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**e-Meeting,** **May 10th – 27th, 2021**

**Agenda Item: 8.13.3**

**Source: Moderator (Huawei)**

**Title: Summary#1 of efficient SCell activation/de-activation mechanism of NR CA**

**Document for: Discussion and Decision**

# Introduction

As per chairman’s guidance, three rounds with check points below are planned. This summary is for the first round and is expected to complete by May 24.

[105-e-NR-DSS-03] Email discussion/approval for efficient activation/de-activation mechanism – Frank (Huawei)

* 1st check point: May 24
* 2nd check point: May 27

According to the contribution papers under agenda item 8.13.3 for efficient activation/de-activation mechanism for NR CA SCells, and in light of the working assumption and agreements achieved the last meeting, all identified issues are summarized in section and can be discussed in Section 3.

# Summary of issues and priorities

According to all of companies’ contribution documents, all the issues are summarized below, including 8 specific issues and 3 general issues, with more details in Section 3. Please companies provide your views in Section 3 with taking into consideration the information of check points and GTW session.

For the specific issues to activation/deactivation process:

* **Issue-1:** Triggering signaling for SCell activation/de-activation and temporary RS
* **Issue-2:** Time-domain property of TRS
* **Issue-3:** Number of temporary RS bursts
* **Issue-4:** Triggering offset of temporary RS
* **Issue-5:** QCL configuration of temporary RS
* **Issue-6:** Associated BWP for temporary RS
* **Issue-7:** Tactivation reduction with BS assistance but no temporary RS nor SSB
* **Issue-8:** Enhancement for CSI reporting

For general issues, they are mostly extracted from a proposal of one company:

* **Question G1:** Whether or not to additionally support AP CSI-RS, P/SP CSI-RS, SRS, and RS based on SSS/PSS as temporary RS, one or more of which may be used during SCell activation depends on network configuration / UE capability. [2]
* **Question G2:** If NACK is received for the PDSCH carrying the MAC-CE triggering a temporary RS, whether additional adjustment is necessary? [8]
* **Question G3:** Whether the existing Rel-16 A-CSI-RS/A-TRS triggering framework for temporary RS can be reused, or a new temporary RS trigger state list for SCell activation should be configured by higher layers? [8][21]

According to previous discussions, companies’ top interests and focus seems to be the detailed designs of temporary RS. Therefore, the following discussion order is suggested. Besides any issue is always welcome for any comment, but the first check point and the GTW session on May 24 could focus more on some issues as listed. If any issue reaches potential early consensus based on companies’ feedbacks, it is also surely reviewed by its earliest check point.

## Schedule

* For 1st check point: May 24, and GTW session on May 24

Note: The following issues have impacts on details of TRS and potential LS request to RAN4

* **Issue-1:** Triggering signaling for SCell activation/de-activation and temporary RS
* **Issue-2:** Time-domain property of TRS
* **Issue-3:** Number of temporary RS bursts
* **Issue-4:** Triggering offset of temporary RS
* **Issue-5:** QCL configuration of temporary RS
* For 2nd check point: May 27, and potential new GTW session
* **Follow-ups for all issues listed in 1st check point**
* **The remaining issues with potential consensus**

In case of different views or suggestions on the schedule, they are welcome here.

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# Discussions

In current specifications, when a UE receives a SCell activation command in a PDSCH in slot , the UE shall complete SCell activation no earlier than and no later than slot *n*+ [*THARQ* + *Tactivation\_time* + *TCSI\_Reporting*]/ as shown in Figure 1. Therefore, reducing *THARQ*, *Tactivation\_time* and *TCSI\_Reporting* is the key to achieve efficient SCell activation/de-activation mechanism. Companies’ views are summarized in the sections below. In addition to your feedback to Section 3, more detailed comments are welcome.



Figure 1 SCell activation procedure

## THARQ reduction

### Issue-1: Triggering signaling for SCell activation/de-activation and temporary RS

In the last meeting, many candidate options for triggering signalling of temporary RS and SCell activation are discussed, and finally converged to the option that MAC CE(s) contained in a single PDSCH to trigger both SCell activation and corresponding temporary RS(s). One or two MAC CE in the option should be further studied, companies’ views are summarized as follows:

Opt 1.1: One new MAC CE for both SCell activation triggering and corresponding temporary RS triggering. [2][3][20]

Opt 1.2: One R15/16 SCell activation MAC CE for SCell activation triggering and one new MAC CE for corresponding temporary RS triggering. [5]

Opt 1.3: One Rel-15/16 SCell activation MAC-CE for SCell activation triggering and implicitly trigger the corresponding temporary RS. [2][6][9]

Opt 1.4: Left to RNA2 design. [16][21]

Potential Cons and Pros for above options are summarized below.

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|  | Potential Cons | Potential Pros |
| Option 1.1 | * Considering that the existing SCell activation MAC CE can still work well for Rel-17 efficient activation, it seems undesirable to introduce a new MAC CE with (partial) **duplication functionality**….The RRC-based SCell activation has been supported in Rel-16, in which case the temporary RS can also be supported. An integrated MAC CE would be problematic in this case. [5] * According to above analysis, gNB and UE does not have common understanding on whether a to-be-activated SCell is known or unknown. So gNB cannot always configure a precise A-TRS structure to match diverse to-be-activated SCell situation and **a conservative A-TRS structure is always applied**, then the flexibility of A-TRS structure is not necessary. [9] | * The new MAC-CE can be used to differentiate the Rel-17 fast SCell activation procedure from the legacy SCell activation procedure. With this, network and UE have the same understanding on the expected timeline. [4] * UE behaviour is simpler, and UE which receives the new MAC CE just follows Rel-17 UE behavior, i.e., UE can use temporary RS based on the indication in the MAC CE. [20] |
| Option 1.2 | * The new MAC CE for temporary RS triggering may not be useful for scenarios other than SCell activation, so it may not be used without accompanying the SCell activation MAC CE. That is, the new MAC CE for temporary RS triggering should only be expected in a PDSCH also carrying the SCell activation MAC CE.[2] * Usually it is an implementation issue to transmit two MAC-CE either jointly in one PDSCH or separately in two PDSCHs. gNB makes decision depending on available resource and system efficiency. Restriction on two MAC-CEs in one PDSCH may lead system efficiency loss. The decision on Option 3 should be made in RAN2, given the related spec impact happens in RAN2. [9] * UE which receives the legacy MAC CE needs to check whether the new MAC CE for temporary RS is included or not in the same PDSCH, and then UE follows Rel-17 UE behaviour or legacy UE behaviour accordingly. [20] | * Considering that the existing SCell activation MAC CE can still work well for Rel-17 efficient activation, it seems undesirable to introduce a new MAC CE with (partial) duplication functionality. [5] * The RRC-based SCell activation has been supported in Rel-16, in which case the temporary RS can also be supported. A separate MAC CE triggering temporary RS can be easily applied together with the RRC activation command. [5] * Reuse the Rel-15/16 SCell activation MAC-CE. [6] |
| Option 1.3 | * Only one TRS can be implicitly triggered. [3][6] * Flexibility is poor, e.g. gNB is hard to indicate temporary RS for some to-be-activated SCells but no temporary RS for some other SCells via one MAC-CE. [3] | * No additional signaling overhead to trigger the temporary RS. [3][5] * Reuse the Rel-15/16 SCell activation MAC-CE. [6] * No additional triggering mechanism for TRS. [6] * Smallest spec impact. [9] |

The detailed signaling design of MAC-CE is up to RAN2, but it should be RAN1’s task to decide what contents in the signal are necessary. **Therefore, a list of potential fields for the signaling is provided below,**

For each SCell among multiple to-be-activated SCells,

* Whether a temporary RS is triggered or not
* Resource ID of the triggered Temporary RS
* Triggering time offset of Temporary RS (To be discussed in issue 4.2. Preconfigured offsets may limit the available downlink slots for MAC-CE of SCell activation, especially for TDD carriers with UL/DL configuration, which seems a new but unnecessary restriction for L2 signaling)
* Number of temporary RS burst (To be discussed in issues 3.1)

**Question 1: Which option above should be supported? What contents should be included in the MAC-CE? Your views on benefit/gain, specification impact, implementation complexity are encouraged.**

Companies’ views are very welcome.

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## Tactivation reduction

### Temporary-RS based

#### Issue-2: Time-domain property of TRS

In the previous meeting, TRS is selected as the temporary RS. Some companies further analyze the triggering TRS type by MAC CE. Companies’ views are summarized as follows:

* **Opt 2.1** Aperiodic TRS [1][2][4][7][16][18][19]

***FL Proposal****: For efficient activation of SCells, the TRS triggered for temporary RS is aperiodic.*

**Question 2: whether the FL proposal is ok?**

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#### Issue-3: Number of temporary RS bursts

In RAN4 reply LS R4-2105799, there are some conclusions on the temporary RS for SCell activation.

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| FR1 | known | MC <= 160ms | 1 burst for AGC and T/F tracking |
| MC > 160ms | 1 burst for AGC, and separate 1 burst for T/F tracking  Gaps between RS symbols for AGC and T/F tracking:   * Option 1: 2 slots * Option 2: 2 ms |
| unknown | Intra-band continuous CA | 1 burst (4 samples) for AGC and 1 burst (4 samples) for T/F tracking |
| Other cases | TBD |
| FR2 | known | at least one active serving cell on that FR2 band | 1 burst (4 samples) can be used for T/F tracking |
| unknown |
| known | no active serving cell on that FR2 band | 1 burst (4 samples) can be used for T tracking  FFS: number of symbols |
| unknown | no active serving cell on that FR2 band | Temporary RS cannot be used for AGC |

When the temporary RS can be used for efficient SCell activation, one or two temporary RS bursts are required and a gap between the RS symbol(s) for AGC and the RS symbols for time/frequency acquisition should be considered. RAN1 should take the reply into account, two sub issues should be discussed and companies’ views are summarized below.

**Issue-3.1: Indication of number of temporary RS bursts**

Opt 3.1.1: Configured within temporary RS configuration by RRC. [1][3][21]

Opt 3.1.2: Indicated in the MAC CE. [1][17][19]

Opt 3.1.3: Always 2 temporary RS bursts. [5][9]

Opt 3.1.4: No need to explicitly indicate according to RAN4 requirements. [4] (Quoted as below)

*“RAN4 will define corresponding requirements for Rel-17 fast SCell activation, network can repeat the TRS for a number of times as long as the requirements defined by RAN4 can be met. On the other side, UE can receive and measure the TRS for a particular number of times, it doesn’t need to measure all TRS as long as the requirements can be met by the UE.”*

**Question 3.1: Which option above should be selected with the RAN4 reply taken into account? Your views on benefit/gain, specification impact, implementation complexity are encouraged.**

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**Issue-3.2: Gap between two temporary RS bursts**

Opt 3.2.1: Configured by RRC. [3]

Opt 3.2.1: Indicated in the MAC CE. [1]

**Question 3.2: Which option above should be selected if two temporary RS bursts are triggered? Your views on benefit/gain, specification impact, implementation complexity are encouraged.**

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#### Issue-4: Triggering offset of temporary RS

When temporary RS is triggered, the triggering offset between a reference slot and the slot in which the temporary RS is transmitted should be discussed. Two issues and corresponding companies’ views are summarized. Detailed restriction of triggering offset can be discussed as soon as this issue is completed.

**Issue 4.1: Reference slot for triggering offset of temporary RS**

Opt 4.1.1: The slot carrying HARQ-ACK information for the triggering MAC CE.[1][5][6][9][10][15][18][19][20][21]

Opt 4.1.2: The slot containing the MAC CE that triggers SCell activation and temporary RS. [3][8][17]

Opt 4.1.3: Last downlink slot on the to-be-activated cell overlaps with n+k defined in TS38.213. [2][7]

**Question 4.1: when considering the triggering offset of temporary RS, which reference slot is preferable?**

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**Issue-4.2: Indication of triggering offset**

Opt 4.2.1: Configured by RRC. [2][3][5][6][16][18][21]

Opt 4.2.2: Indicated in new MAC CE. [1][2][5][10][15][17][18][20]

Opt 4.2.3: Indicated by the PDCCH scheduling the PDSCH carrying the MAC CE. [10]

**Question 4.2: which option should be supported for triggering offset indication?**

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#### Issue-5: QCL configuration of temporary RS

In the previous meeting, a working assumption has achieved as follows:

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| **Working Assumption**  For efficient SCell activation with assistance of temporary RS, a SSB of the to-be-activated SCell can be indicated as a QCL source for the temporary RS in case of known SCell   * FFS: QCL type * FFS: the case of unknown SCell * FFS: other QCL source, e.g. the SSB/P-TRS of another active cell |

For the working assumption, 3 sub issues should be discussed, and corresponding companies’ views are summarized.

**Issue-5.1: whether the working assumption “For efficient SCell activation with assistance of temporary RS, a SSB of the to-be-activated SCell can be indicated as a QCL source for the temporary RS in case of known SCell” should be confirmed?**

* **Opt 5.1.1:** Due to uncertainty of known SCell and unknown SCell, it is difficult for gNB to judge and then to indicate whether a SSB before SCell activation is a safe QCL source for A-TRS. [9]

“*As of Rel-16, known and unknown SCell are RAN4 internal terminologies; and gNB and UE may not have the same understanding whether a to-be-activated SCell is known or unknown.*”

* **Opt 5.1.2:** Confirm [3][7]

**Question 5.1: whether the working assumption “For efficient SCell activation with assistance of temporary RS, a SSB of the to-be-activated SCell can be indicated as a QCL source for the temporary RS in case of known SCell” should be confirmed?**

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**Issue-5.2: if the working assumption “For efficient SCell activation with assistance of temporary RS, a SSB of the to-be-activated SCell can be indicated as a QCL source for the temporary RS in case of known SCell” is confirmed, which QCL types are expected?**

* **Opt 5.2.1:** 'typeC' with an SS/PBCH block and, when applicable, 'typeD' with the same SS/PBCH block. [3][4][5][7][16][19]

**Question 5.2: which QCL types are expected if the working assumption “For efficient SCell activation with assistance of temporary RS, a SSB of the to-be-activated SCell can be indicated as a QCL source for the temporary RS in case of known SCell” is confirmed?**

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**Issue-5.3: For unknown SCell case, whether the SSB/P-TRS of another active cell** **can be indicated as a QCL source for the temporary RS?**

* **Opt 5.3.1:** Yes [3][7]
* **Opt 5.3.2:** No

**Question 5.3: For unknown SCell case, whether the SSB/P-TRS of another active cell** **can be indicated as a QCL source for the temporary RS?**

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#### Issue-6: Associated BWP for temporary RS

All the BWP(s) configured on a cell are inactive before the cell is activated. If a UE measures the triggered temporary RS during SCell activation procedure, the measurement on the target BWP should be allowed despite of the activation state of the BWP. On which BWP the UE measures the temporary RS should be considered. Companies’ views are summarized as follows:

* **Opt 6.1** The BWP configured by “*firstActiveDownlinkBWP-Id”*. [5][9][15][16][18]
* **Opt 6.2** gNB indicates the BWP along with the indication of triggering the temporary RS. [7][19]

**Question 6: Which option listed above is preferable? Your views on benefit/gain, specification impact, implementation complexity are encouraged.**

Companies’ views are very welcome.

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### The To-be-activated cell acquires essential information for activation enhancement from active cell

#### Issue-7: Tactivation reduction with BS assistance but no temporary RS nor SSB

It is proposed in [2][3] that activation time of the To-be-activated cell can be reduced by acquiring activation information (e.g. synchronization and AGC-related information, QCL information) from active cell(s) which are co-located with the To-be-activated cell. For example, the BS provides a UE the information of co-located reference active cells or source QCL cell to assist the activation of the To-be-activated cell, no SSB nor temporary RS is needed during the SCell activation procedure which can reduce the activation delay. The co-located SCells can be intra-band cells or adjacent inter-band cells.

**Question 7: Whether it is beneficial that neither SSB nor temporary is needed during SCell activation procedure, the AGC/time/frequency synchronization information derived from an activated cell?**

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## TCSI\_reporting reduction

### Issue-8: Enhancement for CSI reporting

TCSI\_reporting reduction may be beneficial to achieve efficient SCell activation. Companies’ views are summarized as follows:

* **Opt 8.1** New MAC-CE command that triggers the SCell activation and A-TRS transmission is used to additionally trigger A-CSI-RS transmission. [15]
* **Opt 8.2** The temporary RS may be enhanced to support CSI measurement. [10]
* **Opt 8.3** short interval P/SP- CSI-RS report. [3]

“*The specific P/SP-CSI-RS/reporting for SCell activation can be received during the required period. This short interval P/SP-CSI-RS/reporting for fast SCell activation is beneficial with little specification impacts.*”

* **Opt 8.4** remove TCSI\_reporting for the case of FR2 unknown cell. [3]

“*During the procedure of SCell activation, when gNB receives the beam reporting, i.e. the L1-RSRP report, it implies that UE has completed beam selection and timing synchronization which are necessary conditions for downlink transmission. It means that gNB can start downlink transmission with a conservative or rough MCS on the SCell, and UE can start to monitor PDCCH on the SCell, even the valid CSI report is not yet reported. Thus the gNB and UE can assume the SCell is activated after the Tactivation\_time.*”

**Question 8: which options above of CSI reporting enhancement should be supported?**

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## General Issues

**Question G1:** Whether or not to additionally support AP CSI-RS, P/SP CSI-RS, SRS, and RS based on SSS/PSS as temporary RS, one or more of which may be used during SCell activation depends on network configuration / UE capability. [2]

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**Question G2:** If NACK is received for the PDSCH carrying the MAC-CE triggering a temporary RS, whether additional adjustment is necessary? [8]

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## Other Issues

Issues or comments that do not fit in any of the previous sections of this document can be provided in this section.

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# Conclusions

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# Appendix: Agreements

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| Agreements:  As working assumption, with respect to efficient SCell activation, reuse existing Rel-15/16 TRS structure for temporary RS   * FFS: how many burst/symbols are required for both AGC settling and Time/Frequency tracking for different cases, e.g. FR1 and FR2, known and unknown SCell   + A burst of temporary RS is notated as in S5.1.6.1.1 of TS 38.214     - “2-slot with four CSI-RSs resources (4 samples)” for FR1     - either “1-slot with two CSI-RSs resources (2 samples)” or “2-slot with four CSI-RSs resources (4 samples)” for FR2 * The working assumption can be confirmed after RAN4 check. (A LS for such request is planned).   Agreements:  For efficient SCell activation, discuss and agree from the following alternatives at RAN1#104-e   * Alt 1: the trigger of temporary RS is integrated into a single triggering signaling with the trigger of SCell activation transmitted on an activated cell.   + FFS detailed design of this integrated triggering signaling.   + Potential examples of single triggering signaling for further discussions   + A PDSCH TB, e.g. containing two respective MAC-CEs for both triggers, one MAC-CE for both triggers   + A DCI for both triggers   + A PDSCH TB and its scheduling DL grant, e.g. MAC-CE for activation and DL grant for temporary RS   + A DL grant and a UL grant received in the same slot/OFDM symbols of PDCCH where the DL grant is scheduling a MAC-CE for SCell activation and the UL grant is triggering the RS.   + Rel-15/16 SCell activation MAC-CE and a specific configuration of temporary RS being implicitly triggered as well * Alt2: Triggering of temporary RS separately from SCell activation command is not precluded and both ‘separate’ triggers (examples below) and ‘integrated’ triggers (examples in Alt 1) are considered for SCell activation   + FFS detailed design of separate triggering signaling.   + Potential examples of separate triggering signaling for further discussions   + Rel-15/16 SCell activation MAC-CE and Rel 15/16 DCI triggering   + Rel-15/16 SCell activation MAC-CE and new DCI triggering for temporary RS * Note: temporary RS should be triggered by DCI or MAC-CE. * Note: the final mechanism of trigger signaling targets at applicability to one or more SCell activation. * FFS handling of  SCell activation by existing Rel15/16 CA activation command when temporary RS is configured and triggered/not triggered   **Working Assumption**  At least for the case of known cell, temporary RS is supported to expedite the activation process during the SCell activation procedure for efficient SCell activation for both FR1 and FR2:           The temporary RS should provide at least the functionalities of AGC settling and time/frequency tracking during SCell activation procedure.           FFS potential functionalities of CSI measurement/acquisition and cell search  Agreements:  TRS is selected as temporary RS for Scell activation           If more functionalities are confirmed to be supported by temporary RS, other RS candidates, e.g. aperiodic CSI-RS, P/SP-CSI RS, SRS and RS based on SSS/PSS, are not precluded.           The TRS should be triggered by DCI or MAC-CE. FFS which exact triggering command.    Agreements:  UEs measure the triggered temporary RS during Scell activation procedure no earlier than a slot m:           FFS timeline values m which may need coordination with RAN4.           FFS if the triggered temporary RS can be associated with a BWP, then the measurement above is independent of the activation state of the BWP.  Agreements:  Companies are encouraged to provide design details of temporary RS next meeting, at least including:   * TRS structure, e.g. whether to fully reuse existing Rel-15/16 TRS structure and configuration restriction (refer to S5.1.6.1.1 of TS 38.214), or any modification * QCL information, if any * Triggering command: DCI format/fields or MAC-CE fields * Triggering timeline/scheduling offset   **Working Assumption**  For efficient SCell activation with assistance of temporary RS, a SSB of the to-be-activated SCell can be indicated as a QCL source for the temporary RS in case of known SCell   * FFS: QCL type * FFS: the case of unknown SCell * FFS: other QCL source, e.g. the SSB/P-TRS of another active cell   **Agreement**  For efficient activation of SCells,down select at least one option from below:   * Option 1a: MAC CE(s) contained in a single PDSCH to trigger both SCell activation and corresponding temporary RS(s)   + Details FFS including timeline design for receiving temporary RS * Option 1b: A single DCI to trigger both SCell activation and corresponding temporary RS(s)   + Details FFS including potential impact on SCell activation related procedures and, e.g. timeline design for SCell activation and for receiving temporary RS   + FFS: The same DCI for SCell deactivation * Option 2: A Rel-15/16 SCell activation MAC-CE to trigger SCell activation and a Rel-15/16 DCI to trigger corresponding temporary RS(s) with enhancement of timeline   + Details FFS including timeline design for receiving a DCI trigger of temporary RS, and for receiving temporary RS * Note: Companies are encouraged to provide complete solutions for fast SCell activation. * Note: the previous agreement on the definitions of Alt 1 and Alt 2 is still effective   **Agreement**  For efficient activation of SCells   * Option 1a: MAC CE(s) contained in a single PDSCH to trigger both SCell activation and corresponding temporary RS(s)   + Details FFS including timeline design for receiving temporary RS   Note: Separate from the support of Option 1a, it is up to RAN4 whether or not to consider an activation time enhancement for Option 2 without requiring further RAN1 work   * Option 2: A Rel-15/16 SCell activation MAC-CE to trigger SCell activation and a Rel-15/16 DCI to trigger corresponding Rel-15/16 A-TRS(s)   Send an LS to RAN4. The LS is endorsed in R1-2104110. |