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| Minutes for 802.11 bn PHY ad-hoc in March 2025 Plenary session |
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Abstract

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

* Monday AM1, March 10, 2025
* Tuesday AM2, March 11, 2025
* Tuesday PM1, March 11, 2025
* Tuesday PM2, March 11, 2025
* Wednesday AM1, March 12, 2025

## Monday AM1, March 10th, 2025 08:00 – 10:00 ET

**Introduction**

1. The Chair (Tianyu, Apple) calls the meeting to order at 08:00pm ET.
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7. Discussions on the agenda.
	* The two submissions (25/0381 and 25/0283) are added and one submission (25/0368) is deferred

Review/Finalize Comment Assignments for CC50 – PHY tab (TGbn D0.1) – 25/0296r1

* Editor shares the status of CC50 and explain the process about the comment resolution.
* Assign some CIDs to members

**Technical Submissions – CBF**

1. **25/0083 CFO correction and related simplifications for COBF Sameer Vermani**

Discussions:

C: We need to define the CFO pre-correction for joint sounding

A: Sure

C: Could you explain why we need a CFO sync

A: To hand shake the information between Aps, it needs.

C: Why is it a mandatory?

A: If APs are apart by some frequency, the AP will not be accurate. We do this pre-correction for the cross NDP by using the NDPA.

C: What is the difference between the follower and the reference?

A: The behavior of each is different. Follower remembered the pre-correction and used it for transmission.

C: If multi AP capable, is the role of sharing or shared defined as a capability?

A: AP can have both roles

C: The sync follower and sync reference role is for sounding based or for group based.

A: It will last for the duration for which this sounding is valid.

SP1

* Do you support defining the concept of a sync-reference AP and a sync-follower AP for CFO corrections in COBF?
	+ Sync-follower AP pre-corrections needed
		- For sequential sounding:
			* All the NDPs sent by it during sounding phase that are sent for the purpose of sounding the STAs in the other BSS (Mandatory)
			* For the NDPs sent by it for sounding the STAs in its own BSS, it is recommended but not mandatory that the sync follower AP pre-correct those NDPs
		- For joint sounding:
			* All the NDPs sent by it during the sounding phase
		- The COBF sync and COBF PPDU during transmission phase using the same frequency pre-correction value as the sounding phase, when it is the sharing AP
	+ Sync-reference AP does not pre-correct during transmission phase when it is the sharing AP
* Results : No Objection

SP2

* Do you support that in the sounding phase of COBF, the sync-follower AP shall use the NDPA frame sent by the sync-reference AP to pre-correct the NDP frequency to be within a TBD range (e.g., 350Hz) of the sync-reference AP’s frequency?
	+ Applies to sequential and joint sounding
	+ The pre-correction of cross-BSS NDP and joint NDP is mandatory
	+ The pre-correction of in-BSS NDPs is recommended but not a mandatory requirement
* Results : No Objection

SP3

* Do you support that in the COBF transmission phase, the sharing AP is the AP that transmits the final sync frame before the COBF PPDU
	+ Regardless of who is the sync-reference
	+ Note: This ensures a consistent protocol and a consistent behavior at sharing AP
* Results : No Objection

SP4

* Do you support that in the COBF transmission phase, the shared AP always pre-corrects COBF PPDU based on the final sync
	+ To bring the two APs within a TBD frequency range of each other (e.g., ~350Hz)
	+ Note: Regardless of which AP is the sync-reference, this ensures consistent behavior at shared AP
* Results : No Objection
1. **25/0103 Simplified carrier synchronization for CoBF transmissions Shuling Feng**

Discussions:

C: Option1 is simple. How do you remove the CFO from the CSI?

A: It will need to memorize the CFO, which is applied to the sounding.

C: What is a benefit of sharing AP as a sync follower?

A: The performance of the two cases is the same.

**Recess**

The meeting is Recessed at 10:00am ET.

## Tuesday AM2, March 11th,2025, 10:30 – 12:30 ET

**Introduction**

1. The Chair (Tianyu, Apple) calls the meeting to order at 10:30am ET.
2. The Chair follows the agenda in 11-25/**0221r3**.
3. Reminder for registration for the Interim meeting.
4. The Chair reminds everyone to report their attendance by using IMAT system and by sending an e-mail to the Co-chair, Dongguk Lim (LGE), Sigurd Schelstraete (MaxLinear) or the Chair himself if unable to record attendance via IMAT system.
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6. The Chair goes through the Copyright policy.
7. Discussions on the agenda.
	1. 25/0283 is deferred.

**PDTs/CRs**

1. **25/0250 PDT on PHY Coordinated Spatial Reuse Genadiy Tsodik**

Discussions:

C: The descriptions for Mode 1 and 2 maybe moved to the MAC session.

A: It is related to PHY

C: It is not good to use MU terminology in the draft.

C: Delete the “total” in front of number of spatial stream.

SP1

Do you agree to incorporate 25/0256r6 to the next version of 11bn draft?

Results: No Objection.

**Technical Submissions – CBF**

1. **25/0103 Simplified carrier synchronization for CoBF transmissions Shuling Feng Q&A**

Discussions:

C: Can AP declare support of CoBF without capability?

A: It has the capability and depends on the agreement.

1. **25/0362 Improvement on Co-BF Sounding Yapu Li**

Discussions:

C: What is the type of trigger frame sent by AP1?

A: It is a new trigger type.

C: Since STA1 is not associated with AP2, it is not a problem

C: If AP2 receives the feedback from STA1, it does not need.

A: Yes, but it can improve in some cases.

C: It is very difficult to do this thing.

C: This issue is very important to successful deployment of coordinating forming.

1. **25/0381 Some open issues on COBF Sameer Vermani**

Discussions:

C: The pre-sounding exchange seems to be defined as a mandatory.

A: Yes

C: Instead of having many options, it is better that sharing AP decides based on his own needs.

A: Sharing AP can ignore the shared AP’s suggestion.

C: Need a bit of time for suggested GI+LTF mode.

C: Do you think about including a similar clause as a decline before the data transmission?

A: Yes, Decline is included in the response frame.

C: It needs to take care of making a good decision when suggested GI is applicable, or when it is not.

A: In the group formation stage, it can tell the sharing AP.

C: Why do you have restrictions like the minimal time for PPDU?

A: It is a suggestion and symbol length by the shared will not be smaller than the minimum.

SP1

* Do you support the following for the COBF PPDU’s GI+LTF support and signaling ?
	+ Support of following GI+LTF combinations to be mandatory at both AP and STA
		- 2x LTF +0.8us, 2xLTF+1.6us, 4xLTF+3.2us
	+ Additionally, 2x LTF+0.8us GI usage for a COBF pair is exchanged at the group formation stage
		- Each AP conveys if it can use 2x+0.8us GI for this COBF group or not
		- No further last-minute negotiation before COBF transmission
	+ Invite frame from sharing AP dictates the LTF+GI combination keeping the shared AP’s ability to use 2x LTF+0.8us in mind

Results: 41Y, 12N, 32A

SP2

* Do you support having the following information exchanged before COBF PPDU?
	+ Min-Nsym and Max-Nsym indication about the COBF PPDU length sent in the COBF invite frame
	+ Suggested Nsym indication in the COBF response frame from shared AP
		- Sharing AP is allowed to ignore the shared AP’s suggestion
		- Suggested value shall not be smaller than the min-Nsym value from sharing AP

Deferred

SP3

* Do you support the following about BSS ordering of per-user SIG fields
	+ In the cases where the user fields of either BSS may go first, while preserving the Nss in non-increasing order, the user fields of the sharing BSS go first

Results: No Objection.

SP4

* Do you support to have a frame-exchange before COBF sounding between the two APs which will at-least serve the following goals:
	+ Unavailability/decline indication from the responding AP
* Used by responding AP to refuse participation in a COBF sounding process
* Exchange of sounding Nss capability of the STAs being sounded in the two BSSs
* The minimum sounding Nss capability of the participating STAs in each BSS will be exchanged
* Note: Design of the frames is TBD by MAC group

Results: No Objection.

1. **25/0389 Information Exchange in the CoBF Transmission Phase Alice Chen**

Discussions: will be continued next session.

**Recess**

The meeting is Recessed at 12:30pm ET.

## Tuesday PM1, March 11th, 2025 13:30 – 15:30 ET

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**Technical contributions**

1. **25/0389 Information Exchange in the CoBF Transmission Phase Alice Chen [Q&A]**

Discussions:

C: Regarding the CoBF synch, is it a new trigger frame?

A: It is deferred from MAC.

C: Why is the BSS color needed in Co-BF sync frame?

A: It is a preference because AP already know it.

C: If AP does not know the precoding, it is difficult to estimate the MCS per SS. How to know the pre-coding algorithm of other APs?

A: The knowledge of precoding algorithm is out of scope. It proposed a signaling to enable APs to build a common preamble.

1. **25/0397 Spatial Streams Indication for CoBF TF and PPDU Junghoon Suh**

Discussions: None

SP2

* Do you support that in a COBF transmission, the per-user-UHR-SIG information of the BSS having the largest NSS for a scheduled STA (largest being across the STAs of both BSSs) is sent first in the UHR-SIG User field followed by the per-user-UHR-SIG information of the other BSS?
	+ Within each BSS, the user information of the larger N\_SS user is sent first
* Results: No Objection.

SP3

* Do you support that the order of user information in the Sync frame is aligned with the order of users in the UHR-SIG User field for CoBF transmission?
* Results: No Objection.
1. **25/0399 COBF/COSR Design Follow-up You-Wei Chen**

Discussions:

C: In case of Co-SR, sharing AP can send the frame to Multiple APs more than 2. And need more discussion regarding content

SP1

* Do you support to include the following text to the 11bn SFD?
	+ The first BSS color in U-SIG indicates the sharing AP and the second BSS color in U-SIG indicates the shared AP in UHR MU PPDU for COBF and COSR transmission.
* Results: No Objection.

SP2

* Do you support to include the following text to the 11bn SFD?
	+ For CO-BF and CO-SR transmissions using UHR MU PPDU, TPE is fixed as 20us.
		- nominal\_packet\_padding =20us and a factor =4.
* Results: No Objection
1. **25/0401 CoBF PHY design consideration Juan Fang**

Discussions:

C: How about your opinion for 4x and 0.8us?

A: Open for now.

1. **25/0411 Misc. CBF Topics Ron Porat**

Discussions:

C: +- 400 us timing error is added to two APs. Does it need to adjust the symbol boundary?

A: I don’t think so.

SP1

* Do you support to add the following to the SFD?
* Joint/cross-BSS sounding feedback is limited to UL OFDMA if >1 STA is sounded
* Results: No Objection
1. **25/0098 Receiver specification Fang, Juan**

Discussions:

C: In the ELR case, maybe you need to use a smaller size.

A: We can discuss more.

1. **25/0109 UHR Receive Procedure Lin Yang**

Discussions:

C: ER SU PPDU already finished the PPDU detection before ELR-mark. Why do we need to ELR check for this.

A: Since it is not reliable, the parallel processing is needed

C: You work with POC and rename the Word file.

SP1

* **Do you agree to include the following into the 11bn SFD?**
	+ Remove the requirement, for UHR STAs, to receive the forward-looking EHT ER SU preamble in the UHR RX procedure
* Results: No Objection

**Recess**

The meeting is Recessed at 15:30pm ET.

## Tuesday PM2 March 11th, 2025 16:00 – 18:00 ET

**Introduction**

1. The Chair (Tianyu, Apple) calls the meeting to order at 16:00pm ET.
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7. Discussions on the agenda.

**Straw Poll**

1. **25/0389 Information Exchange in the CoBF Transmission Phase Alice Chen**

SP3

* Do you agree to add the following to the 11bn SFD?
	+ The CoBF Sync frame carries the following information?
		- How to indicate the information is TBD

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Category |  |
| Control | ‘CoBF Sync’ |
| PHY Common Info | Length |
| PHY Version Identifier |
| Bandwidth |
| Punctured Channel Information |
| BSS Color 1, BSS Color 2 |
| TXOP |
| Number of UHR-SIG Symbols |
| GI+LTF Size |
| Number Of UHR-LTF Symbols |
| Number of CoBF Users |
| Per-User Info in Both BSS | STA ID |
| BSS Color Indication |
| MCS |
| Spatial Configuration |
| 2xLDPC |

* + Supporting doc: 11-25/389r1, 11-25/399r0, 11-25/401r0
* Results: No Objection

SP4

* Do you agree to add the following to the 11bn SFD?
	+ In each of the CoBF Invite, Response and Sync frames, if there is information for more than one users, the users are ordered according to Nss in non-increasing order?
	+ The order of users in the sharing BSS in the Sync frame is aligned with that in the Invite frame.
	+ The order of users in the shared BSS in the Sync frame is aligned with that in the Response frame.
	+ Supporting doc: 11-25/389r1, 11-25/381r0, 11-25/397r0

Results: No Objection

1. **25/0098 Receiver specification Fang, Juan**

SP1

* Do you agree to include the following to the 11bn SFD?
	+ The Rx minimum sensitivity and ACR/NACR specifications for the two ELR MCSs use the same value as EHT/UHR MCS0
	+ And do the following proposed text change to the latest TGbn draft (TGbn D0.1).

-In Section 38.3.24.2 (Receiver minimum input sensitivity), change the two “TBDs” in Table 38-47 to “-82”

- In Section 38.3.24.3 (Adjacent channel rejection), change the two “TBDs” in the column of "Adjacent channel rejection (dB)" in Table 38-49 to “16” and change the two “TBDs” in the column of " Nonadjacent channel rejection (dB)" in Table 38-49 to “32”

Supporting doc: 11-25/98r0, 11-25/392r0

* Results: No Objection

**Technical contributions - ELR + IM + UEQM/MCS**

1. **25/0333 Consideration on ELR for 11bn Lei Zhou**

Discussions:

C: For the large bandwidth, it requires more TX power. For long-range operation, to focus on the narrow band.

1. **25/0361 Issue on ELR PPDU Length Indication Yapu Li**

Discussions:

C: We need to double check about it.

C: We can have clarification, but it is enough in person opinion.

C: I agreed that and the exact language has been said, we can work on it..

1. **25/0427 Packet Detection for ELR Sigurd Schelstraete**

Discussions:

C: In slide 12, the text of the second block is wrong.

C: Since it is hard to standardize in spec, we only define it for the immediate response frame.

1. **25/0344 Discussion on Design of Interference Mitigation Pilots Ke Zhong**

Discussions:

C: The optimal number of IM pilots is 10% in my updated proposal.

C: The evenly distributed IM pilot can reduce the extrapolation.

1. **25/0387 IM pilot indices for OFDMA transmissions Daniel Verenzuela**

Discussions: None

1. **25/0354 Transmit Constellation Error for Additional MCSs Genadiy Tsodik**

Discussions:

C: Is the same rule applied to TB PPDU?

A: It is for MU-PPUD.

SP1

* Do you support the following:
* Transmit Constellation Error required values for the new MCSs 17, 19, 20 and 23 (QPSK 2/3, 16QAM 2/3, 16QAM 5/6 and 256QAM 2/3) for the UHR MU PPDU will be:

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| --- | --- |
| **MCS** | **Transmit Constellation Error** |
| QPSK 2/3 | -12dB |
| 16QAM 2/3 | -18dB |
| 16QAM 5/6 | -20dB |
| 256QAM 2/3 | -29dB |

* Supporting docs: 11-25/354r0, 11-25/392r0

Results: No Objection

1. **25/0392 Transmit and Receive Specifications for New MCS in 11bn Alice Chen**

Discussions: None

SP1

* Do you agree to include the following to the 11bn SFD?
	+ The testing in the transmit and receive specification in IEEE 802.11bn spec should only use EQM (i.e., not use UEQM)
	+ The testing in the transmit and receive specification in IEEE 802.11bn spec should not use 2xLDPC, if LDPC is used

Results: No Objection

1. **25/0410 New MCS Capability - follow up Ross J. Yu**

Discussions: None

SP1

* Do you agree to make the following changes to the 802.11bn SFD?
	+ Mandatory support MCSs of QPSK with code rate 2/3; 16QAM with code rate 2/3; 16QAM with code rate 5/6; 256QAM with code rate 2/3.
	+ Support for 256QAM with code rate 2/3 for 20MHz only devices is TBD optional.
	+ [Motion #216, [264] and [274, 275]]
* Results: No Objection

**Recess**

The meeting is Recessed at 18:00am ET.

## Wednesday AM1 March 12th, 2025 08:00 – 10:00 ET

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**Technical contributions**

1. **25/0358 Open Topics for DRU on 60MHz Shengquan Hu**

Discussions: None

SP1

* Do you agree to include the following text to the 11bn SFD?
	+ the occupied STFs tones of UHR-STF for DRU on DBW60 are the same as that of the largest MRU (i.e. 484+242) corresponding to the distribution BW 60MHz within the PPDU BW

Results: No Objection.

SP2

* Do you agree to include the following text to the 11bn SFD?
	+ DRU CSD start index assignment for DBW60 is defined as below?

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| --- | --- |
| DRU size | CSD starting index for DBW60 |
| DRU52, *i*=1:12 |  {1, 5, 2, 6, 3, 7, 4, 8, 1, 5, 2, 6} |
| DRU106, *i*=1:6 |  { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6} |
| DRU242, *i*=1:3 |  { 2, 4, 6} |

Results: No Objection.

1. **25/0359 Open Issues for 60 MHz DBW Eunsung Park**

Discussions:

C: Could you add the DCN 25/0358 as a supporting document when you are motion

A: Sure

SP1

* Do you support to add the following table for encoding of the PS160 and RU allocation subfields in a UHR variant User Info field for DBW60 to the 11bn SFD?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| PS160 subfield | B0 of the RU Allocation subfield | B7-B1 of the RU Allocation subfield | Bandwidth (MHz) | DRU Size | DRU index | 80MHz frequency subblock index (l) | PHY DRU index |
| 0-3:80 MHz frequency subblock where the DRU is located | 0-36 | Reserved | Reserved | Reserved | Reserved | Reserved |
| 37-48 | 80, 160, or 320 | 52 | DRU1 to DRU12 | *N* | 16x*N* + DRU index |
| 49-52 | Reserved | Reserved | Reserved | Reserved | Reserved |
| 53-58 | 80, 160, or 320 | 106 | DRU1 to DRU6 | *N* | 8x*N* + DRU index |
| 59-60 | Reserved | Reserved | Reserved | Reserved | Reserved |
| 61-63 | 80, 160, or 320 | 242 | DRU1 to DRU3 | *N* | 4x*N* + DRU index |
| 64-127 | Reserved | Reserved | Reserved | Reserved | Reserved |

Results: No Objection.

SP2

* Do you support to add the following to the 11bn SFD?
	+ The constant shift value defined in the 80 MHz frequency subblock is used for DBW60

Results: No Objection.

1. **25/0394 DLTF Design for 60DBW Chenchen Liu**

Discussions: None

**SP1**

* Do you agree to include the following 4xLTF sequence for DRU of 60MHz DBW into the 11bn SFD?

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Results: No Objection.

1. **25/0396 Discussion on LDPC only for MU-MIMO in 11bn Shengquan Hu**

Discussions:

C: When packet size is small, then LDPC performance is not good. Could you consider it?

A: In 20MHz, LDPC provides good performance.

SP1

* Do you agree to include the following text to the 11bn SFD?
	+ LDPC is the only FEC coding scheme for DL/UL MU-MIMO in 11bn

Results: No Objection.

SP2

* Do you agree to include the following text to the 11bn SFD?
	+ DL/UL MU-MIMO in UHR is optional for 20MHz only STA

Results: No Objection.

**Straw Poll**

1. **25/0381r1 Some open issues on COBF**

SP2

* Do you support having the following information exchanged before COBF PPDU?
	+ Min-Nsym and Max-Nsym indication about the COBF PPDU length sent in the COBF invite frame
	+ Suggested Nsym indication in the COBF response frame from shared AP
	+ Sharing AP is allowed to ignore the shared AP’s suggestion
	+ Suggested value shall not be smaller than the min-Nsym value from sharing AP

Results: No Objection.

1. 25/0389r2 Information Exchange in the CoBF Transmission Phase Alice Chen

SP1

* Do you agree to add the following to the 11bn SFD?
	+ The CoBF Invite frame carries the following information.
		- How to indicate the information is TBD



* Supporting doc: 11-25/389r1, 11-25/399r0

Results: No Objection.

SP2

* Do you agree to add the following to the 11bn SFD?
	+ The CoBF Response frame carries at least the following information.
		- How to indicate the information is TBD

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Category |  |
| Control | ‘CoBF Acceptance’ |
| PHY Common Info | Suggested Number of Data OFDM Symbols |
| PHY Version Identifier |
| Extra LTF Allowed |
| Number of CoBF Users in shared BSS |
| Per-User Info in Shared BSS | STA ID |
| MCS |
| Nss |
| 2xLDPC |

* + Supporting doc: 11-25/389r1, 11-25/399r0

Results: No Objection.

**Adjourn**

The meeting is Recessed at 09:10am ET.