Scalable Multicast in Highly-Directional 60 GHz WLANs

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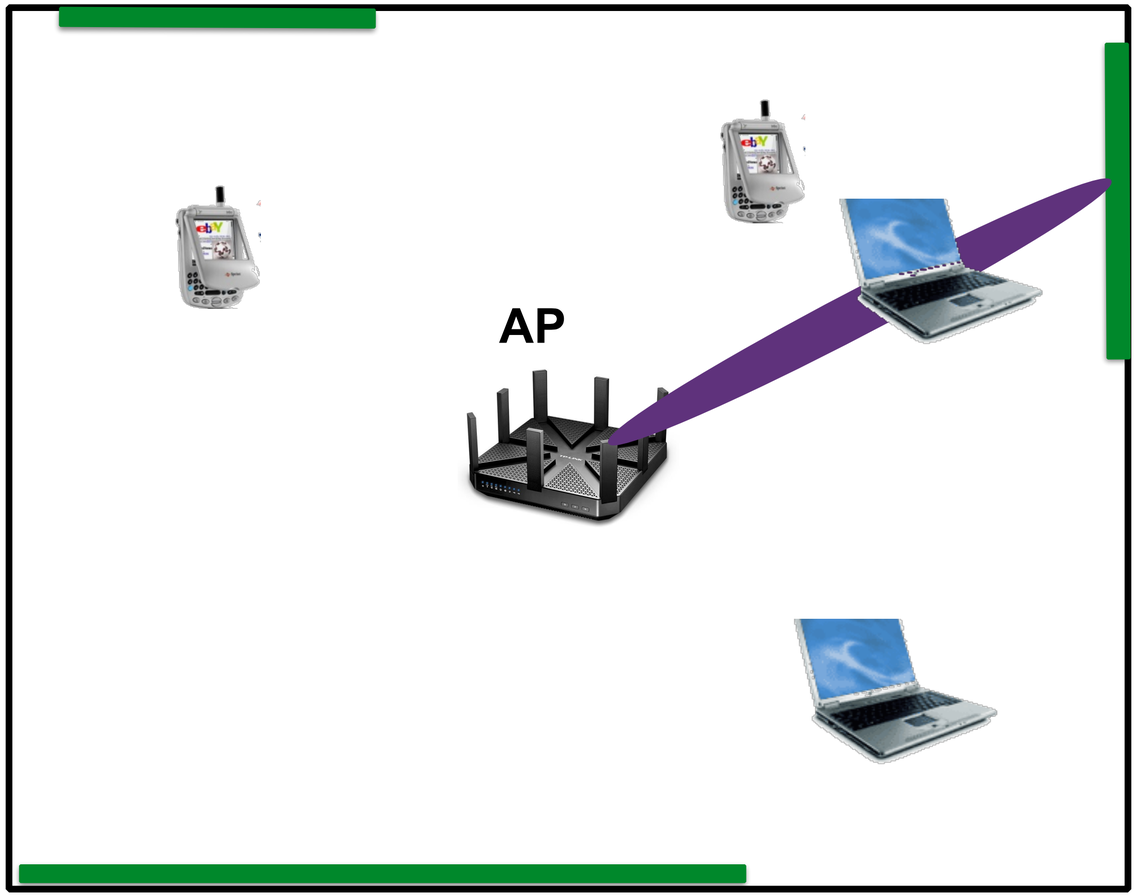

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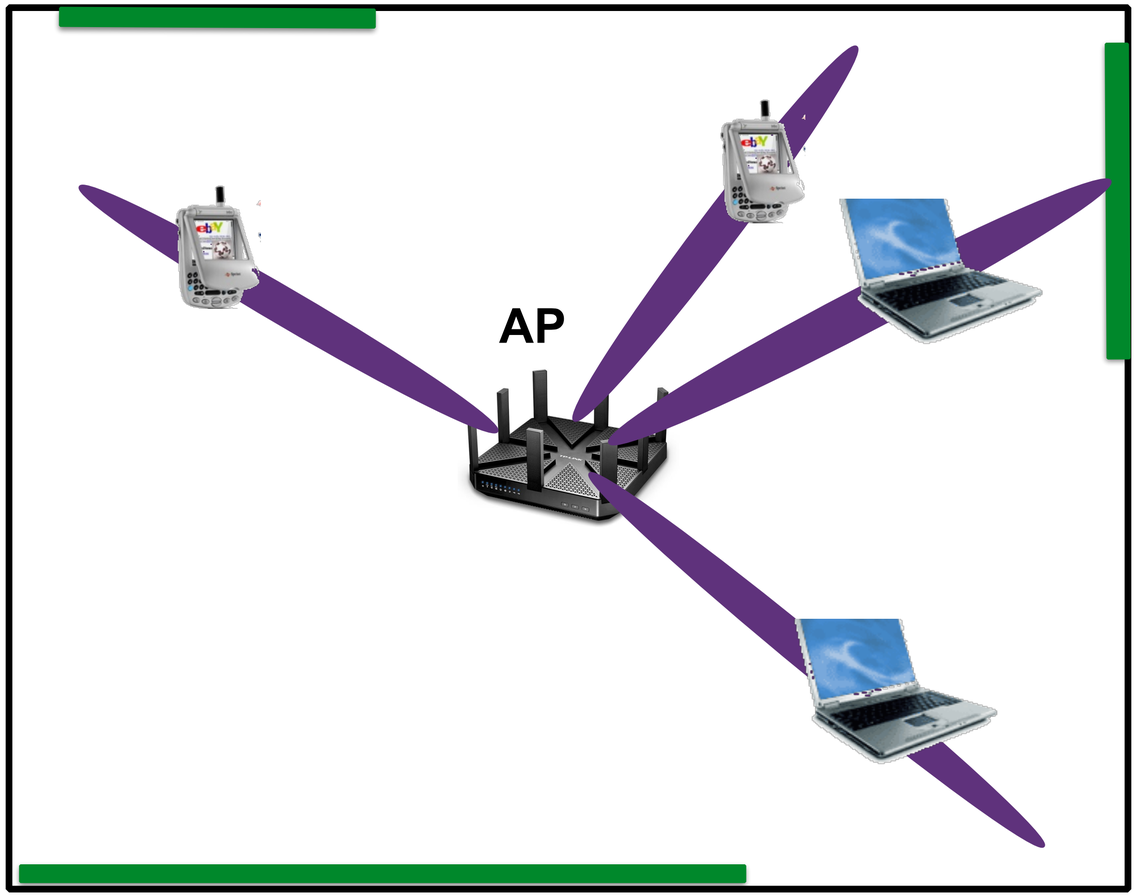

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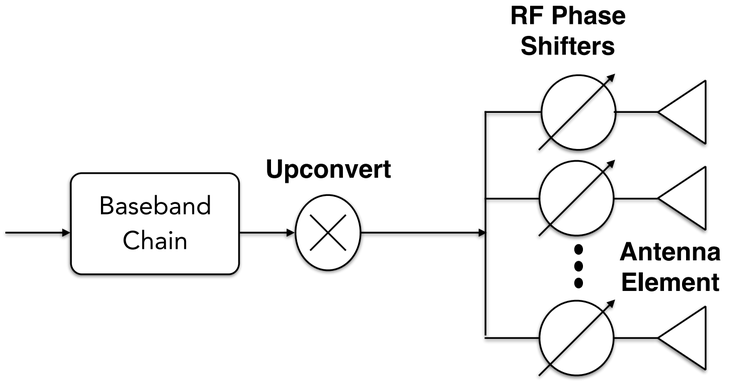

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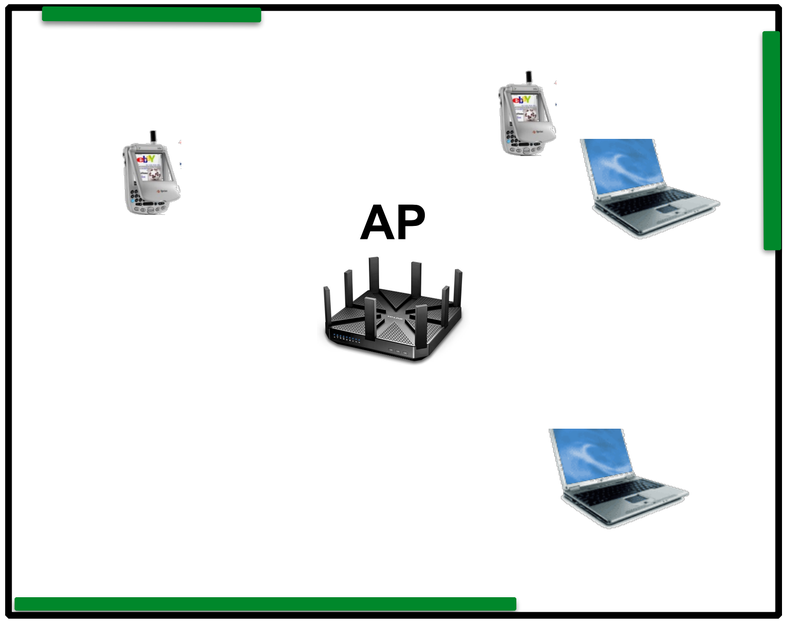

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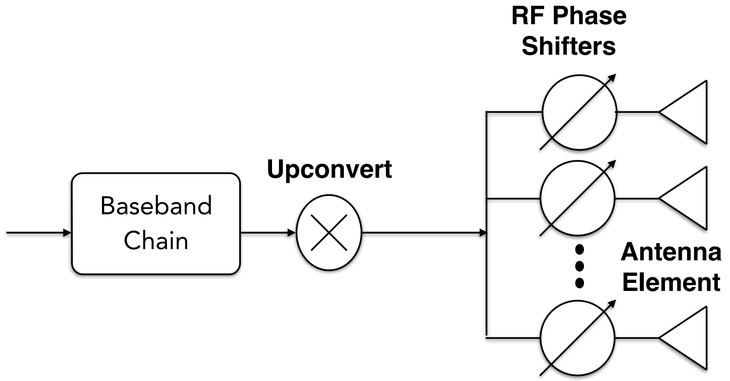

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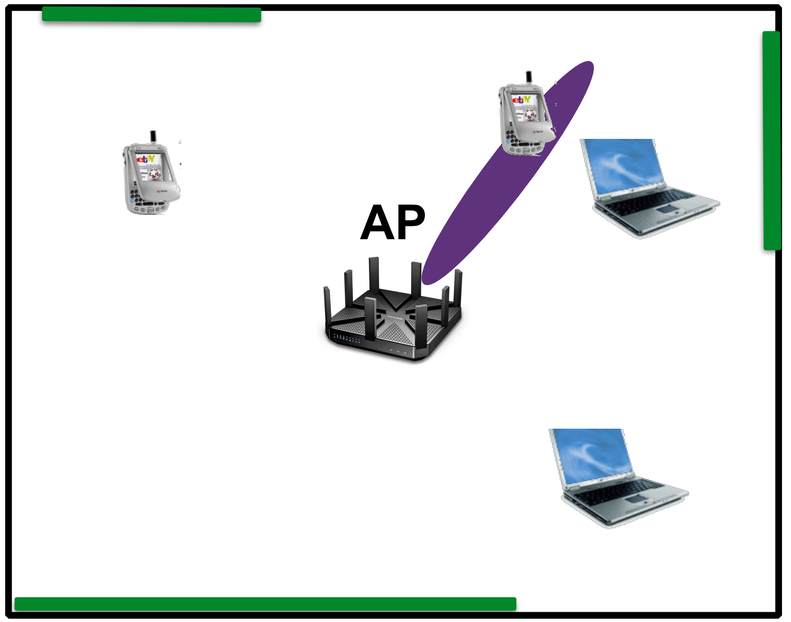

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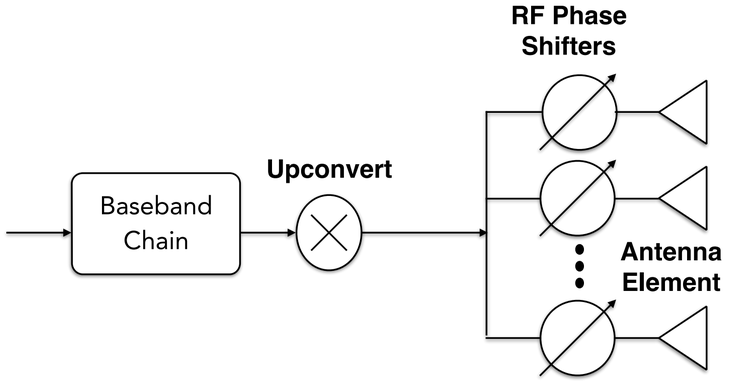

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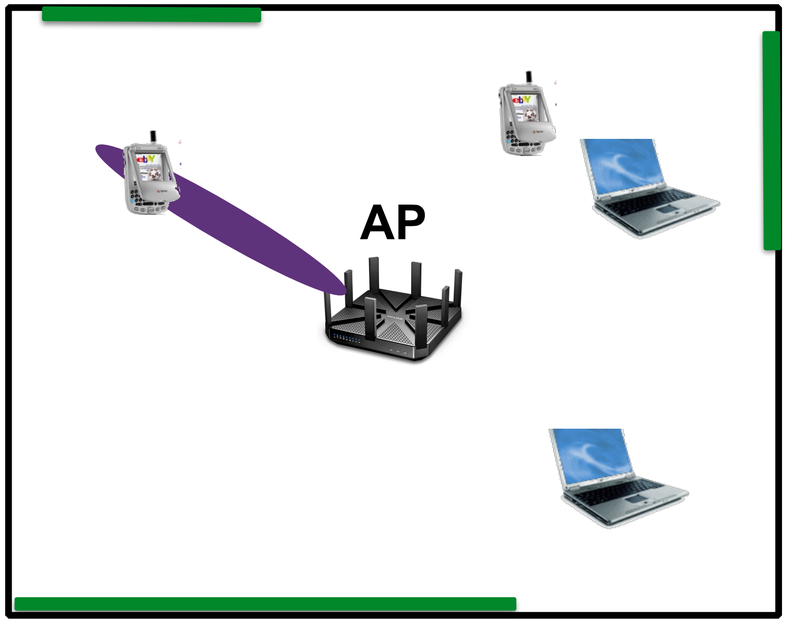

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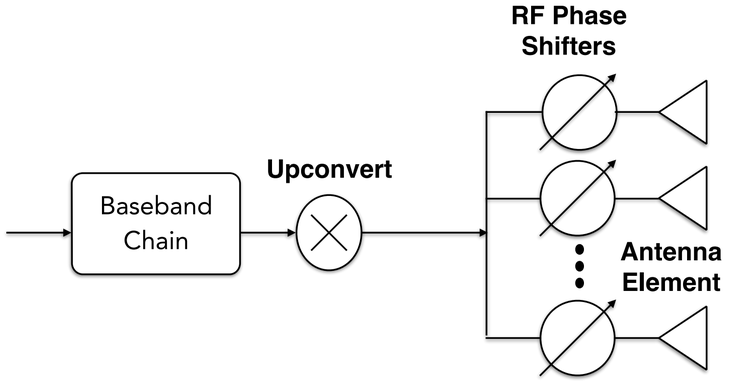

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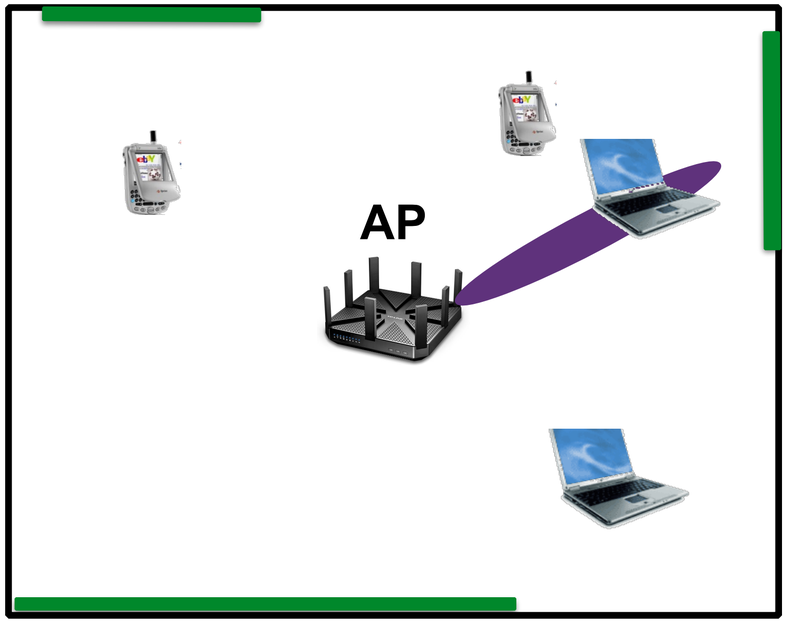

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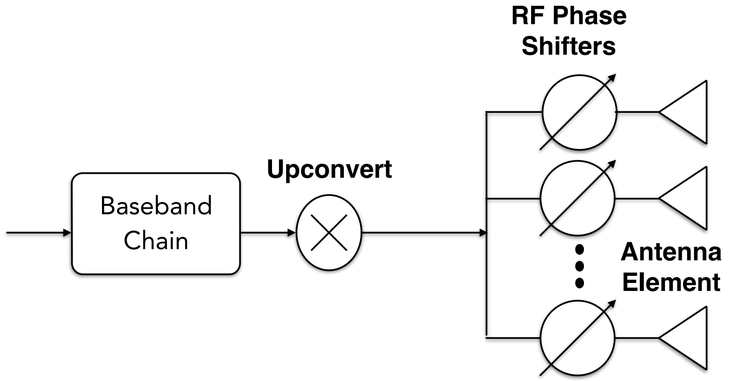

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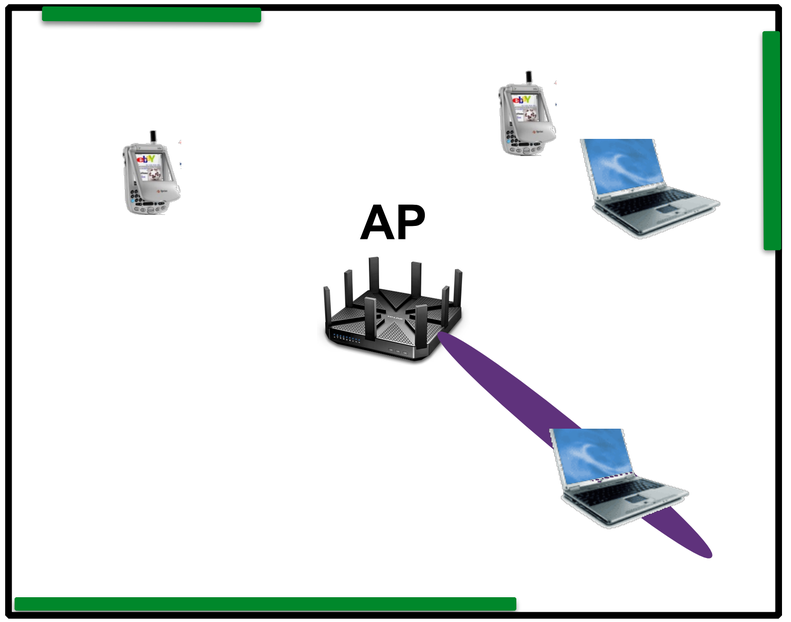
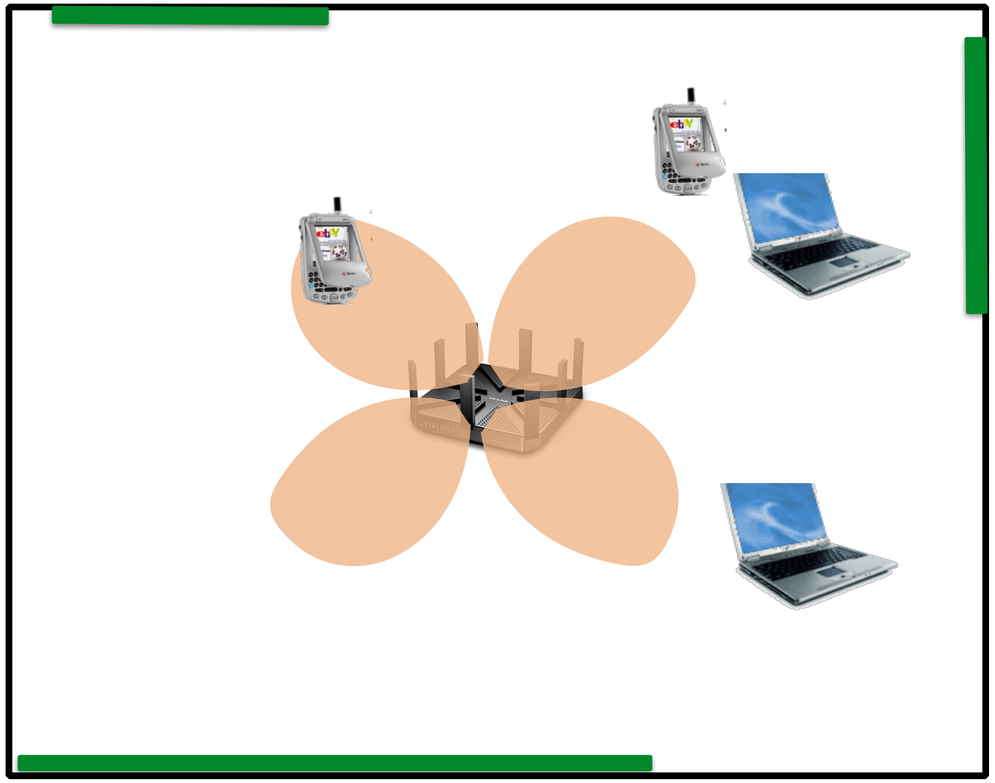


Wide Beams

- **Reachability**
  - Low directivity gain
  - Clients might be unreachable

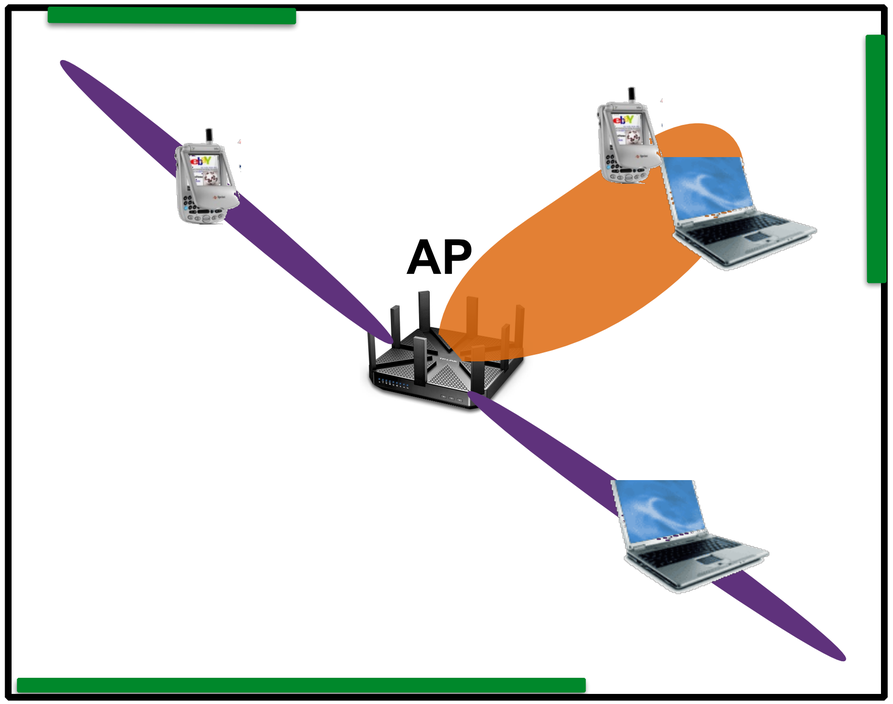
- **Low MCS**
  - Beamwidth-MCS Tradeoff
  - Big hit on the data rate



Only narrow beams or only wide beam strategies might lead to inefficient multicast transmission

Minimizing Total Transmission Time

- **Servable set $C_{th}(\psi)$** for beam ψ
  - Client subset with power measure $\geq P_{min}$
- **Beam Group solution** $\{\psi_1, \psi_2, \ldots, \psi_B\}$
  - Client subset vector $\{S(\psi_1), \ldots, S(\psi_B)\}$
  - MCS vector $\{R(\psi_1), \ldots, R(\psi_B)\}$



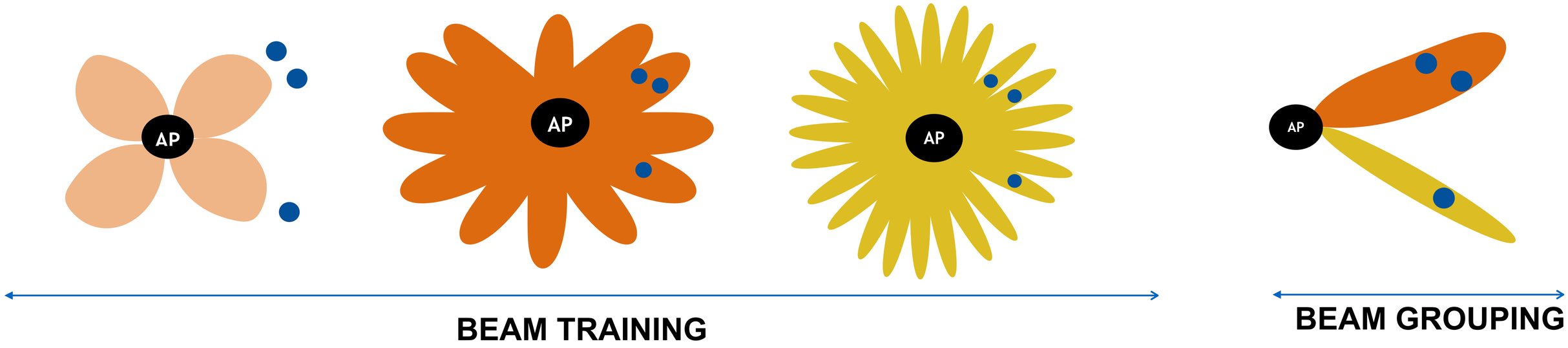
$$\min_{B,\psi_1,\ldots,\psi_B,S(\psi_1),\ldots,S(\psi_B)} \sum_{b=1}^{B} \frac{1}{R(\psi_b)}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \bigcup_{b=1}^{B} S(\psi_b) = \mathbb{U}$$

Multicast client set

$$S(\psi_b) \subseteq C_{th}(\psi_b), \ 1 \leq b \leq B$$

Overhead

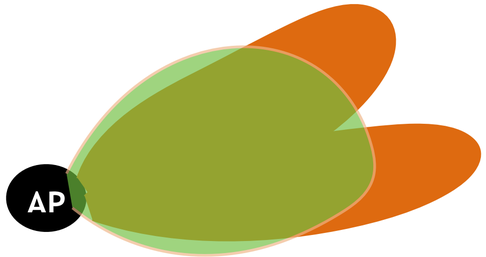


- **Exhaustive Beam Training**
  - $O(KN + c^K)$ for K beamwidth levels, N clients
- **Exhaustive Beam Grouping**
  - $O(c^{K-1} N^{N/2 + 1})$

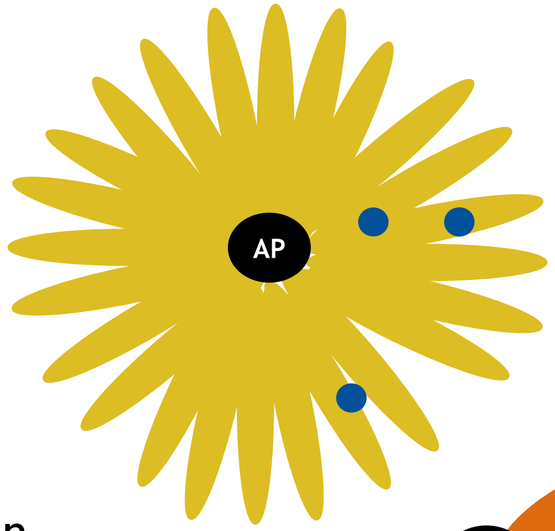
Scalable Directional Multicast Protocol (SDM)

SDM Overview

- **Multi-level Codebook Trees**
  - Link beams of different beamwidth levels using spatial similarity
  - Prune the codebook traversal leveraging client feedback



- **Descending Order Traversal for Beam Training**
  - Begin training at finest beam level to address unreachability
  - Only partial set of parent beams for wider beam levels



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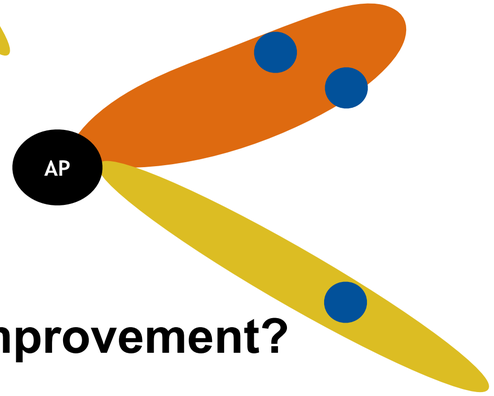


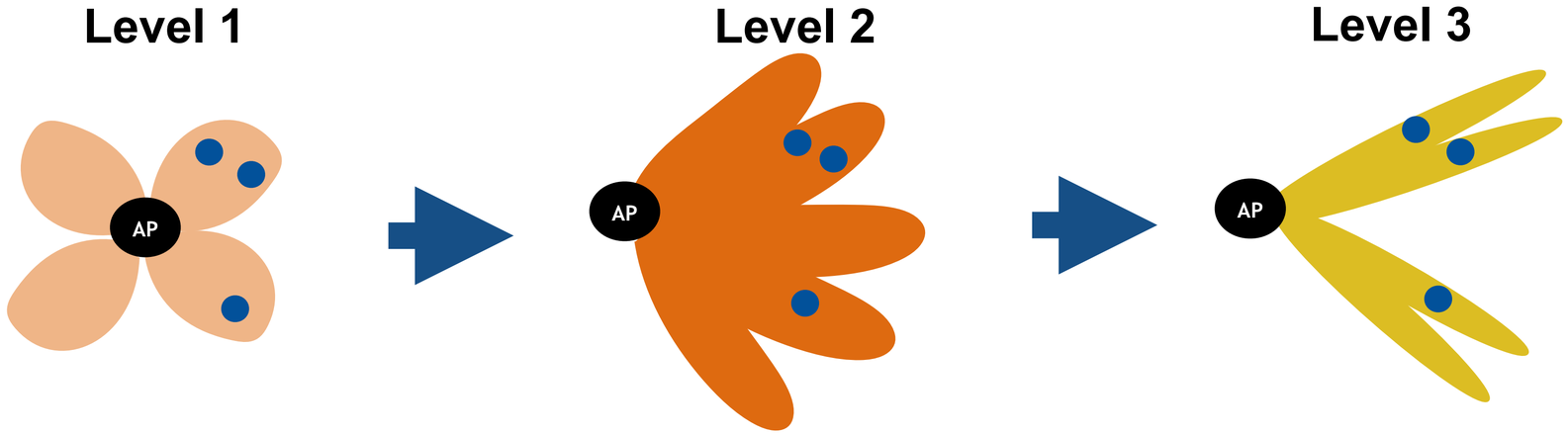
Multi-Level Codebook Trees

- **Multi-level Codebook**
  - Was not required for unicast transmissions
  - Flexibility for AP to cover multiple clients simultaneously
- **Codebook Trees**
  - Leverage the client feedback to prune the training
  - Edges between beam patterns of adjacent levels
- **Spatial Similarity [1,2]**

Array factor $AF(\psi, \theta) = \sum_{u=1}^{U} w(u) e^{j2\pi/\lambda(u-1)dcos(\theta)}$

$G(\psi) = [AF(\psi, 0),\ ...,\ AF(\psi, 2\pi - 360/2\pi)]^T$

$\text{Correlation} = |G(\psi_A)^H G(\psi_B)|$



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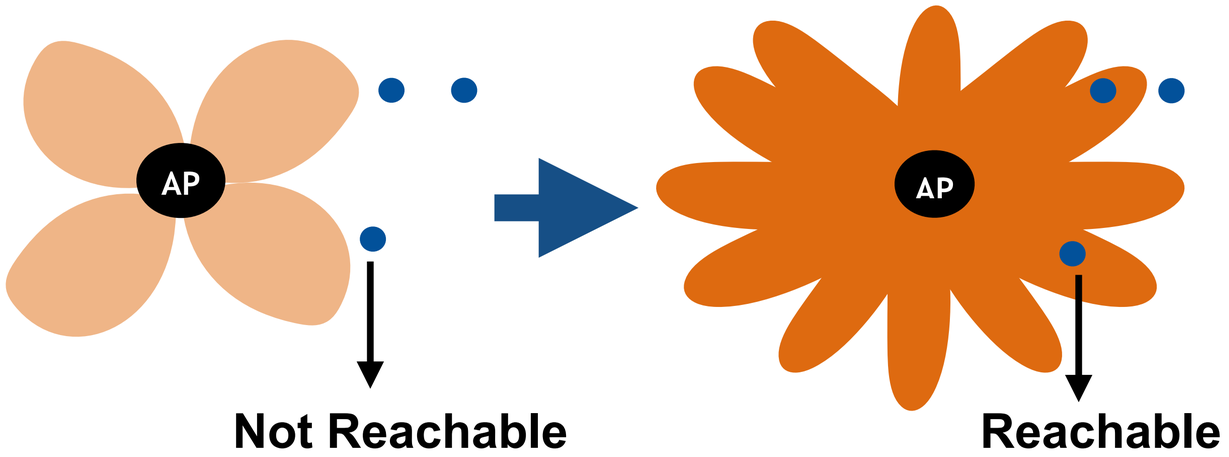
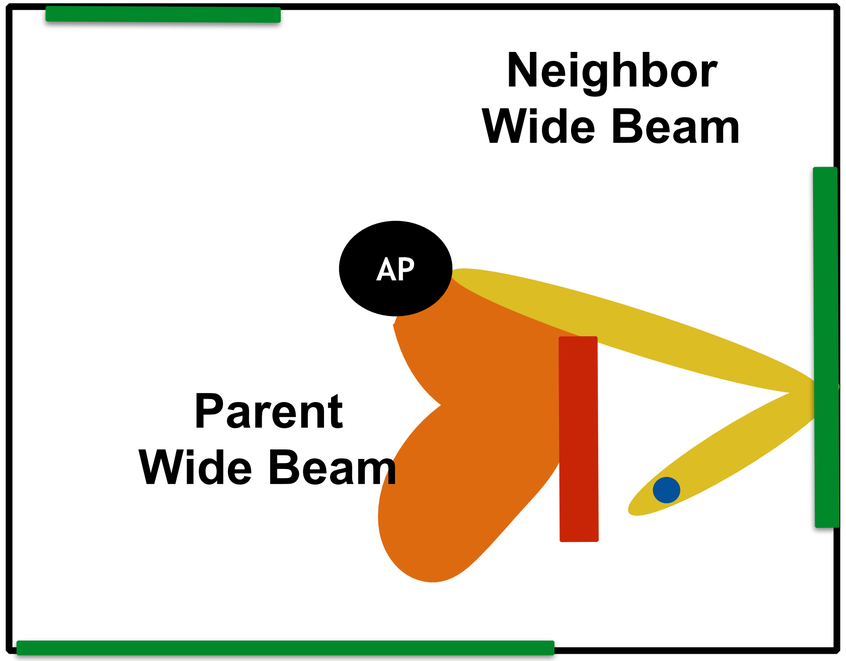
Challenges

- **Unreachability**
  - Every client might not be reachable at every level
  - Falls back to exhaustive training



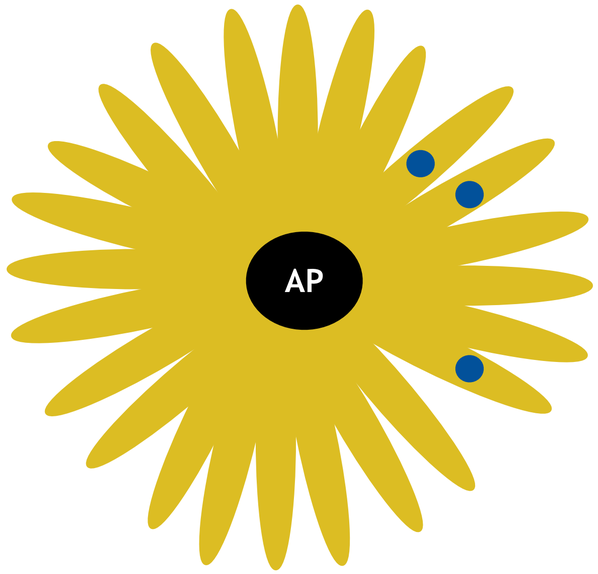
- **NLOS and Blockage**
  - AP's codebook independent of deployed environment
  - Reflectors/ blockage
  - Imperfect codebook tree traversal



SDM's Finest Beam Training

- Exhaustive training with all the finest level beams
- Highest directivity gain
- Solves unreachability challenge
- Initial solution of only finest beams

TRAINING



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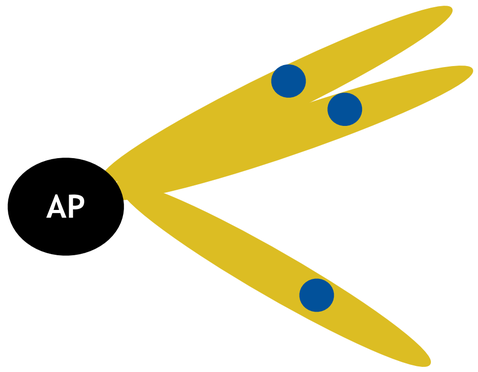
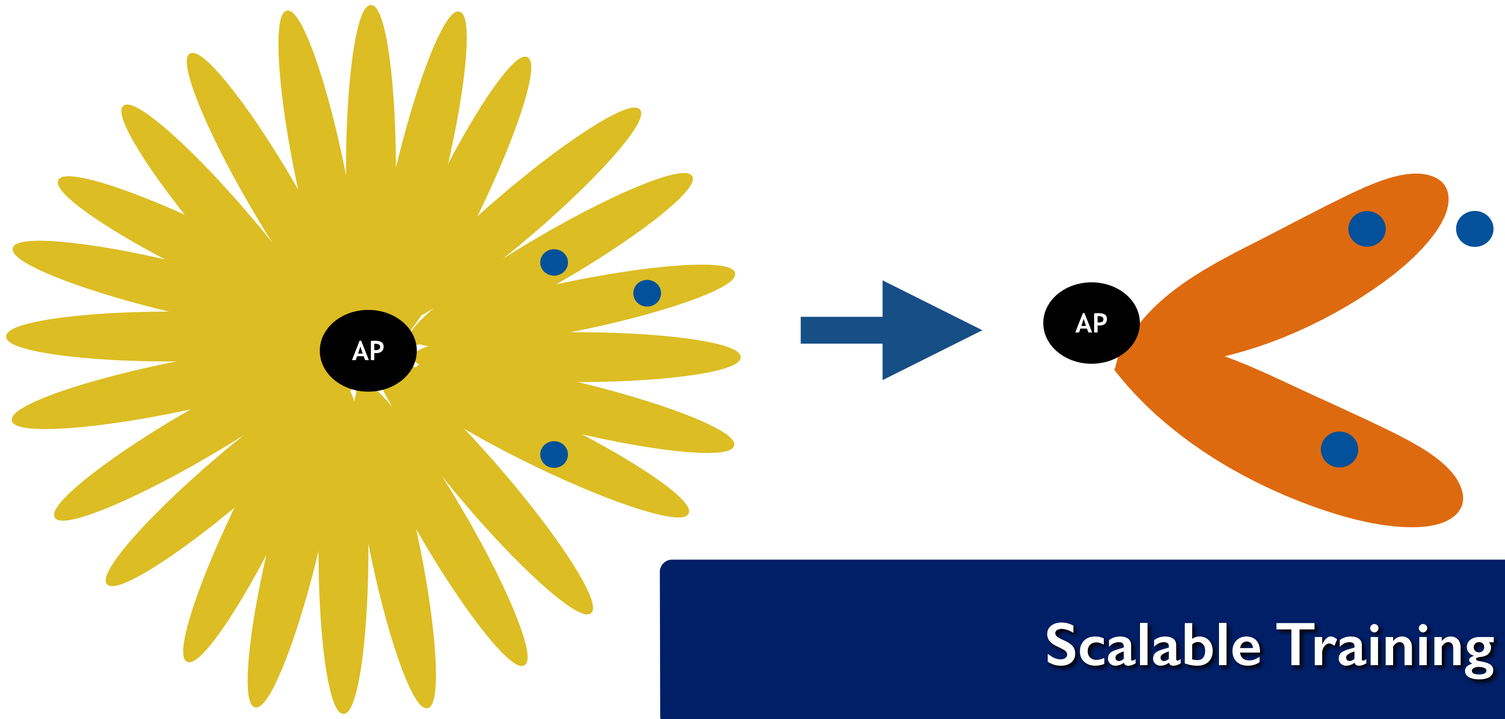
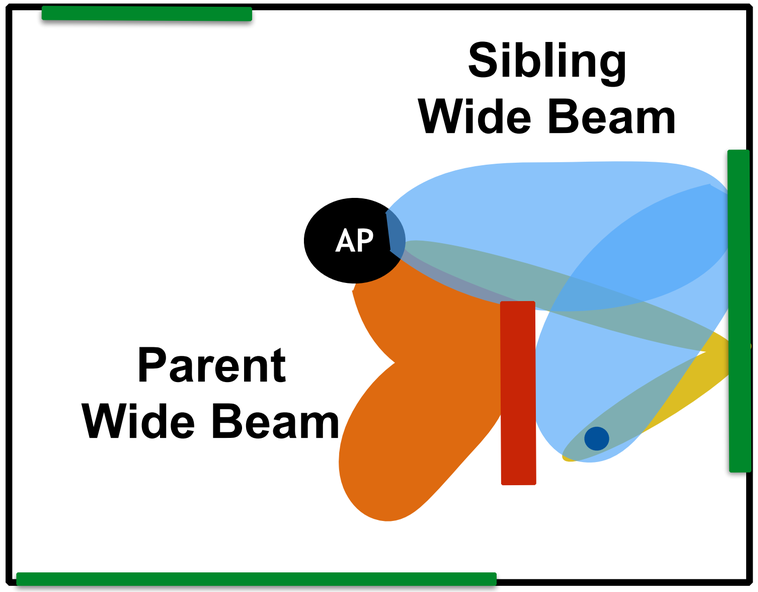


SDM's Wide Beam Training

- **Wide Beam Training**
  - Only parent beams in codebook tree leveraging client feedback
  - Sibling beams in codebook tree to address NLOS scenarios



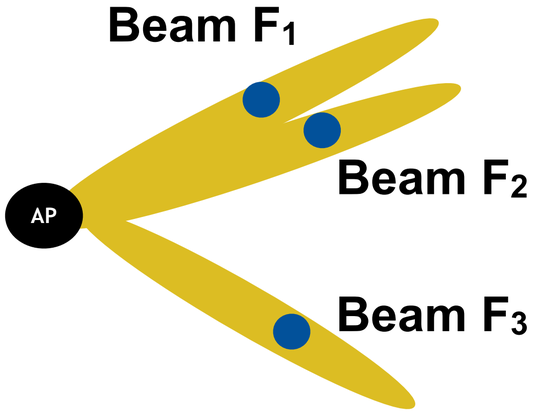


Scalable Training Overhead O(KN)

Which Wide Beams can be used?

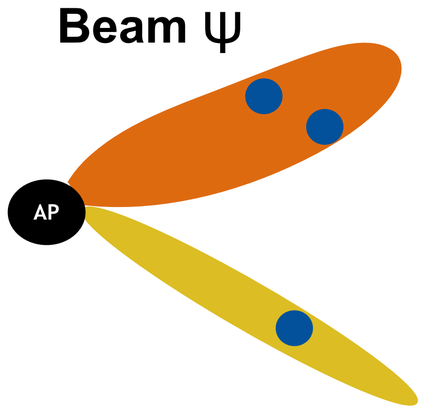
- **Wide Beam Improvement**
  - Identify every wide beam Ψ that can improve upon the only finest beams solution
  - Not every wide beam necessarily improves (Beamwidth-MCS tradeoff)

$$\frac{1}{R(\psi)} < \sum_{f=1}^{2} \frac{1}{R(F_f)}$$



- **Wide Beam Improvement Ratio (WIR)**
  - Replace initial solution with a single wide beam
  - Ratio of transmission time of only finest beams solution over the new solution
  - Traverse the beams that have WIR > 1 in descending order

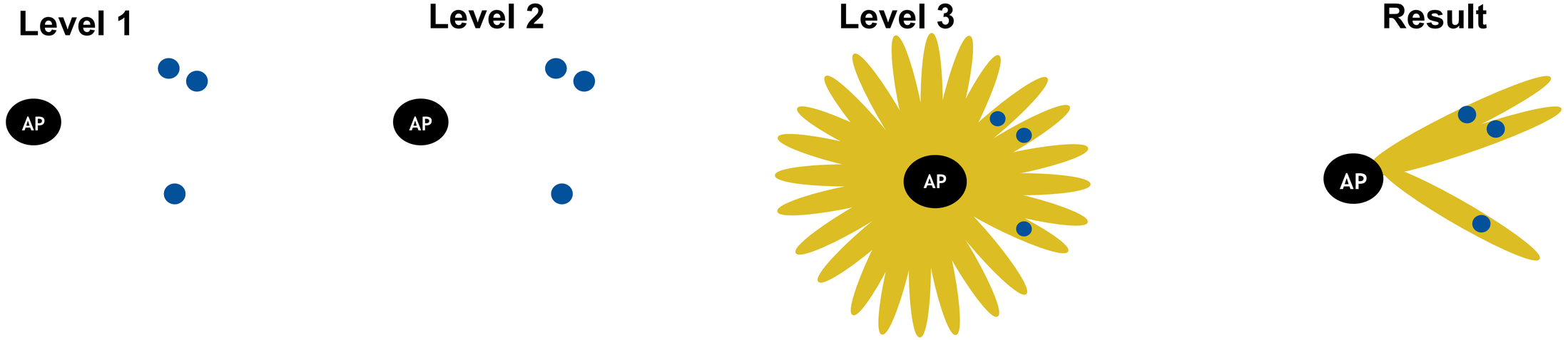
$$\mathrm{WIR}(\psi) = \sum_{f=1}^{3} \frac{1}{R(F_f)} / \left(\frac{1}{R(\psi)} + \frac{1}{R(F_3)}\right)$$



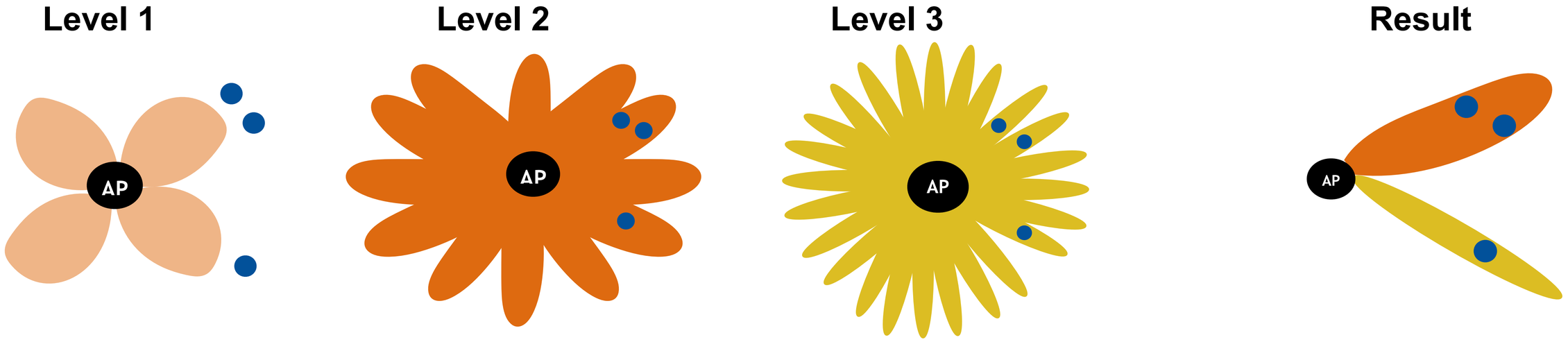
Scalable Beam Grouping Overhead $O(KN^3)$

Alternative Strategies

Only Finest Beams strategy : individual narrow beams to each client



Exhaustive: Exhaustive training and optimal beam grouping



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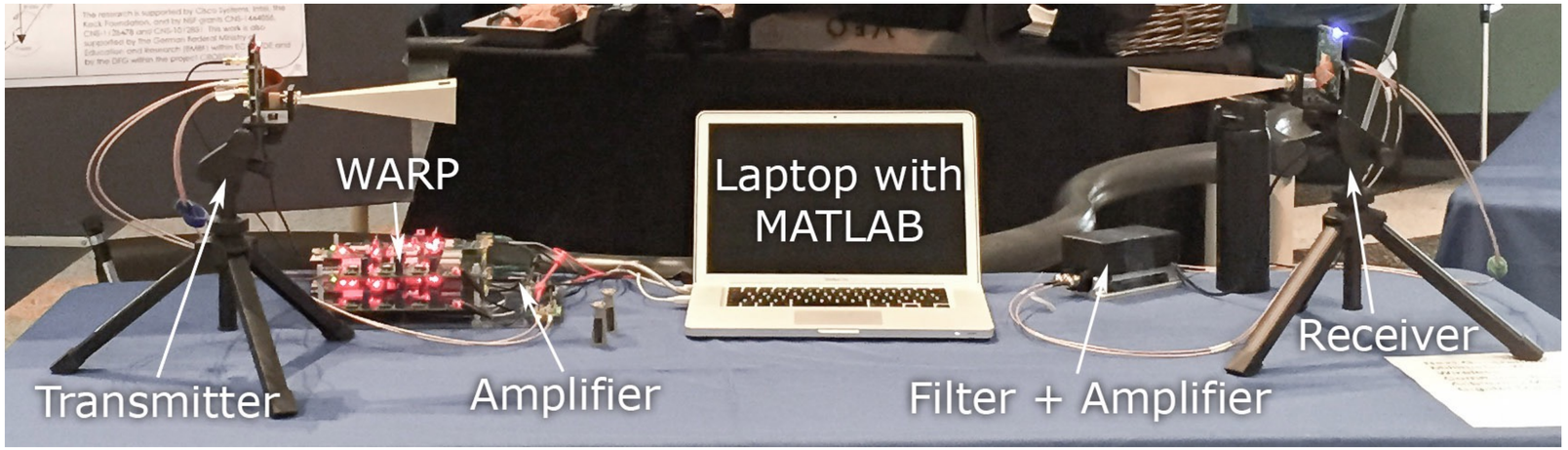

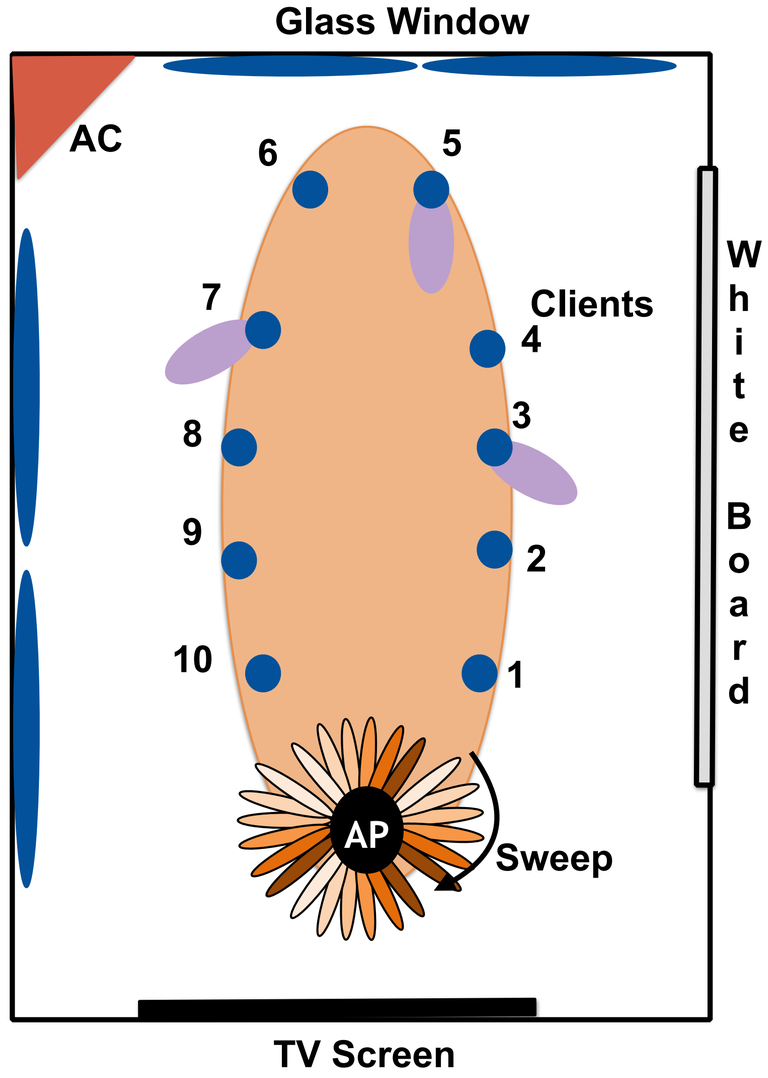

- **Measurement Setup**
  - Typical conference room environment
  - Horn antennas to emulate codebook levels at AP
  - Multiple 5-level codebook trees
- **60 GHz WLAN trace-driven emulator**
  - MATLAB
  - 802.11ad packet sizes and timings

Throughput Performance

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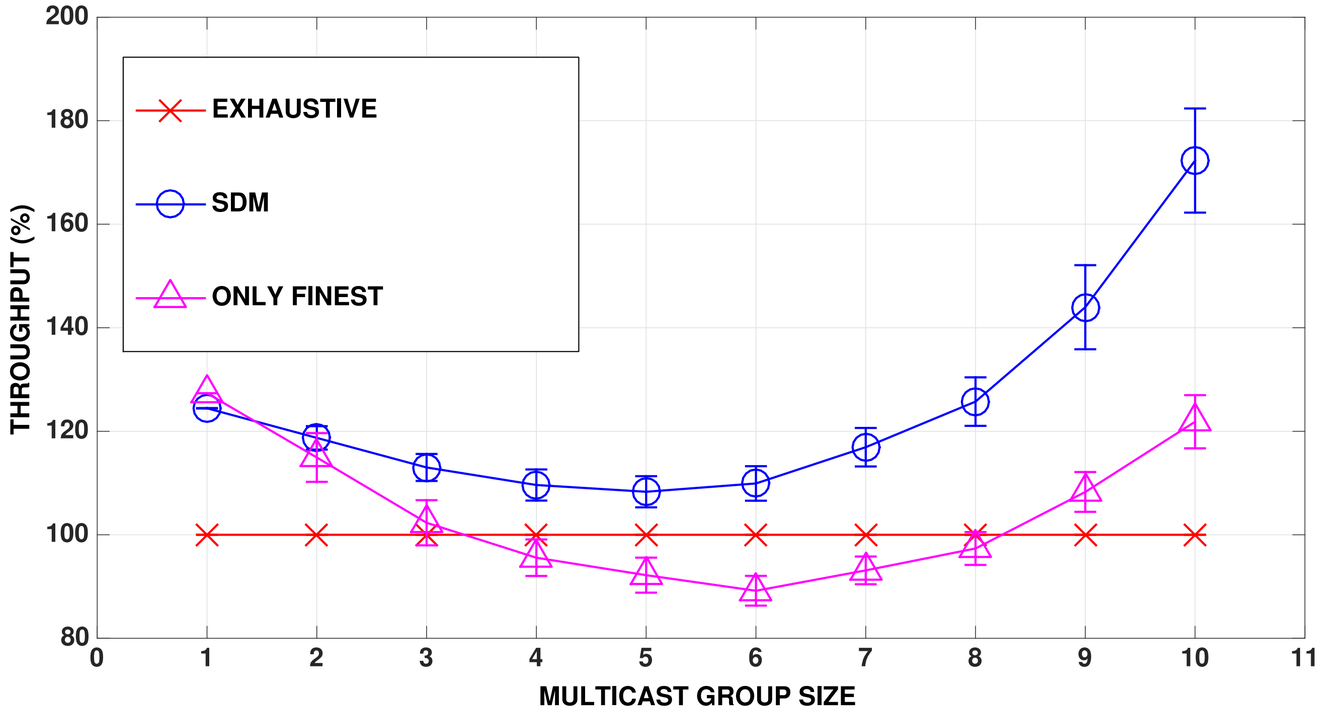

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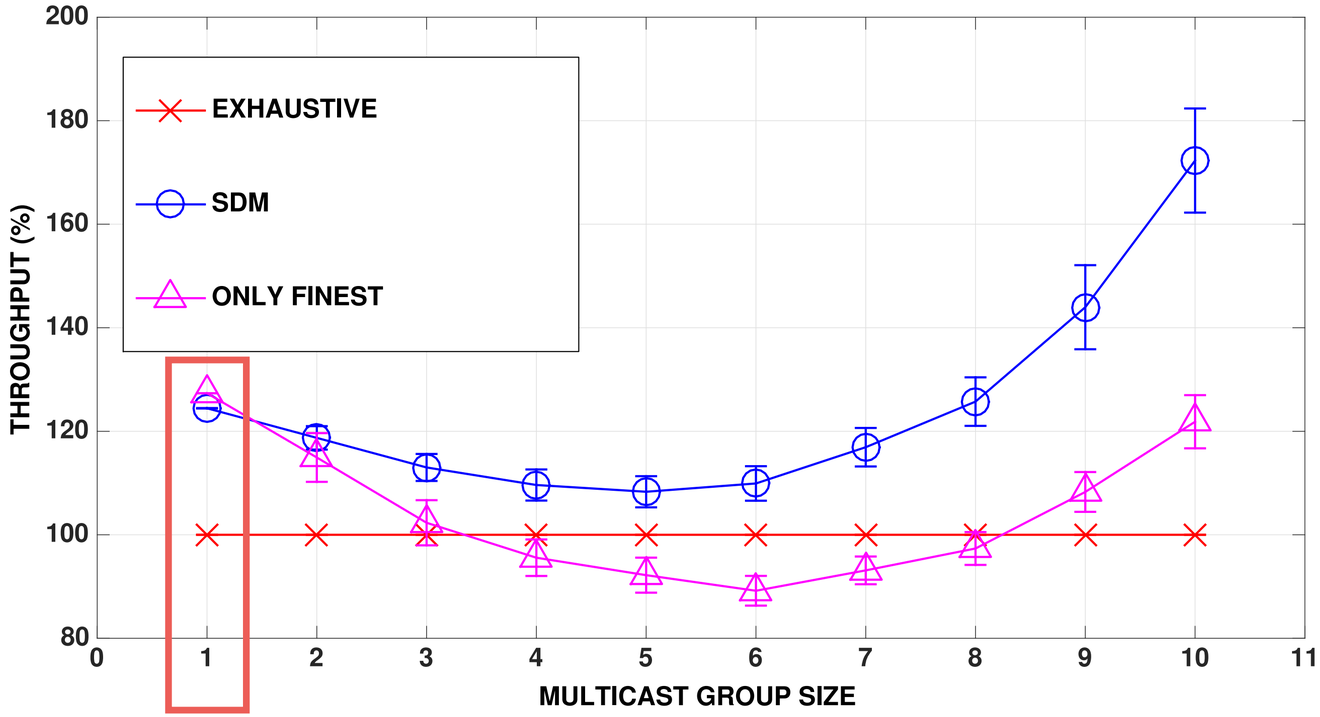

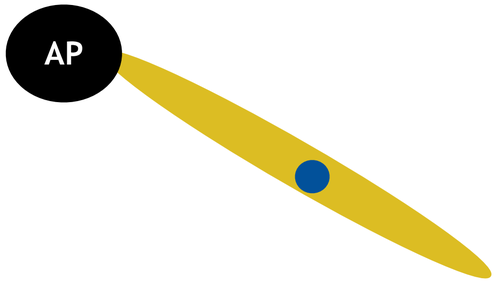

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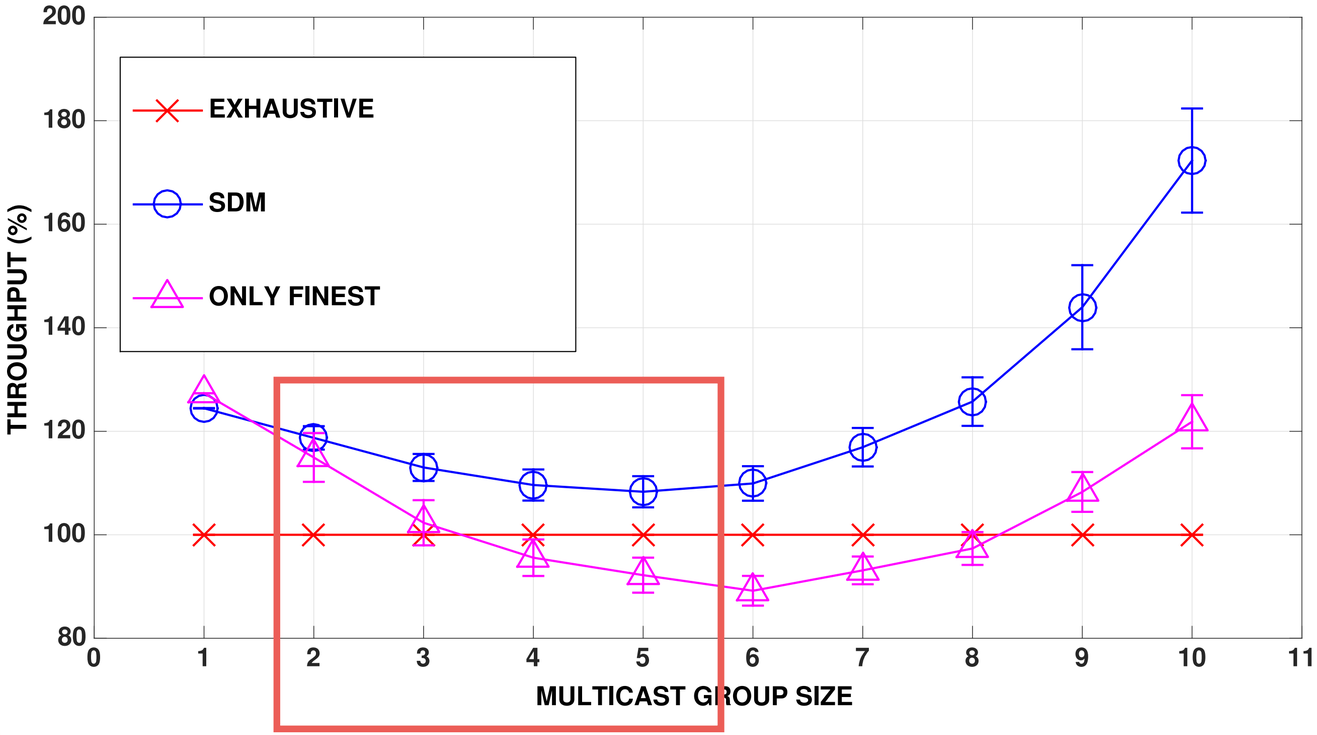

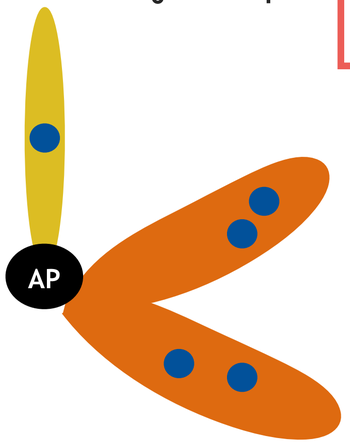

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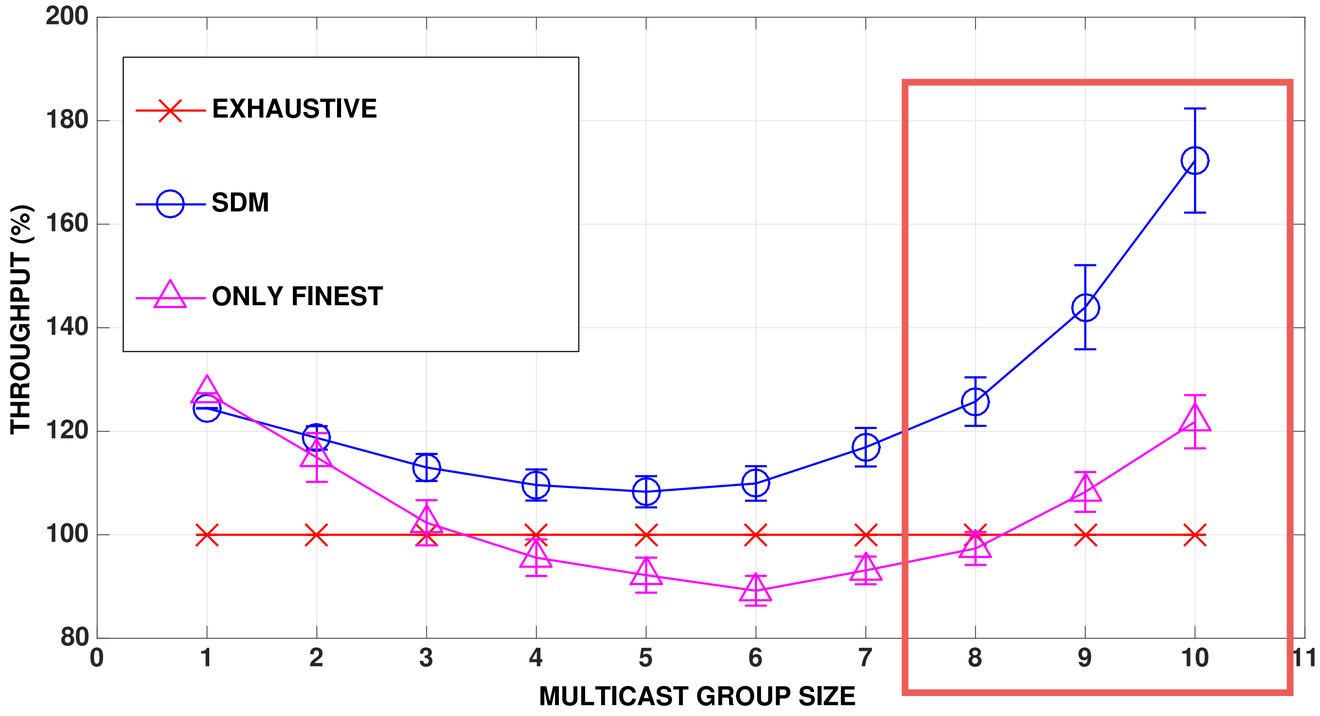

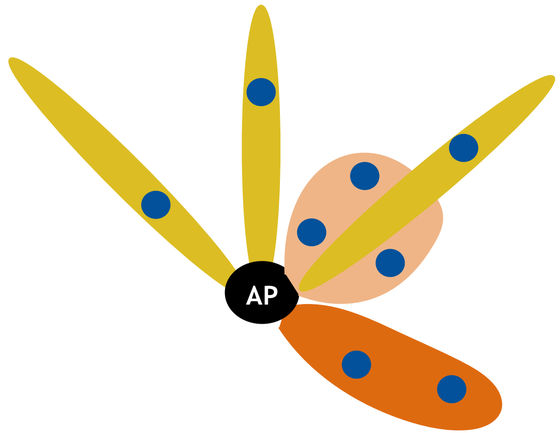

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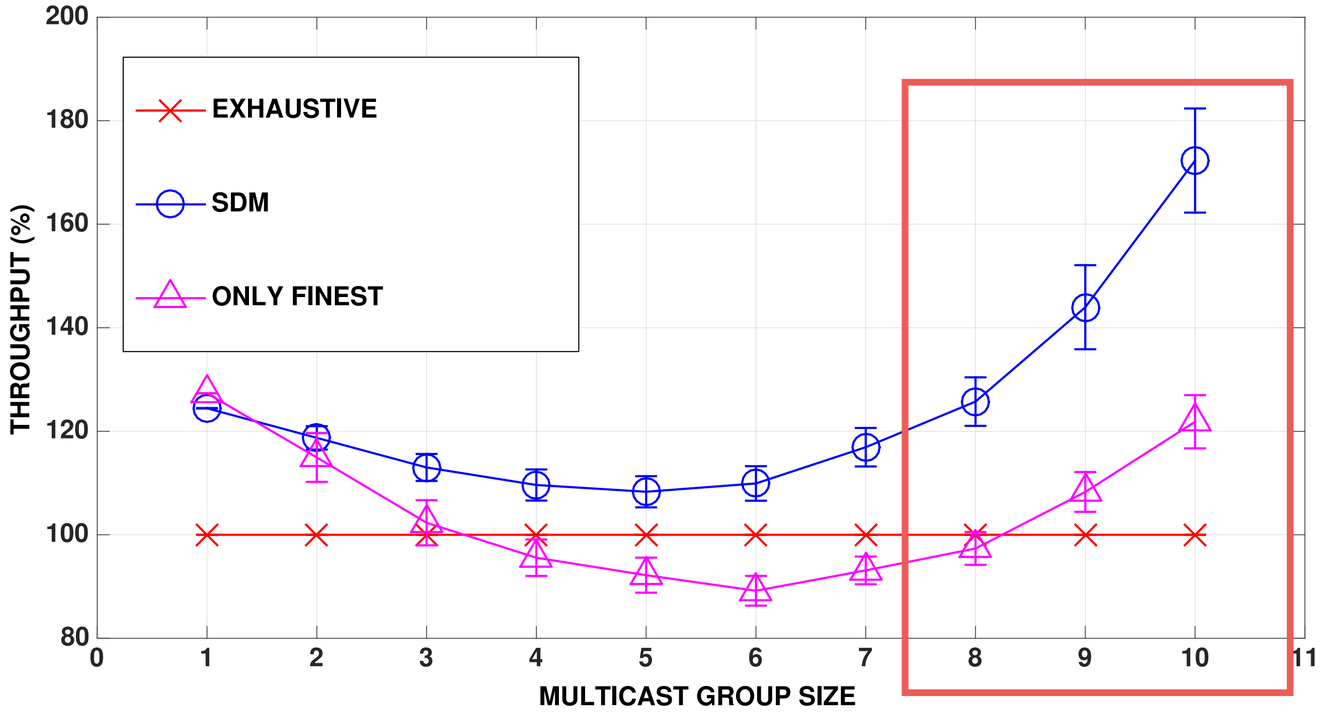

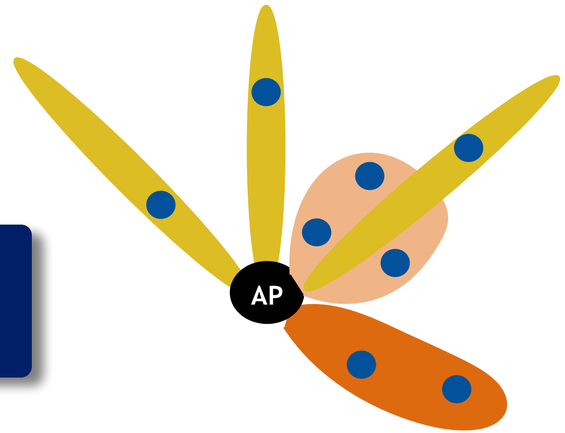

SDM provides over 80% throughput gains over the exhaustive approach

Related Work

- **Multicast Communication**
  - Optimal beam scheduling with Multi-lobe pattern [3]

  In contrast: Single RF chain solution

- **Unicast Beam Training Overhead**
  - Narrowest beams used for data transmission
  - Wider levels skipped by out-of-band solution [4] or gradient-based optimization [5]

  In contrast: For multicast, wider beams cover multiple clients simultaneously

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Conclusion

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