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| Comment Resolutions for 11ax D7.0 HE PHY TXVECTOR RXVECTOR parameters | | | | |
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Abstract

This submission provisions with resolutions to the following 4 CIDs related to PHY Service Interface of IEEE P802.11ax D7.0, including suggested spec text modification to IEEE P802.11ax D7.0 to TGax editor:

* CIDs: 25051, 25052, 25059 and 25132

Revisions:

* R0, comment resolutions initial draft.
* R1, update referred doc and proposed modification text of resolution to CID 25132

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).***

***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** | **Pg/Ln** | **Clause** | **Comment** | **Proposed Changed** | **Resolution** |
| 24051 | 509.19 | 27.2.2 | "NOTE—The setting of the CH\_BANDWIDTH parameter is determined by the triggering frame" is present as a result of the resolution to CID 24522. However (a) it does not address the issue raised in the comment (about where the channel width of the transmitted PPDU is represented), (b) it makes a statement that could be made about lots of other parameters (many other TXVECTOR parameters for HE TB PPDUs come from the triggering frame) and (c) it loses the caveat pointed out by the NOTE in D6.0. | Change to "NOTE-The setting of the CH\_BANDWIDTH parameter is determined by the triggering frame (see 26.5.2.3.3 and 26.5.2.3.4). The CH\_BANDWIDTH parameter does not represent the channel width of the PPDU. The channel width of the PPDU is represented in the RU\_ALLOCATION parameter." | **Revised**  **Discussion:** As pointed out by the comment, the addressed sentence is present as a result of the resolution to CID 24522.  CID 24522 said, "*NOTE--The TXVECTOR parameter CH\_BANDWIDTH does not represent the channel width of the transmitted PPDU." -- this is rather counter-intuitive, so a reference to what does should be given in this NOTE*”. And it proposed changes “*Append ‘This is represented in the TXVECTOR parameter RU\_ALLOCATION.’*”.  The resolution to CID 24522 is:  *TXVECTOR parameter RU\_ALLOCATION is an 8 bits variable, whose definition is referred to 9.3.1.22. Even at 9.3.1.22, the RU size is simply specified in terms of number of subcarriers, not by “bandwidth”.*  *Hence, the proposed resolution instead is to update the text to clarify what CH\_BANDWIDTH means.*  *Instruction to Editor:At D6.0 P484L64, change the NOTE to “NOTE - The setting of the CH\_BANDWIDTH parameter is determined by the triggering frame. See 26.5.2.3.3 and 26.5.2.3.4.”*  The Table 27-1 is used to explain the TXVECTOR/RXVECTOR parameters, not to explain functions other than these parameters. Therefore it’s not proper to explain how to indicate the bandwidth of an HE\_TB PPDU at the place designated to explain what TXVECTOR/RXVECTOR parameter CH\_BANDWIDTH means for an HE\_TB PPDU. So regarding the issue (a) and (b), the comment CID 24522 is not proper as argued above and the current text in D7.0 is a result trying to satisfy comment CID 24522 without bringing other confusing information. If the commenter of CID 24522 is not satisfied with the resolution, we can change back to the text as in D6.0.  Regarding issue (c), we can change the text back to the one in D6.0.  The proposed changes will result in confusing text that has nothing to do with the purpose of Table 27-1.    **Instruction to TGax Tech Editor:**  At pg509/ln19, replace the NOTE with “ NOTE—The TXVECTOR parameter CH\_BANDWIDTH does not represent the channel width of the transmitted PPDU. ” |
| 25052 | 509.19 | 27.2.2 | "NOTE—The setting of the CH\_BANDWIDTH parameter is determined by the triggering frame" is present as a result of the resolution to CID 24522. However (a) it does not address the issue raised in the comment (about where the channel width of the transmitted PPDU is represented), (b) it makes a statement that could be made about lots of other parameters (many other TXVECTOR parameters for HE TB PPDUs come from the triggering frame) and (c) it loses the caveat pointed out by the NOTE in D6.0. | Change to "NOTE---The setting of the CH\_BANDWIDTH parameter is determined by the triggering frame (see 26.5.2.3.3 and 26.5.2.3.4). The CH\_BANDWIDTH parameter does not represent the channel width of the PPDU. The channel width of the PPDU is represented in the RU\_ALLOCATION parameter. The mapping from RU\_ALLOCATION parameter to channel width of the PPDU is given in Table 9-31i (B7–B1 of the RU Allocation subfield) in the RU size column." | **Revised**  **Discussion:** As pointed out by the comment, the addressed sentence is present as a result of the resolution to CID 24522.  CID 24522 said, "*NOTE--The TXVECTOR parameter CH\_BANDWIDTH does not represent the channel width of the transmitted PPDU." -- this is rather counter-intuitive, so a reference to what does should be given in this NOTE*”. And it proposed changes “*Append ‘This is represented in the TXVECTOR parameter RU\_ALLOCATION.’*”.  The resolution to CID 24522 is:  *TXVECTOR parameter RU\_ALLOCATION is an 8 bits variable, whose definition is referred to 9.3.1.22. Even at 9.3.1.22, the RU size is simply specified in terms of number of subcarriers, not by “bandwidth”.*  *Hence, the proposed resolution instead is to update the text to clarify what CH\_BANDWIDTH means.*  *Instruction to Editor:At D6.0 P484L64, change the NOTE to “NOTE - The setting of the CH\_BANDWIDTH parameter is determined by the triggering frame. See 26.5.2.3.3 and 26.5.2.3.4.”*  The Table 27-1 is used to explain the TXVECTOR/RXVECTOR parameters, not to explain functions other than these parameters. Therefore it’s not proper to explain how to indicate the bandwidth of an HE\_TB PPDU at the place designated to explain what TXVECTOR/RXVECTOR parameter CH\_BANDWIDTH means for an HE\_TB PPDU. So regarding the issue (a) and (b), the comment CID 24522 is not proper as argued above and the current text in D7.0 is a result trying to satisfy comment CID 24522 without bringing other confusing information. If the commenter of CID 24522 is not satisfied with the resolution, we can change back to the text as in D6.0.  Regarding issue (c), we can change the text back to the one in D6.0.  The proposed changes will result in confusing text that has nothing to do with the purpose of Table 27-1.    **Instruction to TGax Tech Editor:**  At pg509/ln19, replace the NOTE with “ NOTE—The TXVECTOR parameter CH\_BANDWIDTH does not represent the channel width of the transmitted PPDU. ” |
| 25059 | 512.12 | 27.2.2 | "NAV duration information" -- there is no concept of a "NAV duration" in the baseline | Change to "NAV value" and change "duration" to "value" in the next line | **Revised**  **Discussion:** Agree on the comment with a little editorial update on the proposed changes.  **Instruction to TGax Tech Editor:**  At pg512/ln13, replace “…no NAV duration information” with “…no NAV value specified”.  And at pg512/ln14, replace “0-8448 indicates a duration in units of …” with “0-8448 indicates a value in units of …” |
| 25132 | 515.42 | 27.2.2 | I clearly don't understand how the spatial stream numbering works. However, the new sentence here seems non-sensical. It now appears that the STARTING\_STS\_NUM is always zero, by definition. | Expand on what this paramter actually represents; for example, "Set to the starting spatial stream number" of what? (Clearly, not of this PPDU, or it really is non-sensical.) Make this align with the behavior for the parameter in 26.5.2.3.3, 26.5.2.3.4 and 26.5.7.2. | **Revised**  **Discussion:** Agree on the comment that the explain text for parameter STARTING\_STS\_NUM is confusing. The usage of STARTING\_STS\_NUM with a little editorial update on the proposed changes.  **Instruction to TGax Tech Editor:**  Please implement the proposed spec text modification as resolution to CID 25132 as in document 11-20/xxxxr0. |
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*---------------------------****Proposed Spec Text Modifications for CID 25132****----------------------------------*

***TGax Editor: please modify the Value column for parameter STARTING\_STS\_NUM at pg515/ln42 in Table 27-1 (TXVECTOR and RXVECTOR parameters) in sub-clause 27.2.2 (TXVECTOR and RXVECTOR parameters) in IEEE P802.11ax D7.0 as proposed below as part of resolution to CID 25132.***

**27.2.2 TXVECTOR and RXVECTOR parameters**

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**Table 27-1 – TXVECTOR and RXVECTOR parameters**

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| Parameters | Condition | Value | TXVECTOR | RXVECTOR |
| … | …. | … |  |  |
| STARTING\_STS\_NUM | FORMAT is HE\_TB and TRIGGER\_METHOD is TRIGGER\_FRAME | ~~Set to the starting spatial stream number minus 1 (spatial streams in a given PPDU transmission are numbered starting from 1).~~  Set to the value of the Starting Spatial Stream subfield in the SS Allocation field in the User Info field of the Trigger frame that triggers the HE TB PPDU.  See 26.5.2.3.3 (TXVECTOR parameters for HE TB PPDU response to Trigger frame) for details. | Y | N |
| FORMAT is HE\_TB and TRIGGER\_METHOD is TRS | Set to 0.  See 26.5.2.3.4 (TXVECTOR parameters for HE TB PPDU response to TRS Control subfield) for details. | Y | N |
| Otherwise | Not present | N | N |
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-------------------- ***End of proposed changes for resolution to CID 25132*** *---------------------*

**References:**

1. **IEEE P802.11axTM/D7.0, Sep 2020.**