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Design of a Lora-Based IoT Network using Enhance Clustering Protocols.

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ABSTRACT

LoRa is an IoT (Internet of Things) enabling technology which is particularly suitable for low data rate applications. The technology can achieve extended network coverage while operating in unlicensed ISM band and falls into the category of Low Power Wide Area Networks (LPWANs) technologies. Currently, LoRa WAN networks face challenges related to Collision rates, packet delivery, and efficient management of static and mobile nodes. Existing methods based on ALOHA have limitations that hinder the effectiveness in accommodating the diverse requirements of Lora networks. In this study, A LoRa IOT network with both static and mobile nodes is modelled in MATLAB Environment. Static-Based Time Slot (SBTS) and Energy-Aware Dynamic User Clustering (EADUC) clustering approaches are implemented for Clustering and implemented using ALOHA and TDMA medium Access mechanisms. The implementation assesses how these protocols impact key network metrics like Signal-to-Interference Ratio (SIR), Packet Delivery Ratio (PDR) and Collision rate (CR). Result from the analysis underscores the clear performance superiority of the SBTS-TDMA protocol in LoRa networks. SBTS-TDMA achieved the highest Signal-to-Interference Ratio (SIR) at 10.97 dB, significantly outperforming EADUC-TDMA, EADUC-ALOHA, and SBTS-ALOHA, which enhances interference management. It also excelled in Packet Delivery Ratio (PDR), reaching 78.84%, demonstrating greater reliability in data transmission than other protocols. Additionally, with a Collision Rate of just 0.00045, SBTS-TDMA outperformed EADUC-TDMA, EADUC-ALOHA, and SBTS-ALOHA, reinforcing its efficiency and reliability for data integrity in LoRa networks.

KEYWORDS: *LoRa WAN, Additive Links On-line Hawaii Area (ALOHA), Energy-Aware Dynamic User Clustering, (EADUC), Static-Based Time Slot (SBTS), Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA).*

I. INTRODUCTION

The way we communicate with and engage with the world around us has been completely transformed by the Internet of Things (IoT) [1]. The demand for dependable communication networks has become more critical as the number of IoT applications deployed in many industries, such as smart cities, agriculture, and environmental monitoring, keep rising. IOT is described as a smart concept for the internet relating everything to the Internet and data organization and information exchange [2]. Large-scale IoT intelligent systems have become more efficient and effective by using the properties of "symmetry" and "asymmetry". This can help in a range of IoT applications, for example, in water quality analytics, bee colony status monitoring, accurate agriculture, data communication balancing, smart traffic management, spatiotemporal predicting, and intelligent engineering [3].

Several studies are currently working on IoT technologies and network architectures to sustain their necessity in platforms developing technology [3]. Long Range Wide Area Network (LoRa WAN) is one such network architecture that provides long-range communication, interference-resistance, and low energy consumption [4]. Lora WAN is a wireless communication protocol created for Internet of Things (IoT) applications. It makes it possible for IoT devices and gateways to communicate in long-range, low-power wireless setups [5][6]. Thus, it is a crucial solution for IoT applications because it offers a low-cost, low-power solution to connect many devices over a long distance. Due to this, it is especially helpful in applications where devices are dispersed across a large area including smart cities, agricultural monitoring, and industrial automation [7].

However, as more end devices are added to LoRa WAN networks, an excessive number of collisions might make the network's reliability, as indicated by the Packet Delivery Rate (PDR), unacceptably low [8]. When numerous devices send data at the same time, collisions happen, resulting in interference and data loss. Data transmissions may be delayed or lost because of the network's decreased performance and dependability. The effect on network capacity is one of the main issues with collisions and packet loss in LoRa-based IoT networks. The network becomes crowded as more devices try to send data at once, limiting overall capacity and raising the possibility of collisions and packet losses. The reduced network performance may cause data transmissions to be lost or delayed [8], [9]. The effect on battery life for low-power gadgets presents another difficulty. A device must retransmit the data after a collision, using more battery power. The device's battery can be quickly depleted by repeated transmission attempts, shortening its lifespan and necessitating more frequent battery replacements or recharges [9], [10]. Additionally, network scalability may be impacted by collisions and packet loss. It becomes more difficult to maintain dependable network performance as the number of devices on the network rises due to an increase in the likelihood of collisions and packet loss [11].

As a result, the network's overall scalability and usefulness for IoT applications may be reduced. This can limit the number of devices that can be added to the network. Collisions and packet loss can pose serious risks in Internet of Things applications where sensitive data must be transmitted at regular intervals. When two or more devices try to transmit data at the same time, a collision happens, resulting in interference, lost packets, or corrupted packets [12]. In IoT applications, lost or damaged packets may result in delayed or inaccurate data in applications where real-time data is essential, such as medical monitoring, industrial automation, or emergency response systems, which may result in serious harm or even death [13],[14]. Similarly, missing or damaged packets can jeopardize the security and confidentiality of data in applications where sensitive information is transferred, such as financial transactions or private health information, potentially resulting in monetary loss or identity theft. In applications where real-time data is essential, in particular, this may lead to lower efficiency and productivity [15].

Different solutions have been put out to deal with this problem. Shortening of communication range, reducing the transmission power of the end devices and utilizing multiple gateways to lessen congestion [16]. To enhance network performance and reduce collisions, network operators can also employ tools for designing and optimizing networks. Additionally, sub-channels can be used to segment the network into smaller groups of devices, lowering collision rates and enhancing network reliability [17], [18]. The use of a collision avoidance mechanism (CSMA), in which devices listen to the network before sending, can also lessen collisions and enhance network performance [19],[20]. In the event of a collision, the application of a retransmission policy will reduce packet loss [21]. Thus, there are several difficulties with each of these strategies. While Lowering transmission power can enhance network performance and energy efficiency. It results in a common challenge of reduced range of coverage [22]. Other challenges associated with these technologies are; signal quality degradation, increased network congestion, and battery life. Accordingly, LoRa-based IoT networks can enhance network performance by lowering collision

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rates and boosting overall network capacity [23]. However, it is built around several gateways which pose some challenges like gateway placement [24], gateway synchronization, network load balancing [25], cost and gateway management [26]. Sub-channelling is one of the major approaches used in LoRa-based IoT networks. It makes the technology an efficient IOT approach[27]

In [17], two different families of approaches were suggested to guarantee collision-free transmissions. The first generation is based on Time-Division Multiple Access (TDMA), which allows up to six end devices from the same cluster to transmit simultaneously while having different spreading factors. The study in [19] looked into the benefits and drawbacks of using a more advanced MAC protocol, like CSMA, to overcome this constraint. A method to decode collision-synchronized LoRa signals was suggested in [21], to improve the network's overall performance. The researchers use consecutive transmissions of bitmaps by the end devices to determine the right symbols of each collision frame rather than retransmitting entire frames. According to the study in [28], signal collision and suppression have an impact on LoRa technology. Because a receiver only demodulates the strongest signal out of all those received, the signal suppression problem frequently results in unfairness and jeopardizes the integrity of data flow.

To the best of our knowledge, the data collision and packet loss problem in LORA networks persist despite reported investigations of ways to alleviate data collision and packet loss in LoRa technology. This study presents a collision mitigation technique using an enhanced clustering protocol. The study involves evaluating ALOHA and TDMA under SBTS and EADUC clustering protocols.

II. Methodology

An insight into the systematic approach and methodologies used to fulfil the mitigation of collisions and packet loss in LoRa-based IoT networks using an enhanced clustering protocol is presented in this section. In alignment with the study's primary aim and objectives which are to design and implement LoRa WAN network with enhanced clustering approaches, to minimize packet collisions using MATLAB and Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA). We simulate and evaluate the signal-to-interference ratio (SIR), packet delivery ratio (PDR) and collision rate (CR) of the designed LoRa WAN. Thus, a systemic modeling approach in MATLAB environment was adopted and the general overview of the study is presented in Figure 1.

As indicated in Figure 1, the workflow diagram outlines the implementation and evaluation of the enhanced clustering protocols; Static-Based Time Slot (SBTS) and Enhanced Adaptive Distributed Utility Clustering (EADUC) within a Lora WAN network. ALOHA and Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) schemes were adopted as channel access schemes. The implemented techniques were used to evaluate SIR, PDR and CR in the LoRa-IoT network.

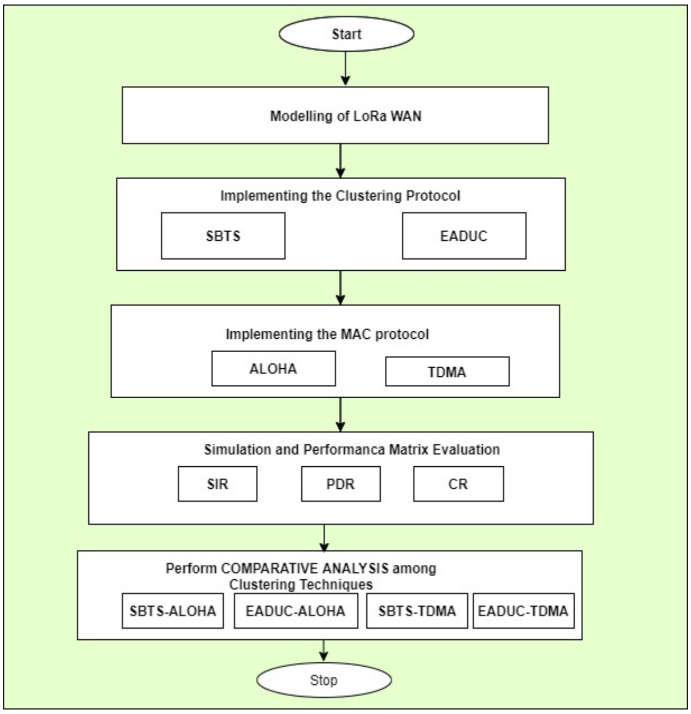

Figure 1. A general overview of the research methodology.

Modelling of the LoRa WAN Network

LoRa is a chirp spread spectrum (CSS)-based modulation method that is patented by Semtech. Its design allows for long communication ranges, reaching 15 km in line-of-sight rural areas and 1.5 km in outdoor urban scenarios. The sensitivity (and, thus, the coverage) can be improved at the price of a lower bitrate, by changing the spreading factor (SF) parameter [29].

In LoRa modulation, information is transmitted in symbols, the length of which depends on the SF adopted. LoRa modulation has several parameters; SF; bandwidth (BW); CSS; and code rate (CR). Each symbol is a sinusoidal signal, the frequency of which is cyclically shifted within a bandwidth (BW). In LoRa modulation, the symbol duration T_s and bit rate (Rb) can be calculated as shown in Eq. (1) and Eq. (2) [30].

$$R_b = SF*\frac{BW}{2^{SF}} * CR \quad (1)$$

$$T_s(s) = \frac{2^{SF}}{bw} \quad (2)$$

Where CR stands for coding rate, BW for bandwidth, and SF for spreading factor. Rs (Symbol/sec) is the formula used to determine the transmitted symbol rate.
Additionally, LoRa modulation includes a variable error correction method that improves the robustness of signal transmission at the cost of redundancy. Therefore, the data nominal bit rate, Rb, can be defined as represented in Eq. (3) [31].

$$R_b\,(bps) = SF*\frac{BW}{2^{SF}} * \left(\frac{4}{4+CR}\right) \quad (3)$$

Where CR is for error correction and taken as $\frac{4}{5}$, $\frac{4}{6}$, $\frac{4}{7}$ and $\frac{4}{8}$.

The lowest power level of the received LoRa signal that the receiver can identify and demodulate is indicated by the receiver sensitivity, a crucial parameter in LoRa design. Based on the LoRa Semtech designer's guide, the receiver sensitivity of LoRa can be calculated as shown in Eq. (4) [31].

$$\rho(\text{dBm}) = -174 + 10\log BW + NF + SNR \quad (4)$$

Where ρ is the receiver sensitivity, NF is the receiver's noise figure, and SNR is the signal-to-noise ratio of the received signal.
For this study, Table 1 shows the set-up parameters used in designing the LoRa WAN. Thus, the parameter selection is based on an analysis of relevant research on LoRa WAN design conducted by studies published in [30], [31], and [32].

Table 1. Simulation Parameters (Lora Wan) [32], [33], [34]

Parameter	Value
Spreading Factor. (SF)	*7*
Transmission Power (TP) dBm	*14 dBm*
Coding Rate (CR)	*4/5*
Bandwidth (BW)	*125 kHz*
Maximum competition radius (R_max)	*200m*
Mobile nodes	*20*
Static nodes	*80*
Area Size	*1000×1000*
Data Size bit	*1000*
Energy for transmission per bit (J/bit)	*50e-9*
Energy for reception per bit (J/bit)	*50e-9*
Gateway	*1*

Thus, the distribution of the modelled LoRa network as designed using MATLAB is shown in Figure 2.

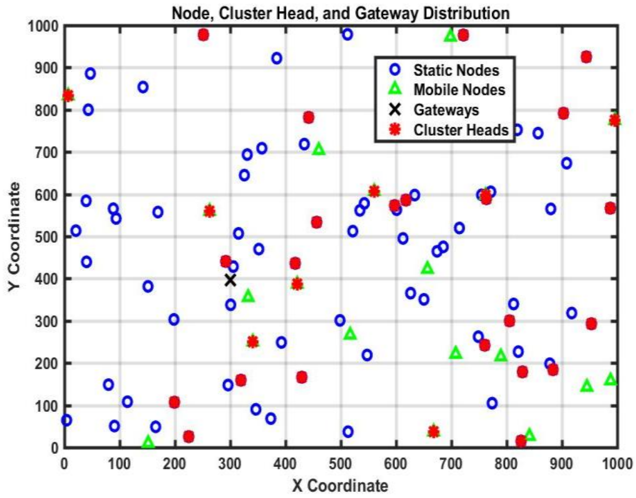

Figure 2. Lora WAN Distribution

As illustrated in Figure 2, the network was modelled with a 1000 x 1000 area, 20 mobile nodes, and 80 static nodes distributed in the area. The design took into account a single gateway, a spreading factor of 7 and the clustering heads selection was based on the clustering protocol.

CLUSTERING PROTOCOLS DESIGN

Enhanced clustering protocols are advanced strategies used in wireless sensor networks (WSNs) and IoT-based systems, such as LoRa WAN, to optimize network performance, energy efficiency, and communication reliability. These protocols improve upon basic clustering methods by incorporating factors like energy-awareness, dynamic adaptation, and intelligent decision-making for Cluster Head (CH) selection and data routing.
Static-Based Time Slot (SBTS)
The SBTS clustering aims to dynamically create clusters based on node transmission ranges and mutual distances. The distance formation is expressed in Eq. (5) and Eq. (6) [35].

$$d_{ij} = \sqrt{(x_i - x_j)^2 + (y_i - y_j)^2} \quad (5)$$

For the clustering formation mechanism in Static-Based Time Slot (SBTS) nodes form clusters based on their proximity within a defined transmission range. Mathematically, it can be represented as shown in equation 6.
If $d_{ij} \le R_{SBTS,}$ then node j is in the cluster of node i. (6)
Where d_{ij} is the Euclidean distance between nodes I and j and R_SBTS is the clustering range.
From the mathematical representations above, it shows that the cluster for node i includes all nodes j such that the distance d_{ij} between node i and node j is less than or equal to the transmission range

RRR. This type of equation is fundamental in clustering algorithms, where the goal is to group nodes that are within close proximity to each other, optimizing communication efficiency and reducing energy consumption within the network.

Enhanced Adaptive Distributed Utility Clustering (EADUC)

In Enhanced Adaptive Distributed Utility Clustering, the location of gateway, cluster head and residual energy are given importance as clustering parameters. Based on these parameters, different competition radii are assigned to nodes. The inclusion of the neighborhood information for computation of the competition radii provides better balancing of energy in comparison with the existing approach. Thus, EADUC uses a different competition radius rule for producing unequal clusters. In order to account for the expense involved in aggregation, the scheme also considers the number of neighbors, in addition to the above two factors, while deciding the competition radii. The competition radius for the proposed scheme is a function of distance to the BS, the residual energy of CH, and the number of neighbour nodes. Nodes with relatively higher residual energy, greater distance from the BS, and lower number of neighbour nodes should have a larger competition radius. For achieving it, following formula given in Eq. (7) [36].

$$R_c = [1\text{-}\alpha\,(\frac{d_{max}-d(S_j,BS)}{d_{max}-d_{max}}) - \beta\,(1\text{-}\,\frac{E_r}{E_{max}}) + \gamma\,(1\text{-}\,\frac{S_j,(nb)}{nb_{max}})\,] \quad R_{max} \tag{7}$$

Where α, β, γ are the weights, d_{max} and d_{min} are the minimum and maximum node to BS distance, R_{max} is the maximum competition radius, E_r and E_{max} are node's residual energy and maximum initial energy, d(Sj, BS) is the jth node's distance to BS, nb_{max} is the neighbour value (maximum), $S_j,(nb)$ is the neighbour count of j^{th} node [36], [37]. Also, depending on the transmission distance, both the free space εfs and multipath fading εmp channel models are used. If the distance is to a lesser extent than a threshold level, the free space model is used; otherwise, the multipath model is used. When transmit-ting the l-bit data to a distance d, the radio expends according to Eq. (8) and Eq. (9).

$$E_{TX}(\mathrm{l, d}) = E_{TX-elec}(\mathrm{l}) + E_{TX-amp}(\mathrm{l, d}) = \begin{cases} l * E_{elec} + efs * d^2, d < d_{th} \\ l * E_{elec} + emp * d^4, d \geq d_{th} \end{cases} \tag{8}$$

When receiving the I-bit data, the radio expands according to

$$E_{RX}(\mathrm{l}) = E_{RX-elec}(\mathrm{l}) \tag{9}$$

MULTIPLE ACCESS SCHEMES

Adaptive Lora WAN network entails the use of different communication channels that are configured and monitored by Gateway devices. The number of allocated channels depend on regional restrictions or other configurations specific to the wireless network. Therefore, there are channels dedicated to data transmission (called main channels) and a channel dedicated to the Gateway responses for the LoRa nodes (downlink channel), and finally we have channels used by the LoRa nodes for sending the requests to a Gateway module (uplink channels).When a LoRa nodes ends a packet, it selects randomly one of the channels and transmits, without previous performing of a carrier sense type verification and without the use of a preset synchronization time slot [33].

The ALOHA

In LoRa WAN, Class A end nodes follow ALOHA protocol when they access the channel to transmit the packet to gateways. For every transmission the end devices choose the channel randomly [38]. Every node adds a random amount of latency to the transmission of a previously colliding packet. This raises the mean traffic generated, which is typically represented by G in Eq. (10) since the traffic injected into the channel includes both newly created packets and packets that have already collided [39].

S = G(n)·Psuc = λ(n) T·e −λ(n)2T (10)

Where *S* as the average number of packets generated per transmission time interval; the traffic source *λ* consists of a high number of users who collectively form an independent Poisson source with an aggregate mean packet generation rate of *X* packets/s, the packet time width is supposedly fixed with a period of *T* seconds.

Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA)

TDMA divides the transmissions into non-overlapping time slots and allots predetermined time slots to end-devices that perform their transmissions. The end-devices that have data to send have to be synchronized, since their transmissions can only start at the beginning of each time slot in order to avoid overlapping message. In the TDMA technique, the channel is time shared, on a fixed basis. This technique precludes fluctuations in the number of wireless devices in the network. It allocates regular time-slots in which bursts of data may be transmitted in a contention-free basis. It is a popular technique in particular, if each device in the network emits a steady flow of data in which the message interarrival times for each device have low variance. It is also worth noting that TDMA can suffer long delays in scenarios where network traffic is dynamic, due to timeslots being unnecessarily assigned to idle users with no information to send [40]

PERFORMANCE MATRIX EVALUATION

Evaluating the performance of a LoRa network

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typically involves measuring several key performance metrics that relate to the network's efficiency, reliability, and scalability. These metrics can vary based on the application, network setup, and protocol being used (e.g., SBTS, EADUC, TDMA, etc.). The performance metrics evaluated in this study are discussed in this subsection.

Signal-to-Interference Ratio (SIR)

Interference is the major limiting factor in the performance of LoRa Wan like other wireless sensor networks. There are several kinds of sources of interference and when the interference is very large the packets the destination received will be affected by the interference. Thus, the signal to interference ratio (SIR) is represented as shown in Eq. (11) [41], [42].

$$\text{SIR}(i) = \frac{p_r(d_{i,j})}{\sum_{K=1}^{N} p_r(d_{i,k})}, \quad k \neq j \tag{11}$$

Where $d_{i,j}$ is the Euclidean distance between sensor i and sensor j, Pr ($d_{i,j}$) is the desired signal from sensor node j and Pr ($d_{i,k}$) is the interference power caused by the kth sensor node.

Packet Delivery Ratio (PDR)

PDR is defined as the ratio of successfully delivered data packets to the destination compared to the total number of data packets sent by the source. This ratio factors in the average amount of time authentication protocols take for a packet to reach its destination from its source. It can be calculated using Eq. (12) [43], [44]

$$\text{PDR} = \frac{N_{rp}}{N_{sp}} \tag{12}$$

Where PDR is Packet Delivery Ratio; N_{sp} is the total number of sent packets, and N_{rp} is the total number of received packets

Collision Rate (CR)

Packet collisions happen when two packets are transmitted at the same time over the same frequency using the same SF When a collision happens, the node keeps attempting to retransmit until an acknowledgement from the GW is received. Since LoRa WAN adopts ALOHA protocol for communications between the nodes and the gateway, the node transmits packets whenever they are ready to transmit data, regardless of the channel status. Hence, following Poisson distribution, the probability P of a packet collision to happen is given as in Eq. (13) [45]

$$P = e^{-2G} \tag{13}$$

Where G is the rate of packet transmission attempts per node. Hence, having more nodes transmitting at the same time increases the probability of a packet collision

III. RESULTS

This section focuses on discussing of the research findings obtained, which provide an in-depth analysis involved in implementing Lora network with SBTS and EADUC clustering protocols. A detailed analysis is provided on the performance of the clustering protocols under TDMA and ALOHA medium channel access

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF LORA WAN WITH ALOHA MEDIUM CHANNEL ACCESS

Evaluating LoRa WAN with ALOHA medium channel access involves assessing the performance of the LoRa network when ALOHA is used for managing how devices access the shared wireless communication channel. In this analysis, SBTS and EADUC clustering are considered.

SBTS clustering with ALOHA

In the SBTS-ALOHA analysis, nodes are grouped into clusters based on proximity, and each cluster has a Cluster Head (CH) that manages communication with the gateway. Using the ALOHA Protocol, the nodes within a cluster attempt to transmit their data to the Cluster Head (CH) using a technique in which if multiple nodes transmit in the same time slot, a collision occurs, resulting in a failed transmission.

Performance index like Signal-to-Interference Ratio (SIR), Packet Delivery Ratio (PDR), Collision Rate (CR), were analyzed for the SBTS-ALOHA LoRa implementation and the results obtained are presented in this sub-section.

For the Signal-to-Interference Ratio (SIR), it is calculated by considering the interference caused by other nodes transmitting in the same slot. The SIR result for the Lora SBTS-ALOHA setup considered for this study is as represented in Figure 3.

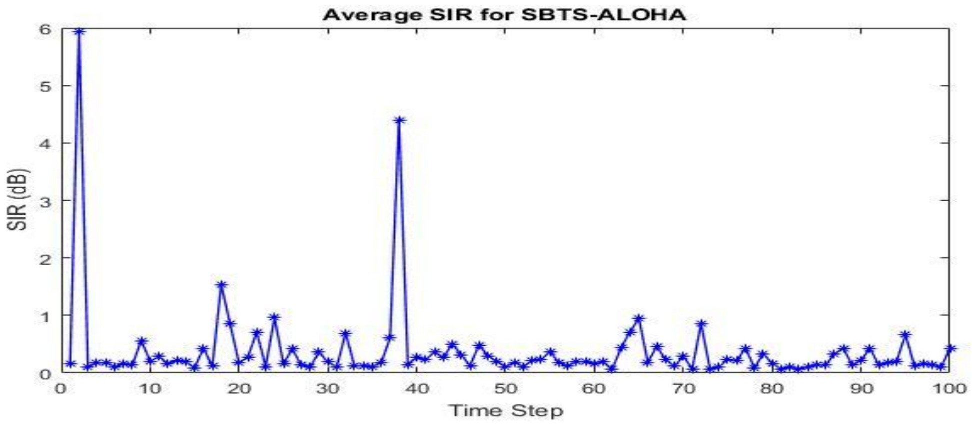

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Figure 3: SIR for SBTS-ALOHA

The plot in Figure 3 reflects how SIR changes over time in the SBTS-ALOHA scenario, indicating fluctuating signal quality due to varying interference patterns. The low average SIR values in most time steps suggest that the network faces high interference, which is due to characteristic of the random-access nature of the ALOHA protocol.

The Packet PDR measures the success rate of packet transmissions, defined as the ratio of packets successfully received by the gateway to the total packets sent. A higher PDR indicates better network performance, reflecting fewer packet collisions and more reliable communication. The PDR result for the SBTS-ALOHA LoRa setup considered for this study is as shown in Figure 4.

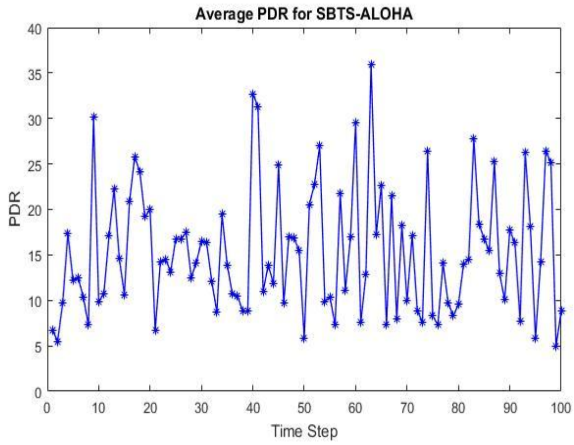

Figure 4: PDR for SBTS-ALOHA

As shown in Figure 4, the graph shows significant fluctuations in the PDR across 100-time steps, ranging from values below 5 to over 30% at certain intervals. The oscillations indicate that the ALOHA protocol, which allows devices to transmit randomly without checking if the channel is busy, leads to inconsistent packet delivery performance. This randomness often causes packet collisions, reducing PDR during periods of higher traffic. Thus, the CR is tracked by counting slots with multiple transmissions. Figure 5 shows the CR for the SBTS-ALOHA.

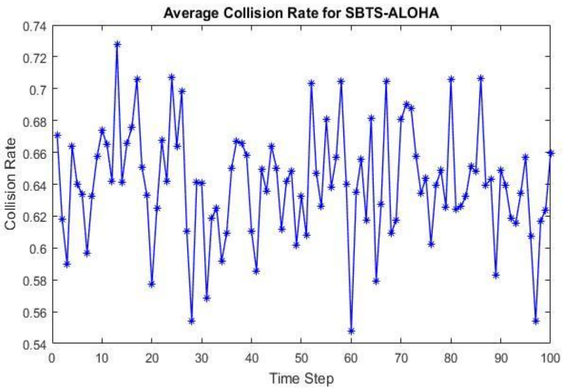

Figure 5: Collision Rate (CR) for SBTS-ALOHA

The graph in Figure 5 shows collision rates fluctuating between 0.54 and 0.72, indicating that, at any given time, 54% to 72% of packets collide. This variability is due to the nature of ALOHA, where devices transmit data randomly to many packet collisions, especially in dense networks.

In summary, Table 2 shows the average performance of the SBTS-ALOHA implementation.

Table 2. SBTS-ALOHA Average Result

Parameter	Value
Average Signal Interference Ratio (dB)	*0.37316*
Average Packet Delivery Rate (%)	*15.320*
Collision Rate (CR)	*15.320*

EADUC-ALOHA

In the EADUC-ALOHA LoRa analysis, each node evaluates its residual energy, distance to the gateway, and the number of neighbors to compute a competition radius for becoming a Cluster Head (CH). Thus, nodes within each cluster attempt to transmit using the ALOHA protocol, with potential collisions if multiple nodes transmit in the same slot. SIR is analyzed by considering the interference caused by other nodes transmitting in the same slot. The SIR result for the Lora EADUC - ALOHA setup considered for this study is presented in Figure 6.

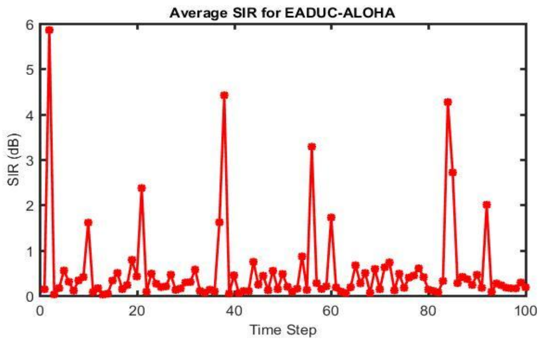

Figure 6: SIR for EADUC - ALOHA

The plot in Figure 6 reflects how SIR changes over time in the EADUC - ALOHA scenario, with fewer fluctuating signal as compared to the SBTS-ALOHA.

The PDR result for the EADUC - ALOHA LoRa setup considered for this study is as represented in Figure 7.

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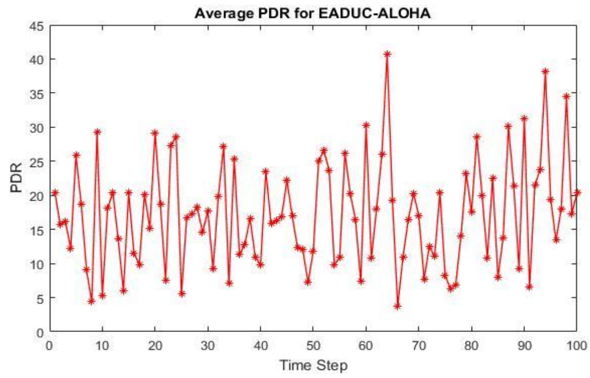

Figure 7: PDR for EADUC – ALOHA

As indicated in Figure 7, the graph shows significant fluctuations in the PDR across 100-time steps, ranging from values below 5% to over 40% at certain intervals. The performance is slightly better than the SBTS – ALOHA.

For the CR analysis using EADUC – ALOHA technique, the result is as shown in Figure 8

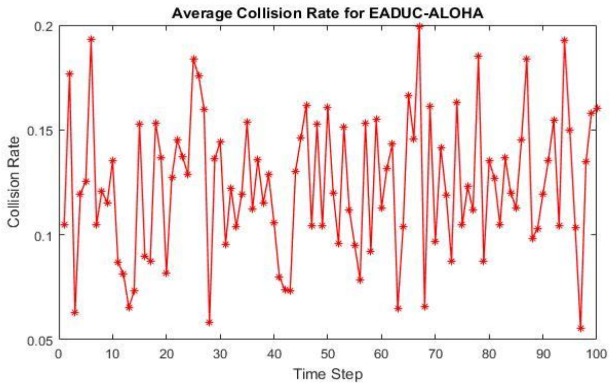

Figure 8: Collision Rate for EADUC – ALOHA

Table 3 shows the average performance of the EADUC-ALOHA implementation.

Table 3. EADUC-ALOHA Average Result

Parameter	Value
Average Signal Interference Ratio (dB)	*0.54394*
Average Packet Delivery Rate (%)	*17.1484*
Collision Rate (CR)	*0.12345*

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF LORA WAN WITH TDMA MEDIUM CHANNEL ACCESS

LoRa WAN relies on ALOHA-based protocols for channel access mechanisms. However, its performance using the TDMA (Time Division Multiple Access) is investigated in this analysis. Results obtained from this analysis for Signal-to-Interference Ratio (SIR), Packet Delivery Rate (PDR), average Collision Rate (CR) are discussed in this subsection.

SBTS clustering with TDMA

LoRa WAN relies on ALOHA-based protocols for channel access mechanisms. However, its performance using the TDMA is investigated in this analysis. Results obtained from this analysis for SIR, PDR, and CR are discussed in this subsection.

The Average SIR for the SBTS-TDMA protocol over time is shown in Figure 9

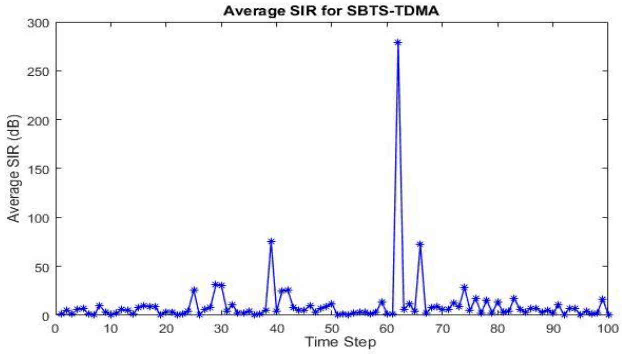

Figure 9: SIR for SBTS-TDMA

The SIR values vary over time. For most time steps, the average SIR remains between 0 and 50 dB, showing consistent but moderate signal quality with some interference. These moments of high SIR reflect good signal quality and clear transmission. The result obtained is better than that of the EADUC-ALOHA.

The average PDR for SBTS-TDMA entails analyzing the performance of the SBTS clustering with TDMA protocol in terms of successfully received data packets to the total number of transmitted packets.

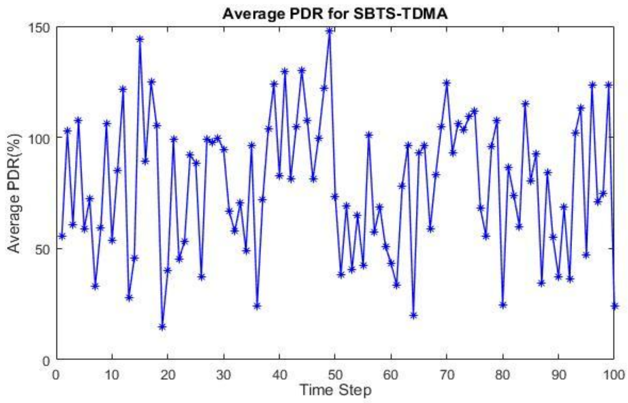

Figure 10: PDR for SBTS-TDMA

As indicated in Figure 10, the PDR plot shows multiple spikes, with some points reaching PDR values close to or even above 100%. These peaks represent periods where packet delivery was highly successful. Although fluctuating, the PDR mostly stays around 50%-100%, showing that packet delivery success is moderate and better than the ALOHA-based analysis.

In TDMA-based systems, collisions can occur if multiple devices attempt to transmit simultaneously or when time slots overlap. In this analysis, the average CR for the SBTS-TDMA approach is as shown in Figure 11

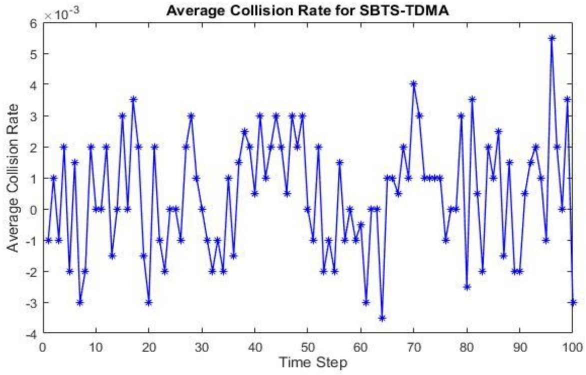

Figure 11: Collision Rate for SBTS-TDMA

Collisions are minimal as indicated in the result. Dips appear frequently, with collision rates dropping below 0, indicating potential periods of low or negative collision occurrences in SBTS-TDMA.

In summary, the outcome produces an improvement in better SIR, improved PDR, and a reduction in average CR as compared to the ALOHA-based analysis. Thus, the performance index average results are presented in Table 4.

Table 4. SBTS-TDMA Average Result

Parameter	Value
Average Signal Interference Ratio (dB)	*10.7927*
Average Packet Delivery Rate (%)	*78.8411*
Collision Rate (CR)	*0.000455*

EADUC-Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA)

The combination of the Energy-Aware Dynamic User Clustering (EADUC) protocol with TDMA for efficient clustering and channel access in the Lora WAN setup is investigated in this case study.

The Average SIR for the EADUC -TDMA protocol over time is represented in Figure 12.

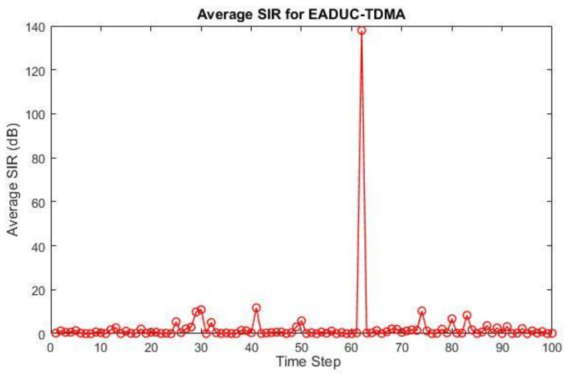

Figure 12: SIR for EADUC-TDMA

For most time steps, the average SIR remains between 0 and 20 dB, showing consistent but moderate signal quality with some interference. The low SIR values indicate room for improvement in how clusters are managed, which could include better cluster head selection algorithms. It outperforms the EADUC-ALOHA analysis.

The Average PDR for EADUC - TDMA entails analyzing the performance of the EADUC - TDMA protocol in terms of PDR.

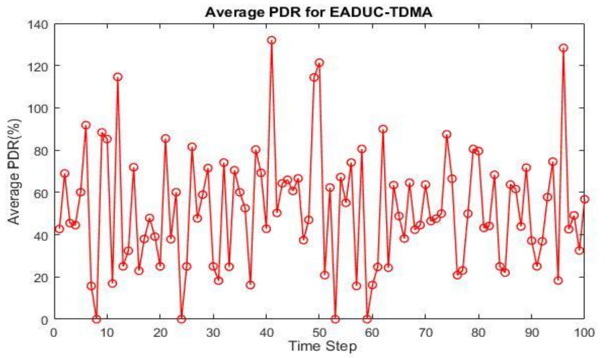

Figure 13: PDR for EADUC – TDMA

As shown in Figure 13, there are multiple spikes, with some points reaching PDR values close to or even above 100%. Although fluctuating, the PDR mostly stays around 50%-100%, showing moderate packet delivery success. The CR for EADUC – TDMA is presented in Figure14

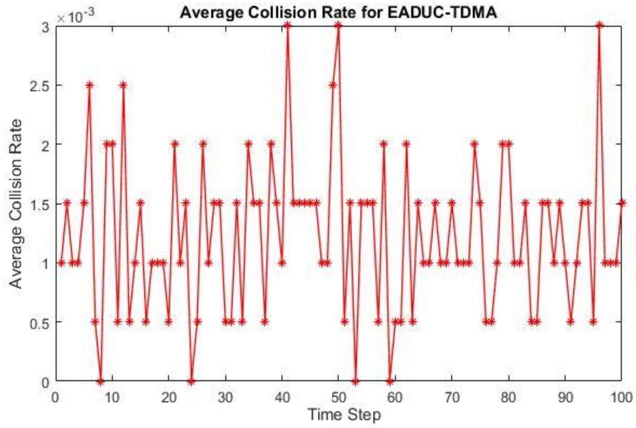

Figure 14: Collision Rate for EADUC – TDMA

From the Figure 14, the consistent oscillations between peaks and dips indicate varying levels of interference or competition for bandwidth across different time steps. These dips suggest efficient communication.

The average performance of the EADUC-TDMA is represented in Table 5.

Table 5. SBTS-TDMA Average Result

Parameter	Value
Average Signal Interference Ratio (dB)	*3.8088*
Average Packet Delivery Rate (%)	*51.8986*
Collision Rate (CR)	*0.00122*

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In summary, the performance matrix average results for the SIR, PDR and CR as presented in Table 2, Table 3, Table 4 and Table 5 are used to formulate the charts in Figure 15, Figure 16 and Figure 17 respectively.

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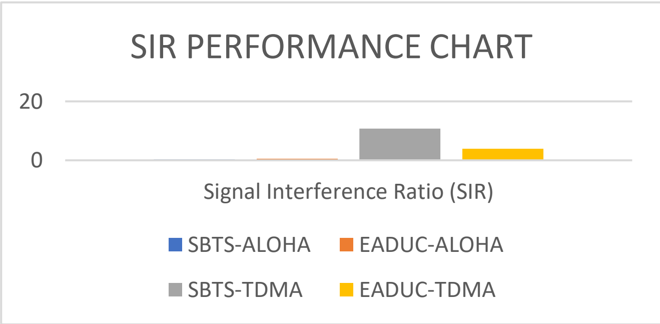

Figure 15: Average Signal Interference Ratio Performance Chart

As shown in Figure 15, the best SIR result recorded was obtained from the SBTS-TDMA approach. It outperforms the EADUC-TDMA, EADUC-ALOHA as well as the SBTS-ALOHA.

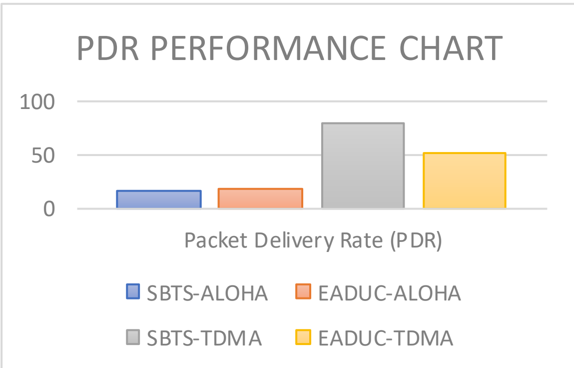

Figure 16: Average Packet Delivery Rate Performance Chart

The PDR performance chart in Figure 16, shows that the SBTS-TDMA outperforms the EADUC-TDMA, EADUC-ALOHA and SBTS-ALOHA.

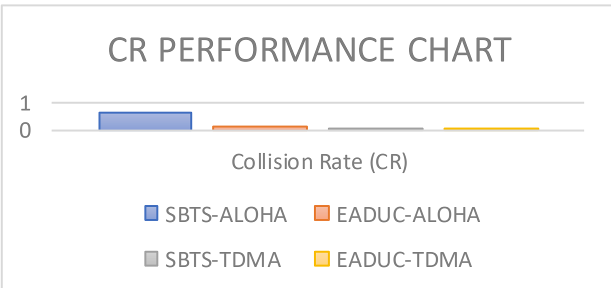

Figure 17: Average Collision Rate Performance Chart

As indicated in Figure 17, the average CR produced shows that the ALOHA-based architecture produced more collisions and the SBTS-TDMA had the least CR.

IV. DISCUSSION

Results are plotted individually to show how each metric varies over time for both protocols, providing insights into their efficiency in managing interference, packet success rates, collisions, and energy usage in LoRa networks. These findings aim to inform optimal protocol choices for energy-efficient, low-collision, and high-reliability clustering in Lora IoT networks.

The experimental results reveal significant advancements achieved by SBTS and EADUC Enhanced Clustering Protocols for LoRa techniques using TDMA compared to ALOHA-based Architecture.

In terms of SIR performance, result recorded showed that the SBTS-TDMA with an average value of 10.97 dB, outperformed the EADUC-TDMA (3.81 dB), EADUC-ALOHA (0.54 dB) and the SBTS-ALOHA (0.37 dB). This represents a great significant improvement.

With respect to PDR performance, the result obtained showed that SBTS-TDMA analysis with an average value of 78.84%, outperformed the EADUC-TDMA (51.9 %), EADUC-ALOHA (17.15%) and the SBTS-ALOHA (15.32 %). This represents a great significant improvement.

The analysis further supports the superiority of SBTS-TDMA, showcasing a lower collision rate of 0.00045 compared to EADUC-TDMA (0.0012), EADUC-ALOHA (0.12) and SBTS-ALOHA (0.64). Thus, this signifies a substantial improvement in data packet delivery for SBTS-TDMA in LoRa networks, making it a more reliable and efficient protocol.

V. CONCLUSION

Lora-based IoT network with Static Based Time Slot (SBTS) and EADUC clustering protocols was successfully implemented in this study. A detailed analysis of the performance of the clustering protocols under ALOHA and TDMA medium channel access was provided. The SBTS-TDMA technique produced the best result for the SIR, PDR, and Collision rate performance matrices. It showcases the contribution of this study by improving on SIR, PDR, and CR within the context of LoRa-based IoT networks, accommodating both static and mobile nodes. The analysis further supports the superiority of SBTS-TDMA, showcasing a lower collision rate of 0.00045 compared to EADUC-TDMA (0.0012), EADUC-ALOHA (0.12) and SBTS-ALOHA (0.64). Thus, this signifies a substantial improvement in data packet delivery for SBTS-TDMA in LoRa networks, making it a more reliable and efficient protocol. The percentage differences in PDR, collision rate, energy consumption, and SIR collectively demonstrate the effectiveness of ECP-LoRa in optimizing network reliability, stability, energy efficiency, and signal quality. As compared to previous studies, this work analyzes the performance of both clustering clusters and channel media access in the Lora Network. However, future research should focus on optimizing the clustering protocols to achieve better collision mitigation. This can be achieved by incorporating meta-heuristic algorithms to fine-tune critical parameters of the clustering protocols for optimal performance.

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