

# Clustering in Wireless Sensor Networks a Brief Survey

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**Abstract** - The sensing gadgets measure surrounding condition identified with nature's domain encompassing the sensor and changes them into an electric indicator. Handling such an indicator uncovers a few properties about items found and/or events happening in the region of the sensor. A substantial number of these disposable sensors might be arranged in various requesting that required unattended procedures. . Since from last few year mixed bag of progressions have been made to point of confinement the energy necessity in WSN, as principally energy dispersal is more for wireless transmission and reception. Principle methodologies till proposed were centering at rolling out the improvements at MAC layer and network layer to minimize the energy dissipation.

**Keywords** - Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN), Clustering, Routing, Network Lifetime.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Wireless communication among mobile users is getting more common than at any other time previously. This due to current technological advances in laptop computers and wireless data communication devices, for e.g. wireless modems and wireless LANs. Due results in lower prices and advanced data rates, which are the main reasons why mobile computing continues to enjoy rapid growth. Due to recent technological advances, the actual production involving small along with inexpensive sensors evolved into theoretically along with economically achievable.

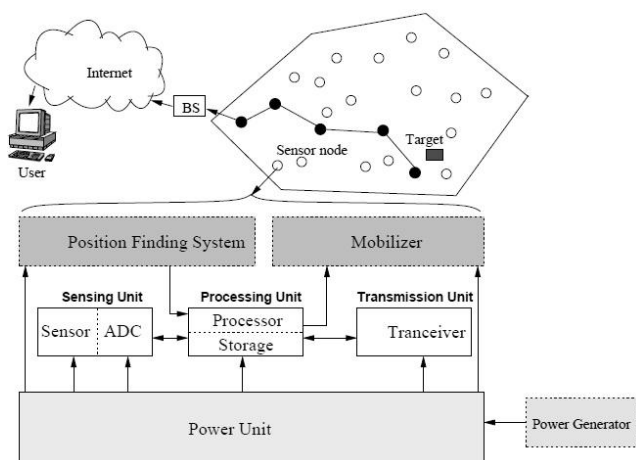


Figure 2.1 Basic Architecture of Wireless Sensor Network

Figure 2.1 shows this schematic diagram associated with sensor node components. Fundamentally, every sensor node embodies processing, sensing, mobilizer,

transmission, position discovering framework, and power items things (some of these parts are typically elective much the same as the mobilizer). Communication architecture of WSN is also specified by the diagram. Occasionally, a mobilizer is required to move sensor node from current position and complete the allotted obligations. Subsequently the sensor may be portable, the base station may require correct position of the node which is carried out by area discovering framework.

A sensor system comprises of a few sensing gadgets conveyed in a given topographical territory for collaboratively assembling/sensing particular data in the environment relating to later on assessment in a center base station. The sensor nodes self-organize right after deployment to ascertain radio communication paths towards the sink. The sensing gadgets are low power gadgets comprising of a microcontroller for data transforming, a microchip and receiving wire for radio correspondence and a sensor for sensing ecological components like heat range, dampness, and light quality and so on. Some of the applications of sensor networks are:

- Military services programs like target tracking wherever a lot of tiny devices are usually used in a physical land to be able to trail the particular movement connected with enemy automobiles.
- Habitat monitoring applications in which a sensor network is deployed in the habitat of a particular animal or bird under consideration to periodically gather factors like heat range, moisture, light strength etc. The data obtained may be later on used to help to make evaluation regarding the beneficial environmentally friendly circumstances intended for optimal advancement and development of the animal/bird.
- Security purposes similar to flame as well as fumes recognition exactly where within a network involving sensors efficient at sensing fumes is usually stationed within a massive developing for you to monitor the cause as well as route in which the flame is usually increasing inside the developing which has caught flame. This can help in superior save as well as retrieval functions.

## 1.2 History of Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN)

Wireless Sensor Networks came into existence in 1950's in form of a project entitled Sound Surveillance System (SOSUS) developed by US military to track the Russian Submarines. This network used hydrophones, acoustic sensors that were deployed under waters of Pacific and Atlantic [17]. Another significant phase of WSN was 1980's when the Distributed Sensor Networks program was launched by United States Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) to explore the field of WSN [18, 19, 20] to explore the challenges of this subject. Innovation parts for a DSN were distinguished in a Distributed Sensor Nets workshop held in 1978. These comprised sensors (acoustic), correspondence and handling modules, and disseminated programming. At Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) an operating system for communication called Accent was developed by researchers (Rashid & Robertson, 1981) for a flexible and transparent access to distributed resources that is required for fault-tolerant DSN.

Scientists at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) created a correspondence turned working framework called Accent (Rashid & Robertson, 1981), which permitted adaptable, transparent access to conveyed assets needed for a fault-tolerant DSN. A definite requisition of DSN was a helicopter tracking framework (Myers et al., 1984), utilizing a dispersed show of acoustic amplifiers by method for indicator deliberations and matching procedures, created at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Later with the progression of WSN into academics the sensors networks commercialized for the government projects of monitoring, detection, disaster prevention etc. As the technology enters into the commercial market, WSN grew more wide and application specific to gain high and desirable outputs [17].

The introduction of sensor networks was focused for the evolution of Distributed Sensor Network (DSN), but the technology was yet not appropriate till that moment. The sensor networks were bulk in size and have their limitations to the specific number of potential applications. The early DSN were also not strongly dependent on wireless sensors. As the computers became better and so as the communication and micro electro mechanical technology, WSN evolved dramatically in research and came closer to its original vision. In 1998 a new wave started with the international involvement that attracted more researchers. In the new era of sensor system exploration, organizing methods and arranged data handling suitable for exceedingly progressive specially appointed situations and asset obliged sensor nodes have been the centering. Sensor networks followed Moore's law that reduced its price significantly thus the technology gets into the reach of civil applications. An initiative research

program SensIT was launched by DARPA (2001) that developed the new relations between WSN and ad hoc networking, dynamic querying and tasking, reprogramming and multitasking.

## II. CLUSTERING IN HETEROGENEOUS WSN MODEL

With the advancements in the innovation of micro electro mechanical system (MEMS), improvements in wireless communications and wireless sensor networks have likewise developed [4]. Wireless sensor networks (WSNs) have turned into a standout amongst the most intriguing zones of examination in the recent years. A WSN is comprises of countless sensor nodes which structure a sensor region and a sink. These immense amounts of nodes, having the capacities to sense their surroundings, perform constrained count and impart wirelessly structure the WSNs [32]. Particular capacities, for example, alerting, tracking and sensing as depicted by Shorey [33], might be gotten through participation among these nodes. These parameters make wireless sensors extremely helpful for checking common phenomena, ecological progressions [34], controlling security, assessing activity streams, observing military application [35], and following cordial constrains in the war zones. These undertakings require high trustworthiness of the sensor systems. To make sensor networks more trustworthy, the consideration regarding research on heterogeneous wireless sensor systems has been expanding in later past [36, 37].

A sensor system might be made adaptable by amassing the sensor nodes into gatherings i.e. clusters. Each cluster has a pioneer, regularly alluded to as the cluster head (CH). A CH may be chosen by the sensors in a cluster or pre-assigned by the system planner. The cluster enrolment may be variable or settled. Various clustering calculations have been particularly intended for WSNs for versatility and productive correspondence. The thought of cluster routing is likewise used to perform energy proficient directing in WSNs. In a progressive outline, higher energy nodes (cluster heads) might be utilized to process and send the data while low energy nodes could be utilized to perform the sensing. This part talk about the heterogeneous model for wireless sensor network and clustering calculations.

### 2.1 Heterogeneous Model in WSN

This heading characterizes a standard of heterogeneous wireless sensor network and examines the effect of heterogeneous assets [38, 39].

#### 2.1.1 Types of heterogeneous resources

There are three common forms of resource heterogeneity in sensor nodes:

- Computational heterogeneity

- Link heterogeneity
- Energy heterogeneity

Computational heterogeneity implies that the heterogeneous node has a more capable chip and more memory than the typical node. With the effective computational means, the heterogeneous nodes can give complex information handling and more term stockpiling.

Link heterogeneity implies that the heterogeneous node has high-data transmission and long-separation system transceiver than the typical node. Link heterogeneity can convey a more trustworthy information transmission. Energy heterogeneity suggests that the heterogeneous node is line powered or its battery is useable.

Among over three sorts of asset heterogeneity, the most critical heterogeneity is the energy heterogeneity on the grounds that both computational heterogeneity and connection heterogeneity will expend more energy asset.

### III. LITERATURE REVIEW

**Jun Wang et al.[1]** clarify the clustering Algorithm, a key system used to draw out the lifetime of a sensor organize by diminishing energy utilization. It can draw out the network lifetime and enhance versatility. In this paper, the authors proposed a novel mixture circulated energy productive heterogeneous clustered protocol for wireless sensor networks (HDEEHC). The HDEEHC protocol occasionally chooses cluster heads as indicated by a cross breed of an essential parameter and an auxiliary parameter. The leftover energy and the kind of a node is the first parameter in the election of a cluster head, and the closeness to its neighbours or node degree is the second. The nodes which have high beginning and remaining energy will have more opportunities to be the cluster heads than the low-energy nodes. The clustering does not rely on upon the network topology or size. At long last, the reproduction results demonstrate that HDEEHC accomplishes a more extended lifetime and more dependability than HEED clustering protocols in heterogeneous situations.

**Zhanyang Xu et al.[2]** demonstrated the bunching has the points of interest of low energy utilization, straightforward directing plan and great versatility, and is generally embraced. Step by step instructions to diminish the energy utilization while drawing out the network lifetime continues through to the end issue however. In this paper, a Density-based Energy-Efficient Clustering Heterogeneous Algorithm (DECHA) is proposed for routing. Taking after the contemplations of LEACH, the election probability of nodes to wind up cluster heads is assessed. As to the likelihood, we have thickness allude to the position data of a node, and together with its energy limit serve as essential

weighted measurements. Further assessment is defeated a finer choice of cluster heads. Simulation results demonstrate that aggregate energy utilization is lessened and lifetime of the network is delayed contrasted and LEACH.

**C.divya et al.[3]** concentrate on a critical errand to gather the information intermittently from different sensors node for observing and recording the physical states of nature. The sensed information must be transmitted and got between the nodes in the network. The Low Energy Adaptive Clustering Hierarchy network (LEACH) is one of the routing protocol to transmit the information between the nodes in the network. In this work, LEACH is altered and created the new idea called MLEACH. This protocol is energy proficient for heterogeneous network. The execution was broke down by considering the time period and it demonstrates that the amount of alive nodes was less. Since the alive node is less the energy utilization is likewise less and in this way expanding the energy proficiency of the network. The relative examination was made between the current and the proposed technique. Simulation result demonstrates that the proposed strategy is more energy effective than the current protocol.

**S Taruna et al.[4]** studied the Wireless sensor networks (WSN), which is comprise of hundreds or many sensor nodes each of which is fit for sensing, transforming, and transmitting ecological data. Though WSNs are progressively prepared to handle more unpredictable capacities, in-network preparing still requires the battery powered sensors to sensibly utilize their constrained energy to draw out the powerful network life time. There are a couple of conventions utilizing sensor clusters to arrange the energy utilization in a WSN. This paper proposes a Zone based Heterogeneous Energy Efficient Clustering (ZHEEC) convention so as to adjust the energy utilization among all nodes. In this scheme, the authors have isolated the network into different equivalent size zones.

**Nilima Rani Das et al.[5]** showed that Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs) were at first intended to encourage military operations yet its application has since been stretched out to wellbeing, movement, and numerous other customer and modern ranges. The measure of the sensor nodes can likewise go from the extent of a shoe box to as little as the span of a grain of dust. As being what is indicated, their costs additionally differ from a couple of pennies to several dollars relying upon the parameters of a sensor like computational rate, transfer speed, energy utilization and memory. Various researches have been carried out to augment the life span, adjust the heap and enhance the energy proficiency of the WSN with insignificant extra overhead. This requires the effective association of the system topology. For attaining adaptable and productive correspondence and fitting association of

the system topology WSN utilization clustering. This paper examined the underlying outline standards and goals of some current energy proficient clustering algorithms.

**M. Jagadeeswara Reddy et al.[6]** predominantly concentrates on Re-clustering in heterogeneous WSN for keep up the heap parity and information accumulation. The proposed convention primarily concentrate on the key parameters of the sensor nodes which are delay the network lifetime, for example, average remaining energy of the each one cluster head keeping in mind the end goal to expand the network lifetime, energy dispersal of the sensor nodes.

**Afroz Mansoori et al.[7]** studied about the WSN, a developing engineering for observing physical world. The energy obligation of Wireless sensor networks makes energy sparing and prolonging the network lifetime turn into the most vital objectives of different routing protocols. Distinctive energy effective clustering protocols for heterogeneous WSN and thinks about these protocols on different focuses like, clustering technique, position awareness, heterogeneity level and clustering Attributes. Energy efficient clustering protocols ought to be intended for the properties for heterogeneous WSN. Several issues in WSNs are formed as multidimensional advancement issues, and approached through bio-motivated methods. Particle swarm optimization (PSO) is a straightforward, compelling and computationally proficient improvement algorithm. It has been connected to address WSN issues, for example, ideal organization, node limitation and clustering & information accumulation.

**S. R. Boselin Prabhu et al.[8]** studied the WSNs which is a standout amongst the most quickly developing scientific space. This is a result of the advancement of cutting advanced sensor nodes with amazingly ease and the potential applications of such sensor nodes are perpetually developing. Routing in WSN is bit more unpredictable than other wired or remote systems. The traditional routing protocols cannot be utilized here because of its battery controlled nodes. To help versatility, energy productivity and proficient routing, nodes are frequently gathered into non-covering clusters. This paper gives a fresh presentation on clustering process in WSNs. The study of distinctive circulated clustering calculations (adaptive clustering algorithms) utilized as a part of WSNs, taking into account a few measurements, for example, clustering objective, cluster count, cluster head mobility, cluster stability, cluster head role and cluster head determination is carried out. The study closes with correlation of few distributed clustering algorithms in WSNs focused around these measurements.

**D. Kumar et al.[9]** proposed a novel Energy Efficient Clustering and Data Aggregation (EECDA) algorithm for the heterogeneous WSNs which joins the plans of energy productive cluster based directing and information total to

attain a finer execution regarding lifetime and strength. EECDA convention incorporates a novel cluster head election system and a way would be chosen with greatest aggregate of energy deposits for information transmission rather than the way with least energy utilization. Simulation results demonstrate that EECDA equalization the energy utilization and draws out the system lifetime by a component of 51%, 35% and 10% when contrasted with LEACH, EEHCA and EDGA individually.

**Ashok Kumar et al.[10]** highlighted the energy productive operation of sensor node which is a key issue in WSN. Clustering is a successful technique to delay the lifetime of energy compelled WSNs. Be that as it may, clustering in WSNs confronts a few difficulties, for example, determination of an ideal gathering of sensor nodes as cluster, ideal choice of cluster head, energy adjusted ideal technique for pivoting the part of head in a cluster, keeping up intra and inter cluster integration and ideal information routing in the network. This paper proposes an algorithm supporting an energy effective clustering, cluster head choice/revolution and information routing strategy to delay the lifetime of sensor network. Simulation results show that the proposed convention delays network lifetime because of the utilization of proficient clustering, cluster head choice/turn and information routing.

**Vinay Kumar et al.[11]** explored to augment network lifetime in WSNs the ways for information move are chosen in such a way, to the point that the aggregate energy devoured along the way is minimized. To help high versatility and better information conglomeration, sensor nodes are frequently gathered into disjoint, non-covering subsets called clusters. Clusters make progressive WSNs which consolidate productive use of constrained assets of sensor nodes and consequently grows network lifetime. The goal of this paper is to present an overview on clustering algorithms reported in the writing of WSNs. This paper displays a scientific classification of energy proficient clustering scheme in WSNs.

**Parul Saini et al.[12]** proposed EDEEC for three sorts of nodes in delaying the lifetime and network stability. Subsequently, it builds the heterogeneity and energy level of the network. Simulation results demonstrate that EDEEC performs superior to SEP with more solidness and successful messages.

**Parul Saini et al.[13]** proposed an energy effective cluster head technique, for heterogeneous WSNs, by changing the limit estimation of a node focused around which it chooses to be a cluster head or not, called TDEEC (Threshold Distributed Energy Efficient Clustering) protocol. Simulation results demonstrate that proposed algorithm performs better as contrasted with others.

**Harneet Kour et al.[14]** demonstrated the effect of heterogeneity as far as node energy in WSNs. At last the simulation result shows that H-HEED accomplishes longer lifetime and more viable information packets in correlation with the HEED protocol.

**Brahim Elbhiri et al.[15]** proposed and assess a clustering system called a Developed Distributed Energy-Efficient Clustering technique for heterogeneous WSNs. This system is focused around changing progressively and with more proficiency the cluster head election probability. Simulation results demonstrate that this protocol performs superior to the Stable Election Protocol (SEP) by about 30%.

**Li Qing et al.[16]** proposed and assess another technique for heterogeneous WSNs, which is called DEEC. In DEEC, the cluster heads are chosen by a probability focused around the degree between residual energy of every node and the average energy of the system. The epochs of being cluster sets out toward nodes are distinctive as per their initial and residual energy. The nodes with high probability energy will have more opportunities to be the cluster heads than the nodes with low energy. At long last, the simulation results demonstrate that DEEC accomplishes longer lifetime and more powerful messages than current essential clustering protocols in heterogeneous situations.

**Georgios Smaragdakis et al.[17]** studied the effect of heterogeneity of nodes, regarding their energy, in wireless sensor organizes that are progressively clustered. In these systems a portion of the nodes get to be cluster heads, total the information of their cluster parts and transmit it to the sink. They expect that a rate of the number of inhabitants in sensor nodes is furnished with extra energy assets this is a wellspring of heterogeneity which may come about because of the starting setting or as the operation of the system develops. They likewise expect that the sensors are arbitrarily (consistently) disseminated and are not versatile, the directions of the sink and the measurements of the sensor field are known. They demonstrate that the conduct of such sensor networks gets extremely unsteady once the first node die, particularly in the vicinity of node heterogeneity. Established clustering protocols accept that all the nodes are outfitted with the same measure of energy and thus, they cannot exploit the vicinity of node heterogeneity. Authors proposed SEP, a heterogeneous-aware protocol to draw out the time interim before the death of the first node, which is essential for some applications where the input from the sensor network must be dependable. SEP is focused around weighted race probabilities of every node to wind up cluster head as per the lingering energy in every node. They demonstrate by simulation that SEP dependably drags out the dependability period contrasted with (and that the normal

throughput is more prominent than) the one got utilizing current clustering protocols.

**Praveen Lalwani et al. [18]** Proposed a biogeography-based energy saving routing architecture for wireless sensor networks. The biogeography-based CH selection algorithm is proposed with an efficient encoding scheme of a habitat and by formulating a novel fitness function that uses residual energy and distance as its metrics. The BBO-based routing algorithm is also proposed. The efficient encoding scheme of a habitat is developed, and its fitness function considers the node degree in addition to residual energy and distance.

**Yixun Liu et al. [19]** proposed an Energy-Efficient MAC Protocol for Delay Minimization in Wireless Sensor Networks. The Quorum-based MAC protocol independently and adaptively schedules nodes' wake-up times and decreases idle listening and collisions, thereby increasing the network throughput and extending the network lifetime. A novel Quorum time slot adaptive condensing (QTSAC)-based MAC protocol is proposed for achieving delay minimization and energy efficiency for the wireless sensor networks (WSNs). Compared to previous protocols, the QTSAC-based MAC protocol has two main novelties: 1) It selects more Quorum time slots (QTSs) than previous protocols in the area that is far from the sink according to the energy consumption in WSNs to decrease the network latency and 2) It allocates QTSs only when data are transmitted to further decrease the network latency. Theoretical analyses and experimental results indicate that the QTSAS protocol can greatly improve network performance compared with existing Quorum-based MAC protocols.

#### IV. PROBLEM DEFINITION

The key challenge encountered in setting up an efficient WSN is to increase the lifetime of the system by minimizing the consumption of energy. Since from last few year mixed bag of progressions have been made to point of confinement the energy necessity in WSN, as principally energy dispersal is more for wireless transmission and reception [1]. Principle methodologies till proposed were centering at rolling out the improvements at MAC layer and network layer to minimize the energy dissipation. Two more real difficulties are the manner by which to place the cluster heads over the network and what number of clusters would be there in a framework. In the event that the cluster heads are accurately situated over the network and sufficient clusters are displayed, it will help to lessen the dispersal of energy and would help to expand the lifetime of the system to handle with all the aforementioned difficulties clustering have been discovered the effective procedure [2] [3]. Clustering is dependably been alluded as a compelling.

All the nodes need to send their information towards BS regularly called as sink. Generally nodes in WSN are force compelled because of constrained battery, it is likewise impractical to energize or supplant battery of effectively sent nodes and nodes may be set where they can't be gotten to. Nodes may be available far from BS so control correspondence is not possible because of restricted battery as direct communication obliges high energy. Clustering is the key system for diminishing battery utilization in which parts of the cluster select a Cluster Head (CH). Numerous clustering conventions are outlined in this respect [5, 6]. All the nodes having a place with cluster send their information to CH, where, CH totals information and sends the collected information to BS [7-9]. Under aggregation, fewer messages are sent to BS and only few nodes have to transmit over large distance, so high energy is saved and over all lifetime of the network is prolonged. Energy consumption for aggregation of data is much less as compared to energy used in data transmission.

The major challenges that are to be addressed in the present work are:

- 1) Effectively deciding the cluster configuration in every iteration of data transmission so as to minimize energy consumption.
- 2) Reducing the decay in average energy of nodes with respect to iterations
- 3) Avoiding dead nodes with respect to iterations so as to increase the Quality of Service (QoS) of the proposed system
- 4) Increasing the network lifetime of the system.

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