**3GPP TSG RAN WG1 Meeting #106-e [R1-210xxxx]**

**e-Meeting,** **August 16th – 27th, 2021**

**Agenda Item: 8.13.2**

**Source: Moderator (Huawei)**

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

**Document for: Discussion and Decision**

# Introduction

This summary is about the email discussion of RRC parameters for SCell activation enhancement. Per Chair’s guidance, this email discussion does not make any RAN1 decision for RRC parameters but provides good starting-point for the first version of RRC parameters that will be consolidated in October meeting.

[Post-106-e-Rel17-RRC-14] LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2 – to be moderated by Frank (Huawei)

- From September 1 until September 10

## Schedule

Let’s have multiple check points for this email discussion as below, so that we have

* 1st check point: September ~~2~~3 UTC ~~2~~13:59
* 2nd check point: September ~~6~~7 UTC 23:59
* Wrap-up check: September ~~8~~9 UTC ~~2~~13:59

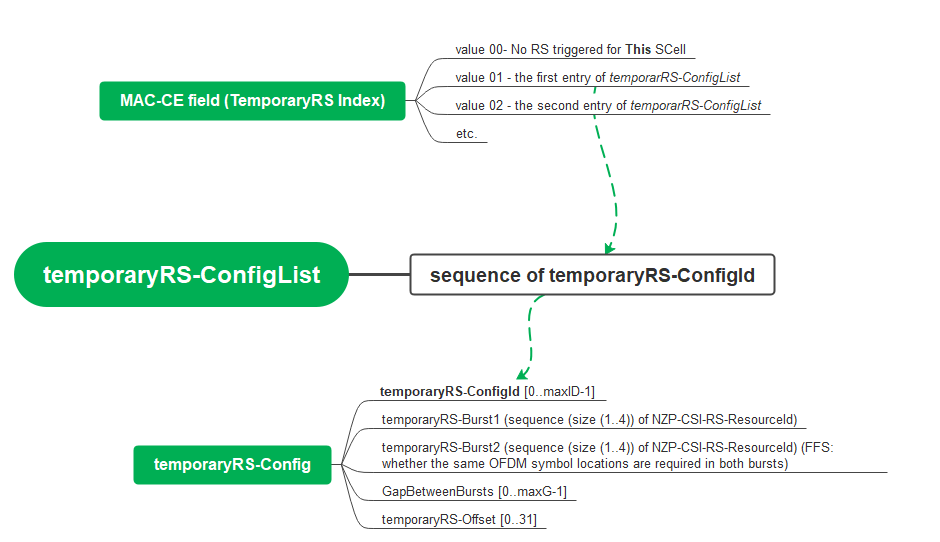
A draft list of RRC parameters can be found in file [v000](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_106-e/Inbox/drafts/8.13.2/RRC%20parameters/Rel-17_RRC_SCellActivation_v000.xlsx) in the draft folder under 8.13.2. Since there are two alternatives under discussion for MAC-CE to trigger temporary RS(s), **the common RRC parameters are mainly targeted**.

To facilitate the discussion, for those parameters specific to any alternative, they are also listed to provide a big picture for the discussion but **their names are still kept in brackets** since no agreement about which alternative to go yet. Additionally, the existing RRC parameters/structure that are reused by new RRC parameters are also **listed with green mark**.

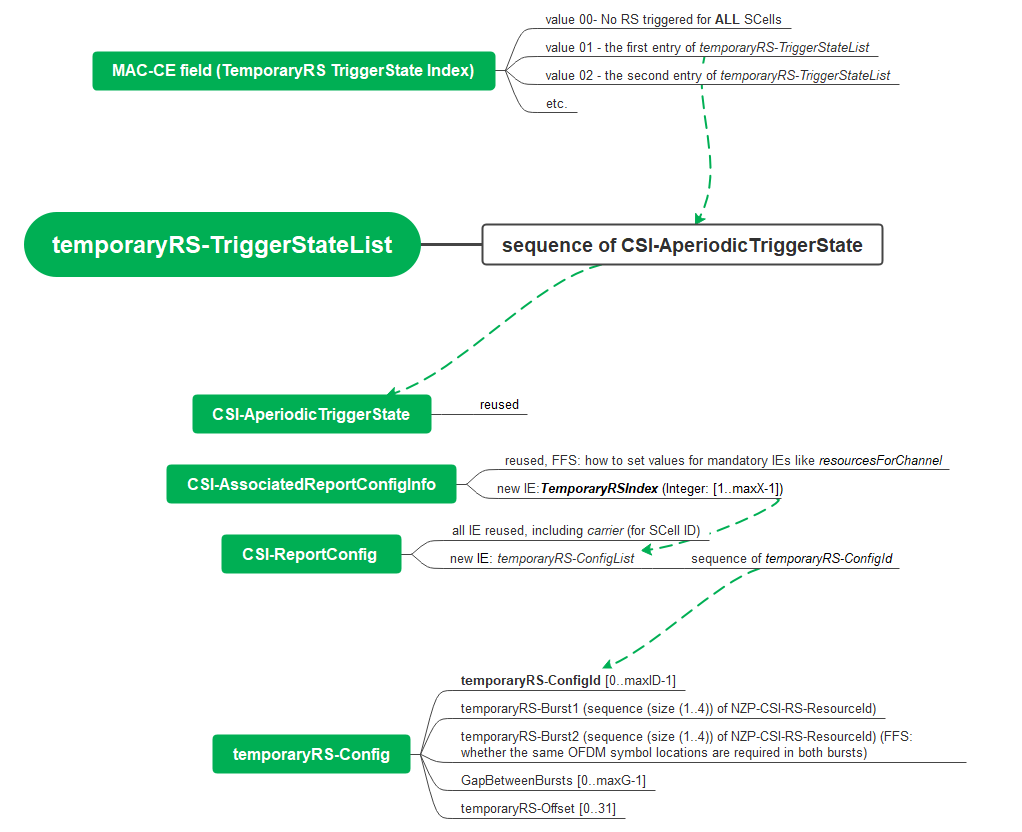
**For the first two check points, the major columns #C, E, G, H, J, K, P are prioritized** because they mainly shape the structure of RRC parameters. With stable major columns, columns #L, M, N are much easier to be discussed.

For your convenience, two diagrams for Alt.1 and Alt.2 are also provided below, respectively, to better understand the relationships between RRC parameters listed in the excel file.

**Alt.1**: For example, received MAC-CE value per cell => the corresponding entry number in a per-cell list => the entry number refers to a configuration of temporary RS per cell



**Alt.2**: For example, received MAC-CE value for all cells => the corresponding trigger state number in a list => the state number refers to a list of “Configinfo” where each “Configinfo” for one cell => an entry number provided in each “Configinfo” => the entry number refers to a configuration of temporary RS for a cell



If any suggestions on the schedule, they are welcome here.

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| *Company* | *View* |
| OPPO | We are generally fine. Just one comment: this discussion of RRC parameter is out of official RAN1 meeting window, so the resulted RRC structure and definition after September 8 are still subject to modification due to future RAN1 decision, rather than serve as restriction to future RAN1 decision. |
| Qualcomm | I took a liberty to update the timeline of the email discussion above based on the moderator’s update.   * 1st check point: September ~~2~~3 UTC ~~2~~13:59 * 2nd check point: September ~~6~~7 UTC 23:59 * Wrap-up check: September ~~8~~9 UTC ~~2~~13:59 |
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# Discussions

## Common RRC parameters

In this section, rows #2 - #13 are discussed.

### Major columns #C, E, G, H, J, K, P

#### Question: For these columns, any suggested change to rows #2 to #13?

The discussion is based on file [v000](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_106-e/Inbox/drafts/8.13.2/RRC%20parameters/Rel-17_RRC_SCellActivation_v000.xlsx).

Your comments are welcome! To better incorporate your suggested change into the excel file, it is appreciated if your comments could be provided in the following suggested form. Since the suggested change may be provided in a form of table. Let’s stack companies’ comments in a similar way to email reply. For example,

[The previous comments from other companies]

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[Concerned Parameter name: row#4, temporaryRSBurst1-Resources]

[The configuration for each temporary RS burst in proposed RRC structure is built upon NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceID. However, RAN1 agreed temporary RS comes from TRS, while the RRC configuration for TRS is relating to RRC parameter *NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSet,* instead ofNZP-CSI-RS-Resource.

------- 38.214 text for TRS configuration:

A UE in RRC connected mode is expected to receive the higher layer UE specific configuration of a *NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSet* configured with higher layer parameter *trs-Info*

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In addition, the proposal of “sequence (size(1..4))” seems to allow 1 or 3 samples per burst, which does not align with existing spec for TRS and temp-RS as well. We think this configuration needs more discussion.

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[Proposed changes to the row with track in color], e.g.

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| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  |  |  | temporaryRSBurst~~1~~-Resources | New |  | Resource configuration for a temporary burst. (periodicityAndOffset and qcl-InfoPeriodicCSI-RS within NZP-CSI-RS-Resource are not configured for temporary RS). | *~~SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..4)) OF NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceId~~*  *NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSetID* |  | per cell | UE-specific |  |  |

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[Concerned Parameter name: row#5, temporaryRSBurst2-Resources]

[The proposal allows independent CSI-RS/TRS patterns between two bursts. This does not match our understanding to the context of RAN1 discussion, which tries to break the existing restriction between trs\_info and repetition. Meanwhile, to have the same CSI-RS pattern (in both time domain and frequency domain) across all temporary RS samples in all bursts would simplify UE implementation. So we prefer to a configuration that can lock this benefit. To be more specific, the 2nd burst information can be contained in *NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSet* of row#4, while the starting symbol of the 2nd burst is a part of gap indication between two bursts. So the row#5 can be removed. ]

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| ~~LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core~~ |  | ~~38.214~~ |  |  |  | ~~temporaryRSBurst2-Resources~~ | ~~New~~ |  | ~~Resource configuration for the second temporary burst, Optional (periodicityAndOffset and qcl-InfoPeriodicCSI-RS within NZP-CSI-RS-Resource are not configured for temporary RS) ( FFS: whether the same OFDM symbol locations are required in both bursts)~~ | *~~SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..4)) OF NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceId~~* |  | ~~per cell~~ | ~~UE-specific~~ |  |  |

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[Concerned Parameter name: row#8 ~ row#12]

[In our view, these rows are not needed, given the corresponding information is already given by associated *NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSet.*]

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[Concerned Parameter name: row#1-13]

[Your detailed comments] The primary discussion point for Alt.2 is whether we can fully reuse existing RRC parameters. Currently, the specifications already enable an A-TRS transmission where an A-TRS is composed of 4 CSI-RS resources on two consecutive slots. The necessary change for temporary RS is to enable triggering two A-TRSs where one A-TRS is in a set of two consecutive slots and another A-TRS is in another set of two consecutive slots with a gap in-between based on a single triggering state. We consider this would be possible without changing RRC configuration itself.

[Proposed changes to the row with track in color] for the time being, remove all “Alt.2” from the spreadsheet as a starting point. Note that comment #1 focuses on Alt.2.

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| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  | [ServingCellConfig or CSI-ReportConfig] |  | temporaryRS-ConfigList | New |  | List of temporary RS configurations. | SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxX)) OF temporaryRS-ConfigId, maxX is TBD |  | per cell | UE-specific | 38.331 | ~~Common for both Alt.1 and Alt.2 but with different Parent IE~~ Alt1: Parent IE may be ServingCellConfig ~~Alt2: Parent IE may be CSI-ReportConfig~~ |
| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  | temporaryRS-Config |  | temporaryRS-ConfigId | New |  | Temporary RS configuration ID. | INTEGER (0..maxID-1), FFS: whether maxID=maxX | N/A | per cell | UE-specific | 38.331 | ~~Common~~ for ~~both~~ Alt.1 ~~and Alt. 2~~ |
| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  | temporaryRS-Config |  | temporaryRSBurst1-Resources | New |  | Resource configuration for a temporary burst. (periodicityAndOffset and qcl-InfoPeriodicCSI-RS within NZP-CSI-RS-Resource are not configured for temporary RS) | SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..4)) OF NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceId | N/A | per cell | UE-specific | 38.331 | ~~Common~~ for ~~both~~ Alt.1 ~~and Alt. 2~~ |
| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  | temporaryRS-Config |  | temporaryRSBurst2-Resources | New |  | Resource configuration for the second temporary burst, Optional (periodicityAndOffset and qcl-InfoPeriodicCSI-RS within NZP-CSI-RS-Resource are not configured for temporary RS) ( FFS: whether the same OFDM symbol locations are required in both bursts) | SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..4)) OF NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceId | N/A | per cell | UE-specific | 38.331 | ~~Common~~ for ~~both~~ Alt.1 ~~and Alt. 2~~ |
| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  | temporaryRS-Config |  | gapBetweenTemporaryRSbursts | New |  | The gap length between two temporary RS bursts, if *temporaryRSBurst2-Resources* (two temporary RS bursts) is indicated. | TBD (unit of slot or symbol) | FFS | per cell | UE-specific | 38.331 | ~~Common~~ for ~~both~~ Alt.1 ~~and Alt. 2~~ |
| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  | temporaryRS-Config |  | temporaryRS-TriggeringSlotOffset | New |  | Offset X between the reference slot for triggering offset of temporary RS and the slot in which the temporary RS burtst(s) is transmitted. | [0..maxG-1]; TBD maxG, (unit of slot) | FFS | per cell | UE-specific | 38.331 | ~~Common~~ for ~~both~~ Alt.1 ~~and Alt. 2~~ |
| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  | NZP-CSI-RS-Resource |  | nzp-CSI-RS-ResourceId | existing |  | For Temporary RS resource ID. |  |  |  | UE-specific | 38.331 | ~~Common~~ for ~~both~~ Alt.1 ~~and Alt. 2~~ |
| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  | NZP-CSI-RS-Resource |  | resourceMapping | existing |  | OFDM symbol location(s) in a slot and subcarrier occupancy in a PRB of the temporary RS resource. |  |  |  | UE-specific | 38.331 | ~~Common~~ for ~~both~~ Alt.1 ~~and Alt. 2~~ |
| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  | NZP-CSI-RS-Resource |  | powerControlOffset | existing |  | Power offset of PDSCH RE to NZP CSI-RS RE. Value in dB. |  |  |  | UE-specific | 38.331 | ~~Common~~ for ~~both~~ Alt.1 ~~and Alt. 2~~ |
| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  | NZP-CSI-RS-Resource |  | powerControlOffsetSS | existing |  | Power offset of NZP CSI-RS RE to SSS RE. Value in dB. |  |  |  | UE-specific | 38.331 | ~~Common~~ for ~~both~~ Alt.1 ~~and Alt. 2~~ |
| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  | NZP-CSI-RS-Resource |  | scramblingID | existing |  | Scrambling ID. |  |  |  | UE-specific | 38.331 | ~~Common~~ for ~~both~~ Alt.1 ~~and Alt. 2~~ |
| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  | NZP-CSI-RS-Resource |  | qcl-InfoTemporaryRS | New |  | For a target temporary RS, contains a reference to one TCI-State in TCI-States for providing the QCL source and QCL type. | TBD | N/A | per cell | UE-specific | 38.331 | ~~Common~~ for ~~both~~ Alt.1 ~~and Alt. 2~~ |

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[Concerned Parameter name: row#1-13]

[Your detailed comments] For Alt.1, the key point is that the MAC-CE indicates *the temporary RS [configuration index]* for each SCell. Even for Alt.1, it seems that the existing RRC parameters/configurations can mostly be re-used. The temporary RS [configuration index] points to a particular configuration that includes necessary parameters to identify temporary RS structure and timing offset for a given SCell. The configuration can be a *CSI-ResourceConfig* that lists one or multiple *NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSet*. As moderator indicates in row #8 of the spreadsheet, *CSI-ResourceConfig* has its own ID, *CSI-ResourceConfigId*, which can be re-used as the temporary RS index. Since SCell index is directly indicated by the MAC-CE in Alt.1, involving *CSI-ReportConfig* is not necessary. As such, overall, the necessary enhancement for Alt.1 is to enable association between a value of “*Z-bit block in the bitmap*” for a given SCell and the *CSI-ResourceConfigId* for the same SCell. This can be realized by defining a per serving cell configuration that lists *CSI-ResourceConfigId* for the SCell, i.e., *temporaryRS-ConfigList* in row #2 of the spreadsheet. It can be FFS whether the association is based on entry number of the list, or descending order of the ID values in the list, etc.

[Proposed changes to the row with track in color] Remove rows #3 - #13 and modify row #2 as follows.

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| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  | [ServingCellConfig ~~or CSI-ReportConfig~~] |  | temporaryRS-ConfigList | New |  | List of CSI-ResourceConfigId ~~temporary RS configurations~~ for Alt.1.  Each CSI-ResourceConfigId is associated to a value of Z-bit block in the bitmap.  [Entry number n in this list is associated to n-th codepoint of the Z-bit block or descending order of the ID values in the list, etc.] | SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxX)) OF CSI-ResourceConfigId ~~temporaryRS-ConfigId~~, maxX is TBD |  | per cell | UE-specific | 38.331 | ~~Common for both Alt.1 and Alt.2 but with different Parent IE~~ Alt1: Parent IE may be ServingCellConfig ~~Alt2: Parent IE may be CSI-ReportConfig~~ |
| ~~LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core~~ |  | ~~38.214~~ |  | ~~temporaryRS-Config~~ |  | ~~temporaryRS-ConfigId~~ | ~~New~~ |  | ~~Temporary RS configuration ID.~~ | ~~INTEGER (0..maxID-1), FFS: whether maxID=maxX~~ | ~~N/A~~ | ~~per cell~~ | ~~UE-specific~~ | ~~38.331~~ | ~~Common for both Alt.1 and Alt. 2~~ |
| ~~LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core~~ |  | ~~38.214~~ |  | ~~temporaryRS-Config~~ |  | ~~temporaryRSBurst1-Resources~~ | ~~New~~ |  | ~~Resource configuration for a temporary burst. (periodicityAndOffset and qcl-InfoPeriodicCSI-RS within NZP-CSI-RS-Resource are not configured for temporary RS)~~ | ~~SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..4)) OF NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceId~~ | ~~N/A~~ | ~~per cell~~ | ~~UE-specific~~ | ~~38.331~~ | ~~Common for both Alt.1 and Alt. 2~~ |
| ~~LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core~~ |  | ~~38.214~~ |  | ~~temporaryRS-Config~~ |  | ~~temporaryRSBurst2-Resources~~ | ~~New~~ |  | ~~Resource configuration for the second temporary burst, Optional (periodicityAndOffset and qcl-InfoPeriodicCSI-RS within NZP-CSI-RS-Resource are not configured for temporary RS) ( FFS: whether the same OFDM symbol locations are required in both bursts)~~ | ~~SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..4)) OF NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceId~~ | ~~N/A~~ | ~~per cell~~ | ~~UE-specific~~ | ~~38.331~~ | ~~Common for both Alt.1 and Alt. 2~~ |
| ~~LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core~~ |  | ~~38.214~~ |  | ~~temporaryRS-Config~~ |  | ~~gapBetweenTemporaryRSbursts~~ | ~~New~~ |  | ~~The gap length between two temporary RS bursts, if~~ *~~temporaryRSBurst2-Resources~~* ~~(two temporary RS bursts) is indicated.~~ | ~~TBD (unit of slot or symbol)~~ | ~~FFS~~ | ~~per cell~~ | ~~UE-specific~~ | ~~38.331~~ | ~~Common for both Alt.1 and Alt. 2~~ |
| ~~LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core~~ |  | ~~38.214~~ |  | ~~temporaryRS-Config~~ |  | ~~temporaryRS-TriggeringSlotOffset~~ | ~~New~~ |  | ~~Offset X between the reference slot for triggering offset of temporary RS and the slot in which the temporary RS burtst(s) is transmitted.~~ | ~~[0..maxG-1]; TBD maxG, (unit of slot)~~ | ~~FFS~~ | ~~per cell~~ | ~~UE-specific~~ | ~~38.331~~ | ~~Common for both Alt.1 and Alt. 2~~ |
| ~~LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core~~ |  | ~~38.214~~ |  | ~~NZP-CSI-RS-Resource~~ |  | ~~nzp-CSI-RS-ResourceId~~ | ~~existing~~ |  | ~~For Temporary RS resource ID.~~ |  |  |  | ~~UE-specific~~ | ~~38.331~~ | ~~Common for both Alt.1 and Alt. 2~~ |
| ~~LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core~~ |  | ~~38.214~~ |  | ~~NZP-CSI-RS-Resource~~ |  | ~~resourceMapping~~ | ~~existing~~ |  | ~~OFDM symbol location(s) in a slot and subcarrier occupancy in a PRB of the temporary RS resource.~~ |  |  |  | ~~UE-specific~~ | ~~38.331~~ | ~~Common for both Alt.1 and Alt. 2~~ |
| ~~LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core~~ |  | ~~38.214~~ |  | ~~NZP-CSI-RS-Resource~~ |  | ~~powerControlOffset~~ | ~~existing~~ |  | ~~Power offset of PDSCH RE to NZP CSI-RS RE. Value in dB.~~ |  |  |  | ~~UE-specific~~ | ~~38.331~~ | ~~Common for both Alt.1 and Alt. 2~~ |
| ~~LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core~~ |  | ~~38.214~~ |  | ~~NZP-CSI-RS-Resource~~ |  | ~~powerControlOffsetSS~~ | ~~existing~~ |  | ~~Power offset of NZP CSI-RS RE to SSS RE. Value in dB.~~ |  |  |  | ~~UE-specific~~ | ~~38.331~~ | ~~Common for both Alt.1 and Alt. 2~~ |
| ~~LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core~~ |  | ~~38.214~~ |  | ~~NZP-CSI-RS-Resource~~ |  | ~~scramblingID~~ | ~~existing~~ |  | ~~Scrambling ID.~~ |  |  |  | ~~UE-specific~~ | ~~38.331~~ | ~~Common for both Alt.1 and Alt. 2~~ |
| ~~LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core~~ |  | ~~38.214~~ |  | ~~NZP-CSI-RS-Resource~~ |  | ~~qcl-InfoTemporaryRS~~ | ~~New~~ |  | ~~For a target temporary RS, contains a reference to one TCI-State in TCI-States for providing the QCL source and QCL type.~~ | ~~TBD~~ | ~~N/A~~ | ~~per cell~~ | ~~UE-specific~~ | ~~38.331~~ | ~~Common for both Alt.1 and Alt. 2~~ |

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**Moderator**

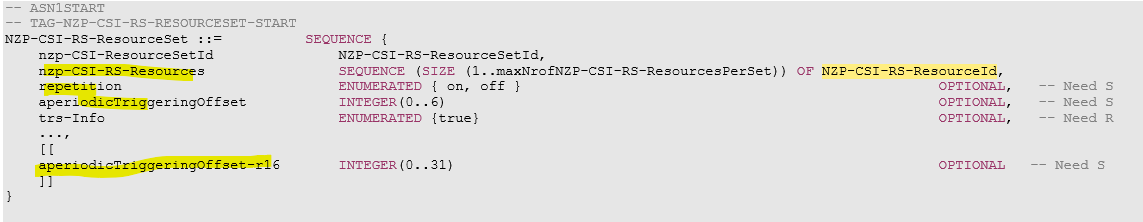
**@OPPO**, regarding your comment#1 on row#4, maybe we can start with the following IE for P-TRS/A-TRS and align our understanding on them first.

Under NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSet:

nzp-CSI-RS-Resources SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxNrofNZP-CSI-RS-ResourcesPerSet)) OF NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceId,

In FL understanding, a UE is configured with a sequence of **size 4** of *NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceId* in case of P-TRS/A-TRS with 4 resources in two consecutive slots. The structure of RRC parameters is much flexible to indicate more resources and more slots because it is not dedicated to TRS only but support all kinds of NZP-CSI-RS. As a result, the constraints, such as “*four periodic NZP CSI-RS resources in two consecutive slots*”, are only reflected in TS 38.214. Such handling could be reused for temporary RS, i.e. the detailed constraints of time domain structure for a burst is captured in TS 38.214 rather than the RRC parameter itself.

In FL draft excel file, the same handling is assumed, i.e. *nzp-CSI-RS-Resources* is reused as *temporaryRSBurst1-Resources*.Thank you for suggesting to reuse its parent IE instead, i.e. *NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSet*. However, many unnecessary IEs within NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSet are never used for temporary RS, as copied below. Therefore, the FL draft seems better than your suggested change. Additionally, as shown in the diagram in Section 1, the *temporaryRS-Config* already serves the purpose of original *NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSet*, and considering forward-compatibility, it prevents any negative impact to NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSet from any future introduction of any IE that is specific to temporary RS. As a result, it seems no need to have additional level of nested structure.



Regarding the spec text in TS 38.214 you quoted, it was quoted by some companies in the discussions two meetings ago, it seems to only mean that P-TRS is always configured to a UE, rather than the structure of resource-set.

Regarding “allow 1 or 3 samples per burst”, as explained about, your proposed change seems not to resolve it yet. Both need specific constraint to be captured in TS 38.214. At this stage, we can add it into column P, as below

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| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  | temporaryRS-Config |  | temporaryRSBurst1-Resources | New |  | Resource configuration for a temporary burst. (periodicityAndOffset and qcl-InfoPeriodicCSI-RS within NZP-CSI-RS-Resource are not configured for temporary RS) | SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..4)) OF NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceId | N/A | per cell | UE-specific | 38.331 | Common for both Alt.1 and Alt. 2.  A temporaryRSBurst1-Resources is expected to either consist of four NZP CSI-RS resources in two consecutive slots with two NZP CSI-RS resources in each slot, or consists of two periodic NZP CSI-RS resources in one slot |
| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  | temporaryRS-Config |  | temporaryRSBurst2-Resources | New |  | Resource configuration for the second temporary burst, Optional (periodicityAndOffset and qcl-InfoPeriodicCSI-RS within NZP-CSI-RS-Resource are not configured for temporary RS) ( FFS: whether the same OFDM symbol locations are required in both bursts) | SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..4)) OF NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceId | N/A | per cell | UE-specific | 38.331 | Common for both Alt.1 and Alt. 2.  A temporaryRSBurst2-Resources, if configured, is expected to either consist of four NZP CSI-RS resources in two consecutive slots with two NZP CSI-RS resources in each slot, or consists of two periodic NZP CSI-RS resources in one slot |

Regarding your comment#2 on row#5, as replied above, removing row#5 seems not to lock any benefit. I feel we share the same purpose of making the configuration constraints clearer and plain, but are only different in how to present it. Anyway, the constraints have been captured into the column P, which is usually captured in TS 38.214. Please note that a FFS in column J has also resolved your concerns, i.e. “FFS: whether the same OFDM symbol locations are required in both bursts”.

[Response from OPPO on Sept 3]: We are not convinced to follow the proposal. The key problem to us is which of the following two directions should be adopted to define temp-RS:

* direction-1: To follow TRS logic to build temp-RS on top of NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSet. By doing so, the spec text for temp-RS can share some commonality with TRS.
* direction-2: While TRS definition is on top of NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSet, temp-RS is built on top of NZP-CSI-RS-Resource, which may make temp-RS to have independent creation from TRS --- also independent from any “NZP CSI-RS resource set”, i.e., the resource-set level management does not apply to temp-RS.

The FL actually proposes to go with direction-2, which seems to have no support from earlier agreement. In contrast, the following RAN1 agreement in RAN1 #102e clearly says something reflected by direction-1:

Agreements:

TRS is selected as temporary RS for Scell activation

FL mentions “many unnecessary IEs within NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSet are never used for temporary RS”; however, most (if not all) of those unnecessary IEs are optional anyway.

For our comment #2 on row#5, removal of row #5 would force two bursts have the same structure so as to lock the benefit to simply UE implementation.

[Response from OPPO on Sept 3 ends]

**@Qualcomm**, regarding your comment#1 on row#1-13, could you elaborate more how to achieve this for Alt. 2 and 1? “*The necessary change for temporary RS is to enable triggering two A-TRSs where one A-TRS is in a set of two consecutive slots and another A-TRS is in another set of two consecutive slots with a gap in-between based on a single triggering state. We consider this would be possible without changing RRC configuration itself.*” The current NZP-CSI-RS configurations have many levels of structures with many IEs that are never used by temporary RS. It is hard for us to collect all necessary IEs from a sea of unrelated IEs, and also hard to ensure all the unrelated IEs can be optional configured. Therefore, a flow of necessary IEs is helpful for discussions, similar to the diagrams shown in section 1, maybe you could elaborate more a bit what extract IEs would be extracted after a field indicated by MAC-CE, and how to reflect the gap in spec.

Regarding your comment#2 on row#1-13, could you clarify a bit why the following highlight IEs are still needed for temporary RS? Many redundant IEs seems making the spec hard to read and to have future extension. No mention that, it is not sure yet that all mandatory IEs have no harm.



Additionally, regarding your change to column P, as shown in the diagrams in Section 1, it seems always true that there are common RRC parameters between Alt.1 and Alt.2 because the difference is only whether its so called “RS index” is indicated directly by MAC-CE or indirectly by a nested trigger structure. Therefore, it is always useful to identify the common parameters first, rather than having two separate RRC settings for independent discussions. It would be no good to change row#1-13 as being dedicated to Alt.1.

[Response from Qualcomm on Sept 7]:

We have to take into account the fact that A-TRS is already supported by the existing RRC configurations. These RRC configurations can mostly be re-used for a temporary RS that comprises one or two A-TRS transmissions (as one or two bursts). We would like to understand if and why the existing RRC configurations cannot be used to configure a temporary RS (while these can be used to configure an A-TRS). It is true that some IEs in *CSI-ResourceConfig* are unnecessary for A-TRS, but it is because the *CSI-ResourceConfig* is designed such that it covers various use-cases of the CSI-RS. Unless clear reason is identified, the RRC parameters, including *CSI-ResourceConfig*, should be re-used for temporary RS.

[Response from Qualcomm on Sept 7 ends]

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**[Ericsson]**

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[Concerned Parameter name: row#2 to 13]

We have similar view as other companies that existing RRC structure for A-TRS triggering should be reused as much possible and specifying new and potentially duplicate RRC structures (e.g. the temporaryRS-Config shown in the spreadsheet) should be avoided.

For example, to trigger single ‘burst’ of A-TRS during SCell activation, the RRC framework of ‘*CSI-AperiodicTriggerStateList*’ can be fully reused. Trigger state ID ‘n’ indicated by MAC CE would correspond to nth configured *CSI-AperiodicTriggerState* in the list. This should be starting point for the discussion and any changes/optimizations relative to this can be discussed with related justifications. For multiple burst case also, the existing structure can still be reused (e.g., a *CSI-AperiodicTriggerState* including two separate *resourceSet* each with different *aperiodicTriggeringOffset*).

Then in terms of optimizations beyond reusing existing RRC parameters, we are open to discussing optional configuration of a separate list with trigger states just for A-TRS e.g. *TRS-AperiodicTriggerStateList* with same structure as *CSI-AperiodicTriggerStateList* but only containing trigger states that trigger A-TRS(this to limit impact on number of entries in *CSI-AperiodicTriggerStateList* which is also used for DCI based A-CSI triggering).

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**Moderator**

Thank you all for your comments.

**@OPPO**, From functionality perspective, temporaryRS-Config is a simplified version of NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSet by removing unnecessary and redundant IEs. Because of simplicity, it is easy to read and have future extension for adding new IEs. From the overhead perspective, it has lower overhead than NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSet because at least IEs nzp-CSI-ResourceSetId and trs-Info don’t have to been indicated to UEs. As for the perspective of the same time-domain structure for two bursts, as replied before, NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSet does not ensure the same structure but only the red text in column#P does, as copied below, which is also needed by NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSet.

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| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  | temporaryRS-Config |  | temporaryRSBurst1-Resources | New |  | Resource configuration for a temporary burst. (periodicityAndOffset and qcl-InfoPeriodicCSI-RS within NZP-CSI-RS-Resource are not configured for temporary RS) | SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..4)) OF NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceId | N/A | per cell | UE-specific | 38.331 | Common for both Alt.1 and Alt. 2.  A temporaryRSBurst1-Resources is expected to either consist of four NZP CSI-RS resources in two consecutive slots with two NZP CSI-RS resources in each slot, or consists of two periodic NZP CSI-RS resources in one slot |
| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  | temporaryRS-Config |  | temporaryRSBurst2-Resources | New |  | Resource configuration for the second temporary burst, Optional (periodicityAndOffset and qcl-InfoPeriodicCSI-RS within NZP-CSI-RS-Resource are not configured for temporary RS) ( FFS: whether the same OFDM symbol locations are required in both bursts) | SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..4)) OF NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceId | N/A | per cell | UE-specific | 38.331 | Common for both Alt.1 and Alt. 2.  A temporaryRSBurst2-Resources, if configured, is expected to either consist of four NZP CSI-RS resources in two consecutive slots with two NZP CSI-RS resources in each slot, or consists of two periodic NZP CSI-RS resources in one slot |

Therefore, NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSet **has no advantage compared to two burst IEs under temporaryRS-Config**.

More importantly, if NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSet is selected, then there is ambiguity issue in case of four resources are indicated in the resource set, i.e. whether two bursts with 2 resources each or single burst with 4 resources are indicated if four resources are contained in the resource set. Could you share your view on this? To facilitate the discussion on this, **a sub-question is added as section 2.1.1.2**,

**@Qualcomm**, As a response to your question on CSI-ResourceConfig, I kindly feel it has been answered by my previous reply, it is hard to be reused directly. Please allow me to rephrase them as below,

* Unclear how to include the new IE gapBetweenTemporaryRSbursts, and any other new IE that is potentially agreed in the future.
* Since CSI-ResourceConfig is used for activated cells but temporary RS is only used for inactive cells, new IEs specific to temporary RS seems better not to make the CSI-ResourceConfig more overweight.
* Some IEs under CSI-ResourceConfig are mandatory to be configured but they are redundant for temporary RS and **increase RRC overhead**, for example, IEs bwp-Id, csi-ResourceConfigId, resourceType under CSI-ResourceConfig. Similar issue can be found under the child IE of CSI-ResourceConfig.
* Unclear which exact IEs under CSI-ResourceConfig are meant to be reused, and which exact IEs under its child IEs. Without this information from proponent, it is very hard to check whether the remaining massive IEs can be optional out.

@**Ericsson**, Full reuse of *CSI-AperiodicTriggerStateList* is Alt. 2, which is discussed in Section 2.3 and has already address your concern. Here is more about the common RRC parameters, please refer to the diagrams in Section 1 for their comparison and relationship.

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#### Sub-question 1-1: regarding the RS resource indication, which option below is better?

**Option 1:**

The complete RRC list with Option 1 can be found in [v001](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_106-e/Inbox/drafts/8.13.2/RRC%20parameters/Rel-17_RRC_SCellActivation_v001.xlsx). If Option 2 is preferred, then the list will be updated accordingly.

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| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  | temporaryRS-Config |  | temporaryRSBurst1-Resources | New |  | Resource configuration for a temporary burst. (periodicityAndOffset and qcl-InfoPeriodicCSI-RS within NZP-CSI-RS-Resource are not configured for temporary RS) | SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..4)) OF NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceId | N/A | per cell | UE-specific | 38.331 | Common for both Alt.1 and Alt. 2.  A temporaryRSBurst1-Resources is expected to consist of either four NZP CSI-RS resources in two consecutive slots with two NZP CSI-RS resources in each slot, or consists of two NZP CSI-RS resources in one slot |
| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  | temporaryRS-Config |  | temporaryRSBurst2-Resources | New |  | Resource configuration for the second temporary burst, Optional (periodicityAndOffset and qcl-InfoPeriodicCSI-RS within NZP-CSI-RS-Resource are not configured for temporary RS) ( FFS: whether the same OFDM symbol locations are required in both bursts) | SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..4)) OF NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceId | N/A | per cell | UE-specific | 38.331 | Common for both Alt.1 and Alt. 2.  A temporaryRSBurst2-Resources, if configured, is expected to consist of either four NZP CSI-RS resources in two consecutive slots with two NZP CSI-RS resources in each slot, or consists of two NZP CSI-RS resources in one slot |

**Option 2:**

FFS: how to address the ambiguity whether two bursts with 2 resources each or single burst with 4 resources are indicated if four resources are contained in the resource set.

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| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  | 38.214 |  | temporaryRS-Config |  | temporaryRSBurst~~1~~-Resources | New |  | Resource configuration for a temporary burst. (periodicityAndOffset and qcl-InfoPeriodicCSI-RS within NZP-CSI-RS-Resource are not configured for temporary RS) | *~~SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..4)) OF NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceId~~*  *NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSetID* | N/A | per cell | UE-specific | 38.331 | Common for both Alt.1 and Alt. 2.  The NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceSet indicated by temporaryRSBurst-Resources is expected to meet the following conditions, 1) IE trs-Info should be indicated as true; 2) IE nzp-CSI-RS-Resources should contain 2, 4, or 8 NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceId. In case of 2 NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceId’s, they are two NZP CSI-RS resources in one slot. In case of 8 NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceId’s, they consist of two bursts, where each burst have four NZP-CSI-RS resources that are in two consecutive slots with two NZP CSI-RS resources in each slot. In case of 4 NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceId’s, FFS: how to address the ambiguity whether two bursts with 2 resources each or single burst with 4 resources are indicated. |
| ~~LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core~~ |  | ~~38.214~~ |  | ~~temporaryRS-Config~~ |  | ~~temporaryRSBurst2-Resources~~ | ~~New~~ |  | ~~Resource configuration for the second temporary burst, Optional (periodicityAndOffset and qcl-InfoPeriodicCSI-RS within NZP-CSI-RS-Resource are not configured for temporary RS) ( FFS: whether the same OFDM symbol locations are required in both bursts)~~ | ~~SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..4)) OF NZP-CSI-RS-ResourceId~~ | ~~N/A~~ | ~~per cell~~ | ~~UE-specific~~ | ~~38.331~~ | ~~Common for both Alt.1 and Alt. 2.~~  ~~A temporaryRSBurst2-Resources, if configured, is expected to either consist of four NZP CSI-RS resources in two consecutive slots with two NZP CSI-RS resources in each slot, or consists of two NZP CSI-RS resources in one slot~~ |

Your comments are welcome! Please take the same form for your comments as suggested in section 3.1.1.

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### Columns #L, M, N

**Question**: For these columns, any suggested change to rows #2 to #13?

The discussion is based on file [v000](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_106-e/Inbox/drafts/8.13.2/RRC%20parameters/Rel-17_RRC_SCellActivation_v000.xlsx).

Your comments are welcome! Please take the same form for your comments as suggested in section 3.1.1.

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## RRC parameters specific to Alt.1

**Question**: Any suggested change specific to Alt.1? Any new row needed?

The discussion is based on file [v000](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_106-e/Inbox/drafts/8.13.2/RRC%20parameters/Rel-17_RRC_SCellActivation_v000.xlsx).

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## RRC parameters specific to Alt. 2

In this section, rows #14 - #18, starting from parameter *temporaryRS-TriggerStateList*, are discussed

### Major columns #C, E, G, H, J, K, P

#### Question: Any suggested change specific to Alt.2? Any new row needed?

The discussion is based on file [v000](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_106-e/Inbox/drafts/8.13.2/RRC%20parameters/Rel-17_RRC_SCellActivation_v000.xlsx).

Your comments are welcome! Please take the same form for your comments as suggested in section 3.1.1.

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[Concerned Parameter name: row#15 - #18]

[Your detailed comments] Due to the same reason we commented in 2.1.1 (see comment#1), these rows would not be necessary.

[Proposed changes to the row with track in color] Suggest to delete the rows as follows.

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| ~~LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core~~ |  |  |  |  |  | ~~CSI-AperiodicTriggerState~~ | ~~existing~~ |  | ~~A trigger state containing one or multiple CSI-AssociatedReportConfigInfo~~ | ~~SEQUENCE (SIZE(1..maxNrofReportConfigPerAperiodicTrigger)) OF CSI-AssociatedReportConfigInfo~~ | ~~N/A~~ |  | ~~UE-specific~~ | ~~38.331~~ | ~~Specific to Alt 2~~ |
| ~~LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core~~ |  |  |  | ~~CSI-AssociatedReportConfigInfo~~ |  | ~~[TemporaryRSIndex]~~ | ~~New~~ |  | ~~Entry number in the~~ *~~temporaryRS-ConfigList~~* ~~in the CSI-ReportConfig indicated by reportConfigId in the same CSI-AssociatedReportConfigInfo (value 1 corresponds to the first entry, value 2 to the second entry, and so on).~~ | ~~INTEGER(1..(SIZE (1..maxX))), maxX is TBD~~ | ~~N/A~~ | ~~per cell~~ | ~~UE-specific~~ | ~~38.331~~ | ~~Specific to Alt 2; The existing IE structure CSI-AssociatedReportConfigInfo is reused. FFS: how to set values for mandatory IEs like resourcesForChannel~~ |
| ~~LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core~~ |  |  |  | ~~CSI-ReportConfig~~ |  | ~~reportConfigId~~ | ~~existing~~ |  |  |  |  |  | ~~UE-specific~~ | ~~38.331~~ | ~~Specific to Alt 2~~ |
| ~~LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core~~ |  |  |  | ~~CSI-ReportConfig~~ |  | ~~carrier~~ | ~~existing~~ |  |  |  |  |  | ~~UE-specific~~ | ~~38.331~~ | ~~Specific to Alt 2~~ |

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[Concerned Parameter name: row#14]

[Your detailed comments] The question for Alt.2 is for *CSI-AperiodicTriggerStateList* for temporary RS triggered by the MAC-CE, whether the list is the shared one as for DCI-triggered A-TRS/A-CSI-RS and whether the list size (i.e., *maxNrOfCSI-AperiodicTriggers*) is kept unchanged. Row #14 can be kept for further discussion of these aspects.

[Proposed changes to the row with track in color] For further discussion, we can keep row #14 with some changes as follows.

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| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  |  |  | CSI-MeasConfig |  | ~~[temporaryRS-TriggerStateList]~~  CSI-AperiodicTriggerStateList | ~~New~~  Existing |  | A list of trigger states for temporary RS triggered by the MAC-CE.  FFS: whether the list is the shared one as for DCI-triggered A-TRS/A-CSI-RS and whether the list size (i.e., maxNrOfCSI-AperiodicTriggers) is kept unchanged, etc | SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxNrOfCSI-AperiodicTriggers)) OF CSI-AperiodicTriggerState | N/A | per cell | UE-specific | 38.331 | ~~Specific to~~ for Alt 2 |

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**Moderator**

@**Qualcomm**, Regarding your comment#1, it is under discussion in section 2.1.1. Regarding your comment#2 on row#14, in FL understanding, if *CSI-AperiodicTriggerStateList* is reused with its original IE name rather than a new name as FL draft, then it equivalently requires a UE to support MAC-CE triggering for all kinds of CSI-RS, which is surely out of scope of the WI. In this sense, a new IE name dedicated to MAC-CE triggering for temporary RS is necessary.

[Response from Qualcomm on Sept 7]:

We do not propose to use the MAC-CE to trigger aperiodic RS other than temporary RS. The point here is that for Alt.2, although a list of trigger states for temporary RS triggered by the MAC-CE is necessary, re-use of *CSI-AperiodicTriggerStateList* should suffice. If a new name is used for the row, it should be clear that this row is a re-use of the existing *CSI-AperiodicTriggerStateList*. As long as the intention is clearly captured in this row, RAN2 can define the necessary RRC parameter(s) appropriately based on the information captured in the row.

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**Moderator**

**@Qualcomm**, regarding your comment on row#14, it is a reuse of CSI-AperiodicTriggerStateList by the following highlight, which is the exact same as CSI-AperiodicTriggerStateList. Your concern seems resolved already. ☺

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| LTE\_NR\_DC\_enh2-Core |  |  |  | CSI-MeasConfig |  | [temporaryRS-TriggerStateList] | New |  | A list of trigger states for temporary RS | SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxNrOfCSI-AperiodicTriggers)) OF CSI-AperiodicTriggerState | N/A | per cell | UE-specific | 38.331 | Specific to Alt 2 |

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**Question**: For these columns, any suggested change to rows specific to Alt.2?

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Your comments are welcome! Please take the same form for your comments as suggested in section 3.1.1.

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## Other Issues

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

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| OPPO | Within both Alt-1 and Alt-2, what is the plan for MAC-CE information relating to SCell activation? It seems the information relating to SCell activation is arranged either in separate MAC-CE or in same MAC-CE but in the separate MAC-CE field from the field for temporary RS triggering. Is it the right understanding to have this proposal to exclude the configuration where SCell-activation and temp-RS triggering are combined in the same MAC-CE field? Just ask for clarification. |
| Moderator | This email discussion has limited scope of RRC parameters only. MAC-CE field is not in scope. Not sure which kind of MAC-CE field setting causes your worry, but the proposed RRC list try to achieve a common design to all MAC-CE design possibilities. |
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# Conclusions

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# References

1. [R1-210xxxx](D:\\Documents\\3GPP documents\\RAN1\\TSGR1_106-e\\Docs\\R1-2106473.zip) xxxx xxxx

# 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.  Agreement  For efficient activation of Scells, the triggered temporary RS is aperiodic.  Agreement  For efficient activation of a Scell (in known Scell case), at least the number of temporary RS bursts is indicated by a field in new MAC-CE   * The number of temporary RS bursts is RRC configurable. * FFS: which field in MAC-CE is used and how this field is associated with the number of bursts * For the purpose of designing temporary RS Scell activation, there is no RAN1 specification impact for the case where the number of indicated temporary RS bursts is smaller than what is expected by the UE   Agreement  To trigger temporary RS for efficient activation of SCells, the contents of the triggering MAC-CE(s) in a single PDSCH provide at least the following information (explicitly or implicitly):   * Whether or not temporary RS is triggered * FFS detailed Information of temporary RS, e.g.:   + Resources used for triggered Temporary RS   + Triggering time offset of triggered Temporary RS   + QCL source for triggered Temporary RS * FFS: Detailed signalling structure of the triggering MAC-CE(s) including the down-selection between the following example options and whether the decision should be made in RAN1 or RAN2   + Opt. 1.1: One new MAC CE for both SCell activation triggering and corresponding temporary RS triggering   + Opt. 1.2: One R15/16 SCell activation MAC CE for SCell activation triggering and one new MAC CE (in the same PDSCH) for corresponding temporary RS triggering   Agreement  For efficient activation of a Scell (in known Scell case), the triggering offset of temporary RS is indicated by a field in new MAC-CE   * The candidate value(s) of triggering offset(s) is RRC configurable * FFS: which field in MAC-CE is used and how this field is associated with the value of triggering offset   Agreement  For the reference slot for triggering offset of temporary RS   * Option 2: the last DL slot of the to-be-activated Scell overlapping with slot n+k as defined in 38.213 sub-clause 4.3 * FFS: the earliest slot no earlier than the reference slot for a UE to receive a triggered temporary RS   Agreement  If a UE measures a temporary RS triggered by a MAC-CE during SCell activation procedure, the measurement is performed within the BWP bandwidth of BWP indicated by *firstActiveDownlinkBWP-Id*  Agreement  For efficient SCell activation, the earliest slot for a UE to receive a triggered temporary RS is the reference slot (i.e., the last DL slot of the to-be-activated Scell overlapping with slot n+k as defined in 38.213 sub-clause 4.3).  Conclusion  For the purpose of designing temporary RS for Scell activation, RAN1 will not discuss for the case where a gNB may assume the to-be-activated SCell with assistance of temporary RS is a known SCell for a UE but it is actually unknown SCell from the UE side during the SCell activation duration.  Agreement  For to-be-activated SCell, if any BWP ID is configured as part of temporary RS(s) configuration, the value of the BWP ID is expected to be equal to *firstActiveDownlinkBWP*-Id;  Agreement  For efficient SCell activation, the earliest slot for a UE to receive a triggered temporary RS is the reference slot (i.e., the last DL slot of the to-be-activated Scell overlapping with slot n+k as defined in 38.213 sub-clause 4.3).  Conclusion  For the purpose of designing temporary RS for Scell activation, RAN1 will not discuss for the case where a gNB may assume the to-be-activated SCell with assistance of temporary RS is a known SCell for a UE but it is actually unknown SCell from the UE side during the SCell activation duration.  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Some SCell IDs derived from the trigger state triggered by the new MAC-CE may not refer to to-be-activated SCells that are indicated by the new MAC-CE or the legacy SCell activation/de-activation MAC-CE~~*     - *FFS: The value zero of the MAC-CE indication means no temporary RS is triggered by the MAC-CE for all to-be-activated SCells* * *Note: The down-selection targets at a RAN1 consensus on MAC-CE functionality and the list of RRC parameters for this feature. Any MAC-CE signaling design above are reference concept, its final MAC-CE signaling design is up to RAN2.* |