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Re: Application Requirements about Fault Management in Manufacturing System

Abstract: Application Requirements about fault detection, diagnosis and recovery

Purpose: Amendments to IEEE802.15.4e MAC

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Objectives and backgrounds

- In the manufacturing system, it is indispensable to provide high reliability and RAS functions to end users.
- When a fault occurs, it firstly detects the fault, diagnoses the detected nodes or links in the system, and executes a recovery according to the pre-defined system service.
- Even though the system goes back to normal status, the system integrator has a responsibility to explain the cause of system fault and its proposal for relapse prevention.

Motivation

- In general, fault detection and localization is handled by applications or network management system.
- However, current fault detection mechanisms are not sufficient to apply the wireless system to manufacturing systems.
- In this TG, we want to discuss which functions should be supported in MAC layer.

Fault Management

- Fault detection
 - Localization of faults in a system
- Fault diagnosis
 - Diagnosis of the faults in the failure elements (nodes/sink/network) in a system
- Fault recovery
 - Removes the faults in a system and goes into degenerated mode
- Fault analysis
 - Reproduces of the faults and detect the cause of the faults

Fault detection and diagnosis

Fault detection

- Localization
 - Sink, nodes or networks
 - Fault area which consists of some fault nodes
 - Source-cause of fault in a fault node

Fault diagnosis

- Fault level
 - Being able to know the fault level of node
 - Could be distinguished "active" and "non-active".
- Explicit and implicit
 - Explicit model
 - Sinks send a keep-alive packet to fault nodes
 - Fault nodes execute self-check procedure, and send the result to sinks
 - Implicit model
 - Neighbors of the fault nodes notify the link level logs to sinks instead of the fault node.

Fault recovery and analysis

Fault recovery

- Data recovery
 - Out of scope (application matter)
- Node recovery
 - Detach and attach of nodes
 - Nodes can join the system any time
 - Latency should be kept even if some nodes join the system

Fault analysis (offline support)

- Reproduce of the fault
 - To detect the fault, reproducibility is indispensable for the highly reliable system
 - Which functions should be supported in MAC layer?
- Logs
 - Be able to accumulate error logs in sinks
 - Nodes do not have a resource accumulating logs
 - What data should be kept in the MAC and sent up to the upper layer?

Types of errors

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- Quality of data
 - Data corruption (ex., CRC errors)
 - Time out
- Quantity of data
 - Amount of data

Localization

- Node peculiar fault
- Network fault
 - A peculiar link between a node and a sink
 - Peculiar links between nodes and a sink
 - All links in a sink

Cause of errors

- Node's H/W or S/W failure
- Electric wave trouble, etc.,

Restrictions in manufacturing system

Overhead

 Additional command exchanges for fault detection may not be added into the system because it declines the performance

Resources

 There are many types of nodes in a system. Their resource constraint such as CPU, memory and other resources are varied