

# Optimal Route Selection for Mobile Ad-hoc Networks based on Cluster Head Selection and Energy Efficient Multicast Routing Protocol

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## ABSTRACT

A mobile ad-hoc network is a self-organizing, fundamental structure-less, autonomous wireless mobile node that exists in the absence of any specified base station or federal organisation. MANET necessitates no unique infrastructure as the network is completely dynamic. Multicasting is the exigent issue in communication networks. In MANET, multicast is one of the competent approaches. In multicasting, data packets from one node are transmitted to a set of receiver nodes at a time, simultaneously. Multicasting reduces transmission costs. Cluster head selection is one of the challenges in MANET. Optimal Route Selection (ORS) is a proposed research paper that provides cluster head selection and alternate cluster head selection to avoid cluster head failure, as well as generation of the optimal path between the cluster head and member node based on reliability pair factor and node energy, and establishment of the path based on maximum energy and number of hops between the nodes. (minimum number of hops).

**Keywords:** Wireless Sensor Nodes, Quality of Service, Multicast Routing, Reliability Pair Factor, Cluster Head (CH).

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## 1. Introduction

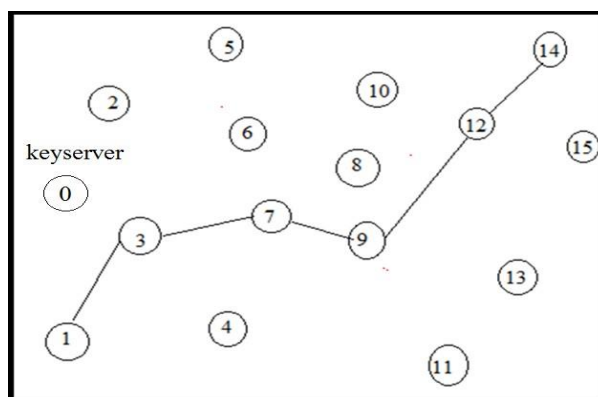
A mobile ad hoc network is a wireless network that may be formed on the fly to transport data from one point to another. It's a self-forming, peer-to-peer, and self-healing network. Mobile ad hoc networks (MANETs) are subject to security issues due to their intrinsic qualities, such as the open wireless medium and variable topology. The ability to afford trustworthy and secure communications in hostile contexts like war zones is difficult [1]. The fundamental goal of the multicast routing method is to find the most stable multicast route while taking into account of the host's mobility [2]. Unreliability, accidents, and energy consumption in mobile nodes are only a few of the security challenges that plague MANET data transfer. The secure transmission of data between source and destination is carried out using the trust-based protocol. Onion routing protects data during both forward and backward transport by encrypting and decrypting it with a key. End-to-end delays are reduced, throughput is increased, and energy consumption is reduced using the trust mechanism [3]. A single destination address identifies data packet transmission to a group of zero or more nodes who receive data packet when Multicast is used. In case of applications that require sending the same message to many recipients at the same time, (MQMR) Multi-path QoS Multicast Routing reduces the transmission cost. It's especially helpful in WiFi environments having limited storage mobile devices. As a result, in order to provide group communication, the nearby nodes must be linked securely. Multicast routing protocols such as MQMR[4] are examples of multicast routing technologies. Multicast routing protocols for MANET, such as QMRPCA [5,6], SMR [6,7], and an energy-efficient ZBR [8] provide good performance in mobile ad-hoc networks. Mobile ad-hoc networks (MANETs) are used in a range of situations where quick exploitation and energetic reconfiguration are required.

Military battlegrounds, emergency search and rescue operations, liberating maneuvers, and online education systems are among them. It's also employed during natural disasters, when people can use their mobile devices to relay critical information. Several (QoS)Quality of Service multicast routing techniques for wireless mobile ad hoc networks have been developed in the literature. As a result of QoS, networks are capable of providing better service for certain types of network traffic than others. A path from a source to a set of destinations must have lower value for end-to-end delay and energy utilized, and higher value forthroughput[8–13]. When designing such networks, it takes into account factors like the remaining battery life and energy usage rate [14–17]. Various techniques for reducing energy usage in wireless ad-hoc networks have recently been developed [18–21]. The most prevalent characteristics of MANET are packet delay, channel bandwidth, loss, battery life time, jitter ,energy consumption and these have a significant impact on QoS. The following is the structure of the paper: The Literature Review in Section II focuses on multicast routing and sensor node clustering. The proposed scheme of Reliability Pair Factor based on multiple models (FRP) and the cluster head selection method based on energy, hop counting, and Reliability Pair Factor (CHSA), as well as the optimal path selection based on hop counting are explained in Section III (OPSH). The conclusion is established in Section IV.

## 2. Literature Review

### 2.1 IN MOBILE ADHOC NETWORKS FOR TIME SENSITIVE APPLICATIONS, OPTIMAL PATH SELECTION:

In this study [22], we propose trust-based authentication for dynamically secured routing. This network-wide trust-based routing system uses a threshold value to identify rogue nodes. The trust node is the probability that a single node will provide anonymous routing in a hostile environment. The performance of nodes in the data, reputation, and commendation are all tied to node. An adversarial environment's trust nodes respond by minimising data packet transmission latency. Secure data is transmitted between the source and the destination via trust-based protocols. This protocol improves MANET performance in both RREQ and RREP scenarios, with the following goals: A public factor cannot access a specific node in a group, hence private keys are used. Secure networks can withstand an assault and destroy the attack's source if they can detect and eliminate it. The trusted process decreases the time it takes from start to finish. In order to encourage packet forwarding, each node keeps a trust counter. Lower trust values indicate a hostile intermediary node, while higher trust values indicate the opposite. The authorised node in this suggested method has a high throughput, and the packet delivery ratio can be significantly increased while decreasing the average end-to-end time by increasing the trust value.



*Fig 1: Trust based Routing of MANET*

### 2.2 IN MOBILE AD-HOC NETWORKS, ENHANCED -ANT-AODV FOR OPTIMAL ROUTE SELECTION

To enhance MANET QoS, this study [23] integrates route selection and ad-hoc on-demand distance vector protocol with Ant Colony Optimization. This notion is based on the optimum method to communicate data utilising the path's pheromone value. The pheromone value is determined by the packet's end-to-end delivery, congestion, the number of nodes, and the node's leftover energy. The highest pheromone value of the path is chosen for data transmission. Packet Delivery Ratio, Throughput, and End-to-End Delay are all improved as a result of the ANT/AODV protocol's mechanism.

### 2.3 AN ENERGY EFFICIENT ROUTE SELECTION ALGORITHM BASED ON LOA FOR MOBILE AD HOC NETWORKS:

The purpose of this study [24] is to show how to use trust with the Lion Optimization Algorithm to create energy-efficient MANET routing. LOA is a bio-inspired algorithm that helps find the most effective data transmission method. The route establishment phase, trust metrics computations, and optimal route selection are the three phases. The AODV protocol is used to establish the route, which finds numerous paths between the destination and source. The sensor node's energy is concentrated and the sensor node's energy level is shown in Table 1.

Energy Table	
Energy Value	Node Type
0	Nodes with nil energy
0.5	Half Energy

0.75	Three-fourth Energy
1	Full Energy

**Table 1: Energy value and Node type**

Trust value is calculated by

$$Tc = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{E_i + PDR + QL_i}{3} - 1$$

Where E stands for Energy, PDR is for Packet Delivery Ratio, and QL stands for Message Queue Length.

The trust value is determined based on Energy, packet delivery rate, and queue duration in this study, and it is used to achieve reliability.

average delay, Packet delivery ratio, energy usage, and network lifetime are used to evaluate the work's performance.

### Choosing the Best Route

This study selects optimal routes based on node fitness. As a result, the node became more dependable and efficient while also consuming less energy.

$$FV = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{TC_i}{N} - 2$$

## 2.4 MANET's shortest and most energy-efficient routing protocol is:

SEERP [25] proposes a protocol for determining the best route between a destination and a source based on residual energy and hop count. There is a routing protocol in place that uses the least amount of energy for nodes and the shortest possible distance between communication nodes. Table 2 demonstrates the power-saving approaches used in ad hoc networks, which are the most common type of power-saving protocol[26].

ProtocolLayer	PowerSavingTechniques
ApplicationLayer	Espousean adaptive mobile quality of Service(QoS)framework.
TransportLayer	Avoidrepeatedretransmissions. Handlepacketlossinalocalizedmanner.
NetworkLayer	Considerrouterelayingload. Optimizessizeofcontrolheaders.
Data-LinkLayer	Avoid unnecessary retransmission.Turn radiooff(sleep)when not Transmittingorreceiving.

**Table 2: Power saving Techniques**

RREQID	Destination Address	Destination SequenceNumber	Source Address	Source SequenceNumber	Hop Count
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**Fig 2: RREQ Packet Structure**

Author	Work	Methodology	Advantages	Limitations
K.Sujatha et.al.	Choosing the best route in a MANET for time-sensitive applications	Trust Model Authenticated Anonymous Secure Routing	Decreases End-to-End Delay and Increases the trust value	small area and less number of nodes and Security is not achieved
Dipika,Swa gata and Abhishek et.al.	Enhanced-Ant-AODV for Optimal route Selection in MANET	Pheromone value calculated based on ANT/AODV Protocol	Decreases End-to-End Delay and Increases the Throughput	Packet delivery ratio , Energy Consumption, Jitter and Security are not achieved
Dr.M.De vapriya and P.Ramesh	Based on LOA, an Optimal Energy Efficient Route Selection Algorithm for Mobile Ad-hoc Networks	Based on the trust value, the sensor node elected and based on the fitness value optimal path is calculated between source and destination	Better achievement of Packet delivery rate and Energy Consumption	Security is not achieved
Edwin Lawrence and LathaRama vel	Time-sensitive applications in MANET: Optimal Path Selection	It includes an algorithm for picking the lowest-energy node as well as a routing route with the fewest number of hops.	Minimum Energy Consumption and minimized hop counting	Security is not achieved

Table 3: Methodologies and Limitations of Existing Research Methods

### 3. Proposed Methodology

#### 3.1 Cluster Head Selection Algorithm (CHSA)

In this algorithm, The cluster head is produced in this approach by calculating the Reliability Pair Factor and the node's maximal energy. When a node has the most energy, it is designated as the cluster head, with the following level of nodes designated as the alternate cluster head. In two circumstances, the alternate cluster heads are employed. When the energy of the cluster head is low, the alternate cluster head becomes the cluster head automatically. To handle cluster head failures, a second alternate cluster head is used.

#### Cluster Head Selection Algorithm

1. Compute the CH among the nodes based on the  $N_E$ ,  $N_D$  and  $FRP$  between the base station and selected high energy node  $CH(N_E, N_D, FRP)$
2. Send the REQ (Request Message) to all other nodes. When the nodes are on the same route, the REQ message is accepted and the cluster head is notified
3.  $FRP = \text{"max"} (E_{pre}, E_{qrem}) / d(p, q, t)$  Calculate  $FRP = \text{"max"} (E_{pre}, E_{qrem}) / d(p, q, t)$  where  $d$  is the distance between nodes  $p$  and  $q$  at timestamp  $t$ .
4. And, based on the computation  $CH > SCH > MN$ , cluster head determines the Substitute Cluster Head SCH.
5. Cluster head updates the cluster table in the base station
6. If the cluster head becomes dry, the cluster members' Energy, Distance, and Reliability Pair Factor are maintained by the replacement cluster head. Find the optimal path based on maximum available energy of the node and minimum hop count between base station to cluster head and cluster head to member nodes

#### 3.2 The Algorithm for Optimal Path Selection

It is necessary to discover the shortest route between two points in order to get at a final destination. This algorithm, suggests the methodology based on maximum energy of the node and minimum hops between the nodes.

### Optimal Path Selection Algorithm

1. Route request packet RREQ is generated by the source node.
2. The RREQ ID, destination address, destination, sequence number, source address, source sequence number, hop count, and NmaxE are all included in the RREQ.
3. If a node receiving the packet has a higher energy level than the current NmaxE, it updates NmaxE; otherwise, NmaxE stays unchanged.
4. Keep checking until the RREQ arrives at its destination.
5. The most energy efficient route is chosen from the numerous RREQ collected from several routes.
6. If (NmaxE=high &&hopcount=Low), choose a communication route.
7. A RREP (route reply) is created and returned.
8. Data is sent via the newly specified route.

It is not necessary to determine the path using a distinct algorithm if the above algorithms are used. We may be able to locate multiple paths with the same high energy using this algorithm. If there are any crashes in the path, the alternate way must be chosen. As a result, computing time can be reduced. Figure 3 depicts an example of determining the shortest path with the highest energy node.

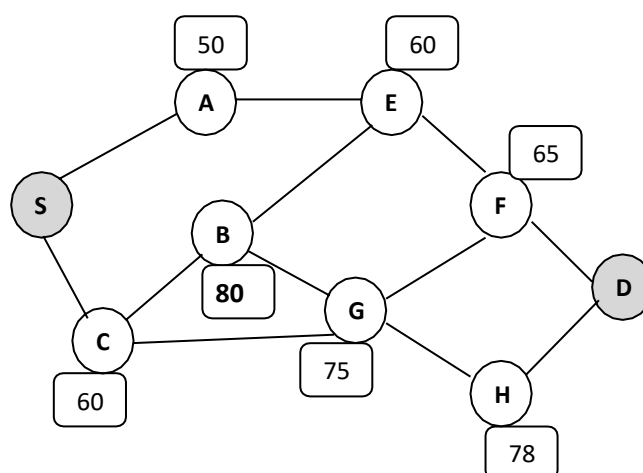


Fig 3: Communication path between Source and Destination

### 4. Experimental Setup

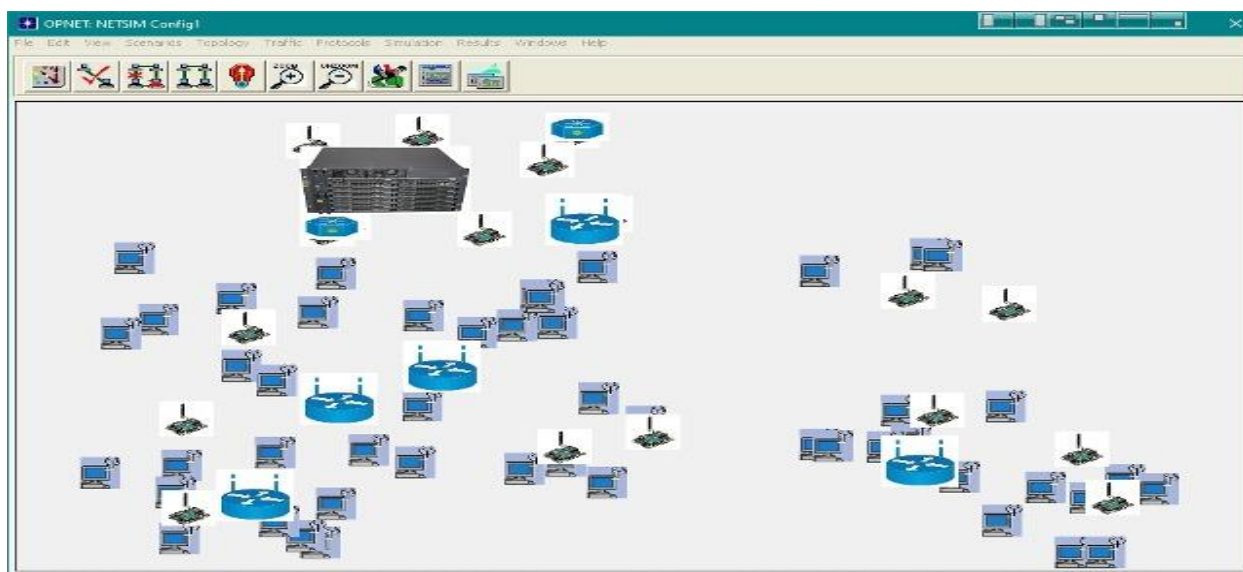
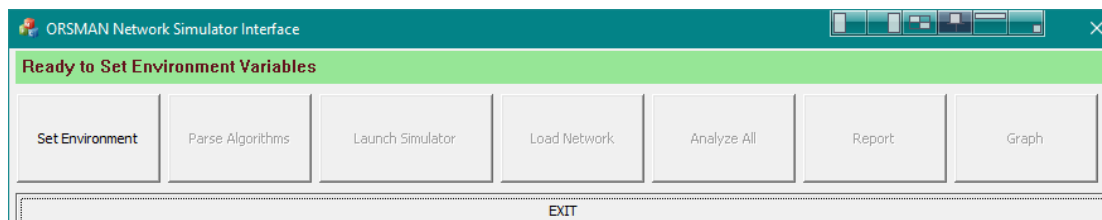


Fig 4: Network Setup

OPNET is the latest network simulator from Riverbed Technology and it has the most up to date network simulation support available today. OPNET's graphical interface and scripting capabilities enable it to construct any legacy network architecture or protocol. It offers the ability to acquire real-world network environments by specifying latitude and longitude information. The usual network communication techniques network node types protocols, can all be defined and overridden with OPNET. OPNET has the ability to process C++ code to create network strategies, which is a unique feature. A customized user interface (UI) is built in Visual Studio to communicate with the network simulator and get analytical parameters from it. In Figure 5 you can see the user interface.



**Fig 5: Network Simulation Interface**

For current and planned approaches, experiments are carried out in OPNET with various numbers of nodes. Table 4 shows the specifics of the simulation setup..

S.No.	Entity	Details
1	Simulation Area	10000 Square meters
2	Number of Nodes	100 to 1000 in step 100
3	Node types	Mobile devices (Uniform Distribution)
4	Number of Routers	Automatic Selection
5	Node Placement	Random distribution
6	Network density	Default
7	RF Range of IoT-WSN Nodes	500 meters
8	Frequency bands	GSM/4G
9	Simulation Time	168 real-world hours

**Table 4: Simulation Details**

## 5. Results and Analysis

Currently used methods MRP OPSTSA, EAAORS, MRP EMS and OEERS, as well as the suggested method MRP ORSMAN, have been tested and compared in this chapter. Throughput, end-to-end delay, latency, average energy, jitter, and packet delivery ratio are all measured and studied in the network.

### A. Throughput

The amount of data successfully transported from one location to another in a certain period of time is referred to as throughput. Bits per second are used to measure throughput. The highest possible throughput indicates the highest possible network quality. The measured throughput numbers are in table 5, and the comparison graph is in fig 6.



Throughput (Kbps)					
No. of Nodes	MRP_OPSTSA	MRP_EAAORS	MRP_EMS	MRP_OEERS	MRP_ORSMAN
100	116.43	124.53	136.23	127.63	138.92
200	118.73	127.80	140.39	129.39	142.8
300	119.03	129.46	142.36	129.69	145.56
400	118.46	129.53	142.53	127.46	147.66
500	116.63	127.19	142.69	124.90	147.23
600	112.13	124.93	136.69	120.86	142.13
700	107.36	120.26	131.76	115.96	142.16
800	100.86	114.46	131.60	108.40	138.53
900	92.76	108.53	125.16	100.29	132.30
1000	83.73	99.13	117.53	91	125.26

Table 5: Throughput



Fig 6: Throughput

**B. Latency**

Latency measures the time it takes for some data to get to its destination across the network. Latency is a measure of delay. It is measured in milliseconds (ms). The lower value of latency will be achieved by higher quality networks.

Latency (Ms)					
No. of Nodes	MRP_OPSTSA	MRP_EAAORS	MRP_EMS	MRP_OEERS	MRP_ORSMAN
100	135	129	116	123	114
200	136	130	117	125	115
300	138	133	118	127	116
400	141	137	119	131	117
500	144	140	122	133	119
600	147	145	124	137	121
700	151	150	126	143	122
800	156	155	127	147	122
900	163	161	130	153	124
1000	168	168	133	159	125

Table 6: Latency

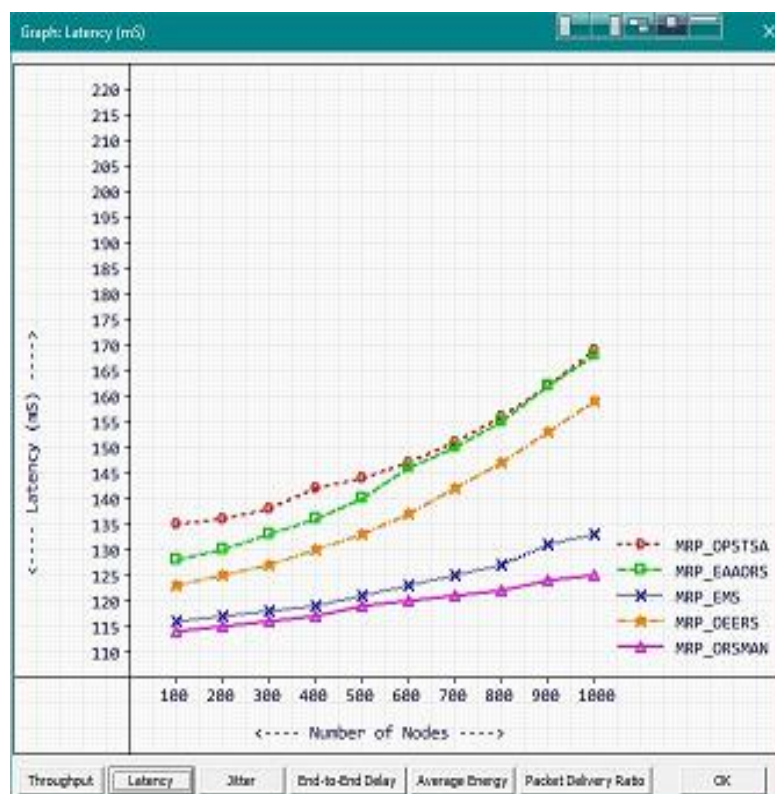


Fig 7: Latency

### C. Jitter

Jitter is intermittent delays during data transfer. Due to the network congestion, improper queuing or delay between packet transfer are the causes of jitter. Minimum number of jitter will produce maximum quality of network performance.



<i>Jitter (Ms)</i>						
<i>No. of Nodes</i>	<i>MRP_OPSTSA</i>	<i>MRP_EAAORS</i>	<i>MRP_EMS</i>	<i>MRP_OEERS</i>	<i>MRP_ORSMAN</i>	
100	54	51	46	49	45	
200	54	52	46	50	46	
300	55	53	47	51	46	
400	57	54	47	52	47	
500	57	56	48	53	47	
600	59	58	49	55	48	
700	60	60	50	57	48	
800	62	62	51	59	49	
900	65	64	52	61	50	
1000	67	67	53	63	50	

Table 7: Jitter

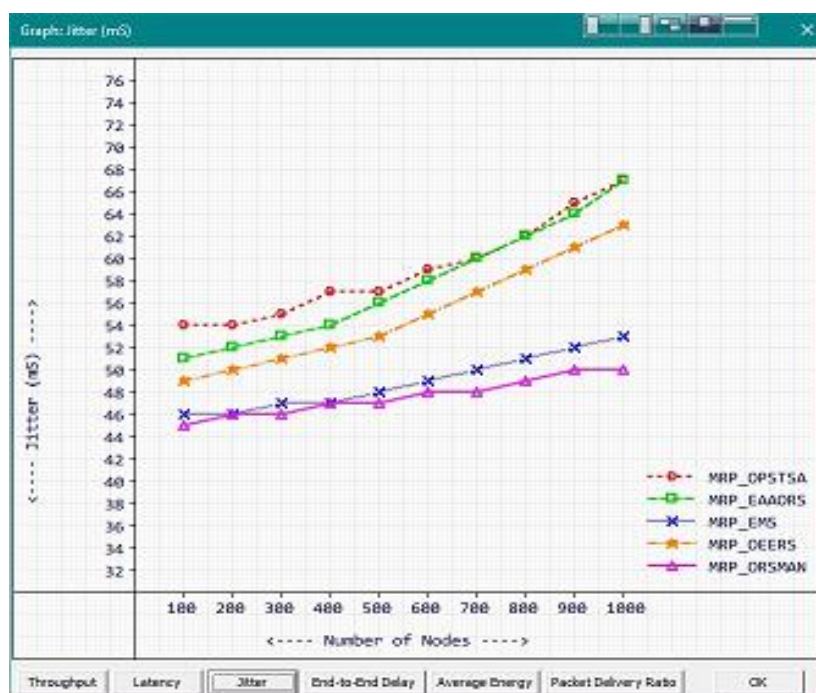


Fig 8: Jitter

#### D. End-to-End Delay

End-to-end delay refers to the sum of all communication delays, such as jitter, IP-delay, and System delay. It describes how long a packet takes to travel from its origin to its destination. The end-to-end latency is significant since it has an impact on network quality. Figure 9 depicts a comparison graph of end-to-end delays for current and recommended ways, while Table 8 depicts end-to-end delays for existing and suggested approaches.

<i>End-to-End Delay (Ms)</i>					
<i>No. of Nodes</i>	<i>MRP_OPSTSA</i>	<i>MRP_EAAORS</i>	<i>MRP_EMS</i>	<i>MRP_OEERS</i>	<i>MRP_ORSMAN</i>
100	197	186	166	186	169
200	196	188	174	189	176
300	199	199	178	191	169
400	208	197	177	189	168
500	215	206	177	201	175
600	214	212	183	200	176
700	220	215	182	204	177
800	233	230	184	221	179
900	240	241	196	229	182
1000	249	244	196	229	187

*Table 8: End-to-End Delay**Fig 9: End-to-End Delay*

### E. Average Energy

One of the features of network performance is its energy usage. It's challenging to keep the node's energy up throughout the transmission. When compared to existing approaches, the proposed ORS MAN method produced the best results in terms of energy consumption. Table 9 provides average energy measurements for known and suggested methodologies, while Figure 10 displays a comparison graph for the same.

Average Energy (U <sub>i</sub> )					
No. of Nodes	MRP_OPSTSA	MRP_EAAORS	MRP_EMS	MRP_OEERS	MRP_ORSMAN
100	457.36	489.02	537.33	508.56	490.63
200	464.06	492.65	542.13	514.46	495.26
300	469.23	498.54	548.53	521.23	495.23
400	476.26	504.04	554.53	527.93	503.73
500	484.43	510.86	561.53	535.16	508.7
600	492.73	517.56	569.33	543.13	514.66
700	501.23	525.12	577.66	552.03	520.36
800	510.4	532.68	586.13	561.13	526.66
900	519.83	541.97	595.26	571.43	533.36
1000	530.66	551.33	605.2	581.66	540.53

Table 9: Average Energy

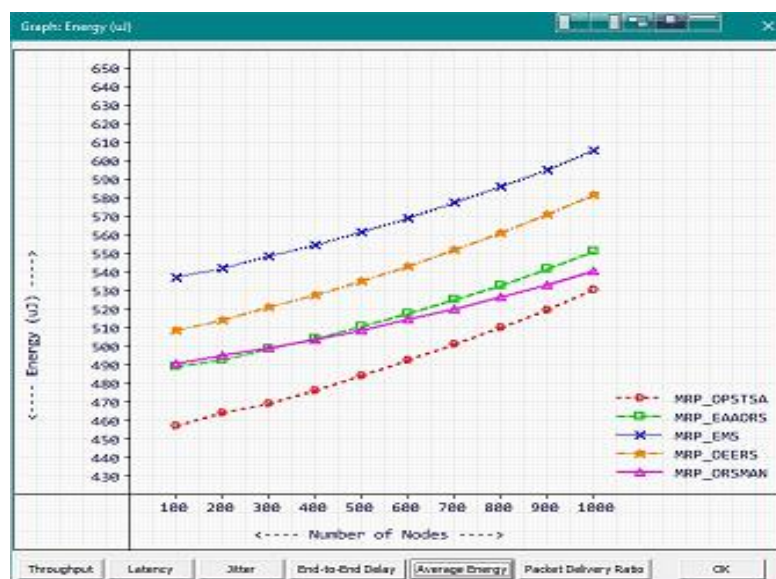


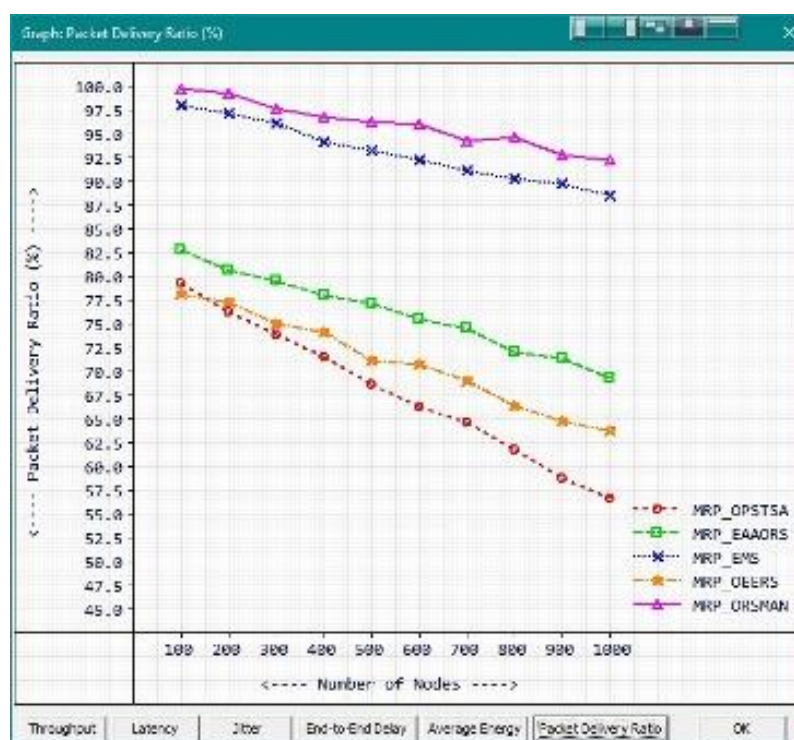
Fig 10: Average Energy

#### F. Packet Delivery Ratio

It is the ratio between the number of transmitted packets by the source and number of received packets by the destination and it is measured by %. The PDR values obtained from the simulations are tabulated as in table 10 and comparison graph of the PDR is given in Fig 11.

Packet Delivery Ratio(%)					
No. of Nodes	MRP_OPSTSA	MRP_EAAORS	MRP_EMS	MRP_OEERS	MRP_ORSMAN
100	79.28	82.85	98	78.14	99.85
200	76.31	80.70	97.14	77.31	99.36

300	73.91	79.54	96.14	75.04	97.72
400	71.51	78.10	94.14	74.21	96.80
500	68.68	77.24	93.28	71.24	96.30
600	66.28	75.51	92.28	70.83	96.10
700	64.74	74.50	91.14	69.00	94.32
800	61.77	72.06	90.28	66.45	94.68
900	58.80	71.48	89.85	64.76	92.76
1000	56.68	69.32	89.85	63.79	92.26

*Table 10: Packet Delivery Ratio**Fig 11: Packet Delivery Ratio*

## 6. Conclusion

The suggested ORS approach implements an alternate path algorithm to reduce computational costs. When compared to other methods, ORS produces better outcomes. From the base station to the cluster head, and from the cluster head to the member node, ORS offers the most energy-efficient path. This research will eventually be expanded to include the development of a secure routing algorithm.

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