

Network Lifetime Analysis of Routing Protocols of Short Network in Qualnet

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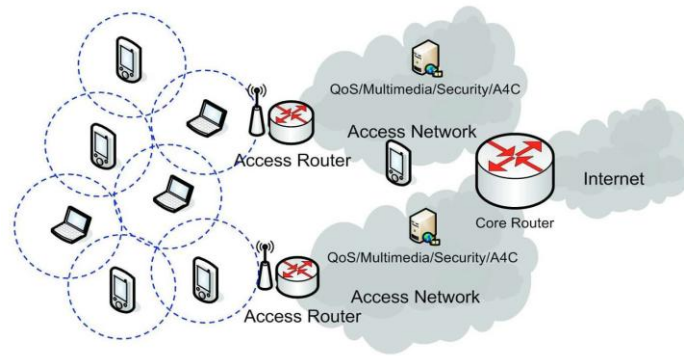
Abstract: A Mobile Ad-Hoc Network (MANET) is a collection of wireless mobile nodes that communicates with each other without using any existing infrastructure, access point or centralized administration. Mobile ad-hoc networks have the attributes such as wireless connection, continuously changing topology, distributed operation and ease of deployment. In this paper we have compared the energy consumption of reactive, proactive & hybrid routing protocols AODV, DSR, RIP & ZRP by using different mobility models. We have analyzed the network lifetime of protocols by varying payload, mobility, pause time and type of traffic (CBR). A detailed simulation has been carried out in Qualnet. The metrics used for performance analysis are energy consumed & battery consumption. It has been observed that RIP has better network lifetime than others.

I. Introduction

A Wireless ad hoc network is a collection of self-organized wireless mobile nodes dynamically forming a temporary network without the aid of any established or fixed infrastructure and centralized administration control stations, unlike cellular wireless networks. The surrounding physical environment significantly attenuates and distorts the radio transmissions since signal quality degrades with distance. Wireless networks in all their different forms such as mobile ad hoc network (MANET) and vehicular ad hoc network (VANET), wireless sensor network (WSN), wireless mesh network (WMN), etc are coming under this category. In multi-hop ad hoc network destination nodes may be multiple hops away from the source node. This approach provides a number of advantages as compared to single-hop networking solutions. Some of its advantages are (i) support for self-configuration and adaptation at low cost, (ii) support of load balancing for increasing network life, (iii) greater network flexibility, connectivity, etc. However, irrespective of these advantages it also suffers from many challenges associated with restricted battery capacity, unpredictable mobility, routing, etc. [7], [5], [6]. MANETs differ from wired Internet Protocol (IP) networks in several respects. Ad hoc networks lack the centralized infrastructure found in both cellular and fixed networks. Nodes and infrastructure may be highly mobile. Second, there is a blurring of IP's typical distinction between routers and hosts. Third, most military MANETs have low bandwidth (kbps) wireless links and battery-operated nodes that require power-efficient operation.

With a proper analysis of battery consumption, light weight applications, efficient network protocols and interface power consumption of wireless networks can be properly addressed. Flooding-based routing protocols rely on message forwarding by broadcasting the message. This mechanism consumes a major portion of battery power at node level and also affects the longevity of the network. Energy-efficient routing protocols apply some techniques to reduce flooding mechanisms by some probabilistic and heuristic-based approaches but are suffered with increased end-to-end delay and decreased network throughput. For this reason there must be some threshold between power consumption and other network parameters while designing routing protocols for MANET. In the literature different techniques are proposed to find the energy efficiency of routing protocols, but network lifetime is not properly addressed at different network traffic, load and mobility. Focusing on these three parameters we made an attempt to determine the network lifetime of AODV, DSR, RIP and ZRP at mobility, pause time and load. AODV and DSR represent the reactive category of routing mechanism, RIP represents proactive and ZRP represents the hybrid approach of routing in ad hoc networks. [10]

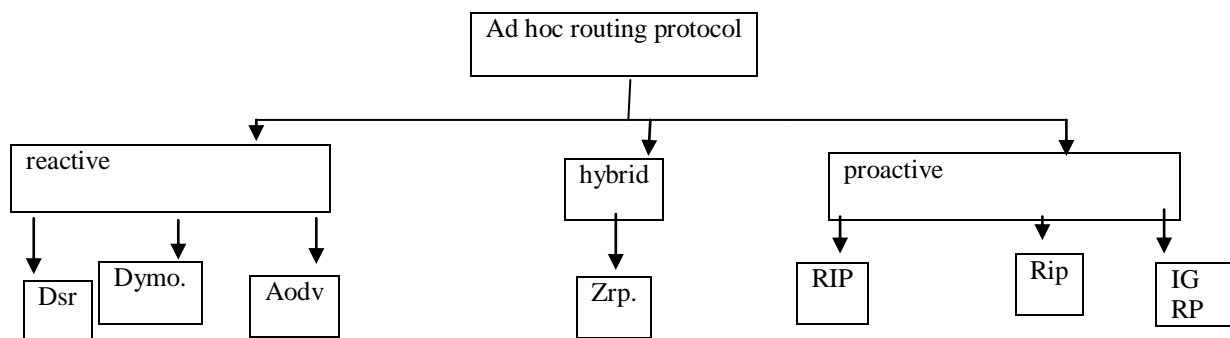
The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we present routing protocols of MANETs under which we discuss about AODV, DSR, RIP and ZRP. In Section 3, we discuss the network lifetime parameter and simulation environments. In Section 4 simulation results are discussed at different network conditions. In Section 5, we end our discussion with conclusion and thoughts for future work on this topic.



Ad-hoc network architecture

II. Routing Protocols

Routing protocols are divided into three categories namely, proactive and reactive & hybrid



In Reactive routing protocol routing information is acquired on-demand. Reactive routing protocols use two different operations to Route discovery and Route maintenance operation. Route maintenance is the process of responding to change in topology that happen after a route has initially been created, Route Maintenance is used to handle route breaks [8]. Examples: AODV, DSR, DYMO, LAR1

Proactive routing protocols maintain information continuously. Typically, a node has a table containing information on how to reach every other node and the algorithm tries to keep this table up-to-date. Change in network topology is propagated throughout the network.

Hybrid routing protocols are a new generation of protocol, which are both are Proactive and Reactive in nature. Most hybrid protocols proposed to date are zone based, which means that the network is partitioned or seen as a number of zones by each node. Normally, Hybrid routing protocols for MANETs exploit hierarchical network architectures. [4]

AODV

AODV protocol is specially used for mobile ad hoc networks. It provides a quick adaptation to dynamic link condition, link fault, low processing and memory usage overhead. It enables dynamic, self-ripping, multihop routing between participating mobile nodes wishing to establish and maintain an ad hoc network. AODV allows mobile nodes to obtain routes quickly for new destinations, and does not require nodes to maintain routes to destinations that are not in active communication. AODV[9] allows mobile nodes to respond to link breakages and changes in network topology in a timely manner. It uses sequence numbers to prevent routing loops.

Dynamic Source Routing (DSR)

Dynamic Source Routing (DSR) [3] is a routing technique in which the sender of a packet determines the complete sequence of nodes through which the packet has to pass; the sender unambiguously lists this route in the packets header, identifying each forwarding “hop” by the address of the next node to which to transmit the packet on its way to the destination host. It also computes the routes when necessary and then maintains them. The protocol is composed of the two main mechanisms of "Route Discovery" and "Route Maintenance", which work together to allow nodes to discover and maintain routes to arbitrary destinations in the ad hoc network. All aspects of the protocol operate entirely on demand, allowing the routing packet overhead of DSR

to scale automatically to only what is needed to react to changes in the routes currently in use.[The Dynamic Source Routing Protocol for Mobile Ad Hoc Networks (DSR).

Routing Information Protocol (RIP)

The Routing Information Protocol (RIP) is a distance-vector routing protocol, which employs the hop count as a routing metric. RIP prevents routing loops by implementing a limit on the number of hops allowed in a path from the source to a destination. The maximum number of hops allowed for RIP is 15. This hop limit, however, also limits the size of networks that RIP can support. A hop count of 16 is considered an infinite distance and used to deprecate inaccessible, inoperable, or otherwise undesirable routes in the selection process. RIP[1] implements the split horizon, route poisoning and hold-down mechanisms to prevent incorrect routing information from being propagated.

Zone Routing Protocol (ZRP):

The hybrid approach combines the table-driven and source-initiated on-demand driven approaches such that the overhead incurred in route discovery and maintenance is minimized while the efficiency is maximized. The Zone Routing Protocol (ZRP) partitions the network implicitly into zones, where a zone of a node includes all nearby nodes within the zone radius defined in hops. It applies proactive strategy inside the zone and reactive strategy outside the local zone. Each node may potentially be located in many zones. ZRP consists of two sub-protocols. The proactive intra zone routing protocol (IARP) is an adapted distance-vector algorithm. When a source has no IARP route to a destination, it invokes a reactive inter-zone routing protocol (IERP), which is very similar to DSR. [2]

III. Simulation Platform And Models

In this work Qualnet 6.1 network simulator has been used to evaluate the performance of proactive (RIP), reactive (AODV, DSR) and hybrid (ZRP) routing protocols of mobile ad-hoc networks. The physical medium used is 802.11 PHY with a data rate of 2 Mbps. The MAC protocol used is the 802.11 MAC protocol, configured for MANET mode. In this work wireless module of IEEE 802.11b is used to enable mobility of the wireless nodes. IEEE 802.11b support more accurate wireless models for propagation, path loss, multipath fading and reception on wireless networks. The simulations are carried out for network densities of 50 nodes respectively. The area considered is 1500m X 1500m for stationary nodes and nodes with mobility of 10mps. Simulations are configured for the performance evaluation of different routing protocols with the metrics like battery capacity & energy consumed at the destination for stationary and nodes with mobility of 10mps respectively. Comparison of routing protocols constant bit rate (CBR) traffic patterns are used. The network contains variable CBR traffic connections and packet size of 512 bytes. Packets are send from source nodes in the 0.25s interval.

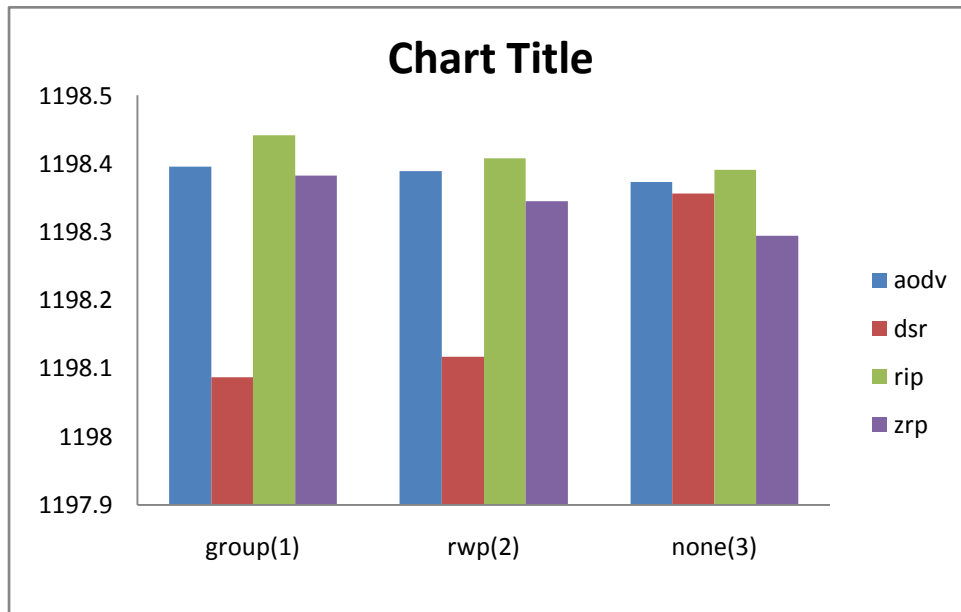
Table 1. Scenario Parameters

Routing protocols	AODV,DSR, RIP & ZRP		
Radio type	802.11b		
Coordinate System	Cartesian		
Channel frequency	2.4 GHz		
Mobility	Group	Random Way Point	None
Mobility speeds	None		0 to 10 mps
Path loss model	Two Ray		
Energy model	generic		
Shadowing model	Constant		
Pause time	30 s	20 s	10 s
Simulation time	300 second		
Battery model	Linear model		
Simulation area	1500m×1500m		
Number of nodes	50		
Simulation time	300 s		
Simulator	Qualnet 6.1		

SIMULATIONS – SCENARIOS

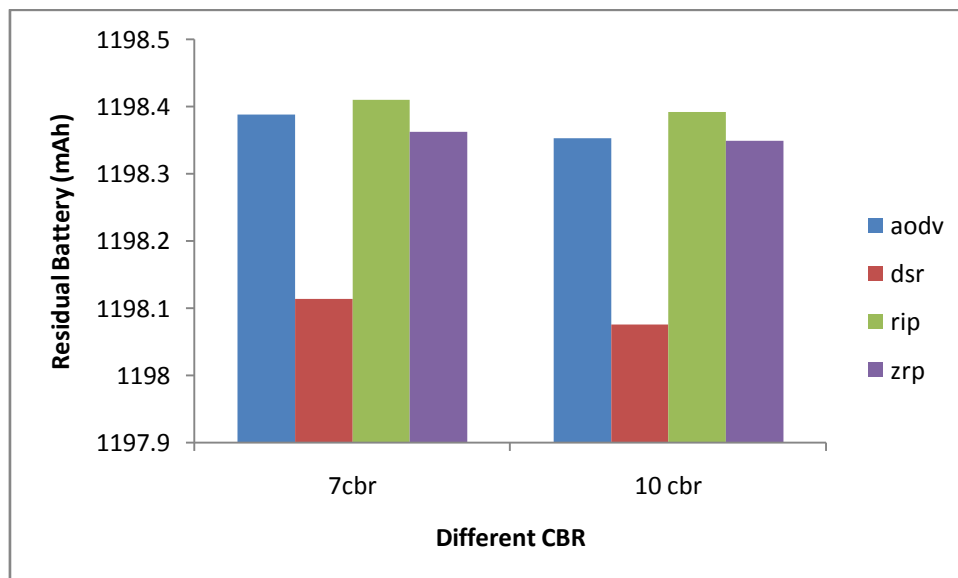
Network Lifetime at Varying Mobility Model

We consider Random way point mobility (RWP), Group mobility and None (no mobility) We simulate the network at 50 nodes. In order to find the best mobility model we fix the CBR connection and pause time of each node. Extensive simulations are done to find the network lifetime of AODV, DSR, RIP and ZRP at three mobility model. In order to find the best mobility model we fix the CBR connection and pause time of each node. We found that irrespective of type of mobility pattern RIP gives better network life in all scenarios. Figure shows the lifetime analysis of AODV, DSR, RIP and ZRP at node 50. In the rest of our analysis we only consider RWP mobility. For our convenience we change the axis from 0-1200 to 1197.9- 1198.5 because we take the simulation time of 300s.



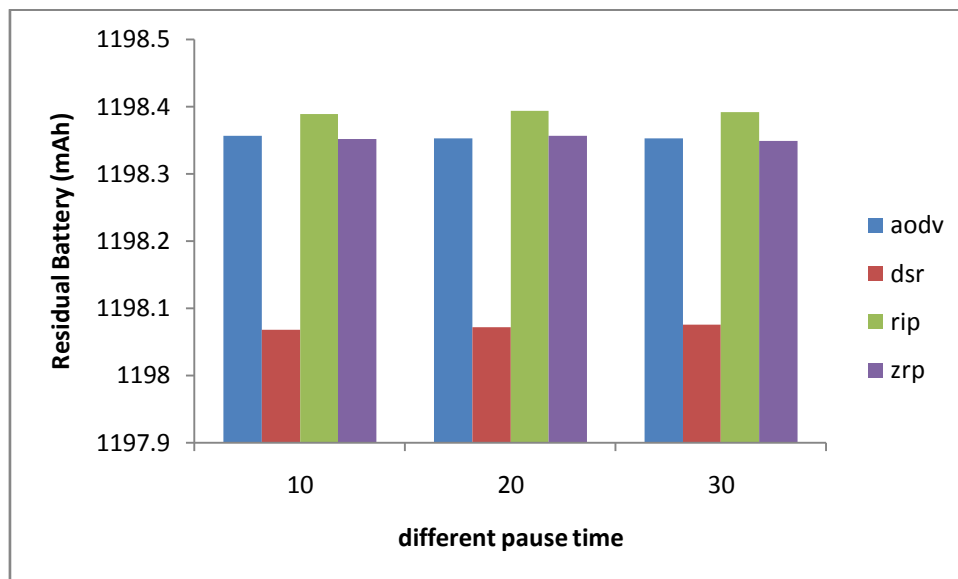
Network Lifetime at Varying CBR Connections

The Figure shows network lifetime at 50 nodes with varying CBR connections. We consider RWP model with 7 & 10 CBR connection. We study the behaviour between network traffic and load. In all case RIP is performs better. The life time of ZRP is always low as compare to DSR, AODV& RIP. The improve performance of RIP is its greater compatibility with mobility short network size. For our convenience we change the axis from 0-1200 to 1197.9- 1198.5 because we take the simulation time of 300s.



Network Lifetime at Varying Pause Time

We have already discussed the simulation results of mobility models. For pause time variations we consider RWP for our comparisons. In RWP model node remains stationary for a certain periods of time (known as pause time). The node moves to the destination at a speed in the range [0, max]. When node reaches the destination it waits for time equal to pause time and repeats moving for another destination. It repeats this performance for the entire simulation time. We simulate with three different pause times: 10s, 20s, and 30s. Fig shows the network life time at various pause times at different node density. In all results it is also found that RIP performing better as compared to AODV, DSR and ZRP. It is observed that pause time of the node doesn't make more impact on the life time. It indicates irrespective of change in pause time all the protocols battery drain time not changing more. In this simulation pause time is varied by keeping maximum node speed as a constant. For our convenience we change the axis from 0-1200 to 1197.9- 1198.5 because we take the simulation time of 300s.



IV. Conclusions

In this paper we compare four different routing protocol(aodv,dsr,rip & zrp) on basis of their network lifetime.since the lifetime of the network will depends on the battey capacity of the nodes.As the battery discharge the network is no longer live & all the connection through this network is going cut off. In this paper we compare the network for different cbr, mobility and pause time. It is observed that Rip lifetime is better than the other three routing protocol. In these network condition it is found that Rip is always superior in term of node mobility & increase traffic. With this network lifetime analysis we agreed with other study that Rip is the standard routing protocol for energy constraint short MANETs.

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