A SURVEY ON TRUST BASED SECURE ROUTING IN MANET

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ABSTRACT

A mobile ad hoc network is a wireless network in which no infrastructure is available. MANET is a self-configuring network. Due to dynamic nature of MANET it is very challenging work to employ a secure route. The intermediate nodes cooperate with each other as there is no such base station or access point. The routing protocols play important role in transferring data. Cryptographic mechanisms are used in routing protocols to secure data packets while transmitted in the network. But cryptographic techniques incur a high computational cost and can't identify the nodes with malicious intention. So, employing cryptographic techniques in MANET are quite impractical as MANETs have limited resource and vulnerable to several security attacks. Trust mechanism is used as an alternative to cryptographic technique. Trust mechanism secures data forwarding by isolating nodes with malicious intention using trust value on the nodes. In this paper we survey different trust based protocols of MANET and compare their performances.

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KEYWORDS

Network Protocols, Mobile Network, Cooperation, Dynamic topology, Route trust, Path trust

1. INTRODUCTION

Mobile Ad-Hoc network (MANET) is infrastructure-less, self-configuring network, comprised of several wireless nodes. There are no base stations or routers like wired network for routing the packets. In this network, the nodes behave as a router and discover the routes and maintain the routing of packets. The main features and characteristics of MANET [1] are: Cooperation, Dynamic topology, Resource Constraints.

Due to this above discussed nature of MANET, networks are more vulnerable to attacks than wired networks. So security is an important issue in MANET to provide secure communication between mobile nodes. Due to the misbehaviour of malicious nodes, performance of MANET degrades. To overcome this problem secure routing protocols need to design which is a more difficult and challenging too.

Different approaches are already proposed to secure the routing process in MANET. Cryptographic mechanisms are used in routing protocols to secure the routing information from tampering it by the attacker. But this approach can't be deployed in real MANET network

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because of high computational cost and it can't identify the attacker nodes. This mechanism only secures the routing information from tampering but can't secure nodes that participate in routing. So the trust mechanism is adopted in routing protocols to secure nodes as well as the data transmission. Different trust based routing protocols are proposed to provide security in MANET by securing nodes in routing path.

2. TRUST MECHANISM

Trust mechanism is introduced in the protocols to provide security in MANET. Trust is a value that is calculated on the basis of nodes action when needed. Trust is introduced to prevent from various attacks like wormhole, black-hole, Dos, selfish attack etc. Trust can be implemented in various ways such as by reputation, subjective logic, from opinion of nodes etc as there are no particular definitions of trust. According to (Marc Branchaud, Scott Flinn) trust has following properties:

- *Context Dependence*: In some specific context trust relationships are applicable.
- *Function of uncertainty*: Trust depends on the uncertainty of nodes action. It gives the probability of action performed by a node.
- *Quantitative value:* Trust can be assigned any type of numeric values discrete or continuous.
- *Asymmetric Relationship:* Trust relationship is asymmetric in nature. If node A trusts B and node B trust C that does not mean that A trusts C.

4. RELATED WORK

4.1. Trusted AODV [2]

In this scheme, AODV protocol is modified implementing node trust and route trust. Two new control packets are added to AODV protocol i.e. trust request packet(TREQ) and trust reply packet(TREP) and routing table is modified by adding one new field: route trust. The RREP packet of AODV is also modified by extending two new fields: neighbour list and route trust**.**

4.1.1. Calculation of Node Trust

All the nodes maintain neighbour table to keep information of frequently changing node and node trust value. Node trust value is evaluated using neighbour's collective opinion. The node trust value (NTV) of a node i is calculated by the following formulae:

$$NTV=[NNT(1)+NNT(2)+NNT(3)+\ldots\ldots+NNT(n)]/n$$

where NNT is the neighbour node trust value about the i node and n is the no of neighbour in the neighbour list.

4.1.2. Calculation of Route Trust

Every node calculates route trust for each route in the routing table at some regular interval. Destination node in each entry in the routing table generates R_ACK packet and send back in reverse path. The nodes that receive R_ACK calculate the route trust value using the value in the no_of_packets_received field of R_ACK packet and the value of no_of_packets_sent field in the routing table. Route trust value is calculated by the following formulae: Route trust= (no of

packets send by source - no of packets received by destination) The route with route trust value 0 is the perfect one. If the route trust value is equal to the no of packets sent the route is rejected.

4.1.3. Route Discovery

In route discovery phase when a node has packets to send it broadcasts RREQ packets. When all RREQ reaches to the destination, it sends RREP packets. After receiving the RREP packets, source node selects three RREP packets that have high route trust value. Then the source node generates the TREQ packets and sends it to all neighbours in the neighbour list of that RREP packet. After receiving the TREQ packet, all neighbours replies with TREP packet to the source node. Then the source node calculates the node trust of the nodes. Next, the source node arrange the RREP packets in the ascending order based on node trust value and selects the first RREP packet and hence that path is selected for communication.

4.2. Cooperation of Nodes: Fairness in Dynamic Ad-hoc Networks [3]

The main idea of CONFIDANT protocol is to identify non-cooperative nodes. A node selects a route based on trust relationships which is built up from experienced routing and packet forwarding behavior of other nodes. Each node monitors the behavior of all neighbor nodes. When any misbehaving node is found, alarm messages are sent to all other nodes in the network. As a result, all nodes in the network will be able to avoid that misbehaving node while selecting a route. The components of CONFIDANT protocol works as follows:-

4.2.1. The Monitor

This component watches the behavior of nodes during the routing procedure. If any node misbehaves, then the monitor module detects that misbehaving node and immediately calls reputation system.

4.2.2. The Trust Manager

The trust manager handles ALARM messages. When any misbehaving node is found ALARM messages are sent to all other nodes to inform about that node. The trust manager maintain alarm table and trust table for checking the trustworthiness of alarm. The rating function assigns greater weights for own experience and smaller for other nodes opinion about that detected node. The rating of a node is updated when sufficient proof of the nodes maliciousness is found. If the rating falls below threshold value path manager module is called.

4.2.3. The Reputation System

The reputation system maintains the rating of nodes in a table which has 2 field node id and their ratings. The ratings are done according to the type of nodes behavior detected. The rating of a node is updated when sufficient proof of the nodes maliciousness is found. If the rating falls below threshold value path manager module is called.

4.2.4. The Path Manager

The path manager manages the routing path according to ratings of the nodes. The path containing malicious nodes are deleted by this module. If any route request comes from malicious node path manager takes appropriate action like ignore request or don’t reply etc.

4.3. Friendship Based AODV (FrAODV) [4]

In Friendship based AODV is based on AODV, there are two evaluation algorithms to evaluate forward and reverse path between source and destination. In this scheme, it is assumed that each node has identity can't be forged by any other malicious node and no of malicious node is less than the no of good nodes. In this proposed scheme every node has a list of friends with friendship values. The range of friendship values is 0 to 100. More the friendship values means more trustable. The two algorithms for establishing path are described as follows:

4.3.1. RvEvaluate Algorithm

This algorithm sets up reverse path from destination to source. After broadcasting RREQ packet the two things can happen: -

Case-1: The receiving node can be destination node itself. If so it checks the friendship value of the node from which it receives the RREQ packet, as every node maintains a friendship list along with friendship value of the neighbor nodes. If the node is not a friend the node rejects the RREQ packet. Otherwise it calculates the friendship value of the route to originator from destination and then compares the current routes friendship value with the existing route's friendship values. The reverse route's friendship value (RvFwRte) is the sum of friendship values of all nodes in that path and it is calculated as follows:

$$\text{RvFrRte} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\text{PrFrHpi}}{h}$$

Where $PrFrHp_i$ is friendship value of that node from which the current node receives RREQ packet and h is the no. of hops between source and destination. . If the friendship value of the new route is less than the existing route the new route is rejected otherwise it is registered as a friendly route.

Case-2: If the receiving node is intermediate one, it first checks the friendship value of the node from which it receives the RREQ packet and next neighbor node. If one of these two nodes is not in friend list, the intermediate node rejects the RREQ packet. Otherwise it calculates the friendship value of the route to originator from destination using the previously mentioned formulae and compares it with the existing route's friendship value. If the friendship value of the new route is less than the existing route the new route is rejected otherwise the reverse path is established from current node to the previous node.

4.3.2. FwEvaluate Algorithm

This algorithm sets up the forward path i.e. from source to destination during RREP forwarding. There are following two cases when any node receives that packet:

Case-1: If the node receiving the RREP packet is sender node itself, it checks the friendship list and the friendship value of the node from which it receives the RREP packet i.e. the next node. If the next node is not a friend, rejects the RREQ packet. Otherwise it calculates the friendship value of forward route to destination and then compares it with the existing route's friendship value. If the friendship value of the new route is less than the existing route the new route is rejected otherwise it is registered as a friendly forward route. If there is not any existing route the new route is included as a friendly route. The forward path's friendship value is formulated as:

$$\text{FwFrRte} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\text{FwFrHpi}}{h}$$

Where $FwFrHp_i$ is friendship value of that node from which the current node receives RREP packet and h is the no hops between source and destination.

Case-2: If the node is an intermediate node then it checks the friendship value of the node from which it receives the RREP packet and previous node. If one of these nodes is not friend, rejects the RREP packet. Otherwise it calculates the friendship value of the route to destination in the same way and compares it with the existing forward route's friendship value. If the friendship value of the new route is less than the existing route the new route is rejected otherwise the forward path is established from current node to the next node.

In this way after establishing friendly path from source to destination the sender sends data packet along that path.

4.4. Secure Routing Using Trust (SRT) [5]

In this paper, a secure routing using trust level is proposed. This scheme is based on node transition probability (NTP) and AODV. This scheme develops a new algorithm to secure NTP protocol. A trust rate (Trate) is calculated as a parameter. When a node has data packet to send, it first floods control frame (beacon) in search of secure and reliable route. After broadcasting the first beacon trust rate is evaluated as:

$$\text{Trate} = \frac{(r-t)}{r}$$

Where r = no of beacons received by a node, t = no of beacons send by a node. This Trate value divides the nodes of the network into 3 categories: ally list (level2), associate list(level1), acquaintance list(level0).

Ally list: The nodes of the ally list send highly secured information.
Associate list: The nodes of this list send medium secured information.
Acquaintance list: The nodes of this list send the information that do not require any security.

An additional field "level" is there in neighbor table. When a node has data to send it just checks its neighbor table, if the destination is available it just sends data packets. If not, it searches for a node which has route to destination in its same level. If no suitable node is not found it goes to next lower level and so on. If any node in the same level is not found trust is compromised by choosing a neighbor in the next lower level using the following formulae:

Trust compromise= n (associate) + 2*n (acquaintance)

Where n (associate) is the no of nodes in associate list and n (acquaintance) is the no of nodes in acquaintance list. When all the nodes including destination node are in the same level with the source node trust compromise will be very low because trust rate is very high as it is better to forward control packets in the same level than to forward the packets to the another level. In this way after finding secure route the data packets are sent to the destination.

4.5. Trusted AOMDV [6]

AOMDV is a multipath routing protocol. In the paper, a trust mechanism is employed with soft encryption methodology in AOMDV protocol. This Trusted AOMDV protocol has the following steps:

4.5.1. Degree Of Secrecy for Path /Message

Degree of secrecy of a path implies how much degree of security level required for a path to transfer packets. The path trust value (T_p) is the minimum trust value among all nodes along the path p depending upon the path trust value there are three classifications: - If $T_p \geq 8$ implies class A paths. All the class A paths have degree of secrecy≥8. $T_p \geq 5$ implies class B paths. All the class B paths have degree of secrecy≥ 5. $T_p \geq 3$ implies class C paths. All the class C paths have degree of secrecy≥ 3. This classification is also applied for data packets. Class A data only is transferred to class A category path. It is same for other categories.

4.5.2. Message Encryption

The message is divided into three parts and then encrypted using soft-encryption methodology to secure the message. It is encrypted in the following way:

a'=aXORc b'=bXORc c'=aXORbXORc

4.5.3. Message Routing

Before routing the encrypted messages a secure trusted path is established using the following trust mechanisms:-

The trust mechanism of this scheme depends on the monitoring of packets and node's behavior. It is assumed here that when a node sends packets it will monitor its neighbor node to which it sends its packet and determines node's trust value depending on its behavior. If the neighbor node sends the packets correctly node's trust will increase, otherwise it is decreased. The trust value of a node (T_n) is calculated as: $T_n = W_d * T_d + W_r * T_r$ where W_d is the weight assigned to direct trust T_d, W_r is the weight assigned to recommendation trust T_r. Again Direct trust is calculated as: $T_d = T_d + c. T_s$, if no. of successful packet transmission time is high and $T_d = T_d - c . T_f$, if the no. of packet transmission failed time is high. Where T_s is the aggregate successful transfer time, T_f is the aggregate failure transfer time and c is the predefined constant value. T_s is incremented by 1 for every successful transfer of packet, otherwise T_f is incremented by 1. The trust table values determined through hello message transmission. When a node receives hello message it first check trust table contained in hello packet and find some common nodes it has. If any node common node is found that wants to participate in forwarding packets the trust recommendation (T_r) is calculated by the formulae:-

$$T_r = \sum_{X=0}^{n} 0.1 * Td(A -> X) * Td\ (X -> D)/n$$

Where $Td(A -> X)$ implies source A's trust on intermediate node X and $Td(X -> D)$ implies X's trust on destination D and n is the no. of hop. In the routing process, source broadcasts RREQ packet. When an intermediate node receives the first RREQ packet it checks the path list and hop count and updates its reverse route table and sets up reverse path. When duplicate request packet arrives at node it checks the hop count of that packet, if it has lesser hop count than the previous one, record of the previously received packet is replaced by the new one in the reverse route table. After receiving request packet destination node generates reply packet (RREP) and sends back to the sender. When an intermediate node receives RREP packet, it compares the trust value in RREP packet with the node's trust value from which it receives the RREP packet. If the node's trust value is less than the one in RREP packet, the trust value in RREP packet is replaced by that node's trust value. In this way, finally when RREP packet reaches to the source node, it gets the trust value from the RREP packet and set it as a trust value of that path. After receiving all the RREP packets and the path trust values, it sorts the paths based on the trust values. Then it breaks

the message in three parts and encrypts it in the previously mentioned way and starts sending it to the appropriate path according to the data degree of secrecy. After route discovery, if the appropriate path is not found, routing process will be restarted.

4.6. Friend Based Ad Hoc Routing Using Challenges to Establish Security [7]

This algorithm achieves security in ad hoc network by sending challenges and sharing friend lists. In this scheme, there are different list of nodes: Question mark List, Unauthenticated List, Friend List. The rating of friends ranges from 0 to 10.

This algorithm has four steps: challenging neighbor, friends rating, sharing friends and route through friends. FACES is a hybrid protocol as the routing of data is on demand where as challenging and sharing occurs periodically. When the network is initialized, the nodes are not familiar with each other. So after initializing the network the nodes challenge each other to find the friend nodes. The challenging mechanism works as – suppose node A challenges its neighbor B. A first performs share Friend list with B by sending FREQ packet to B. After receiving FREQ packet from A, B replies by sending its all three list to A. After getting replies A picks one node (let C) from B's list to which it can reach by own. Then send a challenge packet to C directly and through node B. When C receives challenge packet it replies node A and node B in turns replies to node A. then node A compares these two results if it matches node A add B in its friend list otherwise in question mark list.

Friends are rated in this scheme using three parameters: Data rating (DR), friend rating (FR), net rating (NR). Initially the nodes only have friend List, nodes of which perform a successful challenge. The sharing of friend list takes place periodically. Let node B sends its friend list to node A during the friend sharing stage, then node A picks those nodes that are not in its own list from friend list of B and includes those nodes in its own list and the rating of those nodes, which is obtained from B set as FR of those nodes. The data rating (DR) of those nodes is set to zero. Then the net rating (NR) of node is calculated as:

$$\mathrm{NR} = \frac{W1*DR+w2*FR}{w1+w2}$$

where w1 and w2 are the weight that is network dependent.

If the friend of B is already in the list of A i.e. if the nodes A and B have common nodes (let C) then A obtains rating of C from B and calculate obtain rating as:

OR= (net rating of B in list of A * net rating of C in list of B)/ 10

FR of node C is obtained by adding all OR from various neighbor nodes and divides the value by the sum of ratings of those various nodes. The data rating is calculated on the basis of data transfer by a node. DR is calculated as: $DR=10*(1-e^{-\lambda x})$, where x is no of forwarded data packets and λ is a factor by which data packets are related to rating. The routing of data takes place when any node has data to end. It broadcasts route request message including no of data it wants to send. After receiving route reply messages, it finds the best route depending on the net rating value of nodes, to the destination from its friend list.

4.7. Trust Based Security Protocol Routing [8]

In this protocol a trust mechanism is employed in DSR protocol. An extra data structure is maintained by every node that is Neighbor's Trust Counter Table (NTT) which is used to keep track of no. of sent packets by a node using a forward counter (FC) and also stores the trust counter(TC) corresponding to node. Initially a node can completely trust its neighbor or fully distrust its neighbor as the nodes don't have any information about its neighbor nodes reliability. When any node needs to send data it broadcasts RREQ packets. Each time a node (let n_k) receives packet from another node (let n_i), node nk increments the FC of ni as: $FCn_i=FCn_i+1$; i=1, 2…. Then this new FCni value is stored in NTT of node n_k. After receiving all RREQ packets, destination node makes a MAC on the no of packets it received (Prec) using the shared key between the sender and destination. Then the destination node attaches that MAC and also the accumulated path from the RREQ after digitally signed it, in the RREP packet and sends back in the reverse path to the destination. The intermediate nodes of that path determines Success ratio as: - $SCn_i=FCn_i/Prec$, where Prec is the no of packets received at destination. This SCn_i is appended in RREP packet. The intermediate nodes in reverse path check the validity of the RREP packet by verifying digital signature of destination. If it is valid, the intermediate node signs the packet and forwards it to the next, otherwise the packet is dropped. When source node finally gets the reply it first verifies the first node id in RREP packet. If it is its neighbor, then all other intermediate nodes' digital signature is verified. If the verifications of all the nodes are successful then the trust counter is incremented for all the nodes as: $Tci = Tci + \delta 1$, if the verification is failed the trust counter value is decremented by 1: $Tci = Tci - \delta 1$.where $\delta 1$ is the small fractional value. The source node also checks the success ratio of all other nodes and compares it with the minimum threshold value (SRmin), if the SRni of a node is less than the SRmin the trust counter is decremented by another step value $\delta 2$ again, otherwise it is incremented. Another comparison is made by comparing trust counter with a minimum threshold. If trust counter is less than the trust threshold value the node is marked as malicious. This mechanism is applied to all the other routes and a route with no or least malicious node is selected. In this way, a trusted and authenticated route is found for secure routing.

4.8. Trust Based DSR [9]

This protocol is proposed to improve the security of the existing DSR protocol. The trust based secure route is established in this scheme. In DSR the shortest route is selected which may not be secure. There are some malicious nodes in the network that replies to the route request packet with shorter hop count (black hole) so that the source will select that path, and routing process is disrupted. The following components are used in this newly proposed protocol: Initialiser, Upgrader, Administrator, Monitor, and Router. In this scheme, there is a separate administrator to maintain the trust values of all other nodes. An acknowledgement module is there which is used to keep track of all received acknowledgements and trust values of nodes are adjusted. Every node has trust value which depends on its interaction with its neighbor. Trust unit of this scheme comprises of three modules: - Initialiser module assigns low trust values to the unknown nodes in initial stage. If the route contains some known and unknown nodes, then it assigns trust of those known nodes as the initial trust value of the unknown nodes. Upgrader module upgrades the trust value of a node based on experiences of that node in a particular situation. When a node receives any reply from its neighbor the trust value of neighbor node is updated. If any reply is not received by a node the trust value of the neighbor node is decreased. Trust value is evaluated as: $T= \tanh[(\Delta +W) *Te]$ where T is the updated trust, Te is existing trust, W is a weight i.e. 1 for acknowledgements and 0.5 for data packets forwarded and received, Δ is +1 for positive and 0 for negative experiences. Positive experience means acknowledgement is received within the time frame and otherwise it is considered as the negative experience. Administrator module keeps the trust information of all the known nodes and also has some methods to query this trust

information. The monitor module monitors the received acknowledgments to adjust trust values of nodes. The router module selects the route to forward packets based on nodes trust values. Monitor module uses two routing strategy: In the first routing strategy, the route is rated based on the average value of all nodes along that path. The route which gets highest rating is selected for routing. In the second routing strategy, the average of all nodes trust value is divided by no of nodes to get shorter path. The route which gets high value is selected.

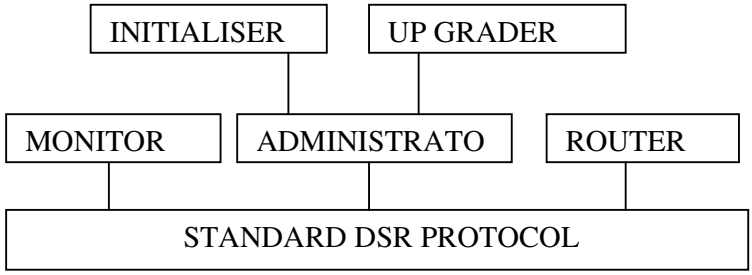

Figure 4. Components of TDSR

5. COMPARISON OF DIFFERENT TRUST BASED ROUTING PROTOCOLS

Protocol	Advantage	Disadvantage
1. Trusted Ad Hoc on Demand Distance Vector (TAODV)	1)TAODV can detect malicious node and selfish node in network 2)It is more secure and having better performance than AODV 3)It can prevent modification, fabrication attacks	1)It has no authentication mechanism of nodes and messages 2)It can't prevent worm-hole and impersonation attack
2. Cooperation Of Nodes: Fairness In Dynamic Ad-Hoc Networks (CONFIDANT)	CONFIDANT protocol effectively detect selfish nodes and PM wormhole nodes that drop packets	1) It can't prevent various attacks such as modification impersonation fabrication Sybil attack by malicious nodes 2) An attacker is able to send false alarm messages and can do false claim that a node is misbehaving.
3.Friendship Based Ad Hoc On Demand Distance Vector (FrAODV)	This protocol gives better performance in terms of QoS services like packet delivery fraction, normalized routing load.	The end to end delay is not included in performance measurement metric. The delay is more here because two evaluation algorithms are used to establish path.
4.SecureRouting Using Trust(SRT):	In terms of mobile mobility it gives better throughput, packet delivery ratio, average path length, average routing load.	The performance decreases in the presence of attacks except black hole. The trust is calculated on the basis of control packets only.
5. Trusted AOMDV	Performance is measured in terms of route selection time, trust compromise with TDSR,AOMDV etc	This protocol measures the performance in fixed mobility environment that actually not applicable in MANET.

6.Friend Based Ad Hoc Routing Using Challenges To Establish Security (FACES)	Challenge packet helps to detect flooding, grey-hole, spoofing, modification, dropping of control packets. As well as it gives better performance in the presence of malicious nodes.	In this protocol control overhead is increased due to periodic flooding of challenge packet and periodic sharing of friend list.
7. Trust Based Security Protocol(TMSP)	This protocol maintains confidentiality and authenticates the nodes based on digital signature. It detects the nodes which are misbehaving.	This protocol can't detect authenticated malicious node. In this protocol after finding route then the trust of the nodes along the path is calculated which increases control overhead. Because calculating the trust after finding path is inefficient as the path may be rejected due to presence of malicious nodes.
8. Trust Based DSR	It gives better throughput with general DSR.	This protocol doesn't consider delay, packet forward ratio, communication overhead matrices in performance analysis.

6. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

MANETs are vulnerable to different types of attacks due to its infra-structure less network. Different trust based approaches are proposed to prevent such types of attacks and to improve Quality of Services (QoS). These trust based approaches try to give a secure node in routing path by implementing trust mechanism in the existing routing protocols. In this paper, firstly we have given a brief idea on several types of attacks that MANET suffers and trust mechanism. Then we review currently existing trust based protocols and finally we have carried out a comparative study on these protocols on the basis of their merits and demerits.

In the above mentioned CONFIDANT protocol the attacker can send false alarm messages to isolate a good node by claiming it as a bad node. The attacks like wormhole, impersonation, Sybil attack etc still exists in some of the protocol such as trusted AODV, CONFIDANT. As in CONFIDANT protocol the reputation of a node is increased when it forwards he packet so the malicious node that create wormhole get high reputation value.

Most of the protocols like TDSR, SRT etc. consider some performance matrices like packet deliver ratio(no of successful packets/no of packets forwarded), average end to end delay to forward packets to the destination and get back reply, communication overhead, route selection time, throughput etc. to measure the performance. These protocols only focus on the improvement of the performance through trust mechanisms but don't focus on the security flaws launched by malicious nodes on the network. Some protocols such as FrAODV, FACES increases communication overhead due to excessive calculation for route finding and periodic flooding of control packets.

After going through this comparison, we have seen that there are still many scope of work towards the development of a new trust mechanism by considering QoS as well as minimizing the several attacks. A newly developed trust mechanism we can apply in various environments like in hybrid environments. We can also develop some rules in the protocol on the basis of which the actions are taken to detect the nodes that are authenticated but perform malicious behaviour without dropping packets and also authenticate the nodes to prevent attacks. So we can work on these disadvantages through implementing a new trust based protocol.

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