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Abstract

This document contains the PHY ad hoc meeting minutes for TGbe teleconferences held on:

* April 06, 2020
* April 09, 2020

**Monday April 06th, 2020 10:00 – 13:00 ET**

**Introduction**

1. The Chair (Sigurd Schelstraete, Quantenna/ON Semiconductor) calls the meeting to order at 10:00am ET.
2. The Chair follows the agenda in 11-20/0425r17
3. The Chair goes through the IPR policy and asks if anyone is aware of any potentially essential patents. Nobody speaks up.
4. The Chair reminds everyone to report their attendance by using imat online tool <https://imat.ieee.org/802.11/attendance-log?d=04/06/2020&p=3031000005&t=47200043>
or sending an e-mail to the Co-chair, Tianyu Wu (Apple) or the Chair himself.
5. Discussions on the agenda. Planned presentation list for today:
	* [524r2](https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/20/11-20-0524-02-00be-signaling-of-preamble-puncturing-in-su-transmission.pptx) Signaling-of-preamble-puncturing-in-su-transmission (Dongguk Lim)
	* [483r2](https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/20/11-20-0483-02-00be-preamble-puncturing-for-ppdus-transmitted-to-multiple-stas.pptx) Preamble Puncturing for PPDUs Transmitted to Multiple STAs (Oded Redlich)
	* [545r0](https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/20/11-20-0545-00-00be-multi-segment-eht-sig-design-discussion.pptx) Multi-segment EHT-SIG design discussion (Ross Yu)
	* [575r0](https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/20/11-20-0575-00-00be-self-contained-signaling-for-e-sig.pptx) Self Contained Signaling for E-SIG (Ron Porat)
	* [578r0](https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/20/11-20-0578-00-00be-on-ru-allocation-singling-in-eht-sig.pptx) On RU Allocation Singling in EHT-SIG (Jianhan Liu)
	* StrawPolls on preamble, multi-RU allocation (439, 380, 285, 524, 373, 402, 483, 545, 575)
	* Remaining Straw Polls (020 etc)
	* [479r0](https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/20/11-20-0479-00-00be-240-mhz-channelization.pptx) 240 MHz channelization (Sigurd Schelstraete)
	* [456r0](https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/20/11-20-0456-00-00be-tx-evm-requirement-for-4k-qam.pptx) Tx EVM Requirement for 4k QAM (Qinghua Li)
	* [480r0](https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/20/11-20-0480-00-00be-4096-qam-straw-polls.pptx) 4096 QAM Straw Polls (Sigurd Schelstraete)

**Attendance**

The following people recorded their attendance for this call:

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Ciochina, Dana Sony Corporation
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Doostnejad, Roya Intel Corporation
Duan, Ruchen SAMSUNG
ElSherif, Ahmed Qualcomm Incorporated
Erceg, Vinko Broadcom Corporation
Guo, Qiang Futurewei Technologies
Handte, Thomas Sony Corporation
Hu, Mengshi HUAWEI
Ji, Chenhe Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd
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Jones, Vincent Knowles IV Qualcomm Incorporated
Kasher, Assaf Qualcomm Incorporated
Kedem, Oren 101 Consulting Corporation
Kim, Myeong-Jin SAMSUNG
Kim, Sanghyun WILUS Inc
Kim, Youhan Qualcomm Incorporated
Lalam, Massinissa SAGEMCOM BROADBAND SAS
Lee, Wookbong SAMSUNG
Levitsky, Ilya IITP RAS
Li, Qinghua Intel Corporation
Liang, dandan Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd
Lim, Dong Guk LG ELECTRONICS
Lin, Wei Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd
LIU, CHENCHEN Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd
Liu, Jianhan MediaTek Inc.
Lopez, Miguel Ericsson AB
Lou, Hanqing InterDigital, Inc.
Lv, Lily Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd
MELZER, Ezer Toga Networks, a Huawei company
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Pare, Thomas MediaTek Inc.
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PESIN, ANTHONY InterDigital, Inc.
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SUH, JUNG HOON Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd
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Tian, Bin Qualcomm Incorporated
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Yu, Mao NXP Semiconductors
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**New Submissions**

1. **11-20-0524r2 – Signalling of preamble puncturing in SU transmission –** Dongguk Lim (LG)

**Summary:** Proposed 3 options for signalling of preamble puncturing in SU transmission, including using BW field, BW + preamble puncturing pattern field and preamble puncturing information field.

**Discussion:**

C: Option 2 and 3 have too much overhead for preamble.

C: Signalling of preamble puncturing for SU and OFDMA case should be the same.

C: In option3, simple bitmap seems good enough.

SP deferred for discussion of other contributions on the same topic.

1. **11-20-0483r2 – Preamble Puncturing for PPDUs Transmitted to Multiple STAs –** Oded Redlich (Huawei)

**Summary:** Proposed 2 options of preamble puncturing for OFDMA case including option to cover majority of puncturing cases in an 80MHz and option to cover all possible puncturing cases.

**Discussion:**

C: This presentation reopen many area that we already have conclusion before. For example require processing of 160MHz. We already passed SP on only require to process 80MHz.

A: We believe it’s a good tradeoff to support more useful cases.

C: For slide7, we already spend a lot of time discussing the modes such as having 2 holes in 80MHz. It’s not a right balance of implementation complexity and benefit.

A: We discussed for SU PPDU but not OFDMA case. OFDMA case is totally different story. I agree with you in SU PPDU case.

C: For the 2 holes case in 80MHz, it’s ok you don’t assign any user on two channels, but you still need to keep the preamble in these channels. You are trying to increase the preamble puncturing modes for OFDMA case. The group is trying to limit the OFDMA puncturing modes which is a subset of non-OFDMA case.

A: With option 1, it’s totally aligned with passed SPs. Option 2 provide better tradeoff but we can go with option1.

A: If no allocation in a 20MHz, why need to send the preamble instead of release the channel for others.

SP deferred for discussion of other contributions on the same topic.

1. **11-20-0545r0 – Preamble Puncturing for PPDUs Transmitted to Multiple STAs –** Oded Redlich (Huawei)

**Summary:** Presented overhead analysis, application scenarios and some suggestions for multi-segment EHT-SIG.

**Discussion:**

C: Why limit SST in TWT? If MAC guys think there will be difficulty, they will limit it. PHY don’t need to add this limitation.

A: We do find some issues in MAC for STA parking on different 80MHz channels. We also mention other scenarios TBD which keep it open for MAC guys’ design.

C: I have different understanding of 11ax SST device. In 11ax, it’s not mandatory for SST devices to exit secondary channels after TWT SP. AP will not send to SST STA on primary channel even outside TWT SP.

SP deferred for discussion of other contributions on the same topic.

**Straw Polls**

1. **SPs from 380r0**

SP#1

* **Do you agree with allowing information in U-SIG to vary from one 80MHz to the next in an EHT PPDU of bandwidth >80MHz?**
	+ **Notes**
		- **Each STA still needs to decode only one 80MHz segment in U-SIG**
		- **Within each 80MHz, U-SIG is still duplicated in every non-punctured 20MHz**

**Discussion for SP1:**

C: This SP requires some STA park on different 80MHz segments?

A: No, this is general SP just talking about allowing the U-SIG content vary on different 80MHz segments.

C: If all the STAs park on the primary 80MHz, I see no reason to have different U-SIG content for different 80MHz.

A: If every STA park on primary 80, you can use same U-SIG content.

C: If one STA park on secondary 80, can it know the puncturing on other 80Mhz?

A: Yes, it can. You can convey puncturing of other 80Mhz on your 80MHz. But this is not the focus of this SP.

SP result: Y/N/A: 25/ 15/15

1. **SPs from 439r0**

SP#2

* **Do you agree that EHT-SIG may carry different content in each 80MHz?**
	+ **For PPDU BW larger than 80MHz.**
	+ **SST operation using TWT is one applicable scenario, other scenarios are TBD.**

**Discussion for SP2:**

C: Need more discussion from MAC point of view.

C: Suggest to say “may carry” and add “example SST operation”

C: I have similar SP, can you defer this SP?

A: Disagree to defer because of some design details.

SP result: Y/N/A: 35/ 15/10

SP#2-1

* **Do you agree that EHT-SIG may carry different content in each 80MHz?**
	+ **For PPDU BW larger than 80MHz.**

SP result: Y/N/A: 33/ 21/4

1. **Back to SP from 380r0**

SP#1-1

* **Do you agree with allowing information in U-SIG to vary from one 80MHz to the next in an EHT PPDU of bandwidth >80MHz?**
	+ **Notes**
		- **Each STA still needs to decode only one 80MHz segment in U-SIG**
		- **Within each 80MHz, U-SIG is still duplicated in every non-punctured 20MHz**
		- **SST operation using TWT is one potential applicable scenario, other scenarios are TBD (Needs MAC discussion).**

**Discussion for SP1-1:**

C: This should include MAC discussion.

A: Let’s change to “potential scenario”

C: I don’t like different version of “U-SIG” for SST case and other cases.

A: It’s only one version. You may have different content in some scenarios.

SP result: Y/N/A: 34/ 8/16

1. **SP from 545r0**

SP#3

* **Do you agree that the following indication shall be the same considering symbol alignment within each segment from PHY point of view, if the fields are present in U-SIG:**
	+ **Number of EHT-SIG symbols**
	+ **GI+EHT-LTF Size**
	+ **Number of EHT-LTF symbols**
	+ **PE related parameters**

**Discussion for SP3:**

C: I against to SP for the details when EHT-SIG is not defined.

C: Change to “shall be the same” if these fields present.

SP result: Y/N/A: 40/ 6/12

1. **SP from 402r0**

SP#4

* **Do you agree to have at least one EHT PPDU format that has only one EHT-SIG symbol with MCS 0?**
	+ **The EHT PPDU is intended to single user only**

**Discussion for SP4:**

C: We don’t know the content yet. Hard to determine whether it can fit into one EHT-SIG symbol.

C: It’s good to have one symbol with MCS0 but we can’t guarantee it for now.

A: I will defer this SP.

SP deferred for more discussion.

1. **SP from 524r2**

SP#5

* **Do you agree that EHT-SIG field included in EHT-PPDU sent to a single user is duplicated per 20MHz in BW?**

**Discussion for SP5:**

C: For 160MHz BW, EHT-SIG is repeated 8 times and 320MHz rep 16 times?

A: Yes.

C: Two content channels is more efficient. This SP is killing the efficiency which is opposite direction of the passed SP.

A: Two content channel carry same information for PPDU sent to a single user.

C: This is still pre-mature. Should check the design first.

SP result: Y/N/A: 12/ 29/17

1. **SP from 285r4**

SP#6

* **Do you support following in 11be?**
	+ **Preamble of primary 20MHz channel shall not be punctured in any PPDU (Except TB PPDU)**

**Discussion for SP5:**

C: TB PPDU may not have any STA send in primary channel. The SP text is not accurate.

C: Propose to add “except TB PPDU”

SP result: Y/N/A: 45/ 1/10

SP#7

* **Do you agree to have STA-ID related information in the EHT PPDU preamble sent to a single user and multiple users?** **TB PPDU is TBD.**

**Discussion for SP5:**

C: EHT PPDU include MAC header. Do you mean in PHY header?

A: Yes.

C: TB PPDU may not include STA-ID. Please add TB PPDU TBD.

SP result: Y/N/A: 42/ 2/13

**Adjourn**

The meeting is adjourned at 13:00 ET

**Thursdy April 09th, 2020 19:00 – 22:00 ET**

**Introduction**

1. The Chair (Sigurd Schelstraete, Quantenna/ON Semiconductor) calls the meeting to order at 19:00 ET.
2. The Chair follows the agenda in 11-20/0425r21
3. The Chair goes through the IPR policy and asks if anyone is aware of any potentially essential patents. Nobody speaks up.
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or sending an e-mail to the Co-chair, Tianyu Wu (Apple) or the Chair himself.
5. Discussions on the agenda. Planned presentation list for today:
	1. Remaining SPs on BW/preamble puncturing
	2. New submissions on SIG fields.

**Attendance**

The following people recorded their attendance for this call:

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Kim, Youhan Qualcomm Incorporated
Ko, Geonjung WILUS Inc.
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Li, Qinghua Intel Corporation
Liang, dandan Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd
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LIU, CHENCHEN Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd
Liu, Jianhan MediaTek Inc.
Lou, Hanqing InterDigital, Inc.
Lv, Lily Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd
Merlin, Simone Qualcomm Incorporated
Minotani, Jun Panasonic Corporation
Nakano, Takayuki Panasonic Corporation
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Uln, Kiran Cypress Semiconductor Corporation
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Vermani, Sameer Qualcomm Incorporated
Ward, Lisa Rohde & Schwarz
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Yang, Steve TS MediaTek Inc.
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**Straw Polls**

1. **SPs from 483r2**

SP#1: SP1 in 483r2

* **Do you agree to allow puncturing structure 1001 in a given 80MHz segment for OFDMA PPDUs transmitted to STAs operating at BW>=80MHz?**
	+ **Assuming 2 content channels are used**
	+ **Puncturing signaling may be different for different 80MHz channels**
	+ **In 802.11ax in such cases the BW drops to 20MHz**

**Discussion for SP:**

C: This is a rare pattern, not very useful. Add more complexity for more modes.

A: Disagree. In real life deployment we see OBSS in any 20MHz channel. Particular this pattern is very useful.

C: Why not change primary channel to solve the problem.

A: We should be more flexible that primary can be any location.

C: This is not about primary. This SP is for any 80MHz segment.

C: With 6GHz band, we have so many channels. Better to change a channel.

A: This puncture mode is not only for 6GHz band but also for 5GHz band. In some region, there may have less available channels.

SP result: Y/N/A: 31/ 13/16

SP#2: SP2 in 483r2

* **Do you agree to allow puncturing structure 1010 in a given 80MHz segment for OFDMA PPDUs transmitted to STAs operating at BW>=80MHz?**
	+ **Assuming 2 content channels are used (Signaling TBD)**
	+ **Puncturing signaling may be different for different 80MHz channels**
	+ **In 802.11ax in such cases the BW drops to 20MHz**

**Discussion for SP:**

C: The signalling has some problem. It’s no longer transparent to STA.

A: We can add signalling TBD.

C: ACI is a problem. There may be leakage from both punctured channel so the 3rd 20MHz performance may have some problem.

A: May not allocated on both punctured channels. And you may not need to assign payload to the 3rd 20MHz.

C: I prefer defer this SP until we have design for signaling.

C: If EHT-SIG for each 80MHz are the same, there will be some information missing if both 2nd and 4th channels are punctured.

A: We mentioned 2 content channels are used.

C: Then you propose to shifting the content channel 2?

A: It’s TBD.

A: One idea can be put all signaling information to one content channel. Or you can change the order.

SP result: Y/N/A: 17/ 34/9

SP#3: SP3 in 483r2

* **Do you agree that U-SIG may include puncturing signaling/info about both 80MHz channels within each 160MHz channel?**
	+ **Will be used only by devices that can decode pre-EHT on 160MHz**
	+ **Will NOT affect the operation of STAs that decode pre-EHT on 80MHz**
	+ **Applicable for BW=160,320MHz. For BW=240MHz applicable for P160 only**
	+ **Signaling content is TBD**

**Discussion for SP:**

C: In U-SIG, should only tell where to find the EHT-SIG content channel. Indicate the RU allocation in EHT-SIG.

C: This is against a passed SP since this requires decode of whole 160MHz.

A: That SP is marginally passed.

C: What about we have new puncture modes in the future, do you need to indicate all possible pattern in U-SIG?

A: U-SIG have version dependent info. You can extend in version dependent info in the future.

C: Why not either indicate 80MHz pattern or the whole 320MHz pattern?

A: In dense environment, 320MHz STA is likely not be used.

C: We did not see 320MHz channel yet, how can you conclude most likely no 320MHz STA?

A: If you are in dense environment, it’s hard to find 320MHz. In sparse environment, you may not need to puncture.

C: The motivation is if one of the 80MHz has some content channel missing, content channel from the other 80MHz can be used. What about 80MHz device with only one content channel?

A: The motivation is to help 160MHz device better utilize the channel.

SP result: Y/N/A: 16/ 30/10

1. **SPs from 285r4**

SP#4: SP2 from 285r4

* **Do you support that U-SIG in each 80MHz shall carry puncturing channel info for at-least the specific 80MHz where it is transmitted?**
	+ **~~Note1: Each STA needs to decode U-SIG in only one 80MHz segment~~**
	+ **Note~~2~~: Within each 80MHz segment, U-SIG is duplicated in every non-punctured 20MHz**
	+ **Whether BW/Puncturing info can be different for different 80MHz is TBD**
	+ **Whether BW and puncturing info ~~bits~~ in U-SIG are carried as a combined or a separate field is TBD**

**Discussion for SP:**

C: This SP is to exclude using EHT-SIG to carry puncturing channel?

A: No. If BW and puncturing info bits are separate, there can be some information in the EHT-SIG.

C: Delete “bits” in last sentence.

C: Can you delete note 1 since it is already covered by another SP.

A: Ok.

SP result: Y/N/A: 42/9/6

1. **SPs from 524r2**

SP#5: SP2 from 285r4

* **Do you agree that a subfield ~~which is not the BW field~~ for preamble puncturing pattern information separate from the BW field is included in U-SIG and/or EHT-SIG for the 11be PPDU transmitted to a single user?**

**Discussion for SP:**

C: Can you defer the SP since it excluded one single option.

C: Can you remove “**which is not the BW field**”?

C: Change to “separate from the BW field”?

C: “/” is not clear. Use “and /or”

C: This SP exclude the option with least signalling overhead (Option 1 in the contribution).

A: Option 1 will use more bits in version independent field which is more precious. Option 2 is more flexible for future wifi.

SP result: Y/N/A: 36/4/14

SP#6: SP3 from 285r4

* **Which option do you prefer to configure the preamble puncturing information for transmission to a single user?**
	+ **Approach. 1 : ~~BW field + puncturing pattern bits~~ BW field includes some puncturing information**
	+ **Approach. 2 : ~~only puncturing pattern bits~~ BW field doesn’t include puncturing information. Puncturing information is a separate field.**
	+ **Abs**

**Discussion for SP:**

C: The first approach is using BW field to include some high-level puncturing information and more information in another puncturing pattern field. The second approach is BW field only signal BW, no puncturing information.

C: Is this for SU transmission?

A: Yes. Add “for transmission to a single user”.

A: Approach 1 is similar to 11ax, BW field also include some puncture information.

C: Clarify approach 2 as “BW field doesn’t include puncturing information. Puncturing information is a separate field.”, approach 1 as “BW field includes some puncturing information”

SP result: Y/N/A: 17/30/10

**New Submissions**

1. **11-20-0575r0 – Self Contained Signaling for E-SIG –** Ron Porat (Broadcom)

**Summary:** Proposed self-contained EHT-SIG in which RU tables are removed from common field. An RU allocation table similar to Trigger frame is added to user field.

**Discussion:**

C: On slide 6, do you assume some bits shared by users?

A: Yes. CRC + Tail bits.

C: If each user have 10 bits for RU allocation. Our results show 4-8 users should be break even point, but your results shows 13.

A: Per common field have 102 bits, each user field have 16 more bits. 13 is the result for 2 common fields on 2 content channels.

C: For OFDMA + MU-MIMO case, the difference will be larger.

A: Will check.

SP deferred for discussion of other contributions on the same topic.

1. **11-20-0578r0 – On RU Allocation Singling in EHT-SIG –** Jianhan Liu (Mediatek)

**Summary:** Proposed HE-SIG-B based RU signalling method. Introduced a RU allocation table organized by RU size and enabled flexible RU signalling combined with per 80MHz EHT-SIG structure.

**Discussion:**

C: Need some time study the tradeoff for the two directions.

SP deferred for discussion of other contributions on the same topic.

**Adjourn**

The meeting is adjourned at 22:00 ET