

Energy Efficient Transmission Error Recovery for Wireless Sensor Networks

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Abstract

Transmission errors are inherent in wireless communications because of the instability of wireless channels resulting due to channel fading, time-frequency coherence, inter-band interference, etc, and thus receiving unreliable message packet. This necessitates the retransmission of packet which further results into extra processing and increased energy consumption of the sensor nodes.

In this paper, we propose a new approach of an energy-efficient transmission error recovery algorithm for wireless sensor networks. In the proposed methodology, the data packet is divided into small sub-packets and retransmission is done for only corrupted portion of the sub-packets. The algorithm also helps in determining optimum size of the sub-packet. These results into minimum battery power requirement for the sensor nodes and increased lifespan of the sensor network. The results show that more than 30% of the power savings can be achieved by implementing proposed system as compared to conventional retransmission of complete packet.

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1. Introduction

Wireless sensor network (WSN) is an emerging technology that promises a wide range of potential applications in both civilian and military areas [10], for example, environmental monitoring, battlefield monitoring and remote sensing, healthcare applications, industrial process control, security and surveillance, etc. A WSN is similar to mobile ad hoc networks, except that the sensors have limited battery power, limited transmission rate, and much reduced other capabilities. The limited embedded battery life-time of each sensor node calls for minimizing power consumption in the sensors, which is crucial for successful and reliable network operation. Thus, power and energy efficiency is of paramount interest, and the optimal WSN design should consume the minimum amount of power needed to provide reliable communication [9].

With the micro-electro-mechanical system (MEMS) technology, the size and cost of a sensor node have been significantly reduced. On the other hand, energy efficiency has also been significantly enhanced by incorporating energy awareness in the design of application and network protocols [4, 11, 12, 13]. However, energy-efficient reliable data transmission is still as

challenge in energy constrained WSNs. The wireless network of sensor nodes is inherently exposed to various sources of unreliability and integrity problems such as unreliable communication channels, transmission errors, node failures, malicious tampering of nodes and eavesdropping. In WSN, multi-user interference caused by densely populated sensors may lead to a high packet error rate. While retransmissions can be used to recover from data loss, it requires additional energy and introduces delay in trans-to-receive mode changeover. Sensor devices being energy constrained, retransmission based schemes have proved too costly. Therefore, one of the goals of the wireless sensor networks is to enable energy-efficient reliable data transmission and reception to meet the applications requirement [1]. The existing MANET routing approaches may not work optimally, and have prompted various new research studies [5-8].

It is well known fact that transmission on wireless channels is much more error prone than on wired channels. Physical phenomena like reflection, diffraction, and scattering of waveforms, partially in conjunction with moving nodes or movements in the environment, lead to fast fading and inter-symbol interference. Path loss, attenuation, and the presence of obstacles lead to slow fading. In addition, there is noise and interference from other nodes/other systems working in overlapping or neighboring frequency bands. Thus, transmission errors are inherent in wireless communications because of these instability of wireless channels, which is due to many reasons, for example, channel fading, time-frequency coherence, and inter-band interference [14]. The distortion of waveforms translates into bit errors and packet losses. A transmission packet having errors is useless and results into extra processing with respect to retransmission at both the sender and the receiver stations. The most important error control techniques data communications are Automatic Repeat reQuest (ARQ) and Forward Error Correction (FEC). ARQ, also known as Automatic Repeat Query, is an error-control method for data transmission that uses acknowledgements (messages sent by the receiver indicating that it has correctly received a data frame or packet) and timeouts (specified periods of time allowed to elapse before an acknowledgment is to be received) to achieve reliable data transmission over an unreliable service. If the sender does not receive an acknowledgment before the timeout, it usually re-transmits the frame/packet until the sender receives an acknowledgment or exceeds a predefined number of re-transmissions. In ARQ, damaged packets are retransmitted without trying to correct the error. There are three types of ARQ protocols namely Stop-and-wait ARQ, Go-Back-N ARQ, and Selective Repeat ARQ. These protocols reside in the Data Link or Transport Layers of the OSI model. The Transmission Control Protocol uses a variant of Go-Back-N ARQ to ensure reliable transmission of data over the Internet Protocol, which does not provide guaranteed delivery of packets; with Selective Acknowledgement (SACK), it uses Selective Repeat ARQ. ARQ has advantages that it produces no overheads and has optimal throughput in a non-error situation. However, the main disadvantages of ARQ are the huge delays and retransmission costs when an error occurs and results into huge energy loss.

Forward error correction (FEC) (also called channel coding) is a system of error control for data transmission, whereby the sender adds systematically generated redundant data to its messages, also known as an error-correcting code. The carefully designed redundancy allows the receiver to detect and correct a limited number of errors occurring anywhere in the message without the need to ask the sender for additional data. FEC gives the receiver an ability to correct errors without needing a reverse channel to request retransmission of data, but this advantage is at the cost of a fixed higher forward channel bandwidth. FEC is therefore applied in situations where retransmissions are relatively costly, or impossible such as when broadcasting to multiple

receivers. In particular, FEC information is usually added to mass storage devices to enable recovery of corrupted data.

Thus, when designing wireless networks, the link reliability and energy-efficiency are important parameters for sensor networks, due to the nature of channels in various application scenarios [15]. Though the error control codes have higher power efficiency these conventional approaches like FEC or ARQ all require acknowledgement. Acknowledgement is needed in ARQ to let the sender know whether it needs to retransmit the packet. FEC eliminates the need for retransmission, but acknowledgement is still needed to let the sender know if the packet has been received at all by the destination, no matter it is correct or not. Acknowledgement is very expensive in terms of power [16]. The problem with the current protocols is that they find lowest energy route on the network, and use it always for every Communication, though it is not the best method to increase the network lifetime. Using the same low energy path also leads to network partition [18].

In this paper, we propose energy efficient transmission error recovery for WSNs. The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 summarizes the related work. Section 3 describes the proposed transmission error recovery algorithms with the help of illustrative examples. Simulation results are presented in Section 4. Conclusion is given in Section 5.

2. Related Work

There has been several research papers published on error control techniques in wireless sensor networks. Though these research publications have tried to focus on efficient routing schemes to optimize on the power usage of the WSN, none of them are directly applicable to the energy-efficiency aspect of the WSN in case of error encountered particularly during transmission and reception. Also, each technique has advantages and disadvantages. Battery power of individual sensor nodes is a precious resource in the WSN [2, 3]. For example, the power consumed by a Berkeley mote to transmit 1-bit of data is equivalent to the computation of 800m instructions [2]. When the battery power at a sensor node expires, the sensor node discontinues its operations in the network. Therefore, preserving the battery power of the individual sensor nodes is one of the primary concerns that pervades the design and operations of the WSN. The larger life span for battery power of individual sensor nodes may be achieved by minimizing the error in transmission and optimized re-transmission of messages/packets.

Havinga has studied energy-efficiency of FECs over various retransmission schemes for wireless communications [19]. As compared in [20, 21], fixed and small error correction codes are not effective in reducing packet losses when the errors are busy. In [22], an adaptive FEC scheme based on Universal Reed Solomon decoder has been presented for reliability in WSN. This scheme is particularly suitable for applications requiring high packet reliability and in which transmitting nodes consist of diversified features in terms of sensory data and/or coding schemes. However, such adaptive universal FEC has drawback of non-zero overheads in no-error and low-error situations compared to ARQ protocol. Some times multi-path routing algorithms are used for ensuring error-free data packet reception at the destination in a sensor network. However, this method has the disadvantage of increasing the overall traffic and energy usage substantially. In [23], the original data packet is split in sub-packets and each one of them is sent through one of the multiple paths. The sub-packets are created using erasure or FEC codes that add redundancy to the original source data. The total number of sub-packets as well as the added redundancy is a function dependent on the multipath degree and on the failing

probabilities of the available paths. In this case, sequence of sub-packets is transmitted out of which only few sub-packets are necessary to reconstruct the original packet instead of the whole packet. Thus, the original message is constructed even if some of them are lost. But estimating the failing probabilities of each node is a challenging task. In [24], a meshed multipath routing (M-MPR) protocol with selective forwarding of packets and end-to-end forward error correction coding has been presented. It allows some intermediate nodes to have more than one forwarding direction to a given destination. In addition, selective forwarding of packets is done where the forwarding decision is taken dynamically, hop-by-hop, based on the conditions of downstream forwarding nodes. End-to-end FEC coding is also used to avoid acknowledgement-based retransmission.

In [25], a technique has been introduced which uses the temporal correlation of the data to correct transient errors in the received data using a data prediction model and a-posteriori information about future data. The suggested correction technique, however, assumes a perfect knowledge of the data properties and uses a pre-characterized data model to assist the correction process. However, building a perfect model of data offline is practically infeasible at times because of the following reasons. In a real sensor network, the data properties are context dependent. For example, temperature variation in a sensor being deployed outside in the field is different than one deployed inside an apartment. Moreover, the data properties vary over the lifetime of the sensor application necessitating run time changes in the data model. In [1], the earlier framework has been enhanced to model based error correction framework by introducing a scalable data modeling methodology to correct transient errors in the data received from the sensor nodes.

3. Proposed Energy Conservation Algorithm Scheme

As we know that basic steps of data communications are packet formation, transmission, reception, and packet interpretation. Figure 1 illustrates the basic operation of data communication.

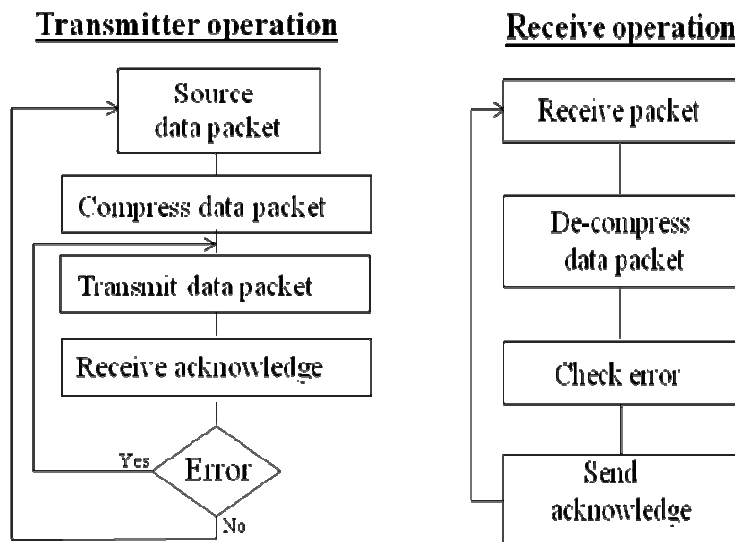


Figure 1: Basic operation of data communication

Recovery of transmitted data packet, in case, of error, can be achieved through different methods in data communications as mentions below.

Method 1: Resending the entire packet if corrupt.

Method 2: Resending only the corrupted portion of the packet.

Method 3: Breaking the packets into small sub-packets and resending only the corrupted sub-packet.

Method 4: Breaking the packets into small sub-packets and re-sending the only the corrupted portion of the sub-packet.

The emphasis of our approach is to increase the life span of the network by retransmission of only corrupted portion of the sub-packet and not the whole sub-packet. The activities performed at transmitting and receiving sides are illustrated below in tabular form for easy understanding for each of the methods.

Method 1: Re-sending the entire packet if corrupt.

| Transmitter | Receiver |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Compress data packet before transmitting | |
| Transmit the entire packet | Receive packet and de-compress |
| | Check error (only OK / Not OK) |
| Receive acknowledgement | Send acknowledgement (error found) |
| Retransmit the entire packet if faulty | Receive packet and de-compress |
| | Check error (only OK / Not OK) |
| Receive acknowledgement | Send acknowledgement (no error found) |

Method 2: Re-sending only the corrupted portion of the packet.

| Transmitter | Receiver |
|---|---|
| Compress data packet before transmitting | |
| Transmit the entire packet | Receive packet and de-compress |
| | Check error (algorithm to check the % of data packet received OK) |
| Receive acknowledgement | Send acknowledgement (% of OK packet received) |
| Create new packet of the part of data not received by the Receiver from the original packet | |
| Compress data packet before transmitting | |
| Retransmit the new sub-packet | Receive new sub-packet and de-compress |
| | Check error (algorithm to check the % of data packet received OK) |
| Receive acknowledgement | Send acknowledgement (no error found) |

Method 3: Breaking the packets into small sub-packets and re-sending only the corrupted sub-packet.

| Transmitter | Receiver |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Create Sub-packets of the entire packet | |
| Compress data sub-packets before transmitting | |
| Transmit the sub-packet | Receive sub-packet and de-compress |
| | Check error (only OK / Not OK) |
| Receive acknowledgement | Send acknowledgement (error found) |
| Retransmit faulty sub-packet | Receive sub-packet and de-compress |
| | Check error (only OK / Not OK) |
| Receive acknowledgement | Send acknowledgement (no error found) |
| Repeat the process till all the packets are sent successfully | |

Method 4: Breaking the packets into small sub-packets and re-sending only the corrupted portion of the sub-packet.

| Transmitter | Receiver |
|---|---|
| Create Sub-packets of the entire packet | |
| Compress data sub-packet before transmitting | |
| Transmit the sub-packet | Receive sub-packet and de-compress |
| | Check error (algorithm to check the % of data sub-sub-packet received OK) |
| Receive acknowledgement | Send acknowledgement (% of OK sub-sub-packet received) |
| Create new sub-sub-packet of the part of data not received by the Receiver from the original sub-packet | |
| Compress data sub-sub-packet before transmitting | |
| Retransmit the new sub-sub-packet | Receive sub-sub-packet and de-compress |
| | Check error (algorithm to check the % of data sub-sub-packet received OK) |
| Receive acknowledgement | Send acknowledgement (% of OK sub-sub-packet received) |
| Repeat the process till all the sub-packets are sent successfully | |

3.1 Basic Assumptions of Parameters

- Assuming distance between the Transmitter & Receiver is 50meters
- Time required for transmitting 1bits of data is 6nSec [17]
- Battery Voltage is 9Volts
- Average current required for transmitting 1bit of data is 24mAmps

- Average current required in idle state (transmitter/receiver) is 500μAmps
- Average current required for processing (data compression, sub-packet creation, etc.) 1bit of data is 750μAmps
- Data Packet is 100 bits, Acknowledge Packet is 5 bits
- Error occurs after 30% of the packet is received by the receiver
- Length of Sub-Packets is 20bits

The basic formulas for energy calculations is given as

$$\text{Energy (E)} = \text{Power (P)} * \text{Time (T)}$$

$$\text{Power (P)} = \text{Voltage (V)} * \text{Current (I)}$$

Now based on the above formula, the per bit energy calculation is given in Table 1.

Table 1: Per bit energy calculation

| SN | Per Bit | Voltage | current(A) | Power(W) | Time(nSec) | Energy(nJoules) / bit |
|----|--------------|---------|------------|----------|------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Transmission | 9 | 0.024 | 0.216 | 6 | 1.296 |
| 2 | Processing | 9 | 0.00075 | 0.00675 | 6 | 0.0405 |
| 3 | Receiving | 9 | 0.018 | 0.162 | 6 | 0.972 |
| 4 | Idle State | 9 | 0.0005 | 0.0045 | 6 | 0.027 |

On the basis of above energy calculation, the power assumptions for transmitter and receiver are given in Table 2 and Table 3 respectively.

Table 2: Power assumptions for the various processes of the transmitter

| | | | |
|---|--|---------------------------------|----------|
| 1 | Compression of data packet before transmitting (per bit) | E_{compress} | 0.04nJ |
| 2 | Transmission of data packet (per bit) | E_{Transmit} | 1.29 nJ |
| 3 | Receiving of data packet at transmitter(per bit) | E_{Receive} | 0.97nJ |
| 4 | Creation of data sub-packet from the complete packet (per bit) | $E_{\text{sub_packet}}$ | 0.04nJ |
| 5 | Size of the data packet (in bits) | $B_{\text{Data_packet}}$ | 100 Bits |
| 6 | Size of error packet (in bits) | $B_{\text{error_packet}}$ | 40 Bits |
| 7 | Size of error sub-packet (in bits) | $B_{\text{error_sub_packet}}$ | 14 Bits |
| 8 | Size of sub packet (in bits) | $B_{\text{sub_packet}}$ | 20 Bits |

Table 3: Power assumptions for the various processes of the receiver

| | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------------|----------|
| 1 | Receiving data packet = Receiving of data packet at transmitter (per bit) | E_{Receive} | 0.97nJ |
| 2 | De-compression of data packet (per bit) = Compression of data packet before transmitting (per bit) | E_{compress} | 0.04nJ |
| 3 | Error checking (per bit) | $E_{\text{error_check}}$ | 0.04nJ |
| 4 | Transmit acknowledge = Transmission of data packet (per bit) | E_{Transmit} | 1.29 nJ |
| 5 | Error checking - Algorithm to check the % of data packet received OK (per bit) | $E_{\text{error_Algorithm}}$ | 0.04nJ |
| 6 | Size of error check packet (in bits) | $B_{\text{error_check}}$ | 100 Bits |
| 7 | Size of acknowledgement packet (in bits) | $B_{\text{Acknowledge}}$ | 5 Bits |

Now the energy computations for different methods are given below.

Method 1: Resending the entire packet if corrupt.

$$E_{\text{Transmitter}} = E_{\text{compress}} * B_{\text{Data_packet}} + 2 * (E_{\text{Transmit}} * B_{\text{Data_packet}} + E_{\text{Receive}} * B_{\text{Acknowledge}})$$

$$= 0.04 * 100 + 2 * (1.296 * 100 + 0.972 * 5)$$

$$= 272.92 \text{ nJ}$$

$$E_{\text{Receiver}} = 2 * (E_{\text{Receive}} * B_{\text{Data_packet}} + E_{\text{compress}} * B_{\text{Data_packet}} + E_{\text{error_check}} * B_{\text{error_check}} + E_{\text{Transmit}} * B_{\text{Acknowledge}})$$

$$= 2 * (0.972 * 100 + 0.04 * 100 + 0.04 * 100 + 1.296 * 5)$$

$$= 223.36 \text{ nJ}$$

$$E_{\text{total_method1}} = E_{\text{Transmitter}} + E_{\text{Receiver}}$$

$$= 496.28 \text{ nJ}$$

Method 2: Resending only the corrupted portion of the packet.

$$E_{\text{Transmitter}} = E_{\text{compress}} * B_{\text{Data_packet}} + E_{\text{Transmit}} * B_{\text{Data_packet}} + 2 * (E_{\text{Receive}} * B_{\text{Acknowledge}}) + E_{\text{sub_packet}} * (B_{\text{error_packet}} + E_{\text{compress}} * B_{\text{error_packet}} + E_{\text{Transmit}} * B_{\text{error_packet}})$$

$$= 0.04 * 100 + 1.296 * 100 + 2 * (0.972 * 5) + 0.04 * 40 + 0.04 * 40 + 1.296 * 40$$

$$= 239.64 \text{ nJ}$$

$$E_{\text{Receiver}} = E_{\text{Receive}} * B_{\text{Data_packet}} + E_{\text{compress}} * B_{\text{Data_packet}} + E_{\text{error_algorithm}} * B_{\text{Data_packet}} + 2 * (E_{\text{Transmit}} * B_{\text{Acknowledge}}) + E_{\text{Receive}} * B_{\text{error_packet}} + E_{\text{compress}} * B_{\text{error_packet}} + E_{\text{error_algorithm}} * B_{\text{error_packet}}$$

$$= 0.972 * 100 + 0.04 * 100 + 0.04 * 100 + 2 * (1.296 * 5) + 0.972 * 40 + 0.04 * 40 + 0.04 * 40$$

$$= 191.8 \text{ nJ}$$

$$E_{\text{total_method2}} = E_{\text{Transmitter}} + E_{\text{Receiver}}$$

$$= 431.44 \text{ nJ}$$

Method 3: Breaking the packets into small sub-packets and re-sending only the corrupted sub-packet.

$$E_{\text{Transmitter}} = \text{No. of Sub-packets} * (E_{\text{sub_packet}} * B_{\text{sub_packet}} + E_{\text{compress}} * B_{\text{sub_packet}}) + (\text{No. of Sub-packets} + 1) * (E_{\text{Transmit}} * B_{\text{sub_packet}} + E_{\text{Receive}} * B_{\text{Acknowledge}})$$

$$= 5 * (0.04 * 20 + 0.04 * 20) + 6 * (1.296 * 20 + 0.972 * 5)$$

$$= 192.68 \text{ nJ}$$

$$E_{\text{Receiver}} = (\text{No. of Sub-packets} + 1) * (E_{\text{Receive}} * B_{\text{sub_packet}} + E_{\text{compress}} * B_{\text{sub_packet}} + E_{\text{error_check}} * B_{\text{sub_packet}} + E_{\text{Transmit}} * B_{\text{Acknowledge}})$$

$$= 6 * (0.972 * 20 + 0.04 * 20 + 0.04 * 20 + 1.296 * 5)$$

$$= 165.12 \text{ nJ}$$

$$E_{\text{total_method3}} = E_{\text{Transmitter}} + E_{\text{Receiver}} \\ = 357.8 \text{ nJ}$$

Method 4: Breaking the packets into small sub-packets and re-sending the only the corrupted portion of the sub-packet.

$$E_{\text{Transmitter}} = \text{No. of Sub-packets} * (E_{\text{sub_packet}} * B_{\text{sub_packet}} + E_{\text{compress}} * B_{\text{sub_packet}} + E_{\text{Transmit}} * B_{\text{sub_packet}} + E_{\text{Receive}} * B_{\text{Acknowledge}}) + E_{\text{sub_packet}} * B_{\text{error_sub_packet}} + E_{\text{Transmit}} * B_{\text{error_Sub_packet}} + E_{\text{Receive}} * B_{\text{Acknowledge}}$$

$$= 5 * (0.04 * 20 + 0.04 * 20 + 1.296 * 20 + 0.972 * 5) + 0.04 * 14 + 1.296 * 14 + 0.972 * 5$$

$$= 185.46 \text{ nJ}$$

$$E_{\text{Receiver}} = (\text{No. of Sub-packets}) * (E_{\text{Receive}} * B_{\text{sub_packet}} + E_{\text{compress}} * B_{\text{sub_packet}} + E_{\text{error_algorithm}} * B_{\text{sub_packet}} + E_{\text{Transmit}} * B_{\text{Acknowledge}}) + E_{\text{Receive}} * B_{\text{error_sub_packet}} + E_{\text{compress}} * B_{\text{error_sub_packet}} + E_{\text{error_algorithm}} * B_{\text{error_sub_packet}} + E_{\text{Transmit}} * B_{\text{Acknowledge}}$$

$$= 5 * (0.972 * 20 + 0.04 * 20 + 0.04 * 20 + 1.296 * 5) + 0.972 * 14 + 0.04 * 14 + 0.04 * 14$$

$$+ 1.296 * 5$$

$$= 158.8 \text{ nJ}$$

$$E_{\text{total_method4}} = E_{\text{Transmitter}} + E_{\text{Receiver}} \\ = 344.27 \text{ nJ}$$

Figure 2 illustrates energy consumptions for different methods during retransmission due to transmission error occurrence assuming that the error was detected after successful transmission of 30% of data packet.

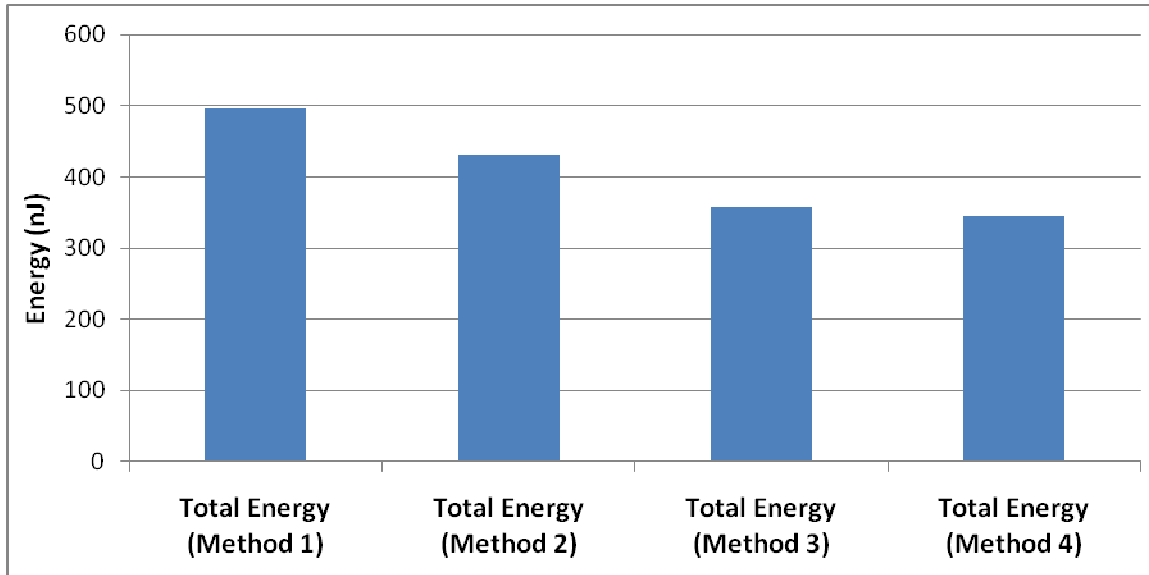


Figure 2: Energy computations for different methods during error occurrence

4. Simulation Results

Authentication of energy computation for the different methods of retransmission of corrupted packets can be performed in the following conditions:

Case 1: By keeping data packet and sub-packet size fixed with varying error occurrence percentage.

Case 2: By keeping data packet and error occurrence percentage fixed with varying sub-packet size.

Case 3: By keeping data packet fixed with varying sub-packet size and error occurrence percentage.

Case 1: By keeping data packet and sub-packet size fixed with varying error occurrence percentage

- As shown in the Table 4 below, the percentage of error was varied from 0% to 100%
- The number of retries to sent successfully the corrupted sub-packet is 5

Table 4: Energy calculation for case 1

| % of Packet delivered | Total Energy (Method 1) | Total Energy (Method 2) | Total Energy (Method 3) | Total Energy (Method 4) |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 0 | 14196 | 14596 | 3298 | 3308 |
| 10 | 14196 | 13382 | 3298 | 3248 |
| 20 | 14196 | 12168 | 3298 | 3189 |
| 30 | 14196 | 10954 | 3298 | 3129 |
| 40 | 14196 | 9740 | 3298 | 3069 |
| 50 | 14196 | 8526 | 3298 | 3010 |
| 60 | 14196 | 7312 | 3298 | 2950 |
| 70 | 14196 | 6098 | 3298 | 2890 |
| 80 | 14196 | 4884 | 3298 | 2830 |
| 90 | 14196 | 3670 | 3298 | 2771 |
| 100 | 14196 | 2456 | 3298 | 2711 |

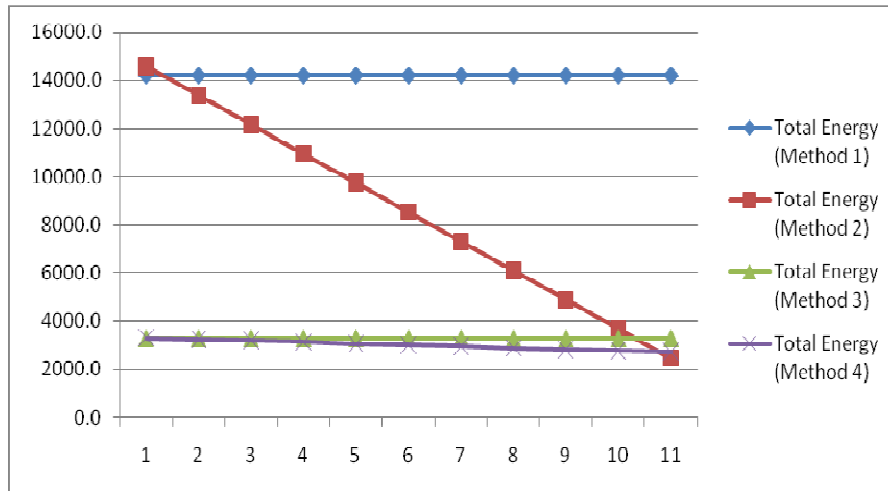


Figure 3: Energy plot for case 1

Conclusion for Case 1: After comparing the minimum and maximum energy usage for the entire range of the experiment, it is evident from the Figure 3 that **Method 4** is most optimised.

Case 2: By keeping data packet and error occurrence percentage fixed with varying sub-packet size:

- As shown in Table 5 below, the percentage of error fixed at 30%
- The number of retries to sent successfully the corrupted sub-packet is 5
- The data packet is of 1000 bits
- The sub-packet size was varied from 5 bits to 500 bits

Table 5: Energy calculation for case 2

| % of Packet delivered | Total Energy (Method 1) | Total Energy (Method 2) | Total Energy (Method 3) | Total Energy (Method 4) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5 | 14196 | 10954 | 4811 | 4794 |
| 10 | 14196 | 10954 | 3736 | 3702 |
| 20 | 14196 | 10954 | 3286 | 3218 |
| 25 | 14196 | 10954 | 3231 | 3147 |
| 50 | 14196 | 10954 | 3298 | 3129 |
| 100 | 14196 | 10954 | 3772 | 3433 |
| 125 | 14196 | 10954 | 4042 | 3620 |
| 200 | 14196 | 10954 | 4889 | 4213 |
| 250 | 14196 | 10954 | 5465 | 4619 |
| 500 | 14196 | 10954 | 8377 | 6686 |

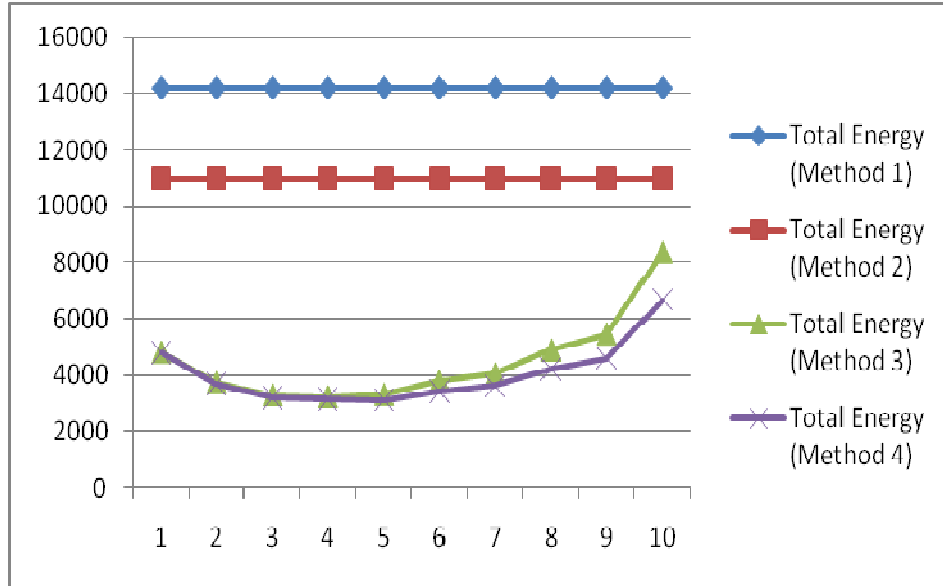


Figure 4: Energy plot for case 2

Conclusion for Case 2: After comparing the minimum and maximum energy usage for the entire range of the experiment, it is evident from the Figure 4 that **Method 4** is most optimised and the best sub-packet size in this case is 50 bits

Case 3: By keeping data packet fixed with varying sub-packet size and error occurrence percentage:

- As shown in Table 6 below, the number of retries to sent successfully the corrupted sub-packets is 5
 - The data packet is of 1000 bits
 - The sub-packet size was varied from 5 bits to 500 bits

Table 6: Energy calculation for case 3

| Sub-packet size (bits) | 25% error | 25% error | 25% error | 25% error | 50% error | 50% error | 50% error | 50% error | 75% error | 75% error | 75% error | 75% error |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Method 1 | Method 2 | Method 3 | Method 4 | Method 1 | Method 2 | Method 3 | Method 4 | Method 1 | Method 2 | Method 3 | Method 4 |
| 5 | 14196 | 11561 | 4811 | 4797 | 14196 | 8526 | 4811 | 4783 | 14196 | 5491 | 4811 | 4768 |
| 10 | 14196 | 11561 | 3736 | 3708 | 14196 | 8526 | 3736 | 3678 | 14196 | 5491 | 3736 | 3649 |
| 20 | 14196 | 11561 | 3287 | 3231 | 14196 | 8526 | 3287 | 3171 | 14196 | 5491 | 3287 | 3111 |
| 25 | 14196 | 11561 | 3232 | 3162 | 14196 | 8526 | 3232 | 3088 | 14196 | 5491 | 3232 | 3013 |
| 50 | 14196 | 11561 | 3299 | 3159 | 14196 | 8526 | 3299 | 3010 | 14196 | 5491 | 3299 | 2861 |
| 100 | 14196 | 11561 | 3772 | 3494 | 14196 | 8526 | 3772 | 3195 | 14196 | 5491 | 3772 | 2897 |
| 125 | 14196 | 11561 | 4043 | 3695 | 14196 | 8526 | 4043 | 3322 | 14196 | 5491 | 4043 | 2949 |
| 200 | 14196 | 11561 | 4889 | 4332 | 14196 | 8526 | 4889 | 3735 | 14196 | 5491 | 4889 | 3138 |
| 250 | 14196 | 11561 | 5465 | 4769 | 14196 | 8526 | 5465 | 4023 | 14196 | 5491 | 5465 | 3276 |
| 500 | 14196 | 11561 | 8377 | 6985 | 14196 | 8526 | 8377 | 5492 | 14196 | 5491 | 8377 | 4000 |

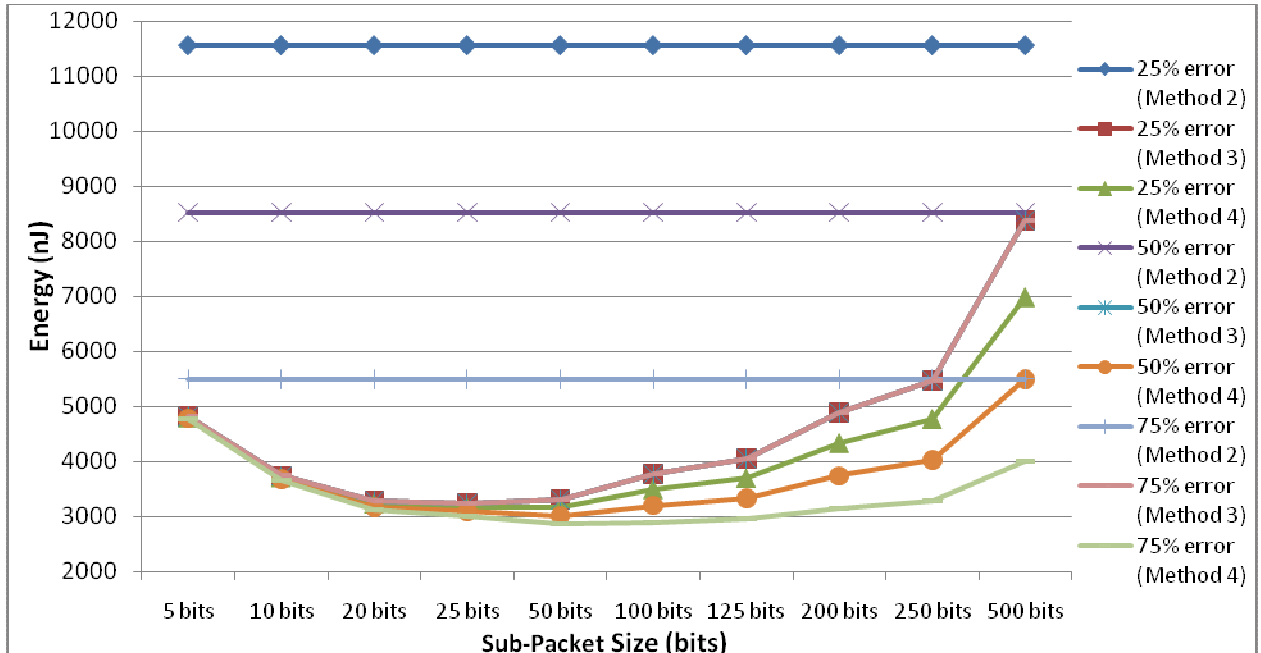


Figure 5: Energy Plot for Case 3

Conclusion for Case 3: After comparing the minimum and maximum energy usage for the entire range of the experiment, it is evident from the Figure 5 that **Method 4** is most optimised and the greater the Percentage of error the better is the performance.

5. Conclusion

In this paper we have illustrated an energy-efficient transmission error recovery algorithm for wireless sensor network that saves power and prolongs life of the sensor network. The algorithm helps in deciding the optimum size of data sub-packet. The life span of the network is increased by breaking of the message packet into small number of sub-packets and resending not the total sub-packets but only the corrupted portion of the sub-packets. With various permutations and combinations, the simulation results show that by breaking the packets into small sub-packets and resending only corrupted portion of the sub-packet is the most efficient way of data transmission and error recovery in wireless networks, as shown in Figure 5. The simulation results show that more than 30% of battery power savings can be achieved by implementing proposed system with respect to the conventional retransmission of complete packet.

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