

# CONTEMPLATION OF VARIOUS ROUTING PROTOCOLS FOR WIRELESS MESH NETWORKS

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**Abstract:** The wireless mesh networks are self configuring and decentralized in nature. Due to decentralized architecture of the network, mobile nodes can join or leave the network when they want and lead to raise the issue of security, routing and quality of service. In this paper, various routing protocols have been addressed in terms of various parameters. The routing protocols are broadly classified into reactive, proactive and hybrid type of routing. It is been analyzed that reactive routing protocols performs well in terms of bandwidth consumption.

**Keywords:** Mesh networks, routing, QoS, Reactive, proactive and hybrid

## I. INTRODUCTION

The wireless mesh network is the combination of adhoc networks and it contains mesh portals which increase its coverage area [1]. Wireless mesh networks are more advantageous than other wireless networks; these networks consists of easy deployment, greater reliability, self-configuration, self-healing and scalability.

Basically two types of nodes are present in Wireless Mesh Networks and these nodes are: Mesh routers and Mesh clients. Mesh routers are not mobile so they perform specific functions to support mesh networking. Mesh routers act as backbone for clients. Mesh routers have different wireless interfaces which can be implemented on either the same or different wireless access technologies. Mesh clients [2] have additional functions for mesh networking and can also work as routers. Mesh client has only one interface. Mesh clients have a higher variety of devices compared to mesh routers.

Routing plays an important role to forward data packet from source to destination node. The Wireless Mesh routing protocols are categorized in three different protocols and these are proactive routing, reactive routing and hybrid routing protocols.

In proactive routing protocols all the paths are created between source node and destination node, whether there is a need to transmit data or not. This type of routing protocols is also called table-driven methods. By Continuous evaluation of routes, routing information is updated by maintaining consistency. The main benefit of proactive routing protocols [3] is that nodes can quickly access route information and path is established.

In reactive routing protocols [3] on demand establishment of paths is created. These reactive methods are also called on-demand methods. When the source node required transferring data to a destination node initialization of route discovery process takes place. The discovery process terminates either when a route has been found or not.

Hybrid routing protocols are the combination of merits of proactive and reactive routing protocols by overpowering their demerits by discovering efficient routes, without having large number of control overheads. It establish diverse routing protocol in different part of the infrastructure of WMNs i.e. reactive protocols for the ad hoc network area while proactive protocols are employed in wireless backbone [5].

Routing plays an important factor to forward the data packet from source node to destination node. To provide efficient performance, routing metrics must satisfy basic requirements these are scalability, reliability, flexibility, throughput, load balancing, congestion control and efficiency.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Seongkwan Kim, (2009) proposed the technique which is based on an offline routing scheme [12] by comparing its end-to-end link quality metrics (ETX and ETT) and throughput performance. Various modifications are also made in routing protocols (AODV, OLSR and HWMP) so that they operate better in wireless mesh environment. Author also provide a synthetic view of the performance dynamics of wireless mesh networks and the components that impact the performance, each of which cannot give the complete analysis for the network behavior by itself.

K.P. Vijayakumar, (2012) proposed the technique which is based on the theoretical details of variety of routing protocols that are proactive routing, reactive routing and hybrid routing. These protocols are used in wireless mesh networks and are used to identify the performance of these routing protocols [13]. The performance is done with respect to load balancing, packet delivery ratio, congestion network overhead, throughput and mobility of nodes.

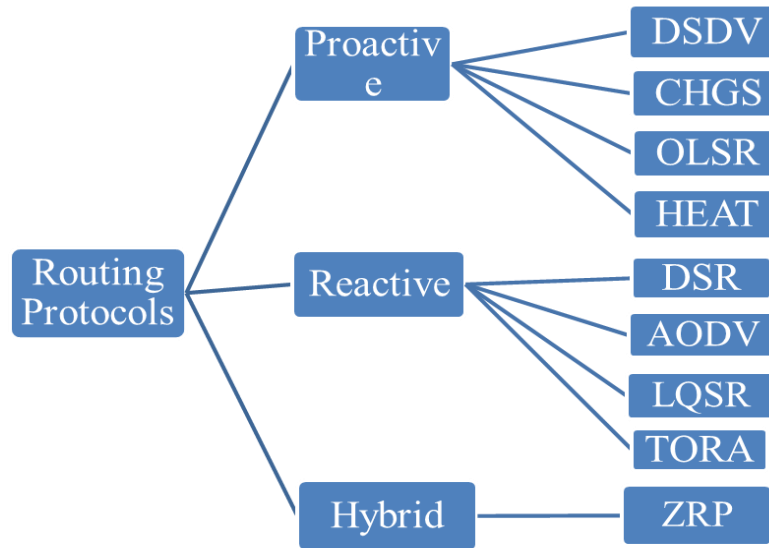
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P.Selvakumar, (2012) proposed the technique which shows the comparison of mobile ad-hoc network routing protocols[15] TORA, AODV and DSR. Author also compared the performance of these routing protocols on the basis of metrics packet delivery ratio, throughput, end-to-end delay and routing head.

Carlos Lozano-Garzon, (2015) describes the distribution of N-to-1 multipath routing for Wireless Sensor Networks[16] based on Multi-Objective Optimization problem, where three functions (hop count, energy consumption and free space loss) were optimized and aim to do efficient use of the energy in the network and decrease the packet loss.

Ahmed Al-Saadi, (2015) proposed the technique about a heterogeneous metropolitan area network architecture [17] that joins an IEEE 802.11 wireless mesh network with a long-term evaluation (LTE) network. Also, another heterogeneous routing protocol and a routing algorithm based on reinforcement learning called Cognitive. Heterogeneous Routing (CHR) is proposed to choose the appropriate transmission technology based on parameters from every network. The simulation results demonstrate that the proposed network accomplishes an increase of up to 200% increase in throughput compared with Wi-Fi-just networks or LTE-only networks.



**III. TAXONOMY OF ROUTING PROTOCOLS**

The above taxonomy shows the various routing protocols categorized as proactive routing protocols, reactive routing protocols and hybrid routing protocols. These protocols further categorized as DSDV (Destination Sequenced Distance Vector) protocol, CGSR (Cluster head Gateway Switched Routing) protocol, OLSR (Optimized Link State Routing) protocol, Scalable routing using HEAT protocol, DSR (Dynamic Source Routing) protocol, AODV (Ad hoc On demand Vector Routing) protocol, LQSR (Link Quality Source Routing) protocol, TORA (Temporally Routing Algorithm), ZRP (Zone Based Routing Protocol).

Category	Protocol Name	Description	Outcome
Proactive Routing	1. <b>DSDV known as Destination Sequenced Distance Vector</b>	This protocol is based on Bellman-Ford routing algorithm. This algorithm maintains a routing table by listing all the shortest paths to its destination node.	Regular updates are required by the routing table and not suitable for large networks
	2. <b>CGSR known as Clusterhead Gateway Switched Routing</b>	CGSR protocol is based on DSDV principle where number of nodes is found into clusters and each cluster [5] uses cluster head (CH). CH is used to forward data packet from source node to destination node.	This algorithm balances the traffic load using load balancing metric and avoid overloaded areas using Expected transmission time (ETT).
	3. <b>OLSR known as Optimized Link State Routing</b>	In OLSR protocol [6] each node sends its link state information to all other nodes in the available network. Mainly two operations are performed and these operations are update and maintain the information which present in the routing table.	An important aspect is used by this algorithm is Multi point relays (MPR) which decreases the flooding overhead and leads to sending of packets more efficiently.
	4. <b>Scalable Routing using HEAT Protocol</b>	This HEAT algorithm is based on properties of temperature fields. General feature of this algorithm is that routing is done with respect to length and robustness of the available path and construction of nodes by maintaining communication between the neighboring nodes.	The performance of HEAT protocol is better in WMNs regarding the packet delivery ratio in comprises of AODV and OLSR.
	1. <b>DSR known as Dynamic Source Routing Protocol</b>	DSR protocol is based on source routing which works on route discovery and route maintenance. If Route exists data is send by the node otherwise Route Request packet is transmitted to neighboring nodes.	By performing modifications in this protocol congestion in the network is controlled and leads to increase in throughput by decrease in number of route request packet.
	2. <b>AODV known as Ad hoc</b>	AODV protocol is pure	AODV with DF leads

<p><b>Reactive Routing</b></p>	<p><b>On Demand Distance Vector Routing</b></p> <p><b>3. LQSR known as Link Quality Source Routing</b></p> <p><b>4. TORA known as Temporally Ordered Routing Algorithm</b></p>	<p>on demand routing protocol. When a source node wants to send a data then that node looks at rout cache for destination route. If that node exists then it send the data otherwise Route Request Packet is transmitted.</p> <p>LQSR is a protocol derived from DSR protocol for improving link quality metrics. These metrics are hop count, round trip latency, packet pair latency and expected transmission count.</p> <p>TORA algorithm is free of loops, highly adaptive, efficient and scalable distributed routing algorithm.</p>	<p>to reduce routing overhead as well as increases the performance by reducing the number of route request packet.</p> <p>By adding link quality metrics these measure the link quality and this algorithm follows piggybacked approach.</p> <p>Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) is maintained at each node to every destination. This algorithm performs better under high mobility simulations.</p>
<p><b>Hybrid Protocols</b></p>	<p><b>1. ZRP known as Zone Based Routing Protocol</b></p>	<p>In ZRP a node's routing zone is defined where routing zone is constructed which identify all its neighbors which are one node away and can reached directly.</p>	<p>In this protocol 2 routing methods are used which are IARP and IERP. These methods are used for constructing and maintaining the routes to nodes beyond the routing zone reactively.</p>

**IV. CONCLUSION**

In this paper, it is been concluded that wireless mesh networks is the decentralized type of network in which mobile nodes join or leave the network when they want. Due to its decentralized nature routing, security and quality of service is the major issue of the network. In this paper, the routing issue is addressed for which various routing protocols are reviewed and compared in terms of various performance parameters

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