

EVALUATION OF SPATIAL SHARING IN IEEE 802.11AD/AY

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OBJECTIVES

802.11AD NS-3 SIMULATOR VALIDATION

- Literary Study and Familiarisation with 802.11ad module
- Investigation into Performance of different MAC Protocols
- Evaluation of Spatial Sharing Functionality
- Extension of Spatial Sharing Implementation



IEEE 802.11AD STANDARD

- First Multi-Gigabit Wifi Protocol
- Operates at the 60 GHz Band Frequency
- Extremely High Attenuation partially countered by Directional Transmission and Beamform Training Processes
- Does not Specify a Spatial Sharing Mechanism, rather just provides Infrastructure support



INTRODUCTION

802.11AD MODULE FOR NS-3

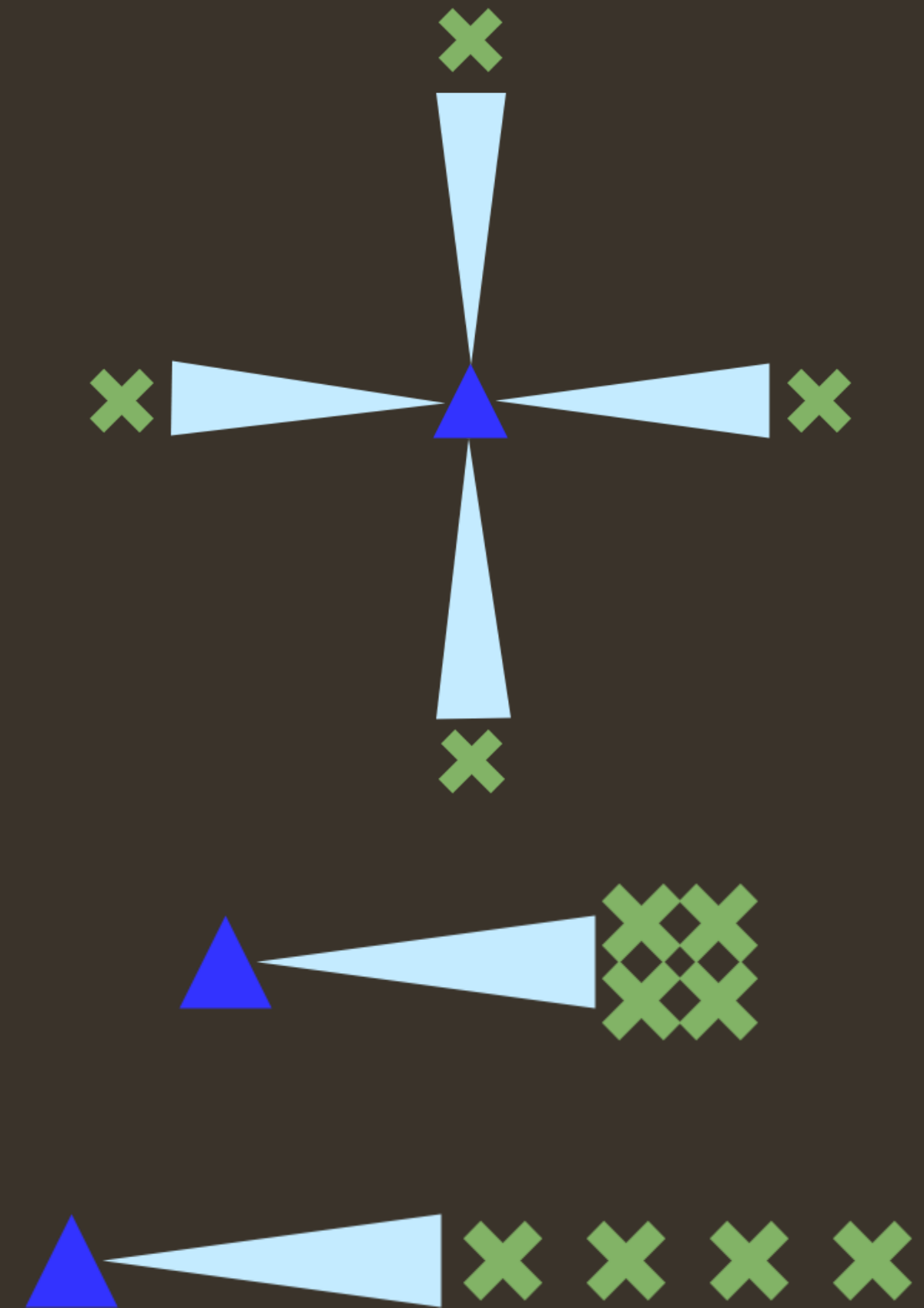
Currently, there is no support for the 802.11ad Protocol in the base NS-3 Simulator. For the duration of the Internship, a module developed by H. Assasa of IMDEA Networks Institute was used. [1]

This module built for Ns-3 was used in all investigations and extensions. The module introduces new features to NS-3 such as Directional Transmission, Beamform Training along with Support for Spatial Sharing.

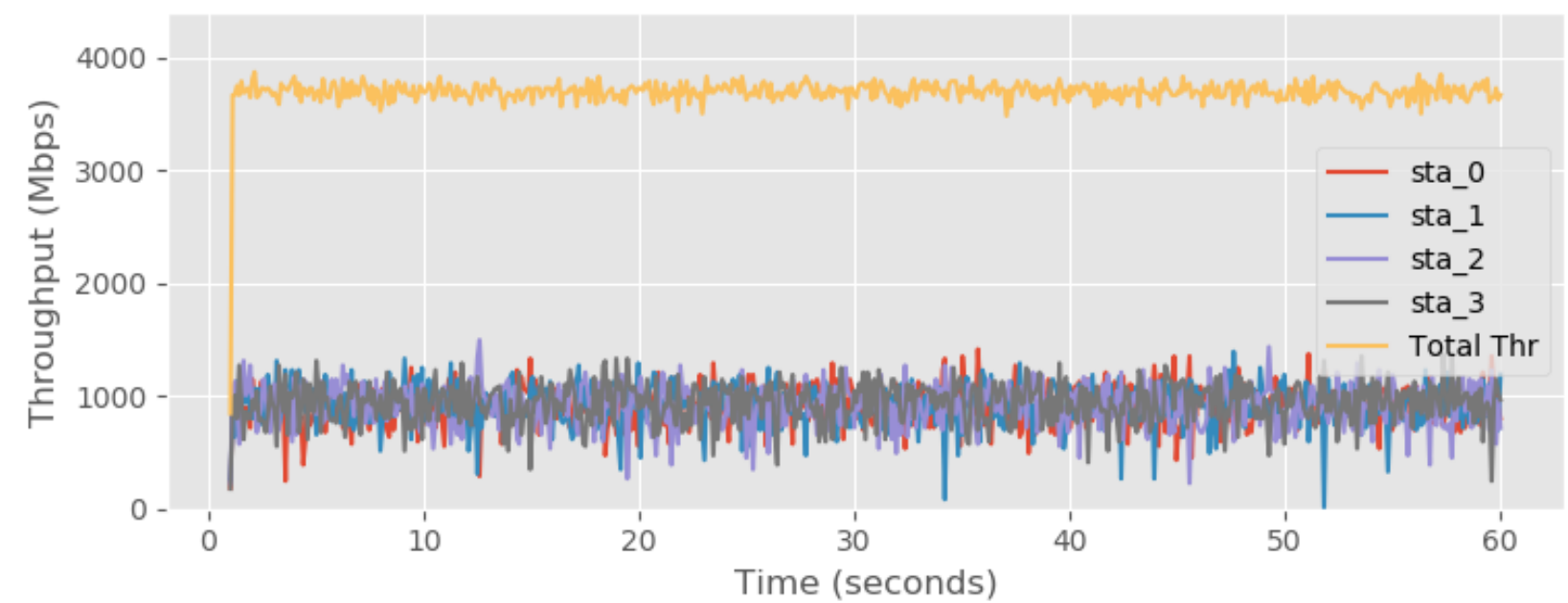
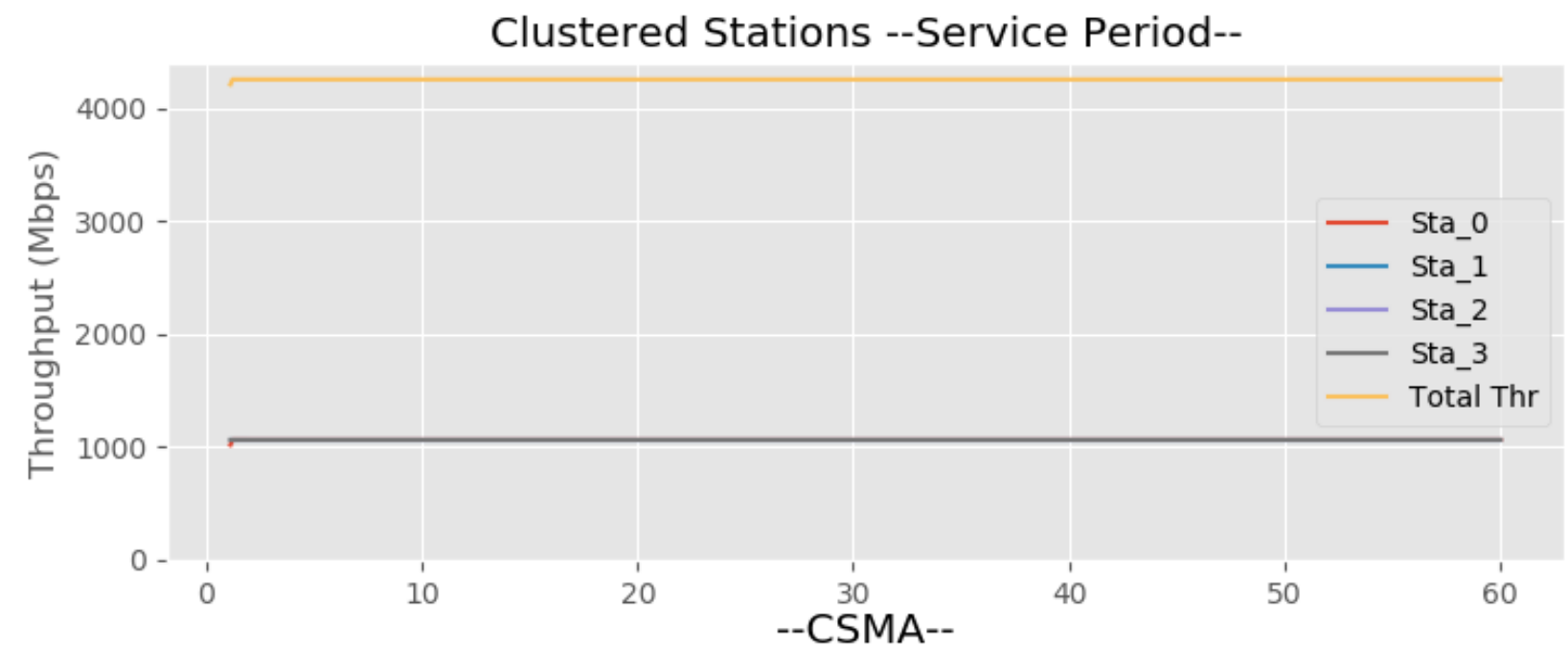
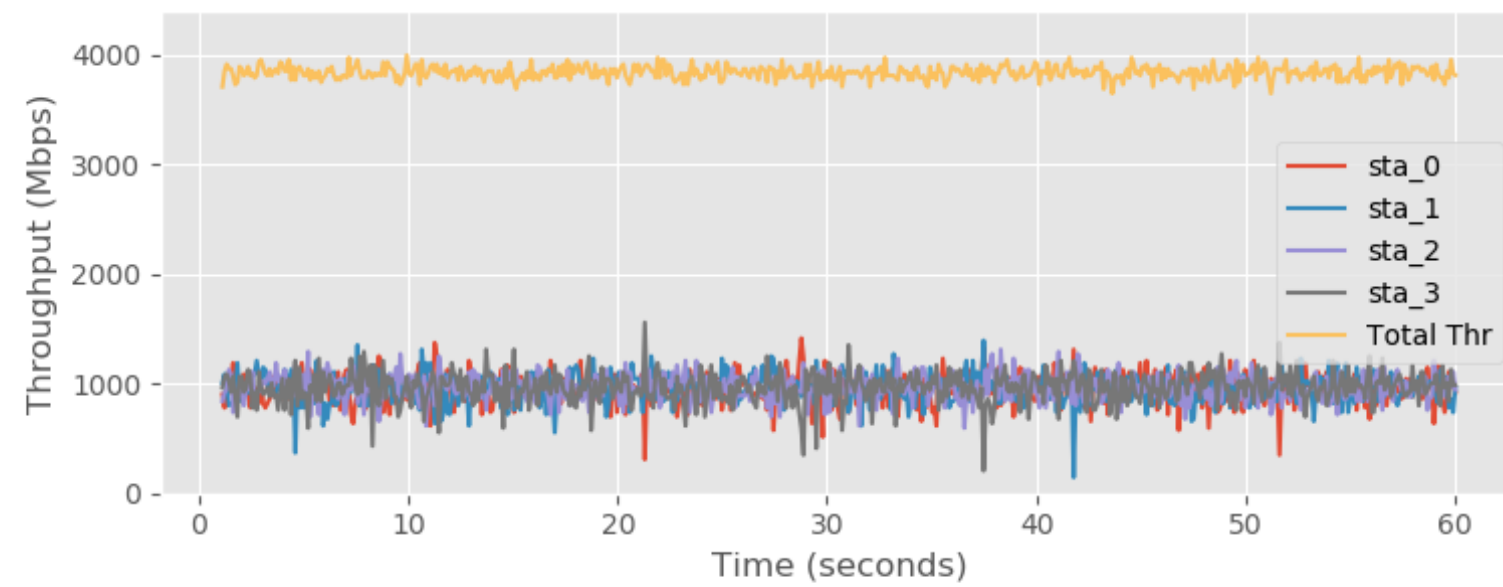
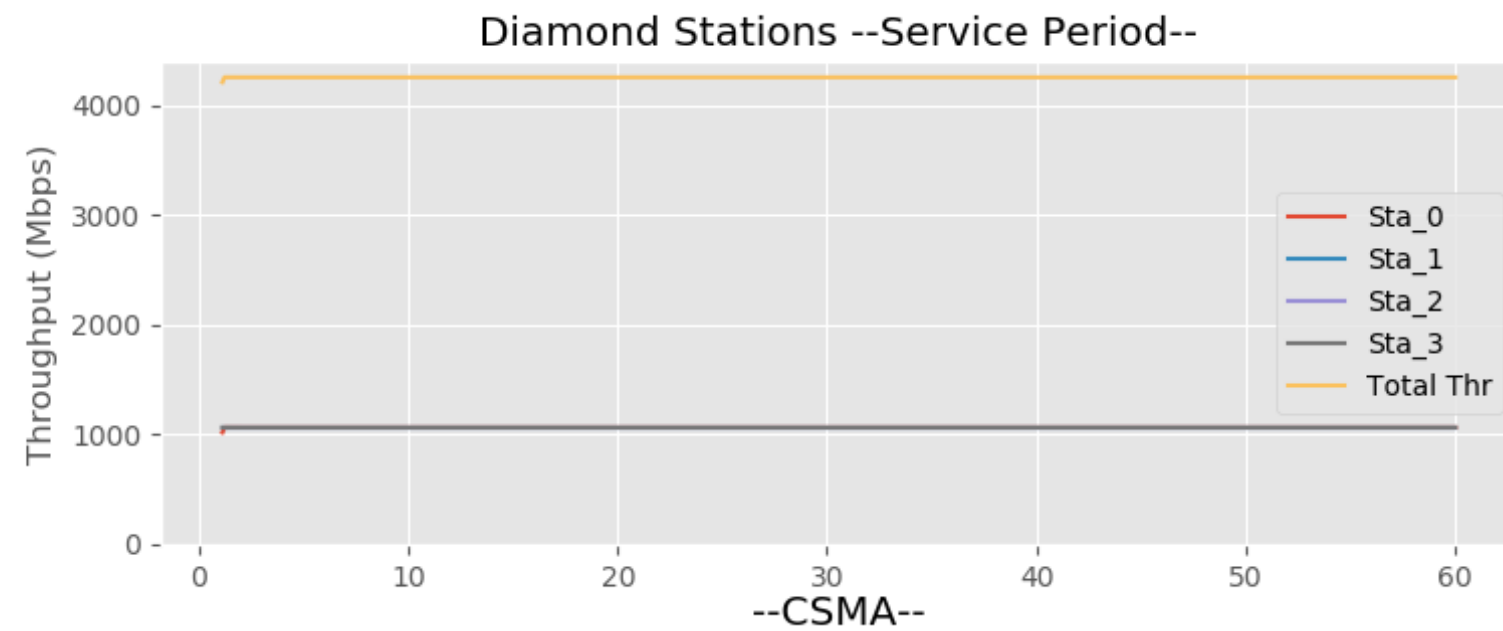
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PERFORMANCE OF MAC PROTOCOLS IN DIRECTIONAL TRANSMISSION

- Experiment to Test Performance of Service Periods (SP) and CSMA
- Three Main Scenarios:
 - Diamond Formation
 - Clustered Formation
 - Inline Formation

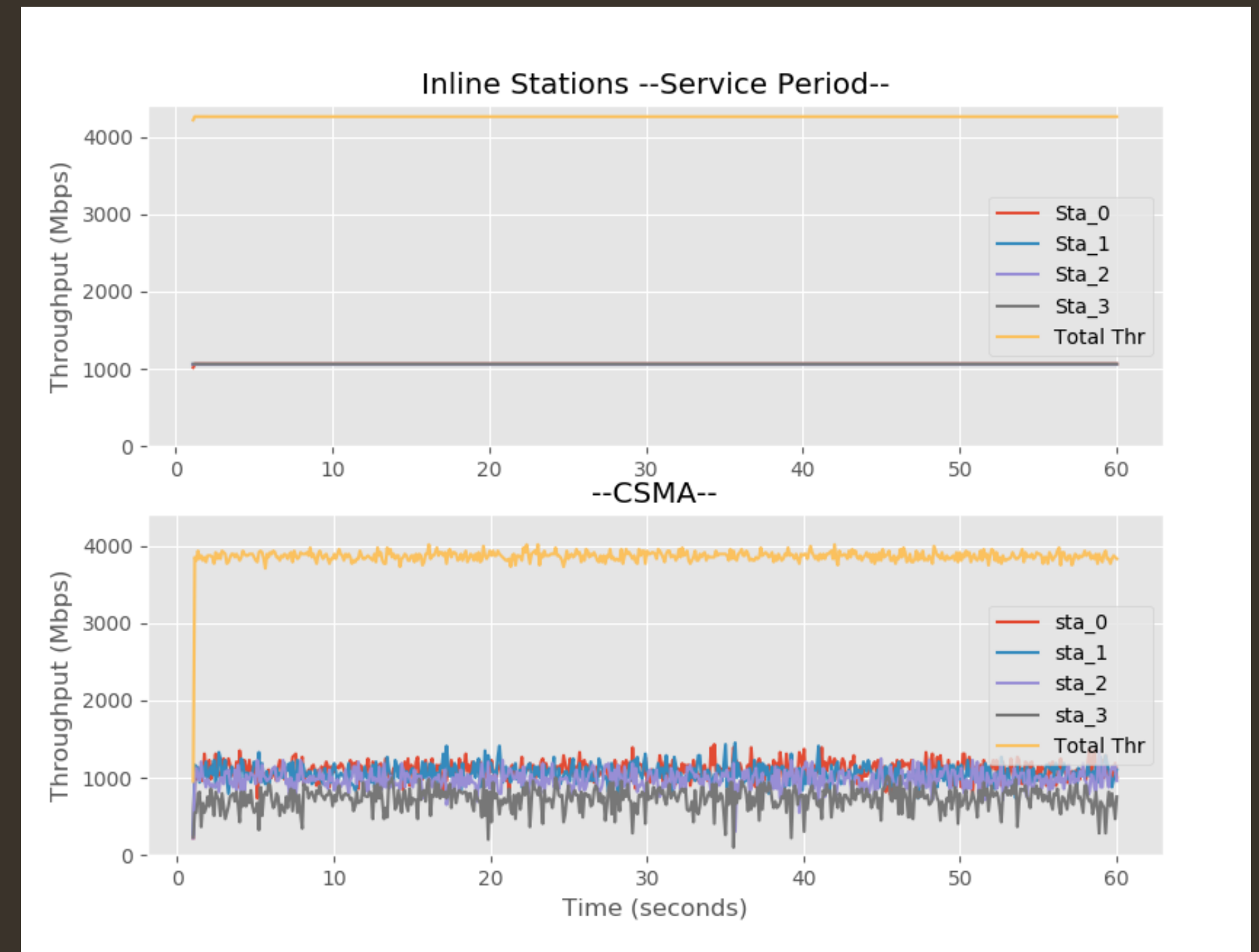


MAC PROTOCOL RESULTS



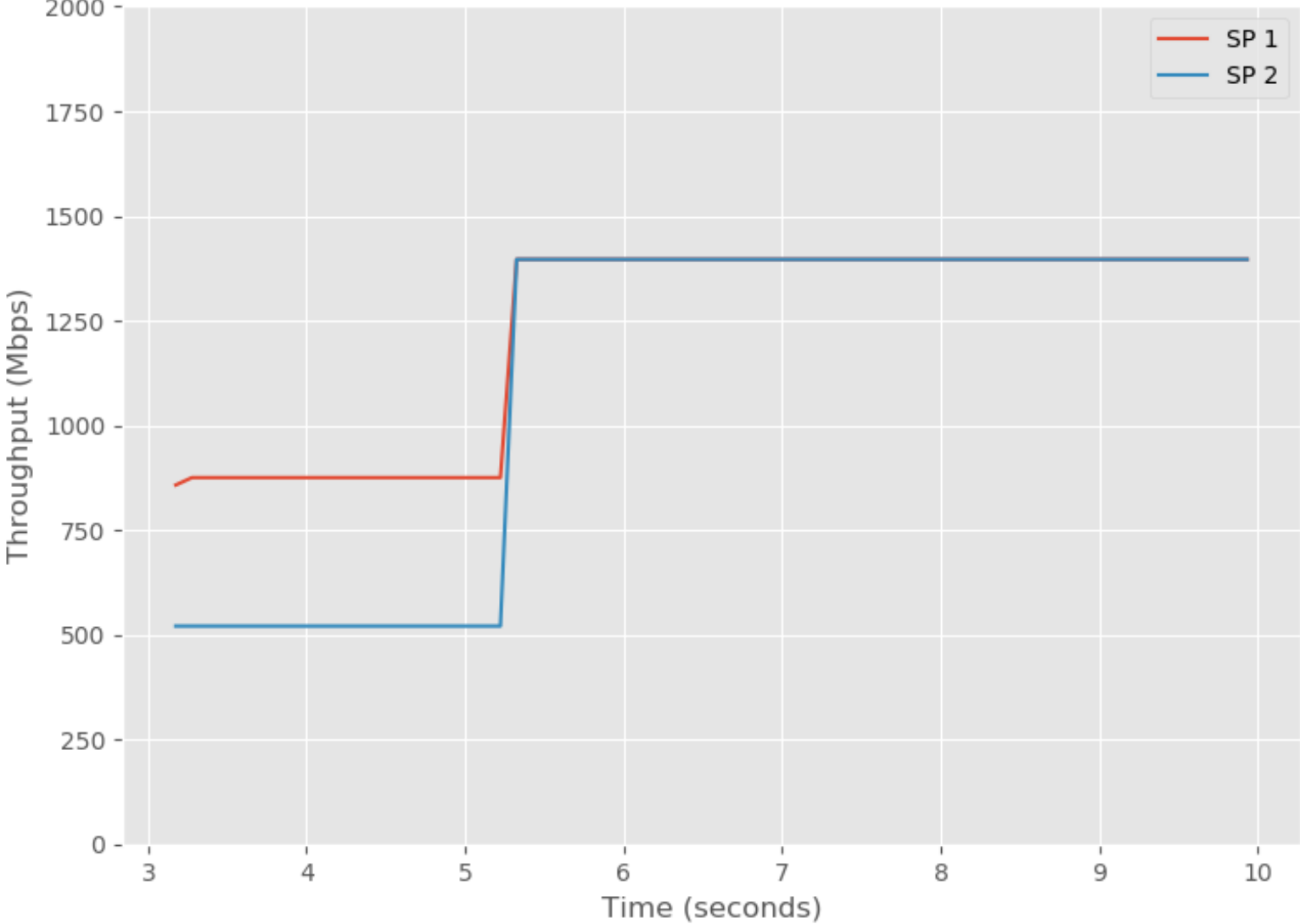
MAC PROTOCOL RESULTS CONT.

- Results would indicate SP are more predictable
- On further tests SP appeared to be more prone to Errors where association fails, especially with larger number of STAs
- SP has further disadvantage of being a Centralised MAC where CSMA is Decentralised

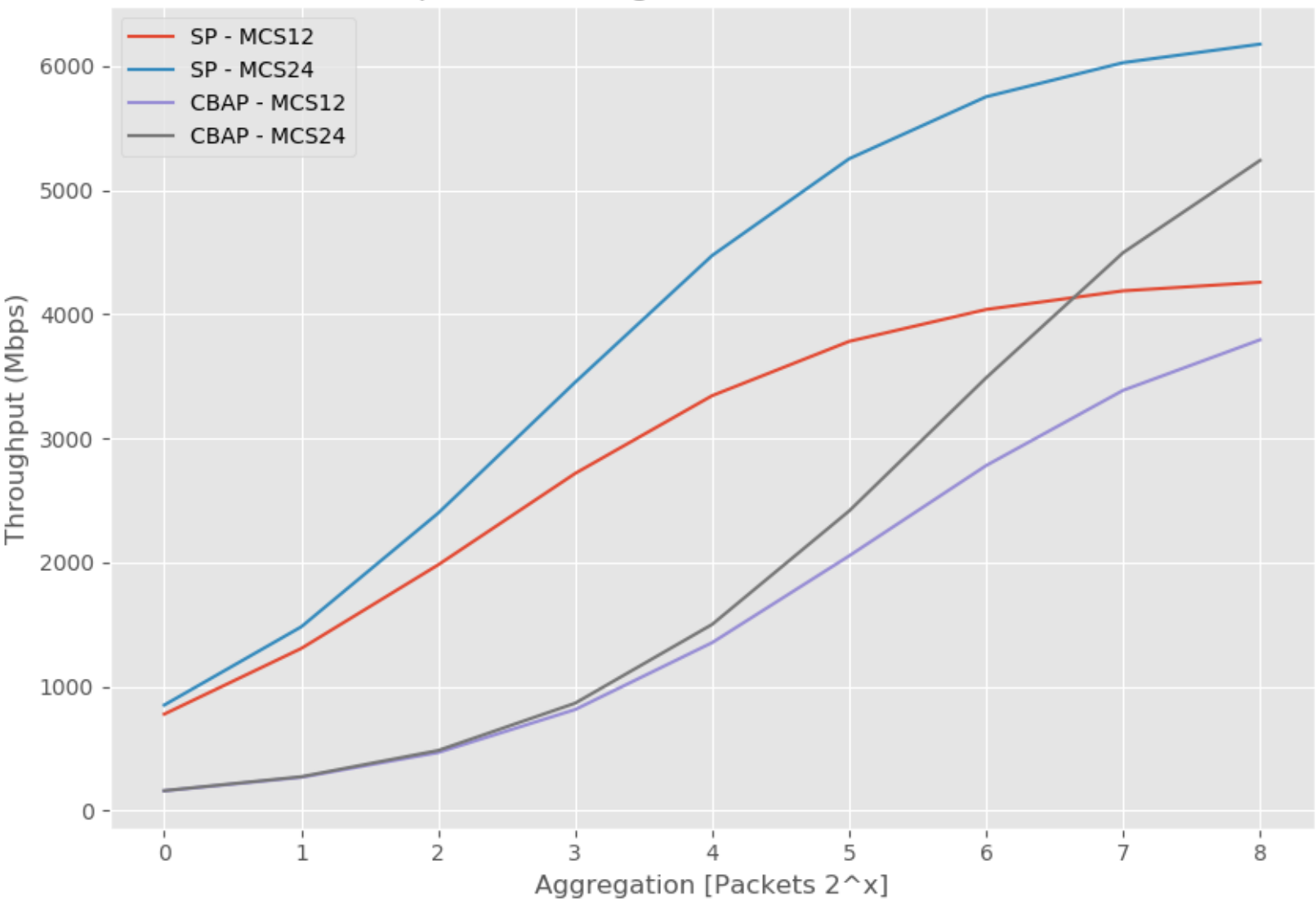


PAPER VALIDATION [1]

Validation for Figure 11, Spatial Sharing Results
Paper: Extending the IEEE 802.11ad Model Figure 11



Validation for Figure 7, Comparing channel access schemes
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IMPLEMENTATION OF SPATIAL SHARING INFRASTRUCTURE

- Started Implementation of Helper Functions
- Creation of Scheduler Function which takes Interference measurements of the Channel at a given Frequency
- New Encoding Function, which Encodes Interference Information into 8 bit Values
- Fixed Multitude of Bugs in Existing Software

INTERFERENCE MITIGATION IN MULTI-OPERATOR MMWAVE NETWORKS

FOURTH YEAR PROJECT

CSMA/CA is a troublesome MAC when used with Directional Transmissions due to the hidden terminal problem. Utilisation of SPs is a suitable alternative Mechanism. Unfortunately SPs pose the problem of mutual Interference when two separate, uncooperative operators are working in overlapping regions.

Research will initially be conducted into existing relevant literature on interference mitigation in directional transmission systems. Based on this review an algorithm will be investigated and implemented that will take into account the coexistence issues.

Q&A

THANK YOU

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