Wireless LANs Part II: 802.11a/b/g/n/ac







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- 1. IEEE 802.11 Amendments
- 2. Protocol Data Units (PDUs)
- 3. IEEE 802.11abgn
- 4. 802.11e: Enhanced DCF, Frame Bursting, Direct Link
- 5. IEEE 802.11n: STBC, Bonding, Aggregation
- 6. IEEE 802.11ac: Beamforming, Multi-User MIMO

Note: This is 2nd in a series of class lectures on Wireless LANs.

IEEE 802.11 Amendments

- 802.11a-1999: Higher Speed PHY Extension in the 5 GHz Band
- 802.11b-1999: Higher Speed PHY Extension in the 2.5 GHz Band
- 802.11c: Bridge Operation (Added to IEEE 802.1D)
- 802.11d-2001: Global Harmonization (PHYs for other countries.)
- <u>802.11e-2005</u>: Quality of Service.
- 802.11F: Inter-Access Point Protocol (Withdrawn)
- 802.11g-2003: Higher data rate extension in 2.4GHz band
- 802.11h-2003: Dynamic Frequency Selection and transmit power control to satisfy 5GHz band operation in Europe.

- 802.11i-2004: MAC Enhancements for Enhanced Security.
- 802.11j-2004: 4.9-5 GHz operation in Japan.
- 802.11k-2008: Radio Resource Measurement interface to higher layers.
- 802.11m: Maintenance. Correct editorial and technical issues in 802.11a/b/d/g/h.
- 802.11n-2009: Enhancements for higher throughput (100+ Mbps)
- <u>802.11p-2010</u>: Inter-vehicle and vehicle-road side communication at 5.8GHz.
- □ 802.11r-2008: Fast Roaming
- □ 802.11s-2011: Extended Service Set (ESS) Mesh Networks.

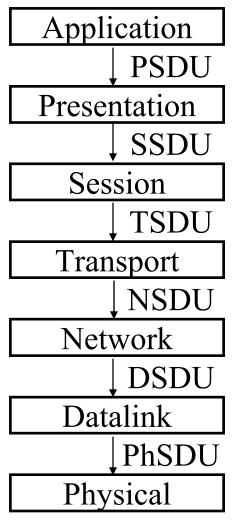
- 802.11T: Performance Metrics
- 802.11u-2011: Inter-working with External Networks.
- 802.11v-2011: Wireless Network Management enhancements for interface to upper layers. Extension to 802.11k.
- 802.11w-2009: Protected Management Frames
- 802.11y-2008: 2650-3700 MHz operation in USA
- 802.11z-2010: Direct Datalink Setup (DLS) mechanism w Power Save.
- 802.11aa-2012: Video Transport Streams
- □ 802.11ac-2013: Very High Throughput <6GHz
- □ 802.11ad-2012: Very High Throughput 60 GHz
- 802.11ae-2012: Prioritization of Management Frames

Ref: http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/802/11/Reports/802.11_Timelines.htm

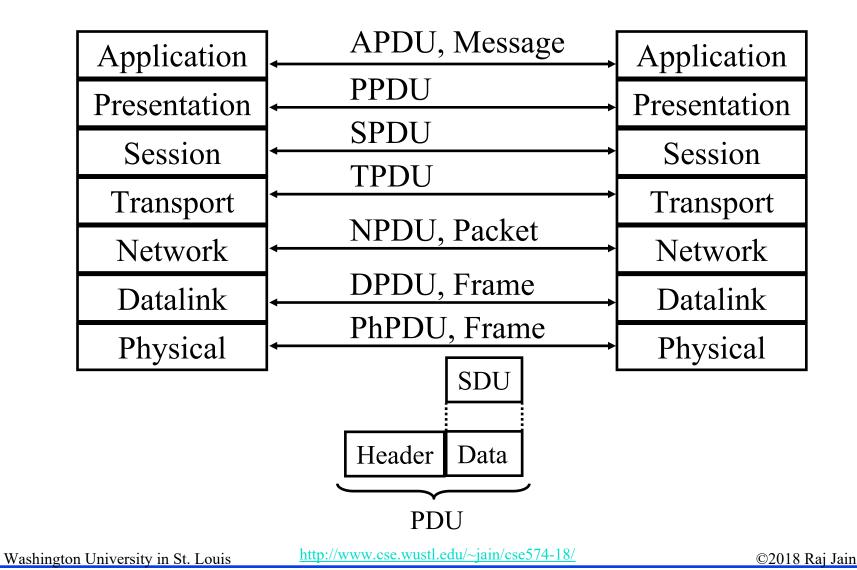
- □ <u>802.11af-2013</u>: TV Whitespaces.
- □ IEEE Std P802.11-2016: Includes all amendments until 2015.
- 802.11ah-2017: Sub 1 GHz for IoT. OFDM PHY in license-exempt bands below 1 GHz, e.g., 868-868.6 MHz (Europe), 950 MHz -958 MHz (Japan), 314-316 MHz, 430-434 MHz, 470-510 MHz, and 779-787 MHz (China), 917 923.5 MHz (Korea) and 902-928 MHz (USA). Coexistence with IEEE 802.15.4 and IEEE P802.15.4g. Transmission range up to 1 km. Data rates > 100 kb/s.
- P802.11ai-2016: Fast initial link set up. Fast AP detection, network discovery, association, authentication, and IP address assignment.

- □ P802.11aj-2018: China millimeter wave. 59-64 GHz and 45 GHz.
- □ P802.11aq-2018: Pre-association discovery of services
- P802.11ak-2018: Enhancements for transit links within bridged networks. High-speed 802.11 links can be used as internal links just like Ethernet in addition to access.
- P802.11ax: High Efficiency WLAN. Extension of 802.11ac. Expected Dec 2019.
- P802.11ay: Next Generation 60 GHz. Extension of 802.11ad. Expected Dec 2019.
- □ P802.11az: Next generation positioning. Expected Mar 2021.
- □ P802.11ba: Wake Up Radio, Expected Sep 2020
- P802.11bb: Light Communications. 300 nm-5000nm band. 10 Mbps to 5 Gbps. Expected Jul 2021

ISO/OSI: Service Data Unit (SDU)

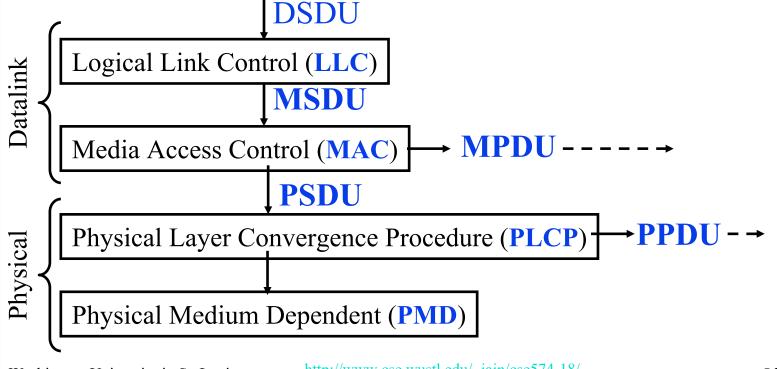


Protocol Data Unit (PDU)



802.11 Protocol Layers

- □ Logical Link Control (LLC): Bridging
- **Media Access Control (MAC)**: CSMA/CA, Ack
- □ Physical Layer Convergence Procedure (PLCP): Framing
- □ Physical Medium Dependent (PMD): Modulation

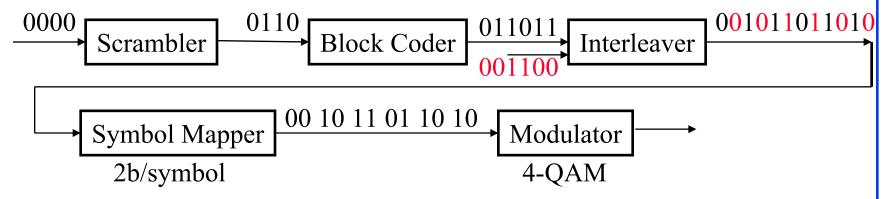


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PLCP PDUs

PMD includes scrambling (Randomization), coding (FEC), Interleaving, symbol mapping and modulation. For Example:



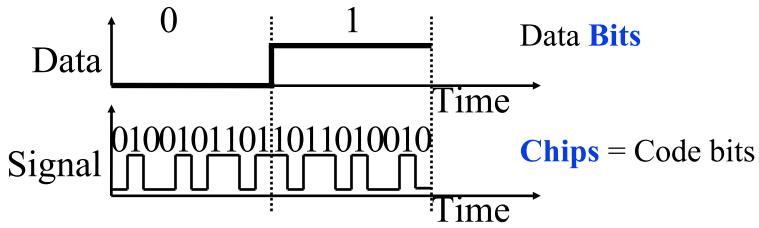
□ PLCP adds a preamble and a header that helps receiving Phy to correctly decode the stream. For example:

	-	Start of Frame Delimiter (SFD) 0000 1100 1011 1101	Length in Bytes	Signaling (Data rate)	Header Error Check (HEC)	
Ţ	80b 18b		12b	4b	16b	,
		Preamble	Header			

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IEEE 802.11b-1999

□ Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum:



- □ Complementary Code Keying (CCK):

 Multi-bit symbols with appropriate code to minimize errors
- IEEE 802.11-1997: $\frac{1}{2}$ rate binary convolution encoder, 1 bit/symbol, 11 chips/symbol, DQPSK = $\frac{1}{2} \times 1 \times 1/11 \times 2 \times 22 = 2$ Mb/s using 22 MHz
- □ IEEE 802.11b-1999: $\frac{1}{2}$ rate binary convolution encoder, 8 bit/symbol, 8 chips/symbol, CCK = $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 1/8 \times 1 \times 22 = 11$ Mb/s using 22 MHz

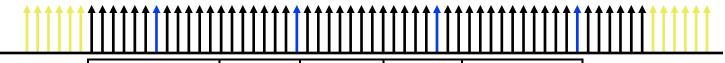
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IEEE802.11a-1999

□ OFDM: 64 subcarriers in 20 MHz. 6 subcarriers at each end are used as guard (i.e., not used), 4 as pilots, leaving 48 for data ⇒ 12 MHz for data



Coding	b/Hz	Mb/s	FEC	Net
BPSK	1	12	1/2	6 Mb/s
BPSK	1	12	3/4	9 Mb/s
QPSK	2	24	1/2	12 Mb/s
QPSK	2	24	3/4	18 Mb/s
16-QAM	4	48	1/2	24 Mb/s
16-QAM	4	48	3/4	36 Mb/s
64-QAM	6	72	2/3	48 Mb/s
64-QAM	6	72	3/4	54 Mb/s

 \bigcirc 5.4 GHz band \Rightarrow Expensive at that time

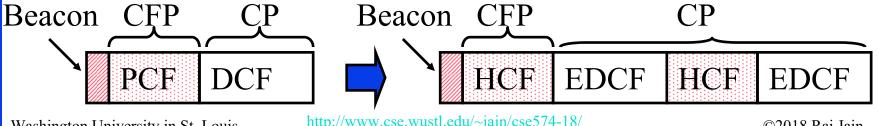
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IEEE 802.11g-2003

- \square OFDM Same as 802.11a \Rightarrow 54 Mbps
- \square 2.4 GHz band \Rightarrow Cheaper than 802.11a
- □ Fall back to 802.11b CCK

IEEE 802.11e-2005 (Enhanced QoS)

- Backward compatible:
 - ⇒ Non-802.11e terminals can receive QoS enabled streams
- Hybrid Coordination Function (HCF) w two components
 - Contention Free Access: Hybrid Polling
 - Contention-based Access: Enhanced DCF (EDCF)
- **Direct Link:** Traffic sent directly between two stations
- **3.** Frame bursting and Group Acknowledge
- Multiple **Priority** levels
- **Automatic Power Save Delivery**

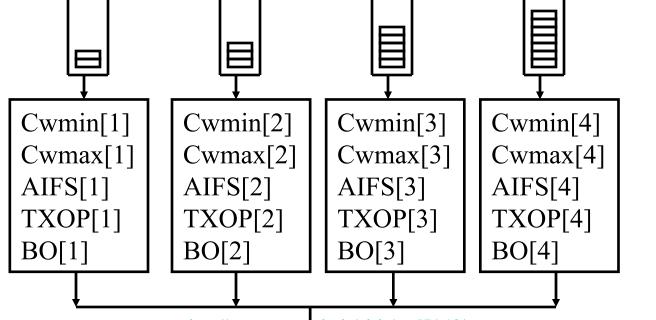


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Enhanced DCF

- □ Up to 4 queues. Each Q gets a different set of four Parameters:
 - > CW_{min}/CW_{max}
 - Arbitrated Inter-Frame Spacing (AIFS) = DIFS
 - > Transmit Opportunity (TXOP) duration
- □ DIFS replaced by Arbitrated Inter-frame Spacing (AIFS)

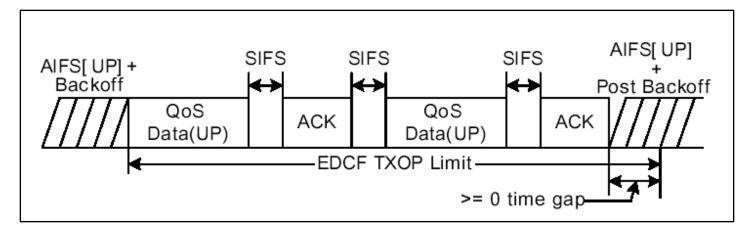


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Frame Bursting

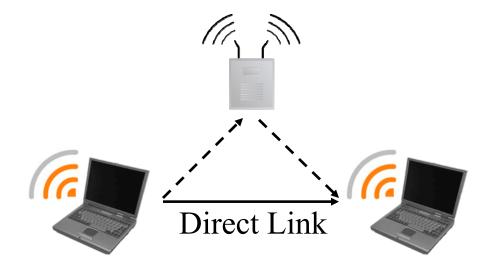
- EDCF parameters announced by access point in beacon frames
- □ Can not overbook higher priorities ⇒ Need admission control
- EDCF allows multiple frame transmission
- Max time = Transmission Opportunity (TXOP)
- Voice/gaming has high priority but small burst size
- □ Video/audio has lower priority but large burst size



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Direct Link

■ Any station can transmit to any other station in the same $BSS \Rightarrow No$ need to go through AP



Automatic Power Save Delivery (APSD)

- □ Unscheduled APSD (U-APSD):
 - > AP announces waiting frames in the beacon
 - > When stations wake-up they listen to beacon.
 - > Send a polling frame to AP.
 - > AP sends frames.
- □ Scheduled APSD (S-APSD):
 - > Station tells AP its wakeup schedule
 - > AP sends frame on schedule. No need for polling.
- □ Pre-802.11e: AP announces in Beacon. STA polls. AP sends one frame with more bit. STA polls. AP sends next frame...

Homework 6A

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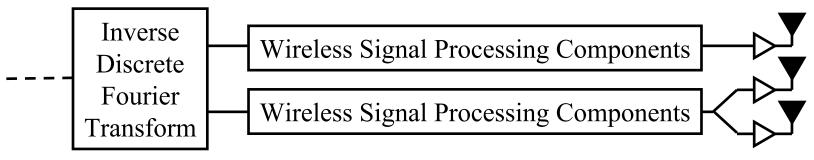
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IEEE 802.11n-2009

- 1. MIMO (Multi-input Multi-Output): $n \times m : k \Rightarrow n$ transmitters, m receivers, k streams k is the number parallel radio chains inside $\leq \#$ of Antennas $k \Rightarrow k$ times more throughput
 - E.g., $2 \times 2:2$, $2 \times 3:2$, $3 \times 2:2$, $4 \times 4:4$
- 2. Diversity: More receive antennas than the number of streams. Select the best subset of antennas.
- 3. Beam Forming: Focus the beam directly on the target antenna
- 4. MIMO Power Save: Use multiple antennas only when needed



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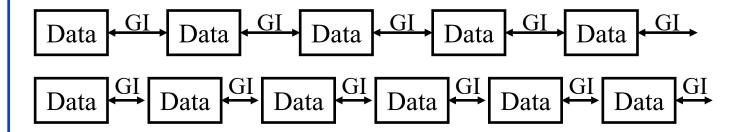
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- 5. Frame Aggregation: Pack multiple input frames in side a frame ⇒ Less overhead ⇒ More throughput
- 6. Lower FEC Overhead: 5/6 instead of 3/4
- 7. Reduced Guard Interval: 400 ns instead of 800 ns
- **8.** Reduced Inter-Frame Spacing (SIFS=2 us, instead of 10 us)
- 9. Greenfield Mode: Optionally eliminate support for a/b/g (shorter and higher rate preamble)
- **10. Dual Band**: 2.4 and 5.8 GHz
- 11. Space-Time Block Code
- 12. Channel Bonding: Use two adjacent 20 MHz channels
- 13. More subcarriers: 52+4 instead of 48+4 with 20 MHz, 108+6 with 40MHz
- 54 Mbps with 64-QAM ³/₄ for 3200 Data+800 GI for a/g
- 4 Streams × 64-QAM × 5/6 FEC × 40 MHz w 400 ns \Rightarrow 600 Mbps $4\times(6/6)\times[(5/6)/(3/4)]\times(108/48)\times[(3200+800)/(3200+400)]\times54$

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Guard Interval

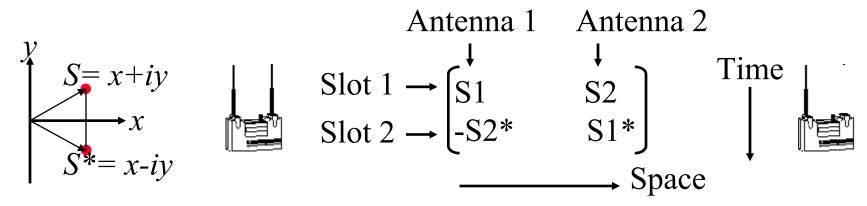


- \square Rule of Thumb: Guard Interval = $4 \times Multi$ -path delay spread
- □ Initial 802.11a design assumed 200ns delay spread \Rightarrow 800 ns GI + 3200 ns data \Rightarrow 20% overhead
- Most indoor environment have smaller 50-75 ns
- So if both sides agree, 400 ns can be used in 802.11n \Rightarrow 400 ns GI + 3200 ns data \Rightarrow 11% overhead

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Space Time Block Codes (STBC)

- Invented 1998 by Vahid Tarokh.
- Transmit multiple redundant copies from multiple antennas
- □ Precisely coordinate distribution of symbols in space and time.
- Receiver combines multiple copies of the received signals optimally to overcome multipath.
- Example: Two antennas: Two symbols in two slots \Rightarrow Rate 1

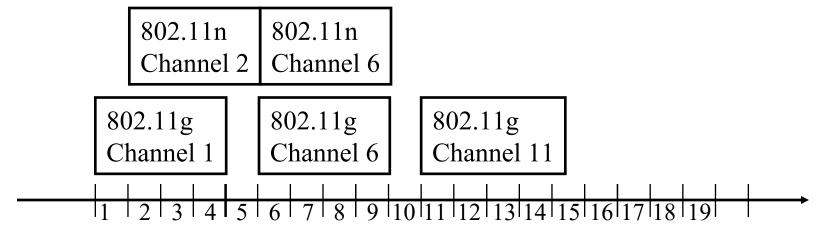


S1* is complex conjugate of S1 \Rightarrow columns are orthogonal

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802.11n Channel Bonding

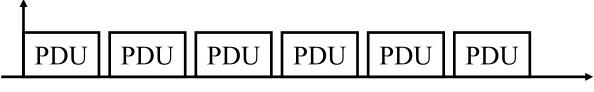
- Two adjacent 20 MHz channels used
- □ OFDM: 52+4 instead of 48+4 with 20 MHz, 108+6 with 40MHz (No guard subcarriers between two bands)
- □ Primary 20 MHz channel: Used with stations not capable of channel bonding
- Secondary 20 MHz channel: Just below or just above primary



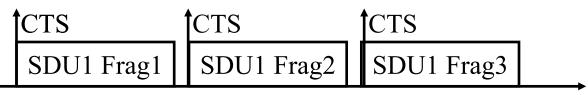
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Frame Aggregation

□ Frame Bursting: Transmit multiple PDUs together

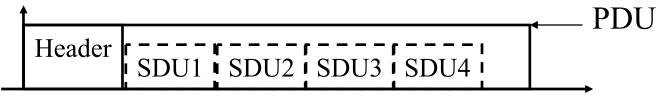


□ Frame Fragmentation: SDU fragment in a PDU



□ Frame Aggregation: Multiple SDUs in one PDU

All SDUs must have the same transmitter and receiver address

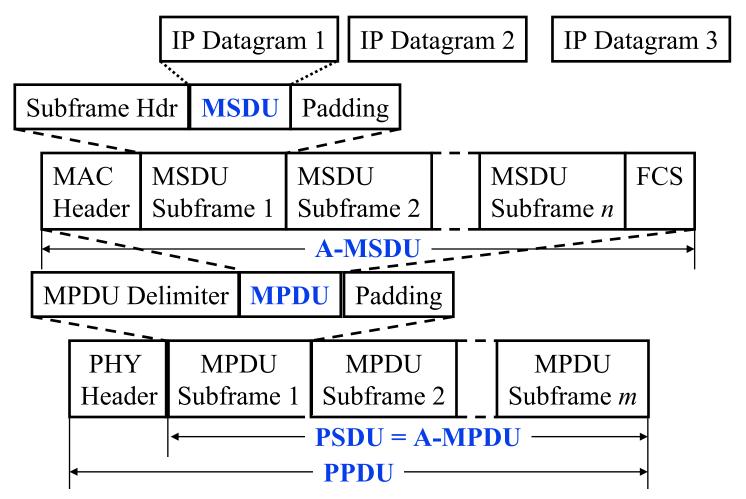


□ Can combine any 2 or all of the above

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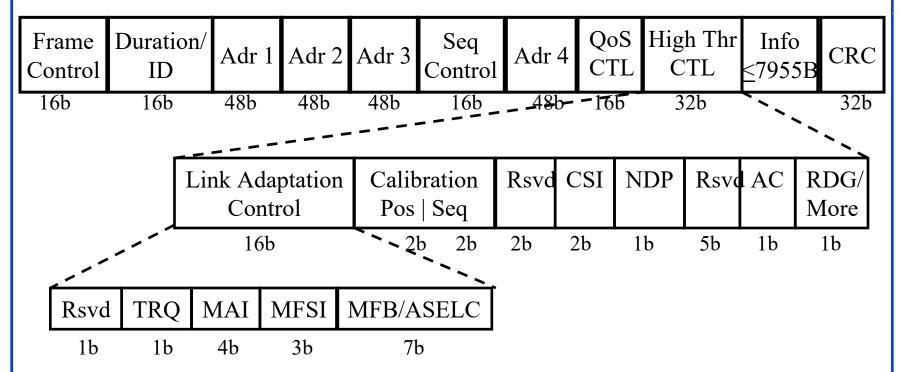


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802.11n MAC Frame



- □ For first RTS, SIFS is used in stead of DIFS. Thus 11n stations have priority over 11abg
- 802.11n introduced a "High Throughput Control" field to exchange channel state information

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IEEE 802.11ac

- □ Supports 80 MHz and 80+80 MHz channels
- □ 5 GHz only. No 2.4 GHz.
- \square 256-QAM 3/4 and 5/6: 8/6 times 64-QAM \Rightarrow 1.33X
- 8 Spatial streams: 2X
- **□** Multi-User MIMO
- □ Null Data Packet (NDP) explicit beamforming only
- □ Less pilots: 52+4 (20 MHz), 108+6 (40 MHz), 234+8 (80 MHz), 468+16 (160 MHz). Note 468/52 = 9X
- □ MAC enhancements for high-speed. HT Control field redefined
- □ 96.3 Mbps for 1 stream, 20 MHz, 256-QAM, 5/6, Short GI
- \blacksquare 8 streams and 160 MHz = $8 \times 9 \times 96.3$ Mbps = 6.9333 Gbps

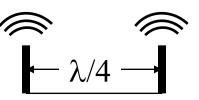
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Beamforming

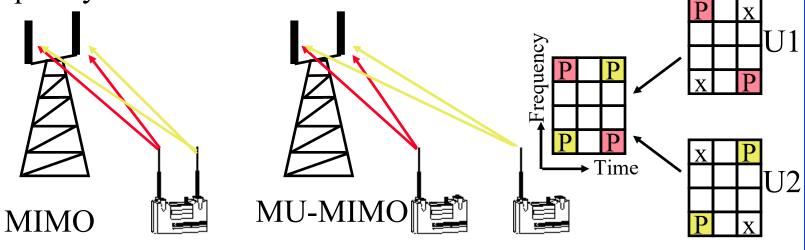
- □ Direct energy towards the receiver
- □ Requires an antenna array to alter direction per frame
 ⇒ A.k.a. Smart Antenna
- □ Implicit: Channel estimation using packet loss
- Explicit: Transmitter and receiver collaborate for channel estimation

Multi-User MIMO

MIMO: Multiple uncorrelated spatial beams
 Multiple antenna's separated by λ/4
 Cannot put too many antennas on a small device



- MU-MIMO: Two single-antenna users can act as one multiantenna device. The users do not really need to know each other.
- Simultaneous communication with two users on the same frequency at the same time.



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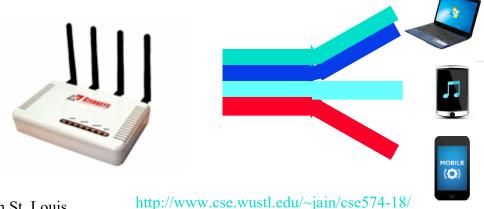
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Beamforming with Multi-User MIMO

Single User MIMO: Colors represent transmission signals not frequency.



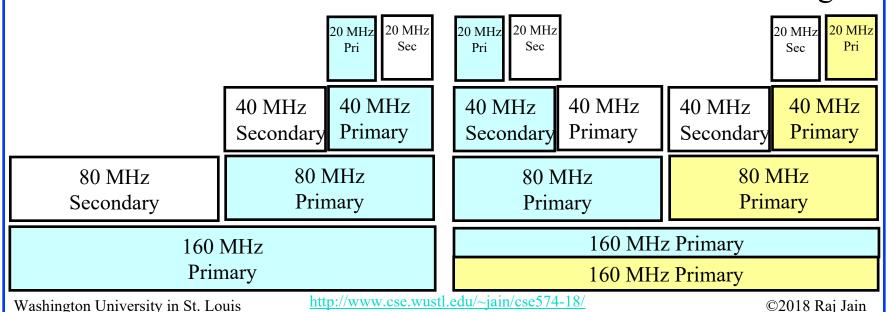
Multi User MIMO:



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Primary and Non-Primary Channels

- Beacons on primary channel
- □ AP supports a mixture of single-band and multi-band stations
 - ⇒ AP can change channel width on a frame by frame basis
- □ Stations need 160 MHz only some time
 - ⇒ Two networks can share the same 160 MHz Stations check that entire bandwidth is available before using it



Summary



- Each layer has SDU, PDU which can be Aggregated, Fragmented or transmitted in Burst.
- 802.11a/g use OFDM with 64 subcarriers in 20 MHz. 48 Data, 4 Pilot, 12 guard.
- 802.11e adds frame bursting, direct link, APSD, and 4 queues with different AIFS and TXOP durations. QoS field in frames.
- 802.11n adds MIMO, aggregation, dual band, STBC, and channel bonding. HT Control field in frames.
- IEEE 802.11ac supports multi-user MIMO with 80+80 MHz channels with 256-QAM and 8 streams to give 6.9 Gbps
- Multi-User MIMO allows several users to be combined in a MIMO pool.
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Homework 6B

■ A. Given that 802.11ac Phy rate for 20MHz BPSK 1/2 channel with short GI is 7.22 Mbps, compute what would be the rate for 160 MHz 256-QAM ¾ with short GI?

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Acronyms

□ AC Access Point Constraint

□ AIFS Arbitrated Inter-Frame Spacing

□ AP Access Point

□ AP Access Point

APSD Automatic Power Save Delivery

□ ASELC Antenna Selection Command/Data

□ BCC Binary Convolution Code

□ BO Backoff

□ BPSK Binary Phase Shift Keying

□ BSS Basic Service Set

CCK Complementary Code Keying

CFP Contention Free Period

CP Contention Period

□ CRC Cyclic Redundancy Check

CSD Cyclic Shift Diversity

CSI Channel State Information

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CTL Control

CTS Clear to send

CW Contention Window

CWmax Maximum Contention Window

CWmin Minimum Contention Window

DCF Distributed Coordination Function

DIFS DCF Interframe Spacing

DLS Direct Datalink Setup

DQPSK Differential Quadrature Phase Shift Keying

■ EDCA Enhanced Distributed Coordination Access

■ EDCF Enhanced Distributed Coordination Function

■ EOSP End of Service Period

□ ESS Extended Service Set

□ FCS Frame Check Sequence

☐ GHz Giga Hertz

□ GI Guard Interval

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HCF Hybrid Coordination Function

□ HEC Header Error Check

□ HT High Throughput

□ ID Identifier

□ IDFT Inverse Discrete Fourier Transform

□ IEEE Institution of Electrical and Electronic Engineers

□ IP Internet Protocol

□ LAN Local Area Network

□ LDPC Low Density Parity Check Code

LLC Logical Link Control

MAC Media Access Control

■ MAI MCS Request/Antenna Selection Indication

MCS Modulation and Coding Scheme

MFB MCS Feedback

□ MFS MFB Sequence Identifier

MFSI MFB Sequence Identifier

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MHz
Mega Hertz

MIMO Multiple Input Multiple Output

MPDU MAC Protcol Data Unit

MRQ
MCS feedback request

MRS MRQ Sequence Identifier

MSDU MAC Service Data Unit

MU-MIMO Multi-User MIMO

NDP Null Data Packet

OFDM Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing

PCF Point Coordination Function

PDU Protocol Data Unit

PHY Physical Layer

□ PLCP Physical Layer Convergence Procedure

PMD Physical Medium Dependent

PPDU PLCP Protocol Data Unit

PSDU PLCP Service Data Unit

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QAM Quadrature Amplitude Modulation

QoS Quality of Service

QPSK Quadrature Phase Shift Keying

RDG Reverse Direction Grant

RIFS Reduced Inter-Frame Spacing

□ S-APSD Scheduled Automatic Power Save Delivery

□ SDU Service Data Unit

□ SFD Start of Frame Delimiter

□ SIFS Short Interframe Spacing

□ STA Station

□ STBC Space Time Block Code

□ STBC Space Time Block Codes

□ TID Traffic Identifier

□ TRQ Training Request

□ TV Television

□ TXOP Transmission Opportunity

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■ U-APSD Unscheduled Automatic Power Save Delivery

□ VHT Very High Throughput

WLANs Wireless Local Area Network

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