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ABSTRACT

The IEEE 802.15.4 standard was proposed and has been commercially adapted as the protocol for the physical and data link layers. It is basically aimed for two devices communication and is viewed as promising for low-cost, low-ability and low data rate networks like Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs). To avoid all nodes transmit at the same time, a commonly followed approach in (CSMA/CA) mechanism through which clients can compete with each other's when accessing a channel, IEEE802.15.4 based devices shall wait for a randomly chosen back off period $[0 - 2^{BE} - 1]$ before they start emitting data. In this project, the efficient backoff algorithm, called EBA-15.4MAC that enhances the performance of slotted CSMA/CA algorithm is proposed. EBA-15.4MAC is designed based on two new techniques. Firstly, it updates the contention window size based on the probability of collision parameter. Secondly, EBA-15.4MAC resolved the problem of access collision via the deployment of a novel Temporary Backoff (TB) and Next Temporary Backoff (NTB). In this case, the nodes did not choose the backoff exponent randomly as mentioned in the standard but they select TB and NTB values which can be 10–50 % of the actual backoff delay selected by the node randomly. By using these two new methods, EBA-15.4MAC minimizes the level of collision since the probability of two nodes selecting the same backoff period will be low. To evaluate the performance of EBA-15.4MAC mechanism, extensive simulations is done using NS-2 simulation software. Simulation results demonstrate that the proposed scheme significantly improves the throughput, delivery ratio, power consumption and average delay.

ABSTRAK

IEEE 802.15.4 merupakan satu piawaian yang telah digunapakai secara komersil bagi menentukan protocol untuk jalur fizikal dan rangkaian data. Pada dasarnya ia bertumpu pada komunikasi dua peranti dalam satu rangkaian kos rendah, berkeupayaan rendah dan mempunyai kadar data rendah seperti Rangkaian Sensor TanpaWayar (WSN). Bagi mengelakkan semua nod menghantar isyarat secara serentak, satu pendekatan yang digunakan adalah melalui mekanisma (CSMA/CA) yang mana setiap nod akan bersaing di antara satu sama lain semasa mengakses saluran, peranti berasaskan IEEE 802.15.4 akan menunggu untuk memilih secara rawak tempoh backoff $[0 - 2^{BE} - 1]$ sebelum penghantaran data dimulakan. Dalam projek ini dicadangkan satu algoritma backoff yang efisien dikenali sebagai EBA-15.4MAC, yang meningkatkan prestasi bagi algoritma CSMA/CA. EBA-15.4MAC dibangunkan berdasarkan pada dua teknik baru. Teknik pertama ialah mengemaskini saiz tingkap persaingan berdasarkan kepada kebarangkalian parameter perlanggaran. Teknik kedua, EBA-15.4MAC menyelesaikan masalah yang melibatkan perlanggaran akses melalui penggunaan Temporary Backoff (TB) dan Next Temporary Backoff (NTB). Dalam kes ini, nod yang tidak memilih exponent backoff secara rawak seperti yang disebut di dalam standard tetapi ia memilih nilai TB dan NTB di dalam lingkungan 10-50% daripada langkah asal backoff yang dipilih daripada nod secara rawak. Dengan menggunakan dua jenis kaedah ini, EBA-15.4MAC akan meminimalkan tahap perlanggaran bilamana kebarangkalian bagi kedua-dua nod memilih tempoh backoff akan rendah. Bagi menilai prestasi bagi mekanisma EBA-15.4MAC, simulator rangkaian dilaksanakan. Keputusan simulasi menunjukkan kaedah yang dicadangkan ini mampu meningkatkan keluaran, nisbah penghantaran, penggunaan kuasa dan purata langkah .

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

WSNs	Wireless Sensor Networks
MEMS	Micro-Electro-Mechanical System
BS	Base Station
MAC	Medium Access Control
CW	Contention window
CSMA/CA	Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Avoidance
NTB	Next Temporary Backoff
TB	Temporary Backoff
LR-WPANs	Low Rate Wireless Personal Area Networks
CAP	Contention access period
CFP	Contention free period
NS-2	Network Simulator
FFD	Full Function Device
RFD	Reduced Function Device
BI	Beacon Interval
BO	Beacon Order
CCA	Clear Channel Assessment
GTS	Guaranteed time spaces
PPCLSS	Probabilistic Prediction Coefficient Based Link Stability Scheme
	Total energy of mobile node 'i'
E_t	Residual energy
$R_e(i)$	Number of packets relayed by node 'i'
$P_r(i)$	Maximum energy
E_r	Energy utilized by nodes
$E_u(i)$	Link Estimate
LE	No. of Retransmit Packet
N_r	Total no of packet send
N_s	

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The IEEE 802.15.4 standard was proposed and had been commercially adopted for protocols in the physical and data link layers. That supports low data rate, low cost, low complexity and low power consumption applications [1]. The MAC layer of IEEE 802.15.4 standard works in two possible modes, the beacon and beaconless modes and supports both star and peer to peer network topologies [2]. In beacon enabled mode the central coordinator is responsible for sending beacons in order to synchronize the nodes [2].

The active part consists of a Contention Access Period (CAP) and an optional Contention Free Period (CFP) [2]. To avoid all nodes transmit at the same time, a commonly followed approach in CAP is the slotted Carrier Sense Multiple Access/ Collision Avoidance (CSMA/CA) mechanism through which clients can compete with each other's when accessing a channel, whereas in beaconless enabled mode it gets after the un-slotted CSMA/CA [2]. In either example, the IEEE 802.15.4 standard based devices shall wait for a randomly chosen backoff period before they start emitting data [2]. This period is selected randomly $[0-2^{BE}-1]$ where BE represents the backoff exponent which is required to obtain the period through which a client should stay silent aside before trying to access the medium. The value of BE can be initialized to 0, 1, 2 or 3 but the default is set to 3 and in case the channel sensed

busy this value shall increase to the maximum value of 5. This backoff delay time along with channel sensing and finally packet transmission have all occurred in the backoff period, which is limited by the bounds of each slot contained in the 16 superframe slots [3].

Nevertheless, following CSMA/CA backoff strategy cannot totally avoid collisions. This is imputable to the fact that the backoff period is randomly picked out from the modest range of $[0-2^{BE}-1]$ and therefore, there is a big possibility that more than two nodes pick up or touch the same backlog periods and as the web becomes larger in scale or nodes emit intensive and frequent traffic loads, this example is more likely to happen [3]. Apparently, this position arrives at those nodes which become silent for the same backup periods detect that the availability of the free channel simultaneously. As a solution, they start emitting data at the same time having an unavoidable collision. This leads to retransmissions and consequently will increase power consumption which is a critical constraint in WSN. This will also affect network throughput which is a result of packet losses, and hence affect network performance [3].

If we examine the back off mechanism carefully, we can reason out that the random nature of the binary exponential backoff (BEB) scheme is the main drive of such a problem. Hence, unless a variation to such mechanism is made out, the problem will continue to occur. Nevertheless, many backoff mechanism modifications have been offered in literature to accommodate and solve such situation, but they all still follow the BEB strategy. Previous methods vary between changing the value of BEB parameters according to some conditions and improving the clear channel assessment (CCA) [3]. Apparently, the root cause of the problem which is the randomness chosen period from the insufficient distributed numbers in the small range still exists. Hence, a new backoff mechanism is needed that does not depend on random selection of backup points. One suggestion is to follow the Fibonacci Increment, a well-known mathematical series that is developed incrementally as each new subsequent number is formulated by adding the direct previous two numbers [4].

1.2 Problem statement and motivation

Medium Access Control (MAC) plays an significant part in the performance of WSNs especially in the case of contention based protocols such as IEEE 802.15.4 standard [6]. It is established standard technology designed to achieve low complexity, low price and low rate wireless networks such as Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs). In addition, IEEE 802.15.4 standard defines the specifications of the PHY and MAC sublayer for low-rate wireless personal area networks (LR-WPANs). It is capable to operate via two different channel access methods: beacon-enabled mode and non-beacon enabled mode. The beacon is defined as a special synchronization frame generated periodically by the coordinator node [7, 8].

In this research, focus on beacon-enabled based IEEE 802.15.4 MAC due to its simplicity for WSNs application compared to the non-beacon enabled mode [9-11]. To come up to the demands of the WSNs, IEEE 802.15.4 standard utilizes the slotted carrier sense multiple access with collision avoidance (CSMA/CA) mechanism.[12, 13]. The drawbacks of current CSMA/CA algorithm are as follows:

1. CSMA/CA updates contention window size without considering the number of competing nodes in the communication medium.
2. CSMA/CA uses very limited number of Backoff Exponent (BE) that increased probability of two nodes selecting the same number of backoff periods. This will give rise to more collisions among the contending nodes and affect the overall system's performance.
3. In CSMA/CA, the node performs carrier sensing only when the backoff process is completed. Hence, causing longer average time delay.

In this work, a novel efficient backoff algorithm is presented and to the best of knowledge, the first of its kind in terms of power efficiency, simplicity, and dependability. Specifically, propose an effective and adaptive backoff technique called efficient backoff algorithm for IEEE 802.15.4 wireless sensor networks (EBA-15.4MAC) as a practicable to aforementioned CSMA/CA problems.

1.2 Objectives

The objectives of the project are:

1. To investigate an efficient and adaptive backoff technique.
2. To increase throughput and delivery ratio by offering an efficient backup algorithm that defines the appropriate size of contention window (CW).
3. To develop simulation framework to minimize the access collision, average delay and energy use of the proposed technique by using a novel Temporary Backoff (TB) and Next Temporary Backoff (NTB).
4. To evaluate the performance of the proposed model, algorithm in term of metrics which are (throughput, end to end delay, energy consumption, packet data ratio).

1.3 Summary

Conclusion of this chapter is organised as follows: In section 1.1, show the background. Propose the Problem statement and motivation in section 1.2. Finally, in Section 1.3 summary organization is responsible for providing the outlines for the rest of the chapters within this task.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

Recently the development of Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs) has largely been driven by numerous military, industrial, and scientific applications [9]. Since sensor nodes deployed in real environments have great difficulty in recharging their batteries, the reduction of the power consumption becomes one of the main challenges and concerns [13,14].

IEEE 802.15.4 standard defines the characteristics of the physical and MAC layers for low-rate, low-power and low-complexity WPANs, which is compatible with Zigbee and Bluetooth communication networks [13]. The advantages of a WPAN are ease of installation, reliable data transfer, short-range operation, extremely low cost and a reasonable battery life, while maintaining a simple and flexible protocol stack. The physical layer supports functionalities for channel selection, link quality estimation, energy detection measurement and clear channel assessment (CCA) [14]. The MAC layer defines two operational modes, namely, non-beacon-enabled mode and beacon-enabled mode [17].

The original IEEE 802.15.4 standard was proposed in 2003. To accurately predict the performance of CSMA algorithms for IEEE 802.15.4 networks, several analytical models were presented. [17].

In this chapter, I present a comprehensive review of the existing applications and requirements of wireless sensor networks (WSNs). Moreover, different backoff algorithms of IEEE 802.15.4 MAC protocol have been introduced that is, the reference technology in the wireless communication field.

2.2 Wireless sensor networks

Remote sensor systems comprise of countless sensor hubs that are sent in the detecting field covering a vast geological zone. These sensors are little in size with restricted assets and are low-control gadget that has capacity sense natural physical phenomenasuch as temperature, weight, stickiness and procedure data for information sending to one or more particular focuses, called sinks or base stations [17]. In view of above representation. There are essential parts of WSNs as below:

- **Sensor node:** represents few to a huge number of hubs that cooperate for observing a particular district to gather information from distinctive environments [18].
- **Sensor field:** an expansive region or physical environment that must be checked. A sensor field incorporates parks, doctor's facility, battlefields, and homes [18].
- **Sink hub (Base Station):** responsible for transmitting information and related data to all sensor hubs in the system [19].
- **Remote User (Observer):** a hub that gives summons to the sensor system by means of the sink hub to dole out errands and exchange information to alternate sensors and get information detected through the sink [19].
- **Event (Command):** the followed question and checked phenomena for occurrence, temperature, weight, humidity, and creatures' development [20].

2.2.1 Wsnsapplications

WSNs offer remarkable open doors for checking and information gathering from various spatially circulated sensor hubs [19]. Notwithstanding giving disseminated

detecting of one or couple of parameters of major item like a building or open space, WSNs additionally permit to control the procedures in article [20].

WSNs advances began to effectively create in mid 1990s, and before all else of 2000s the microelectronics improvement made it conceivable to item rather modest basic base for sensor hubs. A considerable measure of branches and business fragments (generation, building, diverse sorts of transport, life bolster, security, fighting) are occupied with WSNs organization, and their number is for all time expanding [21].

Checking applications comprise of force observing, wellbeing observing, grape observing, and sea water observing. Following applications comprise of following creatures, movement, articles, and people. Subsequently, presented diverse zones for these applications and how they relate and apply in genuine situation [20, 22].

- (i) **Military applications:** are viewed as essential zone of enthusiasm relating to ideas of remote sensor systems. Its having turned into fantastic instrument for example, interruption location frameworks, war zone reconnaissance [23].
- (ii) **Industrial application:** The execution of mechanical application is standout amongst most critical key elements. Sensors can exchange information inside of particular and known time. For example, manufacturing, packaging, and wood machining that need frameworks with superior to accomplish low expenses [23].
- (iii) **Healthcare observing applications:** WSNs innovations can enhance human services, patient checking and change lifestyles with their applications. Baby observing and alarming listening to hindered [23].
- (iv) **Building applications:** WSNs give colossal answers for vitality sparing by facilitating accessibility of information and establishment of sensors. In such applications, remote correspondence advancements assume bigger part to give opportunities and approaches to expand quantity of sensors, controllers, and actuators by lessening expenses and establishment work [23, 24].

There are numerous discriminating issues that can be valuable in plans of sensor system in building applications such as [24]:

- **Cost:** it is evident and critical to lessening upkeep cost when utilizing remote sensors on account of extensive structure.
- **Accuracy:** expression "precision" is not particular with all sensor gadgets, for instance, inner or outer frameworks.
- **Interference:** Standard estimation strategy can be utilized to give normal impedance design that could help clients characterize their remote framework.

2.2.2 Wsnschallenges

Numerous specialists concentrated on modest bunch of imperative variables that are thought to be a major test in configuration of sensor systems and sensor hub stages. These variables incorporate force utilization, adaptation to non-critical failure and scalability [25].

- (i) **Faulttolerance:** This disappointment ought not to influence general sensor hub's attributes and imperatives. This called adaptation to non-critical failure, characterizing capacity to accomplish stable usefulness of sensor systems with no interference because of sensor hub failures [25].
- (ii) **Power utilization:** This plan specifically impacts system lifetime as sensor hubs are controlled by battery. As sensor hubs ought to have a lifetime to extent that would be possible to empower them to fulfil application necessities [27, 29].
- (iii) **Scalability:** This variable must have capacity to be adjusted to few elements changing, for example, change in topology and system estimate that can be utilized as part of sensor hubs' organizations. [30, 31].

2.3 Medium access control (MAC) Protocol for Wsns

Medium access control MAC convention is standout amongst most imperative procedures used to quantify accomplishment in operation of system [30]. Moreover, biggest effect of correspondence system and use of handset is given by medium access conventions. This area examines MAC convention capacities, characteristics,

challenges, classifications and a percentage of MAC convention benchmarks, for example, IEEE 802.15.4 [32].

2.3.1 Medium access control functions

Essential capacity of MAC convention's configuration is to guarantee vitality effectiveness identifying with remote medium, throughput, inactivity and additionally conveyance proportion contingent upon particular outline and its applications [31]. Numerous MAC convention capacities have been acquainted due with system's and upper layer's necessities. When all is said in done, MAC conventions give accompanying key capacities [32]:

- (i) **Medium access control:** Provide correspondence between connections at any given time and help the hub choose how and when to get to the channel.
- (ii) **Framing:** Define usefulness of casing organization, for example, outline length between listening and rest state furthermore to give information execution between specialized gadgets.
- (iii) **Addressing:** In this capacity, information connection layer characterizes locations of both sender and beneficiary by adding header to casing.
- (iv) **Reliability:** Used to guarantee fruitful information conveyance between gadgets. There are numerous strategies to guarantee fruitful information transmission; the most well-known one is through affirmation (ACK) and re-transmission of harmed or lost edges.
- (v) **Flow control:** Data connection layer uses this component if the information rate retained in beneficiary is not as much as that of information rate created by sender. Utilizing this method abstains from overpowering the beneficiary.
- (vi) **Error control:** Consisting of mistake location and adjustment administrations, it controls and distinguishes slips in information connection layers and upper layers.

2.3.2 Medium access control requirements

Medium access control conventions for remote sensor systems must give best execution attributes that mirroring its conduct, for example, throughput, dormancy, and conveyance proportion to get lower vitality utilization as examined in past area [25]. By and large, first objective of planning a run of mill MAC convention is to make framework of sensor system when countless hubs are conveyed, MAC convention must start and set up a correspondence connection between these sensor hubs. Second objective is, to share correspondence medium decently and proficiently. Numerous specialists are at present drawn in to create plans that satisfy few properties and traits that ought to have been considered amid configuration of decent proficient MAC protocol [25, 33, 34]. These characteristics delineated are:

- (i) **Energy efficiency:** primary force wellspring of sensor hubs is battery. Numerous scientists have engaged and concentrated on numerous instruments on most proficient method to minimize vitality to beat its effect on framework execution [32].
- (ii) **Throughput:** In correspondence conventions, I can gauge system's proficiency by hub's throughput. A decent remote MAC convention must give high throughput and low dormancy to get steady framework execution of vitality effectiveness. For example, crash shirking, idleness, and channel use [35].
- (iii) **Latency:** The vital element of idleness is subject to specific applications, for example, checking or observation. In such applications, for quite a while, hubs will be checked until something is recognized [33].
- (iv) **Fairness:** Reasonableness is characterized as capacity of clients, hubs, or applications to share or access channel just as. In WSN, all hubs work for a solitary regular errand. [32].

In summary, above qualities mirror attributes of MAC convention. On account of remote sensor arranges, the most imperative elements are successful crash evasion, vitality effectiveness, adaptability and the capacity to adjust to densities and quantities of hubs. Different properties are regularly optional.

2.3.3 Energy-efficient techniques for MAC protocols

The vitality effectiveness procedure is standout amongst the most essential issues in WSNs. sensor hubs are battery fuelled and substitution and in addition energizing of batteries is troublesome. A few originators of sensor hubs have attempted to diminish this expense by supplanting the sensor hub instead of energizing them. Keeping in mind end goal to plan productive MAC convention, I must keep accompanying four noteworthy wellsprings of vitality waste in remote sensor networks [31, 35]:

- (i) **Packet collision:** Collision happens when there is more than one parcel attempting to transmit to specific hub in meantime. At point when this happens, every impacted bundle must be disposed of and re-transmitted once more. This prompts expanded vitality utilization.
- (ii) **Idle tuning in:** It happens in numerous sensor applications when hubs listen to an unmoving channel to get fitting traffic that is not yet sent.
- (iii) **Control parcel overhead:** Packet overhead is utilized to make information transmission between hubs. Sending and accepting these bundles will devour vitality yet we can lessen parcel overhead when utilizing cross-layer outline in light of fact that this will build up communication between distinctive layers.
- (iv) **Message overhearing:** That happens when hubs get an excess of parcels transmitted over the common medium not bound to a particular hub.

2.4 IEEE 802.15.4 medium access control standard

This area presents a diagram of 802.15.4 MAC convention standard that is being concentrated on in this examination. I checked on in this segment, 802.15.4's qualities and capacities, system topology, convention structural planning and latest related deals with diverse backoff components [37].

2.4.1 An overview of IEEE 802.15.4 standard

This segment presents outline of 802.15.4 MAC convention standard that is being contemplated in this exploration. I explored in this segment, 802.15.4's qualities and capacities, system topology, convention building design and latest related deals with diverse backoff components [36].

IEEE 802.15.4 standard characterizes particulars of both PHY layer and MAC sub-layer for low rate wireless personal area networks (LR-WPANs) [36]. Standard is intended to accomplish ease, low power and low information rate transmissions [37]. The benefit of LR-WPAN is minimal effort, dependability of information exchange, simple installation, and suitable battery life. While 802.15.4 is intended for PHY and MAC layers, ZigBee convention is set up for higher layers. NWK and APL layers. The ZigBee Alliance convention lives up to expectations in conjunction with IEEE 802.15.4 gathering to frame basic convention stack for WSNs [19]. (Figure 3) represents the IEEE 802.15.4/ZigBee convention construction model

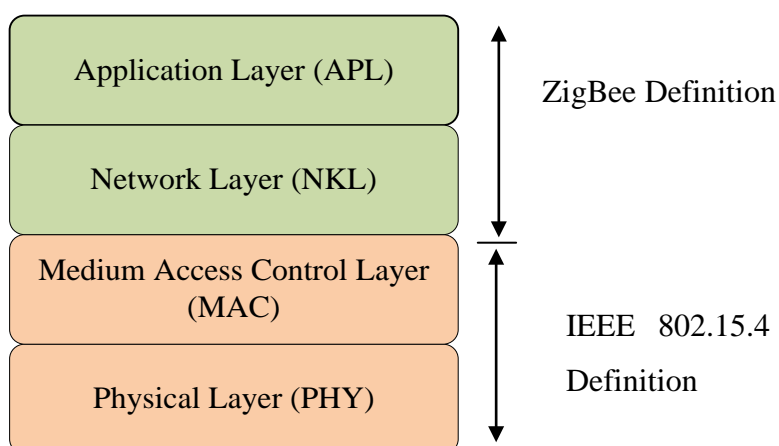


Figure 2.1: IEEE 802.15.4/ ZigBee protocol stack

2.4.1.1 In this exploration, attention is on IEEE 802.15.4 MAC convention. IEEE 802.15.4 MAC layer characterizes two sorts of hubs: Full Function Device (FFDs) and Reduced Function Device (RFDs). FFD is complete useful gadget of IEEE 802.15.4 that backings all MAC layer capacities and primitives while RFD is prepared to bolster subset of them [38]. Additionally, FFD can go about as system facilitator or as system end-gadget. At point when FFDs is going about as facilitator, it can send reference point extraordinary synchronization outline that is

then utilized for correspondence between system administrations. Then again, RFDs must be end-gadget and interface with solitary FFD. The accompanying area gives more insights about parts of the two unique sorts of gadgets, FFDs and RFDs relying upon kind of topology [37].

2.4.1.2 Network topology

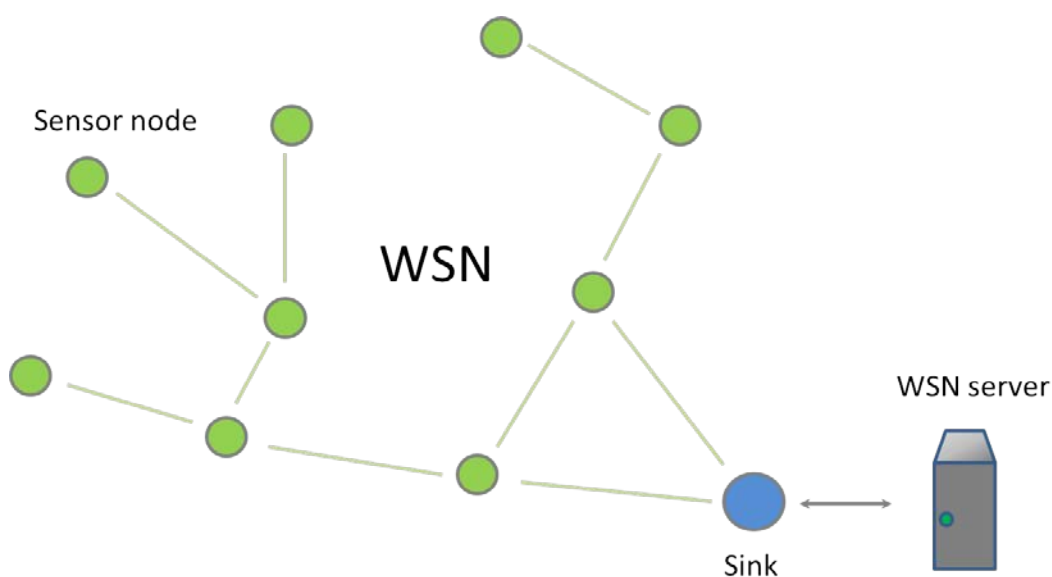


Figure 2.2: An example of a WSN

WSNs are spatially disseminated frameworks which comprise of handfuls, hundreds or even large number of sensor hubs, interconnected through remote association channel and shaping single system. (Figure2.2) speaks to case of WSN. Here I can see WSN which comprises of twelve sensor hubs and system sink, which likewise works as entryway [38]. Every sensor hub is gadget which has a handset, microcontroller, and delicate component .Normally sensor hub is independent gadget. Every sensor hub in WSN measures some physical conditions, for example, temperature, moistness, weight, vibration, and believers them into advanced information [36]. Sensor hub can likewise process and store measured information before transmission. System sink is sort of sensor hub which totals helpful information from other sensor hubs. When in doubt, system sink has stationary force

source and is associated with server which is handling information got from WSN. Such association is executed straightforwardly, if server and WSN are put on same article. In event that it is important to give remote access to WSN, system sink likewise works as entryway, and it is conceivable to cooperate with WSN through worldwide system, for example, the Internet [38].

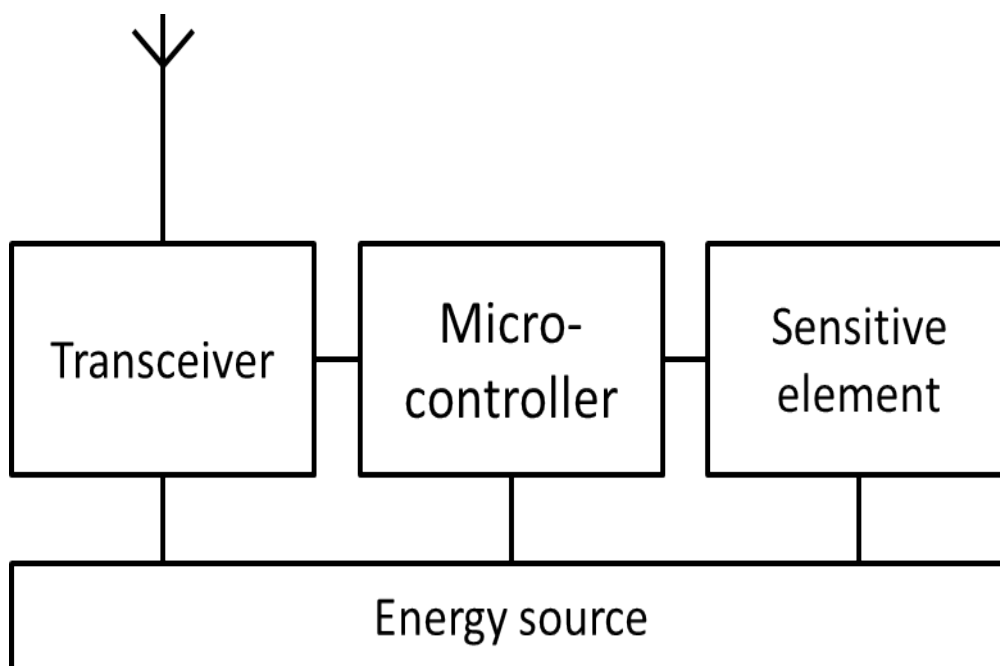


Figure 2.3: Sensor node inner structure

In WSNs correspondence is executed through remote transmission channel utilizing low power handsets of sensor hubs. Correspondence scope of such handsets is situated up in any case for reasons of vitality proficiency and thickness of hubs spatial attitude, and, as dependable guideline, this amount speaks truth couple of handfuls meters [39]. Sensor hub's handset has restricted vitality substance, and this makes it unthinkable for the most spatially remote sensor hubs to transmit their information specifically to sink. In this way, in WSN each sensor hub transmits its information just to couple of closest sensor hubs which, thus, retransmit that information to theirs closest sensor hubs. Thus, after ton of retransmissions information from all sensor hubs achieves system sink [37].

Inside sensor hub microcontroller (all more absolutely, its firmware) represents information gathering and association with other sensor hubs. Microcontroller firmware has arrangement of calculations to control handset and detecting component [35]. These calculations make it conceivable to give sensor hub working. In meantime, notwithstanding information gathering and transmitting their own estimations, sensor hubs takes a section in information transmission from other remote sensor hubs. Likewise, microcontroller firmware is checking the sensor hub's battery and on account of its running down it changes every one of its parts' operation mode to extend sensor hub uptime however much as could reasonably be expected [37].

Another vital normal for WSN is self-association of intra-system integration. System self-association makes it workable for arbitrarily spatially appropriated sensor hubs and sinks to frame a WSN naturally [39]. Besides, when system is being used and there are association issues with some sensor hubs, it doesn't make entire framework come up short. All things considered WSN essentially changes its method of operation with specific end goal to not utilize lost hubs for information transmission [37]. This element of WSNs perceptibly streamlines their establishment and upkeep, furthermore permits to make WSNs with huge number of hubs on grounds that there is no compelling reason to change system's mode physically when including new hubs [35]. WSN's self-association highlight all in all makes WSN more dependable in light of fact that system reproduction should be possible continuously mode and it permits WSN to rapidly respond to earth changes or sensor hubs disappointments. Moreover, self-association calculations can give improvement of vitality utilization to information transmission [38].

Information gathered by all sensor hubs are typically transmitted to server which gives last preparing of all the data gathered by sensor hubs. When all is said in done, WSN incorporates one or couple sinks and doors which are gathering information from all sensor hubs and transmitting this information for further handling [37]. In meantime, entryway advances information from WSN to different systems. Thusly correspondence in middle of WSNs and other outer systems, similar to Internet, is being given [39].

IEEE 802.15.4 supports two main types of network topology. They can form star (single-hop) and peer-to-peer (multi-hop) topologies and they are defined as follows [31]:

- (i) **Star In this system topology:** PAN facilitator can correspond with hubs to build up and keep up transmission. In star topology, FFD can take part of PAN facilitator while alternate hubs can be RFDs or FFDs with their interchanges to the organizer. In this exploration, star system topology is considered.(Figure 2.4) demonstrates system model of star system [19].

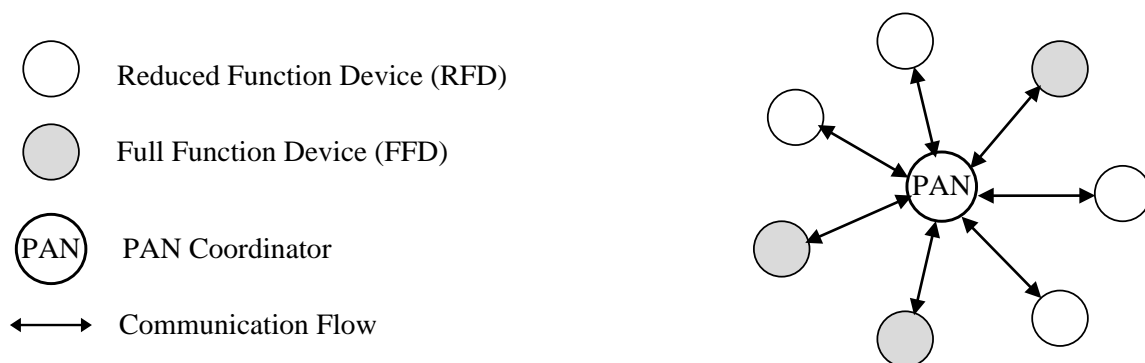


Figure 2.4: Star Topology Model [39]

- (ii) **Peer-to-peer topology (multi-hop):**

In shared topology (as showed in Figure 2.5) hubs can converse with facilitator and course their information inside of transmission range. Additionally, FFD can correspond with different FFDs through middle FFD to shape multi-bounce system [19]. A few distributed systems can cooperate to shape additional system topology cross section/group tree topologies.

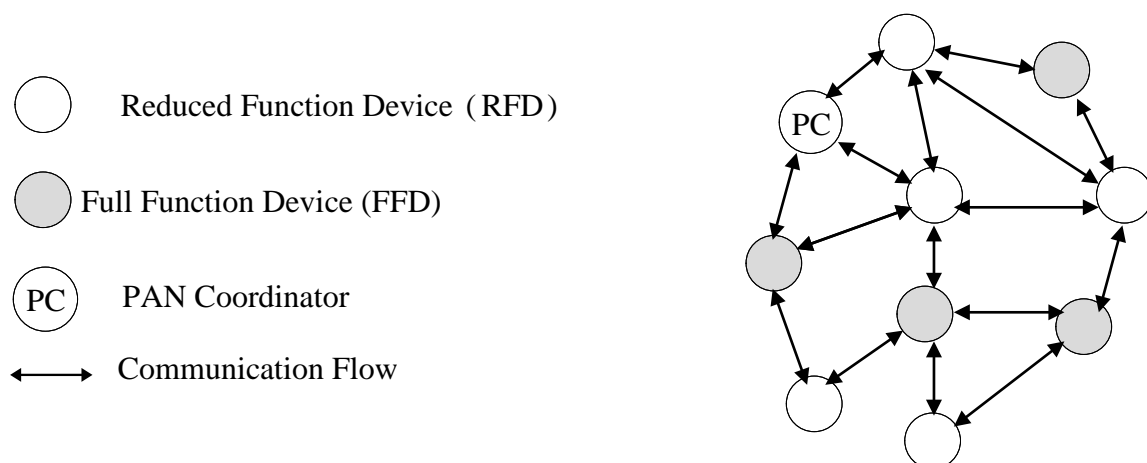


Figure 2.5: Peer-to-Peer Topology Model [39]

The operation of IEEE 802.15.4 system can deal with two typical channel access techniques: guide empowered mode and non-reference point empowered mode [40].

(i) Beacon enabled mode:

In this method of operation, organizer utilizes superframe to manage entire session of bundle transmission as portrayed. The superframe is bound by exceptional synchronization edges sent intermittently from organizer hubs called reference points [18]. A superframe starts and closures with reference point outline. The period between two back to back signals is known as Beacon Interval (BI) and it is size characterized inside of Beacon Order (BO) parameter as takes after [17].

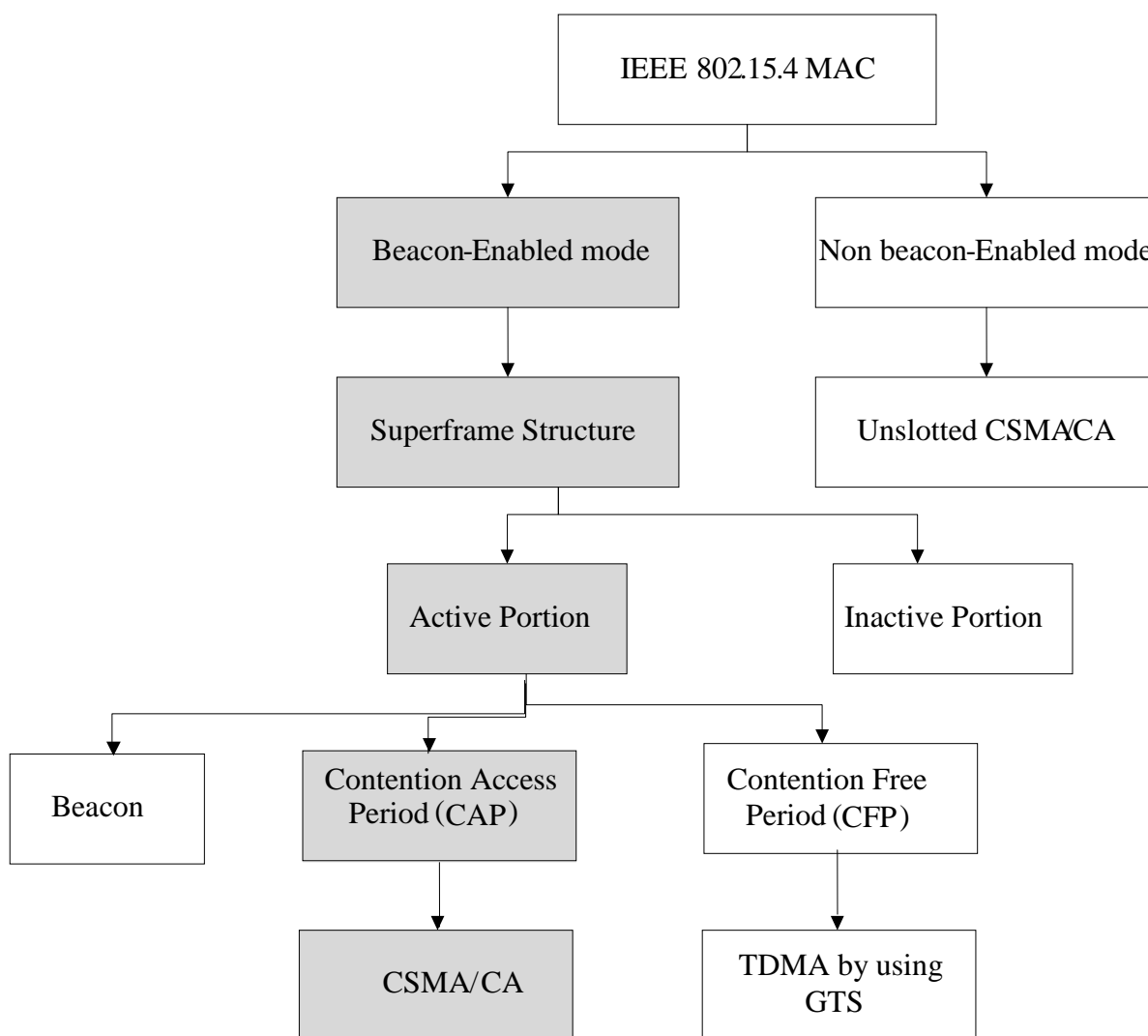


Figure 2.6: Operation Modes of IEEE 802.15.4 Standard

$$BI = aBaseSuperframeDuration * 2^{BO} \text{ symbols} \quad (2.1)$$

For $0 \leq BO \leq 14$

Moreover, each superframe comprises of dynamic and dormant period. The dynamic piece of superframe is partitioned into 16 equivalent estimated timeslots and took after by dormant period. Amid dynamic period, sensor hubs speak with organizer and enter low-power state in inert period to spare vitality. The dynamic period is alluded

to asSuperframe Duration (SD) and characterized through Superframe Order (SO) parameter [17] as takes after:

$$SD = aBaseSuperframeDuration * 2SO \text{ symbols} \quad (2.2)$$

$$\text{For } 0 \leq SO \leq BO \leq 14$$

As indicated by Equation (2.1) and (2.2) aBaseSuperframeDuration alluded to as base length of time of superframe, is settled to 960 images (IEEE 802.15.4 Standard 2006) and characterized as quantity of images framing superframe when superframe request is equivalent to 0 [36] while every image speaks to season of transmitting four bits [41]. The estimation of two characteristics, macBeaconOrder (BO) and macSuperframeOrder(SO) decides how regularly facilitator transmits its signal. 0-15 is scope of BO thus. In my situation, I utilized equivalent estimation of SO and BO (SD =BI) to keep the superframe dynamic at all times [35].

What's more, dynamic period (SD) is likewise separated into three sections: reference point, controversy access period (CAP) and Contention Free Period (CFP). The three sections contain 16 time spaces same long and estimate and characterized in as [19]:

$$\begin{aligned} aBaseSuperframeDuration &= aBaseSlotDuration * aNumSuperframeSlots \quad (2.3) \\ &= 60 * 16 = 960 \text{ images} \end{aligned}$$

aBaseSlotDuration is quantity of images framing superframe opening when superframe request is equivalent to 0, while aNumSuperframeSlots is quantity of spaces contained in any superframe (IEEE 802.15.4 Standard 2006). Any gadget wishing to get to channel and communicate during CAP utilizes an opened CSMA/CA component.

In interim, CFP contains various Guaranteed Time Slots (GTS) that is situated toward the end of dynamic period. In CFP, correspondence happens in period division different access (TDMA) strategy.

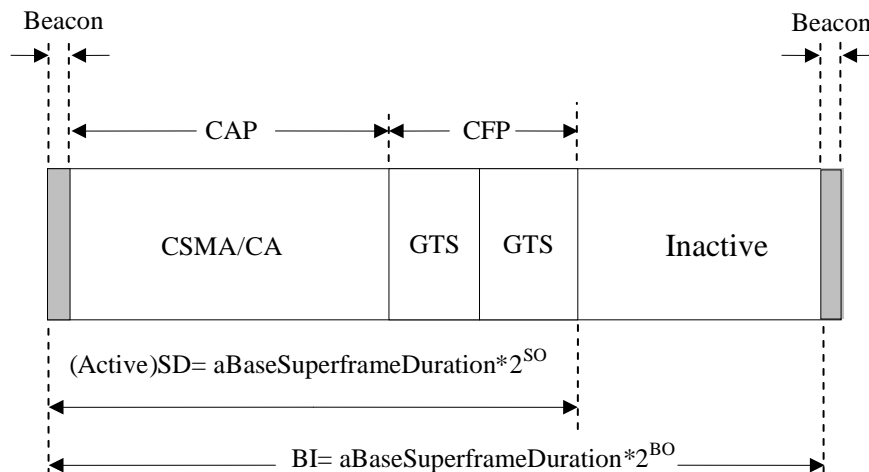


Figure 2.7 : IEEE 802.15.4 Superframe Structure

(ii) Non-beacon enabled mode:

There is no superframe in non-signal empowered mode. Gadgets are constantly dynamic and an unspotted CSMA/CA calculation is utilized for channel access and bundle transmission [42]. In this examination, we concentrated on reference point empowered method of IEEE 802.15.4 MAC standard and proposed proficient and versatile system to comprehend wasteful backoff strategy and to improve CSMA/CA calculation [41].

2.4.2 Limitations of IEEE 802.15.4 MAC

This area presents the most imperative restrictions of IEEE 802.15.4 MAC standard on account of channel access methods and information transmission plans by utilizing customary transporter sense various gets to with crash shirking CSMA/CA calculation. The accompanying sub-areas present constraints of 802.15.4 as far as force utilization and throughput which is measure the productivity of the system[44].

2.4.1.3 Power efficiency limitation

One principle issue that causes wastage in vitality effectiveness of IEEE 802.15.4 is clarified in accompanying. The dynamic time of 802.15.4 can be isolated into contention access period (CAP) and contention free period (CFP). In CAP, opened CSMA/CA component is utilized. Amid channel access technique, hub might hold up irregular number of backoff periods chose somewhere around 0 and $(2^{BE} - 1)$, BE is backoff example characterizing holding up time hub should hold up before attempting to get to channel [36], BE begins with estimation of 3 spoke to by $macMinBE$ and has its most extreme estimation of $macMaxBE$ that is spoken to by 5. Because of less quantities of BE, likelihood of hubs picking indistinguishable number of backoff types will build bringing on considerable measure of utilization in vitality and corruption in framework execution. Numerous arrangements have been proposed in our related work to beat previously stated issue, one of which being our proposed calculation as we will examine top to bottom in chapter three. I can comprehend from the issue over that CSMA/CA calculation utilizing wasteful arbitrary backoff periods cause increment in force utilization [38].

2.4.1.4 Throughput limitation

The second issue that abatement framework throughput is CSMA/CA utilizing visually impaired backoff process. For discord component, IEEE 802.15.4 utilizes opened CSMA/CA. Amid information transmission, sensor hubs perform bearer detecting on backoff period limit to recognize channel condition and begin sending its information to organizer [42]. On the off chance that hub finds that the channel is unmoving amid two reasonable channel appraisals (CCA) that is CCA1 and CCA2, hub will begin to transmit its information bundle and sit tight for affirmation sent by facilitator after finish of information transmission. Then again, if channel is recognized to be occupied, hub will perform backoff transform promptly. At end of the day, sensor hub will reselect backoff period BP in reach $[0-2^{BE} + 1 - 1]$ openings

to postpone again and perform the CCA. The issue emerges when hub recognizes occupied channel and performs another backoff process on grounds that sensor hubs may overlook data about CCA's failed identification and further cause's repetitive senses [41]. The wasteful backoff procedure will bring about considerable measure of debasements in framework execution, for example, bringing down usage and additionally minimizing system throughput. There are more impediments and limitations that influence the execution of IEEE 802.15.4 MAC standard, following segment presents late related works and proposed suitable answers for upgrade CSMA/CA [44].

2.5 Relatedwork on different algorithms to enhance the IEEE 802.15.4 MAC

The controversy time of IEEE 802.15.4 standard assumes critical part in execution of wireless sensor system. In CAP of 802.15.4, opened CSMA/CA calculation is utilized. The issue emerges when wasteful arbitrary access technique is used to permit battling hubs to defer and access remote medium. In this manner, few backoff instruments have been proposed and concentrated on to determine these issues [31]. This area presents late related deals with diverse backoff plans.

A retained backoff plan (MBS) with exponential weighted moving normal (EWMA) has been proposed in [23] to alter discord window size taking into account activity load. In CAP, creators used CSMA/CA between portable station and supervision from facilitator. In IEEE 802.15.4 MAC, portable sensor hub will choose backoff time haphazardly in view of CW_{min} . On the off chance that crash is distinguished inside of same backofftime, dispute window size will be redesigned to twofold and backoff procedure will rehash once more. Right now, versatile sensor hub will catch channel and transmit its information effectively. Consequently, window size will reset to CW_{min} [23] amid begin of following superframe. The issue happens when two portable hubs pick same backoff period because of CW_{min} . The impact could happen again particularly when there is high heap of activity. Subsequently, when impacts build, framework execution diminishes drastically and

force utilization of mobile sensor hubs will increment, as well. In this manner, creator proposed MBS as resolve to wrong size of CW. MBS records the CW esteem for fruitful information transmission in past superframe to starting estimation of CW of current superframe. At the end of procedure, facilitator doles out starting CW esteem for current super frame and give this quality to portable hub by means of signal casing. MSB with EWMA methodology can be complimented for picking of exact beginning CW values. The points of interest of ascertaining EWMA can be discovered [39].

Besides, investigative model has been produced to assess execution of the proposed calculation against IEEE 802.15.4 standard. Likewise, re-enactment results demonstrated that MSB + EWMA beat 802.15.4 standard when movement is high and show great execution as far as throughput, normal deferral and declines power utilization for versatile sensor hubs [39].

In [43], creators adjusted IEEE 802.15.4 MAC by presenting another State Transition Scheme (STS). As said before, MAC convention is intended to take care of transmission issue when specific hub has more information to send contrasted with others and this will influence the system's proficiency. Therefore, creator proposed an answer of static estimation of macMinBE that is to change backoff Exponent (BE) territory in IEEE 802.15.4 MAC and apply State Transition Scheme. IEEE 802.15.4 standard sets BE esteem to an irregular number between two parameter.

minBE quality is situated in scope of 0-3 yet the default worth is situated to 3. To give superior chance to hubs to send their information all the more every now and again, creator proposed that base estimation of BE ought to be adaptable to change. At the end, they balanced set estimation of macMinBE of few hubs to that of littler one and altered it progressively taking into account the transmission conditions. With that, backoff time of hubs lessens and hold-up time amid which CCA is identified as occupied will abbreviate. This causes hub to attempt and sense channel more successive giving it superior opportunity to diminish parcel impacts. Fruitful transmission will be accomplished and throughput of hubs that have base estimation of minBE will, thusly, increment [43].

The essential strides of STS can be found in [43]. By actualizing this plan, system limit will increment all more proficiently. Suggestions for future works incorporate more alterations are executed on attributes of IEEE 802.15.4 medium access control layer including vitality utilization and different applications.

The key steps of STS can be found in [43]. By completing this arrangement, as far as possible will augment more capably. Recommendations for future works fuse more changes are executed on qualities of IEEE 802.15.4 medium access control layer including imperativeness usage and distinctive applications.

The Adaptive Backoff Exponent (ABE) Algorithm was proposed in [44] to update and manage inefficient backoff sort (BE) of IEEE 802.15.4 MAC. BE chooses backoff time or amount of backoff periods contraction ought to hold up before starting transmission [36]. As analysed in previous zones, centre points utilize CSMA/CA count to get to channel and send their data to destination centre. Thusly, centre points need to backoff for self-assertive delay worth picked in ABE has been actualized and analysed against 802.15.4 MAC. From the got results, ABE had accomplished great framework execution as far as force utilization, throughput, conveyance ratio, and normal deferral.

In [45], Delayed Backoff Algorithm (DBA) was proposed to take care of discord issue in IEEE 802.15.4. DBA is presented for livelihood in the controversy access period (CAP) of IEEE 802.15.4. In CAP, CSMA/CA calculation that utilized arbitrary backoff postponement brought on pointless wastage in vitality and expanded rates of impact. Along these lines, DBA is proposed to address issue of irregular backoff. In DBA, every fighting hub has its own backoff time allocated by the organizer as per transmission condition.

The proposed system comprises of two unique stages: Backoff Period Assignment Stage and Data Transfer Stage. Backoff period rendezvous stage is kept up by sensor hub. At point when sensor hub sends information to facilitator, information casing will tell organizer regardless of whether hub has finished its data transmission. On the off chance that hub still has bundle to transmit, organizer will appoint two backoff periods: CurrentBP and NextBP. The main variable (CurrentBP) is utilized as introductory backoff period in current superframe though Next BP will