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1 INTRODUCTION

A multihop wireless network (e.g. an ad hoc network, sensor network, mesh network) is a self-organized and self-configured wireless architecture in which two

wireless nodes communicate through a number of intermediate nodes, whose functions are to relay data one by one. Multihop wireless networks have multiple advantages: reliable coverage, robustness, and easy maintenance to facilitate interactive multimedia communications that are in great market demand. Examples of multihop wireless multimedia applications are online games, wireless video conferences, online exchange, real-time monitoring of activities at homes and in offices, etc. However, communications over wireless link area subject to channel fading, multipath fading, and interference from background noise and neighbors, which degrades the performance of multimedia communications.

To improve the degraded multimedia performance, a number of research studied multimedia transmission algorithms/schemes in multihop wireless networks. One approach [1-3] focuses on switching multiple channels on the same radio interfaces. An alternative line of research [4-9] exploits the advantage of multiple radio interfaces for multimedia transmissions. However, few of them suits for an interactive multimedia transmission which highly requires for a high quality transmission in a real-time way. We designed a *split multimedia transmission* in [10]. The algorithm uses multiple radio interfaces in parallel to transmit a multimedia stream that will suffer from bottleneck. Our simulation results in [10] observed that the algorithm fundamentally improves multimedia performance. In this paper, we present a theoretical background to explain the performance improvement of split transmission. We believe this is the first attempt to study the split transmission in theory.

The acceptable performance of interactive multimedia communications requires uninterrupted and distortionless content reception within stringent delays. These requirements can be concluded as three metrics of worst-case delay, average throughput, and average delay jitter. An end-to-end delay is the time taken for a packet to transmit across a network from a source to a destination. It is the summation of the packet's transmission delay, propagation delay and processing delay. A worst-case delay, evaluated in real time, is the longest end-to-end delay of a multimedia transmission. Throughput is the average rate of successful message delivery over a channel. Average throughput affects the definition of multimedia playback. Delay jitter is defined as the end-to-end delay difference between two consecutive packets. Average delay jitter evaluates the continuity of a multimedia transmission. Large delay jitter causes interrupted multimedia playback. This paper mathematically evaluates these three metrics in a multihop split multimedia transmission.

There are two classical ways to model multimedia traffic: a leaky bucket [11-12] and a (σ, ρ) regulator [13-14]. The leaky bucket enforces a rigid output pattern at the average rate ρ not matter how bursty the input traffic is. For multimedia traffic, a more flexible mechanism is required to process large burstiness that allows the short delay output, preferably one that does not lose data. The (σ, ρ) regulator introduces burstiness into the traffic model. Thus, we employ the (σ, ρ) regulator to model multimedia traffic in our theoretical evaluation, and present the following results for a multimedia stream f transmitted in a k -hop wireless networks. (Suppose there are m radios selected by the split transmission.)

- The worst-case delay of split transmission is upper bounded by $\frac{k\sigma}{C_{m-1}} + \frac{kL}{C_{m-1}}$, where L is the average packet size of the multimedia stream and C_{m-1} is the transmission capacity of the last (i.e. $(m-1)$ th) selected channel; the worst-case delay of non-split transmission is $kL\frac{1+C_{k-1}^2}{C_{k-1}\rho_{k-1}}$, where ρ_{k-1} and C_{k-1} are the average transmission rate and the output capacity at the last (i.e. $(k-1)$ th) hop;
- The average throughput of split transmission is $\rho + \frac{\sigma}{\Delta t}$, where Δt is the time that has elapsed since the initial transmission of f ; the average throughput of non-split transmission is upper bounded by $(1 - \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha_j)(\frac{\sigma}{\Delta t} + \rho)$, where α_j is the packet loss rate at the j th hop ($j \in [0, k-1]$);
- The average delay jitter of split transmission is $k\frac{\rho - C_{m-1}}{C_{m-1}}[t_l - t_{l-1}]$, where t_l and t_{l-1} are the transmission times of the l th and the $(l-1)$ th packets; the average delay jitter of non-split transmission is $\frac{k}{\rho}(\frac{\rho}{C_{k-1}} - 1)[(\frac{\rho}{C_{k-1}} - 1)\Delta t_{k-1,p-1} + (t_l - t_{l-1})]$, where $\Delta t_{k-1,p-1}$ is the time that has elapsed to transmit the $(p-1)$ th packet at the $(k-1)$ th hop since f 's initial transmission.

The theoretical evaluation proves that the split transmission is an effective way to achieve short delay, high throughput, and continuous wireless multimedia performance. While the modern technology is still developing to open wider implementation for split transmission, the algorithm promises to be used currently to solve burstiness without changing the existed wireless hardware and MAC protocols.

The following of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 introduces the related work. Section 3 briefly details the split transmission algorithm. In section 4, we analyze the performance of worst-case delay, average throughput, and average delay jitter. Section 5 concludes this paper.

2 Related Work

Related studies for wireless multimedia transmission mainly focus on algorithm /protocol design to achieve some anticipated performance. These work can be classified as *multi-channel single interface schemes* and *multi-channel multi-interface schemes*.

Protocols in [1-3] are *multi-channel single interface schemes* that make use of the capacities of multiple channels on the same radio interface. [1] proposed SSCH (slotted seeded channel hopping) that slots the time for nodes to hop between multiple channels without incurring transmission interference. A global time is required to synchronize channel selection between nodes. Also hopping between channels creates transmission jitter. J. So *et al* [2] designed a medium access control protocol that dynamically uses temporal synchronization to solve the hidden terminal problem in ad hoc networks. The protocol also requires a complex global clock. S. Wu *et al* [3] proposed a RTS/CTS like reservation mechanism to dynamically assign channels to mobile nodes in an “on-demand” way. Generally, *multi-channel single interface protocols* cannot avoid collision because multiple channels attach to the same interface. Complex algorithms are required to decrease collision and as well to maintain a global clock.

Another approach is to utilize the advantage of multiple interfaces to assign a different radio interface to each individual channel. P. Kyasanur *et al* [8] presented a channel assignment protocol in the context of multi-radio wireless mesh networks. Each node has some fixed channel and is also dynamically connected to other channels over short time. A sender then adapts to a receiver by changing its temporary channel to the receiver’s fixed channel. A. Adya *et al* [4] presented a multi-radio unification protocol for multihop wireless mesh networks with the goal to optimize local spectrum utilization through intelligent channel selection. A. Raniwala *et al* [6] proposed a centralized greedy solution that accesses wireless links in decreasing order of link loads. The solution cannot deal with dynamic traffic load. Hence, A. Raniwala *et al* [7] extended this study to a distributed algorithm. The designed architecture (called Hyacinth) uses local traffic load information to dynamically assign channels and route packets. In general, through selecting an individual optimal channel for each traffic, the improved performance achieved by most *multi-channel multi-interface schemes* is limited by each individual channel’s capacity.

Our split transmission [10] aggregates capacities from multiple radios for the use of one multimedia stream. The performance is considerably improved as

compared to other algorithms. We are interested in explaining such improvement theoretically in this paper.

3 Split Transmission

The motivation of split transmission is to simultaneously use multiple interference-free channels to transmit QoS guaranteed multimedia streams. When a wireless node detects a coming overload in an output channel because of transmitting a multimedia stream f , it selects m radios that are used to transmit the stream together. Split transmission guarantees that the minimum number of channels with enough cumulative capacity are selected to carry the multimedia stream. That is, if r channels are selected, the following expression exists.

$$\begin{cases} C(\hat{0}, t) + C(\hat{1}, t) + \dots + C(\hat{i}, t) + \dots + C((\hat{r} - 1), t) \geq r_f, \\ C(\hat{0}, t) + C(\hat{1}, t) + \dots + C(\hat{i}, t) + \dots + C((\hat{r} - 2), t) \leq r_f, \end{cases}$$

where t is the time at which the node uses the split transmission, r_f is f 's transmission rate, and $C(\hat{i}, t)$ is the i th selected channel's capacity at the time t . Based on each selected channel's individual capacity, the wireless node splits the multimedia stream into r subflows. Each subflow has a transmission rate r_i ($i \in [0, r - 1]$) matching the capacity of one selected channel \hat{C}_i . Namely, $r_i = \hat{C}_i$. Then as illustrated in Fig. 1, these r subflows will be transmitted through the r selected channels in parallel.

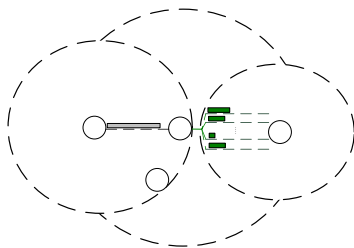


Fig. 1. An example of split transmission.

Split transmission has been proved to be effective in improving wireless multimedia transmission performance by our simulations in [10]. In this paper, we mathematically study the split transmission to present a theoretical background for the improved performance.

4 Performance Evaluation for The Split Transmission

To implement the analysis, as we have introduced, we use a (σ, ρ) regulator to model multimedia traffic. In [13], the (σ, ρ) regulator is defined as

Given $\sigma > 0$ and $\rho > 0$, for an input flow with the rate function R , the following inequality exists if and only if $y \geq x$ for all x and y ,

$$\int_x^y R dt \leq \sigma + \rho(y - x), \quad (1)$$

where ρ is the flow's average input rate and σ is the flow's burst constraint. (1) shows that the upper bound of the amount of multimedia traffic input into the network between the times y and x is decided by the traffic burstiness σ and the traffic average transmission rate ρ .

Before we analyze the performance of worst-case delay, average throughput, and average delay jitter, we list the symbols that will be used for analysis in Table 1.

Table 1. Symbol List

f	Represent a multimedia stream.
m	The number of selected channels/interfaces in the split transmission.
\dot{C}_i	The capacity of the i th selected channel, $i \in [0, m - 1]$.
k	The number of hops from a sender to a receiver in the multihop wireless network.
C_j	The output capacity at the j th hop in the non-split transmission, $j \in [0, k - 1]$.
L	The average packet size of f .
Δt	The elapsed transmission time since f is initially transmitted.
p	The total number of packets in f .
Δt_l	The elapsed transmission time when transmitting the l th packet, $l \in [0, p - 1]$.
$\Delta t_{j,l}$	The elapsed transmission time when transmitting the l th packet of the j th hop.

4.1 The Worst-Case Delay

The worst-case delay, evaluated in real time, is the longest end-to-end delay between a sender and a receiver. We first consider the worst-case delay in a single hop wireless network. According to the definition of (σ, ρ) regulator, the transmission rate of f is $R \sim (\sigma, \rho)$. When f is split into m subflows that are denoted as $f_i (i \in [0, m - 1])$, each subflow's transmission rate satisfies $R_i \sim (\sigma_i, \rho_i)$,

where R_i , σ_i , and ρ_i are f_i 's input rate, burstiness, and average transmission rate respectively. Use C_i to represent the i th selected channel's available capacity. The transmission delay of the i th subflow at the time t is

$$D_i = \frac{[\sigma_i + \rho_i \Delta t] - [C_i \Delta t - L]}{C_i}, \quad (2)$$

where $\Delta t = t - t_0$ (t_0 is the time that f is initially transmitted by the node) and L is the average packet size of f . The item $[\sigma_i + \rho_i \Delta t]$ is the upper bound of f 's input data amount in the period Δt . The item $[C_i \Delta t - L]$ is the amount of f 's output data in the period Δt .

Based on (2) and $C_i \geq \rho_i$, it can be inferred that the worst-case delay of f_i is $\ddot{D}_i \leq \frac{\sigma_i + L}{C_i}$. Moreover, the worst-case delay \ddot{D}_i appears at the time $(t_0 + \frac{L}{C_i})$ and decreases to 0 after a period of $\frac{\sigma_i + L}{C_i - \rho_i}$.

Considering all of the m split subflows, the worst-case delay in a single hop wireless network is $\ddot{D}_s = \max\{\ddot{D}_i | i \in [0, m-1]\} = \max\{\frac{\sigma_i + L}{C_i} | i \in [0, m-1]\}$. Without loss of generality, we assume $C_0 \geq C_1 \geq C_2 \geq \dots \geq C_{m-1}$ for the m subflows. This assumption indicates $\frac{\sigma}{C_{m-1}} \geq \max\{\frac{\sigma_i}{C_i}\}$. Hence, we have

$$\ddot{D}_s \leq \frac{\sigma}{C_{m-1}} + \max\{\frac{L}{C_i}\} \leq \frac{\sigma}{C_{m-1}} + \frac{L}{C_{m-1}}. \quad (3)$$

We now extend our analysis into a k -hop ($k > 1$) wireless network. The split transmission enables subflows to be transmitted without queuing. Hence, an end-to-end delay is the summation of packet delays at all hops from a sender to a receiver. That is, the worst-case delay when f experiences k -hop split transmission is

$$\ddot{D} \leq k\ddot{D}_s \leq \frac{k\sigma}{C_{m-1}} + \frac{kL}{C_{m-1}}. \quad (4)$$

We next analyze the worst-case delay of multimedia traffic without employing split transmission. The end-to-end delay in a single hop wireless network is

$$D'_s = \frac{(\sigma + \rho \Delta t) - C(\Delta t - \frac{L}{\rho} - \frac{L}{\rho - C})}{C},$$

where C is the available capacity of f 's output channel. In a k -hop wireless network, based on the expression above, the packet transmission delay at the j th hop is

$$D'_j = \frac{(\sigma_j + \rho_j \Delta t) - C_j(\Delta t - \frac{L}{\rho_j} - \frac{L}{\rho_j - C_j})}{C_j}, \quad (5)$$

where $j \in [0, k-1]$, σ_j and ρ_j are f 's burstiness and average transmission rate at the j th hop, and C_j is output capacity at the j th hop. It shows that the total end-to-end delay when f transmits k hops is calculated by

$$D' = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} D'_j = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \frac{(\sigma_j + \rho_j \Delta t) - C_j(\Delta t - \frac{L}{\rho_j} - \frac{L}{\rho_j - C_j})}{C_j}. \quad (6)$$

To develop (6), we know that the k -hop non-split transmission has these characteristics: $\sigma_j \geq \sigma_{j+1}$, $\rho_j \geq \rho_{j+1}$, $C_j \geq C_{j+1}$, and $C_j \Delta t = \sigma_{j+1} + \rho_{j+1} \Delta t$. Hence, it can be inferred that

$$\begin{aligned} D' &\leq \frac{\sigma_0 + \rho_0 \Delta t}{C_0} + \dots + \frac{\sigma_{k-1} + \rho_{k-1} \Delta t}{C_{k-1}} - [k \Delta t - k \frac{L}{C_{k-1} \rho_{k-1}} - k \frac{L}{C_k (\rho_k - C_k)}] \\ &\leq k \Delta t - [k \Delta t - k \frac{L}{C_{k-1} \rho_{k-1}} - k \frac{L}{C_{k-1} (\rho_{k-1} - C_{k-1})}] \leq kL \frac{1 + C_{k-1}^2}{C_{k-1} \rho_{k-1}}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The worst-case delay of non-split multimedia transmission in a k -hop wireless network is therefore

$$\ddot{D}' = kL \frac{1 + C_{k-1}^2}{C_{k-1} \rho_{k-1}}.$$

To calculate the worst-case delay improvement of split transmission, we have

$$\frac{\ddot{D}}{\ddot{D}'} = \frac{(\sigma + L)C_{k-1}\rho_{k-1}}{C_{m-1}L(1 + C_{k-1}^2)} \approx \frac{\sigma\rho_{k-1}}{LC_{m-1}C_{k-1}}. \quad (8)$$

Since $L \gg m$, we have $\sigma < LC_{m-1}$. Usually, $\rho_{k-1} \leq C_{k-1}$. Hence, $\frac{\ddot{D}}{\ddot{D}'} < 1$. Furthermore, \ddot{D} comes into existence at the time $t_0 + \frac{L}{C_{m-1}}$. With the transmission continues, the end-to-end delay of split transmission reduces to 0 while the end-to-end delay of non-split transmission increases more and more to the maximum value of $kL \frac{1 + C_{k-1}^2}{C_{k-1} \rho_{k-1}}$.

4.2 The Average Throughput

The average throughput evaluates the playback quality (i.e. video definition and audio articulation) of multimedia traffic. We first consider the average throughput of split transmission in a single hop wireless network. Each of the m selected channels has enough capacity to output one split subflow. It shows that the total output packets of f through the m channels should be equal to f 's input amount. Thus, in a single hop wireless network,

$$\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} [C_i (\Delta t - \frac{L}{\rho_i})] = \sigma + \rho \Delta t.$$

Based on the above equation and $\rho_i \leq \rho$, we have

$$\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} C_i = \frac{(\sigma + \rho \Delta t) \rho}{\rho \Delta t - L} \approx \rho + \frac{\sigma}{\Delta t}. \quad (9)$$

For the average throughput in a k -hop wireless network, multimedia transmission at each hop is able to output all received packets. It means that each hop achieves the average throughput in (9). Hence, the average through of the split transmission after k hops is $\bar{T} = \rho + \frac{\sigma}{\Delta t}$.

We now consider the average throughput of non-split transmission in a k -hop wireless network. Assume the loss rate at the j th hop transmission is α_j ($j \in [0, k-1]$). The following equation is established based on the fact that the difference between the input amount and the output amount is equal to the amount of lost packets.

$$\sigma + \rho\Delta t - C_{k-1}\left(\Delta t - \frac{L}{\rho} - \frac{L}{\rho - C_{k-1}}\right) = \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha_j (\sigma + \rho\Delta t).$$

This equation infers that the average throughput with the split transmission is

$$T' \leq \frac{\rho(\sigma + \rho\Delta t)(1 - \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha_j)}{\rho\Delta t - 2L} \approx (1 - \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha_j) \left(\frac{\sigma}{\Delta t} + \rho\right). \quad (10)$$

To compare the average throughput of split transmission and non-split transmission in a k -hop wireless network, we use the following equations.

$$\frac{T}{T'} = \frac{1}{1 - \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha_j}.$$

As compared to non-split transmission, the improvement in the average throughput of split transmission increases when f traverses more numbers of hops. It proves that the split transmission suits to multihop wireless multimedia transmissions.

4.3 The Average Delay Jitter

The average delay jitter is the metric that evaluates the continuity of multimedia traffic. Small average delay jitter benefits smoothing video playback and uninterrupted audio reception. According to (2), the end-to-end delay of split multimedia transmission decreases to 0 after a period of $\tau = \max\{\frac{\sigma_i + L}{C_i - \rho_i} | i \in [0, m-1]\}$. The average delay jitter is therefore 0 after the period τ . Hence, we focus on analyzing the average delay before the time $(t_0 + \tau)$.

Suppose there are totally p_i ($p_i \in N$) packets transmitted from the sender to the receiver through the i th selected channel. We use $D_{i,l}$ and $D_{i,(l-1)}$ ($l \in [0, p_i - 1]$) to represent the end-to-end delays of the l th and the $(l-1)$ th packets transmitted through the i th channel. Then, the delay jitter between the j th and the $(j-1)$ th packets is $J_{i,l} = D_{i,l} - D_{i,(l-1)}$. According to (2),

$$J_{i,l} = D_{i,l} - D_{i,(l-1)} = \left(\frac{\rho_i}{C_i} - 1\right)(\Delta t_l - \Delta t_{l-1}). \quad (11)$$

In the split multimedia transmission, packets can be transmitted once they arrive without queueing. Hence, $\Delta t_l - \Delta t_{l-1} = t_l - t_{l-1}$. It infers that $J_{i,l} = \left(\frac{\rho_i}{C_i} -$

1)($t_l - t_{l-1}$). Thus, the average delay jitter of split multimedia transmission in a single hop wireless network is

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{J}_s &= \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \sum_{l=0}^{p_i-1} J_{i,l}}{\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} p_i} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \sum_{l=0}^{p_i-1} (\frac{\rho_i - C_i}{C_i})(t_l - t_{l-1})}{\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} p_i} \\ &\leq \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \sum_{l=0}^{p_i-1} (\frac{\rho - C_{m-1}}{C_{m-1}})(t_l - t_{l-1})}{\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} p_i} = \frac{\rho - C_{m-1}}{C_{m-1}}(t_l - t_{l-1}).\end{aligned}\quad (12)$$

Based on (12), the average delay jitter when f is in a k -hop wireless split transmission is

$$\bar{J} = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} J_i = kJ_i = k \frac{\rho - C_{m-1}}{C_{m-1}} [t_l - t_{l-1}].\quad (13)$$

We now consider the average delay jitter of non-split multimedia transmission. Suppose p is the total amount of packets that f has. Obviously, $p = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} p_i$. According to our analysis in (5), the delay jitter $J'_{j,l}$ of the l th packet at the j th hop is

$$J'_{j,l} = \frac{\rho_j - C_j}{C_j} (\Delta t_l - \Delta t_{l-1}).$$

For the non-split transmission, $\Delta t_{j,l} - \Delta t_{j,(l-1)} = \frac{(\rho_j - C_j)\Delta t_{j,l}}{C_j} + t_l - t_{l-1}$, where $\frac{(\rho_j - C_j)\Delta t_{j,l}}{C_j}$ is the queuing delay of the packets that are transmitted at the time $t_{j,l}$. Hence, $J_{j,l} = \frac{\rho_j - C_j}{C_j} [\frac{\rho_j - C_j}{C_j} \Delta t_{j,l} + t_l - t_{l-1}]$. It shows that the delay jitter of the l th packet after a k -hop transmission is

$$\begin{aligned}J'_l &= \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} J_{j,l} = [(\frac{\rho_0}{C_0} - 1)^2 + (\frac{\rho_1}{C_1} - 1)^2 + \dots + (\frac{\rho_{k-1}}{C_{k-1}} - 1)^2] \Delta t_{k-1,l} + [(\frac{\rho_0}{C_0} - 1) + (\frac{\rho_1}{C_1} - 1) \\ &+ \dots + (\frac{\rho_{k-1}}{C_{k-1}} - 1)](t_l - t_{l-1}) \leq k(\frac{\rho}{C_{k-1}} - 1)^2 \Delta t_{j,l} + k(\frac{\rho}{C_{k-1}} - 1)(t_l - t_{l-1})^2\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the average delay jitter of the flow f in the k -hop non-split transmission is

$$\bar{J}' = \frac{\sum_{l=0}^{p-1} J'_l}{p} \leq \frac{k}{p} [(\frac{\rho}{C_{k-1}} - 1)^2 \Delta t_{k-1,p-1} + (\frac{\rho}{C_{k-1}} - 1)(t_l - t_{l-1})].^3\quad (14)$$

To compare these two average delay jitter, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{J'}{J} &= \frac{C_{m-1}(\frac{\rho}{C_{k-1}} - 1)}{k(\rho - C_{m-1})[t_l - t_{l-1}]} \left[\frac{k(\frac{\rho}{C_{k-1}} - 1)\Delta t_{k-1,p-1}}{p} + (t_l - t_{l-1}) \right] \\ &\approx \frac{C_{m-1}(\frac{\rho}{C_{k-1}} - 1)}{k(\rho - C_{m-1})(t_l - t_{l-1})} \left[\frac{\Delta t_{k-1,p-1}}{p} + (t_l - t_{l-1}) \right]^4\end{aligned}$$

¹ This inequation is inferred from $\rho_i \leq \rho_0 = \rho$ and $C_i \geq C_{m-1}$.

² This inequation is inferred from $\rho_j \leq \rho_0 \leq \rho$, $C_j \geq C_{k-1}$, and $\Delta t_{j,l} \leq \Delta t_{k-1,l}$.

³ It is because $\Delta t_{k-1,l} \leq \Delta t_{k-1,p-1}$

⁴ It is because $\rho \geq k(\frac{\rho}{C_{k-1}} - 1)$.

$$\approx \frac{C_{m-1}(\frac{\rho}{C_{k-1}} - 1)}{pk(\rho - C_{m-1})} [\Delta t_{k-1,p-1} + 1]^5 = \frac{\frac{\rho}{C_{k-1}} - 1}{\frac{\rho}{C_{m-1}} - 1} \frac{\Delta t_{k-1,p-1}}{kp}.$$

In order to develop the above expression further, it is inferred that

$$\Delta t_{k-1,p-1} = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} [\frac{pL}{C_j} + \frac{pL}{\rho_j - C_j}] \geq pL \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} [\frac{1}{C_j} + \frac{1}{\rho_j}] \geq pL \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} [\frac{1}{C + \frac{1}{\rho}}] = \frac{kpL(\rho + C)}{C\rho}.$$

Input the above result into the expression of $\frac{J}{J'}$, we have

$$\frac{J}{J'} \leq \frac{\frac{\rho}{C_{m-1}} - 1}{\frac{\rho}{C_{k-1}} - 1} \frac{C_\rho}{C_\rho + L(\rho + C)} \leq \frac{C_{k-1}}{C_{m-1}} \frac{C_\rho}{C_\rho + L(\rho + C)}. \quad (15)$$

5 Conclusion

In this paper, we theoretically studied the split transmission through the metrics of worst-case delay, average throughput, and average delay jitter in theory. We found that, through using the split transmission, the worst-case delay is decreased to $\frac{\sigma\rho^{k-1}}{LC_{m-1}C_{k-1}}$ of the one without using the split transmission; the average throughput is increased to $\frac{1}{1 - \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha_j}$ times of the one without using the split transmission; the average delay jitter is $\frac{C_{k-1}C_\rho}{C_{m-1}[C_\rho + L(\rho + C)]}$ of the one without using the split transmission. It shows that the split transmission achieves short delay, high throughput, and continuous wireless multimedia performance.

The split transmission has no requirement for underlying network architecture and can be easily developed on top of current wireless hardware and MAC protocols. But it needs multiple radio interfaces at one wireless node and the performance improves more if more numbers of radio interfaces are available. While the modern technology enables more than one radio interface at each node and is still working on providing more numbers of radio interfaces, the split transmission occupies multiple radio interfaces only when network situations become bad. A number of overloaded channels in wireless multimedia communications is caused by short-term burstiness due to the variable rate transmission. Hence, the split transmission is very promising to be used currently to achieve high performance wireless multimedia transmission.

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