Channel occupancy
TXOP
T_S
Busy
802.11 Data
ACK
SL-U-1 Data
Contention cycle
n
n+1
n+2
802.11 DCF
AIFS
AIFS
AIFS
Backoff counter
11 10 9
0
12 11
0
8 7
0
NR-U for SL
T_d
Gap
T_{sl}
Gap
Gap
Defer
Defer
Defer
Backoff counter
9 8 7
0
7 6 5
0
2 1 0
T_S
SL slot boundaries