

Peer Observations of Observation Units

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Abstract

What is wrong with the world? Motivation 1-3 sentences, Arch, Des, Imp, Exp
1,2-3 sentences, results and main conclusion.

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Introduction

FRA CAPSTONE: *The Arctic tundra in the far northern hemisphere is challenged by climate changes in the world today and is one of the ecosystems that are most affected by these changes [1]. The Climate-ecological Observatory for Arctic Tundra (COAT) is a long-term research project developed by five Fram Center¹ institutions. Their goal is to create robust observation systems which enable documentation and understanding of climate change impacts on the Arctic tundra ecosystems. COAT was in autumn 2015 granted substantial funding to establish research infrastructure which allowed them to start up a research infrastructure during 2016-2020[10].*

WSN is a system that consists of hundreds or thousands of low-cost micro-sensor nodes. These nodes monitor and collect physical and environmental conditions. The various activities in the sensor nodes consume lots of energy and the battery of the sensor node is difficult to recharge in wireless scenarios and also because the sensor nodes are located at remote areas in the Arctic tundra.

This thesis presents the architecture, design and implementation of a peer observation that can observe and accumulate data from in-situ Observation Unit (OU)s.

¹. <http://www.framcenter.no/english>

1.1 Motivation

The motivation behind this project is...

The purpose is to fetch and accumulate data observed by OUs for further use.

1.2 Contributions

The dissertation makes the following contributions:

- An introduction to WSNs and routing techniques in WSNs.
- An implementation and description of a system ...
- An evaluation of the system.
- Thoughts on future work and further improvements to the current system.

1.3 Assumptions

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1.4 Limitations

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1.5 Outline

This thesis is structured into X chapters including the introduction.

Chapter 2 describes different routing and communication protocols in WSNs.

Chapter 3 presents related work in the field of WSN, node communication and comparing it to the work done in this thesis.

Chapter 4 describes the technical idea ...

Chapter 5 describes the system architecture.

Chapter 6 describes the design of the system, and shows ...

Chapter 7 describes the implementation of the system together with choices and issues during implementation.

Chapter 8 Evaluation

Chapter 9 discusses the results etc ..

Chapter 10 concludes the thesis.

Chapter 11 suggests future work to improve the system.

Chapter 12 Appendix

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Routing Techniques in WSNs

WSN is a system that consists of hundreds or thousands of low-cost micro-sensor nodes which monitor and collect physical and environmental conditions. Figure 2.1 shows how a WSN architecture can be.

WSNs main task is to periodically collect information of the interested area and broadcast the information to a Base Station (BS). An easy approach to achieve this task is to make each sensor node transmit their data directly to the BS. But the problem is that the BS can be far away from the sensor node so a direct data transmission would not be possible, or if the routing path from the sensor node to the BS is long, the sensor node may require more energy than available. There are multiple hierarchical protocols that have been proposed as a solution to this problem.

2.1 Routing Protocols in WSNs

2.1.1 Hierarchical Routing

Hierarchical routing, also called cluster-based routing, is a well known technique for network routing with special advantages related to scalability, efficient

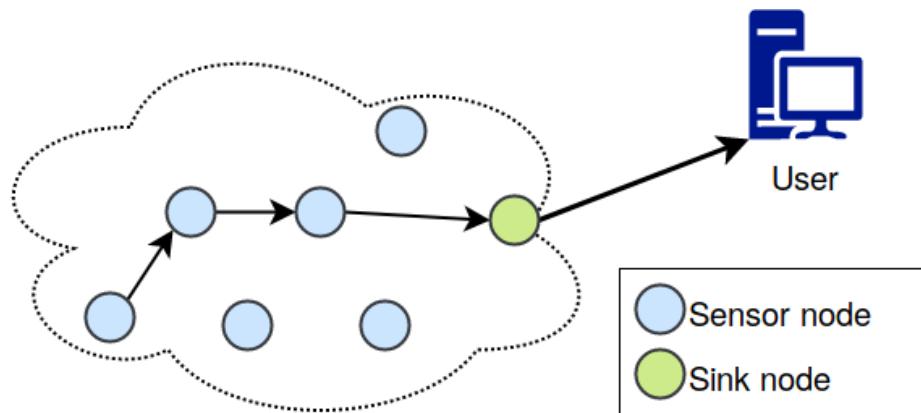


Figure 2.1: Figure shows an example of a multi-hop wsn architecture.

communication and lower energy consumption in WSNs. Each cluster in the hierarchical routing protocol have a special node which is responsible for coordinating data transmission between all nodes in the cluster [2, 3, 5].

Two approaches based on hierarchical routing are Low-Energy Adaptive Clustering Hierarchy (LEACH)[2] and Power-efficient gathering in sensor information systems (PEGASIS)[6] which are described in Chapter 3.

2.1.2 Location-based Routing

In location-based routing, nodes are addressed based on their location. The distance between a node's and its neighbour can be estimated by incoming signal strengths, by GPS or via coordination among nodes [5]. Two approaches are Geographic Adaptive Fidelity (GAF)[18] and Geographic and Energy-Aware Routing (GEAR)[19].

2.2 Flood And Gossiping Protocol

2.2.1 Flooding Protocol

The simplest forwarding rule is to flood the network. In flooding, a node sends a packet received to all its neighbours except the neighbours which sent the packet until the packet arrives at the destination or maximum number of hops for the packet is reached. Its biggest drawback is that protocol is not an energy efficient protocol and is not designed for sensor networks [17].

2.2.2 Gossiping Protocol

Gossiping is a modified version of flooding attempting to correct some of its drawback. In gossiping, a node with updated data will contact an arbitrary node. However, it is possible that the contacted node was updated by another node and in that case may not spreading the update any further [20].

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Related Work

To improve the overall energy dissipaton of wsns, LEACH [2] introduce a hierarchical clustering algorithm for sensor networks. It is self-organized and use randomization to distribute the energy load evenly among the sensors in the network. The sensor nodes organize themselves into local clusters where one node is the local BS or CH. The CH are not fixed to avoid nodes to drain their battery and to spread the energy usage over multiple nodes. The nodes self-elect a new CH depending on the amount of energy left at the nodes at different time-intervals. LEACH is divided into different rounds where each round include a setup phase and a steady-state phase [4]. In the setup phase will each node decide whether to become a CH or not. When a CH is chosen, each node will select its own CH based on the distance between the node and the CH and join the cluster. In the steady-state phase will the CH fuse the received data from the node members in the cluster and send it to BS.

In contrast, will nodes in our approach first connect to a cluster and then start a CH election rather than elect a CH first and then nodes joining the cluster. A resemblance between the two approaches is that neither of them consider a node's energy level when calculating the CH.

LEACH do not consider a node's energy level when calculating the CH. It has therefor been a benchmark for improving algorithms such as the centralized clustering algorithm LEACH-C [10] and distributed clustering algorithm such as LEACH-E [12] and LEACH-B [13]. They concentrate on energy consumption reducing a nodes residual energy and more relevant criterions [9].

Fuzzy-LEACH (F-LEACH) [7, 8] have three different fuzzy descriptors such as energy, concentration and centrality used to complement the cluster head selection process. The BS performs the CH election in each round by computing the chances of a node becoming a CH by calculating the three fuzzy descriptors. F-LEACH also assumes that the BS elects the appropriate CH because it has a complete information about the whole network.

In contrast to F-LEACH, our approach will elect a CH by the nodes in the cluster and not in a BS. The CH election will not consider "variables" such as battery level or number of nodes in the cluster.

PEGASIS is a chain-based protocol with the idea to form a chain among the sensor nodes so each node will receive and transmit data to a close neighbor. The sensor nodes will also take turns on being the leader for transmitting data to the BS and therefore distribute the energy load evenly among the sensor nodes. The chain can be organized by the nodes themselves using a greedy algorithm starting from some node or the BS can compute the chain and broadcast it to all the nodes in the network [6].

To increase the robustness of devices and lower power consumptions, ZebraNet [14] provides a low-power wireless system for position tracking of wildlife by using peer-to-peer network techniques. This reduces the researchers effort to manage the sensors and collecting logged data for their research. The radios on their devices also operate on different frequencies and have different bandwidth, range and other characteristics.

A diversity to our approach is that ZebraNet stores multiple copies of the same data across multiple nodes while our approach forwards the data to the next node in the path to leader. They've also deployed their sensors on zebras in a real-life environment. For us, it's not feasible to deploy sensors out in the real-life Arctic Tundra in such an early development.

Gossip-based protocols, or epidemic protocols, are popular protocols due to their ability to reliably pass information among a large set of interconnected nodes. Jelassi et al. [15] provide a Gossip-based communication protocol (GBCP) where each node has peers to gossip with in a large-scale distributed system [11]. These nodes can quickly join and leave the network at any given point of time. The general principle of their framework is that every node (1) maintains a relatively small local membership table that provides a partial view of all nodes and (2) periodically refreshes the table using a gossiping procedure.

The difference between GBCP and our approach is that our approach does not use a gossip protocol to update its table of nodes, but instead relies on

the communication with other nodes to know about the election of a new CH, which of the node is the CH and when a node should accumulate data and send it to the CH.

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Idea

The technical idea behind the system is that it should be a partially centralized unstructured Peer-To-Peer (P2P) system where nodes, also called OUs, connect to nearby nodes and create clusters. Using a unstructured network would be efficient to use when large number of nodes are frequently joining and leaving the network since its highly robust in the face of high rates of churn.

In a partially centralized network are the role of all peers the same except of some nodes that assume a more important role. These nodes are called CHs or super nodes. These CHs will be important when accumulating data for further use. A node will assume a more important role in the network by sub-factors discussed in Section 9.2.1.

All nodes should be able to observe data observed by other nodes and to gradually accumulate data to OUs being a CH or e.g. a Distributed Arctic Observation (DAO) Store.

Since it is not feasible to deploy nodes in the Arctic Tundra at such an early development, there should be a functionality to make nodes discover nearby nodes they can connect to as similar to a real-life environment.

The technical idea is shown in Figure 4.1.

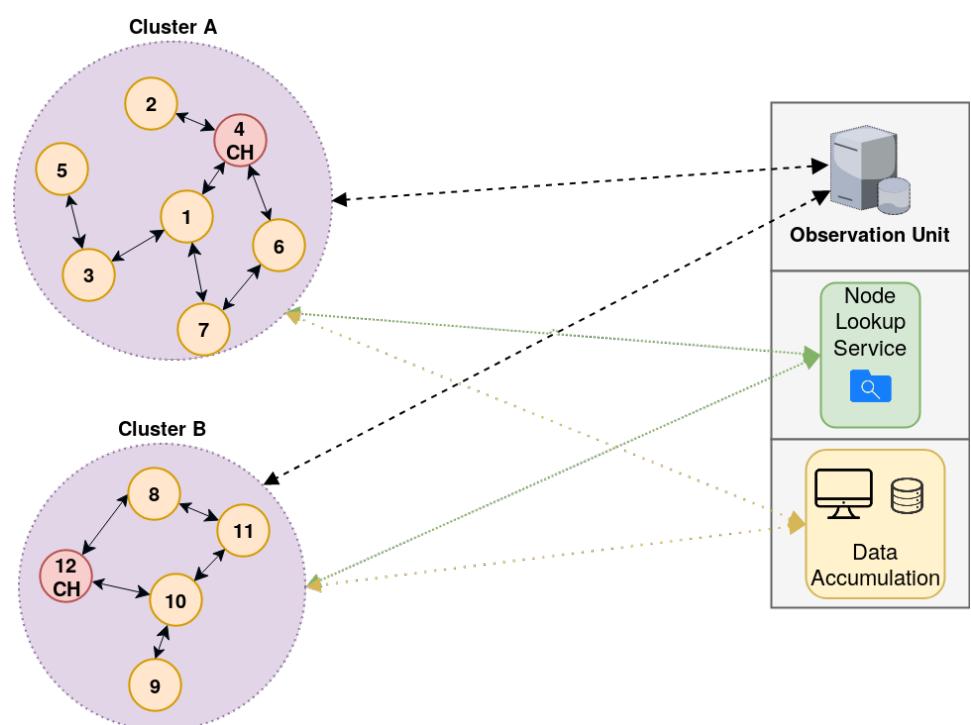


Figure 4.1: Figure shows the architecture of the system.

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Architecture

This chapter describes the architecture of the system. The main functionality can be divided into 4 sub-sections: a nodes lookup service, discovery of other nodes, data accumulation and incoming- and outgoing network requests. The architecture of the system is presented in Figure 5.1.

5.1 Node Lookup Service

The lookup service is responsible for storing all previous discovered nodes and their address. This lookup service is responsible for detecting which nodes that are in range for other nodes and return this result to a corresponding node.

5.2 Discovery Of Other Nodes

Each node can only discover other nodes within a simulated radio range. Figure 6.2 shows how a simulated radio range of a node may be discovered. When a new node in the network has been discovered, meta-data about the node such as address be stored locally on the node in the cluster.

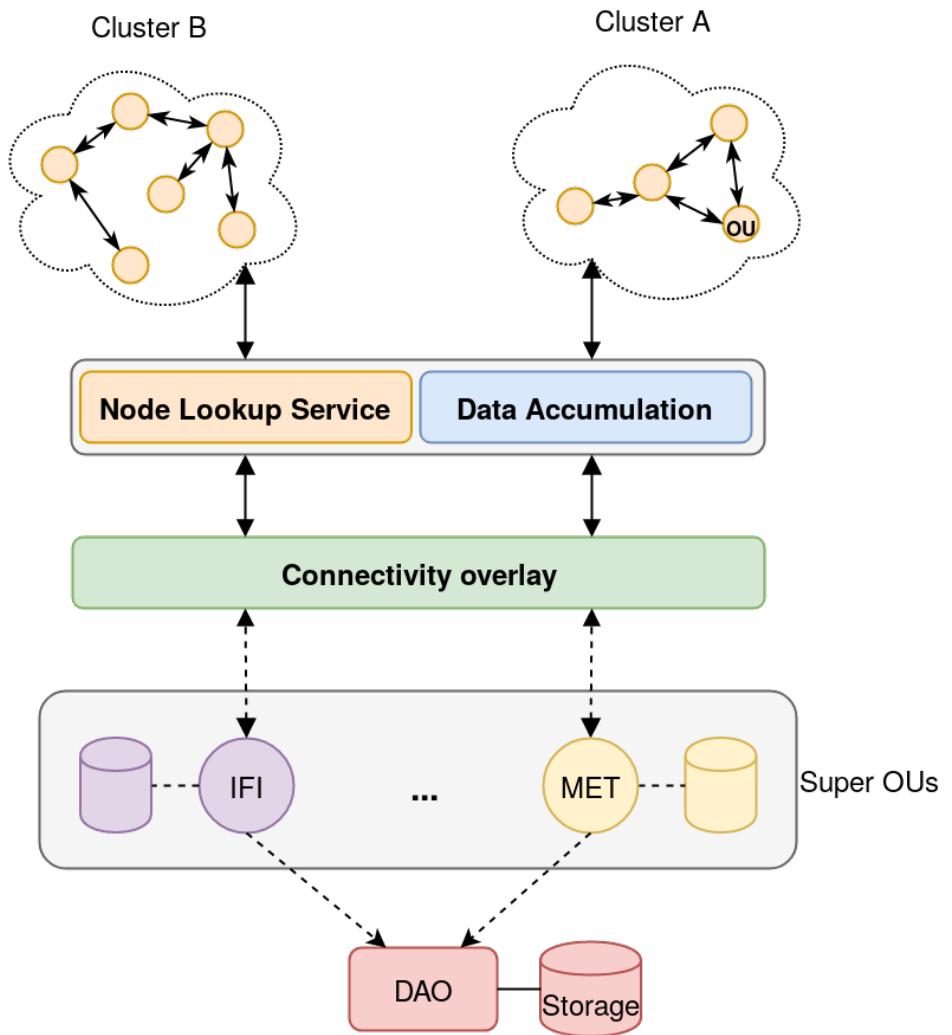


Figure 5.1: Figure shows the architecture of the system.

5.3 Data Accumulation

A node will accumulate data received from another node if its data hasn't been sent to the CH. A CH will gather data from nodes in order to provide the accumulated data to a BS for further use.

5.4 Incoming And Outgoing Network Requests

A node may receive incoming requests from other nodes in the network. The request handler will handle the request based on the type of request. The types of requests a node may receive are listed below.

5.4.1 Connect To Neighbours

When a node receives a list of neighbours in range from the lookup service, it will try to connect to the neighbours that are within the nodes range. It will only connect to the neighbour node if it receives a OK-message, i.e. the node is allowed to connect.

Receive OK From Neighbours

When a node receives a OK-message it will connect itself to the neighbour. The neighbour will also then be connected to the new node.

5.4.2 Cluster Head Election Request

When a node receives a CH election request it will perform a leader election and forward the result to its neighbours which will do a leader election as well. A node may receive a CH election request when a node has joined the cluster.

Cluster Head Election Calculation Request

If there is a leader in the cluster already and a new election should be proposed, a CH election calculation request is sent from the leader. Nodes receiving this request will calculate their CH election number.

5.4.3 Data Transmission

Notify Neighbours About Sending Data To Leader

A node may receive a request that it should send its data to the leader. This request is forwarded to the nodes neighbour and so on.

Send Data To Leader

This request forwards a nodes data to the next node in the path to the leader. If the nodes data receiving this requests isn't sent to the leader of the cluster, will the data be accumulated with the received data and then forwarded to the next node.

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Design

In this chapter we will look at the design of the system and present the design of each component. Figure 6.1 shows how the cluster network may appear in the system. Nodes are connected to other nearby nodes represented by arrows and together they form a cluster network.

6.1 Discovery Of Other Nodes

6.1.1 Broadcasting

When a new node starts, it will contact the node lookup service to discover other nodes in the network. The node will then initiate a broadcast. Broadcast is limited due to a radio range limitation where only nodes that are within this range will receive the broadcast, shown in Figure 6.2. *Node 1* will only reach *node 5* and *node 7*.

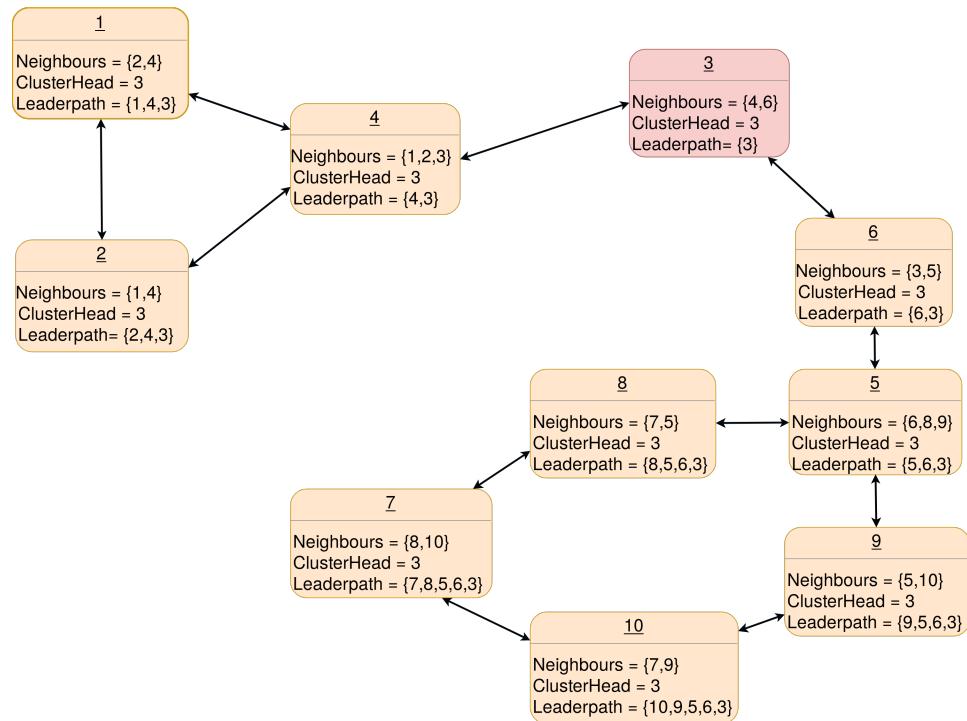


Figure 6.1: Figure show design of the system.

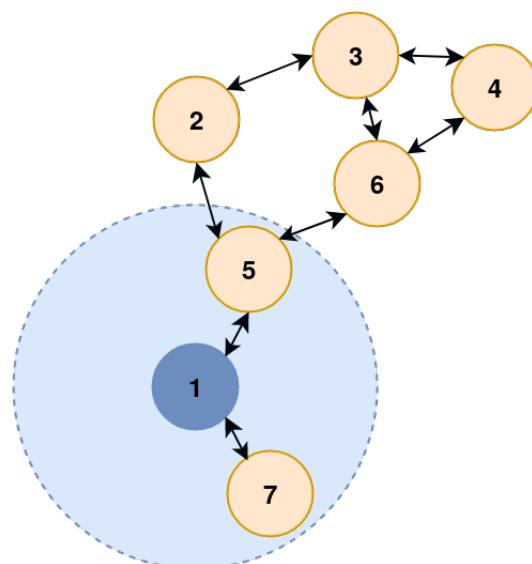


Figure 6.2: Figure show broadcast range of a OU.

6.2 Cluster Head Election

A CH election may occur in two scenarios listed below.

6.2.1 New Node In Cluster Starts Election

When a new node has joined the cluster, it will start a new CH election based on the Bully algorithm. It will calculate its own CH-score and gossip the score to its neighbours. The neighbours will then start a CH election comparing the received CH-score against their own CH-score. The result of the CH election will then be gossiped to the node's neighbours with either the received CH-score or the nodes own CH-score. The gossiped message also contains a path to the leader. The node append its own address to the path if the received CH-score won the election, otherwise will the path to leader only contain the node itself. Eventually a new CH is elected by all the nodes and the CH-election result will be consistent in the whole cluster. An example of a CH election is shown in Figure 6.3.

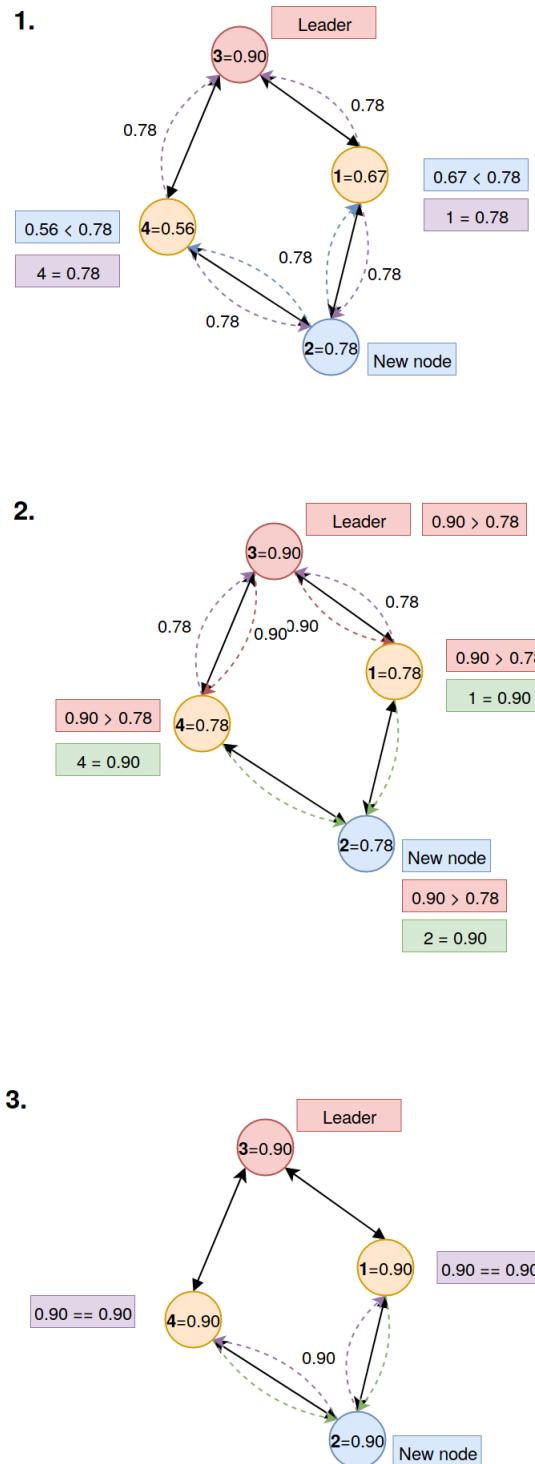


Figure 6.3: Figure show how a new node starts a leader election.

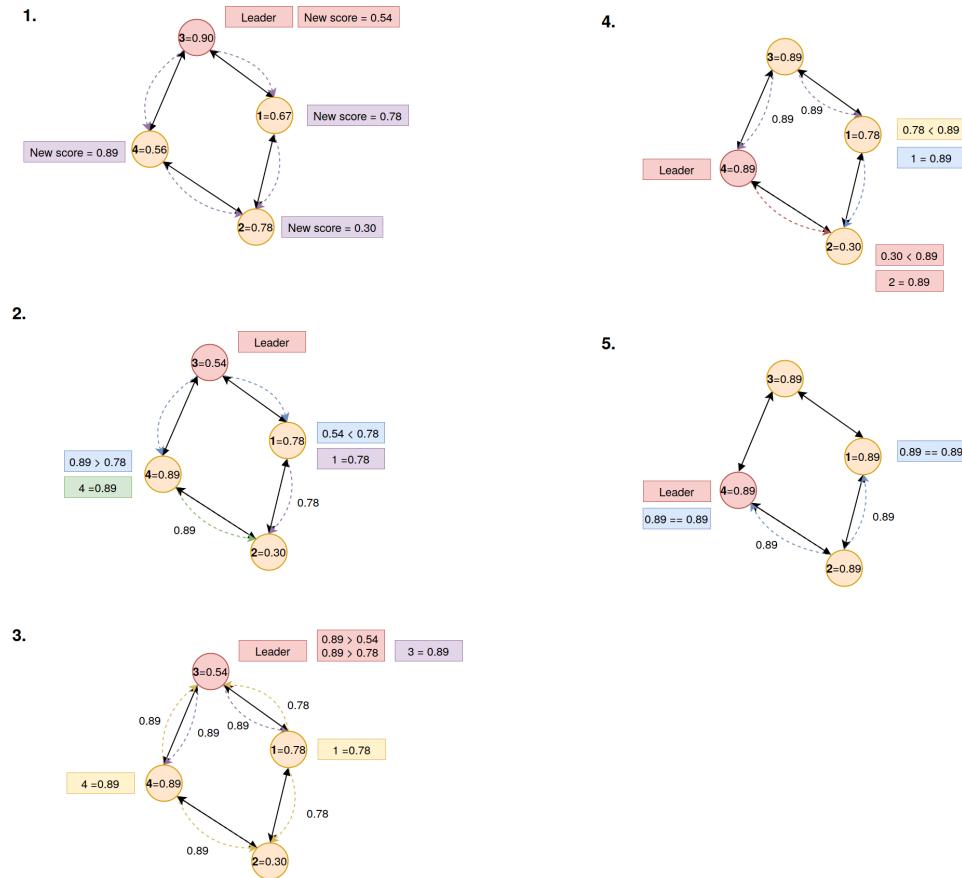


Figure 6.4: Figure show how a CH starts a leader election.

6.2.2 Cluster Head Starts Election

When a CH has accumulated data 'X' times, it will start a new CH election. Initially, the CH will gossip a message to nodes the cluster to calculate a new CH-score. Then will the CH start a new election and gossip this election to the other nodes. The nodes receiving this gossip message will start their leader-election as described in the section above. The election is illustrated in Figure 6.4.

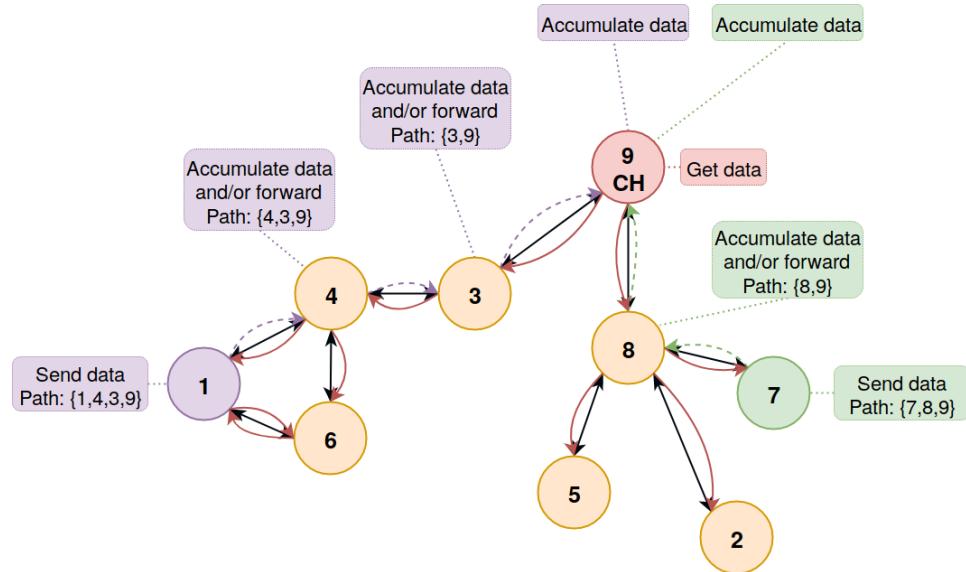


Figure 6.5: Figure show how CH gossips a GET-data request and how nodes sends their data to the leader through the nodes in the path.

6.3 Data Accumulation

A CH will start gathering data by gossiping a message to nodes in the cluster, illustrated as the red arrows shown in Figure 6.5. When a node receives this message it will send its data to the next node in the path to the CH as Figure 6.5 shows. When a node receive data from another node it will check if it's own data has been sent to the CH or not by a fingerprint and a status. If it hasn't been sent earlier, the node will accumulate the received data with its own data, and then send the data to the next node in the path to CH. The CH will accumulate all received data and store it.



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Implementation

This chapter will elaborate on how we implemented the system, general implementation requirements, issues and choices.

The system is implemented in the open source programming language GO 1.9.3¹ and the nodes communicate with each other by Golangs HTTP Server which listens on the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) network. This was a practical choice because we were familiar with the language from previous projects, its developed for making concurrent mechanisms easy and to get the most out of multicore and networked machines, and offers multiple different libraries.

It is not suitable to have nodes deployed in the Arctic Tundra at such an early development. This implementation simulates a real-life environments where nodes can communicate with each other through the TCP network. Each node is assigned x,y coordinates within a network grid size and a broadcast width, as Table 7.1 show.

¹. <https://golang.org/>

Parameter	Value
Number of nodes	100
Network grid size	500 x 500
Node broadcast width	100

Table 7.1: Parameters of simulation

7.1 Distance To Other Nodes In The Network

A new node will contact the lookup service to discover other nodes in the network by sending a POST-request containing meta-data about itself such as address and position (x,y coordinates).

The distance formula 7.1, also called Euclidean distance, is used to calculate the range between two points in a two-dimensional coordinate map and is used to see if a node is within a simulated radio range or not, as seen in Figure 6.2. The two points to be calculated is the node itself together with all the running nodes in the network.

$$d = \sqrt{(X_2 - X_1)^2 + (Y_2 - Y_1)^2} \quad (7.1)$$

Figure 7.1 shows how a node contact the lookup service where the node's position is calculated and nodes within the simulated radio range is returned to the node. At last, the node will try to connect to the reachable nodes.

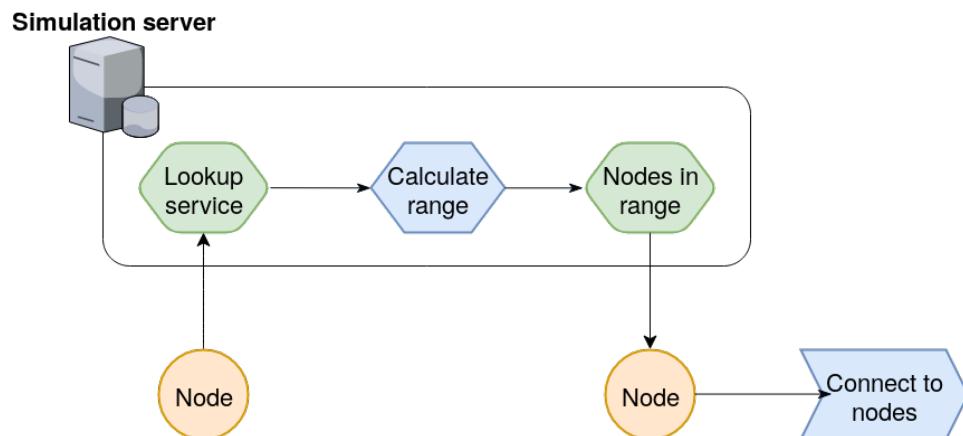


Figure 7.1: Broadcast simulation

7.2 Connect To Neighbours

A node will only be able to connect to another node in the network if the node accept the request to be neighbours. Right now, every node will be able to connect with their neighbours, as long as the node isn't unavailable by means of sleeping or if it's dead. There is no restriction in number of neighbours a node can have or that a node receiving a request from a new neighbour must forward the request to the CH and let the leader decide whether the new node can connect to the neighbour or not. Improvements to this approach is discussed in Section 9.1.1.

7.3 Cluster Head Election

A CH election is proposed either when a new node joins the network or by a CH. The CH election algorithm is based on the Bully algorithm where the node with the highest ID number is selected to be the leader. Our approach do not use the node with highest ID number, but elect the node with highest score between 0 and 1 to be a CH. Each node makes its own decision about whether to become a CH or not depending on the received score from neighbour nodes. Our approach have several improvements discussed further in Section 9.2.1.

To avoid flooding the network, each CH election round have an ID. If a node receiving an election have received a request with similar ID and the leader haven't changed, the request will not be forwarded to other nodes considering that the node have forwarded the same request previous.

7.4 Minimize Path To Leader

Since CH elections are gossiped from all nodes, can each node receive multiple gossip's per CH election and some paths will be longer than others. In order to minimize the path to the CH, will a node when receiving an election compare its existing path to the one received [21].

7.5 Data Accumulation

7.5.1 Node Data Accumulation

Since all nodes run concurrently and independently, can each node receive multiple requests from different neighbouring nodes. When a CH creates a request for gathering data, will it contain an ID used for identification. Since the request is gossiped to all nodes in the cluster, a node will most likely receive the same message multiple times, but only need to forward its data once. If a node have not received a request with a specific ID, it will gossip the message to its neighbours and then send its data to the next neighbour in the path to CH. Otherwise, the node will just ignore the request.

When a node needs to send data, it will create a request containing the received request-ID from the CH, the data to be sent together with a fingerprint and a path to the leader. The path to the leader is a list containing the addresses for the nodes between the sender and the CH.

The data is a fabricated byte array with a fingerprint that is the hashed value of the data. The fingerprint will make it easier to identify the numerous data on each node. The data will also have a boolean tag which is used to check whether the data has been accumulated or not.

7.5.2 CH Data Accumulation

As mentioned previous can each node receive multiple requests from different neighbouring nodes. This especially occur in the CH when collecting data from the nodes in the cluster. The collected data is stored in a map and maps in Go are not safe for concurrent use. If a map is read from and wrote to from concurrent goroutines, the access must be compromised by a synchronization mechanism. One of the most common ways to protect maps is by using mutexes as illustrated in Listing 7.1.

Listing 7.1: Small Go program showing how mutexes are used when updating a map by CH

```
/*SensorData is data from "sensors" on the OU*/
type SensorData struct {
    ID          uint32
    Fingerprint uint32
    Data        []byte
}

/*DBStation is a strucure that contains
 a map that store data at CH */
var DBStation struct {
    sync.Mutex
    BSdatamap map[uint32][]byte
}

func sendDataToLeaderHandler() {
    var rd SensorData

    DBStation.Lock()
    defer DBStation.Unlock()

    (...)

    err := json.Unmarshal(body, &sData);
    if err != nil {
        panic(err)
    }

    (...)

    /*Update map in key FingerPrint
       with received data */
    DBStation.BSdatamap[rd.Fingerprint] = rd.Data
}
```

7.6 Concurrent CH Election And Data Accumulation

To avoid having a CH election occur concurrently as a data accumulation, are these functionalities scheduled to execute. Firstly, the CH election will execute until the election result is consistent in all nodes. Then will the CH broadcast a request for gathering data and nodes will accumulate and send data to the CH. After 'X' times gathering data will the CH start a new CH election.

If a CH election and a data gathering happens concurrently, there may be issues when the node is supposed to send its data because the CH may have changed and the path to the CH may be incorrect. This issue and improvements are discussed further in Section 9.6.



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Evaluation

This chapter describes the experimental setup and metrics used to evaluate the implemented system.

8.1 Experimental Setup

All experiments were done on a Lenovo ThinkCenter with the following specifications:

- Intel® Core™ i5-6400T CPU @ 2.20GHz × 4
- Intel® HD Graphics 530 (Skylake GT2)
- 15,6 GiB memory and 503 GB disk
- Ubuntu 17.04 64-bit with gcc V6.3.0 compiler and GO 1.9.3

8.2 Experimental Design

8.2.1 CPU Measurements

We measure the total CPU usage for one/multiple core(s)..

- Psutil - percent

8.2.2 Memory Measurements

8.2.3 Network (Socket) Usage

The system relies heavily on network usage and communication between nodes so it is important to measure process connections to keep it to a minimum.

8.2.4 Network Lifetime?

8.3 Results

In this section we will discuss the results of the testing described in the sections above.

8.3.1 CPU Usage

8.3.2 Memory Usage

8.3.3 Network Usage

8.3.4 Network Lifetime?

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Discussion

This chapter discusses our approach, experience, how we solved the problem and why we chose the solution we ended up with..

9.1 Availability of nodes in the system

9.1.1 Connect To Neighbours

In the current approach can a node connect to nearby nodes and be a part of a cluster without any restrictions. Another approach would be that when a node receives a request from a new node, it will forward the request to the CH which would take the decision if the new node can connect to the cluster or not. However, making a CH take this decision could be **problematic** because the CH need to know information about the whole network or at least its own cluster and also need some requirements for when a node can join and not. Some requirements that a CH may consider are listed below:

- Number of nodes per cluster
- Number of neighbours a node can have
- Distance from new node to CH

- Node characteristics (bandwidth, energy level, memory etc.)

Another interference with having a CH take the decision is that the CH may be unavailable because it's sleeping or if it's unreachable because nodes in the path to the CH are sleeping or unavailable due to e.g. saving battery.

A solution to this problem is to ping neighbouring nodes regularly to check if neighbours are alive or not, or to ping neighbours before forwarding a message to the CH. This ping-request will most likely contain a wake-up call to the next node in the path to the CH so nodes are awake when receiving a forwarding request to the CH.

9.1.2 Node Waking Up After Sleeping

What if a node is regularly/often sleeping or off? How to know which one is CH?

9.2 Cluster Head Election

Being a CH is much more energy intensive than being a regular cluster node because it may transfers data over longer distances and performs more tasks. If the CH is chosen a prior would these nodes quickly use up their limited energy. Once a CH runs out of battery, it is no longer operational and all nodes belonging to the cluster will lose their communication ability.

To avoid this problem, will our approach not chose CHs a prior but instead have a leader election algorithm to possibly rotate the CH.

9.2.1 Cluster Head Calculation

At the moment, the CH election is simply based on which node has the highest score between 0 and 1. Despite the working approach, it does not take in account many other realistic aspects which would improve the CH election. To approve this approach and make it more realistic, we could have used several sub-factors listed below:

- Number of nodes between a node and CH
- Number of neighbours for the node

- Access to BS
- Power left on node
- Bandwidth - WiFi, LoRaWan¹, cable/Ethernet?
- Prior history
- Network traffic on node

9.2.2 Gossip Information Between Nodes

The main advantages of gossiping is its ability to scale. Gossiping have no centralized component where information is coordinated and is therefore an excellent way to rapidly spread information among a large number of nodes using only local information. However, gossiping can not guarantee that all nodes will receive the information [11].

To avoid flooding the network, each message sent between nodes have an ID so the node can check if it has received the same message before. If the node has received the message earlier, the node doesn't need to forward the message because it has forwarded the message in an earlier gossip, as described earlier in Section 7.3.

Another approach to avoid flooding the network and reduce nodes energy level is to limit the number of hops when gossiping to other nodes.

When election, flood the network with updates ensuring eventual consistency...

1. <https://lora-alliance.org/about-lorawan>

9.2.3 When To Elect A New Cluster Head**9.2.4 Remember Previous Leader?****9.3 Path To Leader****9.4 Data Transmission****9.4.1 Data Accumulation****9.5 Prioritization Of Data?****9.6 Concurrent CH Election And Data Accumulation**

The current approach provides an eventual consistency when electing a new CH as mentioned before. This may raise some issues when a data gathering occurs when an election is ongoing due to rapidly change of leaders and paths to leaders before all nodes have an consistent leader election.

9.7 Base Station Access**9.8 Scalability**

scale with partially centralized network.. how about multiple leaders to load balance work and maybe shorter path for nodes to leaders..



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Conclusion

In this thesis, we have implemented a system/prototype...

Our experiments showed that the system ...

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Future Work

- CH election
- Access to BS
- Approach for nodes observing other nodes..
- Multiple Super nodes that accumulates data..



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Appendix

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