

A Comparative Study of AODV & DSR with Varying Speed, Pause Time, and Node Density over TCP Connections in VANET

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Abstract:- This paper presents a comparative study of two routing protocols in vehicular ad hoc networks, popularly known as VANETs. A VANET is a special type of ad hoc network consists of moving cars referred to as nodes; provide a way to exchange any information between cars without depending on fixed infrastructure. Due to rapid topology changing and frequent disconnection makes it difficult to select suitable mobility model and routing protocols. Hence performance evaluation and comparison between routing protocols is required to understand any routing protocol as well as to develop a new routing protocol. In this research paper, the performance of two on-demand routing protocols AODV & DSR has been analyzed by means of packet delivery ratio with varying speed limit, pause time, and node density under the TCP connection.. Finally, it concludes the discussion by pointing out some open issues and possible direction of future research related to VANET routing.

Keywords:- Routing Protocol; VANET; MANET; AODV; DSR; TCP; Packet Delivery Ratio.

1. Introduction

With the sharp increase of vehicles on roads in the recent years, driving has not stopped from being more challenging and dangerous. Roads are saturated, safety distance and reasonable speeds are hardly respected, and drivers often lack enough attention. Without a clear signal of improvement in the near future, leading car manufacturers decided to jointly work with national government agencies to develop solutions aimed at helping drivers on the roads by anticipating hazardous events or avoiding bad traffic areas. One of the outcomes has been a novel type of wireless access called Wireless Access for Vehicular Environment (WAVE) dedicated to vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-roadside communications. While the major objective has clearly been to improve the overall safety of vehicular traffic, promising traffic management solutions and on-board entertainment applications are also expected by the different bodies involved in this field.

When equipped with WAVE communication devices, cars and roadside units form a highly dynamic network called a Vehicular Ad Hoc Network (VANET), a special kind of Mobile Ad Hoc Networks (MANETs). While safety applications mostly need local broadcast

connectivity, it is expected that some emerging scenarios (Lee, 2009) developed for intelligent transportation systems (ITS) would benefit from unicast communication over a multi-hop connectivity. Moreover, it is conceivable that applications that deliver contents and disseminate useful information can flourish with the support of multi-hop connectivity in VANETs.

Although countless numbers of routing protocols (Mauve, 2001; Mehran, 2004) have been developed in MANETs, many do not apply well to VANETs. VANETs represent a particularly challenging class of MANETs. They are distributed, self-organizing communication networks formed by moving vehicles, and are thus characterized by very high node mobility and limited degrees of freedom in mobility patterns.

2. ROUTING PROTOCOLS

The characteristic of highly dynamic topology makes the design of efficient routing protocols for VANET is challenging. The routing protocol of VANET can be classified into two categories such as Topology based routing protocols & Position based routing protocols. Overall classification of VANET routing protocols has been shown in the figure-1.

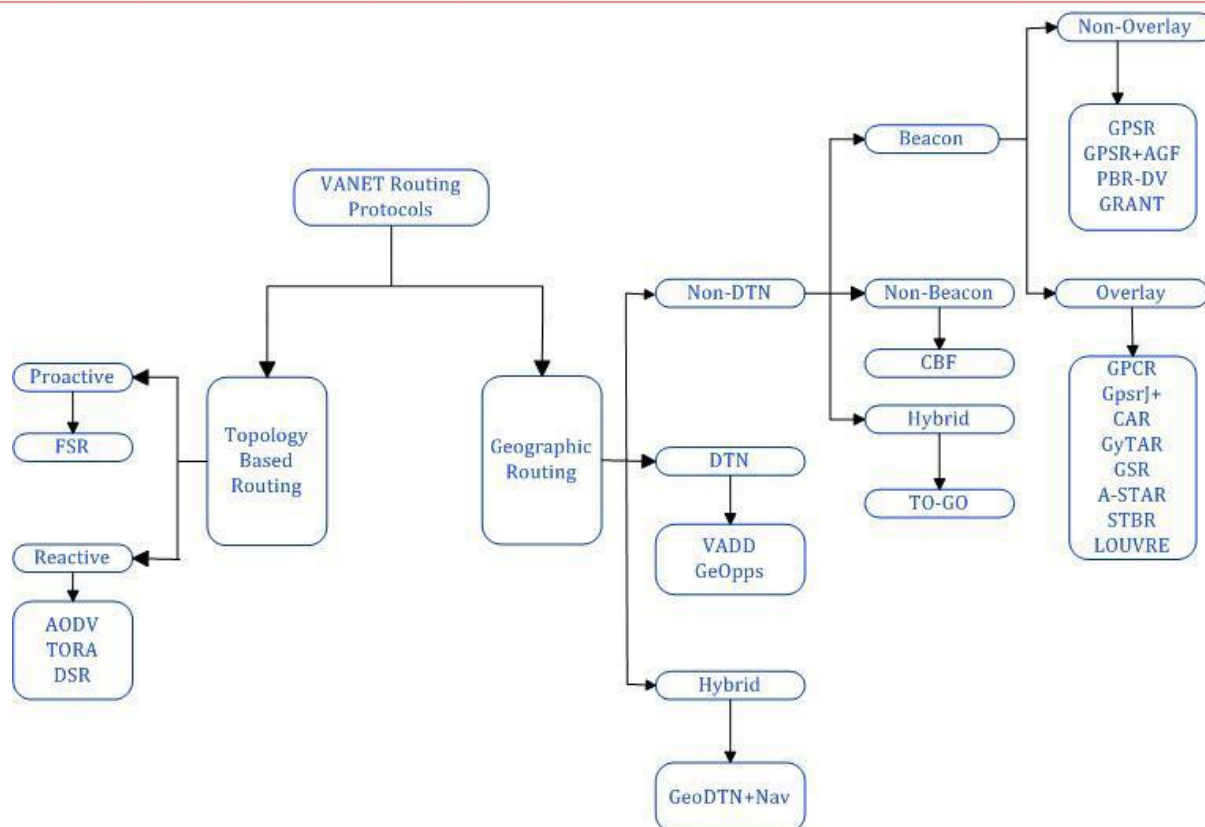


Figure-1: Unicast routing protocols in VANET

Existing unicast routing protocols of VANET is not capable to meet every traffic scenarios. Each of them has some pros and cons. These are described in[42].For our simulation purpose we have selected two on demand routing protocols AODV & DSR.

2.1 AODV

Ad Hoc on Demand Distance Vector routing protocol [9] is a reactive routing protocol which establish a route when a node requires sending data packets. It has the ability of unicast & multicast routing. It uses a destination sequence number (DestSeqNum) which makes it different from other on demand routing protocols. It maintains routing tables, one entry per destination and an entry is discarded if it is not used recently. It establishes route by using RREQ and RREP cycle. If any link failure occurs, it sends report and another RREQ is made.

2.2 DSR

The Dynamic Source Routing (DSR) [10] protocol utilizes source routing & maintains active routes. It has two phases route discovery & route maintenance. It does not use periodic routing message. It will generate an error message if there is any link failure. All the intermediate nodes ID are stored in the packet header of DSR. If there has multiple paths to go to the

destination DSR stores multiple path of its routing information. AODV and DSR have some significant differences. In AODV when a node sends a packet to the destination then data packets only contains destination address. On the other hand in DSR when a node sends a packet to the destination the full routing information is carried by data packets which causes more routing overhead than AODV.

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3. Connection Types

There are several types of connection pattern in VANET. For our simulation purpose we have used Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) connection pattern.

TCP is a connection oriented and reliable transport protocol. To ensure reliable data transfer TCP uses acknowledgement, time outs and retransmission. Acknowledge means successful transmission of packets from source to destination. If an acknowledgement is not received during a certain

period of time which is called time out then TCP transmit the data again.

4. Performance Metrics & Network Parameters

For network simulation, there are several performance metrics which is used to evaluate the performance. In simulation purpose we have used three performance metrics.

4.1 Packet Delivery Ratio (PDR)

Packet delivery ratio is the ratio of number of packets received at the destination to the number of packets sent from the source. The performance is better when packet delivery ratio is high.

4.2 Average end-to-end delay

This is the average time delay for data packets from the source node to the destination node. To find out the end-to-end delay the difference of packet sent and received time was stored and then dividing the total time difference over the total number of packet received gave the average end-to-end delay for the

received packets. The performance is better when packet end-to-end delay is low.

4.3 Loss Packet Ratio (LPR)

Loss Packet Ratio is the ratio of the number of packets that never reached the destination to the number of packets originated by the source.

5. Implementation & Simulation Results

For simulation purpose we used random waypoint mobility model. Network Simulator NS-2.34 [11, 12] has been used. To measure the performance of AODV and DSR we used same scenario for both protocols. Because of both protocols unique behavior the resultant output differ.

The performance of AODV & DSR has been analyzed with varying speed time 5m/s to 25m/s for number of nodes 30, 60, 90, 120, 150 under TCP & CBR connection. We measure the packet delivery ratio, loss packet ratio & average end-to-end delay of AODV and DSR and the simulated output has shown by using graphs.

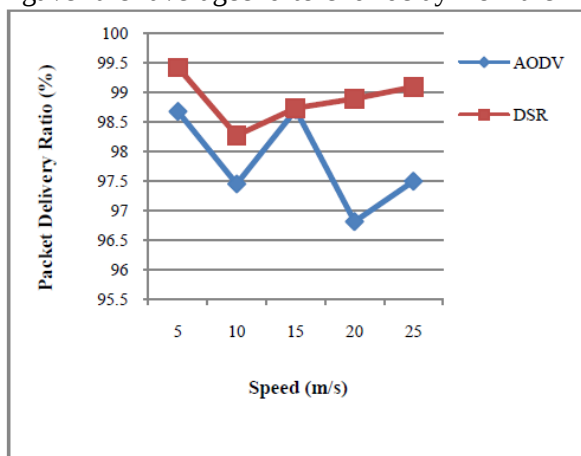


Fig 2: PDR of 30 nodes against speed

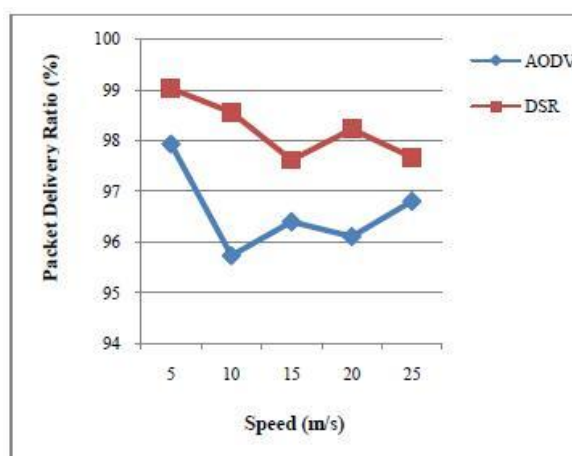


Fig 3: PDR of 90 nodes against speed

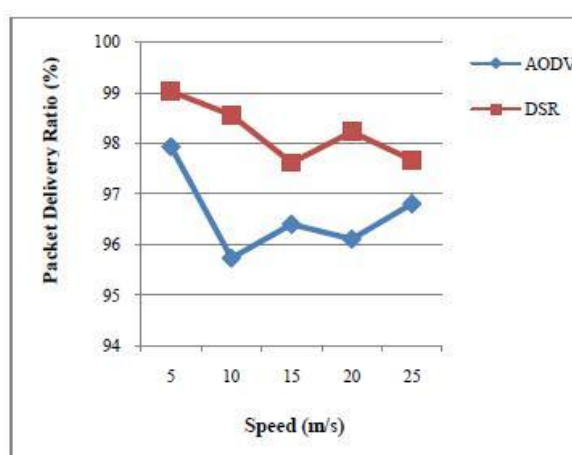
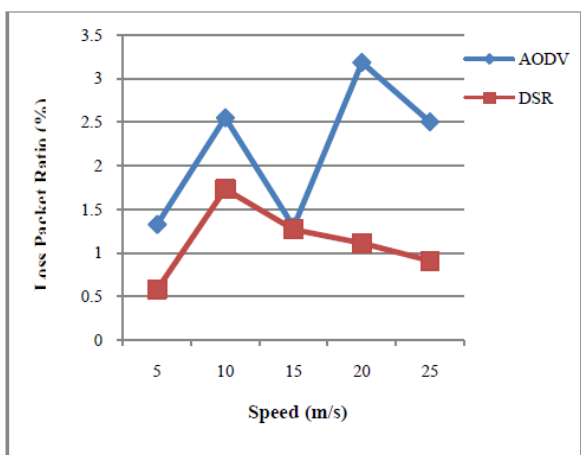


Fig 4: LPR of 30 nodes against speed

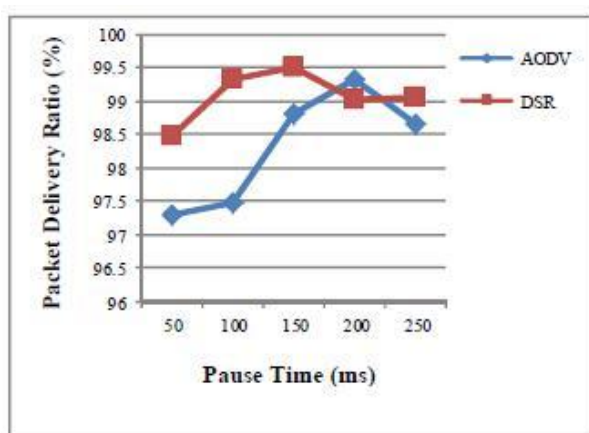


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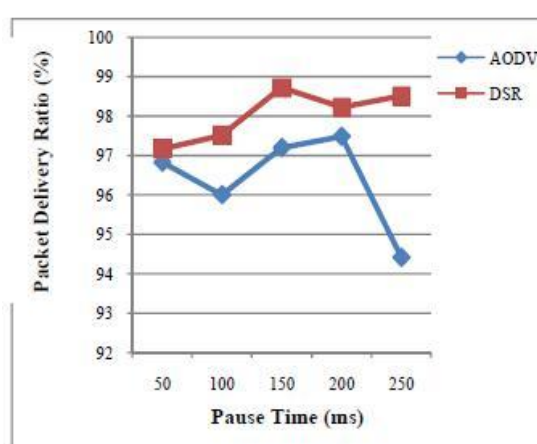


Fig 6: PDR of 30 nodes against pause time

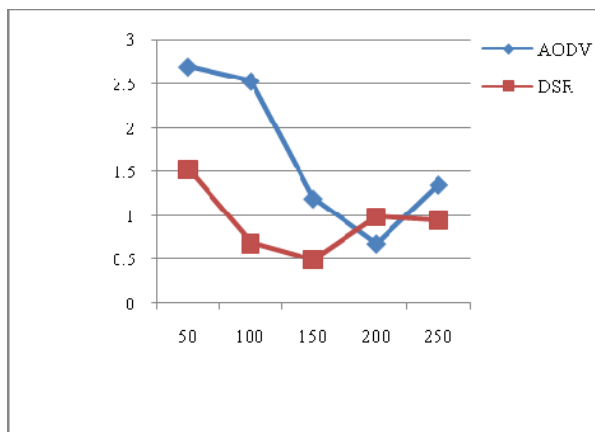


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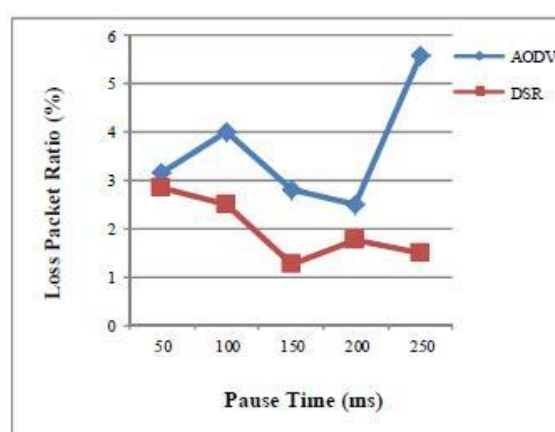


Fig 8: LPR of 30 nodes against pause time

Fig 9: LPR of 90 nodes against pause time

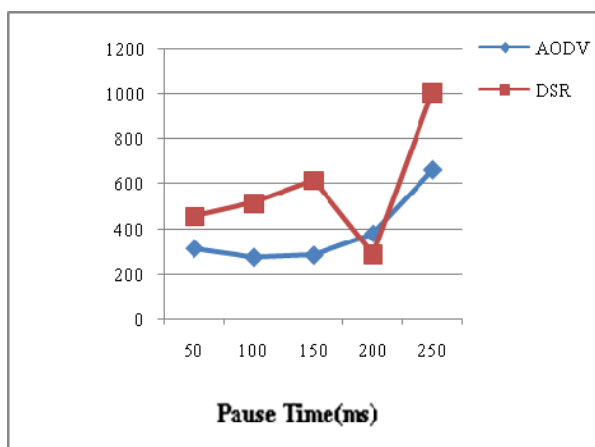


Fig 10: Avg.E-2-E delay of 30 nodes against pause time

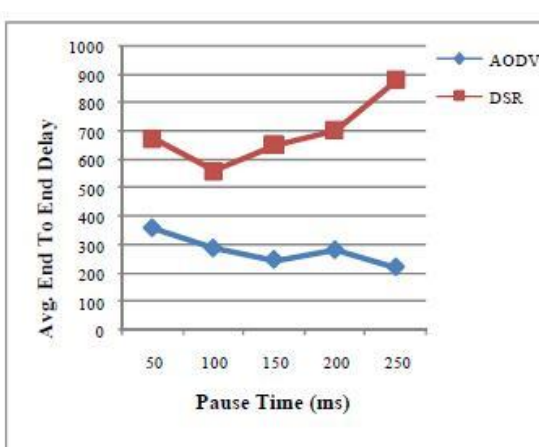


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6. Conclusion

There is a plethora of VANET routing protocols. Most are designed to handle a special condition or a special problem. Despite the special condition or problem that these routing protocols are considering or addressing, there is no agreed-upon standard or benchmark to validate their performance. The benchmark not only

includes a standard routing protocol, but also a simulation environment.

This paper illustrates the differences between AODV and DSR based on TCP connection with various network parameters. In our analysis we have given our decision based on the graphs. This will definitely help to understand the performance of these two routing

protocol. The performance of these two routing protocol shows some differences in low and high node density. The performance measurement of AODV and DSR will help for further development of these protocols in future.

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