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Abstract

This document provides proposals for the remaining CIDs for NDP feedback report.

4805, 5811, 6713, 6714, 6715, 6716, 6717, 6718, 6719, 6720, 7108, 7389, 8283, 8284, 8559, 8707, 9450, 9477, 9534, 9715, 9920, 10275

Revision 1: changing RU\_TONE\_SET to RU\_TONE\_SET\_INDEX in table 28-1

Revision 2: changing HE NDP feedback report PPDU to HE Trigger-based NDP feedback PPDU for consistency with PHY section

Revision 3: adding new line for the FORMAT TxVector parameter for NDP feedback report

1. **Introduction**

Interpretation of a Motion to Adopt

A motion to approve this submission means that the editing instructions and any changed or added material are actioned in the TGax Draft. The introduction and the explanation of the proposed changes are not part of the adopted material.

***Editing instructions formatted like this are intended to be copied into the TGax Draft (i.e. they are instructions to the 802.11 editor on how to merge the text with the baseline documents).***

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| 4805 | 174.24 | There is many details that are not defined in this feature. Either define the missing details or remove it. Also what is a very high number of STAs? | As in comment. | Revised – agree with the commenter. Doc 73r5 resolves most of the comment. Apply the changes in doc 1031r3 to complement the description of the protocol. |
| 5811 | 174.21 | Need to add text to describe NDP feedback report | Please add the missing text to describe NDP feedback report frame format, elements, and procedure | Revised – agree with the commenter. Doc 73r5 resolves most of the comment. Apply the changes in doc 1031r3 to complement the description of the protocol. |
| 6713 | 174.24 | Strange wording: "feedbacks". This construction seems to suggest that there can be such a thing as "a feedback". | Change "short feedbacks" to "short frames carrying feedback". | Rejected – the feedback is carried in the PHY and not in the MAC so it is not a “frame”. |
| 6714 | 174.24 | Advertising alert: "from a very high number of STAs". Please avoid words like "very", which have no normative content but that seem to be making a sales pitch. | Change "from a very high number of STAs" to "from multiple STAs". | Revised – we need to clarify that it is possible to get feedbacks from more STAs than with regular UL MU. Replace very high by large. Makes the changes as described in 1031r3. |
| 6715 | 174.25 | Superfluous comma: "HE STAs,". | Delete it. | Revised – make the changes as described in 1031r3. |
| 6716 | 174.25 | Advertising alert part 2: "in an efficient manner". What is achieved by including this text in the draft, especially since the word "short" is already present in the same sentence? The AP would hardly send short frames in an inefficient manner? | Delete "in an efficient manner". | Revised – this sentence aims at describing the concept, it’s not an advertisement. The commenter’s comment clarifies that it is needed to explain how this can be efficient. Make the changes as proposed in doc 1031r3. |
| 6717 | 174.25 | Strange wording: "feedbacks". This construction seems to suggest that there can be such a thing as "a feedback". | Change "feedbacks" to "frames carrying feedback". | Rejected – the feedback is carried in the PHY and not in the MAC so it is not a “frame”. |
| 6718 | 174.27 | Strange wording: "feedbacks". This construction seems to suggest that there can be such a thing as "a feedback". | Change "feedbacks" to "frames carrying feedback". | Rejected – the feedback is carried in the PHY and not in the MAC so it is not a “frame”. |
| 6719 | 174.28 | The NDP feedback report is optional for a non-AP STA, but what about the remaining case? Is it mandatory or optional for an AP? | Specify whether this mode is mandatory or optional for HE APs. | Revised – Doc 73r5 resolves that comment by adding a capability bit. Delete the sentence for clarity by making the changes as proposed in doc 1031r3. |
| 6720 | 174.28 | The heading includes the word "procedure"; where is it? How does the AP signal that the responding STAs can only send NDP frames? | Define a proecdure or delete the mode. | Revised – agree with the commenter. Doc 73r5 resolves most of the comment. Apply the changes in doc 1031r3 to complement the description of the protocol. |
| 7108 | 174.21 | For "NDP feedback report procedure", detailed procedures and trigger frame format should be described. | Add explanations | Revised – agree with the commenter. Doc 73r5 resolves most of the comment. Apply the changes in doc 1031r3 to complement the description of the protocol. |
| 7389 | 174.24 | NDP feedback report is a generic mechanism that can be used for multiple types of feedback. The specification must define a way to identify the type of feedbacks that are solicited by the NDP feedback report trigger frame. | Define the fields of the trigger type soliciting NDP feedback report and the associated STA procedure. | Revised – agree with the commenter. Doc 73r5 resolves most of the comment. Apply the changes in doc 1031r3 to complement the description of the protocol. |
| 8283 | 174.23 | NDP feedback report procedure is not detailled.What is a short feedback ? Are there several types of feedback ? | as per comment | Revised – agree with the commenter. Doc 73r5 resolves most of the comment. Apply the changes in doc 1031r3 to complement the description of the protocol. |
| 8284 | 174.23 | NDP feedback report procedure is optional for non-AP STA. Does this mean it is mandatory for AP STA? | as per comment. Please confirm the mandatory or optional status. | Revised – agree with the commenter. Doc 73r5 resolves the comment by defining a capability bit for it. Apply the changes in doc 1031r3 to complement the description of the protocol. |
| 8559 | 174.21 | NDP feedback report procedure lacks details | Please provide more details for the proposed NDP feedback report procedure | Revised – agree with the commenter. Doc 73r5 resolves most of the comment. Apply the changes in doc 1031r3 to complement the description of the protocol. |
| 8707 | 174.22 | "NDP feedback report procedure" does not have enough detail to be implementable. | Complete definition or delete section. | Revised – agree with the commenter. Doc 73r5 resolves most of the comment. Apply the changes in doc 1031r3 to complement the description of the protocol. |
| 9450 | 174.24 | There is no detailed procedure and normative behavior for NDP feedback and how to use them. | Either adding more details on NDP feedback procedure or remove this section | Revised – agree with the commenter. Doc 73r5 resolves most of the comment. Apply the changes in doc 1031r3 to complement the description of the protocol. |
| 9477 | 174.21 | There is no definition of NDP feedback, e.g., no format of NDP feedback, no procedure of its transmission, no text on how it works, etc. | Please add text to make the concept clear. | Revised – agree with the commenter. Doc 73r5 resolves most of the comment. Apply the changes in doc 1031r3 to complement the description of the protocol. |
| 9534 | 174.21 | "The NDP feedback report is a mechanism for an HE AP to collect short feedbacks from a very high number of HE STAs, in an efficient manner. The feedbacks (e.g. resource requests) are sent without data payloads in response to a Trigger frame. The feedbacks are not for channel sounding. This mechanism is optional for non-AP STA."  It is impossible to implement this feature only with this text. | Add more normative text in this subclause. | Revised – agree with the commenter. Doc 73r5 resolves most of the comment. Apply the changes in doc 1031r3 to complement the description of the protocol. |
| 9715 | 174.22 | The NDP feedback report procedure is a blank. Delete this feature or define it. | As per comment. | Revised – agree with the commenter. Doc 73r5 resolves most of the comment. Apply the changes in doc 1031r3 to complement the description of the protocol. |
| 9920 | 174.24 | APs and non-AP STAs behavior for NDP feedback report procedure shall be defined clearly. | As in the comment. | Revised – agree with the commenter. Doc 73r5 resolves most of the comment. Apply the changes in doc 1031r3 to complement the description of the protocol. |
| 10275 | 174.21 | This subclause defines short feedback, but the texts are insufficient. | Define more specification of short feedback to realize efficient and reliable mechanism without data payload transmission. | Revised – agree with the commenter. Doc 73r5 resolves most of the comment. Apply the changes in doc 1031r3 to complement the description of the protocol. |

1. **Proposed changes**

***TGax editor: Modify section 9.3.1.23.8 NDP Feedback Report Poll variant as follows:***

* NDP Feedback Report Poll variant

(#6144)The NDP Feedback Report Poll Trigger frame(#8485) format is defined in Figure 9-52c (Trigger frame).

The RA field is set to the broadcast address.

The Common Info field of the NDP Feedback Report Poll Trigger frame is defined in Figure 9-52d (Common Info field).

The BW subfield indicates the bandwidth of the NDP feedback report response and is defined in Table 9-25b (BW subfield encoding).

The CS Required subfield of the NDP Feedback Report Poll Trigger frame(#Ed) may be set to 0.

The STBC, LDPC Extra Symbol Segment, 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 and is set to 2 for 2 HE-LTF symbols.

The GI and LTF Type subfield of the Common Info field is set to 2.

The Trigger Dependent Common Info subfield(#7323) is not present.

The User Info field for NDP Feedback Report Poll Trigger frame is defined in Figure 9-52l (User Info field for the NDP Feedback Report Poll variant).

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|  | Starting AID | Reserved | Feedback Type | Reserved | Target RSSI | Multiplexing Flag |
| Bits: | 12 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 1 |
| * User Info field for the NDP Feedback Report Poll variant | | | | | | |

The Feedback Type subfield encoding is defined in Table 9-25k (Feedback Type subfield encoding).

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| * Feedback Type subfield encoding | |
| Value | Description |
| 0 | Resource request |
| 1-15 | Reserved |

The scheduled HE non-AP STAs are identified by a range of AIDs. The Starting AID field defines the first AID of the range of AIDs that are scheduled to respond to the NDP Feedback Report Poll 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 9-25h (Target RSSI subfield encoding).

The total number of STAs, *NSTA*, that are scheduled to respond to the NDP Feedback Report Poll Trigger frame is calculated by the following equation:

*NSTA* = 18  2*BW*)  (*Multiplexing Flag*)

where *BW* is the value indicated in the BW subfield of the NDP Feedback Report Poll Trigger frame, *Multiplexing Flag* is the value indicated in the Multiplexing Flag subfield of the NDP Feedback Report Poll Trigger frame.

The Multiplexing Flag subfield indicates the number of STAs that are multiplexed with P-matrix codes on the same set of tones in the same RU, and is encoded as the number of STAs minus 1.

***TGax editor: Modify the 27.5.5 NDP feedback report procedure as follows***

* NDP feedback report procedure
* General

The NDP feedback report is a mechanism for an HE AP to collect short feedback from multiple HE STAs in a more efficient manner than with HE TB PPDU. The feedback (e.g. resource requests) is sent without data payloads in response to a Trigger frame. The feedback is not for channel sounding.

(#6144)An HE AP sends an NDP Feedback Report Poll 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 from an HE non-AP STA is an HE TB PPDU without data payloads. An HE non-AP STA uses the information carried in the NDP Feedback Report Poll Trigger frame(#8485) 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.

* 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 Trigger frame(#8485) 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 Trigger frame(#8485)
* The STA is scheduled by the NDP Feedback Report Poll Trigger frame(#8485)
* 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 Feedback Report Poll Trigger frame, as described in 27.5.5.4 (NDP feedback report types).

If a STA does not satisfy all of the above conditions, it is not required to respond to the NDP Feedback Report Poll Trigger frame.

A STA is scheduled to respond to the NDP Feedback Report Poll Trigger frame if its AID is greater than or equal to the starting AID and less than starting AID + *NSTA*, using the Starting AID subfield in the eliciting Trigger frame, and with *NSTA* the total number of STAs that are scheduled to respond to the NDP Feedback Report Poll Trigger frame. *NSTA* is calculated by the following equation, with BW subfield and Multiplexing Flag subfield from the eliciting Trigger frame:

*NSTA* = 18  2*BW*  (*Multiplexing Flag*)

* Transmission of the HE NDP feedback report response

An NDP feedback report response is an HE Trigger-based NDP feedback PPDU, as defined in 28.3.17 HE preamble format for HE Trigger-based NDP feedback PPDU.

A STA transmitting an NDP feedback report response to a Trigger frame, shall set the TXVECTOR parameter as for transmitting an HE TB PPDU in response to a Trigger frame as described in 27.5.2.3 (STA behavior for UL MU operation(#8151)), except for the following parameters:

* FORMAT shal be set to HE\_TRIG\_NDP\_FEEDBACK
* The RU\_ALLOCATION parameter shall be set to be maximum RU size for the BW
* The RU\_TONE\_SET\_INDEX parameter shall be set with the following equation, with the value of the Starting AID subfield in the User Info field of the eliciting Trigger frame:
* RU\_TONE\_SET\_INDEX = (AID  Starting AID) mod (18 x 2BW)
* 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 Starting AID subfield in the User Info field of the eliciting Trigger frame:
* STARTING\_STS\_NUM = (floor((AID  Starting AID) / 18 / 2BW ))
* 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 TB PPDU and based on the value of the AP Tx Power subfield and the Target RSSI subfield in the User Info field of the eliciting Trigger Frame (see 28.3.14.2 (Power pre-correction))

A STA transmitting an NDP feedback report response to a Trigger frame shall modulate the assigned tones as descried in 27.5.5.2.2 (Modulation of the assigned tones).

* Modulation of the assigned tones

Each STA that is scheduled for providing a feedback report is assigned a STARTING\_STS\_NUM and an RU\_TONE\_SET of 12 tones to transmit a bit FEEDBACK\_STATUS. Its set of 12 tones is divided into 2 groups of 6 tones, as described in Table 28-ZZ HE-LTF tone mapping for the HE Trigger-based NDP feedback PPDU:

* If FEEDBACK\_STATUS = 1, the STA shall send energy on the first group of 6 tones and quiet the second group of tones, on its assigned RU\_TONE\_SET of 12 tones on its assigned RU\_allocation.
* If FEEDBACK\_STATUS = 0, the STA shall send energy on the second group of 6 tones and quiet the first group of tones, on its assigned RU\_TONE\_SET of 12 tones on its assigned RU\_allocation.
* AP behavior
* Reception of NDP feedback report responses

Following the transmission from an AP of an NDP Feedback Report Poll Trigger frame, multiple STAs may simultaneously send NDP feedback report responses to the AP. Based on the RXVECTOR parameter NDP\_REPORT, which provides the vector of the detected bits for each P-matrix code on each RU\_TONE\_SET\_INDEX, 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 acknowledgement in response to the reception of NDP feedback report responses.

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

An HE AP may send an NDP Feedback Report Poll Trigger frame with the type subfield set to "0" for "resource request".

If the Feedback Type subfield in the User Info field of the NDP Feedback Report Poll 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.

Each STA that is scheduled for providing a feedback report is assigned a STARTING\_STS\_NUM and an RU\_TONE\_SET\_INDEX of 12 tones to transmit a bit FEEDBACK\_STATUS.

The meaning of the values of that bit *b* is defined in Table 27-1 (Meaning of the values for FEEDBACK\_STATUS with the resource request type):

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| * Meaning of the values for FEEDBACK\_STATUS with the resource request type | |
| Value | Description |
| 0 | Resource request with buffered bytes for transmission between 1 and the Resource request buffer threshold. |
| 1 | Resource request with buffered bytes for transmission above the Resource request buffer threshold. |

The resource request buffer threshold is equal to 2(Resource request buffer threshold exponent) octets, using the Resource Request Buffer Threshold Exponent subfield in the most recently received NDP Feedback Report Parameter Set element sent by the AP to which the STA is associated. The resource request buffer threshold is equal to 256 octets if no NDP Feedback Report Parameter Set element has been sent by the AP to which the STA is associated.

***TGax editor: Modify Table 28-1— TXVECTOR and RXVECTOR parameters as follows:***

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| FORMAT |  | Determines the format of the PPDU.  Enumerated type:  NON\_HT indicates Clause 17 (Orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) PHY specification) or non-HT duplicate PPDU format. In this case, the modulation is determined by the NON\_HT\_MODULATION parameter.  HT\_MF indicates HT-mixed format.  HT\_GF indicates HT-greenfield format.  VHT indicates VHT format.  HE\_SU indicates HE SU PPDU format.  HE\_MU indicates HE MU PPDU format.  HE\_EXT\_SU indicates HE ER SU PPDU format.  HE\_TRIG indicates HE TB PPDU format.  HE\_TRIG\_NDP\_FEEDBACK indicates HE Trigger-based NDP feedback PPDU format. | Y | Y |
| NDP\_REPORT | FORMAT is HE\_TRIG\_NDP\_FEEDBACK | Provides the vector of the detected FEEDBACK\_STATUS for each P-matrix code and each RU\_TONE\_SET\_INDEX | N | Y |
| Otherwise | Not present | N | N |
| FEEDBACK\_STATUS | FORMAT is HE\_TRIG\_NDP\_FEEDBACK | Indicates the value of the FEEDBACK\_STATUS bit used to encode the feedback.  Details in 28.3.17 HE preamble format for HE Trigger-based NDP feedback PPDU and 27.5.5 NDP feedback report procedure. | Y | Y |
| Otherwise | Not present | N | N |
| RU\_TONE\_SET\_INDEX | FORMAT is HE\_TRIG\_NDP\_FEEDBACK | Indicates the RU tone set used for an NDP feedback report PPDU.  Details in 28.3.17 HE preamble format for NDP feedback report PPDU(#6144) | Y | N |
| Otherwise | Not present | N | N |