

## Supplemental Material of

# Merged Path: Data Dissemination for Large Scale Multiple Mobile Sinks WSN

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**DESCRIPTION:** This document is a supporting content for the manuscript (Merged Path: Data Dissemination for Large Scale Multiple Mobile Sinks WSN), given the limited number of pages allowed by the publisher. We provided more details about the algorithms and the simulation results. The source code for this protocol is available online [here](#).

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## 1. CLUSTERING AND BIFURCATING

### 1.1 Clustering Algorithm:

The goal of this algorithm is to divide the sinks into groups and to find the branches where the packet should be traveled. Thus, this algorithm returns a list of branches. The **Branch** object contains **Cluster** ([line #157](#)), **Start** and **End** points of the cluster. Cluster contains a list of sinks of the branch. Start point is the start point of the branch while End point is the end of the branch. Before explaining how to find the branches, we will first explain how the clustering algorithm runs. The high-tier node sends back the locations of the sinks at the network to the source node that has data to send. Thus, the clustering algorithm is performed at current source node (the current bifurcation point). Thus the inputs for the clustering algorithm are **bk\_sinks** (the locations sinks in the field which responded by the high-tier node), the **b\_k** (current bifurcation point), and the **clusteringThreshold**. The source code for the **Clustering** algorithm is on the [link](#). The object ([Angle line#24](#)) contains various of functions. The main function [[GetAngle line #35](#)] is to return the cosine similarity between two sinks (namely, sink1 and sink2) considering the current (bifurcation) point. The clustering algorithm starts at [line #250](#). It runs in three steps. First, ([FindAngles line #468](#)) to find the cosine similarities of all nodes by calling the ([GetAngle line #35](#)). All similarities are stored in an object named ([AngleSimlirityEdge line #96](#)). The second step is to remove the similarity edges which are greater than the threshold value ([FindMinusScores line #553](#)). The third step is to find the clusters ([ComputeClusters1 line #292](#)). This function runs as explained in the main manuscript.

### 1.2 Bifurcation

The bifurcation point is exactly where the merged path should be branched to several sub-branches, and explicitly where the clustering process is computed. The source code of bifurcating is on the [link](#). It contains the ([Branch line #15](#)) object the contains a **Cluster** ([line #157](#)). The main

function in in the ([Bifurcation object](#)) is the ([FindBranches line 32](#)) that returns the branches at the current bifurcation point. This algorithms woks as follows. The source node divided the sinks into clusters as explained in the previous section ([ComputeClusters1 line #292](#)). The main process here is to find the start and end of each branch. See the details code on the [link](#).

## 2. DIAGONAL VIRTUAL LINE CONSTRUCTION

The construction process for the overlay structure is explained in the [link \(DiagonalVirtualLine\)](#). As explained in the manuscript, DVL defines two reference points for the diagonal for example ([Point\(0, 0\)](#)); and [Point\(NetworkSquareSideLength, NetworkSquareSideLength\)](#);). After identifying these two points, the protocol starts by broadcast ([DVLConstructionMessage](#)). It has the following functions: [GeneratePacket](#), [SendPacket](#), [ReceivePacket](#), [SelectNextHop](#).

## 3. MERGED PATH

The source code for data dissemination is online via the [link here](#). It includes the implementation of different messages in the protocol as follows.

### 3.1 Report sink location

Whenever the sink changes its location, it implements ([ReportSinkPositionMessage](#)). The sink first selects its agent node which should be the nearest to the sink. The sink creates an object ([SinksAgentsRow](#)) to store the agent location and also compute the [distance](#) to the diagonal line. [ReportSinkPositionMessage](#) object contains multiple functions include the [ReportSinkPositionMessage](#), [HandelInQueuPacket](#), [GeneragtePacket](#), [SendPacket](#), [ReceivePacket](#), [SelectNextHop](#). [ReportSinkPositionMessage](#) starts by checking the agent node, high-tier or low-tier node. If the agent is a high-tier node, then it just shares the sink location with all high-tier nodes ([ShareSinkPositionIntheHighTier](#)). If the agent is low tier node, then it starts the ([SendPacket](#)). In the ([SendPacket](#)) the nodes always employs ([SelectNextHop](#)). If a

next hop node is found then it goes to ([RecvPacket](#)). Otherwise, it goes to ([SaveToQueue](#)). In the ([RecvPacket](#)), if the receiver node is a high-tier node, the packet reaches its destination. The receiver high-tier node then employs ([ShareSinkPositionIntheHighTier](#)). The next hop function for ([ReportSinkPositionMessage](#)) is implemented on ([SelectNextHop](#)) which actually explained in the manuscript.

### 3.2 Obtain sink location

The source node that has a data, employs ([ObtainSink-FreshPositionMessage](#)) object. It almost considered the two issued as in ([ReportSinkPositionMessage](#)), the high tier or the low tier node. If the source node is a high tier node, then it should know the location of the sink. Then it just go directly to ([MergedPathsMessages](#)). Otherwise,

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