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Effective utilization for packing and fragmentation subheader

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Problem:

In 802.16REVd/D4, chapter 6 (MAC common part sublayer) states as follows.

Packing and fragmentation subheaders are mutually exclusive and shall not both be present within the same MAC PDU. When packing variable-length MAC SDUs, the MAC precedes each one with a packing subheader. Simultaneous fragmentation and packing allows efficient use of the airlink, but requires guidelines to be followed so it is clear which MAC SDU is currently in a state of fragmentation. To accomplish this, when a packing subheader is present, the fragmentation information for individual MAC SDUs or MAC SDU fragments is contained in the corresponding packing subheader. This is shown in figure 1.

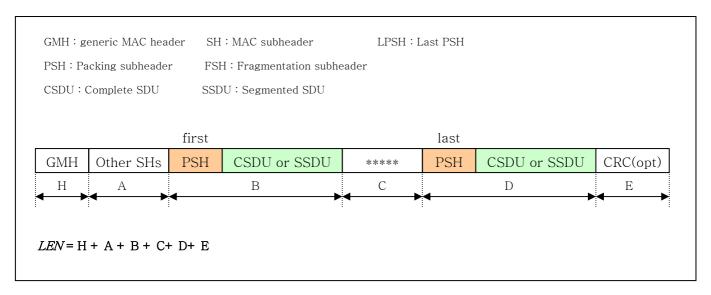


Figure 1 "Packing information within a single MAC PDU"

In figure 1, all of the PSHs within a single MAC PDU contain 11bits 'length' field. This 'length' field is used for addressing individual beginning of each CSDU/SSDU within the same MAC PDU.

Problem is the 'length' field in the last PSH within a single MAC PDU. Receiver can calculate the size of the last CSDU/SSDU without the corresponding PSH's 'length' field. Therefore, when fragmentation and packing are allowed within the same MAC PDU, the last packing subheader in that MAC PDU can be replaced with an appropriate fragmentation subheader.

Background information for proposed remedy:

When packing and fragmentation are simultaneously compiled in a single MAC PDU, the length information for the last CSDU or the last SSDU in that MAC PDU may be specified implicitly by the 'LEN' field in the corresponding MAC PDU's generic MAC header. Receiver does not need to know the value of 'length' information for the last piece of payload within a PDU. The usage of fragmentation subheader for the last payload is more effective than using packing subheader because a fragmentation subheader does not have an 11-bit 'length' field.

Therefore the value of 'Type' field in generic MAC header can be "ddd11d" (here, 'd' means 'don't care'), which means that the MAC PDU contains one or more packing subheaders and one fragmentation subheader for the last CSDU or last SSDU simultaneously. This is shown in figure 2.

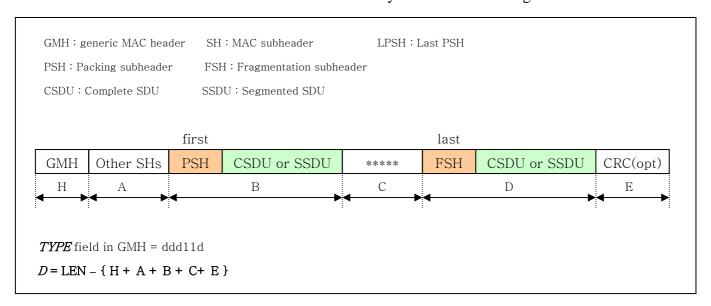


Figure 2 "PSHs and FSH within a single MAC PDU"

In this remedy, the important thing is to find out the FSH for the last payload in the MAC PDU that it belongs to. The following table 1 explains how to find out the FSH for the last payload.

'FC' value of the first PSH	'FC' value of the successive subheaders	
00	00 : this is a PSH and is not for the last CSDU.	
	10 : this is a FSH and is for the last SSDU.	
	11: impossible	
	01 : this is a FSH and is for the last CSDU.	
01	00 : this is a PSH and is not for the last CSDU.	
	10 : this is a FSH and is for the last SSDU.	
	11: impossible	
	01 : this is a FSH and is for the last CSDU.	
10 = impossible	No meaningful	
11= impossible	No meaningful	

Table 1 "Possible combination of PSHs and FSH"

Proposed Text Change:

[Add the following text to section4]

Abbreviations and acronyms

CSDU Complete MAC SDU

SSDU Segmented MAC SDU

[Add the following text to section 6.3.2.2]

The only per-SDU subheader is the Packing subheader. It may be inserted before each MAC SDU if so indicated by the Type field.

Packing and Fragmentation subheaders are allowed to be used in the same MAC PDU. When Fragmentation subheader and

Packing subheaders coexist within the same MAC PDU, the last packing subheader in that MAC PDU can be replaced with an appropriate fragmentation subheader. The Packing and Fragmentation subheaders are mutually exclusive and shall not both be present within the same MAC PDU.

[Add the following text to section 6.3.2.2.3]

When Packing (see 6.3.3.4) is used, the MAC may pack multiple SDUs into a single MAC PDU. When packing variable-length MAC SDUs, the MAC precedes each one with a Packing subheader. . When the Type field indicates that both packing and fragmentation coexist within a MAC PDU (i.e. Type field = "ddd11d") fragmentation subheader is used for the last piece of payload (i.e. MAC SDU or MAC SDU fragment).

[Add the following text to section 6.3.3.4.1.2]

Simultaneous fragmentation and packing allows efficient use of the airlink, but requires guidelines to be followed so it is clear which MAC SDU is currently in a state of fragmentation. To accomplish this, when only Packing subheader is present, the fragmentation information for individual MAC SDUs or MAC SDU fragments is contained in the corresponding Packing subheader and when Packing subheaders and Fragmentation subheader are present simultaneously, the packing/fragmentation information for the last MAC SDU or the last segmented MAC SDU is contained in the corresponding Fragmentation subheader. For this case, both the transmitter and receiver shall refer to table 89a.

[Add the following table 89a to section 6.3.3.4.1.2]

Table 89a "Simultaneous usage for PSHs and FSH"

'FC' value of the first PSH	'FC' value of the successive subheader	
<u>00</u>	00: this is a PSH and is not for the last CSDU.	
	10: this is a FSH and is for the last SSDU.	
	11: impossible	
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