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Development Features of Heterogeneous Mesh Network in MACS RTOS



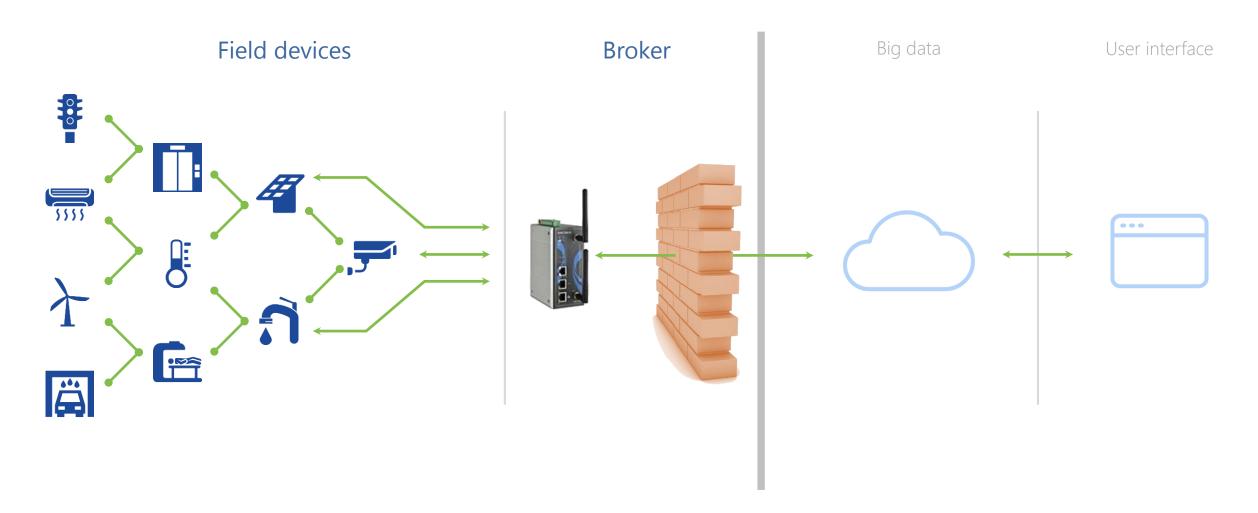
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IoT – Infrastructure







Communication layer of smart-building devices



Metering devices

MILANDR produced energy, water and gas metering devices



Dual channel heterogeneous communication

RF and PLC channels



Energy efficiently

Field devices should works years on batteries



Realtime Operating System

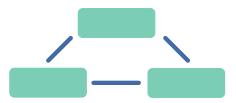


Operating system for embedded multiagent systems, IT hardware and IoT

Usual RTOS functionality



Unique collaboration possibilities

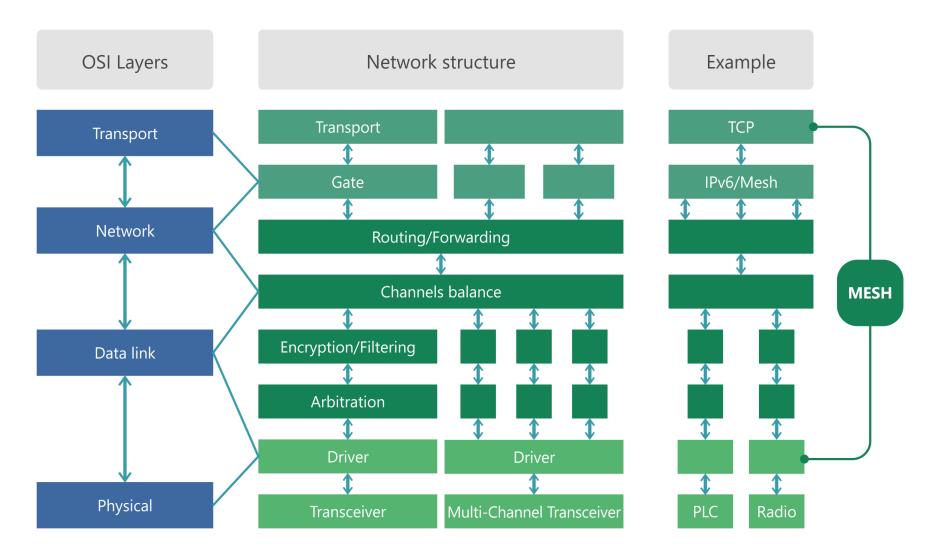


Russian hardware producers support





Heterogeneous Mesh Network Architecture





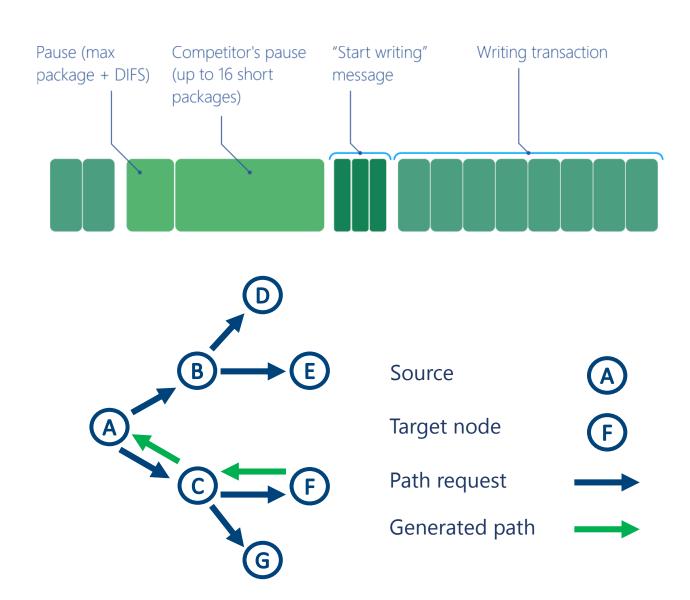
Mesh Algorithms

Arbitration:

- Packet DCF
- Packet TDMA
- Specialized methods

Routing:

- Hybrid
- LOADng (routing on demand)



Mesh Development

Special devices (12 pts.):

- Microcontroller: ARM Cortex-M4 (STM32F429)
- Radio: 2.4GHz (nRF24L01+)
- Battery power

- Remote programming via Wi-Fi (optional)
- Sensor display for user interface





Mesh Development

Configuration: Debugging and testing

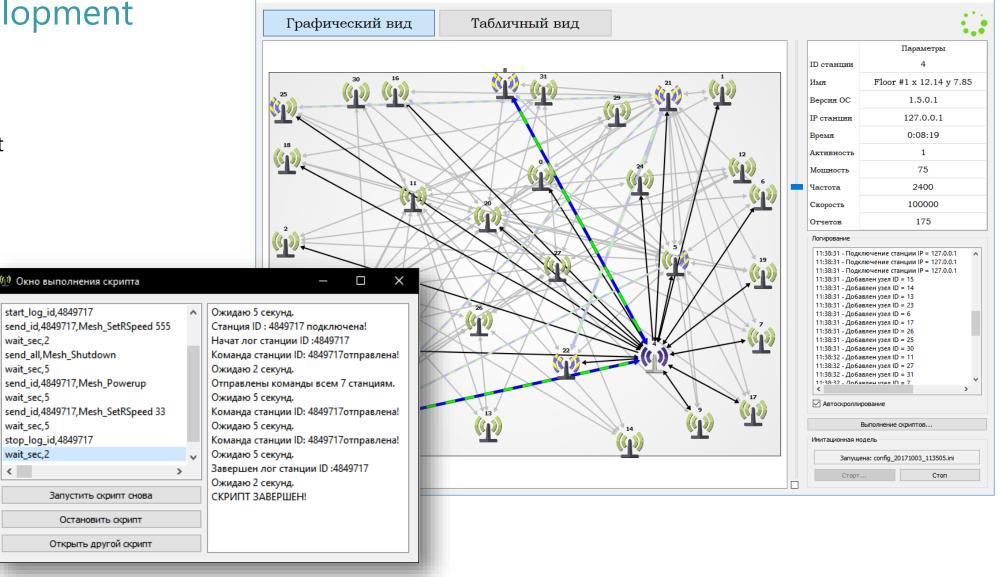
- Central management
- Scripting for automation
- Gathering of network characteristics



Mesh Development

Software:

- Visualization
- Management
- Statistics
- Automation



(1) Монитор Mesh-сети



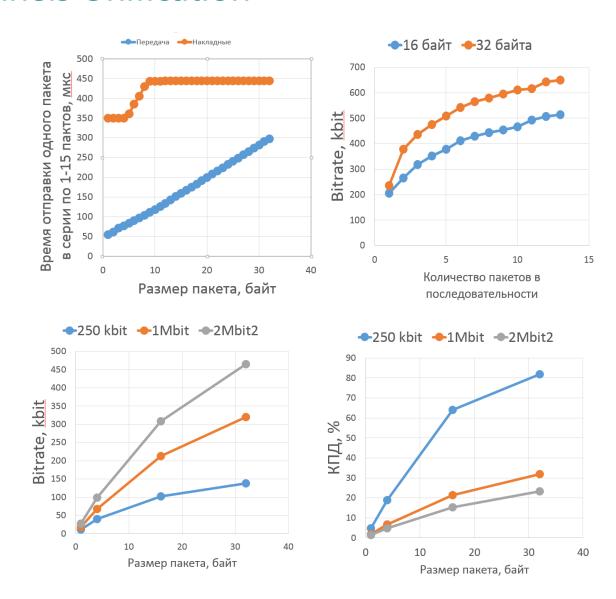
Imitation Model: Network Channels Unification

Universal modem

- Generic transceiver interface
- Guaranteed operation execution

Virtual transceiver

- Timing characteristics
- Specific functions and properties





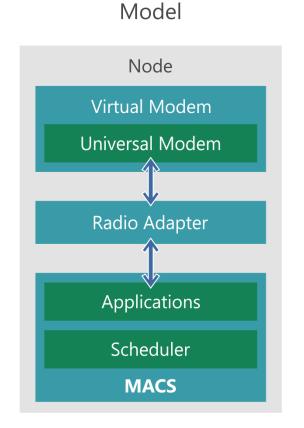
Imitation Model: Architecture

Structure of imitation model:

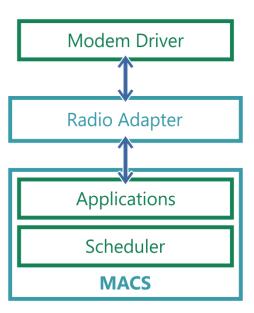
- Virtual transceiver
- Physical model
- Network configuration
- Node software
- Experiment manager
- Management interface

Main idea:

Software identical up to peripheral drivers









Imitation Model: Validation

Nodes: 2

Speed of node: 2 Мбит/с

Sending: continuous

Packet size: 32 bytes

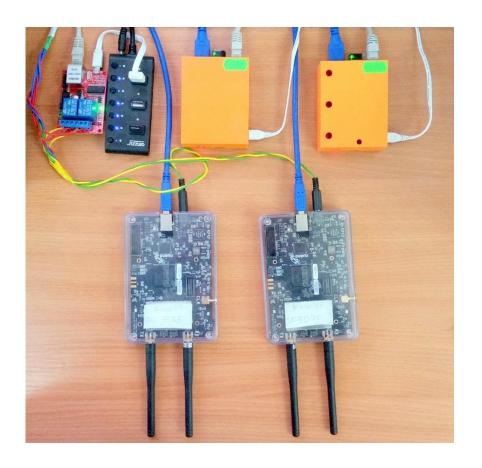
Size of data: 1 000 000 bytes

	Model	Device
Received, [bytes]	938 704	936 896
Service, [bytes]	156	111
Time, [c]	13,513	12,207
Packet lost , [%]	6,13	6,31
Speed, [bit/s]	1 147 935	1 269 512

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ether model terminal - v 1.2
      load lib "dcf native'
      load lib "radio native"
           *****************************
                    HELLO!
                TERMINAL v0.3
           ******************************
>dcf started
        count of nodes: 2
         send byte count: 1000000
        send packet size: 32
         send freg: 100%
                                   COM5 - PuTTY
         send relative value: 100
        used self counter, time
                                           payload send:0
         log - max count: 10; per:
                                           payload receive:0
         payload send:2000000
                                           payload bitrate:0
         payload receive: 1877408
                                            total send:0
         payload bitrate:1147755
         total send:2000312
                                            total receive:0
         total receive:1877702
                                            total bitrate:0
         total bitrate:1147935
                                           time:0 ms
         time:13513 ms
                                           KPD:0 %
         realtime:342 ms
                                   dcf started
         KPD:93.86%
dcf job stopped
                                           send byte count: 1000000
                                           send packet size: 32
                                           send freq: 100%
                                           send relative value: 100%
                                           log - max count: 0; period:1 us
                                           payload send:1000000
                                           payload receive: 936896
                                           payload bitrate:1269367
                                           total send:1000111
                                           total receive:937007
                                           total bitrate:1269512
                                           time:12207 ms
                                           KPD:93 %
                                    icf job stopped
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SDR Modem

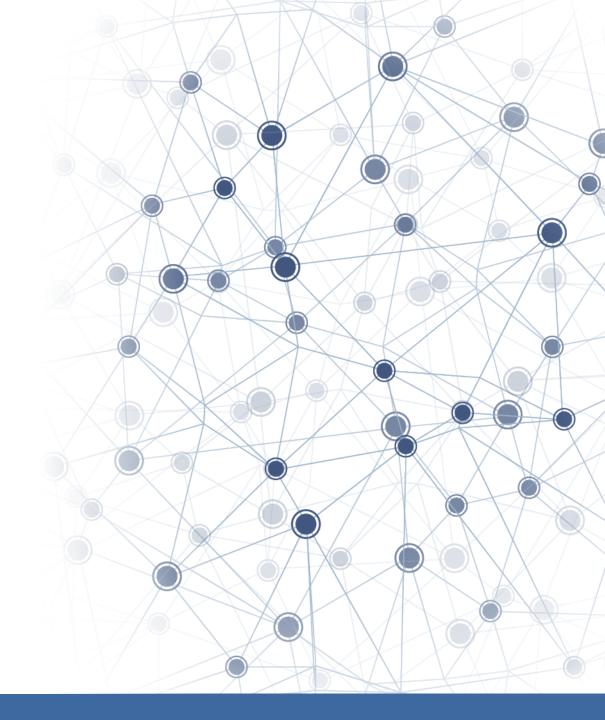
- Parallel independent channels
- Hardware retranslation between channels
- Cognitive functions adaptation to environment (modulation/speed etc.)
- Hardware encryption
- High speed
- Flexible architecture
- Realization of time critical Mesh functions





Target Solution

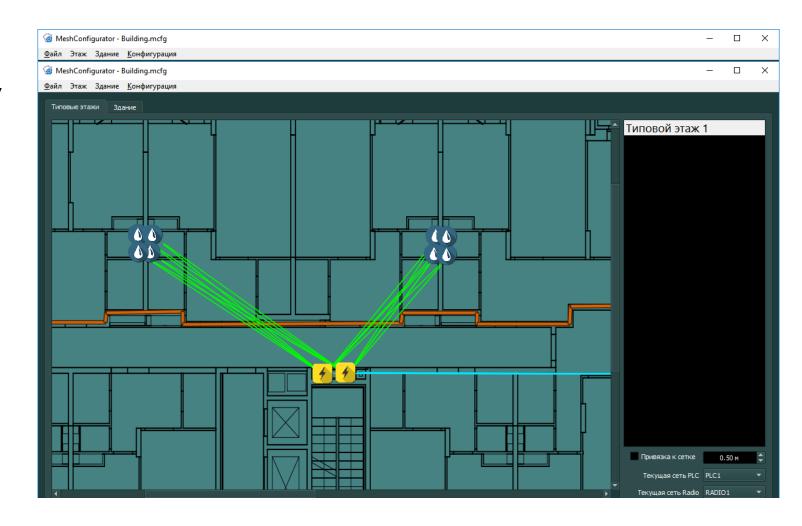
- Milandr 1968BH034 DSP processor
- Standards:
 - IEEE 802.15.4 for RF
 - ITU-T G.9903 (based on IEEE 802.15.4) for PLC
- Data security:
 - LBP (LowPAN Bootstrapping Protocol)
 - EAP (Extensible Authentication Protocol) protocol





Simulation

- 500 5000 stations simultaneously
- End-point devices simulation
 - Impulse counter
 - Electricity meter
 - Data gathering point





Result Characteristics

- Nodes
 - in total 231
 - ~40000 (for one data gathering point)
- Nominal speed:
 - PLC 48 Kbit/sec
 - RF 1,2 Kbit/sec
- Half-duplex
- Average speed in network: 10 Kbit/sec for 14 hops network (limited by low energy field devices)
- Average packet lost: 3%

