NetSim Multi-Parameter Sweeper

Software Recommended:

NetSim v13.0 (32/64 bit), DOT NET CORE SDK 3.1, Python 3.7.4

Project Download Link:

https://github.com/NetSim-TETCOS/Multi-Parameter-Sweeper-IISc-Experiments/archive/refs/heads/main.zip

Follow the instructions specified in the following link to download and setup the Project in NetSim:

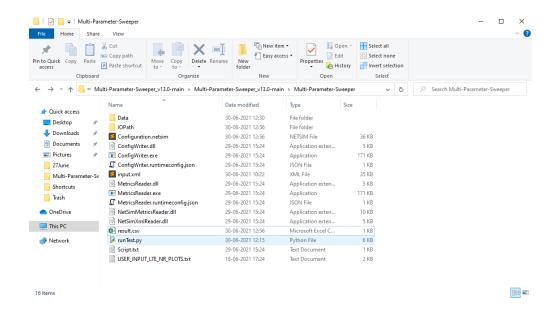
https://support.tetcos.com/en/support/solutions/articles/14000128666-downloading-and-setting-up-netsim-file-exchange-projects

Introduction

When users want to sweep one or more parameters, they change their values between simulation runs, and compare and analyse the performance metrics from each run. NetSim multi-parameter sweeper enables users to automate the sweep process. Consider an example, where a user wishes to create and simulate a network scenario for all possible values of one or more parameters in combination and analyse a set of performance metrics across the simulation runs. This is extremely time consuming to do manually using the NetSim GUI. The multi-parameter sweep program enables users to automate the sweep process across multiple input parameters, simulate each run, save each result, and compare specific output metrics via a spreadsheet software like MS Excel. The sweep program runs NetSim via its CLI interface.

File Organization

The project directory consists of several binaries which are responsible for different tasks during a multi-parameter sweep:



input.xml: This file contains the base NetSim network configuration that is to be simulated. This file is created by copy pasting the Configuration.netsim file that can be obtained by saving a network configuration in NetSim and renaming it to input.xml.

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The values of parameters which are to be varied during each simulation run needs to be specified as {0}, {1}, {2}, etc. respectively. For Example, if the X and Y coordinates of a device is to be varied the values can be modified in the input.xml file as shown below

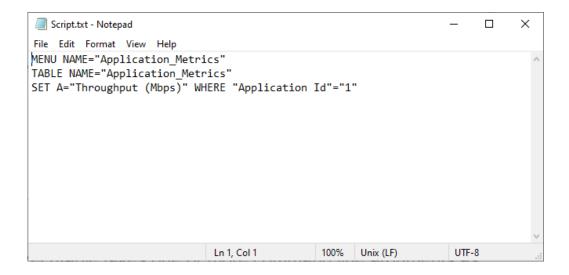
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Script.txt: This file should be updated with the parameter from the output metrics of NetSim that is to be logged at the end of each simulation run for the purpose of analysis. At the end of every simulation, NetSim generates a Metrics.xml file which contain the performance metrics written in a specific format based on which it is loaded in the results dashboard. Each Metric is part of a results table which can be accessed using a menu in the results dashboard. A NetSim Metrics.xml file is shown below:

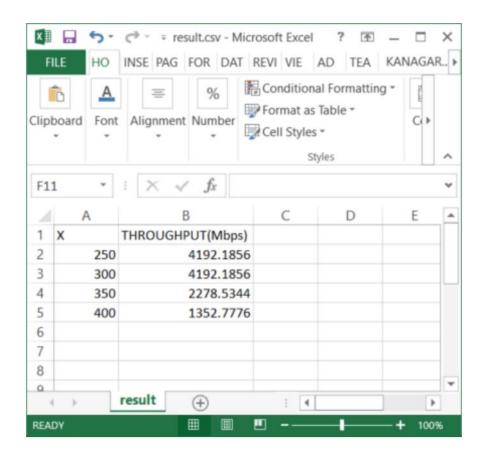
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For Example, if the application throughput is to be logged for each simulation run then the scrip file can be updated as shown below:



ConfigWriter.exe: This executable takes one or more command line arguments as input and generated Configuration.netsim file by replacing the arguments in place of the variable parameters specified in the input.xml file. If there are two variable parameters specified in the input.xml file ({0} and {1}) then two arguments need to be passed while calling ConfigWriter.exe.

MetricsReader.exe: This executable is responsible for reading the output parameter from the Metrics.xml file generated after each simulation and logging it to the results file. Users the Script.txt file to determine which parameter to read from the Metrics file. If multiple parameters are to be read and logged, then the MetricsReader.exe can be called multiple times with Script.txt file having information about the parameter to be read each time.



Supporting DLL's: Some the supporting files such as ConfigWriter.dll, MetricsReader.dll, NetSimMetricsReader.dll, NetSimXmlReader.dll, etc. which are present in the project folder are used by other executable such as ConfigWriter.exe and MetricsReader.exe for various purposes during a multi-parameter sweep.

runTest script files: The files runTest.bat, runTest.py are the main script files that can be used to start a multi-parameter sweep process. Both files differ in the programming language used for the script.

runTest.bat uses Windows commands that can be executed by the windows command line interpreter. Batch scripts may get complex as the number of input and output parameters increases.

runTest.py uses python programming language which is less complex and offers more flexibility as the number of input and output parameters increases. Users can also write the script to run the multi-parameter sweep process in a preferred programming language as per the convenience. The script runs multiple simulation iterations based on the number of parameters to be varied and the range of values of each parameter.

Additional Settings done in NetSim Source Code for the instrumented workspace:

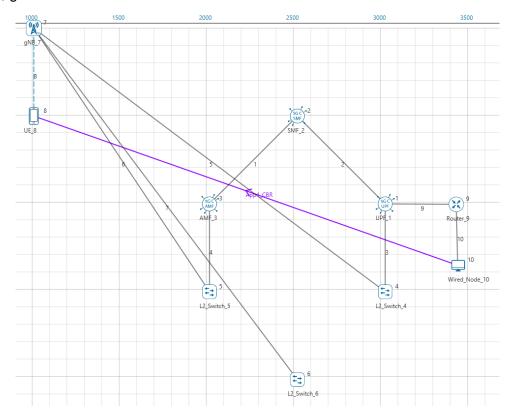
The following lines of code were commented in the fn_NetSim_LTE_NR_Init_Plots() in LTE_NR_Plots.c file to avoid the user interaction during the parameter sweep process:

//fprintf(stderr, "\nPlease update, save and close the file and Press any key to continue..\n"); //system(command); //_qetch();

Running a Multi-Parameter Sweep process:

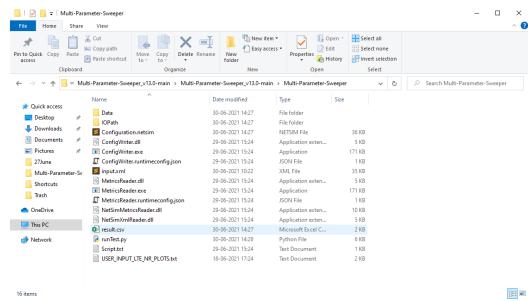
Experiment-2: MIMO Beamforming in 5G: A start with MISO and SIMO

Consider the following network 5G network scenario in NetSim, comprising of a Wired Node, Router, gNB and a UE.



The network configuration has the initial distance between the gNB and UE as 2km with the gNB located at (400,0) and UE located at (400,2000). Multi-Parameter Sweeper is configured to run simulations for different Antenna Counts for both Input and Output in the gNB and UE.

1. The network scenario is saved and the content of the Configuration.netsim file is copied to the Multi-Parameter-Sweeper directory and renamed as input.xml. Refer to the Experiment 2 directory which is part of the project folder (Multi-ParameterSweeper_v13.0\Examples\ Experiment-2)



2. The value of the Tx Antenna Count of gNB that is to be modified during each simulation run is updated ("{0}") for MISO in the configuration file as shown below:

And Rx Antenna Count of UE for SIMO in the configuration file as shown below:

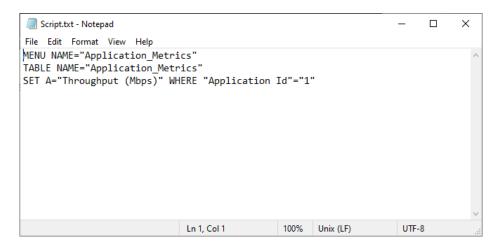
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<LAYER TYPE= NEIWORK_LAYER >

<NETWORK_PROTOCOL NAME="IPV4" SETPROPERTY="TRUE">

<PROTOCOL_PROPERTY DEFAULT_GATEWAY="10.0.0.5" IP_ADDRESS="10.0.0.16" SUBNET_MASK="255.255.0.0"/>

</NETWORK_PROTOCOL>
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3. The Script.txt file is updated with the details of the output parameter to be read from the Metrics.xml file and added to the result csv log file. In this case the Application throughput is to be logged for each simulation run



4. runTest.py is updated to pass the gNB Tx Antenna Count value in the case of MISO, and UE Rx Antenna Height value in case of SIMO during each iteration to generate Configuration file run simulation and update the result csv log.

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 NETSIM_PATH variable is set to the path of NetSim 32-bit/64-bit binaries in the install directory or workspace in the system.

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- A result.csv file is created and added with headings Y and Throughput(Mbps)
- For loop is set to iteratively run simulations for values of gNB TX Antenna Count starting from 1 to 128 in MISO and UE Rx Antenna Count from 1 to 16 in SIMO.

MISO:

SIMO:

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9 #Set the path of NetSim Blancies to be used for simulation. Either 32 bit or 64 bit
10 NETSIM_PATH="C:\Users\CENA\Documents\\S6_Radio_Measurements_Plots\bin\bin\bin_x64"

11 #Set NETSIM_AUTO environment variable to avoid keyboard interrupt at the end of each simulation
13 os.environ['NETSIM_AUTO'] = '1'

14 #Create 10Path directory to store the input Configuration.netsim file and the simulation output files during each iteration
16 Dif not os.path.exists('10Path'):[...]

18 #Create Data directory to store the Configuration.netsim and the Metrics.xml files associated with each iteration
19 Dif not os.path.exists('10bata'):[...]

20 #Glear the 10Path folder if it has any files created during previous multi-parameter sweep runs
21 #Glear the Data folder if it has any files created during previous multi-parameter sweep runs
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25 #Gloor root, dirs, files in os.walk('10Path'):[...]

26 #Greate a csv file if it already exists
27 #Greate a csv file to log the output metrics for analysis
28 *Csvfile eopen("result.csv", 'w')
29 #Add headings to the CSV file
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20 *Csvfile.close()

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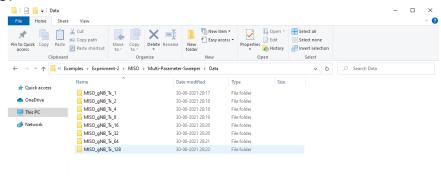
- The value of the parameters gNB Tx Antenna Count for MISO and UE Rx Antenna Count for SIMO in the current iteration is written to the result log file for analysis.
- The value of the parameters in the current iteration is passed as input to ConfigWriter executable to generate Configuration.netsim file for each simulation.

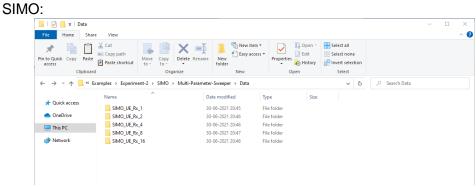
 NetSim simulation is run via CLI mode by passing the apppath, iopath and license server information.

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| if(os.path.isfile("Gorfiguration.netsim")):
| os.remove("Gorfiguration.netsim")):
| os.system(cmd)
| if(os.path.isfile("Gorfiguration.netsim")):
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 Configuration file and Metrics file are copied and stored in folders appending the value of the parameter in the current iteration.

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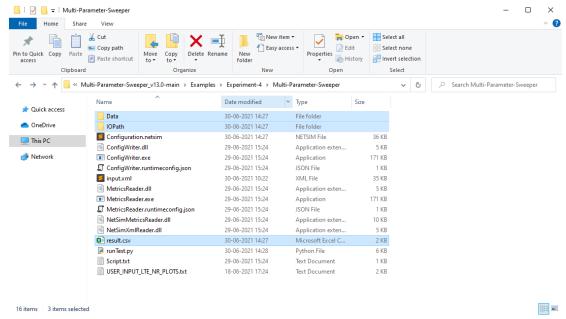
5. Multi-Parameter Sweeping process is started by opening command prompt in the directory of the Multi-Parameter-Sweeping project and starting the batch script or the python script as shown below:

Python Script:

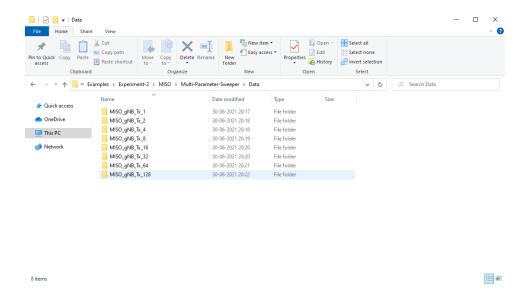


This starts the Multi-Parameter-Sweeping process which runs NetSim simulations iteratively for different values of parameters configured. The USER_INPUT_LTE_NR_PLOTS.txt file used as input is placed in the Multiparameter sweep directory.

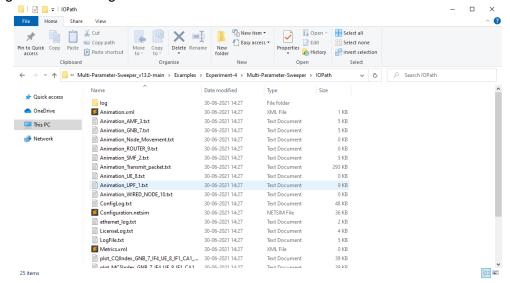
At the end of the process the Multi-Parameter-Sweeping folder will have the following file and folders created:



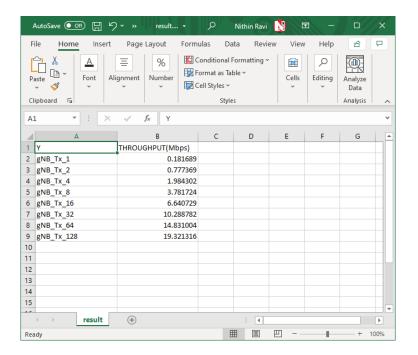
a. Data: The Data directory contains folders which contains the Configuration.netsim and the Metrics.xml files associated with each simulation run, including the value of the parameter in the folder name.



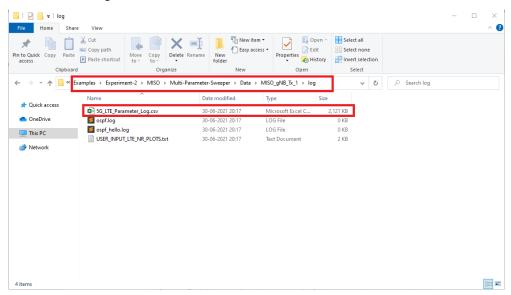
b. **IOPath:** Used for storing the Configuration.netsim file and the simulation files generated during each simulation run.



c. **Result.csv:** This is the output log which contains the parameter varied during each simulation run and the output parameter associated with each run.

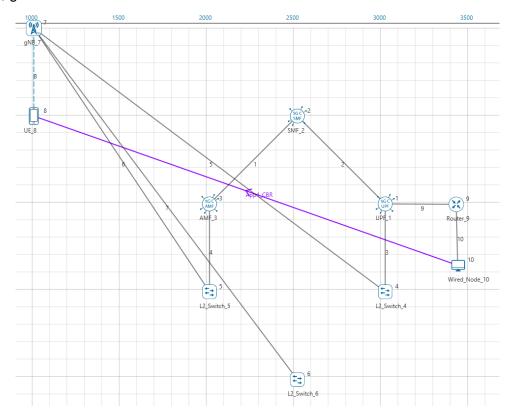


d. The 5G_Parameter_Log files will be present in the log folder present in the folder where the configuration.netsim and metrics.xml files are stored



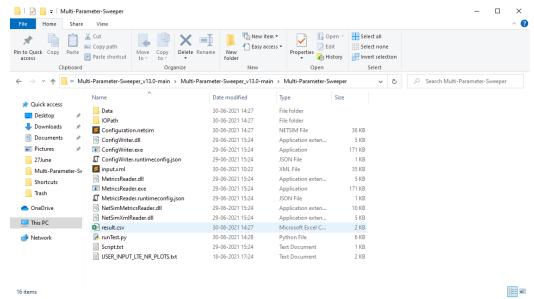
Experiment-4: Understanding 5G NR (3GPP) pathloss models

Consider the following network 5G network scenario in NetSim, comprising of a Wired Node, Router, gNB and a UE.



The network configuration has the initial distance between the gNB and UE as 50 meters with the gNB located at (1000,0) and UE located at (1000,50). Multi-Parameter Sweeper is configured to run simulations for different distance between the gNB and UE by varying the UE Y coordinate value from and also for different gNB Heights in both LOS and NLOS states.

6. The network scenario is saved and the content of the Configuration.netsim file is copied to the Multi-Parameter-Sweeper directory and renamed as input.xml. Refer to the Experiment 4 directory which is part of the project folder (Multi-Parameter-Sweeper_v13.0\Examples\Multi-Parameter-Sweeper-Experiment-4)



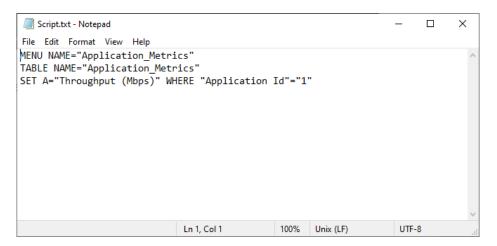
7. The value of the gNB Height of gNB that is to be modified during each simulation run is updated ("{0}") in the configuration file as shown below:

8. The value of the Y Co-ordinate of UE that is to be modified during each simulation run is updated ("{1}") in the configuration file as shown below:

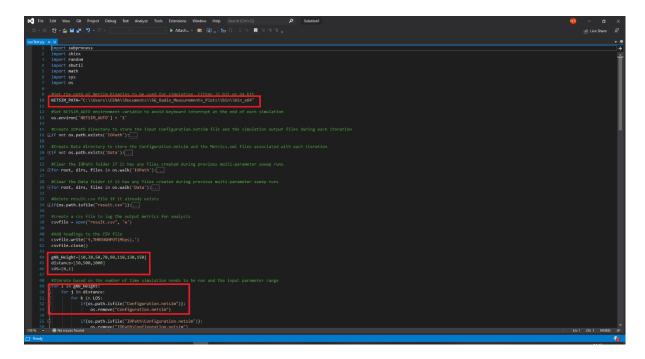
9. The value of the LOS Probability of gNB that is to be modified during each simulation run is updated ("{2}") in the configuration file as shown below:

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10. The Script.txt file is updated with the details of the output parameter to be read from the Metrics.xml file and added to the result csv log file. In this case the Application throughput is to be logged for each simulation run



11. runTest.py is updated to pass the gNB Height, Y coordinate and LOS Probability value during each iteration to generate Configuration file run simulation and update the result csv log.



• NETSIM_PATH variable is set to the path of NetSim 32-bit/64-bit binaries in the install directory or workspace in the system.

- A result.csv file is created and added with headings Y and Throughput(Mbps)
- For loop is set to iteratively run simulations for values of gNB Height starting from 10 to 150 in steps of 20, distance values 50m, 500m and 1km and LOS Probability 0 and 1.

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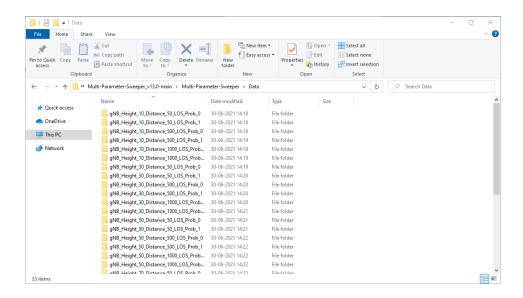
- The value of the parameters gNB Height, distance and LOS Probability in the current iteration is written to the result log file for analysis.
- The value of the parameters in the current iteration is passed as input to ConfigWriter executable to generate Configuration.netsim file for each simulation.

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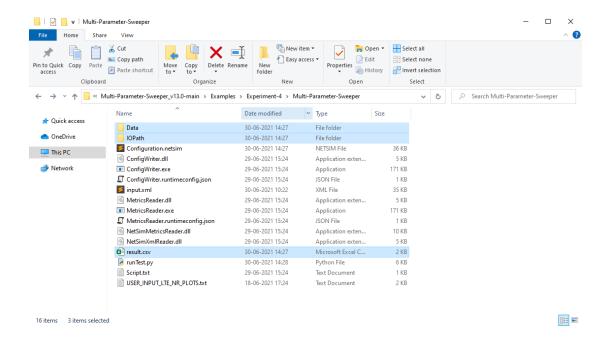
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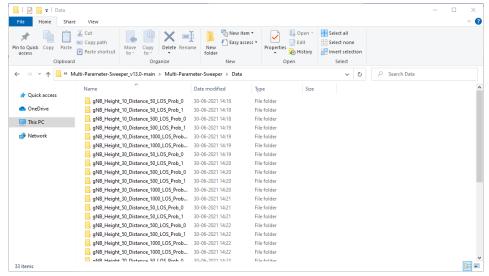


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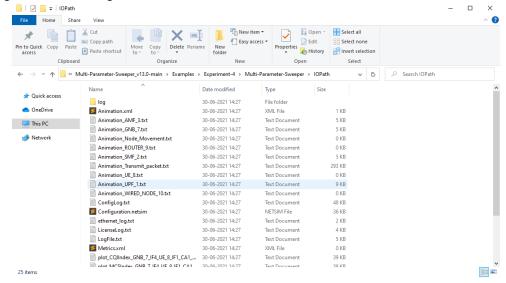
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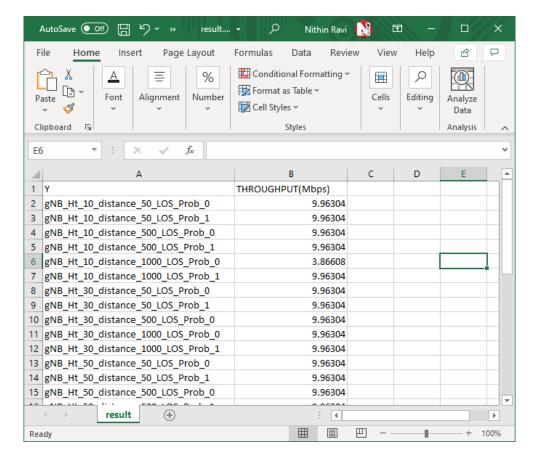
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