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Toward Reliable & Available Wireless Low-power Mesh Networking

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- ► However, the current technologies in IoT are based on best-effort.
 - Packets are subject to variable delay due to retransmissions & enqueuing





Analogies of Deterministic Behaviour from Real-world



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Analogies of Determinism from Real-world Bus Analogy

▶ The reserved bus lanes are to avoid delays due to traffic jams





Analogies of Determinism from Real-world Train Analogy

The collision of two trains using the same rails at the same time, is avoided by fully scheduled operations that repeat, day after day.





Analogies of Determinism from Real-world The Booking Analogy (time-sharing)

The "collision" of two individual bookings of the same apartment at the same time, is avoided by fully scheduled operation.

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Even with IEEE 802.15.4-2015 TSCH (radio channel hoping scheme) can not be addressed!



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IETF RAW WG Standardization Efforts

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IETF RAW WG

Reliable and Available Wireless (RAW)

- IETF 107: Vancouver (virtual), Mar. 23-27, 2020 : 1st official WG meeting
- IETF 106: Singapore, Nov. 16-22, **2019** : Birds of a Feather (BoF)
- IETF 103: Bangkok, Nov. 3-9, 2018 : 1st unofficial meeting



Overview



IMT Atlantique Bretagne-Pays de la Loire École Mines-Télécom "Charter IETF RAW WG, Reliable and Available Wireless", July 2020

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Routing over multipath

Replication over parallel paths

Frequency hopping (within and between frames)

IETF RAW WG

- Reliable and Available Wireless Architecture/Framework
 - draft-ietf-raw-architecture-01
- RAW use cases
 - draft-ietf-raw-use-cases-02
- Reliable and Available Wireless Technologies
 - draft-ietf-raw-technologies-04
- Operations, Administration and Maintenance (OAM) features for RAW
 - draft-ietf-raw-oam-support-02



IETF RAW WG

Differentiators between RAW and other IETF WGs

DetNet: Mostly a focused Subset though

- Radio specialists, different interests
- Unstable links (bandwidth, flapping), not 'deterministic'
- Focus on forwarding optimizations rather routing.
- MANET: Non Congruent domains
 - Non-Mobile & not Ad-Hoc (antagonistic to DetNet)
 - Centralized routing



RAW Use Cases



IMT Atlantique Bretagne-Pays de la Loire École Mines-Télécom "*RAW use cases*" <u>G. Z. Papadopoulos</u>, P. Thubert, F. Theoleyre and CJ. Bernardos IETF **RAW WG**, **draft-ietf-raw-use-cases-02**, 12 July 2021

RAW Use Cases

Use cases defined in the draft

- Amusement Parks
- Wireless for Industrial Applications
- Pro Audio and Video
- Wireless gaming
- UAV platooning and control
- Edge Robotics control

L-band Digital Aeronautical Communications System (LDACS) [1]



Added Terminology



IMT Atlantique Bretagne-Pays de la Loire École Mines-Télécom "Reliable and Available Wireless Architecture/Framework", P. Thubert, <u>G. Z. Papadopoulos</u> and L. Berger IETF **RAW WG**, **draft-ietf-raw-architecture-01**, 28 July 2021



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Meet the PAREO Functions

"Meet the PAREO Functions: Towards Reliable and Available Wireless Networks" R.-A. Koutsiamanis, <u>G. Z. Papadopoulos</u>, T. Lagos Jenschke, P. Thubert and N. Montavont In Proc. **IEEE ICC 2020** - Dublin, Ireland, June 2020

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Example of a Wireless Topology

- ► S is the Source
- D is the Destination
- A and B are the Relay nodes



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Packet Transmission from S to A

3 $S \rightarrow A$ 2210EB012345



D



Automatic Repeat reQuest (ARQ)

3 $S \rightarrow A$ $S \rightarrow A$ Offset 2 Channel 1 EB 0 2 3 5 0 4 1 **Slotframe**



D

В



Replication

Data packet is sent to both Preferred & "Alternative" Parent

hannel Offset	3		$S \rightarrow A$	$S \rightarrow A$			
	2				$S \rightarrow B$		
	1						
	0	EB					
U U		0	1	2	3	4	5
Slotframe							



D



Promiscuous Overhearing

- Wireless medium is broadcast by nature
- Any neighbor of a transmitter may overhear a transmission

hannel Offset	3		$S \rightarrow A$, (B)	$S \rightarrow A$, (B)			
	2				$S \rightarrow B$, (A)		
	1						
	0	EB					
U U		0	1	2	3	4	5
Slotframe							







Elimination

Discards the duplicated packet

et	3		$S \rightarrow A$, (B)	$S \rightarrow A$, (B)			
hannel Offse	2				$S \rightarrow B$, (A)		
	1						$B \rightarrow D$
	0	EB				$A \rightarrow D$	
U U		0	1	2	3	4	5
Slotframe							



S

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"*RPL DAG Metric Container (MC) Node State and Attribute (NSA) object type extension*", R. A. Koutsiamanis, <u>G. Z. Papadopoulos</u>, N. Montavont and P. Thubert, IETF **ROLL WG**, **draft-ietf-roll-nsa-extension-10**, 29 October 2020, *Submitted to IESG for Publication*.

One possible option is to select the Alternative Parent as the one having common ancestor



Why Common Ancestor pattern?



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Alternative Parent Selection: Terminology



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Terminology Neighbor Set

Neighbor Set A:
 - {D, E, B, S}





Terminology Parent Set (PS)

Parent Set (PS) A:
 - {D, E}





Terminology Preferred Parent (PP)

Preferred Parent (PP) A: - {<u>D</u>, E}





Terminology Alternative Parent (AP)

Alternative Parent (AP) A: {D, <u>E</u>}







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► RPL DODAG - S \rightarrow A \rightarrow D - B \rightarrow E



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Example

Parent set S: - {<u>A</u>, B}



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- Parent set S:
 - {<u>A</u>, B}
- ► Parent set A:
 - {<u>D</u>, C, E}





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► A's DIO

- Parent set A: {D, C, E}







B's DIO
 Parent set B: {<u>E</u>, D}















 \triangleright S \rightarrow B

- Alternative Parent





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Similarly, Alternative Parents:

- $A \rightarrow C$

- $B \rightarrow D$







- Parent set B:
 - {E, D}



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PAREO Operation Example

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Multi-path Strategies in RPL-based Networks



"Thorough Investigation of Multi-path Techniques in RPL based Wireless Networks", A. Czarnitzki Estrin, T. Lagos Jenschke, G. Z. Papadopoulos, J. I. Alvarez-Hamelin and N. Montavont, In Proc. **IEEE ISCC 2020** - Rennes, France, July 2020.

Overview

The *n-Disjoint* strategy improves the end-to-end network reliability by employing disjoint pattern.



Replicas and Retransmissions

- ► Replicas:
 - Are copies of a data packet.
 - Each replica may follow a different path.
 - Are sent independently of the success of the original transmission.







Replicas and Retransmissions

- Retransmissions:
 - Are additional opportunities to successfully deliver a data packet.
 - A *retransmission* of a data packet is enabled when a previous transmission failed.
 - Link-layer retransmission function.







n-Disjoint Strategies Default Strategy

- The source selects n+1 best parents (e.g., ETX metric).
- It sends one copy (Replica) to each of them.
- The relay nodes forward the data packet to their PP.
- This is valid for n < |PS|, where n is the # of replicas.





n-Disjoint Strategies Default Strategy

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Advanced Strategy

- If one node detects that a merge takes place, it forwards them to different parents.
- All the relay nodes selects n+1 parents from its PS using the ETX metric.
- If a replica is received, the next best parent is selected.







T. Lagos Jenschke, G. Z. Papadopoulos, R. A. Koutsiamanis, N. Montavont, "Alternative Parent Selection for Multi-Path RPL Networks", IEEE WF-IoT, 2019.

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Preferred Parent in the Set

Any Common Parent





Strict CA mode

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- G selects the AP with the best ETX value





Probability of obtaining an Alternative Parent



As the probability of obtaining an AP improves, so does the network reliability.
 As more nodes are used, the higher the power consumption will be.





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- And the original configurations are restored.



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- Then, the default PP of the Relay node is used.
- If there is none AP, a Soft CA strategy is used.
- Finally, the ODeSe cycle starts again.



Performance Evaluation



Simulation Setup Contiki OS & Cooja, Single-path, n-Disjoint, CA, ODeSe

Simulation		Topology		
Duration	Until 5000 pkts	Topology	Mesh topology	
Data traffic	1 pkt/ 15 sec	N ^o of nodes	32	
Routing protocol	RPL	N ^o of layers (L)	5	
Parent set size (N)	6	N ^o of sources	1	
PS_{MC} size (M)	6	Link Quality	50%, 75%	
TSCH Single-path & Multi-path			ulti-path	
Scheduling		Centralized		
Timeslot length		10 ms		
Nº of channels		1		
Slotframe length		357 Timeslots		
Slotframe length (N-Disjoint)		345 Timeslots		





Common Ancestor Algorithms

Average # of relay nodes used per layer: based on Monte Carlo method



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- The average number of nodes used is close to 2 nodes.
- Multi-path resources are optimized.



Simulation Setup

An example of the employed TSCH-based Schedule



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R.-A. Koutsiamanis, G. Z. Papadopoulos, B. Quoitin and N. Montavont, "A Centralized Controller for Reliable and Available Wireless Schedules in Industrial Networks", In Proc. **MSN 2020**.

50% Link Quality : PDR





50% Link Quality : End-to-end latency







50% Link Quality : Power consumption per algorithm

Single-path, 0 rtx	Single-path, 3 rtx	🔲 N-disjoint 3P, 0 rtx	🜌 N-disjoint 3P, 4 rtx	Strict CA	Soft CA
Single-path, 1 rtx	Single-path, 7 rtx	🔀 N-disjoint 3P, 1 rtx	🚧 N-disjoint 3P, 7 rtx	🔽 Medium CA	🜌 ODeSe



50% Link Quality : Average number of relay nodes per data packet

Single-path, 0 rtx	Single-path, 3 rtx	🔲 N-disjoint 3P, 0 rtx	N-disjoint 3P, 4 rtx	Strict CA	Soft CA
Single-path, 1 rtx	Single-path, 7 rtx	🖂 N-disjoint 3P, 1 rtx	🜌 N-disjoint 3P, 7 rtx	🔽 Medium CA	🜌 ODeSe



Key Takeaways



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- Tackled with deterministic flows for Industrial IoT wireless networks;
- Introduced the PAREO Functions (ARQ, Overhearing, Replication, Elimination).
- Presented the n-Disjoint Strategies, CA Algorithms, and ODeSe.
- Achieved:
 - Bounded latency performance (at the cost of energy and bandwidth).
 - End-to-end network reliability of 99.96%!



Ongoing work

- Extending to FEC algorithms
 - FEC + Multipath
 - IETF
- SDN approach to support ubiquitous IoT technologies
 - 100% centralized approach
 - PCE/PSE
- Applying these technologies to real-world use-cases, Wireless BMS (Renault)



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Education

- Lectures : IMT Atlantique, University of Rennes 1, IHU (Greece)
 - MAC, Compression/Fragmentation, and Routing layers in Internet of Things
- Laboratory Sessions :
 - 3 x Labs over Cooja simulator and Contiki OS : 9 hours
 - 1 x Lab over OpenMotes and Contiki OS : 5 hours
 - ... and we are extending it!



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PAREO Performance Evaluation



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Simulation Setup

TSCH-based Schedule, Network Topology, Contiki OS & Cooja



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- Contiki OS/Cooja
- Multi-hop network of 8 nodes
- Compared against: Defaults TSCH/RPL, LinkPeek
- Static link qualities of 90%, 80%, 70%, and dynamic link qualities between 70% 100%



PAREO Performance Evaluation

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The Capacity Loss Trade-off: The number of timeslots per slotframe



LFC sacrifices throughput for high reliability, low delay and low jitter.
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PAREO Performance Evaluation

The Capacity Loss Trade-off: the available bandwidth, & bandwidth overhead

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PAREO Functions

Pool of functions :

- Packet Transmission
- Automatic Repeat reQuest (ARQ)
- Replication
- Overhearing
- Elimination
- and more such as :
 - Forward Error Correction (FEC)
 - Constructive Interference
 - (Re)Ordering

