Enhancing Multipath Transmission Control Protocol Performance With Cognitive Radio For Dynamic Network Optimization And Efficiency

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Abstract- *This research introduces an advanced system that integrates Multipath TCP (MPTCP) with cognitive radio technology to optimize network performance dynamically in environments with fluctuating conditions such as variable bandwidth, latency, and reliability. Traditional MPTCP, while enabling data transmission across multiple paths, struggles under dynamic network states. The proposed system addresses these challenges by leveraging cognitive radio's adaptive spectrum management, which continuously assesses metrics such as bandwidth availability, latency, and signal quality to identify optimal paths in real time. Machine learning algorithms further enhance adaptability by analyzing historical data to predict the most efficient paths, proactively routing traffic to avoid congestion and maximize efficiency.*

Keywords- Adaptive spectrum management, Cognitive radio, Machine learning, Multipath TCP (MPTCP), Network optimization, Dynamic routing, Fault tolerance, Real-time communication

I. INTRODUCTION

The rapid evolution of digital communication has highlighted the limitations of traditional Transmission Control Protocol (TCP), which relies on single-path data transmission. This approach often results in performance bottlenecks, especially in dynamic and heterogeneous network environments. Multipath TCP (MPTCP) has emerged as an innovative extension, enabling simultaneous data transmission over multiple paths using various network interfaces like Wi-Fi and cellular connections.

In response to the limitations of traditional TCP, Multipath TCP (MPTCP) has emerged as an innovative solution. Unlike TCP, which uses a single path for data transmission, MPTCP allows data to be sent over multiple paths simultaneously. However, while MPTCP brings many advantages, it also faces significant challenges in certain network conditions, such as:

1. High Latency: The delay in data transmission, which can severely affect real-time applications.
2. Network Interference: External disruptions in the signal, which may degrade performance.
3. Inconsistent Bandwidth: The fluctuation in available bandwidth, which can cause interruptions or poor service quality.

These challenges are particularly pronounced in mobile environments or high-mobility scenarios, such as vehicles moving between cell towers or users switching between networks (e.g., Wi-Fi to cellular), leading to suboptimal performance in data transfer.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

The integration of Multipath TCP (MPTCP) with cognitive radio technology is a promising approach to improving network performance, particularly in dynamic and heterogeneous network environments. This literature survey summarizes recent studies from 2021 to 2024 that focus on enhancing MPTCP's performance by incorporating adaptive spectrum sensing and dynamic path selection.

1.Dynamic Spectrum Access and Multipath Control for Enhanced TCP Performance in Cognitive Networks (S. Jiang et al., 2024)
Summary: Combines MPTCP's path diversity with cognitive radio's dynamic spectrum sensing to improve TCP performance, including better data rates and reduced packet loss. The paper emphasizes adaptive protocols for fluctuating network conditions.

2.Spectrum-Aware Multipath Transmission Control Protocol for Cognitive Radio Networks (A. Mohamed et al., 2024)
Summary: Proposes a spectrum-aware MPTCP that switches paths based on real-time spectrum conditions, improving throughput and reducing delays in cognitive radio networks.

3. An Adaptive MPTCP Scheme for Cognitive Radio Networks: Improving Efficiency under Dynamic Network Conditions (L. Chen et al., 2023)
Summary: Introduces an adaptive MPTCP scheme that dynamically adjusts paths based on real-time network conditions, leveraging spectrum sensing for improved transfer speed and reliability.

4. A Cognitive Radio-Driven Multipath Protocol for Enhanced MPTCP Throughput in Vehicular Networks (J. Xu et al., 2023)
Summary: Focuses on using cognitive radio to enhance MPTCP throughput in vehicular networks, adapting paths based on spectrum availability.

5.MPTCP over Cognitive Radio Networks: A Load-Aware Path Selection Approach (Y. Wang et al., 2023)
Summary: Introduces a load-aware path selection approach that dynamically selects paths based on network load and spectrum usage, enhancing efficiency and reducing latency.

III. RESEARCH ANALYSIS

EXISTING SYSTEM

The current standard for internet communication, Transmission Control Protocol (TCP), has served as a reliable protocol for data transmission by ensuring error-checking, ordered delivery, and congestion control. However, TCP's inherent design limitations restrict its data transmission to a single network path at a time. This single-path approach does not fully utilize the available bandwidth across multiple network interfaces (like Wi Fi, LTE, and Ethernet).

To address these issues, Multipath TCP (MPTCP) was developed as an extension of TCP , allowing data to be transmitted over multiple network paths concurrently. By enabling devices to use several network interfaces at once, MPTCP improves the overall throughput, fault tolerance, and load balancing capabilities. For example, a smartphone connected to both Wi-Fi and 4G can use MPTCP to transmit data across both networks simultaneously, increasing the speed and reliability of the connection.

Despite its advantages, MPTCP's effectiveness is often compromised in environments characterized by fluctuating network conditions. In dynamic settings, such as mobile and vehicular networks, factors like congestion, interference, signal fading, and bandwidth variability can significantly affect the performance of MPTCP. The static or pre-configured path selection algorithms in existing MPTCP implementations do not respond well to real time changes in network conditions, limiting their adaptability and leading to suboptimal Performance.

EXISTING SYSTEM DISADVANTAGES

1. Single-path Limitations
2. Inefficient Adaptation to Network Changes
3. Limited Throughput and Reliability
4. Performance Issues with High Traffic
5. Lack of Real-time Path Optimization

PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system aims to enhance the performance of Multipath TCP (MPTCP) by integrating it with cognitive radio technology, offering a dynamic and adaptive approach to network optimization in fluctuating environments. Traditional TCP protocols operate on single-path transmission, which limits performance, especially under varying conditions.

While MPTCP improves upon this by enabling data transmission across multiple paths, it still struggles to maintain efficiency when bandwidth, latency, and reliability fluctuate. By incorporating cognitive radio technology, the proposed system overcomes these challenges with adaptive spectrum management, which enables MPTCP to monitor and optimize network paths in real time, ensuring data is transmitted through the most efficient routes.

A cognitive radio module continuously assesses network conditions, such as bandwidth availability and latency, to select the most optimal paths for data transmission. The

system uses real-time monitoring to adjust its operation based on the current network state, maximizing throughput and minimizing latency. Machine learning algorithms enhance decision-making by analyzing historical network data to predict optimal paths. This proactive, predictive approach reduces congestion-related delays and boosts efficiency.

Fault tolerance is another key feature, as the system can reroute traffic to alternative paths during network disruptions, ensuring continuity in data flow—ideal for applications requiring high reliability, like real-time communication.

Designed to support a wide range of user-centric applications, including mobile communications, IoT, andcloud services, the integrated system meets the demands of bandwidth-intensive applications and contributes to the field of network optimization by providing a more adaptable and resilient solution for modern communication environments.

PROPOSED SYSTEM ADVANTAGES

1. Enhanced Path Selection
2. Improved Throughput and Reliability
3. Adaptive to Network Changes
4. Robust and Resilient Networking Solution
5. Efficient Resource Utilization

IV SYSTEM DESIGN

The design of the proposed system focuses on integrating Multipath TCP (MPTCP) with cognitive radio technology to enhance network performance through dynamic path selection and efficient data transmission. This chapter outlines the core design components, including the architecture, flow process, and key diagrams that illustrate the interaction between system elements.

ARCHITECTURE DIAGRAM

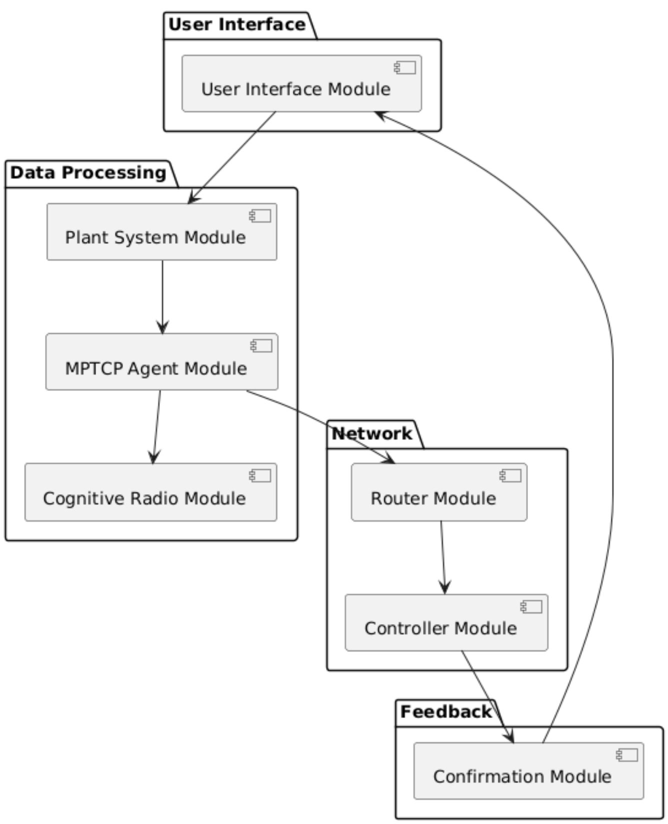

Fig 1. Architecture Diagram

USE CASE DIAGRAM

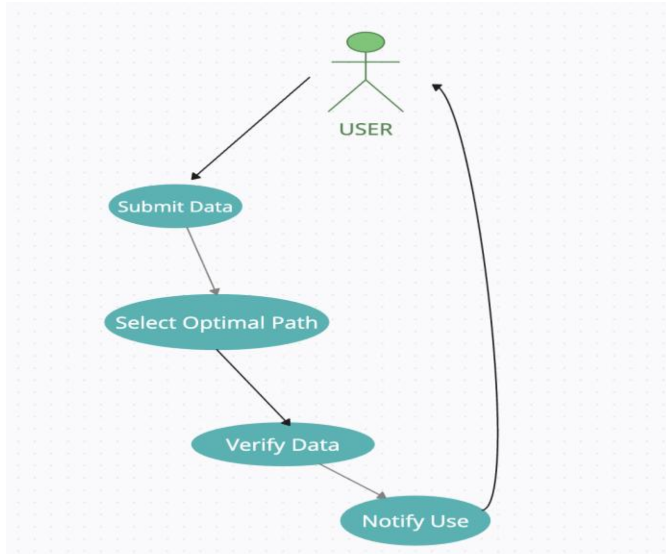

Fig 2. Use case Diagram

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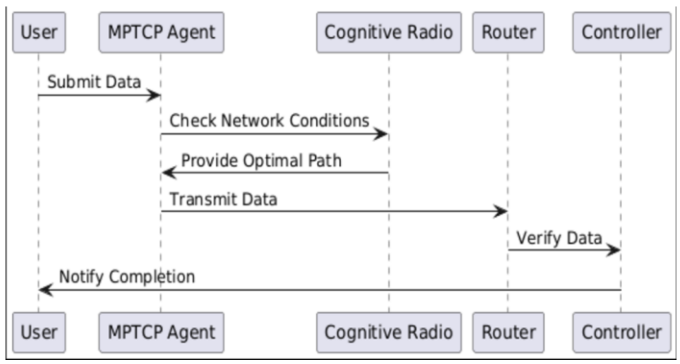

Fig 3. Sequence Diagram

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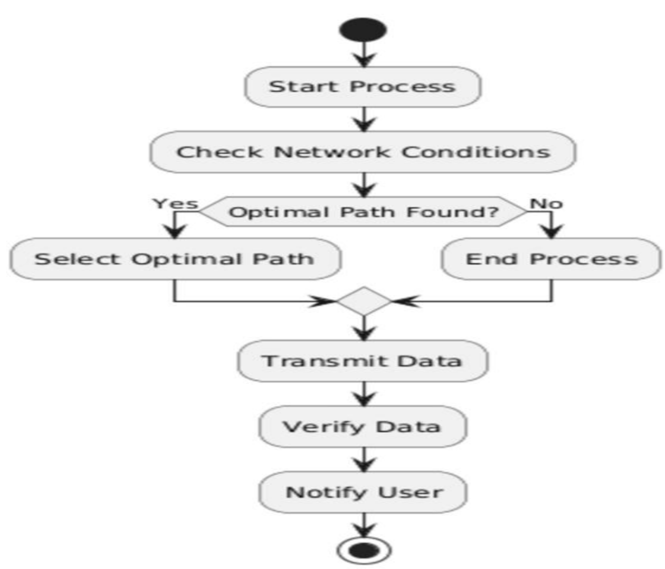

Fig 4. Activity Diagram

CLASS DIAGRAM

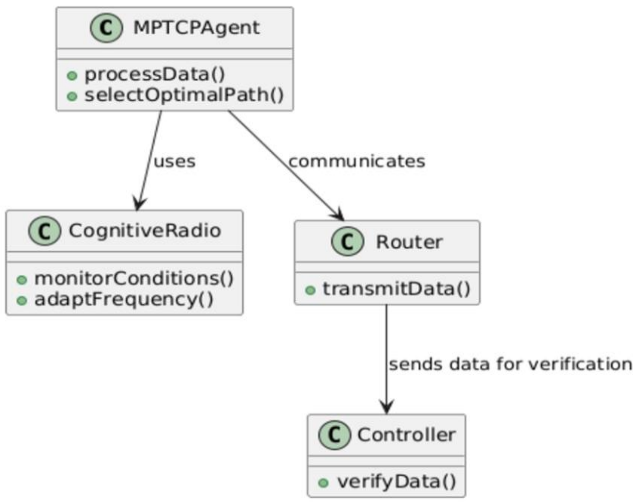

Fig 5. Class Diagram

FLOWCHART DIAGRAM

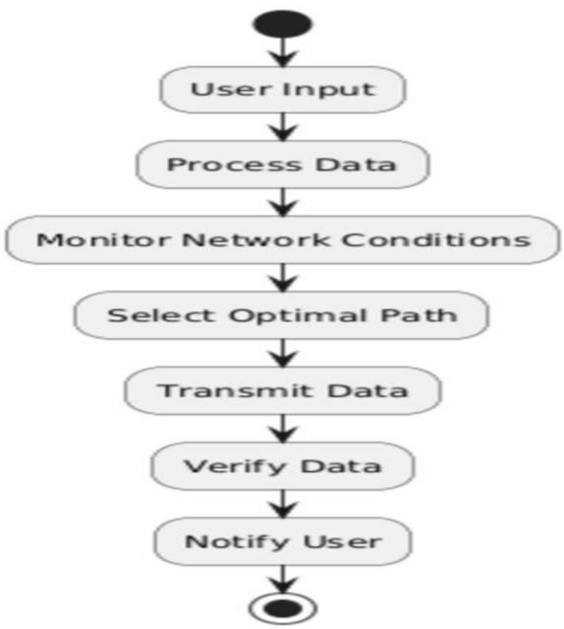

Fig 6. Flowchart Diagram

V. METHODOLOGY

The methodology for this research is structured to integrate Multipath TCP (MPTCP) with cognitive radio technology, aiming to optimize data transmission in dynamic network environments. Below is the breakdown of the methodology:

1.System Architecture Design

a. Integration: The system combines MPTCP and cognitive radio technology. It includes multiple modules for efficient data transmission, adaptive routing, and real-time performance monitoring.
b. Components: The architecture comprises:

- User Interface Module: Collects user input for network configuration.
- Plant System Module: Processes incoming data and performs calculations.
- MPTCP Agent: Manages multiple paths for data transmission.
- TCP Path Modules: Handles each network path.
- Router Module: Collects data from various paths and relays it to the controller.
- Controller Module: Verifies data integrity and adjusts path selection.
- Confirmation Module: Provides feedback on transmission success.

2.Integration of Cognitive Radio with MPTCP

a. Objective: The goal is to make data routing adaptive to changing network conditions.
b. Functionality: MPTCP agent to dynamically adjust path selection. This helps in optimizing throughput and maintaining reliability in fluctuating conditions.

3.Hybrid Routing Algorithm Implementation

a. Purpose: To ensure data packets are routed through the most efficient paths.
b. Mechanism: A hybrid routing algorithm combines cognitive radio's real-time network sensing with machine learning to predict network performance.

4.Machine Learning for Predictive Path Selection

a. Role: Machine learning models analyze historical and real-time network data to predict the best paths for data transmission.
b. Model Training: Models are trained using metrics such as packet loss, latency, and bandwidth utilization. These models adapt over time, optimizing path selection and improving MPTCP efficiency.

5.Simulation Environment and Testing (NS2)

a. Simulation Tool: Network Simulator 2 (NS2) is used to simulate different network environments, allowing testing of MPTCP performance under various conditions.
b. Testing Scenarios: Simulations cover high-traffic conditions, variable bandwidth, and fluctuating latencies.

These tests assess the system's reliability, fault tolerance, throughput, and adaptability.

6.Data Collection and Analysis

a. Performance Data: Metrics such as data transmission rates, average latency, and path utilization are recorded.
b. Analysis: Data is analyzed to evaluate the effect of cognitive radio integration on MPTCP. Statistical methods and visualizations are used to validate the system's adaptability and performance under dynamic conditions

7.Evaluation and Validation of Results

a. Objective: To verify that the MPTCP-cognitive radio system improves upon traditional methods in terms of throughput, latency, and reliability.
b. Validation: Simulation results are analyzed to confirm the hybrid system's superiority over conventional MPTCP or TCP.

MODULES

Modules of the methodology, each module is designed to contribute to the efficient operation of the MPTCP system enhanced with cognitive radio technology. Here's a breakdown of each module's role and functionality:

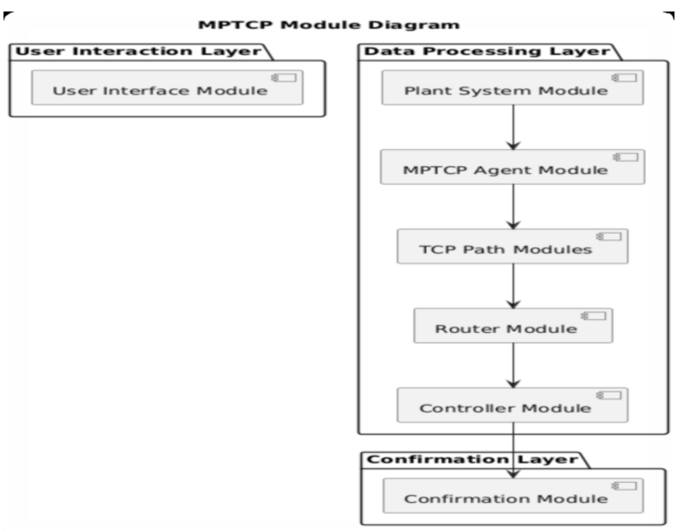

Fig 7. Module Diagram

Explanation of System Modules:

1. User Interface Module

a. Purpose: The initial point where users input data for transmission.
b. Function: Captures the user's data and initiates the transmission process, passing it on to the next modules.

2. Plant System Module

a. Purpose: Prepares the data for multipath transmission.
b. Function: Organizes data into packets and coordinates with the MPTCP Agent to determine how data should be distributed across multiple paths.

3. MPTCP Agent Module

a. Purpose: Manages the core multipath data distribution.

4. Function: Utilizes cognitive radio insights to split the data into separate flows across multiple paths TCP Path Modules

a. Purpose: Manages data transmission over specific network paths.
b. Function: Each module handles a particular path, transmitting parts of the data independently to improve throughput and system resilience.

5. Router Module

a. Purpose: Aggregates data from different paths and forwards it for processing.
b. Function: Collects data from multiple paths and ensures all parts are correctly assembled before passing the aggregated data to the next module.

6. Controller Module

a. Purpose: Ensures data integrity and manages error handling.
b. Function: Verifies that all data has been received correctly, handling errors or packet losses by coordinating retransmissions.

7. Confirmation Module

a. Purpose: Provides feedback on the data transmission outcome.
b. Function: Sends a confirmation back to the user, indicating whether the data has been successfully transmitted.

VI. CONCLUSION

This research demonstrates that integrating Multipath TCP (MPTCP) with cognitive radio technology provides a powerful solution to the challenges faced in dynamic and heterogeneous network environments. By utilizing the adaptability of cognitive radio—particularly its spectrum sensing and dynamic path selection capabilities—this approach enhances the efficiency of data transmission, making it well-suited for environments with fluctuating bandwidth and latency.

Key Findings:

Enhanced Throughput and Latency:

The system optimizes bandwidth utilization by adapting to real-time network conditions, resulting in significantly higher throughput and reduced latency when compared to traditional MPTCP and single-path TCP systems.

Improved Reliability and Fault Tolerance:

The integration of cognitive radio allows MPTCP to rapidly adapt to disruptions by reconfiguring data paths, ensuring seamless connectivity and maintaining performance even during network failures or sudden changes.

Dynamic and Predictive Path Management:

Machine learning algorithms are employed to predict and select optimal paths for data transmission. This predictive management improves performance

IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH:

This research highlights the significant potential of combining cognitive radio with multipath protocols like MPTCP. The framework not only improves network performance but also offers promising applications for emerging technologies, such as IoT, mobile communications, and real-time, data-intensive services. Future research can focus on refining machine learning models to further optimize path selection and enhance system adaptability across a wider range of network conditions.

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