

Heterogeneous Four Level Active Weighted Threshold Scheme

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Abstract-In this paper, active weighted probability function is used for enhancing network life. The heterogeneous four level weighted threshold scheme (H4LAWTS) is supporting four levels of nodes in terms of energy heterogeneity. The clustering approach is selecting master node bagged by probability function using node's left energy and average energy of network. The function self-adjusts for saving high energy nodes. This results in balance energy consumption. A threshold function is based on residual energy which further enhancing network lifetime parameters. The simulation results shows that this protocol performs 15-27% enhancement in network stability, 9-12% rise in network lifetime and approximately 15 % enrichment in throughput, compared against existing scheme EDEEC and also performing better than DEEC by about 10%, 60%, 80 % in relation to parameters network stability, network lifetime and rate of flow of information respectively.

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I. INTRODUCTION

WSN is considered to be flock of geographically dispersed nodes for measuring various physical and environment conditions. The micro sensor deployed may be used for sensing different parameters such as temperature, atmospheric pressure, rainfall, and pollution level and body area. [1] The tiny interconnected sensor nodes comprised of microprocessor, sensing unit, power unit and transceiver section. There are various types of sensors available in the market depending on its application such as pressure sensors, light sensors, temperature sensors, seismic and infrared sensors. These sensors sense physical parameters, microprocessor process them and store the data. The sensed data is collected, aggregated and finally transmit to the sink which may be gateway to another network. The communication in sensor network is through radio/wireless communication. [2]

WSN is subject to various concerns and challenges like resource limitation, fault tolerance and self-organization. Energy is being viewed as one of the key resource being utilized in communication, processing and performing sensing operations. As network operates in harsh environment and nodes are battery powered, energy conservation becomes one of the prime areas of concern for researchers. Numerous network life saving protocols has been developed in the past and still researchers are putting constant effort in this direction.

Cluster based routing protocols have emerged as key role player in enhancing energy efficiency. In clustering methodology, master node is chosen based on certain parameters like distance, location and energy of node. Member nodes perceive the information from environment, transfer the information to its master node (CH), then CH do summation of information, remove the redundant data and finally transfer it to the sink for further analysis[3].

In homogenous approach, the various sensor nodes are operational with equal quantity of initial energy, computation power and storage capacity where as in heterogeneous setting, the nodes will be varied in terms of battery energy, processing and storage capacity. LEACH [4] protocol was homogenous assuming the nodes possess same amount of initial energy. The cluster head chosen is irrespective of residual energy of nodes. Hence energy depressed node die early compared to strong nodes. DEEC[5] is another protocol having two levels of nodes where residual energy of nodes and average energy of network are considered for choice of CH.

The paper presents a heterogeneous network model comprising of sensor nodes of four different types N1, N2, N3, and N4 vary in their initial energy level. A dynamic weighted probability function is defined which is making selection of cluster head based on residual energy of node. The higher energy nodes will have maximum chances to be elected as cluster head. The cluster head node use up more energy than other member nodes, as it is performing the task of collecting values from different nodes, aggregating them, thereby sending it to the base station. Hence after some rounds, the high energy nodes are more likely to exhaust their energy. In order to avoid penalizing high energy nodes, this protocol dynamically adjusts the probability function for cluster head selection where after some rounds when remaining energy of high energy node comes in range of normal one, their election probability will be same as that of normal one i.e. they will be treated as normal node in terms of cluster head selection.

II. RELATED WORK

This section gives overview of various cluster based protocols, providing solution for enhancing network stability and energy conservation. LEACH [4] is cluster based approach used for homogenous environment where energy load is scattered by dynamically created cluster and further cluster head is selected according to prior optimal probability. Further PEGASIS [5] is chain based protocol where information is send and received through neighboring node.

DEEC [6] is protocol where probability for selection of CH is on basis of two main parameters: node's left energy value and network's average energy. DDEEC [7] is improving further network performance by balancing the distribution of energy equally among nodes. Enhanced DEEC [8] is DEEC based protocol adding another level of heterogeneity to nodes called super nodes. The selection of CH is based on threshold value computed by suggested fraction of cluster heads for the network and number of times node has become CH up to now.

EEHC [9] is energy efficient heterogeneous cluster scheme where cluster head is selected in distributed manner. The weighted election probability which is based on residual energy of node is used for selection of cluster head. The scheme is effective in increasing life time of network in comparison to LEACH. SDEEC [10] is routing protocol for heterogeneous network. This protocol is providing balanced cluster head election as it is using stochastic technique. EEICCP [11] is protocol, based on multi hop clustering scheme which minimize energy usage by uniformly distributing energy across the network. The coordination protocol super passes another conventional protocol where data is directly to base station through their respective cluster head. Novel energy efficient multi hop protocol [12] for heterogeneous environment where every node elected itself as CH on basis of its preliminary energy comparative to others. Here global knowledge of energy is not required. It uses multi hop approach for data communication from cluster head to base station. In Link aware clustering algorithm [13] cost effective routing pathway is used, in terms of reliability and energy efficiency. The cluster is formed using PTX (Predicted Transmission Count), clustering metric based on node status and link condition. SOSAC [14] is self organized and smart adaptive clustering scheme using three sub procedures to alter wellness value with respect to time. Heterogeneous LEACH [24] was based on distributed routing protocol. It has been analyzed the result of heterogeneousness of nodes in enhancing the network lifetime.

HEER [16] is hybrid energy efficient reactive protocol using hard and soft threshold values for better energy consumption. The protocol works by selecting CH grounded on fraction of remaining power of sensor node and mean power of wsn.

TABLE 1 COMPARISON AMONG PROTOCOLS

	LEACH	SEP	DEEC	EDEEC	H4LAWTS
SPHERE	HOMOGENOUS	HETEROGONOUS	HETEROGONOUS	HETEROGONOUS	HETEROGONOUS
APPROACH	CLUSTER BASED	CLUSTER BASED	CLUSTER BASED	CLUSTER BASED	CLUSTER BASED
TYPES OF NODES (IN REGARD TO ENERGY)	NODES POSSESS SAME ENERGY	SUPPORT TWO LEVELS OF NODES	SUPPORT TWO LEVEL OF NODES	SUPPORT THREE LEVEL OF NODES	SUPPORT FOUR LEVEL OF NODES
CLUSTER HEAD SELECTION	RANDOM CH SELECTION	WEIGHTED CLUSTER HEAD SELECTION	WEIGHTED CLUSTER HEAD SELECTION	WEIGHTED CLUSTER HEAD SELECTION	DYNAMIC WEIGHTED CLUSTER HEAD SELECTION
DESIGN PHILOSOPHY	LOW ENERGY NODES WILL DIE SOON AS CH SELECTION IS RANDOM	POWERFUL NODES ARE PUNISHED	HIGH ENERGY NODES ARE PUNISHED	NODES WITH MORE ENERGY ARE BURDENED	DYNAMIC PROBABILITY FUNCTION SAVE HIGH ENERGY NODES FROM PENALIZED.
DYNAMIC LOAD BALANCING	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES

III. FOUR LEVEL HETEROGENEOUS ACTIVE WEIGHTED SCHEME

This section is describing detail of scheme. The section 3.1 is describing heterogeneous network model based on four level of heterogeneity. The next section 3.2 is covering energy consumption model for calculating power consumed. The section 3.3 is describing cluster head selection procedure using dynamic weighted probability function for appointment of CH. The probability function adjusts itself based on residual energy of node resulting in even energy depletion. Also the section is mentioning how high energy nodes are saved from getting penalized by dynamic probability function used for selection of cluster head. This section 4 is presenting experimental evaluation of protocol. Finally section 5 is presenting concluding remarks.

A Heterogeneous Network Model

The protocol is using heterogeneous network model, in which nodes are categorized based on its energy level. As SEP, DEEC operate on two levels of nodes, the EDEEC support three level heterogeneity. The proposed protocol carries four type of nodes: N1, N2, N3, N4 and their energy levels (E1, E4), satisfying condition $E1 < E2 < E3 < E4$. The model is using assumptions as follows

The sensor network area to be monitored is of dimension $M \times M$.

The randomly installed sensor nodes are motionless.

The locality of sink is at center of field having no resource constraint.

The nodes are alike in computation and communication ability but differ in initial energy.

The N nodes are deployed randomly in area $M \times M$. Let μ, μ_0, μ_1 are fraction of different types of nodes whose value lies between 0 and 1. The number of nodes in all categories is determined as

$$\begin{aligned} N_{c4} &= N \cdot \mu \cdot \mu_0 \cdot \mu_1 \\ N_{c3} &= N \cdot \mu \cdot \mu_0 \cdot (1 - \mu_1) \\ N_{c2} &= N \cdot \mu \cdot (1 - \mu_0) \\ N_{c1} &= N \cdot (1 - \mu) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

The initial energy of all types of nodes is

$$\begin{aligned} E_4 &= N_{c4} \cdot (1 + x_3) \cdot E_0 \\ E_3 &= N_{c3} \cdot (1 + x_2) \cdot E_0 \\ E_2 &= N_{c2} \cdot (1 + x_1) \cdot E_0 \\ E_1 &= N_{c1} \cdot E_0 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

As mentioned above, N_4 nodes carry x_3 time more energy than N_1 node whereas N_3 nodes possessing x_2 times and N_2 nodes have x_1 times extra energy than N_1 type respectively.

The amount of fwsn energy is defined in equation (9)

$$E_{tot} = E_4 + E_3 + E_2 + E_1$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} E_{tot} &= N \cdot \mu \cdot \mu_0 \cdot \mu_1 \cdot (1 + x_3) \cdot E_0 + N \cdot \mu \cdot \mu_0 \cdot (1 - \mu_1) \cdot (1 + x_2) \cdot E_0 + N \cdot \mu \cdot (1 - \mu_0) \cdot (1 + x_1) \cdot E_0 + N \cdot (1 - \mu) \cdot E_0 \\ E_{tot} &= N \cdot E_0 \cdot (1 + \mu \cdot ((x_1 + \mu_0 \cdot (-x_1 + x_2)) + \mu_1 \cdot (-x_2 + x_3))) \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

The energy of four level heterogeneous system is enhanced by factor $\mu \cdot ((x_1 + \mu_0 \cdot (-x_1 + x_2)) + \mu_1 \cdot (-x_2 + x_3))$

B Radio Energy Dissipation Model

In energy dissipation model [4], radio transmitter consumes power to operate radio electronics for transmitting and amplifying the signals whereas receiver dissipates power for receiving only.

$$E_{tx}(b,d) = E_{elx} + E_{-amp}(b,d)$$

$$E_{rx} = E_{elx}$$

As radio energy model describes in figure 1, power expanded to pass on b bit message over a gap d is given by

$$E_{tx}(b,d) = \begin{cases} b * E_{elx} + b * \epsilon_{fs} * d^2 & \text{if } d \leq d_0 \\ b * E_{elx} + b * \epsilon_{mp} * d^4 & \text{if } d \geq d_0 \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Based on gap d, free space model (ϵ_{fs}) or multipath model (ϵ_{mp}) is used, d_0 is threshold distance measured as $\sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_{fs}}{\epsilon_{mp}}}$

And the energy consumed in receiving b bit message will

$$E_{rx} = b * E_{elx} \quad (5)$$

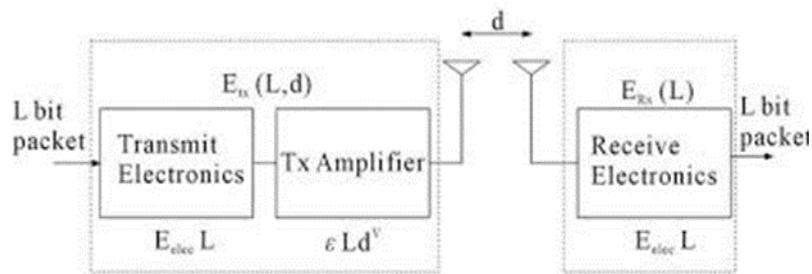


Fig 1 Radio Energy model

The network energy consumption per round is evaluated as

$$E_{round} = b (2NE_{elx} + NE_{ag} + k\epsilon_{mp}d_{toBS}^4 + N\epsilon_{fs}d_{toCH}^2) \quad (6)$$

E_{ag} = Data aggregation cost

d_{toBS} & d_{toCH} = Area distance between CH and sink & node and CH respectively

N = number of sensor nodes

K = cluster count

The value of various radio characteristics are mentioned in table 3

TABLE 3: RADIO PARAMETERS

CHARACTERISTIC	VALUE	ACRONYM
ENERGY CONSUMED IN TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER CIRCUIT ELECTRONICS	50NJ/BI T	EELEC
ENERGY CONSUMED IN DATA AGGREGATION	5NJ/BIT	EDA
AMPLIFIER USING ENERGY AT LESSER DISTANCE I.E. $d_{toBS} \leq d_0$	10PJ/BIT /M ²	ϵ_{FS}

Considering the uniformity of N nodes being placed in M2 field, then d_{toCH} can be calculated as

$$d_{toCH} = \int_0^{x_{max}} \int_0^{y_{max}} ((x^2 + y^2) * p(x, y)) dx dy = \frac{M^2}{2\pi K} \quad (7)$$

Where $p(x, y)$ is node distribution.

The average distance between master node and sink is calculated as

$$d_{toBS} = \int_A (x^2 + y^2) * \frac{1}{A} = 0.765 * \frac{M}{2} \quad (8)$$

In order to calculate k_{opt} , take derivative of equation with respect to k

$$k_{opt} = \frac{\sqrt{N}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_{fs}}{\epsilon_{mp}} \frac{M}{d_{toBS}}} = \sqrt{\frac{n}{2\pi} \frac{2}{0.765}} \quad (9)$$

The idea chance of node to become CH is as follows

$$P_{ideal} = \frac{K_{ideal}}{N}$$

C Cluster head selection procedure

The rotating epoch e_i denotes frequency of node S_i to be acted as CH. In case of homogenous network like LEACH, the e_i s same for entire nodes, so nodes carrying lower energy expire fast. The choice of CH in the proposed protocol is founded on basis of enduring energy of node and network's mean energy. The value of rotating epoch e_i in this protocol will be depending on leftover node energy. The average probability p_i is fixed as $p_i = 1/e_i$. The mean energy $E_{avg}(r)$ of wsn during round r is summation of node energy can be calculated as

$$E_{avg}(r) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N N E_i(r) \quad (10)$$

Where NE is

Considering $E(r)$ as reference energy,

$$p_i = p_{ideal} \left[1 - \frac{E_{avg}(r) - N E_i(r)}{E_{avg}(r)} \right] = p_{ideal} \frac{N E_i(r)}{E_{avg}(r)} \quad (11)$$

To calculate average probability p_i of network, it is required to know average energy of network. This is considered as ideal energy that each node should have in current round in order to keep network alive. $E(r)$ can be measured as

$$E_{avg}(r) = \frac{1}{N} E_{total} \left(1 - \frac{r}{R_{tot}} \right) \quad (12)$$

Where R_{tot} specifying count of round. The value of R_{tot} can be calculated measured as

$$R_{tot} = \frac{E_{total}}{E_{round}} \quad (13)$$

Whereas E_{total} is total energy

E_{round} is energy consumed per round

DEEC is protocol supporting two levels of heterogeneity while EDEEC is having three levels of nodes normal, advance and super nodes. As the protocol carries four types of nodes $N_1 \dots N_4$, their weighted probabilities are defined as

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_{N1} &= \frac{p_{ideal}}{(1+\mu((x_1+\mu_0(-x_1+x_2))+\mu_1(-x_2+x_3)))} \\
 p_{N2} &= \frac{p_{ideal} (1+X_1)}{(1+\mu((x_1+\mu_0(-x_1+x_2))+\mu_1(-x_2+x_3)))} \\
 p_{N3} &= \frac{p_{ideal} (1+X_2)}{(1+\mu((x_1+\mu_0(-x_1+x_2))+\mu_1(-x_2+x_3)))} \\
 p_{N4} &= \frac{p_{ideal} (1+X_3)}{(1+\mu((x_1+\mu_0(-x_1+x_2))+\mu_1(-x_2+x_3)))}
 \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

As per above equation N_4 type node is having highest probability of becoming cluster head. Hence high energy nodes will depletes its power quickly as for more number of times they will be elected as cluster head. As DEEC and EDEEC punishes high energy nodes, thus for balance energy utilization and to escape high energy nodes to be penalize, the protocol is using reference energy value E_R , under which nodes of all types will have same prospect for cluster head choice. The protocol is modified as

$$p_i = \begin{cases} \frac{p_{ideal} \cdot NE_i(r)}{(1+\mu(x_1+\mu_0(-x_1+x_2))+\mu_1(-x_2+x_3))E_{avg}(r)} & \text{being } N_1 \text{ type for } (NE_i(r) > E_R) \\ \frac{p_{ideal} (1+x_1) \cdot NE_i(r)}{(1+\mu(x_1+\mu_0(-x_1+x_2))+\mu_1(-x_2+x_3))E_{avg}(r)} & \text{being } N_2 \text{ type for } (NE_i(r) > E_R) \\ \frac{p_{ideal} (1+x_2) \cdot NE_i(r)}{(1+\mu(x_1+\mu_0(-x_1+x_2))+\mu_1(-x_2+x_3))E_{avg}(r)} & \text{being } N_3 \text{ type for } (NE_i(r) > E_R) \\ \frac{p_{ideal} (1+x_3) \cdot NE_i(r)}{(1+\mu(x_1+\mu_0(-x_1+x_2))+\mu_1(-x_2+x_3))E_{avg}(r)} & \text{being } N_4 \text{ type for } (NE_i(r) > E_R) \\ h \frac{p_{ideal} (1+x_3) \cdot NE_i(r)}{(1+\mu(x_1+\mu_0(-x_1+x_2))+\mu_1(-x_2+x_3))E_{avg}(r)} & \text{for all types where } (NE_i(r) \leq E_R) \end{cases} \tag{15}$$

The value of reference energy, E_R is defined as

$$E_R = (f) * E_0 \tag{16}$$

The value of k is placed between 0 and 1. Based on parameter network stability of wsn, the best value of f is chosen as 0.7. The variable h direct the CH count. Assignment of value 0 to h leads to zero CH in network, hence the nodes will directly transmit to base station. The value of c taken as 1 will consider all the nodes to act as CH leading to direct transmission to base station. Through various simulations the value of h is observed as 0.02 based on network performance.

The probability threshold function for fixing up node to turn it to CH is defined as

$$\text{Threshold } (S_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{p_{N1}}{1-p_{N1}(\text{mod}(r, \frac{1}{p_{N1}}))} * \frac{S_i \cdot E}{E_{total}} & \text{if } S_i \in G \\ \frac{p_{N2}}{1-p_{N2}(\text{mod}(r, \frac{1}{p_{N2}}))} * \frac{S_i \cdot E}{E_{total}} & \text{if } S_i \in G' \\ \frac{p_{N3}}{1-p_{N3}(\text{mod}(r, \frac{1}{p_{N3}}))} * \frac{S_i \cdot E}{E_{total}} & \text{if } S_i \in G'' \\ \frac{p_{N4}}{1-p_{N4}(\text{mod}(r, \frac{1}{p_{ult}}))} * \frac{S_i \cdot E}{E_{total}} & \text{if } S_i \in G''' \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \tag{17}$$

Whereas G , G' , G'' and G''' are group of N_1 , N_2 , N_3 and N_4 types, those nodes not been chosen as CH during previous $1/pN_1, 1/pN_2, 1/pN_3$ and $1/pN_4$ rounds respectively. In case node S_i is qualified for becoming CH, it will choose random figure between $\{0,1\}$. In case the figure is lower than Threshold figure, that particular node will be choice for CH.

D Simulation results

The H4LWTS protocol is simulated in MATLAB and its network performances are compared with DEEC (two levels) and EDEEC (three levels). We are assuming that there are 100 nodes deployed in area of dimension 100m X100m where sink is positioned at central position in the area.

The performance measure used for validating results is as follows

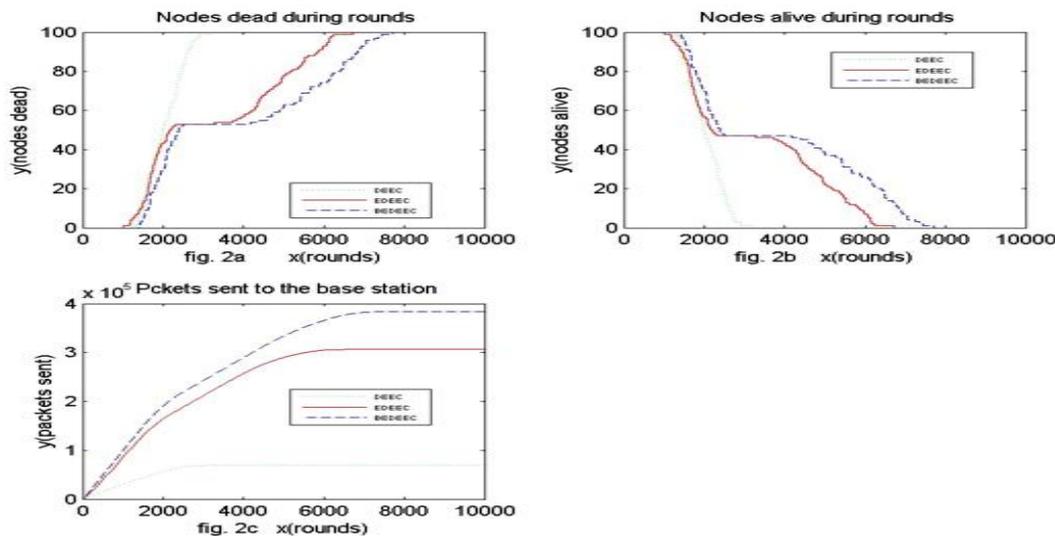
WSN Lifetime: It is measured as timeframe between commence of network and collapse of entire nodes in network.

No. of data packets delivered to base station: It is defined as no. of data packets send to sink.

Network Stability period: This is calculated as interval between start of network and loss of foremost node as it lapses completely in terms of energy. The simulation parameter are mentioned in table 2.

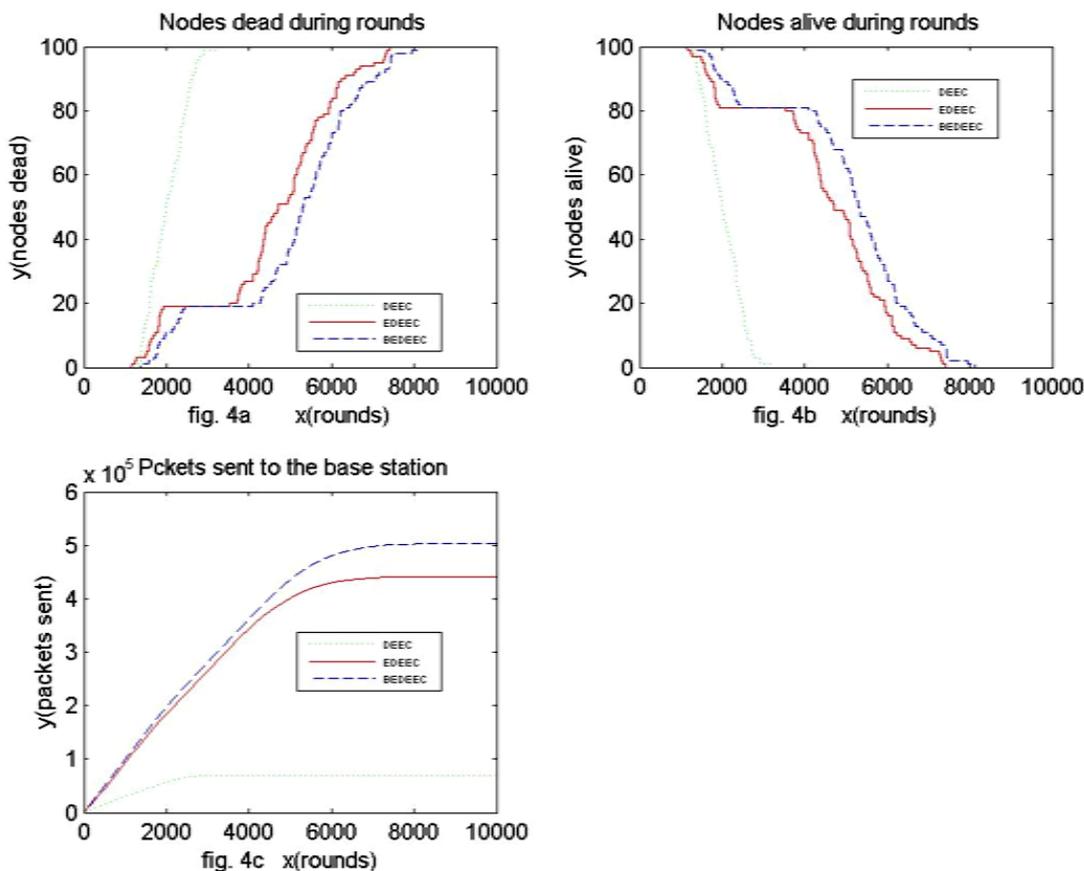
TABLE 2 SIMULATION PARAMETER	
PARAMETER	VALUE
NETWORK FIELD	100X100
NO. OF NODES	100
EO	0.5J
POPT	0.1
EMP	0.0013PJ/BIT/M4
EPS	10 NJ/BIT/M2
EELEC	50NJ/BIT
EDA	5 NJ/BIT/SIGNAL
L	4000 BITS

In case 1 scenario the first node die for DEEC, EDEEC and H4LWTS is at 1240, 1014 and 1395 rounds respectively. Figure 2a is validating the result by simulating the number of dead nodes in various rounds. This is validating the network performance in terms of network stability which is defined as time gap between start of network and first node die in network. Figure 2b is depicting number of alive nodes in various rounds for DEEC, EDEEC and H4LWTS respectively. Figure 2b is further concluded that last node die in DEEC, EDEEC and H4LWTS at 3188, 6726 and 7719 rounds respectively. Figure 2c is showing Number of packets sent to base station for DEEC, EDEEC, and H4LWTS. It has been concluded from figure 2a, 2b and 2c that H4LWTS performs better in showing enhancement in various network lifetime parameters.



For case 2 Figure 3a is depicting no. of dead nodes for DEEC, EDEEC, H4LWTS protocols respectively, showing first node dies at 1240, 1171 and 1383 respectively. As shown in figure 3b the last node of DEEC, EDEEC and H4LWTS dies at 3188, 7294 and 7977. Figure 3c is showing data transmission rate to BS in case of H4LWTS protocol in comparison to DEEC and EDEEC protocol. It is showing that H4LWTS is most efficient protocol showing improvement in stability period, network system lifetime and amount of packets forward to base station.

Finally case 3 depicting the result as the foremost node of DEEC, EDEEC and H4LWTS expires at 1232, 1145 and 1389 round respectively and last node of DEEC, EDEEC and H4LWTS protocol ends at 3375, 7438 and 8378 respectively. Figure 4c is showing 516121 packets sent to base station in comparison to 442061 in case of EDEEC protocol. The H4LWTS protocol is showing maximum throughput as in this case as there are more high energy nodes than normal.



IV. CONCLUSIONS

The proposed H4LWTS is energy aware heterogeneous routing protocol possessing four levels of nodes. Further it is considered to be adaptive protocol where cluster head is selected dynamically in more balanced way. The said protocol is enhancing network stability and hence strengthening network lifetime. There is also significant improvement in throughput from cluster head to base station.

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