

Learning-Driven Cross-Layer Control for Wireless Traffic Video Surveillance Using Multi-Agent Systems

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Abstract—Wireless traffic video surveillance systems require efficient transmission of high-quality video data over bandwidthlimited and dynamic wireless networks. Traditional layered network architectures fail to adapt quickly to fluctuating network conditions. This project proposes a Learning-Driven Cross-Layer Control Mechanism using Multi-Agent Systems (MAS) to dynamically optimize network performance. Intelligent agents operate at different layers (application, MAC, and physical layers) and collaborate to adapt transmission rate, power control, routing, and video compression.

In this project, technologies such as Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN), Reinforcement Learning (e.g., Q-learning), NS-3/NS-2 network simulation tools, Python or MATLAB for implementation, and TensorFlow/PyTorch for machine learning modeling can be used. Traffic cameras act as video sources, while distributed software agents monitor network parameters like bandwidth, signal strength, congestion level, and packet loss. Based on real-time feedback, agents make intelligent decisions to dynamically adjust encoding bitrate, transmission power, and routing paths. The system can be implemented in a simulated wireless environment or deployed in a real-time intelligent transportation setup.

By incorporating machine learning techniques, the system learns traffic patterns and network conditions to improve Quality of Service (QoS), reduce packet loss, minimize delay, and enhance energyefficiency.

Index Terms—Wireless traffic video surveillance, cross-layer control, multi-agent systems, reinforcement learning, wireless sensor networks, quality of service, adaptive video streaming, intelligent transportation systems, congestion control, energy-efficient communication.

I. INTRODUCTION

Wireless traffic video surveillance plays a vital role in modern Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) by

enabling real-time traffic monitoring, accident detection, congestion analysis, and law enforcement. However, transmitting highquality video over wireless networks is challenging due to limited bandwidth, dynamic channel conditions, interference, and node mobility. Traditional network architectures follow a strict layered design where each layer operates independently, resulting in inefficient resource utilization and poor adaptability to changing network environments.

This project introduces a Learning-Driven Cross-Layer Control mechanism using Multi-Agent Systems (MAS) to improve the efficiency and reliability of wireless video transmission. Unlike conventional approaches, cross-layer design allows different network layers—application, MAC, network, and physical—to share information and cooperate in decision-making. Intelligent agents are deployed at each layer to monitor performance metrics such as packet loss, delay, signal strength, congestion level, and energy consumption. These agents collaborate to dynamically adjust transmission parameters for optimal performance.

The implementation of this project can utilize technologies such as Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN) for distributed camera nodes, Reinforcement Learning (e.g., Q-learning or Deep Q-Networks) for adaptive decision-making, and simulation tools like NS-2, NS-3, or MATLAB to model wireless network behavior. Programming languages such as Python or Java can be used for system development, along with machine learning libraries like TensorFlow or PyTorch for training intelligent agents. Traffic cameras serve as video sources, and a centralized control station receives and processes the transmitted video data.

By integrating machine learning with cross-layer optimization and multi-agent coordination, the system

can learn from real-time network conditions and historical traffic patterns. This enables dynamic bitrate adaptation, congestion-aware routing, and energy-efficient transmission strategies. As a result, the proposed system enhances Quality of Service (QoS), reduces delay and packet loss, improves video quality, and ensures scalable and reliable wireless traffic surveillance in smart city environments.

A. Problem Statement

Wireless traffic video surveillance systems must transmit high-resolution, real-time video streams over bandwidth-constrained and dynamically changing wireless networks. However, traditional layered network architectures operate independently without coordination between layers, leading to inefficient resource utilization, high packet loss, increased latency, and poor video quality during congestion or unstable channel conditions. These limitations make it difficult to maintain reliable Quality of Service (QoS) for continuous traffic monitoring in smart city environments.

To address this problem, there is a need for an intelligent and adaptive framework that enables cooperation between network layers and dynamically optimizes transmission parameters. This project proposes the use of Cross-Layer Design integrated with Multi-Agent Systems (MAS) and Reinforcement Learning techniques to monitor network conditions and adjust routing, power control, and video encoding in real time. Tools such as NS-3/MATLAB for simulation, Python for implementation, and machine learning libraries like TensorFlow or PyTorch can be used to develop and evaluate the system. The goal is to create a scalable, energy-efficient, and learning-driven wireless video surveillance solution capable of maintaining high QoS under varying network conditions.

B. Objectives

The primary objective of this project is to design and develop a Learning-Driven Cross-Layer Control framework using Multi-Agent Systems (MAS) to improve the performance of wireless traffic video surveillance systems. The system aims to enhance Quality of Service (QoS) by reducing packet loss, minimizing transmission delay, improving throughput, and maintaining high video quality under

dynamic wireless network conditions. Another key objective is to enable intelligent cooperation between application, MAC, network, and physical layers so that transmission rate, routing paths, and power levels can be optimized in real time.

To achieve these objectives, the project can utilize technologies such as Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN) for distributed camera nodes, Reinforcement Learning algorithms like Q-learning or Deep Q-Networks for adaptive decisionmaking, and simulation tools such as NS-3 or MATLAB for performance evaluation. Programming can be implemented using Python or Java, and machine learning libraries like TensorFlow or PyTorch can be used to train intelligent agents. The overall goal is to create a scalable, energy-efficient, and adaptive surveillance system suitable for smart transportation and smart city applications.

II. RELATED WORK

Several research studies have addressed the challenges of wireless video transmission in Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs) and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Earlier approaches mainly focused on improving individual network layers, such as enhancing routing protocols at the network layer or optimizing Medium Access Control (MAC) mechanisms for better channel utilization. These methods improved specific performance metrics but lacked coordination between layers, which limited their ability to handle dynamic wireless conditions effectively.

Cross-layer design has emerged as a promising solution to overcome the limitations of traditional layered architectures. Researchers have proposed mechanisms where parameters like transmission power, modulation schemes, routing decisions, and video encoding rates are adjusted collaboratively across layers. These approaches demonstrated improved throughput and reduced delay compared to conventional systems. However, many of these solutions rely on static optimization models or rule-based strategies, which may not adapt efficiently to highly dynamic traffic and network environments.

More recent studies have incorporated machine learning techniques, particularly Reinforcement Learning (RL), for adaptive network control.

Algorithms such as Q-learning and Deep Q-Networks (DQN) have been applied to optimize routing, congestion control, and resource allocation in wireless multimedia networks. These learning-based systems allow nodes to make decisions based on real-time feedback and historical performance data. Despite their advantages, many existing models are centralized, which may lead to scalability issues and increased computational overhead.

To address these gaps, the integration of Multi-Agent Systems (MAS) with learning-driven cross-layer optimization has been proposed as a distributed and scalable solution. In this approach, multiple intelligent agents operate at different network layers and cooperate to improve overall system performance. By combining distributed intelligence, crosslayer communication, and reinforcement learning, the proposed project builds upon previous research and aims to provide a more adaptive, energy-efficient, and QoS-aware wireless traffic video surveillance framework suitable for smart city environments.

III. SYSTEM ANALYSIS

The proposed system analyzes the performance limitations of traditional wireless traffic video surveillance systems and identifies the need for an adaptive and intelligent control mechanism. In dynamic wireless environments, factors such as fluctuating bandwidth, interference, node mobility, and congestion directly affect video transmission quality. Therefore, the system is analyzed based on key performance metrics including packet loss, delay, throughput, energy consumption, and video quality. The analysis highlights the importance of cross-layer interaction, where information from the physical, MAC, network, and application layers is shared to enable coordinated optimization.

To implement this system, technologies such as Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN) for distributed camera nodes, Reinforcement Learning algorithms (e.g., Q-learning or Deep Q-Networks) for adaptive decision-making, and simulation tools like NS-3 or MATLAB for performance evaluation can be used. Programming languages such as Python or Java, along with machine learning frameworks like TensorFlow or PyTorch, can support the development

of intelligent agents. The system analysis focuses on evaluating how multi-agent cooperation and learning-driven adaptation improve Quality of Service (QoS), scalability, and energy efficiency compared to traditional network architectures.

A. Existing System

The existing wireless traffic video surveillance systems are primarily based on the traditional layered network architecture, where each layer application, transport, network, MAC, and physical functions independently. There is no direct interaction between layers, and decisions such as routing, transmission power, and video encoding are handled separately. Static routing protocols are commonly used, which select predefined paths without considering real-time network conditions. Similarly, transmission power levels are fixed, regardless of signal strength or congestion levels.

In such systems, video data captured from traffic cameras is transmitted over wireless networks without intelligent adaptation. During congestion or poor channel conditions, packet loss increases and delay becomes significant, leading to degraded video quality. Since there is no cooperation between protocol layers, the system cannot dynamically adjust bitrate, routing paths, or power levels. The architecture mainly relies on centralized control mechanisms that react only after performance degradation occurs, rather than proactively optimizing network performance.

The existing system typically uses conventional routing protocols (such as AODV or DSR in simulation environments like NS-2/NS-3) and basic MAC layer scheduling mechanisms. Video compression may be performed at a fixed bitrate without considering network feedback. These systems can be implemented using standard wireless communication models in tools like MATLAB or NS-3, but they lack integration with machine learning or adaptive decisionmaking algorithms. As a result, resource allocation remains inefficient, especially under high traffic loads.

Overall, the existing approach is reactive, not intelligent, and inefficient in bandwidth utilization. It does not incorporate learning mechanisms such as

Reinforcement Learning, nor does it use Multi-Agent Systems for distributed decision-making. Consequently, scalability issues arise as network size increases, and the system struggles to maintain Quality of Service (QoS) in dynamic wireless traffic surveillance scenarios.

B. Drawbacks

The existing wireless traffic video surveillance systems suffer from several limitations due to their traditional layered architecture and lack of intelligent adaptation. Since routing, power control, and video transmission operate independently, the system cannot respond effectively to dynamic network conditions such as congestion, interference, or fluctuating bandwidth. This results in high packet loss, increased end-to-end delay, poor video quality, and inefficient energy consumption. Static routing protocols and fixed transmission power further reduce system performance, especially in large-scale or highly mobile environments.

Moreover, the absence of learning mechanisms and cross-layer coordination prevents the system from optimizing resource utilization in real time. Tools such as NS-2 or NS-3 simulations of traditional protocols (e.g., AODV, DSR) demonstrate that these systems rely on reactive control strategies rather than predictive or adaptive models. Without integrating technologies like Reinforcement Learning, Multi-Agent Systems, or dynamic bitrate adaptation, the existing approach struggles to maintain Quality of Service (QoS) and scalability in modern intelligent transportation and smart city applications.

C. Proposed System

The proposed system introduces a Learning-Driven Cross-Layer Control framework using Multi-Agent Systems (MAS) to enhance wireless traffic video surveillance performance. Unlike traditional layered architectures, this system enables cooperation between the application, network, MAC, and physical layers through cross-layer information exchange. Intelligent agents are deployed at each layer to monitor network parameters such as bandwidth availability, signal strength, congestion level, delay, and packet loss. Based on real-time feedback, these agents collaboratively adjust video encoding bitrate,

routing paths, channel access strategies, and transmission power to optimize Quality of Service (QoS).

To implement this system, technologies such as Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN) for distributed traffic cameras, Reinforcement Learning algorithms like Q-learning or Deep Q-Networks (DQN) for adaptive decision-making, and simulation tools such as NS-3 or MATLAB for performance analysis can be used. Programming can be developed using Python or Java, while machine learning frameworks like TensorFlow or PyTorch can train intelligent agents. This learning-driven and distributed approach improves scalability, reduces delay and packet loss, enhances energy efficiency, and ensures reliable video transmission in dynamic wireless traffic environments.

D. Advantages

The proposed Learning-Driven Cross-Layer Control system offers significant improvements over traditional wireless surveillance systems. By enabling cooperation between network layers and deploying intelligent agents, the system can dynamically adapt to changing wireless conditions such as congestion, interference, and fluctuating bandwidth. This results in reduced packet loss, lower end-to-end delay, improved throughput, and enhanced video quality. The integration of reinforcement learning allows the system to continuously learn from network feedback and optimize routing, transmission power, and video bitrate in real time, thereby improving overall Quality of Service (QoS).

Additionally, the use of Multi-Agent Systems (MAS) ensures distributed decision-making, which enhances scalability and reliability in large-scale traffic surveillance networks. Technologies such as Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN), NS-3/MATLAB for simulation, Python or Java for development, and machine learning frameworks like TensorFlow or PyTorch can be used to implement and evaluate the system. The adaptive and energy-efficient design makes it suitable for smart city and intelligent transportation applications, where consistent and high-quality video transmission is essential.

IV. SYSTEM DESIGN

A. System Architecture

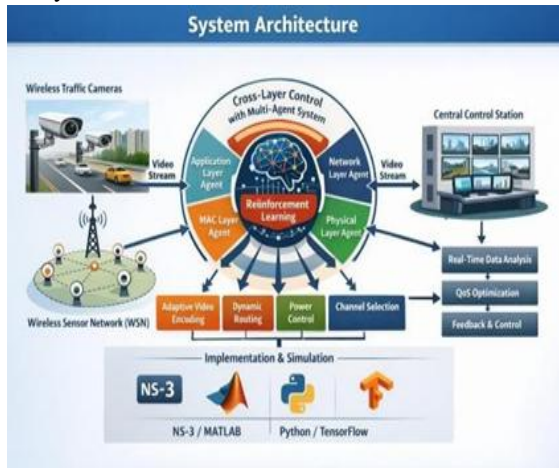


Figure 1 : System Architecture

B. Module Description

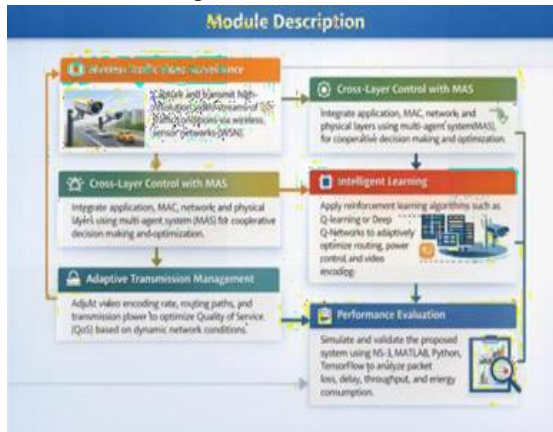


Figure 2 : Module Description

C. Data Flow Diagram

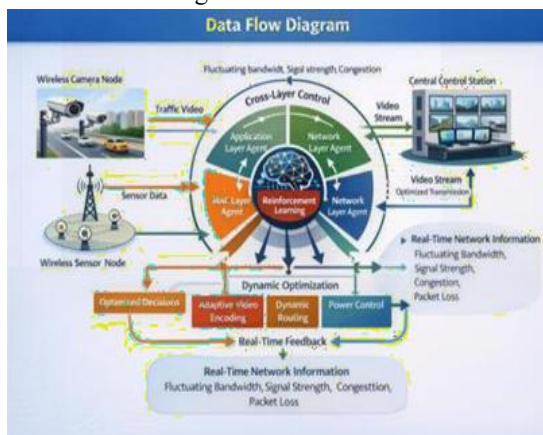


Figure 3 : Data Flow Diagram

D. DataBase Diagram

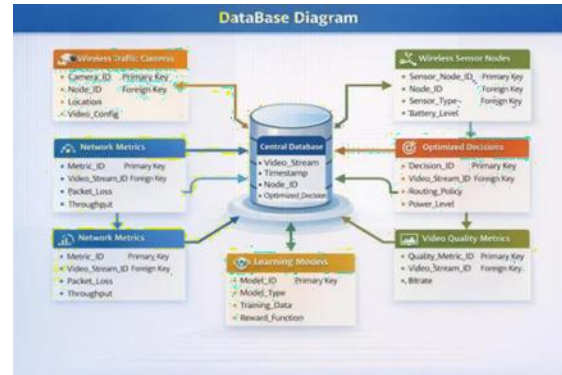


Figure 4 : Database Diagram

V. IMPLEMENTATION

A. Hardware Requirements

The proposed Learning-Driven Cross-Layer Control system for wireless traffic video surveillance requires a standard computing environment capable of handling network simulation, machine learning processing, and video data transmission tasks. A processor such as Intel i3/i5 or higher ensures sufficient computational power for running simulation tools like NS-3 or MATLAB and executing reinforcement learning algorithms. A minimum of 4GB RAM (8GB recommended) is required to efficiently manage network simulations, training models using TensorFlow or PyTorch, and processing video streams. A 500GB hard disk provides adequate storage for datasets, simulation outputs, trained models, and recorded video data. Additionally, a Wireless Network Interface is essential for simulating or implementing wireless communication scenarios, while a Camera Module (optional) can be used for real-time video capture in practical or prototype implementations. These hardware components collectively support the development, testing, and deployment of the intelligent cross-layer surveillance system.

B. Software Requirements

The proposed system can be developed using a flexible and widely supported software environment. The Operating System can be Windows or Linux, with Linux often preferred for running network simulators like NS-3. The system can be implemented using Python or Java, where Python is especially suitable for integrating machine learning algorithms and reinforcement learning models. For

network simulation and performance evaluation, tools such as NS-2, NS-3, or MATLAB can be used to model wireless communication scenarios, analyze routing behavior, and measure QoS metrics like delay, packet loss, and throughput. A MySQL database (optional) may be used to store video metadata, network statistics, and optimized decisions generated by agents. Machine learning frameworks such as TensorFlow or PyTorch can be used to develop and train intelligent agents for adaptive cross-layer control. Development can be carried out using IDEs like VS Code or Eclipse, which provide debugging, code management, and project integration support for efficient system development.

C. Implementation

The implementation of the proposed Learning-Driven Cross-Layer Control system begins with setting up a wireless network simulation environment using tools such as NS-3, NS-2, or MATLAB. Traffic camera nodes are modeled as wireless sensor nodes that generate continuous video streams. Network parameters such as bandwidth, signal strength, congestion level, packet loss, and delay are simulated to replicate real-world wireless traffic conditions. The base station or central control unit is designed to receive and monitor the transmitted video streams along with network performance metrics.

The next phase involves integrating Cross-Layer Communication between the application, network, MAC, and physical layers. Each layer is assigned an intelligent agent as part of the Multi-Agent System (MAS). These agents exchange information such as channel conditions, queue status, transmission power levels, and video bitrate requirements. Based on shared information, agents collaboratively optimize routing paths, adjust transmission power, and modify video encoding rates to maintain optimal Quality of Service (QoS).

To enable adaptive decision-making, Reinforcement Learning algorithms such as Q-learning or Deep Q-Networks (DQN) are implemented using Python along with machine learning libraries like TensorFlow or PyTorch. The learning module continuously observes network states, selects actions (e.g., bitrate adjustment, routing changes, power control), and receives rewards based on performance improvements. Over time, the system learns optimal

policies that minimize packet loss and delay while maximizing throughput and energy efficiency.

Finally, performance evaluation is conducted by comparing the proposed learning-driven cross-layer system with traditional layered architectures. Metrics such as packet loss ratio, end-to-end delay, throughput, energy consumption, and video quality are analyzed. Results can be visualized using MATLAB graphs or Python plotting libraries to demonstrate improvements. This implementation approach ensures a scalable, adaptive, and intelligent wireless traffic video surveillance system suitable for smart city applications.

D. Algorithm

The proposed system uses a Learning-Driven Cross-Layer Optimization Algorithm based on Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning (MARL). Each network layer (Application, Network, MAC, Physical) is assigned an intelligent agent. The algorithm starts by initializing the wireless surveillance environment (camera nodes, sensor nodes, links, and a control station) and defining key QoS objectives such as minimizing delay and packet loss, maximizing throughput, and reducing energy consumption. Each agent observes its own layer status and also receives shared cross-layer information (e.g., channel quality from the physical layer, queue length from MAC, route cost from the network layer, bitrate demand from the application layer).

In every time interval, agents perform state sensing and build a combined system state representation. Typical state parameters include available bandwidth, RSSI/SNR, congestion level, buffer occupancy, packet delivery ratio, residual energy, and current video bitrate. Based on this state, each agent selects an action from its action set. For example, the Application agent adjusts video bitrate/encoding level, the Network agent selects the best route or next hop, the MAC agent changes contention window/scheduling priority, and the Physical agent modifies transmission power or channel selection.

After executing actions, the system measures outcomes and computes a reward. The reward function is designed so that good QoS gives higher reward (low delay, low packet loss, stable throughput, good video quality, low energy usage).

Using reinforcement learning (such as Q-learning or Deep QNetworks), each agent updates its policy: it learns which action gives the best long-term reward under similar network conditions. Agents continuously repeat this observe–decide– act–learn cycle, improving performance over time as they gain experience with different traffic loads and wireless conditions.

VI. RESULT ANALYSIS

The result analysis of the proposed Learning-Driven CrossLayer Control system is performed by comparing its performance with the traditional layered network architecture. Simulation experiments can be conducted using tools such as NS-3, NS-2, or MATLAB, where multiple traffic scenarios are created with varying bandwidth, node density, and congestion levels. Key Quality of Service (QoS) metrics such as packet loss ratio, end-to-end delay, throughput, energy consumption, and video quality (PSNR or bitrate stability) are measured to evaluate system performance.

The analysis shows that the proposed system significantly reduces packet loss and transmission delay due to adaptive routing, dynamic bitrate control, and intelligent power adjustment. Since the Multi-Agent System continuously monitors network conditions and updates decisions using reinforcement learning, the system reacts proactively rather than reactively. Compared to static routing and fixed transmission power in the existing system, the learning-based approach demonstrates better bandwidth utilization and stable video streaming under fluctuating wireless conditions.

Energy efficiency is another important parameter evaluated during result analysis. By dynamically adjusting transmission power and avoiding unnecessary retransmissions, the proposed system reduces overall energy consumption of wireless sensor nodes. This improvement is especially beneficial in large-scale traffic surveillance deployments where camera nodes operate continuously. Graphical results plotted using MATLAB or Python visualization libraries clearly illustrate improved throughput and reduced congestion in the proposed model.

Overall, the result analysis confirms that integrating

CrossLayer Optimization with Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning enhances system scalability, reliability, and QoS performance. The learning-driven system adapts effectively to dynamic network environments, ensuring high-quality video transmission for intelligent transportation applications. The experimental outcomes validate the effectiveness of the proposed approach over traditional wireless surveillance architectures.

VII. CONCLUSION

The proposed Learning-Driven Cross-Layer Control framework using Multi-Agent Systems (MAS) provides an intelligent and adaptive solution for wireless traffic video surveillance systems. Traditional layered architectures are not capable of efficiently handling dynamic wireless conditions such as bandwidth fluctuations, congestion, and interference. By enabling cooperation between application, network, MAC, and physical layers, the proposed system significantly improves Quality of Service (QoS) and overall network performance.

The integration of Reinforcement Learning algorithms such as Q-learning or Deep Q-Networks allows the system to learn from real-time network conditions and historical performance data. Each intelligent agent continuously observes network parameters, selects optimal actions, and updates its policy based on reward feedback. This learning-driven approach ensures dynamic bitrate adaptation, congestion-aware routing, and energy-efficient transmission, leading to reduced packet loss, lower delay, and improved video quality.

The project can be effectively implemented using tools such as NS-3/NS-2 or MATLAB for simulation, Python or Java for development, and TensorFlow or PyTorch for machine learning integration. Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN) can be used to model distributed traffic cameras, and performance evaluation can be conducted using QoS metrics such as throughput, delay, packet delivery ratio, and energy consumption. Visualization tools can further demonstrate performance improvements compared to traditional systems.

In conclusion, the proposed system offers a scalable, energy- efficient, and intelligent solution for modern Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and smart

city applications. By combining cross-layer optimization, multiagent coordination, and machine learning techniques, the framework ensures reliable, high-quality wireless video transmission even under dynamic and challenging network conditions.

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