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Implementation of an IEEE 802.15.4 and ZigBee Protocol using the OPNET simulator

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Introduction - overview

- Transmission bands:
 - 868 MHz
 - 915 MHz
 - 2459 MHz
- Device type:
 - Full-function device (FFD)
 - PAN coordinator (IEEE 802.15.4) or ZC (ZigBee)
 - Coordinator (IEEE 802.15.4) or ZR (ZigBee)
 - Reduced-function device (RFD)
 - Device (IEEE 802.15.4) or ZED (ZigBee)

ZC: ZigBee Coordinator, ZR: ZigBee Router, ZED: ZigBee End Device
PAN: Personal Area Network



Introduction - overview

- Application layer features:
 - Generating and receiving application traffic
 - Initiating network discovery and network join
 - Failing and recovering ZigBee devices
- Network layer features:
 - Establishing a network
 - Joining a network and permitting network joins
 - Assigning an address
 - Maintaining a neighbor table
 - Mesh Routing Process
 - Network Broadcast
 - Tree routing process
 - Transmitting and receiving data
 - Mobility
 - Beacon scheduling
- MAC layer features:
 - Channel Scanning
 - CSMA/CA (Contention-based operation mode)



Introduction – ZigBee vs. Bluetooth

	ZigBee	Bluetooth
Transmission band	868, 915, and 2459 MHz	2.4 GHz
Data rate	250 Kbps (at 2.4 GHz)	1 Mbps
Operational range	10 – 75 m (1500 m for ZigBee Pro)	1, 10, and 100 m
Configuration	Master-slave	Peer-to-peer, master-slave
Maximum child	254	7 (active) + 255 (inactive)
Maximum power	1 mW	1, 2.5, and 100 mW
Wake up delay	15 msec	3 sec
Protocol stack	30 kwords	256 kwords
Protocol complexity	Lower	Higher
Price	less expensive	more expensive



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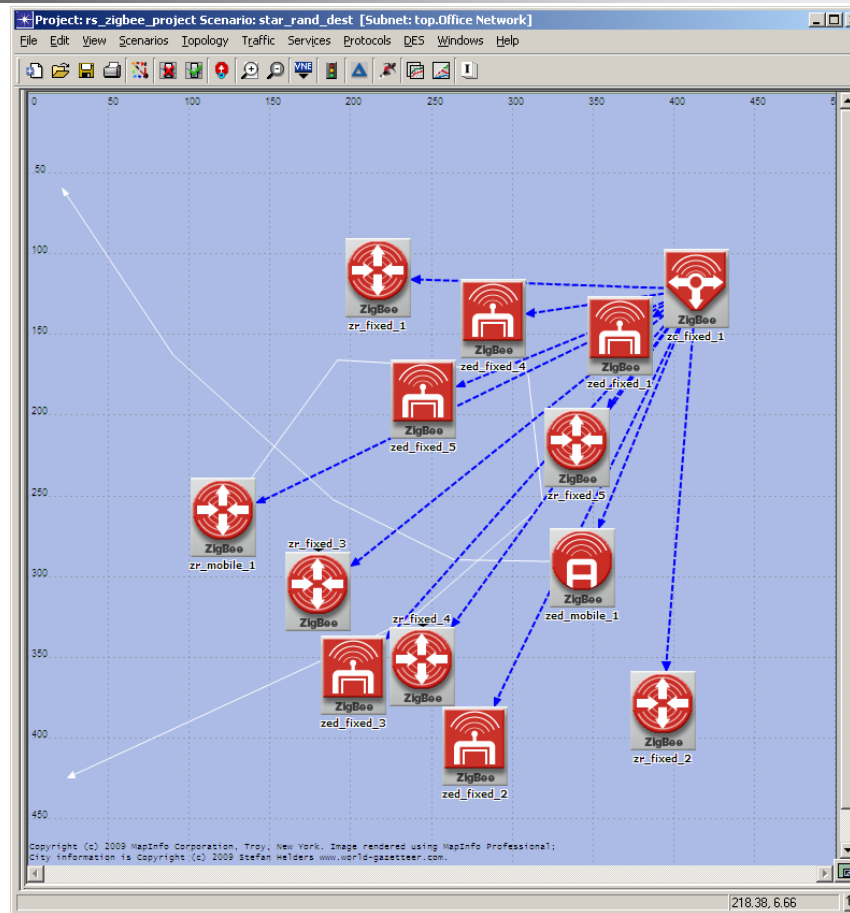


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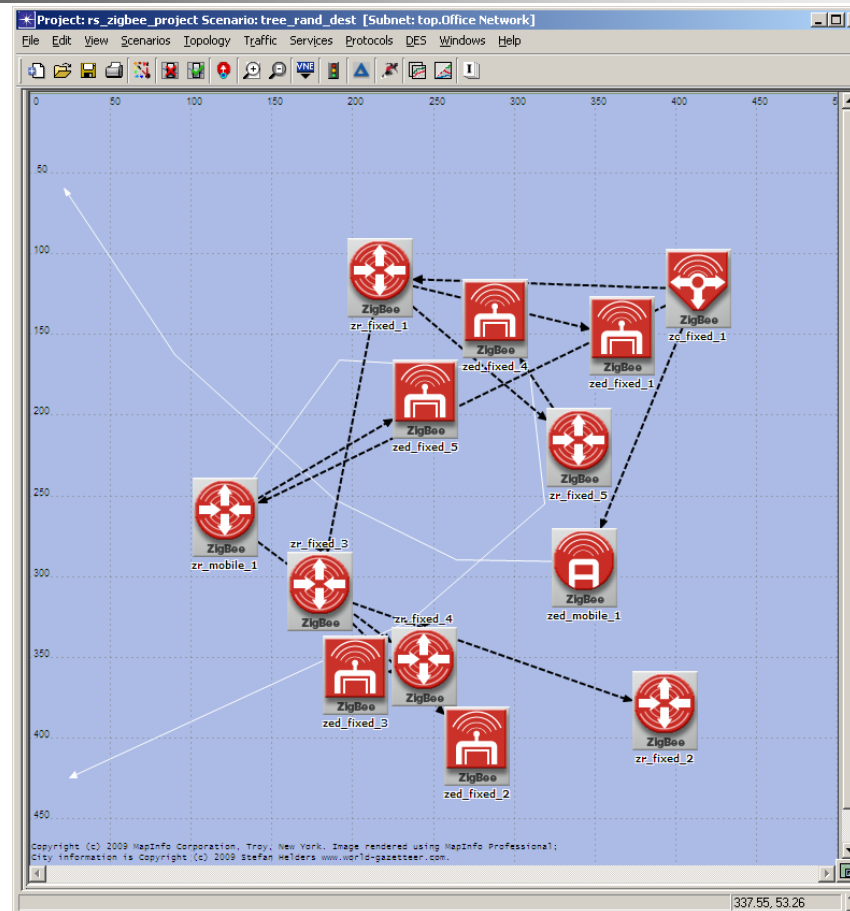
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Star topology



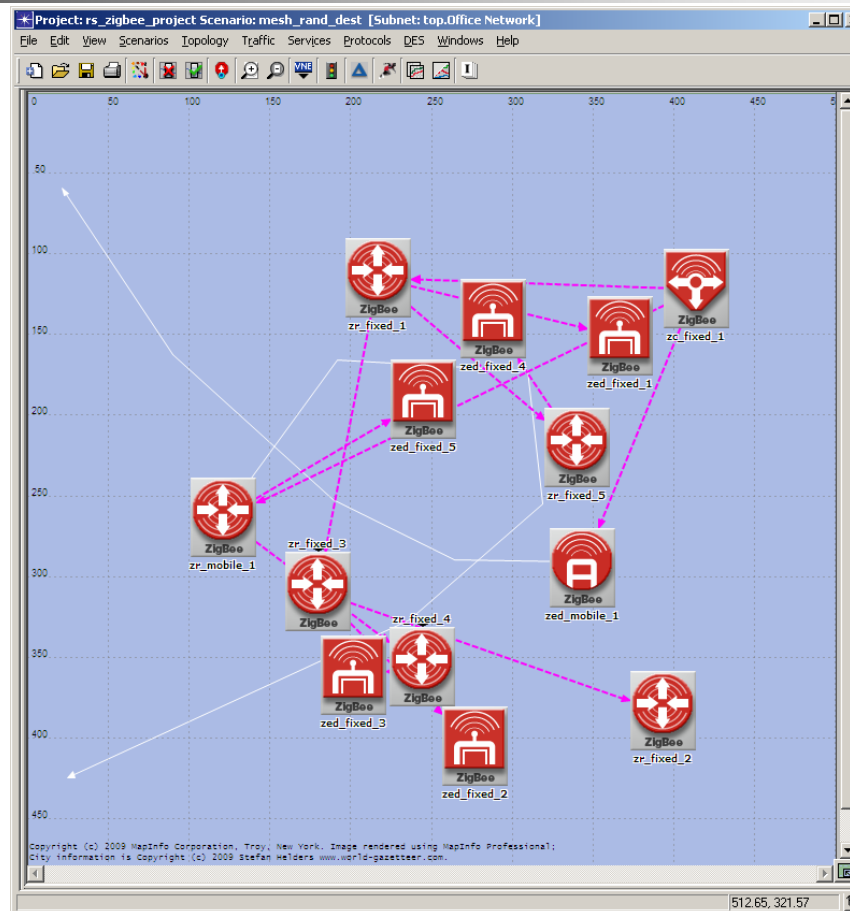
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Tree topology



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Mesh topology



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Network structure

Device Name	PAN ID			Parent		
	Star	Tree	Mesh	Star	Tree	Mesh
zc_fixed_1	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
zed_mobile_1	1	93	93	zc_fixed_1	zc_fixed_1	zc_fixed_1
zr_fixed_1	2	1	1	zc_fixed_1	zc_fixed_1	zc_fixed_1
zr_mobile_1	3	47	47	zc_fixed_1	zc_fixed_1	zc_fixed_1
zr_fixed_3	4	2	2	zc_fixed_1	zr_fixed_1	zr_fixed_1
zed_fixed_1	5	46	46	zc_fixed_1	zr_fixed_1	zr_fixed_1
zed_fixed_5	6	92	92	zc_fixed_1	zr_mobile_1	zr_mobile_1
zed_fixed_2	7	23	23	zc_fixed_1	zr_fixed_3	zr_fixed_3
zr_fixed_5	8	24	24	zc_fixed_1	zr_fixed_1	zr_fixed_1
zr_fixed_2	9	3	3	zc_fixed_1	zr_fixed_3	zr_fixed_3
zr_fixed_4	10	48	48	zc_fixed_1	zr_mobile_1	zr_mobile_1
zed_fixed_3	11	69	69	zc_fixed_1	zr_fixed_4	zr_fixed_4
zed_fixed_4	12	45	45	zc_fixed_1	zr_fixed_5	zr_fixed_5

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Simulation parameters

ZigBee Parameters	Value		
	Star	Tree	Mesh
Maximum children	255	3	3
Maximum routers	0	2	2
Maximum depth	1	5	5
Achieved depth	1	3	3
Mesh routing	Disabled	Disabled	Enabled
Transmit power	0.05	0.05	0.05
Transmit band	2450 MHz	2450 MHz	2450 MHz
PAN ID	Auto assigned	Auto assigned	Auto assigned

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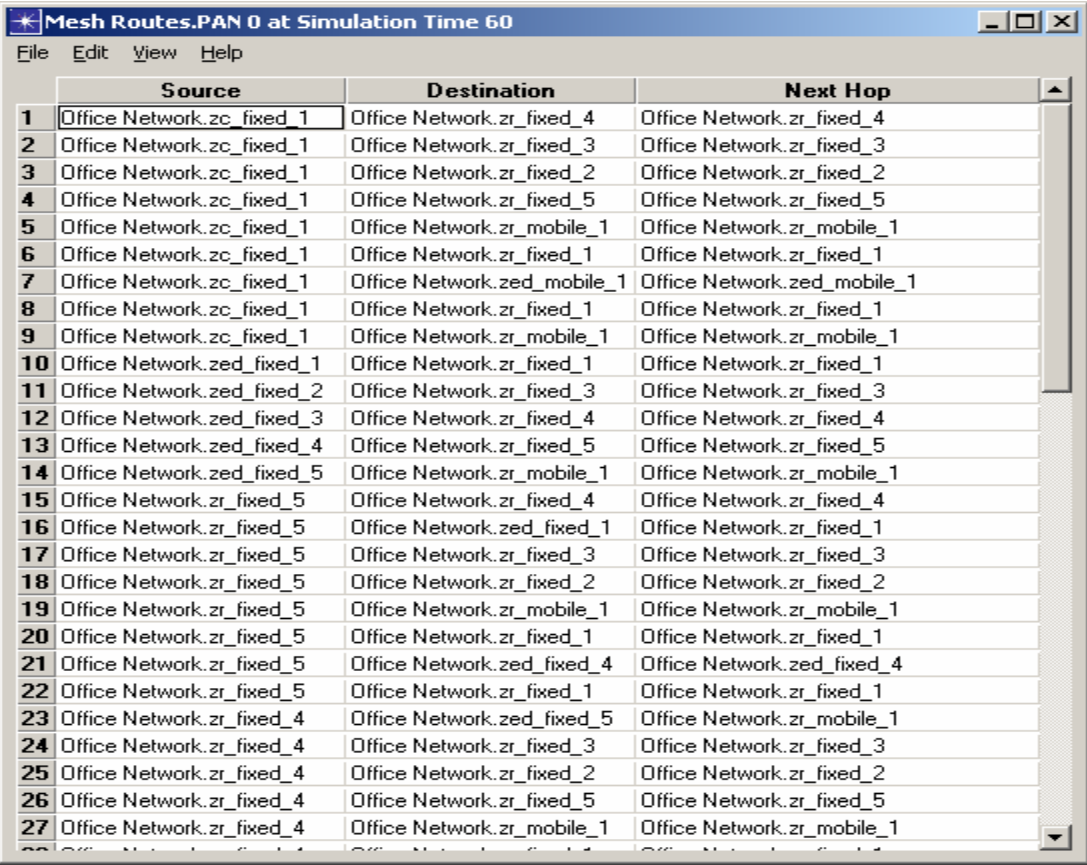


Simulation results

- Mesh routing table
- End-to-end delay
- Number of hops
- Throughput - ZC
- Throughput - global

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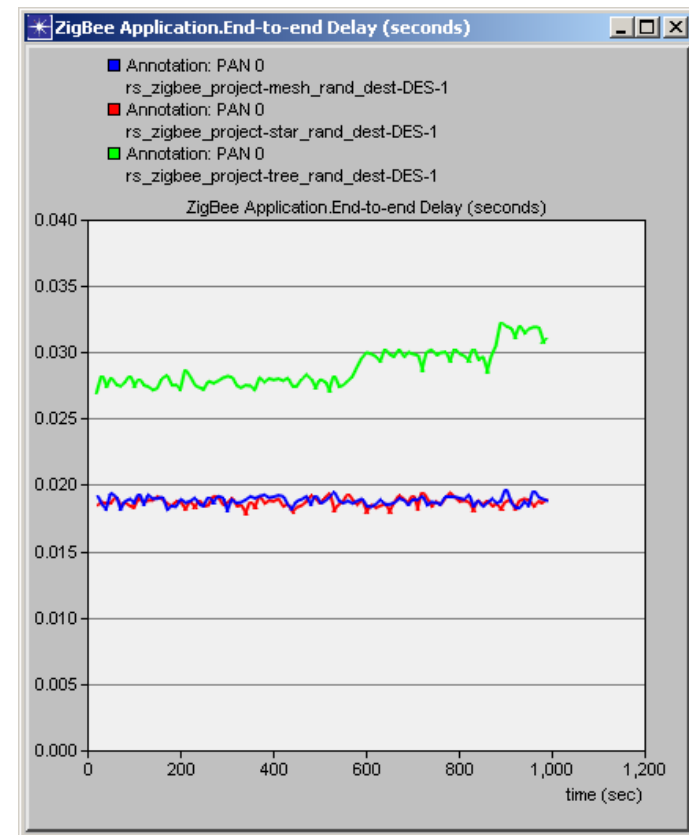
Mesh routing table



	Source	Destination	Next Hop
1	Office Network.zc_fixed_1	Office Network.zr_fixed_4	Office Network.zr_fixed_4
2	Office Network.zc_fixed_1	Office Network.zr_fixed_3	Office Network.zr_fixed_3
3	Office Network.zc_fixed_1	Office Network.zr_fixed_2	Office Network.zr_fixed_2
4	Office Network.zc_fixed_1	Office Network.zr_fixed_5	Office Network.zr_fixed_5
5	Office Network.zc_fixed_1	Office Network.zr_mobile_1	Office Network.zr_mobile_1
6	Office Network.zc_fixed_1	Office Network.zr_fixed_1	Office Network.zr_fixed_1
7	Office Network.zc_fixed_1	Office Network.zed_mobile_1	Office Network.zed_mobile_1
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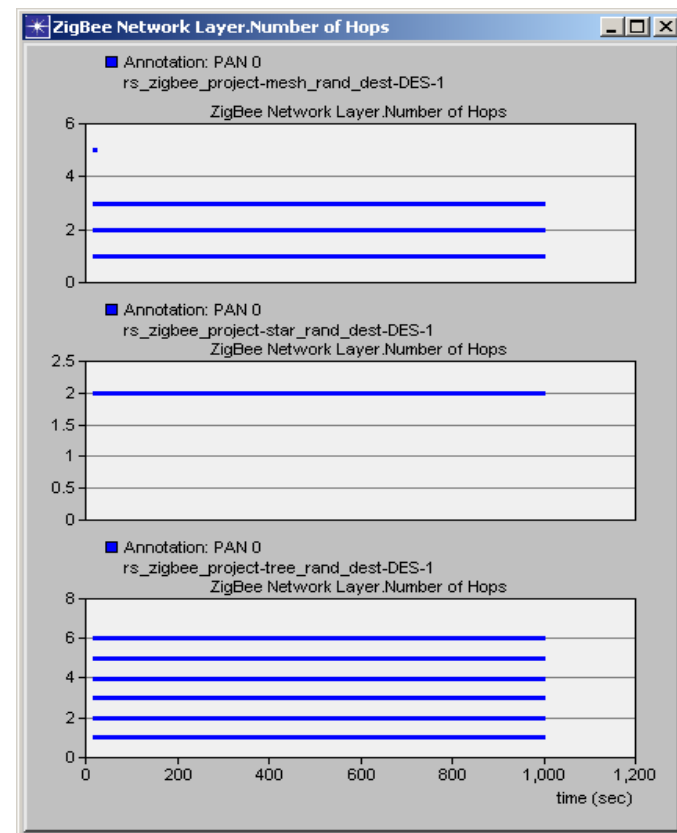
End-to-end delay

- **Star** and **Mesh** topologies have **similar** end-to-end delay in this simulation
- **Tree** topology has a higher end-to-end delay of **50%** and it is increasing



Number of hops

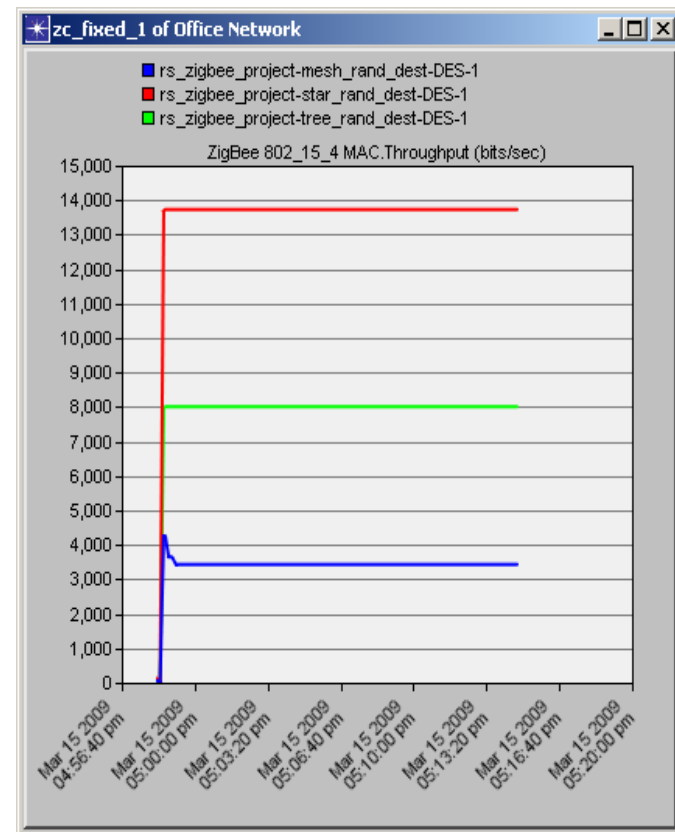
- Average number of hops for **Mesh** topology is the same as **Star** topology
- **Tree** topology has a higher average number of hops of **75%**



Throughput - ZC

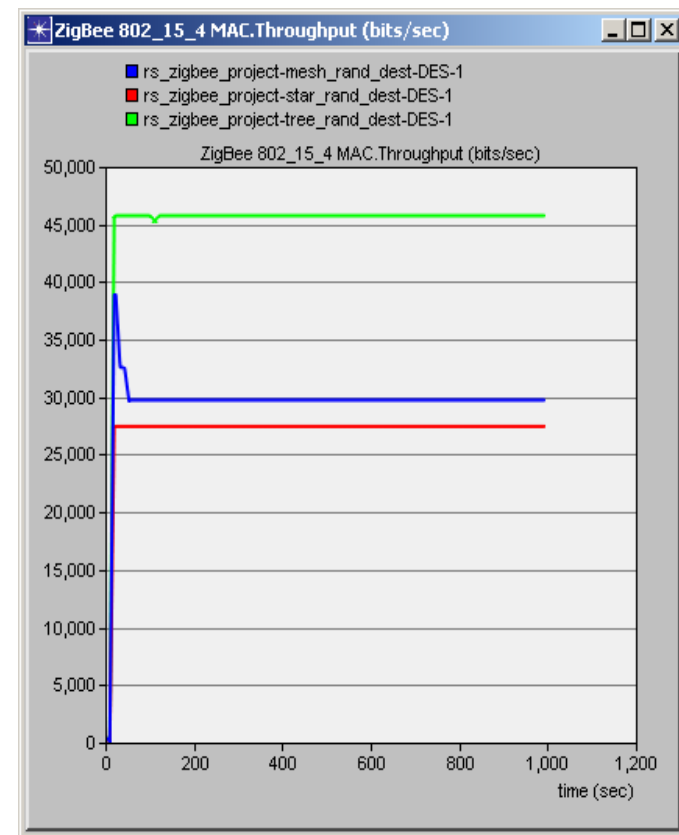
- The Coordinator in **Star** topology has the highest throughput (bits/sec)
- The Coordinator in **Tree** topology has the second highest throughput (bits/sec)
- The Coordinator in **Mesh** topology has the lowest throughput (bits/sec)

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Throughput - global

- **Tree** topology has the highest global throughput (bits/sec)
- **Mesh** topology has the second highest global throughput (bits/sec)
- **Star** topology has the lowest global throughput (bits/sec)



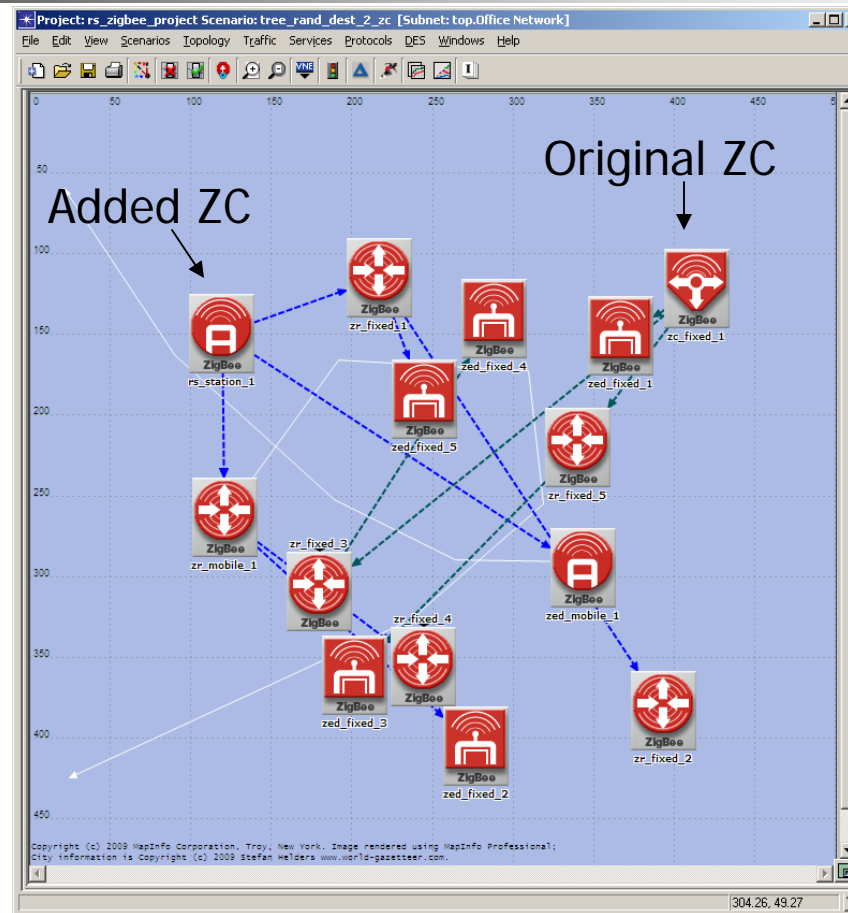


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Multiple ZC – tree topology



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Simulation results

- End-to-end delay
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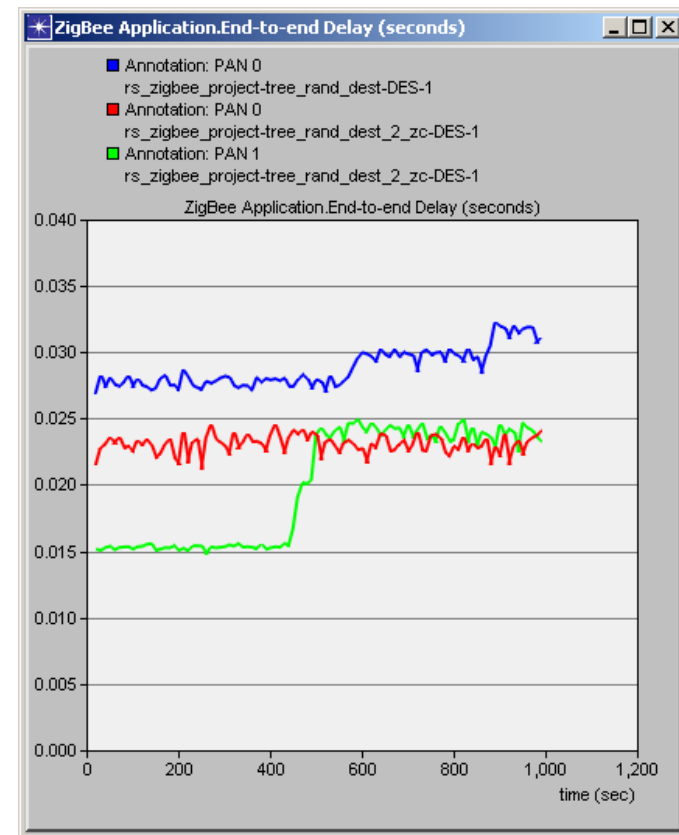
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End-to-end delay

- **Ds_0**: end-to-end delay of the network with a single PAN
- **Dm_0**: end-to-end delay of PAN_0 in the network with two PANs
- **Dm_1**: end-to-end delay of PAN_1 in the network with two PANs

- $Ds_0 > Dm_0$
- $Ds_0 > Dm_1$
- $Ds_0 < Dm_0 + Dm_1$

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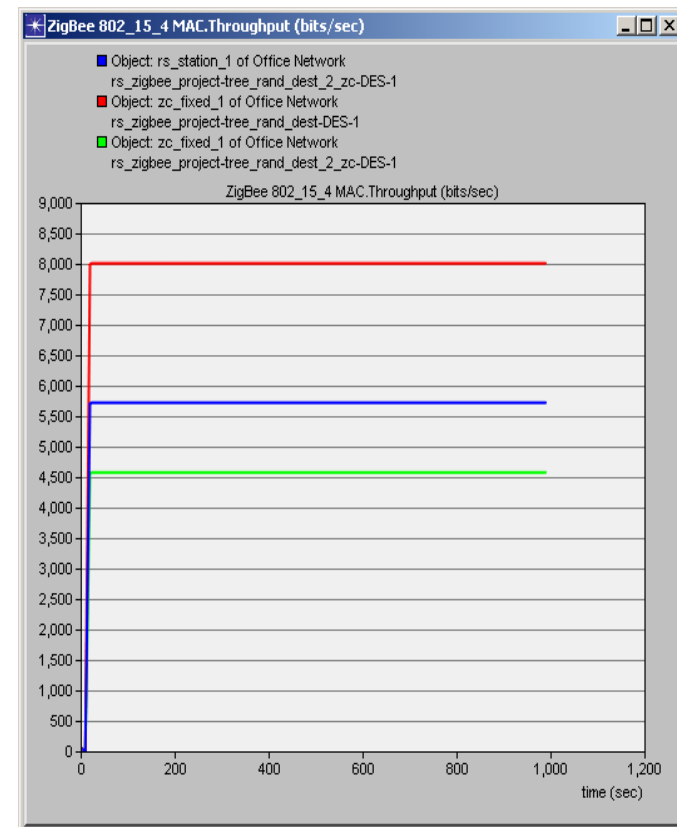
Throughput - ZC

- T_{s_0} : throughput of ZC in the network with a single PAN
- T_{m_0} : throughput of ZC in PAN₀ of the network with two PANs
- T_{m_1} : throughput of ZC in PAN₁ of the network with two PANs
- $(T_{s_0} * 1.25) = T_{m_1} + T_{m_2}$

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Conclusions

- End-to-end delay
 - **Star** and **Mesh** topologies are similar
 - **Tree** is higher
- Average number of hops
 - **Star** and **Mesh** topologies are similar
 - **Tree** is higher
- ZC throughput (bits/sec)
 - **Star** topology has the highest
 - **Tree** has the second highest
 - **Mesh** has the lowest
- Global throughput (bits/sec)
 - **Tree** topology has the highest
 - **Mesh** has the second highest
 - **Star** has the lowest

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Conclusions - single vs. multiple ZC

- End-to-end delay
 - The network with a **single** PAN has lower than the network with **two** PANs
- Throughput ZC
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Unfinished work - simulation scenario and parameters

- Simulation scenario:
 - ZC failure and quick recovery using ZC backup (ZCB)

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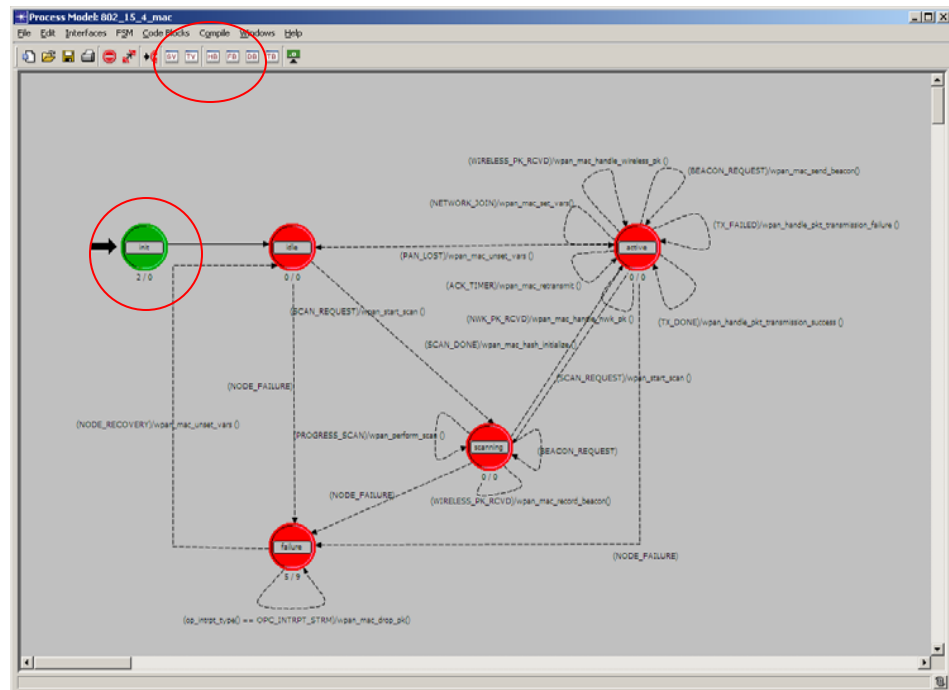
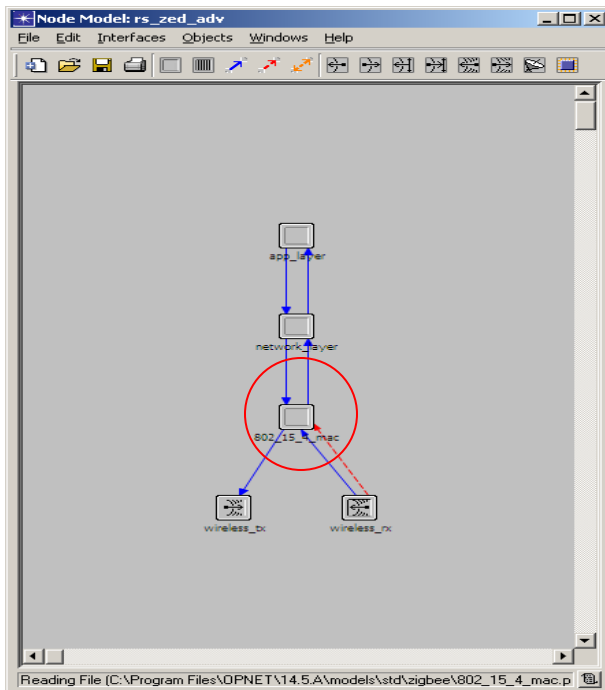
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static void failNode(void * ptrVoid, int iCode);
void wpan_prj_init();
...
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    double dInterruptTime = 100.0; // time is second that the interrupt is scheduled
    int iCode = 0; // verification code
    void * ptrVoid = 0; // data structure to send to the called function

    FIN (wpan_prj_init());
    dInterruptTime += op_sim_time();
    op_intrpt_schedule_call(dInterruptTime, iCode, failNode, ptrVoid);

    FOUT;
}

...
static void failNode(void * ptrVoid, int iCode)    {

    Objid iObjId;
    Objid iParentObjId;

    FIN (failNode);

    if ((0 == my_pan_id) && (0 == my_network_address) && (-1 == my_parent_address)) {
        printf("Node: Coordinator with PAN_ID: 0\n");
    }

    ...
        op_ima_obj_attr_set(op_intrpt_source(), "condition", OPC_BOOLINT_DISABLED);
}
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Future work

- Access to OPNET source code of the network and the application layers
- Complete ZC backup (ZCB) concept:
 - Monitor and mirror ZC data
 - Substitute ZC in case of failure
- Implement and analyze the concept in ns-2

ZCB: ZigBee Coordinator Backup



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