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 Abstract

This document contains Proposed Draft Text (PDT) for the coordinated beamforming protocol of the TGbn (UHR, Ultra High Reliability) amendment to the 802.11 standard.

Revisions:

* Rev 0: Initial version of the document.
* Rev 1: Editorial changes.
* Rev 2: Editorial changes based on the comments received during the conference call and from offline. Change the definition to align with Co-SR.
* Rev 3: change Subclause number to align with D0.3. Add text for newly passed motions.
* Rev 4: create a separate subclause 37.13.2.1.3 (Common transmission procedure for Co-BF and Co-SR) for the common transmission procedure of Co-BF and Co-SR, also incorporate the contents of Co-SR in this document.
* Rev 5: align the text with MAPC framework. Remove sequential ACK procedure according to the comments received after the presentation. Polish the text based on offline comments.
* Rev 6-7: modify the text based on offline comments. Harmonize with Doc. 942. Add text for Motion 469.
* Rev 8: add text for newly passed motions including M#469, M#480, M#472, M#477, and M#478.
* Rev 9: fix the description of Co-BF/SR profile in the frame format, according to the comments from Giovanni.
* Rev 10: editorial changes. Incorporate the suggestions from Liuming, Giovanni, Yanjun and Sherief.
* **Introduction**

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 TGbn Draft. The abstract, revision information, introduction, explanation of the proposed changes and references sections are not part of the adopted material.

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

**Explanation of the proposed changes:**

The proposed changes to the 802.11 TGbn draft within this document are based on the following motions adopted by the TGbn task group:

**Relevant passed motions for Co-BF:**

**[Motion #29]**

**TGbn defines multi-AP Coordinated Beamforming (Co-BF).**

**[Motion #99]**

**The Coordinated beamforming (Co-BF) transmission phase in 802.11bn shall be limited to 2 APs.**

 **[Motion #114]**

**In a Co-BF transmission, the maximum number of spatial streams given to one user will be 2.**

**[Motion #135]**

**The sharing AP, that transmits a Trigger frame as part of a transmission sequence in a Multi-AP coordinated transmission scheme, identifies the shared AP via an AP ID carried in the AID12 field of the User Info field of the frame**

* **Note: the name of "sharing AP" and "shared AP" are TBD**
* **Note: Multi-AP coordinated transmission schemes are Co-SR, Co-BF and Co-TDMA**

**[Motion #298]**

**802.11bn defines the concept of a sync-reference AP and a sync-follower AP for CFO correction in Co-BF**

* + **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 (Mandatory)**
		- **The Co-BF 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**

**[Motion #299]**

**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**

**[Motion #300]**

**The sharing AP is the AP that transmits the final sync frame before the Co-BF PPDU**

* + **Regardless of who is the sync-reference**
	+ **Note: This ensures a consistent protocol and a consistent behavior at sharing AP**

**[Motion #304]**

**The COBF PPDU’s GI+LTF support and signaling is as follows:**

* + **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**

**[Motion #301]**

**The shared AP always pre-corrects Co-BF 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**

**[Motion #311]**

**The Co-BF Sync frame carries the following information**

* + **How to indicate the information is TBD**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Category | Information |
| Control | ‘Co-BF 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 Co-BF Users |
| Per-User Info in Both BSS | STA ID |
| BSS Color Indication |
| MCS |
| Spatial Configuration |
| 2xLDPC |

**[Motion #312]**

**In each of the Co-BF 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.**

**[Motion #316]**

**The order of user information in the Sync frame is aligned with the order of users in the UHR-SIG User field for Co-BF transmission.**

**[Motion #327]**

**The Co-BF Invite frame carries the following information.**

* + **How to indicate the information is TBD.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Category | Information |
| Control | ‘Co-BF Invite’ |
| PHY Common Info | Minimum Number of Data OFDM Symbols |
| Maximum Number of Data OFDM Symbols |
| PHY Version Identifier |
| Bandwidth |
| Punctured Channel Information |
| GI+LTF Size |
| Maximum Total Nss Allowed for shared AP |
| Number of Co-BF Users in sharing BSS |
| Per-User Info in Sharing BSS | STA ID |
| Nss |

**[Motion #328]**

**The Co-BF Response frame carries at least the following information.**

* + **How to indicate the information is TBD.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Category | Information |
| Control | ‘Co-BF 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 |

**[Motion #371]**

**The following information shall be exchanged before Co-BF PPDU:**

* + **Min-Nsym and Max-Nsym indication about the COBF PPDU length sent in the COBF invite frame**
	+ **Suggested Nsym indication in the Co-BF 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**

**[Motion #421]**

**APs exchange the following 2-bit capability fields with values 1, 2, 3, or 4 at the time of group formation between the members of a Co-BF pair. The capabilities are defined for the AP declared BW and assume Nc=2 (# of columns in the feedback)**

* + **Field 1 – Total number of OBSS sounding reports that the AP can store for this Co-BF pair at a given time**
	+ **Field 2 – Total number of OBSS joint sounding reports that the AP can store for this Co-BF pair at a given time (can’t be higher than number in field 1)**

**[Motion #445]**

**If an eMLSR non-AP MLD that receives an ICF addressed to one of its affiliated STAs during Co-BF sequences and if the affiliated STA responds with an ICR, then the eMLSR non-AP MLD shall follow the eMLSR procedure defined in 35.3.17, except that the STA shall use an extended time-out period prior to switching back upon inactivity:**

* + **The duration of the extended time-out period shall be sufficient to cover any inactivity period within the Co-BF sequence, e.g. (but not limited to), from the end of the ICR to the beginning of the data PPDU, or from the DL PPDU until the beginning of the MU-BAR frame from the shared AP for STAs associated with the shared AP**
	+ **The duration of the extended timeout period is explicitly indicated to the STA in the ICF frame sent by its associated AP.**
	+ **Once the eMLSR STA(s) switch back to listen mode, they start using the default time-out period (aSIFSTime + aSlotTime + aRxPHYStartDelay) in future TXOPs unless otherwise indicated in the ICF.**
	+ **This is applicable to Co-BF transmission sequence**

**[Motion #446]**

**For DPS non-AP STA(s) scheduled with Co-BF in high capability mode, the same switch-back behavior as for eMLSR with extended time-out period is used**

* + **The RTS frame shall not be used as an ICF for DPS in the Co-BF Transmission sequence even when the DPS STA does not have any DPS padding required**

**NOTE: The RTS frame cannot be modified to include the extended timeout period usage and the extended timeout period duration indications.**

**[Motion #448]**

**An AP shall use the BSRP NTB Trigger frame variant for the CoBF Invite frame**

* + **The CoBF Response frame shall be M-BA**
	+ **TBD whether there’s another frame variant allowed for the CoBF Invite/Response frame**

**[Motion #449]**

**An AP MLD that receives an ICR from a STA affiliated with an EMLSR non-AP MLD during Co-BF data frame exchange does not attempt to transmit to the eMLSR non-AP MLD on another link during the extended time-out periods, per baseline behavior.**

**[Motion #451]**

**In Co-BF transmission phase, the Feedback User Info field in the BSRP/MU-RTS Trigger addressed to EMLSR/DPS STA carries the extended timeout period duration.**

* + **A new feedback type value is defined for Co-BF.**
	+ **An “Extended Timeout Duration” field with a TBD length is included in the Feedback user Info field**
	+ **The duration value is reported with granularity of 4 us.**
	+ **A value 0 of the “Extended Timeout Duration” field is an indication to the STA to follow the default eMLSR/DPS switch back behavior, i.e., do not use an extended timeout period.**
	+ **Whether the field indicates maximum value or actual value is TBD**

**[Motion #452]**

**A non-AP STA is allowed to enable/disable CoBF/CoSR operation for the non-AP STA by using 11bn’s feature enabling/disabling procedure (by using Link Reconfiguration Request/Notify frame)**

* + **There are restrictions on how often CoBF/CoSR enablement/disablement requests by the non-AP STA can be sent, those restrictions are TBD**

**[Motion #469]**

**The user information in the Sync frame and in the UHR-SIG of CoBF DL PPDU corresponds to all the users that were listed, in the Invite as well as the Response frames**

* + **Nss for each user in the Invite/Response frame and the corresponding number of spatial streams for the same user interpreted from the spatial configuration in the Sync frame is consistent, i.e., the spatial stream allocation does not change.**
	+ **The MCS and 2xLDPC bits for each user in the Sync frame should be consistent with those in the Response frame**

**[Motion #480]**

**A Shared (Responding) AP may reject a Co-BF/Co-SR transmission or Co-BF sounding invitation received from a Sharing (Initiating) AP.**

* + **In case of rejection, the Shared (Responding) AP can include the reason for rejection in the Co-BF/Co-SR Response or Co-BF Sounding Response frame.**
	+ **Reasons for rejecting a Co-BF/Co-SR transmission or Co-BF sounding invitation are TBD.**

**[Some related SPs]**

**SP1:Do you support to use the following CoBF transmission sequence to support STAs requiring ICF/ICR before data frame exchanges?**

* **The frame sequence consists of:**
	+ **A CoBF Invite/CoBF Response frame exchange between the sharing and shared APs.**
	+ **Follows ICF/ICR frame exchanges between the APs and their associated STAs happening sequentially across the two APs; sharing AP then shared AP.**
		- **The presence of the ICF/ICR frame exchange from each AP is conditional on the CoBF PPDU being addressed to one or more STAs requiring ICF.**
		- **The presence of the ICF/ICR frame exchange from each AP is indicated in the CoBF Invite/Response frames.**
		- **The duration of the ICF/ICR frame exchange from each AP is indicated in the CoBF Invite/Response frames**
		- **ICF1-ICR1 are exchanged between the sharing AP and its STAs**
		- **ICF2-ICR2 are exchanged between the shared AP and its STAs**
	+ **Finally, a CoBF Trigger frame preceding the data PPDUs that are sent by the two APs simultaneously.**
	+ **Frame sequence for Ack information polling is TBD.**
* **Whether the CoBF-invite and ICF1 can be merged and CoBF-response and ICF2 can be merged as below is TBD.**

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**Relevant passed motions for Co-SR:**

**[Motion #29]**

**TGbn defines a multi-AP Coordinated Spatial Reuse (Co-SR) at TXOP-level with power control.**

**[Motion #135]**

**The sharing AP, that transmits a Trigger frame as part of a transmission sequence in a Multi-AP coordinated transmission scheme, identifies the shared AP via an AP ID carried in the AID12 field of the User Info field of the frame**

* **Note: the name of "sharing AP" and "shared AP" are TBD**
* **Note: Multi-AP coordinated transmission schemes are Co-SR, Co-BF and Co-TDMA**

**[Motion #252]**

**11bn defines the following modes for co-SR transmission:**

* **Mode 1: trigger + same L-SIG contents, could be different U-SIG contents.**
	+ **For UHR+EHT, or EHT+UHR or EHT+EHT co-SR transmission.**
	+ **Provided no changes to non-UHR EHT non-AP STAs are needed.**
* **Mode 2: Tigger + same L-SIG contents + same U-SIG contents**
	+ **For UHR+UHR co-SR transmission.**
* **For all modes, the two PPDUs will start and end at the same time.**
* **UHR PPDU for co-SR transmission will be used for either mode 1 or mode 2 when UHR transmission exists.**
	+ **There exists an indication in U-SIG field to indicate the UHR PPDU is a UHR PPDU for co-SR transmission.**

 **[Motion #253]**

**In Coordinated Spatial Reuse:**

* **A sharing AP that intends to initiate a Coordinated Spatial Reuse transmission shall transmit a Trigger frame to initiate concurrent Co-SR transmissions with one (whether to allow more is TBD) other AP within its obtained TXOP BW;**
* **When all addressed non-AP STAs are UHR STAs, the concurrent Co-SR transmission starts SIFS after the Trigger frame**
* **Which trigger frame is TBD**

**[Motion #254]**

**In Coordinated Spatial Reuse, the following information shall be carried in the Trigger frame that initiates concurrent CSR transmissions of the 2 APs**

* **The duration of the data PPDU transmitted by the sharing AP and of the data PPDU transmitted by the shared AP, which are the same, after the Trigger frame**
* **Other parameters TBD**

**[Motion #429]**

**In Coordinated Spatial Reuse, the following information shall be carried in the Trigger frame that initiates concurrent CSR transmissions:**

* **The transmit power limit of the shared AP**
	+ **The shared AP Tx power limitation indicated by the sharing AP should not be lower than the minimum TX power indicated by the shared AP in its request.**
* **The transmit power of the sharing AP**

**[Motion #455]**

**During Co-SR invite and Co-SR response exchange, sharing AP indicates single intended PHY version for its own PPDU in the upcoming Co-SR transmission. Shared AP responds with single intended PHY version for its own PPDU in the upcoming Co-SR transmission, if it accepts the invitation.**

**[Motion #456]**

**In Co-SR Trigger frame, the PHY version of PPDU 1 and the PHY version of PPDU 2 are indicated.**

* **How to signal is TBD**

**[Motion #460]**

**COBF/COSR use a common frame exchange design.**

* **There will be a COSR Invite/ Response/ Sync before the COSR data transmission.**
* **Note: ICF/ICR (between Response and Sync), if present, will be discussed in MAC**

**[Motion #472]**

**When Co-SR Invite frame indicates 2x LTF type and indicates the intended number of LTF symbols in Co-SR Invite frame, then in the Co-SR Response frame, AP2 could reject the invitation due to the number of LTF limitation.**

* **The existence of a rejection reason in the CO-SR Response frame is TBD and if a rejection reason field is adopted in TGbn, the presence of a specific rejection reason for LTF limitation is also TBD**

**[Motion #477]**

**The invite frame for CoSR will carry the following**

* **GI+LTF combination**
* **Number of LTF symbols**

**[Motion #478]**

**The CoSR length indication will be done as follows:**

* **Invite frame signals**
	+ **Min and Max number of data OFDM symbols**

**Response frame signals**

* **Suggested number of data OFDM symbols**

**Sync frame signals**

* **L-SIG length**

**The same 9 bit encoding as COBF shall be used for the following 3 fields**

* **Min and Max number of data OFDM symbols in invite**
* **Suggested number of data OFDM symbols in response**
	+ **Value 511 (‘111111111’) indicates “No suggestion”**

**[Related SPs]**

**Do you support that Co-BF and Co-SR transmission TXOP shall follow the same frame exchange sequence framework?**

* **Co-SR does not need to support EHT eMLSR non-AP STA**

**Relevant CIDs (Part I):**

**199 777 984 1578 2457 2802 3482**

**416 747 1477 1478 1479 1480 1791 1792 2203 2672**

**3579 3784**

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| CID | Commenter | Clause | Page | Comment | Proposed Change | Resolution |
| 199 | Chunyu Hu | 37.8.2.1 | 72.13 | What would be the Co-BFed PPDU that would achieve the goal of Co-BF as mentioned in 37.8.2.1.1 with the sounding results. Does an AP need to know the other AP's DL traffic info in order to properly construct the PPDU? If so, how exactly? | Need to provide text to address the questions raised in the comment. | Revised – Agree in principle with the commenter. A polling phase is added for the AP to know the other AP’s intent to participate in the Co-BF transmission.TGbn Editor:Please implement the changes in this document tagged as #199 |
| 777 | Seongho Byeon | 37.8.2.1 | 72.21 | Since Co-BF aims to minimize mutual interference between two APs and their recipient STAs, the general term "interference to OBSS STA" may not be appropriate. Suggest modifying it to "interference between each other" or "interference in between each recipient STA". | As in comment. | Revised – Agree in principle with the commenter. TGbn Editor:Please implement the changes in this document tagged as #777 |
| 984 | Arik Klein | 37.8.2.1.1 | 72.24 | Need to add a clear requirement for the required Channel state information/ Compressed Beamforming/CQI reports that are mandatory for each AP to obtain prior to its participation in a Co-BF transmission.Note: The sentence in P72L24) only refers to the UHR Sounding procedure as a means to obtain these reports. | As in comment | Revised – Agree in principle with the commenter. TGbn Editor:Please implement the changes in this document tagged as #984 |
| 1578 | Jinsoo Choi | 37.8.2.1 | 72.26 | The Co-BF transmission needs to be initiated by an AP that obtains a TXOP (i.e. sharing AP) with a Co-trigger/Sync frame to notify and align the start of Co-Bfed PPDU transmission. Needs to describe how to initiate a Co-BF transmission. In addition, the overall procedure for Co-BF including discovery of candidate APs, parameters negotiation, initiating Co-BF transmission, and transmitting Co-BFed PPDUs, etc., also needs to be defined. Some part (e.g. discovery, negotiation) that is common for all multi-AP schemes may be covered as in general multi-AP coordinatio framework (37.8.1). | See the comment. | Revised – Agree in principle with the commenter. A subclause for Co-BF negotiation is added and a place holder for the Co-BF transmission phase is added. The details of the data transmission procedure will be added after related motions are approved. Besides, terminologies of Co-BF coordinating AP and Co-BF coordinated AP are defined to describe the procedure more efficiently.TGbn Editor:Please implement the changes in this document tagged as #1578 |
| 2457 | Yanjun Sun | 37.8.2.1.1 | 72.19 | Suggest to change this to "STAs associated with each of the APs" | as in comment | Revised – Agree in principle with the commenter. TGbn Editor:Please implement the changes in this document tagged as #2457 |
| 2802 | RUI YANG | 37.8.2.1.1 | 72.19 | "to each AP's associated STAs" and "to OBSS STAs" are confusing terms in the sentence. | Change the sentence to "The objective of coordinated beamforming (Co-BF) is to allow more efficient medium usage by enablingconcurrent transmissions of two APs with multiple antennas to the designated receiving STAs associated with each AP whileminimizing interference to the designated receiving STAs in the OBSS by using the CSI of the channels between each AP and all designated receiving STAs associated with one of the two APs." | Revised – Agree in principle with the commenter. TGbn Editor:Please implement the changes in this document tagged as #2457 and #777 |
| 3482 | Ron Porat | 37.8.2.1.1 | 72.24 | In addition to maximum number of spatial streams per recipient STA being restricted to 2, the maximum total number of spatial streams across all recipient STAs of both participating APs is limited to 4 for CoBF (Motion #115). This should be captured here. | Include the following:"The maximum total number of spatial streams of the Co-BF transmission summed over all recipient STAs of both participating APs shall be 4." | Accepted. |

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| CID | Commenter | Clause | Page | Comment | Proposed Change | Resolution |
| 416 | Shuang Fan | 37.8.2.2 | 72.27 | The passed Motion #252 has the text 'For all modes, the two PPDUs will start and end at the same time', this limits the number of APs participating in Co-SR transmission to 2. So, please add the number of participating APs in a Co-SR transmission to 2 in the draft | add the number of participating APs in a Co-SR transmission to 2 in this clause | Revised – Agree in principle with the commenter.TGbn Editor:Please implement the changes in this document tagged as #416 |
| 747 | Junbin Chen | 37.8.2.2.1 | 72.35 | In the sentence "The sharing AP transmits a Trigger frame to the shared AP identified by the AP ID ......", the "shared AP" shall be "coordinated AP". | as commented | Revised – Agree in principle with the commenter.TGbn Editor:Please implement the changes in this document tagged as #747 |
| 1477 | Akira Kishida | 37.8.2.2.1 | 72.34 | Information required to establish Co-SR for a sharing AP should be clarified. | As in the comment. | Revised – Agree in principle with the commenter.TGbn Editor:Please implement the changes in this document tagged as #1477 |
| 1478 | Akira Kishida | 37.8.2.2.1 | 72.35 | In the sentence regarding "The sharing AP transmits a Trigger frame to the shared AP," Co-SR does not limit the number of participating APs to two, unlike Co-BF. | Modify the sentence as follows; "The sharing AP transmits a Trigger frame to the shared AP"-> "The sharing AP transmits a Trigger frame to shared APs" | Rejected – According to Motion#252, the number of participating APs in a Co-SR transmission shall be 2. |
| 1479 | Akira Kishida | 37.8.2.2.1 | 72.35 | Regarding establishing Co-SR, the shared AP may respond to the agreement by "accept" or "reject." Please clarify that. | As in the comment. | Revised – Agree in principle with the commenter. In the resolution to CID 1477, subclause 37.8.1.3 (MAPC agreement negotiation) is referred, where it is described that the MAPC responding AP may respond to the agreement by "accept" or "reject."TGbn Editor:Please implement the changes in this document tagged as #1477 |
| 1480 | Akira Kishida | 37.8.2.2.1 | 72.35 | Regarding the establishment of Co-SR, the procedure for removal of the agreement should be clarified. | Please consider to clarify. | Revised – Agree in principle with the commenter. In the resolution to CID 1477, subclause 37.8.1.3 (MAPC agreement negotiation) is referred, where it is described that either AP can tear down the agreement for Co-SR.TGbn Editor:Please implement the changes in this document tagged as #1477 |
| 1791 | Junichi Iwatani | 37.8.2.2.1 | 72.35 | "to the shared AP" should be "to the shared AP(s)" on the assumption that two or more shared APs are possible. | As in comment. | Rejected – According to Motion#252, the number of participating APs in a Co-SR transmission shall be 2. |
| 1792 | Junichi Iwatani | 37.8.2.2.1 | 72.35 | When a shared AP receives a trigger frame from a sharing AP for Co-SR agreement, the shared AP can select "accept" or "reject" as a response. In addition, the agreement of Co-SR may be canceled. | The procedures should be described for accept, reject, and cancel. | Revised – Agree in principle with the commenter. In the resolution to CID 1477, subclause 37.8.1.3 (MAPC agreement negotiation) is referred, where it is described that the MAPC responding AP may respond to the agreement by "accept" or "reject." Besides, either AP can tear down the agreement for Co-SR.TGbn Editor:Please implement the changes in this document tagged as #1477 |
| 2203 | Brian Hart | 37.8.2.2.1 | 72.36 | "to the shared AP" is very limiting and limits this feature such that it can only deliver relatively weak benefits Greater gains, in terms of higher MCS and better QoS/determinism, will happen if the sharing AP is also allowed to share a portion of its TXOP with two other APs at the same time: a) if they are say on the left and right of the sharing AP, they will enjoy greater pathloss separation and higher MCSs, and b) the two other APs may both have very urgent traffic, and each really need/deserve a portion of the TXOP. | Define signaling to allow Co-SR between two coordinated APs. Since knowledge of pathloss (or SIR, RSSI etc) between the two coordinated BSSs is needed at the sharing AP in order to determine when Co-TDMA or Co-SR is warranted, and transmitting this pathloss/SIR/RSSI information over the air is likely to appreciably diminish the net benefit of the feature, it is sufficient to assume MLME + out-of-band transfer of this information. | Rejected – According to Motion#252, the number of participating APs in a Co-SR transmission shall be 2. |
| 2672 | Xiaofei Wang | 37.8.2.2.1 | 72.35 | "shared AP" is not a good term and causes confusions and should be changed. | change to "coordinated AP" | Revised – Agree in principle with the commenter.TGbn Editor:Please implement the changes in this document tagged as #747 |
| 3579 | Malcolm Smith | 37.8.2.2.1 | 72.36 | Only allowing ONE shared AP per CoSR TXOP for the entire PPDU limits the value of this feature to low AP density use cases and has little value in high-density networks (e.g. 4-8 160MHz co-channel APs) especially those with a wide variation in PPDU lengths avaiilable at the time of CoSR scheduling.. Public domain research indicates combining CoTDMA and CoSR for multiple APs per TXOP delivers the best benefits for these scenariios. | CoSR should support CoTDMA with mulltiple APs per TXOP to share spatial and time resources simultaneously. An extension of e.g. CoTDMA with multiple time-aligned sequences of multiple APs or simialr is recommended. | Rejected – According to Motion#252, the number of participating APs in a Co-SR transmission shall be 2. |
| 3784 | Yongho Seok | 37.8.2.2.1 | 72.35 | "The sharing AP transmits a Trigger frame to the shared AP identified by the AP ID carried in the AID12 field of the User Info field of the Trigger frame to initiate the Co-SR transmission."The AP ID is commonly used across all multi-AP schemes. Since this is not specific to Co-SR, please move this section to the part that defines the common protocol among multi-AP features. | As in the comment | Revised – This sentence will be needed in the Trigger frame setting for initiating Co-SR transmission, so it is moved to subclause 37.8.2.2.4 (Co-SR transmission phase)TGbn Editor:Please implement the changes in this document tagged as #3784 |

# TGbn Editor: please adopt the changes in this document listed below

# Text to be adopted begins here:

**3.2 Definitions specific to IEEE Std 802.11**

**(#1578) coordinated beamforming coordinating access point:** [Co-BF coordinating AP] A coordinating AP that initiates Co-BF transmission with another AP.

**(#1578) coordinated beamforming coordinated access point:** [Co-BF coordinated AP] A coordinated AP that participates in Co-BF transmission initiated by the Co-BF coordinating AP.

**(#747) coordinated spatial reuse coordinating AP:** [Co-SR coordinating AP] A coordinating AP that initiates Co-SR transmission with another AP.

**(#747) coordinated spatial reuse coordinated AP:** [Co-SR coordinated AP] A coordinated AP that participates in Co-SR transmission initiated by the Co-SR coordinating AP.

**37.13 Multi-AP coordination framework**

**37.13.2 Procedures for specific Multi-AP coordination schemes**

# 37.13.2.1 Coordinated beamforming

**37.13.2.1.1 General**

The objective of coordinated beamforming (Co-BF) is to allow more efficient medium usage by enabling concurrent transmissions of two APs with multiple antennas to (#2457)non-AP STAs associated with the two APs respectively, whereby each AP transmits to its associated non-AP STA(s) within its BSS while minimizing interference to (#777) the non-AP STA(s) associated with the other AP by using the CSI of the channels between each AP and the recipient STAs of the other AP of the Co-BF transmission. The number of participating APs in a Co-BF transmission shall be 2. The maximum number of spatial streams for each recipient STA of the Co-BF transmission shall be 2. (#984)The APs shall obtain the CSI required for performing the Co-BF transmission as described in 37.7 (UHR sounding operation).

(#1578)(M#300)A Co-BF coordinating AP is an AP with dot11CoBFOptionImplemented equal to true that obtains a TXOP and transmits a Co-BF Invite frame to invite another AP to perform Co-BF transmission. A Co-BF coordinated AP is an AP with dot11CoBFOptionImplemented equal to true that receives a Co-BF Invite frame from the Co-BF coordinating AP to perform Co-BF transmission. The Co-BF transmission sequence shall be initiated by the Co-BF coordinating AP. A STA with dot11CoBFOptionImplemented equal to false or with dot11CoBFOptionImplemented equal to true but has disabled the Co-BF operation shall not be scheduled in a Co-BF sounding sequence or a Co-BF transmission sequence by its associated AP. (M#452)A non-AP STA with dot11CoBFOptionImplemented equal to true may enable or disable the Co-BF operation by following the procedure defined in 37.27 (Procedure for operating mode and parameter updates).

(#1578)An AP shall not initiate Co-BF transmission sequence with another AP unless the two APs have established a MAPC agreement for Co-BF according to the procedure defined in 37.13.2.1.2 (Co-BF negotiation) or by other means outside of the scope of this standard.

# (#1578) 37.13.2.1.2 Co-BF negotiation

A MAPC requesting AP that follows the rules defined in 37.13.1.3 (MAPC agreement negotiation) to establish, update, or tear down a Co-BF agreement with a MAPC responding AP shall additionally follow the rules defined in this subclause. An AP that responds to a MAPC requesting AP in a MAPC agreement negotiation for a Co-BF agreement that follows the rules defined in 37.13.1.3 (MAPC agreement negotiation) shall additionally follow the rules defined in this subclause.

A MAPC requesting AP shall include a Co-BF profile in the MAPC element carried in the MAPC Negotiation Request frame initiating the MAPC agreement negotiation for a Co-BF agreement. The Co-BF profile shall include one MAPC Scheme Request field.

A MAPC responding AP shall include a Co-BF profile in the MAPC element carried in the MAPC Negotiation Response frame when responding to a MAPC requesting AP in a MAPC agreement negotiation for a Co-BF agreement. The Co-BF profile shall include one MAPC Scheme Request field.

A MAPC requesting AP shall not set the MAPC Operation Type field to 1 or 2 if there is no established Co-BF agreement between the MAPC requesting AP and the MAPC responding AP. A MAPC requesting AP shall not set the MAPC Operation Type field to 0 if a Co-BF agreement is already established between the MAPC requesting AP and the MAPC responding AP.

The MAPC responding AP shall not set the MAPC Operation Type field, carried in the MAPC Scheme Request field of the Co-BF profile included in the MAPC Negotiation Response frame, to 5.

# 37.13.2.1.3 Frame exchange sequence for Co-BF

 (#199)A Co-BF coordinating AP shall initiate Co-BF transmission with a Co-BF coordinated AP by transmitting a Co-BF Invite frame to the Co-BF coordinated AP. The Co-BF Invite frame shall be a BSRP NTB Trigger frame. The TA field of the Co-BF Invite frame shall be set to the MAC address of the Co-BF coordinating AP, and the RA field of the Co-BF Invite frame shall be set to the MAC address of the Co-BF coordinated AP. The Co-BF invite frame solicits a Co-BF response frame from the Co-BF coordinated AP addressed by the Co-BF invite frame.

(#199)A Co-BF coordinated AP that receives a Co-BF Invite frame shall transmit a Co-BF Response frame to the Co-BF coordinating AP aSIFSTime after the end of the PPDU carrying the Co-BF Invite frame. The Co-BF Response frame shall be a Multi-STA BlockAck frame. The TA field of the Co-BF Response frame shall be set to the MAC address of the Co-BF coordinated AP, and the RA field of the Co-BF Response frame shall be set to the MAC address of the Co-BF coordinating AP.

The Co-BF coordinating or the Co-BF coordinated APs shall include an ICF-ICR frame exchange in the Co-BF transmission frame sequence whenever any of the AP’s associated STAs being scheduled for Co-BF transmission in the current TXOP operates in a mode that requires preceding frame exchanges with an ICF transmission. This is the case for DPS enabled non-AP STAs, and for non-AP STAs affiliated with an EMLSR non-AP MLD that the Co-BF transmission will immediately follow on any of its EMLSR links. The ICF frame shall not include any non-AP STA that will not be scheduled for Co-BF transmission in the next Co-BF DL PPDU.

If the ICF and ICR frame exchange is included before Co-BF transmission between the Co-BF coordinating AP and its associated recipient STAs, the Co-BF coordinating AP shall transmit the ICF aSIFSTime after the end of the PPDU carrying the Co-BF Response frame that accepts the Co-BF invite. The non-AP STAs associated with the Co-BF coordinating AP that received the ICF shall follow the rules defined in 35.3.17 (Enhanced multi-link single-radio (EMLSR) operation) and 37.15.1 (Dynamic power save (DPS) operation) to respond ICR.

If the ICF and ICR frame exchange is not included before Co-BF transmission between the Co-BF coordinating AP and its associated recipient STAs, and the ICF and ICR frame exchange is included before the Co-BF transmission between the Co-BF coordinated AP and its associated recipient STAs, the Co-BF coordinated AP shall transmit the ICF aSIFSTime after the end of the PPDU carrying the Co-BF Response frame that accepts the Co-BF invite.

If the ICF and ICR frame exchange is included before Co-BF transmission between the Co-BF coordinating AP and its associated recipient STAs, and the ICF and ICR frame exchange is included before the Co-BF transmission between the Co-BF coordinated AP and its associated recipient STAs, the Co-BF coordinated AP shall transmit the ICF 2\*aSIFSTime plus the duration of the ICF and ICR frame exchange between the Co-BF coordinating AP and its associated recipient STAs that is indicated in the Co-BF Invite frame after the end of the PPDU carrying the Co-BF Response frame that accepts the Co-BF invite.

The non-AP STAs associated with the Co-BF coordinated AP that received the ICF shall follow the rules defined in 35.3.17 (Enhanced multi-link single-radio (EMLSR) operation) and 37.15.1 (Dynamic power save (DPS) operation) to respond ICR.

A Co-BF coordinating or a Co-BF coordinated AP transmitting any ICF frame during the Co-BF transmission phase to an associated non-AP STA shall include an indication to that STA to use an extended timeout period for the following cases:

* The STA is a DPS enabled non-AP STA in which case the extended timeout period corresponds to the time the DPS STA stays in the HC mode before switching to LC mode when it is not included in any frame transmission or reception.
* The STA is operating on an EMLSR link of its affiliated non-AP MLD in which case the extended timeout period corresponds to the non-AP MLD’s switch back to listening operation event on that EMLSR link.

The duration of the extended timeout period shall be explicitly indicated by the Extended Timeout Duration field in the Feedback User Info field included in the ICF frame addressing the associated STA. The AP shall indicate a duration for the extended timeout period that is longer than the longest inactivity period the associated non-AP STA(s) will experience within the Co-BF transmission sequence.

A STA that is operating on an EMLSR link of its affiliated non-AP MLD during the Co-BF transmission phase shall follow the rules defined in 35.3.17 (Enhanced multi-link single-radio (EMLSR) operation) for switching back to listening operation except for the following:

* It uses extended timeout period instead of aSIFSTime + aSlotTime + aRxPHYStartDelay as timeout interval starting at the end of the PPDU transmitted by the non-AP STA affiliated with the non-AP MLD as a response to the most recently received frame from the AP affiliated with the AP MLD or starting at the end of the reception of the PPDU containing a frame for the non-AP STA from the AP affiliated with the AP MLD that does not require immediate acknowledgement.
* During the extended timeout period, it shall not switch back to the listening operation.

After the Co-BF coordinating or Co-BF coordinated AP receives an ICR from its associated non-AP STA operating on an EMLSR link during the Co-BF transmission phase, the other AP(s) affiliated with the AP MLD shall not transmit frames to the other non-AP STA(s) affiliated with the non-AP MLD on the other EMLSR link(s) during the extended time-out period.

When an AP transmits an ICF frame to a DPS STA that is scheduled in a Co-BF sequence, the ICF shall not be an RTS frame.

(#1578)The Co-BF coordinating AP shall transmit a Co-BF Trigger frame to the Co-BF coordinated AP prior to the two data PPDUs transmitted simultaneously by the Co-BF coordinating and Co-BF coordinated APs.

If the ICF and ICR frame exchange is not included before Co-BF transmission between the Co-BF coordinating AP and its associated recipient STAs, and the ICF and ICR frame exchange is not included before the Co-BF transmission between the Co-BF coordinated AP and its associated recipient STAs, the Co-BF coordinating AP shall transmit the Co-BF Trigger frame a aSIFSTime time after the end of the PPDU carrying the Co-BF Response frame that accepts the Co-BF invite.

If the ICF and ICR frame exchange is included before Co-BF transmission between the Co-BF coordinating AP and its associated recipient STAs, and the ICF and ICR frame exchange is not included before the Co-BF transmission between the Co-BF coordinated AP and its associated recipient STAs, the Co-BF coordinating AP shall transmit the Co-BF Trigger frame aSIFSTime after the end of the PPDU carrying the ICR transmitted by the non-AP STA(s) associated with the Co-BF coordinating AP.

If the ICF and ICR frame exchange is not included before Co-BF transmission between the Co-BF coordinating AP and its associated recipient STAs, and the ICF and ICR frame exchange is included before the Co-BF transmission between the Co-BF coordinated AP and its associated recipient STAs, the Co-BF coordinating AP shall transmit the Co-BF Trigger frame 2\*aSIFSTime plus the duration of the ICF and ICR frame exchange between the Co-BF coordinated AP and its associated recipient STAs after the end of the PPDU carrying the Co-BF Response frame that accepts the Co-BF invite. The duration of the ICF and ICR frame exchange between the Co-BF coordinated AP and its associated recipient STAs is indicated in the Co-BF Response frame.

If the ICF and ICR frame exchange is included before Co-BF transmission between the Co-BF coordinating AP and its associated recipient STAs, and the ICF and ICR frame exchange is included before the Co-BF transmission between the Co-BF coordinated AP and its associated recipient STAs, the Co-BF coordinating AP shall transmit the Co-BF Trigger frame 2\*aSIFSTime plus the duration of the ICF and ICR frame exchange between the Co-BF coordinated AP and its associated recipient STAs after the end of the PPDU carrying the ICR transmitted by the non-AP STA(s) associated with the Co-BF coordinating AP. The duration of the ICF and ICR frame exchange between the Co-BF coordinated AP and its associated recipient STAs is indicated in the Co-BF Response frame.

# 37.13.2.1.4 Co-BF transmission procedure

In order to perform Co-BF transmission, a Co-BF coordinating AP and a Co-BF coordinated AP shall follow the rules defined in 37.13.2.1.3 (Frame Exchange sequence for Co-BF), and shall additionally follow the rules defined in this subclause.

(M#327)The Co-BF Invite frame shall include the following information:

* The minimum number of data OFDM symbols of the Co-BF transmission
* The maximum number of data OFDM symbols of the Co-BF transmission
* The PHY version of the Co-BF transmission
* The bandwidth of the Co-BF transmission
* The puncturing pattern of the Co-BF transmission
* The GI and the LTF size of the Co-BF transmission
* The maximum total number of spatial streams allowed for the Co-BF coordinated AP of the Co-BF transmission
* The number of recipient STAs of the Co-BF transmission that are associated with the Co-BF coordinating AP
* The STA ID of each recipient STA of the Co-BF transmission that is associated with the Co-BF coordinating AP
* The number of spatial streams for each recipient STA of the Co-BF transmission that is associated with the Co-BF coordinating AP
* Whether ICF and ICR frame exchange is included between the Co-BF coordinating AP and its associated recipient STAs before Co-BF transmission
* The duration of the ICF and ICR frame exchange between the Co-BF coordinating AP and its associated recipient STAs before Co-BF transmission, if needed.

(M#328)If the Co-BF coordinated AP accepts the Co-BF invite, the Co-BF Response frame shall include the following information:

* The suggested number of data OFDM symbols of the Co-BF transmission. (M#371)The suggested value shall not be smaller than the minimum number of data OFDM symbols indicated by the Co-BF coordinating AP in the Co-BF Invite frame.

NOTE-The Co-BF coordinating AP might ignore the Co-BF coordinated AP’s suggestion

* The PHY version of the Co-BF transmission
* Whether extra LTF to be used in the Co-BF transmission is allowed by the Co-BF coordinated AP
* The number of recipient STAs of the Co-BF transmission that are associated with the Co-BF coordinated AP
* The STA ID of each recipient STA of the Co-BF transmission that is associated with the Co-BF coordinated AP
* The MCS for each recipient STA of the Co-BF transmission that is associated with the Co-BF coordinated AP
* The number of spatial streams for each recipient STA of the Co-BF transmission that is associated with the Co-BF coordinated AP
* Whether 2xLDPC will be used for each recipient STA of the Co-BF transmission that is associated with the Co-BF coordinated AP
* Whether ICF and ICR frame exchange is included between the Co-BF coordinated AP and its associated recipient STAs before Co-BF transmission
* The duration of the ICF and ICR frame exchange between the Co-BF coordinated AP and its associated recipient STAs before Co-BF transmission, if needed.

(M#480) If the Co-BF coordinated AP rejects the Co-BF invite, the Co-BF Response frame should include the reason for rejection.

(M#312)In each of the Co-BF Invite and Co-BF Response frames, if there is information for more than one user, the users are ordered according to the number of spatial streams in non-increasing order.

(M#311)The Co-BF Trigger frame is used to ensure time and frequency synchronization between the two data PPDUs, and conveys the information needed to construct a common preamble for the two data PPDUs. The Co-BF Trigger frame shall include the following information:

* The value to be set in the Length field in the L-SIG field of the PPDU of the Co-BF transmission
* The PHY version of the Co-BF transmission
* The bandwidth of the Co-BF transmission
* The puncturing pattern of the Co-BF transmission
* The BSS color of the Co-BF coordinating AP
* The BSS color of the Co-BF coordinated AP
* The TXOP duration to be set in the TXOP field in the U-SIG of the Co-BF transmission
* The number of UHR-SIG symbols of the Co-BF transmission
* The GI and the LTF size of the Co-BF transmission
* The number of UHR-LTF symbols of the Co-BF transmission
* The total number of recipient STAs of the Co-BF transmission
* The STA ID of each recipient STA of the Co-BF transmission
* Which BSS each recipient STA of the Co-BF transmission belongs to

NOTE-the BSS is identified by the BSS color

* The MCS of each recipient STA of the Co-BF transmission
* The spatial configuration of each recipient STA of the Co-BF transmission
* Whether 2xLDPC will be used for each recipient STA of the Co-BF transmission

(M#316)The order of user information in the Co-BF Trigger frame shall be the same as the order of users in the UHR-SIG User field for the Co-BF transmission. The ordering of user information follows the rules described in 38.3.15.9.6 (User Specific field). In addition to the above rules, the order of user information of the users associated with the Co-BF coordinating AP in the Co-BF Trigger frame shall be the same as that in the Co-BF Invite frame. The order of user information of the users associated with the Co-BF coordinated AP in the Co-BF Trigger frame shall be the same as that in the Co-BF Response frame.

(M#469)The user information in the Co-BF Trigger frame and in the UHR-SIG of the Co-BF transmission corresponds to all the recipient STAs that are indicated in the Co-BF Invite and Co-BF Response frames. The number of spatial streams for each recipient STA interpreted from the spatial configuration in the Co-BF Trigger frame shall be the same as the number of spatial streams for the same STA that is indicated in the Co-BF Invite and Co-BF Response frames. The MCS and 2xLDPC bit for each recipient STA indicated in the Co-BF Trigger frame shall be the same as the MCS and 2xLDPC bit indicated in the Co-BF Response frame

(M#298)The Co-BF coordinating AP and the Co-BF coordinated AP shall follow the rules defined in 38.3.24 (Transmit requirement for UHR Co-BF sounding sequence and Co-BF transmission) to apply frequency pre-correction to the PPDUs containing the Co-BF Trigger frame and the Co-BF data frames.

# 37.13.2.2 Coordinated spatial reuse

**37.13.2.2.1 General**

The objective of coordinated spatial reuse (Co-SR) is to allow more efficient medium usage by concurrent transmissions (#Editorial)from multiple APs using transmit power control. (#416) The number of participating APs in a Co-SR transmission shall be 2. (#747) (#3784)

(#747) A Co-SR coordinating AP is an AP with dot11CoSROptionImplemented equal to true that obtains a TXOP and initiates Co-SR transmission with another AP. A Co-SR coordinated AP is an AP with dot11CoSROptionImplemented equal to true that participates in Co-SR transmission initiated by the Co-SR coordinating AP. The Co-SR transmission shall be initiated by the Co-SR coordinating AP. An AP shall not perform a Co-SR transmission to a STA with dot11CoSROptionImplemented equal to false or with dot11CoSROptionImplemented equal to true but has disabled the Co-SR operation. (M#452)A non-AP STA with dot11CoSROptionImplemented equal to true may enable or disable the Co-SR operation by following the procedure defined in 37.27 (Procedure for operating mode and parameter updates).

(#1477) An AP shall not initiate Co-SR transmission with another AP unless the two APs have established a MAPC agreement for Co-SR according to the procedure defined in 37.8.2.2.2 (Co-SR negotiation) or by other means outside of the scope of this standard.

# (#1477) 37.13.2.2.2 Co-SR negotiation

A MAPC requesting AP that follows the rules defined in 37.8.1.3 (MAPC agreement negotiation) to establish, update, or tear down a Co-SR agreement with a MAPC responding AP shall additionally follow the rules defined in this subclause. A MAPC responding AP that responds to a MAPC requesting AP in a MAPC agreement negotiation for Co-SR agreement that follows the rules defined in 37.8.1.3 (MAPC agreement negotiation) shall additionally follow the rules defined in this subclause.

A MAPC requesting AP shall include a Co-SR profile in the MAPC element carried in the MAPC Negotiation Request frame initiating the MAPC agreement negotiation for a Co-SR agreement. The Co-SR profile shall include one MAPC Scheme Request field.

A MAPC responding AP shall include a Co-SR profile in the MAPC element carried in the MAPC Negotiation Response frame when responding to a MAPC requesting AP in a MAPC agreement negotiation for a Co-SR agreement. The Co-SR profile shall include one MAPC Scheme Request field.

A MAPC requesting AP shall not set the MAPC Operation Type field to 1 or 2 if there is no established Co-SR agreement between the MAPC requesting AP and the MAPC responding AP. A MAPC requesting AP shall not set the MAPC Operation Type field to 0 if a Co-SR agreement is already established between the MAPC requesting AP and the MAPC responding AP.

The MAPC responding AP shall not set the MAPC Operation Type field, carried in the MAPC Scheme Request field of the Co-SR profile included in the MAPC Negotiation Response frame, to 5.

# 37.13.2.2.3 Frame Exchange sequence for Co-SR

Co-SR follows the same frame exchange sequence as Co-BF as defined in 37.13.2.1.3 (Frame Exchange sequence for Co-BF), where

* The rules defined for Co-BF coordinating AP shall be applied to Co-SR coordinating AP,
* The rules defined for Co-BF coordinated AP shall be applied to Co-SR coordinated AP,
* Co-BF Invite frame shall be replaced by Co-SR Invite frame,
* Co-BF Response frame shall be replaced by Co-SR Response frame,
* Co-BF Trigger frame shall be replaced by Co-SR Trigger frame,
* Co-BF transmission shall be replaced by Co-SR transmission.

#  (M#253) 37.13.2.2.4 Co-SR transmission

In order to perform Co-SR transmission, a Co-SR coordinating AP and a Co-SR coordinated AP shall follow the rules defined in 37.13.2.1.3 (Frame Exchange sequence for Co-SR), and shall additionally follow the rules defined in this subclause.

The Co-SR Invite frame shall include the following information:

* (M#478)The minimum number of data OFDM symbols of the Co-SR transmission
* (M#478)The maximum number of data OFDM symbols of the Co-SR transmission
* (M#455)The intended PHY version of the Co-SR coordinating AP’s PPDU in the upcoming Co-SR transmission.
* (M#477)The GI and the LTF size of the Co-SR transmission
* (M#477)The number of LTF symbols of the Co-SR transmission
* Whether ICF and ICR frame exchange is included between the Co-SR coordinating AP and its associated recipient STAs before Co-SR transmission
* The duration of the ICF and ICR frame exchange between the Co-SR coordinating AP and its associated recipient STAs before Co-SR transmission, if needed.

If the Co-SR coordinated AP accepts the Co-SR invite, the Co-SR Response frame shall include the following information:

* (M#478)The suggested number of data OFDM symbols of the Co-SR transmission.
* (M#455)The intended PHY version of the Co-SR coordinated AP’s PPDU in the upcoming Co-SR transmission.
* Whether ICF and ICR frame exchange is included between the Co-SR coordinated AP and its associated recipient STAs before Co-SR transmission
* The duration of the ICF and ICR frame exchange between the Co-SR coordinated AP and its associated recipient STAs before Co-SR transmission, if needed.

(M#480) If the Co-SR coordinated AP rejects the Co-SR invite, the Co-SR Response frame may include the reason for rejection. (M#472)When the Co-SR Invite frame indicates 2x LTF type and the intended number of LTF symbols, the Co-SR coordinated AP may reject the Co-SR invitation due to the number of LTF limitation.

(M#253)The Co-SR Trigger frame shall include the following information:

* (M#254)The duration of the data PPDU transmitted by the Co-SR coordinating AP and the duration of the data PPDU transmitted by the Co-SR coordinated AP, which shall be the same.
* (M#429)The transmit power limit of the Co-SR coordinated AP. The value of the transmit power limit shall not be lower than the value indicated by the Co-SR coordinated AP in the MAPC Negotiation Request frame or MAPC Negotiation Response frame during the MAPC agreement establishment procedure as defined in 37.8.2.2.2 (Co-SR negotiation).
* (M#429)The transmit power of the Co-SR coordinating AP.
* (M#456)The PHY version of the data PPDU transmitted by the Co-SR coordinating AP and the PHY version of the data PPDU transmitted by the Co-SR coordinated AP.

(M#135)(#3784)The Co-SR Trigger frame shall include one User Info field that corresponds to the Co-SR coordinated AP. The User Info field shall be set as follows:

* The AID12 field shall be set to the AP ID of the Co-SR coordinated AP, which is assigned by the Co-SR coordinating AP during the MAPC agreement establishment procedure as defined in 37.8.2.2.2 (Co-SR negotiation).

(M#254)After transmitting the Co-SR Trigger frame, the Co-SR coordinating AP shall transmit a data PPDU where the TXVECTOR parameters shall be set as follows:

* The L\_LENGTH parameter is set to the value indicated in the Co-SR Trigger frame

(M#254)After receiving the Co-SR Trigger frame, the Co-SR coordinated AP shall transmit a data PPDU where the TXVECTOR parameters shall be set as follows:

* The L\_LENGTH parameter is set to the value indicated in the Co-SR Trigger frame
* The TXPWR\_LEVEL\_INDEX parameter is set to a value that leads to a transmit power less than or equal to the transmit power indicated in the Co-SR Trigger frame

**38.3.22 Coordinated spatial reuse38.3.22.1 General**

Co-SR is a technique where multiple APs transmit simultaneously DL MU PPDUs using the mechanism of transmit power control as defined in 37.13.2.2 (Coordinated spatial reuse).

# 9.3.1.8.6 Multi-STA BlockAck variant

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| --- |
| * Feedback Type subfield encoding
 |
| Feedback Type | Feedback subfield type |
| 0 | Unavailability feedback |
| 1 | Low latency feedback |
| 2 | Co-BF feedback  |
| 3 | Co-TDMA feedback |
| 4 | Co-SR feedback |
| 5-15 | Reserved |

# 9.3.1.22.7 Feedback User Info field

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The Feedback Type field indicates the type of feedback information included in the Feedback user Info field and follows the encoding shown in Table 9-45m5.

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| Table 9-46m5 Feedback Type subfield encoding |
| Feedback Type | Feedback subfield type |
| 0 | Unsolicited Unavailability feedback |
| 1 | Reserved |
| 2 | Co-BF feedback |
| 3 | Co-TDMA feedback |
| 4 | Co-SR feedback |
| 5-15 | Reserved |

# 9.3.1.22 Trigger Frame Format

**9.3.1.22.7 Feedback User Info field**

A Feedback User Info field having the format shown in Figure 9-aa shall be included in the BSRP Trigger frame and MU-RTS Trigger frame that is addressed to one or more EMLSR or DPS STAs within a Co-BF transmission frame sequence or a Co-SR transmission frame sequence. The AID12 field value is set to 2008. The Feedback Type field is set to 2 indicating to the recipient STA(s) that this BSRP Trigger frame or MU-RTS Trigger frame is sent within a Co-BF transmission sequence, and is set to 4 indicating to the recipient STA(s) that this BSRP Trigger frame or MU-RTS Trigger frame is sent as an ICF within a Co-SR transmission frame sequence. The format of the Feedback Information field is shown in Figure 9-bb that includes an Extended Timeout Duration field indicating the duration that the recipient STA(s) shall wait before initiating a switch back procedure. Switch back procedures can be either switching back to listen mode on the link of operation for EMLSR STAs or switching back to LC mode for DPS STAs. The Extended Timeout Duration is reported in units of 4 us. The value 0 indicates that an EMLSR STA should follow normal EMLSR switch back procedures and a DPS STA should follow the normal DPS switch back procedures.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | B0   B11 | B12  B15 | B16    B39 |
|  | AID12 | Feedback Type | Feedback Information |
| Bits: | 12 | 4 | 24 |

**Figure 9-aa Feedback user Info field**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | B0   B7 | B8    B23 |
|  | Extended Timeout Duration | Reserved |
| Bits: | 8 | 16 |

**Figure 9-bb Feedback Information**

**9.4.2.1 General**

**9.4.2.aa3 MAPC element**

# 9.4.2.aa3.2.2 Co-BF profile

The MAPC Scheme Type field is set to the value for Co-BF as indicated in Table 9-349f (MAPC Scheme Type field values).

The MAPC Scheme Parameter Set field of the Co-BF profile is defined in Figure 9-aaX.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | B0     B1 | B2     B3 | B4 | B5     B7 |
|   | Number of Supported Sounding Reports | Number of Supported Joint Sounding Reports | 2x LTF + 0.8 us GI Supported | Reserved |
| Bits:  | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 |

Figure 9-aaX— MAPC Scheme Parameter Set field of the Co-BF profile format

The Number of Supported Sounding Reports field indicates the maximum number of OBSS Sounding Reports that the AP can store for this Co-BF pair that is equal to the value of the field plus 1.

The Number of Supported Joint Sounding Reports field indicates the maximum number of Joint Sounding Reports that the AP can store for this Co-BF pair that is equal to the value of the field plus 1. The value of the Number of Supported Joint Sounding Reports field is not larger than the value of the Number of Supported Sounding Reports field indicated between the same pair of APs.

The 2x LTF + 0.8 us GI Supported field indicates whether the AP supports the use of 2 x LTF + 0.8 GI or not while operating in Co-BF with the peer AP with which the Co-BF agreement is being established. The field is set to 1 when 2x LTF + 0.8 us GI is supported by the AP.

If the Co-BF profile includes the MAPC Scheme Request Set field, the Co-BF profile includes one MAPC Scheme Request Set field where the MAPC Per-Scheme Info Present field is set to 0, and the MAPC Request Parameter Set field is not included.

# 9.4.2.aa3.2.3 Co-SR profile

The MAPC Scheme Type field is set to the value for Co-SR as indicated in Table 9-349f (MAPC Scheme Type field values).

The MAPC Scheme Parameter Set field of the Co-SR profile is defined in Figure 9-aaY.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | B0     B5 | B6     B7 |
|   | Minimum Transmit Power | Reserved |
| Bits:  | 6 | 2 |

Figure 9-aaY— MAPC Scheme Parameter Set field of the Co-SR profile format

The Minimum Transmit Power field indicates the minimum acceptable transmit power of the AP in Co-SR transmission as Co-SR coordinated AP.

If the Co-SR profile includes the MAPC Scheme Request Set field, the Co-SR profile includes one MAPC Scheme Request Set field where the MAPC Per-Scheme Info Present field is set to 0, and the MAPC Request Parameter Set field is not included.