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# Optimization of Scanning procedure

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## 1. Background

Section 6.3.20.1.2 "MSS Scanning of available BS" of 802.16e/D5a says:

"In the MOB\_SCN-REQ MAC management message the MSS, and in the MOB\_SCN-RSP MAC management message the BS shall indicate either Scanning, Scan type = 0, or Association, Scan type = 1, as the intended MSS activity during the Scanning Interval. If Scan type = 1, Association, then the MSS and BS may include, in their respective messages, one or more Association Test BSID. The BS may send over the backbone to the Association Test BS request to allocate non-contention based ranging opportunity, at the appropriate timing interval, for MSS to conduct Association ranging with the Association Test BS. When conducting initial ranging to Association Test BS, MSS shall use allocated non-contention based ranging opportunity, if available. Regardless of value of Scan type and the presence of one or more Association Test BSID, MSS may determine and perform any scanning or ranging or Association activities during Scanning Interval at its own discretion."

There are several problems with this procedure.

1. How they neighbor BS may predict when MSS arrives to their channel? Even MSS itself does not know precisely as worst case of DL synchronization latency is large: is it product of (# of frequencies to scan) x (# of GIs to try) x (# of preambles to try etc.) x (estimated # of frames to get synchronized to DL at proper frequency). For the first BS in the list of Test BSs it may be disputable, but certainly not for next BSs where latency of ranging is added by each previous BS.
2. Why should MSS request (and BS approve) for either scanning-only for all BSs or scanning-and-ranging for all BSs?

## 2. Suggested remedy for Scanning procedure

*[Change Table 106g and following text]*

Syntax	Size	Notes
MOB_SCN-REQ_Message_Format() {		
Management Message Type = 54	8 bits	
Scan duration	8 bits	Units are frames
<del>  Scan type</del>	<del>1 bit</del>	<del>0: Scanning 1: Association</del>
reserved	3 bites	Shall be set to zero
<del>  If (Scan type = 0) {</del>	<del>8 bits</del>	



~~association- to associate~~. Multiple ~~Association-Test Recommended~~ BS IDs may be included in the MOB-SCN-REQ message.

[Change Table 106h and following text]

Syntax	Size	Notes
MOB_SCN-RSP_Message_Format() {		
Management Message Type = 55	8 bits	
Scan duration	8 bits	Units are frames
if (Scan Duration ==0) {		
HMAC Tuple	21 bytes	
}		
else {		
Start frame	4 bits	
Scan type	1 bit	0: Scanning 1: Association
reserved	7 bites	Shall be set to zero
If (Scan type = 0) {		
Interleaving interval	8 bits	Units are frames
Scan iteration	8 bits	
Report mode	2 bits	
Scan report period	8 bits	
Reserved	2 bits	
}		
Else {		
For (j=0; j<N_Recommended_BS; j++) {		N_Recommended_BS can be derived from the known length of the MAC message
Scan type	1 bit	0: Scanning 1: Association
Rendezvous time	15 bit	
<del>Association-Test BS ID</del> Recommended BS ID	48 bits	Only included in case of Scan type = 1 "Association"
}		
}		
HMAC Tuple		
}		
}		

### Scan duration

Duration (in units of frames) where the MSS may perform scanning or association for Available BS. If the BS sets this field to be zero to disapprove the MSS's request, all other parameters except HMAC Tuple shall be omitted in the message.

**Start Frame**

Measured from the frame in which this message was received. A value of zero means that ~~it first Scanning Interval starts will start~~ in the next frame. ~~If Scan type=1 and multiple Association Test BS IDs are included in MOB-SCN-RSP message. The MSS may perform Association with the first Association Test BS at Start Frame and sequentially perform Association with each following Association Test BS in the message.~~

**Start type**

~~0 : BS approval of requested/directed Scanning operation~~

~~1 : BS approval of requested/directed Association operation~~

~~The Scan type field in MOB-SCN-RSP message shall have the same value as Scan type in MOB-SCN-REQ.~~

~~If Scan type is set to '0', the following parameters shall be included in the MOB-SCN-REQ message:~~

**Interleaving interval**

The period interleaved between Scanning Intervals when MSS ~~may~~ shall perform Normal Operation.

**Scan iteration**

The number of iterating scanning intervalss

**Report mode**

Action code for an MSS's report of CINR measurement:

00: The MSS measures channel quality of the Available BSs without reporting.

01: The MSS reports the result of the measurement to Serving BS periodically. The period of reporting is different from that of scanning.

10: The MSS reports the result of the measurement to Serving BS after each measurement.

11: reserved

**Scan report period**

The period of MSS's report of CINR measurement when the MSS is required to report the value periodically.

~~If Scan type is set to '1', the following parameters may be included in the MOB-SCN-REQ message,~~

**Scan type**

0 : BS approval of requested/directed Scanning operation

1 : BS approval of requested/directed Association operation

**Rendezvous time**

In case Scan Type = 1 this is an offset, measured in units of frame duration (of Serving BS), when the corresponding Recommended BS is expected to provide non-contention based ranging opportunity for the MSS. The offset is calculated from the frame where MOB-SCN-REQ message is transmitted. In case Scan type = 0 the parameter is not applicable and shall be encoded as 0. The Recommended BS is expected to provide non-contention based Ranging opportunity within 5 frames interval starting from the frame specified by Rendezvous time parameter.

**Association Test BS ID Recommended BS ID**

~~Recommended Association Test BS Recommended BS ID~~ list for Association. ~~If multiple Association Test BS IDs are included in the message, the MSS may perform Association in ascending order of the sequence of Association Test BS ID presented in the message.~~ Serving BS may request, over the backbone, ~~Association Test BS from Recommended BS~~ allocation of non-contention based ~~initial~~ ranging opportunity for MSS Association activity. When conducting initial ranging to ~~Association Test Recommended~~ BS, MSS shall use allocated non-contention based ~~initial~~ ranging opportunity, if available.

*[Change in 6.3.20.1.2, p. 128 line 43]*

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