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| Operation at 6GHz Band |
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Abstract

This submission proposes the operation at 6GHz band:

* TXOP protection and available channel polling.
* TXOP bandwidth.

Revisions:

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Interpretation of a Motion to Adopt

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Discussion 1:

In 2.4/5 GHz band, an HT AP can disallow low MCS for improving throughput of multiple BSSs in enterprise WLAN. The STAs/AP in the HT BSS is required to follow the indication. In 2.4/5 GHz band, a VHT AP can disallow low MCS for improving throughput of multiple BSSs in enterprise WLAN. The STAs/AP in the VHT BSS is recommended to follow the indication. In 2.4/5 GHz band, an HE AP can disallow low MCS for improving throughput of multiple BSSs in enterprise WLAN. The STAs/AP in the HT BSS is required to follow the indication. In 6GHz band, the same requirement should be defined for AP/STAs. Given that HT Capability and HT Operation element are removed from Beacons in 6GHz band. Other method to carry disallowed low MCS should be defined. Option 1 is to carry the disallowed low data rate in HE Operation element. The MCS, NSS combination that is lower than the disallowed low data rate is not allowed in the BSS. Option 2 is do define the low MCS, NSS at 20/40 MHz transmission and low MCS, NSS at 80/160/80+80MHz transmission.

Discussion 2:

In 2.4/5GHz band, when a TXOP is not protected by non-HT duplicate PPDU, the BW of a frame exchange can not be wider than the BW of the PPDU from initiating STA of the immediate previous frame exchange. In 6GHz band, once the TXOP\_Duration is not UNSPECIFIED, the BW of the first frame exchange of a TXOP can be used for the frame exchanges in the TXOP.

* Setting TXVECTOR parameters for an HE PPDU

**27.11.5 TXOP\_DURATION**

***TGax editor: Add the following paragraph at the end of 27.1.5:***

In the 6 GHz band, a TXOP holder shall not set the TXVECTOR parameter TXOP\_DURATION for a transmitted HE PPDU to unspecified:

----The BSS Color Disabled field in the HE Operation element transmitted by the TXOP holder or received by the TXOP holder from its peer STA is to 1.

----The HE PPDU carries PS-Poll frame.

**9.4.2.238 HE Operation element**

***TGax editor: Add one byte Disabled Low MCS NSS field in 6GHz Operation Information field***

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|  | B0            B1 | B2              B3 | B4          B5 | B6                   B7 |
|  | 20/40MHz Disabled Low MCS | 20/40MHz Disabled Low NSS | 80/160/80+80MHz Disabled Low MCS | 80/160/80+80MHz Disabled Low NSS |
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***TGax editor: Add the following text at the end of 9.4.2.238***

The Disabled Low MCS NSS Present subfield is set to 1 to indicate that the Disabled Low MCS NSS field is present in the HE Operation element and set to 0 otherwise. The field is set to 0 if the HE Operation element is transmitted in a band other than 6GHz.

The Disable Low MCS NSS field if presented in HE Operation element inticates the disabled low MCS, NSS as defined in subclause 27.15.4.3 **Additional rate selection constraints for HE PPDUs**.

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***TGax editor: Add the following text at the end of 27.15.4.3***

If a STA at 6GHz band transmits the Disabled Low MCS NSS fields or receives the the Disabled Low MCS NSS fields from its associated AP, the STA shall transmit a 20 MHz or 40 MHz HE PPDU with an <HE-MCS, NSS> tuple that satisfies the following requirement:

----the HE-MCS is not less than the value in 20/40MHz Disabled Low MCS subfield in the most recent transmitted or received Disabled Low MCS NSS field respectively

----the NSS is not less than or equal to 20/40MHz Disabled Low NSS subfield in the most recent transmitted or received Disabled Low MCS NSS field respectively.

If a STA at 6GHz band transmits the Disabled Low MCS NSS fields or receives the the Disabled Low MCS NSS fields from its associated AP, the STA shall transmit a 80 MHz, 160MHz or 80+80 MHz HE PPDU with an <HE-MCS, NSS> tuple that satisfies the following requirement:

----the HE-MCS is not less than the value in 80/160/80+80 MHz Disabled Low MCS subfield in the most recent transmitted or received Disabled Low MCS NSS field respectively

----the NSS is not less than or equal to 80/160/80+80 MHz Disabled Low NSS subfield in the most recent transmitted or received Disabled Low MCS NSS field respectively.

***TGax editor: Change the name of subclause 10.22.2.7 to “Multiple frame transmission in an EDCA TXOP in Band other than 6GHz”***

***TGax editor: Add a new subclause in clause 27:***

27.xx Multiple frame transmission in an EDCA TXOP in 6GHz band

A STA in 6GHz band shall follow the procedure defined in subclause 10.22.2.7 to do multiple frame transmission with the following exceptions.

If there is no non-HT duplicate frame in a TXOP, and a TXOP includes at least one HE PPDU whose TXOP field in HE-SIG-A is not set to UNSPECIFIED, the TXOP holder shall set the TXVECTOR parameter CH\_BANDWIDTH of a non-initial PPDU sent after the first HE PPDU whose TXOP field in HE-SIG-A is not set to UNSPECIFIED as follows:

— To be the same or narrower than the CH\_BANDWIDTH parameter in TXVECTOR of the first HE PPDU whose TXOP field in HE-SIG-A is not set to UNSPECIFIED in the same TXOP.

Additionally if the first HE PPDU whose TXOP field in HE-SIG-A is not set to UNSPECIFIED is a DL HE MU PPDU with preamble puncture, the TXOP holder shall use the 20MHz channels for the non-initial PPDU that are within the set of 20MHz channels where pre-HE modulated fields of the first HE PPDU whose TXOP field in HE-SIG-A is not set to UNSPECIFIED are located.

If there is neither frame exchange carried in a HE PPDU whose TXOP field in HE-SIG-A is not UNSPECIFIED nor non-HT duplicate frame exchange in a TXOP, the TXOP holder shall set the TXVECTOR parameter CH\_BANDWIDTH of a non-initial PPDU to be the same or narrower than the TXVECTOR parameter CH\_BANDWIDTH of the preceding PPDU that it has transmitted in the same TXOP, subject to the following constraints:

— If the preceding PPDU is a DL HE MU PPDU with preamble puncture, the TXOP holder shall set the TXVECTOR parameter CH\_BANDWIDTH of the non-initial PPDU to a value whose corresponding 20 MHz channels are within a set of 20 MHz channels where pre-HE modulated fields of the preceding PPDU are located.

— If the non-initial PPDU is a DL HE MU PPDU with preamble puncture, the TXOP holder shall set the TXVECTOR parameter RU\_ALLOCATION of the non-initial PPDU to a value whose corresponding RU is within a set of 20 MHz channels where pre-HE modulated fields of the preceding PPDU are located

**27.15 PPDU format, BW, MCS, NSS, and DCM selection rules**

**27.15.2 PPDU format selection**

***TGax editor: changesubcaluse 27.15.2 as follows (the text which is not shown is same as 11ax D3.1):***

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An HE STA shall send Control frames following the rules defined in 10.7.6 (Rate selection for Control frames)) with the following exceptions:

* A Control frame sent in response to an HE ER SU PPDU or HE SU PPDU that uses STBC shall be carried in the same PPDU format as the soliciting PPDU.
* A Control frame sent by the AP as a response to an HE TB PPDU may be carried in any PPDU format that is supported by the intended receiver(s).
* A Trigger frame that is not an MU-RTS Trigger frame(#13317) may be carried in any PPDU format that is supported by the intended receiver(s).
* A Control frame is carried in an HE TB PPDU if it is sent as a response to a PPDU that contains a Trigger frame that is not an MU-RTS Trigger frame or if it is sent as a response to a PPDU that contains a frame containing a TRS Control subfield(#13136)(#14137) (see 27.5.3 (UL MU operation)).(18/12r3)
* An Ack frame sent as a response to an HE ER SU PPDU or HE SU PPDU containing an FTM frame shall be sent in the same PPDU format as the soliciting PPDU except when the FTM frame is carried in HE SU PPDU and the most recent successfully received PPDU sent by the responding STA to the soliciting STA after association was an HE ER SU PPDU in which case the Control frame shall be carried in HE ER SU PPDU.
* A Control frame sent as a response to an HE ER SU PPDU shall be carried in an HE ER SU PPDU unless the most recently received PPDU(#11692) sent by the responding STA to the soliciting STA after association was not an HE ER SU PPDU in which case the Control frame shall be carried in non-HT PPDU.
* A Control frame sent as a response to an HE SU PPDU shall be carried in a non-HT PPDU unless the most recent received PPDU(#11692) sent by the responding STA to the soliciting STA after association was an HE ER SU PPDU in which case the Control frame shall be carried in an HE ER SU PPDU.
* In 6GHz band a Control frame sent in response to an HE SU PPDU, HE MU PPDU and being not carried in HE TB PPDU may be carried in HE SU PPDU if the TX time of the responding PPDU with more reliable MCS than primary rate is not more than the TX time of the responding non-HT PPDU with primary rate.

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**27.16 HE BSS operation**

***TGax editor: add the following subclause in 27.16***

**27.16.a Beacon in 6GHz band**

**A STA shall transmit Beacons as defined in subclause 11.1 Synchronization and 10.6 Multiple Rate Support with the exception defined in 27.16.a.**

**An HE STA may transmit Beacon frames in non-HT duplicate PPDUs.**