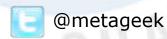
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Visualizing 802.11 Wireshark Data

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Wired vs Wireless





- 1. CSMA CD
- 2. Distributed Access Scheme



802.11 - Wireless

- 1. CSMA CA
- Distributed Access Scheme

Additional Considerations
2.4 & 5 GHz Public ISM bands
Overlapping Channels
Non-Wi-Fi Transmitters
Tx Power Restrictions

Channels

2.4 GHz

- •11 (US) 3 Non-Overlapping
- •13 (Europe) 4 Non-Overlapping

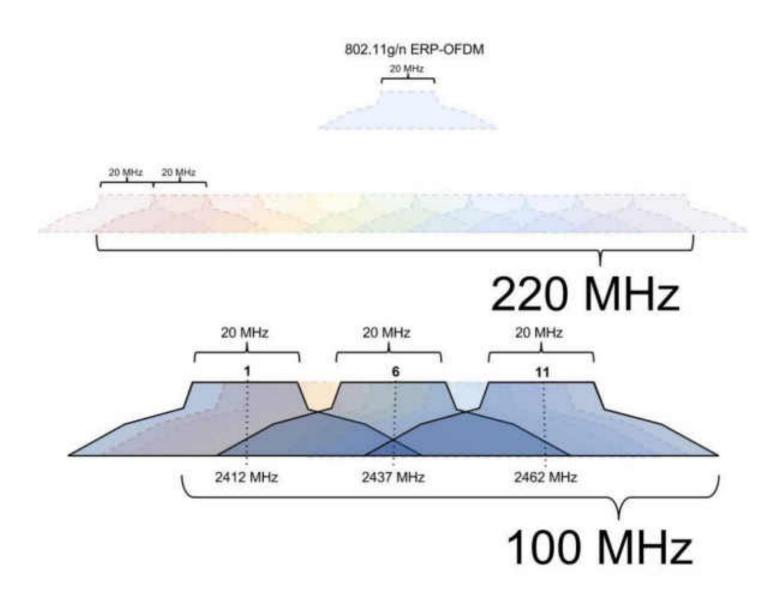
5 GHz

- •9 non-DFS (US)
- •12 DFS (US)
- •4 non-DFS (Europe)
- •15 DFS (Europe)

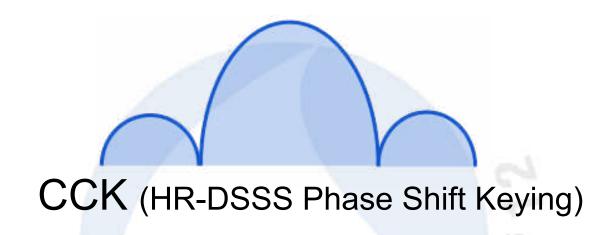
Detailed List

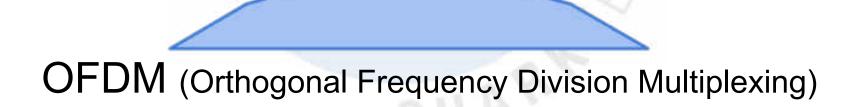
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_WLAN_channels

Channel Overlap



Physical Layer Modulation





Channel Contention

Co-Channel: Every station and access point on the same channel competes for the time to talk.

Adjacent Channel: Every Station and access point on an overlapping channel competes for time to talk.

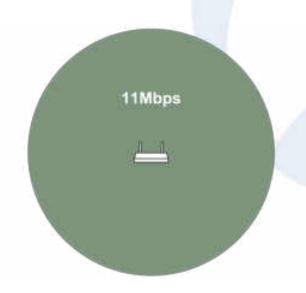
Non-Wi-Fi: non-802.11 devices also compete for medium access.

Physical Layer Modulation



802.11b

- 2.4 GHz-only
- 22 MHz Wide
- 1-11 Mbps
- HR-DSSS BPSK w/ CCK Modulation
- Good for longer range but low data rate.



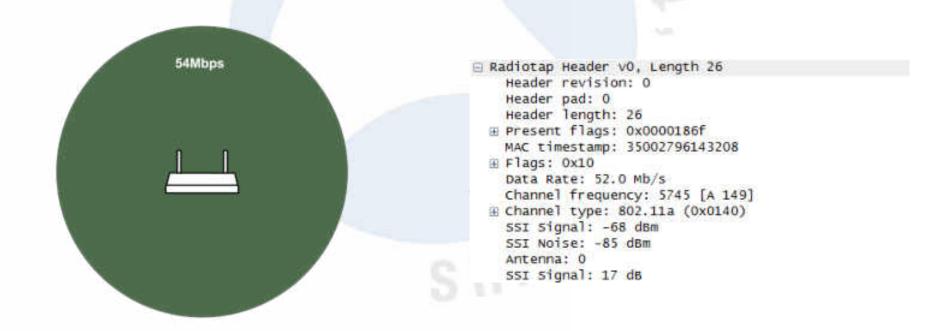
```
Frame 19665: 185 bytes on wire (1480 bits), 185 bytes captured (1480 bits)
Radiotap Header v0, Length 26
   Header revision: 0
   Header pad: 0
   Header Tength: 26
 m Present flags: 0x0000186f
   MAC timestamp: 354203615
 m Flags: 0x10
   Data Rate: 1.0 Mb/s
   channel frequency: 2412 [BG 1]

⊟ channel type: 802.11b (0x00a0)

     .... ---- False
     .... .... .... - Complementary Code Keying (CCK): True
     .... .... . O.. .... = Orthogonal Frequency-Division Multiplexing (OFDM):
     .... 1... = 2 GHz spectrum: True
     .... ...0 .... = 5 GHz spectrum: False
     .... - Passive: False
     .... .O.. .... - Dynamic CCK-OFDM: False
     .... 0... .... = Gaussian Frequency Shift Keying (GFSK): False
     ...0 .... = GSM (900MHz): False
     .... - Static Turbo: False
     .O. ... ... - Half Rate Channel (10MHz Channel Width): False
     0... - ... = Quarter Rate Channel (SMHz Channel Width): False
```

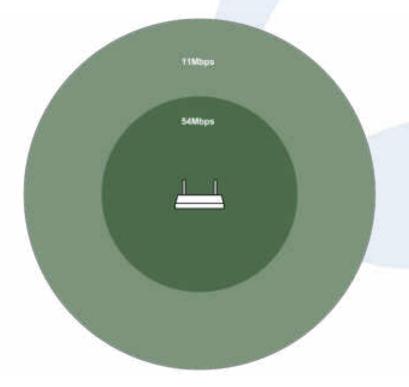
802.11a

- 5 GHz-only
- 20 MHz Wide
- 6-54 Mbps
- OFDM Modulation



802.11g

- 2.4 GHz-only
- · 20 MHz Wide
- 6-54Mbps
- ERP-OFDM Modulation



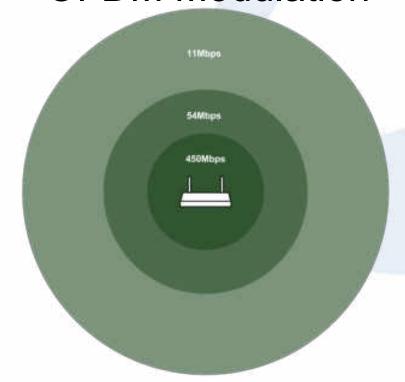
```
= Radiotap Header v0, Length 26
   Header revision: 0
   Header pad: 0
   Header Tength: 26
 # Present flags: 0x0000186F
   MAC timestamp: 266566899
 # Flags: 0x10
   Data Rate: 52.0 Mb/s
   Channel frequency: 2412 [8G 1]

☐ Channel type: 802.11g (pure-g) (0x00c0)

     .... -... -... Turbo: False
     .... .... .. O. .... - Complementary Code Keying (CCK): False
     .... .1.. ... = Orthogonal Frequency-Division Multiplexing (OFDM): Tr
     .... 1... - 2 GHz spectrum: True
     .... ...0 .... = 5 GHZ spectrum: False
     .... .. 0. .... = Passive: False
     .... . O.. .... - Dynamic CCK-OFDM: False
     .... 0... ... = Gaussian Frequency Shift Keying (GFSK): False
     ...0 .... - GSM (900MHz): False
     ..0. .... = Static Turbo: False
     .0.. .... - Half Rate Channel (10MHz Channel width): False
     0... .... - Quarter Rate Channel (SMHz Channel width): False
   551 Signal: -47 dsm
   SSI Noise: -70 dBm
   Antenna: 0
   SSI Signal: 23 dB
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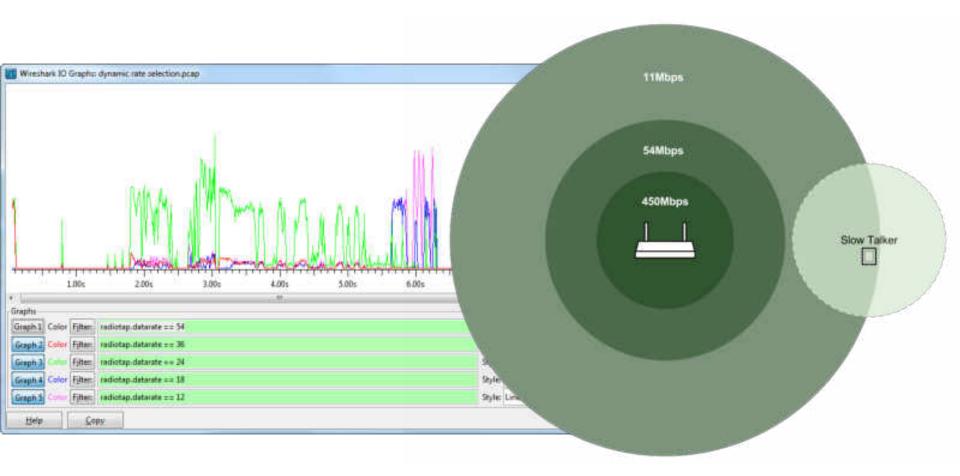
802.11n

- 2.4 & 5 GHz
- 20-40 MHz Wide
- 6-450 Mbps
- OFDM Modulation

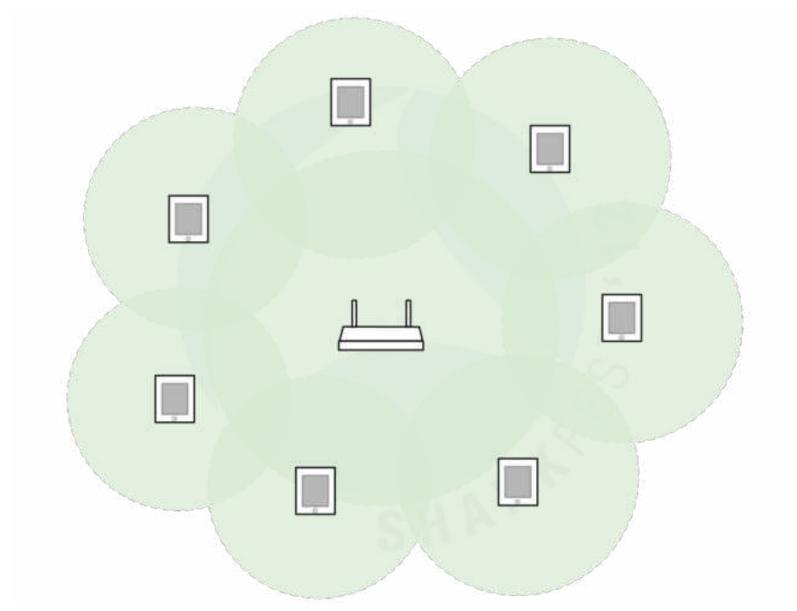


Dynamic Rate Selection

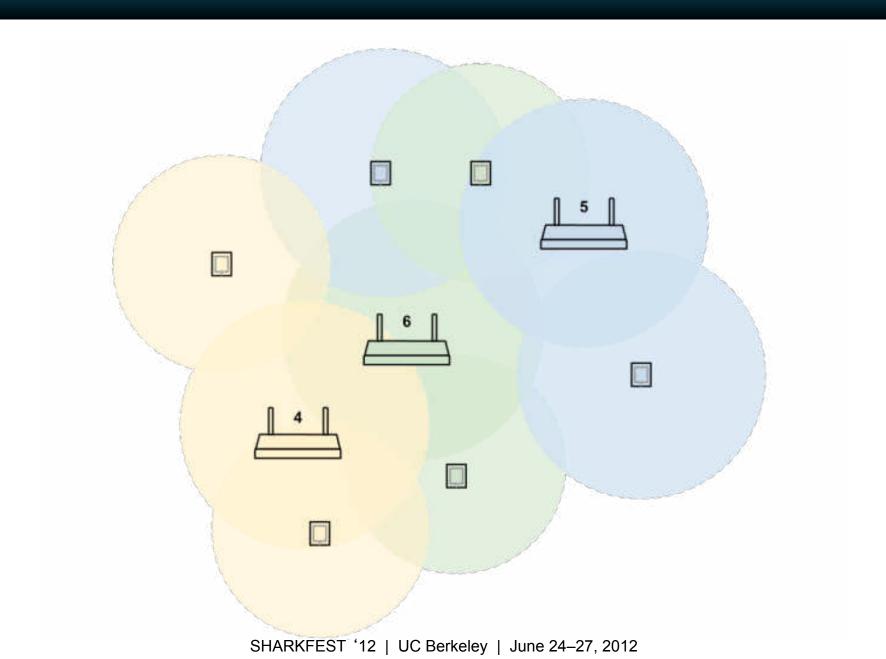
As clients are further away from an Access point they choose a lower modulation rate.



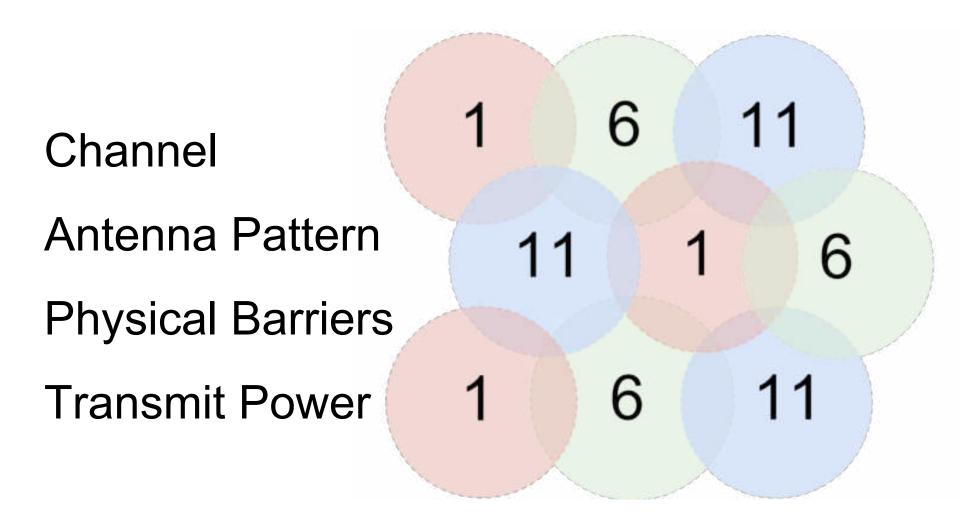
Channel Contention



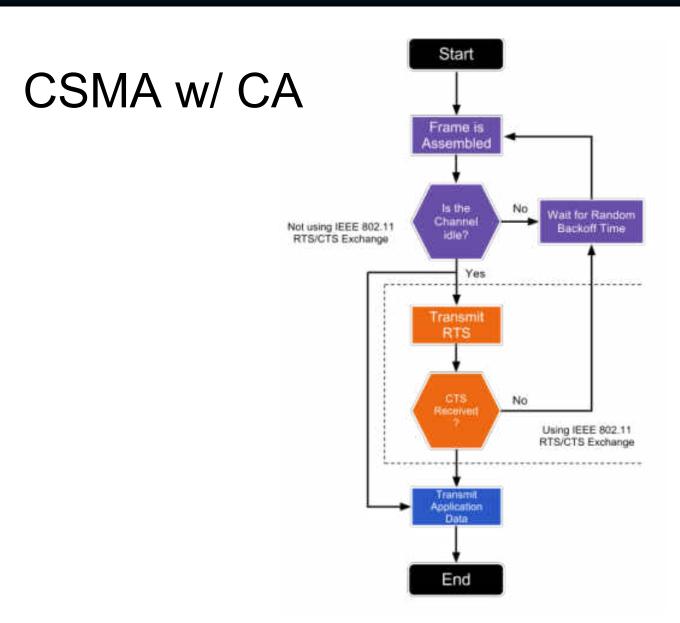
Channel Contention



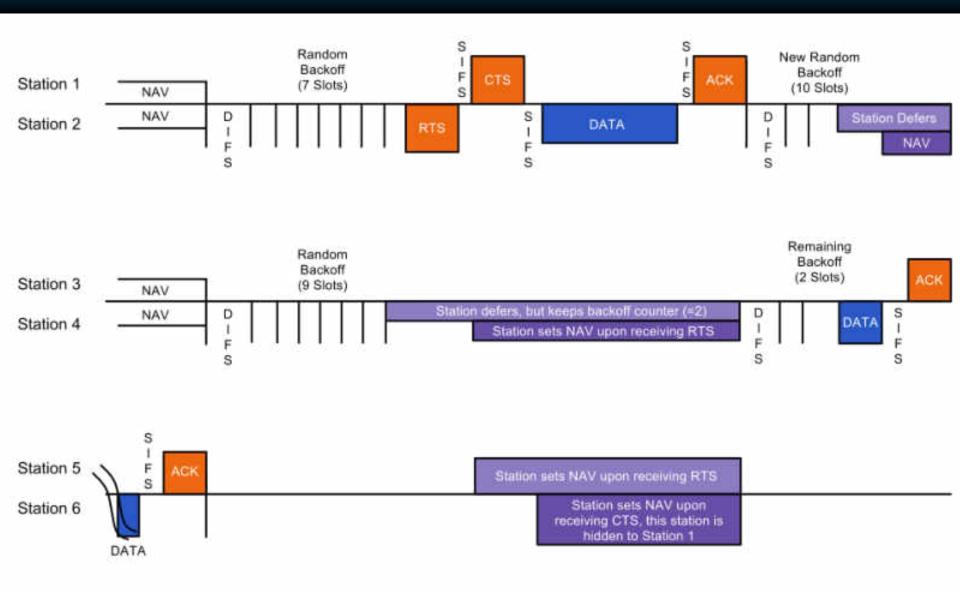
Contention Domains



Wireless Medium Access



Wireless Medium Access



802.11 Frame Types

Management Frames

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wlan.fc.type == 0

Control wlan.fc.type == 1

Data wlan.fc.type == 2

1.0	48 dB	Broadcast	Aerohive_
1.0	47 dB	Broadcast	Aerohive_
1.0	49 dB	Broadcast	Aerohive_
5.5	42 dB	192.168.5.208	205.251.2
11.0	16 dB	Cisco_07:8d:71 (RA)	
5.5	45 dB	HonHaiPr_9d:5e:11 (RA)	cisco_08:
5.5	45 dB	192.168.5.208	205,251.2
11.0	17 dB	Cisco_07:8d:71 (RA)	
5.5	42 dB	HonHaiPr_9d:5e:11 (RA)	Cisco_08:
5.5	42 dB	192.168.5.208	205.251.2
5.5	16 dB	Broadcast	Cisco_07:
5.5	41 dB	192.168.5.208	205.251.2
5.5	14 dB	Broadcast	Cisco_0f:
5.5	42 dB	192.168.5.208	205.251.2
11.0	16 dB	Cisco_07:8d:71 (RA)	
5.5	42 dB	HonHaiPr_9d:5e:11 (RA)	Cisco_08:
5.5	41 dB	192.168.5.208	205.251.2
5.5	41 dB	Broadcast	Cisco_08:
5.5	42 dB	192.168.5.208	205.251.2
11.0	16 dB	Cisco_07:8d:71 (RA)	
5.5	44 dB	192.168.5.208	205,251,2
5.5	42 dB	HonHaiPr_9d:5e:11 (RA)	Cisco_08:
5.5	43 dB	HonHaiPr_9d:5e:11 (RA)	cisco_08:
5.5	44 dB	192.168.5.208	205, 251, 2

Management Frames

Management frames "manage" stations joining and leaving a WLAN. These frames exist only in the 802.11 MAC layer.

Data Rate

RSSI

Destination

Source

SubType

For Example,

- Beacons
- Probes
- Authentications
- Associations

Probe Response	1.0	25 dB	SenaoInt_8d:29:2e	Aerohiv
Probe Response	1.0	25 dB	SenaoInt_8d:29:2e	Aerohiv
Probe Response	1.0	26 dB	SenaoInt_8d:29:2e	Aerohiv
Probe Response	1.0	26 dB	SenaoInt_8d:29:2e	Aerohiv
Disassociate	1.0	58 d6	Aerohive_25:c2:50	SenaoIn
beauthentication	1.0	56 dB	Aerohive_25:c2:50	Senacin
beauthentication	1.0	59 dB	Aerohive_25:c2:50	SenaoIn
Probe Request	1.0	54 dB	Aerohive_25:c2:50	SenaoIr
Probe Request	1.0	58 dB	Aerohive_25:c2:50	SenaoIn
Probe Response	1.0	24 d8	SenaoInt_8d:29:2e	Aerohiv
Authentication	1.0	56 dB	Aerohive_25:c2:50	SenaoIn
Authentication	1.0	58 dB	Aerohive_25:c2:50	SenaoIn
Authentication	1.0	24 dB	SenaoInt_8d:29:2e	Aerohiv
Association Requ	e1.0	57 dB	Aerohive_25:c2:50	SenaoIn
Association Requ	e1.0	59 dB	Aerohive_25:c2:50	5enaoIn
Association Resp	01.0	24 dB	SenaoInt_8d:29:2e	Aerohiv
Disassociate	1.0	22 dB	SenaoInt_8d:29:2e	Aerohiv
Deauthentication	1.0	22 dB	SenaoInt_8d:29:2e	Aerohiv
Probe Response	1.0	20 dB	SenaoInt_8d:29:2e	Aerohiv
Probe Response	1.0	21 dB	SenaoInt_8d:29:2e	Aerohiv
Probe Response	1.0	21 dB	SenaoInt_8d:29:2e	Aerohiv
Probe Response	1.0	20 dB	SenaoInt_8d:29:2e	Aerohiv
Probe Response	1.0	22 dB	SenaoIrit_8d:29:2e	Aerohiv
Probe Response	1.0	22 dB	SenaoInt_8d:29:2e	Aerohiv
Probe Request	1.0	60 dB	Aerohive_25:c2:50	5enaoIr
Probe Request	1.0	54 dB	Aerohive_25:c2:50	SenaoIr
Probe Response	1.0	24 dB	SenaoInt 8d:29:2e	Aerohiv

Control Frames

Control Frames "control" the RF medium and aid in delivery of data and management frames.

For Example,

·ACK

Block-ACK

·RTS

·CTS

SubType Data Rate RSSI Destination Request-to-send 36.0 61 dB Aerohive_25:c2:50 (RA) clear-to-send 24.0 dB SenaoInt_8d:29:2e (RA) Request-to-send 36.0 60 dB Aerohive_25:c2:50 (RA) 24.0 dB SenaoInt_8d:29:2e Clear-to-send (RA) Aerohive 25:c2:50 Request-to-send 36.0 58 dB (RA) dB. SenaoInt_8d:29:2e Clear-to-send 24.0 (RA) Request-to-send 36.0 60 dB Aerohive_25:c2:50 (RA) Clear-to-send 24.0 dB SenaoInt_8d:29:2e (RA) 36.0 59 dB Aerohive 25:c2:50 Request-to-send (RA) Clear-to-send 24.0 dB SenaoInt_8d:29:2e (RA) 802.11 Block Ack 24.0 21 dB SenaoInt_8d:29:2e (RA) Aerohive_25:c2:50 Request-to-send 36.0 58 dB (RA) Clear-to-send 24.0 dB SenaoInt_8d:29:2e (RA) 36.0 58 Aerohive_25:c2:50 Request-to-send dB (RA) Clear-to-send 24.0 dB SenaoInt_8d:29:2e (RA) 36.0 dB Aerohive_25:c2:50 Request-to-send (RA) Clear-to-send 24.0 dB: SenaoInt_8d:29:2e (RA) 58 dB Aerohive_25:c2:50 36.0 Request-to-send (RA) 24.0 dB SenaoInt 8d:29:2e Clear-to-send (RA) 36.0 Aerohive_25:c2:50 dB (RA) Request-to-send Clear-to-send 24.0 dB SenaoInt_8d:29:2e (RA)

wlan.fc.type == 1

Data Frames

Data Frames carry higher-level protocol data

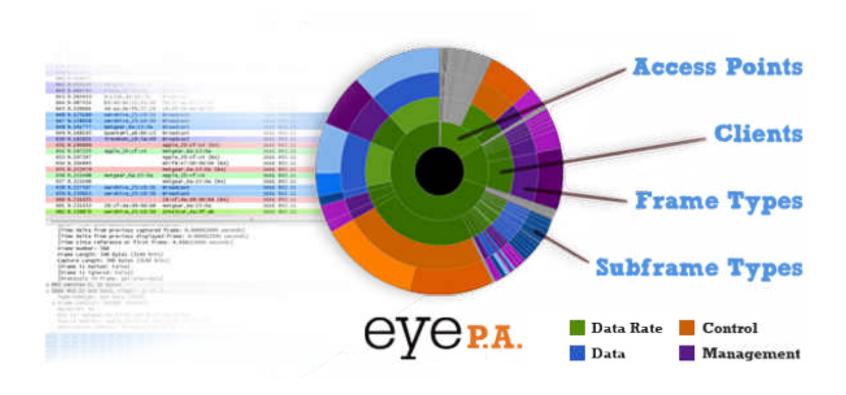
For Example,

- ·Data
- ·Data+CF-Ack
- ·Data+CF-Poll
- ·QoS data

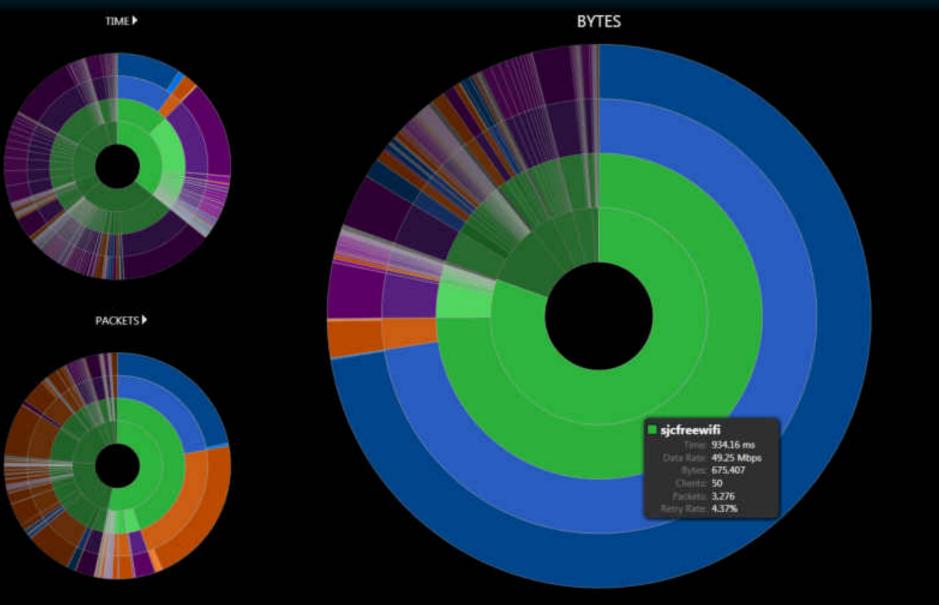
SubType	Data Rate	RSSI	Destination
Data	1.0	24 dB	Broadcast
Null function	(No 6.5	24 dB	Aerohive_25:c2:
Data	1.0	26 dB	Broadcast
QoS Data	6.5	24 dB	IPv4mcast_00:00
QoS Data	52.0	23 dB	Apple_0b:93:2a
Null function	(No 6.5	24 dB	Aerohive_25:c2:
Null function	(No 6.5	24 dB	Aerohive_25:c2:
Null function	(No 6.5	24 dB	Aerohive_25:c2:
QoS Data	6.5	23 dB	IPv6mcast_00:00
QoS Data	6.5	24 dB	IPv6mcast_00:00
QoS Data	6.5	23 dB	e8:b7:48:3b:8b:
QoS Data	6.5	24 dB	e8:b7:48:3b:8b:
QoS Data	6.5	24 dB	e8:b7:48:3b:8b:
QoS Data	1.0	26 dB	e8:b7:48:3b:8b:
QoS Data	6.5	24 dB	e8:b7:48:3b:8b:
Data	1.0	25 dB	IPv4mcast_00:00
Data	1.0	24 dB	IPv6mcast_00:00
Data	1.0	25 dB	Broadcast
QoS Data	39.0	23 dB	Apple_0b:93:2a
OoS Data	39.0	24 dB	Apple 0b:93:2a

wlan.fc.type == 2

Visual Packet Analysis



Packets vs. Bytes vs. Time



Packet Analysis Demo



WireShark Config Profiles

WLAN Frame Types

Data, Management and Control

Data Rates
Highlight frames sent slow/fast

Channels
For captures with multiple adapters.

WireShark Config Profiles

Additional Columns to Consider:

SubType wlan.fc.type_subtype

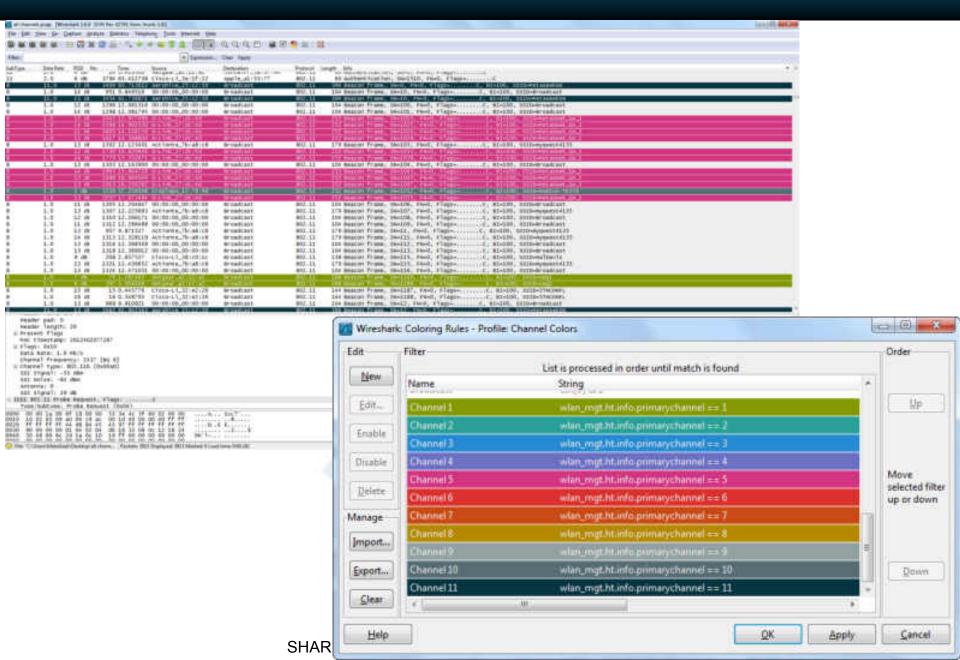
Data Rate
IEEE 802.11 TX rate (existing field type)

RSSI IEEE 802.11 RSSI (existing field type)

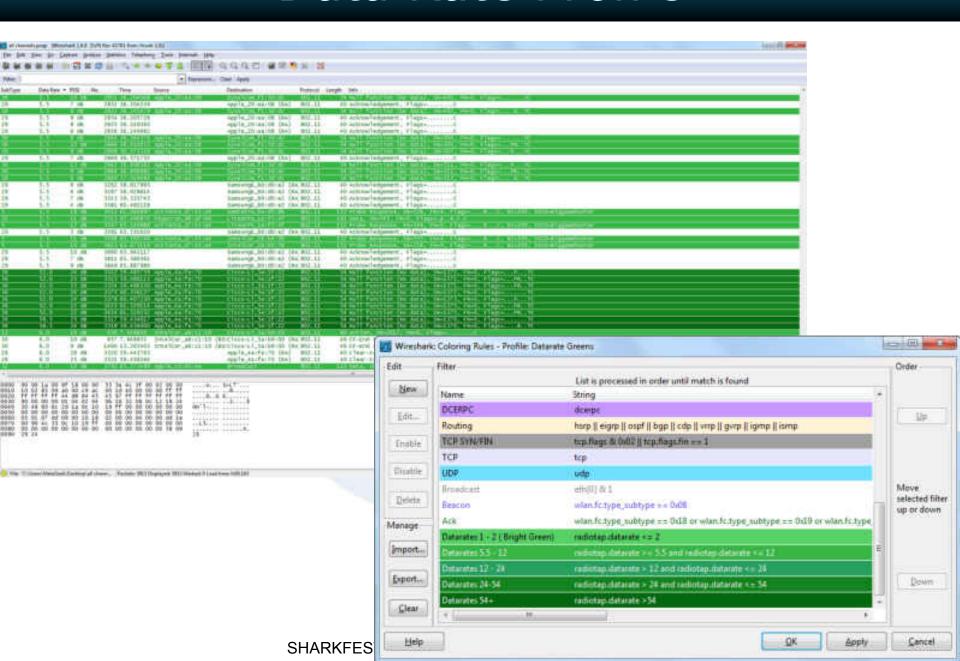
Packet Type Profile

SubType	Data Rate	RSSI	Destination	Source	Protocol	To/From DS
Beacon frame	11.0	20 dB	Broadcast	Cisco_7d:de:da	IEEE 802.11	Not leaving D5 or
QoS Data	1.0	17 dB	e8:b7:48:3b:8b:f2	MurataMa_5c:1f:7a	IEEE 802,11	Frame from STA to
Acknowledgement	1.0	22 dB	MurataMa_5c:1f:7a (RA)	IEEE 802.11	Not leaving DS or
Beacon frame	1.0	22 dB	Broadcast	Aerohive_25:c2:50	IEEE 802.11	Not leaving D5 or
Beacon frame	11.0	20 dB	Broadcast	Cisco_7d:de:db	IEEE 802.11	Not leaving DS or
QoS Data	1.0	21 dB	MurataMa_5c:1f:7a	e8:b7:48:3b:8b:f2	IEEE 802.11	Frame from DS to a
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QoS Data	1.0	23 dB	MurataMa_5c:1f:7a	e8:b7:48:3b:8b:f2	IEEE 802,11	Frame from DS to a
Acknowledgement	1.0	16 dB	Aerohive_25:c2:50 (RA)	IEEE 802.11	Not leaving DS or
Qo5 Data	1.0	22 d6	MurataMa_5c:1f:7a	e8:b7:48:3b:8b:f2	IEEE 802.11	Frame from DS to a
Acknowledgement	1.0	17 dB	Aerohive_25:c2:50 (RA)	IEEE 802.11	Not leaving DS or
QoS Data	1.0	22 dB	MurataMa_5c:1f:7a	e8:b7:48:3b:8b:f2	IEEE 802.11	Frame from DS to a
Acknowledgement.	1.0	19 ds	Aerohive_25:c2:50 (RA	>	IEEE 802.11	Not leaving DS or
Qos Data	1.0	22 dB	MurataMa_5c:1f:7a	e8:b7:48:3b:8b:f2	IEEE 802,11	Frame from DS to a
Acknowledgement	1.0	18 dB	Aerohive_25:c2:50 (RA		IEEE 802.11	Not leaving DS or
Beacon frame	11.0	18 dB	Broadcast	Cisco_7d:de:dc	IEEE 802.11	Not leaving D5 or
QoS Data	1.0	22 dB	MurataMa_5c:1f:7a	e8:b7:48:3b:8b:f2	IEEE 802,11	Frame from DS to a
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QoS Data	1.0	18 dB	e8:b7:48:3b:8b:f2	MurataMa_5c:1f:7a	IEEE 802.11	Frame from STA to
Beacon frame	6.0	16 dB	Broadcast	Cisco_41:18:a0	IEEE 802.11	Not leaving D5 or
QoS Data	1.0	19 dB	e8:b7:48:3b:8b:f2	MurataMa_5c:1f:7a	IEEE 802.11	Frame from STA to
QoS Data	1.0	16 dB	e8:b7:48:3b:8b:f2	MurataMa_5c:1f:7a	IEEE 802.11	Frame from STA to
Qo5 Data	1.0	18 dB	e8:b7:48:3b:8b:f2	MurataMa_5c:1f:7a	IEEE 802.11	Frame from STA to
Acknowledgement	1.0	22 dB	MurataMa_5c:1f:7a (RA)	IEEE 802.11	Not leaving DS or

Channel Profile



Data Rate Profile



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