reduce the amount of data transmitted
- Reduce the transceiver duty cycle and frequency of data transmissions
- Reduce the frame overhead
- ☐ Reduce complexity
- ☐Reduce range
- ☐ Implement strict power management mechanisms (power-down and sleep modes)

IEEE 802.15.4 introduction

- □IEEE 802.15.4 deals with only PHY layer and portion of Data link layer.
- ☐ The higher-layer protocols are left to industry and the individual applications.
- The Zigbee Alliance is an association of companies involved with building higher-layer standards based on IEEE 802.15.4. This includes network, security, and application protocols.

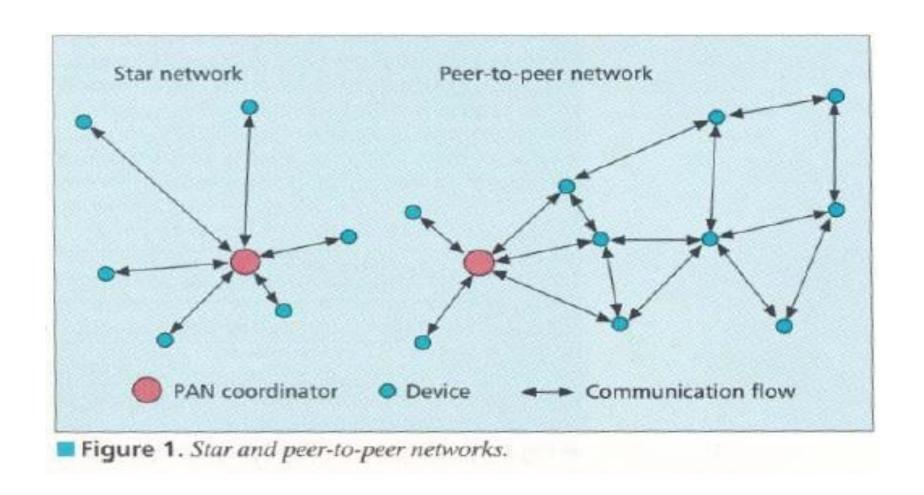
IEEE 802.15.4 in ISO-OSI layered network model



Network layer

- The services which network layer provides are more challenging to implement because of low power consumption requirement.
- Network layer over this standard are expected to be self configuring and self maintaining to minimize total cost of user.
- □IEEE 802.15.4 draft standard supports multiple network topologies including star and peer to peer topology.
- □topology selection is application dependent. PC peripherals may require low latency connection of star topology while perimeter security which needs large coverage area may require peer to peer networking.

Star and Peer to Peer topologies



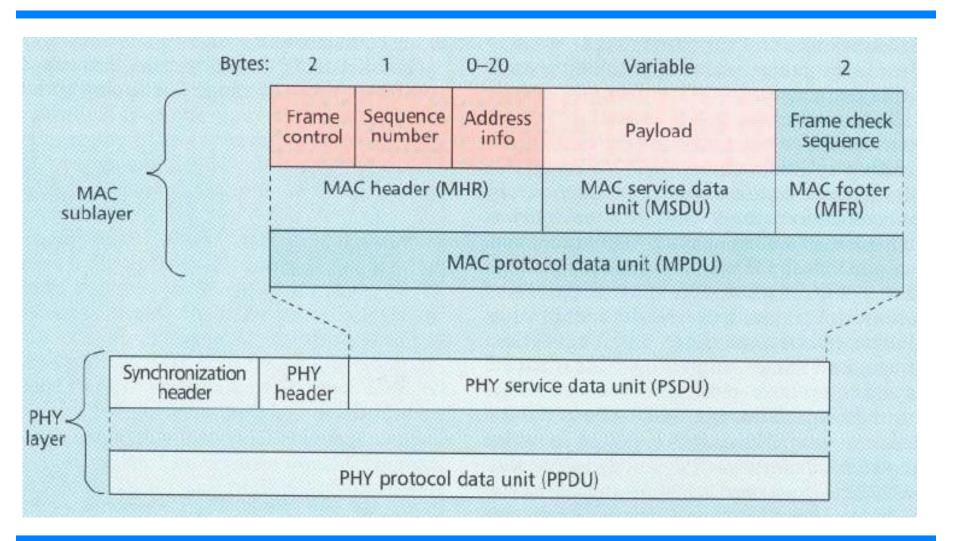
Data link layer

- □IEEE 802 splits DLL into MAC and LLC sublayers.
- LLC is standardized and is common in 802.3,802.11,802.15.1.
- Ifeatures of the IEEE 802.15.4 MAC are association and disassociation, acknowledged frame delivery, channel access mechanism, frame validation, guaranteed time slot management, and beacon management.

MAC

- ■MAC provides data and management services to upper layers
- □ The MAC management service has 26 primitives whereas 802.15.1 has about 131 primitives and 32 events,
- ■802.15.4 MAC is of very low complexity, making it very suitable for its intended low-end applications, albeit at the cost of a smaller feature set than 802.15.1 (e.g., 802.15.4 does not support synchronous voice links).

MAC frame format



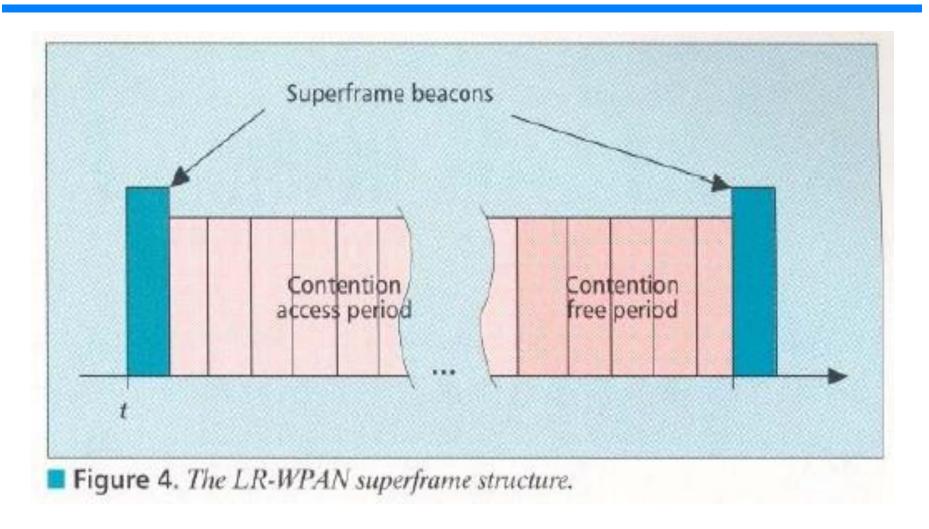
MAC frame

- Frame control field indicates the type of MAC frame being transmitted, specifies the format of the address field, and controls the acknowledgment.
- Multiple address types : 64 bit physical address and short 16 bit network assigned address are provided.
- ■Address field size may vary from 0 to 20 bytes.
- □ Payload field is variable with condition size of mac frame <= 127 bytes.
- □FCS is used for integrity check using 16 bit CRC.

Superframe

- □ Certain applications require dedicated bandwidth to achieve low latency for this it can operate in optional superframe mode
- □PAN coordinator, transmits superframe beacons in predetermined intervals which is divided into 16 time slots
- The channel access in the time slots is contention-based but PAN coordinator may assign time slots to a single device requiring dedicated bandwidth or low-latency transmissions. These assigned time slots are called guaranteed time slots (GTS) and together form a contention-free period.

Superframe structure



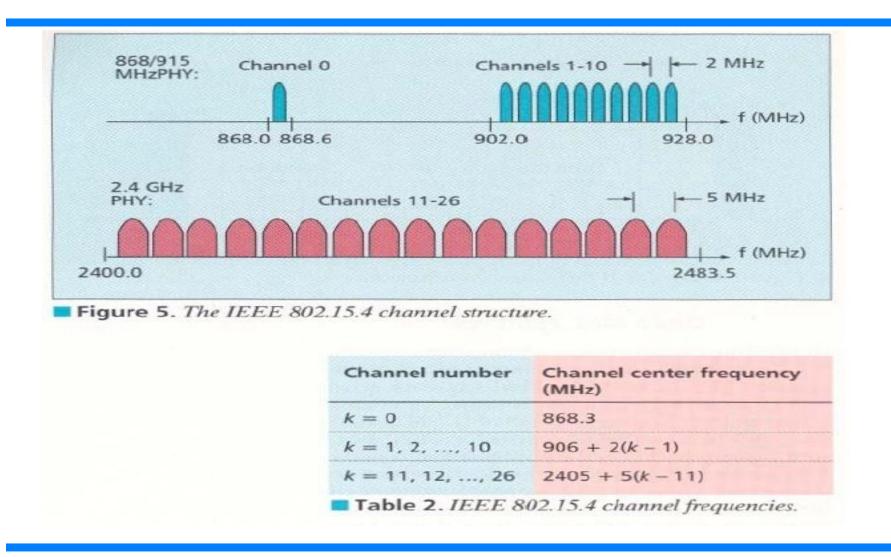
Other MAC features

- □ In a beacon-enabled network with superframes, a slotted carrier sense multiple access with collision avoidance (CSMA-CA) mechanism is used.
- □ In others standard CSMA-CA is used I.e it first checks if another device is transmitting in the same channel if so backs off for certain time.
- ■MAC confirms successful reception of data with an acknowledgement.
- □ The IEEE 802.15.4 draft standard provides for three levels of security: no security of any type ,access control lists (non cryptographic security) and symmetric key security, employing AES-128.

PHY layer

- ☐ This standard provides 2 PHY options with frequency band as fundamental difference.
- ■2.4 GHz band has worldwide availability and provides a transmission rate of 250 kb/s.
- The 868/915 MHz PHY specifies operation in the 868 MHz band in Europe and 915 MHz ISM band in the United States and offer data rates 20 kb/s and 40 kb/s respectively.
- □ Different transmission rates can be exploited to achieve a variety of different goals.

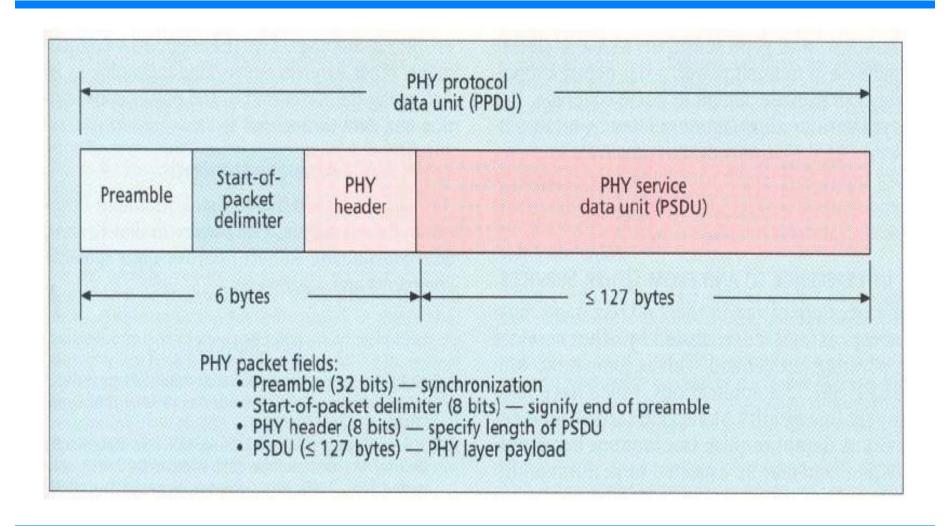
Channel structure



Channelization

- 27 frequency channels are available across all the 3 bands.
- This standard includes the necessary things to implement dynamic channel selection to avoid interference.
- The PHY layers contain several lower-level functions, such as receiver energy detection, link quality indication, and channel switching, which enable channel assessment.
- These functions are used by the network to establish its initial operating channel and to change channels in response to a prolonged outage.

PHY layer packet structure



Modulation

PHY	Frequency band	Data parameters			Spreading parameters	
		Bit rate (kb/s)	Symbol rate (kbaud)	Modulation	Chip rate (Mchips/s)	Modulation
868/915	868.0-868.6 MHz	20	20	BPSK	0.3	BPSK
MHz PHY	902.0-928.0 MHz	40	40	BPSK	0.6	BPSK
2.4 GHz PHY	2.4–2.4835 GHz	250	62.5	16-ary orthogonal	2.0	O-QPSK

Interference

- □ Interference is common in 2.4 GHz band because of other services operating in that band
- □IEEE 802.15.4 applications have low QOS requirements and may need to perform multiple retries for packet transmissions on interference.
- Since IEEE 802.15.4 devices may be sleeping as much as 99.9 percent of the time they are operational, and employ low-power spread spectrum transmissions, they should be among the best of neighbors in the 2.4 GHz band.

Bluetooth vs IEEE 802.15.4.

- ☐Bluetooth based WPAN
- ☐Few devices
- □Data range is 10m to 100m
- □ Data rate is nearly 1Mb/s
- Power consumption is a low.
- ☐Battery life is low.
- ■Star only.

- □IEEE 802.15.4 LR-WPAN
- Many devices
- ☐Data range is nearly 10m
- Data rate is 20 kb/s,40kb/s,250kb/s.
- Power consumption is ultra low.
- ■Battery lasts years.
- peer to peer,Star.

ZIGBEE alliance

- ☐ The Zigbee Alliance is an association of companies involved with building higher-layer standards based on IEEE 802.15.4. This includes network, security, and application protocols.
- □ A rapidly growing, worldwide, non-profit industry consortium consisting of Leading semiconductor manufacturers, Technology providers, End-users.
- ☐ An Organization with a mission to define reliable, cost-effective, low-power, wirelessly networked, monitoring and control products based on an open global standard.
- Now? Targeted at home and building automation and controls, consumer electronics, PC peripherals, medical monitoring, and toys
- ☐ Primary drivers are simplicity, long battery life, networking capabilities, reliability, and cost
- Alliance provides interoperability, certification testing, and branding.
- ☐ Six promoter companies Honeywell, Invensys, Mitsubishi, Motorola, Samsung and Philips
- ☐ A rapidly growing list (now almost 60 participants) of industry leaders worldwide committed to providing ZigBee-compliant products and solutions

ZIGBEE advantages

- over proprietary solutions?
- Product interoperability
- Vendor independence
- No more having to invest resources to create a new proprietary solution from scratch every time
- Companies now can leverage these industry standards to instead focus their energies on finding and serving customers.

Micaz Telos



- ☐ Micaz follows mica line with 51 pin connector and compatibility with previous sensor boards and applications.
- wireless Communications with Every Node as Router Capability



- ☐ Telos module is programmed through the onboard USB connector.
- New single board design with USB for ultra low power
- ☐ Hardware link-layer encryption and authentication

Micaz

Telos

- Small patch antenna connects through MMCX connector. MMCX connector allows for remote antenna.
- Maintains compatibility with previous mote generations/sensors
- ☐ Get 15.4 to people quickly to start work with it
- MicaZ (AVR)
 - \square 0.2 ms wakeup
 - □ 30 mW sleep
 - ☐ 6 mW active
 - ☐ 45 mW radio
 - □ 250 kbps & 2.5V min
 - □ 2/3 of AA capacity 258 days

- Programming and data collection via USB
- Fast wakeup from sleep.
- Telos has two antenna options
- New architecture = new low power mechanisms.
- ☐ Telos leverages emerging wireless protocols and the open source software movement.
- □ Telos (TI MSP)
 - \square 0.006 ms wakeup & 2 mW sleep
 - □ 0.5 mW active & 45 mW radio
 - □ 250 kbps & 1.6V min
 - □ 7/8 of AA capacity 584 days

On a pair of AA batteries with a 1% duty cycle using TDMA or low power listening:

0.01 * (active current) + 0.99 * (sleep current) = avg current battery capacity / avg current = lifetime