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Abstract

This document provides the framework from which the draft TGbn amendment will be developed. The document provides an outline of each the functional blocks that will be a part of the final amendment. The document is intended to reflect the working consensus of the group on the broad outline for the draft specification. As such it is expected to begin with minimal detail reflecting agreement on specific techniques and highlighting areas on which agreement is still required. It may also begin with an incomplete feature list with additional features added as they are justified. The document will evolve over time until it includes sufficient detail on all the functional blocks and their inter-dependencies so that work can begin on the draft amendment itself.

# Revision history

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# Abbreviations and acronyms

AP access point

BSS basic service set

BW bandwidth

CSD cyclic shift diversity

DRU distributed tone RU

FCS frame check sequence

MAC medium access control

MCS modulation and coding scheme

MLD multi-link device

NAV network allocation vector

NPCA non-primary channel access

OBSS overlapping basic service set

OFDMA orthogonal frequency division multiple access

PHY physical layer

PPDU physical layer (PHY) protocol data unit

RRU regular RU

RU resource unit

SS spatial stream

STA station

STF short training field

TB trigger-based

TBD to be decided

TID traffic identifier

UHR ultra high reliability

UL uplink

# UHR PHY



## General

This section describes the functional blocks in the UHR PHY.

## Distributed-tone RU

### General

* 11bn will define distributed tone RU (“DRU”) transmission

[Motion #3, [1] and [4]]

* 11bn supports a distributed tone RU (DRU) for a TB PPDU transmission
  + The DRU means an RU which consists of subcarriers spreading across a certain bandwidth

[Motion #1, [1] and [2]]

* DRU is allowed in a punctured UHR TB transmission

[Motion #4, [1] and [5]]

* 11bn supports the hybrid mode with DRUs (Distributed tone RU) and RRUs (Regular RU as existing RU defined in 11ax/be) in UHR UL TB OFDMA transmissions
  + Minimum PPDU BW for hybrid mode is TBD

[Motion #7, [1] and [8]]

### Tone plan

* DRUs tone plan design on distribution BW 20MHz and 40MHz is 26-tone RU based DRU method (using 26-tone DRUs as basic building blocks).
  + DRUs tone plan design on other distribution BWs is TBD.

[Motion #14, [1] and [14]]

* In a non-punctured 80 MHz PPDU, the following distribution bandwidth modes are allowed for DRU
  + 80 MHz
  + 20 MHz + 20 MHz + 40 MHz (or 40 MHz + 20 MHz + 20 MHz)

[Motion #20, [1] and [17]]

### UHR-STF

* Global CSD is used for DRU UHR-STF transmission to solve unintentional beamforming issue
* Global CSD is applied in each distribution BW

[Motion #15, [1] and [15]]

* DRU transmission reuses the 8 CSD table/values in 11ax/be for global CSD allocation

[Motion #16, [1] and [15]]

* The UHR-STF for DRU in a TB PPDU uses 11ax/11be trigger based STF sequences.

[Motion #18, [1] and [16]]

* For UHR-STF corresponding to distribution bandwidth for DRU,
  + STF sequence depends on PPDU BW.
  + Occupied STF tones are the same as that of the largest RRU corresponding to the distribution BW within PPDU BW.
* [Motion #19, [1] and [16]]

### Pilot

* 11bn supports hierarchical pilot structure for DRU
  + Pilot locations of a larger DRU is a subset of pilot locations of smaller component DRUs within the same PPDU BW

[Motion #5, [1] and [6]]

* The number of pilot tones for the same size DRU and RRU (regular RU) is the same
  + The RRU means the existing RU defined in 11ax and 11be

[Motion #6, [1] and [7]]

## PHY feature #3

Description for PHY feature #3

## PHY feature #4

Description for PHY feature #4

# UHR MAC



## General

This section describes the functional blocks in the UHR MAC.

## Roaming

* 11bn defines a mechanism that enables a non-AP MLD to roam from one AP MLD to another AP MLD and the non-AP MLD remains in state 4 (see 11.3) during and after roaming to the other AP MLD

[Motion #2, [1] and [3]]

## Power save

* TGbn defines a power save mode for a STA that is a UHR Mobile AP or a UHR non-AP STA wherein the STA may transition from a lower capability mode to a higher capability mode upon reception of an initial control frame
  + Lower capability mode (e.g., 20 MHz BW, one SS, limited data rates, PPDU format)
  + Higher capability mode (e.g., operating BW, NSS and MCSs, with at least one higher capability than that in the lower power capability mode)
  + Initial Control frame is TBD
  + Whether that applies for a non-mobile AP is TBD

[Motion #9, [1] and [9]]

* TGbn defines cross link power save signaling mechanism
  + Allowing a non-AP MLD to indicate to its associated AP MLD that supports the mechanism, in a frame sent on one enabled link, the power management mode for one or more of its affiliated non-AP STAs
  + Whether support for the mechanism is mandatory or optional is TBD
* [Motion #10, [1] and [10]]

## Non-primary channel access

Description for MAC feature #3

* TGbn defines a mode of operation that enables a STA to access the secondary channel while the primary channel is known to be busy due to OBSS traffic or other TBD conditions.
  + The mode of operation shall not assume that the STA is capable to detect or decode a frame and obtain NAV information of the secondary channel concurrently with the primary channel.
  + A BSS shall only have a single NPCA primary channel (name TBD) on which the STA contends while the primary channel of the BSS is known to be busy due to OBSS traffic or other TBD conditions.
* [Motion #11, [1] and [11]]

## Buffer status report

* **TGbn enables per-TID buffer size reporting of a larger queue in UHR**
  + Note: It is an optional feature.
  + Note: In the baseline, the maximum approximate per-TID queue size to report is 2,147,328 octets
* [Motion #13, [1] and [13]]

## MAC feature #6

Description for MAC feature #6

# Frame format



## General

* TGbn defines a way in 11bn to include in an initial control frame an intermediate FCS for UHR STA(s) that precedes padding and the FCS field
* [Motion #11, [1] and [12]]

## Field #1

Description for Field #1

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