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Abstract	The DL MAC control header is used for a MR-BS or a RS to send short control signaling. Using this proposed DL control MAC header and existing UL MAC header, instead of MAC management message, the system overhead caused by signaling of control and management can be reduced	
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1. Introduction

In this contribution, DL MAC control header is proposed to enable low-overhead control function in 802.16j.

2. Proposal

The DL MAC control header is used for a MR-BS or a RS to send short control signaling. Using this proposed DL control MAC header and existing UL MAC header, instead of MAC management message, the system overhead caused by signaling of control and management can be reduced.

The DL MAC control header format is designed as in Figure 1.

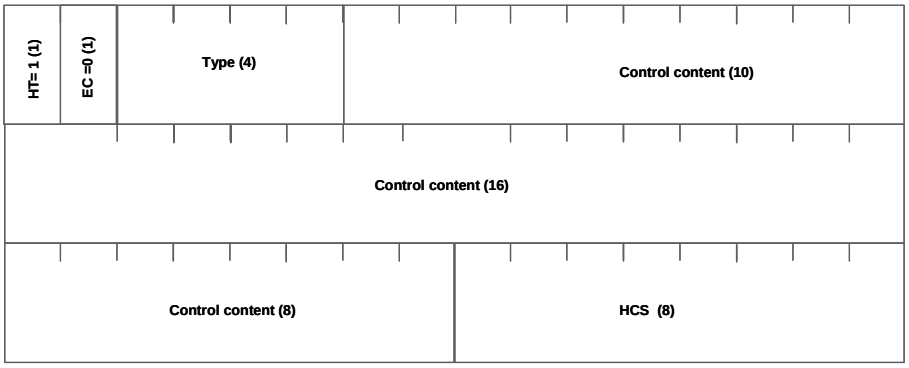

Figure 1. DL MAC control header.

The DL MAC control header fields are defined in Table 1.

Name	Length (bits)	Description
HT	1	Header type. Should be set to 1
EC	1	Encryption control. Shall be set to 0
Type	4	Type of control
Control content	34	Content of control
HCS	8	Header check sequence

3. Proposed text change

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6.3.2.1.3 DL MAC Header without payload (DL MAC control header)

This DL MAC header without payload (control MAC header) is sent on DL only. The DL MAC control header

is used for MR-BS or RS(s) to send control signaling to its child RS(s). The format of DL control MAC header is shown in Figure XXX.

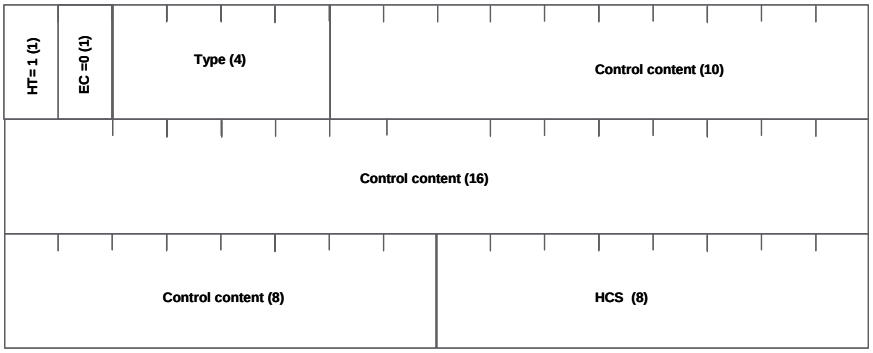

Figure XXX. Format of DL MAC control header.

The DL MAC control header field encoding is show in Table xxx.

Table xxx. DL MAC control header field encoding.

Name	Length (bits)	Description
HT	1	Header type. Should be set to 1
EC	1	Encryption control. Shall be set to 0
Type	4	Type of control
Control content	34	Content of control
HCS	8	Header check sequence

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