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Abstract

This submission shows

* Resolution for a comment received from TGax comment collection (TGax Draft D1.0)
* The proposed changes are based on 11ax D1.3.

The submission provides resolutions to comment related to DL MU-MIMO.

* The submission provides resolutions to 15 CIDs:

8815, 8816, 8817, 9320, 4976, 8819, 7423, 10384, 10386, 8821,   
7509, 7510, 10104, 10387, 8822

Revisions:

* Rev 0: Initial version of the document.
* Rev 1:
  + Describe resource indication and user identification in an HE MU PPDU from AP point of view in more general terms.
  + Modified resolution to CIDs 8819, 10384, 8821, 7509, 7510, 10104, 10387, 8822 and corresponding text.

Interpretation of a Motion to Adopt

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| **CID** | **P.L** | **Comment** | **Proposed Change** | **Resolution** |
| 8815 | 238.27 | Change title to "Supported RU sizes for DL MU-MIMO" | See comment | Revised.  Agreed in priciple.  This subclause describes on the suppored RU sizes for DL MU-MIMO. And with D1.3 having “Supported RU sizes for UL MU-MIMO” approved last meeting, in order to keep consistent titles between DL MU-MIMO and UL MU-MIMO, "Minimum RU size in DL MU-MIMO" is replaced with "Supported RU sizes in DL MU-MIMO".  TGax Editor: make changes according to this document 11-17-0945-01-00ax CRs on 28.3.3.8. |
| 8816 | 238.30 | There should be a similar requirement for transmit side (MU-MIMO only on RU sizes >= 106 tones) | Add requirement | Rejected.  Given the capability of the STA supporting Partial Bandwidth DL MU-MIMO, AP can determine whether to transmit the partial bandwidth DL MU-MIMO or not.  However, the similar requirement for AP does not call for different behavier of the STA regardless of AP’s capability. Looking at the Partial Bandwidth DL MU-MIMO subfield of the HE PHY Capabilities Information field in the HE Capabilities element, it is reserved for an AP based on the same rationale. |
| 8817 | 238.30 | Add reference to HE Capabilities field "DL MUMIMO On Partial Bandwidth" | See comment | Revised.  Agreed in principle.  TGax Editor: make changes according to this document 11-17-0945-01-00ax CRs on 28.3.3.8. |

**Discussion**

* Modification improves the wording of the specficification for better understanding.
* Refer to the 28.3.3.10.2 Supported RU sizes in UL MU-MIMO in D1.3 below

“A STA that sets the Partial Bandwidth UL MU-MIMO subfield of the HE PHY Capabilities Information field in the HE Capabilities element that it transmits to 1 shall support transmission and reception of an HE TB PPDU with RU sizes greater than or equal to 106 subcarriers”

***To TGax editor:*** ***P319L54*** *replace the current text with the proposed changes below.*

***------------- Begin Text Changes ---------------***

* Supported RU sizes in DL MU-MIMO (#8815)

A STA that sets the Partial Bandwidth DL MU-MIMO subfield of the HE PHY Capabilities Information field in the HE Capabilities element that it transmits to 1 shall support reception of HE MU PPDUwith RU sizes greater than or equal to 106-subcarriers. (#8817)

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| **CID** | **P.L** | **Comment** | **Proposed Change** | **Resolution** |
| 9320 | 238.35 | In the SFD, there was the following requirement: "For an 11ax AP, support for DL MU-MIMO transmission, where MU-MIMO is being done on the entire PPDU BW, shall be mandatory if the AP supports TxNss >= 4." This is mentioned in subclause 4.3.14a but should be also mentioned in subclause 28.3.3.8.2, as other similar requirements are mentioned here. | As in comment. | Revised.  Agreed in principle.  TGax Editor: make changes according to this document 11-17-0945-01-00ax CRs on 28.3.3.8. |
| 4976 | 238.51 | Para is improperly introduced | Why have this para is it is the same ... just generalize the above para's! Well, because this feature is optional. So then need to start with that constraint, for clarity ... or just dup the content with the new rider that it its for MU-MIMO+DL-OFDMA. BUT, cleaner is probably to define what PPDUs are possible, then define what STAs have to support and may support ... i.e. rewrite for clarity. Finally, "Aforementioned" ... where does the "fore" stop? Need to define (add "in this sub-section") | Revised.  In 28.1.1 Introduce to the HE PHY, since what STA shall support or may support has been already described, not necessary to rewrite it for clarity. The purpose of this subclause is to specify the maximum number of spatial streams regardless whether the specific feature is mandatory or not.  When it comes to “Aforementioned “, to make it clear the original text is modified with "All of the aforementioned restrictions in this subclause on the per-user and total number of space-time-streams...."  The same modification is applied to 28.3.3.10.4 Maximum number of spatial streams in UL MU-MIMO to be consistent.  TGax Editor: make changes according to this document 11-17-0945-01-00ax CRs on 28.3.3.8. |

**Discussion**

* Modification improve the wording of the specficification for better understanding.

***To TGax editor:*** ***P319L61*** *replace the current text with the proposed changes below.*

***------------- Begin Text Changes ---------------***

* Maximum number of spatial streams in an HE MU PPDU

An HE STA shall support reception of DL MU-MIMO transmissions on full bandwidth with maximum number of space-time streams (per user) equal to minimum of 4 and the maximum number of space-time streams supported for reception of HE SU PPDUs. The maximum number of space-time streams supported for reception of HE SU PPDUs is indicated for various bandwidths in Supported HE-MCS and NSS Set field(#5518) in the HE Capabilities element.

An HE STA shall support reception of DL MU-MIMO transmissions on full bandwidth with the total number of space-time streams (across NUM\_USERS) less than or equal to a maximum value indicated by the Nsts\_Total support for BW <= 80 MHz and Nsts\_Total support for BW > 80 MHz fields in the HE Capabilities element.

An HE AP that is capable of transmiting space-time streams equal to or larger than 4 shall support DL MU-MIMO transmissions on full bandwidth.(#9320)

All of the aforementioned restrictions in this subclause on the per-user and total number of space-time-streams are also applicable to an MU-MIMO transmission on an RU in an HE MU PPDU where the RU does not span the entire PPDU bandwidth. (#4976)

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***To TGax editor:*** ***P321L56*** *replace the current text with the proposed changes below.*

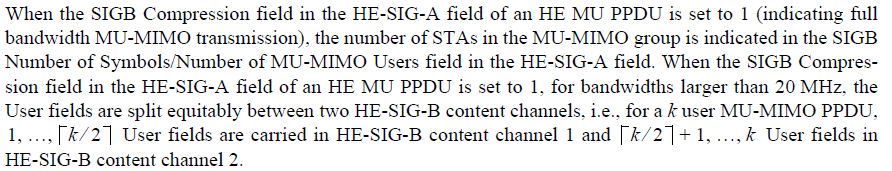
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All of the aforementioned restrictions in this subclause on the per-user and total number of space-time-streams are also applicable to an MU-MIMO transmission on an RU in an HE MU PPDU where the RU does not span the entire PPDU bandwidth. (#4976)

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| **CID** | **P.L** | **Comment** | **Proposed Change** | **Resolution** |
| 8819 | 238.55 | Most of the text in 28.3.3.8.3 seems to belong in either HE-SIG-A or HE-SIG-B sections. Move the relevant text to the appropriate sections and describe resource allocation in more general terms for this section. | See comment | Revised.  Agreed in principle.  Some repeated/detail texts and descriptions shown in both this subclause and HE-SIG-A/HE-SIG-B subclauses are deleted.  TGax Editor: make changes under “Proposed Text Updates for CID 8819, 10384, 8821, 7509, 7510, 10104, 10387, 8822” in 11-17-0945-01 |
| 7423 | 239.02 | In case of full bandwidth MU-MIMO transmission, the number of HE-SIG-B symbols is not indicated in the HE-SIG-A. Instead the number of STAs in the MU-MIMO group is indicated in the HE-SIG-A. However, in this case, a STA still needs to know the number of HE-SIG-B symbols for decoding HE-SIG-B. Therefore, it is necessary to clarify how the number of HE-SIG-B symbols is determined in case of full bandwidth MU-MIMO transmission. | Insert the following statement after the sentence "The number of STAs in the MU-MIMO group is indicated in the Number Of HE-SIG-B Symbols Or MU-MIMO Users field in HE-SIG-A."  "In this case, the number of HE-SIG-B symbols can be derived according to the values of the SIGB MCS field, the SIGB DCM field and the Number Of HE-SIG-B Symbols Or MU-MIMO Users field in the HE-SIG-A field. | Rejected.  Without the details specificed in the spec, it is intiutive to derive the number of HE-SIG-B OFDM symbols when implemented. |
| 10384 | 239.05 | "between two SIG-B channels," Define them explicitly as SIG-B content channels | between two SIG-B content channels ( 28.3.10.8.1) … | Revised.  Agreed in principle.  To use two HE-SIG-B content channels without the definition can make readers confused.  The reference sub-clause is added.  TGax Editor: make changes according to this document 11-17-0945-01-00ax CRs on 28.3.3.8. |
| 10386 | 239.12 | "are indicated in spatial configuration field of user specific block containing the STA ID of designated MU-MIMO STA as" : missing article "the" | "are indicated in the spatial configuration field of the user specific block containing the STA ID of designated MU-MIMO STA as" | Accepted.  Note to editor:  The proposed change by the commenter has been merged into the text changes under “Proposed Text Updates for CID 8819, 10384, 8821, 7509, 7510, 10104, 10387, 8822” in 11-17-0945-01” |
| 8821 | 239.17 | Paragraph starting at line 17 describes receiver operation. Transmitter behavior should be described instead. | Describe contents of HE-SIG-B from transmitter point of view. | Revised.  Description of this sub-clause is modified as the transmitter point of view.  TGax Editor: make changes under “Proposed Text Updates for CID 8819, 10384, 8821, 7509, 7510, 10104, 10387, 8822” in 11-17-0945-01 |
| 7509 | 239.18 | Throughout the whole paragragh, it is better to change "beamformee group" to "MU-MIMO group" for keeping consistency. | As per comment | Revised.  Agreed in principle.  "beamformee group" is replaced with “MU-MIMO group” to be consistent through the spec.  TGax Editor: make changes under “Proposed Text Updates for CID 8819, 10384, 8821, 7509, 7510, 10104, 10387, 8822” in 11-17-0945-01 |
| 7510 | 239.22 | What does a multiplexing information lookup table means? Further clarification is required. | Replacing "From a multiplexing information lookup table for Nuser,r, the ordered number of spatial streams for all members in the beamformee group in RU r, NSS,r,u, u = 1, ..., Nuser,r, is obtained." by "From the spatial configuration fields of user specific blocks for RU r and Nuser,r, the ordered number of spatial streams for all members in the MU-MIMO group in RU r, NSS,r,u, u = 1, ..., Nuser,r, is obtained." | Revised  Agreed in priciple.  But since the description including “a multiplexing information look up table” is removed, thus comment is not applicable.  TGax Editor: make changes under “Proposed Text Updates for CID 8819, 10384, 8821, 7509, 7510, 10104, 10387, 8822” in 11-17-0945-01” |
| 10104 | 239.22 | clarify the meaning of block index in "The user position is indicated by the block index". There is no definition of block index in the spec. | As in the comment. | Revised.  Agreed in priciple.  But since the description including “The user position is indicated by the block index” is removed, thus comment is not applicable.  TGax Editor: make changes under “Proposed Text Updates for CID 8819, 10384, 8821, 7509, 7510, 10104, 10387, 8822” in 11-17-0945-01” |
| 10387 | 239.22 | "From a multiplexing information lookup table for Nuser,r," : this table is not defined or referred to anywhere | define what the Mux lookup table is? Or is this an implementation issue ? If it is then explicitly say so or remove the sentence. | Revised  Agreed in priciple.  But since the description including “a multiplexing information look up table” is removed, thus comment is not applicable.  TGax Editor: make changes under “Proposed Text Updates for CID 8819, 10384, 8821, 7509, 7510, 10104, 10387, 8822” in 11-17-0945-01” |
| 8822 | 239.38 | "If a STA finds that it is a member of the beamformee group in RU r, its corresponding NSTS,r,u interpreted from the HE-SIG-B user specific blocks shall not be zero for the STA in the PPDU." There is no way the receiver can control the value of the HE-SIG-B user specific blocks, so this requirement as formulated for the receiver does not make sense. | Change to e.g. "If a STA is included as a a member of the beamformee group in RU r, its corresponding NSTS,r,u as contained in the HE-SIG-B user specific blocks shall not be zero." | Revised.  Agreed in principle.  The original text is replaced with "If a STA is included as a member of the MU-MIMO group in RU r, its corresponding NSTS,r,u as contained in the User field shall not be zero."  TGax Editor: make changes under “Proposed Text Updates for CID 8819, 10384, 8821, 7509, 7510, 10104, 10387, 8822” in 11-17-0945-01 |

**Discussion**

* Modification improve the wording of the specficification for better understanding.
* CID8819 to remove duplicated texts which show up in the corresponding chapter separately.
  + This chapter includes below  
    For bandwidths larger than 20 MHz, the User fields are split equitably between two SIG-B content channels, i.e., for a k user MU-MIMO PPDU, 1, …., ceil(k/2) User fields are carried in HE-SIG-B content channel 1 and ceil(k/2) + 1, …, k User fields in HE-SIG-B content channel 2 below
  + 28.3.10.8.5 contains  
    
* Describe resource indication and user identification in an HE MU PPDU from AP point of view in more general terms.

**Proposed Text Updates for CID 8819, 10384, 8821, 7509, 7510, 10104, 10387, 8822**

3.2 Definitions specific to IEEE Std 802.

***To TGax editor:*** *Add the following text at* ***D1.3******P36L26****.****------------- Begin Text Changes ---------------***

**user:** An individual station or group of stations (STAs) identified by a single receive address (RA) or a STA-ID in HE-SIG-B in the context of single-user multiple input, multiple output (SU-MIMO) or multi-user multiple input, multiple output (MU-MIMO).

***------------- End Text Changes ---------------***

***To TGax editor:*** ***P320L16*** *replace the current text with the proposed changes below.*

***------------- Begin Text Changes ---------------***

* Resource indication and User identification in an HE MU PPDU

An AP that transmits an HE MU PPDU shall set the UL/DL field in the HE-SIG-A field to 0.

A full bandwidth MU-MIMO transmission using the HE MU PPDU format has a value of 1 for the SIGB Compression field in HE-SIG-A and the Common field in HE-SIG-B is not present, and the HE modulated fields of the PPDU consists of one RU whose size spans the entire PPDU bandwidth. The number of users in the MU-MIMO group is indicated in the Number Of HE-SIG-B Symbols Or MU-MIMO Users field in HE-SIG-A. The allocated spatial streams for each user and the total number of spatial streams are indicated in the Spatial Configuration field of User field in HE-SIG-B containing the STA-ID of designated MU-MIMO STA as defined in Table 28-26 (Spatial Configuration field encoding).

If the value of SIGB Compression field in HE-SIG-A is 0, the RU Allocation field in the Common field in each HE-SIG-B content channel indicates the combination of RUs in the current PPDU and the number of User fields included the corresponding HE-SIG-B content cannel for each RU. See 28.3.10.8.1 (Encoding and modulation) for a description of the HE-SIG-B content channel. (#10384). .(#8819)

HE MU PPDUs with 20 MHz PPDU bandwidth have one HE-SIG-B content channel, while HE MU PPDUs with greater than 20 MHz PPDU bandwidth have two HE-SIG-B content channels. In each HE-SIG-B content channel, the number of spatial streams for a user in an RU is indicated by the NSTS field in User field if there is only one User field (see Table 28-24 (Fields of the User field for a non-MU-MIMO allocation)) corresponding to the RU in the HE-SIG-B content channel. If there are more than one User fields (see Table 28-25 (Fields of the User field for an MU-MIMO allocation))for an RU in the HE-SIG-B content channel, the number of allocated spatial streams for each user in the RU are indicated by the Spatial Configuration field of User field in HE-SIG-B Note that an RU with RU size greater than or equal to 484 tones and having two or more intended users, the User fields corresponding to the RU may split between two HE-SIG-B content channels. In this case, the total number of users and the total number of spatial streams in the RU are the sum of the number of users and number of spatial streams per user, respectively, indicated in both HE-SIG-B content channels. (#8821) In case of full bandwidth DL MU-MIMO with PPDU bandwidth greater than 20 MHz, see 28.3.10.8.5 on further details on how the User fields are split between the two HE-SIG-B content channels.

In each HE-SIG-B content channel, the User fields are first ordered in the order of RUs (from lower frequency to higher frequency) as described by the RU Allocation field if the HE-SIG-B contains the Common field. If an RU has multiple User fields in an HE-SIG-B content channel, the User fields of the RU are ordered in the order of spatial stream index, from lower to higher spatial stream, as indicated in the Spatial Configuration field.(#8821) The STA-ID field in each User field indicates the intended recipient user of the corresponding spatial streams and the RU.

HE-LTF symbols in the DL HE MU PPDU are used to measure the channel for the space-time streams intended for the STA and can also be used to measure the channel for the interfering space-time streams. To successfully demodulate the space-time streams intended for the STA, it is recommended that the STA uses the channel knowledge for all space-time streams to reduce the effect of interfering space-time streams.

If a STA is included as a member of the MU-MIMO group in RU r, its corresponding *NSTS,r,u* contained in the User field in HE-SIG-B shall not be zero. If a STA finds that it is not a member of the MU-MIMO group in RU *r*, then the STA may elect not to process RU *r* in the remainder of the PPDU. (#8822)(#7509)

***------------- End Text Changes ---------------***