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Header CRC		FT
CFN		
Num of MAC-es PDUs		
Subframe Number	Num of HARQ retrans	Spare

1111 (or 1110)

(57) Abstract: The FP header is used to signal the RNC that the Node B has not been able to determine or has not been able to accurately determine the number of retransmissions. A first embodiment is to reserve a bit pattern for use in the 'Number of HARQ retransmissions' field on the lub frame protocol DATA FRAME header to indicate that Node B does not know the actual number of retransmissions. A second embodiment is to define a one bit flag on lub/lur FP DATA FRAME header to indicate that the value set in the "Number of HARQ Retransmissions" in the FP header is an estimated/guessed value by Node B or not.

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