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| VHT160 operation signaling through non-zero CCFS1 | | | |
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**Abstract**

This document specifies a VHT 160 and 80+80 MHz operation. The current VHT operation element is limited to signaling up to 80 MHz channel width because legacy (80 MHz) clients in the field have been determined to experience interoperability issues when the channel width in the VHT operation element is set to 160 or 80+80 MHz.

History:

R0: initial revision

**8.4.2.158 VHT Operation element**

The operation of VHT STAs in the BSS is controlled by the HT Operation element and the VHT Operation element. The format of the VHT Operation element is defined in Figure 8-558 (VHT Operation element format).

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|  | Element ID | Length | VHT Operation Information | Basic VHT-MCS and NSS Set |
| Octets: | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 |

**Figure 8-558--VHT Operation element format**

The Element ID and Length fields are defined in 8.4.2.1 (General).(Ed)

The structure of the VHT Operation Information field is defined in Figure 8-559 (VHT Operation Information field).

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|  | Channel Width | Primary 80 MHz  Channel Center Frequency  (P80CCF) | Secondary 80 or 160 MHz  Channel Center Frequency  (S80160CCF) |
| Octets: | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| **Figure 8-559--VHT Operation Information field(11ac)** | | | |

The VHT STA gets the primary channel information from the HT Operation element. The subfields of the VHT Operation Information field are defined in Table 8-242 (VHT Operation Information subfields).

**Table 8-242--VHT Operation Information subfields**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Field | Definition | Encoding |
| Channel Width | This field, together with the HT Operation element STA Channel Width field, defines the BSS operating channel width (see 10.40.1 (Basic VHT BSS functionality)). | Set to 0 for 20 MHz or 40 MHz operating channel width.  Set to 1 for 80 MHz, 160 MHz or 80+80 MHz operating channel width.  Set to 2 for 160 MHz operating channel width (deprecated).  Set to 3 for non-contiguous(#3294) 80+80 MHz operating channel width (deprecated).  Values in the range 4 to 255 are reserved.  NOTE: 160 and 80+80 MHz operating channel width at Channel Width equal to 1 are signaled through a non-zero Secondary 80 or 160 MHz Channel Center Frequency field. |
| Primary 80 MHz Channel Center Frequency  (P80CCF) | Defines a channel center frequency for an 80, 160 or 80+80 MHz VHT BSS. See 22.3.14 (Channelization). | For 80 MHz operating channel width, indicates the channel center frequency index for the 80 MHz channel on which the VHT BSS operates.  For 160 MHz operating channel width and the Channel Width field equal to 1, indicates the channel center frequency index of the 80 MHz channel segment that contains the primary channel.  For 160 MHz operating channel width and the Channel Width field equal to 2, indicates the channel center frequency index of the 160 MHz channel on which the VHT BSS operates.  For 80+80 MHz operating channel width and the Channel Width field equal to 1 or 3, indicates the channel center frequency index for the primary 80 MHz channel of the VHT BSS.  Reserved otherwise. |
| Secondary 80 or 160 MHz Channel Center Frequency  (S80160CCF) | Defines a channel center frequency for a 160 or 80+80 MHz VHT BSS. See 22.3.14 (Channelization). | For a 20, 40 or 80 MHz operating channel width, this field is set to 0.  For a 160 MHz operating channel width and the Channel Width field equal to 2, this field is set to 0.  For a 160 MHz operating channel width and the Channel Width field equal to 1, indicates the channel center frequency index of the 160 MHz channel on which the VHT BSS operates.  For an 80+80 MHz operating channel width, indicates the channel center frequency index of the secondary 80 MHz channel of the VHT BSS.  See Table 8-xx1 (CCF signaling of 160 and 80+80 MHz operating channel width when the VHT Operation Information field Channel Width subfield is 1).  Reserved otherwise. |

**Table 8-xx1--CCF signaling of 160 and 80+80 MHz operating channel width when the VHT Operation Information field Channel Width subfield is 1.**

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| **S80160CCF in VHT Operation element** | **Operating channel width** |
| S80160CCF = 0 | 80 MHz or less |
| S80160CCF > 0 and  | S80160CCF - P80CCF | = 8  (40 MHz apart) | 160 MHz  (P80CCF: center frequency of the 80 MHz channel segment that contains the primary channel)  (S80160CCF: center frequency of the 160 MHz channel) |
| S80160CCF > 0 and  | S80160CCF - P80CCF | > 8  (>40 MHz apart) | 80+80 MHz  (P80CCF: center frequency of the primary 80 MHz channel)  (S80160CCF: center frequency of the secondary 80 MHz channel) |
| S80160CCF > 0 and  | S80160CCF - P80CCF | < 8  (<40 MHz apart) | Reserved |

The Basic VHT-MCS and NSS Set field indicates the VHT-MCSs for each number of spatial streams in VHT PPDUs that are supported by all VHT STAs in the BSS (including IBSS and MBSS). The Basic VHT-MCS and NSS Set field is a bitmap of size 16 bits; each 2 bits indicates the supported VHT-MCS set for *NSS* from 1 to 8. The Basic VHT-MCS and NSS Set field is defined in Figure 8-557 (Rx VHT-MCS Map and Tx VHT-MCS Map subfields and Basic VHT-MCS and NSS Set field).

**10.40 VHT BSS operation**

**10.40.1 Basic VHT BSS functionality**

A VHT STA has dot11VHTOptionImplemented equal to true.

A STA that is starting a VHT BSS shall be able to receive and transmit at each of the <VHT-MCS, NSS> tuple values indicated by the Basic VHT-MCS and NSS Set field of the VHT Operation parameter of the MLME-START.request primitive and shall be able to receive at each of the <VHT-MCS, NSS> tuple values indicated by the Supported VHT-MCS and NSS Set field of the VHT Capabilities parameter of the MLME-START.request primitive.

A STA for which dot11VHTOptionImplemented is true shall set dot11HighThroughputOptionImplemented to true.

A STA that is a VHT AP or a VHT mesh STA declares its channel width capability in the Supported Channel Width Set subfield of the VHT Capabilities element VHT Capabilities Info field as described in Table 8-250 (Subfields of the VHT Capabilities Info field).

A VHT STA shall set the Supported Channel Width Set subfield in its HT Capabilities element HT Capabilities Info field to 1, indicating that both 20 MHz operation and 40 MHz operation are supported.

At a minimum, a VHT STA sets the Rx MCS Bitmask of the Supported MCS Set field of its HT Capabilities element according to the setting of the Rx VHT-MCS Map subfield of the Supported VHT-MCS and NSS Set field of its VHT Capabilities element as follows: for each subfield Max VHT-MCS For *n* SS, 1 ≤ *n* ≤ 4, of the Rx VHT-MCS Map field with a value other than 3 (no support for that number of spatial streams), the STA shall indicate support for MCSs 8(*n–*1) to 8(*n–*1)+7 in the Rx MCS Bitmask, where *n* is the number of spatial streams, except for those MCSs marked as unsupported as described in 9.7.12.3 (Additional rate selection constraints for VHT PPDUs).

A STA that is a VHT AP or a VHT mesh STA shall set the STA Channel Width subfield in the HT Operation element HT Operation Information field, the Channel Width subfield in the VHT Operation element VHT Operation Information field, the Primary 80 MHz Channel Center Frequency (P80CCF) subfield in the VHT Operation element VHT Operation Information field and the Secondary 80 or 160 MHz Channel Center Frequency (S80160CCF) subfield in the VHT Operation element VHT Operation Information field to indicate the BSS operating channel width as defined in VHT BSS operating channel width.

**Table 10-25--VHT BSS operating channel width**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| HT Operation element STA Channel Width field | VHT Operation element Channel Width field | VHT Operation element Secondary 80 or 160 MHz Channel Center Frequency (S80160CCF) field | BSS operating channel width |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 MHz |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 40 MHz |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 80 MHz |
| 1 | 1 | S80160CCF > 0 and  | S80160CCF - P80CCF | = 8 | 160 MHz |
| 1 | 1 | S80160CCF > 0 and  | S80160CCF - P80CCF | > 8 | 80+80 MHz |
| 1 | 2 | 0 | 160 MHz |
| 1 | 3 | S80160CCF > 0 and  | S80160CCF - P80CCF | > 8 | 80+80 MHz |

The setting of the P80CCF and S80160CCF fields is shown in Table 10-25a (Setting of P80CCF and S80160CCF fields).

**Table 10-25a--Setting of P80CCF and S80160CCF fields**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| BSS operating channel width | VHT Operation element Channel Width field | Setting of the P80CCF field | Setting of the S80160CCF field |
| 20, 40 MHz | 0 | dot11CurrentChannelCenterFrequencyIndex0 | 0 |
| 80 MHz | 1 | dot11CurrentChannelCenterFrequencyIndex0 | 0 |
| 160 MHz | 2 | dot11CurrentChannelCenterFrequencyIndex0 | 0 |
| 80+80 MHz | 3 | dot11CurrentChannelCenterFrequencyIndex0 | dot11CurrentChannelCenterFrequencyIndex1 |
| 160 MHz | 1 | if dot11CurrentPrimaryChannel > dot11CurrentChannelCenterFrequencyIndex0 then dot11CurrentChannelCenterFrequencyIndex0 + 8, else dot11CurrentChannelCenterFrequencyIndex0 - 8 | dot11CurrentChannelCenterFrequencyIndex0 |
| 80+80 MHz | 1 | dot11CurrentChannelCenterFrequencyIndex0 | dot11CurrentChannelCenterFrequencyIndex1 |

A VHT STA shall determine the channelization using the combination of the information in the HT Operation element Primary Channel field and the VHT Operation element VHT Operation Information field Primary 80 MHz Channel Center Frequency and Secondary 80 or 160 MHz Channel Center Frequency subfields (see 22.3.14 (Channelization)).

A VHT AP or a VHT mesh STA shall set the HT Operation element HT Operation Information field Secondary Channel Offset subfield to indicate the secondary 20 MHz channel as defined in Table 8-173 (HT Operation element fields and subfields), if the BSS operating channel width is more than 20 MHz.

A VHT STA that is a member of a VHT BSS shall not transmit a 20 MHz VHT PPDU on a channel other than the primary 20 MHz channel of the BSS, except for a 20 MHz VHT PPDU transmission on an off-channel TDLS direct link as constrained by 10.23.6.4.2 (Basic wideband functionality).

A VHT STA that is a member of a VHT BSS with a 40 MHz, 80 MHz, 160 MHz, or 80+80 MHz operating channel width shall not transmit a 40 MHz VHT PPDU that does not use the primary 40 MHz channel of the BSS, except for a 40 MHz VHT PPDU transmission on an off-channel TDLS direct link.

A VHT STA that is a member of a VHT BSS with an 80 MHz, 160 MHz, or 80+80 MHz operating channel width shall not transmit an 80 MHz VHT PPDU that does not use the primary 80 MHz channel of the BSS, except for an 80 MHz VHT PPDU transmission on an off-channel TDLS direct link.

A VHT STA that is a member of a VHT BSS with a 160 MHz or 80+80 MHz operating channel width shall not transmit a 160 MHz or 80+80 MHz VHT PPDU that does not use the primary 80 MHz channel and the secondary 80 MHz channel of the BSS, except for a 160 MHz or 80+80 MHz VHT PPDU transmission on an off-channel TDLS direct link.

A VHT STA shall not transmit to a second VHT STA using a bandwidth that is not indicated as supported in the Supported Channel Width Set subfield in the HT Capabilities element or VHT Capabilities element received from that VHT STA.

A VHT AP shall set the RIFS Mode field in the HT Operation element to 0.