

# Optimizing Network Lifetime and Energy Efficiency of Wireless Sensor Network by Improved Hybrid Unequal Clustering Layering Protocol

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## ABSTRACT--

*The performance of sensor nodes can be optimized using the clustering techniques. Clustering can reduce travel time by decreasing the number of transmissions and reception rate at each sensor node. Clustering of sensor nodes into groups makes the sensors of one cluster transmit the information to another cluster and that cluster will send out the original information to the processing center, this flow of information can save a lot of energy in the system. Sensor nodes' clustering represents an effective and practical way of meeting all the network needs, for example network lifetime, energy saving etc. It has been observed that our technique can incorporate both with static as well as dynamic clustering technique. In deploying static clustering complexity can be reduced but there is issue of energy consumption whereas with dynamic clustering, the problem can be eliminated but complexity (Clustering overheads) may increase in the network. Thus, special attention needs to be addressed these facts. In this paper, some flaws have been observed such as proper handling of clustering technique both in static and dynamic clustering. In both the techniques an improved hybrid clustering technique has been proposed which is a combination of static and dynamic clustering to form hybrid process that will save the energy as well as network lifetime.*

## Keywords—

*Hybrid Clustering, Wireless Sensor Networks, Hybrid Unequal Clustering Layering Protocol (HUCL), Improved Hybrid Unequal Clustering Layering Protocol (IHUCL), Energy Efficiency, Network Lifetime.*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

A network of sensor nodes randomly arranged with physicality, is a Wireless Sensor Network (WSN). In real-time monitoring and monitoring applications such as military surveillance, farming, disaster management etc., WSN is commonly applied. Each sensor node has 4 elements: sensor, microcontroller, electricity power supply and transceiver, where sensors are used to feel real-world physical parameters like temperature, pressure and moisture. The processing unit processes the value of sensed after that communication unit will send it to the base location via intermediate nodes through single or multiple hops. Since sensors in rural environments are deployed, which is not easy and in some sense impossible to replace or recharge the battery of the nodes. Transmission costs are a way higher than the sensing and processing costs in wireless sensor networks. Therefore, the sending of data from se-

nsor nodes to a base station is essential in order to extend the network life by using some energy efficient data transmission strategy. Awareness of energy is a major design problem within the WSN. Clustering offers several other advantages including better energy efficiency, improved lifespan, scalability and a small delay, and is the more dominant energy proficient technology. Due to the limited energy in nodes it is preferable to reduce the energy consumption using clustering technique which directly improves the network lifetime.

The remaining document is organized as follows: section 2 contains the corresponding work, section 3 discusses about categorization of energy efficient techniques, section 4 describes the clustering in wireless sensor networks, section 5 gives an overview of unequal clustering, section 6 gives detail about Hybrid unequal layering protocol, section 7 presents the proposed work, section 8 shows the result analysis and conclusion.

## 2. RELATED WORK

LEACH is extremely necessary clustering routing protocol, the authors of [1] compared LEACH and LEACH-C in numerous situations and conclude that LEACH is best in uniformly distributed clustering approach whereas LEACH-C is best in centralized approach of clustering however additional delay will increase the sink overhead. Authors in [2], propose a genetic clustering routing algorithm and show that it balances efficiently the energy node consumption which declines network energy consumption as compared to LEACH. A unique cluster formation protocol supported Fuzzy logic interference system (FIC) known as Fuzzy logic Cluster Formation Protocol (FLCFP) is proposed in [3] and compared to LEACH protocol. This novel technique offers the advance of 12% to 19% because it uses three parameters (i.e. energy state of the CH, CH's distance to the base station and distance between CH and also the node) within the method of cluster formation whereas LEACH uses just one parameter of node distance to the CH. The authors in [4], conclude the optimum cluster size and also the price needed to rearrange the sensing nodes in a cluster by using various distributed clustering techniques and conclude that efficiency of the clusters decreases because as the mean square between the clusters decreases. Efficiency of the network can increase if the variation between the clusters will be less.

Bayrakli [5], propose a Genetic algorithm (GABEEC) in cluster based technique to seek out an applicable number of cluster head

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and their location store in force the network life. A hybrid technique Tabu Swarm optimization (TSO) is developed in [6] to form a static clustering design and energy aware routing using a mixture of Tabu Search (TS) and Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO). This hybrid optimization is employed for inter-cluster communications and a paramount shortest path with minimal energy consumption is chosen for next hop transfer of data. An Enhanced Developed Distributed Energy Efficient Clustering (EDDEEC) scheme is projected by the author of [7]. EDDEEC protocol distributes the energy equally among the sensor nodes to dynamically change the probability of nodes to become CH and giving the higher results in comparison with DEEC, DDEEC and EDEEC.

Authors of [8], conferred a taxonomy of the various (block, grid and chain) sorts of cluster-based routing protocols on the idea of their merits and demerits and show that cluster-based routing protocols better in overall performance improvement of the sensor network. Mirsadegi [9], proposes a distributed clustering protocol using Fuzzy logic. For the choice of latest CH, basic info from the nodes has been collected. i.e. residual energy of nodes, local density and node disposition for the calculation of the probabilities of a node gets selected as a new CH. Projected technique is found higher in coverage and network lifetime compared with UCFA, GCA and SCP. In [10], optimization Leach (O-LEACH) is projected in which the CH selection is according to the residual energy of the nodes which makes it better than LEACH and LEACH-

C. However, its downside is that it is solely enforced in a static network and showed that position of the sink affects the reliability of the network and energy consumption of the nodes. Mahajan [11], proposes a cluster chain weight metrics approach (CCWM) which provides a CH weight choice methodology within which initial cluster head is chosen in a network on the premise of weight metrics before the method of cluster formation. This will result in better load balancing and improved energy efficiency among nodes than LEACH, WCA and IWCA. In [12], various different clustering protocols (i.e. LEACH, LEACH-

C, TEEN, EEHC, DDAR, WCA, ACT, HCTE, CCM, SLGC, LEACH-VF, MWBCA, PEGASIS and HEED) are reviewed thoroughly with all the benefits and drawbacks. Author of [13], develops an algorithm that uses both clustering and chain approaches applying a genetic algorithm with optimization meta-heuristic. i.e. firefly and simulated annealing. Proposed algorithm first finds the optimal clustering using firefly then within a cluster it finds the best chain of nodes using simulated annealing.

A new threshold value in a LEACH-based clustering algorithm is introduced in [14]. This threshold is a parameter-based (i.e. distance between nodes and the base station, node energy, CH-Base Station distance) different from LEACH and results are better with proposed threshold value in terms of energy consumption. In [15], an improved PSO is introduced in EBUC algorithm to avoid standard PSO issues and hot spot problem. The basic idea in IPSO is to keep diversity in local and global optima. All the information is sent to base station then base station runs IPSO to find the best Cluster head. Cost function in IPSO is same as in PSO to avoid hot spot problem. Results show a decrease in the number of dead nodes by 30% and network lifetime is improved by 15%.

### 3. PROPOSED WORK

#### 3.1. Network model

Considering the above facts, the following model has been presented. To implement proposed model, a sensor nodes and network model, there is little hypothesis:

- Randomly distributed nodes of the 'N' sensor are in the field of  $M \times N$ .
- Every node is uniform.
- All nodes and the sink are stationary in the field ( $M \times N$ ).
- All nodes and distance-based adjust their transmitting power.
- The discharge is outside the field of the sensor. It can be reached by all sensors and has sufficient energy.
- Data aggregation and compression can be performed by the cluster.

#### 3.2. IHUCL: The Basic Concept

Proposed technique introduces a novel optimized Selection of Sensor Node (OSSN) algorithm. This algorithm helps in enhancing the efficiency of dynamic clustering approach used in WSN. And is based on two phase process:

- Indexed based State management (IBSM)
- Fuzzy Logic

"Indexed Based State management" is the process which helps to give the information about Last node die (LND) or when a new head of cluster is needed to introduce in the cluster. Its sequence and applied operation is based on the fuzzy logic. The fuzzy rules are composed of a series of fuzzy conditional statements in "IF-THEN" type. In this process, fuzzy rules are used. Depends upon the Indexed based State management, the cluster head selects the nodes which have high reliability. Nodes with lower delay also have a better chance of being chosen as the cluster head. In addition, energy index of nodes is also considered. The sensor node with more energy has more opportunities to be chosen as the head of cluster. The fuzzy process will also optimize the energy of cluster head, distance etc.

- A "IBSM" is implemented that is based on state management mechanism which will help to give information about the last node die (LND) or cluster head need to be changed.
- An Ideal node service will activate the node if data transmission is initiated for particular node otherwise the node will stay in ideal mode. A lot of node energy will be saved if the node will not stay activated all the time for transmission.
- Normally, the clustering will remain static and it will change from static to dynamic only when there is a need to change the cluster head due to lack of sufficient energy to handle all the tasks of data aggregation, compression etc.
- To find the distance between the nodes and cluster head, there should be a threshold value for it. The cluster will be formed by the nodes whose distance will lie under the threshold value.
- Also the nodes in a cluster should be in limited range and for that a value for maximum number of nodes should be set to decrease the complexity in clustering process.

Three states of cluster head are there for consideration in a "IBSM" to show the energy level of the cluster head. These are as follows:



state0-When the cluster head's energy is about to vanish  
state1-

When the energy is partially used and remains half of its full value

state2-When the cluster head is having its full energy

An Index Based State Management (IBSM) is introduced to maintain the state of cluster head. Mathematically, IBSM is defined as

$IBSM[\alpha][i]$  where  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 2$ ,  $\alpha$  is the state of Cluster Head

$1 \leq i \leq N$ ,  $i$  is number of sensor node.  $e$  represents a Cluster

Here,  $N$  is total number of nodes in a cluster. Consider the parameter 'd' which indicates the distance between two nodes in a geographical position.

Here,

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$(x_1, y_1) = Node_j$  at some point  
 $(x_2, y_2) = Node_k$  at some point

Where  $j$  &  $k$  are graphical point in a location and 'd' is used to find the distance from the cluster head and the nodes of sensor, to select its cluster members. Cluster head also has a limit for choosing the number of members. A threshold value is used, which limits the distance from single nodes and total number of nodes in a cluster. Based on the above information the algorithm has been organized with following facts:

- State of cluster head should be maintained in IBSM.
- Cluster will choose its member nodes on the basis of threshold value for distance.
- Node need to be stay in active or ideal mode in a cluster as per requirement.

All these are the conditions which will exist whenever a old cluster head replaces with new cluster head. Firstly, according to the energy level of cluster head states in the 'IBSM' should be changed to notify all other nodes about the new cluster head and now they have to send the data to new cluster head. The backup node identity number should also be maintained in the lookup table as this will give the address of the new cluster head to all other members' nodes. Secondly, when new cluster head replaces the old cluster head at that time cluster will also reform and choose the new members nodes that will fall within its threshold value of distance. This process makes the clustering process dynamic as there is movement in cluster nodes. Thirdly, all the nodes should be in ideal mode or in active mode as per requirement for transmission it means if the nodes should be ideal if it is not required for transmission and only get active when needed for transmission. This will save a lot of node energy and also helps in enhancement of lifetime of the network.

Let us consider that there are 'N' numbers of nodes in a field  $M * N$  and 'L' is the limit for cluster nodes in a cluster.

Also, 'T' is the total cluster nodes and 'Th' is threshold value also 'd' is the distance.

$$N_i = T \{ \text{where } T < L \text{ and } Th \leq d \}$$

Above expression is for Dynamic cluster formation with respect to distance between nodes in a cluster and total limit.

### 3.3 State Information

$$N_i \xrightarrow{CH_1} \text{state} \xrightarrow{IBSM} [\alpha][i]$$

- $\alpha = 2$  shows, that  $CH_1$  should remain in cluster head role because it is in its full energy mode.
- $\alpha = 1$  shows, that it's time to find the new cluster head which is the nearest node  $N_k$  having ideal state.

- $\alpha = 0$  shows, that it's time to initiate  $N_k$  as cluster head in the cluster, and reform the cluster according to the new cluster head. Also, maintain IBSM state during reforming.

## 4. RESULT ANALYSIS:

The essential parameters with values principles are listed below in Table 1.

Table 1 Simulation Parameters[]

Parameter	Value
Sensor field	1000m*1000m
BS location	(125,150)
Number of nodes	50
Initial energy of nodes	2J
Data packet size	500 bytes
Packet header size	25 bytes
Control message size	50 bytes
RL max	5-100m
Eelec	50nJ/bit
Efs	10pJ/(bitm <sup>2</sup> )
Eamp	0.0013pJ/(bitm <sup>4</sup> )
Eagg	5nJ/(bitsignal)
Ecom	2nJ/(bitsignal)
ES	0.5nJ/(bitsignal)

### a) NETWORK LIFETIME WITHOUT DATA COMPRESSION:

In periodic data collection, nodes of sensors sense the environment and send the information to the sink. During this process many nodes die which effect the lifetime of the network. Figure 1 shows the network lifetime before compressing the data. Here, it is shown in HUCL technique 50 nodes are alive only upto 550 rounds of data transmission after that node starts dying. Similarly, upto 650 rounds HUCL has 30 nodes alive from 50 nodes while IHUCL has all 50 nodes alive. This shows network with IHUCL technique has better network lifetime and is better in energy efficiency.

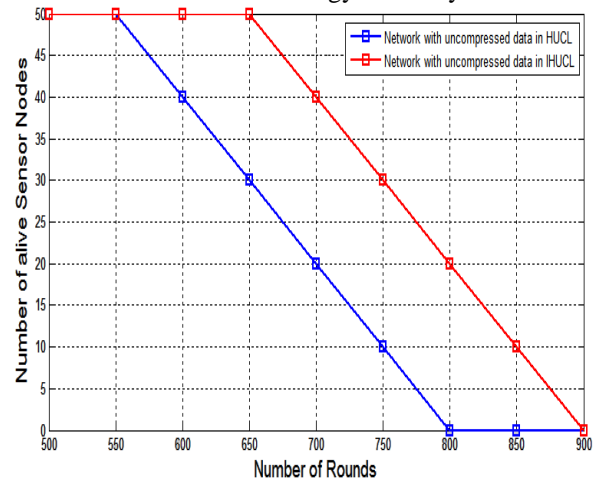


Figure 1. Network without data compression for HUCL and IHUCL



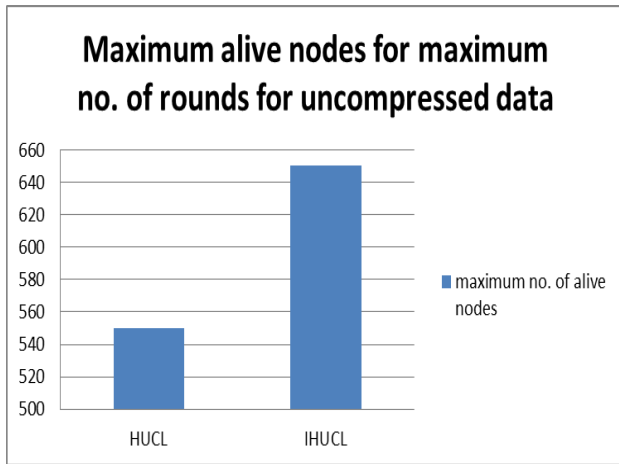


Figure 2. Max. transmission rounds with max. alive nodes before data compression graph for HUCL and IHUCL

Summarized bar graph in Figure 2 shows comparison between average value of network lifetime in HUCL is 550 and for IHUCL technique is 650 which is improved in IHUCL. It gives a clear improvement of 100 rounds means 15.3% in present proposed technique of IHUCL.

b) **NETWORK LIFETIME AFTER DATA COMPRESSION:** Figure 3 is showing the Max data transmission rounds with max. alive nodes after the data compression. Compression technique is applied to enhance the network efficiency so that more data can be sent in less rounds of data transmission. It is clearly shown in the Figure 3 that in HUCL all 50 nodes are alive till 600 rounds of data transmission while in IHUCL 50 nodes are alive till 700 rounds of transmission after that nodes start dying. This shows that IHUCL technique is better than HUCL. In HUCL, all nodes die up to 800 rounds while in IHUCL it is more than 900 rounds. This makes network with IHUCL technique more energy efficient and better network lifetime.

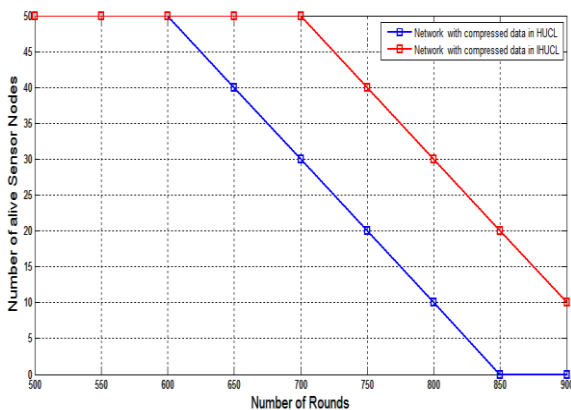


Figure 3. Network after data compression graph for HUCL and IHUCL

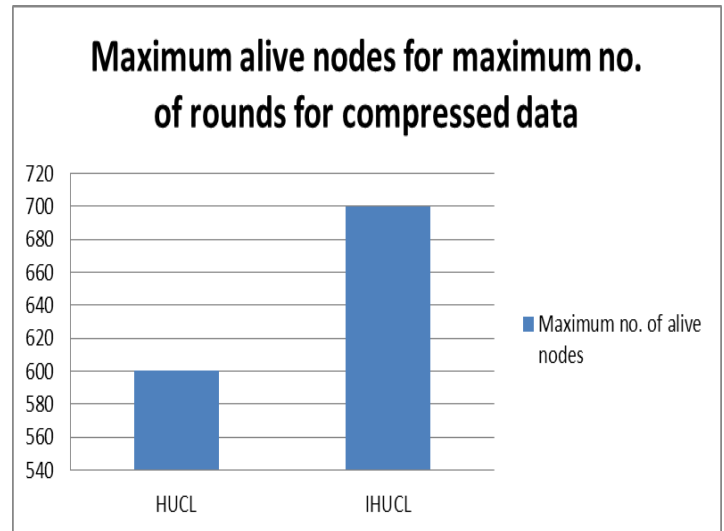


Figure 4. Max. transmission rounds with max. alive nodes after data compression graph for HUCL and IHUCL

Figure 4 shows the summarized bar graph of Max. transmission rounds with max. alive nodes for HUCL and IHUCL technique. Here, Max. data transmission rounds for maximum alive nodes are come out for HUCL is 600 and for IHUCL is 700. This gives an improvement of 100 rounds means 14.2% in present proposed technique in case of data compression.

c) **SUCCESSFUL PACKET DELIVERY:** A successful delivery of data packets makes the network more efficient. Figure 5 shows that 100% data packets are successfully delivered until the number of alive nodes is reduced to 34 in HUCL. Percentage of delivered data packets starts reducing when the number of alive nodes are below 34, while in case of IHUCL 100% data packets are delivered until alive nodes are reduced to 19. This shows IHUCL is more efficient in delivering data than HUCL as more nodes are delivering 100% data packets in IHUCL. i.e 31 nodes while in HUCL only 16 nodes are delivering 100% data packets. This better packet delivery in IHUCL technique makes the network more energy efficient with better network lifetime.

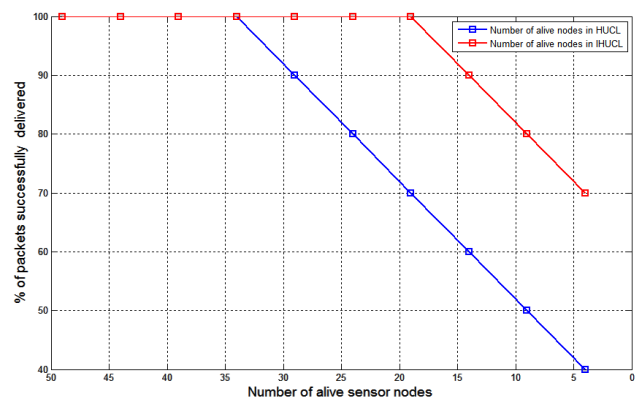


Figure 5. Percentage of successful packet delivery

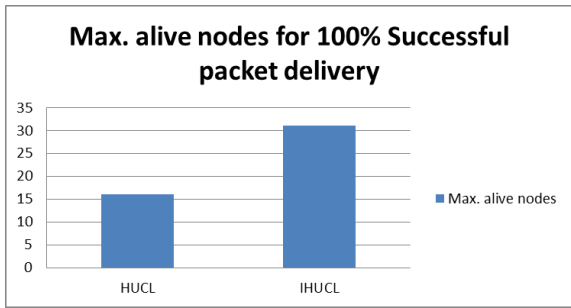


Figure 6. Max. alive nodes for 100% successful packet delivery

Figure 6 is a bar graph for max. alive nodes successfully delivered in the 100% data. It is clearly shown that in HUCL only up to 16 nodes, i.e. from 51 nodes to 31 nodes are delivering 100% data without any data loss after that data loss starts. Similarly, in IHUCL technique 31 nodes, i.e. from 50 to 19 nodes are delivering 100% data packets. The overall improvement is of 48.3% in IHUCL. So, IHUCL technique has more network lifetime and better energy efficient.

d) **Network lifetime at different sink positions in IHUCL in uniform distribution:** Location of the sink within a cluster also affects the network lifetime in case of uniform distribution of nodes. If the sink is in the middle of the group than it will make the network much efficient. Similarly, network lifetime is also analyzed at different sink positions, i.e. 50mts and at 100mts which is found better in present technique. Figure 7 shows the network lifetime when the sink is at 50mts and 100mts in HUCL and it is clearly shown that in HUCL max. nodes are alive up to 500 rounds in case of 100mts while in 50mts max. nodes are alive up to 550 rounds of data transmission when it starts dying. Also, all the 50 nodes die in 750 rounds in 100mts case while in 50mts all 50 nodes die in 800 rounds. This shows network is more energy efficient and has better network lifetime when the sink is at nearer position of 50mts.

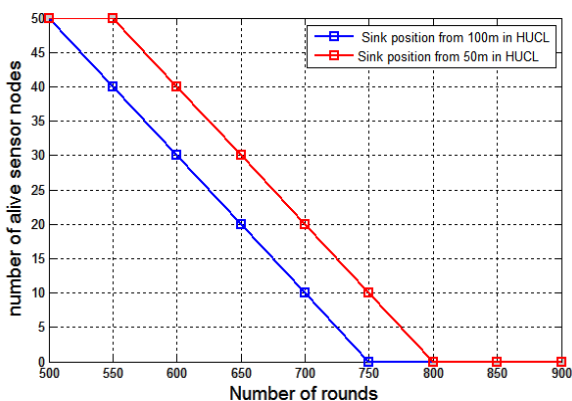


Figure 7. Network lifetime in uniform distribution for different sink positions in HUCL

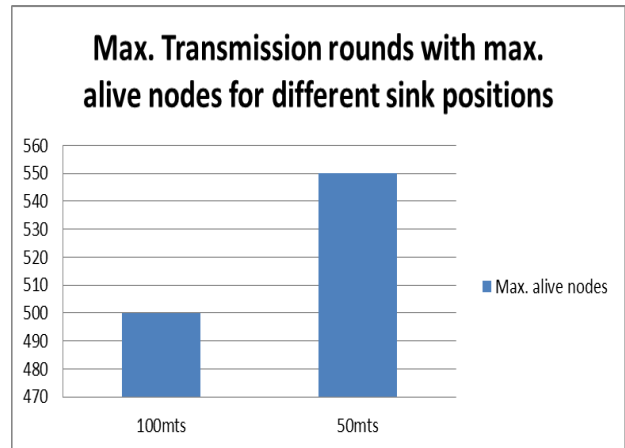


Figure 8. Bar graph for no. transmission rounds for max. alive nodes for different sink positions in HUCL

Figure 8 gives the bar graph of the Max. transmission rounds with max. alive nodes when the sink position is at 50mts and 100mts. For 100mts it is 500 rounds and for 50mts it is 550 rounds after that with increasing number of rounds nodes start dying. This graph shows an improvement of 9%. Hence clearly, better position is near by position of 50mts than 100mts in IHUCL. This also shows that network with near by sink position has better network lifetime and is more energy efficient.

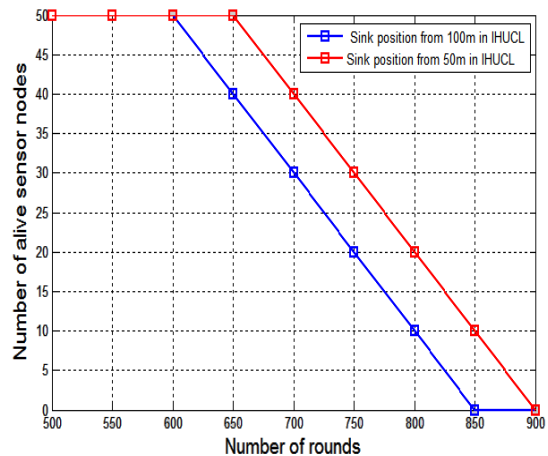
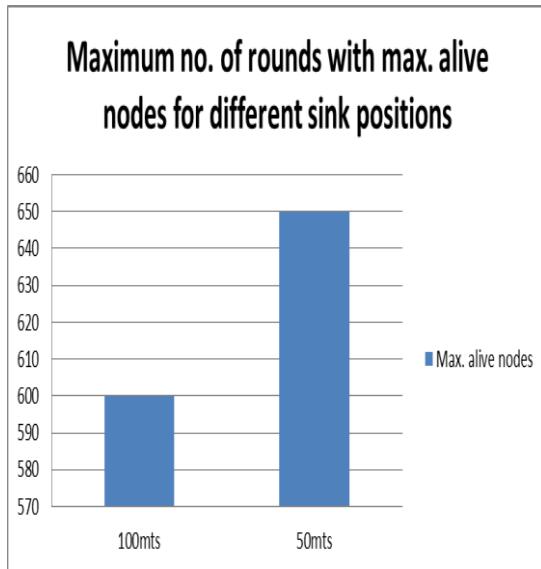


Figure 9. Network lifetime at different sink positions in IHUCL in uniform distribution

Figure 9 shows the network lifetime when the sink is at 50mts and 100mts in IHUCL technique. When the sink is at 100mts maximum nodes are alive for 600 rounds while when the sink is at 50mts maximum nodes are alive for 650 rounds. After comparing to 50mts sink position in HUCL, IHUCL technique is better which makes the network more energy efficient with better network lifetime.



**Figure 10. Bargraph for Max. rounds of transmission with max. alive nodes at different sink positions in IHUCL**

Figure 10 is giving the summarized bargraph for the max no. of transmission rounds with max. alive nodes for different sink positions of 50mts and 100mts in IHUCL technique. Transmission rounds for the distance of 50mts are 650 while for 100mts is 600 which clearly gives an improvement of 7.69%. Hence, nearer sink position of 50mts gives more rounds of data transmission with alive nodes means better network lifetime and more energy efficient than the sink distance of 100mts.

**Table 2 Comparison Table of Maximum rounds of Transmission values for HUCL and IHUCL**

Performance Matrices	HUCL	IHUCL
1. Max. Rounds of Transmission with Uncompressed Data	550	650
2. Max. Rounds of Transmission with Compressed Data	600	700
3. Max. nodes alive for Successful packet delivery	16	31
4. Max rounds of Transmission for sink position at 50mt	550	650
5. Max. Rounds of Transmission for sink position at 100mt	500	600

Table 2 is showing the overall comparison of proposed technique IHUCL with the previous technique HUCL. All the performance matrices are showing the better results in IHUCL technique than HUCL. With the uncompressed and compressed data IHUCL is 15% and 14.2% better than HUCL respectively. In case of packet delivery IHUCL is 48.3% better and in case of nearer sink position of 50mts it is 15.3% better than HUCL technique. Study shows that IHUCL is far better in case of network lifetime and energy efficiency as all above performance matrices lead to the overall improvement

in lifetime's network as well as efficiency of energy of the wireless sensor network.

### CONCLUSION:

It has been observed that a group of sensor nodes plays a vital role in wireless sensor network. Thus, implementing clustering technique in a better way, the energy efficiency can be increased then network, decrease the transmission time and also improve network lifetime. But as we have seen clustering can be used either static or dynamic form. Dynamic clustering technique can enhance network lifetime and residual energy but also increase the network overheads which seem to be not acceptable in real time data transmissions. To overcome this facet, a new technique has been introduced here and named as IHUCL (Improved Hybrid Unequal Cluster Layering protocol). The mathematical expressions observe its improvement towards network overheads, which consequently increase the Network Lifetime and Energy Efficiency is better in present technique.

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