

## ENERGY EFFICIENT MAC PROTOCOL WITH FAIR-SCHEDULING TECHNIQUE IN MANET

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### ABSTRACT

In Mobile Ad hoc Networks (MANETs), achieving fairness and increasing channel utilization are the important design goals of scheduling. However, these two goals contradict with each other. In this paper, a fair-scheduling technique for inelastic traffic flows in MANET is proposed. The network traffic is differentiated into two categories as elastic and inelastic flows. In this technique, data packets of inelastic flows are prioritized over data packets of elastic flows. Utility function is estimated for considering channel utilization and channel state information along with delay of data packets. When more than a data packet of inelastic flows compete in scheduling, packet with high (upper bound) on delay field is prioritized and scheduled. The proposed technique is validated through simulation results. It is proved that the proposed technique offers fairness in scheduling network traffic.

**Keywords:** Channel utilization, Fair-scheduling, MAC, MANET, Prioritized.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Mobile Ad hoc Networks (MANETs)

A self-governing system with a set of mobile nodes that are permitted to move randomly in the network is defined as a Mobile Ad hoc Network (MANET). Since, the network lacks centralized database or communication infrastructure, every node forwards the data packet to the destination through a multi hop radio link [1].

The ability of MANET to operate without the need of any fixed infrastructure leads to many appealing applications such as military, disaster recovery, trucks, airplanes, ships etc [2].

#### 1.2 Fair Scheduling in MANET

The task of scheduling is to decide on the processing of next appropriate packet in the queue such that it enhances the end-to-end performance even when the network traffic load is high [3]. In Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) method, time slots are used to transmit and receive data. Here, the basic unit of scheduling is a frame [1].

With reference to the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) model, the scheduler is situated connecting the routing agent and the Medium Access Control (MAC) layer. Packet scheduling determines which flow must be serviced among the group of waiting flows. Packet scheduling plays a vital role in offering Quality of

Service (QoS) guarantees. However, it is challenged due to mobility and dynamic nature of the nodes [4].

In MANET, an ideal scheduling algorithm should be adapted with dynamic changing of topology and limited bandwidth [4]. Since, wireless networks become predominant it is anticipated to sustain various services such as best effort and real-time traffic. These networks have to meet with QoS requirements like minimum bandwidth and maximum delay limitations while still maintaining network queues stable and enhancing network throughput [5].

In mobile wireless ad hoc networks, scheduling medium access is a demanding process as a result of node's mobility, limited availability and constrained bandwidth. Using TDMA networks, each node is allocated with a fixed length of time slot to transmit data. However, this method is applicable only when the network size is small and nodes are aware of network connectivity [6].

In ad hoc network, an ideal fair scheduling algorithm for network layer requires the following characteristics [7],

- Priority queues have to be established to handle newly entering flows as per their priorities.

- Fairly allocate network layer resources among various flows in order to meet the fairness in allocation.
- An ideal fair scheduling algorithm should be well-suited to all routing algorithms
- It must enhance the overall network throughput.
- The scheduling algorithm should remain stable in high load situation and it must be adaptable to total network delay.

### 1.3 Issues of Scheduling in MANET

Achieving fair bandwidth allocation and increasing channel utilization are the important design goals of packet scheduling in mobile ad hoc networks. Nonetheless, these two goals are contradict each other. Some of the challenges of scheduling in MANET are listed below,

- Scheduling becomes more complex task when it is performed along with power control issues, for nodes in ad hoc network can communicate with several other nodes simultaneously [9].
- Accomplishing bandwidth maximization and fairness at hand is a difficult problem in MANET as it uses shared-medium. Apart from this, issues such as distributed nature of packet scheduling, spatial channel reuse and location-dependent contention among flows complicate scheduling in MANET [8].
- Typically, during scheduling, in order to achieve high throughput some data flows are delayed, which causes unfairness in flows [8].
- Stringent battery power, hidden terminal problem and error susceptible communication channel are the other different factors that affect scheduling and end-to-end packet delivery in MANET [10].

### 1.4 Problem Identification

In our previous work [17], an energy efficient MAC protocol in MANET was proposed based on channel utilization and queue size. In this protocol, the source that desires to transmit the data packet to its destination node, appends its queue state and channel utilization with request to send (RTS) frame and transmits it to the destination utilizing the utility function. After the destination verifies the RTS frame for error, it sends the clear to send (CTS) frame along with queue state and channel utilization information to source node using utility function. Upon receiving CTS frame, the source transmits the data packet to the destination node.

In this paper, it is intended to propose a fair-scheduling technique for inelastic traffic flows in MANET.

## 2. RELATED WORKS

Sang-Chul Kim [1] has introduced an energy efficient scheduling algorithm for cluster based mobile wireless networks. Their algorithm has utilized the adaptive low transmission power schedule strategy in TDMA based ad hoc MAC protocol. In their algorithm, transmission power is calculated by estimating the distance between Cluster Head (CH) and non-CH (NCH) nodes and as a result path-loss is gradually reduced. Further, they have proposed a scheme for interference avoidance. Using this, when neighbor clusters transmit packets, the total energy dissipation is minimized and it increases the utilization of time slot in each ad hoc node.

Juan Jos'e Jaramillo and R. Srikant [5] have presented an optimal scheduling scheme for fair resource allocation in ad hoc network with elastic and inelastic traffic. Their model integrates the QoS requirements of packets with deadlines in the optimization framework. Thus, their technique provides a solution for both congestion control and scheduling scheme that fairly allocates resources to satisfy requirements of both elastic and inelastic flows. Their algorithm has been derived through a dual decomposition approach.

A fair data flows scheduling schema for multi hop wireless ad hoc networks is proposed in [7]. Their main objective is to allocate bandwidth fairly among different contention traffic flows. They have used a novel History Based Priority Queuing (HBPQ) algorithm for scheduling different traffic flows. Their HBPQ makes use of satisfaction function to calculate user's satisfaction and then attempts to bring close to the satisfaction of users. According to this technique, every data packet is allocated with the services based on its experienced traffic load in traveled path.

Joint per-flow scheduling and routing technique in wireless multihop networks is proposed in [11] by Dimitrios J. Vergados et al. Their scheduling and routing algorithm routes the flows in a manner that stays away from congested area with limited availability. Instead of assigning slots to links or nodes, their scheduling mechanism assigns to flows. It fairly assigns slots and assures the fairness in allocation does not lead to underutilization.

Dang-Quang Bui and Won-Joo Hwang [12] have put forwarded a proportionally quasi-fair

scheduling optimization framework in wireless ad hoc networks. They have developed their optimization framework with the objective of assuring fairness of the cumulative data rates. Their scheduling algorithm is asymptotically stable. Making use of stochastic process analysis, they have proved that the cumulative rates generated by the framework converge to the unique limit point of an ordinary differential equation. Their scheme can also be enhanced for throughput maximization and max-min fairness schemes.

Vijay S Rao et al. [13] have proposed a maximizing the fair allocation of opportunistic spectrum for Cognitive Radios (CRs) ad hoc networks. Initially, they have addressed the issue of fairness in a CR ad hoc network and then designed a novel distributed heuristics to allocate spectrum fairly. They have framed the problem of fair allocation of channels in a CR ad hoc network in a time slotted framework. They have proposed their scheme with the intention of all transmitter-receiver pairs should approximately be allocated with the same percentage of access to the medium over sufficient time.

### 3. PROPOSED SOLUTION

#### 3.1 Overview

In this paper a fair-scheduling technique for inelastic traffic flows in MANET is proposed. The data traffic is differentiated into two categories as elastic and inelastic traffic considering their application requirements. The proposed technique prioritizes data packets of inelastic flow over data packets of elastic flow. This is achieved as inelastic flow requires maximum delay requirements. Utility function of nodes is measured considering channel utilization, channel state information and packet delay value. When data packets arrive at the scheduler it initially differentiates them according to the type of flow it belongs. Data packets of inelastic flows are sorted as per their delay field in utility function. The data packet with high delay value is prioritized and scheduled first.

#### 3.2 Estimation of Metrics

##### 3.2.1 Estimation of Channel Utilization

Let  $\text{dist}(t)$  be the interval time of Distributed Inter-Frame Spacing (DIFS) and  $s(t)$  be the interval time of Short Inter-Frame Spacing (SIFS). Let  $r(t)$  be the delay of RTS packet and  $c(t)$  represents the delay of CTS packet. Let  $d(t)$  and  $a(t)$  represents the delay of data packet and Acknowledgement Frame (ACK) respectively.

Let  $D_{\text{DIFS}}$ ,  $D_{\text{SIFS}}$ ,  $D_{\text{RTS}}$ ,  $D_{\text{CTS}}$ ,  $D_d$ ,  $D_{\text{ACK}}$  be the delay components of DIFS, SIFS, RTS, CTS, data and ACK packets respectively.

The channel utilization of a network per second is computed using the following components [14].

- The time taken for transmission and management of the data packets and control frames.
- The total number of delay components such as DIFS and SIFS.

The estimation of above components and estimation of channel utilization based on these components are illustrated below.

The channel busy time ( $T_{\text{chb}}$ ) for a data frame ( $d$ ) is calculated using equation (1).

$$T_{\text{chb}}(d) = D_{\text{DIFS}} + D_d(z, \sigma) \quad (1)$$

where  $z$  = size of data frame (in bytes)

$\sigma$  = rate at which the data is transmitted.

$D_{\text{DIFS}}$  = delay component

$T_{\text{chb}}$  of the RTS frames and  $T_{\text{chb}}$  of the CTS frames are calculated by using equation (2) and (3).

$$T_{\text{chb}}(\text{RTS}) = D_{\text{RTS}} \quad (2)$$

$$T_{\text{chb}}(\text{CTS}) = D_{\text{SIFS}} + D_{\text{CTS}} \quad (3)$$

$T_{\text{chb}}$  of the ACK frames is given using equation (4).

$$T_{\text{chb}}(\text{ACK}) = D_{\text{SIFS}} + D_{\text{ACK}} \quad (4)$$

If RTS, CTS, ACK and data packets are encountered during the interval  $t$ , the total  $T_{\text{chb}}$  is given using the following equation (5).

$$T_{\text{chb}}(t) = (r(t) * T_{\text{chb}}(\text{RTS})) + (c(t) * T_{\text{chb}}(\text{CTS})) + (a(t) * T_{\text{chb}}(\text{ACK})) + (d(t) * T_{\text{chb}}(d)) \quad (5)$$

Thus, the channel utilization at time  $t$ , is given using equation (6).

$$\text{CU}(t) = \frac{T_{\text{chb}}(t)}{10^6} * 100 \quad (6)$$

##### 3.2.2 Estimation of Channel State Information

The channel state information refers to the physical layer information that includes channel fading, multipath propagation, reflection, scattering and other climatic effects on the channel. It is estimated based on the signal strength and signal to noise ratio (SNR) at the receiver. The estimation of signal strength using Friis equation is given by equation (7) [15].

$$P_{rx} = \frac{P_{tx} * \alpha * \beta * h_{tx} * h_{rx} * \sigma^2}{(4 * \sigma * d)^2 * \tau} \quad (7)$$

where  $P_t$  = transmitted power  
 $\alpha$  = transmitter gain  
 $\beta$  = receiver gain  
 $h_{tx}$  = transmitter height  
 $h_{rx}$  = receiver height  
 $\sigma$  = wavelength  
 $d$  = distance among the transmitter and receiver  
 $\tau$  = system loss

Based on the estimation of signal strength, SNR is computed using equation (8).

$$SNR = \log_{10}(P_{tx}) - \log_{10}(P_{rx}) \text{ dB} \quad (8)$$

### 3.2.3 Estimation of Flow Delay

The proposed technique estimates the packet delay by calculating the time difference when the packet is transmitted from source destination. Let  $tP_i$  be the time the data packet  $P_i$  is transmitted at the source and  $rP_i$  be the time the data packet  $P_i$  is received at the destination. Now, the packet delay of data packet  $P_i$  is computed as,

$$P_i = tP_i - rP_i \quad (9)$$

Thus, flow's delay ( $fD$ ) is the average of its packet's delay. Accordingly, the network's delay ( $nD$ ) is the sum of  $fD$  of all active flows in the network. It can be given as,

$$nD = \sum_{i=1}^n f_i D \text{ where, } f_i = \text{ActiveFlow} \quad (10)$$

### 3.2.4 Estimation of Utility Function

In this paper, It is enhanced the utility function to prioritize the data flows while scheduling. Considering channel state information, cost factor and flow delay, the transmitter node estimates the utility function[17]. Once the utility function is estimated, by looking at the delay field of a flow, the scheduler prioritizes the inelastic flows, which will be discussed in later section. Thus, the utility function helps in prioritizing inelastic flows and improves network fairness [16].

According to Shannon's capacity, the utility function for an active link  $i$  is defined as

$$UF_i = \ln(1 + SNR_i) - CF_i P_{txi} + f_i D \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (11)$$

where  $P_{txi}$  = transmission power of the node

$P_{tx-i}$  = transmission power of all links other than  $i$ .

$$\Delta = [P_{tx1}, \dots, P_{txi-1}, P_{txi+1}, \dots, P_{txn}]$$

$SNR_i$  = Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR) received at the receiver node.

$CF_i$  = cost factor representing the specific amount of power consumption.

$f_i D$  = flow's delay

### 3.3 Network Model

Consider the network as a directed graph  $G(N,L)$  where represents the set of nodes and  $L$  denotes the set of directional links. Let  $n_1, n_2 \dots N$  be the set of mobile nodes and  $L_1, L_2 \dots L$  be the set of links that connect the network.

Network traffic is considered as the mixture of both elastic and inelastic traffic flows. It is supposed that traffic flows are described and differentiated as elastic and inelastic by the application corresponding to its requirements.

### 3.4 Scheduling Scheme

In this technique, data flows transmitted over the communication channel of MANET are divided into two categories as elastic and inelastic traffic flows. An inelastic traffic denotes important applications such as real-time traffic, delay adaptive traffic and rate adaptive traffic. Therefore, it has stringent maximum per flow packet delay requirements. On the other hand, an elastic flow does not require any delay requirements. Since, they are elastic flows; they are able to reduce their transmission rate and they can tolerate packet delays and packet losses elegantly.

During the phase of scheduling, the time is split into slots. A set of ' $t$ ' successive time slots constitutes a frame. The scheduling technique presupposes that data packets arrive only at the beginning of a frame and flows that contain inelastic packets have ' $t$ ' time slots as their deadline.

Take into account that  $Fa_{in}$  as the number of inelastic packets enters at each link and it can be represented as,

$$Fa_{in} = (Fa_{in} L_i) \text{ where } L_i \in L \quad (12)$$

Here,  $Fa_{in}$  is the random variable with mean  $\lambda$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ .

In a given frame, assume  $Fa_e$  as the number of elastic packets entered at each link. It is presumed that the channel state is constant for a given frame,

which is independent of different frames and arrival of data packets. The vector ‘ch’ represents the total number of packets that can be successfully transmitted on link  $L_i$  in a given frame. It is symbolized as,

$$ch = (ch_{L_i})_{L_i \in L} \quad (13)$$

At time T, for a link  $L_i \in L$ , consider sh as a possible schedule that denotes,

$$sh = (sh_{m(L_i),T}, sh_{e(L_i),T}) \quad (14)$$

Where,  $sh_{m(L_i),T}, sh_{e(L_i),T}$  denote the possible number of inelastic and elastic packets that can be scheduled at link  $L_i \in L$  in timeslot T. Therefore, if

$sh_{m(L_i),T} + sh_{e(L_i),T} > 0$  then the link  $L_i$  is scheduled to transmit data in timeslot (T) and also when  $sh_{m(L_1),T} + sh_{e(L_1),T} > 0$  and  $sh_{m(L_2),T} + sh_{e(L_2),T} > 0$ , then the links  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  can be scheduled and transmitted at the same time without intruding each other.

### 3.4.1 Fair-Scheduling Technique for Inelastic Traffic Flows in MANET

In this fair scheduling technique, inelastic flows are prioritized over elastic flows.

Once a packet of a flow is transmitted to the destination, the utility function is computed. While packets are arriving, the scheduler looks for the type of flow (elastic (or) inelastic). If the packet belongs to elastic flow, the scheduler allocates time slots according to its feasibility. On the other hand, if the packet belongs to inelastic flow, then immediately the scheduler checks the delay field in utility function. The scheduler gives high priority to them.

When more than one packet belongs to inelastic flow, the scheduler sort the packets based on their delay field. Packets with high delay value are placed in front line of the queue. Since, inelastic flows necessitate maximum delay requirements they are scheduled first by the scheduler when comparing elastic flows. When more than a packet belongs to inelastic flow, then the packet with high delay field is scheduled first.

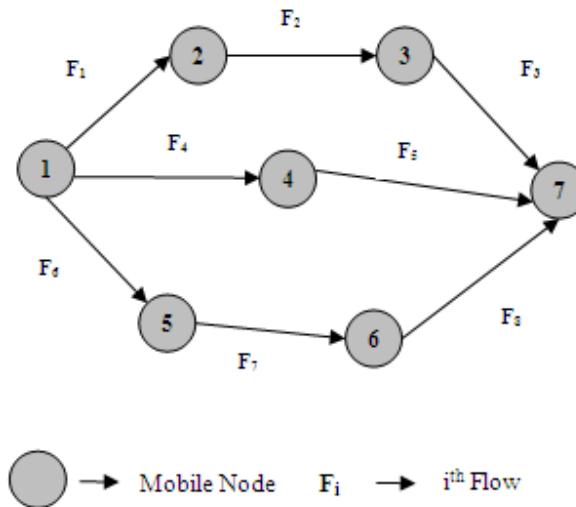


Figure 1: Connected Network

Consider the connected MANET network given in figure1. The network includes seven mobile nodes namely 1, 2... 7 and eight data flows such as

$F_1, F_2... F_8$ . Every flow transmits different data packets (dP) and the details are shown in table1

Table 1: Elastic and Inelastic Flows

Data Packets	Flow Id	Type of Flow
dP <sub>1</sub>	F <sub>1</sub>	Elastic
dP <sub>2</sub> , dP <sub>3</sub>	F <sub>2</sub>	Inelastic
dP <sub>4</sub> , dP <sub>5</sub> , dP <sub>6</sub>	F <sub>3</sub>	Inelastic
dP <sub>7</sub>	F <sub>4</sub>	Inelastic
dP <sub>8</sub>	F <sub>5</sub>	Elastic
dP <sub>9</sub>	F <sub>6</sub>	Elastic
dP <sub>10</sub> , dP <sub>11</sub>	F <sub>7</sub>	Inelastic
dP <sub>12</sub>	F <sub>8</sub>	Elastic

Assume that at time 't', dP<sub>1</sub> of F<sub>1</sub>, dP<sub>2</sub> of F<sub>2</sub> and dP<sub>4</sub> of F<sub>3</sub> arrive the scheduling queue. Once the data packets are reached the queue, the scheduler oversees the data packets in order to discover the type of flow. From Table1, it is understood that dP<sub>1</sub> belongs to elastic flow and dP<sub>2</sub> and dP<sub>4</sub> correspond to inelastic flows. Therefore, the scheduler prioritizes dP<sub>2</sub> and dP<sub>4</sub> over dP<sub>1</sub>. Since, dP<sub>2</sub> and dP<sub>4</sub>

belong to inelastic flows; the scheduler checks for the delay field of dP<sub>2</sub> and dP<sub>4</sub> from their utility functions. It is supposed that dP<sub>4</sub> has high delay value than dP<sub>2</sub>. Therefore, dP<sub>4</sub> is scheduled first, then dP<sub>2</sub> is scheduled and finally dP<sub>1</sub> is scheduled finally. The described process is illustrated in figure 2.

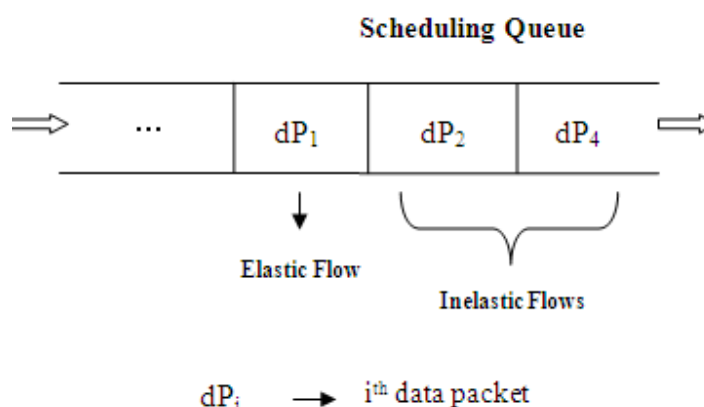


Figure 2: Prioritized Flow Scheduling.

The proposed fair-scheduling algorithm for inelastic traffic flows in MANET is described below in algorithm1.

**Algorithm-1**

1. Let  $F_{el}$  denotes elastic flow and  $F_m$  represents inelastic flow
2. Assume  $N$  as the total number of nodes in the network
3. Let  $dP_i$  be the  $i^{th}$  data packet  $i = 1, 2 \dots n$
4. Nodes  $n_1, n_2 \dots N$  are initialized in the network
5. Data flows are described as  $F_{el}$  and  $F_m$  considering application requirements
6. Utility function of nodes are calculated as per equation (11)
7. At time 't', dP's of different flows are transmitted over the communication channel
8. Transmitted dP's reach the scheduling queue
9. The scheduler differentiates dP's according to their type of flow they belong
10. If (flow (dP<sub>i</sub>) = F<sub>m</sub>) then

- 10.1 The dP<sub>i</sub> is prioritized over other data packets
11. If (dP<sub>i</sub> = 1) then
  - 11.1 The scheduler schedules dP<sub>i</sub> with requiring timeslots
12. Else if (dP<sub>i</sub> > 1) then
13. The scheduler looks utility function of nodes and discovers delay value
14. dP's are sorted according to their delay value
15. dP<sub>i</sub> that has high delay value is allocated first
16. Else if (flow (dP<sub>i</sub>) = F<sub>el</sub>) then
  - 16.1 The scheduler looks for other dP's that correspond to inelastic flow
17. If (There is no inelastic flow data packets) then
18. dP of elastic flow is scheduled
19. Else
20. dP is scheduled with minimum requirements
21. End if

**4. SIMULATION RESULTS**

**4.1 Simulation Model and Parameters**



The Network Simulator (NS-2) is used to simulate the proposed architecture. In the simulation, 100 mobile nodes move in a 1000 meter x 1000 meter region for 100 seconds of simulation time. All nodes have the same transmission range of 250 meters. The simulated traffic is Constant Bit Rate (CBR) and Video.

The simulation settings and parameters are summarized in table.

Table 2: Simulation Parameters

No. of Nodes	100
Area Size	1000 X 1000
Transmission Range	250m
Simulation Time	100 sec
Traffic Source	CBR and Video
Packet Size	512 Kb
Initial Energy	22.1J
Transmission Power	0.660
Receiving Power	0.395
Rate	100,200,300,400 and 500Kb
Routing Protocol	AODV

#### 4.2 Performance Metrics

The proposed Energy Efficient MAC protocol With Fair-Scheduling Technique (EEMACFS) is compared with the Optimal scheduling for Fair Resource Allocation (OSFRA) technique [5]. The performance is evaluated mainly, according to the following metrics.

- **Packet Delivery Ratio:** It is the ratio between the number of packets received and the number of packets sent.
- **Packet Drop:** It refers the average number of packets dropped during the transmission
- **Fairness:** It is the bandwidth received by each flow per total available bandwidth.
- **Throughput:** It is the total number of packets received by the receiver.
- **Delay:** It is the amount of time taken by the nodes to transmit the packets to the receiver.
- **Residual Energy:** Average energy remaining on nodes

#### 4.3 Results

The transmission rate of both the CBR and Video traffic is varied as 100, 200, 300, 400 and 500Kb.

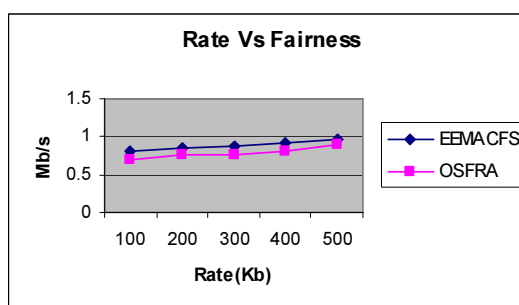


Figure 3: Rate Vs Received Bandwidth

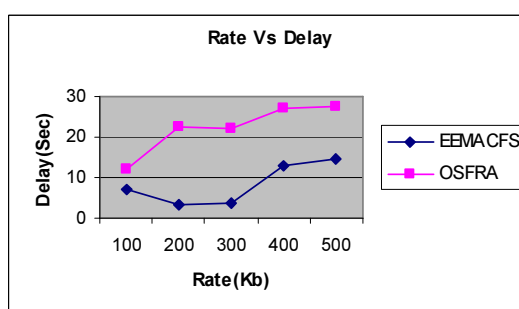


Figure 4: Rate Vs Delay

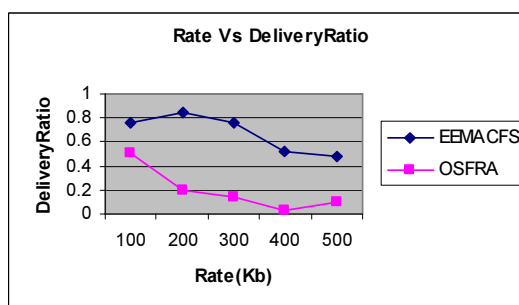


Figure 5: Rate Vs Delivery Ratio

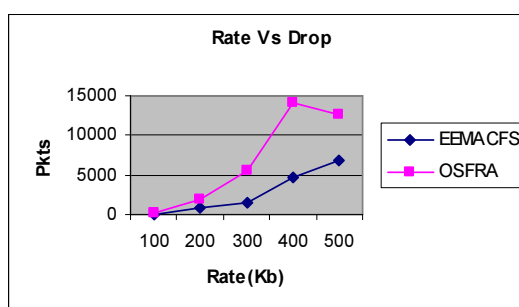


Figure 6: Rate Vs Drop

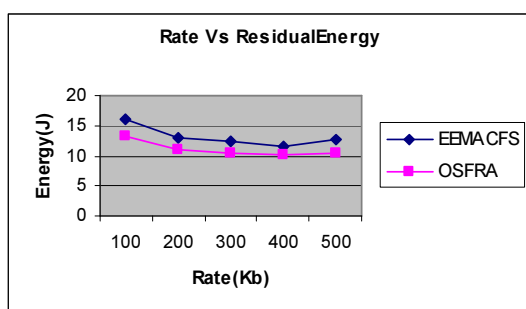


Figure 7: Rate Vs Residual Energy

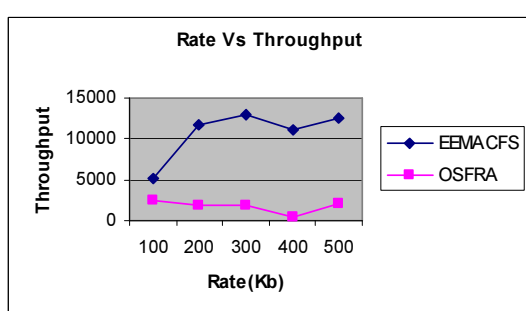


Figure 8: Rate Vs Throughput

Figure 3 shows the fairness of EEMACFS and OSFRA techniques for different transmission rate scenario. It is shown that the fairness of EEMACFS approach has 79% of higher than OSFRA approach. Figure 4 shows the delay of EEMACFS and OSFRA techniques for different transmission rate scenario. The delay of EEMACFS approach has 61% of less than OSFRA approach.

Figure 5 shows the delivery ratio of EEMACFS and OSFRA techniques for different transmission rate scenario. The delivery ratio of EEMACFS approach has 73% of higher than OSFRA approach. Figure 6 shows the packet drop of EEMACFS and OSFRA techniques for different transmission rate scenario. The packet drop of EEMACFS approach has 67% of less than OSFRA approach.

Figure 7 shows the residual energy of EEMACFS and OSFRA techniques for different transmission rate scenario. The residual energy of EEMACFS approach has 16% of higher than OSFRA approach. Figure 8 shows the throughput of EEMACFS and OSFRA techniques for different transmission rate scenario. It is shown that the throughput of EEMACFS approach has 81% of higher than OSFRA approach.

## 5. CONCLUSION

In this paper, it is put forwarded fair-scheduling technique for inelastic traffic flows in MANET. In

this technique, data packets of inelastic flows are prioritized over data packets of elastic flows. Utility function is estimated considering channel utilization, channel state information along with delay of data packets. When data packets arrives the scheduler, it initially differentiates them according to the type of flow it belongs. Data packets of inelastic flows are sorted as per their delay field in utility function. The data packet with high delay value is prioritized and scheduled first. The proposed technique is validated through simulation results. By simulation results, it is shown that the proposed technique attains better fairness with reduced delay and energy consumption.

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