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| Proposed Spec Text change on Trigger Frame MAC padding |
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Abstract

This submission proposes spec text change related to Trigger frame MAC padding in D3.3 27.5.3.2.3.

Revisions:

* Rev 0: Initial version of the document.
* Rev 1: Provide some more illustration.
* Rev 2: More details/examples provided in discussion

Interpretation of a Motion to Adopt

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# Discussions:

*Background:*

When LDPC encoded, the Trigger frame MAC padding bits in the OFDM symbol containing the last coded bit of LDPC codeword that encodes the last bit of SCH does NOT contribute to the MAC processing time as illustrated in the following figure: 

When LDPC encoded, the Trigger frame MAC padding itself may not be sufficient for *MinTrigProcTime* requested by STA.

Current spec text reads:

In 11ax D3.3 pp318 ln 30, it reads “ An AP may use any type of padding to satisfy the *MinTrigProcTime* requirement of a non-AP STA(#16592)(#16122), such as using the Padding field in a Trigger frame, post-EOF A-MPDU padding, or aggregating other MPDUs in the A-MPDU. ”

However, the meaning of “satisfy the MinTrigProcTime” is not very clear for Trigger frames carried in LDPC encoded PPDU. It’s not mentioned whether the Trigger frame MAC padding part as shown in the figure above will be counted to satisfy MinTrigProcTime or not.

*Proposal:*

We propose to further clarify it by adding either of the following 2 options after the above quoted spec text:

Option 1: If Trigger frame is carried in a PPDU with LDPC encoding, the transmitting AP shall ensure that the duration of the Data field of the PPDU that is after the OFDM symbol containing the last coded bit of the LDPC codeword that encodes the last bit of SCH, is greater than or equal to the MinTrigProcTime.

Option 2: If Trigger frame is carried in a PPDU with LDPC encoding, the transmitting AP shall ensure that the duration of PPDU that is after the OFDM symbol containing the last coded bit of the LDPC codeword that encodes the last bit of SCH, is greater than or equal to the MinTrigProcTime + TPE,nominal.

The difference of Opt1 and Opt 2 is whether extra PE time can be used to satisfy the MinTrigProcTime.



Note that TPE,nominal + Extra PE <= 16us which strictly follow existing spec draft. No new PE length will be defined.

Example 1 is an example for both option 1 and option 2.

Example 2 is an example only for option 2.

Option 1 does not allow using extra PE to ensure the minTrigProcTime. For option 2, AP can decide whether to use extra PE to satisfy minTrigProcTime.

SP results show option 2 had more support and we propose the spec text change based on option 2 in the following page.

***TGax Editor: Please change 11ax D3.3 P318Ln30 as shown below.***

An AP may use any type of padding to satisfy the *MinTrigProcTime* requirement of a non-AP STA(#16592)(#16122), such as using the Padding field in a Trigger frame, post-EOF A-MPDU padding, or aggregating other MPDUs in the A-MPDU.

If a Trigger frame or frame containing a TRS Control subfield is carried in a PPDU with LDPC encoding, the transmitting AP

* Shall ensure that TTrigProc is greater than or equal to the MinTrigProcTime specified by the non-AP STAs that are the recipients of the Trigger frame.
* Shall ensure that, for Trigger frame that contains at least one User Info field with AID12 subfield set to 0, TTrigProc is greater than or equal to the largest MinTrigProcTime of all associated non-AP STAs.
* Should ensure that, for Trigger frame that contains at least one User Info field with AID12 subfield set to 2045, TTrigProc is at least 16μs.
* Shall ensure that, for NFRP Trigger frame, TTrigProc is at least 16μs.

Where TTrigProc is defined as the duration of PPDU that is after the OFDM symbol containing the last coded bit of the LDPC codeword that encodes the last bit of SCH minus TPE,nominal.