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Abstract

This document proposes resolutions for various comments from SB01.

Editing instructions based on P802.11ac/D5.0.

## CID 10229

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| 10229 | 2.11 | 3.1 | What is an "associated" MPDU? "Associated" has a definite meaning in 802.11, and this usage doesn't seem to match. Either use another term or delete "associated". | Delete "associated" from this definition. | ACCEPTED |

### Context with proposed edit

**aggregate medium access control (MAC) protocol data unit (A-MPDU) subframe**: A portion of an A-MPDU containing a delimiter and optionally containing a MPDU.

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| 10357 |  | 3.2 | Inconsistency with VHT (and HT ) long forms -- some have hyphens and some are missing hyphen b/w "high" and "thoughtput". | Pls correct inconsistencies. (Or defer this to the next 11m ballot comment.) | REJECTED – Since the baseline itself is inconsistent in the use of high-throughput vs high throughput, it is suggested that this be taken up with TGmc. Further discussion is presented in 13/727. |

### Discussion

The commenter points to the inconsisitent use of “high-throughput” in the baseline and “very high throughput” in the TGac draft. While the majority of the usage in the baseline does have the hyphenated form, there are a few instances where the non-hyphenated form is used:

* “high throughput” is listed as a keyword in the frontmatter
* The title of Clause 20 is “High Throughput (HT) PHY”
* “40 MHz high throughput” is a defined term in subclause 3.2
* The acronym HT is defined as “high throughput” in 3.3
* The acronym HTC is defined as “high throughput control” in 3.3
* The BSS Information field has a subfield labelled “High Throughput”

The most obvious inconsistencies between the baseline and the TGac draft is

4.3.10a Very High Throughput (VHT) station (STA) vs 4.3.10 High-Throughput (HT) station (STA)

I would suggest we have TGmc fix the inconsistencies.

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| 10259 | 44.62 | 8.2.5.2 | What is a "feedback segment"? The concept at least needs to be introduced before it is used to define a part of a frame. | Introduce "feedback segment" before making this reference in this definition. Include the relationship of this concept to Beamforming Report Poll frames. | REVISED – The forward reference provides the necessary detail. Change “(see 9.31.5 (VHT sounding protocol)) to (see 9.31.5.3 (Rules for fragmented feedback in VHT sounding procol sequences)) so that the reference is more specific. |

### Context

**8.2.5.2 Setting for single and multiple protection under enhanced distributed channel access (EDCA)**

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The estimated duration for a VHT Compressed Beamforming frame response is determined by assuming that:

* All feedback segments (see 9.31.5 (VHT sounding protocol)) are transmitted, even if a Beamforming Report Poll frame is used and not all the bits in the Feedback Segment Retransmission Bitmap field therein are equal to 1.
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### Discussion

The forward reference to 9.31.5 after the term “feedback segments” refers the reader to the section of text that defines the term. This section was since broken into subclauses. The suggestion is that we update the reference to the specific subclause (9.31.5.3 (Rules for fragmented feedback in VHT sounding protocol sequences)) that deals with feedback segments.

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| 10276 | 75.10 | 8.4.2.10 | The letter 'Q' is best kept as a variable indicating a spatial mapping matrix. | Replace "Qx3" in this figure with "3n", replace "Q" on line 35 with "n" (in italics), the usual variable indicating an integer number, and replace "One or more" at the top of Figure 8-90a with "n" (The meaning of this variable in Figure 8-90a is already explained in the text above the figure.) | REJECTED – In describing the inclusion of these subfields, Q, M, P and N are all used as variable names. The variables are clearly defined in the text. |

### Context



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If dot11OperatingClassesRequired is false, then the Triplet field is a single Subband Triplet Sequence field, as shown in Figure 8-90a, that is composed of *Q* Subband Triplet fields, where *Q* is one or more. The format of the Subband Triplet field is shown in Figure 8-90b.

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If dot11OperatingClassesRequired is true, then the Triplet field is composed of zero or more Subband Triplet fields followed by one or more Operating/Subband Sequences, as shown in Figure 8-90c. Each Operating/Subband Sequence is composed of one Operating Triplet field followed by one Subband Triplet Sequence field, as shown in Figure 8-90d. Each Subband Triplet Sequence field is composed of zero or more Subband Triplet fields. If dot11OperatingClassesRequired is true, the number of triplets in the Triplet field is

where *N* is the total number of Subband Triplet fields and *M* is the total number of Operating/Subband Sequences contained in Country element and *P(m)* is the number of Subband Triplet fields making up Operating/Subband Sequence field *m*.

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| 10023 | 122.05 | 9.2.1 | Subclause 9.2.1 is amended by IEEE Std 802.11ad-2012 and need to be amended by 802.11ac. | Modify the 1st paragraph of 9.2.1 and Figure 9-1 as following.--- proposed text ----The MAC architecture is shown in Figure 9-1. When operating with any of the Clause 14 through 20 PHYs or Clause 22 PHY, ....---- Figure 9-1 modification ----Replace the text in the left lowest box by "FHSS, IR, DSSS, OFDM, HR/DSSS, ERP, HT or VHT PHY". | ACCEPTED |

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| 10294 | 126.22 | 9.3.2.9a | Claiming to \_ensure\_ anything is very strongly discouraged in an IEEE standard. If you want to keep that term, bring your lawyers. | Replace "ensure that there can only be an immediate response to one" with "are designed to prevent an immediate response to more than one". | ACCEPTED |

### Context with proposed change

**9.3.2.9a MU acknowledgement procedure**

The acknowledgement procedure performed by a STA that receives MPDUs that were transmitted within a

VHT MU PPDU is the same as the acknowledgement procedure for MPDUs that were not transmitted within a VHT MU PPDU.

NOTE—All MPDUs transmitted within a VHT MU PPDU are contained within A-MPDUs and the rules specified in

8.6.3 (A-MPDU contents) are designed to prevent an immediate response to more than one of the A-MPDUs.

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| 10328 | 159.44 | 9.25.1 | The content of this NOTE appears more to be a normative statement that should be made directly. | Replace NOTE 2 with:"If the RD responder is a VHT AP, the RD response burst may contain VHT MU PPDUs." If this statement is entailed by some other normative text, include a pointer to that location. | REVISED – The use of “may” in a note should be avoided. Change “can” to “could” which makes the note less prescriptive |

### Context with proposed change

**9.25.1 Reverse direction (RD) exchange sequence**

***Change the note and add a note as follows:***

NOTE 1—An RD initiator might include multiple RD exchange sequences within a single TXOP. Each RD exchange sequence within a single TXOP might be addressed to a different recipient, and any single recipient might be given more than one RDG within a single TXOP.

NOTE 2—If the RD responder is a VHT AP, the RD response burst could contain VHT MU PPDUs.

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| 10329 | 162.21 | 9.28.3 | There are far too many somewhat-informative NOTEs in 9.28.3. If the notes are that important, then either make their content normative or include that information in an informative annex. | Delete all of the NOTEs in 9.28.3. | REVISED |

### Context with proposed change

**9.28.3 Link adaptation using the VHT variant HT Control field**

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The MFB requester may set the MRQ field to 1 in the VHT variant HT Control field of a frame to request a STA to provide link adaptation feedback. In each request the MFB requester shall set the MSI/STBC field to a value in the ranges 0 to 6, 0 to 2 or 0 to 3, depending on the settings in the Unsolicited MFB and STBC fields (see 8.2.4.6.3 (VHT variant)). The choice of MSI value is implementation dependent.

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An MFB responder that discards or abandons the MFB estimates computed in response to an MRQ may indicate that it has done so by setting the VHT-MCS to 15 and NUM\_STS to 7 in the MFB subfield in the next frame addressed to the MFB requester that includes the VHT variant HT Control field. The value of the MFSI is set to the value of the MSI/STBC subfield of the frame that contains an MRQ for which the computation was abandoned, regardless of whether the MSI/STBC subfield contains an MSI or a Compressed MSI and STBC Indication subfields.

NOTE—The MFB requester advertises the maximum number of spatial streams that it can transmit in its Supported

VHT-MCS and NSS Set in the VHT Capabilities element.

The STA receiving MFB may use the received MFB to compute the appropriate VHT-MCS, SNR, and

NUM\_STS.

NOTE—An MFB responder that receives a VHT MU PPDU can compute the interference level from the VHT-LTF field. In this case the value in the SNR subfield indicates the averaged signal to interference and noise ratio (SINR).

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In an unsolicited MFB response the GID-L, GID-H, Coding Type, STBC Indication, FB Tx Type and BW fields are set according to the RXVECTOR parameters of the received PPDU from which the VHT-MCS, SNR, BW and NUM\_STS are estimated, as follows:

* If the VHT-MCS, SNR, BW and NUM\_STS are estimated from a VHT MU PPDU, then the GID-L field is set to the 3 least significant bits and the GID-H field to the 3 most significant bits of the parameter GROUP\_ID
* If the VHT-MCS, SNR, BW and NUM\_STS are estimated from an SU PPDU, then the GID-L field and GID-H field are set to all 1s
* The Coding Type field is set to 0 if the parameter FEC\_CODING is equal to BCC\_CODING and set to 1 if equal to LDPC\_CODING
* The STBC Indication field is set to 1 if the parameter STBC is equal to 1 and set to 0 if the STBC parameter is equal to 0
* The FB TX Type field is set to 1 if the parameter BEAMFORMED is equal to 1 and set to 0 if equal to 0
* The BW field shall indicate a bandwidth equal to or less than the bandwidth indicated by the parameter CH\_BANDWIDTH

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A STA may respond immediately to a current request for MFB with a frame containing an MFSI field value and an MFB field value that correspond to a request that precedes the current request.

NOTE 1—If a STA does not respond immediately to an MRQ, it can send an unsolicited MFB, which is computed based on the most recent PPDU matching the GID, Coding type, STBC and FB type of the PPDU that carried the MRQ, or can send an MFB that signals that the MRQ has been discarded (VHT-MCS = 15, NUM\_STS = 7, and MFSI equal to the MSI in the PPDU that carried the MRQ).

NOTE 2—If an MRQ is included in the last PPDU in a TXOP and there is not enough time for a response, the recipient can transmit the response MFB in a subsequent TXOP.

NOTE 3—Bidirectional request/responses are supported. In this case, a STA acts as the MFB requester for one direction of a duplex link and an MFB responder for the other direction and transmits both an MRQ and an MFB in the same VHT data frame.

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| 10332 | 165.03 | 9.29.1 | As much as we'd like some entities to be doing some thinking, it's a bit too anthropomorphic to believe that subclauses can be doing assuming, or not. | Replace "This subclause assumes that only HT PPDUs are used and any HT Control field is an HT variant HT Control field." with "The rules in this subclause apply only to HT PPDUs and PPDUs with HT Control fields that are HT variant HT Control fields." | REVISED – In 9.29.1, delete the sentence “This subclause assumes… HT Control field.” In 9.29.2.1 replace the sentence “This subclause assumes…” with “The procedures for HT transmit beamforming with implicit feedback only use HT and non-HT PPDUs and the HT Control field, when present, is the HT variant HT Control field.” In 9.30.1, replace the sentence “This subclause assumes…” with “The procedures for antenna selection only use HT and non-HT PPDUs and the HT Control field, when present, is the HT variant HT Control field.” |

### Context with proposed change

**9.29.1 ~~General~~ HT steering matrix calculations**

In order for an HT beamformer to calculate an appropriate steering matrix for transmit spatial processing when transmitting to a specific HT beamformee, the HT beamformer needs to have an accurate estimate of the channel over which it is transmitting. Two methods of calculation are defined as follows:

* *Implicit feedback*: When using implicit feedback, the beamformer receives long training symbols transmitted by the HT beamformee, which allow the MIMO channel between the HT beamformee and HT beamformer to be estimated. If the channel is reciprocal, the HT beamformer can use the training symbols that it receives from the HT beamformee to make a channel estimate suitable for computing the transmit steering matrix. Generally, calibrated radios in MIMO systems can improve reciprocity. See 9.29.2.
* *Explicit feedback*: When using explicit feedback, the HT beamformee makes a direct estimate of the channel from training symbols sent to the HT beamformee by the HT beamformer. The HT beamformee may prepare CSI or steering feedback based on an observation of these training symbols. The HT beamformee quantizes the feedback and sends it to the HT beamformer. The HT beamformer can use the feedback as the basis for determining transmit steering vectors. See 9.29.3.

An HT STA shall not transmit a PPDU with the TXVECTOR EXPANSION\_MAT parameter present if dot11BeamFormingOptionActivated is false.

**9.29.2 HT t~~T~~ransmit beamforming with implicit feedback**

**9.29.2.1 General**

 The procedures for HT transmit beamforming with implicit feedback only use HT and non-HT PPDUs and the HT Control field, when present, is the HT variant HT Control field.

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**9.30 Antenna selection (ASEL)**

**9.30.1 Introduction**

***Insert the following as the 1st paragraph:***

 The procedures for antenna selection only use HT and non-HT PPDUs and the HT Control field, when present, is the HT variant HT Control field.

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## CID 10296, 10335, 10342, 10343 and 10345

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| 10296 | 128.50 | 9.7.4 | BSSBasicVHTMCS\_NSSSet (as a term, not the name of a parameter) has not been defined in the main body of text (definition in 3.2 doesn't count -- that is just a review list of defined concepts). This term (a) needs to be defined in the main body of the draft before this point in the text and (b) needs to be replaced by a term that is not just a mashed-togehther number of words (hopefully engineers' abilities in the language have grown beyond stringing words together to make up 'new' words). | Replace "BSSBasicVHTMCS\_NSSSet" with "VHT set" in the main text that is not talking about the formally defined parameter of the MLME-START.request primitive. Also define this term somewhere in the main body before this pont in the text. |  |
| 10335 | 187.32 | 10.39.1 | "indicated by the BSSBasicVHTMCS\_NSSSet": what is the "BSSBasicVHTMCS\_NSSSet" here? Is it the parameter in the MLME-START.request, inside another parameter in the MLME-JOIN, inside a MIB variable, or what? | State precisely what "BSSBasicVHTMCS\_NSSSet" refers to here -- if it is the value of the parameter in the MLME-START.request primitive invocation, then say "BSSBasicVHTMCS\_NSSSet parameter in the MLME-START.request invocation". |  |
| 10342 | 192.41 | 10.39.7 | "BSSBasicVHTMCS\_NSSSet" here is not the primitive with that name, but a general concept that is not defined in the main body of this draft. Further, we don't call an access point "STAThatControlsAnInfrastructureBSS", so use an unique but more succinct name. | Replace "BSSBasicVHTMCS\_NSSSet" with "VHT set" and define this term somewhere in the main body somewhere before this subclause. |  |
| 10343 | 192.51 | 10.39.7 | "BSSBasicVHTMCS\_NSSSet" here is not the primitive with that name, but the name of a field in the BSSDescription. That needs to be made clear to the reader. | Replace "BSSBasicVHTMCS\_NSSSet transmitted by the AP." by "BSSBasicVHTMCS\_NSSSet in the BSSDescription transmitted by the AP." |  |
| 10345 | 208.38 | 13.2.7 | "uses the same BSSBasicVHTMCS\_NSSSet as the received Beacon or Probe Response frame indicates": it is not at all clear how the Beacon or Probe Response frame indicates any such thing. Are there multiple ways of indicating? If so, which one takes precedence? | Replace "as the received Beacon or Probe Reaponse frame indicates for the neighbor mesh STA." with "value as the value of the BSSBasicVHTMCS\_NSSSet field in the BSSDescription contained in the Beacon or Probe Response frame transmitted by the neighbor mesh STA." |  |

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| 10055 | 410.30 | S | Has the MATLAB code in 11-06/1714 been checked to see if it runs under the latest versions of MATLAB? The reason for asking is that it is 6 years old. | Check that this legacy MATLAB code still runs? | REJECTED – The commenter has not identified a problem with the draft. In response to the commenter’s question, it is not known whether the code still runs on the latest version of MATLAB. The commenter is invited to attempt to run the code and report the result. |