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I. INTRODUCTION

A. MOTIVATION

The past decade has seen an explosion in the research, development, and deployment of devices for use in wireless sensor networks (WSN). In the February 2003 edition of Technology Review, WSNs were listed as one of the top ten emerging technologies poised to dramatically influence the field of computing [1]. These networks include both the sensors that Implementing Remote Image Capture/Control in a Wireless Sensor Network Utilizing the IEEE 802.15.4 Standard detect aspects of the physical environment, as well as the devices that perform the routing of the captured information in the network to the desired destination. WSNs have been around for many years, however, renewed interest has resulted from the popularity of wireless local area networks and their underlying technologies, such as 802.11(a), Implementing Remote Image Capture/Control in a Wireless Sensor Network Utilizing the IEEE 802.15.4 Standard (b), and (g). Advances in integrated circuit design and microprocessor technologies, along with advanced routing algorithms and low-power operation, have propelled WSNs into the twenty-first century. These devices are quickly becoming a ubiquitous part of our environment as the cost and power requirements continue to fall and the processing and overall functionality continue to rise. WSNs can be found in a myriad of places, including industrial and home automation, workplace safety, consumer electronics, healthcare monitoring, agricultural control, and military applications [2].

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