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Abstract

This document provides some tentative text concerning solutions to the subsetting (see 11-13/0526r3) and addressing problems for a P802.11ak draft. It uses Draft P802.11REVmc\_D2.3 updated by 11-14/0004r4 as its base document.

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# Introduction

***This section will not be included when P802.11ak is rolled into the base standard.)***

IEEE Std 802.11 was originally designed with the assumption that non-AP non-mesh STAs would be leaf nodes of the network. This amendment extends the 802.11 standard so that communication between STAs can be used as a transit link inside a general network conformant to IEEE Std 802.1Q.

Areas of extension are as follows:

1. Use of EPD, as opposed to LPD, in all MSDUs between GLK STAs
2. Facilities for a GLK AP to send a multi-destination MSPU to an arbitrary subset of its associated GLK STAs
3. Optonal facilities for different associated GLK STAs to see multi-destination MSDU from a GLK AP with different prefix information

# Overview

# Normative references

# Definitions, acronyms, and abbreviations

## Definitions

## Definitions specific to IEEE 802.11

## Abbreviations and acronyms

***Insert the following acronyms (maintaining alphabetical order):***

CB Control Block

CBA-MDSU Control Block Aggregated MSDU

SE-CB Subsetting Exclusion CB

SI-CB Subsetting Inclusion CB

SIPD-CB Subsetting Inclusion with Prefix Data CB

# General Description

## General description of the architecture

## How wireless local area networks (WLANs) are different

## Components of the IEEE Std 802.11 architecture

### 4.3.12 STA transmission of Data frames outside the context of a BSS

### 4.3.20 General Link (GLK)

Change 4.3.20 as follows:

GLK STAs are extensions of non-GLK STAs such that a link between two GLK STAs is suitable, insofar as the capabilities of 802.11 wireless permit, to be used as transit links in the interior of an IEEE Std 802.1Q network. All non-GLK STAs use LPD and interpret Priority Code Points according to IEEE Std 802.1D while all GLK STAs use EPD and interpret Priority Code Points according to IEEE Std 802.1Q.

#### 4.3.20.1 GLK STA identification and general capabilities

Every STA is either a GLK STA or a non-GLK STA. A GLK STA is a QoS STA and an HT STA. GLK STAs advertise themselves as such and provide further information on their capabilities through the use of the GLK Capabilities and GLK SSIDs elements in Beacons and other appropriate MPDUs.

A GLK AP assures that non-GLK STAs will not try to associate with it by using the wildcard SSID and advertising its actual SSID in the GLK Capabilities Element. Should a non-GLK STA attempt to associate with a GLK AP, the GLK AP will refuse the association.

A GLK STA shall not attempt to form an infrastructure, IBSS, or PBSS association or mesh peering with any non-GLK STA.

GLK STAs support the 4-address format.

#### 4.3.20.2 CBA-MSDU Support

GLK STAs support communication with Control Block (CB) Aggreagated MSDUs (CBA-MSDUs, 8.3.2.3) including support of SE-CB and SI-CB. This permits the inclusion of additional information with an A-MSDU that determines which receivers of a group addressed A-MSDU should accept that frame.

## Logical service interfaces

## Overview of the services

## Multiple logical address spaces

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## Differences between ESS and MBSS LANs

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### Conventions

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#### 8.2.4.1.4 To DS and From DS fields

***Change the last row in Table 8-4 – To/From DS combination in Data frames***

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| To DS = 1 From DS = 1 | A Data frame using the four-address MAC header format. This standard defines procedures for using this combination of field values only in a mesh BSS or by a GLK STA.  This is the only valid combination for individually addressed Data frames transmitted by a mesh STA. |

### Duration/ID field (QoS STA)

## Format of individual frame types

### Control frames

### Data frames

#### Data frame format

***Change text as follows:***

NOTE 2—If a DA or SA value also appears in any of these address fields in a Data frame sent by a non-GLK STA, the value is necessarily the same for all MSDUs within the A-MSDU because this is guaranteed by the To DS and From DS field settings.

***Change text as follows:***

An A-MSDU contains only MSDUs whose DA and SA parameter values map to the same receiver address (RA) and transmitter address (TA) values, i.e., all the MSDUs are intended to be received by a single receiver if individually addressed and the same set of receivers if group addressed, and necessarily they are all transmitted by the same transmitter. The rules for determining RA and TA are independent of whether the frame body carries an A-MSDU.

#### Aggregate MSDU (A-MSDU) format

***Insert the following new clause 8.3.2.3:***

#### Control Block (CB) A-MSDU (CBA-MSDU) format

A CBA-MSDU is a sequence of Control Blocks (CBs) followed by an A-MSDU as shown in Figure 8-48a (CBA-MSDU structure).

NOTE: Using CB types specified thus far, excluding the Vendor Specific CB, there will be exactly one CB in a CBA-MSDU and the More CBs bit specified below will be zero.

CB 1

**Figure 8-48a – CBA-MSDU structure**

CB n

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A-MSDU

Octets: 2 – 1028 2 – 1028 2 – 1028

CB 2

The CBs influence handling of the CBA-MSDU at a receiving STA. Each CB consists of a CB Header, a variable size CB Data field, and from 0 to 3 octets of padding such that the length of every CB is a multiple of 4 octets as shown in Figure 8-48b (CB structure).

CB Header

**Figure 8-48b – CB structure**

Padding

Octets: 2 0 – 1023 0 – 3

CB Data

The structure of the CB Header is as shown in Figure 8-48c (CB Header structure).

CB Type

More CBs

CB Data Length

B0 B3 B5 B6 B15

Bits: 1 5 10

**Figure 8-48c – CB Header structure**

The CB Data length is an unsigned 10-bit value giving the number of octets of data in the CB after the CB Header. The CB Type is a 5-bit field that, in conjunction with the CB data, specifies the effect of the CB at a receiver of the CBA-MSDU as listed in Table 8-23a.

**Table 8-23a, CB Types**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Type** | **Name** | **Clause** |
| 0 | Reserved | N/A |
| 1 | Subsetting Exclusion (SE-CB) | 8.3.2.3.1 |
| 2 | Subsetting Inclusion (SI-CB) | 8.3.2.3.2 |
| 3 | Subsetting Inclusion with Prefixes (SIPD-CB) | 8.3.2.3.3 |
| 4-29 | Reserved | N/A |
| 30 | Vendor Specific | 8.3.2.3.4 |
| 31 | Reserved | N/A |

If the More CBs bit is zero, the CB is the last CB in that CBA-MSDU and is followed by the A-MSDU. If the More CBs bit is one, another CB follows the CB.

If there is a CB Type in a CBA-MSDU that is not implemented by the receiving STA, that STA discards that CBA-MSDU.

#### 8.3.2.3.1 Subsetting Exclusion CB (SE-CB)

The Subsetting Exclusion CB (SE-CB) is CB type 1. It provides facilities to cause a group addressed CBA-MSDU to be accepted by a subset of the receiving STAs specified by exclusion.

The CB Data of an SE-CB is a sequence of AIDs, as shown in Figure 8-48d (SE-CB and SI-CB data structure).

Octets: 2 2 2

AID 1

**Figure 8-48d – SE-CB and SI-CB data structure**

AID 2

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AID n

The CB Data length of the SE-CB specifies the length of the list of AIDs. If the CB Data Length is not an even number, a receiveing STA shall discard the CBA-MSDU. If more than one SE-CB or both an SE-CB and an SI-CB or an SIPD-CB occur in a CBA-MSDU, a receiving STA shall discard the CBA-MSDU.

A STA receiving a CBA-MSDU on an association whose AID appears in the SE-CB in that CBA-MSDU shall discard the CBA-MSDU. A STA receiving a CBA-MSDU on an association whose AID does not so appear accepts the CBA-MSDU. An empty AID list, which is indicated by a CB Data Length of zero, indicates no receiver exclusions.

#### 8.3.2.3.2 Subsetting Inclusion CB (SI-CB)

The Subsetting Inclusion CB (SI-CB) is CB type 2. It provides facilities to cause a group addressed CBA-MSDU to be accepted by a subset of the receiving STAs specified by inclusion.

The CB Data of an SI-CB is a sequence of AIDs, as shown in Figure 8-48d (SE-CB and SI-CB data structure).

The CB Data length of the SI-CB specifies the length of the list of AIDs. If the CB Data Length is not an even number, a receiveing STA shall discard the CBA-MSDU. If more than one SI-CB or both an SI-CB and an SE-CB or an SIPD-CB occur in a CBA-MSDU, a receiving STA shall discard the CBA-MSDU.

A STA receiving a CBA-MSDU on an association whose AID does not appear in the SI-CB in that CBA-MSDU discards the CBA-MSDU. A STA receiving a CBA-MSDU on an association whose AID appears in the SI-CB in that CBA-MSDU accepts the CBA-MSDU. An empty AID list, which is indicated by a CB data length of zero, indicates no receiver inclusions so all receiving STAs will discard the CBA-SMDU.

#### 8.3.2.3.3 Subsetting Inclusion with Prefix Data CB (SIPD-CB)

The Subsetting Inclusion with Prefix Data CB (SIPD-CB) is CB type 3. Prefix Data means a sequence of octets that are treated as if they were the first octets of the MSDU, after the A-MSDU subframe header. The SIPD-CB is similar to the SI-CB but also provides for different Prefix information for each receiver as identified by AID.

The CB Data of a SIPD-CB is a sequence of AID Items, as show in Figure 8-48e (SIPS-CB CB Data structure).

AID Item 1

AID Item 2

Octets: 3 – 18 3 – 18 3 – 18

**Figure 8-48e – SIP-CB CB Data structure**

AID Item n

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The format of an AID Item is as shown in Figure 8-48f (AID Item structure).

Octets: 2 1 0-15

AID

AID Item Control

Prefix Data

**Figure 8-48f – AID Item structure**

The format of the AID Item Control field is as shown in Figure 89-48g (AID Item Control structure).

Reserved

Prefix Data Length

B0 B3 B4 B7

Bits: 4 4

**Figure 8-48g – AID Item Control structure**

The CB Data length of the SIPD-CB specifies the length of the AID Item List field. If more than one SIPD-CB or both a SIPD-CB and an SE-CB or an SI-CB occur in a CBA-MSDU, a receiving STA shall discard the CBA-MSDU.

As with the SI-CB, a receiving STA accepts a CBA-MSDU if the AID of its association with the sender appears in the AID Item list; however, with a SIPD-CB, the Prefix Data from that AID Item is prefixed to each MSDU in an A-MSDU sub-frame in the CBA-MSDU for the processing of the A-MSDU subframe by the receiving STA.

#### 8.3.2.3.4 Vendor Specific CB

The Vendor Specific CB is CB Type 30.

The CB Data field of the Vendor Specific CB starts with a 3 octet OUI. The meaning of any additional CB Data and the effect of the Vendor Specific CB are specified by the organization to which the OUI is assigned. STAs discard a received CBA-MSDU if the CB Data length is less than 3.

NOTE: It is suggested that the OUI be followed by a 1-octet sub-type field and a 1-octet version field to accommodate multiple and evolving uses under one OUI.

### Management frames

### Extension frames

## Management and Extension frame body components

### Fields that are not elements

### Elements

#### 8.4.2.157 GLK Capabilities element

The presence of the GLK Capabilities element in a Beacon, Probe, Probe Response, Associate, Association Response, Re-Associate, Reassociation Response, Mesh Peering Open, or Mesh Peering Confirm indicates that the transmitting STA is a GLK STA (and therefore uses the EPD MSDU format) and indicates by non-zero bits in the flag octet whether or not that STA is an AP and what additional GLK capabilities it may have if any. If the STA is a GLK AP or is sending a Probe message for APs, the SSID or SSIDs are provided in the GLK SSIDs element defined in 8.4.2.158.

Element ID Length GLK Capability Flags

Octets: 1 1 1

**Figure 8-514a – GLK Capabilities element format**

The Element ID and Length fields are defined in 8.4.2.1.

The Length field for this element is 1.

The flag bits are as show in Figure 8-514b.

***Change Figure 8-514b to the following:***

GLK AP

Bits: 1 1 6

**Figure 8-514b – GLK Capability Flags field format**

B0 B1 B2 B7

SIPD-CB Support

Reserved

The GLK AP bit indicates that the sending STA is an AP. If the GLK AP bit is zero, then the sending STA is a non-AP GLK STA.

***Add the following text:***

If the SIPD-CB bit is one, the sending STA supports the SIPD-CB in CBA-MSDUs (8.3.2.3). If the SIPD-CB bit is zero, the sending STA does not support the SIPD-CB.

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## Control Wrapper operation

## A-MSDU operation

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The Address 1 field of an MPDU carrying an A-MSDU transmitted by a non-GLK STA shall be set to an individual address or to the GCR concealment address. If such an MPDU is transmitted by a GLK STA, the Address 1 field may be group addressed.

## A-MPDU operation

### A-MPDU contents

### A-MPDU length limit rules

### Minimum MPDU Start Spacing field

### A-MPDU aggregation of group addressed Data

***Change text as follows:***

A STA that is a DMG STA or a GLK STA may transmit an A-MPDU containing MPDUs with a group addressed RA.

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