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ABSTRACT

A mobile ad hoc network (MANET) is an autonomous network that consists of mobile nodes that communicate with each other over wireless links. In the absence of a fixed infrastructure, nodes have to cooperate in order to provide the necessary network functionality. One of the principal routing protocols used in Ad hoc networks is AODV (Ad hoc on demand Distance Vector) protocol. The black hole problem is one of the security attacks that occur in mobile ad hoc networks (MANETs). In this paper we analyze the effect of black hole attack on AODV routing protocol under the light of various parameters such as packet loss, throughput, and end-to-end delay with black hole and without black hole on AODV in MANET. Here NS2 simulator is used for the simulation. The simulation result shows that the packet loss increases with the increase in the number of black hole node.

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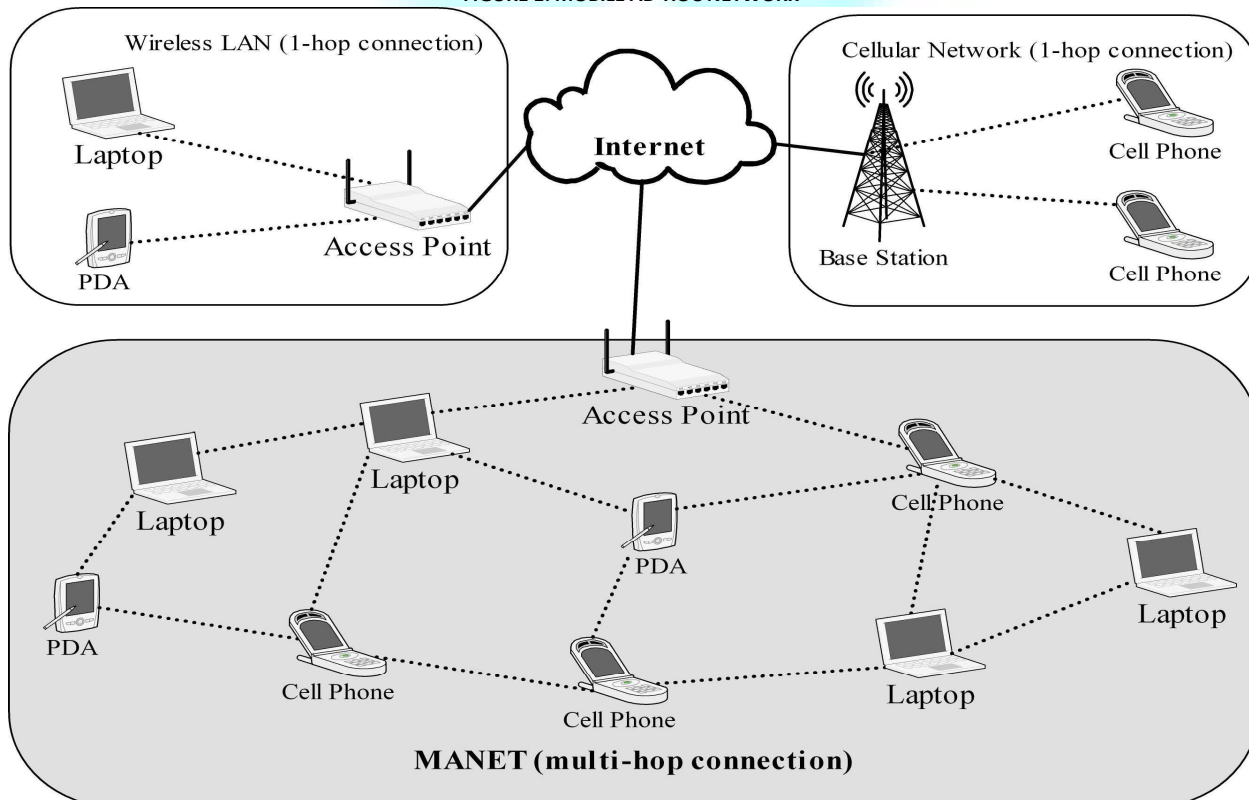
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1. INTRODUCTION

Mobile Ad Hoc Networks [5] are autonomous and decentralized wireless systems. MANETs consist of mobile nodes that are free in moving in and out in the network. Nodes are the systems or devices i.e. mobile phone, laptop, personal digital assistance, MP3 player and personal computer that are participating in the network and are mobile. These nodes can act as host/router or both at same time. They can form arbitrary topologies depending on their connectivity with each other in the network.

MANETs must have a secure way for transmission and communication and this is quite challenging and vital issue as there is increasing threats of attack on the Mobile Network. In order to provide secure communication and transmission engineer must understand different types of attacks and their effects on the MANETs. Wormhole attack, Black hole attack, Sybil attack, flooding attack, routing table overflow attack, Denial of Service (DoS), selfish node misbehaving, impersonation attack are kind of attacks that a MANET can suffer from. MANET is more open to these kinds of attacks because communication is based on mutual trust between the nodes, there is no central point for network management, no authorization facility, vigorously changing topology and limited resources.

FIGURE 1: MOBILE AD-HOC NETWORK



Several techniques exist to deal with the security issue in MANET. Previously the works done on security issues i.e. attacks (DoS attack) involved in MANET were based on proactive routing protocols like OLSR and its effects are elaborated by stating how these attacks disrupt the performance of MANET. Very little attention has been given to the fact to study the impact of Black Hole attack in MANET on the reactive protocol like AODV [2][4]. Thus our aim is to:

- 1 The study focus on analysis of Black Hole attack in MANET.
- 2 Analyzing the effects of Black Hole attack in the light of packet delivery ratio (PDR), number of packets lost and the network throughput in MANET.
- 3 Simulating the Black Hole attack using NS-2.34 for AODV Protocol.

This paper is organized as follows: section 2 describes the black hole problem in MANET; after that in section 3 we have discussed some of the previous research work in this field. Section 4 provides the various performance metrics used in our simulation and in section 5 we have provided our simulation work on AODV protocol using NS-2 simulator and finally section 6 concludes the whole research work followed by some of the future scope in section 7.

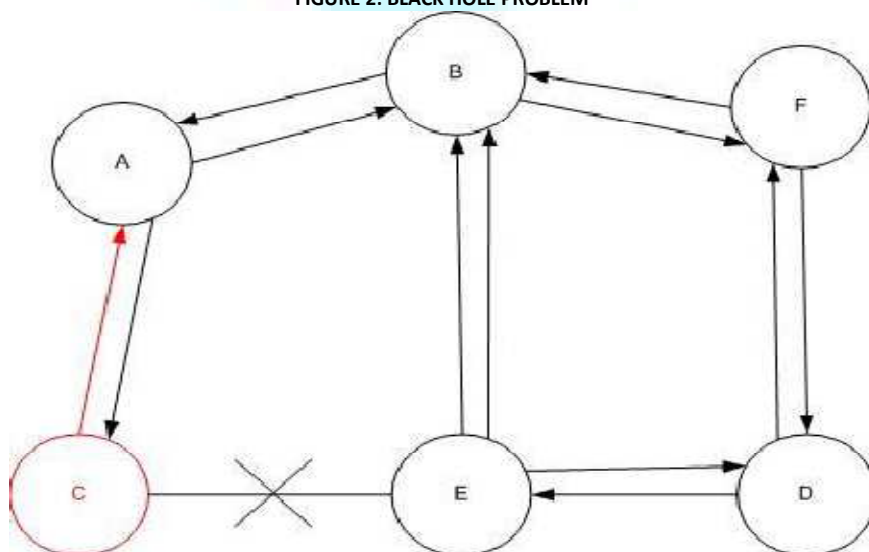
2. BLACK HOLE ATTACK

In a black hole attack, a malicious node uses its routing protocol in order to advertise itself for having the shortest path to the destination node or to the packet it wants to intercept.

This hostile node advertises its availability of fresh routes irrespective of checking its routing table. In this way the attacker node will always have the availability in replying to the route request and thus intercept the data packet and retain it [8]. In a protocol based on flooding, the malicious node's reply will be received by the requesting node before the reception of a reply from the actual node; hence a malicious and forged route is created. When this route is established, now it's up to the node whether to drop all the packets or forward it to the unknown address [3].

The method how a malicious node fits in the data routes varies. Figure 2 shows how a black hole problem arises; here node "A" wants to send data packets to node "D" and initiates the route discovery process. So if node "C" is a malicious node, then it will claim that it has an active route to the specified destination as soon as it receives RREQ packets. It will then send the response to node "A" before any other node. In this way node "A" will think that this is the active route and thus active route discovery is complete. Node "A" will ignore all other replies and will start sending data packets to node "C". In this way all the data packets will be lost consumed or lost.

FIGURE 2: BLACK HOLE PROBLEM



3. LITERATURE REVIEW

Several researchers have studied the vulnerabilities of MANETs and black hole attacks in particular. Black hole attack is one of the active DoS. Many researchers have proposed their solutions which are available in literature.

Mohd Al-Shurman *et al* [12] proposed two solutions to overcome the problem of black hole. The first proposed solution for black hole is to find more than one route to the destination (redundant routes, at least three different routes). Then, the source node unicasts a *ping* packet to the destination using these three routes (we should assign different packet IDs and sequence numbers, so any node who receives the first packet will not drop the second one if it exists in both paths). The receiver and the malicious node, in addition to any intermediate node that might have a route to the destination, will reply to this ping request. The source will check those acknowledgements and process them in order to figure out which one is not safe and might have the malicious node. The second proposed solution exploits the packet sequence number included in any packet header. The node in this situation needs to have two extra tables; the first table consists of the sequence numbers of the last packet sent to every node in the network, and the second table for the sequence number received from every sender. During the RREP phase, the intermediate or the destination node must include the sequence number of the last packet received from the source that initiates RREQ. Once the source receives this RREP, it will extract the last sequence number and then compare it with the value saved in its table. If it matches, the transmission will take place. If not, this reply node is a malicious node, so an alarm message will be broadcast to warn the network about this node. **Computer simulation shows that compared to the original *ad hoc on-demand distance vector (AODV) routing scheme, the second solution can verify 75% to 98% of the route to the destination depending on the pause times at a minimum cost of the delay in the networks.***

The solution proposed in [9] requires that the requesting node should wait for a predetermined set time to receive RREPs with next hop details instead of from other neighboring nodes sending data packets immediately after receiving a reply. After the time out, it first checks in CRRT table whether there is any repeated next hop node. If any next hop node is present in the reply path it assumes the path is correct or the chance of a malicious path is limited. Extra overhead is added in the process of finding repeated next hop and adds a delay.

In [3], the author proposed route confirmation request message (CREQ) and route confirmation reply (CREP) in order to avoid Black Hole attack. In this proposal when an intermediate node sends RREPs to the source node it sends CREQ to its next hop node in the direction of the destination node. After receiving CREQ, the next hop looks for a route in its destination cache. If it receives CREP during this time it will confirm the validity of the path in RREP and in CREP. Upon matching the source node will recognize the route as correct. Its drawback is that it cannot detect multiple Black Hole attacks.

The protocol implemented in [14] proposes Secure Ad-Hoc On-Demand Distance Vector Routing (SAODV) which verifies the destination node by exchanging random numbers. SAODV can effectively prevent Black Hole attack in Mobile Ad-hoc networks and maintain better routing efficiency. It is better than AODV in terms of security and routing efficiency.

In [13], the author showed that a malicious node should increase the sequence number of the destination to assure the source node of its route. The author proposed a statistics-based detection for Black Hole which is based on the difference between destination sequence numbers of received RREPs. Its drawback is the false positives approach because of the nature of anomaly detection.

The solution proposed in [10] focus on the requirement of a source node to wait unless the arrival of RREP packet from more than two nodes. When it receives multiple RREPs the source node check that there is any share hops or not. The source node will consider the routed safe if it finds the share hops. Its drawback is the introduction of time delay it has to wait for the arrival of multiple RREPs before it judges the authentication of node

In[11] author consider the limitations (battery power, storage and processing power) of nomadic computing paradigm, and devise an algorithm that prevents from black hole attack at the cost of only marginal processing overhead. The proposed algorithm is simple and does not affect workings of either intermediate or destination node. It does not even modify the working of normal AODV but calls a pre process called Pre_Process_RREP. The Process continues to accepts RREP packets and calls a process called Compare_Pkts(packet p1, packet p2) which actually compares the destination sequence number of two packets and selects the packet with higher destination sequence number if the difference between two numbers are not significantly high. Packet containing exceptionally high destination sequence number is suspected to be a malicious node and an ALERT message containing the node identification is generated which is broadcasted to neighbour nodes so that any message receive from such malicious node is discarded. A list of such malicious nodes can be maintained by the nodes participating in communication which can be used to prevent black hole attack

4. PERFORMANCE METRICS

This chapter focuses on result and its analysis based on the simulation performed in ns-2. Our simulated results are provided in Figures (6.1-6.9) gives the variation in network nodes while under Black Hole attack. To evaluate the behaviour of simulated intrusion based black hole attack, we considered the performance metrics of packet loss, throughput and packet delivery ratio.

4.1 PACKET LOSS

Mobility-related packet loss may occur at both the network layer and the MAC layer. Here packet loss concentrates for network layer. When a packet arrives at the network layer the routing protocol forwards the packet if a valid route to the destination is known. Otherwise, the packet is buffered until a route is available. A packet is dropped in two cases: the buffer is full when the packet needs to be buffered and the time that the packet has been buffered exceeds the limit.

$$\text{PACKET LOSS} = \text{DATA AGENT SENT} - \text{DATA AGENT RECEIVE} \quad \text{Equation 1}$$

4.2 PACKET DELIVERY RATIO

The ratio between the number of packets originated by the “application layer” CBR sources and the number of packets received by the CBR sink at the final destination.

$$\text{PDR} = \left(\frac{\sum \text{CBR packets received by all sinks}}{\sum \text{CBR packet sent by all source}} \right) \quad \text{Equation 2}$$

4.3 THROUGHPUT

It is the ratio of total amount of data which reaches the receiver from the sender to the time it takes for the receiver to receive the last packet. It is represented in bits per second or packets per seconds. In MANETs throughput is affected by various changes in topology, limited bandwidth and limited power. Unreliable communication is also one of the factors which adversely affect the throughput parameter.

5. SIMULATION RESULT

To calculate network performance, we simulate black hole node behaviour in AODV in large number of nodes and connections with the help of Network Simulator 2 [15] [6]. We set the parameters for our simulation as shown in Table 6.1. Xgraph [7] is used for plotting the result in form of graph in NS2[16]. The simulation parameters are shown below [1].

TABLE 1: SIMULATION PARAMETER

Simulator	NS-2.34
Simulation time	10sec
Number of nodes	40
Number of blackhole node	1
Topology	750m x 750
Routing Protocol	AODV
Traffic	Constant Bit Rate (CBR)
Maximum Connection	9
Packet size	512

In this section we present a set of simulation experiments to evaluate the effect of black hole attack on AODV protocol in MANET. First we had explained black hole attack in detail via simulation in NS-2. We have generated a small size network with 40 nodes in a flat grid of 750m x 750m including black hole node. We have generated 9 connections between various nodes. We have also introduced some movements in our scenario. duration of the scenario is 10 seconds. Node 25 is the source node, node 38 is the destination node and node 36 is the black hole node.

Figure 5.1 shows the snapshot of initially network. The route discovery process is shown in the Figure 5.2 for some seconds, the link breaks and all data that send from source node get lost as shown in Figure 5.3. Now Figure 5.4 shows that node 36 starts acting as black hole node. Nodes further rebroadcast the request if they are not the destination nodes. Node 36 i.e. black hole node, claims that it has the route to destination whenever it receives RREQ packets and sends the response to source node. All other nodes that have the fresh route also send a reply. But the reply from node 36 reaches the source node first. Node 25 accepts it and ignores all other reply messages and begins to send data packets to node 38 via black hole node and node 36 being a black hole node absorbs all the packets and then instead of forwarding the packets to the destination it start dropping it and thus the packet will never reached its intended destination. This was shown in Figure 5.5.

FIGURE 5.1: INITIALLY NETWORK OF 40 NODES

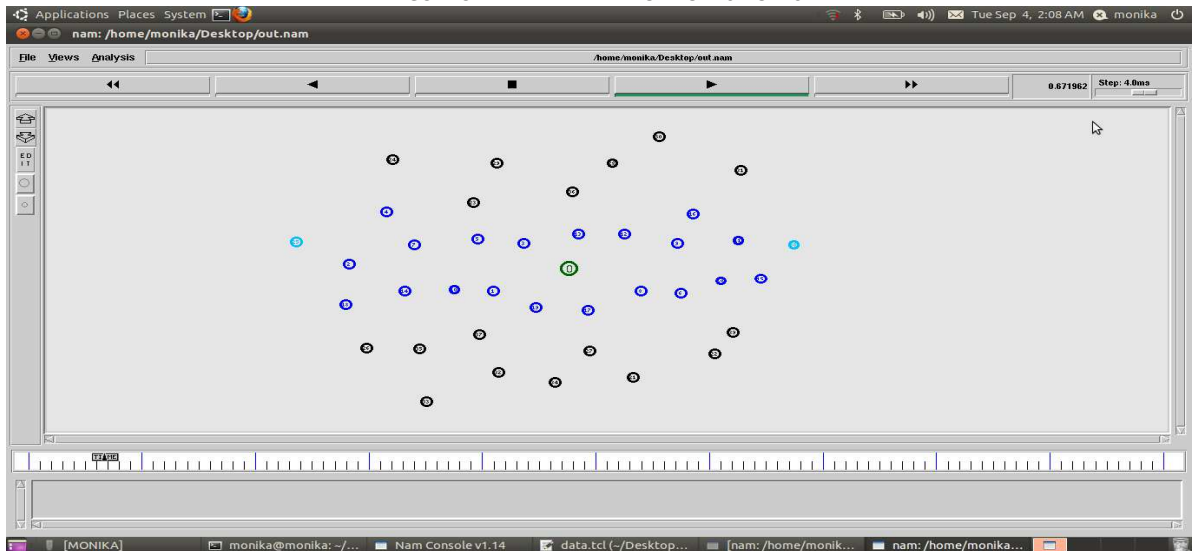


FIGURE 5.2: ROUTE DISCOVERY PROCESS

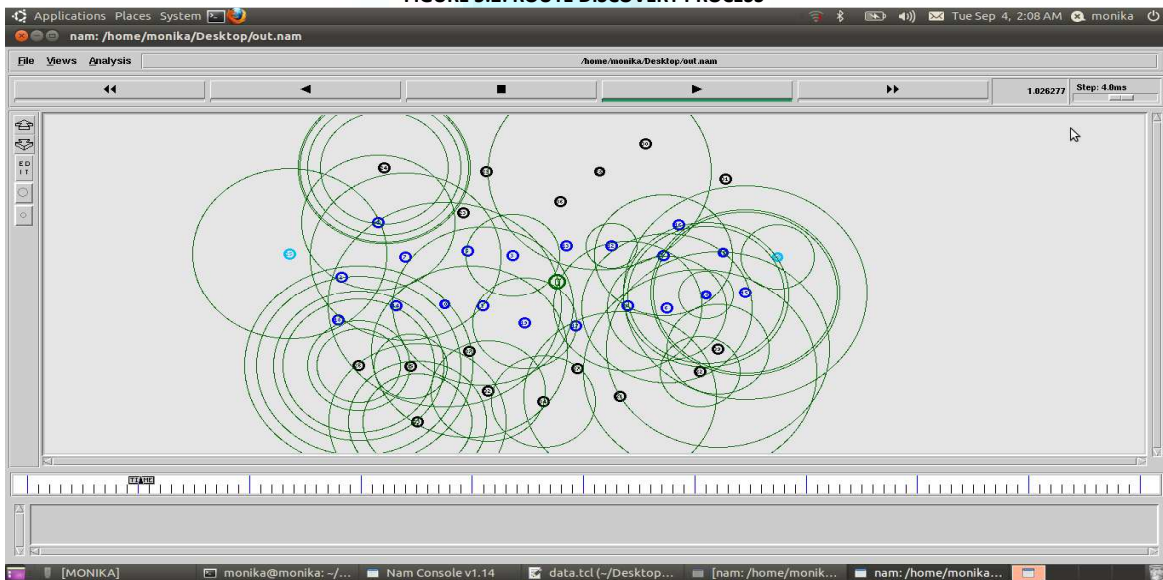
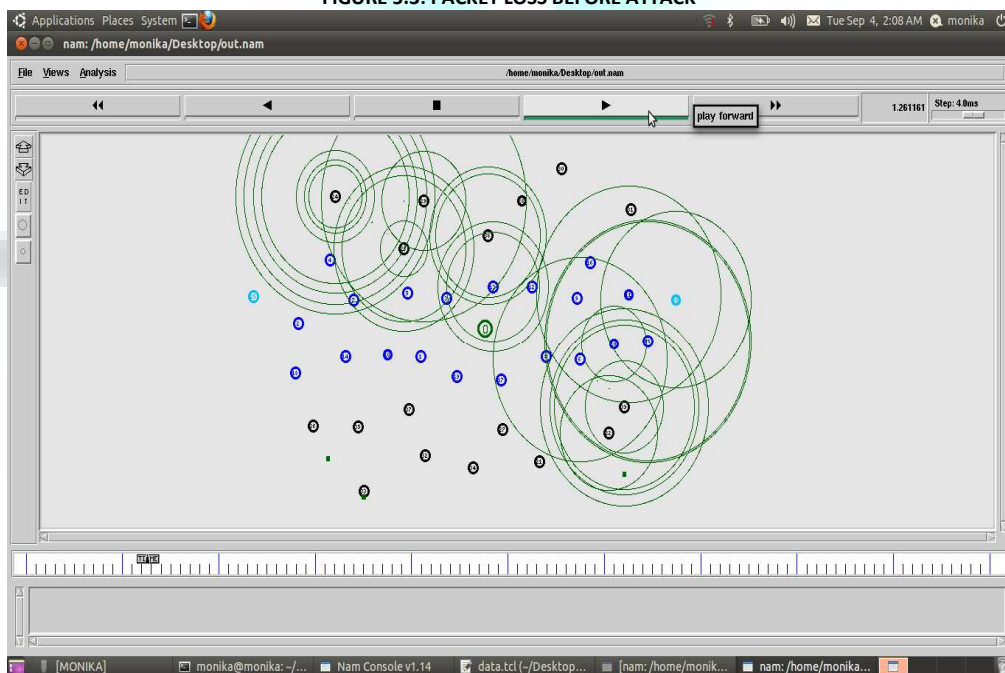
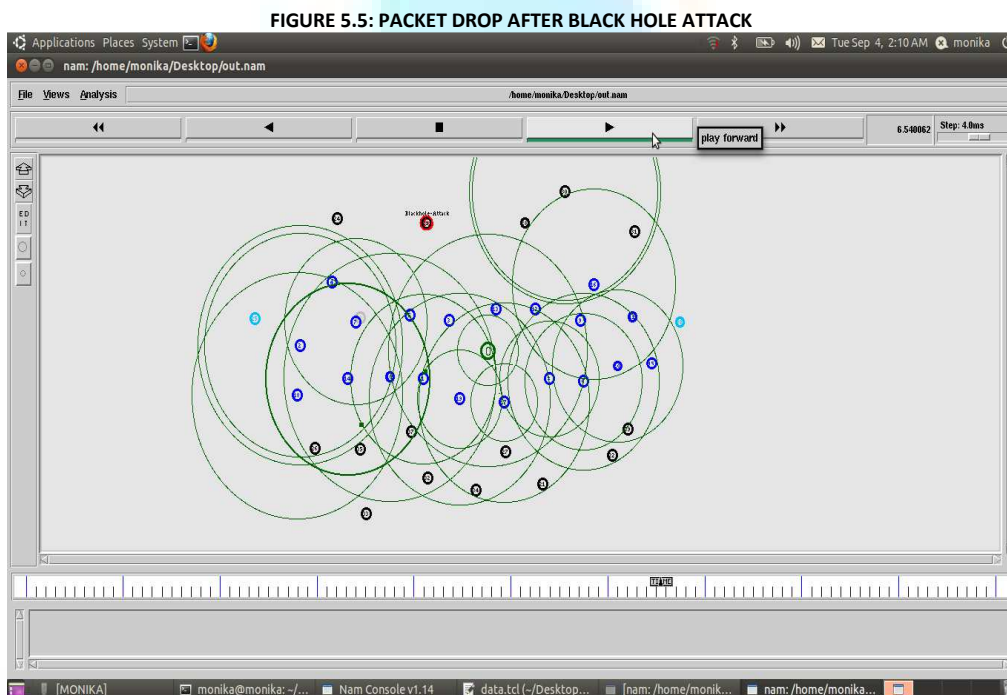
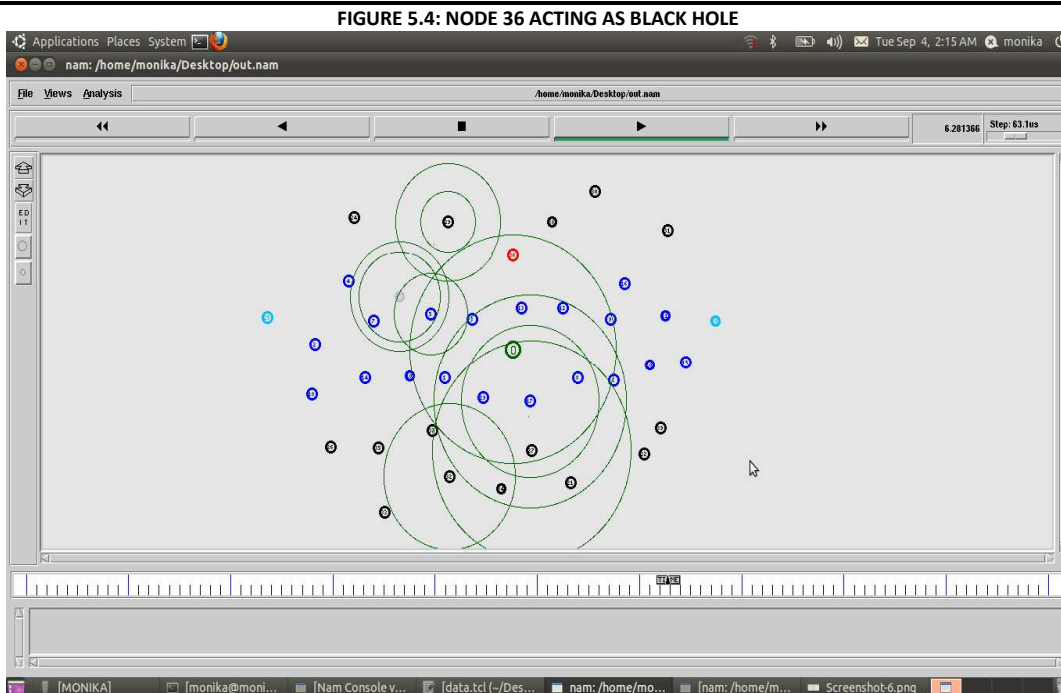


FIGURE 5.3: PACKET LOSS BEFORE ATTACK





We have taken different scenarios of defined parameters for our simulation with or without black hole node. We have taken different positions and movements of nodes for each scenario. Then we had entered the black hole nodes and simple nodes to evaluate the performance. The metrics are used to evaluate the performance are packet loss, throughput and end-to-end delay. We calculate data loss with black hole and without black hole node. Then we compare the results of these two simulations to understand the network and node behaviours. The result of the simulation shows that the packet loss in the network with a black hole increases beyond that dropped without the black hole node.

Our simulation results show that AODV network has normally 2.50 % data loss and if a black hole node is introducing in this network data loss is increased to 89.38%. As 2.50 % data loss already exists in this data traffic, black hole node increases this data loss by 86.88 %. We have also analyzed the throughput of received packets with the presence and absence of black hole node with respect to the simulation time of 450(s) in Figure 5.8. Figure 5.9 illustrates the graphic representation of packet loss percentage with and without black hole node with respect to simulation time.

Figure..8 shows the effect of black hole attack on throughput of received packets of network. The result shows both the cases with black hole and without black hole attack. With our simulation, we analyzed that the throughput of received packets in AODV is very high than the throughput of received packets in black hole AODV. Because the packet loss in black hole AODV is higher than the AODV protocol.

We also studied the performance with varying the number of nodes. Figure.5.7 shows the impact of number of nodes on throughput without black hole attack. The number of nodes is varying from 10 to 40 with the step of 5. Simulation results show that when the number of nodes increases, the throughput increases for AODV protocol.

Figure.5.6 shows the impact of simulation time on throughput and packet delivery ration .It shows that as the simulation time increases the throughput and packet delivery ration also increases as there is low packet loss. This is the case when there in no black hole node in the network.

FIGURE 5.6: THROUGHPUT AND PDR VS SIMULATION TIME FOR AODV

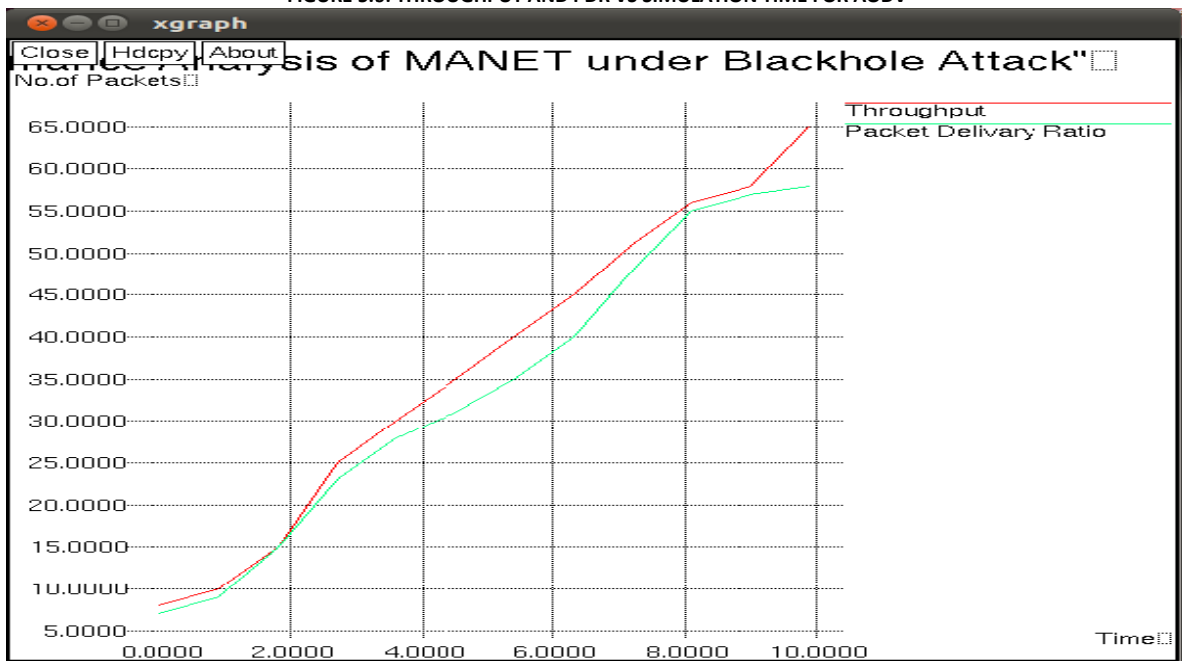


FIGURE 5.7: THROUGHPUT VS NUMBER OF NODES FOR AODV PROTOCOL

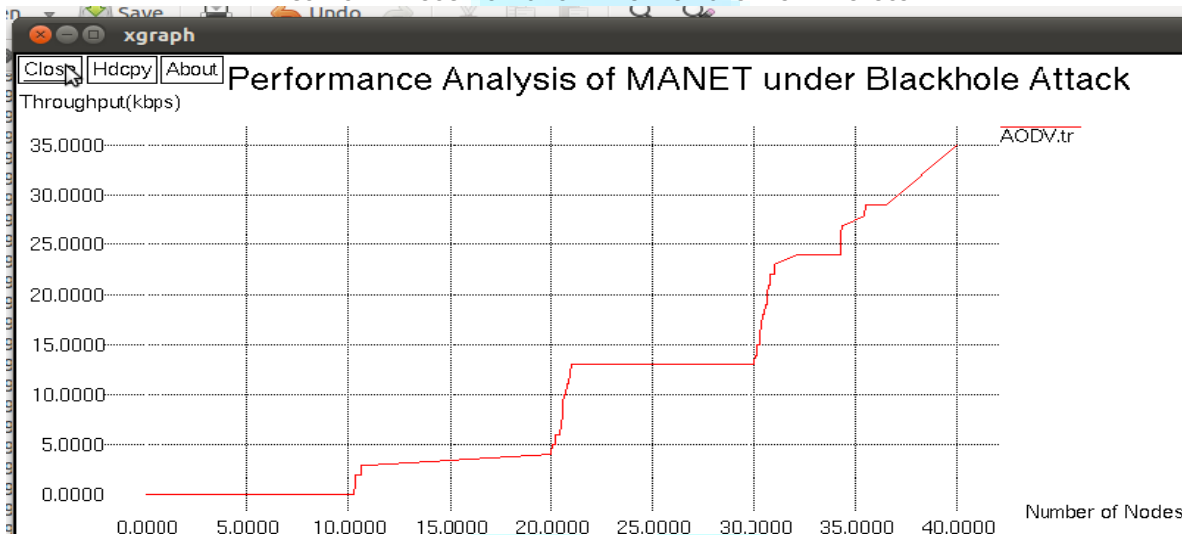


FIGURE 5.8: IMPACT OF BLACK HOLE NODE ON THROUGHPUT OF RECEIVED PACKET

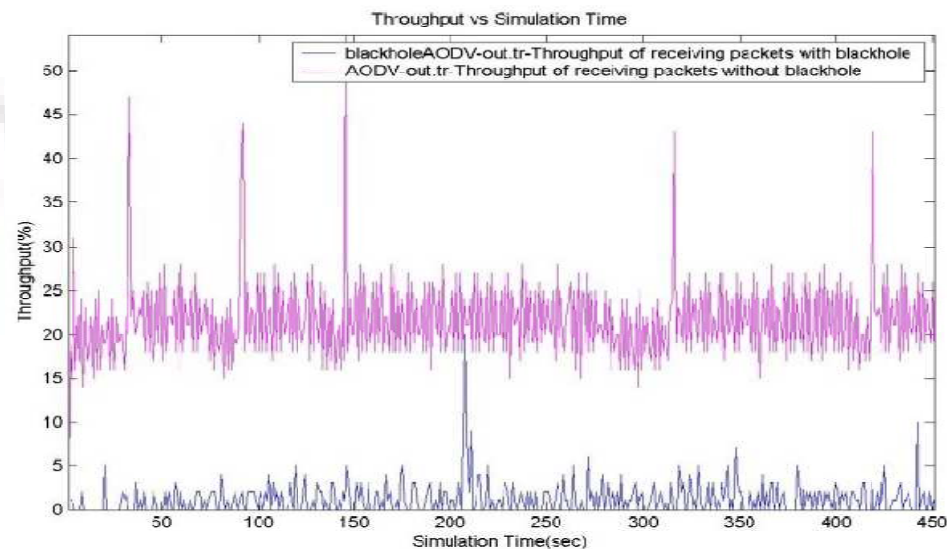
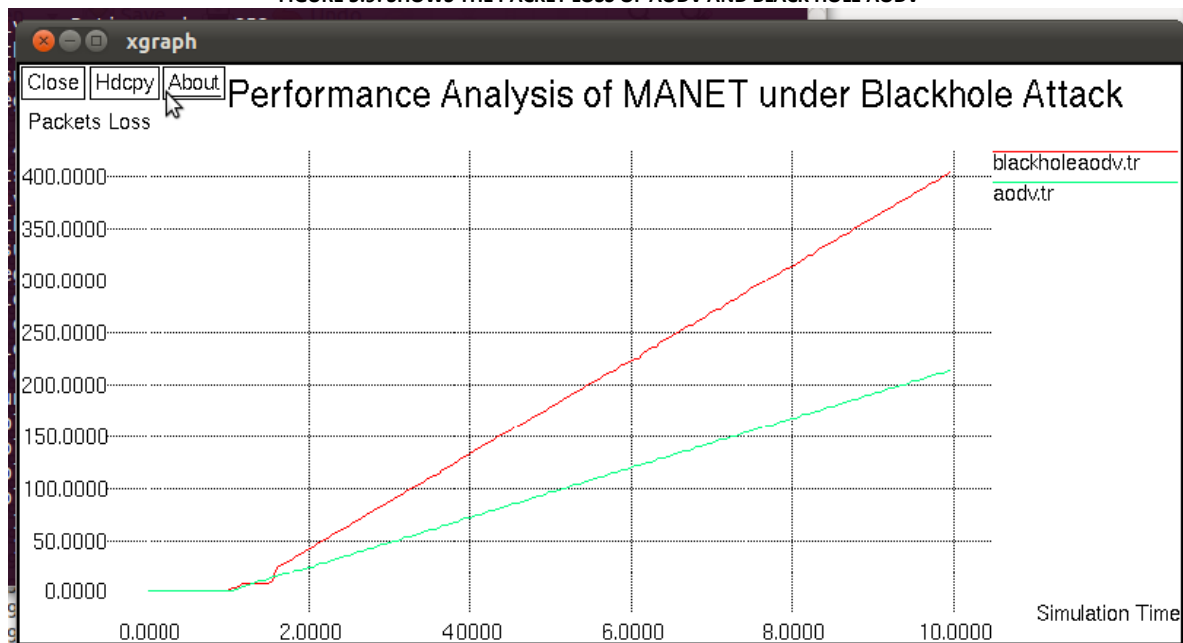


FIGURE 5.9: SHOWS THE PACKET LOSS OF AODV AND BLACK HOLE AODV



6. CONCLUSION

Thus we have analyzed the effect of Black Hole attack on very popular on demand routing protocol AODV, by means of various performance metrics such as PDR, throughput & packet loss, as well obtained simulation results by varying number of nodes in the network & found that there is non linear change in the values of these metrics also we realized that if the number of black hole nodes increased the network performance will be decreased.

7. FUTURE SCOPE

The research on MANET is still in an early stage. Existing proposals are typically based on one specific attack. They could work well in the presence of designated attacks, but there are many unanticipated or combined attacks that remain undiscovered. A lot of research is still on the way to identify new threats and create secure mechanisms to counter those threats. More research can be done on the robust key management system, trust-based protocols, integrated approaches to routing security, and data security at different layers

Mobile Ad Hoc Networks has the ability to deploy a network where a traditional network infrastructure environment cannot possibly be deployed. With the importance of MANET comparative to its vast potential it has still many challenges left in order to overcome. Security of MANET is one of the important features for its deployment. In our thesis we have analyzed the behavior and challenges of security threats in mobile ad hoc networks with solution finding technique with special attention to the black hole attack.

Mobile Ad hoc networks are widely used networks due to their flexible nature i.e. easy to deploy regardless of geographic constraints. These networks are exposed to both external and internal attacks as there is not centralized security mechanism. A lot of research work is still need in this area. We tried to discover and analyzed the impact of black hole attack in MANETs using AODV. There is a need to analyze black hole attack in other MANETs routing protocols such as DSR, TORA and GRP. Other types of attacks such as Wormhole, Jellyfish and Sybil attacks are needed to be studied in comparison with black hole attack. They can be categorized on the basis of how much they affect the performance of the network. The detection of unpredictable behavior of black hole attack as well as the elimination strategy for such behavior has to be carried out for further research.

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