Meshed High Data Rate Personal Area Networks

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Introduction

- Big picture of the paper.
- Bluetooth, Wireless PAN and WLAN.
- Wireless Mesh Networks.

Overview of 802.15.3



- Piconet, PNC, peer-to-peer communication.
- Starting a piconet.
- Child piconet vs neighbour piconet.

Limitations of 802.15.3

Parent-child and parent-neighbour model are not mesh configurations.

Impetus Behind Meshing PANs

Advantages of meshed 802.15.3

- Power
- Reliability
 - Rout redundancy
- Network Configuration



Architecture

- Extensions made to the high data rate PAN (802.15.3).
- Issues faced by meshing PANs.



Operation in a Mesh Configuration

1) Beacon Alignment

- Two independent piconets might overlap.
- 2) Starting a Mesh Enabled Piconet

Operation in a Mesh Configuration

- 3) Network Self-Organization
 - Mesh Coordinator (MC).
 - Other MPNCs joins the tree > descendant number.
 - Disassociation.
- Important issues:
 - High mobility of MDEVs.
 - Pragmatic value for descendants.



Operation in a Mesh Configuration

- 4) Address Assignment
- Well-known techniques:
 - Hierarchical, centralized, distributed.
- They are not suitable for tree MWPAN.
- Tree topology should be known.
 - MC broadcasts a tree topology discovery frame.

Hidden Node and Exposed Node Problems

- Hidden node problem: Request To Send/Clear To Send (RTS/CTS)
- Exposed Node Problem: neighbour table (How?)



Routing

- Well-known ad-hoc routing algorithms can not be used.
- Different algorithms:
 - Table
 - Using tree structure and TREEID
 - Centralized routing: topology server
 - Accurate measurements: coordinate system
 - Distributed routing: using rout discovery frame

