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| LB275 CR: PPDU End Time Alignment |
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Abstract

This submission proposes comment resolution for CID 19583 received in LB275.

## Related Comment

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| **CID** | **Commenter** | **Clause** | **P.L** | **Comment** | **Proposed Change** | **Resolution** |
| 19583 | Juseong Moon | 35.3.16.5.1  | 557.38 | When an AP MLD transmits PPDUs of different ACs with a different TXOP limit over multiple links, even with a PPDU padding, it may be impossible to align the PPDU end time due to the different TXOP limits. For instance, while transmitting an AC\_VI PPDU of 4ms length (AC\_VI TXOP limit) over link 1, an AC\_VO PPDU of 2ms (AC\_VO TXOP limit) could be transmitted over link 2 after the success of EDCA backoff. In this case, because padding cannot be added to AC\_VO PPDU with maximum TXOP limit, end time cannot be aligned. To address this issue, a rule to delay the transmission of a PPDU is needed. For example, in link 2, an EDCAF's backoff counter is maintained at 0 and the EDCAF initiates transmission at a time which makes end time alignment possible. | As in comment. | Revised.Agree in principle.TGbe Editor: Apply the change tagged with #19583 to 11be D4.1. |

## Discussion

Referring to 35.3.16.5 (PPDU end time alignment on an NSTR link pair), An AP MLD can align end times of two PPDUs by using padding on multi-link.



However, If two PPDU’s ACs are different each other, the AP MLD cannot align end times of two PPDUs by using padding. Consider the AP MLD is transmitting a PPDU of AC\_VI on the link 1, and the AP MLD is transmitting a PPDU of AC\_VO on link 2. Because the TXOP limits of AC\_VI and AC\_VO are different (in the baseline, default TXOP limit of AC\_VO is shorter than AC\_VI’s.), the AP MLD cannot align end time of the PPDU of AC\_VO.



A solution for this issue is simple: defer the transmission of the AC\_VO PPDU. Current 11be draft does not define this method. For AP MLD’s end time alignment, a similar method of the start time sync PPDUs medium access operation in 11be draft 35.3.16.6 can be used.



## Proposed Text for 11be D4.1

**35.3.16.5.1 General**

***TGbe Editor: please add the following change to P568L20 of 802.11be D4.1***

An AP MLD may use any type of padding to align the end time of transmitted PPDUs, such as using the Padding field in a Trigger frame, post-EOF A-MPDU padding, padding in HE-SIG-B or EHT-SIG field for MU transmission, aggregating other MPDUs in the A-MPDU, or a packet extension.

(#19583)The AP MLD may also defer a PPDU transmission to align the end time of transmitted PPDUs. If the AP MLD wants to align the end time by deferring the PPDU transmission, the AP MLD shall keep backoff counter of an EDCAF, whose AC is associated with the deferring transmission, at zero. The AP MLD shall not transmit until the AP MLD can align the end time.