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| Proposed resolution for some CIDs in section 3.2 and 4.3.15a  |
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Abstract

This submission proposes resolutions for CIDs in section 3.2 and 4.3.15a.

Interpretation of a Motion to Adopt

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***Editing instructions formatted like this are intended to be copied into the TGax Draft (i.e. they are instructions to the 802.11 editor on how to merge the text with the baseline documents).***

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| **CID** | **Pg/Ln** | **Comment** | **Clause** | **Comment** | **Proposed Resolution** | **Resolution** |
| 20440 | 3.2 | 37.34 | 3.2 | This definition doesn't parse. When simplified, it says, effectively, "A non-AP STA that indicates ... that it transmits support for only 20 MHz channel width". How does a STA "transmit support" for something? It either supports it or it doesn't. | Perhaps, replace with "A non-AP HE STA that indicates, via the Supported Channel Width Set ... element, that it supports only 20 MHz channel ..." | Accept.Please see the proposed text in this document.  |
| 20498 | 3.2 | 37.04 | 3.2 | “multi-user (MU) physical layer (PHY) protocol data unit (PPDU): A PPDU that carries one or more PHY service data units (PSDUs) for one or more stations (STAs) using the downlink multi-user multiple input, multiple output (DL MU-MIMO) technique, downlink orthogonal frequency division multiple access (DL OFDMA) technique, or a combination of the two techniques.” Is not accurate since MU PPDUs can also be used for UL; see also “uplink (UL) high efficiency (HE) multi-user (MU) physical layer (PHY) protocol data unit (PPDU): An HE MU PPDU transmitted by a non-AP STA. An UL HE MU PPDU carries only one PSDU.” | Change the definition to “multi-user (MU) physical layer (PHY) protocol data unit (PPDU): A PPDU that carries one or more PHY service data units (PSDUs) for one or more stations (STAs) using the downlink multi-user multiple input, multiple output (DL MU-MIMO) technique, downlink orthogonal frequency division multiple access (DL OFDMA) technique, or a combination of the two techniques, or carries a PSDU for an AP and is in high efficiency (HE) MU PPDU format.” | Accept.Please see the proposed text in this document.  |
| 20987 | 4.3.15a | 43.41 | 4.3.15a | “Mandatory support for the HE sounding protocol to support beamforming” is unclear. It’s mandatory only as the beamformee and as a non-AP STA | Change to “Support for the HE sounding protocol to support beamforming (mandatory as a non-AP beamformee, optional otherwise)” | Revised. Please see the proposed text in this document.  |
| 20988 | 4.3.15a | 44.08 | 4.3.15a | “An HE AP sends a Trigger frame to non-AP HE STAs to initiate OFDMA or MU-MIMO transmissions inthe uplink direction. The Trigger frame” – it’s obvious it’s to a non-AP STA, it’s fairly obvious it’s to an HE STA, TRS has been forgotten about. Also “ these Trigger frames “ is unclear because of the intervening sentence. Also MU-MIMO is about spatial streams not Rus | Change to “An HE AP sends a Trigger frame to initiate OFDMA or MU-MIMO transmissions in the uplink direction (or a TRS Control subfield to initiate OFDMA transmissions in the uplink direction). The Trigger frame or TRS Control subfield”. Change “ these Trigger frames “ to “ Trigger frames “. Change “assigns Rus” to “assigns Rus and spatial streams” | Revised.Please see the proposed text in this document.  |
| 21028 | 4.3.15a | 43.47 | 4.3.15a | Re CID 16363: there is no actual definition of “preamble puncturing” | At the referenced location add a “NOTE---Preamble puncturing is the mechanism whereby OFDMA is used to avoid transmisisons in certain subcarriers.” | Accept.Please see the proposed text in this document.  |
| 20437 | 3.2 | 27.5 | 3.2 | The definition of MU PPDU seems to only include downlink techniques. | Delete "downlink" (2 instances) from this definition. | Revised.Please see the proposed text in this document.  |

Tgax Editor: Please modify the following definition in section 3.2 as follows.

**Multi-user (MU) physical layer (PHY) protocol data unit (PPDU):** A PPDU that carries one or more PHY service data units (PSDUs) for one or more stations (STAs) using the downlink multi-user multiple input, multiple output (DL MU-MIMO) technique, downlink orthogonal frequency division multiple access (DL OFDMA) technique, or a combination of the two techniques, or carries a PSDU for an AP and is in high efficiency (HE) MU PPDU format. [#20498 , #20437]

**20 MHz-only non-access-point (non-AP) high efficiency STA (HE STA):** A non-AP HE STA that indi-cates in the Supported Channel Width Set subfield in the HE PHY Capabilities Information field of the HE Capabilities element that it support for only 20 MHz channel width for the frequency band in which it is operating. [#20440]

Tgax Editor: Please modify the section 4.3.15a as follows.

**4.3.15a High efficiency (HE) STA**

The IEEE 802.11 HE STA operates in frequency bands between 1 GHz and 7.125 GHz.

An HE STA that is a mesh STA does not transmit and does not receive HE TB PPDUs.

In the 5 to 7.125 GHz bands, the following apply:

* An HE STA is also a VHT STA if operating in the 5 GHz band except that a 20 MHz-only HE STA does not support 40 MHz and 80 MHz channel widths
* An HE STA shall support a 20 MHz operating channel width
* An HE STA that is not a 20 MHz-only non-AP HE STA shall support operation with a 40 MHz and 80 MHz channel width
* An HE STA may support operation with a 160 MHz and 80+80 MHz channel width

In the 2.4 GHz band, the following apply:

An HE STA is also an HT STA

An HE STA shall support a 20 MHz operating channel width

An HE STA may support a 40 MHz operating channel width

The main PHY features in an HE STA that are not present in VHT STA or HT STA are the following:

Mandatory support for DL and UL OFDMA

Mandatory support for DL MU-MIMO by an HE AP that supports 4 or more spatial streams when MU-MIMO is done on the entire PPDU bandwidth

Mandatory support for DL MU-MIMO reception for a non-AP HE STA

Mandatory support for the HE sounding protocol to support beamforming for a non-AP STA beamformee and optional otherwise [#20987]

Optional support for HE-MCSs 10 and 11

Optional support for UL MU-MIMO

Optional support for preamble puncturing

NOTE---Preamble puncturing is a mechanism whereby OFDMA is used to avoid transmissions in certain subcarriers. [#21028]

The main MAC features in an HE STA that are not present in VHT STA or HT STA are the following:(#20251)

In an AP, mandatory support for the role of operating mode indication (OMI) responder and optional support for the role of OMI initiator

In an AP, mandatory support for individual target wake time (TWT) operation

In a non-AP STA, mandatory support for two NAV operation

In a non-AP STA, mandatory support for multiple BSSID operation

In an AP, optional support for two NAV operation

In a non-AP STA, optional support for the roles of OMI initiator and responder

In a non-AP STA, optional support for individual TWT operation

Optional support for dynamic fragmentation levels 1, 2 and 3

Optional support for broadcast TWT

Optional support for UL OFDMA-based random access (UORA)

Optional support for spatial reuse operation

Optional support for multi-TID A-MPDU operation

Optional support for ER BSS

Optional support for the NDP feedback report

An HE AP sends a Trigger frame to initiate OFDMA or MU-MIMO transmissions in the uplink direction or a TRS Control subfield to initiate OFDMA transmissions in the uplink direction. The Trigger frame or TRS Control subfield identifies non-AP STAs participating in the UL MU transmissions and assigns RUs and/or spatial streams to these STAs. Multi-STA BlockAck frames can be used by the AP to acknowledge the frames transmitted by multiple non-AP STAs. The scheduling of these Trigger frames can be set up between a non-AP STA and the AP using TWT operation to save power and reduce collisions.[#20988]