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# Detecting Attacker in Wi-Fi Networks Aware MANET Coverage

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**ABSTRACT:** We present an approach to detect a selfish node in a Wi-Fi network by passive sniffer monitoring. Analysed Wi-Fi performance by mean of sniffers that passively capture transmitted frames. Our approach requires deploying multiple sniffers to monitoring the selfish carrier sense by initiating the threshold value. Consider a multiple sniffer in large area, some areas covered by more than one sniffer. Neighbouring sniffers will observe the information. A node can be selfish by raising the Clear Channel Assessment (CCA) threshold value. Based on it identifying any asymmetry in carrier-sense behaviour between nodepairs and finding the selfish attack by tuning the threshold. Detected and rectifies the attacker node in the network and sniffer broadcasting the information to the neighbour, isolate the attacker and choose alternate path for broadcasting. Obtain the more accurate additional coverage ratio by sensing neighbour coverage knowledge. Minimizing router overhead taken as a main goal. Distributed sniffer efficiently detect and isolate attacker in routing path is main goal and minimizing routing overhead.

**KEYWORDS:** Selfishnode, Wi-Fi,attackers,path loss,MAC,Distributedsniffers.

### I.INTRODUCTION

This paper is focused on Wireless Fidelity (Wi-Fi) security and it used an approach of selfish carrier monitoring. Wireless technologies are continuously expanding their transmission bandwidth, coverage and Quality of Service (QoS) support in recent years. Wi-Fi is possibly the most widely accepted broadband wireless networking technology. Wi-Fi devices based on 802.11b provide transmission rates up to 54 Mbps. It depends upon the transmission power, surrounding environments, and other parameters. Wi-Fi operates in the frequency bands of 2.4 GHz and high data rates of 11 Mb/sec ranges of 100m to a maximum of few hundred meters. Where the exact available operate bands is varies according to country. It is poor in heavily loaded network environment. Wi-Fi waves may propagate outside the walls of the building thereby causing intrusion by someone who is not authorized; the corporate network may also become vulnerable to attacks. Detecting selfish carrier sense behaviour in Wi-Fi networks, selfish node can gain unfair share of the offered bandwidth. By increasing the CCA threshold a misbehaving node will cause the carrier sensing at the Medium Access Control (MAC) layer to disregard the transmission of other node with which it shares the medium thereby increasing collision. Interference (collisions) exists because nodes may compete for shared wireless medium when sending packets. It usually results in packet drop that cause lower data throughput, leading to degraded network performance. Selfish node that does not forward others packet thus maximizing their benefits at the expense of all other nodes.

Active sniffer can block network traffic while passive sniffer can monitor network traffic [1]. My approach is completely passive monitoring. It requires deploying multiple sniffers across the network to capture wireless network traffic traces. Sniffers are also known as protocol analyser. Sniffer monitoring the selfish node attack and isolate the node from the network. So further there is no communication is gone through the selfish node, sniffer broadcasting the information to the neighbour also. Broadcasting is a fundamental and effective data distribution mechanism for many applications in Wi-Fi Network. Discover the route better than broadcasting; rebroadcast can be done with the help of neighbour coverage information [2]. Sniffer is used to identify and rectifies the selfish attack problem according to



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selfish carrier sensing. A node can be selfish by raising the Clear Channel Assessment (CCA) threshold. CCA tuning will arise a kind of selfish behaviour [7].

## II. RELATED WORKS

Konstantinos [7] et al., proposed by the tuning the Clear Channel Assessment (CCA) threshold in conjunction with power control has been considered for improving the performance of WLANs. CCA tuning can be exploited by selfish nodes to obtain an unfair share of the available bandwidth. Carrier sensing Misbehaviour Detection detects such selfish clients in WLANs with extremely high accuracy and with low false positive rates. Dipali [3] et al., used approach Reputation based schemes network nodes collectively detect and declare the misbehaviour of a suspicious node. Such a declaration is then propagated throughout the network so the misbehaving node will be cut off from the rest of the network. There are two models for reputation based schemes. 1. Watchdog Model 2. Path rater. Sagar [9], et al., proposed a system to detect selfish nodes in a MANET. All monitoring nodes in the neighbourhood that detect this potential misbehaviour would wait for the suspicious node to rebroadcast the fake RREQ packet within a certain timeout. If it responds to the RREQ packet, the status of the node is set to behave and the time of its last action will be updated. If it discards the packet and does not respond, the monitoring nodes will label the suspicious node as selfish. In our system, each monitoring node will only consider its own personal discovery and will not share this observation to other nodes. This eliminates most trust management complexity and avoids any false accusation and false praise attacks. Gaurav Soni [5] et al., proposed routing protocols are exposed to a variety of attacks. Malicious nodes respond immediately to the source node as these nodes do not refer the routing table and drop all the routing packets and also flooding the false information of shortest route in network by that the number of nodes that are in radio range directly or indirectly forwarded the routing as well as data packets in the network. The malicious nodes do this by assigning a high sequence number to the reply packet. In an ad-hoc network that uses the AODV protocol; selfish node absorbs the network traffic and drops all packets. Utpal Paul [11] et al., proposed 802.11 interference can occur either at the sender side or at the receiver side. Sender side interference pertains to deferral due to carrier sensing. In this case, one node freezes its backoff counter and waits when it senses the second node's transmission. In case of receiver side interference, overlapped packet transmission causes collisions at the receiver. This requires packet retransmission. In both cases, the sender additionally has to go through a back off period, when the medium must be sensed idle.

## III. SNIFFER MONITORING

In Wi-Fi networks, mobile nodes compete for accessing a shared channel by means of a random access protocol called Distributed Coordination Function (DCF). Consider a multiple sniffer in large area, some areas covered by more than one sniffer. Neighbouring sniffers will observe the information. Selecting threshold value is necessary to help the detection and identifying the attacker especially the selfish attack. It is difficult to select the suitable threshold value for differentiating between normal activity and abnormal activity in network traffic. Using threshold value to determine if a packet is received correctly or not, without considering a more correct bit error rate computation. The coverage area can be estimated from the distance between sender and receiver and the distance can be estimated by signal strength, when a node receives a broadcasting packet, it refers to its distance from sender to determine its rebroadcast probability selfish behaviours can be detected the unfair share of available bandwidth effectively disables its carrier sensing and creates more transmission opportunities for the selfish node. Sniffer used to capture the network traffic once the packet is captured using a sniffer the content of packet can be analysed. This technique can be used in a periodic interval of a few minutes to detect the presence of any selfish nodes. Tests show that the higher the network traffic, the more obvious the selfish nodes appear. Additionally, higher degrees of selfishness in selfish nodes also lead to their exposure. When the user sends a message at a very high Clear-To-Send threshold can corrupt other Wi-Fi transmissions, usually by collision shown in fig.1.

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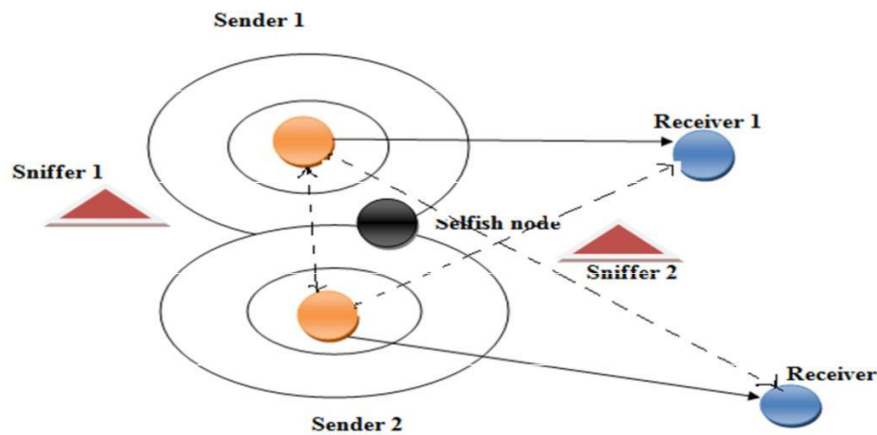


Fig1. Overview of my approach

It could effectively disable carrier sensing by tricking other nodes into believing that they do not have proper permission to transmit. Thus, the selfish node gains more transmission opportunities. It can cause collisions. Therefore, it can force the other transmitters to back off and gain more transmission time for itself. The selfish node may also collide, but its back off window will be shorter because it will not freeze its back off counter with a disabled carrier-sensing. Setting the back off window smaller allows the selfish node to transmit more frequently and thus have a greater chance of obtaining a collision-free transmission. This creates poor performance if other nodes decide to be selfish as well.

**Dynamic Source Routing (DSR):** DSR is a reactive routing protocol which is able to manage without using periodic table update messages like table-driven routing protocols. DSR was specifically designed for use in multi-hop wireless ad hoc networks. Ad-hoc protocol allows the network to be completely self-organizing and self-configuring which means that there is no need for an existing network infrastructure or administration. For restricting the bandwidth, the process to find a path is only executed when a path is required by a node. In DSR the sender determines the whole path from the source to the destination node and deposits the addresses of the intermediate nodes of the route in the packets. DSR is based on the Link-State Algorithms which mean that each node is capable to save the best way to a destination. Also if a change appears in the network topology, then the whole network will get this information by flooding. In DSR path finding process, the source nodes discover the complete pathway from the source to the destination node and update the data related to the in-between route nodes. This path finding process done with the help of route request and route reply process. DSR contains 2 phases 1. Route Discovery 2. Route Maintenance

## IV. SIMULATIONS

Network simulator (NS) is an object-oriented, discrete event simulator for networking research. NS2 is used as the simulation tool in here. NS2 simulations let us implement various degrees of selfishness, where the selfish node senses carrier with only a certain probability. NS2 simulations also make it easier to investigate larger networks, with a topology size of 1000m × 1000m and 50 nodes. Table 1 shows the parameters of the NS2 simulations. The nodes will move within the network space according to the random way point mobility model. Then we set threshold value as 2, to initiate the channel. The neighbour coverage is based on the total no of nodes each node cover nearly 5 to 9 nodes. Flat grid topology keeps track of movement of nodes. General Operations Directors (GOD) is to accumulated area of number of nodes. Wireless channel using IEEE 802.11 protocols mostly sold under trademark of Wi-Fi two ray ground reflection models considers both direct path and a ground reflection path. In fig .2 shows we deploy 9 sniffer to monitoring the selfish attack, which increasing carrier sensing threshold and send false reply to source node. Such a behaviour of carrier sense will sense 2 times, then the action is repeated means they surely conformed that node is act as a selfish node.

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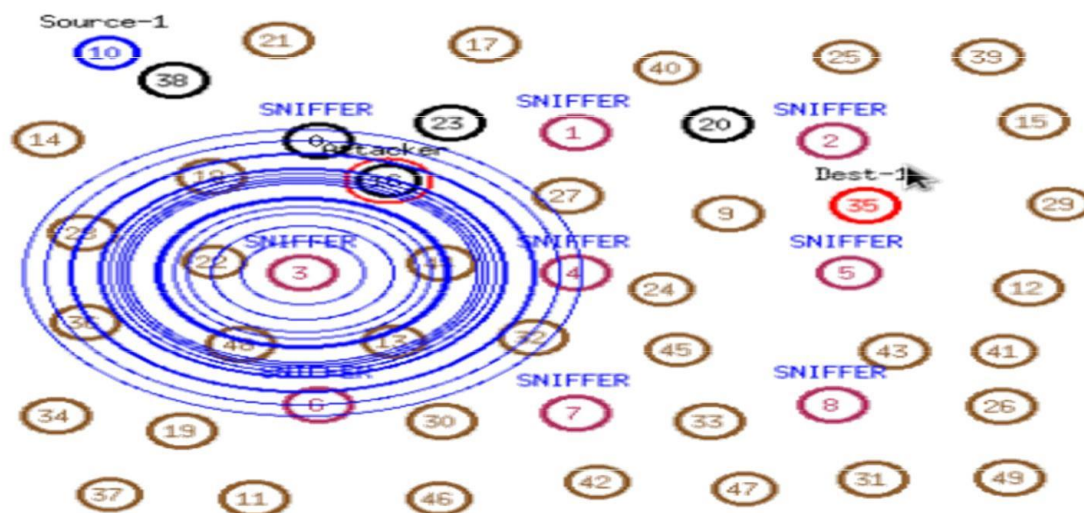


Fig2.Snifferdetecttheselfish attack in Wi-Fi Network

This paper we focus on evaluating the sniffer under the selfish node attack and measure the network performance after applying Sniffer detection system with following criteria  
Throughput: Network Throughput refers to the volume of data that can flow through a network. Network Throughput is constrained by factors such as the network protocols used, the capabilities of routers. Percentage of packets received by the destination to the number of packet sent by the source.

$$\text{Throughput} = \frac{\text{No.ofBytes} * 8.0}{\text{Interval Time} * 1000}$$

Delay: The delay of a network specifies how long it takes for a bit of data to travel across the network from one node to another end node. Total delay of a network, Transmission delay is a function of the packet's length and has nothing to do with the distance between the two nodes. This delay is proportional to the packet's length in bits,

$$\text{Delay} = N/R$$

Where N is the number of bits, and R is the rate of transmission (say in bits per second)

Table1.SimulationParameters

Parameter	Value
Noofnodes	50
Sniffnodes	9
Area X(m)	1000
Area Y(m)	1000
TrafficModel	CBR
MobilityModel	Random way point
Sendingrate(packet/s)	5
Packet size(byte)	512bytes
Simulationtime(s)	76s



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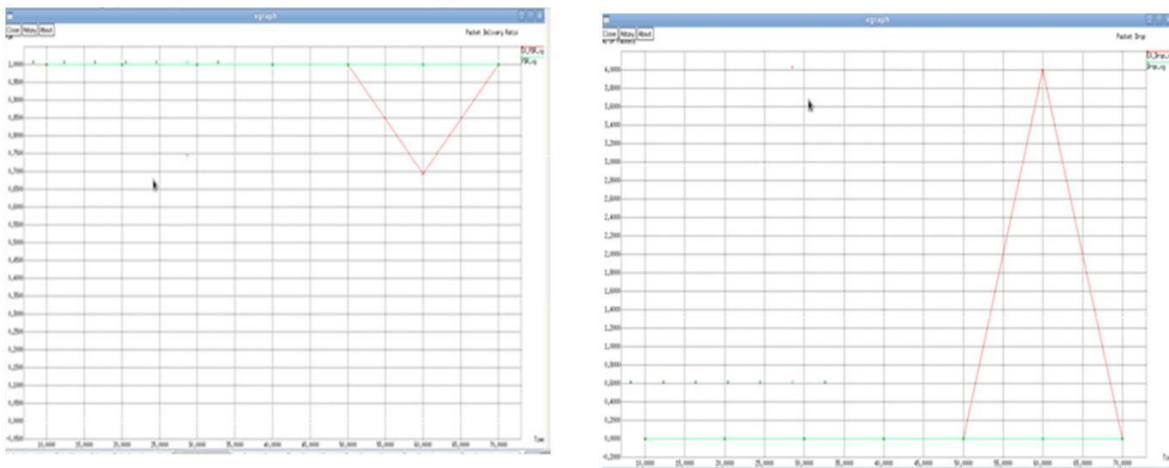


Fig3.ComparisPacket Delivery Ratio and Packet Drop

Simulations can create arbitrary topologies and interference conditions easily. However, the physical layer (including interface behaviour for carrier sense and packet capture) implementation is often idealized or unrealistic in simulations. To address this issue, extended version of the NS2 simulator that includes realistic measurement based models. These models were validated against experimental results showing excellent accuracy. In all following automatically generated graphs while simulation remains X axes having the values of time and the Y axes denotes the values of number of packets. In above graph red in colour denotes the existing and the green in colour determines the proposed values, Figure 6 shows the results after minimizing the router overhead problem. Figure 4 shows the accuracy of delay results shows the values after the minimization of router overhead. Minimizing the work of router overhead reduces the delay. In existing packet drop due to the collision occurs in the network. Compare with the existing system selfish carrier monitoring approach using passive sniffer will improve the performance in Fig 3,4 shows packet drop, Packet Delivery Ratio, there is no packet drop and packet delivery ratio also improved efficiently.

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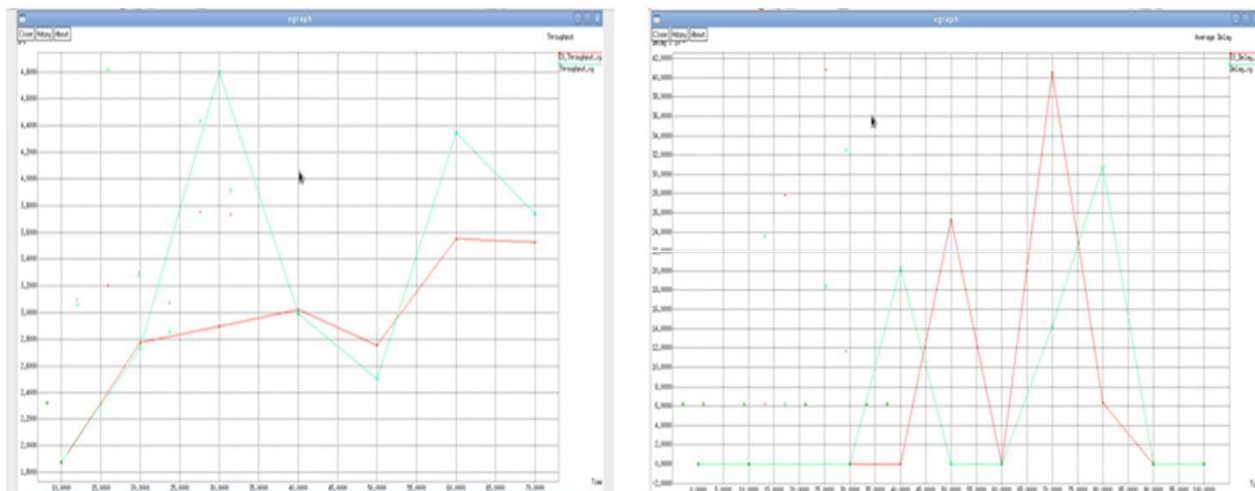


Fig4.Throughput and Delay

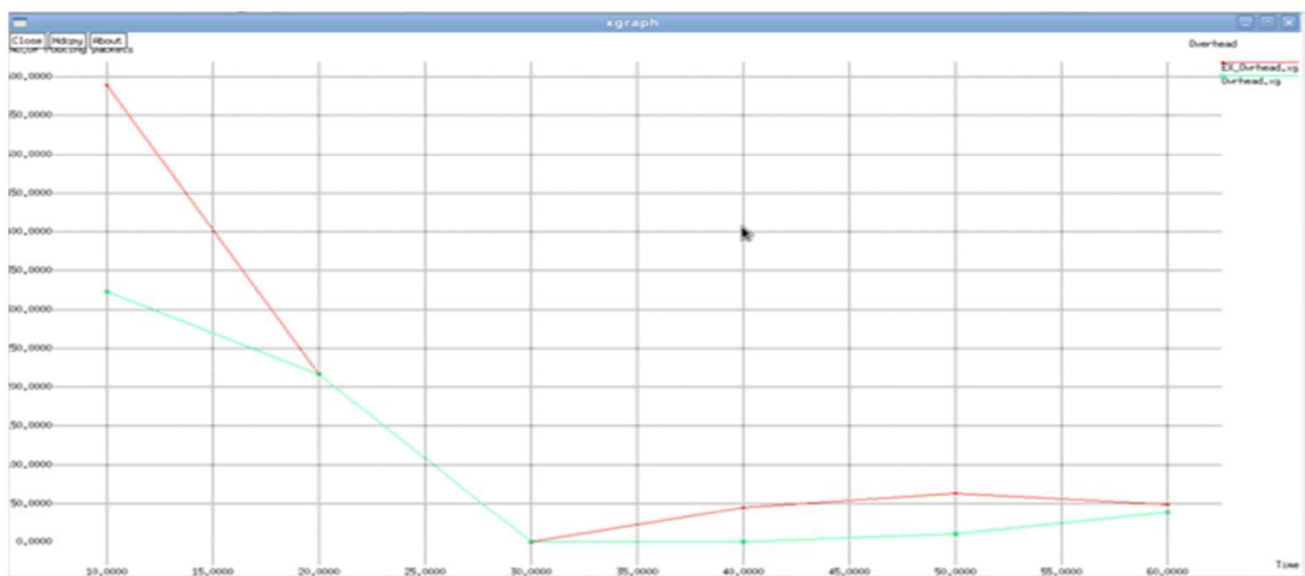


Fig5.Routing overhead

## V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

This paper focuses on the problem of selfish attack, which is very common in Wi-Fi networks. The major reason for selfishness is the loss of power over time and time delay. Identify and rectify the selfish attack in the routing path according to selfish carrier sensing, sniffer monitoring the selfish attack, and isolate the node from the network. So further, there is no communication through the selfish node. Sniffer broadcasting the information to the neighbor also reduces the routing overhead and chooses an alternate path according to sniffer information and also improves the security in Wi-Fi transmissions. The power of this technique is that it is purely passive and does not require any access to the network nodes. In the proposed work, the routing path is founded by the sender side and to reduce the routing overhead.



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In this work already suppressed the interference problems and we activate the passive monitoring system even when the network is in active state or inactive state depends on the suspicious value. By reducing the routing overhead problem also reduce the delay and can improve the performance of the Wi-Fi network. Future work is focus on the guidelines for Wi-Fi security based on key concepts using encryption techniques.

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