# EE552 Final Project

Final Report

4D Hypercube Network on Chip

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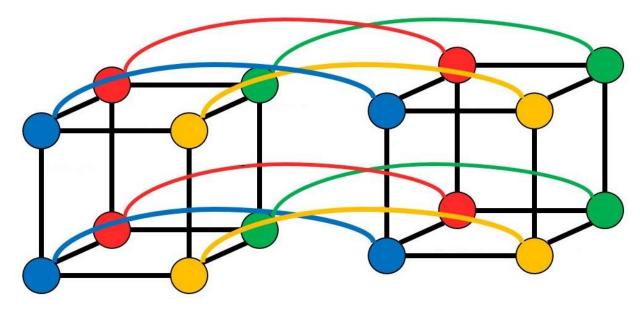
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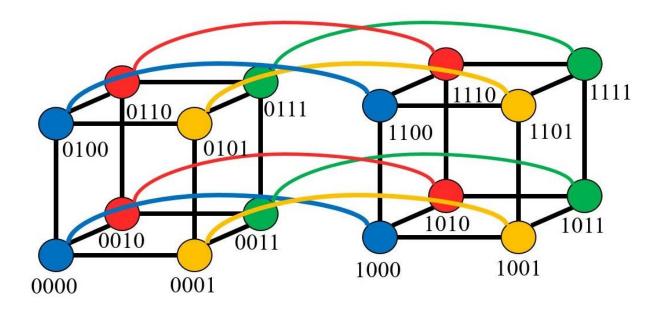
### 1.0 Introduction

Routing dedicated wires to connect top-level modules increases area and decreases performance. Network-On-Chips (NoC) is a good way to avoid these problems. NoCs do this by sharing wire connections between nodes. These nodes have built-in routers which use specific protocols to determine the most efficient way to transmit data from point a to point b. Error detection and correction techniques are also used to ensure the receiving end obtains the correct data. By sharing path resources together with an efficient routing algorithm NoCs make a better option that routing dedicated wires between modules.

# 2.0 OVERALL STRUCTURE

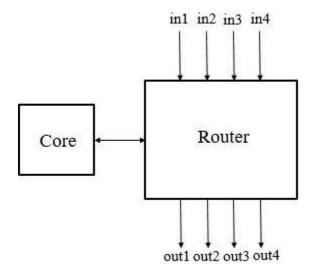


The network topology chosen was a 4D hypercube. This topology was chosen because it has a shorter worst case travel distance of 4 hops between nodes compared to the baseline topology which has a worse case travel distance of 8 hops. Each node implements a router and a core. The testbench controls the sending and receiving of each node.



The nodes were given on address based on gray code. The address of all adjacent nodes to any given node differs by only 1-bit.

### 2.1 Node Structure



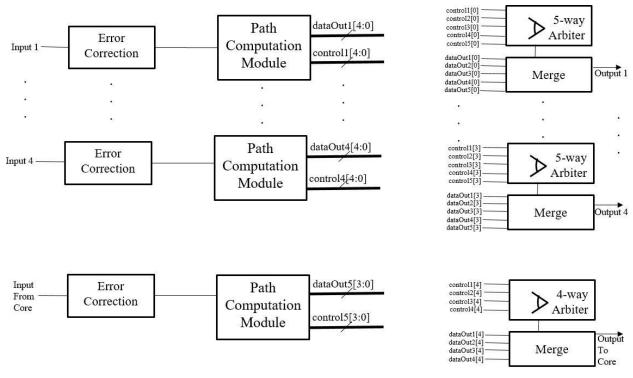
#### 2.2 Core Structure

The function of the core is to encode the 8bit data (4bit data + 4bit address) received from data generator and decode the 11bit data received from the router after reaching its destination node. The encoder adds parity bits (3bit) to the data sending it to the router and the decoder removes these parity bits before sending the data to data bucket.

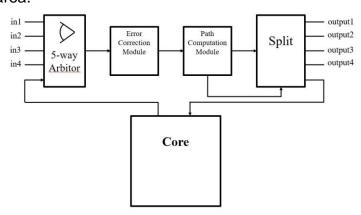
#### 2.3 Router Structure

The router structure we used receives data packets from the adjacent nodes and the current core. The data packets are checked for any errors and if any exist they are corrected by our error correction module. The data packets are then passed to the path computation module which splits the data packets into the data being transmitted and a control acknowledgment data. The 5-way arbiter receives the control data and sends the control value of the winning data to merge so it can output the corresponding data that won the arbitration.

Note that we have 4 5-way arbiters, and 5 input merge modules for outputting to neighboring nodes and we have one 4-way arbiter and one 4 input merge for outputting to the current core.



Below is the original routing structure we designed for part 1. This structure serialized the computation of the input data which made it slow because of contention at input. We used this structure because we wanted to save area. we redesigned our structure to the one above to increase the performance of our design. Our new design allowed the input data to be computed in parallel. This gave our final design better performance for the cost of additional area.



# 2.3.1 Path Computation Module

Path computation module dynamically calculates the path a received data will take. we XOR'd the current address with the address of the destination node. Then we go from LSB to MSB to find the first 1's bit position to determine the path. Path computation module consists of a bit slicer to separate the data and the address and feeds that address data to XOR module to compute the result. After that, we find the bit position of the first value "1" it sees then it outputs the data and the control signal which will be connected to corresponding arbiter modules and merge modules.

#### 2.3.2 Arbiter

In our node structure, we used 4 input arbiter and 5 input arbiter. They are used to select control signals for our merges. In our arbiter module, we created a 2 input arbiter and we cascade 2 input arbiters to get 4 and 5 input arbiters.

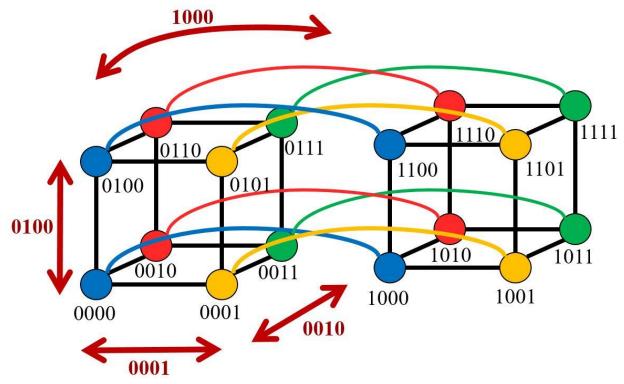
### 2.3.3 Error Correcting Module

Hamming code was used to implement our error correction modules. Error correction modules perform parity-bit checks on data bits and correct single bit error. Parity bits are used to indicate the number of ones in the data prior to transmission. Parity bits checking allow us to detect data corruption during transmission and, with three parity bits, our module can correct any single bit data corruption. All data received by routers are first passed through error correction module before entering path computation module to ensure error-free data that will be used to calculate path. When data first generated by data generators in the test bench, they are passed into our cores where the parity bits are generated before data are sent to routers.

```
# Original data with parity: 0000000
# Modified data wtih parity: 0000001
# Data bucket receiving 0000000
# Original data with parity: 1001100
# Modified data wtih parity: 1001101
# Data bucket receiving 1001100
# Original data with parity: 0101101
# Modified data wtih parity: 0101100
# Data bucket receiving 0101101
# Original data with parity: 1111111
# Modified data wtih parity: 1111110
# Data bucket receiving 1111111
```

The edu test bench shows correct results

# 3.0 ROUTING ALGORITHM



The paths a token can take was characterised as follows:

0001 - horizontal move

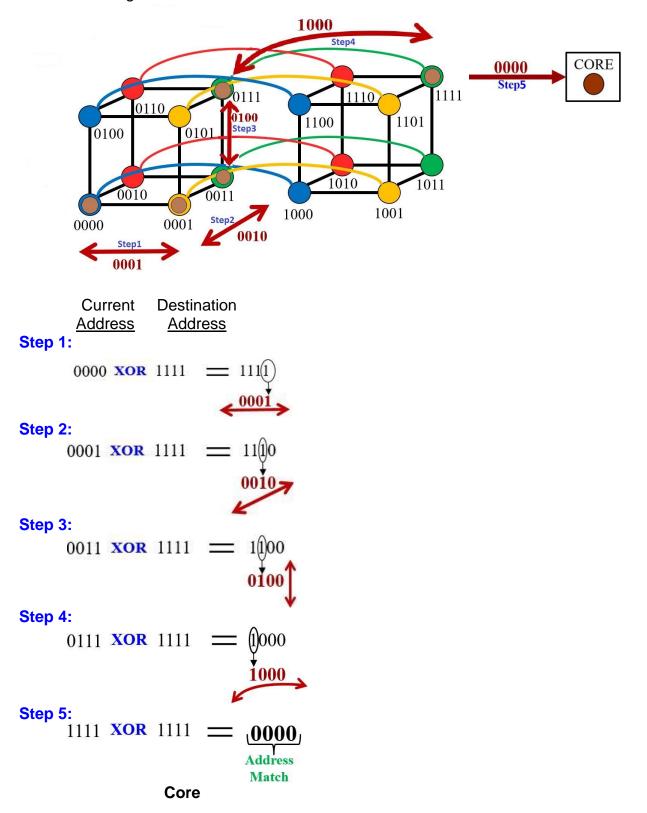
0010 - forward/back move

0100 - vertical move

1000 - 4th dimensional move

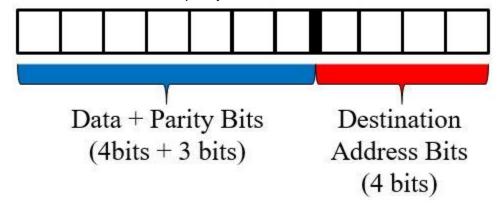
To compute the path a token will take, we XOR'd the address the token was currently in with the address of the destination node. The LSB of the result where the data was 1 indicated the move direction of token. Example provided on next page.

For example, if the current location of the token is 0000 and its destination address is 1111 the routing was as follows:



# 4.0 ERROR DETECTION AND CORRECTION

For error detection and correction, we used Hamming code. Our data packet was 11bits which included 4 data bits + 3 parity bits + 4 address bits as shown below:



### 4.1 Hamming Code

Hamming code is capable of not only detecting errors but also correcting them. This is the reason for us choosing this methodology. Hamming code is able to detect errors that are up to 2-bits in length or correct single bit errors.

# 4.2 Encoding/Decoding

Bit positi	on	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Encoded data bits		р1	p2	d1	p4	d2	d3	d4	p8	d5	d6	d7
Parity bit	p1	Х		Х		Х		X		Х		X
	p2		Х	Х			Х	Х			X	X
	p4				X	Х	Х	Х				

### 5.0 SIMULATIONS

#### 5.1 Test bench structure

Our test bench is made up of 16 data generators and 16 data buckets. We use global data for final verification. The data generators push data into the destination's data queue. They also push timestamps into the destination's time queue. The data buckets check if the data reach the correct destination and retrieve the corresponding timestamps and performance data. They also push the result into the travel time array and cycle array.

#### Data Generator: Push data and time stamp

```
tb_module.time_queue[int'(addr)].push_back($time);
tb_module.data_queue[int'(addr)].push_back(SendValue);
tb module.total send += 1;
$display("Start module data_gen and time is %d, Send count: %d", $time, tb_module.total_send);
counter += 1; // local counter
```

#### Data Bucket: Verify data and push performance data into global arrays.

```
queue_check = tb_module.data_queue[MYID].find_first_index(x) with ( x == ReceiveValue);
  (tb module.data queue[MVID][queue check[0]] == ReceiveValue) b
  time_started = tb_module.time_queue[MVID][queue_check[0]];
 time_spent_during_travel = $time - time_started;
tb_module.sum_travel_time[MYID] += time_spent_during_travel;
  tb_module.time_queue[MYID].delete(queue_check[0]);
  tb module.data queue[MVID].delete(queue check[0]);
  $display("Data bucket [%d] is receiving %b | Receive count: %d
Bucket Avg Cycle Time: %f, Sum Cycles: %f ", MYID,
ReceiveValue, tb_module.receive_count,
 (tb_module.sum_travel_time[MVID]/tb_module.cycle_queue[MVID]), tb_module.sum_travel_time[MVID]);
```

### 5.2 Test Cases and results

#### 5.3 Performance

```
Test case1: sending multiple data to random nodes
```

```
0]: Average Cycle Time: 5.276233
                         1]: Average Cycle Time: 5.272465
        Node [
        Node [
                         2]: Average Cycle Time: 5.316693
        Node [
                        3]: Average Cycle Time: 5.431614
                        4]: Average Cycle Time: 5.315595
        Node [
                        5]: Average Cycle Time: 5.419934
        Node [
        Node [
                        6]: Average Cycle Time: 5.149883
                        7]: Average Cycle Time: 5.196088
        Node [
                        8]: Average Cycle Time: 5.204579
        Node [
                        9]: Average Cycle Time: 5.412837
        Node [
                  10]: Average Cycle Time: 5.394915
11]: Average Cycle Time: 5.289552
        Node [
        Node [
        Node [
                      12]: Average Cycle Time: 5.224058
                     131: Average Cycle Time: 5.481674
        Node [
                      14]: Average Cycle Time: 5.287511
        Node [
                  oj: Average Throughput: 0.189543
1]: Average Throughput: 0.189675
2]: Average Throughput: 0.188097
3]: Average Throughput: 0.184121
4]: Average Throughput: 0.184121
5]: Average Throughput: 0.188143
5]: Average Throughput: 0.184507
                     15]: Average Cycle Time: 5.068228
        Node [
                        6]: Average Throughput: 0.194198
        Node [
                        7]: Average Throughput: 0.192464
        Node [
                       8]: Average Throughput: 0.192146
9]: Average Throughput: 0.184753
        Node [
        Node [
                   10]: Average Throughput: 0.185367
        Node [
        Node [
                     11]: Average Throughput: 0.189063
                      12]: Average Throughput: 0.191433
        Node [
                     13]: Average Throughput: 0.182436
        Node [
                      14]: Average Throughput: 0.189136
        Node [
                  15]: Average Throughput: 0.197316
        Node [
# Overall Average Cycle Time: 5.296366
# Average Throughput
# 0.1889009338978329
 ===== Test Successful ======
  Total Sent:
                      160000 Total Received: 160000
```

To test the correctness of our design and to show that it is deadlock free, we made each node to send out 10000 random data to random nodes. Since we have 16 nodes, total number of data sent is 160000 and the test is successful as shown above.

### Test case2: sending multiple data to one specific node

```
0]: Average Cycle Time: 5.000000
        Node [
                       1]: Average Cycle Time: 4.000000
                       2]: Average Cycle Time: 4.000000
        Node [
                       3]: Average Cycle Time: 3.000000
        Node [
                       4]: Average Cycle Time: 4.000000
        Node [
        Node [
                       5]: Average Cycle Time: 3.000000
        Node [
                       6]: Average Cycle Time: 3.000000
        Node [
                      7]: Average Cycle Time: 2.000000
                      8]: Average Cycle Time: 4.000000
        Node [
        Node [
                       9]: Average Cycle Time: 3.000000
                     10]: Average Cycle Time: 3.000000
        Node [
                  10]: Average Cycle Time: 3.000000
11]: Average Cycle Time: 2.000000
12]: Average Cycle Time: 3.000000
        Node [
        Node [
        Node [
                   13]: Average Cycle Time: 2.000000
14]: Average Cycle Time: 2.000000
        Node [
                 15]: Average Cycle Time: 2.000000
        Node [
                     0]: Average Throughput: 0.202899
1]: Average Throughput: 0.254310
        Node [
        Node [
                       2]: Average Throughput: 0.253731
        Node [
        Node [
                      3]: Average Throughput: 0.338542
        Node [
                       4]: Average Throughput: 0.253788
        Node [
                      5]: Average Throughput: 0.337838
        Node [
                       6]: Average Throughput: 0.339506
                      71: Average Throughput: 0.510204
        Node [
        Node [
                      8]: Average Throughput: 0.253333
                       9]: Average Throughput: 0.337500
        Node [
                     10]: Average Throughput: 0.339744
        Node [
                  10]: Average Throughput: 0.339744
11]: Average Throughput: 0.507576
        Node [
        Node [
                     12]: Average Throughput: 0.338095
        Node [
                      13]: Average Throughput: 0.506849
        Node [
                      14]: Average Throughput: 0.507353
                      15]: Average Throughput: 0.007585
        Node [
# Overall Average Cycle Time:11.177967
# Average Throughput
# 0.3305532951920811
# ===== Test Successful ======
  Total Sent:
                     16000 Total Received:
                                                  16000
```

The test bench shows correct results.

### **6.0 GATE IMPLEMENTATION**

# 6.1 Synthesized Gate Implementation with Results

Node merge module cosim\_wrapper gate implementation

```
nodule nodemerge_cosim_wrapper(interface control_in, interface in1, interface in2, interface in3, interface in4, inter nodemerge nodemerge_expanded (control_in.e[0], control_in.e[1], control_in.e[2], in1.e[0], in1.e[10], in1.e[11], in1.e[2], in1.e[3], in1.e[4], in1.e[5], in1.e[5], in1.e[7], in1.e[8], in1.e[9], in2.e[0], in2.e[10], in2.e[1], in2.e[2], in2.e[2], in2.e[3], in2.e[4], in3.e[6], in3.e[1], in3.e[2], in3.e[8], in3.e[9], in3.e[9], in3.e[0], in3.e[1], in3.e[1], in3.e[2], in3.e[8], in3.e[9], in4.e[0], in4.e[10], in4.e[1], in4.e[2], in4.e[3], in4.e[4], in4.e[6], in4.e[6], in4.e[7], in4.e[8], in4.e[9], out.d[0][9], out.d[0][9], out.d[0][10], out.d[0][1], out.d[0][1], out.d[0][1], out.d[0][2], out.d[0][1], out.d[0][1], out.d[0][1], out.d[0][1], out.d[0][1], out.d[0][1], out.d[1][1], out.d[1][2], out.d[1][3], out.d[1][4], out.d[1][5], out.d[1][6], out.d[1][7], out.d[1][8], out.d[1][8], in1.d[0][7], in1.d[0][7], in1.d[0][7], in1.d[0][7], in1.d[0][7], in1.d[0][7], in1.d[0][7], in1.d[0][8], in1.d[0][9], in1.d[1][9], in1.d[1][9], in1.d[1][9], in1.d[1][9], in1.d[1][9], in1.d[1][9], in2.d[0][9], in2.d[0][9], in2.d[0][9], in2.d[0][9], in2.d[0][9], in2.d[0][9], in2.d[0][9], in2.d[0][9], in2.d[0][9], in3.d[0][9], in3.d[0][9], in3.d[0][1], in4.d[1][2], i
                                                                                                                                                     cosim wrapper(interface control in, interface in1, interface in2, interface in3, interface in4, interface out, input _RESET);
```

#### Node merge gate implementation stats

2323	Gate	Instances	Area	Library
2324				
2325	BUF_X2	1	22.118	PROTEUS
2326	INV_X1	40	884.736	PROTEUS
2327	LOGIC2 1 X4	1	46.310	PROTEUS
2328	LOGIC2 7 X4	1	46.310	PROTEUS
2329	LOGIC2 D X4	3	138.931	PROTEUS
2330	LOGIC2 E X4	1	46.310	PROTEUS
2331	LOGIC4_153F_X4	22	1262.131	PROTEUS
2332	LOGIC4_8FFF_X2	11	631.066	PROTEUS
2333	RECV_1of2_X2	47	1819.238	PROTEUS
2334	SEND_1of2_X2	11	258.509	PROTEUS
2335	TOK_BUF_X6	11	319.334	PROTEUS
2336				
2337	total	149	5474.995	

#### Router merge module cosim\_wrapper gate implementation

```
routermerge cosim_wrapper(interface control_in, interface in1, interface in2, interface in3, interface in4, routermerge routermerge expanded (control_in.e[0] , control_in.e[1] , control_in.e[2] , in1.e[0] , in1.e[10] , in1.e[2] , in1.e[0] , in1.e[3] , in1.e[2] , in1.e[3] , in1.e[3] , in1.e[3] , in1.e[3] , in1.e[3] , in1.e[3] , in2.e[3] , in2.e[3] , in2.e[4] , in2.e[6] , in2.e[6] , in2.e[7] , in2.e[8] , in2.e[4] , in2.e[5] , in2.e[6] , in2.e[7] , in2.e[8] , in2.e[9] , in3.e[4] , in3.e[0] , in3.e[1] , in3.e[0] , in3.e[1] , in3.e[0] , in4.e[1] , in5.e[1] , in5.e[1] , in5.e[1] , in5.e[2] , in5.e[3] , in5.e[3] , in5.e[4] , in5.e[1] , in5.e[1] , in5.e[1] , in5.e[2] , in5.e[3] , in5.e[3] , in4.e[4] , in5.e[5] , in5.e[6] , in5.e[7] , in5.e[8] , in5.e[9] , out.d[9][6] , out.d[9][7] , out.d[9][8] , out.d[9][9] , out.d[9][9] , out.d[9][1] , in1.d[9][1] , in2.d[9][1] , in3.d[9][1] , in3.d[
```

### Router merge gate implementation stats

2327	Gate	Instances	Area	Library
2328				
2329	INV_X1	51	1128.038	PROTEUS
2330	INV_X2	1	22.118	PROTEUS
2331	LOGIC2_D_X4	5	231.552	PROTEUS
2332	LOGIC2_E_X4	1	46.310	PROTEUS
2333	LOGIC3_F8_X4	1	59.443	PROTEUS
2334	LOGIC3_FD_X4	1	62.208	PROTEUS
2335	LOGIC4_153F_X4	11	631.066	PROTEUS
2336	LOGIC4_4FFF_X2	11	631.066	PROTEUS
2337	LOGIC6_0000077707770777_X2	11	904.781	PROTEUS
2338	RECV_1of2_X2	58	2245.018	PROTEUS
2339	SEND_1of2_X2	11	258.509	PROTEUS
2340	TOK_BUF_X6	11	319.334	PROTEUS
2341				
2342	total	173	6539.443	

#### Router merge module cosim\_wrapper gate implementation

```
dule edu_cosim_wrapper(interface datain, interface dataout, input _RESET);
edu edu_expanded (datain.e[0] , datain.e[10] , datain.e[1] , datain.e[2] , datain.e[3] , datain.e[4]
, datain.e[5] , datain.e[6] , datain.e[7] , datain.e[8] , datain.e[9] , dataout.d[0][0]
, dataout.d[0][10] , dataout.d[0][1] , dataout.d[0][2] , dataout.d[0][3] , dataout.d[0][4] , dataout.d[0][5]
, dataout.d[0][6] , dataout.d[0][7] , dataout.d[0][8] , dataout.d[0][9] , dataout.d[1][0] , dataout.d[1][1]
, dataout.d[1][7] , dataout.d[1][8] , dataout.d[1][9] , datain.d[0][0] , datain.d[0][10] , datain.d[0][1]
, datain.d[0][2] , datain.d[0][3] , datain.d[0][4] , datain.d[0][5] , datain.d[0][6] , datain.d[0][7]
, datain.d[0][8] , datain.d[0][9] , datain.d[1][0] , datain.d[1][1] , datain.d[1][2]
, datain.d[1][3] , datain.d[1][4] , datain.d[1][5] , datain.d[1][6] , datain.d[1][7] , datain.d[1][8]
, dataout.e[4] , dataout.e[5] , dataout.e[6] , dataout.e[7] , dataout.e[8] , dataout.e[9]
, _RESET );
```

### Router merge gate implementation stats

1626	Gate	Instances	Area	Library
1627				
1628	BUF_X1	1	22.118	PROTEUS
1629	INV_X1	9	199.066	PROTEUS
1630	LOGIC2_2_X4	1	46.310	PROTEUS
1631	LOGIC2_6_X4	1	46.310	PROTEUS
1632	LOGIC2_7_X4	1	46.310	PROTEUS
1633	LOGIC2_9_X4	2	92.621	PROTEUS
1634	LOGIC2_D_X4	5	231.552	PROTEUS
1635	LOGIC2_E_X4	3	138.931	PROTEUS
1636	LOGIC3_4F_X4	1	59.443	PROTEUS
1637	LOGIC3_69_X4	2		PROTEUS
1638	LOGIC3_7F_X4	1	62.208	PROTEUS
1639	LOGIC3_96_X4	1	60.826	PROTEUS
1640	LOGIC4_0CAE_X4	1	57.370	PROTEUS
1641	LOGIC4_B000_X2	1	57.370	PROTEUS
1642	LOGIC4_C0D5_X4	7	401.587	PROTEUS
1643	LOGIC4_F351_X4	1	57.370	PROTEUS
1644	LOGIC5_0000B0BB_X2	1	75.341	PROTEUS
1645	RECV_1of2_X2	11	425.779	PROTEUS
1646	SEND_1of2_X2	11	258.509	PROTEUS
1647				
1648	total	61	2460.672	

### 6.2 Synthesized Top Level Performance

```
# Received all data, perform final check up
# Checking data_queue[
                                     0].size:
                                                           0
# Checking data_queue[
                                     1].size:
# Checking data_queue[
                                     2].size:
                                                           0
                                    3],size;
# Checking data_queue[
                                                           0
                                    4].size:
# Checking data_queue[
                                                           0
# Checking data_queue[
                                    5].size:
                                                           0
# Checking data_queue[
                                   6].size:
# Checking data_queue[
                                    7].size:
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# Checking data_queue[
                                    8].size:
9].size:
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# Checking data_queue[
                                  12].size:
                                   13].size:
                                                           0
# Checking data_queue[
 Checking data_queue[
                                   14].size:
 Checking data_queue[
                                    15].size:
                          0]: Average Cycle Time: 10.333333
         Node[
                          1]: Average Cycle Time: 9,804348
         Node
                          2]: Average Cycle Time: 10.209302
         Node[
#
         Node[
                          3]: Average Cycle Time: 9,760000
                          4]: Average Cycle Time: 9,977273
5]: Average Cycle Time: 10,072727
6]: Average Cycle Time: 9,784314
7]: Average Cycle Time: 9,975000
         Node[
#
#
         Node[
         Node[
#
         Node[
#
                          8]: Average Cycle Time: 10.215686
         Node[
#
         Node[
                          9]: Average Cycle Time: 10.032787
#
                         10]: Average Cycle Time: 9.854167
         Node[
#
         Node[
                         11]: Average Cycle Time: 10,160714
                         12]: Average Cycle Time: 9,392157
13]: Average Cycle Time: 9,634615
#
         Node[
         Node[
#
#
         Node
                         14]: Average Cycle Time: 9,551020
                        15]: Average Cycle Time: 9,980769
         Node[
#
         Node[
                         0]: Average Throughput: 0.077626
         Node[
#
                          1]: Average Throughput: 0.069803
                         2]: Average Throughput: 0.065350
3]: Average Throughput: 0.075988
4]: Average Throughput: 0.066768
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                          5]: Average Throughput: 0.083841
         Node[
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                          6]: Average Throughput: 0.077863
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         Node[
                          7]: Average Throughput: 0.060698
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         Node[
                          8]: Average Throughput: 0.078462
                        9]: Average Throughput: 0.092564
10]: Average Throughput: 0.073733
#
         Node[
         Node[
#
                         11]: Average Throughput: 0.085236
         Nodel
                         12]: Average Throughput: 0.077390
         Node[
                         13]: Average Throughput: 0.079027
         Node[
#
         Node[
                         14]: Average Throughput: 0.074355
                         15]: Average Throughput: 0.078550
# Overall Average Cycle Time:9,921138
# Average Throughput
# 0.07607828419454667
  ==== Test Successful =====
                                                           800
  Total Sent:
                          800 Total Received:
```

The test bench shows correct results.