

IEEE 802.11v  
Wireless Network Management

# Location and Presence Overview

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## TGv Objective on Location for 802.11

*[Req2090] TGv shall provide a mechanism to coordinate the gathering and possibly generation of data to support various location methods such as time of arrival, time difference of arrival, and signal strength.*



# Overview of Voted-in Location Features

## Address location measurements for

- Cell-ID (AP Location)

- Signal Strength

- Time-Based Methods (i.e. TOA)

## 3 Components in 802.11v location draft

- Presence Configuration Request/Response

  - Setting up multiple location measurements

- Presence Request/Response

  - Location measurement exchange

- Location Configuration Information Report

  - Where are you?, Where am I?



# Design Goals of Location Proposal

**Support a variety of end devices**

**Provide wireless clients with the ability to announce their presence**

- Typically, ultra low-power devices (tags)

**Support location-aware application on client and infrastructure devices**

**Support multiple methods for location calculation**

**Interoperate with legacy 802.11 clients**

**Provide improved location in the future**



# Presence Parameters Information Element

Identifier	Field Name
1	Presence Indication Parameters
2	Presence Indication Channels
3	Presence Request Options
4	Presence Status
5	Location Service Parameters
6	Radio Information
7	Timing Measurements
8	Motion
9	Location Descriptor
10	Location Data
11	Location ID
12-254	Reserved
255	Vendor Specific



# Presence Request/Response

“I am out here” (without defining “here”) rather than “Here I am”

New Presence Parameters Information Element (IE)

Exchange of location measurements

Signal Strength of Presence Request in Radio Information

Timestamp Diff. of Pres. Req. & ACK in Timing Information



# Timing Measurements Field

EID (3)	Length(6)	Timestamp Difference	Timestamp Difference Units	Timestamp Difference Accuracy
Octets: 1	1	4	1	1

The Timestamp Difference field contains the time difference between the time that a unicast Presence Request frame was received from a STA, defined to occur at the PHY-RXEND.indication of the received Presence Request frame, and the time that the corresponding ACK frame was sent to the STA, defined to occur at the PHY-TXSTART.confirm of the ACK frame transmission.

Timing Difference Units	Meaning
0	Microseconds
1	Hundreds of Nanoseconds
2	Tens of Nanoseconds
3	Nanoseconds
4	Tenths of Nanoseconds
5 - 255	Reserved

The Timestamp Difference Accuracy field contains the expected standard deviation of the timestamp difference of the timestamp in the units indicated in the Timestamp Difference Units field.

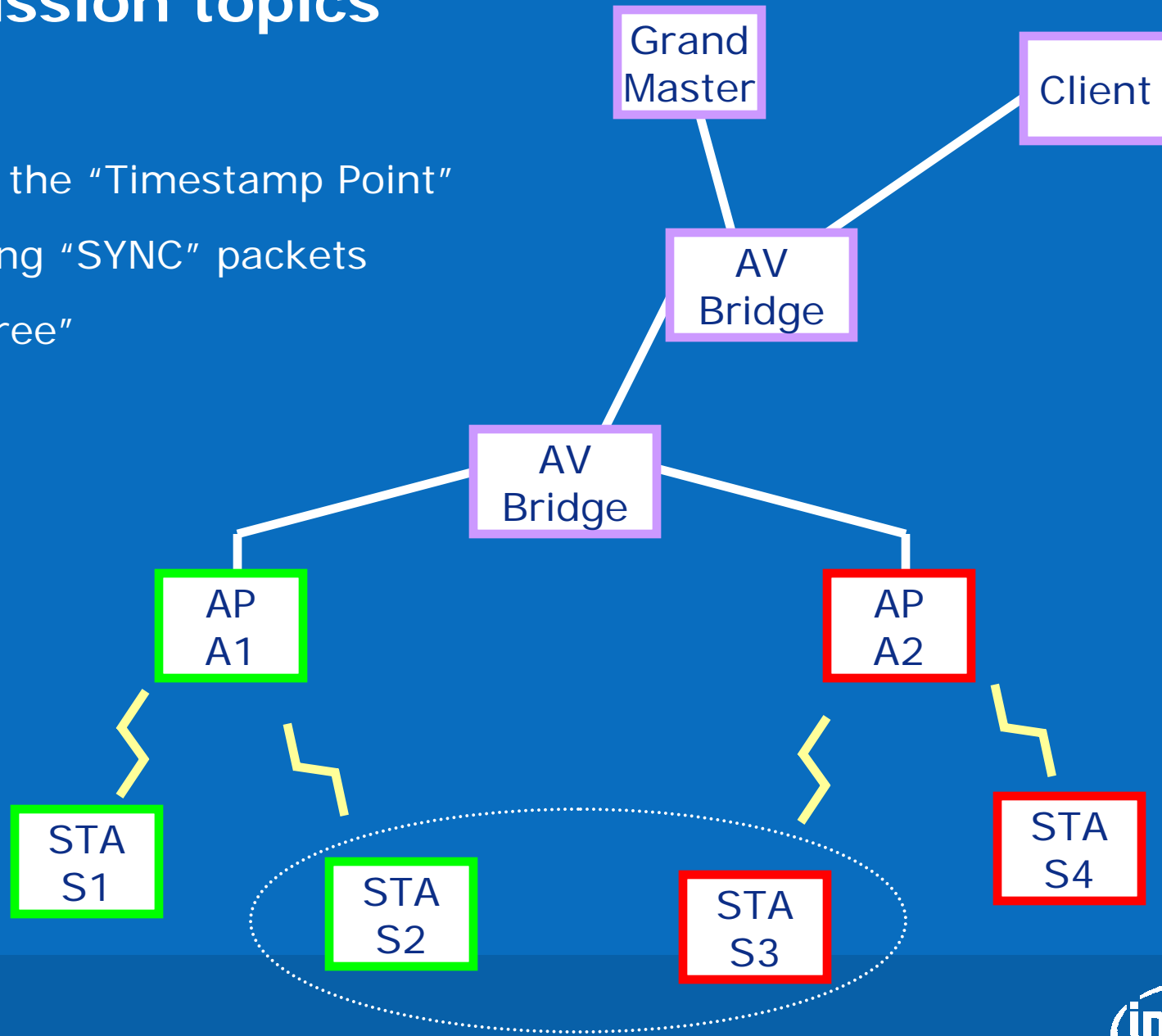


# Discussion topics

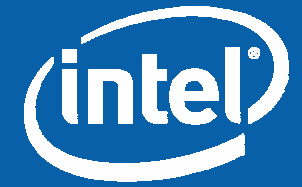
Defining the "Timestamp Point"

Identifying "SYNC" packets

Clock "Tree"







**Backup**

# Presence Configuration

## Presence Configuration Request Frame

- Provides ability to setup STA Presence Indication parameters and channels
- Provides ability to setup STA “normal” and “in-motion” reporting intervals
- Provides ability to receive motion-related information
- Provides ability to control channels on which the STA announces its Presence

## Presence Configuration Response Frame

- Acknowledges successful or failed presence configuration request
- Status allows STA to indicate refusal, failure or incapable
- Upon failed presence configuration request, provides current reporting parameters



# Location Configuration Information

Infrastructure can provide location for itself or associated STA.

STA can announce location if STA is capable of calculating its location

## Location Descriptor

- Used to describe the location data being requested or responded to
  - Format: Civic or Geospatial
  - Resolution: Building, AP, or XY
  - Encoding: LCI, Text, ASN.1

## Location Data

- Used to contain the location data

## Location Service Parameters

- Used to request or announce location services

