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Abstract

Spec text proposal for 11be D0.4 related to motions on AP assisted non-TB transmission procedures.

Revisions

* Rev 0: Initial version.

**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 TGbe Draft. The introduction and the explanation of the proposed changes are not part of the adopted material.

Editing instructions formatted like this are intended to be copied into the TGbe Draft (i.e. they are instructions to the 802.11 editor on how to merge the text with the baseline documents).

**This document proposes spec text contribution for the following motions that passed in 11be:**

The 802.11be amendment shall define mechanism(s) for an AP to assist a STA that communicates with another STA.

[Motion 22, [9] and [153]]

802.11be supports defining a procedure for an AP to share time resource obtained in a TXOP for peer to peer (STA-TO-STA) frame exchanges.

• Whether it is in R1 or R2 is TBD.

[Motion 111, #SP0611-24, [19] and [154]]

In R1, 802.11be shall define a mechanism for an AP to transmit a modified MU-RTS Trigger frame that allocates time within a TXOP for transmitting one or more non-TB PPDUs.

• The time allocation starts after the end of transmission of the MU-RTS frame.

• It is TBD whether the AP can optionally not solicit CTS.

• This is an optional mechanism for non-AP and AP STAs.

NOTE – The non-TB PPDUs may be transmitted by the non-AP STA to AP or to a peer of a peer-to-peer link.

[Motion 146, #SP354, [30] and [158]]

**Discussion:**

We have following main additions beyond whats covered in the motions:

1. Use the term “TXOP sharing TF” to refer to the modified MU-RTS frame that carries signalling for Triggered non-TB PPDU transmissions.
2. Clarify that some subfield in the Common Info field is used to differentiate the TS-TF from baseline MU-RTS frame. The motivation is to let all EHT non-AP STAs identify early on that this TF is not Mu-RTS frame.
3. Define the MIB variable and the field used in Capabilities to be used to signal support for this feature.

**Proposed spec text:**

***TGbe editor: Add the following paragraph starting in P129L49 of 11ax draft 7.0 as follows:***

**9.3.1.22.5 MU-RTS Trigger frame format**

The TBD subfield in the Common Info field is set to a TBD non-zero value to signal an MU-RTS Trigger frame that allocates time within an obtained TXOP to a non-AP STA for transmitting one or more non-TB PPDUs sequentially (see 35.2.1.3 Triggered TxOP sharing procedure); it is set to 0 otherwise. (Motion 146, #SP354)

An MU-RTS Trigger frame with the TBD field set to 1 is called a TXOP Sharing Trigger frame (TS-TF) for the remainder of this subclause.

A TBD field in the TS Trigger frame indicates the TXOP duration allocated to the non-AP STA.

***TGbe editor: Insert the new subclause 35.2.1.3 Triggered TxOP sharing procedure as follows:***

**35.2.1.3 Triggered TxOP sharing procedure (Motion 146, #SP354, Motion 111, #SP0611-24, Motion 22)**

**35.2.1.3.1 General**

The Triggered TxOP sharingprocedure allows an AP to allocate a portion of the TXOP within an obtained TXOP to a non-AP STA for transmitting one or more non-TB PPDUs.

A STA with dot11TxopSharingTFOptionImplemented equal to true shall set the Triggered TXOP Sharing Support subfield in EHT Capabilities element to 1; otherwise, it shall set the subfield to 0.

An MU-RTS Trigger frame with the TBD field set to 1 is called a TXOP Sharing Trigger frame (TS-TF) for the remainder of this subclause.

**35.2.1.3.2 AP behaviour**

An AP may allocate time within an obtained TXOP to a non-AP STA by transmitting a TS Trigger frame as defined in 9.3.1.22.5 (MU-RTS Trigger frame format)parametrized as follows:

* The Trigger frame has one User Info field that is addressed to the non-AP STA. The User Info field is addressed to a non-AP STA if the AID12 subfield is equal to the 12 LSBs of the AID of the STA and the Trigger frame is sent by the AP with which the non-AP STA is associated.

An AP shall not send a TS Trigger frame to a non-AP STA from which it has not received an EHT Capabilities element with TBD subfield set to 1.

It is TBD whether the AP can optionally not solicit CTS as response to the TS Trigger frame.

**35.2.1.3.2 Non-AP STA behaviour**

After a non-AP STA receives a TS Trigger frame from its associated AP containing a User Info field with the AID12 subfield value matching the AID of the STA, the STA shall transmit one or more non-TB PPDUs within the time allocation signaled in the TBD field of the TS Trigger frame. The time allocation starts after the end of transmission of the TS Trigger frame. The first frame in the exchange is a CTS frame if solicited by the AP.

NOTE – The non-TB PPDUs may be transmitted by the non-AP STA to its associated AP or to a peer of a peer-to-peer link.

**Straw Poll: Do you support to incorporate the proposed draft text in this document 11-21/87r0, to the next revision of TGbe Draft 0.3?**

**Result: Yes/No/Abstain**