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Proposed Resolution for CID 193 (BSS Color Disable Indication)

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Abstract

This submission proposes resolution for CID 193

Revision History:

Rev0: Initial version of the document

Rev1, 2: Fixed author affiliation, fixed rev # in document header

Rev3: updated text to separate NAV setting and Intra-PPDU PS case based on feedback

Rev4: added discussion section

Rev5: changed PPDU power save to Intra-PPDU power save based on feedback

Rev6: revised based on received feedback (IEEE San Antonio, 11/8/16 AM2)

Included proposed changes to section 25.2.1 and 25.15.1

Rev7: Updated proposed text in 9.4.2.219 and 25.11.3

Removed proposed changed to 25.2.1 & 25.15.1

Rev8: fixed typo

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CID	Pg / Ln	Comment	Proposed Change	Resolution
193	25.11	There may be cases where multiple APs have selected the same BSS Color as such a STA in rare occasions may happen to decide and go in doze state during the wrong PPDU. Enable the AP to turn off intra-PPDU PS based on BSS Color.	As in comment.	Revised. Please see contribution in document 11-16/1413r8 TGax editor please capture changes from this document (11-16/1413r8) for CID 193.

Discussion:

6-bits for BSS Color. Based on Birthday Paradox, in a dense environment, there is a high likelihood that 2 APs select the same color (for example, with only 8 APs in the neighborhood, there is a 50% chance that 2 of them select the same color)

If BSS Color collision is not handled, it can cause:

- STAs to incorrectly set Intra-NAV values
- STAs to incorrectly enter power-save mode and miss frames from its AP

Therefore, it is critical for HE APs to:

- Signal and inform associated STAs that there is BSS color overlap
- If needed, switch to a new color (see doc 11-16/1415)

The proposed resolution is to disable BSS Color when AP determines that there is a color collision.

The proposed text language is general so that it covers other situations such as an operator reorganizing a managed network.

9.4.2.219 HE Operation element

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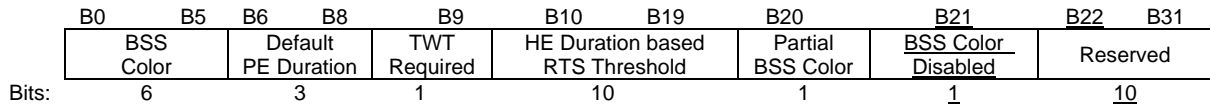


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The BSS Color Disabled subfield indicates whether the transmitting AP recommends the associated STAs to disable the use of BSS Color parameter when making decisions related to Intra-PPDU power save and setting Intra BSS NAV. An HE AP sets the BSS Color Disabled subfield to 1 if the HE AP decides to disable the use of the BSS color for the BSS that it serves, for example, after detecting a BSS Color overlap in the neighborhood as described in 25.11.3 (BSS COLOR); otherwise the HE AP sets the BSS Color Disabled subfield to 0.

If a HE non-AP STA receives from associated AP a BSS Color Disabled subfield value equal to 1 in the HE Operation element the HE non-AP STA should not exclusively use BSS Color parameter in making decision related to Intra-PPDU power save and for setting Intra BSS NAV. Instead, the non-AP STA should use the MAC header to make such decisions (see details in 25.11.3). HE non-AP STA may (re)enable BSS Color related features once it receives from the associated AP a BSS Color Disabled subfield equal to 0 in an HE Operation element.

25.11 TXVECTOR parameters STA_ID_LIST, UPLINK_FLAG and BSS_COLOR for an HE PPDU

25.11.3 BSS_COLOR

TGax Editor: Please add the underline at the end of this section:

An HE AP that decides to discontinue the use of the BSS color for the BSS that it serves, for example, after detecting a BSS Color overlap with an OBSS shall set the value of BSS Color Disabled subfield in the HE Operation element to 1 to inform associated STAs that the BSS Color is disabled; otherwise the AP shall set the BSS Color Disabled subfield to 0.

If the most recently received HE Operation element from the AP to which it is associated contained a value of 1 in the BSS Color Disabled subfield then:

- A HE non-AP STA should use the A1, A2 and Duration/ID fields of the MPDUs contained in the received PPDUs instead of the BSS_COLOR and TXOP Duration field in the HE SIG A field to determine whether the STA should update the Intra-BSS NAV.
- A HE non-AP STA should use the A1, A2 of the MPDUs contained in the received PPDUs instead of the BSS_COLOR and STA_ID_LIST field in the HE SIG A field to determine whether the STA may go to doze state for the duration of that PPDU (see 25.15.1 (Intra-PPDU power save for HE non-AP STAs)).

The HE non-AP STA may use the BSS_COLOR if the most recently received HE Operation element from the AP to which it is associated contained a value of 0 in the BSS Color Disabled subfield.