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Abstract

This submission proposes resolutions for multiple comments related to TGax D4.0 with the following CIDs:

* 20052, 20186, 20640, 20650, 20651, 20655, 20659, 20660, 20764, 20816, 21597

Revisions:

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Interpretation of a Motion to Adopt

A motion to approve this submission means that the editing instructions and any changed or added material are actioned in the TGax Draft. This introduction is not part of the adopted material.

***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).***

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| **CID** | **PP** | **LL** | **Comment** | **Proposed Change** | **Resolution** |
| 20052 | 336 | 6 | The case of unassociated STA sending TB PPDU to the AP is covered in 26.5.5.5. Move the rules for unassociated STA TB PPDU to this clause so that they are all in one place. | At the beginning of this sub-clause add a sentence which says that rules for generating a TB PPDU by an unassociated non-AP STA are described in 26.5.5.5. Consolidate and move the content on P336L6 and P337L20 to 26.5.5.5. | Revised  TGax editor to make changes in 11-19/0750r0 under CID 20052 |
| 20186 | 336 | 6 | An unassociated non-AP STA shall not include more than one Management frame in the HE TB PPDU that is sent on an RA-RU allocated for unassociated STAs. | Nothing wrong with this paragraph, but it would be best to add a second paragraph stating rules for associated non-AP STA's behavior -- can include one or more Management frames but only one of them requires acknolwedgement. | Rejected  Discussion: there is no requirement for an unassociated STA to transmit one Management frame soliciting Ack and several Action No Ack frames. |
| ~~20187~~ | ~~337~~ | ~~24~~ | ~~In the scenario described in "If the associated non-AP STA has no frames pending or is unable to include pending frames in response to a Basic Trigger frame because the allocated resource is insufficient, then the associated non-AP STA shall include in the A-MPDU at least one QoS Null frame.", AP is lack of information to figure out minimum resource. AP can guess or allocate maximum resource but it incurrs overhead/delay to do it heuristically.~~ | ~~Introduce an explicit signaling mechanism to tell AP minimum resource, e.g. add an A-control field to specify current minimum buffer size. The non-AP STA can respond with this info in the QoS-null frame. AP would adjust resource allocation in next trigger frame immediately.~~ |  |
| ~~20500~~ | ~~338~~ | ~~12~~ | ~~As CID 16448 pointed out, the UPH is not well-defined. If a value of 3 is given for UPH at HE-MCS 7, does this mean that the tx power is 3 dB from the maximum that the PA can output for this HE-MCS, or does it mean that the power is 3 dB from where the transmitter thinks that EVM will be exceeded for this HE-MCS?~~ | ~~As it says in the comment; CID 16448 suggested to refine the meaning of "available power headroom" - with reference to what? To max PA power? To the point when TX EVM is expected to be exceeded? Or to what?~~ |  |
| 20640 | 337 | 28 | "A non-AP STA that responds to a BFRP Trigger frame addressed to it shall construct the A-MPDU carried in the HE TB PPDU as defined in Table 9-531 (A-MPDU contents MPDUs in the control response context), except that only HE Compressed Beamforming/CQI frames shall be allowed in the A-MPDU; other frames shall not be allowed in the A-MPDU." -- so it's not really the control response context rules at all | Change the cited text at the referenced location to "A non-AP STA that responds to a BFRP Trigger frame addressed to it shall not transmit frames other than HE Compressed Beamforming/CQI frames in its response." | Revised  Discussion: the commenter is right that the sounding feedback is not control response context. One option is to change Table 9-531 to allow only sonding feedback in an A-MPDU.  TGax editor to make changes in 11-19/0750r0 under CID 20640 |
| 20650 | 338 | 42 | "A non-AP STA shall not include a Control subfield with a Control ID subfield set to 15 in the HE variant HT Control field of the MPDUs carried in an HE TB PPDU." -- no justification for this | Delete the cited text at the referenced location | Rejected  Discussion: in HE TB PPDU, at least UPH Contrl field will be included if there is enough room. |
| 20651 | 335 | 57 | It is not clear what the UPH is reporting if there is also a OMI that is changing the NSTS/BW capabilities | At the end of the referenced paragraph add "If an MPDU includes both a UPH Control subfield and an OM Control subfield, the power headroom is determined based on the capabilities indicated in the OM Control subfield." | Rejected.  Discussion: the UPH Control field provides uplink power headroom for the current MCS. |
| 20655 | 338 | 28 | "A non-AP STA shall include an HE variant HT Control field containing the UPH Control subfield in the MPDUs carried in the A-MPDU of the HE TB PPDU unless one of the following apply:" is not clear as to whether it should be included in all MPDUs (except for the exceptions) or just some. The wording/grammar is also odd: "in the MPDUs unless [...] The MPDU si" | Change the para and bullets at the referenced location to "A non-AP STA shall include an HE variant HT Control field containing the UPH Control subfield in each MPDU carried in the A-MPDU of the HE TB PPDU except that: --- No UPH Control subfields are included when the remaining space in the A-MPDU, after inclusion of solicited MPDUs that cannot contain an HE variant HT Control field, is not sufficient to contain MPDU(s) that contain an HE variant HT Control field. --- No UPH Control subfield is included in an MPDU when other Control subfields are included in the HE variant HT Control field of that MPDU and the available space is not sufficient to contain a UPH Control subfield too. --- No UPH Control subfield is included in an MPDU that cannot contain an HE variant HT Control field." | Accepted |
| 20659 | 335 | 65 | "Otherwise, the non-AP STA is not required to include MPDUs in the A-MPDU." -- this is confusing | Add " (it includes only padding in the A-MPDU)" at the end of the sentence | Revised  Discussion: the commenter is right.  TGax editor to make changes in 11-19/0750r0 under CID 20659 |
| 20660 | 336 | 1 | "NOTE---The MU-RTS Trigger frame and the NFRP Trigger frame are exempt from these construction rules since the MU-RTS Trigger frame does not solicit an HE TB PPDU and the NFRP Trigger frame solicits an HE TB PPDU that does not carry an A-MPDU." -- it's not the TFs that are exempt, it's the response | Change the cited text to "NOTE---The responses to a MU-RTS Trigger frame and a NFRP Trigger frame are exempt from these construction rules since the  MU-RTS Trigger frame does not solicit an HE TB PPDU and the NFRP Trigger frame solicits an HE TB PPDU that does not carry an A-MPDU." At the start of the subclause change "A non-AP STA that receives a Trigger frame or a frame" to "A non-AP STA that receives a Trigger frame other than an MU-RTS Trigger frame or an NFRP Trigger frame or receives a frame" | Revised  Discussion: agree with the commenter.  TGax editor to make changes in 11-19/0750r0 under CID 20660 |
| 20764 | 336 | 48 | Re CID 16211: even though the resolution is shown as REJECTED, as far as I can tell it was basically accepted. Only one instance of "nonzero length" is now left | At 336.48 change "nonzero length MPDU delimiter" to "an MPDU delimiter" | Revised  Discussion: Instead of using MPDU delimiter non-EOF MPDU is used.  TGax editor to make changes in 11-19/0750r0 under CID 20764 |
| 20816 | 337 | 52 | 26.5.2 says " If a STA receives a BQRP Trigger frame aggregated with Control, Data and Management frames that solicits an acknowledgment, the response A-MPDU shall contain MPDUs in the order described in Table 9-531 (A-MPDU contents MPDUs in the control response context).", 26.5.3.6 says " If a non-AP STA receives a BSRP Trigger frame aggregated with Control, Data and Management frames that solicits an acknowledgment, the response A-MPDU shall contain MPDUs in the order described in Table 9-531 (A-MPDU contents MPDUs in the control response context).". However 26.5.3.4 says "A non-AP STA that responds to a BSRP or BQRP Trigger frame addressed to it shall construct the A-MPDU carried in the HE TB PPDU as defined in Table 9-529 (A-MPDU contents in the data enabled no immediate response context) with the exception that the A-MPDU does not contain QoS Data frames. The non-AP STA shall include in the A-MPDU at least one QoS Null frame." This is inconsistent (different tables) | Delete "shall construct the A-MPDU carried in the HE TB PPDU as defined in Table 9-529 (A-MPDU contents in the data enabled no immediate response context) with the exception that the A-MPDU does not contain QoS Data frames. The non-AP STA" in the cited text in 26.5.3.4. Also delete "non-AP" in the cited text in 26.5.3.6 | Revised  Discussion: the text related to Table 9-529 is required since it covers the case that the soliciting PPDU only carries a BSRP or BQRP Trigger. The text related to Table 9.531 is related to the case that the soliciting PPDU includes Control, Data and Management frame. The text in 26.5.2 (related to BQRP Trigger) and the text in 26.5.3.6 (related to BSRP Trigger) say different things. |
| 21597 | 336 | 6 | An unassociated non-AP STA shall not include more than one Management frame in the HE TB PPDU that is sent on an RA-RU allocated for unassociated STAs. | Nothing wrong with this paragraph, but it would be best to add a second paragraph stating rules for associated non-AP STA's behavior -- can include one or more Management frames but only one of them requires acknolwedgement. | Rejected  Discussion: there is no requirement for an unassociated STA to transmit one Management frame soliciting Ack and several Action No Ack frames. |
| ~~21598~~ | ~~337~~ | ~~24~~ | ~~In the scenario described in "If the associated non-AP STA has no frames pending or is unable to include pending frames in response to a Basic Trigger frame because the allocated resource is insufficient, then the associated non-AP STA shall include in the A-MPDU at least one QoS Null frame.", AP is lack of information to figure out minimum resource. AP can guess or allocate maximum resource but it incurrs overhead/delay to do it heuristically.~~ | ~~Introduce an explicit signaling mechanism to tell AP minimum resource, e.g. add an A-control field to specify current minimum buffer size. The non-AP STA can respond with this info in the QoS-null frame. AP would adjust resource allocation in next trigger frame immediately.~~ |  |

**9.7.3 A-MPDU contents**

***TGax editor: change Table 9-527—A-MPDU Contexts as follows:***

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| Name of Context | Definition of Context | Table defining  permitted contents |
| Non-HE Data Enabled Immediate Response | The A-MPDU is transmitted outside a PSMP sequence by a TXOP holder or an RD responder including potential immediate responses. | Table 9-528 (A-MPDU contents in the non-HE data enabled immediate response context) |
| Data Enabled No Immediate Response | The A-MPDU is transmitted outside a PSMP sequence by a TXOP holder, TXOP responder when transmitted by an HE STA to another HE STA, and the A-MPDU ~~that~~ does not include or solicit an immediate response.  See NOTE. | Table 9-529 (A-MPDU contents in the data enabled no immediate response context) |
| PSMP | The A-MPDU is transmitted within a PSMP sequence. | Table 9-530 (A-MPDU contents in the PSMP context) |
| Control/Sounding Response (#20640) | The A-MPDU is transmitted by a STA that is neither a TXOP holder nor an RD responder or the A-MPDU is transmitted by an HE AP in response to an HE TB PPDU and the transmitter ~~that~~ also needs to transmit one of the following immediate response frames:   * Ack * BlockAck frame with a TID for which an HT-immediate block ack agreement exists * Sounding feeaback (#20640) * Multi-STA BlockAck frame for acknowledging multi-TID A-MPDU | Table 9-531 (A-MPDU contents MPDUs in the control/sounding response context) (#20640) |
| S-MPDU context | The A-MPDU is transmitted within a VHT PPDU or an HE PPDU and contains an S-MPDU. | Table 9-532 (A-MPDU contents in the S-MPDU context) |
| HE Non-Ack-Enabled Single TID Immediate Response | The A-MPDU is transmitted by a TXOP holder or TXOP responder in an HE PPDU. | Table 9-532a (A-MPDU contents in the HE non-ack-enabled single TID immediate response context) |
| HE Ack-Enabled Single TID Immediate Response | The A-MPDU is transmitted by a TXOP holder or TXOP responder in an HE PPDU. | Table 9-532b (A-MPDU contents in the HE ack-enabled single TID immediate response context) |
| HE Non-Ack Enabled Multi-TID Immediate Response | The A-MPDU is transmitted by a TXOP holder or TXOP responder in an HE PPDU. | Table 9-532c (A-MPDU contents in the HE non-ack-enabled multi-TID immediate response context) |
| HE Ack-Enabled Multi-TID Immediate Response | The A-MPDU is transmitted by a TXOP holder or TXOP responder in an HE PPDU. | Table 9-532d (A-MPDU contents in the HE ack-enabled multi-TID immediate response context) |
| NOTE—This context includes cases when no response is generated or when a response is generated later by the operation of the delayed block ack rules. | | |

***TGax editor: Change “Table 9-531 (A-MPDU contents MPDUs in the control response context)” to “Table 9-531 (A-MPDU contents MPDUs in the control/sounding response context)(#20640)” through the draft***

**26.5.2.4 A-MPDU contents in an HE TB PPDU**

***TGax editor: change subclause 26.5.2.4 as follows:***

A non-AP STA that receives a Trigger frame other than one of the MU-RTS Trigger frame and the NFRP Trigger frame (#20660) or a frame that carries a TRS Control subfield and that transmits an HE TB PPDU response shall follow the A-MPDU padding procedure described in 26.6.3 (A-MPDU padding in an HE TB PPDU) and construct the A-MPDU carried in the HE TB PPDU as described below provided the AP allocates sufficient resources for the non-AP STA to include MPDU(s) in the A-MPDU. Otherwise, the non-AP STA is not required to construct the A-MPDU and transmit the HE TB PPDU response (#20659).

NOTE—The response to the MU-RTS Trigger frame and the NFRP Trigger frame are exempt from these construction rules since the MU-RTS Trigger frame does not solicit an HE TB PPDU and the NFRP Trigger frame solicits an HE TB PPDU that does not carry an A-MPDU.

The generation of A-MPDU in a TB PPDU by an unassociated non-AP STA is described in 26.5.5.5 (#20052)A non-AP STA that responds to a DL MU PPDU containing MPDU(s) addressed to it that include TRS Control subfield(s) follows the rules defined in 10.3.2.9 (Ack procedure) for generating the Ack frame, the rules defined in 10.24.7.5 (Generation and transmission of BlockAck frames by an HT STA or DMG STA) for generating the BlockAck frame, and the rules defined in 26.4 (HE acknowledgment procedure) for generating the Multi-STA BlockAck frame if at least one of the received MPDUs solicits an immediate acknowledgment. The contents of the A-MPDU carried in the HE TB PPDU shall be as defined in:

* Table 9-531 (A-MPDU contents MPDUs in the control response context) if at least one of the received MPDUs solicits an immediate acknowledgment.
* Table 9-529 (A-MPDU contents in the data enabled no immediate response context) with the exception that the A-MPDU does not contain QoS Data frames, if none of the received MPDUs solicit an immediate acknowledgment.

NOTE 1—The non-AP STA additionally follows the rules in 26.3.2 (Dynamic fragmentation) if fragments are present in the soliciting A-MPDU.

NOTE 2—An AP might transmit an HE MU PPDU with an RU allocated to STA-ID 2045 with an A-MPDU that includes a Management frame addressed to an unassociated non-AP STA, that solicits an acknowledgment and that carries a TRS Control subfield. The TRS Control subfield allocates resources for the unassociated non-AP STA to respond with an HE TB PPDU that carries the acknowledgment.

An associated non-AP STA that responds to a Basic Trigger frame addressed to it shall construct the A-MPDU carried in the HE TB PPDU as defined in the following:

* Table 9-531 (A-MPDU contents MPDUs in the control response context), if the Trigger frame is contained in an A-MPDU and the non-AP STA receives at least one other MPDU that solicits an immediate acknowledgment.
* Table 9-529 (A-MPDU contents in the data enabled no immediate response context) with the exception that the A-MPDU does not contain QoS Data frames, if the Trigger frame is either not carried in an A-MPDU or is carried in an A-MPDU but the non-AP STA receives no other MPDUs that solicit an immediate acknowledgment.
* Table 9-532a (A-MPDU contents in the HE non-ack-enabled single TID immediate response context) or Table 9-532c (A-MPDU contents in the HE non-ack-enabled multi-TID immediate response context) if the TID Aggregation Limit field of the User Info field addressed to the non-AP STA in the Trigger frame is greater than 0 and the non-AP STA intends to carry one or more non-EOF MPDUs (see 10.13 (A-MPDU operation) and 26.6.4.3 (Non-ack-enabled multi-TID A-MPDU operation)(#21543)). The A-MPDU is subject to the following restrictions: (#20764)
* It shall contain a control response frame if the non-AP STA received at least one other MPDU that solicits an immediate acknowledgment.
* The number of TIDs present in the A-MPDU shall count towards reaching the TID aggregation limit indicated by the TID Aggregation Limit field of the User Info field addressed to the non-AP STA in the Trigger frame.
* Table 9-532b (A-MPDU contents in the HE ack-enabled single TID immediate response context) or Table 9-532d (A-MPDU contents in the HE ack-enabled multi-TID immediate response context) if the TID Aggregation Limit field of the User Info field addressed to the non-AP STA in the Trigger frame is greater than 0 and the non-AP STA intends to carry an ack-enabled A-MPDU (see 26.6.4.1 (General) and 26.6.4.4 (Ack-enabled multi-TID A-MPDU operation). The A-MPDU is subject to the following restrictions:
* It shall contain a control response frame if the non-AP STA receives at least another MPDU that solicits an immediate acknowledgment.
* The number of TIDs present in the A-MPDU, in either QoS Data or BlockAckReq frames, shall count towards reaching the TID aggregation limit that is obtained from the TID Aggregation Limit field of the User Info field addressed to the non-AP STA in the Trigger frame.

An associated non-AP STA that responds to a Basic Trigger frame with a User Info field addressed to it and where the TID Aggregation Limit field of the User Info field is greater than 0 may construct the A-MPDU carried in the HE TB PPDU as defined in Table 9-429 (A-MPDU contents in the S-MPDU context):

* It shall be a control response frame if the non-AP STA received at least one other MPDU that solicits an immediate acknowledgment.
* If the MPDU is a Multi-TID BlockAckReq frame then the number of TIDs present in the Multi-TID BlockAckReq frame shall not exceed the TID aggregation limit indicated by the TID Aggregation Limit field of the User Info field addressed to the non-AP STA in the Trigger frame.

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If the associated non-AP STA has no frames pending or is unable to include pending frames in response to a Basic Trigger frame because the allocated resource is insufficient, then the associated non-AP STA shall include in the A-MPDU at least one QoS Null frame.

A non-AP STA that responds to a BFRP Trigger frame addressed to it shall construct the A-MPDU carried in the HE TB PPDU as defined in Table 9-531 (A-MPDU contents MPDUs in the control response context), except that only HE Compressed Beamforming/CQI frames shall be allowed in the A-MPDU; other frames shall not be allowed in the A-MPDU. The non-AP STA includes at least one HE Compressed Beamforming/CQI frame in the A-MPDU as defined in 26.7 (HE sounding protocol).

NOTE—It is not always possible to fragment an HE compressed beamforming/CQI report (see 26.7.4 (Rules for generating segmented feedback)). If the length is insufficient to contain the HE compressed beamforming/CQI report requested by a BFRP Trigger frame, no feedback is sent.

A non-AP STA that responds to an MU-BAR Trigger frame addressed to it shall construct the A-MPDU carried in the HE TB PPDU as defined in Table 9-531 (A-MPDU contents MPDUs in the control response context). The non-AP STA includes either a BlockAck frame or a Multi-STA BlockAck frame in the A-MPDU as defined in 26.4 (HE acknowledgment procedure).

A non-AP STA that responds to a GCR MU-BAR Trigger frame addressed to it shall construct the A-MPDU carried in the HE TB PPDU as defined in Table 9-531 (A-MPDU contents MPDUs in the control response context). The non-AP STA includes a GCR BlockAck frame in the A-MPDU as defined in 10.24.10 (GCR and GLK-GCR block ack).

A non-AP STA that responds to a BSRP or BQRP Trigger frame addressed to it shall construct the A-MPDU carried in the HE TB PPDU as defined in Table 9-529 (A-MPDU contents in the data enabled no immediate response context) with the exception that the A-MPDU does not contain QoS Data frames. The non-AP STA shall include in the A-MPDU at least one QoS Null frame.

NOTE 1—The frame type of MPDUs may be different across A-MPDUs within the same HE TB PPDU.

NOTE 2—A non-AP STA follows the rules in 26.6.4 (Multi-TID A-MPDU and ack-enabled A-MPDU) for aggregating the QoS Data frames with multiple TIDs in HE TB PPDUs.

A non-AP STA may set the dot11HEUPHControlActivated to false if the most recent OM Control field sent (if any) to the AP had the UL MU Disable field equal to 1; otherwise, the non-AP STA shall set the dot11HEUPHControlActivated to true.

A non-AP STA with dot11HEUPHControlActivated equal to true that is scheduled in a Trigger frame or is the intended receiver of an TRS Control subfield transmits the dB value of its UL power headroom, *HRSTA*, in the UPH Control subfield of MPDUs carried in the HE TB PPDU sent in response to assist in the AP's MCS selection. The UL power headroom for the assigned MCS is defined in Equation (26-2).



where

 represents the maximum UL transmit power of an HE TB PPDU with the assigned MCS after considering hardware capability, regulatory requirements and local maximum transmit power levels (see 11.8.5 (Specification of regulatory and local maximum transmit power levels)), as well as non-802.11 in-device coexistence requirements

 represents the current UL transmit power of the HE TB PPDU for the assigned MCS, which is determined by power control and subject to the non-AP STA's capabilities and other requirements as defined in 27.3.14.2 (Power pre-correction)

*HRSTA* is the UL headroom, in dB, of the HE TB PPDU, the encoding of which is specified in 9.2.4.6a.5 (UPH Control).

NOTE—If the Minimum Transmit Power Flag subfield in the UPH Control subfield is 1, then the non-AP STA is transmitting the HE TB PPDU at its minimum  for the assigned MCS.

A non-AP STA shall include an HE variant HT Control field containing the UPH Control subfield in the MPDUs carried in the A-MPDU of the HE TB PPDU unless one of the following apply:

* The remaining space in the A-MPDU, after inclusion of solicited MPDUs that cannot contain an HE variant HT Control field, is not sufficient to contain MPDU(s) that contain an HE variant HT Control field.
* The non-AP STA includes other Control fields in the HE variant HT Control field and the available space in the HE variant HT Control field is not sufficient to contain an additional UPH Control subfield.
* The MPDU is a Control frame.

A non-AP STA shall not include a Control subfield with a Control ID subfield set to 15 in the HE variant HT Control field of the MPDUs carried in an HE TB PPDU.

**26.5.4 UL OFDMA-based random access (UORA)**

**26.5.4.1 General**

***TGax editor: add the following text at the end of 26.5.4.1:***

An unassociated non-AP STA shall not include more than one Management frame in the HE TB PPDU that is sent on an RA-RU allocated for unassociated STAs.(#20052)

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