

# Are Group Acknowledgements Worth Anything in IEEE 802.15.4 DSME: A Comparative Analysis

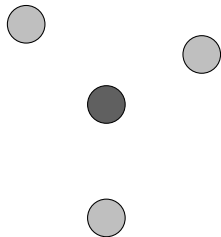
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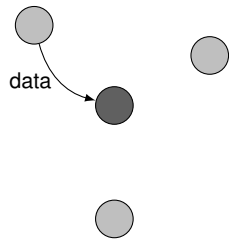
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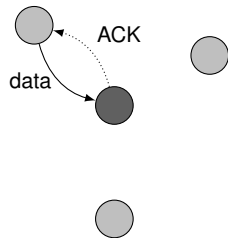
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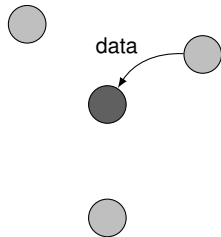
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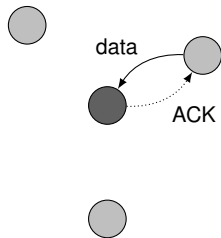
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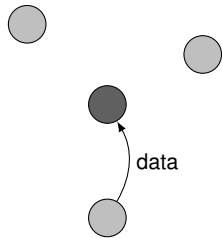
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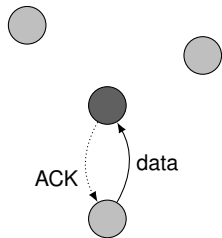
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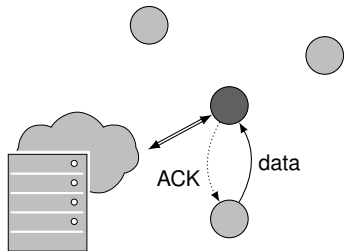
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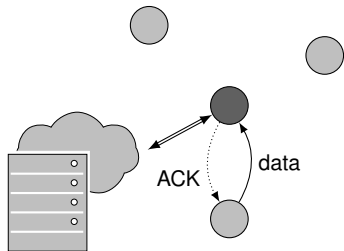
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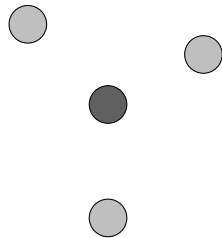


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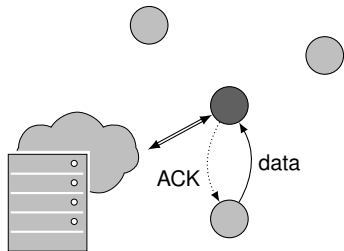


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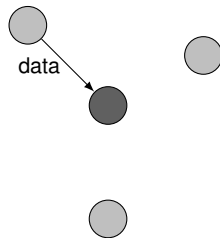


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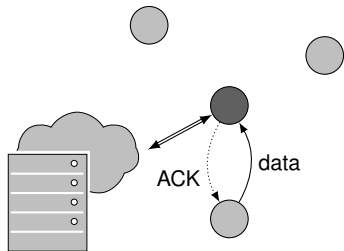


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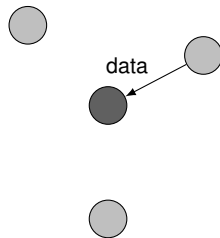


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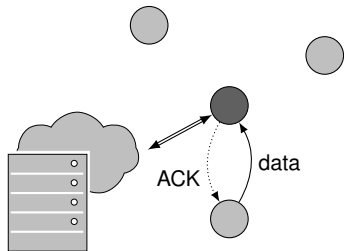


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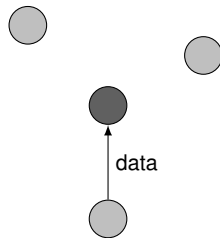


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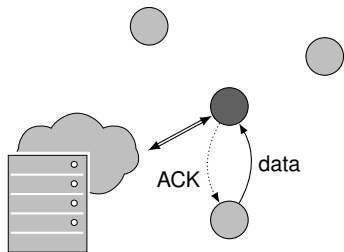


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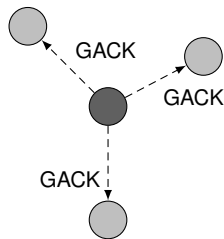


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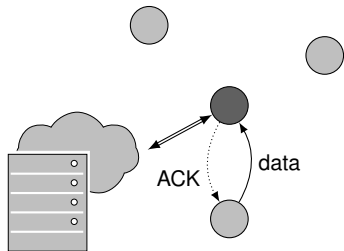


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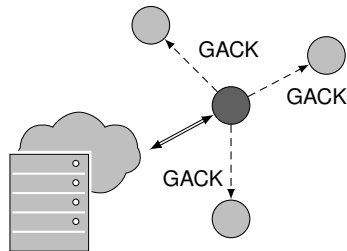


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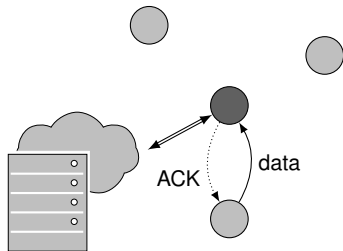


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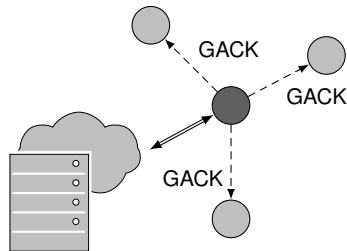


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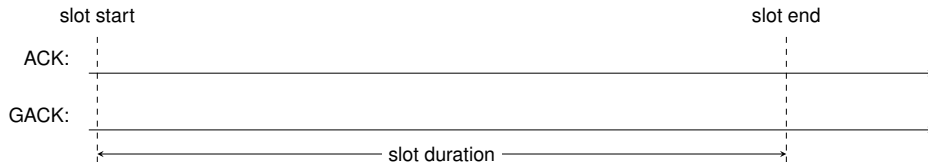


## Research Question

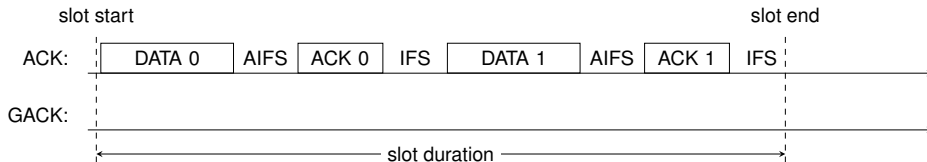
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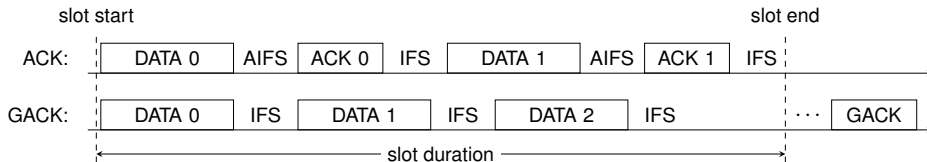
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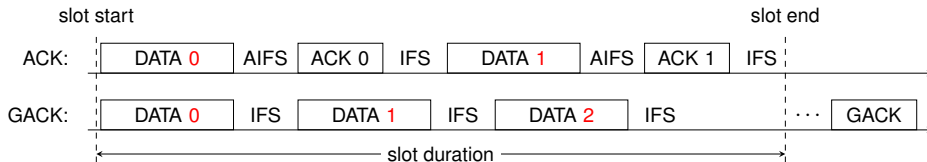
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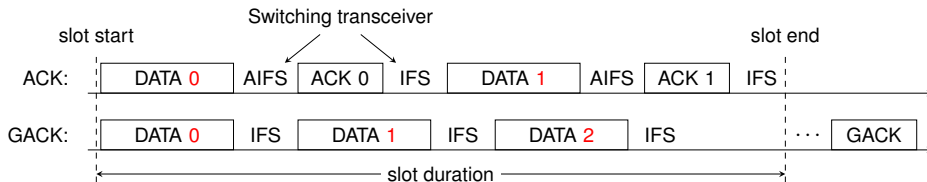
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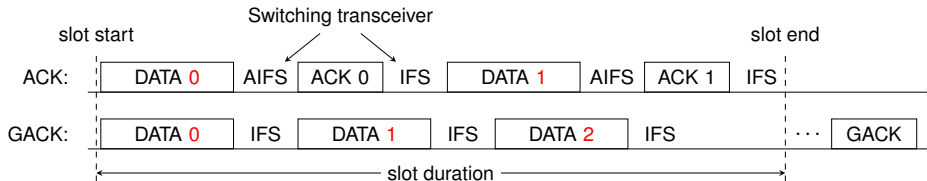
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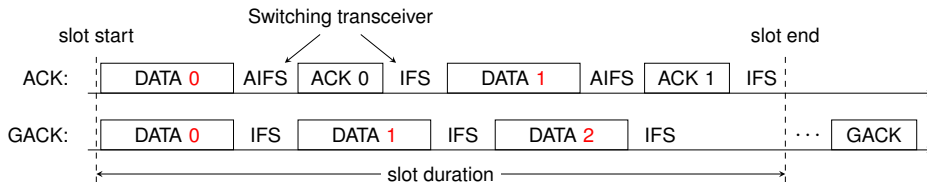
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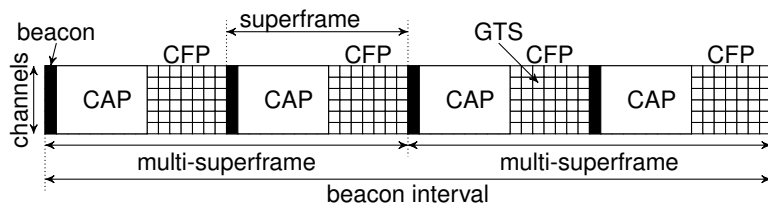
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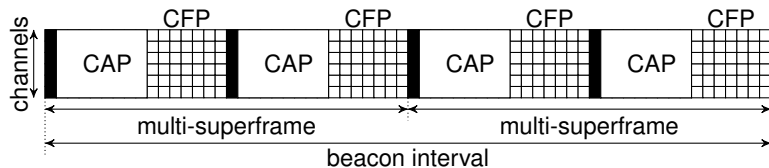
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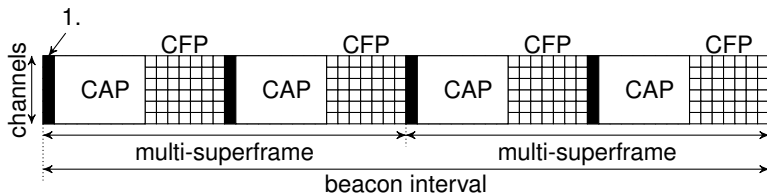


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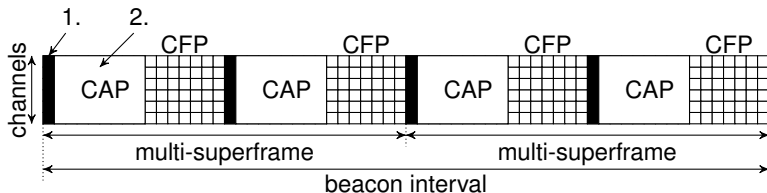
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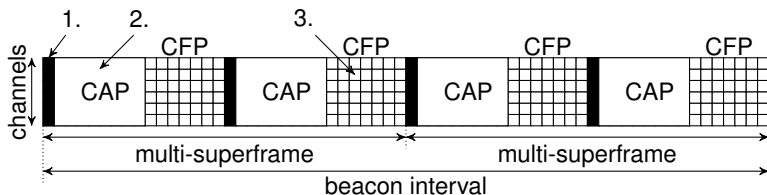
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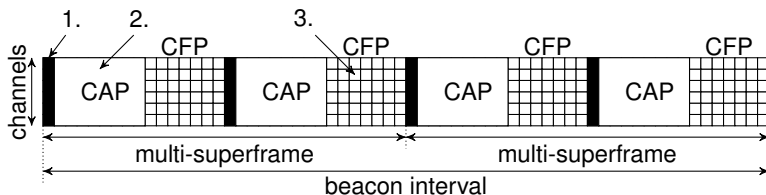
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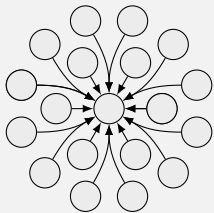
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GACK-GTS:

- altered slot allocation handshake
- universal GACK frame structure
- GAO determines GACK slots per multi-superframe

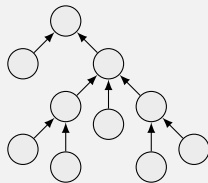
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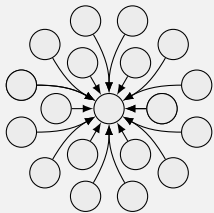
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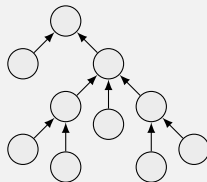
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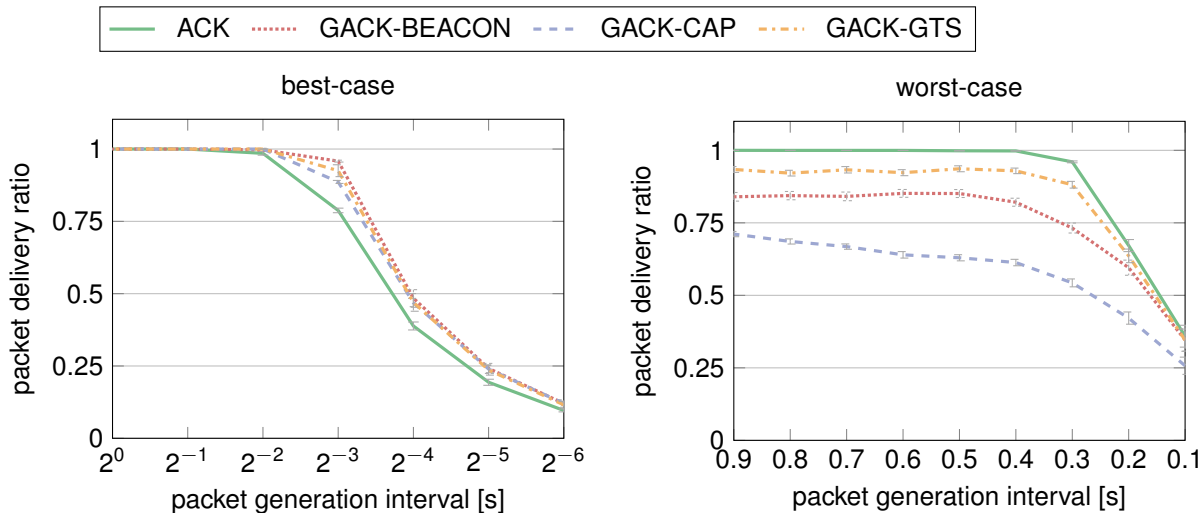
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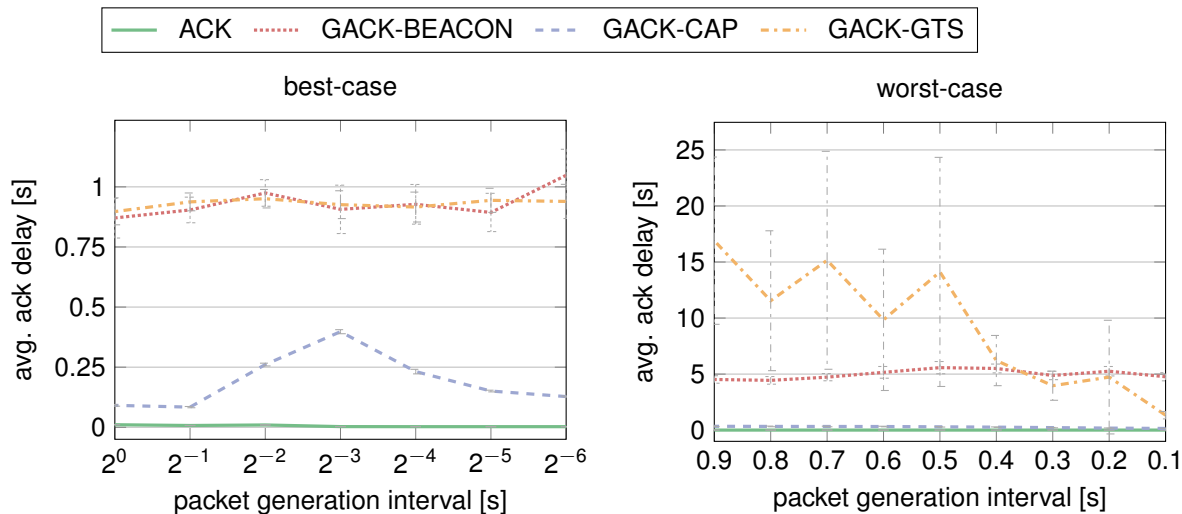
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# Simulative Evaluation - Reliability





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# Conclusion and Outlook

- GACKs only feasible in best-case scenarios
- At least 15% reduced reliability in other scenarios
  - ⇒ GACKs not worth the implementation effort

## Future work:

- Block acknowledgments
- Verification in large hardware deployments

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# Theoretical Evaluation

