

# Interference-free Cross-layer based Routing Protocol in MANET

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## Abstract

In Mobile Ad Hoc Networks (MANET), cross layer routing technique may result in overhead and interference. In order to overcome these issues, in this paper, we propose to develop an interference free cross-layer based routing protocol in MANET. In this technique, a cross-layer based routing is performed based on the signal to interference plus noise ratio (SINR) constraint in the MAC layer and throughput constraint in the application layer. The SINR constraint helps the receiving nodes to adjust the transmission power before forwarding it to the other nodes. In order to minimize the interference, a minimum interference method is used. This technique selects the links that have long connectivity duration, and then builds the least interfered route which is based on a new routing metric. This routing metric consists of interference along with the link connectivity duration. By simulation results, we show that the proposed technique minimizes the overhead.

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. MANET

A mobile ad hoc network (MANET) is a collection of geographically distributed wireless mobile nodes which self config themselves. It is an infrastructure-less multi hop network where each node communicates with other nodes directly or indirectly through intermediate nodes. Thus, all nodes in a MANET basically function as mobile routers participating in some routing protocol required for deciding and maintaining the routes.

The lack of an infrastructure and the limited battery power in ad hoc networks pose design challenges at all layers of the protocol stack. MANET requires new

technologies for the mobility management, service discovery, and energy efficient information routing of the network. Significant research has been done towards implementing application-dependent Quality of Service (QoS) requirements. These researches mainly addresses the adaptive techniques in the link layer, interference in the Medium Access Control (MAC) layer, and energy and delay constrained routing in the network layer [1] [2].

### **1.2. Routing in MANET**

Routing is the process of selecting paths in a network along which to send network traffic. Nodes in traditional wired networks do not route packets, while in MANET every node is a router. Nodes transmit and receive their own packets and also forward packets for other nodes. Due to mobile nodes, topologies are dynamic in MANET, but are relatively static in traditional networks. Connectivity and interference are indicated by link layer information. A traditional router has an interface for each network to which it connects, while a MANET “router” has a single interface [3] [4].

### **1.3. Cross-layer based routing in MANET**

In order to achieve the desired vertical optimization goal, the useful information is inter-communicated by the different layers of the network protocol stack which is considered as cross-layer or inter-layer networking. The requirements of the quality of service may vary with applications and hence the network or higher layers function should directly rely on the information from the lower physical and MAC layers. Different layers can share locally available information by using interlayer interaction. This will significantly improve the performance. There are many cross-layer designs for different optimization purpose. Different cross-layer design focuses on different optimization purpose, different QoS metric, one or more of the followings: interference, delay, priority handling, security, etc. Obviously every system needs more than one cross-layer design to achieve overall QoS optimization [3].

#### **Issues**

- The cross-layer designs provide individual solution for congestion control, fault tolerance, power conservation, energy minimization and flow control. There is no complete and combined solution for the above issues.
- Expensive and High Overhead
- Packet error
- Node failure
- Network survivability [1] [3]

### **1.3. Interference free cross-layer routing in MANET**

The cross-layer design of routing protocols based on interference in MANETs pay less attention to channel contention than to the number of the neighbor nodes. This will bring two problems such as (i) for a node in the network only the neighbors that send or forward packets (i.e. the active neighbors) will interfere with it. So, it's inappropriate to use the number of neighbors to indicate the strength of the

interference: (ii) In most cases, nodes collect the neighbor information by periodically broadcasting the HELLO packets, which will not only increase the node workload but also deteriorate the network performance. So there is a need for interference free cross-layer based routing protocol for MANET [5].

### **Issues**

- Route breakage
- Routing overhead
- Wastage of resources
- Performance degradation[5] [7]

#### **1.4. Problem Identification**

In our previous paper [14], Adaptive shrinking mechanism as a route optimization technique is proposed. Initially using EGD metric, route discovery and link quality prediction is made. Next while sending data packets shrink packets were also sent along with them.

As an extension to these works, we propose to develop an interference free cross-layer based routing protocol to reduce the interference or collision.

## **2. Literature review**

Khoriba Ghada et al [1] proposed a cross-layer design that jointly considers routing and topology control taking mobility and interference into account for MANETs. This is called to be as Mobility-aware Routing and Interference-aware Topology control (MRIT) protocol. The main objective of the proposed protocol is to increase the network lifetime, reduce energy consumption, and find stable end-to-end routes for MANETs. The proposed protocol reduces energy consumption rate, end-to-end delay, interference while preserving throughput and network connectivity.

R.Venkatachalam and Dr.A.Krishnan [3] proposed to design multiple cross-layer design based architecture to provide a combined solution for link failure management, power conservation, congestion control and admission control. The average end-to-end delay, average energy consumption and the packet loss are considerably reduced with the increase in high throughput and good delivery ratio. However the packet drop increases after a particular stage with the increase in the nodes.

Chao Gu and Qi Zhu [5] have proposed a cross-layer routing protocol called (Minimum Interference Routing) MIR. By means of predicting the duration of the interference imposed by the neighbors at every hop along the route, a new routing metric is presented which guarantees that the established routes will not break frequently while having the minimum interference. MIR can significantly improve the network performance. However there occurs packet loss ratio and routing overhead.

M.A. Razzaque et al [6] have presented a routing scheme for proactive management for disconnections, by fusing and leveraging information derived from multiple levels of the network protocol stack using cross-layering. In addition to the disconnectivity information, this routing scheme utilizes node's service level

information and data/service replication to provide service from an alternate source (if there is one) even in the absence of the targeted source. There are significant improvements in route maintenance and service availability over other similar schemes. However at lower velocities, once the route is broken, retransmissions may occur because the delay in forming a new route is higher.

Zhixiang CHEN and Qi ZHU [7] presented a new routing protocol called CL-IAOR based on cross-layer design for multiple interfaces multiple channels (MIMC) mobile ad hoc networks, which utilizes a new channel assignment strategy to improve performance. In their protocol, each host equips with 2 or more transceivers or interfaces, which is equal to the number of available channels. The proposed routing protocol performs well in multi-hop mobile ad hoc networks. However the route overhead increases with the increase in the packet rate.

Fuad Alnajjar and Yahao Chen [8] proposed a cross-layer design to achieve a reliable data transmission in MANET. A key challenge is to create a mechanism that can provide good delivery performance and high quality of service in intermittent networks. The key components of our approach include a cross-layer design (CLD) to improve information sharing between different protocol layers. In order to improve the end-to-end performance of MANET, a mechanism is presented that allows the network layer to adjust its routing protocol dynamically based on SNR and Received Power along the end-to-end routing path for each transmission link. This model achieves better performance than traditional DSR protocol in terms of delivery rate, delay, throughput over intermittent network.

V. Haghghatdoost and M. Espandar [9] presented an algorithm which suggests the best sub graph for the input distribution of the nodes in the plane how the maximum interference of the proposed graph has the minimum value. The proposed algorithm is not only for one dimensional known distribution like exponential node chain, but also for two dimensional distributions.

Fredrick Awuor et al [10] proposed a coupled interference network utility maximization (NUM) strategy (i.e. CIN) for rate adaptation in WLANs that is solved using “reverse-engineering” based on Karush-Kuhn-Tucker (KKT) conditions. The users determine data rates based on their local observations (i.e. coupled interference). Both pricing and limited message passing mechanisms are employed in the NUM wherein pricing restrict users from self-interest behaviors while limited message passing assist users to announce their prices and transmit powers. It is demonstrated theoretically that CIN satisfies the conditions of the super-modular games and that its solution is optimal. The adapting data rates based on the link conditions can improve the performance of ad hoc networks.

Nouha Jaoua et al [11] proposed a method for the joint estimation of the multicarrier signal and the noise parameters. The proposed scheme is based on Bayesian estimation using SMC methods. They propose a sequential approach to remove interference without adding delays in the signal processing and therefore in the transmission. Based on sequential Monte Carlo (SMC) methods, the proposed scheme allows the online estimation using a Rao-blackwellized particle filter. However there occurs degeneracy problem.

Salam Akoum et al [12] presented a zero forcing beam forming at the

transmitter, and analyze the corresponding network throughput and transmission capacity. Assuming a network with Poisson distributed transmitting nodes and spatially independent Rayleigh fading channels, they apply mathematical tools from stochastic geometry to derive a lower bound on the probability of outage. The network throughput achieved by interference nulling at the transmitter is comparable to that achieved by interference cancellation at the receiver. However the network throughput decreases with the increase in the number of antennas.

Guinian Feng et al [13] have proposed a topology control algorithm - minimum interference algorithm (MIA) – to minimize the overall network interference. MIA minimizes network interference it is optimal and has better performance than other algorithms in that respect. At the same time, compared with Gabriel Graph and k-NEIGH algorithms, MIA also has good spanner property.

### 3. Proposed Solution

#### 3.1. Overview

In this paper, we propose to develop an interference free cross-layer based routing protocol in MANET. In this technique, a cross-layer based routing is performed based on the signal to interference plus noise ratio (SINR) constraint in the MAC layer and throughput constraint in the application layer. The SINR constraint helps the receiving nodes to adjust the transmission power before forwarding it to the other nodes. In order to minimize the interference, a minimum interference method is used. This technique selects the links that have long connectivity duration, and then builds the least interfered route which is based on a new routing metric. This routing metric consists of interference along with the link connectivity duration. By simulation results, we show that the proposed technique minimizes the overhead.

#### 3.2. SINR and Throughput Constraint

##### 3.2.1. SINR constraint

Let S and D be the source and destination respectively.

The SINR constraint is applied in MAC layer in order to reduce the overhead of messages.

Let  $N_i$  and  $N_j$  be the neighbor nodes

Let  $TP_{ij}$  be the transmission power of  $N_i$  and  $N_j$

Let  $TP_{ij}/d_{ij}^\delta$  be the received power of  $N_j$

Let  $P_{max_i}$  be the maximum allowed transmission power of  $N_i$

Let  $P_m$  be the maximum transmission power of network nodes

Let  $\lambda_{ij}$  be the minimum threshold value of SINR.

Let  $\eta$  be the transmission quality parameter

Let  $d_{ij}$  be the Euclidean distance between  $N_i$  and  $N_j$

Let  $\delta$  be the distance power gradient.

If there is a link between  $N_i$  and  $N_j$ ,

Then

Boolean variable  $Z_{ij} = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{Else} \\
& Z_{ij} = 0 \\
& \text{End if} \\
& \text{Minimize } \{P_{m_i} = \max \{TP_{ij} | 0 \leq i < n\}\} \\
& \text{Subject to} \\
& Z_{i,j} = Z_{j,i}, \forall i, j \in N
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Eq (1) reveals that there is a bidirectional link between  $N_i$  and  $N_j$ .

$$Z_{i,j} \leq Z_{i,k}, \text{ if } d_{i,k} \leq d_{i,j}, \forall i, j, k \in N \tag{2}$$

Eq (2) reveals that the nodes have broadcast ability. The data transmitted by a node will be received by all the nodes within the transmission range.

$$P_{\max_i} \geq TP_{ij} \geq \eta \cdot d_{ij}^\delta \cdot Z_{i,j}, \forall i, j \in N \tag{3}$$

Eq 3 reveals that the transmission power from any  $N_i$  to  $N_j$  is less than or equal to the maximum allowed transmission power and more than or equal to  $\eta \cdot d_{ij}^\delta$

$$\text{SINR}_{ij} = \frac{TP_{ij}/d_{ij}^\delta}{\sum_{(k,j) \in W, k \neq i} TP_{kj}/d_{kj}^\delta + \mu} \geq \lambda_{ij} \quad \forall i, j, k \in N, \tag{4}$$

$$Z_{i,j} = 0 \text{ or } 1, \forall i, j \in N,$$

Eq (4) ensures minimum SINR for successfully reception at  $N_j$  from  $N_i$ .

### 3.2.2. Throughput Constraint

The network lifetime need to be maximized in order to enhance the throughput requirement.

Let  $t_i$  be the lifetime of  $N_i$  i.e. the time taken for  $N_i$ 's battery to drain out.

Let  $t_i(F)$  be the lifetime of the node  $i$  under flow  $F_{ij}$ , where  $(i,j) \in Q$

Let  $E_{ini}$  be the initial energy of  $N_i$

Let  $E_{tot}$  be the total energy needed to transmit the flow from  $N_i$  to its neighbors.

$t_i(F)$  is defined as the ratio between  $E_i$  and  $E_{tot}$ .

Let  $R_i^c$  be the rate at which the bits are generated at  $N_i$  per second belonging to commodity  $g \in G$ , where  $G$  is the set of all commodities.

The lifetime of the network (NL) under flow  $F$  is defined as the minimum battery lifetime over all nodes:

$$t_{NL}(F) = \text{Min}_{i \in N} t_i(F) = \text{Min}_{i \in N} \frac{E_{mi}}{\sum_{\substack{\forall j \in N, \\ (i,j) \in L}} e_{ij} \sum_{g \in G} f_{ij}^{(g)}} \tag{5}$$

The maximum network lifetime problem for MANETs is formulated as a non-

linear optimization problem as follows:

$$\text{Maximize}_{f} t_{NL}(F) = \text{Min}_{i \in N} \frac{E_{ini}}{\sum_{\substack{\forall j \in N, \\ (i,j) \in Q}} e_{ij} \sum_{g \in G} f_{ij}^{(g)}} \tag{6}$$

Subject to

$$\sum_{(i,j) \in Q} f_{ij}^g - \sum_{(k,i) \in Q} f_{ki}^g = \begin{cases} R_i^{(g)}, & \text{if } i \in S^{(g)} \\ -R_i^{(g)}, & \text{if } i \in D^{(g)}, \forall g \in G \\ 0, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{7}$$

**3.3. Interference**

It is defined using the following equation

$$M_i = \sum_i \min(t_{br}^{(i,j)} - t_c, t_d^i)$$

Where

- i = interference of N<sub>i</sub> active neighbors
- t<sub>c</sub> = current time of the system
- T<sub>d</sub><sup>i</sup> = duration that active N<sub>j</sub> is in N<sub>i</sub>'s transmission range.

**3.4. Cross -Layer Based Routing**

In the route discovery process the network utilizes the direction information about the destination node, which makes the process of route discovery makes easy for the network. Initially the network utilizes the estimated geometrical distance (EGD) during the route discovery [14]. The EGD based on the received signal strength and the signal strength of the two nodes at the contact time. With this EGD, the future direction of nodes when they have parted from each other can be estimated. Using this EGD, network can evaluate the quality of link between nodes and then exclude the weak links in the network. By the exclusion of weak links network can easily turn the propagation direction of RREQ packets in the general direction of the destination.

Since the node is moving, we consider the times T<sub>0</sub>, T<sub>1</sub> and T<sub>2</sub> for calculating the EGD. The node N<sub>1</sub> receives the packets with the signal strengths S<sub>0</sub>, S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>2</sub>. D<sub>0</sub>, D<sub>1</sub> and D<sub>2</sub> are the distances that N<sub>2</sub> moving from the N<sub>1</sub> at times T<sub>0</sub>, T<sub>1</sub> and T<sub>2</sub>. We calculate the D<sub>0</sub>, D<sub>1</sub> and D<sub>2</sub> by using the following the equations

$$D_0(t) = D_0 + (S_0 * t_0) \tag{8}$$

$$D_1(t) = D_0 + (S_1 * t_1) \tag{9}$$

$$D_2(t) = D_1 + (S_2 * t_2) \tag{10}$$

Using the equations (8), (9) and (10) we will calculate the  $D_0$ ,  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  values. Finally EGD is given by

$$\text{EGD} = D = \sqrt{xt^2 + yt + z} \quad (11)$$

In equation (11), x, y and z values are given by

$$X = A*D_0 - B*D_1 + C*D_2 \quad (12)$$

$$Y = -(c)*D_0 + t_2*B*D_1 - t_1*B_1*D_2 \quad (13)$$

$$Z = D_0 \quad (14)$$

Using the equations (12), (13) and (14) we calculate the value of EGD and in that equations  $A = 1/(t_1*t_2)$ ,  $B = 1/(t_1(t_2-t_1))$ ,  $B_1 = 1/(t_2(t_2-t_1))$  and  $C = ((1/t_1) + (1/t_2))$ . Here the D and T values are iteratively calculated. Each node stores information such as  $T_i$  and  $D_i$   $i = 0, 1, 2$ . The EGD values are represented as a function of time t and t is the difference between the current time and the time of the third to the last packet received from the  $N_2$ .

Let  $R\_REQ$  and  $R\_REP$  be the route request and reply messages respectively

The steps involved in cross-layer based routing are as follows:

1. S broadcasts RREQ for all neighboring nodes.
2. For all route existing among S and D, the following actions are performed:
  - i)  $N_i$  estimates the new power ( $NP_{ij}$ ) based on which the transmission power  $TP_{ij}$  is adjusted by considering the SINR and throughput constraints (estimated in section 3.2)
  - ii)  $N_i$  forwards RREQ message to the neighbor node based on the updated  $TP_{ij}$  value.
3. D chooses the RREQ message from S which has maximum power.
4. Then D transmits the RREP message to S using the similar power  $TP_{ij}$ .

While transmitting the message, if SINR is more than or equal to  $\lambda_{ij}$ , then message is transmitted without interruptions. Otherwise, a constant x is increased by a random variable more than zero and less than until  $\text{SINR} \geq \lambda_{ij}$  or message lifetime ends.

#### 3.4. Minimum Interference Method

In order to minimize the interference, minimum interference method is implemented. In this technique, the link with long connectivity duration is selected and least interfered route is build based on new routing metric. The routing metric consists of interference along with the link connectivity duration.

For node  $N_i$  and next hop node  $N_j$  in a path, link  $L_{ij}$  lasts for a long time if the



link connectivity duration is greater than a certain threshold, i.e.

$$t_{br}^{(i,j)} - t_c > Th_{br}$$

where

$t_{br}^{(i,j)}$  = link broken time.

$t_c$  = current time of the system

$Th_{br}$  = pre-defined threshold value based on the network condition.

If the corresponding link connectivity duration is less than  $Th_{br}$ , then the relevant link is ignored.

Let  $V = \{V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots, V_n\}$  be a set that contains  $n$  paths from  $S$  to  $D$ .

Let  $H_v = \{h_0, h_1, \dots, h_t\}$  be the node sequences on path  $V$ .

Based on the interference defined in section 3.3, routing metric is defined using following equation (8)

$$\text{Metric} = \min_{V_i} \left( \sum \frac{M_j}{C(M_j) (t_{br}^{(j-1,j)} - t_c)} \right) \quad (8)$$

where

$C(M_j)$  = total number of interference nodes surrounding  $N_j$ ,

$\frac{M_j}{C(M_j)}$  = mean duration of interference imposed on  $N_j$

$t_{br}^{(j-1,j)} - t_c$  = connectivity duration of current communication link.

Thus the path with minimum interference and long connectivity duration will be selected.

## 4. Simulation Results

### 4.1 Simulation Model and Parameters

The Network Simulator (NS-2) [15], is used to simulate the proposed architecture. In the simulation, 50 mobile nodes move in a 1250 meter x 1250 meter region for 50 seconds of simulation time. All nodes have the same transmission range of 250 meters. The simulated traffic is Constant Bit Rate (CBR).

The simulation settings and parameters are summarized in table.

|                    |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| No. of Nodes       | 110                       |
| Area Size          | 1250 X 1250               |
| Mac                | IEEE 802.11               |
| Transmission Range | 250m                      |
| Simulation Time    | 50 sec                    |
| Traffic Source     | CBR                       |
| Packet Size        | 512                       |
| Rate               | 100,200,300,400 and 500kb |
| Initial Energy     | 7.1J                      |
| Transmission Power | 0.660                     |
| Receiving Power    | 0.395                     |
| Flows              | 2,4,6,8 and 10            |

#### 4.2 .Performance Metrics

The proposed Interference free cross-layer based routing protocol (IFCLRP) is compared with the Mobility-aware Routing and Interference-aware Topology control (MRIT) protocol [1]. 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
- **Energy Consumption:** It is the amount of energy consumed by the nodes to transmit the data packets to the receiver.
- **Delay:** It is the amount of time taken by the nodes to transmit the data packets.

#### 4.3. Results

##### 1) Based on Flows

In our first experiment we vary the number of flows as 2,4,6,8 and 10.

Fig 1 shows the delay of IFCLRP and MRIT techniques for different number of Flows scenario. We can conclude that the delay of our proposed IFCLRP approach has 36% of less than MRIT approach.

Fig 2 shows the delivery ratio of IFCLRP and MRIT techniques for different number of Flows scenario. We can conclude that the delivery ratio of our proposed IFCLRP approach has 14% of higher than MRIT approach.

Fig 3 shows the drop of IFCLRP and MRIT techniques for different number of Flows scenario. We can conclude that the drop of our proposed IFCLRP approach has 93% of less than MRIT approach.

Fig 4 shows the energy consumption of IFCLRP and MRIT techniques for different number of Flows scenario. We can conclude that the energy consumption of our proposed IFCLRP approach has 26% of less than MRIT approach.

Fig 5 shows the throughput of IFCLRP and MRIT techniques for different number of Flows scenario. We can conclude that the throughput of our proposed IFCLRP approach has 14% of higher than MRIT approach.

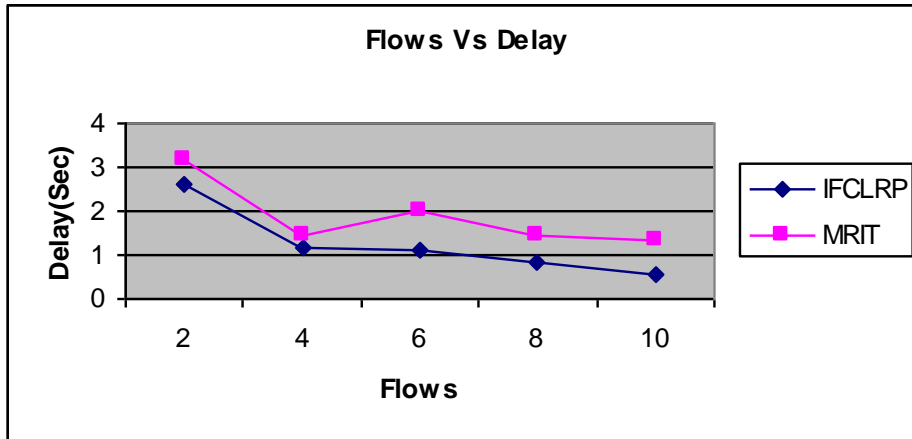


Fig 1: Flows Vs Delay

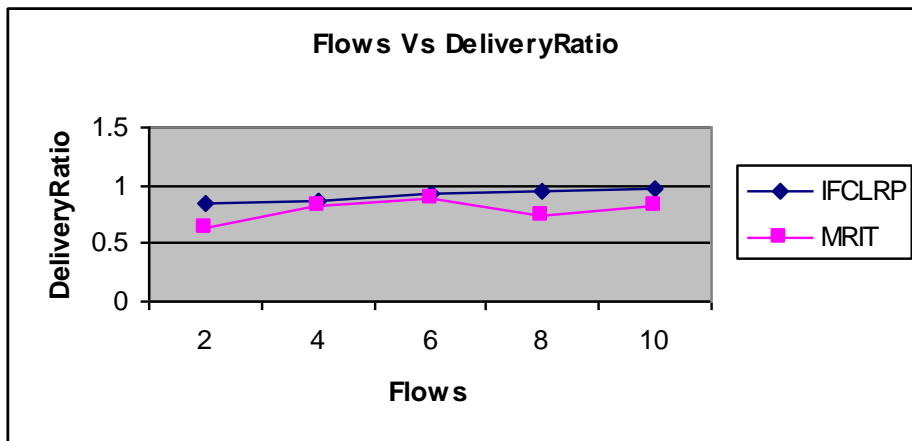


Fig 2: Flows Vs Delivery Ratio

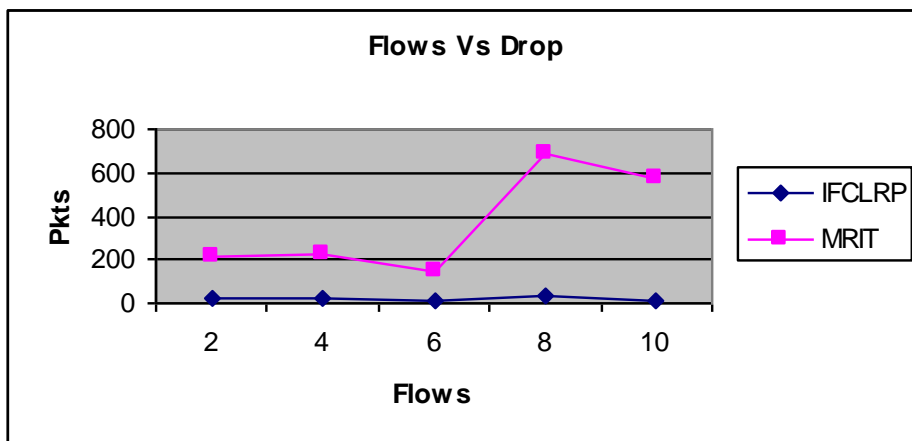
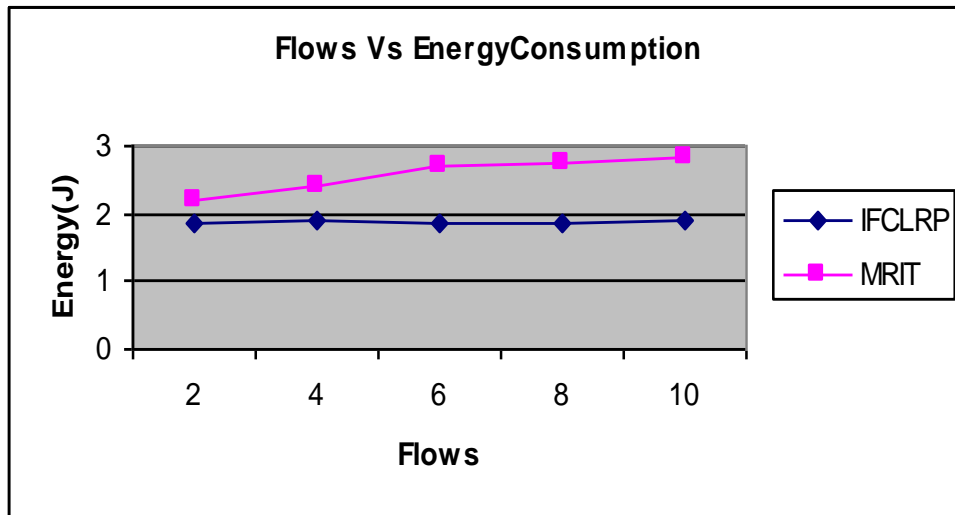
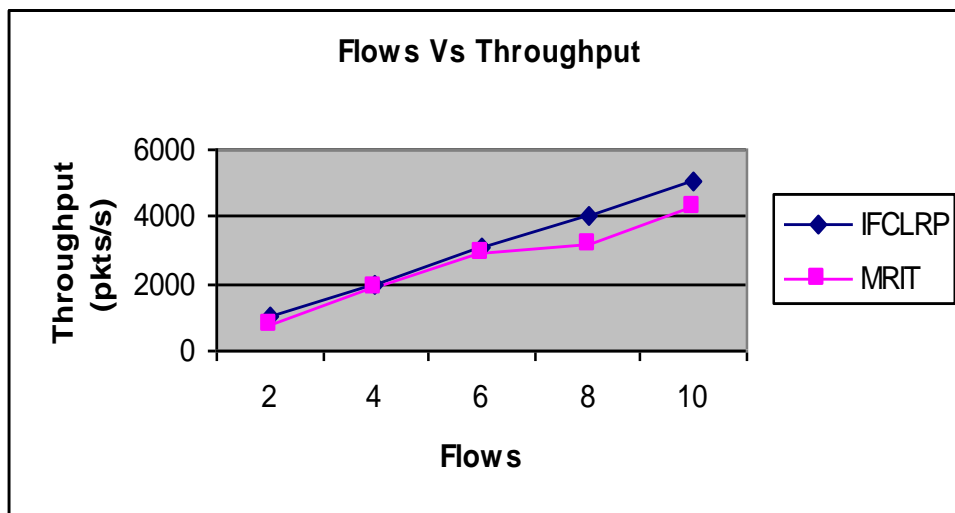


Fig 3: Flows Vs Drop



**Fig 4: Flows Vs Energy Consumption**



**Fig 5: Flows Vs Throughput**

## 2) Based on Rate

In our second experiment we vary the transmission rate as 100,200,300,400 and 500Kb.

Fig 6 shows the delay of IFCLRP and MRIT techniques for different rate scenario. We can conclude that the delay of our proposed IFCLRP approach has 65% of less than MRIT approach.

Fig 7 shows the delivery ratio of IFCLRP and MRIT techniques for different rate scenario. We can conclude that the delivery ratio of our proposed IFCLRP approach has 46% of higher than MRIT approach.

Fig 8 shows the drop of IFCLRP and MRIT techniques for different rate scenario. We can conclude that the drop of our proposed IFCLRP approach has 90% of less than MRIT approach.

Fig 9 shows the energy consumption of IFCLRP and MRIT techniques for different rate scenario. We can conclude that the energy consumption of our proposed IFCLRP approach has 41% of less than MRIT approach.

Fig 10 shows the throughput of IFCLRP and MRIT techniques for different rate scenario. We can conclude that the throughput of our proposed IFCLRP approach has 37% of higher than MRIT approach.

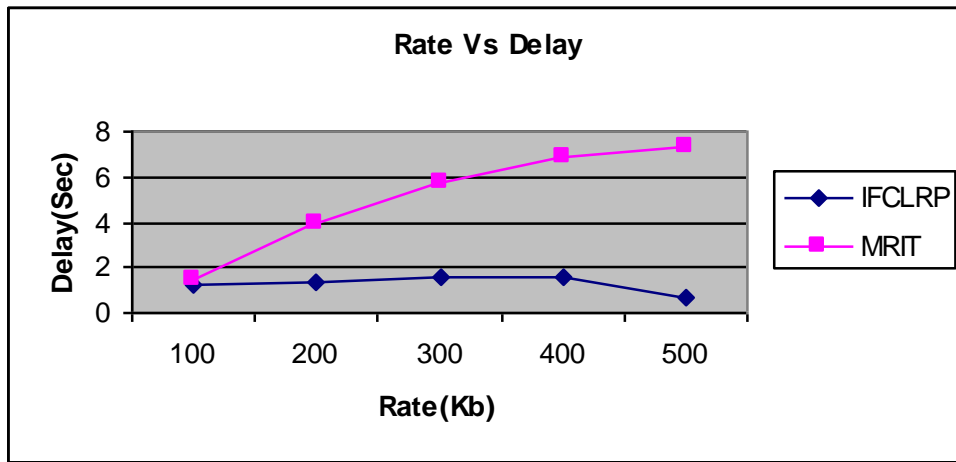


Fig 6: Rate Vs Delay

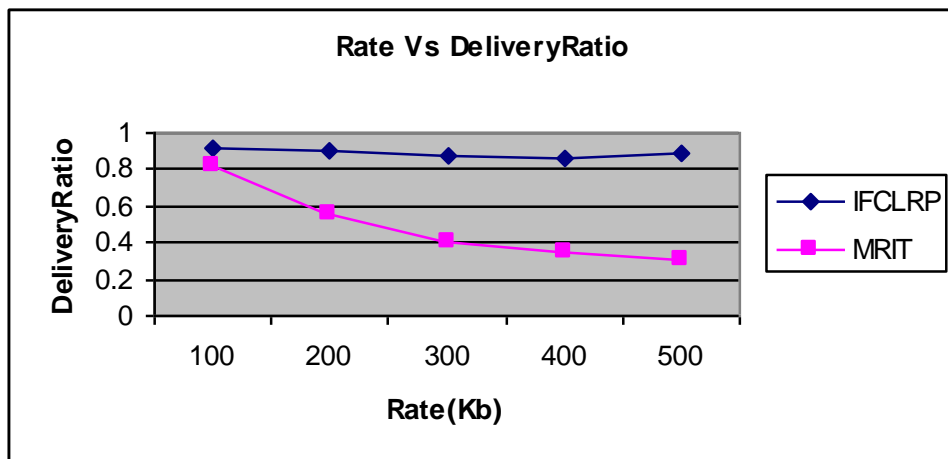


Fig 7: Rate Vs Delivery Ratio

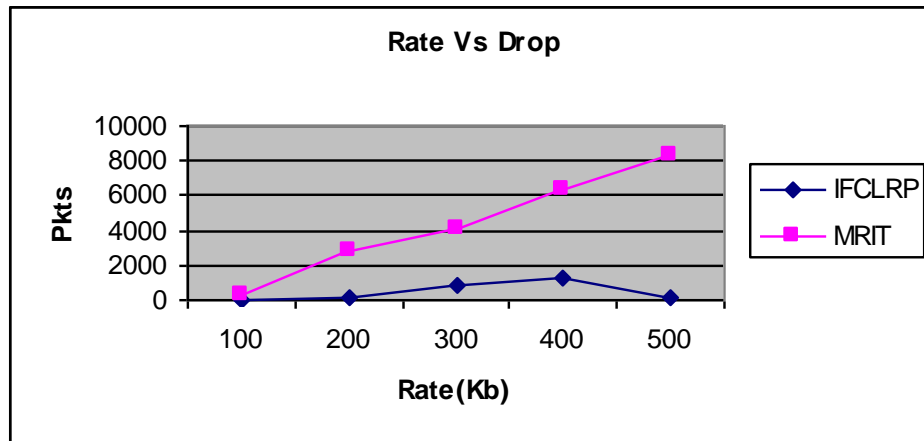


Fig 8: Rate Vs Drop

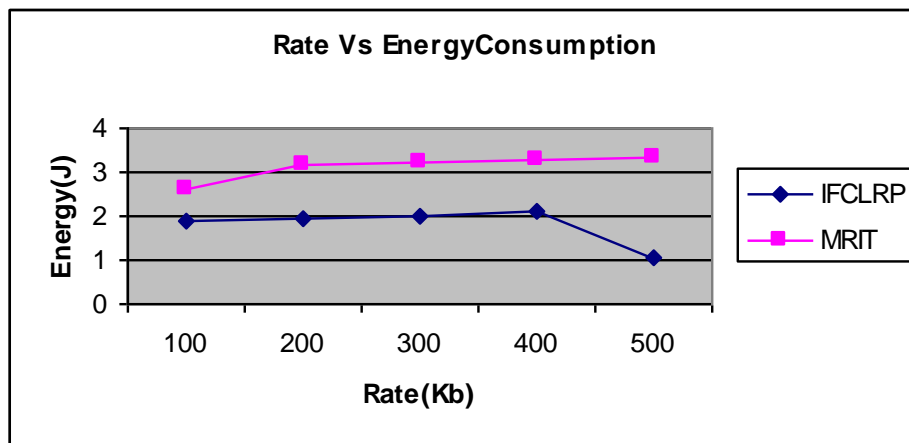


Fig 9: Rate Vs Energy Consumption

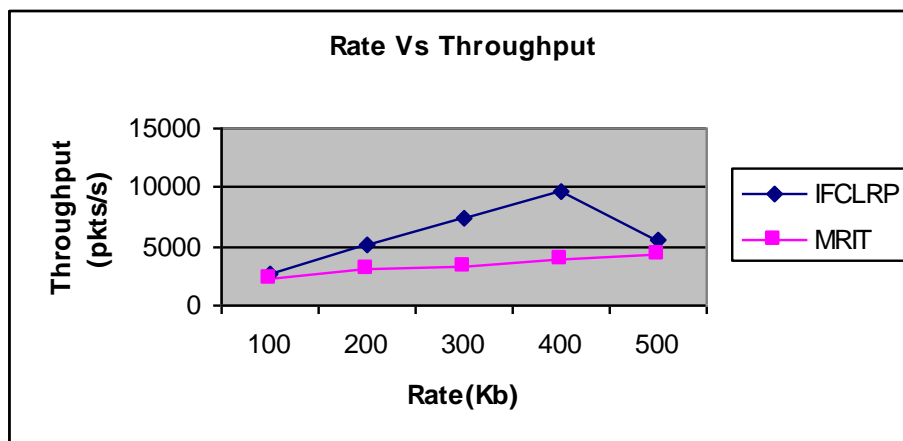


Fig 10: Rate Vs Throughput

## 5. Conclusion

In this paper, we propose to develop an interference free cross-layer based routing protocol in MANET. In this technique, a cross-layer based routing is performed based on the signal to interference plus noise ratio (SINR) constraint in the MAC layer and throughput constraint in the application layer. The SINR constraint helps the receiving nodes to adjust the transmission power before forwarding it to the other nodes. In order to minimize the interference, a minimum interference method is used. This technique selects the links that have long connectivity duration, and then builds the least interfered route which is based on a new routing metric. This routing metric consists of interference along with the link connectivity duration. By simulation results, we show that the proposed technique minimizes the overhead.

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