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| Comment resolutions for non-AP STA scanning – part 2 | | | | |
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Abstract

This submission proposes resolutions for multiple comments related to TGax D4.0 with the following CIDs (2 CIDs):

* 20210, 21581

Revisions:

* Rev 0: Initial version of the document.

Interpretation of a Motion to Adopt

A motion to approve this submission means that the editing instructions and any changed or added material are actioned in the TGax Draft. This introduction is not part of the adopted material.

***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).***

***TGax Editor: Editing instructions preceded by “TGax Editor” are instructions to the TGax editor to modify existing material in the TGax draft. As a result of adopting the changes, the TGax editor will execute the instructions rather than copy them to the TGax Draft.***

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| **CID** | **Commenter** | **P.L** | **Comment** | **Proposed Change** | **Resolution** |
| 20210 | GEORGE CHERIAN | 431.00 | 6GHz scannning: Consider allowing STAs to send Probe Req in PSC, after detecting Xms of IDLE time on the channel (X < 20ms. The exact value is TBD) | As in the comment. | Revised –  Agree in principle. Rules for active scanning in a PSC are like those in OCE/11ai. Proposed resolution is to use the same value of OCE, which is 7 ms.  TGax editor to make the changes shown in 11-19/1388r0 under all headings that include CID 20210. |
| 21581 | Yusuke Tanaka | 432.63 | It is not technically clear why a STA can discover an AP by sending Probe Request after completing operations described in the above. Typically, transmission power of an AP is higher than that of a STA, thus it is unlikely that transmission by a STA helps discovering an AP. In addition, PSCs can not always be available as described in P432L10. A STA can never know whether PSCs are not available or an AP is not discovered. Therefore descriptions in this bullet let a STA behave as if in a PSC even when PSCs are not available. | Remove this bullet. | Revised –  Agree in principle with the comment that in general it is more beneficial for the STA to listen to APs transmissions for discovering the AP, however in certain cases it might be desirable for the STA to attempt to transmit a Probe Request frame (i.e., enable active scanning). For example, because the AP might have decided to not send a FILS Discovery frame because its co-located AP is transmitting an RNR IE in a different band. There are pros and cons for this exemption, which were discussed during the specification drafting, and the conclusion is to allow this exemption for the PSC case only. Also please note that the STA always knows where the PSCs are located since their position is predeterministically mapped (refer to the beginning of this subclause) and they are subject to regulatory constraints. Please refer to the following note:  “NOTE—PSCs might not all be available in a specific location due to regulatory restrictions.”  Proposed resolution is to add to the note a similar statement.  TGax editor to make the changes shown in 11-19/1388r0 under all headings that include CID 21581. |

**Discussion:** *The proposed resolution for these two CIDs, in Rev0, is in principle the same as the resolutions that were proposed in 11-19/0962r4, except that for CID 21581, instead of rejecting the comment, we add one more sentence in the clarificatory note as suggested by the commenter.*

* Non-AP STA scanning behavior

**TGax Editor: *Change the paragraph below as follows (#CID 21581):***

The set of 20 MHz channels in the 6 GHz band, with channel center frequency, ch\_a = Channel starting fre­quency - 55 + 80 × n (MHz) are referred to as preferred scanning channels (PSCs). Channel starting fre­quency is defined in 27.3.22.2 (Channel allocation in the 6 GHz band), and n = 1, ..., 15.

NOTE—PSCs might not all be available in a specific location due to regulatory restrictions. A STA scanning the 6 GHz band knows where these PSCs are located since their position is pre-deterministically mapped. *(#21581)*

**TGax Editor: *Change the paragraph below as follows (#CID 20210):***

If the non-AP STA is scanning a channel, then the following apply:

* If the STA has received a FILS Discovery frame indicating that an AP is operating in that channel, or if the STA has received a Reduced Neighbor Report or Neighbor Report element indicating that an AP is operating in that channel then the STA may, subject to the other rules in this clause, send a Probe Request frame to the broadcast destination address in that channel, with the SSID field set to the SSID that corresponds to that AP or with short SSID field of the Short SSID List element set to the short SSID that corresponds to that AP or with the Address 3 field set to the BSSID of that AP, starting from step c) of 11.1.4.3.2 (Active scanning procedure for a non-DMG STA),*(#20210)*
* Otherwise, if the STA has determined the medium to be idle for a continuous period of at least dot11MinPSCProbeDelay from the start of the scan on the channel and the channel is a PSC, then the STA may, subject to other rules in this clause, send a Probe Request frame to the broadcast destination address in that channel, with the SSID field set to the SSID that corresponds to an AP or with short SSID field of the Short SSID List element set to the short SSID that corresponds to an AP, or with the Address 3 field set to the BSSID of an AP, starting from step c) of 11.1.4.3.2 (Active scanning procedure for a non-DMG STA).*(#20210)*
* Otherwise, if the STA has discovered the presence of an AP in that channel through means that are out of scope of the standard and the AP might be detected by the STA, then the STA may send a Probe Request frame to the broadcast destination address with the Address 3 field set to the BSSID of that AP starting from step c) of 11.1.4.3.2 (Active scanning procedure for a non-DMG STA),
* Otherwise, if the FILS-Probe-Timer reaches dot11FILSProbeDelay and the channel is a PSC, then the STA may, subject to the other rules in this clause, send a Probe Request to the broadcast destination address in that channel, starting from step c) of 11.1.4.3.2 (Active scanning procedure for a non-DMG STA),*(#20210)*
* Otherwise, the STA shall not send a Probe Request frame to the broadcast destination address.

NOTE 1—The STA might send an individually addressed Probe Request frame to an AP for reasons other than active scan (e.g. to obtain an updated EDCA parameter set) even if it has already received a FILS Discovery, Probe Response or Beacon frame from that AP.

NOTE 2—An AP might be detected by a STA if the STA and the AP are on the same channel and in range.

If a non-AP STA sends a Probe Request frame in the 6 GHz band that includes a FILS Request Parameters element, then the non-AP STA shall set the value of PHY Support Criteria subfield in the element to either 0 or 3.

**TGax Editor: *Insert the MIB variable below in an appropriate location of Annex C.3 (#CID 20210):***

dot11MinPSCProbeDelay OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX Unsigned32 (7000..100000)

UNITS "microseconds"

MAX-ACCESS read-write

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"This is a control variable.

It is written by an external management entity.

Changes take effect as soon as practical in the implementation.

A STA does not send a Probe Request frame if it is scanning a preferred scanning channel in the 6 GHz band unless the channel has been continuously idle for this duration since the start of the scan on that channel."

DEFVAL { 7000 }

::= { dot11StationConfigEntry <ANA> }*(#20210)*