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Wireless LANs

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Abstract

This submission includes a proposed draft for an EHT Project Authorization Request, to initiate discussion.

R1: Version accepted as PAR baseline during November 2018 meeting

R2: Includes comments received and minor proposed modifications

R3: Minor editorial in section 8.1

# PAR

**P802.11**

**Submitter Email:**   
**Type of Project:** Amendment to IEEE Standard 802.11  
**PAR Request Date:** TBD  
**PAR Approval Date:   
PAR Expiration Date:   
Status:** Unapproved PAR, PAR for an amendment to an existing IEEE Standard

**1.1 Project Number:** P802.11tbd  
**1.2 Type of Document:** Standard   
**1.3 Life Cycle:** Full Use

**2.1 Title:** Standard for Information technology--Telecommunications and information exchange between systems Local and metropolitan area networks--Specific requirements Part 11: Wireless LAN Medium Access Control (MAC) and Physical Layer (PHY) Specifications-- Amendment: Enhancements for Extremely High Throughput (EHT)

**3.1 Working Group:** Wireless LAN Working Group (C/LM/WG802.11)   
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**4.1 Type of Ballot:** Individual  
**4.2 Expected Date of submission of draft to the IEEE-SA for Initial Sponsor Ballot:**July, 2022  
**4.3 Projected Completion Date for Submittal to RevCom:**March, 2023

**5.1 Approximate number of people expected to be actively involved in the development of this project:** 200

**5.2.a. Scope of the complete standard:** The scope of this standard is to define one medium access control (MAC) and several physical layer (PHY) specifications for wireless connectivity for fixed, portable, and moving stations (STAs) within a local area.

**5.2.b. Scope of the project:**

This amendment defines standardized modifications to both the 802.11 physical layers (PHY) and the 802.11 Medium Access Control Layer (MAC) that enable at least one mode of operation capable of supporting a maximum throughput of at least 30 Gbps, as measured at the MAC data service access point (SAP), with carrier frequency operation between 1 and 7.250 GHz while ensuring backward compatibility and coexistence with legacy IEEE802.11 devices in the 2.4 and 5 GHz unlicensed bands, and with IEEE802.11ax devices in the 6 GHz band.

**5.3 Is the completion of this standard dependent upon the completion of another standard:**

**5.4 Purpose:** The purpose of this standard is to provide wireless connectivity for fixed, portable, and moving stations within a local area. This standard also offers regulatory bodies a means of standardizing access to one or more frequency bands for the purpose of local area communication.

**5.5 Need for the Project:**

Wireless LAN (WLAN) continues its growth and is more and more important for providing wireless data services in many environments such as home, enterprise and hotspots.

In particular video traffic will continue to be the dominant type of traffic in many WLAN deployments. The throughput requirements of these applications are in constant evolution due to the emergence of 4k and 8k video. New high-throughput, low latency applications will proliferate such as virtual reality or augmented reality, gaming, remote office and cloud computing.

With the high throughput and stringent real-time delay requirements of these applications, users will expect enhanced throughput, enhanced reliability, reduced latency and jitter, and improved power efficiency in supporting their applications over WLAN.

This amendment aims at building on the current and emerging WLAN technologies by providing further improvement of aggregate throughput to ensure competitiveness of 802.11 in coming years.

**5.6 Stakeholders for the Standard:**Manufacturers and users of semiconductors, personal computers, enterprise networking devices, consumer electronic devices, home networking equipment, mobile devices, and cellular operators.

**Intellectual Property:  
6.1.a. Is the Sponsor aware of any copyright permissions needed for this project?: No**

**6.1.b. Is the Sponsor aware of possible registration activity related to this project?:** No

**7.1 Are there other standards or projects with a similar scope?:** No

**7.2 Joint Development**  
**Is it the intent to develop this document jointly with another organization?:** No  
  
**8.1 Additional Explanatory Notes (Item Number and Explanation)**

Item 5.2b:

The focus of this amendment is on WLAN indoor and outdoor operation with stationary and pedestrian speeds in the 2.4, 5 and 6 GHz frequency bands.

The main candidate features that have been discussed are:

* 320MHz bandwidth and more efficient utilization of non-contiguous spectrum,
* Multi-band/multi-channel aggregation and operation,
* 16 spatial streams and MIMO protocols enhancements,
* Multi-AP Coordination (e.g. coordinated and joint transmission),
* Enhanced link adaptation and retransmission protocol (e.g. HARQ),
* If needed, adaptation to regulatory rules specific to 6 GHz spectrum,
* Refinements of 802.11ax features.

**References:**

[1] Wi-Fi Alliance 2018 Wi-Fi predictions, <https://www.wi-fi.org/news-events/newsroom/wi-fi-alliance-publishes-2018-wi-fi-predictions>