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Abstract

This document provides proposals for spec changes for NDP feedback report.

1. **Introduction**

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| 9101 | stephane baron | 174.24 | The NDP feedback mechanism is not defined | create a new type of trigger frame to indicate to the STA the time/frequency/space dimensions. | Revised = agree in principle with the comment.  Modify the spec with the proposed changes in this document. |
| 9573 | Yonggang Fang | 174.24 | It is not clear how to trigger the NDP feedback report as there is no trigger variant for triggering this NDP type of feedback frame. | Need to clarify this or define a new trigger variant for the NDP type of feedback. | Revised = agree in principle with the comment.  Modify the spec with the proposed changes in this document. |

1. **Proposed changes**

**9.3.1.23 Trigger frame format**

***TGax editor: Modify Table 9-25a—Trigger Type subfield encoding as the following:***

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| * Trigger Type subfield encoding | |
| Trigger Type field value | Description |
| 0 | Basic Trigger |
| 1 | Beamforming Report Poll |
| 2 | MU-BAR |
| 3 | MU-RTS |
| 4 | Buffer Status Report Poll (BSRP) |
| 5 | GCR MU-BAR |
| 6 | Bandwidth Query Report Poll (BQRP) |
| 7 | NDP feedback Report Poll |
| 8-15 | Reserved |

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**9.3.1.23.8 NDP feedback report poll variant**

The NDP Feedback Report Poll variant Trigger frame format is as defined in Figure 9-52a (Trigger frame).

The RA field is set to the broadcast address.(#2894)

The Common Info field of the NDP Feedback Report Poll variant Trigger frame is defined in Figure 9-52b (Common Info field(#2134)(#101)).

The Trigger Type subfield is set to 5 to indicate NDP Feedback Report Poll variant.

The BW subfield indicates the bandwidth of the NDP feedback report response and is defined in

Table 9-25b (BW subfield encoding).(#101).

The CS Required subfield of the NDP feedback report poll variant trigger frame shall be set to 0.

The STBC, LDPC extra symbol, packet extension, and Doppler subfields are reserved.

The Number of HE-LTFs subfield of the Common Info field indicates the number of HE-LTF symbols

present in the NDP feedback report response. The number of HE-LTF subfield encoding is defined in Table 22-13.

The Trigger Dependent Common Info field is present and is defined in Figure 9-52i (Trigger Dependent Common Info field for the NDP Feedback Report Poll variant(#614)).

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | AID start | RU allocation offset | Target RSSI | Feedback type | Feedback size | Number of users per set of tones |
| Bits: | 11 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 |

**Figure 9-52i - Trigger Dependent Common Info field for the NDP feedback report poll variant**

The AID start defines the first AID of the range of AIDs that are scheduled to respond to the NDP feedback report poll variant Trigger frame.

The total number of AIDs that are scheduled to respond to the NDP feedback report poll variant Trigger frame, called NAIDs, is calculated by the following equation:

If BW= 0 or 1: NAIDs = 9 x (BW+1) x (Number of users per set of tones) x 2 / (Feedback size +1)

If BW = 2: NAIDs = 37 x (Number of users per set of tones) x 2 / (Feedback size +1)

If BW = 3: NAIDs = 37 x 2 x (Number of users per set of tones) x 2 / (Feedback size +1)

Where BW is the value indicated in the *BW* subfield of the NDP feedback report poll variant trigger frame, (Number of users per set of tones) is the value indicated in the *Number of users per set of tones* subfield of the NDP feedback report poll variant trigger frame, and (Feedback size) is the value indicated in the *Feedback size* subfield of the trigger dependent common info field of the NDP feedback report poll variant trigger frame.

The Target RSSI subfield indicates the target received signal power of the NDP feedback report response for all scheduled STAs. The resolution for the Target RSSI subfield is 1 dB. The Target RSSI subfield encoding is defined in Table 9-ax8 (Target RSSI subfield encoding).(#663)

The feedback type subfield encoding is defined in table 9-ax11 (Feedback type subfield encoding).

**Table 9-ax11—Feedback type subfield encoding**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Value | Description |
| 0 | Resource request |
| 1-15 | Reserved |

The Feedback size subfield defines the number of bits of the feedback, and its encoding is defined in table 9-ax12 (Feedback type subfield encoding).

**Table 9-ax12—Feedback size subfield encoding**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Value | Description |
| 0 | 1 bit feedback |
| 1 | 2 bits feedback |

The number of users per set of tones defines the number of users that are multiplexed with P-matrix codes on the same set of 12 tones in the same RU.

The User Info field of the NDP Feedback Report Poll variant Trigger frame is not present.

**9.4.2.218.2 HE MAC Capabilities Information field**

***TGax editor: Modify figure 9-589ck - HE MAC Capabilities Information field format as described below***

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | B25 | | B26 | B27    B28 | B29 | B30    B31 | B32 | B33  B39 |
|  | OMI A-Control Support | | OFDMA RA Support | Maximum A-MPDU Length Exponent | Downlink MU-MIMO on Partial Bandwidth Rx | UL MU-MIMO | NDP feedback report support | Reserved |
| Bits: | 1 | | 1(#Ed) | 2(#2258) | 1 | 2 | 1 | 9 |
|  | | * HE MAC Capabilities Information field format | | | | | | |

***TGax editor: Add a new line in Table 9-262z - Subfields of the HE MAC Capabilities Information field for NDP feedback report support, as described below***

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Subfield | Definition | Encoding |
| NDP feedback report support | Indicates support for a non-AP STA to follow the NDP feedback report procedure and respond to the NDP Feedback Report Poll variant Trigger frame. | Set to 1 if supported.  Set to 0 otherwise. |

***TGax editor: Add the following to subclause 25.5.2.7 NDP feedback report procedure)***

25.5.2.7 NDP feedback report procedure

An HE AP sends an NDP Feedback Report Poll variant Trigger frame to solicit NDP feedback report response from many STAs that are identified by a range of scheduled AIDs in the Trigger frame. The NDP feedback report response fom an HE non-AP STA is an HE trigger-based PPDU without data payloads. An HE non-AP STA uses the information carried in the NDP Feedback Report Poll variant trigger frame to know if it is scheduled, and in this case, to derive the parameters for the transmission of the response.

In this subclause, the NDP feedback report procedure is described.

**25.5.2.7.1 STA behavior**

A STA shall set the NDP feedback report Support subfield in the HE Capabilities element to 1 if it supports NDP feedback report and set it 0, otherwise.

A STA shall not transmit an NDP feedback report response unless it is explicitly enabled by an AP in one of the operation modes described in this subclause. The inter frame space between a PPDU that contains an NDP feedback report poll variant Trigger frame and the NDP feedback report poll response is SIFS. A STA shall commence the transmission of an NDP feedback report response at the SIFS time boundary after the end of a received PPDU, when all the following conditions are met:

- The received PPDU contains an NDP feedback report poll variant Trigger frame

- The STA is scheduled by the NDP feedback report poll variant Trigger frame

- The NDP feedback report support subfield in HE MAC Capabilities Information field is set to 1

- The STA intends to provide a response to the type of the NDP feedback contained in the NDP feedbacl report poll variant Trigger frame, as described in section 25.5.2.7.3.

The STA is scheduled to respond to the NDP feedback report poll variant Trigger frame if its AID is larger than or equal to AID start and lower than AID start + NAIDs, using the AID start subfield in the eliciting trigger frame, and with NAIDs the total number of AIDs that are scheduled to respond to the NDP feedback report poll variant Trigger frame. NAIDs can be calculated by the following equation, with BW subfield, Number of Users per set of tones subfield and Feedback size subfield from the eliciting Trigger frame:

* If BW= 0 or 1: NAIDs = 9 x (BW+1) x (Number of Users per set of tones) x 2 / (Feedback size)
* If BW = 2: NAIDs = 37 x (Number of Users per set of tones) x 2 / (Feedback size +1)
* If BW = 3: NAIDs = 37 x 2 x (Number of Users per set of tones) x 2 / (Feedback size +1)

**25.5.2.7.1.1 Transmission of the HE NDP feedback report response**

An NDP feedback report response is an HE NDP feedback report PPDU, as defined in 26.3.4.

A STA transmitting an NDP feedback report response to a Trigger frame, shall set the TXVECTOR parameter as for transmitting an HE trigger-based PPDU as described in subsection 25.5.2.3, except for the following parameters:

* The RU\_allocation parameter shall be set with the following equation, with the values of the AID start subfield, the Number of users per set of tones subfield, the RU allocation offset subfield and the BW subfield of the eliciting NDP feedback report poll variant trigger frame:
  + RU\_allocation = ( floor( (AID-AIDstart) / (Number of users per set of tones) / 2 x (Symbol size +1) ) + RUoffset ) mod (9 x (BW+1)), if BW= 0 or 1
  + RU\_allocation = ( floor( (AID-AIDstart) / (Number of users per set of tones) / 2 x (Symbol size +1) ) + RUoffset ) mod (37), if BW= 2
  + RU\_allocation =
    - ( floor( (AID-AIDstart) / (Number of users per set of tones) / 2 x (Symbol size +1) ) + RUoffset ) mod (37), if BW= 3 and AID-AIDstart < (37) x (Number of Users per set of tones) / 2 x (Symbol size +1)
    - 128 + ( floor( (AID-AIDstart) / (Number of users per set of tones) / 2 x (Symbol size +1)) + RUoffset ) mod (37), if BW= 3 and AID-AIDstart >= (37) x (Number of users per set of tones) / 2 x (Symbol size +1)
* The RU\_TONE\_SET\_BIT1 parameter shall be set with the following equation, with the value of the AID start subfield in the Common Info field of the eliciting Trigger frame, if the value in the Symbol size subfield in the Common Info field of the eliciting Trigger frame is equal to 0 :
  + RU\_TONE\_SET\_BIT1 = (AID-AIDstart) mod (2)
* The RU\_TONE\_SET\_BIT1 parameter shall be set with the following equation if the value in the Symbol size subfield in the Common Info field of the eliciting Trigger frame is equal to 1 :
  + RU\_TONE\_SET\_BIT1 = 0
* The RU\_TONE\_SET\_BIT2 parameter shall be set only if the value in the Symbol size subfield in the Common Info field of the eliciting Trigger frame is equal to 1 and, in such condition, is set according to the following equation:
  + RU\_TONE\_SET\_BIT2 = 1
* The NUM\_STS parameter shall be set to 1
* The STARTING\_STS\_NUM parameter shall be set with the following equation, with the values of the AID start subfield, of the Number of users per set of tones subfield and of the Symbol size subfield in the Common Info field of the eliciting Trigger frame:

STARTING\_STS\_NUM = (floor((AID-AIDstart) / (Symbol size +1) )) mod (Number of users per set of tones)

* The MCS parameter shall be set to 0
* The DCM parameter shall be set to 0
* The FEC\_CODING parameter shall be set to 0
* The TXPWR\_LEVEL\_INDEX parameter shall be set to the value based on the Transmit Power Control for HE Trigger -based PPDU and based on the value of the AP Tx Power subfield and the Target RSSI subfield in the Common Info field of the eliciting Trigger Frame (**26.3.15.2 Power pre-correction**)

A STA transmitting an NDP feedback report response to a Trigger frame shall then modulate the assigned tones as descried in section 25.5.2.7.1.2 Modulation of the assigned tones.

**25.5.2.7.1.2 Modulation of the assigned tones**

If the Symbol size subfield in the common info field of the NDP feedback report poll variant trigger frame is set to 0 for a “one bit feedback”, each STA that is scheduled for providing a feedback is assigned an RU, a P-matrix code and a set of 12 tones to transmit a bit *b0*. Its set of 12 tones is divided into 2 groups of 6 tones:

* If the bit to transmit *b0* = 1, the STA shall send energy on the first group of 6 tones and quiet the second group of tones, on its assigned set of 12 tones on its assigned RU.
* If *b0* = 0, the STA shall send energy on the second group of 6 tones tone set and quiet the first group of tones, on its assigned set of 12 tones on its assigned RU.

If the Symbol size subfield in the common info field of the NDP feedback report poll variant trigger frame is set to 1 for a “two bits feedback”, each STA that is scheduled for providing a feedback is assigned an RU, a P-matrix code and 2 sets (*s0* and *s1*) of 12 tones to transmit respectively a bit *b0* and a bit *b1*. Each of its sets of 12 tones is divided into 2 groups of 6 tones:

* If the bit to transmit *b0* = 1, the STA shall send energy on the first group of 6 tones and quiet the second group of tones, on its assigned set of 12 tones *s0* on its assigned RU.
* If *b0* = 0, the STA shall send energy on the second group of 6 tones tone set and quiet the first group of tones, on its assigned set of 12 tones *s0* on its assigned RU.
* If the bit to transmit *b1* = 1, the STA shall send energy on the first group of 6 tones and quiet the second group of tones, on its assigned set of 12 tones *s1* on its assigned RU.
* If *b1* = 0, the STA shall send energy on the second group of 6 tones tone set and quiet the first group of tones, on its assigned set of 12 tones *s1* on its assigned RU.

**25.5.2.7.2 AP behavior**

**25.5.2.7.2.1 Reception of NDP feedback report responses**

Following the transmission from an AP of an NDP feedback report poll variant trigger frame, many STAs may simultaneously send NDP feedback report responses to the AP. All the NDP feedback report responses from different users are orthogonal as a unique combination of Set of tones, RU\_allocation and STARTING\_STS\_NUM is associated with a STA’s AID.

Based on the RxVECTOR NDP\_REPORT, which provides the vector of the detected bits for each P-matrix code on each set of tones of each RU, the AP can derive the list of AIDs for which an NDP feedback report response was sent, and their response.

The AP shall not send any acknowledgements in response to the reception of NDP feedback report responses.

**25.5.2.7.3 NDP feedback report types**

**25.5.2.7.3.1 NDP feedback report with resource request type**

An HE AP may send an NDP feedback report poll variant trigger frame with the type subfield set to “0” for “resource request”.

If the type subfield in the common info field of the NDP feedback report poll variant trigger frame is set to 0 for “resource request”, a STA that is scheduled may send an NDP feedback report response in order to signal to the AP that it has packets in its queues and would like to be triggered in UL MU.

If the Symbol size subfield in the common info field of the NDP feedback report poll variant trigger frame is set to 0 for a “one bit feedback”, each STA that is scheduled for providing a feedback is assigned an RU, a P-matrix code and a set of 12 tones to transmit a bit *b0*.

The meaning of the values of that bit b0 is defined in the following table:

**Table 9-ax13— Meaning of the values for b0 with the resource request type**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| *b0* Value | Description |
| 0 | Resource request with buffered bytes for transmission between 1 and 200 |
| 1 | Resource request with buffered bytes for transmission above 200 |

If the Symbol size subfield in the common info field of the NDP feedback report poll variant trigger frame is set to 1 for a “two bits feedback”, each STA that is scheduled for providing a feedback is assigned an RU, a P-matrix code and 2 sets of 12 tones to transmit 2 bits *b0* and *b1*.

The meaning of the values of those bits *b0* and *b1* is defined in the following table:

**Table 9-ax14—Meaning of the values for b0 and b1 with the resource request type**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| *b0* Value | *b0* Value | Description |
| 0 | 0 | No resource request |
| 0 | 1 | Resource request with buffered bytes for transmission between 1 and 200 |
| 1 | 0 | Resource request with buffered bytes for transmission between 201 and 3000 |
| 1 | 1 | Resource request with buffered bytes for transmission above 3000 |

***TGax editor: Add a new line for TxVector NDP\_REPORT as follows in Table 26-1—TXVECTOR and RXVECTOR parameters***

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Parameter | Condition | Value | TXVECTOR | RXVECTOR |
| NDP\_REPORT | The NDP report is carried in the RXVECTOR parameter NDP\_REPORT when receiving an NDP feedback report response, sent in response to the transmission of a NDP feedback report poll variant trigger frame. |  | N | Y |

**28.3.4 HE PPDU formats**

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The HE NDP feedback report PPDU has the following properties:

* It uses the HE trigger-based PPDU format but without the Data field
* Has a Packet Extension field that is 4 μs in duration