

# Wi-Fi Technology Fundamentals

Module-5

# **Advanced Features and Standard Extensions**



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WiFi7 New Features – 320MHz, 4K QAM, MLO, Multi-RU, Preamble Puncturing

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# Module-5 Advanced Features and Standard Extensions Session-5c WiFi6e New Features

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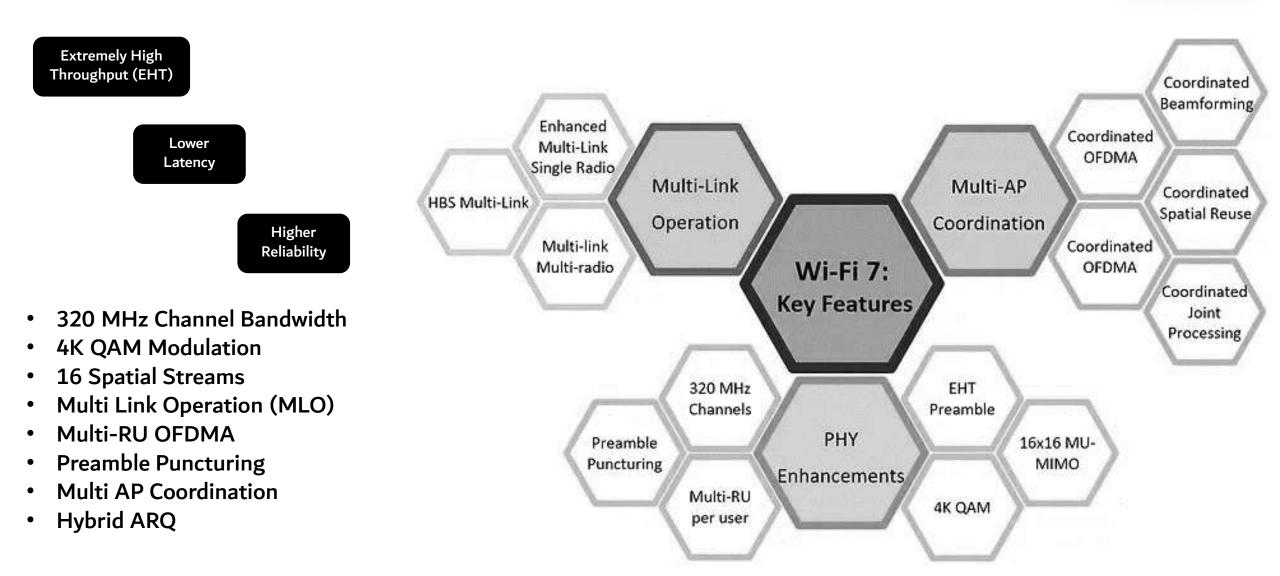
# WiFi Technology Generations



	Wi-Fi 4 (IEEE 802.11n)	Wi-Fi 5 (IEEE 802.11ac)	Wi-Fi 6 (IEEE 802.11ax)	Wi-Fi 6E (IEEE 802.11ax)	Wi-Fi 7 (IEEE 802.11be)
Frequency bands operations	2.4GHz (2.402 - 2.494) 5GHz (5.030 - 5.990)	5GHz (5.030 - 5.990)	2.4GHz (2.402 - 2.494) 5GHz (5.030 - 5.990)	2.4GHz (2.402 - 2.494) 5GHz (5.030 - 5.990) 6GHz (5.925 7.125)	2.4GHz (2.402 - 2.494) 5GHz (5.030 - 5.990) 6GHz (5.925 7.125)
Maximum bandwidth per channel	2.4GHz: 40MHz 5GHz: 40MHz	2.4GHz: 40MHz 5GHz: 80MHz	2.4GHz: 40MHz 5GHz: 160MHz	2.4GHz: 40MHz 5GHz: 160MHz 6GHz: 160MHz	2.4GHz: 40MHz 5GHz: 160MHz 6GHz: 320MHz
Maximum number of non- overlapping channels	2.4GHz: 3 Channel:1,6,11	5GHz: Channels:36,52 (80MHz)	2.4GHz: 2 (40MHz) Channel:1,11 5GHz: Channel 36: 5.180 GHz to 5.340 GHz (160 MHz width) or Channel:36,52,100,116,132(8 0 MHz)	2.4GHz: 2 (40MHz) Channel:1,5,9,13 5GHz: Channel 36: 5.180 GHz to 5.340 GHz (160 MHz width) Channel 36,52,100,116,132 (80MHz) 6GHz: 7 (160MHz)	2.4GHz: Channel 1,5,9,13 (40MHz) 5GHz: 2 (160MHz) or Channel 36,149 (80MHz) 6GHz: Channel 31, 63, 95, 127, 159, 191 (320MHz)
Maximum MIMO configuration	4x4	4x4	8x8	8x8	16x16
Highest modulation	64 QAM	256 QAM	1024 QAM (1K QAM)	1024 QAM (1K QAM)	4096 QAM (4K QAM)
Maximum PHY datarate	600 Mbps	1.73 Gbps	9.6 Gbps	9.6 Gbps	46.1 Gbps
Multi user MIMO (MU- MIMO)	N/A	Downlink (Wave 2 only)	Downlink Uplink	Downlink Uplink	Downlink Uplink
Multi user OFDMA (bandwidth sharing)	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes
Target Wake Time (TWT)	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes (improved)
Multi Link Operation / Multi Resource Unit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes

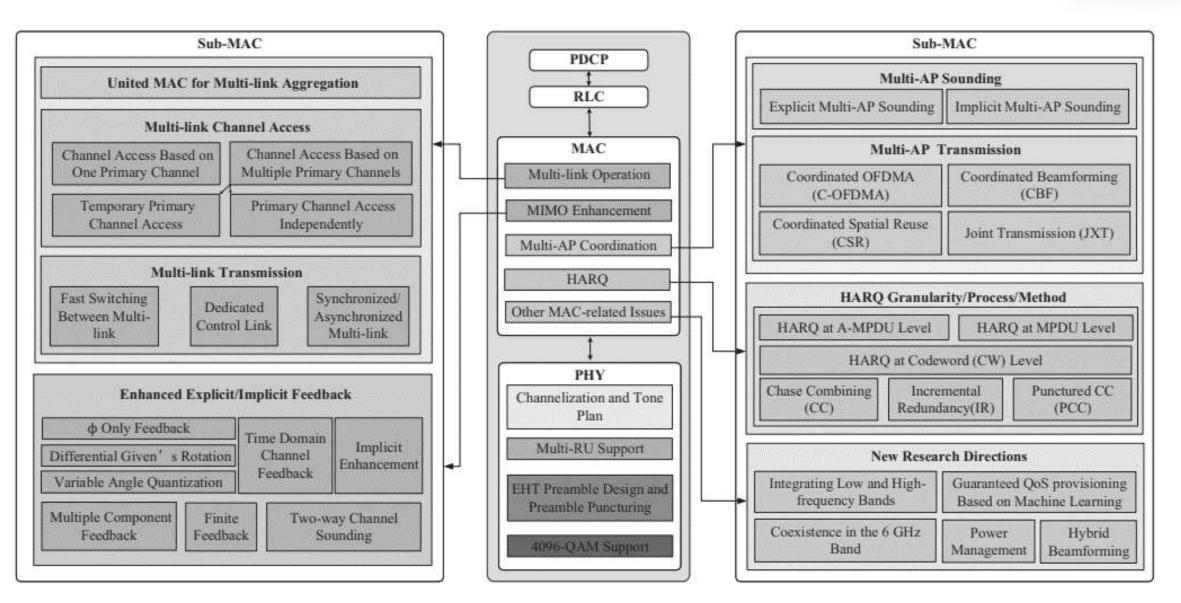
# 802.11be (Wi-Fi7) Key Features





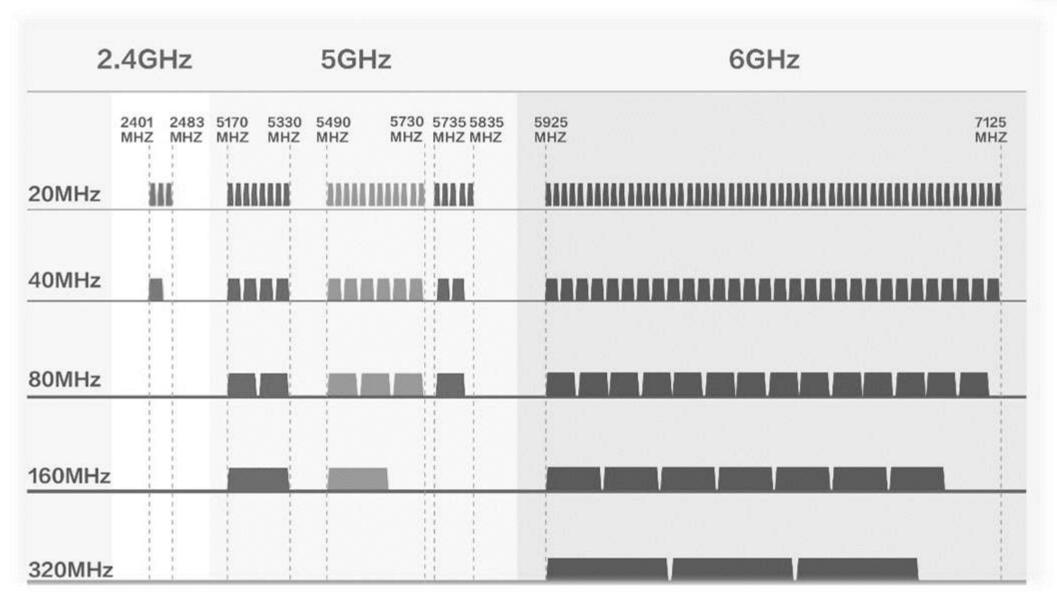
### More Advanced View of what is new in 802.11be





### **320MHz Channels**

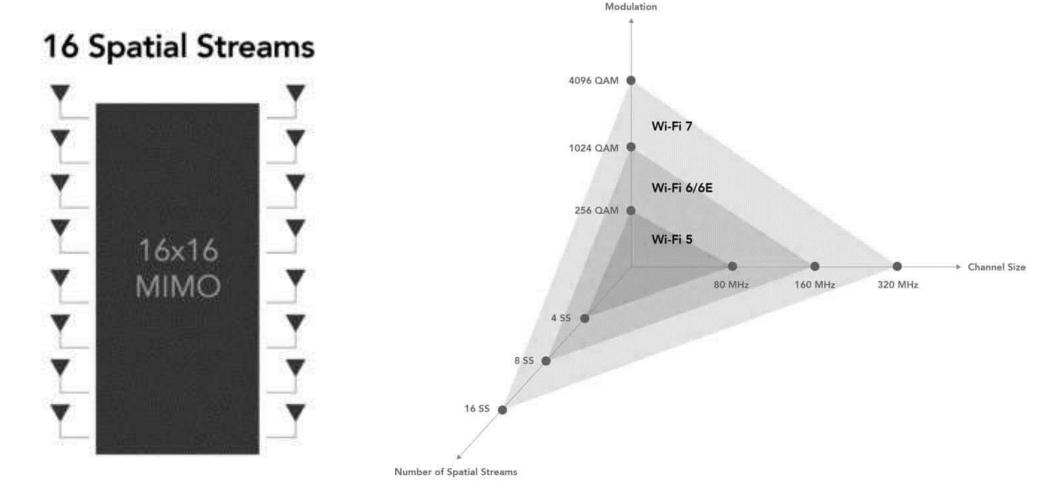




# **16 Spatial Streams**



- WiFi7 standard allows for 16×16 MIMO, and thus doubling the maximum throughput compared to 802.11ax.
- While the theoretical maximum throughput can only be achieved between devices with the same antenna count, the number of MIMO streams for Client Stations is typically limited to 2 or 3.
- Larger spatial streams will only be practically used with Mu-MIMO.

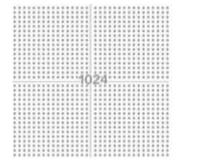


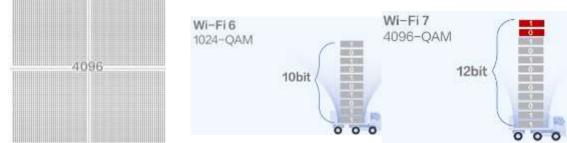
### 4096QAM and MCS Table for Wi-Fi7

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Parameter	Wi-Fi 6	Wi-Fi 7
Max channel bandwidth	160 MHz	320 MHz (3 channels in 6 GHz)
Highest modulation order	1024-QAM	4096-QAM
Max number of spatial streams	8	16
Max data rate*	~9.6 Gbps	~46.1 Gbps

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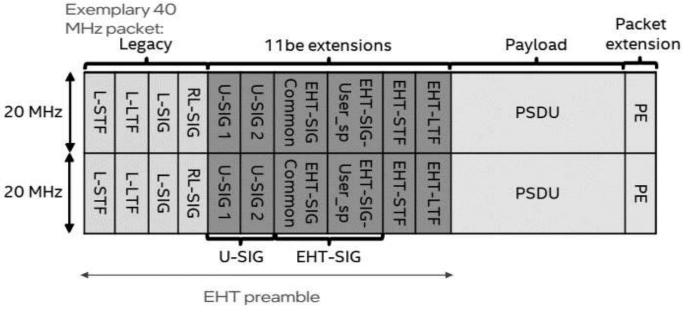


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			2	QPSK	3/4	22	24	26	44	49	52	92	102	108	184	204	216	368	408	432
4 New MCS India			3	16-QAM	1/2	29	33	34	59	65	69	123	136	144	245	272	282	490	544	577
	4096QAM, 34 Coding		4	16-QAM	3/4	44	49	52	88	98	103	184	204	216	368	408	432	735	817	865
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	BPSK-DCM, ½ Coding	-	6	64-QAM	3/4	66	73	77	132	146	155	276	306	324	551	613	649	1103	1225	1297
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			15	BPSK-DCM	1/2	4	4	4	7	8	9	15	17	18	31	34	36	61	68	72

# PHY Headers Improvements (U-SIG/EHT-SIG)



- Every new standard extensions requires backward compatibility in the preamble for accurate signal detection.
- L-SIG fields are used for backward compatibility
- Wi-Fi7 introduces the concept of forward compatibility using the new Universal Signal (U-SIG) field.
- U-SIG consists of version independent fields such as BW, UL/DL TXOP Duration etc..
- U-SIG contains PHY version identifier starting for EHT which simplifies auto detection



### U-SIG field of an EHT MU PPDU

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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### **Preamble Puncturing**

- In the past wider channels could not be used unless the entire channel was free.
- With wider channels enabled, data would only be sent on the primary 20MHz if any of the non-primary 20MHz channels making up a wider channel were busy.
- With preamble puncturing, the busy channels can be blocked or punctured from the wider channel allowing radios to leverage the clear channel blocks across a wider channel width.
- Preamble puncturing makes the use of wider channels more attractive with greater potential for realizing performance benefits from enabling wider channels.
- This technique can also used for DFS/AFC compliance

Two Parts of HE-SIG-A	Bit	Field	Number of bits	Description
HE-SIG-A1	B0	UL/DL	L	Indicates whether the PPDU is sent UL or DL: Set to 0 for DL, TDLS, mesh and IBSS Set to 1 for UL NOTE—The TDLS peer can identify the TDLS frame by To DS and From DS fields in the MAC header of the MPDU.
	B15-B17	Bandwidth	3	<ul> <li>Set to 0 for 20 MHz.</li> <li>Set to 1 for 40 MHz.</li> <li>Set to 2 for 80 MHz non-preamble puncturing mode.</li> <li>Set to 3 for 160 MHz and 80+80 MHz non-preamble puncturing mode.</li> <li>If the SIGB Compression field is 0:</li> <li>Set to 4 for preamble puncturing in 80 MHz, where in the preamble only the secondary 20 MHz is punctured.</li> <li>Set to 5 for preamble puncturing in 80 MHz, where in the preamble only one of the two 20 MHz subchannels in secondary 40 MHz is punctured.</li> <li>Set to 6 for preamble puncturing in 160 MHz or 80+80 MHz, where in the preamble only 0 MHz is punctured.</li> <li>Set to 6 for preamble puncturing in 160 MHz or 80+80 MHz, where in the primary 80 MHz of the preamble only the secondary 20 MHz is punctured.</li> <li>Set to 7 for preamble puncturing in 160 MHz or 80+80 MHz, where in the primary 80 MHz of the preamble only the secondary 20 MHz is punctured.</li> <li>Set to 7 for preamble primary 80 MHz of the preamble only the secondary 20 MHz of the preamble the primary 40 MHz is present.</li> <li>If the SIGB Compression field is 1 then values 4–7 are reserved.</li> </ul>

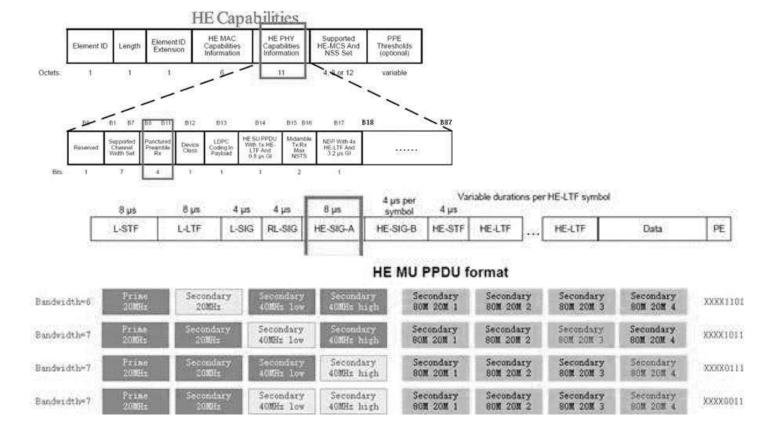


#### Without preamble puncturing



#### With preamble puncturing

Puncturing	Used channels



## Multi-RU OFDMA



User 2

RU3

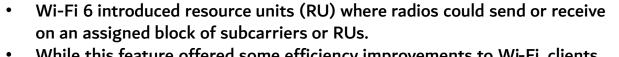
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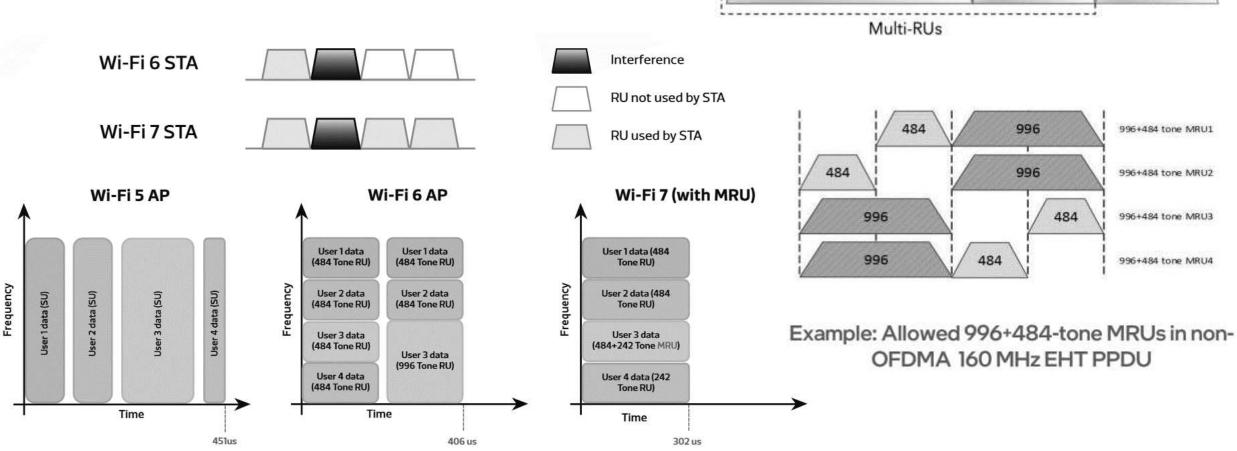
Not Used

RU2

RU2



- While this feature offered some efficiency improvements to Wi-Fi, clients could only be assigned one RU per TxOp sometimes leaving unused RUs which needed to be padded.
- Multi-RU allows radios to fill in those unused RUs with support for multiple RUs from the same user, further increasing transmission efficiency.



Wi-Fi 6

Wi-Fi 7

User 1

RU1

RU1

User 1

# Multi Link Operation (MLO)

- Multi Link Operation is a new feature in Wi-Fi that allows APs and STAs to ٠ communicate over multiple channels/bands/radios simultaneously in order to improve throughput, latency and/or reliability
- With a common MAC layer and separate PHY layers, Wi-Fi 7 Access Points and Client Stations are capable of transmitting and receiving simultaneously on multiple links.
- By taking advantage of intelligent traffic scheduling and prioritization, MLO enables reduced latency and jitter by prioritizing data transmission on links with the best RF conditions or improve reliability by duplicating data on multiple links.

#### **MLO Terminology and Framework**

- A Device the supports MLO is referred  $\langle$ to as a Multi Link Device (MLD)
- AP that supports MLO is referred to as AP MLD
- STA that supports MLO is referred to as non-AP MLD
- MLO can be supported both on single and multiple radio devices.

Distribution System (DS)			
		Distribut Medium	ion System (DSM)
APM	1ulti-link Devic	e	
	API	AP2	AP3
Channel XI, Band YI	Channel X2, Eand Y2	Channel X Band Y3	<sup>3,</sup> Link 3
	Non-AP STA1	Non-AP STA2	Non-AP STA3
Non-	AP Multi-link d	levice	



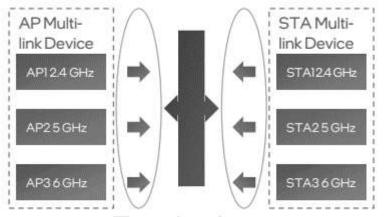


### **Types of MLO**

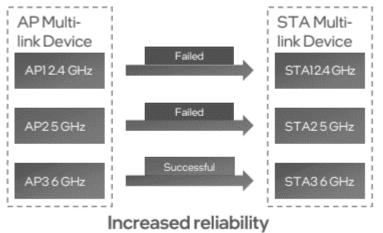
MLO Type	Number of Radios	Characteristics
Multi-link single radio (MLSR)	1	TX/RX over one link at a time.
Enhanced multi-link single radio (EMLSR)	1	MLSR with additional capability to listen to two links simultaneously.
Nonsimultaneous transmit and receive multi-link multi- radio (NSTR MLMR)	>=2	Simultaneous TX/TX, RX/RX over multiple links.
Simultaneous transmit and receive multi-link multi-radio (STR MLMR)	>=2	Simultaneous TX/TX, RX/RX, and TX/RX over multiple links.
Enhanced multi-link multi- radio (EMLMR)	>=2	MLMR with additional capability to dynamically reconfigure spatial multiplexing capability on each link.

# Benefits of Multi Link Operation (MLO)

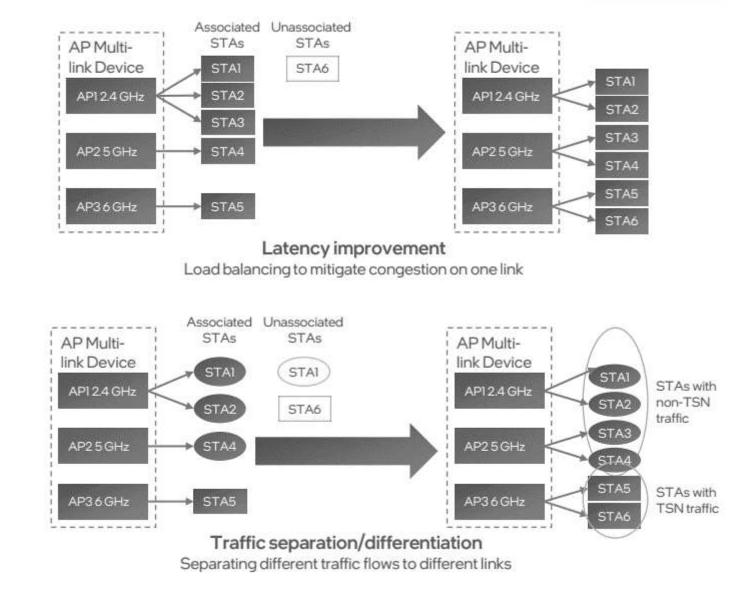




Throughput boost Aggregating multiple links for data transmission



Duplicating critical packets on multiple links

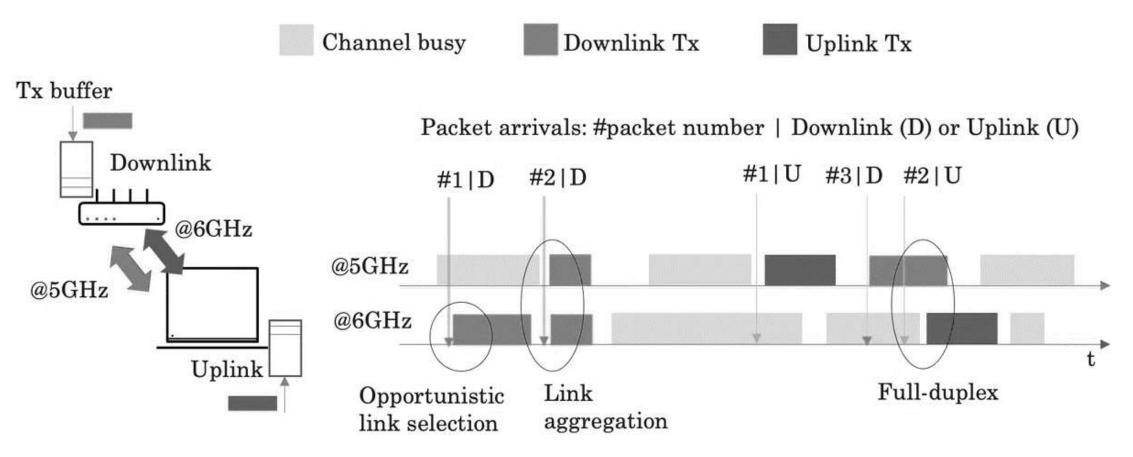


## **Multi Link Operation Example**



#1 | D : Opportunistically select the best link available for DL transmission based on interference and channel availability.

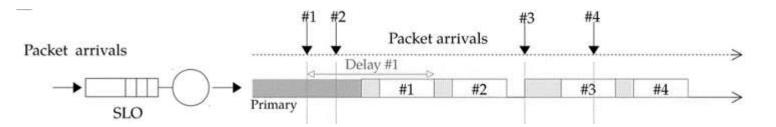
- #2 | D : Aggregate both 5GHz and 6GHz links achieve higher throughput in DL when both links are available.
- #1 | U : Select the 5GHz link for UL transmission when only 5GHz link is available.
- #3 | D : Full duplex transmissions with Downlink in 5GHz band and Uplink in the 6GHz band.
- #2 | U : Full duplex transmissions with Downlink in 5GHz band and Uplink in the 6GHz band.



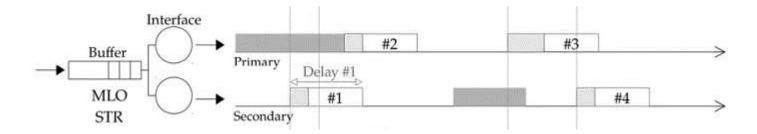
## **MLO Basic Modes**



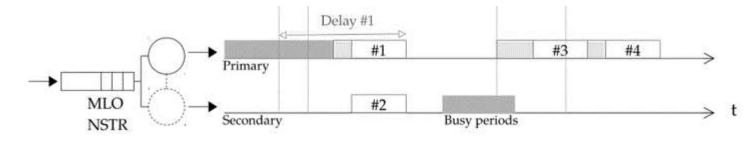
- SLO (Single Link Operation)
  - Only one radio interface /One Link



- MLO STR (Simultaneous Tx and Rx)
  - Two independent radio interfaces
  - Each backoff and transmit independently
  - Packets are assigned to first available radio



- MLO NSTR (Non Simultaneous Tx and Rx)
  - Interface #1 acts as the primary interface
  - There is a single backoff for medium access
  - Interface #2 can only be used when Interface #1 is available



### Single Radio MLO – MLSR and EMLSR

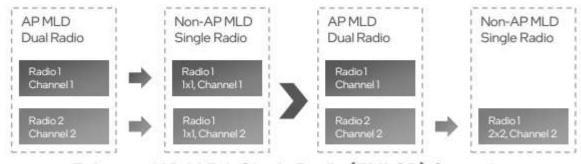


- Multi-Link Single Radio (MLSR)
  - STA can pick the best link to use for Tx and Rx and Transmit or Receive using the selected link/channel
  - Switching between channels/links can be done dynamically without need for new connection with new encryption keys



Multi-link Single Radio (MLSR) Operation

- Enhanced Multi-Link Single Radio (EMLSR)
  - A 2x2 MIMO single radio STA can listen to two radios links on an AP simultaneously in 1x1 mode.
  - Once the best channel/link is found, the transmission can happen on a single link in 2x2 MIMO.
  - Switching between links can happen seamlessly.



Enhanced Multi-link Single Radio (EMLSR) Operation

### Multi Radio MLO – MLMR, STR-MLMR and NSTR-MLMR



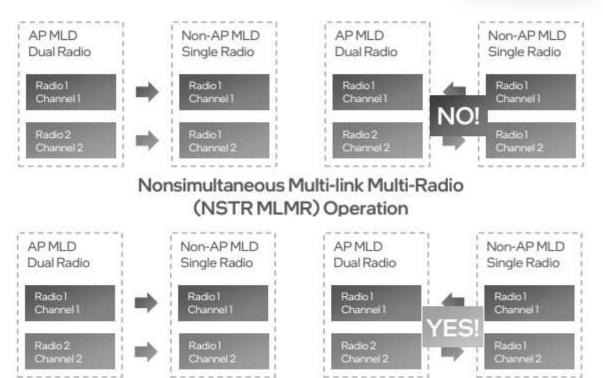
#### • Non Simultaneous Multi-Link Multi Radio (NSTR MLMR)

- STA can transmit or receive over multi links to multiple radios on the AP.
- Simultaneous transmit on one radio and receive on the other radio on the STA is not allowed.
- This is done to avoid interference issues on the closely placed radios on the STA.
- Simultaneous Multi-Link Multi Radio (STR MLMR)
  - STA can transmit or receive over multi links to multiple radios on the AP.
  - Simultaneous transmit on one radio and receive on the other radio on the STA is allowed.

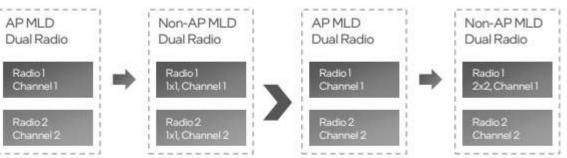


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- STA can listen to multiple radio links over multiple radio chains.
- STA can transmit or receive over multi links to multiple radios on the AP.



#### Simultaneous Multi-link Multi-Radio (STR MLMR) Operation

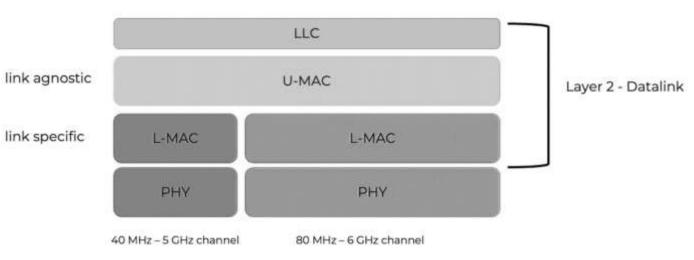


#### RX chain switching for Enhanced Multi-link Multi-Radio (EMLMR) Operation

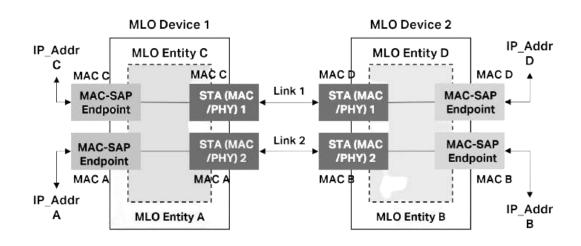
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### MLO – 2 MAC Layers

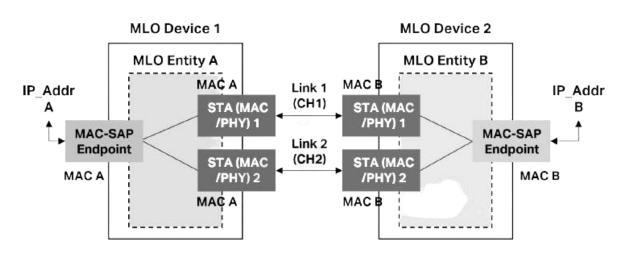
- Upper MAC is responsible for connectivity and security and interface with LLC
- Lower MAC responsible for medium access, data transmission, multi PHY management multi link operation.
- There will a single MAC address called the MLD MAC address which will be used for connectivity and security.
- Packet-Level Aggregation will aggregate transmission of packets from the same TID across multiple links to achieve better throughput and lower latency
- Flow-Level Aggregation can be used for mesh backhaul when two AP MLDs can aggregate multiple traffic flows for different devices across multiple links



#### Flow-Level Aggregation



#### Packet-Level Aggregation



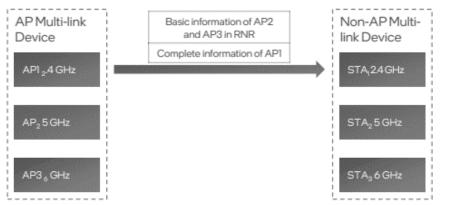
### Multi Link Device Discovery



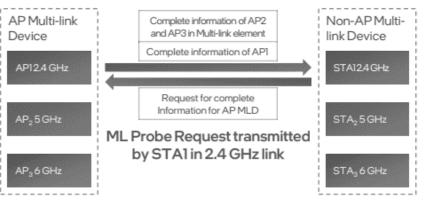
- On each link/channel, the AP MLD will usually transmit a link specific SSID and also an MLO SSID.
- Normal discovery process can use the standard active and/or passive scanning methods across all the links to obtain the MLO information
- More efficient methods of discovery would be to use RNR information elements that provide information about all the links/channels SSIDs on the same primary link probe response.
- MLD discovery methods can send Basic Information in the RNR or complete information in the Multi-Link Information Element.

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lource	Destination	Channel * Info	
TPLink_47:b4:ec	Broadcast	1 Beacon frame, SN=225, FN=0, Flags=C, BI=1000, SSID="TP-Link_B4EA_2	G"
92:ed:00:47:b4:ec	Broadcast	1 Beacon frame, SN=912, FN=0, Flags=C, BI=1000, SSID="TP-Link_B4EA_M	LO"
62:ed:00:47:b4:ec	Broadcast	1 Beacon frame, SN=215, FN=0, Flags=C, BI=1000, SSID=Wildcard (Broad	cast)
TPLink_47:b4:ec	Broadcast	1 Beacon frame, SN=226, FN=0, Flags=C, BI=1000, SSID="TP-Link_B4EA_2	G"
92:ed:00:47:b4:ec	Broadcast	1 Beacon frame, SN=913, FN=0, Flags=C, BI=1000, SSID="TP-Link_B4EA_M	L0"
62:ed:00:47:b4:ec	Broadcast	1 Beacon frame, SN=216, FN=0, Flags=C, BI=1000, SSID=Wildcard (Broad	cast)
TPLink_47:b4:ec	Broadcast	1 Beacon frame, SN=227, FN=0, Flags=C, BI=1000, SSID="TP-Link_B4EA_2	G"
92:ed:00:47:b4:ec	Broadcast	1 Beacon frame, SN=914, FN=0, Flags=C, BI=1000, SSID="TP-Link_B4EA_M	LO"
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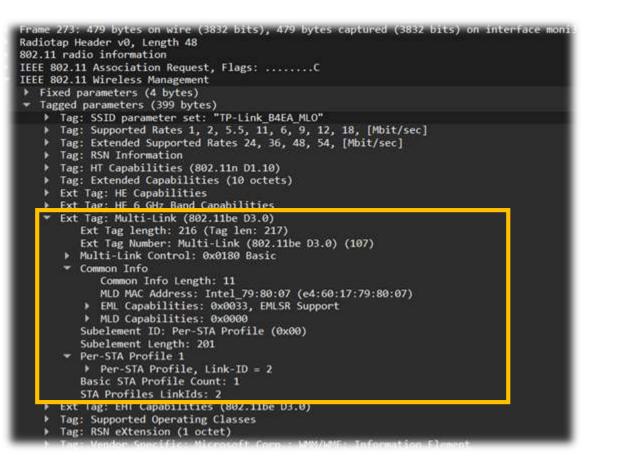


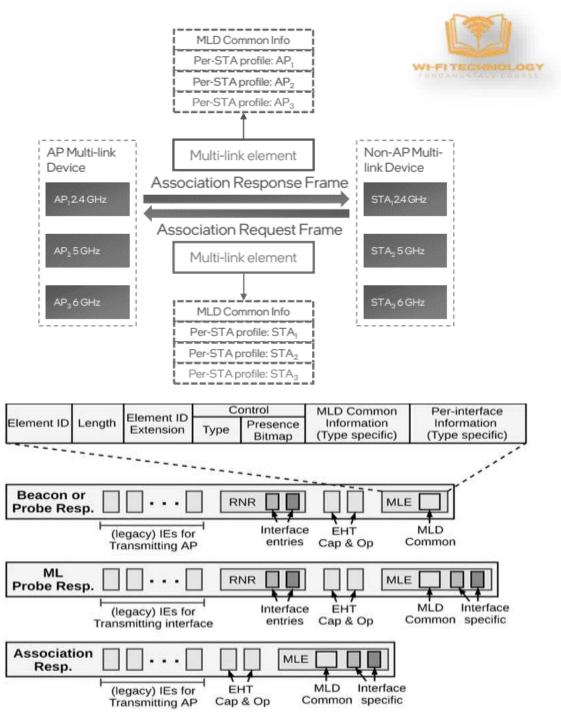
MLD Discovery---Complete Information

MLD Discovery---Basic Information

### Multi Link Association and Security

- Normal process will require separate associations on all links but Multi Link association is only needed on a single link.
- Multi-Link Element in association response will contain all the MLD common information like MLD MAC address and also the per STA profile information.
- The single link association is also followed by a 4-way handshake process using the MLD MAC address and the keys generated will be used for encryption on all the links.
- No one key generation is needed when switching between links.



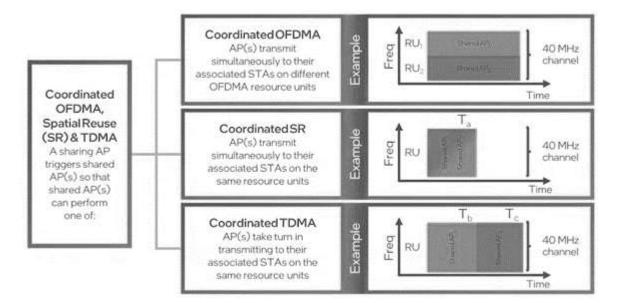


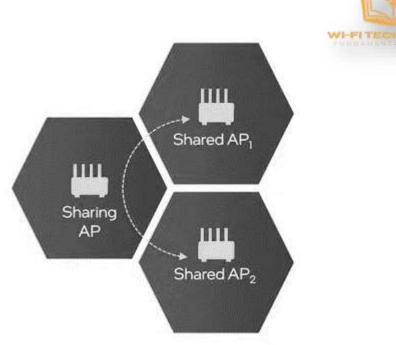
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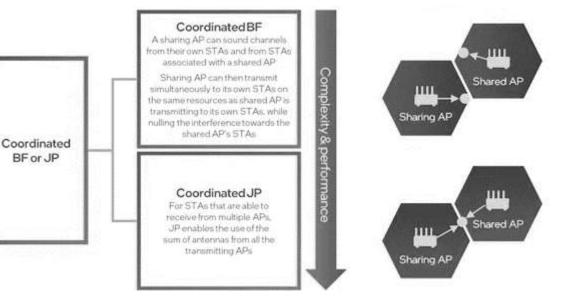
- Multiple APs coordinate their frequency and time transmissions attempting to avoid channel congestion and improve throughput and latency.
- Some Methods used are:

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- Low Complexity AP coordination
  - Coordinated OFDMA
  - Coordinated Spatial Reuse
  - Coordinated TDMA
- More Complex AP coordination
  - Joint Transmissions (D-MIMO)
  - Coordinated Beamforming (CBF)



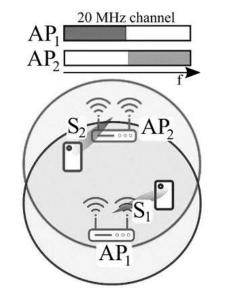




# **Multi-AP Coordination Methods**

#### Coordinated OFDMA

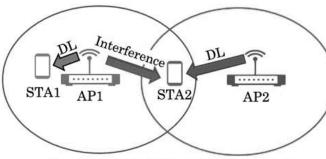
- APs jointly allocate time and frequency resources
- Minimizes Inter BSS collision
- Reduces contention time

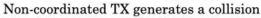


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#### Joint Transmissions (D-MIMO)

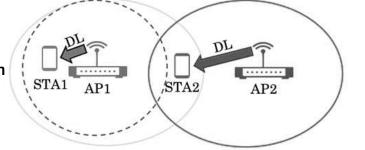
- Joint spatial multiplexing across multiple APs to transmit from multiple APs to STA at the same time.
- Requires very complex synchronization and backhaul capability



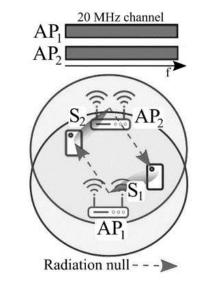


#### **Coordinated Spatial Reuse**

- This coordination works in the power domain.
- APs coordinate their TX power on a per transmission basis to avoid interference
- Both APs participate in joint scheduling



Coordinated TX: AP1 reduces its TX power to prevent collision



#### Coordinated Beamforming(CBF)

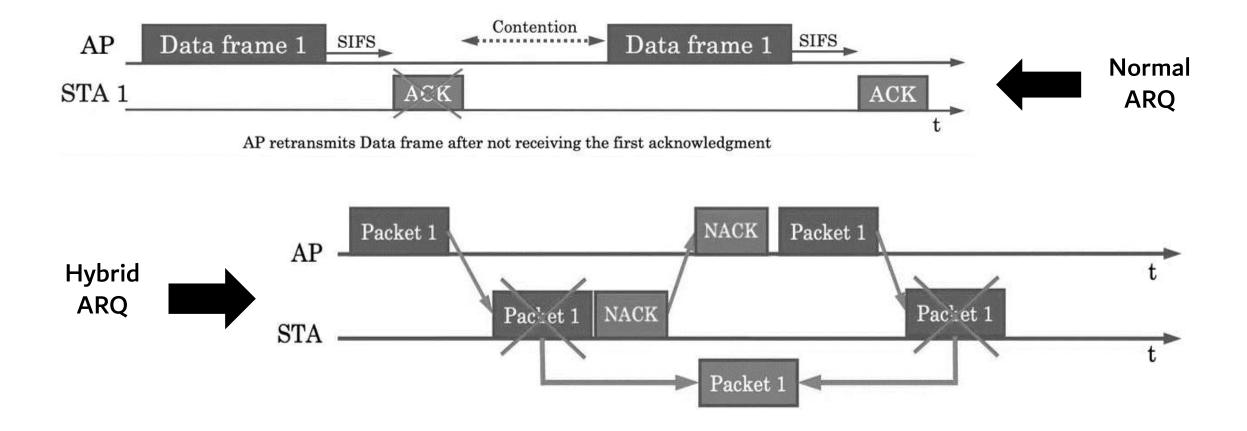
- Reuses time/freq resources via radiation nulls using coordinated Beamforming.
- AP1 and transmit to S1 but create a null for S2 and AP2 can transmit to S2 but create a null to S1, thus improving beamforming efficiency across BSSs



## Hybrid Automatic Repeat Request (ARQ)

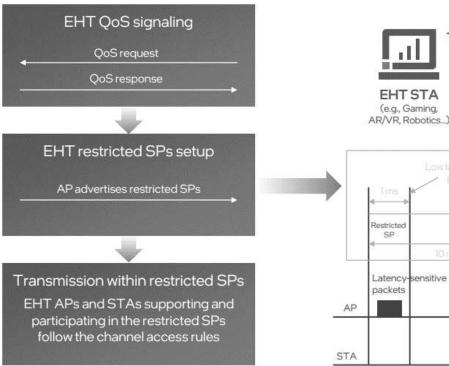


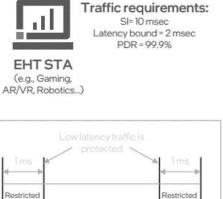
- In Normal ARQ, failed ACKs will trigger retransmissions using exponential backoff and reduced PHY rates, which results in poor medium utilization.
- In Hybrid ARQ approach, the receiver will keep the corrupted frames and combine them with the retransmitted frames to get an SNR gain of 4-6dB.
- This allows for the transmitter to use higher modulation rates even for the retransmissions and hence using the medium mode effectively.



### Enhanced QoS – Restricted Service Periods

- Designed to provide deterministic low latency to applications and devices like Industrial IOT, AR/VR.
- First step is for the AP to understand the traffic patterns of the delay sensitive applications.
- EHT QoS AP MLD
- Based on this the AP will announce quiet intervals during will all STAs will refrain from accessing the medium.
- If there is any EHT- STA that has active transmissions, it will end its TXOP before the restricted service period.





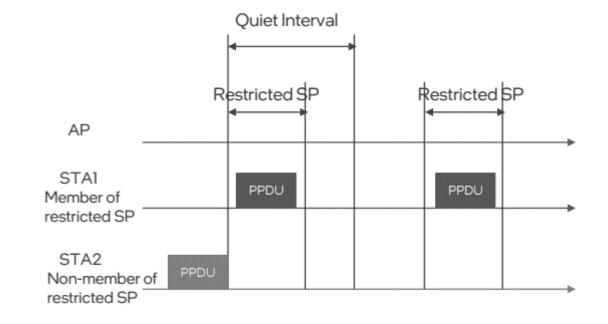
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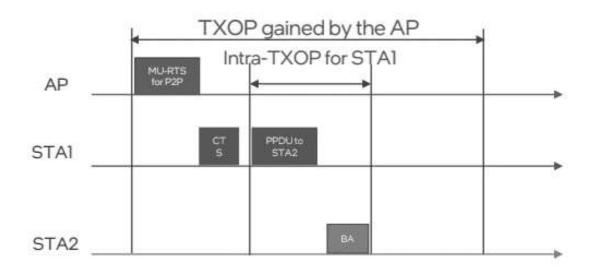
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### **Triggered Peer-to-Peer Transmissions**

- This feature allows for direct links between two STAs
- Example use cases are video casting applications, VR applications and other wireless file transfer applications.
- AP can broadcast an MU-RTS frame to trigger P2P transmission periods.
- P2P transmissions can happen during this period.







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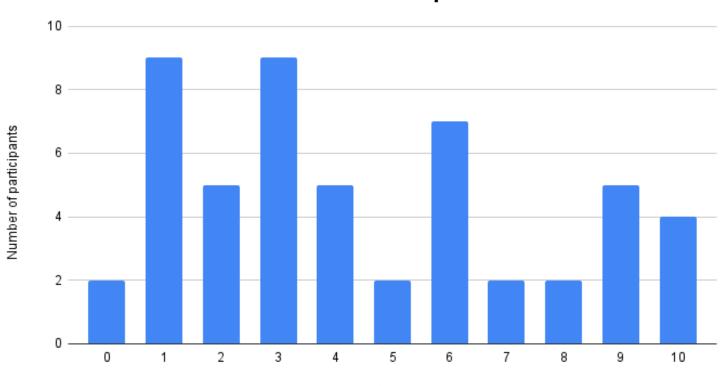


# **Quiz 5c Results**



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Score distribution - quiz 5c

Correct responses

