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### Method and device for setting PPDU type in wireless LAN system

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#### Abstract

Proposed are a method and device for receiving a PPDU in a wireless LAN system. Specifically, reception STAs receive a PPDU from a transmission STA, and decode the PPDU. The PPDU includes a legacy preamble, an EHT preamble, and a data field. The EHT preamble includes first and second fields. The first field includes information about the type of the PPDU. The second field includes information about the number of the reception STAs to receive the PPDU.

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## Background/Summary

### CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

(1) This application is the National Stage filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application No. PCT/KR2020/012933, filed on Sep. 24, 2020, which claims the benefit of earlier filing date and right of priority to Korean Application Nos. 10-2019-0125635, filed on Oct. 10, 2019 and 10-2019-0130974, filed on Oct. 21, 2019, the contents of which are all incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.

### BACKGROUND

#### Technical Field

(2) The present disclosure relates to a technique for receiving a PPDU in a WLAN system, and more particularly, to a method and an apparatus for configuring a PPDU type defined in 802.11be.

#### Related Art

(3) A wireless local area network (WLAN) has been enhanced in various ways. For example, the IEEE 802.11ax standard has proposed an enhanced communication environment by using orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA) and downlink multi-user multiple input multiple output (DL MU MIMO) schemes.

(4) The present specification proposes a technical feature that can be utilized in a new communication standard. For example, the new communication standard may be an extreme high throughput (EHT) standard which is currently being discussed. The EHT standard may use an increased bandwidth, an enhanced PHY layer protocol data unit (PPDU) structure, an enhanced sequence, a hybrid automatic repeat request (HARQ) scheme, or the like, which is newly proposed. The EHT standard may be referred to as the IEEE 802.11be standard.

(5) An increased number of spatial streams may be used in the new wireless LAN standard. In this case, in order to properly use the increased number of spatial streams, a signaling technique in the WLAN system may need to be improved.

### SUMMARY

#### Technical Objectives

(6) The present disclosure proposes a method and apparatus for configuring a PPDU type in a WLAN system.

#### Technical Solutions

(7) An example of the present specification proposes a method for receiving a PPDU.

(8) This embodiment may be performed in a network environment in which a next-generation wireless LAN system (e.g., IEEE 802.11be or EHT wireless LAN system) is supported. The next-generation wireless LAN system is a wireless LAN system improved from the 802.11ax system, and may satisfy backward compatibility with the 802.11ax system.

(9) This embodiment proposes a method for configuring a PPDU type defined in an 802.11be or EHT wireless LAN system, and in particular, a method for determining a PPDU type through some fields in the PPDU.

(10) A receiving station (STA) receives a Physical Protocol Data Unit (PPDU) from a transmitting STA; and

(11) The receiving STA decode the PPDU,

(12) The PPDU includes a legacy preamble, an Extremely High Throughput (EHT) preamble, and a data field.

(13) The EHT preamble includes a first field and a second field. The first field includes information related to a type of the PPDU. The second field includes information related to a number of receiving STAs receiving the PPDU. In this case, the first field may be a universal-signal (U-SIG), and the second field may be an extremely high throughput-signal (EHT-SIG).

(14) The second field may include a common field and a user field.

#### Technical Effects

(15) The embodiment proposed in the present disclosure may signal control information related to the type of PPDU defined in 802.11be, thereby achieving a new effect in which that the type of PPDU can be effectively set according to a channel environment and the number of users.

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## Description

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

(1) FIG. 1 shows an example of a transmitting apparatus and/or receiving apparatus of the present specification.

(2) FIG. 2 is a conceptual view illustrating the structure of a wireless local area network (WLAN).

(3) FIG. 3 illustrates a general link setup process.

(4) FIG. 4 illustrates an example of a PPDU used in an IEEE standard.

(5) FIG. 5 illustrates a layout of resource units (RUs) used in a band of 20 MHz.

(6) FIG. 6 illustrates a layout of RUs used in a band of 40 MHz.

(7) FIG. 7 illustrates a layout of RUs used in a band of 80 MHz.

(8) FIG. 8 illustrates a structure of an HE-SIG-B field.

(9) FIG. 9 illustrates an example in which a plurality of user STAs are allocated to the same RU through an MU-MIMO scheme.

(10) FIG. 10 illustrates an operation based on UL-MU.

(11) FIG. 11 illustrates an example of a trigger frame.

(12) FIG. 12 illustrates an example of a common information field of a trigger frame.

(13) FIG. 13 illustrates an example of a subfield included in a per user information field.

(14) FIG. 14 describes a technical feature of the UORA scheme.

(15) FIG. 15 illustrates an example of a channel used/supported/defined within a 2.4 GHz band.

(16) FIG. 16 illustrates an example of a channel used/supported/defined within a 5 GHz band.

(17) FIG. 17 illustrates an example of a channel used/supported/defined within a 6 GHz band.

(18) FIG. 18 illustrates an example of a PPDU used in the present specification.

(19) FIG. 19 illustrates an example of a modified transmission device and/or receiving apparatus/device of the present specification.

(20) FIG. 20 shows a representative 802.11be PPDU.

(21) FIG. 21 shows an example of an EHT preamble format of an EHT Non-OFDMA PPDU.

(22) FIG. 22 shows an example of an EHT preamble format of an EHT Non-OFDMA PPDU.

(23) FIG. 23 is a flowchart illustrating the operation of the transmitting apparatus according to the present embodiment.

(24) FIG. 24 is a flowchart illustrating the operation of the receiving apparatus according to the present embodiment.

(25) FIG. 25 is a flowchart illustrating a procedure in which a transmitting STA transmits a PPDU according to the present embodiment.

(26) FIG. 26 is a flowchart illustrating a procedure for a receiving STA to receive a PPDU according to the present embodiment.

### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

(27) In the present specification, “A or B” may mean “only A”, “only B” or “both A and B”. In other words, in the present specification, “A or B” may be interpreted as “A and/or B”. For

example, in the present specification, “A, B, or C” may mean “only A”, “only B”, “only C”, or “any combination of A, B, C”.

(28) A slash (/) or comma used in the present specification may mean “and/or”. For example, “A/B” may mean “A and/or B”. Accordingly, “A/B” may mean “only A”, “only B”, or “both A and B”. For example, “A, B, C” may mean “A, B, or C”.

(29) In the present specification, “at least one of A and B” may mean “only A”, “only B”, or “both A and B”. In addition, in the present specification, the expression “at least one of A or B” or “at least one of A and/or B” may be interpreted as “at least one of A and B”.

(30) In addition, in the present specification, “at least one of A, B, and C” may mean “only A”, “only B”, “only C”, or “any combination of A, B, and C”. In addition, “at least one of A, B, or C” or “at least one of A, B, and/or C” may mean “at least one of A, B, and C”.

(31) In addition, a parenthesis used in the present specification may mean “for example”. Specifically, when indicated as “control information (EHT-signal)”, it may denote that “EHT-signal” is proposed as an example of the “control information”. In other words, the “control information” of the present specification is not limited to “EHT-signal”, and “EHT-signal” may be proposed as an example of the “control information”. In addition, when indicated as “control information (i.e., EHT-signal)”, it may also mean that “EHT-signal” is proposed as an example of the “control information”.

(32) Technical features described individually in one figure in the present specification may be individually implemented, or may be simultaneously implemented.

(33) The following example of the present specification may be applied to various wireless communication systems. For example, the following example of the present specification may be applied to a wireless local area network (WLAN) system. For example, the present specification may be applied to the IEEE 802.11a/g/n/ac standard or the IEEE 802.11ax standard. In addition, the present specification may also be applied to the newly proposed EHT standard or IEEE 802.11be standard. In addition, the example of the present specification may also be applied to a new WLAN standard enhanced from the EHT standard or the IEEE 802.11be standard. In addition, the example of the present specification may be applied to a mobile communication system. For example, it may be applied to a mobile communication system based on long term evolution (LTE) depending on a 3.sup.rd generation partnership project (3GPP) standard and based on evolution of the LTE. In addition, the example of the present specification may be applied to a communication system of a 5G NR standard based on the 3GPP standard.

(34) Hereinafter, in order to describe a technical feature of the present specification, a technical feature applicable to the present specification will be described.

(35) FIG. 1 shows an example of a transmitting apparatus and/or receiving apparatus of the present specification.

(36) In the example of FIG. 1, various technical features described below may be performed. FIG. 1 relates to at least one station (STA). For example, STAs 110 and 120 of the present specification may also be called in various terms such as a mobile terminal, a wireless device, a wireless transmit/receive unit (WTRU), a user equipment (UE), a mobile station (MS), a mobile subscriber unit, or simply a user. The STAs 110 and 120 of the present specification may also be called in various terms such as a network, a base station, a node-B, an access point (AP), a repeater, a router, a relay, or the like. The STAs 110 and 120 of the present specification may also be referred to as various names such as a receiving apparatus, a transmitting apparatus, a receiving STA, a transmitting STA, a receiving device, a transmitting device, or the like.

(37) For example, the STAs 110 and 120 may serve as an AP or a non-AP. That is, the STAs 110 and 120 of the present specification may serve as the AP and/or the non-AP.

(38) The STAs 110 and 120 of the present specification may support various communication standards together in addition to the IEEE 802.11 standard. For example, a communication standard (e.g., LTE, LTE-A, 5G NR standard) or the like based on the 3GPP standard may be

supported. In addition, the STA of the present specification may be implemented as various devices such as a mobile phone, a vehicle, a personal computer, or the like. In addition, the STA of the present specification may support communication for various communication services such as voice calls, video calls, data communication, and self-driving (autonomous-driving), or the like.

(39) The STAs **110** and **120** of the present specification may include a medium access control (MAC) conforming to the IEEE 802.11 standard and a physical layer interface for a radio medium.

(40) The STAs **110** and **120** will be described below with reference to a sub-figure (a) of FIG. 1.

(41) The first STA **110** may include a processor **111**, a memory **112**, and a transceiver **113**. The illustrated process, memory, and transceiver may be implemented individually as separate chips, or at least two blocks/functions may be implemented through a single chip.

(42) The transceiver **113** of the first STA performs a signal transmission/reception operation. Specifically, an IEEE 802.11 packet (e.g., IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n/ac/ax/be, etc.) may be transmitted/received.

(43) For example, the first STA **110** may perform an operation intended by an AP. For example, the processor **111** of the AP may receive a signal through the transceiver **113**, process a reception (RX) signal, generate a transmission (TX) signal, and provide control for signal transmission. The memory **112** of the AP may store a signal (e.g., RX signal) received through the transceiver **113**, and may store a signal (e.g., TX signal) to be transmitted through the transceiver.

(44) For example, the second STA **120** may perform an operation intended by a non-AP STA. For example, a transceiver **123** of a non-AP performs a signal transmission/reception operation. Specifically, an IEEE 802.11 packet (e.g., IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n/ac/ax/be packet, etc.) may be transmitted/received.

(45) For example, a processor **121** of the non-AP STA may receive a signal through the transceiver **123**, process an RX signal, generate a TX signal, and provide control for signal transmission. A memory **122** of the non-AP STA may store a signal (e.g., RX signal) received through the transceiver **123**, and may store a signal (e.g., TX signal) to be transmitted through the transceiver.

(46) For example, an operation of a device indicated as an AP in the specification described below may be performed in the first STA **110** or the second STA **120**. For example, if the first STA **110** is the AP, the operation of the device indicated as the AP may be controlled by the processor **111** of the first STA **110**, and a related signal may be transmitted or received through the transceiver **113** controlled by the processor **111** of the first STA **110**. In addition, control information related to the operation of the AP or a TX/RX signal of the AP may be stored in the memory **112** of the first STA **110**. In addition, if the second STA **120** is the AP, the operation of the device indicated as the AP may be controlled by the processor **121** of the second STA **120**, and a related signal may be transmitted or received through the transceiver **123** controlled by the processor **121** of the second STA **120**. In addition, control information related to the operation of the AP or a TX/RX signal of the AP may be stored in the memory **122** of the second STA **120**.

(47) For example, in the specification described below, an operation of a device indicated as a non-AP (or user-STA) may be performed in the first STA **110** or the second STA **120**. For example, if the second STA **120** is the non-AP, the operation of the device indicated as the non-AP may be controlled by the processor **121** of the second STA **120**, and a related signal may be transmitted or received through the transceiver **123** controlled by the processor **121** of the second STA **120**. In addition, control information related to the operation of the non-AP or a TX/RX signal of the non-AP may be stored in the memory **122** of the second STA **120**. For example, if the first STA **110** is the non-AP, the operation of the device indicated as the non-AP may be controlled by the processor **111** of the first STA **110**, and a related signal may be transmitted or received through the transceiver **113** controlled by the processor **111** of the first STA **110**. In addition, control information related to the operation of the non-AP or a TX/RX signal of the non-AP may be stored in the memory **112** of the first STA **110**.

(48) In the specification described below, a device called a (transmitting/receiving) STA, a first

STA, a second STA, a STA1, a STA2, an AP, a first AP, a second AP, an AP1, an AP2, a (transmitting/receiving) terminal, a (transmitting/receiving) device, a (transmitting/receiving) apparatus, a network, or the like may imply the STAs **110** and **120** of FIG. **1**. For example, a device indicated as, without a specific reference numeral, the (transmitting/receiving) STA, the first STA, the second STA, the STA1, the STA2, the AP, the first AP, the second AP, the AP1, the AP2, the (transmitting/receiving) terminal, the (transmitting/receiving) device, the (transmitting/receiving) apparatus, the network, or the like may imply the STAs **110** and **120** of FIG. **1**. For example, in the following example, an operation in which various STAs transmit/receive a signal (e.g., a PPDU) may be performed in the transceivers **113** and **123** of FIG. **1**. In addition, in the following example, an operation in which various STAs generate a TX/RX signal or perform data processing and computation in advance for the TX/RX signal may be performed in the processors **111** and **121** of FIG. **1**. For example, an example of an operation for generating the TX/RX signal or performing the data processing and computation in advance may include: 1) an operation of determining/obtaining/configuring/computing/decoding/encoding bit information of a sub-field (SIG, STF, LTF, Data) included in a PPDU; 2) an operation of determining/configuring/obtaining a time resource or frequency resource (e.g., a subcarrier resource) or the like used for the sub-field (SIG, STF, LTF, Data) included the PPDU; 3) an operation of determining/configuring/obtaining a specific sequence (e.g., a pilot sequence, an STF/LTF sequence, an extra sequence applied to SIG) or the like used for the sub-field (SIG, STF, LTF, Data) field included in the PPDU; 4) a power control operation and/or power saving operation applied for the STA; and 5) an operation related to determining/obtaining/configuring/decoding/encoding or the like of an ACK signal. In addition, in the following example, a variety of information used by various STAs for determining/obtaining/configuring/computing/decoding/decoding a TX/RX signal (e.g., information related to a field/subfield/control field/parameter/power or the like) may be stored in the memories **112** and **122** of FIG. **1**.

(49) The aforementioned device/STA of the sub-figure (a) of FIG. **1** may be modified as shown in the sub-figure (b) of FIG. **1**. Hereinafter, the STAs **110** and **120** of the present specification will be described based on the sub-figure (b) of FIG. **1**.

(50) For example, the transceivers **113** and **123** illustrated in the sub-figure (b) of FIG. **1** may perform the same function as the aforementioned transceiver illustrated in the sub-figure (a) of FIG. **1**. For example, processing chips **114** and **124** illustrated in the sub-figure (b) of FIG. **1** may include the processors **111** and **121** and the memories **112** and **122**. The processors **111** and **121** and memories **112** and **122** illustrated in the sub-figure (b) of FIG. **1** may perform the same function as the aforementioned processors **111** and **121** and memories **112** and **122** illustrated in the sub-figure (a) of FIG. **1**.

(51) A mobile terminal, a wireless device, a wireless transmit/receive unit (WTRU), a user equipment (UE), a mobile station (MS), a mobile subscriber unit, a user, a user STA, a network, a base station, a Node-B, an access point (AP), a repeater, a router, a relay, a receiving unit, a transmitting unit, a receiving STA, a transmitting STA, a receiving device, a transmitting device, a receiving apparatus, and/or a transmitting apparatus, which are described below, may imply the STAs **110** and **120** illustrated in the sub-figure (a)/(b) of FIG. **1**, or may imply the processing chips **114** and **124** illustrated in the sub-figure (b) of FIG. **1**. That is, a technical feature of the present specification may be performed in the STAs **110** and **120** illustrated in the sub-figure (a)/(b) of FIG. **1**, or may be performed only in the processing chips **114** and **124** illustrated in the sub-figure (b) of FIG. **1**. For example, a technical feature in which the transmitting STA transmits a control signal may be understood as a technical feature in which a control signal generated in the processors **111** and **121** illustrated in the sub-figure (a)/(b) of FIG. **1** is transmitted through the transceivers **113** and **123** illustrated in the sub-figure (a)/(b) of FIG. **1**. Alternatively, the technical feature in which the transmitting STA transmits the control signal may be understood as a technical feature in which the control signal to be transferred to the transceivers **113** and **123** is generated in the processing

chips **114** and **124** illustrated in the sub-figure (b) of FIG. **1**.

(52) For example, a technical feature in which the receiving STA receives the control signal may be understood as a technical feature in which the control signal is received by means of the transceivers **113** and **123** illustrated in the sub-figure (a) of FIG. **1**. Alternatively, the technical feature in which the receiving STA receives the control signal may be understood as the technical feature in which the control signal received in the transceivers **113** and **123** illustrated in the sub-figure (a) of FIG. **1** is obtained by the processors **111** and **121** illustrated in the sub-figure (a) of FIG. **1**. Alternatively, the technical feature in which the receiving STA receives the control signal may be understood as the technical feature in which the control signal received in the transceivers **113** and **123** illustrated in the sub-figure (b) of FIG. **1** is obtained by the processing chips **114** and **124** illustrated in the sub-figure (b) of FIG. **1**.

(53) Referring to the sub-figure (b) of FIG. **1**, software codes **115** and **125** may be included in the memories **112** and **122**. The software codes **115** and **126** may include instructions for controlling an operation of the processors **111** and **121**. The software codes **115** and **125** may be included as various programming languages.

(54) The processors **111** and **121** or processing chips **114** and **124** of FIG. **1** may include an application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC), other chipsets, a logic circuit and/or a data processing device. The processor may be an application processor (AP). For example, the processors **111** and **121** or processing chips **114** and **124** of FIG. **1** may include at least one of a digital signal processor (DSP), a central processing unit (CPU), a graphics processing unit (GPU), and a modulator and demodulator (modem). For example, the processors **111** and **121** or processing chips **114** and **124** of FIG. **1** may be SNAPDRAGON™ series of processors made by Qualcomm®, EXYNOS™ series of processors made by Samsung®, A series of processors made by Apple®, HELIO™ series of processors made by MediaTek®, ATOM™ series of processors made by Intel® or processors enhanced from these processors.

(55) In the present specification, an uplink may imply a link for communication from a non-AP STA to an AP STA, and an uplink PPDU/packet/signal or the like may be transmitted through the uplink. In addition, in the present specification, a downlink may imply a link for communication from the AP STA to the non-AP STA, and a downlink PPDU/packet/signal or the like may be transmitted through the downlink.

(56) FIG. **2** is a conceptual view illustrating the structure of a wireless local area network (WLAN).

(57) An upper part of FIG. **2** illustrates the structure of an infrastructure basic service set (BSS) of institute of electrical and electronic engineers (IEEE) 802.11.

(58) Referring the upper part of FIG. **2**, the wireless LAN system may include one or more infrastructure BSSs **200** and **205** (hereinafter, referred to as BSS). The BSSs **200** and **205** as a set of an AP and a STA such as an access point (AP) **225** and a station (STA1) **200-1** which are successfully synchronized to communicate with each other are not concepts indicating a specific region. The BSS **205** may include one or more STAs **205-1** and **205-2** which may be joined to one AP **230**.

(59) The BSS may include at least one STA, APs providing a distribution service, and a distribution system (DS) **210** connecting multiple APs.

(60) The distribution system **210** may implement an extended service set (ESS) **240** extended by connecting the multiple BSSs **200** and **205**. The ESS **240** may be used as a term indicating one network configured by connecting one or more APs **225** or **230** through the distribution system **210**. The AP included in one ESS **240** may have the same service set identification (SSID).

(61) A portal **220** may serve as a bridge which connects the wireless LAN network (IEEE 802.11) and another network (e.g., 802.X).

(62) In the BSS illustrated in the upper part of FIG. **2**, a network between the APs **225** and **230** and a network between the APs **225** and **230** and the STAs **200-1**, **205-1**, and **205-2** may be implemented. However, the network is configured even between the STAs without the APs **225** and



**230** to perform communication. A network in which the communication is performed by configuring the network even between the STAs without the APs **225** and **230** is defined as an Ad-Hoc network or an independent basic service set (IBSS).

(63) A lower part of FIG. 2 illustrates a conceptual view illustrating the IBSS.

(64) Referring to the lower part of FIG. 2, the IBSS is a BSS that operates in an Ad-Hoc mode. Since the IBSS does not include the access point (AP), a centralized management entity that performs a management function at the center does not exist. That is, in the IBSS, STAs **250-1**, **250-2**, **250-3**, **255-4**, and **255-5** are managed by a distributed manner. In the IBSS, all STAs **250-1**, **250-2**, **250-3**, **255-4**, and **255-5** may be constituted by movable STAs and are not permitted to access the DS to constitute a self-contained network.

(65) FIG. 3 illustrates a general link setup process.

(66) In **S310**, a STA may perform a network discovery operation. The network discovery operation may include a scanning operation of the STA. That is, to access a network, the STA needs to discover a participating network. The STA needs to identify a compatible network before participating in a wireless network, and a process of identifying a network present in a particular area is referred to as scanning. Scanning methods include active scanning and passive scanning.

(67) FIG. 3 illustrates a network discovery operation including an active scanning process. In active scanning, a STA performing scanning transmits a probe request frame and waits for a response to the probe request frame in order to identify which AP is present around while moving to channels. A responder transmits a probe response frame as a response to the probe request frame to the STA having transmitted the probe request frame. Here, the responder may be a STA that transmits the last beacon frame in a BSS of a channel being scanned. In the BSS, since an AP transmits a beacon frame, the AP is the responder. In an IBSS, since STAs in the IBSS transmit a beacon frame in turns, the responder is not fixed. For example, when the STA transmits a probe request frame via channel 1 and receives a probe response frame via channel 1, the STA may store BSS-related information included in the received probe response frame, may move to the next channel (e.g., channel 2), and may perform scanning (e.g., transmits a probe request and receives a probe response via channel 2) by the same method.

(68) Although not shown in FIG. 3, scanning may be performed by a passive scanning method. In passive scanning, a STA performing scanning may wait for a beacon frame while moving to channels. A beacon frame is one of management frames in IEEE 802.11 and is periodically transmitted to indicate the presence of a wireless network and to enable the STA performing scanning to find the wireless network and to participate in the wireless network. In a BSS, an AP serves to periodically transmit a beacon frame. In an IBSS, STAs in the IBSS transmit a beacon frame in turns. Upon receiving the beacon frame, the STA performing scanning stores information related to a BSS included in the beacon frame and records beacon frame information in each channel while moving to another channel. The STA having received the beacon frame may store BSS-related information included in the received beacon frame, may move to the next channel, and may perform scanning in the next channel by the same method.

(69) After discovering the network, the STA may perform an authentication process in **S320**. The authentication process may be referred to as a first authentication process to be clearly distinguished from the following security setup operation in **S340**. The authentication process in **S320** may include a process in which the STA transmits an authentication request frame to the AP and the AP transmits an authentication response frame to the STA in response. The authentication frames used for an authentication request/response are management frames.

(70) The authentication frames may include information related to an authentication algorithm number, an authentication transaction sequence number, a status code, a challenge text, a robust security network (RSN), and a finite cyclic group.

(71) The STA may transmit the authentication request frame to the AP. The AP may determine whether to allow the authentication of the STA based on the information included in the received

authentication request frame. The AP may provide the authentication processing result to the STA via the authentication response frame.

(72) When the STA is successfully authenticated, the STA may perform an association process in S330. The association process includes a process in which the STA transmits an association request frame to the AP and the AP transmits an association response frame to the STA in response. The association request frame may include, for example, information related to various capabilities, a beacon listen interval, a service set identifier (SSID), a supported rate, a supported channel, RSN, a mobility domain, a supported operating class, a traffic indication map (TIM) broadcast request, and an interworking service capability. The association response frame may include, for example, information related to various capabilities, a status code, an association ID (AID), a supported rate, an enhanced distributed channel access (EDCA) parameter set, a received channel power indicator (RCPI), a received signal-to-noise indicator (RSNI), a mobility domain, a timeout interval (association comeback time), an overlapping BSS scanning parameter, a TIM broadcast response, and a QoS map.

(73) In S340, the STA may perform a security setup process. The security setup process in S340 may include a process of setting up a private key through four-way handshaking, for example, through an extensible authentication protocol over LAN (EAPOL) frame.

(74) FIG. 4 illustrates an example of a PPDU used in an IEEE standard.

(75) As illustrated, various types of PHY protocol data units (PPDUs) are used in IEEE a/g/n/ac standards. Specifically, an LTF and a STF include a training signal, a SIG-A and a SIG-B include control information for a receiving STA, and a data field includes user data corresponding to a PSDU (MAC PDU/aggregated MAC PDU).

(76) FIG. 4 also includes an example of an HE PPDU according to IEEE 802.11ax. The HE PPDU according to FIG. 4 is an illustrative PPDU for multiple users. An HE-SIG-B may be included only in a PPDU for multiple users, and an HE-SIG-B may be omitted in a PPDU for a single user.

(77) As illustrated in FIG. 4, the HE-PPDU for multiple users (MUs) may include a legacy-short training field (L-STF), a legacy-long training field (L-LTF), a legacy-signal (L-SIG), a high efficiency-signal A (HE-SIG A), a high efficiency-signal-B (HE-SIG B), a high efficiency-short training field (HE-STF), a high efficiency-long training field (HE-LTF), a data field (alternatively, an MAC payload), and a packet extension (PE) field. The respective fields may be transmitted for illustrated time periods (i.e., 4 or 8  $\mu$ s).

(78) Hereinafter, a resource unit (RU) used for a PPDU is described. An RU may include a plurality of subcarriers (or tones). An RU may be used to transmit a signal to a plurality of STAs according to OFDMA. Further, an RU may also be defined to transmit a signal to one STA. An RU may be used for an STF, an LTF, a data field, or the like.

(79) FIG. 5 illustrates a layout of resource units (RUs) used in a band of 20 MHz.

(80) As illustrated in FIG. 5, resource units (RUs) corresponding to different numbers of tones (i.e., subcarriers) may be used to form some fields of an HE-PPDU. For example, resources may be allocated in illustrated RUs for an HE-STF, an HE-LTF, and a data field.

(81) As illustrated in the uppermost part of FIG. 5, a 26-unit (i.e., a unit corresponding to 26 tones) may be disposed. Six tones may be used for a guard band in the leftmost band of the 20 MHz band, and five tones may be used for a guard band in the rightmost band of the 20 MHz band. Further, seven DC tones may be inserted in a center band, that is, a DC band, and a 26-unit corresponding to 13 tones on each of the left and right sides of the DC band may be disposed. A 26-unit, a 52-unit, and a 106-unit may be allocated to other bands. Each unit may be allocated for a receiving STA, that is, a user.

(82) The layout of the RUs in FIG. 5 may be used not only for a multiple users (MUs) but also for a single user (SU), in which case one 242-unit may be used and three DC tones may be inserted as illustrated in the lowermost part of FIG. 5.

(83) Although FIG. 5 proposes RUs having various sizes, that is, a 26-RU, a 52-RU, a 106-RU, and

a 242-RU, specific sizes of RUs may be extended or increased. Therefore, the present embodiment is not limited to the specific size of each RU (i.e., the number of corresponding tones).

(84) FIG. 6 illustrates a layout of RUs used in a band of 40 MHz.

(85) Similarly to FIG. 5 in which RUs having various sizes are used, a 26-RU, a 52-RU, a 106-RU, a 242-RU, a 484-RU, and the like may be used in an example of FIG. 6. Further, five DC tones may be inserted in a center frequency, 12 tones may be used for a guard band in the leftmost band of the 40 MHz band, and 11 tones may be used for a guard band in the rightmost band of the 40 MHz band.

(86) As illustrated in FIG. 6, when the layout of the RUs is used for a single user, a 484-RU may be used. The specific number of RUs may be changed similarly to FIG. 5.

(87) FIG. 7 illustrates a layout of RUs used in a band of 80 MHz.

(88) Similarly to FIG. 5 and FIG. 6 in which RUs having various sizes are used, a 26-RU, a 52-RU, a 106-RU, a 242-RU, a 484-RU, a 996-RU, and the like may be used in an example of FIG. 7.

Further, seven DC tones may be inserted in the center frequency, 12 tones may be used for a guard band in the leftmost band of the 80 MHz band, and 11 tones may be used for a guard band in the rightmost band of the 80 MHz band. In addition, a 26-RU corresponding to 13 tones on each of the left and right sides of the DC band may be used.

(89) As illustrated in FIG. 7, when the layout of the RUs is used for a single user, a 996-RU may be used, in which case five DC tones may be inserted.

(90) The RU described in the present specification may be used in uplink (UL) communication and downlink (DL) communication. For example, when UL-MU communication which is solicited by a trigger frame is performed, a transmitting STA (e.g., an AP) may allocate a first RU (e.g., 26/52/106/242-RU, etc.) to a first STA through the trigger frame, and may allocate a second RU (e.g., 26/52/106/242-RU, etc.) to a second STA. Thereafter, the first STA may transmit a first trigger-based PPDU based on the first RU, and the second STA may transmit a second trigger-based PPDU based on the second RU. The first/second trigger-based PPDU is transmitted to the AP at the same (or overlapped) time period.

(91) For example, when a DL MU PPDU is configured, the transmitting STA (e.g., AP) may allocate the first RU (e.g., 26/52/106/242-RU, etc.) to the first STA, and may allocate the second RU (e.g., 26/52/106/242-RU, etc.) to the second STA. That is, the transmitting STA (e.g., AP) may transmit HE-STF, HE-LTF, and Data fields for the first STA through the first RU in one MU PPDU, and may transmit HE-STF, HE-LTF, and Data fields for the second STA through the second RU.

(92) Information related to a layout of the RU may be signaled through HE-SIG-B.

(93) FIG. 8 illustrates a structure of an HE-SIG-B field.

(94) As illustrated, an HE-SIG-B field **810** includes a common field **820** and a user-specific field **830**. The common field **820** may include information commonly applied to all users (i.e., user STAs) which receive SIG-B. The user-specific field **830** may be called a user-specific control field. When the SIG-B is transferred to a plurality of users, the user-specific field **830** may be applied only any one of the plurality of users.

(95) As illustrated in FIG. 8, the common field **820** and the user-specific field **830** may be separately encoded.

(96) The common field **820** may include RU allocation information of  $N \times 8$  bits. For example, the RU allocation information may include information related to a location of an RU. For example, when a 20 MHz channel is used as shown in FIG. 5, the RU allocation information may include information related to a specific frequency band to which a specific RU (26-RU/52-RU/106-RU) is arranged.

(97) An example of a case in which the RU allocation information consists of 8 bits is as follows.

(98) TABLE-US-00001 TABLE 1 8 bits indices (B7 B6 B5 B4 Number B3 B2 B1 B0) #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 #6 #7 #8 #9 of entries 00000000 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 1 00000001 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 52 1 00000010 26 26 26 26 26 26 52 26 26 1 00000011 26 26 26 26 26 26 52 52 1 00000100 26 26 52 26

26 26 26 26 1 00000110 26 26 52 26 52 26 26 1 00000111 26 26  
52 26 52 52 1 00001000 52 26 26 26 26 26 26 1

(99) As shown the example of FIG. 5, up to nine 26-RUs may be allocated to the 20 MHz channel. When the RU allocation information of the common field **820** is set to “00000000” as shown in Table 1, the nine 26-RUs may be allocated to a corresponding channel (i.e., 20 MHz). In addition, when the RU allocation information of the common field **820** is set to “00000001” as shown in Table 1, seven 26-RUs and one 52-RU are arranged in a corresponding channel. That is, in the example of FIG. 5, the 52-RU may be allocated to the rightmost side, and the seven 26-RUs may be allocated to the left thereof.

(100) The example of Table 1 shows only some of RU locations capable of displaying the RU allocation information.

(101) For example, the RU allocation information may include an example of Table 2 below.

(102) TABLE-US-00002 TABLE 2 8 bits indices (B7 B6 B5 B4 Number B3 B2 B1 B0) #1 #2 #3  
#4 #5 #6 #7 #8 #9 of entries 01000y.sub.2y.sub.1y.sub.0 106 26 26 26 26 26 8  
01001y.sub.2y.sub.1y.sub.0 106 26 26 26 52 8

(103) “01000y2y1y0” relates to an example in which a 106-RU is allocated to the leftmost side of the 20 MHz channel, and five 26-RUs are allocated to the right side thereof. In this case, a plurality of STAs (e.g., user-STAs) may be allocated to the 106-RU, based on an MU-MIMO scheme. Specifically, up to 8 STAs (e.g., user-STAs) may be allocated to the 106-RU, and the number of STAs (e.g., user-STAs) allocated to the 106-RU is determined based on 3-bit information (y2y1y0). For example, when the 3-bit information (y2y1y0) is set to N, the number of STAs (e.g., user-STAs) allocated to the 106-RU based on the MU-MIMO scheme may be N+1.

(104) In general, a plurality of STAs (e.g., user STAs) different from each other may be allocated to a plurality of RUs. However, the plurality of STAs (e.g., user STAs) may be allocated to one or more RUs having at least a specific size (e.g., 106 subcarriers), based on the MU-MIMO scheme.

(105) As shown in FIG. 8, the user-specific field **830** may include a plurality of user fields. As described above, the number of STAs (e.g., user STAs) allocated to a specific channel may be determined based on the RU allocation information of the common field **820**. For example, when the RU allocation information of the common field **820** is “00000000”, one user STA may be allocated to each of nine 26-RUs (e.g., nine user STAs may be allocated). That is, up to 9 user STAs may be allocated to a specific channel through an OFDMA scheme. In other words, up to 9 user STAs may be allocated to a specific channel through a non-MU-MIMO scheme.

(106) For example, when RU allocation is set to “01000y2y1y0”, a plurality of STAs may be allocated to the 106-RU arranged at the leftmost side through the MU-MIMO scheme, and five user STAs may be allocated to five 26-RUs arranged to the right side thereof through the non-MU MIMO scheme. This case is specified through an example of FIG. 9.

(107) FIG. 9 illustrates an example in which a plurality of user STAs are allocated to the same RU through an MU-MIMO scheme.

(108) For example, when RU allocation is set to “01000010” as shown in FIG. 9, a 106-RU may be allocated to the leftmost side of a specific channel, and five 26-RUs may be allocated to the right side thereof. In addition, three user STAs may be allocated to the 106-RU through the MU-MIMO scheme. As a result, since eight user STAs are allocated, the user-specific field **830** of HE-SIG-B may include eight user fields.

(109) The eight user fields may be expressed in the order shown in FIG. 9. In addition, as shown in FIG. 8, two user fields may be implemented with one user block field.

(110) The user fields shown in FIG. 8 and FIG. 9 may be configured based on two formats. That is, a user field related to an MU-MIMO scheme may be configured in a first format, and a user field related to a non-MIMO scheme may be configured in a second format. Referring to the example of FIG. 9, a user field 1 to a user field 3 may be based on the first format, and a user field 4 to a user field 8 may be based on the second format. The first format or the second format may include bit

information of the same length (e.g., 21 bits).

(111) Each user field may have the same size (e.g., 21 bits). For example, the user field of the first format (the first of the MU-MIMO scheme) may be configured as follows.

(112) For example, a first bit (i.e., **B0-B10**) in the user field (i.e., 21 bits) may include identification information (e.g., STA-ID, partial AID, etc.) of a user STA to which a corresponding user field is allocated. In addition, a second bit (i.e., **B11-B14**) in the user field (i.e., 21 bits) may include information related to a spatial configuration. Specifically, an example of the second bit (i.e., **B11-B14**) may be as shown in Table 3 and Table 4 below.

(113) TABLE-US-00003

TABLE 3	N.sub.STS	N.sub.STS	N.sub.STS	N.sub.STS	N.sub.STS	N.sub.STS	N.sub.STS	N.sub.STS	N.sub.STS	Total Number	N.sub.user	B3 . . . B0	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]																	
N.sub.STS of entries	2	0000-0011	1-4	1	2-5	10	0100-0110	2-4	2	4-6	0111-1000	3-4	3	6-7	1001	4	4																				
	8	3	0000-0011	1-4	1	1	3-6	13	0100-0110	2-4	2	1	5-7	0111-1000	3-4	3	1	7-8	1001-1011	2-4	2	2	6-8														
	1100	3	3	2	8	4	0000-0011	1-4	1	1	1	4-7	11	0100-0110	2-4	2	1	1	6-8	0111	3	3	1	1	8	1000-1001	2-3	2	2	1	7-8	1010	2	2	2	2	8

(114) TABLE-US-00004

TABLE 4	N.sub.STS	N.sub.STS	N.sub.STS	N.sub.STS	N.sub.STS	N.sub.STS	N.sub.STS	N.sub.STS	N.sub.STS	Total Number	N.sub.user	B3 . . . B0	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]																		
N.sub.STS of entries	5	0000-0011	1-4	1	1	1	1	5-8	7	0100-0101	2-3	2	1	1	1	7-8	0110	2	2	2	1	1	8	6														
	0000-0010	1-3	1	1	1	1	1	6-8	4	0011	2	2	1	1	1	1	8	7	0000-0001	1-2	1	1	1	1	1	7-8	2	8	0000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	1

(115) As shown in Table 3 and/or Table 4, the second bit (e.g., **B11-B14**) may include information related to the number of spatial streams allocated to the plurality of user STAs which are allocated based on the MU-MIMO scheme. For example, when three user STAs are allocated to the 106-RU based on the MU-MIMO scheme as shown in FIG. 9, N<sub>user</sub> is set to “3”. Therefore, values of N<sub>STS</sub>[1], N<sub>STS</sub>[2], and N<sub>STS</sub>[3] may be determined as shown in Table 3. For example, when a value of the second bit (**B11-B14**) is “0011”, it may be set to N<sub>STS</sub>[1]=4, N<sub>STS</sub>[2]=1, N<sub>STS</sub>[3]=1. That is, in the example of FIG. 9, four spatial streams may be allocated to the user field 1, one spatial stream may be allocated to the user field 1, and one spatial stream may be allocated to the user field 3.

(116) As shown in the example of Table 3 and/or Table 4, information (i.e., the second bit, **B11-B14**) related to the number of spatial streams for the user STA may consist of 4 bits. In addition, the information (i.e., the second bit, **B11-B14**) on the number of spatial streams for the user STA may support up to eight spatial streams. In addition, the information (i.e., the second bit, **B11-B14**) on the number of spatial streams for the user STA may support up to four spatial streams for one user STA.

(117) In addition, a third bit (i.e., **B15-18**) in the user field (i.e., 21 bits) may include modulation and coding scheme (MCS) information. The MCS information may be applied to a data field in a PPDU including corresponding SIG-B.

(118) An MCS, MCS information, an MCS index, an MCS field, or the like used in the present specification may be indicated by an index value. For example, the MCS information may be indicated by an index 0 to an index 11. The MCS information may include information related to a constellation modulation type (e.g., BPSK, QPSK, 16-QAM, 64-QAM, 256-QAM, 1024-QAM, etc.) and information related to a coding rate (e.g., 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 5/6, etc.). Information related to a channel coding type (e.g., LCC or LDPC) may be excluded in the MCS information.

(119) In addition, a fourth bit (i.e., **B19**) in the user field (i.e., 21 bits) may be a reserved field.

(120) In addition, a fifth bit (i.e., **B20**) in the user field (i.e., 21 bits) may include information related to a coding type (e.g., BCC or LDPC). That is, the fifth bit (i.e., **B20**) may include information related to a type (e.g., BCC or LDPC) of channel coding applied to the data field in the PPDU including the corresponding SIG-B.

(121) The aforementioned example relates to the user field of the first format (the format of the MU-MIMO scheme). An example of the user field of the second format (the format of the non-

MU-MIMO scheme) is as follows.

(122) A first bit (e.g., **B0-B10**) in the user field of the second format may include identification information of a user STA. In addition, a second bit (e.g., **B11-B13**) in the user field of the second format may include information related to the number of spatial streams applied to a corresponding RU. In addition, a third bit (e.g., **B14**) in the user field of the second format may include information related to whether a beamforming steering matrix is applied. A fourth bit (e.g., **B15-B18**) in the user field of the second format may include modulation and coding scheme (MCS) information. In addition, a fifth bit (e.g., **B19**) in the user field of the second format may include information related to whether dual carrier modulation (DCM) is applied. In addition, a sixth bit (i.e., **B20**) in the user field of the second format may include information related to a coding type (e.g., BCC or LDPC).

(123) FIG. **10** illustrates an operation based on UL-MU. As illustrated, a transmitting STA (e.g., an AP) may perform channel access through contending (e.g., a backoff operation), and may transmit a trigger frame **1030**. That is, the transmitting STA may transmit a PPDU including the trigger frame **1030**. Upon receiving the PPDU including the trigger frame, a trigger-based (TB) PPDU is transmitted after a delay corresponding to SIFS.

(124) TB PDUs **1041** and **1042** may be transmitted at the same time period, and may be transmitted from a plurality of STAs (e.g., user STAs) having AIDs indicated in the trigger frame **1030**. An ACK frame **1050** for the TB PPDU may be implemented in various forms.

(125) A specific feature of the trigger frame is described with reference to FIG. **11** to FIG. **13**. Even if UL-MU communication is used, an orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA) scheme or an MU MIMO scheme may be used, and the OFDMA and MU-MIMO schemes may be simultaneously used.

(126) FIG. **11** illustrates an example of a trigger frame. The trigger frame of FIG. **11** allocates a resource for uplink multiple-user (MU) transmission, and may be transmitted, for example, from an AP. The trigger frame may be configured of a MAC frame, and may be included in a PPDU.

(127) Each field shown in FIG. **11** may be partially omitted, and another field may be added. In addition, a length of each field may be changed to be different from that shown in the figure.

(128) A frame control field **1110** of FIG. **11** may include information related to a MAC protocol version and extra additional control information. A duration field **1120** may include time information for NAV configuration or information related to an identifier (e.g., AID) of a STA.

(129) In addition, an RA field **1130** may include address information of a receiving STA of a corresponding trigger frame, and may be optionally omitted. A TA field **1140** may include address information of a STA (e.g., an AP) which transmits the corresponding trigger frame. A common information field **1150** includes common control information applied to the receiving STA which receives the corresponding trigger frame. For example, a field indicating a length of an L-SIG field of an uplink PPDU transmitted in response to the corresponding trigger frame or information for controlling content of a SIG-A field (i.e., HE-SIG-A field) of the uplink PPDU transmitted in response to the corresponding trigger frame may be included. In addition, as common control information, information related to a length of a CP of the uplink PPDU transmitted in response to the corresponding trigger frame or information related to a length of an LTF field may be included.

(130) In addition, per user information fields **1160#1** to **1160#N** corresponding to the number of receiving STAs which receive the trigger frame of FIG. **11** are preferably included. The per user information field may also be called an "allocation field".

(131) In addition, the trigger frame of FIG. **11** may include a padding field **1170** and a frame check sequence field **1180**.

(132) Each of the per user information fields **1160#1** to **1160#N** shown in FIG. **11** may include a plurality of subfields.

(133) FIG. **12** illustrates an example of a common information field of a trigger frame. A subfield of FIG. **12** may be partially omitted, and an extra subfield may be added. In addition, a length of

each subfield illustrated may be changed.

(134) A length field **1210** illustrated has the same value as a length field of an L-SIG field of an uplink PPDU transmitted in response to a corresponding trigger frame, and a length field of the L-SIG field of the uplink PPDU indicates a length of the uplink PPDU. As a result, the length field **1210** of the trigger frame may be used to indicate the length of the corresponding uplink PPDU.

(135) In addition, a cascade identifier field **1220** indicates whether a cascade operation is performed. The cascade operation implies that downlink MU transmission and uplink MU transmission are performed together in the same TXOP. That is, it implies that downlink MU transmission is performed and thereafter uplink MU transmission is performed after a pre-set time (e.g., SIFS). During the cascade operation, only one transmitting device (e.g., AP) may perform downlink communication, and a plurality of transmitting devices (e.g., non-APs) may perform uplink communication.

(136) A CS request field **1230** indicates whether a wireless medium state or a NAV or the like is necessarily considered in a situation where a receiving device which has received a corresponding trigger frame transmits a corresponding uplink PPDU.

(137) An HE-SIG-A information field **1240** may include information for controlling content of a SIG-A field (i.e., HE-SIG-A field) of the uplink PPDU in response to the corresponding trigger frame.

(138) A CP and LTF type field **1250** may include information related to a CP length and LTF length of the uplink PPDU transmitted in response to the corresponding trigger frame. A trigger type field **1260** may indicate a purpose of using the corresponding trigger frame, for example, typical triggering, triggering for beamforming, a request for block ACK/NACK, or the like.

(139) It may be assumed that the trigger type field **1260** of the trigger frame in the present specification indicates a trigger frame of a basic type for typical triggering. For example, the trigger frame of the basic type may be referred to as a basic trigger frame.

(140) FIG. **13** illustrates an example of a subfield included in a per user information field. A user information field **1300** of FIG. **13** may be understood as any one of the per user information fields **1160#1** to **1160#N** mentioned above with reference to FIG. **11**. A subfield included in the user information field **1300** of FIG. **13** may be partially omitted, and an extra subfield may be added. In addition, a length of each subfield illustrated may be changed.

(141) A user identifier field **1310** of FIG. **13** indicates an identifier of a STA (i.e., receiving STA) corresponding to per user information. An example of the identifier may be the entirety or part of an association identifier (AID) value of the receiving STA.

(142) In addition, an RU allocation field **1320** may be included. That is, when the receiving STA identified through the user identifier field **1310** transmits a TB PPDU in response to the trigger frame, the TB PPDU is transmitted through an RU indicated by the RU allocation field **1320**. In this case, the RU indicated by the RU allocation field **1320** may be an RU shown in FIG. **5**, FIG. **6**, and FIG. **7**.

(143) The subfield of FIG. **13** may include a coding type field **1330**. The coding type field **1330** may indicate a coding type of the TB PPDU. For example, when BCC coding is applied to the TB PPDU, the coding type field **1330** may be set to '1', and when LDPC coding is applied, the coding type field **1330** may be set to '0'.

(144) In addition, the subfield of FIG. **13** may include an MCS field **1340**. The MCS field **1340** may indicate an MCS scheme applied to the TB PPDU. For example, when BCC coding is applied to the TB PPDU, the coding type field **1330** may be set to '1', and when LDPC coding is applied, the coding type field **1330** may be set to '0'.

(145) Hereinafter, a UL OFDMA-based random access (UORA) scheme will be described.

(146) FIG. **14** describes a technical feature of the UORA scheme.

(147) A transmitting STA (e.g., an AP) may allocate six RU resources through a trigger frame as shown in FIG. **14**. Specifically, the AP may allocate a 1st RU resource (AID 0, RU 1), a 2nd RU

resource (AID 0, RU 2), a 3rd RU resource (AID 0, RU 3), a 4th RU resource (AID 2045, RU 4), a 5th RU resource (AID 2045, RU 5), and a 6th RU resource (AID 3, RU 6). Information related to the AID 0, AID 3, or AID 2045 may be included, for example, in the user identifier field **1310** of FIG. **13**. Information related to the RU 1 to RU 6 may be included, for example, in the RU allocation field **1320** of FIG. **13**. AID=0 may imply a UORA resource for an associated STA, and AID=2045 may imply a UORA resource for an un-associated STA. Accordingly, the 1st to 3rd RU resources of FIG. **14** may be used as a UORA resource for the associated STA, the 4th and 5th RU resources of FIG. **14** may be used as a UORA resource for the un-associated STA, and the 6th RU resource of FIG. **14** may be used as a typical resource for UL MU.

(148) In the example of FIG. **14**, an OFDMA random access backoff (OBO) of a STA1 is decreased to 0, and the STA1 randomly selects the 2nd RU resource (AID 0, RU 2). In addition, since an OBO counter of a STA2/3 is greater than 0, an uplink resource is not allocated to the STA2/3. In addition, regarding a STA4 in FIG. **14**, since an AID (e.g., AID=3) of the STA4 is included in a trigger frame, a resource of the RU 6 is allocated without backoff.

(149) Specifically, since the STA1 of FIG. **14** is an associated STA, the total number of eligible RA RUs for the STA1 is 3 (RU 1, RU 2, and RU 3), and thus the STA1 decreases an OBO counter by 3 so that the OBO counter becomes 0. In addition, since the STA2 of FIG. **14** is an associated STA, the total number of eligible RA RUs for the STA2 is 3 (RU 1, RU 2, and RU 3), and thus the STA2 decreases the OBO counter by 3 but the OBO counter is greater than 0. In addition, since the STA3 of FIG. **14** is an un-associated STA, the total number of eligible RA RUs for the STA3 is 2 (RU 4, RU 5), and thus the STA3 decreases the OBO counter by 2 but the OBO counter is greater than 0.

(150) FIG. **15** illustrates an example of a channel used/supported/defined within a 2.4 GHz band.

(151) The 2.4 GHz band may be called in other terms such as a first band. In addition, the 2.4 GHz band may imply a frequency domain in which channels of which a center frequency is close to 2.4 GHz (e.g., channels of which a center frequency is located within 2.4 to 2.5 GHz) are used/supported/defined.

(152) A plurality of 20 MHz channels may be included in the 2.4 GHz band. 20 MHz within the 2.4 GHz may have a plurality of channel indices (e.g., an index 1 to an index 14). For example, a center frequency of a 20 MHz channel to which a channel index 1 is allocated may be 2.412 GHz, a center frequency of a 20 MHz channel to which a channel index 2 is allocated may be 2.417 GHz, and a center frequency of a 20 MHz channel to which a channel index N is allocated may be  $(2.407+0.005*N)$  GHz. The channel index may be called in various terms such as a channel number or the like. Specific numerical values of the channel index and center frequency may be changed.

(153) FIG. **15** exemplifies 4 channels within a 2.4 GHz band. Each of 1st to 4th frequency domains **1510** to **1540** shown herein may include one channel. For example, the 1st frequency domain **1510** may include a channel 1 (a 20 MHz channel having an index 1). In this case, a center frequency of the channel 1 may be set to 2412 MHz. The 2nd frequency domain **1520** may include a channel 6. In this case, a center frequency of the channel 6 may be set to 2437 MHz. The 3rd frequency domain **1530** may include a channel 11. In this case, a center frequency of the channel 11 may be set to 2462 MHz. The 4th frequency domain **1540** may include a channel 14. In this case, a center frequency of the channel 14 may be set to 2484 MHz.

(154) FIG. **16** illustrates an example of a channel used/supported/defined within a 5 GHz band.

(155) The 5 GHz band may be called in other terms such as a second band or the like. The 5 GHz band may imply a frequency domain in which channels of which a center frequency is greater than or equal to 5 GHz and less than 6 GHz (or less than 5.9 GHz) are used/supported/defined.

Alternatively, the 5 GHz band may include a plurality of channels between 4.5 GHz and 5.5 GHz. A specific numerical value shown in FIG. **16** may be changed.

(156) A plurality of channels within the 5 GHz band include an unlicensed national information infrastructure (UNII)-1, a UNII-2, a UNII-3, and an ISM. The UNII-1 may be called UNII Low. The



UNII-2 may include a frequency domain called UNII Mid and UNII-2Extended. The UNII-3 may be called UNII-Upper.

(157) A plurality of channels may be configured within the 5 GHz band, and a bandwidth of each channel may be variously set to, for example, 20 MHz, 40 MHz, 80 MHz, 160 MHz, or the like. For example, 5170 MHz to 5330 MHz frequency domains/ranges within the UNII-1 and UNII-2 may be divided into eight 20 MHz channels. The 5170 MHz to 5330 MHz frequency domains/ranges may be divided into four channels through a 40 MHz frequency domain. The 5170 MHz to 5330 MHz frequency domains/ranges may be divided into two channels through an 80 MHz frequency domain. Alternatively, the 5170 MHz to 5330 MHz frequency domains/ranges may be divided into one channel through a 160 MHz frequency domain.

(158) FIG. 17 illustrates an example of a channel used/supported/defined within a 6 GHz band.

(159) The 6 GHz band may be called in other terms such as a third band or the like. The 6 GHz band may imply a frequency domain in which channels of which a center frequency is greater than or equal to 5.9 GHz are used/supported/defined. A specific numerical value shown in FIG. 17 may be changed.

(160) For example, the 20 MHz channel of FIG. 17 may be defined starting from 5.940 GHz. Specifically, among 20 MHz channels of FIG. 17, the leftmost channel may have an index 1 (or a channel index, a channel number, etc.), and 5.945 GHz may be assigned as a center frequency. That is, a center frequency of a channel of an index N may be determined as  $(5.940 + 0.005 * N)$  GHz.

(161) Accordingly, an index (or channel number) of the 2 MHz channel of FIG. 17 may be 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29, 33, 37, 41, 45, 49, 53, 57, 61, 65, 69, 73, 77, 81, 85, 89, 93, 97, 101, 105, 109, 113, 117, 121, 125, 129, 133, 137, 141, 145, 149, 153, 157, 161, 165, 169, 173, 177, 181, 185, 189, 193, 197, 201, 205, 209, 213, 217, 221, 225, 229, 233. In addition, according to the aforementioned  $(5.940 + 0.005 * N)$  GHz rule, an index of the 40 MHz channel of FIG. 17 may be 3, 11, 19, 27, 35, 43, 51, 59, 67, 75, 83, 91, 99, 107, 115, 123, 131, 139, 147, 155, 163, 171, 179, 187, 195, 203, 211, 219, 227.

(162) Although 20, 40, 80, and 160 MHz channels are illustrated in the example of FIG. 17, a 240 MHz channel or a 320 MHz channel may be additionally added.

(163) Hereinafter, a PPDU transmitted/received in a STA of the present specification will be described.

(164) FIG. 18 illustrates an example of a PPDU used in the present specification.

(165) The PPDU of FIG. 18 may be called in various terms such as an EHT PPDU, a TX PPDU, an RX PPDU, a first type or N-th type PPDU, or the like. For example, in the present specification, the PPDU or the EHT PPDU may be called in various terms such as a TX PPDU, a RX PPDU, a first type or N-th type PPDU, or the like. In addition, the EHT PPDU may be used in an EHT system and/or a new WLAN system enhanced from the EHT system.

(166) The PPDU of FIG. 18 may indicate the entirety or part of a PPDU type used in the EHT system. For example, the example of FIG. 18 may be used for both of a single-user (SU) mode and a multi-user (MU) mode. In other words, the PPDU of FIG. 18 may be a PPDU for one receiving STA or a plurality of receiving STAs. When the PPDU of FIG. 18 is used for a trigger-based (TB) mode, the EHT-SIG of FIG. 18 may be omitted. In other words, an STA which has received a trigger frame for uplink-MU (UL-MU) may transmit the PPDU in which the EHT-SIG is omitted in the example of FIG. 18.

(167) In FIG. 18, an L-STF to an EHT-LTF may be called a preamble or a physical preamble, and may be generated/transmitted/received/obtained/decoded in a physical layer.

(168) A subcarrier spacing of the L-STF, L-LTF, L-SIG, RL-SIG, U-SIG, and EHT-SIG fields of FIG. 18 may be determined as 312.5 kHz, and a subcarrier spacing of the EHT-STF, EHT-LTF, and Data fields may be determined as 78.125 kHz. That is, a tone index (or subcarrier index) of the L-STF, L-LTF, L-SIG, RL-SIG, U-SIG, and EHT-SIG fields may be expressed in unit of 312.5 kHz, and a tone index (or subcarrier index) of the EHT-STF, EHT-LTF, and Data fields may be expressed

in unit of 78.125 kHz.

(169) In the PPDU of FIG. 18, the L-LTE and the L-STF may be the same as those in the conventional fields.

(170) The L-SIG field of FIG. 18 may include, for example, bit information of 24 bits. For example, the 24-bit information may include a rate field of 4 bits, a reserved bit of 1 bit, a length field of 12 bits, a parity bit of 1 bit, and a tail bit of 6 bits. For example, the length field of 12 bits may include information related to a length or time duration of a PPDU. For example, the length field of 12 bits may be determined based on a type of the PPDU. For example, when the PPDU is a non-HT, HT, VHT PPDU or an EHT PPDU, a value of the length field may be determined as a multiple of 3. For example, when the PPDU is an HE PPDU, the value of the length field may be determined as “a multiple of 3”+1 or “a multiple of 3”+2. In other words, for the non-HT, HT, VHT PPDU or the EHT PPDU, the value of the length field may be determined as a multiple of 3, and for the HE PPDU, the value of the length field may be determined as “a multiple of 3”+1 or “a multiple of 3”+2.

(171) For example, the transmitting STA may apply BCC encoding based on a  $\frac{1}{2}$  coding rate to the 24-bit information of the L-SIG field. Thereafter, the transmitting STA may obtain a BCC coding bit of 48 bits. BPSK modulation may be applied to the 48-bit coding bit, thereby generating 48 BPSK symbols. The transmitting STA may map the 48 BPSK symbols to positions except for a pilot subcarrier {subcarrier index -21, -7, +7, +21} and a DC subcarrier {subcarrier index 0}. As a result, the 48 BPSK symbols may be mapped to subcarrier indices -26 to -22, -20 to -8, -6 to -1, +1 to +6, +8 to +20, and +22 to +26. The transmitting STA may additionally map a signal of {-1, -1, -1, 1} to a subcarrier index {-28, -27, +27, +28}. The aforementioned signal may be used for channel estimation on a frequency domain corresponding to {-28, -27, +27, +28}.

(172) The transmitting STA may generate an RL-SIG generated in the same manner as the L-SIG. BPSK modulation may be applied to the RL-SIG. The receiving STA may know that the RX PPDU is the HE PPDU or the EHT PPDU, based on the presence of the RL-SIG.

(173) A universal SIG (U-SIG) may be inserted after the RL-SIG of FIG. 18. The U-SIB may be called in various terms such as a first SIG field, a first SIG, a first type SIG, a control signal, a control signal field, a first (type) control signal, or the like.

(174) The U-SIG may include information of N bits, and may include information for identifying a type of the EHT PPDU. For example, the U-SIG may be configured based on two symbols (e.g., two contiguous OFDM symbols). Each symbol (e.g., OFDM symbol) for the U-SIG may have a duration of 4  $\mu$ s. Each symbol of the U-SIG may be used to transmit the 26-bit information. For example, each symbol of the U-SIG may be transmitted/received based on 52 data tones and 4 pilot tones.

(175) Through the U-SIG (or U-SIG field), for example, A-bit information (e.g., 52 un-coded bits) may be transmitted. A first symbol of the U-SIG may transmit first X-bit information (e.g., 26 un-coded bits) of the A-bit information, and a second symbol of the U-SIB may transmit the remaining Y-bit information (e.g. 26 un-coded bits) of the A-bit information. For example, the transmitting STA may obtain 26 un-coded bits included in each U-SIG symbol. The transmitting STA may perform convolutional encoding (i.e., BCC encoding) based on a rate of  $R=\frac{1}{2}$  to generate 52-coded bits, and may perform interleaving on the 52-coded bits. The transmitting STA may perform BPSK modulation on the interleaved 52-coded bits to generate 52 BPSK symbols to be allocated to each U-SIG symbol. One U-SIG symbol may be transmitted based on 65 tones (subcarriers) from a subcarrier index -28 to a subcarrier index +28, except for a DC index 0. The 52 BPSK symbols generated by the transmitting STA may be transmitted based on the remaining tones (subcarriers) except for pilot tones, i.e., tones -21, -7, +7, +21.

(176) For example, the A-bit information (e.g., 52 un-coded bits) generated by the U-SIG may include a CRC field (e.g., a field having a length of 4 bits) and a tail field (e.g., a field having a length of 6 bits). The CRC field and the tail field may be transmitted through the second symbol of

the U-SIG. The CRC field may be generated based on 26 bits allocated to the first symbol of the U-SIG and the remaining 16 bits except for the CRC/tail fields in the second symbol, and may be generated based on the conventional CRC calculation algorithm. In addition, the tail field may be used to terminate trellis of a convolutional decoder, and may be set to, for example, "000000".

(177) The A-bit information (e.g., 52 un-coded bits) transmitted by the U-SIG (or U-SIG field) may be divided into version-independent bits and version-dependent bits. For example, the version-independent bits may have a fixed or variable size. For example, the version-independent bits may be allocated only to the first symbol of the U-SIG, or the version-independent bits may be allocated to both of the first and second symbols of the U-SIG. For example, the version-independent bits and the version-dependent bits may be called in various terms such as a first control bit, a second control bit, or the like.

(178) For example, the version-independent bits of the U-SIG may include a PHY version identifier of 3 bits. For example, the PHY version identifier of 3 bits may include information related to a PHY version of a TX/RX PPDU. For example, a first value of the PHY version identifier of 3 bits may indicate that the TX/RX PPDU is an EHT PPDU. In other words, when the transmitting STA transmits the EHT PPDU, the PHY version identifier of 3 bits may be set to a first value. In other words, the receiving STA may determine that the RX PPDU is the EHT PPDU, based on the PHY version identifier having the first value.

(179) For example, the version-independent bits of the U-SIG may include a UL/DL flag field of 1 bit. A first value of the UL/DL flag field of 1 bit relates to UL communication, and a second value of the UL/DL flag field relates to DL communication.

(180) For example, the version-independent bits of the U-SIG may include information related to a TXOP length and information related to a BSS color ID.

(181) For example, when the EHT PPDU is divided into various types (e.g., various types such as an EHT PPDU related to an SU mode, an EHT PPDU related to an MU mode, an EHT PPDU related to a TB mode, an EHT PPDU related to extended range transmission, or the like), information related to the type of the EHT PPDU may be included in the version-dependent bits of the U-SIG.

(182) For example, the U-SIG may include: 1) a bandwidth field including information related to a bandwidth; 2) a field including information related to an MCS scheme applied to EHT-SIG; 3) an indication field including information regarding whether a dual subcarrier modulation (DCM) scheme is applied to EHT-SIG; 4) a field including information related to the number of symbol used for EHT-SIG; 5) a field including information regarding whether the EHT-SIG is generated across a full band; 6) a field including information related to a type of EHT-LTF/STF; and 7) information related to a field indicating an EHT-LTF length and a CP length.

(183) Preamble puncturing may be applied to the PPDU of FIG. 18. The preamble puncturing implies that puncturing is applied to part (e.g., a secondary 20 MHz band) of the full band. For example, when an 80 MHz PPDU is transmitted, an STA may apply puncturing to the secondary 20 MHz band out of the 80 MHz band, and may transmit a PPDU only through a primary 20 MHz band and a secondary 40 MHz band.

(184) For example, a pattern of the preamble puncturing may be configured in advance. For example, when a first puncturing pattern is applied, puncturing may be applied only to the secondary 20 MHz band within the 80 MHz band. For example, when a second puncturing pattern is applied, puncturing may be applied to only any one of two secondary 20 MHz bands included in the secondary 40 MHz band within the 80 MHz band. For example, when a third puncturing pattern is applied, puncturing may be applied to only the secondary 20 MHz band included in the primary 80 MHz band within the 160 MHz band (or 80+80 MHz band). For example, when a fourth puncturing is applied, puncturing may be applied to at least one 20 MHz channel not belonging to a primary 40 MHz band in the presence of the primary 40 MHz band included in the 80MHz band within the 160 MHz band (or 80+80 MHz band).

(185) Information related to the preamble puncturing applied to the PPDU may be included in U-SIG and/or EHT-SIG. For example, a first field of the U-SIG may include information related to a contiguous bandwidth, and second field of the U-SIG may include information related to the preamble puncturing applied to the PPDU.

(186) For example, the U-SIG and the EHT-SIG may include the information related to the preamble puncturing, based on the following method. When a bandwidth of the PPDU exceeds 80 MHz, the U-SIG may be configured individually in unit of 80 MHz. For example, when the bandwidth of the PPDU is 160 MHz, the PPDU may include a first U-SIG for a first 80 MHz band and a second U-SIG for a second 80 MHz band. In this case, a first field of the first U-SIG may include information related to a 160 MHz bandwidth, and a second field of the first U-SIG may include information related to a preamble puncturing (i.e., information related to a preamble puncturing pattern) applied to the first 80 MHz band. In addition, a first field of the second U-SIG may include information related to a 160 MHz bandwidth, and a second field of the second U-SIG may include information related to a preamble puncturing (i.e., information related to a preamble puncturing pattern) applied to the second 80 MHz band. Meanwhile, an EHT-SIG contiguous to the first U-SIG may include information related to a preamble puncturing applied to the second 80 MHz band (i.e., information related to a preamble puncturing pattern), and an EHT-SIG contiguous to the second U-SIG may include information related to a preamble puncturing (i.e., information related to a preamble puncturing pattern) applied to the first 80 MHz band.

(187) Additionally or alternatively, the U-SIG and the EHT-SIG may include the information related to the preamble puncturing, based on the following method. The U-SIG may include information related to a preamble puncturing (i.e., information related to a preamble puncturing pattern) for all bands. That is, the EHT-SIG may not include the information related to the preamble puncturing, and only the U-SIG may include the information related to the preamble puncturing (i.e., the information related to the preamble puncturing pattern).

(188) The U-SIG may be configured in unit of 20 MHz. For example, when an 80 MHz PPDU is configured, the U-SIG may be duplicated. That is, four identical U-SIGs may be included in the 80 MHz PPDU. PPDUs exceeding an 80 MHz bandwidth may include different U-SIGs.

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(190) The EHT-SIG of FIG. 18 may include control information for the receiving STA. The EHT-SIG may be transmitted through at least one symbol, and one symbol may have a length of 4  $\mu$ s. Information related to the number of symbols used for the EHT-SIG may be included in the U-SIG.

(191) The EHT-SIG may include a technical feature of the HE-SIG-B described with reference to FIG. 8 and FIG. 9. For example, the EHT-SIG may include a common field and a user-specific field as in the example of FIG. 8. The common field of the EHT-SIG may be omitted, and the number of user-specific fields may be determined based on the number of users.

(192) As in the example of FIG. 8, the common field of the EHT-SIG and the user-specific field of the EHT-SIG may be individually coded. One user block field included in the user-specific field may include information for two users, but a last user block field included in the user-specific field may include information for one user. That is, one user block field of the EHT-SIG may include up to two user fields. As in the example of FIG. 9, each user field may be related to MU-MIMO allocation, or may be related to non-MU-MIMO allocation.

(193) As in the example of FIG. 8, the common field of the EHT-SIG may include a CRC bit and a tail bit. A length of the CRC bit may be determined as 4 bits. A length of the tail bit may be determined as 6 bits, and may be set to '000000'.

(194) As in the example of FIG. 8, the common field of the EHT-SIG may include RU allocation information. The RU allocation information may imply information related to a location of an RU to which a plurality of users (i.e., a plurality of receiving STAs) are allocated. The RU allocation

information may be configured in unit of 8 bits (or N bits), as in Table 1.

(195) The example of Table 5 to Table 7 is an example of 8-bit (or N-bit) information for various RU allocations. An index shown in each table may be modified, and some entries in Table 5 to Table 7 may be omitted, and entries (not shown) may be added.

(196) The example of Table 5 to Table 7 relates to information related to a location of an RU allocated to a 20 MHz band. For example, ‘an index 0’ of Table 5 may be used in a situation where nine 26-RUs are individually allocated (e.g., in a situation where nine 26-RUs shown in FIG. 5 are individually allocated).

(197) Meanwhile, a plurality of RUs may be allocated to one STA in the EHT system. For example, regarding ‘an index 60’ of Table 6, one 26-RU may be allocated for one user (i.e., receiving STA) to the leftmost side of the 20 MHz band, one 26-RU and one 52-RU may be allocated to the right side thereof, and five 26-RUs may be individually allocated to the right side thereof.

(198) TABLE-US-00005 TABLE 5 Number Indices #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 #6 #7 #8 #9 of entries 0 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 1 1 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 52 1 2 26 26 26 26 26 52 26 26 1 3 26 26 26 26 26 52 52 1 4 26 26 52 26 26 26 26 26 1 5 26 26 52 26 26 26 52 1 6 26 26 52 26 52 26 26 1 7 26 26 52 26 52 52 1 8 52 26 26 26 26 26 26 26 1 9 52 26 26 26 26 26 52 1 10 52 26 26 26 52 26 26 1 11 52 26 26 26 52 52 1 12 52 52 26 26 26 26 26 26 1 13 52 52 26 26 26 52 1 14 52 52 26 52 26 26 1 15 52 52 26 52 52 1 16 26 26 26 26 26 106 1 17 26 26 52 26 106 1 18 52 26 26 26 106 1 19 52 52 26 106 1

(199) TABLE-US-00006 TABLE 6 Number Indices #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 #6 #7 #8 #9 of entries 20 106 26 26 26 26 26 1 21 106 26 26 26 52 1 22 106 26 52 26 26 1 23 106 26 52 52 1 24 52 52 — 52 52 1 25 242-tone RU empty (with zero users) 1 26 106 26 106 1 27-34 242 8 35-42 484 8 43-50 996 8 51-58 2\*996 8 59 26 26 26 26 26 52 + 26 26 1 60 26 26 + 52 26 26 26 26 26 1 61 26 26 + 52 26 26 26 52 1 62 26 26 + 52 26 52 26 26 1 63 26 26 52 26 52 + 26 26 1 64 26 26 + 52 26 52 + 26 26 1 65 26 26 + 52 26 52 52 1

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(201) A mode in which the common field of the EHT-SIG is omitted may be supported. The mode in the common field of the EHT-SIG is omitted may be called a compressed mode. When the compressed mode is used, a plurality of users (i.e., a plurality of receiving STAs) may decode the PPDU (e.g., the data field of the PPDU), based on non-OFDMA. That is, the plurality of users of the EHT PPDU may decode the PPDU (e.g., the data field of the PPDU) received through the same frequency band. Meanwhile, when a non-compressed mode is used, the plurality of users of the EHT PPDU may decode the PPDU (e.g., the data field of the PPDU), based on OFDMA. That is, the plurality of users of the EHT PPDU may receive the PPDU (e.g., the data field of the PPDU) through different frequency bands.

(202) The EHT-SIG may be configured based on various MCS schemes. As described above, information related to an MCS scheme applied to the EHT-SIG may be included in U-SIG. The EHT-SIG may be configured based on a DCM scheme. For example, among N data tones (e.g., 52 data tones) allocated for the EHT-SIG, a first modulation scheme may be applied to half of consecutive tones, and a second modulation scheme may be applied to the remaining half of the consecutive tones. That is, a transmitting STA may use the first modulation scheme to modulate specific control information through a first symbol and allocate it to half of the consecutive tones, and may use the second modulation scheme to modulate the same control information by using a second symbol and allocate it to the remaining half of the consecutive tones. As described above, information (e.g., a 1-bit field) regarding whether the DCM scheme is applied to the EHT-SIG may be included in the U-SIG. An HE-STF of FIG. 18 may be used for improving automatic gain

control estimation in a multiple input multiple output (MIMO) environment or an OFDMA environment. An HE-LTF of FIG. 18 may be used for estimating a channel in the MIMO environment or the OFDMA environment.

(203) The EHT-STF of FIG. 18 may be set in various types. For example, a first type of STF (e.g.,  $1 \times$  STF) may be generated based on a first type STF sequence in which a non-zero coefficient is arranged with an interval of 16 subcarriers. An STF signal generated based on the first type STF sequence may have a period of  $0.8 \mu\text{s}$ , and a periodicity signal of  $0.8 \mu\text{s}$  may be repeated 5 times to become a first type STF having a length of  $4 \mu\text{s}$ . For example, a second type of STF (e.g.,  $2 \times$  STF) may be generated based on a second type STF sequence in which a non-zero coefficient is arranged with an interval of 8 subcarriers. An STF signal generated based on the second type STF sequence may have a period of  $1.6 \mu\text{s}$ , and a periodicity signal of  $1.6 \mu\text{s}$  may be repeated 5 times to become a second type STF having a length of  $8 \mu\text{s}$ . Hereinafter, an example of a sequence for configuring an EHT-STF (i.e., an EHT-STF sequence) is proposed. The following sequence may be modified in various ways.

(204) The EHT-STF may be configured based on the following sequence M.

$$M = \{-1, -1, -1, 1, 1, 1, -1, 1, 1, 1, -1, 1, 1, -1, 1\} \quad \text{<Equation 1>}$$

(205) The EHT-STF for the 20 MHz PPDU may be configured based on the following equation. The following example may be a first type (i.e.,  $1 \times$  STF) sequence. For example, the first type sequence may be included in not a trigger-based (TB) PPDU but an EHT-PPDU. In the following equation, (a:b:c) may imply a duration defined as b tone intervals (i.e., a subcarrier interval) from a tone index (i.e., subcarrier index) 'a' to a tone index 'c'. For example, the equation 2 below may represent a sequence defined as 16 tone intervals from a tone index -112 to a tone index 112. Since a subcarrier spacing of 78.125 kHz is applied to the EHT-STR, the 16 tone intervals may imply that an EHT-STF coefficient (or element) is arranged with an interval of  $78.125 \times 16 = 1250$  kHz. In addition, \* implies multiplication, and  $\text{sqrt}()$  implies a square root. In addition, j implies an imaginary number.

$$\text{EHT-STF}(-112:16:112) = \{M\} * (1+j) / \text{sqrt}(2)$$

$$\text{EHT-STF}(0) = 0 \quad \text{<Equation 2>}$$

(206) The EHT-STF for the 40 MHz PPDU may be configured based on the following equation. The following example may be the first type (i.e.,  $1 \times$  STF) sequence.

$$\text{EHT-STF}(-240:16:240) = \{M, 0, -M\} * (1+j) / \text{sqrt}(2) \quad \text{<Equation 3>}$$

(207) The EHT-STF for the 80 MHz PPDU may be configured based on the following equation. The following example may be the first type (i.e.,  $1 \times$  STF) sequence.

$$\text{EHT-STF}(-496:16:496) = \{M, 1, -M, 0, -M, 1, -M\} * (1+j) / \text{sqrt}(2) \quad \text{<Equation 4>}$$

(208) The EHT-STF for the 160 MHz PPDU may be configured based on the following equation. The following example may be the first type (i.e.,  $1 \times$  STF) sequence.

$$\text{EHT-STF}(-1008:16:1008) = \{M, 1, -M, 0, -M, 1, -M, 0, -M, -1, M, 0, -M, 1, -M\} * (1+j) / \text{sqrt}(2) \quad \text{<Equation 5>}$$

(209) In the EHT-STF for the 80+80 MHz PPDU, a sequence for lower 80 MHz may be identical to Equation 4. In the EHT-STF for the 80+80 MHz PPDU, a sequence for upper 80 MHz may be configured based on the following equation.

$$\text{EHT-STF}(-496:16:496) = \{-M, -1, M, 0, -M, 1, -M\} * (1+j) / \text{sqrt}(2) \quad \text{<Equation 6>}$$

(210) Equation 7 to Equation 11 below relate to an example of a second type (i.e.,  $2 \times$  STF) sequence.

$$\text{EHT-STF}(-120:8:120) = \{M, 0, -M\} * (1+j) / \text{sqrt}(2) \quad \text{<Equation 7>}$$

(211) The EHT-STF for the 40 MHz PPDU may be configured based on the following equation.

$$\text{EHT-STF}(-248:8:248) = \{M, -1, -M, 0, M, -1, M\} * (1+j) / \text{sqrt}(2)$$

$$\text{EHT-STF}(-248) = 0$$

$$\text{EHT-STF}(248) = 0 \quad \text{<Equation 8>}$$

(212) The EHT-STF for the 80 MHz PPDU may be configured based on the following equation.

$$\text{EHT-STF}(-504:8:504)=\{M, -1, M, -1, -M, -1, M, 0, -M, 1, M, 1, -M, 1, -M\}*(1+j)/\sqrt{2}$$

<Equation 9>

(213) The EHT-STF for the 160 MHz PPDU may be configured based on the following equation.

$$\text{EHT-STF}(-1016:16:1016)=\{M, -1, M, -1, -M, -1, M, 0, -M, 1, M, 1, -M, 1, -M, 0, -M, 1, -M, 1, M, 1, -M, 0, -M, 1, M, 1, -M, 1, -M\}*(1+j)/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{EHT-STF}(-8)=0, \text{EHT-STF}(8)=0,$$

$$\text{EHT-STF}(-1016)=0, \text{EHT-STF}(1016)=0 \quad \text{<Equation 10>}$$

(214) In the EHT-STF for the 80+80 MHz PPDU, a sequence for lower 80 MHz may be identical to Equation 9. In the EHT-STF for the 80+80 MHz PPDU, a sequence for upper 80 MHz may be configured based on the following equation.

$$\text{EHT-STF}(-504:8:504)=\{-M, 1, -M, 1, M, 1, -M, 0, -M, 1, M, 1, -M, 1, -M\}*(1+j)/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{EHT-STF}(-504)=0,$$

$$\text{EHT-STF}(504)=0 \quad \text{<Equation 11>}$$

(215) The EHT-LTF may have first, second, and third types (i.e., 1×, 2×, 4× LTF). For example, the first/second/third type LTF may be generated based on an LTF sequence in which a non-zero coefficient is arranged with an interval of 4/2/1 subcarriers. The first/second/third type LTF may have a time length of 3.2/6.4/12.8 μs. In addition, a GI (e.g., 0.8/1/6/3.2 μs) having various lengths may be applied to the first/second/third type LTF.

(216) Information related to a type of STF and/or LTF (information related to a GI applied to LTF is also included) may be included in a SIG-A field and/or SIG-B field or the like of FIG. 18.

(217) A PPDU (e.g., EHT-PPDU) of FIG. 18 may be configured based on the example of FIG. 5 and FIG. 6.

(218) For example, an EHT PPDU transmitted on a 20 MHz band, i.e., a 20 MHz EHT PPDU, may be configured based on the RU of FIG. 5. That is, a location of an RU of EHT-STF, EHT-LTF, and data fields included in the EHT PPDU may be determined as shown in FIG. 5.

(219) An EHT PPDU transmitted on a 40 MHz band, i.e., a 40 MHz EHT PPDU, may be configured based on the RU of FIG. 6. That is, a location of an RU of EHT-STF, EHT-LTF, and data fields included in the EHT PPDU may be determined as shown in FIG. 6.

(220) Since the RU location of FIG. 6 corresponds to 40 MHz, a tone-plan for 80 MHz may be determined when the pattern of FIG. 6 is repeated twice. That is, an 80 MHz EHT PPDU may be transmitted based on a new tone-plan in which not the RU of FIG. 7 but the RU of FIG. 6 is repeated twice.

(221) When the pattern of FIG. 6 is repeated twice, 23 tones (i.e., 11 guard tones+12 guard tones) may be configured in a DC region. That is, a tone-plan for an 80 MHz EHT PPDU allocated based on OFDMA may have 23 DC tones. Unlike this, an 80 MHz EHT PPDU allocated based on non-OFDMA (i.e., a non-OFDMA full bandwidth 80 MHz PPDU) may be configured based on a 996-RU, and may include 5 DC tones, 12 left guard tones, and 11 right guard tones.

(222) A tone-plan for 160/240/320 MHz may be configured in such a manner that the pattern of FIG. 6 is repeated several times.

(223) The PPDU of FIG. 18 may be determined (or identified) as an EHT PPDU based on the following method.

(224) A receiving STA may determine a type of an RX PPDU as the EHT PPDU, based on the following aspect. For example, the RX PPDU may be determined as the EHT PPDU: 1) when a first symbol after an L-LTF signal of the RX PPDU is a BPSK symbol; 2) when RL-SIG in which the L-SIG of the RX PPDU is repeated is detected; and 3) when a result of applying “modulo 3” to a value of a length field of the L-SIG of the RX PPDU is detected as “0”. When the RX PPDU is determined as the EHT PPDU, the receiving STA may detect a type of the EHT PPDU (e.g., an SU/MU/Trigger-based/Extended Range type), based on bit information included in a symbol after the RL-SIG of FIG. 18. In other words, the receiving STA may determine the RX PPDU as the EHT PPDU, based on: 1) a first symbol after an L-LTF signal, which is a BPSK symbol; 2) RL-

SIG contiguous to the L-SIG field and identical to L-SIG; 3) L-SIG including a length field in which a result of applying “modulo 3” is set to “0”; and 4) a 3-bit PHY version identifier of the aforementioned U-SIG (e.g., a PHY version identifier having a first value).

(225) For example, the receiving STA may determine the type of the RX PPDU as the EHT PPDU, based on the following aspect. For example, the RX PPDU may be determined as the HE PPDU: 1) when a first symbol after an L-LTF signal is a BPSK symbol; 2) when RL-SIG in which the L-SIG is repeated is detected; and 3) when a result of applying “modulo 3” to a value of a length field of the L-SIG is detected as “1” or “2”.

(226) For example, the receiving STA may determine the type of the RX PPDU as a non-HT, HT, and VHT PPDU, based on the following aspect. For example, the RX PPDU may be determined as the non-HT, HT, and VHT PPDU: 1) when a first symbol after an L-LTF signal is a BPSK symbol; and 2) when RL-SIG in which L-SIG is repeated is not detected. In addition, even if the receiving STA detects that the RL-SIG is repeated, when a result of applying “modulo 3” to the length value of the L-SIG is detected as “0”, the RX PPDU may be determined as the non-HT, HT, and VHT PPDU.

(227) In the following example, a signal represented as a (TX/RX/UL/DL) signal, a (TX/RX/UL/DL) frame, a (TX/RX/UL/DL) packet, a (TX/RX/UL/DL) data unit, (TX/RX/UL/DL) data, or the like may be a signal transmitted/received based on the PPDU of FIG. 18. The PPDU of FIG. 18 may be used to transmit/receive frames of various types. For example, the PPDU of FIG. 18 may be used for a control frame. An example of the control frame may include a request to send (RTS), a clear to send (CTS), a power save-poll (PS-poll), BlockACKReq, BlockAck, a null data packet (NDP) announcement, and a trigger frame. For example, the PPDU of FIG. 18 may be used for a management frame. An example of the management frame may include a beacon frame, a (re-)association request frame, a (re-)association response frame, a probe request frame, and a probe response frame. For example, the PPDU of FIG. 18 may be used for a data frame. For example, the PPDU of FIG. 18 may be used to simultaneously transmit at least two or more of the control frames, the management frame, and the data frame.

(228) FIG. 19 illustrates an example of a modified transmission device and/or receiving device of the present specification.

(229) Each device/STA of the sub-figure (a)/(b) of FIG. 1 may be modified as shown in FIG. 19. A transceiver 630 of FIG. 19 may be identical to the transceivers 113 and 123 of FIG. 1. The transceiver 630 of FIG. 19 may include a receiver and a transmitter.

(230) A processor 610 of FIG. 19 may be identical to the processors 111 and 121 of FIG. 1. Alternatively, the processor 610 of FIG. 19 may be identical to the processing chips 114 and 124 of FIG. 1.

(231) A memory 620 of FIG. 19 may be identical to the memories 112 and 122 of FIG. 1. Alternatively, the memory 620 of FIG. 19 may be a separate external memory different from the memories 112 and 122 of FIG. 1.

(232) Referring to FIG. 19, a power management module 611 manages power for the processor 610 and/or the transceiver 630. A battery 612 supplies power to the power management module 611. A display 613 outputs a result processed by the processor 610. A keypad 614 receives inputs to be used by the processor 610. The keypad 614 may be displayed on the display 613. A SIM card 615 may be an integrated circuit which is used to securely store an international mobile subscriber identity (IMSI) and its related key, which are used to identify and authenticate subscribers on mobile telephony devices such as mobile phones and computers.

(233) Referring to FIG. 19, a speaker 640 may output a result related to a sound processed by the processor 610. A microphone 641 may receive an input related to a sound to be used by the processor 610.

(234) 1. Tone Plan in 802.11ax WLAN System

(235) In the present specification, a tone plan relates to a rule for determining a size of a resource



unit (RU) and/or a location of the RU. Hereinafter, a PPDU based on the IEEE 802.11ax standard, that is, a tone plan applied to an HE PPDU, will be described. In other words, hereinafter, the RU size and RU location applied to the HE PPDU are described, and control information related to the RU applied to the HE PPDU is described.

(236) In the present specification, control information related to an RU (or control information related to a tone plan) may include a size and location of the RU, information of a user STA allocated to a specific RU, a frequency bandwidth for a PPDU in which the RU is included, and/or control information on a modulation scheme applied to the specific RU. The control information related to the RU may be included in a SIG field. For example, in the IEEE 802.11ax standard, the control information related to the RU is included in an HE-SIG-B field. That is, in a process of generating a TX PPDU, a transmitting STA may allow the control information on the RU included in the PPDU to be included in the HE-SIG-B field. In addition, a receiving STA may receive an HE-SIG-B included in an RX PPDU and obtain control information included in the HE-SIG-B, so as to determine whether there is an RU allocated to the receiving STA and decode the allocated RU, based on the HE-SIG-B.

(237) In the IEEE 802.11ax standard, HE-STF, HE-LTF, and data fields may be configured in unit of RUs. That is, when a first RU for a first receiving STA is configured, STF/LTF/data fields for the first receiving STA may be transmitted/received through the first RU.

(238) In the IEEE 802.11ax standard, a PPDU (i.e., SU PPDU) for one receiving STA and a PPDU (i.e., MU PPDU) for a plurality of receiving STAs are separately defined, and respective tone plans are separately defined. Specific details will be described below.

(239) The RU defined in 11ax may include a plurality of subcarriers. For example, when the RU includes N subcarriers, it may be expressed by an N-tone RU or N RUs. A location of a specific RU may be expressed by a subcarrier index. The subcarrier index may be defined in unit of a subcarrier frequency spacing. In the 11ax standard, the subcarrier frequency spacing is 312.5 kHz or 78.125 kHz, and the subcarrier frequency spacing for the RU is 78.125 kHz. That is, a subcarrier index +1 for the RU may mean a location which is more increased by 78.125 kHz than a DC tone, and a subcarrier index -1 for the RU may mean a location which is more decreased by 78.125 kHz than the DC tone. For example, when the location of the specific RU is expressed by [-121:-96], the RU may be located in a region from a subcarrier index -121 to a subcarrier index -96. As a result, the RU may include 26 subcarriers.

(240) The N-tone RU may include a pre-set pilot tone.

(241) 2. Null Subcarrier and Pilot Subcarrier

(242) A subcarrier and resource allocation in the 802.11ax system will be described.

(243) An OFDM symbol consists of subcarriers, and the number of subcarriers may function as a bandwidth of a PPDU. In the WLAN 802.11 system, a data subcarrier used for data transmission, a pilot subcarrier used for phase information and parameter tracking, and an unused subcarrier not used for data transmission and pilot transmission are defined.

(244) An HE MU PPDU which uses OFDMA transmission may be transmitted by mixing a 26-tone RU, a 52-tone RU, a 106-tone RU, a 242-tone RU, a 484-tone RU, and a 996-tone RU.

(245) Herein, the 26-tone RU consists of 24 data subcarriers and 2 pilot subcarriers. The 52-tone RU consists of 48 data subcarriers and 4 pilot subcarriers. The 106-tone RU consists of 102 data subcarriers and 4 pilot subcarriers. The 242-tone RU consists of 234 data subcarriers and 8 pilot subcarriers. The 484-tone RU consists of 468 data subcarriers and 16 pilot subcarriers. The 996-tone RU consists of 980 data subcarriers and 16 pilot subcarriers.

(246) 1) Null Subcarrier

(247) As shown in FIG. 5 to FIG. 7, a null subcarrier exists between 26-tone RU, 52-tone RU, and 106-tone RU locations. The null subcarrier is located near a DC or edge tone to protect against transmit center frequency leakage, receiver DC offset, and interference from an adjacent RU. The null subcarrier has zero energy. An index of the null subcarrier is listed as follows.

(248) TABLE-US-00008 Channel Width RU Size: Null Subcarrier Indices 20 MHz 26, 52  $\pm$ 69,  $\pm$ 122 106 none 242 none 40 MHz 26, 52  $\pm$ 3,  $\pm$ 56,  $\pm$ 57,  $\pm$ 110,  $\pm$ 137,  $\pm$ 190,  $\pm$ 191,  $\pm$ 244 106  $\pm$ 3,  $\pm$ 110,  $\pm$ 137,  $\pm$ 244 242, 484 none 80 MHz 26, 52  $\pm$ 17,  $\pm$ 70,  $\pm$ 71,  $\pm$ 124,  $\pm$ 151,  $\pm$ 204,  $\pm$ 205,  $\pm$ 258,  $\pm$ 259,  $\pm$ 312,  $\pm$ 313,  $\pm$ 366,  $\pm$ 393,  $\pm$ 446,  $\pm$ 447,  $\pm$ 500 106  $\pm$ 17,  $\pm$ 124,  $\pm$ 151,  $\pm$ 258,  $\pm$ 259,  $\pm$ 366,  $\pm$ 393,  $\pm$ 500 242, 484 none 996 none 160 MHz 26, 52, 106 {null subcarrier indices in 80 MHz – 512, null subcarrier indices in 80 MHz + 512} 242, 484, 996, none  $2 \times 996$

(249) A null subcarrier location for each 80 MHz frequency segment of the 80+80 MHz HE PPDU shall follow the location of the 80 MHz HE PPDU.

(250) 2) Pilot Subcarrier

(251) If a pilot subcarrier exists in an HE-LTF field of HE SU PPDU, HE MU PPDU, HE ER SU PPDU, or HE TB PPDU, a location of a pilot sequence in an HE-LTF field and data field may be the same as a location of  $4 \times$  HE-LTF. In  $1 \times$  HE-LTF, the location of the pilot sequence in HE-LTF is configured based on pilot subcarriers for a data field multiplied 4 times. If the pilot subcarrier exists in  $2 \times$  HE-LTF, the location of the pilot subcarrier shall be the same as a location of a pilot in a  $4 \times$  data symbol. All pilot subcarriers are located at even-numbered indices listed below.

(252) TABLE-US-00009 Channel Width RU Size Pilot Subcarrier Indices 20 MHz 26, 52  $\pm$ 10,  $\pm$ 22,  $\pm$ 36,  $\pm$ 48,  $\pm$ 62,  $\pm$ 76,  $\pm$ 90,  $\pm$ 102,  $\pm$ 116 106, 242  $\pm$ 22,  $\pm$ 48,  $\pm$ 90,  $\pm$ 116 40 MHz 26, 52  $\pm$ 10,  $\pm$ 24,  $\pm$ 36,  $\pm$ 50,  $\pm$ 64,  $\pm$ 78,  $\pm$ 90,  $\pm$ 104,  $\pm$ 116,  $\pm$ 130,  $\pm$ 144,  $\pm$ 158,  $\pm$ 170,  $\pm$ 184,  $\pm$ 198,  $\pm$ 212,  $\pm$ 224,  $\pm$ 238 106, 242, 484  $\pm$ 10,  $\pm$ 36,  $\pm$ 78,  $\pm$ 104,  $\pm$ 144,  $\pm$ 170,  $\pm$ 212,  $\pm$ 238

(253) TABLE-US-00010 Channel Width RU Size Pilot Subcarrier Indices 80 MHz 26, 52  $\pm$ 10,  $\pm$ 24,  $\pm$ 38,  $\pm$ 50,  $\pm$ 64,  $\pm$ 78,  $\pm$ 92,  $\pm$ 104,  $\pm$ 118,  $\pm$ 130,  $\pm$ 144,  $\pm$ 158,  $\pm$ 172,  $\pm$ 184,  $\pm$ 198,  $\pm$ 212,  $\pm$ 226,  $\pm$ 238,  $\pm$ 252,  $\pm$ 266,  $\pm$ 280,  $\pm$ 292,  $\pm$ 306,  $\pm$ 320,  $\pm$ 334,  $\pm$ 346,  $\pm$ 360,  $\pm$ 372,  $\pm$ 386,  $\pm$ 400,  $\pm$ 414,  $\pm$ 426,  $\pm$ 440,  $\pm$ 454,  $\pm$ 468,  $\pm$ 480,  $\pm$ 494 106, 242, 484  $\pm$ 24,  $\pm$ 50,  $\pm$ 92,  $\pm$ 118,  $\pm$ 158,  $\pm$ 184,  $\pm$ 226,  $\pm$ 252,  $\pm$ 266,  $\pm$ 292,  $\pm$ 334,  $\pm$ 360,  $\pm$ 400,  $\pm$ 426,  $\pm$ 468,  $\pm$ 494 996  $\pm$ 24,  $\pm$ 92,  $\pm$ 158,  $\pm$ 226,  $\pm$ 266,  $\pm$ 334,  $\pm$ 400,  $\pm$ 468 160 MHz 26, 52, 106, {pilot subcarrier indices in 80 MHz – 512, pilot subcarrier indices in 80 MHz + 512} 242, 484 996 {for the lower 80 MHz, pilot subcarrier indices in 80 MHz – 512, for the upper 80 MHz, pilot subcarrier indices in 80 MHz + 512}

(254) At 160 MHz or 80+80 MHz, the location of the pilot subcarrier shall use the same 80 MHz location for 80 MHz of both sides.

(255) 3. Examples Applicable to Present Disclosure

(256) In the existing 802.11ax, there are HE SU PPDU, HE MU PPDU, HE ER SU PPDU, HE TB PPDU, etc., and the AP or STA may select and configure a PPDU appropriate for a transmission situation, and transmit and/or receive data.

(257) 802.11be can also support DL/UL SU/MU and MIMO/OFDMA, and in addition, transmission in which multiple RUs are allocated to one STA and support of various RUs and bandwidth using preamble puncturing may be considered.

(258) FIG. 20 shows a representative 802.11be PPDU.

(259) Referring to FIG. 20, for backward compatibility, an L-preamble (L-STF, L-LTF, L-SIG) may exist at the beginning/forefront of a PPDU, an EHT preamble for data part decoding may exist, and for transmitting actual data a data part may exist. The EHT-preamble may be composed of the RL-SIG, EHT-SIG-A, (EHT-SIG-B), (EHT-SIG-C), EHT-STF, EHT-LTF, etc., indicating the PPDU type. The signature/identifier for this may be located in the RL-SIG and EHT-SIG-A, and may be used to indicate the Wi-Fi PPDU type of the part after the EHT-preamble.

(260) For example, the RL-SIG may be a field in which the conventional L-SIG field is duplicated/repeated. For example, the RL-SIG includes 24-bit information like the conventional L-SIG field, and includes a 4-bit Rate field, a 1-bit Reserved field, a 12-bit length field, a 1-bit parity field, and 6-bit tail field. The 24-bit value of the RL-SIG may be the same as the 24-bit value of the L-SIG field. Additionally or alternatively, the RL-SIG has the same bit value as the L-SIG field, but may be generated based on a constellation symbol using the same or different method compared to the L-SIG. For example, the constellation symbol of the RL-SIG may be generated in such a way

that the constellation symbol of the L-SIG is rotated by 90 degrees in a clockwise or counterclockwise direction.

(261) A signature/identifier field contiguous to the RL-SIG field may be transmitted through at least one symbol. For example, at least one symbol may have a time length of 4/8/12/16  $\mu$ s or the like. The signature/identifier field may be generated based on specific N sequences. For example, each of the N sequences may have M elements. For example, the N sequences may be orthogonal to each other or quasi-orthogonal. Alternatively, the signature/identifier field may transmit specific N-bit information.

(262) The RL-SIG and/or signature/identifier field may include information related to whether the TX/RX PPDU is an EHT PPDU. For example, based on the presence of RL-SIG and/or a specific sequence/bit applied to the signature/identifier field, the receiving STA may determine whether the received PPDU is an EHT PPDU, or which type of the received EHT PPDU is among various EHT PPDU types. Meanwhile, instead of the signature/identifier field, the EHT-SIG-A may be utilized. That is, information corresponding to the above-described N sequences or information corresponding to the N bits may be included in the EHT-SIG-A, and the independent signature/identifier field may be skipped/omitted.

(263) The L-preamble can be configured with '1 $\times$  numerology' like the existing 802.11ac, and the data part can be configured with the '4 $\times$  numerology' of 802.11ax. For example, a subcarrier frequency spacing of the L-preamble may be set to 312.5 kHz, and a subcarrier frequency spacing of the data part may be set to 78.125 kHz. In the EHT preamble, before EHT-STF may be configured using 1 $\times$  numerology, and EHT-STF and EHT-LTF may be configured based on 1 $\times$ /2 $\times$ /4 $\times$ . For example, a subcarrier frequency spacing of the RL-SIG field, the Signature/identifier field, and the EHT-SIG-A/B/C field before the EHT-STF may be set to 312.5 kHz. For example, a first type (i.e., 1 $\times$  EHT-STF) of the EHT-STF field may be generated based on a first type EHT STF sequence in which non-zero coefficients are located at intervals of 16 subcarriers. The STF signal generated based on the first type EHT-STF sequence may have a periodicity of 0.8  $\mu$ s, and the 0.8  $\mu$ s periodicity signal may be repeated 5 times to configure a first type EHT-STF having a length of 4  $\mu$ s. For example, a second type (i.e., 2 $\times$  EHT-STF) of the EHT-STF field may be generated based on a second type EHT STF sequence in which non-zero coefficients are located at intervals of 8 subcarriers. The STF signal generated based on the second type EHT-STF sequence may have a periodicity of 1.6  $\mu$ s, and the 1.6  $\mu$ s periodicity signal may be repeated 5 times to configure a second type EHT-STF having a length of 8  $\mu$ s. For example, a third type (i.e., 4 $\times$  EHT-STF) of the EHT-STF field may be generated based on a third type EHT STF sequence in which non-zero coefficients are located at intervals of 4 subcarriers. The STF signal generated based on the third type EHT-STF sequence may have a periodicity of 3.2  $\mu$ s, and the 3.2  $\mu$ s periodicity signal may be repeated 5 times to configure a third type EHT-STF having a length of 16  $\mu$ s. Only some of the above-described first to third types of EHT-STF sequences may be actually used/implemented. In addition, the EHT-STF field may have first, second, and third types (i.e., 1 $\times$ , 2 $\times$ , 4 $\times$  EHT-LTF). For example, the first/second/third type LTF field may be generated based on an EHT-LTF sequence in which non-zero coefficients are located at intervals of 4/2/1 subcarriers. The first/second/third type LTF field may have a time length of 3.2/6.4/12.8  $\mu$ s. In addition, GIs of various lengths (e.g., 0.8/1.6/3.2  $\mu$ s) may be applied to the first/second/third type LTF fields.

(264) Information related to the type of EHT-STF and/or EHT-LTF (including information related to GI applied to the EHT-LTF) may be included in the EHT-SIG-A/B/C. Various PPDU types can be used in 802.11be, and in the present disclosure, EHT Non-OFDMA PPDU and EHT OFDMA PPDU are mainly proposed. However, the name of the PPDU may be made differently, and other PDUs other than the proposal may be added.

(265) 3.1 EHT Non-OFDMA PPDU (or First Type EHT PPDU)

(266) FIG. 21 shows an example of an EHT preamble format of an EHT Non-OFDMA PPDU.

(267) The EHT Non-OFDMA PPDU is a PPDU that can be used for DL/UL SU transmission, and

thus may be referred to as an EHT SU PPDU. Alternatively, it may be referred to as an EHT Non-OFDMA SU PPDU. The corresponding PPDU may have a structure as shown in FIG. 20 and the EHT preamble may have a structure as shown in FIG. 21. The Signature/Identifier may belong to the Universal-Signal (U-SIG). The EHT-SIG-C, etc. may be included in the EHT-SIG to support special features such as Multi-AP/HARQ.

(268) The above-described PPDU may be 20/40/80/160/80+80 MHz and 320/160+160 MHz PPDU(s) using the total/full bandwidth, and may also be 240/160+80/80+160/80+80+80 MHz PPDU(s) in which an 80 MHz portion is punctured at 320/160+160 MHz. A new RU such as 4×996 RU, or 2×2020 RU, or 2×2016 RU, or 4068 RU, or 4066 RU may be defined to support 320/160+160 MHz. In order to support 240/160+80/80+160/80+80+80 MHz PPDU, a new RU such as 3×996 RU may be defined. The bandwidth used in the U-SIG can be indicated, and for 240/160+80/80+160/80+80+80 MHz, the indicator can be set differently according to the 80 MHz puncturing pattern. In the EHT-Non-OFDMA PPDU, DL/UL SU transmission can be performed using RUs corresponding to the total/full bandwidth defined for Non-OFDMA transmission in each bandwidth, and single stream transmission and MIMO transmission can be performed. Information such as coding, stream, and MCS applied to transmission may be included in the U-SIG.

(269) 3.2 EHT OFDMA PPDU (or Second Type EHT PPDU)

(270) FIG. 22 shows an example of an EHT preamble format of an EHT Non-OFDMA PPDU.

(271) The EHT OFDMA PPDU can support DL MU (including MIMO and OFDMA) transmission and 20 MHz based preamble puncturing like the existing 802.11ax HE MU PPDU, and can additionally be used for transmission using multiple RUs, which can also be used for DL/UL SU transmission and DL MU transmission. If only DL MU transmission is considered, it may be referred to as an EHT OFDMA MU PPDU. The corresponding PPDU may have a structure as shown in FIG. 20 and the EHT preamble may have a structure as shown in FIG. 22. The Signature/Identifier may belong to the U-SIG. The EHT-SIG-C, etc. may be included in the EHT-SIG to support special features such as Multi-AP/HARQ.

(272) The above-described PPDU may be a 20/40/80/160/80+80 MHz and 320/160+160 MHz PPDU(s), and may also be 240/160+80/80+160/80+80+80 MHz PPDU(s) to which 80 MHz puncturing is applied for 320/160+160 MHz. Also, in each of the 20/40/80/160/80+80 MHz and 320/160+160 MHz PPDU(s), the above-described PPDU may be a PPDU in which several 20 MHz portions are punctured. The indicator for bandwidth and preamble puncturing pattern may be included in the U-SIG, and the OFDMA RU pattern used may be indicated in the common part (or common field) of the EHT-SIG, and information related to the STA allocated to each RU and the coding, stream, MCS used for transmission, etc. may be provided in the user specific part (or user specific field) of the EHT-SIG.

(273) 3.3 EHT Non-OFDMA MU PPDU (or Third Type EHT PPDU)

(274) Although DL MU MIMO transmission may be performed using the EHT OFDMA PPDU, an EHT Non-OFDMA MU PPDU may be defined to reduce signaling overhead. The corresponding PPDU may have a structure as shown in FIG. 20 and the EHT preamble may have a structure as shown in FIG. 22. The Signature/Identifier may belong to the U-SIG. The EHT-SIG-C, etc. may be included in the EHT-SIG to support special features such as Multi-AP/HARQ.

(275) As the EHT Non-OFDMA PPDU, the above-described PPDU may be 20/40/80/160/80+80 MHz and 320/160+160 MHz PPDU(s) using the total/full bandwidth, and may also be 240/160+80/80+160/80+80+80 MHz PPDU(s) in which an 80 MHz portion is punctured at 320/160+160 MHz. A new RU such as 4×996 RU, or 2×2020 RU, or 2×2016 RU, or 4068 RU, or 4066 RU may be defined to support 320/160+160 MHz. In order to support 240/160+80/80+160/80+80+80 MHz PPDU, a new RU such as 3×996 RU may be defined. The bandwidth used in the U-SIG can be indicated, and for 240/160+80/80+160/80+80+80 MHz, the indicator can be set differently according to the 80 MHz puncturing pattern. The EHT Non-OFDMA MU PPDU can perform MU MIMO transmission using RUs corresponding to the

total/full bandwidth defined for Non-OFDMA transmission in the total/full bandwidth.

(276) The EHT-SIG may consist only of a user specific part (or user specific field) without a common part (or common field), and may include information related to the STA allocated to MU MIMO transmission and related to coding, stream, MCS, etc. of each STA. As another example, since information not included in the U-SIG may be included in the common field of EHT-SIG, the common field may not be omitted even in the compressed mode.

(277) 3.4 EHT OFDMA SU PPDU (or Fourth Type EHT PPDU)

(278) The EHT OFDMA SU PPDU may be applied to DL/UL SU transmission considering preamble puncturing and multiple RU transmission. The corresponding PPDU may have a structure as shown in FIG. 20 and the EHT preamble may have a structure as shown in FIG. 21. The Signature/Identifier may belong to the U-SIG. The EHT-SIG-C, etc. may be included in the EHT-SIG to support special features such as Multi-AP/HARQ.

(279) The above-described PPDU may be a 20/40/80/160/80+80 MHz and 320/160+160 MHz PPDU(s), and may also be 240/160+80/80+160/80+80+80 MHz PPDU(s) to which 80 MHz puncturing is applied for 320/160+160 MHz. Also, in each of the 20/40/80/160/80+80 MHz and 320/160+160 MHz PPDUs, the above-described PPDU may be a PPDU in which several 20 MHz portions are punctured. The indicator for bandwidth and preamble puncturing pattern may be included in the U-SIG. Information related to the RU used (RU allocation) may not be required (it is assumed that after puncturing, a signal is transmitted based on the largest RU available in a channel other than the punctured channel.), and since the same single STA is allocated to all RUs, information related to an allocated ID (STA ID) may not be required. In addition, the same coding, stream, MCS, etc. may be used for all RUs, the corresponding information may be included in the U-SIG, and the EHT-SIG may not be required.

(280) Meanwhile, the corresponding PPDU may have a structure as shown in FIG. 20 and the EHT preamble may have a structure as shown in FIG. 22. The Signature/Identifier may belong to the U-SIG. The EHT-SIG-C, etc. may be included in the EHT-SIG to support special features such as Multi-AP/HARQ.

(281) The above-described PPDU may be a 20/40/80/160/80+80 MHz and 320/160+160 MHz PPDU(s), and may also be 240/160+80/80+160/80+80+80 MHz PPDU(s) to which 80 MHz puncturing is applied for 320/160+160 MHz. Also, in each of the 20/40/80/160/80+80 MHz and 320/160+160 MHz PPDUs, the above-described PPDU may be a PPDU in which several 20 MHz portions are punctured. The indicator for bandwidth and preamble puncturing pattern may be included in the U-SIG. A different coding, stream, MCS, etc. may be used for each RU, and information on this may be included in the EHT-SIG. Since the same single STA is allocated to all RUs, STA ID information may be omitted from the EHT-SIG. Alternatively, the STA ID may be indicated for convenience only in the user specific part of the EHT-SIG corresponding to the first RU. In addition, common part information of the EHT-SIG including the RU pattern and the like may also be omitted. However, this case corresponds to a case where it is assumed that after a specific channel is punctured, a signal is transmitted based on the largest RU available in an unexpected channel except for the puncturing channel. If the other case is considered, there may be common part information of EHT-SIG including RU pattern and the like.

(282) The EHT PPDU defined in 802.11be will be described again as follows.

(283) First, the EHT PPDU may be classified into an EHT MU PPDU and an EHT Trigger-Based (TB) PPDU. The EHT MU PPDU has a PPDU format as shown in FIG. 18, and the EHT TB PPDU has a PPDU format excluding EHT-SIG from the PPDU shown in FIG. 18. The EHT MU PPDU may be classified into a compressed mode (non-OFDMA) and a non-compressed mode (OFDMA).

(284) Assuming that the EHT PPDU is an EHT MU PPDU, the EHT PPDU may include a U-SIG and an EHT-SIG. The U-SIG includes PPDU type information, compressed information, and puncturing pattern information. The PPDU type information may indicate whether the EHT PPDU is an MU PPDU or a TB PPDU. The compressed information may indicate whether the EHT PPDU

is in compressed mode (non-OFDMA) or non-compressed mode (OFDMA). The puncturing pattern information may indicate whether a bandwidth for transmitting the EHT PPDU is punctured.

(285) The EHT-SIG may include a common field and a user (specific) field. The common field includes information related to the number of users (# user). The number of STAs that will receive the PPDU may be known through the information related to the number of users. That is, the information related to the number of users may indicate whether the EHT PPDU is an SU PPDU or an MU PPDU. The user field includes an STA ID.

(286) In the EHT PPDU, since information not included in the U-SIG can be included in the common field of the EHT-SIG, the common field of the EHT-SIG is not skipped/omitted even in the compressed mode. In addition, even in the case of SU transmission, the STA ID is not omitted from the user field of the EHT-SIG. However, since the compressed mode is a non-OFDMA mode, RU allocation may be omitted in the EHT-SIG. However, in the EHT-SIG, additional indicator information related to the RU pattern, etc. may exist.

(287) If the above-mentioned four PPDU types are classified based on whether puncturing and/or compression is applied, they can be defined as follows.

(288) First, the EHT Non-OFDMA PPDU of 3.1 may be referred to as a non-punctured compressed (non-OFDMA) SU PPDU. That is, the EHT Non-OFDMA PPDU may be an SU PPDU in the compressed mode without being punctured.

(289) The EHT OFDMA PPDU of 3.2 may be referred to as a punctured/non-punctured non-compressed (OFDMA) MU PPDU. That is, the EHT OFDMA PPDU is a non-compressed mode MU PPDU, and the preamble puncturing may or may not be applied.

(290) The EHT Non-OFDMA MU PPDU of 3.3 may be referred to as a punctured/non-punctured compressed (non-OFDMA) MU PPDU. That is, the EHT Non-OFDMA MU PPDU is a compressed mode MU PPDU, and the preamble puncturing may or may not be applied.

(291) The EHT OFDMA SU PPDU of 3.4 may be referred to as a punctured compressed (non-OFDMA) SU PPDU. That is, the EHT OFDMA SU PPDU is a compressed mode SU PPDU, and the preamble puncturing may be applied. If the preamble puncturing is applied in non-OFDMA, an OFDMA tone plan may be used. Accordingly, the EHT OFDMA SU PPDU may be referred to as a punctured compressed (non-OFDMA) SU PPDU.

(292) FIG. 23 is a flowchart illustrating the operation of the transmitting apparatus according to the present embodiment.

(293) The example of FIG. 23 may be performed by a transmitting STA or a transmitting apparatus (AP and/or non-AP STA). For example, the example of FIG. 23 may be performed by an AP or a non-AP transmitting various types of EHT PPDU's shown in FIGS. 20 to 22.

(294) Some of each step (or detailed sub-step to be described later) of the example of FIG. 23 may be omitted or changed.

(295) Through step S2310, the transmitting apparatus/device (i.e., the transmitting STA) may obtain information related to the type of the EHT PPDU (i.e., the transmitting PPDU) from a higher layer (e.g., the MAC layer). For example, the information obtained by the transmitting apparatus/device may indicate any one of the above-described first to third types of EHT PPDU's.

(296) In addition, the transmitting STA may obtain additional information (e.g., information related to the receiving STA, information related to the bandwidth or RU of the transmission PPDU) for configuring the first to third types of EHT PPDU's.

(297) In step S2320, the transmitting STA may configure a transmission PPDU. For example, the PPDU may be one of various types of EHT PPDU's shown in FIGS. 20 to 22. That is, a plurality of fields (RL-SIG, signature/identifier field, EHT-SIG-A/B/C, EHT-STF, EHT-LTF field, etc.) of FIGS. 20 to 22 may be generated.

(298) The transmitting apparatus/device may transmit the PPDU configured in step S2320 to the receiving apparatus/device based on step S2330.

(299) While performing step S2330, the transmitting apparatus/device may perform at least one of CSD, spatial mapping, IDFT/IFFT operation, GI insertion, and the like.

(300) A signal/field/sequence constructed/generated according to this specification may be transmitted in the form of FIGS. 20 to 22.

(301) For example, the above-described EHT-SIG-A/B/C may be transmitted based on one or more OFDM symbols. For example, one OFDM symbol may include 26-bit information. The 26-bit information may include information related to EHT-STF/LTF, control information for TX PPDU (information such as coding, stream, MCS, etc.), bandwidth of PPDU, and information related to various puncturing patterns described above.

(302) For 26-bit information, BCC encoding with  $\frac{1}{2}$  code rate may be applied. Interleaving by an interleaver may be applied to the BCC coded bits (i.e., 52 bits). Constellation mapping by a constellation mapper may be performed on the interleaved 52 bits. Specifically, the BPSK module may be applied to generate 52 BPSK symbols. The 52 BPSK symbols may be matched to the remaining frequency domains (a tone index of -28 to a tone index of +28) except for DC tones and pilot tones (tone indexes of -21, -7, +7, +21). Thereafter, it may be transmitted to the receiving STA through the phase rotation, CSD, spatial mapping, IDFT/IFFT operation, and the like.

(303) The above-described PPDU may be transmitted based on the apparatus of FIG. 1.

(304) The example of FIG. 23 relates to an example of a transmitting apparatus/device (AP and/or non-AP STA).

(305) As shown in FIG. 1, the transmitting apparatus/device may include a memory 112, a processor 111, and a transceiver 113.

(306) The memory 112 may store information related to the type of EHT PPDU described in this specification, and information related to a plurality of BWs/Tone-Plans/RUs.

(307) The processor 111 may generate various RUs based on information stored in the memory 112 and configure a PPDU. An example of the PPDU generated by the processor 111 may be as shown in FIGS. 20 to 22.

(308) The processor 111 may perform all/part of the operations illustrated in FIG. 23.

(309) The illustrated transceiver 113 includes an antenna and may perform analog signal processing. Specifically, the processor 111 may control the transceiver 113 to transmit the PPDU generated by the processor 111.

(310) Alternatively, the processor 111 may generate a transmission PPDU and store information related to the transmission PPDU in the memory 112.

(311) FIG. 24 is a flowchart illustrating the operation of the receiving apparatus according to the present embodiment.

(312) The above-described PPDU may be received according to the example of FIG. 24.

(313) The example of FIG. 24 may be performed by a receiving STA or a receiving apparatus/device (AP and/or non-AP STA). For example, the example of FIG. 24 may be performed by an AP or a non-AP receiving various types of EHT PPDUs shown in FIGS. 20 to 22.

(314) Some of each step (or detailed sub-step to be described later) of the example of FIG. 24 may be omitted.

(315) The receiving apparatus/device (receiving STA) may receive all or part of the PPDU through step S2410. The received signal may be in the form of FIGS. 20 to 22.

(316) The sub-step of step S2410 may be determined based on step S2330 of FIG. 23. That is, in step S2410, an operation for restoring the results of the CSD, spatial mapping, IDFT/IFFT operation, and GI insert operation applied in step S2330 may be performed.

(317) In step S2420, the receiving STA may obtain information related to the type of the received PPDU through the RL-SIG field, the Signature/Identifier field, and the EHT-SIG-A/B/C field shown in FIGS. 20 to 22. For example, the receiving STA may obtain information related to whether the received PPDU (RX PPDU) corresponds to the EHT PPDU, or the type of the received PPDU (e.g., the first to third types described above).

(318) Through this, the receiving STA can complete decoding of other fields/symbols of the received PPDU.

(319) As a result, the receiving STA may decode the data field included in the PPDU through step S2420. Thereafter, the receiving STA may perform a processing operation of transferring data decoded from the data field to a higher layer (e.g., MAC layer). In addition, when generation of a signal is instructed from the upper layer to the PHY layer in response to data transferred to the upper layer, a subsequent operation may be performed.

(320) The above-described PPDU may be received based on the apparatus of FIG. 1.

(321) As shown in FIG. 1, the reception device may include a memory 122, a processor 121, and a transceiver 123.

(322) The transceiver 123 may receive the PPDU based on the control of the processor 121. For example, the transceiver 123 may include a plurality of sub-units (not shown). For example, the transceiver 123 may include at least one receiving antenna and a filter for the corresponding receiving antenna.

(323) The PPDU received through the transceiver 123 may be stored in the memory 122. The processor 121 may process decoding of the received PPDU through the memory 122. The processor 121 may obtain control information (e.g., EHT-SIG) related to the BW/Tone-Plan/RU included in the PPDU, and store the obtained control information in the memory 122.

(324) The processor 121 may perform decoding on the received PPDU. The processor 121 may perform all/part of the operations illustrated in FIG. 24. Specifically, an operation for restoring the result of the CSD, Spatial Mapping, IDFT/IFFT operation, and GI insert applied to the PPDU may be performed. The CSD, Spatial Mapping, IDFT/IFFT operation, and operation of restoring the result of GI insert may be performed through a plurality of processing units (not shown) individually implemented in the processor 121.

(325) In addition, the processor 121 may decode the data field of the PPDU received through the transceiver 123.

(326) In addition, the processor 121 may process the decoded data. For example, the processor 121 may perform a processing operation of transferring information related to the decoded data field to an upper layer (e.g., a MAC layer). In addition, when generation of a signal is instructed from the upper layer to the PHY layer in response to data transferred to the upper layer, a subsequent operation may be performed.

(327) Hereinafter, the above-described embodiment will be described with reference to FIGS. 1 to 24.

(328) FIG. 25 is a flowchart illustrating a procedure in which a transmitting STA transmits a PPDU according to the present embodiment.

(329) The example of FIG. 25 may be performed in a network environment in which a next-generation wireless LAN system (IEEE 802.11be or EHT wireless LAN system) is supported. The next-generation wireless LAN system is a wireless LAN system improved from the 802.11ax system, and may satisfy backward compatibility with the 802.11ax system.

(330) The example of FIG. 25 is performed by a transmitting STA, and the transmitting STA may correspond to an access point (AP). The receiving STA of FIG. 25 may correspond to an STA supporting an Extremely High Throughput (EHT) WLAN system.

(331) This embodiment proposes a method for configuring a PPDU type defined in an 802.11be or EHT wireless LAN system, and in particular, a method for determining a PPDU type through some fields in the PPDU.

(332) In step S2510, the transmitting STA generates a Physical Protocol Data Unit (PPDU).

(333) In step S2520, the transmitting STA transmits the PPDU to the receiving STA.

(334) The PPDU includes a legacy preamble, an Extremely High Throughput (EHT) preamble, and a data field.

(335) The EHT preamble includes first and second fields. The first field includes information



related to a type of the PPDU. The second field includes information related to a number of receiving STAs that will receive the PPDU. In this case, the first field may be a universal-signal (U-SIG), and the second field may be an extremely high throughput-signal (EHT-SIG).

(336) The information related to the type of the PPDU may include first to third information.

(337) The first information may include information related to whether the PPDU is a Multi-User (MU) PPDU or a Trigger-Based (TB) PPDU. The receiving STA may know that the received PPDU is the MU PPDU or the TB PPDU based on the first information. The MU PPDU has a PPDU format as shown in FIG. 18, and the TB PPDU has a PPDU format in which EHT-SIG is omitted from the PPDU of FIG.

(338) The second information may include information related to whether the PPDU is in a compressed mode or a non-compressed mode. If the PPDU is in the compression mode, the PPDU may be transmitted based on non-Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access (OFDMA). If the PPDU is in the uncompressed mode, the PPDU may be transmitted based on OFDMA.

(339) In addition, if the PPDU is in the compression mode, the common field may not include allocation information for a resource unit (RU) to which the PPDU is to be transmitted. This is because, when the PPDU is transmitted based on non-OFDMA, allocation information for an RU may not be required. Accordingly, if the PPDU is in the uncompressed mode, the common field may include allocation information for an RU to transmit the PPDU. That is, the PPDU may be transmitted in the OFDMA scheme based on the allocation information for the RU.

(340) The third information may include information related to a puncturing pattern of a band in which the PPDU is transmitted. The information related to the puncturing pattern may include information related to whether puncturing is performed and/or information related to a pattern (i.e., puncturing pattern) of a band in which the PPDU is actually transmitted.

(341) The second field includes information on a number of receiving STAs that will receive the PPDU. Also, the second field may include a common field and a user field.

(342) The common field may include information related to a number of receiving STAs that will receive the PPDU. The user field may include identifier information of a receiving STA that will receive the PPDU. Based on the information on the number of receiving STAs that will receive the PPDU, it can be determined whether the PPDU is a single-user (SU) PPDU (when there is one receiving STA) or an MU PPDU (when there are multiple receiving STAs).

(343) When the RU to transmit the PPDU is a Multi-RU, the Multi-RU may be configured based on a puncturing pattern of a band in which the PPDU is transmitted.

(344) In addition, when the PPDU is transmitted to one receiving STA through the RU, the RU may be configured based on the puncturing pattern, so that allocation information for the RU may not be required. In this case, the RU may be configured as the largest RU usable in a channel except for the punctured channel in a band in which the PPDU is transmitted. For example, it is assumed that the band in which the PPDU is transmitted is a 160 MHz band, and the 160 MHz band consists of  $2 \times 996$  RUs. If the first 996 RU (or a part of the first 996 RU) among the  $2 \times 996$  tone RUs is punctured, the PPDU may be transmitted from the second 996 RU, which is the largest usable RU in the remaining channels except for the punctured channel.

(345) In addition, the first field may further include information related to a bandwidth in which the PPDU is transmitted. The second field may further include coding information, stream information, or modulation information to be applied to the RU to transmit the PPDU. Through the information on the bandwidth, the receiving STA may know that the bandwidth is 20/40/80/160/80+80 MHz and 320/160+160 MHz, and when the band in which the PPDU is transmitted is 240/160+80/80+160/80+80+80 MHz, it may confirm the bandwidth for receiving the PPDU through information related to the puncturing pattern for preamble puncturing the 80 MHz part at 320/160+160 MHz.

(346) The legacy preamble may include a Legacy-Short Training Field (L-STF), a Legacy-Long Training Field (L-LTF), and a Legacy-Signal (L-SIG). The EHT preamble may further include an

EHT-STF and an EHT-LTF.

(347) FIG. 26 is a flowchart illustrating a procedure for a receiving STA to receive a PPDU according to the present embodiment.

(348) The example of FIG. 26 may be performed in a network environment in which a next-generation wireless LAN system (IEEE 802.11be or EHT wireless LAN system) is supported. The next-generation wireless LAN system is a wireless LAN system improved from the 802.11ax system, and may satisfy backward compatibility with the 802.11ax system.

(349) The example of FIG. 26 is performed by the receiving STA and may correspond to a STA supporting an Extremely High Throughput (EHT) WLAN system. The transmitting STA of FIG. 26 may correspond to an access point (AP).

(350) This embodiment proposes a method for configuring a PPDU type defined in an 802.11be or EHT wireless LAN system, and in particular, a method for determining a PPDU type through some fields in the PPDU.

(351) In step S2610, the receiving STA receives a Physical Protocol Data Unit (PPDU) from the transmitting STA.

(352) In step S2620, the receiving STA decodes the PPDU.

(353) The PPDU includes a legacy preamble, an Extremely High Throughput (EHT) preamble, and a data field.

(354) The EHT preamble includes first and second fields. The first field includes information related to a type of the PPDU. The second field includes information related to a number of receiving STAs that will receive the PPDU. In this case, the first field may be a universal-signal (U-SIG), and the second field may be an extremely high throughput-signal (EHT-SIG).

(355) The information related to the type of the PPDU may include first to third information.

(356) The first information may include information related to whether the PPDU is a Multi-User (MU) PPDU or a Trigger-Based (TB) PPDU. The receiving STA may know that the received PPDU is the MU PPDU or the TB PPDU based on the first information. The MU PPDU has a PPDU format as shown in FIG. 18, and the TB PPDU has a PPDU format in which EHT-SIG is omitted from the PPDU of FIG.

(357) The second information may include information related to whether the PPDU is in a compressed mode or a non-compressed mode. If the PPDU is in the compression mode, the PPDU may be transmitted based on non-Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access (OFDMA). If the PPDU is in the uncompressed mode, the PPDU may be transmitted based on OFDMA.

(358) In addition, if the PPDU is in the compression mode, the common field may not include allocation information for a resource unit (RU) to which the PPDU is to be transmitted. This is because, when the PPDU is transmitted based on non-OFDMA, allocation information for an RU may not be required. Accordingly, if the PPDU is in the uncompressed mode, the common field may include allocation information for an RU to transmit the PPDU. That is, the PPDU may be transmitted in the OFDMA scheme based on the allocation information for the RU.

(359) The third information may include information related to a puncturing pattern of a band in which the PPDU is transmitted. The information related to the puncturing pattern may include information related to whether puncturing is performed and/or information related to a pattern (i.e., puncturing pattern) of a band in which the PPDU is actually transmitted.

(360) The second field includes information on a number of receiving STAs that will receive the PPDU. Also, the second field may include a common field and a user field.

(361) The common field may include information related to a number of receiving STAs that will receive the PPDU. The user field may include identifier information of a receiving STA that will receive the PPDU. Based on the information on the number of receiving STAs that will receive the PPDU, it can be determined whether the PPDU is a single-user (SU) PPDU (when there is one receiving STA) or an MU PPDU (when there are multiple receiving STAs).

(362) When the RU to transmit the PPDU is a Multi-RU, the Multi-RU may be configured based

on a puncturing pattern of a band in which the PPDU is transmitted.

(363) In addition, when the PPDU is transmitted to one receiving STA through the RU, the RU may be configured based on the puncturing pattern, so that allocation information for the RU may not be required. In this case, the RU may be configured as the largest RU usable in a channel except for the punctured channel in a band in which the PPDU is transmitted. For example, it is assumed that the band in which the PPDU is transmitted is a 160 MHz band, and the 160 MHz band consists of  $2 \times 996$  RUs. If the first 996 RU (or a part of the first 996 RU) among the  $2 \times 996$  tone RUs is punctured, the PPDU may be transmitted from the second 996 RU, which is the largest usable RU in the remaining channels except for the punctured channel.

(364) In addition, the first field may further include information related to a bandwidth in which the PPDU is transmitted. The second field may further include coding information, stream information, or modulation information to be applied to the RU to transmit the PPDU. Through the information on the bandwidth, the receiving STA may know that the bandwidth is 20/40/80/160/80+80 MHz and 320/160+160 MHz, and when the band in which the PPDU is transmitted is 240/160+80/80+160/80+80+80 MHz, it may confirm the bandwidth for receiving the PPDU through information related to the puncturing pattern for preamble puncturing the 80 MHz part at 320/160+160 MHz.

(365) The legacy preamble may include a Legacy-Short Training Field (L-STF), a Legacy-Long Training Field (L-LTF), and a Legacy-Signal (L-SIG). The EHT preamble may further include an EHT-STF and an EHT-LTF.

(366) 4. Apparatus/Device Configuration

(367) The technical features of the present specification described above may be applied to various devices and methods. For example, the above-described technical features of the present specification may be performed/supported through the apparatus of FIGS. 1 and/or 19. For example, the technical features of the present specification described above may be applied only to a part of FIGS. 1 and/or 19. For example, the technical features of the present specification described above are implemented based on the processing chip(s) 114 and 124 of FIG. 1, or implemented based on the processor(s) 111 and 121 and the memory(s) 112 and 122 of FIG. 1, or may be implemented based on the processor 610 and the memory 620 of FIG. 19. For example, the apparatus of the present specification may receive a Physical Protocol Data Unit (PPDU) from a transmitting STA; and decodes the PPDU.

(368) The technical features of the present specification may be implemented based on a computer readable medium (CRM). For example, the CRM proposed by the present specification is at least one computer readable medium including at least one computer readable medium including instructions based on being executed by at least one processor.

(369) The CRM may store instructions perform operations comprising: receiving a Physical Protocol Data Unit (PPDU) from a transmitting STA; and decoding the PPDU. The instructions stored in the CRM of the present specification may be executed by at least one processor. At least one processor related to CRM in the present specification may be the processor(s) 111 and 121 or the processing chip(s) 114 and 124 of FIG. 1, or the processor 610 of FIG. 19. Meanwhile, the CRM of the present specification may be the memory(s) 112 and 122 of FIG. 1, the memory 620 of FIG. 19, or a separate external memory/storage medium/disk.

(370) The foregoing technical features of this specification are applicable to various applications or business models. For example, the foregoing technical features may be applied for wireless communication of a device supporting artificial intelligence (AI).

(371) Artificial intelligence refers to a field of study on artificial intelligence or methodologies for creating artificial intelligence, and machine learning refers to a field of study on methodologies for defining and solving various issues in the area of artificial intelligence. Machine learning is also defined as an algorithm for improving the performance of an operation through steady experiences of the operation.

(372) An artificial neural network (ANN) is a model used in machine learning and may refer to an overall problem-solving model that includes artificial neurons (nodes) forming a network by combining synapses. The artificial neural network may be defined by a pattern of connection between neurons of different layers, a learning process of updating a model parameter, and an activation function generating an output value.

(373) The artificial neural network may include an input layer, an output layer, and optionally one or more hidden layers. Each layer includes one or more neurons, and the artificial neural network may include synapses that connect neurons. In the artificial neural network, each neuron may output a function value of an activation function of input signals input through a synapse, weights, and deviations.

(374) A model parameter refers to a parameter determined through learning and includes a weight of synapse connection and a deviation of a neuron. A hyper-parameter refers to a parameter to be set before learning in a machine learning algorithm and includes a learning rate, the number of iterations, a mini-batch size, and an initialization function.

(375) Learning an artificial neural network may be intended to determine a model parameter for minimizing a loss function. The loss function may be used as an index for determining an optimal model parameter in a process of learning the artificial neural network.

(376) Machine learning may be classified into supervised learning, unsupervised learning, and reinforcement learning.

(377) Supervised learning refers to a method of training an artificial neural network with a label given for training data, wherein the label may indicate a correct answer (or result value) that the artificial neural network needs to infer when the training data is input to the artificial neural network. Unsupervised learning may refer to a method of training an artificial neural network without a label given for training data. Reinforcement learning may refer to a training method for training an agent defined in an environment to choose an action or a sequence of actions to maximize a cumulative reward in each state.

(378) Machine learning implemented with a deep neural network (DNN) including a plurality of hidden layers among artificial neural networks is referred to as deep learning, and deep learning is part of machine learning. Hereinafter, machine learning is construed as including deep learning.

(379) The foregoing technical features may be applied to wireless communication of a robot.

(380) Robots may refer to machinery that automatically process or operate a given task with own ability thereof. In particular, a robot having a function of recognizing an environment and autonomously making a judgment to perform an operation may be referred to as an intelligent robot.

(381) Robots may be classified into industrial, medical, household, military robots and the like according uses or fields. A robot may include an actuator or a driver including a motor to perform various physical operations, such as moving a robot joint. In addition, a movable robot may include a wheel, a brake, a propeller, and the like in a driver to run on the ground or fly in the air through the driver.

(382) The foregoing technical features may be applied to a device supporting extended reality.

(383) Extended reality collectively refers to virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR), and mixed reality (MR). VR technology is a computer graphic technology of providing a real-world object and background only in a CG image, AR technology is a computer graphic technology of providing a virtual CG image on a real object image, and MR technology is a computer graphic technology of providing virtual objects mixed and combined with the real world.

(384) MR technology is similar to AR technology in that a real object and a virtual object are displayed together. However, a virtual object is used as a supplement to a real object in AR technology, whereas a virtual object and a real object are used as equal statuses in MR technology.

(385) XR technology may be applied to a head-mount display (HMD), a head-up display (HUD), a mobile phone, a tablet PC, a laptop computer, a desktop computer, a TV, digital signage, and the

like. A device to which XR technology is applied may be referred to as an XR device.

(386) The claims recited in the present specification may be combined in a variety of ways. For example, the technical features of the method claims of the present specification may be combined to be implemented as a device, and the technical features of the device claims of the present specification may be combined to be implemented by a method. In addition, the technical characteristics of the method claim of the present specification and the technical characteristics of the device claim may be combined to be implemented as a device, and the technical characteristics of the method claim of the present specification and the technical characteristics of the device claim may be combined to be implemented by a method.

## Claims

1. A method in a wireless Local Area Network (LAN) system, the method comprising: receiving, by a receiving station (STA), a Physical Protocol Data Unit (PPDU) from a transmitting STA; and decoding, by the receiving STA, the PPDU, wherein the PPDU includes a legacy preamble, an Extremely High Throughput (EHT) preamble, and a data field, wherein the EHT preamble includes a Universal-Signal (U-SIG) field and an Extremely High Throughput-Signal (EHT-SIG) field, wherein the U-SIG field includes a PPDU Type And Compression Mode field, wherein the EHT-SIG field includes a common field and a user specific field, wherein the PPDU Type And Compression Mode field is related to whether the PPDU is a Multi-User (MU) PPDU or a Trigger-Based (TB) PPDU and whether the PPDU is received based on non-Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access (non-OFDMA) or OFDMA, wherein based on the PPDU being received based on the non-OFDMA, the common field does not include allocation information for a resource unit (RU) to transmit the data field, and wherein based on the PPDU being received based on the OFDMA, the common field includes the allocation information for the RU to transmit the data field.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the PPDU Type And Compression Mode field further includes information related to a puncturing pattern of a band in which the PPDU is transmitted.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the common field further includes information related to the number of receiving STAs receiving the PPDU, wherein the user specific field includes identifier information of a receiving STA receiving the PPDU.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein based on the number of receiving STAs receiving the PPDU, whether the PPDU is a Single-User (SU) PPDU or the MU PPDU is determined.
5. The method of claim 3, wherein, based on the RU to transmit the data field being a Multi-RU, the Multi-RU is configured based on the puncturing pattern of the band in which the PPDU is transmitted.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the U-SIG field further includes information related to a bandwidth in which the PPDU is transmitted, wherein the EHT-SIG field further includes coding information, stream information, or modulation information to be applied to an RU transmitting the PPDU.
7. A receiving station (STA) in a wireless Local Area Network (LAN), the receiving STA comprising: a memory; a transceiver; and a processor operatively coupled to the memory and the transceiver, wherein the processor is configured to: receive a Physical Protocol Data Unit (PPDU) from a transmitting STA; and decode the PPDU, wherein the PPDU includes a legacy preamble, an Extremely High Throughput (EHT) preamble, and a data field, wherein the EHT preamble includes a Universal-Signal (U-SIG) field and an Extremely High Throughput-Signal (EHT-SIG) field, wherein the U-SIG field includes a PPDU Type And Compression Mode field, wherein the EHT-SIG field includes a common field and a user specific field, wherein the PPDU Type And Compression Mode field is related to whether the PPDU is a Multi-User (MU) PPDU or a Trigger-Based (TB) PPDU and whether the PPDU is received based on non-Orthogonal Frequency

Division Multiple Access (non-OFDMA) or OFDMA, wherein based on the PPDU being received based on the non-OFDMA, the common field does not include allocation information for a resource unit (RU) to transmit the data field, and wherein based on the PPDU being received based on the OFDMA, the common field includes the allocation information for the RU to transmit the data field.

8. A method in a wireless Local Area Network (LAN), the method comprising: generating, by a transmitting station (STA), a Physical Protocol Data Unit (PPDU); and transmitting, by the transmitting STA, the PPDU to a receiving STA, wherein the PPDU includes a legacy preamble, an Extremely High Throughput (EHT) preamble, and a data field, wherein the EHT preamble includes a Universal-Signal (U-SIG) field and a an Extremely High Throughput-Signal (EHT-SIG) field, wherein the U-SIG field includes a PPDU Type And Compression Mode field, wherein the EHT-SIG field includes a common field and a user specific field, wherein the PPDU Type And Compression Mode field is related to whether the PPDU is a Multi-User (MU) PPDU or a Trigger-Based (TB) PPDU and whether the PPDU is received based on non-Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access (non-OFDMA) or OFDMA, wherein based on the PPDU being received based on the non-OFDMA, the common field does not include allocation information for a resource unit (RU) to transmit the data field, and wherein based on the PPDU being received based on the OFDMA, the common field includes the allocation information for the RU to transmit the data field.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the PPDU Type And Compression Mode field further includes information related to a puncturing pattern of a band in which the PPDU is transmitted.

10. The method of claim 8, wherein the common field further includes information related to the number of receiving STAs receiving the PPDU, wherein the user specific field includes identifier information of a receiving STA receiving the PPDU.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein based on the number of receiving STAs receiving the PPDU, whether the PPDU is a Single-User (SU) PPDU or the MU PPDU is determined.

12. The method of claim 10, wherein, based on the RU to transmit the data field being a Multi-RU, the Multi-RU is configured based on the puncturing pattern of the band in which the PPDU is transmitted.

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