WiFi Test Plan: Netmetrix-Octoscope

Netmetrix offers a set of performance test cases with pass/fail requirements for 802.11n/ac/ax implementations according to the IEEE 802.11 specification.

The corresponding interoperability certification programmes are "Wi-Fi 4", "Wi-Fi 5" and "Wi-Fi 6" for 802.11n, 802.11ac and 802.11ax in the Wi-Fi Alliance, respectively.



The main objective is to provide a set of test scenarios and a framework to verify the performance between the AP and one or more STAs.



The test scenarios are defined for a device under test (DUT - AP only), tested against one or a set of STAs. The DUT must not be a baseline design and must contain the system functionality required to execute this test plan.

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RF capability

• Receiver sensitivity test

This test provides a simplified measurement of the receiver sensitivity, relative to the total attenuation inserted between the DUT and the STA.

Baseline performance

Maximum Connection test

The Maximum connection test intends to verify that the Wi-Fi AP can support 32 STAs simultaneously connected with minimal packet loss and no disassociations taking place.

Maximum Throughput test

This test intends to measure the maximum throughput performance of the DUT, this test case will be conducted through a short distance connection.

Coverage

• Range vs Rate test

This test intends to measure the baseband and RF chain performance of Wi-Fi device.

• Spatial consistency test

This test intends to verify the Wi-Fi signal consistency in spatial domain.

Stability/Robustness

• Long Term Stability Test

This test intends to measure the stability performance of Wi-Fi device under stress. Throughput and connection availability are continuously monitored in a 24 hours period.

• AP coexistence test

This test intends to verify Wi-Fi device performance with existence of alien AP. The alien AP in the test shall support the same Wi-Fi standard (802.11n/ac).

• Airtime Fairness Test

This test intends to verify the capability of Wi-Fi device to guarantee the fairness of airtime usage.

Multiple STAs Performance

Multiple STA performance Test

This test intends to measure the performance of Wi-Fi devices connected with multiple STA's simultaneously. To simulate a circumstance of real environment, various level of signals reflecting various distances between Wi-Fi device and STA are considered in the test.

• Multiple Associations/Dissasociations Stability Test

This test intends to measure the stability of Wi-Fi device under a dynamic environment with frequent change of connections status.

• Downlink MU-MIMO Performance Test

Intends to verify the performance of Wi-Fi device when Downlink MU-MIMO is applied. This best represents a typical deployment, where stations may only support 1x1 or 2x2 RF chains configurations. Downlink MU-MIMO capability, also referred to as 802.11ac Wave 2. The DUT shall support 802.11ac MU-MIMO and at least 4 spatial streams.

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