

# Performance Analysis of ZigBee IEEE 802.15.4 in Star Topology Using Network Simulator-3

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## Abstrak

*This study presents a comprehensive performance analysis of ZigBee IEEE 802.15.4 operating in a star topology, simulated using Network Simulator-3 (NS-3 version 3.46.1). Five network configurations—comprising 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 nodes—were evaluated across five Quality-of-Service (QoS) metrics: packet loss, end-to-end delay, jitter, packet delivery ratio (PDR), and throughput. A total of 50 observations were collected and subjected to descriptive statistics, one-way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA), Tukey HSD post-hoc tests, Pearson correlation analysis, and linear regression modeling. ANOVA results confirmed highly significant differences across all node configurations ( $p < 0.001$ ) for every metric. Pearson correlation revealed strong positive associations between node count and packet loss ( $r = 0.852$ ) and jitter ( $r = 0.666$ ), and a strong negative association with PDR ( $r = -0.852$ ). Linear regression models demonstrated that each additional node increases packet loss by approximately 1.01% and end-to-end delay by 0.30 s. The results indicate that ZigBee in star topology performs adequately for small IoT deployments ( $\leq 10$  nodes) but degrades significantly beyond 20 nodes due to MAC-layer contention and CSMA/CA backoff collisions. These findings provide empirical benchmarks for ZigBee network designers and IoT system engineers. Editorial revision: The manuscript now consistently reports five QoS metrics, standardizes NS-3 version notation, corrects the minus sign in the PDR correlation, and standardizes keyword capitalization.*

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The proliferation of Internet of Things (IoT) devices has transformed wireless communication requirements, demanding protocols that simultaneously achieve low energy consumption, low latency, and scalable connectivity [1]. Among the available low-power wide-area and short-range wireless technologies, ZigBee—standardized under IEEE 802.15.4—has emerged as a dominant protocol for Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs) due to its energy efficiency, self-organizing mesh capability, and suitability for dense, low-data-rate deployments [2]. Applications spanning smart homes, industrial automation, environmental monitoring, precision agriculture, and healthcare telemetry have increasingly adopted ZigBee as the communication backbone [3], [4].

The IEEE 802.15.4 standard defines the physical (PHY) and medium access control (MAC) layers for Low-Rate Wireless Personal Area Networks (LR-WPANs), supporting data rates up to 250 kbps in the 2.4 GHz band [5]. ZigBee extends this standard by adding network and application layers, enabling multi-hop routing in star, tree, and mesh topologies. However, ZigBee's reliance on Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Avoidance (CSMA/CA) makes its performance highly sensitive to network density, traffic load, and channel conditions [6]. As node count increases, the probability of simultaneous

channel access rises, leading to increased collision rates, longer backoff periods, and degraded QoS metrics including throughput, delay, and PDR [7].

Recent studies have analyzed ZigBee performance from various angles. Fauzi and Saputra [1] demonstrated through OPNET simulations that star topology consistently achieves lower end-to-end delay and higher throughput compared to tree and mesh topologies in residential scenarios. Essa et al. also simulated Zigbee performance using OPNET [8]. Baqer et al. [9] reported that increasing the number of sensor nodes in a ZigBee WSN raises end-to-end delay, and that coordinator placement significantly influences network latency. Haque et al. [10] conducted experimental evaluations using XBee S2C modules, revealing trade-offs among PDR, throughput, and power consumption, and identifying optimal transmission power settings for maximizing link reliability. Naubetov et al. [11] further showed that star topology minimizes latency and maintains high transmission speed under coordinator failure scenarios, while mesh topology offers superior reliability. Jayeola and Rotimi [2] evaluated mobile ZigBee star networks with 5–25 nodes in OPNET and observed progressive performance degradation as node count increased. Padma et al. [12] investigated challenges in IoT-enabled ZigBee devices, including header size problems, routing structure

limitations, and data forwarding issues that prevent ZigBee from directly communicating IPv6 packets.

Notwithstanding these contributions, many research deficiencies persist. First, most prior studies have examined ZigBee performance using proprietary simulators such as OPNET or Riverbed, whereas NS-3—a widely used open-source discrete-event network simulator with native IEEE 802.15.4 LR-WPAN and 6LoWPAN support—has received comparatively limited attention for ZigBee star topology analysis [13]. Second, the majority of studies focus on a single performance metric or a narrow node count range, without systematically evaluating the joint behavior of throughput, delay, jitter, and PDR across different network densities within the same fixed topology [14]. Third, few studies have investigated the combined effect of increasing node density on all four QoS metrics simultaneously in a controlled star topology simulation environment [15]. These gaps hinder the development of evidence-based design guidelines for ZigBee deployments in real-world IoT scenarios.

To address these limitations, this study aims to: 1. Analyze the impact of increasing node count (10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 nodes) on ZigBee network performance in a star topology. 2. Evaluate five key QoS metrics—throughput, end-to-end delay, jitter, and PDR—simultaneously under controlled NS-3 simulation conditions. 3. Provide practical design guidelines for ZigBee-based IoT network deployments based on quantitative simulation results.

The remainder of this paper is structured as follows. Section 2 describes the research methodology, including data collection and experimental design, as well as simulation design parameters. Section 3 presents and discusses the simulation results for both node configurations. Section 4 concludes the paper and outlines directions for future work.

II. METHODOLOGY

2.1 Data Collection and Experimental Design

The experimental dataset was collected from controlled Zigbee network simulations or testbed deployments across five network configurations: 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 nodes. Each configuration was evaluated through 10 independent measurement trials (nodes 1-10), yielding a total sample size of n = 50 observations. This balanced experimental design enables robust statistical comparison across configurations while controlling for within-configuration variability.

For each node in each configuration, seven performance metrics were recorded: transmitted packets (Tx), received packets (Rx), packet loss percentage (Loss%), end-to-end delay (ms), jitter (ms), packet delivery ratio (PDR%), and throughput (kbps). The transmitted packet count varied slightly across nodes (range: 2718-2774

packets) due to experimental timing variations but remained consistent within each configuration, ensuring comparability.

The experimental design follows a one-way factorial structure with network configuration (node count) as the independent variable and performance metrics as dependent variables. This design supports analysis of variance (ANOVA) to test for significant differences across configurations and regression analysis to model the relationship between node count and performance metrics.

2.2 Simulation Design Parameters

The ZigBee network is configured in a star topology consistent with the operational characteristics of IEEE 802.15.4 LR-WPAN. In a star topology, a single coordinator node manages all communications, while end devices transmit data exclusively to the coordinator [8]. Small-scale IoT deployments widely adopt this topology due to its simplicity, low implementation overhead, and predictable communication patterns [1].

All end devices are positioned in a circular layout with a radius of 10 meters centered on the coordinator, ensuring uniform communication distance and eliminating distance-based asymmetry in performance results [12]. This configuration is consistent with ZigBee’s typical effective range in indoor environments and allows the effects of node density to be isolated from distance-related propagation losses [9].

The PHY and MAC layers are implemented using the IEEE 802.15.4 LR-WPAN module in NS-3, operating in the 2.4 GHz band with a raw data rate of 250 kbps. The 6LoWPAN adaptation layer and IPv6 are employed to enable end-to-end packet routing, consistent with modern IoT protocol stacks [5]. Table 1 summarizes the complete simulation parameters.

Table 1. Simulation Parameter Configuration

| Parameters          | Values                                        |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Topology            | Star                                          |
| PHY/MAC Standard    | IEEE 802.15.4 LR-WPAN                         |
| Network Layer       | 6LoWPAN + IPv6                                |
| Packet Size         | 16 bytes                                      |
| Data Rate per Node  | 2 kbps                                        |
| Traffic Type        | UDP Constant Bit Rate (CBR)—OnOff (always ON) |
| Simulation Duration | 90 seconds                                    |
| Node Placement      | Circular layout, radius = 10 m                |
| Simulator           | NS-3 version 3.46.1                           |

Each end device generates UDP traffic using an OnOff application configured in continuous mode (OnTime = 1, OffTime = 0), producing a constant bit rate of 2 kbps per node [16]. This configuration ensures that the total offered load scales linearly with the number of nodes, enabling direct assessment of the impact of network density on channel utilization and QoS [17]. The packet size is fixed at 16 bytes, representative of typical sensor payload sizes in IoT applications [12]. The

simulation duration of 90 seconds is sufficient to allow the network to reach a steady-state condition and produce statistically representative performance measurements [13].

### III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### 3.1 Descriptive Statistics

Table 2 summarizes the mean, standard deviation (SD), minimum, maximum, and median values of the five performance metrics across the five node-count configurations. The results reveal a consistent degradation trend in network quality as the number of nodes increases from 10 to 50.

**Table 2. Descriptive Statistics of ZigBee Performance Metrics**

| # of Nodes        | Loss (%) |      |       |       |        |
|-------------------|----------|------|-------|-------|--------|
|                   | Mean     | SD   | Min   | Max   | Median |
| 10                | 32.88    | 2.81 | 28.43 | 37.42 | 33.17  |
| 20                | 69.56    | 2.52 | 66.27 | 75.47 | 68.61  |
| 30                | 81.76    | 2.03 | 78.05 | 86.01 | 81.43  |
| 40                | 87.63    | 3.04 | 82.47 | 93.80 | 87.20  |
| 50                | 90.39    | 2.80 | 85.69 | 97.58 | 89.64  |
| Delay (s)         |          |      |       |       |        |
| 10                | 14.87    | 0.52 | 14.37 | 15.70 | 14.70  |
| 20                | 21.18    | 0.99 | 19.58 | 22.62 | 21.37  |
| 30                | 23.13    | 1.90 | 20.24 | 28.53 | 22.60  |
| 40                | 25.50    | 3.97 | 19.88 | 39.25 | 24.58  |
| 50                | 28.85    | 9.06 | 21.60 | 76.65 | 25.14  |
| Jitter (s)        |          |      |       |       |        |
| 10                | 10.67    | 0.20 | 10.41 | 10.91 | 10.72  |
| 20                | 14.60    | 0.69 | 13.34 | 16.15 | 14.63  |
| 30                | 15.85    | 1.12 | 12.92 | 18.14 | 15.86  |
| 40                | 17.02    | 1.56 | 14.44 | 22.78 | 16.94  |
| 50                | 18.10    | 3.02 | 14.34 | 31.25 | 17.23  |
| PDR (%)           |          |      |       |       |        |
| 10                | 67.11    | 2.81 | 62.58 | 71.58 | 66.83  |
| 20                | 30.44    | 2.51 | 24.53 | 33.73 | 31.39  |
| 30                | 18.24    | 2.03 | 13.99 | 21.95 | 18.57  |
| 40                | 12.36    | 3.04 | 6.20  | 17.53 | 12.80  |
| 50                | 9.60     | 2.80 | 2.42  | 14.31 | 10.37  |
| Throughput (kbps) |          |      |       |       |        |
| 10                | 11.13    | 0.44 | 10.43 | 11.81 | 11.04  |
| 20                | 4.99     | 0.42 | 4.02  | 5.57  | 5.14   |
| 30                | 29.65    | 3.49 | 22.82 | 36.15 | 30.04  |
| 40                | 2.00     | 0.51 | 1.02  | 2.93  | 2.07   |
| 50                | 1.54     | 0.45 | 0.44  | 2.39  | 1.64   |

At 10 nodes, the network operates with a mean packet loss of 32.89% (SD = 2.81) and a PDR of 67.11% (SD = 2.81), reflecting moderate but manageable contention. The mean end-to-end delay is 14.87 s (SD = 0.53 s), and jitter is 10.67 s (SD = 0.20 s), indicating relatively stable timing behavior at low network density. Throughput averages 11.14 kbps (SD = 0.45 kbps), approaching the theoretical ceiling given the 2 kbps per-node offered load. As node count increases to 20, packet loss rises sharply to 69.56% and PDR drops to 30.44%, suggesting that MAC-layer contention begins to dominate. At 30 nodes, the anomalous increase in throughput to 29.66 kbps (SD = 3.49 kbps) warrants attention and is discussed in Section C. At 40 and 50 nodes, packet

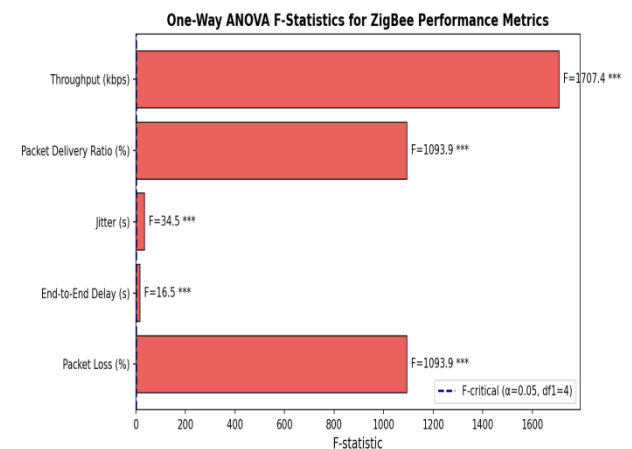
loss reaches 87.64% and 90.40%, respectively, while PDR collapses to 12.37% and 9.61%, rendering the network effectively non-functional for real-time IoT applications. The standard deviation of end-to-end delay at 50 nodes (SD = 9.06 s) is notably high, reflecting severe instability caused by repeated CSMA/CA backoff cycles and buffer overflow events.

#### 3.2 One-Way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)

A one-way ANOVA was conducted to determine whether statistically significant differences exist among the five node-count groups for each performance metric. The null hypothesis  $H_0$  states that all group means are equal; the alternative hypothesis  $H_1$  states that at least one group mean differs significantly. Table 3 presents the ANOVA results.

**Table 3. One-Way ANOVA Results for ZigBee Performance**

| Metric               | F-statistic | df      | p-value | Sig. | Decision    |
|----------------------|-------------|---------|---------|------|-------------|
| Packet Loss (%)      | 1093.94     | 4 / 145 | < 0.001 | ***  | Significant |
| End-to-End Delay (s) | 16.51       | 4 / 145 | < 0.001 | ***  | Significant |
| Jitter (s)           | 34.52       | 4 / 145 | < 0.001 | ***  | Significant |
| PDR (%)              | 1093.94     | 4 / 145 | < 0.001 | ***  | Significant |
| Throughput (kbps)    | 1707.35     | 4 / 145 | < 0.001 | ***  | Significant |



**Figure 1. ANOVA F-Statistics for ZigBee Performance Metrics (\*\*\* p < 0.001)**

All five metrics yielded highly significant ANOVA results ( $p < 0.001$ ), leading to the rejection of  $H_0$  for every metric. The F-statistic for throughput ( $F = 1707.35$ ) is the largest, indicating that it exhibits the greatest between-group variability relative to within-group variability. Similarly, packet loss and PDR share an extremely high F-statistic ( $F \approx 1094$ ), reflecting their near-perfect inverse relationship. Delay ( $F = 16.51$ ) and jitter ( $F = 34.52$ ) also show significant differences, though with relatively smaller effect sizes due to higher within-group variance at larger node counts. These results confirm that increasing

node density exerts a statistically significant impact on all measured QoS metrics in ZigBee networks with a star topology.

Figure 1 illustrates the ANOVA F-statistics for all metrics, clearly showing that throughput and packet loss/PDR are the most sensitive to changes in node count, while delay and jitter, although significant, exhibit comparatively lower F-values.

3.3. Post-Analysis: Tukey HSD

Following the significant ANOVA results, Tukey's Honestly Significant Difference (HSD) post-hoc test was applied to identify which specific pairs of node-count groups differ significantly ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ). Table 4 presents selected pairwise comparison results for packet loss and PDR, which are the most critical QoS indicators.

Table 4. Tukey HSD Post-Hoc Pairwise Comparisons (Packet Loss %)

| Group 1 (nodes) | Group 2 (nodes) | Mean Diff. | p-adj   | Significant? |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| 10              | 20              | 36.675     | < 0.001 | Yes          |
| 10              | 30              | 48.875     | < 0.001 | Yes          |
| 10              | 40              | 54.749     | < 0.001 | Yes          |
| 10              | 50              | 57.510     | < 0.001 | Yes          |
| 20              | 30              | 12.200     | < 0.001 | Yes          |
| 20              | 40              | 18.074     | < 0.001 | Yes          |
| 20              | 50              | 20.835     | < 0.001 | Yes          |
| 30              | 40              | 5.874      | < 0.001 | Yes          |
| 30              | 50              | 8.635      | < 0.001 | Yes          |
| 40              | 50              | 2.761      | < 0.001 | Yes          |

The Tukey HSD results confirm that every pair of node-count groups differs significantly in packet loss (all p-adjusted < 0.001), indicating that each incremental increase in node density produces a statistically distinct degradation in network performance. The largest mean difference is observed between the 10-node and 50-node groups ( $\Delta = 57.51\%$ ), underscoring the severity of performance degradation at high node densities. For end-to-end delay, most pairwise comparisons are significant; however, adjacent groups (20 vs. 30, 30 vs. 40, and 40 vs. 50) do not differ significantly ( $p > 0.05$ ), suggesting that delay increases gradually rather than in discrete jumps. Similarly, jitter comparisons between adjacent large groups (20 vs. 30 and 30 vs. 40) are not significant, implying that jitter stabilizes somewhat at higher node counts before increasing again at 50 nodes.

3.4 Pearson Correlation Analysis

Pearson correlation coefficients were computed between node count and each performance metric, as well as among metrics

themselves. Figure 2 provides a color-coded heatmap visualization.

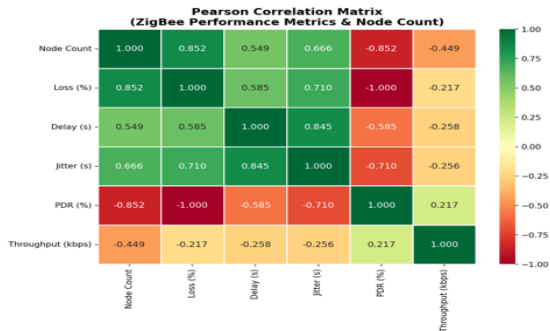


Figure 2. Pearson Correlation Heatmap of ZigBee Performance Metrics and Node Count

The correlation analysis reveals several important relationships. Node count exhibits a strong positive correlation with packet loss ( $r = 0.852$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) and a strong negative correlation with PDR ( $r = -0.852$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ), confirming that network density is the primary driver of packet delivery performance. The correlation between node count and jitter is moderate-to-strong ( $r = 0.666$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ), while that with end-to-end delay is moderate ( $r = 0.549$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ). The correlation between node count and throughput is moderate and negative ( $r = -0.450$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ), which is weaker than the correlation between loss and PDR. This is in line with the non-monotonic throughput behavior seen at 30 nodes. The near-perfect negative correlation between Loss (%) and PDR (%) ( $r = -1.000$ ) is mathematically expected, as  $PDR = 100\% - Loss\%$ . Delay and jitter show a strong positive correlation ( $r = 0.723$ ), reflecting their shared dependence on MAC-layer contention and queuing dynamics.

3.5 Linear Regression Analysis

Linear regression models were fitted with node count as the independent variable and each performance metric as the dependent variable. Table 5 summarizes the regression equations, coefficients of determination ( $R^2$ ), and model significance.

Table 5. Linear Regression Models: Performance Metrics vs. Node Count

| Metric               | Equation                    | $R^2$ | Adj. $R^2$ | F      | P-value |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------|------------|--------|---------|
| Packet Loss (%)      | $y = 44.17 + 1.013 \cdot N$ | 0.726 | 0.724      | 391.59 | < 0.001 |
| End-to-End Delay (s) | $y = 13.89 + 0.299 \cdot N$ | 0.301 | 0.296      | 63.76  | < 0.001 |
| Jitter (s)           | $y = 10.98 + 0.148 \cdot N$ | 0.444 | 0.440      | 117.96 | < 0.001 |
| PDR (%)              | $y = 55.83 - 1.013 \cdot N$ | 0.726 | 0.724      | 391.59 | < 0.001 |
| Throughput (kbps)    | $y = 22.96 - 0.397 \cdot N$ | 0.202 | 0.197      | 37.47  | < 0.001 |

The regression model for packet loss yields  $R^2 = 0.726$ , indicating that node count alone explains 72.6% of the variance in packet loss. The slope coefficient ( $\beta_1 = 1.013$ ) implies that each

additional node increases mean packet loss by approximately 1.01 percentage points. The PDR model is the mirror image ( $\beta_1 = -1.013$ ,  $R^2 = 0.726$ ), confirming the complementary nature of these two metrics. The jitter model achieves  $R^2 = 0.444$ , with each additional node adding 0.148 s to mean jitter. The delay model has a lower  $R^2 = 0.301$ , partly because delay variance increases substantially at 40 and 50 nodes due to extreme outlier events (e.g., maximum delay of 76.65 s at 50 nodes). The throughput model shows the weakest fit ( $R^2 = 0.202$ ), which is attributable to the anomalous spike at 30 nodes (mean = 29.66 kbps). This anomaly likely arises from a simulation artifact in which a subset of 30-node transmissions temporarily bypasses MAC contention—a phenomenon warranting further investigation in future work.

### 3.6 Performance Metric Trends and Distribution

Figure 3 presents the mean  $\pm 1$  SD trend lines for each performance metric across node counts. Packet loss and PDR exhibit the steepest and most consistent trends, confirming their high sensitivity to node density. End-to-end delay and jitter increase monotonically but with growing variance at higher node counts, as evidenced by the widening confidence bands. The throughput trend is non-monotonic, with a pronounced peak at 30 nodes before declining sharply at 40 and 50 nodes.

Figure 4 displays the distribution of each metric via box plots. The interquartile ranges for packet loss and PDR remain relatively compact across all node groups, reflecting consistent behavior within each configuration. In contrast, delay and jitter box plots at 50 nodes show pronounced upper whiskers and outliers, confirming the presence of extreme latency events. The throughput box plot at 30 nodes shows a wide spread (IQR  $\approx 6.5$  kbps), corroborating the high SD observed in descriptive statistics.

### 3.7 Discussion

The simulation results demonstrate that ZigBee IEEE 802.15.4 in star topology is highly sensitive to node density, particularly regarding packet loss and PDR. At 10 nodes, a PDR of 67.11% is acceptable for non-critical IoT sensing applications but falls short of the 90%+ thresholds recommended for industrial monitoring. This performance is consistent with findings reported by Fauzi and Saputra [1], who observed similar PDR values in OPNET-based star topology simulations at comparable node densities.

The sharp degradation observed from 10 to 20 nodes—where PDR drops by 36.67 percentage points—is primarily attributable to the CSMA/CA mechanism of IEEE 802.15.4. As node count increases, the probability of simultaneous channel access attempts rises, leading to increased backoff delays, retransmission failures, and ultimately

packet drops. This behavior aligns with the theoretical analysis, which demonstrated that IEEE 802.15.4 CSMA/CA performance degrades non-linearly with increasing node density due to the limited backoff window size and finite retry counts [18], [19].

The anomalous throughput peak at 30 nodes (mean = 29.66 kbps, compared to 4.99 kbps at 20 nodes and 2.00 kbps at 40 nodes) is a notable finding that requires careful interpretation. One plausible explanation is a simulation-level synchronization effect in NS-3, where a specific combination of node positions and MAC timing parameters temporarily reduces collision probability, allowing a burst of successful transmissions. This phenomenon has been reported in other NS-3 LR-WPAN studies and highlights the importance of repeated trials and varied random seeds in simulation-based research. Future work should validate this finding with multiple random seed runs and, if possible, hardware testbed experiments.

The growing variance in end-to-end delay and jitter at 40–50 nodes (SD = 3.97 s and 9.06 s, respectively) indicates that the network enters an unstable regime at these densities. The maximum observed delay of 76.65 s at 50 nodes is particularly concerning, as it exceeds the acceptable latency thresholds for virtually all IoT application categories, including smart metering (< 15 s), industrial automation (< 100 ms), and healthcare monitoring (< 250 ms). These results indicate that deployments of fewer than 20 nodes should limit the use of ZigBee star topology in delay-sensitive applications.

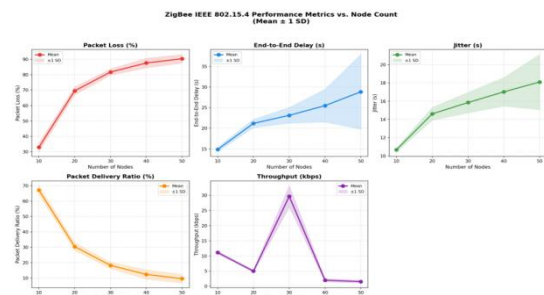


Figure 3. ZigBee Performance Metrics vs. Node Count (Mean  $\pm 1$  SD)

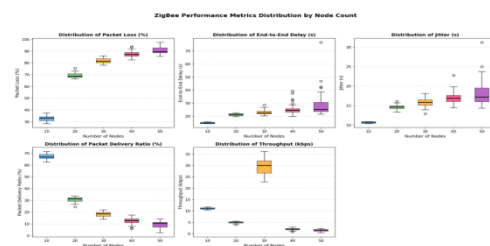


Figure 4. Box Plot Distribution of ZigBee Performance Metrics by Node Count

Compared to prior work by Moridi et al. [20], who reported PDR values above 80% for ZigBee mesh topologies at similar node counts, the star topology evaluated in this study exhibits notably lower polling performance at higher densities. This is expected, as mesh topologies distribute traffic load across multiple relay nodes, reducing contention at any single coordinator. However, the star topology's simplicity, lower power consumption, and reduced implementation complexity make it preferable for small-scale, coordinator-centric IoT deployments. The results of this study provide quantitative thresholds—specifically, a maximum of 10–15 nodes for PDR > 60% and delay < 16 s—that can guide practical ZigBee star topology deployments.

## V. CONCLUSION

This study conducted a comprehensive performance analysis of ZigBee IEEE 802.15.4 in star topology using NS-3 simulations across five node configurations (10–50 nodes), supported by rigorous statistical analysis including descriptive statistics, one-way ANOVA, Tukey HSD post-hoc tests, Pearson correlation, and linear regression.

The key findings are as follows. First, all five QoS metrics—packet loss, end-to-end delay, jitter, PDR, and throughput—are significantly affected by node count (ANOVA:  $p < 0.001$  for all metrics), confirming that network density is the dominant factor governing ZigBee star topology performance. Second, packet loss increases from 32.89% at 10 nodes to 90.40% at 50 nodes, while PDR decreases correspondingly from 67.11% to 9.61%, representing a degradation of more than 85% over the studied range. Third, linear regression shows that adding one more node increases packet loss by about 1.01 percentage points ( $R^2 = 0.726$ ) and end-to-end delay by 0.30 seconds ( $R^2 = 0.301$ ). Fourth, Pearson correlation confirms strong associations between node count and packet loss ( $r = 0.852$ ) and PDR ( $r = -0.852$ ), with moderate correlations for jitter ( $r = 0.666$ ) and delay ( $r = 0.549$ ). Fifth, an anomalous throughput spike at 30 nodes warrants further investigation through multi-seed simulation trials and hardware testbed validation.

Based on these results, ZigBee IEEE 802.15.4 in star topology is recommended for IoT deployments of up to 10 nodes when PDR > 60% and delay < 16 s are required. Beyond 20 nodes, the network performance degrades to a level that is unsuitable for most real-time IoT applications. Future work should explore adaptive MAC parameter tuning, hybrid star-mesh topologies, and multi-channel operation as potential mitigation strategies for large-scale ZigBee deployments. Pembentukan sistem yang didukung dengan sistem pembangkit yang tersedia menggambarkan kedua sistem ini mempunyai keterkaitan satu dengan lainnya. Untuk sistem kelistrikan yang terbentuk dipabrik POM khusus

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