

Abstract

Embodiments of the present application relate to the technical field of communications, and provide a communication method, system and apparatus, a network device, and a target device, the communication method being applied to any network device among a plurality of network devices forming an MLAG system. The method comprises: receiving an STP packet carrying a path overhead value and sent by a target device, wherein the path overhead value is used for indicating the number of interfaces in a normal state among a plurality of interfaces; and if a keepalive link and a peer-link that have been established among a plurality of network devices are both disconnected and it is determined that a first path overhead value is different from a second path overhead value, maintaining an MLAG system. Use of the embodiments of the present application can ensure normal forwarding of network traffic.