A Solution of Sleep Deprivation Attack in Clustered Network

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Abstract*: With the modernization, Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) sensors are gaining importance in the real world. Though the sensor nodes have low power, sensors are widely used in detecting pollution, temperature, pressure and other various applications. Energy of wireless sensor nodes is not rechargeable. Energy-constrained sensor networks periodically place nodes to sleep in order to extend the network lifetime. Denial of sleep attack is a great threat to the lifetime of sensor networks as it prevents the nodes from going into sleep mode. There are various attacks which affect the energy of sensor node. Due to which network's life shortens. In this paper sleep deprivation attack is discussed and the prevention as to increase network's life.*

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1. Introduction

The sensors application can range from securing home to military applications, and then from mobile phones to toys. Basically sensors despite of its size, is very vast field and everything is need to done attentive. Wireless sensor network consist of several nodes where each node is connected to one or more sensor. These nodes perform the sensing and tracking tasks. Heterogeneous routing algorithms are techniques having advantages related to scalability and efficient communication. The aim of hierarchal routing is to make optimize the energy consumption of sensor nodes by dividing and arranging the clusters into the clusters. Wireless sensor network is a part of network which is known as ad-hoc network. It is a network having mobile nodes same as sensor network but the difference between sensor network and ad-hoc network is as following.

- The number of nodes in sensor network is more than in ad-hoc network.
- Sensor network are densely deployed.
- Sensor nodes are prone to failures.
- Ad-hoc network send message point to point but sensor network broadcast message.
- Sensor node is limited in size, power computation capacities and memory.

1.1 Characteristics of Sensor Nodes

- **Self-Configurable**:- Sensor nodes are deployed without engineering. If sensor nodes once deployed, they have to autonomously configure sensor nodes into a communication network.
- **Application specific**: - A network is designed and deployed for a specific application. The design requirements change with its application of a network.

- **Unreliable sensor nodes**: -Sensor nodes are usually deployed in hostile or harsh environments and operate without attendance. Due these environment sensor nodes are prone to failures or physical damages.
- **Frequent topology change:** - Topology of network changes frequently due to addition, node failure, and depletion of energy, damage, or channel fading.
- **No global identification**: - As there are large number of sensor nodes, so it is not possible to build a global addressing scheme for a sensor network because it would introduce a high overhead for the identification maintenance.
- **Many to one traffic pattern** :- In sensor applications, the data sensed by sensor nodes flow from multiple source sensor nodes to a particular sink, exhibiting a many - to - one traffic pattern.
- **Data redundancy:** - In many sensor network applications, sensor nodes are deployed in a region of interest so that sensor nodes are able to collaborate to complete a common sensing task. So, data sensed by multiple sensor nodes have a certain level of redundancy or correlation.
- **Battery - Powered Sensor Node: -** Sensor nodes are mainly powered by battery. In many situations, they are developed in a harsh environment.

1.2 Wireless sensor network Challenges

The unique network characteristics present many challenges in the design of sensor networks, which involve the following main aspects:
- *Limited Energy Capacity:* Sensor nodes are battery powered and thus has very limited energy capacity. This constraint presents many new challenges in the development of hardware and software and the design of network architectures and protocols for sensor networks. To prolong the operational lifetime of a sensor network, energy efficiency should be considered in every aspect of sensor network design, not only hardware and software, but also network architectures and protocols.

- *Limited Hardware Resources:* Most sensor nodes have limited storage capacities and processing, and perform only fixed computational functionality. For sensor networks, hardware constraints present many challenges in network protocol and software development design, in which energy constraint is also considered along with processing and storage capacities of sensor nodes.
- *Massive and Random Deployment:* Most sensor networks consist of sensor nodes in very large number, which vary from hundreds to thousands. Node deployment of sensor network can be either manual or random and is usually application dependent. In most applications, sensor nodes can be scattered randomly in an intended area or dropped massively over an inaccessible or hostile region. The sensor nodes must autonomously organize themselves into a communication network before they start to perform a sensing task.
- *Dynamic and Unreliable Environment:* Most sensor network usually works in special environment such as dynamic and unreliable. At another side, the change in topology of a sensor network is very fast due to energy depletion, damages, additions, or node failures. At other side, Linking of sensor nodes by a wireless medium is error prone, time varying and noisy. The disrupted connectivity of the network may be at regular basis because of channel fading or signal attenuation.
- *Diverse Applications:* Most sensor networks have a wide range of diverse applications. There are various requirements for different applications. There are no such network protocols which can meet the requirements of all applications.

2. Hierarchal Cluster Architecture

Various types of nodes in network are:-

- *Leaf node layer:* This layer of the cluster only senses the data and its detection power is set to zero.
- *Sector in Charge layer*: This node has maximum energy among neighbors of CIC and capable to collect sensing data.
- *Sector Monitor layer:* This node is nearest neighbor of CIC and whose detection power is set to maximum within sector and capable to detect anomaly.
- *Cluster in charge layer:* This node have maximum energy and degree (number of nodes within its coverage area) among all neighbors of SG and capable to take final decision regarding intrusion.
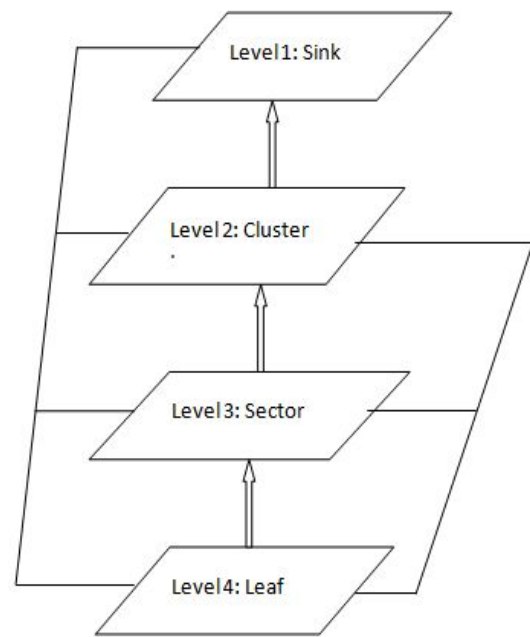- *Sink Gateway layer:* A node having highest capacity provides gateway functionality to other networks.

Figure 1: Hierarchical level for cluster [7]

A new MAC protocol is used in "Wireless sensor network denial of sleep attack", which mitigates many of the effects of denial of sleep attacks. WSNET link layer protocol G-MAC can serve as an effective denial of sleep defense by centralizing cluster management-MAC has several energy saving features which not only extend the network lifetime, but the centralized architecture makes the network lifetime more resistant to denial of sleep attacks.

3. Related Work

In "Effect of Denial of sleep attacks on wireless sensor network MAC protocols" [4] explains the *denial-of-sleep* attack, in which power of sensor node is targeted. These types of attacks reduce the sensor lifetime from years to days and have a devastating impact on a sensor network. They classifies sensor network denial-of-sleep attacks in terms of an attacker's knowledge of the medium access control (MAC) layer protocol and ability to bypass authentication and encryption protocols.

In "Clustered Adaptive Rate Limiting: Defeating Denial-Of-Sleep Attacks in Wireless Sensor Networks" [5], a technique is described on host based lightweight intrusion detection, Clustered Adaptive Rate Limiting (CARL) based on rate limiting approach at MAC layer is proposed to defeat denial of sleep attacks. In this scheme a limit is set on the amount of time that the radio is active. By reducing the amount of data that can be received and keeping the radio in power-down sleep mode the rest of the time, the impact of denial-of-sleep attacks on network lifetime is significantly reduced.

In "An Effective Scheme for Defending Denial-of-Sleep Attack in Wireless Sensor Networks" [6] a scheme is proposed employing fake schedule switch with RSSI measurement aid. The sensor nodes can decrease the harm from attack and can make the attackers lose their energy quickly so as to make them deactivate. The switch is used to

broadcast the schedule switch sync message to all the nodes but don't really change their schedule and RSSI (Received signal Strength Indication) is used to protect the switch scheme being revealed, this scheme is used to find the malicious node in the cluster.

In "Sleep deprivation Attack Detection in Wireless Sensor network" [5] proposed a hierarchical framework based on distributed collaborative mechanism for detecting sleep deprivation torture in wireless sensor network efficiently. The sensor nodes are categorized into various roles such as sink gateway (SG), sector monitor(SM), Sector-in –charge (SIC) and leaf node (LN) depending on their battery capacity. Leaf node have the role of sensing the data, sector in-charge collecting the data and sector monitor have role of detecting the data, and this node is responsible for detecting the malicious and attackers data and sink gateway has the role of communicating with the sink node.

In "A Strategic deployment and cluster head selection for wireless sensor networks" [9] in this a paper, it proposed a cluster head selection scheme by designing the network with multiple-sized fixed grids while taking into account the arbitrary-shaped area sensed by the sensor nodes.
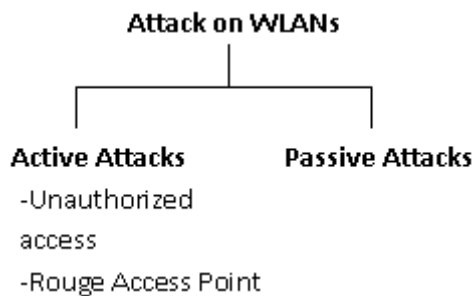
This cluster-based scheme considers the fact that
1) The sensor nodes are not always distributed on the square shaped field.
2) Each sensor node can have a different amount of initial energy. That is, some of the sensor nodes have more power and they also can be strategically located in other places.
3) The remaining energy of the sensor nodes is different at any given time depending on their particular position and functionality.

The drawback of this scheme is that it cannot be used for military purposes as the network is deployed in this scheme manually.

In "Distributed Wake-Up scheduling for Data collection in tree-based wireless sensor networks" [10] stated a scheme known as distributed wake-up scheduling scheme for data collection in a sensor networks that achieves both low reporting latency and energy conservation, i.e. in a wireless network which is special type of network known as multihop wireless network, a simple and efficient way of defining interference neighbors is to prohibit a node from using the same slot 0 code as those of its 1-hop and 2-hop. Power saving and latency are improved to prolong network lifetime and freshness of data.

Attack
An attack is a action performed by attacker to compromise the security of any information belonging to an organization.

Attackers
Attackers are any person or software that strongly attempts to destroy security services and violates the security policy of networked system. Such persons or computer attempts to gain unauthorized access to information resources.

3.1 Two types of attacks are

- **Active attacks**: Active attacks involve the attacker changing the information /content or even sometimes generating fraudulent information into the network. These types of attacks are malicious in nature and can result in severe losses for the victims.
- **Passive attacks**: Passive attacks are those in which the attacker obtains information being transmitted /received by the network. These types of attacks are usually difficult to detect as there is no modification of the contents by the attacker.

3.2 The Principle of Active attacks:

In the active attack scenario, a malevolent third party manipulates a response within a legitimate session in a way that tricks the client into issuing an unwanted request (unknown to the user) which discloses sensitive information. On this information the attacker can then apply a regular passive attack. So, according to it we can say that this is made possible by a design flaw, not an implementation error or bug. We describe this type of attack as "active" rather than "passive" because of two essential differences in the nature of the attack:

- Attacker initiates the attack, rather than the victim
- Attacker control the target, rather than being limited by the extent of the victim's browsing activity.

Sleep Attack

Wireless sensor nodes have schedule time for transmission, reception of data and for idle listening. Some system set the sensor nodes schedule for sending and receiving the data and the time when the system will idle for energy conservation. To understand sleep attack we need to understand the two different modes of the schedule time:

1 **Active mode**: When the system is available for sending and receiving the messages, the sensor nodes are in active mode. Consumption of energy in active mode is more.
2 **Sleep Mode**: When the system is not available for sending and receiving the messages, the sensor nodes are in sleep mode. Energy consumption is less during sleep mode.

In case of sleep deprivation attack the attacking node doesn't allow the node to go under sleep mode. It will send data during sleep mode of a sensor node which keeps sleep mode in active mode and thus energy consumption increases and hampers the life time of network.

4. Flowchart Showing Technique to Prevent Denial of Sleep Attack

Algorithmic form of above flowchart is as follow:

1. Leaf node receive message and send to sector node.
2. Sector node forward message to sector in-charge.
3. Sector in-charge checks if message coming from leaf node is in its wake mode or sleep mode.
4. If message time==sleep time
    Tag=invalid.
    Otherwise,
    Tag =valid.
5. Sector in-charge forwards message to sink gateway after applying tags from step 4.
6. Sink gateway checks for tags
7. If tag==valid
Forward message in the network as it is a valid message.
Otherwise,
    a) Check location of malicious node and send the same message to all leaf nodes which malicious node send message.
   b) All leaf nodes will send messages to malicious node and make it deactivated.
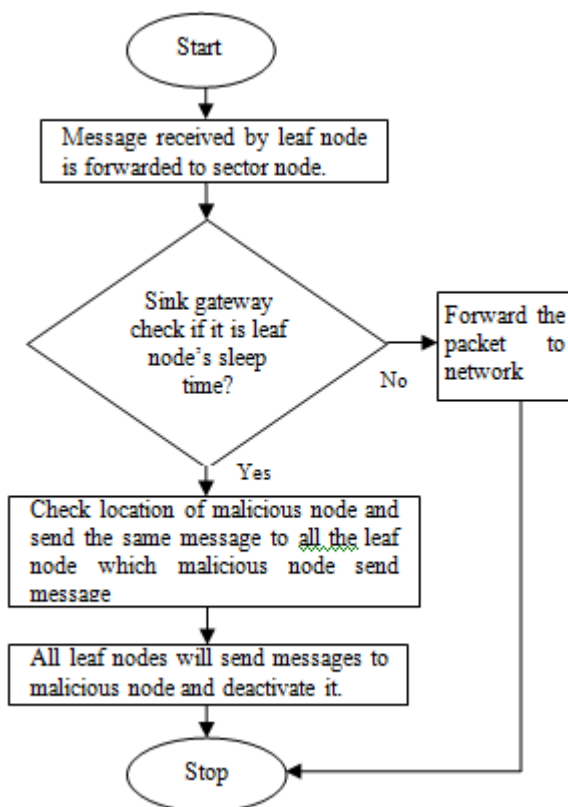
Figure 2: Flowchart of technique to prevent sleep deprivation attack

5. Results and Experiment

In figure 3 node number 6 is victim node and node number 11 is attacking node. When packet is arrived from attacking node, node 6 becomes active despite of its sleep mode schedule and packet is forwarded to sector in charge node which will check the time schedule of leaf node 6 and mark

packet as invalid and send to sink. Sink node will detect attacking node and send information of its location to nearby leaf nodes. Leaf node will send packets to attacking node and make it deactivate. The scenario of implementation is shown in fig. 3.
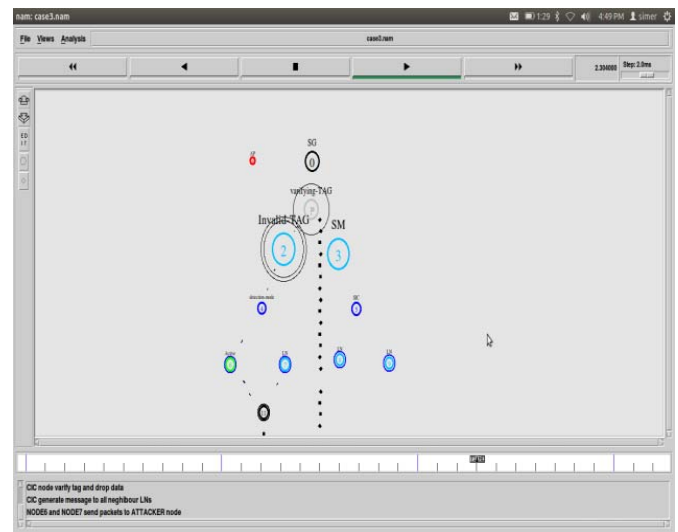
Figure 3: Implementation scenario of sleep attack's prevention.

When attack occurs all other leaf nodes will get notification from sector in charge. Then all leaf nodes will start to send packets to attacking node so that this attacking node becomes dead. The scenario showing attacking node as dead is shown in Figure 4.
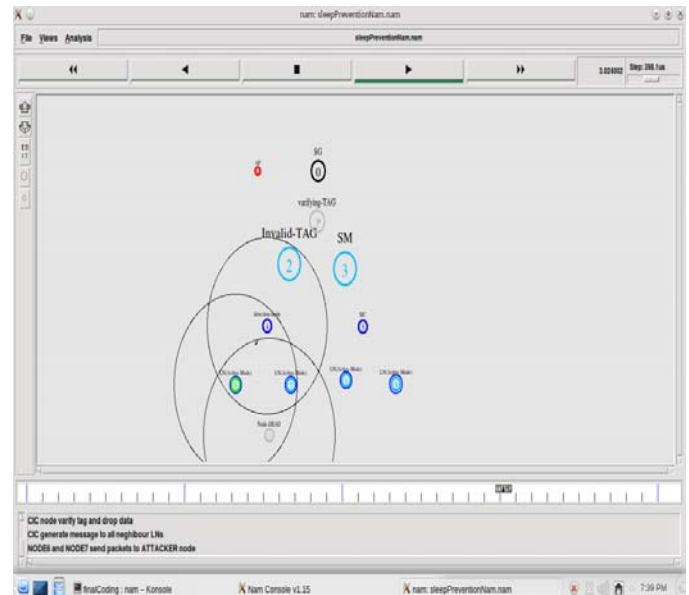

Figure 4: Scenario showing dead mlacious nodes

In figure 4 we can see that malicious node which was represented by node 11 is in gray color which represent that this malicious node is dead now as its energy has been consumed.

The energy at each moment of time of leaf node 6 is calculated for both scenarios sleep attacking scenario and prevention scenario shown in graph shown below. The red line in following graph is for sleep attacking scenario and

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green line is for sleep prevention scenario. As we can clearly see that energy of leaf node 6 in sleep prevention scenario is long lasting as compared to energy of leaf node in sleep attack scenario.
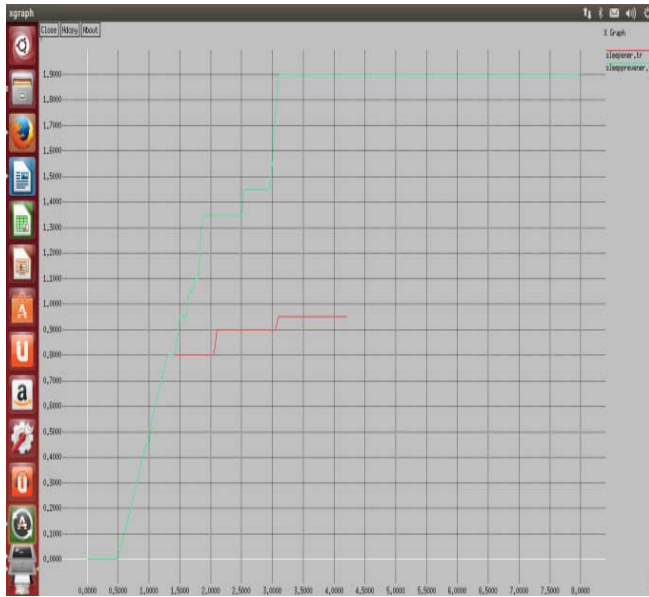
Figure 5: Comparison of energy of victim node in sleep attack and its prevention

6. Conclusion

Energy-constrained sensor networks periodically place nodes to sleep in order to extend the network Lifetime. Denial of sleep attacks is a great threat to the lifetime of sensor networks as it prevents the nodes from going into sleep mode, due to which it hampers the networks life time. So a step has been taken to prevent sleep deprivation attack. Also the comparisons of energy in both cases is done which clearly shows the prevention steps taken are helping in long lasting of network.

In future, we can work on following points:

1) More work can be done on some new techniques so as to save more energy in sleep deprivation attack.
2) The more attacks can be studied and different prevention measures can be taken upon them also.
3) Moreover as we have worked on sleep attack in cluster based network, but in future sleep attack and its prevention can done on non-clustered network.
4) Also impact of this attack can be seen on mobile ad-hoc network models using different mobility models.

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