

A Novel Random Access for Fixed-Location Machine-to-Machine Communications in OFDMA Based Systems

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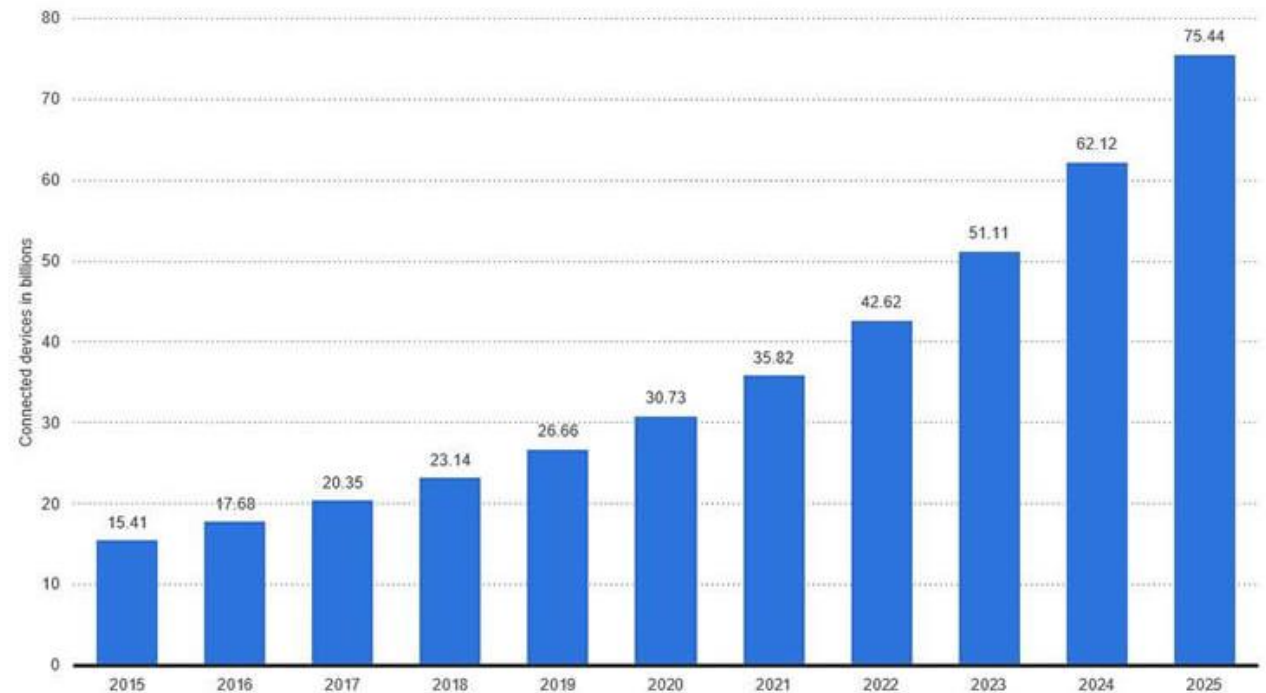
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Introduction

- Machine-to-machine (M2M) communications are characterized by large number of devices, low data rates, small-sized packets and low or no mobility.
- All these devices require access for communication but due to the large numbers, there is contention for resources. This brings about the issue of collision.
- In order to support M2M communication in future cellular systems, the collision problem in random access because of access attempts from devices must be resolved.

Internet of Things (IoT) connected devices installed base worldwide from 2015 to 2025 (in billions)



Random Access in OFDMA-based System

- During the step 1 of the RA procedure, if more than one device simultaneously transmit the same preamble on the same RA slot, they would receive the same uplink grant and timing alignment information in step 2 and transmit their scheduled messages on the same uplink resource in step 3.
- The above results in a collision between these devices.
- The probability that a given device selecting one preamble among M preambles experiences a collision with other device(s) among $(k-1)$ devices on a single RA slot is expressed as:

$$P_c^{ue}(M, k) = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{M}\right)^{k-1}$$

- An increase in the number of machine devices causes an increase in the collision probability

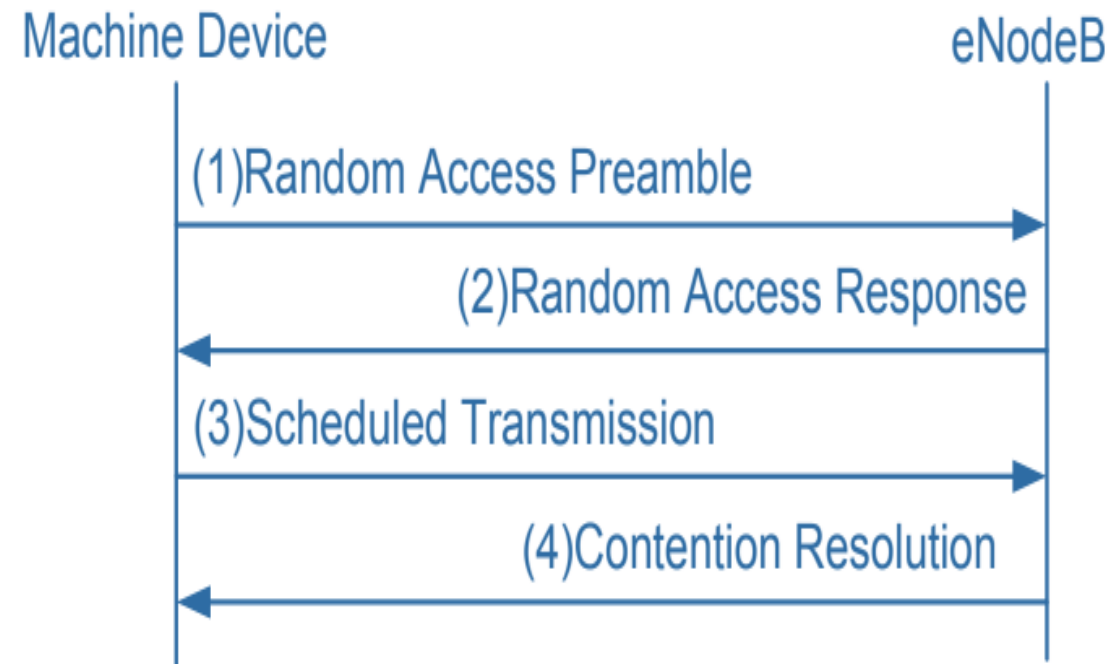


Fig 1. Random access procedure in LTE system

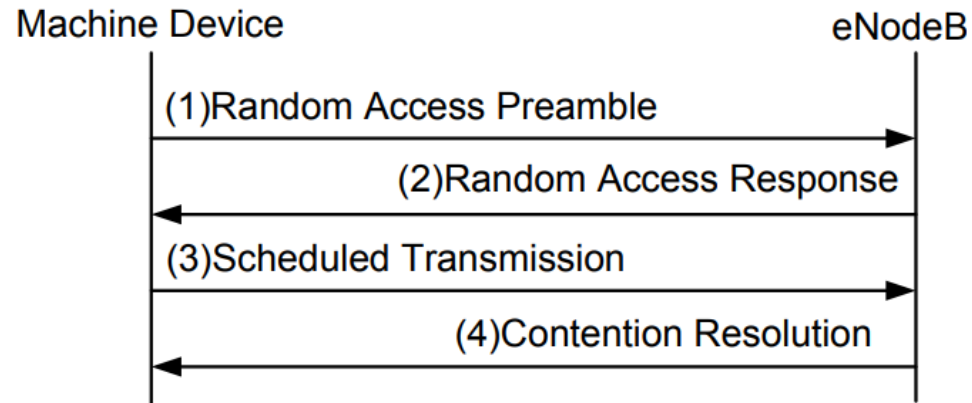
Proposed Random Access Scheme

The main objective of this paper is to make use of the fixed timing alignment information from the RA procedure to:

- reduce collision probability
- lower average access delay and
- achieve higher energy efficiency

This is to support M2M communications for a very large number of fixed- location machine devices in future orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA) systems.

Proposed Random Access Scheme



Conventional RA procedure

- **Assumption**

Fixed-location machine devices do not utilize the unchanged, fixed TA information during the RA procedure.

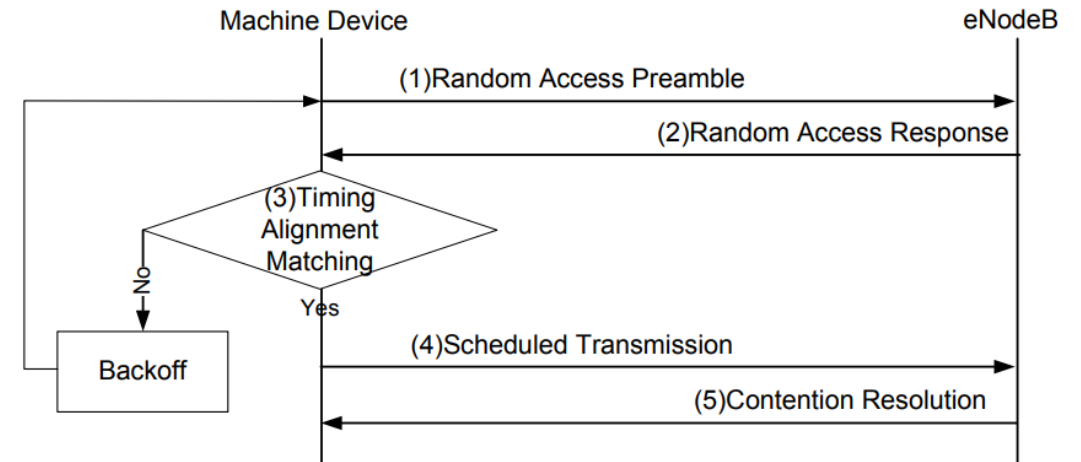


Fig 2. Proposed RA procedure

- **Assumption**

The TA value between each fixed-location machine device and eNodeB is fixed and unchanged.

Proposed Random Access Scheme

- Timing alignment Matching

- ✓ Due to measurement or estimation errors at eNodeB for every RA procedure, each fixed-location machine device needs a TA matching mechanism in the proposed scheme.
- ✓ If we let ϵ be the margin of TA error, the TA matching results are expressed as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \text{matched,} & \text{if } T_{curr} \in [T_{stored} - \epsilon, T_{stored} + \epsilon] \\ \text{mismatched,} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- ✓ As the value of epsilon becomes larger, more machine devices are likely to belong to the acceptable TA range. However, it may increase collision probability.

- Suppose $k+1$ machine devices including one tagged device select their own preambles and attempt RA on a single RA slot.
- If the tagged machine device is located according to an $f(r)$ distribution(pdf that there exists a fixed-location machine device at distance $(r, r+dr)$), the collision probability is given as:

$$P_c^{ue} = \int_0^R f(r) \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{P(r)}{M}\right)^k\right) dr.$$

- In the proposed scheme, a tagged machine device experiences collision when at least one of other machine devices located in $(r-\epsilon/2, r+\epsilon/2)$ selects the same preamble as the tagged device on the same RA slot. The collision probability for the uniformly distributed case is expressed as:

$$P_c^{ue} = 1 - \frac{2}{R^2} \left\{ \int_{R-\frac{\epsilon}{2}}^R r \left(1 - \frac{(R^2 - (r - \frac{\epsilon}{2})^2)}{MR^2}\right)^k dr + \int_0^{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} r \left(1 - \frac{(r + \frac{\epsilon}{2})^2}{MR^2}\right)^k dr + \int_{\frac{\epsilon}{2}}^{R-\frac{\epsilon}{2}} r \left(1 - \frac{4r^2}{MR^2}\right)^k dr \right\}$$

Numerical Results

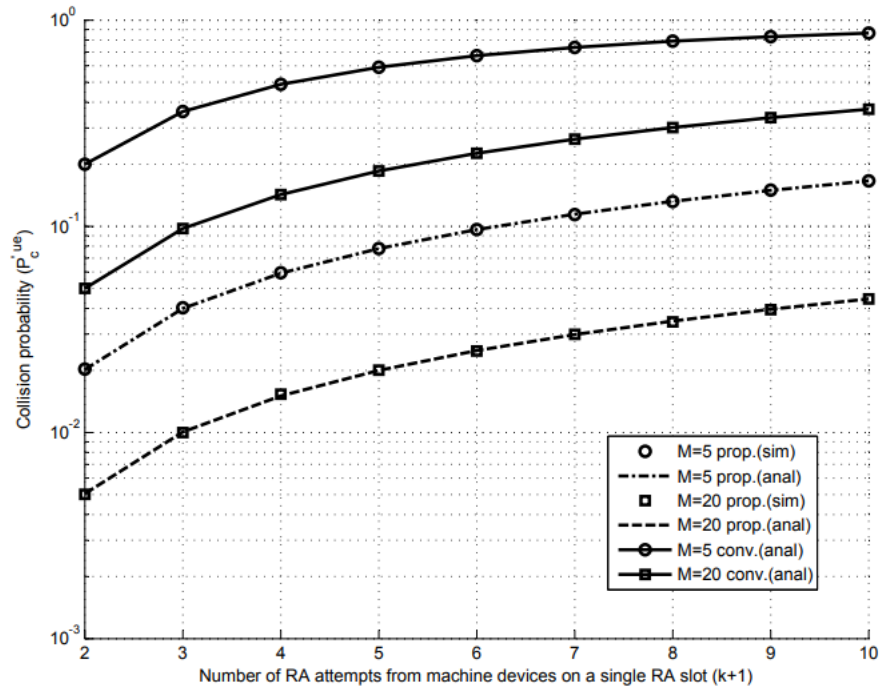


Fig 3. Collision Probability

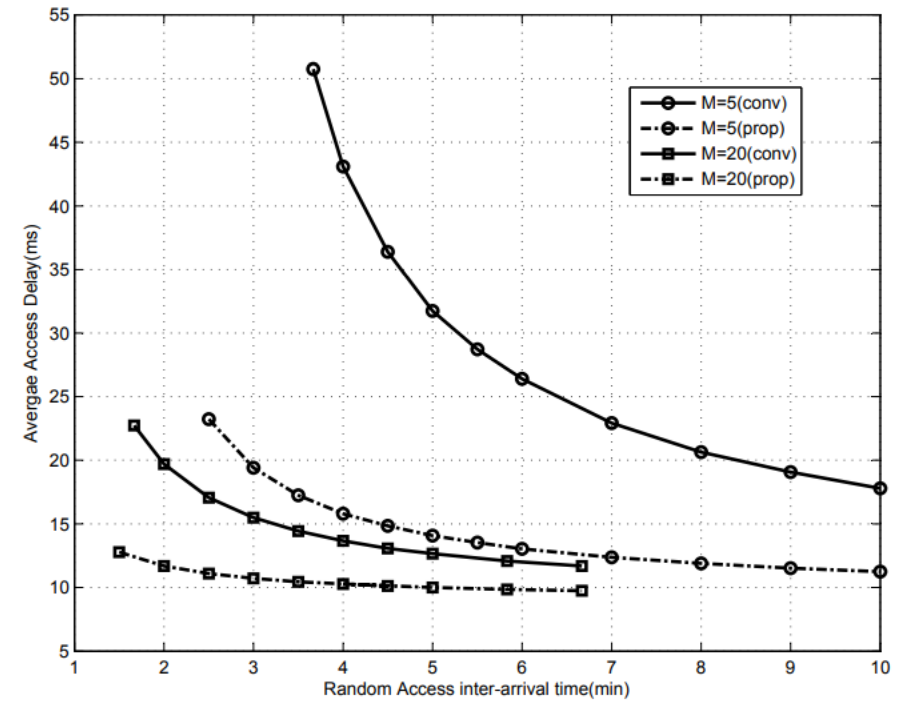


Fig 4. Access Delay

Numerical Results

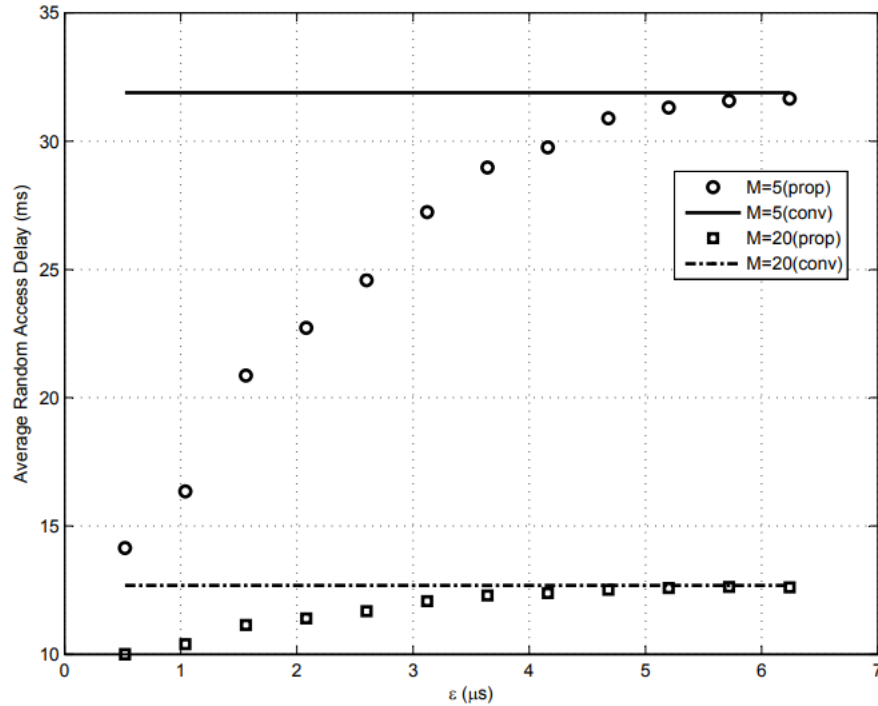


Fig 6. Impact of ϵ on the access delay of the proposed scheme

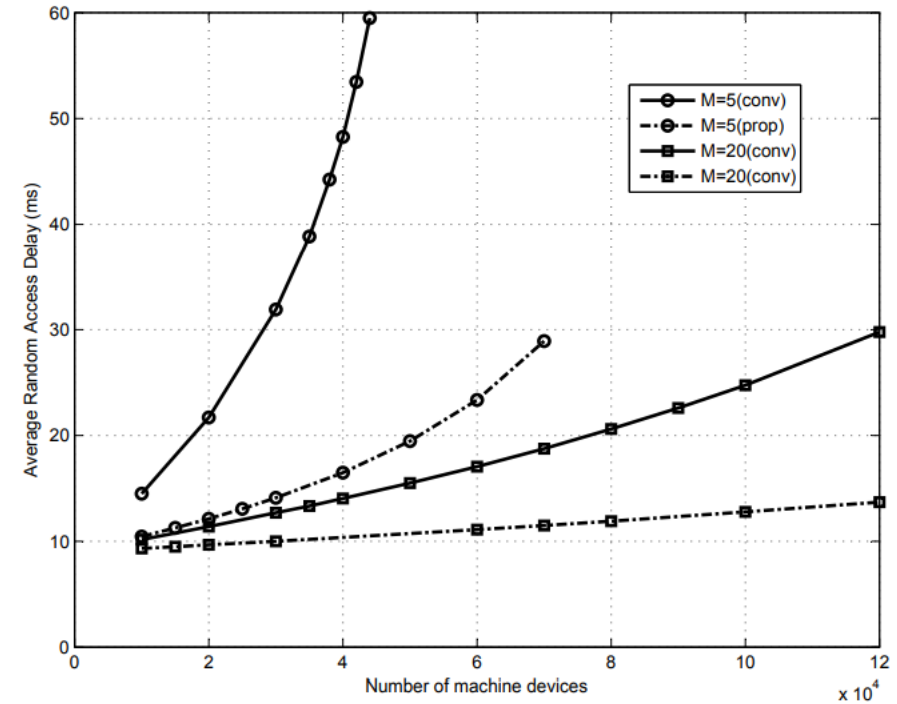


Fig 7. Impact of the number of machine devices on the access delay of the proposed scheme and the conventional scheme

Conclusion

- A new RA scheme is proposed for fixed-location machine devices utilizing the fact that TA information for these devices is fixed during RA procedure.
- The performance of the scheme is evaluated in terms of collision probability, access delay, and the average number of transmissions.
- The proposed scheme yields much lower collision probability, shorter access delay, and higher energy efficiency than the conventional one

Any Questions?

