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Abstract

This submission proposes CR for 7 CIDs: 19164, 19266, 19422, 19953, 20052, 20053, 20077 (LB275)

Revisions:

* Rev 0: Initial version of the document.

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. This introduction is 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).***

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| **CID** | **Commenter** | **Pg/Ln** | **Section** | **Comment** | **Proposed Change** | **Resolution** |
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| 19164 | Tomoko Adachi | 528.50 | 35.3.7.5.2 | With the condition "When an AP MLD advertises that a link is disabled for all associated non-AP MLDs,", I read that legacy STAs can be still on that link.  By saying "The AP affiliated with an AP MLD that is operating on that link shall not transmit any frame to any of the non-AP STAs affiliated with its associated non-AP MLD (see 35.3.7.2.1 (General)).", broadcast frames whose intended recipients including the legacy STAs cannot be also transmitted by this statement.  If the intent is that the link disablement also includes disassociation of legacy non-MLO STAs, it should be clarified.  If legacy non-MLO STAs can still be on that link, "any frame to any of the non-AP STA ..." in pp.ll 529.22 is too strict. At least broadcast frames should be allowed so that legacy non-MLO STAs can still receive it. | As in comment. | **Rejected**  The cited sentence prohibits the transmission of any frame (including broadcast frames) on a link that is advertised and became disabled (when the Mapping Switch Time field value has been reached) for the non-AP STA affiliated with the non-AP MLD that is operating on this link (since link disablement indication can be interpreted only by non-AP MLDs).  However, since non-MLD non-AP STAs can’t parse the MLE with the advertised TTLM indication for a disabled link, the affiliated AP that is operating on the link to become disabled, is responsible to disassociate them, as clearly specified in P529L34-L45: “An AP affiliated with an AP MLD that intends to turn its operating link into a disabled link should, prior tothe time indicated by the Mapping Switch Time field, transmit Disassociation frames…” |
| 20052 | Binita Gupta | 528.53 | 35.3.7.5.2 | This sentence phrasing is long which makes it hard to follow. Suggest to simplify as follows:  "the Disabled Link Indication subfield shall be set to 1 in the MLD Parameters subfield of the TBTT Information field corresponding to the affiliated AP operating on the link being disabled, in the Reduced Neighbor Report element carried in the Beacon or Probe Response frames  transmitted by:" | Revise as per suggestion. | **Revised**  Agree with the comment. The sentence is revised as follows:” the Disabled Link Indication subfield shall be set to 1 in the MLD Parameters subfield of the TBTT Information field corresponding to the affiliated AP operating on the link being disabled and is contained in the Reduced Neighbor Report element carried in the Beacon or Probe Response frames  transmitted by:”.  **TGbe editor please implement changes as shown in doc 11-23/1399r0 tagged as 20052.** |
| 19422 | Guogang Huang | 529.01 | 35.3.7.5.2 | When an affiliated AP is disabled, the TBTT Info Field Type and TBTT Info Field Length should be set to 1 and 3, respectively. Thus, the legacy STA will not discover this disabled AP through RNR and go to probe it, which is aligned with the purpose of adding the Disabled Link Indication subfield within the MLD Parameters. | As in comment. | **Rejected**  The comment has failed to identify any technical issue.  The Disabled Link Indication subfield in the MLD Parameters field of the RNR is intended mainly for an unassociated non-AP MLD but not for a non-MLD non-AP STA (i.e. “legacy STA”) which is not aware of the MLO.  Thus, there is no technical justification for the proposed modifications in the TBTT Info type and TBTT Info length indications with this context. |
| 19266 | John Wullert | 529.24 | 35.3.7.5.2 | Does NOTE 1 apply even if the non-AP MLD only had a single link? If so, that should be stated explicitly. | Revise comment to clarify whether this applies only to non-AP MLDs with multiple setup links or applies regardless of the number of setup links | **Revised**  Agree with the comment. The sentence is revised as follows:” When an AP MLD advertises that a link is disabled for all associated non-AP MLDs, a non-AP MLD remainsassociated with the AP MLD, unless the non-AP MLD has a single setup link with the AP MLD and that link is advertised as disabled”  **TGbe editor please implement changes as shown in doc 11-23/1399r0 tagged as 19266.** |
| 19953 | Rubayet Shafin | 529.25 | 35.3.7.5.2 | Add a clarification to this note clarifying that the non-AP MLD shall be disassociated when the disablement of the link takes effect if that link is the only link that the non-AP MLD has set up with the AP MLD. | as in comment. | **Revised**  Agree with the comment. The sentence is revised as follows:” When an AP MLD advertises that a link is disabled for all associated non-AP MLDs, a non-AP MLD remainsassociated with the AP MLD, unless it has a single setup link with the AP MLD and that link is advertised as disabled”  **TGbe editor please implement changes as shown in doc 11-23/1399r0 tagged as 19266.** |
| 20053 | Binita Gupta | 529.38 | 35.3.7.5.2 | Why is it required for AP to send a Disassociation frame to a non-AP MLD which has only a single setup link with the link being disabled? The non-AP MLD can determine based on advertised TTLM that the link is being disabled and as a result determine that it gets disassociated at the end of Mapping Switch Time. An explicit Disassociation frame may not be needed. | Clarify if the requirement for AP to send an explicit Disassociation to non-AL MLD with a single setup link is required of optional. | **Reject**  First, there is no requirement, only a recommendation:” An AP affiliated with an AP MLD that intends to turn its operating link into a disabled link **should**, prior to the time indicated by the Mapping Switch Time field, transmit Disassociation frames…”  Second, NOTE 4 suggests an alternative action that can be taken by the non-AP MLD that has only that setup link with the AP MLD (instead of “waiting” for a Disassociation frame from the AP MLD). |
| 20077 | Li-Hsiang Sun | 529.40 | 35.3.7.5.2 | "An AP affiliated with an AP MLD that intends to turn its operating link into a disabled link should, prior to  the time indicated by the Mapping Switch Time field, transmit Disassociation frames to ...  - Each associated non-MLD non-AP STA that does not support BSS transition capability.  "  However on p528 L44, Disassociation frames are still sent for those non-MLD non-AP supporting BSS transition capability | Remove "that does not support BSS transition capability" in L40 | **Rejected**  If at least part of the associated non-MLD non-AP STAs supports BSS transition capability (as defined in TGbe D4.0 P528L44, the AP affiliated with the AP MLD can:  • Use BTM Request frame to indicate the BSS termination (only for the associated non-MLD non-AP STAs that supports BSS transition capability).  • Transmit the Disassociation frame to all non-ML non-AP STA (i.e. also to those who do not support the BSS transition capability), while initiating the transmission of the Disassociation frame according to the settings defined in the BTM Request frame (i.e. in the Disassociation Timer field).  However, if none of the associated non-MLD non-AP STAs support BSS transition capability, then it may send the Disassociation frame to those non-MLD non-AP STAs (as defined in P529L40). |

*TGbe editor: Please note baseline is 11be D4.1 and REVme D**3.0*

###### **Affiliated AP link disablement and enablement**

###### **Affiliated AP link disablement**

***Change the 5th paragraph, as follows:***

When an AP MLD advertises that a link is disabled for all associated non-AP MLDs, after the time indicated by the Mapping Switch Time field is reached:

* the Disabled Link Indication subfield shall be set to 1 in the MLD Parameters subfield (#20052)of the TBTT Information field corresponding to the AP affiliated with the AP MLD where the affiliated AP operates on the link that is being disabled and is contained in the Reduced Neighbor Report element carried in the Beacon or Probe Response frames transmitted by:
  + any of the APs affiliated with the same AP MLD as the AP that operates on the link that is being disabled and
  + any APs that have set the Co-Located AP subfield of the BSS Parameters subfield of the TBTT Information field to 1 for the affiliated AP that operates on the link that is being disabled.

If the Disabled Link Indication subfield corresponding to a reported AP is set to 1, then the Neighbor AP TBTT Offset subfield included in the same TBTT Information field of the Reduced Neighbor Report element shall be set to 255.

* (#19265) a non-AP STA affiliated with a non-AP MLD that is associated with the AP MLD shall not use the link to transmit individually addressed frames to the AP affiliated with the AP MLD that is operating on a link that is disabled.
* (#19265) a non-AP STA affiliated with a non-AP MLD that is not associated with the AP MLD shall not transmit multi-link probe request, Authentication, and (Re)association Request frames to the AP affiliated with the AP MLD while the link is disabled (as indicated in the Expected Duration field in the advertised TID-To-Link Mapping element that does not include Mapping Switch time field, or as indicated in the Disabled Link Indication subfield in the Reduced Neighbor Report element).
* (#19265) a non-AP STA affiliated with a non-AP MLD that is not associated with the AP MLD should not use the link to transmit other individually addressed Management frames to the AP affiliated with the AP MLD that is operating on a link that is disabled.
* a non-AP STA affiliated with the non-AP MLD shall not delete the GTK/IGTK/BIGTK values corresponding to the affiliated AP operating on the link that will be disabled.
* The AP affiliated with an AP MLD that is operating on that link shall not transmit any frame to any of the non-AP STAs affiliated with its associated non-AP MLD (see [35.3.7.2.1 (General)](#bookmark37)).

NOTE 1—When an AP MLD advertises that a link is disabled for all associated non-AP MLDs, a non-AP MLD remains associated with the AP MLD (#19266) unless the non-AP MLD has a single setup link with the AP MLD and that link is advertised as disabled.

Straw Poll:

Do you support to incorporate the proposed draft text in this document 11-23/1400r0 to the next revision of TGbe Draft 4.0, for addressing the following CIDs: 19164, 19266, 19422, 19953, 20052, 20053, 20077 (LB275)?

Result: Yes/No/Abstain