

ProNoC

NoC Simulator User Manual

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Summary

The ProNoC NoC is developed in RTL using Verilog HDL and it can be simulated using Verilator simulator. The ProNoC simulator provides the graphical user interface (GUI) for simulating different NoC configuration under different synthetic traffic patterns.

1 System Requirements:

You will need a computer system running Linux OS with:

1. Installed the ProNoC GUI software and its dependency packages.
2. Installed Verilator simulator.

For more information about the ProNoC and GNU toolchain installation please refer to the ProNoC system installation file located in /DoC folder.

2 Simulation Example:

In this example we simulate two 8×8 Mesh NoCs, one with fully adaptive routing and another with DoR routing algorithms.

2.1 Generate first NoC configuration with XY routing

1. Open `mpsoc/perl_gui` in terminal and run ProNoC GUI application:

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./ProNoC.pl
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It should open The GUI interface as illustrated in Figure 1.

2. Click on NoC Simulator tab to open simulator GUI interface:

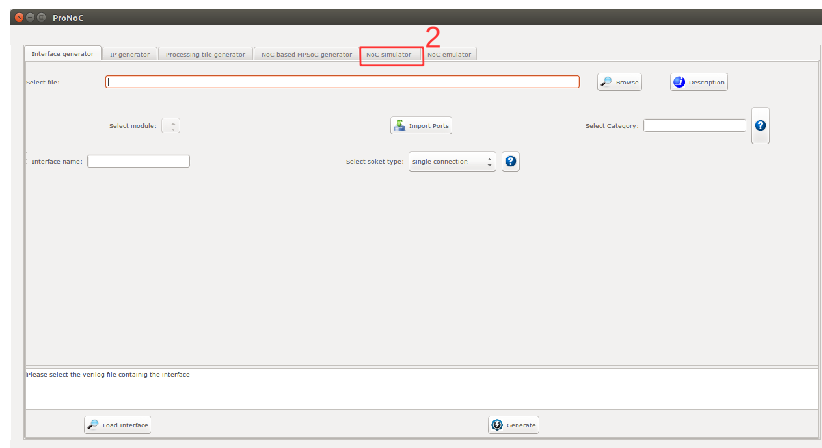


Figure 1

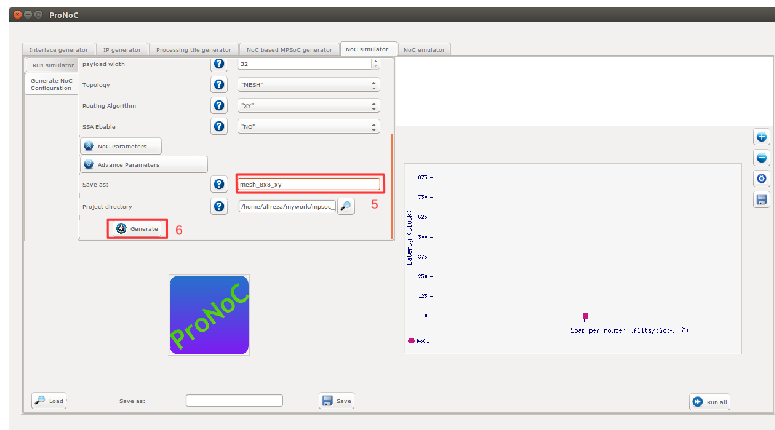


Figure 3

7. This will start Verilator compilation as shown in Figure ??

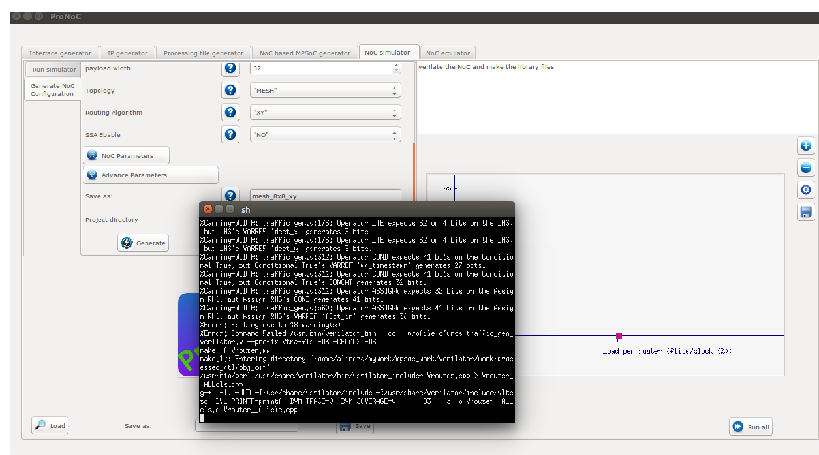


Figure 4

8. If the verilator compilation is successful the following message will be shown.

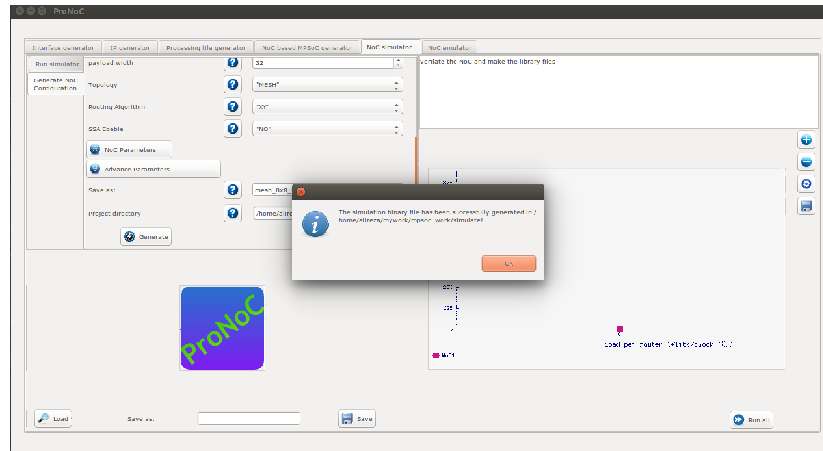


Figure 5

2.2 Generate the second NoC configuration with fully adaptive routing

9. In NOC configuration tab Keep the previously set parameters and only change the routing algorithm to "DUATO".
10. Enter a new name for this NoC configuration e.g. mesh8x8_full.
11. press Generate button and wait for ventilation to be done.

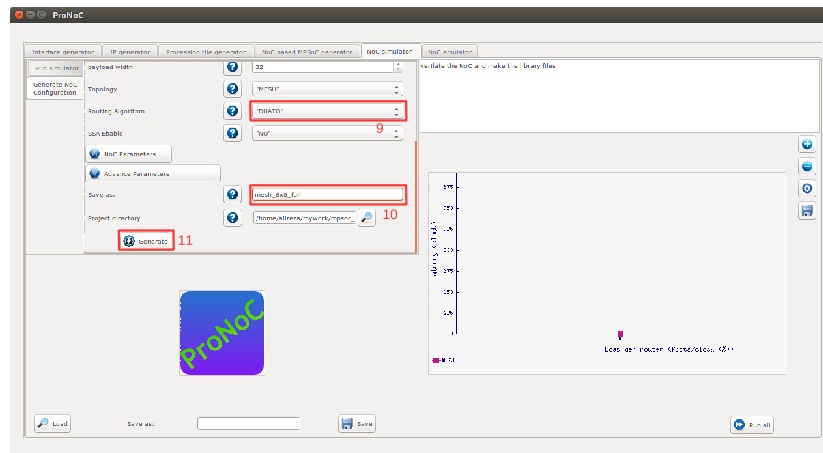


Figure 6

2.3 Run simulation under Matrix Transposed traffic pattern

12. Click on Run simulator tab.
13. Set number of simulations as 2.
14. Click on simulation 1 setting button.

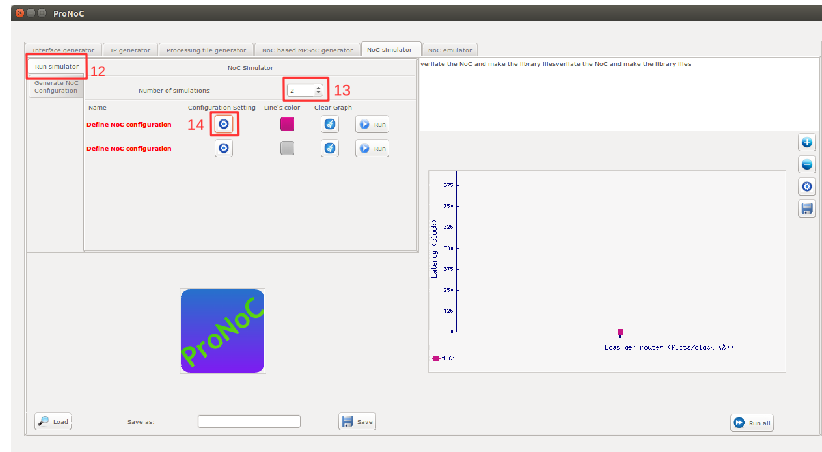


Figure 7

15. On NoC configuration setting window click on search button to select the verified file.
16. Select `mesh_8x8_xy`.
17. Enter a name for this NoC configuration e.g `mesh_xy`. This name will be shown in NoC simulation graph legend.
18. Select `transposed 2` as network traffic pattern.
19. Enter flit injection ratios and then press OK. You can define individual ratios separating by comma (',') or define a range of injection ratios with `[min]:[max]` format.

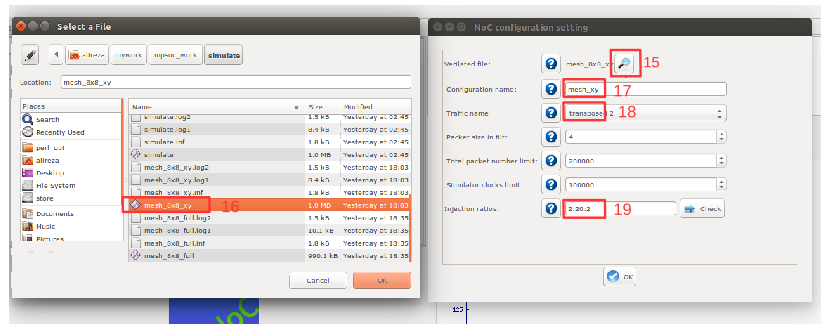


Figure 8

* Note that you can also add more injections ratios later. Each time you run the simulation the simulation results of new injection ratios are added to the previously plotted results.

20. Now click on second simulation setting button.
21. Select the `mesh_8x8_full` as the verilated file and fill the set the rest of NoC configuration as shown bellow:

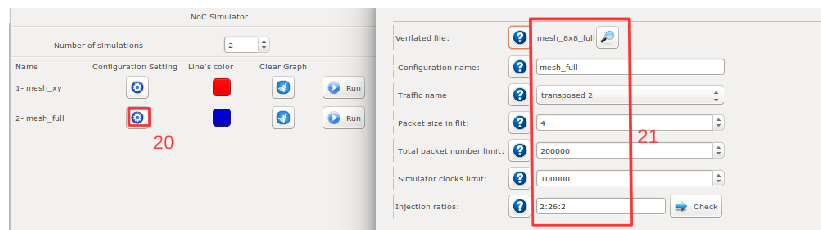


Figure 9

22. Save the simulation. You can save the simulation at any time during run time. Hence, later you can continue the rest of simulation.
23. To start the simulation press `Run all` button. You can also run each individual simulation by pressing the run button in its simulation row.
24. After the simulation is done, if your graph is not yet completed you can enter a new injection ratio range and press the run key again.
25. You can edit the generated graph and then save it from graph editing toolbox. By saving the simulation graph, the exact values of simulations also will be saved in a text file alongside with generated graph.

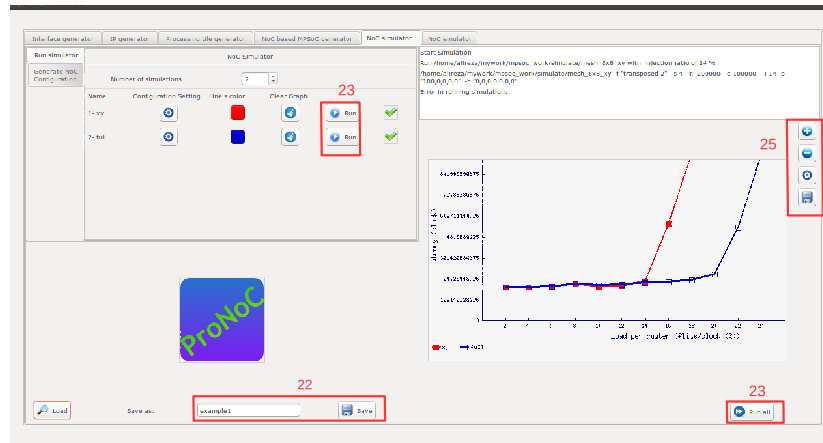


Figure 10

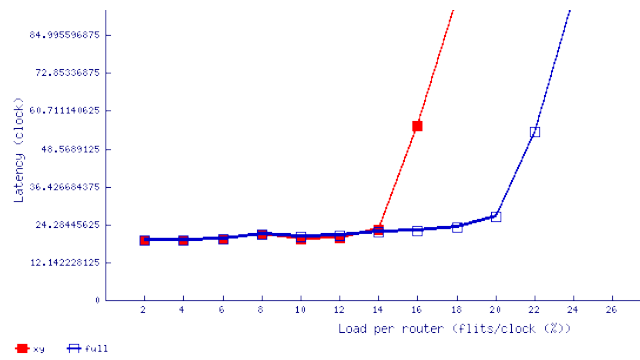


Figure 11: simulation graph output