

FIG. 1

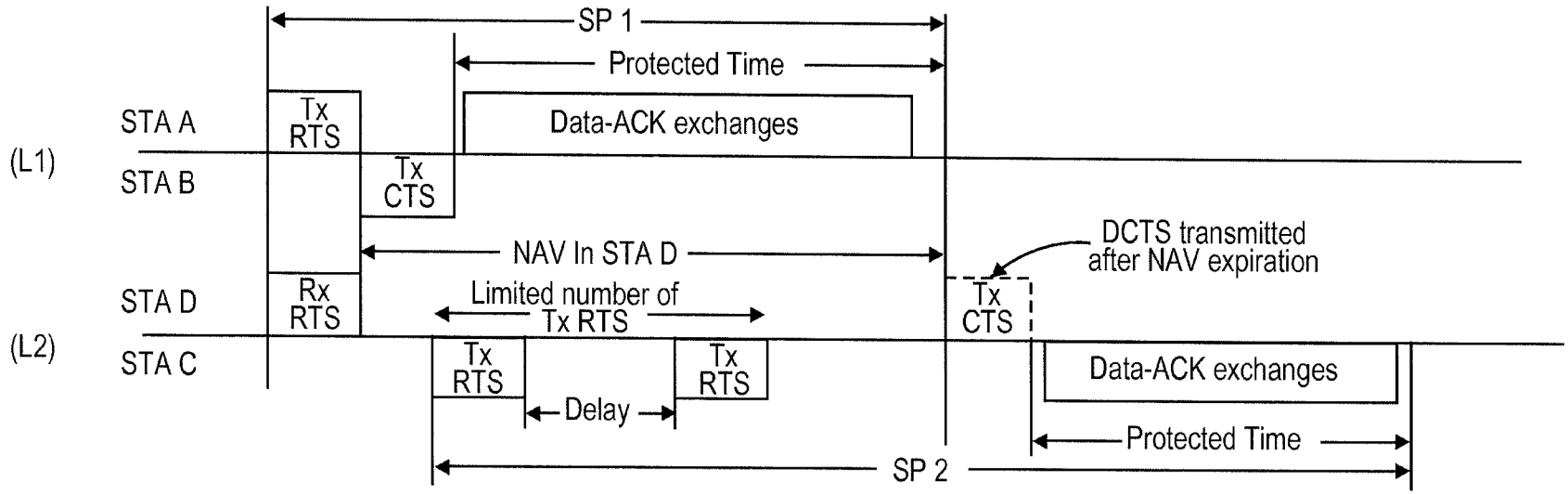

SP 1
Protected Time
STA A
Tx RTS
Data-ACK exchanges
(L1)
STA B
Tx CTS
NAV In STA D
DCTS transmitted after NAV expiration
STA D
Rx RTS
Limited number of Tx RTS
Tx CTS
(L2)
STA C
Tx RTS
Tx RTS
Delay
Data-ACK exchanges
Protected Time
SP 2

FIG. 2