

IEEE 802.11e Enhanced QoS

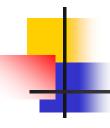
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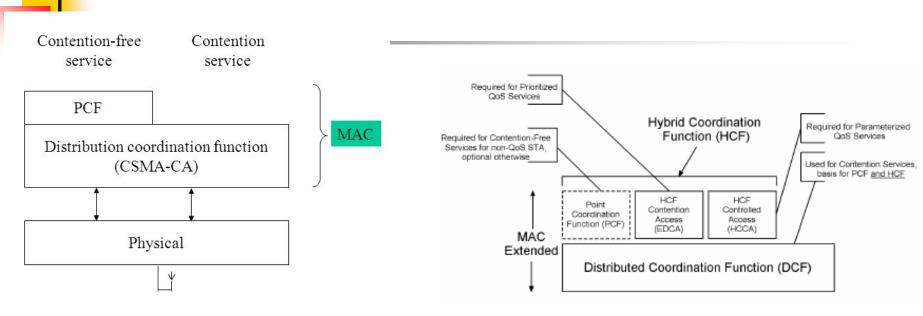
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- Traffic Differentiation
- Hybrid Coordination Function (HCF)
 - Contention-Based Channel Access EDCA
 - Controlled Channel Access HCCA
- Block Acknowledgement
- Direct Link Protocol (DLP)



Characteristics of IEEE 802.11e

- The major enhancement of 802.11e
 - Traffic differentiation
 - Concept of Transmission Opportunity (TXOP)
 - Enhanced DCF (contention-based)
 - HCP controlled channel access (contention free)
 - Burst ACK (optional)
 - Direct link protocol (DLP)

MAC Architecture



IEEE 802.11 MAC Architecture

IEEE 802.11e MAC Architecture

- DCF: A contention-base access for 802.11.
- PCF: An option to support contention-free access in 802.11.
- *Hybrid Coordination Function* (HCF): IEEE 802.11 Task Group E (TGe) proposes HCF to provide QoS for real-time applications.



Characteristics of Media Streams

Media Streams

- Audio
 - Speech
 - Uncompressed e.g. 64 kbps Pulse Code Modulation (PCM)
 - Compressed: e.g. ITU-T G.723.1, G.729, ...
 - Low bit rate & Constant bit rate
 - Music
 - Uncompressed e.g. CD: 16bit, 44.1khz
 - Compressed: e.g. MP2, MP3, ...
 - Medium bit rate & Variable/Constant bit rate
- Video
 - Compressed e.g. Mpeg-1, Mpeg-2, Mpeg-4, ...
 - High bit rate & Variable/Constant bit rate

Characteristics of Media Streams (Cont.)

- Requirements of QoS
 - Controlled transmission rate
 - Peak rate & Average rate
 - Controlled Service Interval
 - Minimum & Maximum
 - Burst Size
 - Bounded Delay !
 - Bounded Jitter!
 - Solution in device: Jitter Buffer
 - Solution in network: Prioritized Transmission

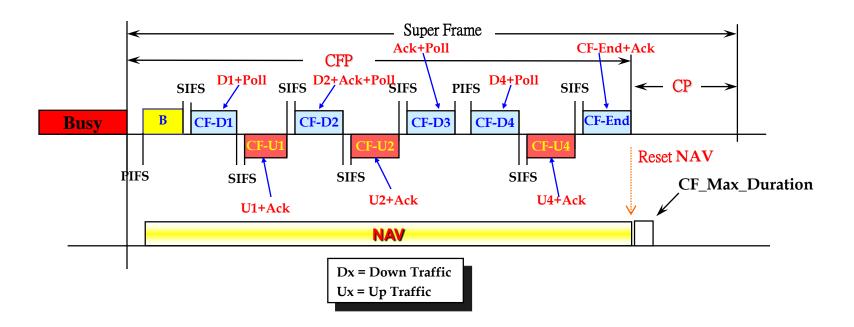




Is 802.11 enough for QoS?

- DCF can not provide QoS trivially
- PCF is not enough
 - Only 1 frame can be sent at each polling
 - Point Coordinator (PC) does not know the QoS requirement of traffic
 - Can not guarantee the delay and jitter bound

PCF





Brief of IEEE 802.11e

- Defined at IEEE 802.11 Task Group E
- Goal: Providing QoS
 - Minimize Latency
 - Jitter
 - Delay variations
 - Maximize throughput
 - Define traffic models for both Ad-hoc and Infrastructure
- Enhance the MAC (802.11)



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Brief of IEEE 802.11e (Cont.)

- The major enhancement of 802.11e
 - Traffic Differentiation
 - Concept of Transmission Opportunity (TXOP)
 - Enhanced Distributed Channel Access (EDCA)
 (Contention-Based)
 - HCF Controlled Channel Access (HCCA)
 (Contention Free)
 - Block ACK
 - Direct Link Protocol (DLP)

Terms

- QoS Facility
 - The mechanisms for QoS defined in 802.11e
- QAP
 - Access Point supporting QoS facility
- OSTA
 - Station supporting QoS facility
- QBSS
- Hybrid Coordinator (HC)
- Access Category (AC)
- User Priority (UP)
- Traffic Category (TC)
- Traffic Specification (TSPEC)
- Traffic Stream (TS)
- Traffic Identifier (TID)



Traffic Differentiation



Classification of QoS Data

- New frame subtype: QoS Data
- Each MSDU of QoS Data is classified as one kind of traffic
 - Identified by TID field in frame header
- Two types of traffic classification
 - By User Priority (TC) (for prioritized QoS)
 - By Traffic Specification (TSPEC) (for parameterized QoS)

User Priority

8 User Priorities:

Identical to IEEE 802.1D priority tags

Priority	User Priority (same as 802.1D user priority	802.1D Designation	Access category (AC)	(Informative)
Lowest	1	BK	AC_BK	Background
	2	-	AC_BK	Background
	<u>0</u>	<u>BE</u>	AC_BE	Best Effort
	3	EE	AC_BE	Video
	4	CL	AC_VI	Video
+	5	VI	AC_VI	Video
highest	6	VO	AC_VO	Voice
-8	7	NC	AC_VO	Voice



IEEE 802.1p traffic types

Table A.1—IEEE 802.1p traffic types

User priority	Traffic type	Used for:	Comments
0 (default)	Best effort (BE)	Asynchronous data	Default piconet traffic
1	Background (BK)	Asynchronous data	
2	-	A spare	Currently not assigned
3	Excellent effort (EE)	Isochronous	For valued customers
4	Controlled load (CL)	Isochronous	Traffic will have to conform to some higher protocol layer admission control
5	Video (VI)	Isochronous	< 100 ms delay and jitter
6	Voice (VO)	Isochronous	< 10 ms delay and jitter
7	Network control (NC)		



User Priority (cont.)

- Priority Determination of MSDU
 - Directly: provided at MAC SAP
 - Indirectly: defined in TSPEC's



User Priority (Cont.)

- Access Category (AC)
 - In EDCA, media access is based on the AC of MSDU
 - 4 ACs are defined
 - AC_BK (background)
 - AC_BE (best-effort)
 - AC_VI (Video)
 - AC_VO (Voice)
 - The size of Contention-Window (CW) and Interframe space (IFS) is dependent on AC



Traffic Specification

- Traffic Specification (TSPEC)
 - Characteristics of traffic streams created by negotiation between QSTA and Hybrid Coordinator (HC)
 - Hybrid Coordinator can schedule the polling within CFP and the data transmission of the traffic stream accordingly
- TSPEC Setup & Delete
 - Use Management Frame with new subtype Action containing TSPEC Element



Frame Formats

MAC frame format:

octets: 2	2	6	6	6	2	6	2	n	4
Frame Control	Duration / ID	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Sequence Control	Address 4	<u>QoS</u> <u>Control</u>	Frame Body	FCS
	MAC Header								

QoS Control Field:

Applicable Frame (sub) Types	Bits 0-3	Bit 4	Bits 5-6	Bit 7	Bits 8-15
QoS (+)CF-Poll frames sent by HC	TID	EOSP	Ack Policy	Reserved	TXOP limit in units of 32 microseconds
QoS Data, QoS Null, QoS CF-Ack and QoS Data+CF-Ack frames sent by HC	TID	EOSP	Ack Policy	Reserved	Reserved
QoS data type frames sent by	TID	0	Ack Policy	Reserved	TXOP duration requested in units of 32 microseconds
non-AP QSTAs	TID	1	Ack Policy	Reserved	Queue size in units of 256 octets

Traffic Identifier (TID)



- QoS control field,
 - TID: Traffic Identifier
 - EOSP: End of Service Period
 - EOSP is used by the HC to indicate the end of the current service period (SP) after the successful transmission of the current frame.
 - The More Data Bit is used to indicate whether there are MSDUs buffered at the AP at the end of the SP.



Traffic Identified (TID)

Distinguish MSDUs of different traffic types

Range: 0-15

Bits 0-3	Usage
0-7	UP for prioritized QoS (TC)
8-15	TSID for parameterized QoS (TS)



Bit in QoS Control field:

Bit 5	Bit 6	Meaning
0	0	Normal acknowledgement. The addressed recipient returns an ACK or QoS (+) CF-ACK frame after a SIFS period, according to the procedures defined in 9.2.8, 9.3.3 and 9.9.2.3.
		The Ack Policy field is set to this value in all directed frames in which the sender requires acknowledgement. For QoS Null (no data) frames, this is the only permissible value for the Ack Policy field.

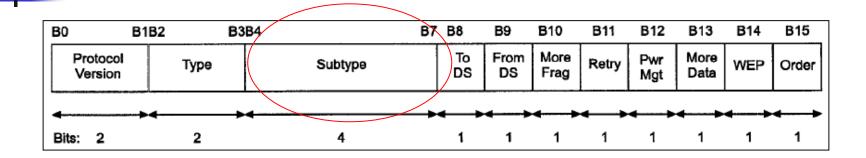
ACK Policy

Bit 5	Bit 6	Meaning
		No Acknowledgement The addressed recipient takes no action upon receipt of the frame. More details are provided in 9.11.
1	0	The Ack Policy is set to this value in all directed frames in which the sender does not require acknowledgement. For QoS CF-Ack frames, this is the only permissible value for the Ack Policy field. This combination is also used for broadcast and multicast frames that use the OoS frame format.
0	1	No Explicit Acknowledgement. There may be a response frame to the frame that is received, but it is neither the ACK nor any Data frame of subtype +CF-Ack. For Data frames of subtype QoS CF-Poll and subtype QoS CF-Ack+CF-Poll, this is the only permissible value for the Ack Policy field.
1	1	Block Acknowledgement The addressed recipient takes no action upon the receipt of the frame except for recording the state. The recipient can expect a BlockAckReq frame in the future to which it responds using the procedure described in 9.10.

Ack Policy

- Normal ACK: An ACK or QoS CF-ACK is required after a SIFS.
- No ACK: No required ACK response
- No Explicit ACK: There may be a response frame, but it is neither the ACK nor any Data frame of subtype +CF-ACK. (e.g., QoS CF-Poll, or QoS CF-ACK+CF-Poll).
- Block ACK: Instead of transmitting an individual <u>ACK</u> for every <u>MPDU</u> (i.e., <u>frame</u>), multiple MPDUs can be acknowledged together using a single Block ACK frame

Frame Control Field





Type value b3 b2	Type description	Subtype value b7 b6 b5 b4	Subtype description			
10	Data	1000 -1111	QoS DataReserved			
<u>10</u>	<u>Data</u>	1001	QoS Data + CF-Ack			
<u>10</u>	<u>Data</u>	1010	QoS Data + CF-Poll			
<u>10</u>	<u>Data</u>	1011	QoS Data + CF-Ack + CF-Poll			
<u>10</u>	<u>Data</u>	1100	QoS Null (no data)			
<u>10</u>	<u>Data</u>	1101	Reserved			
<u>10</u>	<u>Data</u>	<u>1110</u>	QoS CF-Poll (no data)			
<u>10</u>	10 Data		QoS CF-Ack + CF-Poll (no data)			
00	Management	<u>1101</u>	Action			
<u>01</u>	Control	1000	Group Acknowledgement Request (GroupAckReq)			
<u>01</u>	Control	<u>1001</u>	Group Acknowledgement (GroupAck)			

Queue size field

- 8-bit field that indicates the amount of buffered traffic for a given TC or TS at the non-AP QSTA sending this frame.
- The queue size value is the total size, rounded up to the nearest multiple of 256 octets and expressed in units of 256 octets.
 - value of 0 indicates the absence of any buffered traffic in the queue used for the specified TID
 - value of 254 is used for all sizes greater than 64768 octets
 - value of 255 is used to indicate an unspecified or unknown size



- A <u>TXOP</u> is defined by a <u>starting</u> time and a maximum duration.
- Two types of TXOP: EDCF TXOP and Polled TXOP.
 - An EDCF TXOP begins when the wireless medium is determined to be available under the EDCF rules, and the length of TXOP is specified in beacon frames.
 - An Polled TXOP begins when a QSTA receives a QoS(+)CF-Poll from HC, and the length of TXOP is specified in the QoS(+)CF-Poll.



TXOP duration requested

- An 8-bit field that indicates the duration, in units of 32 microseconds, which the sending station desires for its next TXOP.
- The range of time values is 32 to 8160 microseconds.
- TXOP duration requested field values are not cumulative.
- The TXOP duration requested is inclusive of the PHY overhead.

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Duration/ID field

- Within all data type frames containing QoS CF-Poll, the Duration/ID value is set to
 - SIFS + TXOP Duration Limit

TSPEC Element Format

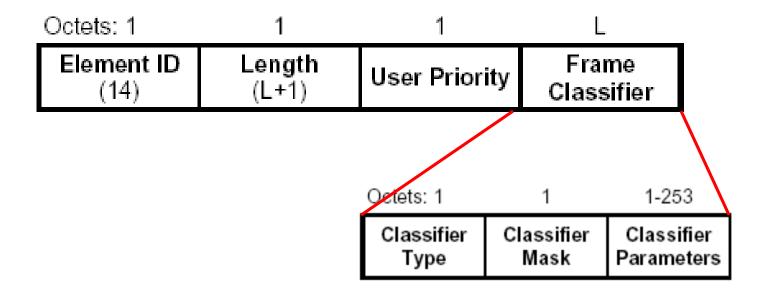
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Bits: 1

Oc	etets: 1	1	3	2	2	4	4	4	4
EI	ement ID (13)	Length (55)	TS Info	Nominal I MSDU Size M	Maximum ASDU Size	Service	e Service	Inactivity	Suspension Interval
	4		4	1		4	4	4 2	2
-	vice Start Time	Minimum Data Rate	1		- 1		Delay u Bound Pl	nim m HY ate	lth Niedium Time
TS JA	nfo:								
В0	B1 B4	B5 B6	B7 B8	В9	B10	B11 B13	B14 B15	B16	B17 B23
raffic Type	TSID	Direction	Access Policy	Aggregation	APSD	User Priority	TSInfo Ack Policy	Schedule	Reserved



 For identifying the Traffic Stream (TS) to which the incoming MSDUs belong





Traffic Classification (TCLAS) Element

Classifier Type	Classifier Parameters
0	Ethernet parameters
1	TCP/UDP IP parameters
2	IEEE 802.1D/Q Parameters
3 - 255	Reserved

Type 0

Classifier Classifier Source Destination Type (0) Mask Address Address
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Octets: 1

Octets: 1

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Type 1 (IPv4)

)	Classifier Type (1)	Classifier Mask	Version	Source IP Address	Destination IP Address	Source Port	Destination Port	DSCP	Protocol	Reserved
	Octets: 1	1	1	16	16	2	2	3		

Type 1 (IPv6)

Classifier	Classifier	Version	Source IP	Destination	Source	Destination	Flow
Type (1)	Mask		Address	IP Address	Port	Port	Label

Octets: 1

Type 2

Classifier	Classifier	802.1Q
Type (2)	Mask	Tag Type
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Hybrid Coordination Function (HCF)





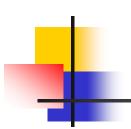
HCF Brief

- In 802.11, two access methods are defined
 - Distributed Coordination Function (DCF)
 - Point Coordination Function (PCF)
- In 802.11e, HCF access method is added, including
 - Contention-Based channel access— EDCA
 - Combined with DCF
 - Controlled channel access HCCA
 - Similar to PCF but with enhancement



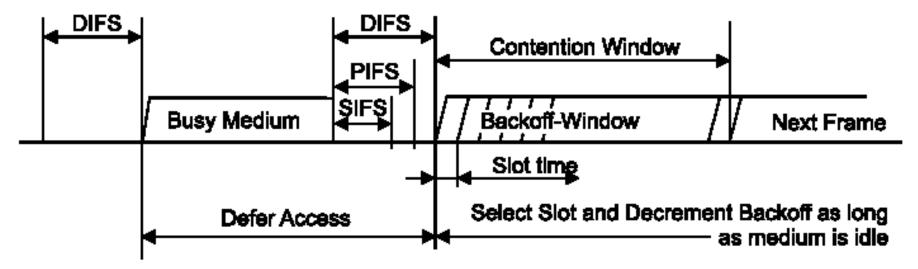
EDCA

- Difference from original DCF
 - Contention between Access Categories (ACs) (Not STAs)
 - AC Contends for Transmission Opportunity (TXOP) in unit of 32 microseconds.
 - New Inter-frame Space (IFS) for each AC: Arbitration Interframe Space (AIFS)



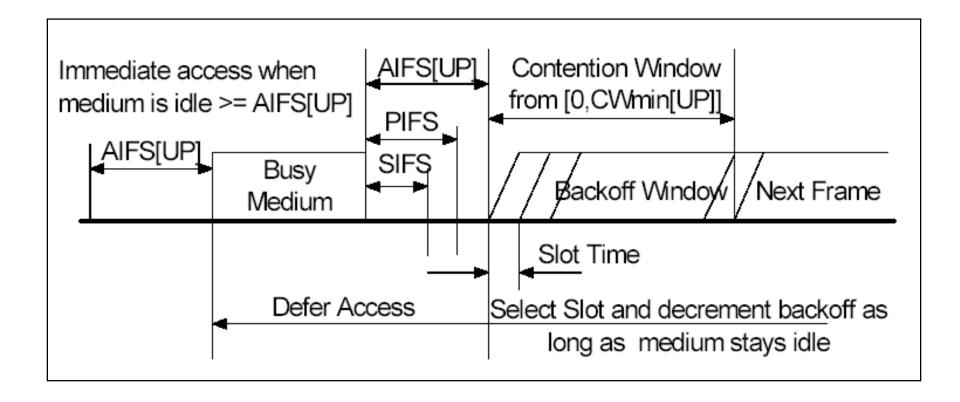
IFS in 802.11 DCF: Contention between STAs

Immediate access when medium is free >= DIFS





IFS in EDCF: Contention between **ACs**

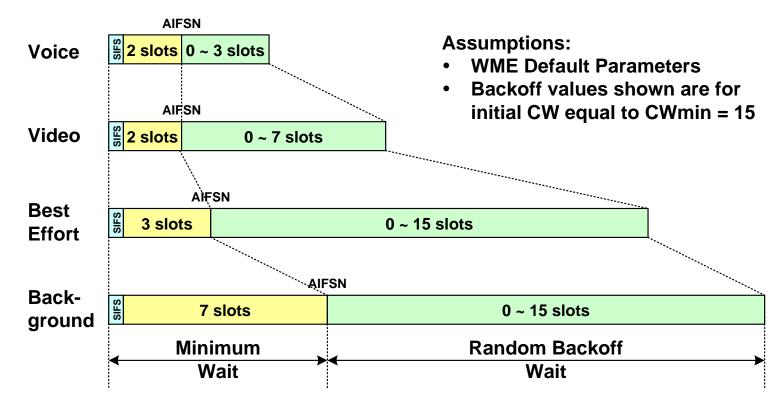






IFS in EDCF: Contention between **ACs**

- AIFS[UP] > SIFS to protect Acknowledgement (ACK) transmission
- AIFS[UP] and CWmin[UP] announced by AP in beacon frames



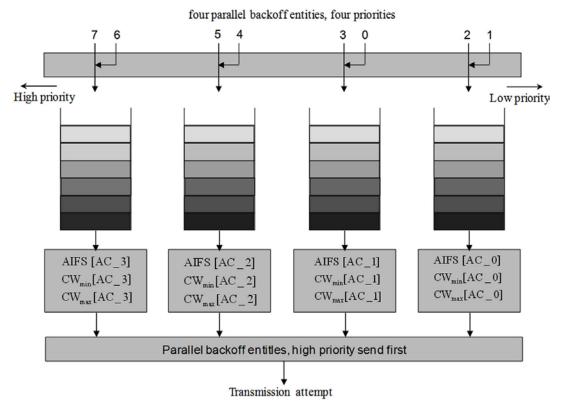


Arbitration Interframe Space (AIFS)

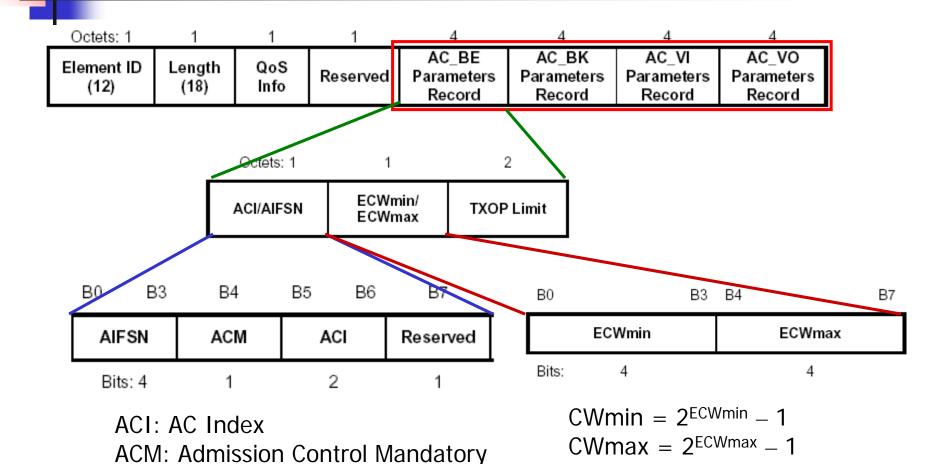
- QSTA use AIFS to defer the contention window or transmission for each AC
- AIFS[AC] =
 AIFSN[AC] x aSlotTime + aSIFTime
 - AIFSN (space number) for each AC is broadcast via beacon frame containing 'EDCA Parameter Set' element

EDCF Multiple Queues

- Multiple FIFO queues in the MAC: up to 4 queues
- Every queue is an independent contention entity with its own contention parameters



EDCA Parameter Set Element



Default EDCA Parameter Set

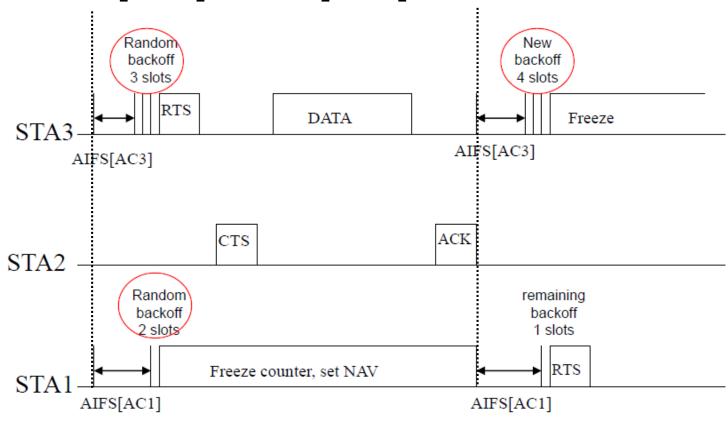
A.C.	C\M/main	CMmax	ALECN	TXOP Limit				
<u>AC</u>	<u>CWmin</u>	<u>CWmax</u>	<u>AIFSN</u>	DS-CCK ⁸	Extended Rate /OFDM ⁹	<u>Other</u> <u>PHYs</u>		
AC_BK	<u>aCWmin</u>	<u>aCWmax</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
AC_BE	<u>aCWmin</u>	<u>aCWmax</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
AC_VI	(aCWmin+1)/2 – 1	<u>aCWmin</u>	$\sqrt{2}$	<u>6.016ms</u>	<u>3.008ms</u>	<u>0</u>		
AC_VO	(aCWmin+1)/4 –	(aCWmin+1)/2/-	2	<u>3.264ms</u>	<u>1.504ms</u>	<u>0</u>		

CW size is smaller than DCF's

AIFS=DIFS

Example

 \blacksquare AIFS[AC1] -AIFS[AC3] = 2

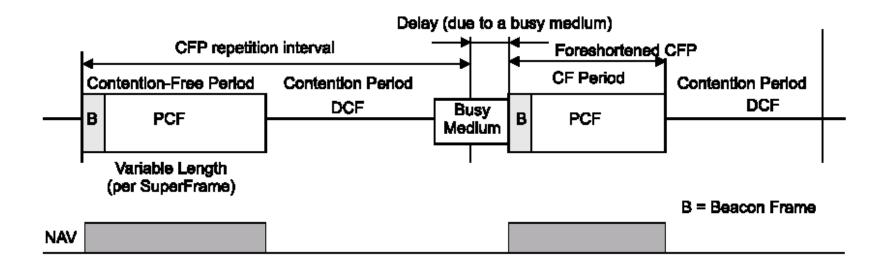


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HCF Controlled Channel Access (HCCA)

- The procedure is similar to PCF
- Hybrid Coordinator (HC)
 - Operate at QAP
 - Control the iteration of CFP and CP
 - By using beacon and CF-End frame and NAV Mechanism (Same as PCF)
 - Use polling Scheme to assign TXOP to QSTA
 - Issue QoS (+) CF-poll frame to poll QSTA
 - Polling can be issued in both CFP & CP
 - Polling schedule in HC is calculated according to TSPECs

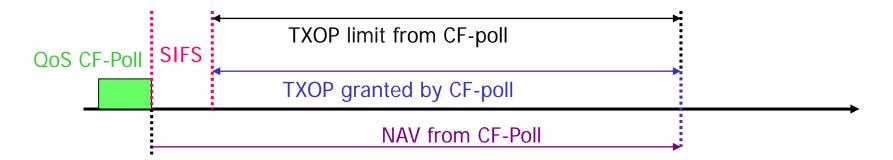
Iteration of CFP and CP





Transmission Opportunity (TXOP)

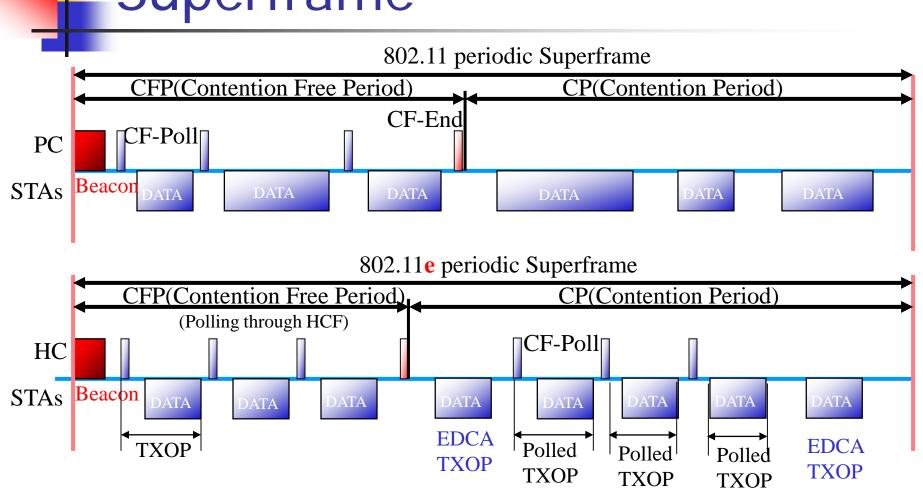
- TXOP: the duration of a QSTA to transmit frame(s)
- When will a QSTA get a TXOP ?
 - Win a contention in EDCA during CP
 - Receive a QoS (+)CF-poll (→"polled TXOP")



Transmission Opportunity (TXOP) (cont.)

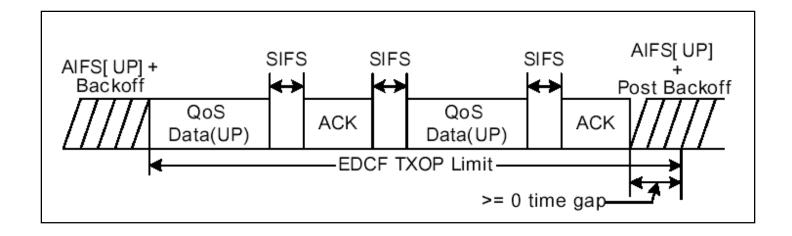
- In TXOP, frames exchange sequences are separated by SIFS
- How is TXOP limit given
 - For EDCA, TXOP limit is given in Beacon Frame (at EDCA Parameter Set Element in frame body)
 - For controlled channel access, TXOP limit is given in QoS (+)CF-poll frames (at QoS Control field in MAC header)

Superframe



Direct Link Protocol (DLP)

EDCF Bursting



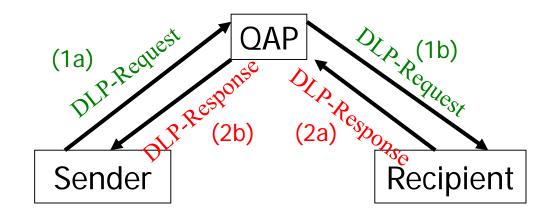


Direct Link Protocol (DLP)

- Motivation
 - Send frames from one QSTA to another in QBSS
 - Wake up the recipient in PS mode via QAP
 - Exchange information between sender and recipient



The handshake procedure



Notes:

- The direct link will become inactive if no frames have been exchanged for DLPTimeoutValue duration.
- 2. Recipient shall not go into power save for DLPTimeoutValue duration.
- 3. After timeout, the frames are transmitted via AP again.



Table 20.13 – DLP Action field values

Action field value	Meaning
0	DLP request
1	DLP response
2	DLP Teardown
3-255	Reserved

Table 20.14 – DLP request frame body

OrderInformation1Category2Action3Destination MAC Address4Source MAC Address5Capability Information6DLP Timeout Value7Supported rates

Table 20.15 – DLP response frame body

Order	Information					
1	Category					
2	Action					
3	Status Code					
4	Destination MAC Address					
5	Source MAC Address					
6	Capability Information					
7	Supported rates					



Table 20.16 – DLP Teardown frame body

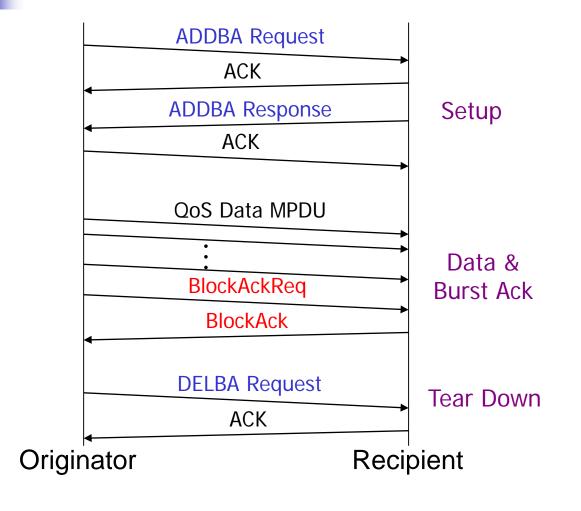
Order	Information
1	Category
2	Action
3	Destination MAC Address
4	Source MAC Address



Brief of Block Ack

- Improve channel efficiency
 - By aggregating several acks into one frame
- Two types
 - Immediate Block Ack
 - Suitable for High-bandwidth, low latency traffic
 - Delayed Block Ack
 - Suitable for applications tolerating moderate latency

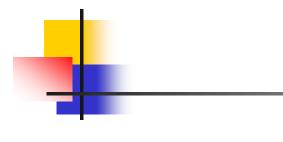




XXX: Action frame

XXX: Control Frame





Action field values	Meaning
0	ADDBA request
1	ADDBA response
2	DELBA
3-255	Reserved

Table 20.18 – ADDBA request frame Table 20.19 – ADDBA response frame body

OrderInformation1Category2Action3Dialog Token4Block Ack Parameter Set5Block Ack Timeout Value

Order	Information
1	Category
2	Action
3	Dialog Token
4	Status code
5	Block Ack Parameter Set
6	Block Ack Timeout Value

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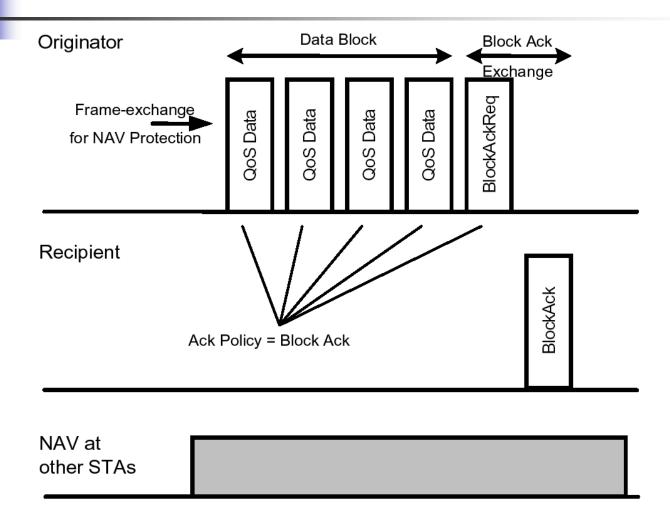
Table 20.20 – DELBA frame body

Order	Information					
1	Category					
2	Action					
3	DELBA Parameter Set					

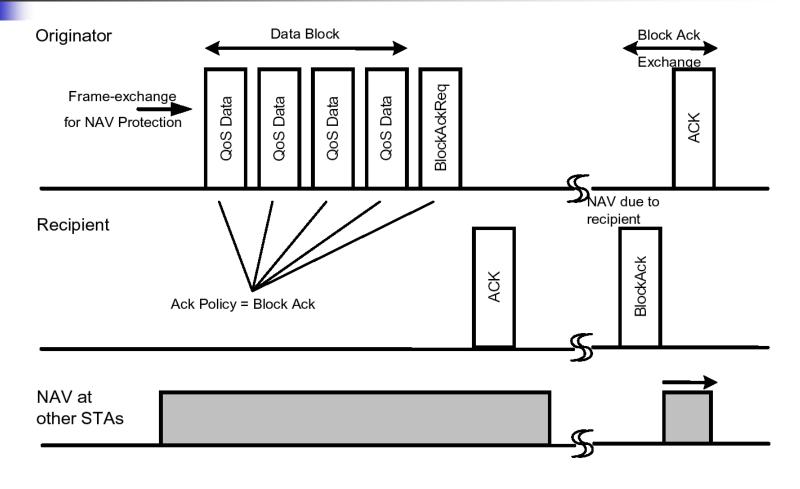
Setup Burst Ack Parameters

- Action Frames (Management frames)
 - ADDBA Request, with parameters
 - TID
 - Block Ack Policy (Immediate or delayed)
 - Transmit Buffer Size
 - Timeout Value
 - ADDBA Response, with parameters
 - Status Code
 - Burst Ack Policy (1 for Immediate, 0 for Delayed)
 - TID
 - Re-ordering Burst Size (number of buffers)
 - Timeout value

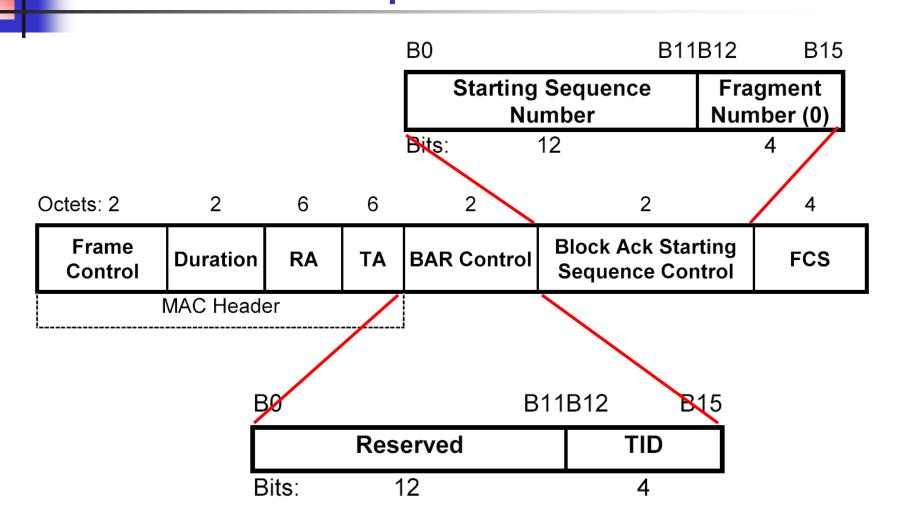
Immediate Block Ack



Delayed Block Ack

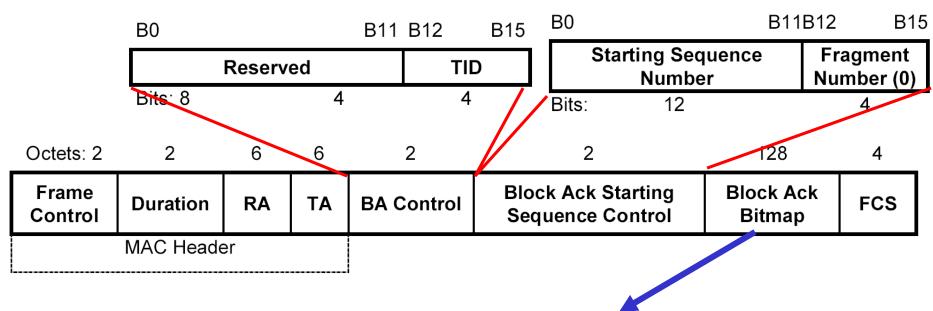


BlockAckReq frame format

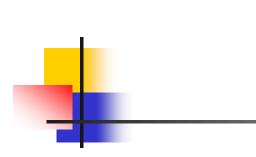




BlockAck frame format



- Is used to indicate the receiving status of up to 64 MSDUs
- Bit position n acknowledges receipt of an MPDU with Sequence control value (Block Ack Starting Sequence Control + n)



Frame usage

	IB	ss	Infrastructure BSS							
Frame Subtype	non- QoS	QoS	non-QoS			QoS				
	СР	СР	СР		CFP		СР		CFP	
	STA	QSTA	STA	AP	STA	AP	QSTA	QAP	QSTA	QAP
(Re) Association Request			T	R			Т	R		
(Re) Association Response			R	Т	R	Т	R	T	R	T
Probe Request	T, R	T, R	Т	R			Т	R		
Probe Response	Tbe, R	Tbe, R	R	Т	R	Т	R	Т	R	T
Beacon	Tb, R	Tb, R	R	T	R	T	R	T, R	R	T, R
ATIM	T, R	T, R								
Disassociation	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R
Authentication	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R
Deauthentication	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R
ADDTS Request							Т	R	Т	R
ADDTS Response							R	Т	R	T
DELTS							T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R
Schedule							R	Т	R	T
DLP Action frames							T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R
Block Ack Action frames		T, R					T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R
BlockAckReq/BlockAck		T, R					T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R
PS-Poll			Т	R			Т	R	Т	R
RTS	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R			T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R
CTS	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R			T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R
ACK	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R
CF-End	(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	R	Т	(R)	(R)	R	T
CF-End+CF-Ack	(R)	(R)	(R)	(R)	R	Т	(R)	(R)	R	T
Null	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R
Data	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R
(Data+)CF-Poll+(CF-Ack)					R	Т				T
(Data+)CF-Ack					T, R	T, R			T, R	T, R
QoS Null		T, R					T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R
QoS Data		T, R					T, R	T, R	T, R	T, R
QoS (Data+)CF-Poll							R	Т	R	T
QoS (Data+)CF-Poll+CF- Ack							Rq, Rda	Tda, Tq	Rq, Rda	Tda, Tq
QoS (Data+)CF-Ack							T, Rq, Rda	Tda, , Tq, R	T, Rq, Rda	Tda, Tq, R

Frame usage

Symbols:

- T frame subtype for row is transmitted by MAC entity for column.
- R frame subtype for row is received by MAC entity for column.
- (R) frame subtype for row is received, but only from other BSSs, by MAC entity for column.
- Tb frame subtype for row is transmitted by station that most recently won beacon arbitration.
- The frame subtype for row is transmitted by a QSTA in an IBSS pursuant to receiving directed request.
- Tda frame subtype for row is transmitted only if recipient of +CF-Ack function is addressee.
- Rda frame subtype for row is received if QSTA is addressee.
- Tq frame subtype for row is transmitted only if recipient of +CF-Ack function has set the Q-Ack subfield in QoS Capability Element to 1.
- Rq frame subtype for row is received if QSTA is not the addressee but has set the Q-Ack subfield in QoS Capability Element to 1.
- - frame subtype for row is neither received nor transmitted by MAC entity for column.



Implementation-Dependent Issues

- HC scheduling
 - Mixture of downlink and polled TXOP scheduling
- QSTA scheduling
 - During a polled TXOP, schedule frame transmissions
- Admission control by HC
 - To decide whether to admit a TS or not

Thank You!

Q & A