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# Introduction

This paper summarizes the channel access related proposals submitted to agenda item 8.2.6 in RAN1-108-e and email discussion as follows:

[108-e-NR-52-71GHz-07] Email discussion for maintenance on channel access mechanism – Jing (Qualcomm)

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* Final check point: March 3

# Summary of contributions

The section summarises key proposals and observations from submitted contributions. Discussion points arising from each group of topics are captured separately in subsections.

## LBT Bandwidth FFS Items

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| Agreement:   * For LBT for single carrier transmission, gNB/UE performs LBT over the channel bandwidth (or BWP bandwidth) (Alt SC.1. in earlier agreements) * For LBT for multi-carrier transmission in intra-band CA, gNB/UE performs multiple LBT, one for each channel bandwidth separately (Alt CA.1. in earlier agreements)   + FFS: Additional support of performing single LBT over all CCs (Alt CA.2. in earlier agreements)   more than one alternative for at least multi-carrier transmission in intra-band CA is not precluded.  Conclusion:  There is no consensus to support explicitly introducing in the spec using single LBT covering multiple CCs under CA.   * Note: This does not rule out gNB/UE implementation to perform single LBT to cover multiple CCs. However, the EDT needs to be selected such that if interference on one of the CCs exceeds the CC EDT, the LBT is declared as failed   Agreement   * For DL to UL COT sharing, when the UL BWP is wider than the DL BWP, COT sharing based transmission at the UE is only supported if the transmission is within the bandwidth of DL BWP * For UL to DL COT sharing, when the DL BWP is wider than the UL BWP, COT sharing based transmission at the gNB is only supported if the transmission is within the bandwidth of UL BWP |

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| Company | Key Proposals/Observations/Positions |
| Huawei HiSilicon | Proposal 3: For operation in FR2-2, adopt following TP#1 for TS 37.213 v17.0.0 |
| FUTUREWEI | Proposal 1: For LBT for single carrier transmission, UE performs LBT over a BW that at least includes the active UL BWP bandwidth • The ED threshold used should not be higher than the ED threshold associated with the active UL BWP bandwidth • The BW that at least includes the active UL BWP bandwidth is captured as “channel” in 37.213. |
| FUTUREWEI | Proposal 2: For LBT for single carrier transmission, gNB performs LBT over the channel bandwidth Note: Channel can be any part of carrier consisting of a contiguous set of resource blocks on which transmission(s) on beam(s) are performed within a channel occupancy. |
| vivo | Proposal 1: For LBT for single carrier transmission, UE performs LBT over the active UL BWP bandwidth, gNB performs LBT over the channel bandwidth, where the channel is defined as in TS 37.213. |
| ZTE Sanechips | Proposal 3: The Operating Channel BW used in the EDT equation is equivalent to the LBT BW. |
| ZTE Sanechips | Proposal 4: For single carrier case, the LBT bandwidth defined in previous agreement can align with the the definition of “channel” in TS 37.213 and no need to further update previous agreement. |
| ZTE Sanechips | Proposal 5: For multi-carrier case, the LBT bandwidth defined in previous agreement only corresponds to one of case covered in the definition of “channel” in TS 37.213.  l How to change the current spec can be left to the spec’s editor for this case. |
| NTT DOCOMO INC. | Proposal 3: For LBT bandwidth, support TP#2 l Bandwidth to be sensed can be equal to or wider than the one configured for active BWP, which does not require any TP l Bandwidth to be considered for EDT adaptation should be fixed (e.g. active BWP bandwidth at UE, or channel bandwidth defined in TS38.101-2) , as captured in TP#2, or determined from a limited range (e.g. consider channel bandwidth to be maximum) |
| TCL Communications | Proposal 5：Clarify LBT performing range in frequency domain regarding the BWPs. |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Observation 2: There is no need to revise the earlier agreement on LBT bandwith for single carrier or for intra-band CA transmission. |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 9: It can be clarified that in UL the “channel” contains at least the active UL BWP in FR 2-2. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 4: For single carrier transmission, a device performs LBT over a channel bandwidth, where for the case when the UE is the device performing LBT, then the channel bandwidth should include at least the active UL BWP. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 5: For LBT for multi-carrier transmission, gNB/UE performs multiple LBT, one for each channel bandwidth separately. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 6: TP#3 should be supported. |
| Ericsson | Observation 1 RAN4 channel bandwidth/Carrier bandwidth is different from RAN1 channel bandwidth |
| Ericsson | Observation 2 RAN1 channel bandwidth is the bandwidth of the “channel” defined in 37.213. “Channel” BW in 37.213 already refers to BWP BW for UEs and carrier BW for gNBs. |
| Ericsson | Proposal 1 RAN1 to agree Proposal 2.1-2a2 and modify Proposal 2.1-2b as follows:  Proposal 2.1-2a2: For LBT for single carrier transmission, UE performs LBT over a BW that at least includes the active UL BWP bandwidth The ED threshold used should not be higher than the ED threshold associated with the active UL BWP bandwidth The BW that at least includes the active UL BWP bandwidth is captured as “channel” in 37.213 Proposal 2.1-2b For LBT for single carrier transmission, gNB performs LBT over the channel active DL BWP bandwidth This does not rule out gNB implementation to performance LBT over a wider bandwidth, but the ED threshold used should not be higher than the ED threshold associated with the active DL BWP bandwidth Text Proposal for 37.213 4.4.7 Energy detection threshold adaptation procedures A gNB/UE accessing a channel on which transmission(s) on beam(s) are performed within a channel occupancy, shall set the energy detection threshold X"Thresh" to be less than or equal to the maximum energy detection threshold X"Thresh\_max" that is determined as follows: XThresh\_max=-80dBm+Pmax- Pout+ 10⋅log10(BW) where: - Pmax is the RF output power limit in dBm. - Pout is the maximum EIRP of the intended transmission(s) by the gNB/UE to acquire a channel occupancy in dBm where Pout≤Pmax. The maximum EIRP used for the transmission(s) by the initiating gNB/UE during the channel occupancy is limited to Pout. - BW is the [channel bandwidth or bandwidth part bandwidth] in MHz |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Proposal 1: For LBT for single carrier transmission, UE performs LBT over a BW that at least includes the active UL BWP bandwidth • The ED threshold used should not be higher than the ED threshold associated with the active UL BWP bandwidth • The BW that at least includes the active UL BWP bandwidth is captured as “channel” in 37.213 |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Proposal 2: For LBT for single carrier transmission, gNB performs LBT over the active DL BWP bandwidth • This does not rule out gNB implementation to performance LBT over a wider bandwidth, but the ED threshold used should not be higher than the ED threshold associated with the active DL BWP bandwidth |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Proposal 4: Modify the earlier agreements as follows Agreement: For LBT for multi-carrier transmission in intra-band CA, gNB/UE performs multiple LBT, one for the active BWP bandwidth in each channel bandwidth separately (Alt CA.1. in earlier agreements)  Note: Per earlier agreements, gNB/UE can always perform LBT over wider bandwidth and/or with ED threshold lower than the ED threshold associated with the active BWP bandwidth as implementation |
| Transsion | Proposal 1: Modify the earlier agreements as follows Agreement: For LBT for single carrier transmission, gNB/UE performs LBT over the channel bandwidth (or at least the active BWP bandwidth) with at least the ED threshold associated with the active BWP bandwidth. Agreement: For LBT for multi-carrier transmission in intra-band CA, gNB/UE performs multiple LBT, one for the active BWP bandwidth in each channel bandwidth separately (Alt CA.1. in earlier agreements) |
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Proposal 2.1-1 (closed and replaced by 2.1-1a and 2.1-1b)

For LBT for single carrier UL transmission, UE performs LBT over a BW that at least includes the active UL BWP bandwidth

* The ED threshold used should not be higher than the ED threshold associated with the active UL BWP bandwidth
* The BW that at least includes the active UL BWP bandwidth is captured as “channel” in 37.213

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| Company | View |
| vivo | We support the proposal. |
| Intel | We are Ok with the FL’s proposal |
| Apple | OK with the proposal. |
| WILUS | OK with the proposal. |
| DOCOMO | Support Proposal 2.1-1 |
| Ericsson | We support this proposal in principle. However, the TP in 2.1-A does not reflect that UL BWP is captured as “channel”. Hence, we modify the proposal as follows only for the UE part. Please note that “channel” here is NOT the RAN4 channel definition. This TP is for 37.213 and channel is a local variable that corresponds to a carrier or part of a carrier according to the definition in 37.213.  \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* TP start\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*  is the ~~uplink active bandwidth part~~ channel bandwidth in MHz for UEs and …..  \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* TP end\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*  Moderator: We can discuss TP later |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We are fine with the proposal |
| OPPO | Based on the LS from RAN4, the channelization has been introduced in FR2-2by RAN4, and RAN1 should take the information in the LS into account in the discussions related to channelization. Therefore, RAN1 should firstly discuss whether or not to determine the LBT bandwidth based on channelization.  In addition, our Proposal 1 on LBT bandwidth was not captured in the summary, which is as follows:  Proposal 1: For the LS from RAN4, RAN1 should firstly discuss whether or not to determine the LBT bandwidth based on channelization. |
| InterDigital | We support the proposal |
| FW | Support |
| Nokia, NSB | It may be better to discuss LBT BW first and then address EDT. We are fine with the proposal for LBT BW part, but we do not see need to introduce additional new restrictions on EDT. |
| Xiaomi | OK with the proposal |
| Samsung | We are fine with the proposal. |
| LG Electronics | We are fine with the proposal. |
| Transsion | We are fine with the proposal. |
| CATT | We are fine with the proposal. |
| Huawei/HiSilicon | Similar to Nokia, we think LBT BW and the BW considered in EDT formula should be discussed separately.  For the BW considered in EDT formula, we prefer to use a similar solution for both gNB and UE, that is, if EDT for gNB LBT is based on LBT BW (Tx BW), EDT for UE LBT should also be based on LBT BW (Tx BW).  Since the discussion of BW considered in EDT formula in gNB LBT seems to be controversial, we think we should hold off on agreeing to the first sub-bullet for UE LBT as well.  Therefore, we can agree with the following:  Proposal 2.1-1 (modified)  For LBT for single carrier UL transmission, UE performs LBT over a BW that at least includes the active UL BWP bandwidth   * ~~The ED threshold used should not be higher than the ED threshold associated with the active UL BWP bandwidth~~ * The BW that at least includes the active UL BWP bandwidth is captured as “channel” in 37.213 |
| Moderator | Seems there are a few companies prefer to treat the EDT separately. Therefore, I split the proposal to 2.1-1a and 2.1-1b below and consider all companies are fine with 2.1-1a |

Proposal 2.1-1a (open)

For LBT for single carrier UL transmission, UE performs LBT over a BW that at least includes the active UL BWP bandwidth

* The BW that at least includes the active UL BWP bandwidth is captured as “channel” in 37.213

Objection: OPPO (wants to introduce additional limitation that the LBT BW is multiple of 100MNHz)

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| Company | View |
| LG Electronics | We support the proposal. |
| Nokia, NSB | We support the proposal |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Support |
| OPPO | As we commented above, RAN4 agrees to have channelizations in unlicensed band. In NRU the LBT bandwidth is aligned with the min channelization bandwidth, i.e. 20MHz. In FR2-2, RAN1 shall discuss whether we need to reconsider aligning the LBT bandwidth with min channelization bandwidth.  Moderator: I believe we already agreed not to use the minimum channel grid for LBT. Since the minimum channel grid is 100MHz for unlicensed, for 2GHz channel, this will take 20 LBTs, which is not practical. |
| CATT | We support the proposal |
| Ericsson | We support the proposal |
| Xiaomi | We support the proposal |
| FW | Support |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We support the proposal |
| Intel | We support the proposal |
| vivo | We support the proposal. |
| Samsung | We support the proposal. |
| TCL | We support the proposal. |
| OPPO2 | Thanks for Moderator’s response. Our proposal is not to perform LBT per minimum channel grid. We just don’t understand why we should allow a LBT bandwidth that is a fraction of the channel bandwidth since RAN4 has agreed to have channelization in unlicensed band. As we mentioned before, our agreements related to LBT bandwidth was made before RAN4 channelization, so we should take the information in the LS into account now to align RAN4 agreement. In this matter, we suggest an updated version as follows and with this we can accept the proposal.  Proposal 2.1-1a (modified)  For LBT for single carrier UL transmission, UE performs LBT over a BW that at least includes the active UL BWP bandwidth   * The BW that at least includes the active UL BWP bandwidth is captured as “channel” in 37.213 * The BW is restricted to be multiple integer of the min channel bandwidth defined by RAN4 for unlicensed band |

Proposal 2.1-1b (closed and replaced by proposal 2.1-5)

For LBT for single carrier UL transmission, the ED threshold used should not be higher than the ED threshold associated with the active UL BWP bandwidth

Support: vivo, Intel, Apple, WILUS, DCM, InterDigital, FW, Xiaomi, LGE, Transsion, CATT,

Not support: Nokia, HW, Ericsson, LGE, ZTE, Samsung

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| Company | View |
| vivo | We support the proposal. |
| LG Electronics | We do not support the proposal. Similar to the DL transmission, UE determines EDT based on the EDT formula in the specification according to its bandwidth. In other words, there is no need to introduce additional restrictions on EDT. |
| Nokia, NSB | We do not support the proposal. We are still not clear why there would need to be an additional restriction on the EDT. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Considering that UE can perform LBT over wider bandwidth than active UL BWP in addition to active UL BWP bandwidth, we think it is a natural way for UE to perform LBT and determine EDT based on bandwidth corresponding to LBT bandwidth.  So we disagree with the proposal for the moment and remove our from the proponent list. |
| CATT | We support the proposal |
| Ericsson | We do not support the proposal. Our preference is not accurately captured so we changed it. We do not see a need to restrict it. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We don’t see why this restriction should be imposed and cannot support the proposal. If LBT BW is over a larger BW, the received energy is higher and, correspondingly, the EDT should be higher too. Increasing LBT BW (to channel BW) while keeping EDT corresponding to only BWP BW only increases the chance of an LBT failure. |
| Intel | We are Ok with the proposal |
| vivo | We support the proposal. |
| Samsung | We didn’t see a need of this restriction. As mentioned in the DL case, a transmitter is allowed to use a wider bandwidth with higher risk of interference by regulation, so our spec should not restrict any behavior. |

Proposal 2.1-2 (closed and replaced by 2.1-2a)

For LBT for single carrier DL transmission to a UE, gNB performs LBT over the active DL BWP bandwidth configured for that UE.

* This does not rule out gNB implementation to performance LBT over a wider bandwidth, but the ED threshold used should not be higher than the ED threshold associated with the active DL BWP bandwidth
* TP 2.1-A
* Moderator note: There are proposals to use channel bandwidth for DL LBT. However, consider it is possible to configure a much wider channel bandwidth while using a much narrower DL BWP with relaxed ED threshold, the proposal is to use DL BWP BW

For LBT for single carrier DL transmission to multiple UEs, from each UE point of view, gNB performs LBT over the active DL BWP bandwidth configured for that UE.

* This does not rule out gNB implementation to performance LBT over a wider bandwidth includes the active DL BWP of multiple UEs, but the ED threshold used should not be higher than the ED threshold associated with the minimum of active DL BWP bandwidths of all served UEs
* Since the spec is written from a single UE’s perspective, this may not have spec impact

Proposal 2.1-2a (closed and follow up by separate discussions)

For LBT for single carrier DL transmission to a UE, gNB performs LBT over a bandwidth that at least includes the active DL BWP bandwidth configured for that UE.

* This does not rule out gNB implementation to performance LBT over a wider bandwidth, but the ED threshold used should not be higher than the ED threshold associated with the active DL BWP bandwidth
* ~~TP 2.1-A~~
* Moderator note: There are proposals to use channel bandwidth for DL LBT. However, consider it is possible to configure a much wider channel bandwidth while using a much narrower DL BWP with relaxed ED threshold, the proposal is to use DL BWP BW

For LBT for single carrier DL transmission to multiple UEs, from each UE point of view, gNB performs LBT over a bandwidth that at least includes the active DL BWP bandwidth configured for that UE.

* This does not rule out gNB implementation to performance LBT over a wider bandwidth includes the active DL BWP of multiple UEs, but the ED threshold used should not be higher than the ED threshold associated with the minimum of active DL BWP bandwidths of all served UEs
* Since the spec is written from a single UE’s perspective, this may not have spec impact

Moderator note: There are questions that why not using DL channel bandwidth for EDT determination. My intention is to avoid allowing the gNB to transmit with narrow band but using much wider bandwidth for LBT EDT determination, as it can be very relaxed. In NR, it is possible for gNB to configure 2GHz channel bandwidth, but only use 100MHz for active DL BWP. If we allow gNB to use channel bandwidth for EDT, we effectively relaxed 13dB. Same issue for UL.

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| vivo | We don’t support the proposal. BWP is UE-specific. If gNB schedules two UEs at the same time, gNB performs LBT over a bandwidth at least covering the DL BWPs of the two UEs. It does not make sense to announce that gNB performs LBT over a UE’s DL BWP. We suggest to change the proposal as below:  Proposal 2.1-2  For LBT for single carrier DL transmission to a UE, gNB performs LBT over a bandwidth that at least includes the active DL BWP bandwidth configured for that UE.  The TP 2.1-A below is not reasonable. “downlink active bandwidth part bandwidth in MHz for gNB” is not a cleat concept.  Moderator: Captured the suggested changed in 2.1-2a |
| Intel | We are still quite confused with what the proposal is meaning and what the TP is implementing. The TP actually defines and refers to “UL bandwidth part bandwidth”, while in proposal 2.1-1 it seems that the intention is to refer directly to the channel bandwidth as defined in 37.213. |
| Apple | If gNB perform CCA over channel BW, the EDT should be calculated based on channel BW.  Moderator: Please see note above |
| WILUS | We support modified proposal 2.1.-2 by vivo. |
| DOCOMO | We prefer to refer to channel bandwidth defined in RAN4. We think DL BWP is the wording from UE perspective, while here we discuss on LBT BW from gNB perspective, where gNB would perform transmissions to multiple UEs over channel bandwidth in many cases. Also, There should be no problem even when we say channel bandwidth is LBT BW for EDT adaptation at gNB.  Moderator: Please see note above |
| Ericsson | We still cannot support the proposal. We understand the intention of the moderator, but it is still not clear to us why the EDT needs to be performed based on the minimum active DL BWP BW ? A device is allowed to perform LBT over a wider bandwidth and transmit using a narrower bandwidth.  We think that this should be the RAN4 channel BW. Even if gNB uses a wider BW to attain higher EDT, it is worthy to note that, the interference in the wider band is also included while calculating energy in the band. Furthermore, a device is also allowed to use any bandwidth to perform sensing according to EN 302 567 v2.2.1, unlike Rel-16 which had a fixed nominal BW of 20 MHz and occupied BW requirement.  Moderator: Please see note above  Response to Moderator: Using wider bandwidth for LBT indeed provides a higher EDT to work with however, it also considers the energy in the other parts of the band while performing LBT and this must not be disregarded. Furthermore, a gNB may use 2 GHz LBT BW and transmit to one UE in 100 MHz, but also transmit to others UEs or broadcast using 400 MHz or even the full BW in the COT. Therefore, we do not see an issue. Alternatively, considering the same example, we cannot support the EDT to be based on the “minimum active DL BWP” as even though gNB may transmit over the full 2 GHz bandwidth, this proposal would force the gNB to use an EDT that is based on 100 MHz, which is not fair. Other technologies do not do such alterations, nor does ETSI EN 302 567 mandate it. Note that there are also other HSs like EN 303 753 and EN 303 722 in ETSI domain, which does not even require LBT. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We generally agree with vivo’s modification with the following minor changes:  For LBT for single carrier DL transmission to UE(s), gNB performs LBT over a bandwidth that at least includes the active DL BWP bandwidth configured for UE(s). |
| OPPO | This discussion is also related to channelization, so RAN1 should firstly discuss whether or not to determine the LBT bandwidth for DL transmission based on channelization.  Moderator: I am not sure why we need to discuss the channelization first. |
| InterDigital | We agree with vivo’s updated proposal. |
| Lenovo | We are not too clear on the purpose of the proposal. In 37.213, we can and do write specification text also from a gNB's perspective.  We think the first part of the proposal should not just consider transmissions to a single UE, but to all UEs. So we don't think an agreement about "For LBT for single carrier DL transmission to a UE" is very meaningful, since from the gNB's perspective, whether it transmits to one UE or multiple UEs shouldn't make a difference as far as LBT is concerned. For example, shouldn't the LBT from gNB's perspective be the same regardless whether a transmission is intended to a single UE over 20 MHz or to two UEs over the same 20 MHz?  For the second part of the proposal, we don't see why the proposal says "from a UE's point of view". If the second part is intended to specify from a UE's point of view, it would be better to state for what purpose a UE needs to make such an assumption (e.g. COT sharing), and then rather state "A UE shall/should/may assume that LBT was done by the gNB at least over the active DL BWP bandwidth of the UE" or similarly.  Moderator: Please see the note above for my intention |
| Moderator | Updated in Proposal 2.1-2a capturing the vivo’s suggestion. Also removed the reference to the TP. The TP is for example only, and we can discuss that after agreeing on the proposal. |
| FW | We can support updated proposal incorporating Vivo’s suggestion.  We understand and see merit in the following point in terms of enforcing compliant behavior/testing but think more discussion is warranted:   * ED threshold used should not be higher than the ED threshold associated with the minimum of active DL BWP bandwidths of all served UEs |
| Nokia, NSB | We don’t support the proposal.  In the proposal, “from each UE point of view” means that the proposal defines UE’s assumption of gNB LBT BW. It should also be clarified and agreed what impact UE’s assumption of gNB LBT BW has on UE behavior.  The proposal is to arbitrarily further restrict the gNB EDT, without any assessment of fairness benefits that would be achieved. The gNB transmission bandwidth may be wider than the minimum active DL BWP BW, so the EDT restriction is not motivated from that viewpoint either. It is not clear why gNB EDT should be dependent on UEs’ DL BWP BW, as the EDT has not been agreed to be defined based on BW of actual transmissions. |
| Xiaomi | Support the updated Proposal. |
| Samsung | We would like to clarify why the fact mentioned by the FL is an issue. The transmitter is in the risk of meeting more interference by sensing larger BW with relaxed EDT, which looks pretty reasonable behavior by its implementation.  Moderator: Yes the gNB may see other interference from other band if open up wider for LBT. But what if there is no interference from other band, but the only interference is in the DL BWP. Isn’t we relax the EDT by 13dB for that exmaple? I feel we can only go conservative if there is no way to tell where the interference is |
| DOCOMO2 | Thanks FL for your answer. But we actually share similar view to Ericsson and Nokia on this issue.  From gNB perspective, we think in many cases it tries to access the channel to transmit something to more than one UEs. Then it would be too restrictive to define DL BWP for EDT adaptation at gNB.  Even if DL BWP is referred, when gNB performs transmissions for multiple UEs, which DL BWP does it take into account? The minimum one to align with CA case? But we do not think it is always CA case practically. |
| Moderator | Seems that there is different understanding on if gNB can relaxed EDT for LBT comes together with wider LBT bandwidth. Let’s start a separate discussion to agree on that first. Discussion 2.1-3 and discussion 2.1-4 started below |
| OPPO2 | Response to Moderator: Based on the LS, the channelization has been introduced in FR2-2 by RAN4 and we should take the information in the LS into account in the related discussions. In our understanding, the discussion on LBT bandwidth is related to channelization, so our question is if we should firstly discuss whether or not to determine the LBT bandwidth for DL transmission based on channelization.  **To RAN1 group:**  **ACTION:** RAN4 respectfully asks RAN1 to take the above information into account in the conclusions related to both fixed and floating channelization.  Moderator: The LBT bandwidth discussion is about bandwidth and EDT. The RAN4 agreement is about where the channels are. I don’t see a directly connection. Can you provide a proposal? |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We think LBT BW and the BW considered in EDT formula should be discussed separately. We can agree with the part concerning LBT BW as follows:  Proposal 2.1-2a (modified)  For LBT for single carrier DL transmission to a UE, gNB performs LBT over a bandwidth that at least includes the active DL BWP bandwidth configured for that UE.   * ~~This does not rule out gNB implementation to performance LBT over a wider bandwidth, but the ED threshold used should not be higher than the ED threshold associated with the active DL BWP bandwidth~~ * ~~TP 2.1-A~~ * ~~Moderator note: There are proposals to use channel bandwidth for DL LBT. However, consider it is possible to configure a much wider channel bandwidth while using a much narrower DL BWP with relaxed ED threshold, the proposal is to use DL BWP BW~~   For LBT for single carrier DL transmission to multiple UEs, from each UE point of view, gNB performs LBT over a bandwidth that at least includes the active DL BWP bandwidth configured for that UE.   * ~~This does not rule out gNB implementation to performance LBT over a wider bandwidth includes the active DL BWP of multiple UEs, but the ED threshold used should not be higher than the ED threshold associated with the minimum of active DL BWP bandwidths of all served UEs~~ * Since the spec is written from a single UE’s perspective, this may not have spec impact |
| Moderator | From the discussion above, it seems that the main problem is the EDT determination, while the LBT bandwidth has less issue. Let’s try separate the proposal and agree on LBT bandwidth only first |

Proposal 2.1-2b (closed and replace by 2.1-2c)

For LBT for single carrier DL transmission to a UE, gNB performs LBT over a bandwidth that at least includes the active DL BWP bandwidth configured for that UE.

* This does not rule out gNB implementation to performance LBT over a wider bandwidth

For LBT for single carrier DL transmission to multiple UEs, from each UE point of view, gNB performs LBT over a bandwidth that at least includes the active DL BWP bandwidth configured for that UE.

* This does not rule out gNB implementation to performance LBT over a wider bandwidth includes the active DL BWP of multiple UEs
* Since the spec is written from a single UE’s perspective, this may not have spec impact

Proposal 2.1-2c (open)

For LBT for single carrier DL transmission to a UE, gNB performs LBT over a bandwidth that at least includes the active DL BWP bandwidth configured for that UE.

* This does not rule out gNB implementation to perform LBT over a wider bandwidth
* The BW that at least includes the active DL BWP bandwidth is captured as “channel” in 37.213

For LBT for single carrier DL transmission to multiple UEs, from each UE point of view, gNB performs LBT over a bandwidth that at least includes the active DL BWP bandwidth configured for that UE.

* This does not rule out gNB implementation to perform LBT over a wider bandwidth that includes the active DL BWP of multiple UEs
* ~~Since the spec is written from a single UE’s perspective, this may not have spec impact~~

Objection: OPPO (wants to introduce additional limitation that the LBT BW is multiple of 100MNHz)

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| Company | View |
| LG Electronics | We are fine with the proposal. |
| Nokia, NSB | We are ok with the proposal |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Although we can accept the proposal, we don’t understand the meaning or benefit of doing this. |
| OPPO | As we commented above, RAN4 agrees to have channelizations in unlicensed band. In NRU the LBT bandwidth is aligned with the min channelization bandwidth, i.e. 20MHz. In FR2-2, RAN1 shall discuss whether we need to reconsider aligning the LBT bandwidth with min channelization bandwidth.  Moderator: Same reply as in 2.1-1a. |
| CATT | We are fine with the proposal. |
| Ericsson | We support the proposal with slight editorial changes.  Proposal 2.1-2b (new)  For LBT for single carrier DL transmission to a UE, gNB performs LBT over a bandwidth that at least includes the active DL BWP bandwidth configured for that UE.   * This does not rule out gNB implementation to perform~~ance~~ LBT over a wider bandwidth * The BW that at least includes the active DL BWP bandwidth is captured as “channel” in 37.213   For LBT for single carrier DL transmission to multiple UEs, from each UE point of view, gNB performs LBT over a bandwidth that at least includes the active DL BWP bandwidth configured for that UE.   * This does not rule out gNB implementation to perform~~ance~~ LBT over a wider bandwidth that includes the active DL BWPs of multiple UEs   Since the spec is written from a single UE’s perspective, this may not have spec impact |
| Xiaomi | Support the Proposal. |
| FW | Support and OK with Ericsson’s modification |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We support the with the added bullet by Ericsson |
| Intel | We are Ok with the proposal and with Ericsson’s proposed changes. |
| vivo | Regarding “Since the spec is written from a single UE’s perspective, this may not have spec impact”, we have different understanding. The channel access procedure for gNB is not written from a single UE’s perspective. In previous releases, we have separate clauses for DL and UL channel access procedures, and the EDTs are separately defined. Therefore, for FR2-2, the EDT for gNB and EDT for UE should be defined separately, at least the parameters such as the BW determining the should be defined separately. (In the spec, we use the same equation, however, the Pout, Pmax are different for gNB and UE.)  Moderator: That note is to say the spec will not say anything about if there are multiple UEs served together. |
| Moderator | Ericsson proposed version added as 2.1-2c |
| Samsung | We are ok with Proposal 2.1-2c |
| vivo2 | Thanks Moderator for the reply. However, we still disagree with the note in the 2nd sub-bullet of the 2nd sentence. The specification is not just written from a single UE perspective at least on channel access procedure. If the intention of this note is to say no specification impact when DL transmission is for multiple UEs, then it’s not clear to us why do we need the whole 2nd sentence as part of proposal for agreement.  Maybe a corresponding TP for the proposal can be provided so that we know what we are agreeing to.  Moderator: Let me remove the 2nd bullet. It is a comment anyway. We can discussion spec impact or TP later |
| OPPO2 | For proposal 2.1-1a and 2.1-2c, our concern is not addressed. We don’t understand why we should allow a LBT bandwidth that is a fraction of the channel bandwidth. We suggest an updated version and with this we can accept the proposal.  The updated version should address our concern and with regards to Jing pointed issue, i.e. given the 100MHz grid is too small, for 2GHz bandwidth, we simply don’t have the hardware to do it, the updated version can also address it.  Proposal 2.1-2c (new with Ericsson’s change and OPPO’s change)  For LBT for single carrier DL transmission to a UE, gNB performs LBT over a bandwidth that at least includes the active DL BWP bandwidth configured for that UE.   * This does not rule out gNB implementation to perform LBT over a wider bandwidth * The BW that at least includes the active DL BWP bandwidth is captured as “channel” in 37.213 * The BW is restricted to be multiple integer of the min channel bandwidth defined by RAN4 for unlicensed band   For LBT for single carrier DL transmission to multiple UEs, from each UE point of view, gNB performs LBT over a bandwidth that at least includes the active DL BWP bandwidth configured for that UE.   * This does not rule out gNB implementation to perform LBT over a wider bandwidth that includes the active DL BWP of multiple UEs * ~~Since the spec is written from a single UE’s perspective, this may not have spec impact~~ * The BW is restricted to be multiple integer of the min channel bandwidth defined by RAN4 for unlicensed band |
| TCL | We support Proposal 2.1-2c. The multiple-UE case, it might need to clarify whether it is a single LBT for multiple UEs, or multiple LBTs for these multiple UEs. |

TP 2.1-A

=====For 37.213 4.4====

4.4 Channel access procedures for frequency range 2-2

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When the gNB/UE can perform simultaneous sensing in different beams, Type 1 channel access procedure as described in Clause 4.4.1 is applied before the start of the channel occupancy per sensing beam where each sensing beam covers a transmission beam within the channel occupancy. When the channel is accessed the transmission within the channel occupancy can occur following the procedures in Clause 4.4.2 before switching to a different beam within the channel occupancy.

When the gNB/UE perform sensing, the channel should at least include the set of RBs in the active downlink/uplink bandwidth part of the carrier respectively.

\*\*\*\* Unchanged part omitted \*\*\*\*

4.4.7 Energy detection threshold adaptation procedures

A gNB/UE accessing a channel on which transmission(s) on beam(s) are performed within a channel occupancy, shall set the energy detection threshold to be less than or equal to the maximum energy detection threshold that is determined as follows:

where:

- is the RF output power limit in

- is the maximum EIRP of the intended transmission(s) by the gNB/UE to acquire a channel occupancy in where . The maximum EIRP used for the transmission(s) by the initiating gNB/UE during the channel occupancy is limited to .

- is the uplink active bandwidth part bandwidth in MHz for UE and downlink active bandwidth part bandwidth in MHz for gNB.

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Discussion 2.1-3 (closed and replaced by proposal 2.1-5)

For gNB to serve a single UE, if gNB uses wider bandwidth to do LBT, can gNB uses higher EDT corresponds to the wider LBT bandwidth for LBT?

* For example, if gNB is serving a UE with 100MHz DL BWP, and the channel is 2GHz, can gNB use 2GHz for LBT and use the EDT for the 2GHz?

Yes: LGE, Transsion, Ericsson, CATT, Intel, HW, Samsung, Yes

No: ZTE, FW, vivo

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| Company | View |
| LG Electronics | Yes, no matter there is an interference in the other band or not, gNB determines EDT based on the EDT formula in the specification according to its bandwidth. |
| Transsion | Yes, gNB may be at risk of more interference while benefiting from the relaxation of ED thresholds. So it’s a tradeoff and depends on the gNB implementation. |
| Lenovo | We don't see serving a single UE as an independent case, rather it is a special condition that should follow the same rule as the outcome of Discussion 2.1-4. |
| Ericsson | Yes. Please see our detailed response to Moderator comment for Proposal 2.1-2a. |
| CATT | Yes. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We think that gNB can use a wider bandwidth to do LBT only for the case where gNB serves multiple UEs. If gNB just serves a UE, we don’t understand why gNB need to perform LBT over wider bandwidth and use higher EDT. |
| Intel | Yes - From our understanding there is nothing that may prevent the gNB from using a wider band to evaluate the EDT. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes. It is the logical choice and there is nothing in the regulations mandating otherwise. If LBT BW is over a larger BW, the received energy is higher and, correspondingly, the EDT should be higher too. Increasing LBT BW (to channel BW) while keeping EDT corresponding to only BWP BW only increases the chance of an LBT failure. |
| Samsung | Yes. We didn’t see the need to restrict a gNB in using a larger bandwidth for sensing. |
| FW | We agree this provides additional flexibility but on the other hand, allowing use of relaxed EDT and sensing over bandwidth where gNB has no intention to transmit upon acquiring the COT is also not desirable. For instance if gNB has side-information that some bandwidth portion outside the user’s BWP is interference free, then it may include that portion in its LBT BW and compare against a higher EDT.  We agree with ZTE that this approach in single-user case is not well motivated. |
| Nokia, NSB | Yes. We are not convinced that gNB serving a single UE in a COT is a such special case that a specific rule should be defined for it. |
| vivo | We share the similar view with ZTE and FW. |
| Samsung2 | Response to ZTE: the use case is, a gNB may not need to frequently change the LBT bandwidth to serve different UEs at a time, which requires frequent tuning of the antenna filter to adjustment the sensing bandwidth. |

Discussion 2.1-4 (closed and replaced by proposal 2.1-5)

For gNB to serve more than one UE with different DL BWP, if gNB uses wider bandwidth to do LBT, can gNB uses higher EDT corresponds to the wider LBT bandwidth for LBT?

* For example, if gNB is serving a UE with 100MHz DL BWP, and another UE with 200MHz DL BWP (non-overlapping), and the channel is 2GHz
* Alt 1: gNB uses the minimum DL BWP bandwidth for EDT determination
  + Alt 1 for the example: gNB uses EDT corresponds to 100MHz bandwidth for LBT
  + FW
* Alt 2: gNB uses the bandwidth of union of all DL BWP for all UEs served for EDT determination
  + Alt 2 for the example: gNB uses EDT corresponds to 300MHz bandwidth for LBT
  + Transsion, Lenovo, CATT, ZTE, Intel, Samsung, FW
* Alt 3: gNB uses the bandwidth used for LBT for EDT determination
  + Alt 3 for the example: gNB uses EDT corresponds to 2GHz bandwidth for LBT
  + LGE, Transsion, Lenovo, Ericsson, CATT, Intel, HW, Samsung, Nokia

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| Company | View |
| LG Electronics | We support Alt 3 but it seems that the example is not aligned with it. The EDT should be determined by the bandwidth used by gNB which is not always 2GHz bandwidth. For example, the LBT can be performed with a bandwidth greater than 300 MHz or less than or equal to 2 GHz, and the EDT can be calculated according to its bandwidth size. |
| Transsion | We support Alt 2 and Alt 3, Alt 1 is too restrictive. |
| Lenovo | We don't support Alt 1. Alt 2 and Alt 3 can be further considered, and it may be up to gNB do implement between these two extremes. |
| Ericsson | We support Alt 3. Yes, gNB can use wider bandwidth to use LBT and use higher EDT corresponding to the wider BW.   We cannot support Alt1 as it is too restrictive.  We also agree with LGE’s comments. This is the reason; we have been proposing to use the “channel” definition in 37.213 (NOT the RAN4 channel BW) and generally refer to the LBT BW as “channel BW” in 37.213, like Rel 16. The channel definition in the 37.213 could mean the full carrier (2GHz in this example) or part of the carrier (100 MHz in this example) where transmissions are planned. This serves the purpose well and provides good flexibility. For example, for the above case, our proposal will support both Alt2 and Alt3 and gNB can choose depending on implementation. Since companies did not seem to want to support this, our fallback solution was to use the RAN4 channel BW/carrier BW. |
| CATT | We are open to discussion Alt 2 and Alt 3. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We prefer Alt 2 |
| Intel | Either Alt2 or Alt.3 are fine, but we have slight preference for Alt.3. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Support Alt. 3  If LBT BW is over a larger BW, the received energy is higher and, correspondingly, the EDT should be higher too. Increasing LBT BW (to channel BW) while keeping EDT corresponding to only (union of) BWP BW only increases the chance of an LBT failure. |
| Samsung | In our understanding, Alt 2 or Alt 3 or any bandwidth size between Alt 2 or Alt 3 is ok, and there is no need to restrict (and also no spec impact). |
| FW | We support Alt2 and Alt1 (which is allowed by implementation). Our interpretation of channel bandwidth was part of carrier bandwidth where transmissions are performed/intended within occupancy.  For Alt 3 our concern is that it opens the door for implementations which can increase access likelihood based on vacant bandwidth portions in which no transmissions are intended within COT. For example: first try LBT with a wide band (so higher EDT) and if that fails then try LBT again with narrower bandwidth (and lower EDT). To avoid this behavior, we could modify Alt.3 to fix LBT bandwidth in DL to carrier bandwidth. |
| Nokia, NSB | We support Alt 3 as it is aligned with EN 302 567, while Alt 1 and Alt 2 deviate from it. We don’t see that gNB EDT should directly depend on DL BWP impacting UE Rx BW and only indirectly on gNB LBT BW. For example, in Alt 1or Alt 2, if gNB serves UE with 100 MHz BW but just activates a wider 2 GHz DL BWP to the UE, gNB can change the EDT. |
| FW2 | **Nokia:** Thanks for your good comment. We could not follow the point on Alt 3 being aligned with EN 302 567. As we understood, the testing described in EN 302 567 is not considering the behaviours enabled by Alt-3 such as a node acquiring channel using a tailored choice of much wider LBT sensing bandwidth and relaxed EDT. |
| vivo | We think Alt 2 is the baseline, the LBT bandwidth of gNB should at least include union of all DL BWP for all UEs served. We believe by implementation gNB can perform LBT over a larger bandwidth, however, the EDT should be determined based on union of all DL BWP for all UEs served. The gNB will only transmits within the union of all DL BWP for all UEs served,  One additional comment: the union means that LBT bandwidth covers not only DL BWP for UE1 and DL BWP for UE2, but also the gap between them if they are not contiguous.  Moderator: For Alt 2, though the LBT may cover the gap, the EDT does not include the gap. |

On the EDT for LBT used when a wider bandwidth is used, from the discussion in proposal 2.1-1b, discussion 2.1-3 and 2.1-4, it seems that majority of the companies prefer not to restrict the EDT to the active DL BWP BW for gNB, but majority of the companies prefer to restrict the EDT to the active UL BWP BW for UE.

Proposal 2.1-5 (new)

Down-select between the following two alternatives:

* Alt 1: EDT is determined by the actual LBT bandwidth selected
  + Intel, Samsung
* Alt 2:
  + For UE, for LBT for single carrier UL transmission or for LBT for each carrier of CA UL transmission, the ED threshold used should not be higher than the ED threshold associated with the active UL BWP bandwidth in the carrier
  + For gNB, EDT is determined by the actual LBT bandwidth selected
  + FW

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| Intel | Alt. 1 is preferred. |
| FW | Between Alt.1 and Alt.2 our preference is Alt.2.  Clarification from moderator: Since we have included “channel” in the LBT BW proposals, would some occupied channel bandwidth requirements apply?  Moderator: I believe we already agreed to not consider the occupied bandwidth requirement |
| Samsung | We support Alt 1 and no change to current specification is needed regarding this proposal. Different gNB and UE’s behavior is not needed (and not aligned with the regulation point of view). |
| Ericsson | Alt1 is the baseline according to regulations. |
| LG Electronics | We support Alt 1. |
| TCL | We support Alt 1. |
| Xiaomi | We want to confirm that, the “LBT bandwidth” in Alt 1 is just the bandwidth that UE/gNB choose to do LBT(the “channel” in Proposal 2.1-1a/2.1-1c), it is not some special term as in NR-U that a LBT bandwith is fixed as 20MHz.  If the above is common understanding, we prefer Alt1, it is more simple and can comply to regulation and remains consistency between UE and gNB. |
| vivo | We prefer Alt 2. In previous agreement, the LBT bandwidth is said to be channel bandwidth or BWP bandwidth. The EDT should be determined based on channel bandwidth or BWP bandwidth. What we are doing here is to clarify which bandwidth gNB/UE should use, the EDT is then decided according to that bandwidth. Performing LBT over a larger bandwidth is up to implementation. |

## Energy Detection Threshold and Pout Determination

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| Agreement:  The baseline ED threshold can be computed as  Where Pout is RF output power (EIRP) and Pmax is the RF output power limit, Pout≤Pmax.   * FFS: Further adjustment on ED threshold based on the sensing beam and the transmission beam (further adjustment should not violate EDT requirements as per regulations) * FFS: If Pout is max output EIRP of the device or instantaneous output EIRP * FFS definition of Operating Channel BW * FFS: Whether ED threshold for NR-U and NR-U coexistence scenarios (eg, at regulation level) can be appropriately relaxed compared with the threshold of coexistence between NR-U and Wi-Fi. * FFS: EDT when the COT has time varying transmission beams and varying EIRP   Agreement  Confirm the WA with some clarifications  Working assumption:   * For Pout in EDT determination, define Pout as the maximum EIRP of the intended transmissions by the node determining EDT during a COT.   + The node is not expected to transmit in the COT with higher Pout than the Pout used to determine the EDT used to acquire the COT   Agreement   * For LBT purpose, the energy at gNB/UE is measured after antenna and antenna gain is included in the energy measurement. * The energy measurement is compared with EDT with no further adjustment to EDT standardized in Rel.17   + Note: This does not rule out extra backoff (conservative) EDT being applied as gNB or UE implementation   Agreement  For gNB initiated COT, for Pout in EDT determination at the initiating device (gNB), the Pout of the responding device (UE) is not considered  Agreement  For UE initiated COT, for EDT determination at the initiating device (UE), the Pout of the responding device (gNB) is not considered  Agreement  In Rel-17, the same ED threshold determination mechanism is used for UL to DL COT sharing and for UL transmission without COT sharing with UE as initiating device.  FFS: Spec impact for UL to DL COT sharing mechanism |

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| Company | Key Proposals/Observations/Positions |
| Huawei HiSilicon | Proposal 1: For operation in FR2-2, clarify in the current specifications that the EDT determination mechanism is not restricted to a node initiating a COT. The node determining EDT could be also a responding node. |
| Huawei HiSilicon | Proposal 2: For operation in FR2-2, when independent per-beam LBT is performed at the start of the COT, define Pout for each sensing beam as the maximum EIRP of the intended transmissions “covered” by the sensing beam by the node determining EDT during a COT. |
| vivo | Proposal 2: Adopt text proposal 1 for TS37.213. |
| vivo | Proposal 9: For Pout in EDT determination for a sensing beam, define Pout as the maximum EIRP of the intended transmissions “covered” by the sensing beam by the node determining EDT during a COT. |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Observation 3: There is no need to restrict UL EDT to be at most the EDT defined for UL BWP bandwidth. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #1: For Pout in EDT determination for a sensing beam, define Pout as the maximum EIRP of all intended transmissions by the node determining EDT during a COT. |
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Discussion 2.2-1: (closed and followed up in proposal 2.2-2)

For a COT with MU-MIMO (SDM) transmission or TDM transmission of beams with beam switching, when independent per-beam LBT is performed at the start of the COT, for Pout in EDT determination of LBT for each sensing beam:

* Alt 1: For Pout in EDT determination for a sensing beam, define Pout as the maximum EIRP of all intended transmissions by the node determining EDT during a COT
  + Support: Apple, LGE, Ericsson,
* Alt 2: For Pout in EDT determination for a sensing beam, define Pout as the maximum EIRP of the intended transmissions “covered” by the sensing beam by the node determining EDT during a COT
  + Support: Samsung, Intel, FW, Transsion, CATT, Lenovo, vivo, ZTE, DCM, Nokia, Oppo, HW, Wilus, IDCC, Xiaomi

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| vivo | Our position is correctly captured. We support Alt 2 to perform the independent perf-beam LBT. |
| Intel | We support Alt.2, and we believe that when determining the EDT value only the maximum EIRP related to the beams that cover the sensing beam for the intended transmission should be considered since those will be the beams over which the sensing will be performed. We feel that Alt.1 is quite unnecessary, and lead to an over pessimistic approach where the EDT value will be accounting for beams that are not used for sensing. |
| Apple | Suggest to leave it to implementation, similar to the conclusion when omni-sensing and directional transmission is used, the EDT adjustment is left to implementation. |
| WILUS | We support Alt 2 on Discussion 2.2-1. |
| Ericsson | Alt 1 is the baseline according to the regulations.  Pout is already defined as follows-  *is the maximum EIRP of the intended transmission(s) by the gNB/UE to acquire a channel occupancy in where . The maximum EIRP used for the transmission(s) by the initiating gNB/UE during the channel occupancy is limited to .*  In other words, the intended transmissions in the channel occupancy are the intended multiple beams in this case and maximum EIRP of those beams is considered as Pout. Alt2 defines multiple Pouts for multiple sensing beams, and hence multiple EDTs and multiple parallel LBTs. It is worthy to note that RAN2 have agreed that they do not need beam-specific LBT result from PHY to MAC. Therefore, it is not clear if there are any benefits in specifying as multi-beam sensing is anyway an implementation choice. This too can be left to implementation if companies wish to do so. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Our position has been correctly captured. |
| OPPO | We support Alt 2 and it takes full advantage of directional LBT. |
| InterDigital | We support Alt 2. |
| FW | We support Alt.2. We agree with Intel that Alt.1 can be too pessimistic and with Oppo that once node has decided to use multiple sensing beams it makes sense to take full advantage of directional LBT. |
| WILUS | We support Alt 2 on Discussion 2.2-1. |
| Nokia, NSB | As Alt 2 is less restrictive, we have a slight preference for that one. We are also ok to leave this up to implementation, |
| Xiaomi | We prefer Alt2. but currently, we haven’t defined what is “cover”. we think Alt1 is a default solution if we can’t reach consensus on Alt2. |
| LG Electronics | We support Alt 1.   |  | | --- | | **Agreement**  Confirm the WA with some clarifications  Working assumption:   * For Pout in EDT determination, define Pout as the maximum EIRP of the intended transmissions by the node determining EDT during a COT.   + The node is not expected to transmit in the COT with higher Pout than the Pout used to determine the EDT used to acquire the COT |   According to the above agreement, it is interpreted that all sensing beams should use a common EDT because Pout is defined as the maximum EIRP of the intended transmissions by node determining EDT during COT. Therefore, Alt1 should be supported because Alt2 is not allowed by the agreement. |
| Transsion | We support Alt 2. |
| CATT | Our position has been correctly captured. |
| Moderator | Given the majority view, let’s try this in proposal 2.2-2 |

Proposal 2.2-2: (open)

For a COT with MU-MIMO (SDM) transmission or TDM transmission of beams with beam switching, when independent per-beam LBT is performed at the start of the COT, for Pout in EDT determination for a sensing beam, define Pout as the maximum EIRP of the intended transmissions “covered” by the sensing beam by the node determining EDT during a COT

* Support: Samsung, Intel, FW, Transsion, CATT, Lenovo, vivo, ZTE, DCM, Nokia, Oppo, HW, Wilus, IDCC, Xiaomi, TCL
* Not support: Apple, LGE, Ericsson,

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| Company | View |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We support Proposal 2.2-2: |
| Intel | We OK with proposal 2.2-2. |
| FW | We support Proposal 2.2-2. We do not think this proposal violates the spirit of previous EDT/Pout agreement. |
| LG Electronics | We do not support the proposal for the same reason as the previous comment. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Support |
| CATT | We support Proposal 2.2-2: |
| Ericsson | We do not support the proposal. This would entail huge specification effort to define “beams” domain for sensing which is non-existent now. Furthermore, all this for an implementation choice is not needed during the maintenance phase. (Per-beam independent LBT sensing is only agreed as an implementation choice) |
| Xiaomi | After review the comments raised by LG, it looks like the previous agreement is more aligned with Alt 1. and we haven’t defined what is “cover” in Alt2. we think Alt1 is a default solution if we can’t reach consensus on Alt2 |
| vivo | We support this proposal. |
| FW2 | Xiaomi: We believe in the independent per-beam LBT being discussed here a correspondence between any beam used for transmission during COT and an LBT procedure (with its sensing beam) has already been established. This is reflected in the agreement made in Proposal 2.3-1c where transmission on a beam by gNB is allowed if corresponding LBT procedure has succeeded. |
| Xiaomi2 | We agree to FW that per-beam LBT is already supported in previous agreement. but our question is, how to define “cover” in the Proposal 2.2-2?, from our understanding, it can mean two things,  Interpretation 1: a transmission that use the same beam as the sensing beam  Interpretation 2: a transmission that use the same beam as the sensing beam, or a transmission that use a narrower beam “contained in” the sensing beam  But for Interpretation 2, we have not decided yet how to define it. Or we just take Interpretation 1? |

## Multi-Beam COT

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| **Agreement**  For a COT with MU-MIMO (SDM) transmission, support both Alt 1 and Alt 2 below:   * Alt 1: Single LBT sensing at the start of the COT with wide beam ‘cover’ all beams to be used in the COT with appropriate ED threshold * Alt 2: Independent per-beam LBT sensing at the start of COT is performed for beams used in the COT, if the node can perform simultaneous sensing in different beams   Note: On UE side, no UE capability will be introduced for this purpose.  Agreement:  Within a COT with TDM of beams with beam switching, down-select one or more of the following LBT operations   * Alt 1: Single LBT sensing with wide beam ‘cover’ all beams to be used in the COT with appropriate ED threshold   + FFS: Details on the definition of “cover” * Alt 2: Independent per-beam LBT sensing at the start of COT is performed for beams used in the COT * Alt 3: Independent per-beam LBT sensing at the start of COT is performed for beams used in the COT with additional requirement on Cat 2 LBT before beam switch   **Agreement**  Within a COT with TDM of beams with beam switching, at least support Alt 1   * Alt 1 (from previous agreement): Single LBT sensing with wide beam ‘cover’ all beams to be used in the COT   Agreement:   * SSB transmission with LBT is supported, at least when the conditions for contention exempt short control signalling based SSB transmission is not met   + Note the channel access for SSB with LBT may not be different from a normal COT with multiple beams   + FFS: If any difference from a multi-beam COT LBT needs to be introduced   Agreement:  For a COT with MU-MIMO (SDM) transmission, when independent per-beam LBT sensing at the start of COT is performed for beams used in the COT (Alt 2 in earlier agreement) is considered, the following alternatives are further considered   * Alt A: The per-beam LBT for different beams is performed in TDM fashion   + Alt A-1: The node completes one eCCA on one beam, and directly move on to the eCCA on the other beam, with no transmission in the middle   + Alt A-2: The node completes one eCCA on one beam, start transmission with the beam to occupy the COT, then move on to the eCCA on the other beam   + Alt A-3: The node performs eCCA of the different beams simultaneous, round robin between different beams * Alt B: The per-beam LBT for different beams is performed simultaneously in parallel, assuming the node has the capability to simultaneously sense in different beams   Agreement:  Within a COT with TDM of beams with beam switching, when independent per-beam LBT sensing at the start of COT is performed for beams used in the COT (Alt 2 or Alt 3 in earlier agreement) is considered, the following alternatives are further considered   * Alt A: The per-beam LBT for different beams is performed one after another in time domain   + Alt A-1: The node completes one eCCA on one beam, and directly move on to the eCCA on the other beam, with no transmission in the middle   + Alt A-2: The node completes one eCCA on one beam, start transmission with the beam to occupy the COT, then move on to the eCCA on the other beam   + Alt A-3: The node performs eCCA of the different beams simultaneous, round robin between different beams * Alt B: The per-beam LBT for different beams is performed simultaneously in parallel, assuming the node has the capability to simultaneously sense in different beams   **Agreement**  Within a COT with TDM of beams with beam switching, Alt 2 is supported if the node has the capability to perform simultaneous sensing in different beams. Alt 3 is allowed as node implementation choice if the node also supports Cat 2 LBT. The use of Alt 2 or Alt 3 is based on node’s implementation.   * Alt 2 from previous agreement: Independent per-beam LBT sensing at the start of COT is performed for beams used in the COT * Alt 3 from previous agreement: Independent per-beam LBT sensing at the start of COT is performed for beams used in the COT with additional requirement on Cat 2 LBT before beam switch |

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| Company | Key Proposals/Observations/Positions |
| Huawei HiSilicon | Proposal 2: For operation in FR2-2, when independent per-beam LBT is performed at the start of the COT, define Pout for each sensing beam as the maximum EIRP of the intended transmissions “covered” by the sensing beam by the node determining EDT during a COT. |
| Huawei HiSilicon | Proposal 17: When independent per-beam LBTs are performed to initiate a multi-beam COT with TDMed or SDMed transmission beams, support aligning the channel access start time for the multiplexed beams as follows such that a transmission on one beam does not start while sensing is ongoing on another beam:  If the backoff counter N\_(B\_i ) for a sensing beam B\_i reaches zero before the aligned channel access start time, the device continues to decrement the counter〖 N〗\_(B\_i ) and transmits in the corresponding beam at the aligned start time if either the channel continues to be sensed idle in all of the additional sensing slot durations or the channel is sensed idle within at least T\_d duration ending immediately before the aligned start time.  If the backoff counter N\_(B\_i ) for a sensing beam B\_i does not reach zero before the aligned start time, or reaches zero but the channel has been sensed busy in any of the additional sensing slot durations and has not been sensed idle within at least T\_d duration ending immediately before the aligned start time, the transmission(s) in the corresponding beam is dropped.  Denote the sensing beam with the maximum backoff counter at the start of the channel access procedure as B\_j. Aligned channel start time is at least T\_min after the start of the channel access procedure where T\_min is the minimum required duration for N\_(B\_j ) to decrement to zero. |
| FUTUREWEI | Proposal 4:  For a COT with multiple beam transmission, when Independent per-beam LBT sensing at the start of COT is performed, transmission is done (via either spatial or time multiplexing) along beams whose corresponding Type-1 LBTs are the first to acquire their respective channels. |
| FUTUREWEI | Proposal 5:  When independent per-beam LBT sensing is performed, a transmission may be allowed to occur as long as the LBT procedure has been successful before a channel occupancy for at least a single beam. However, a transmission (via either spatial or time multiplexing) is not allowed on those beams for which the corresponding LBT procedure was not successful. |
| InterDigital Inc. | Proposal 1: For a COT with MU-MIMO (SDM) transmission, support simultaneous round robin eCCA between different beams (Alt A-3). |
| InterDigital Inc. | Proposal 2: For a COT with TDM of beams with beam switching, support Alt A-2 or A-3. |
| InterDigital Inc. | Proposal 3: Support of Alt B for SDM or TDM of beams can be considered for some UEs. |
| InterDigital Inc. | Proposal 5: Agree on Proposal 2.3-1 from RAN1 107b-e FL Summary [4] “When independent per-beam LBT sensing is performed, a transmission may be allowed to occur as long as the LBT procedure has been successful before a channel occupancy for at least a single beam. However, a transmission (via either spatial or time multiplexing) is not allowed on those beams for which the LBT procedure was not successful.”. |
| OPPO | Proposal 2: Alt A (i.e., per beam LBT for different beam is performed in TDM fashion) should be supported to address the overprotection issue of Alt 1. |
| OPPO | Proposal 3: For COT containing multiple beams, including MU-MIMO (SDM) and TDM of beams, Alt A-2 is not supported. Alt A-1 and Alt A-3 can be left for implementation. |
| OPPO | Proposal 4: Introduce Cat 2 LBT for the independent per-beam LBT sensing procedure. |
| CATT | Proposal 7：If the gNB/UE perform independent per-beam LBT sensing at the start of COT and the results of per-beam LBT are not successful on all the beams , the gNB/UE can perform transmission on the beams where the LBT result is successful. |
| ZTE Sanechips | Proposal 14: Considering LBT overhead and transmission delay, Alt B that“The per-beam LBT for different beams is performed simultaneously in parallel, assuming the node has the capability to simultaneously sense in different beams” should be considered for the transmission with multiple beams . |
| ZTE Sanechips | Proposal 15: If the node has no the capability to simultaneously sense in different beams, Alt A-3 that “The node performs eCCA of the different beams simultaneous, round robin between different beams” can be considered for the transmission with multiple beams. |
| ZTE Sanechips | Proposal 19: If directional LBT is used, it is recommended that per-beam LBT failure indication is supported in FR2-2 to better align the directional beam transmission characteristics and be compatible with the existing mechanisms. |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 10: Single Ninit value is used in all per-beam LBT sensing procedures. |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 11: When independent per-beam LBT sensing is performed at gNB, transmission is allowed on beams determined to be idle before channel occupancy. Transmission is not allowed on beams determined to be occupied. |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 12: When independent per-beam LBT sensing is performed at UE, channel occupancy is not started if channel is determined to be occupied on any of the sensing beams. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 7: For a COT with MU-MIMO (SDM) transmission or TDM transmission of beams with beam switching, when independent per-beam LBT is performed at the start of the COT, define Pout as the maximum EIRP of the intended transmissions “covered” by the sensing beam by the node determining EDT during the COT. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 13: When independent per-beam LBT sensing is performed, a transmission may be allowed to occur as long as the LBT procedure has been successful before a channel occupancy for at least a single beam. However, a transmission (via either spatial or time multiplexing) may not be allowed on those beams for which the LBT procedure was not successful. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 14: When independent per-beam LBTs are performed to initiate a multi-beam COT with TDMed or SDMed transmission beams, independent counters are maintained per beam. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 15: When independent per-beam LBTs are performed to initiate a multi-beam COT with TDMed or SDMed transmission beams, support to align transmission starting time across the multiplexed beams such that a transmission on one beam does not start while sensing is ongoing on another beam. In this matter, a device should behave as follows:  If the backoff counter N\_(B\_i ) for a sensing beam B\_i reaches zero before the aligned transmission starting time, the device continues to decrement the counter〖 N〗\_(B\_i ) by continuing to sense the channel via sensing slots of 5us each and transmits in the corresponding beam at the aligned start time if the channel continues to be sensed idle in all of the additional sensing slot durations.  If the backoff counter N\_(B\_i ) for a sensing beam B\_i does not reach zero before the aligned start time, or reaches zero but the channel has been sensed busy in any of the additional sensing slot durations, the transmission(s) in the corresponding beam is dropped. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 16: After the gNB/UE ceases transmission in any of the beam for which the channel access procedure was done, the gNB/UE will reinitialize the counter for all beams. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 17: When time-domain switching across beams within the same COT is supported, the per-beam LBT for different beams is also performed in a sequential manner. In particular, the initiating device may sense on a beam before either transmitting on that beam or switching to a separate beam to perform sensing. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 18: When independent per-beam LBT sensing is performed, an LBT failure is counted per transmission, and an LBT failure is reported only if all per beam LBTs fail. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 19: RAN1 should send an LS to RAN2 to inform them about the decision made in terms of how an LBT failure should be counted. |
| Ericsson | Proposal 7 RAN1 to agree that only a single Type 1 channel access mechanism (or same N\_init for all the applicable sensing) is initiated for multi-beam COTs when the gNB/UE can perform simultaneous sensing in different beams. |
| Ericsson | Proposal 8 RAN1 to agree that for simultaneous per-beam LBT in a multi-beam COT, if the channel is failed to be accessed for any sensing beam, all the beam transmission(s) is/are dropped during the channel occupancy. |
| Ericsson | Proposal 9 Considering above two proposals, following changes highlighted in yellow with some pats of the text struck through are proposed for 37.213 [If a channel occupancy includes transmission(s) in different beams that are multiplexed in spatial domain, one of the followings is applicable for the corresponding sensing to perform the transmission(s) within the channel occupancy: - Type 1 channel access procedure as described in Clause 4.4.1 is applied before the start of the channel occupancy using a single sensing beam where the single beam covers all the transmission beams within the channel occupancy. When the channel is accessed the transmission(s) within the channel occupancy across different beams can occur. - A single Type 1 channel access procedure as described in Clause 4.4.1 is applied before the start of the channel occupancy simultaneously per sensing beam using multiple sensing beams where each sensing beam covers a transmission beam within the channel occupancy. When the channel is accessed the transmission(s) within the channel occupancy a]ross different beams can occur. If the channel is failed to be accessed for any sensing beam, the channel access is deemed to have failed for all the]sensing beams. If a channel occupancy includes transmissions in different beams that are multiplexed in time domain, one of the followings is applicable for the corresponding sensing to perform the transmissions within the channel occupancy: - Type 1 channel access procedure as described in Clause 4.4.1 is applied before the start of the channel occupancy using a single sensing beam where the single beam covers all the transmissions beams within the channel occupancy. When the channel is accessed the transmissions within the channel occupancy across different beams can occur following the procedures described in Clause 4.4.3. - When the gNB/UE can perform simultaneous sensing in different beams, a single Type 1 channel access procedure as described in Clause 4.4.1 is applied before the start of the channel occupancy per sensing beam using multiple sensing beams where each sensing beam covers a transmission beam within the channel occupancy. When the channel is accessed the transmission within the channel occupancy across different beams can occur following the procedures described in Clause 4.4.3. If the channel is failed to be accessed for any sensing beam, the channel access is deemed to have failed for all the sensing beams. - When the gNB/UE can perform simultaneous sensing in different beams, a single Type 1 channel access procedure as odomabed in Clause 4.4.1 is applied before the start of the channel occupancy using multiple sensing beams per sensing beam where each sensing beam covers a transmission beam within the channel occupancy. When the channel is accessed the transmission within the channel occupancy can occur following the procedures in Clause 4.4.2 before switching to a different beam within the channel occupancy.] |
| Samsung | Proposal 2: For SDM scenario, when Type 1 channel access procedure is applied before the start of the channel occupancy simultaneously per sensing beam where each sensing beam covers a transmission beam within the channel occupancy, if a channel is failed to be accessed for any sensing beam, the corresponding transmission(s) is dropped during the channel occupancy. • Adopt TP#1 for TS 37.213. |
| Samsung | Proposal 3: For TDM scenario, when Type 1 channel access procedure is applied before the start of the channel occupancy simultaneously per sensing beam where each sensing beam covers a transmission beam within the channel occupancy, and no LBT is performed within the channel occupancy, if a channel is failed to be accessed for any sensing beam, the corresponding transmission(s) is dropped during the channel occupancy. • Adopt TP#2 for TS 37.213. |
| MediaTek Inc. | Proposal 1: For multi-beam COT, support Alt 5, if any issues for Alt 5, support Alt 2. |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Proposal 20: For a COT with MU-MIMO (SDM) transmission or TDM transmission of beams with beam switching, when independent per-beam LBT is performed at the start of the COT, for Pout in EDT determination of LBT for each sensing beam define Pout as the maximum EIRP of the intended transmissions “covered” by the sensing beam by the node determining EDT during a COT |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Proposal 21: When independent per-beam LBT sensing is performed, a transmission may be allowed to occur as long as the LBT procedure has been successful before a channel occupancy for at least a single beam. However, a transmission (via either spatial or time multiplexing) is not allowed on those beams for which the LBT procedure was not successful. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #3: When simultaneous sensing in different beams is used to Type 1channel access for gNB-initiated COT to transmit SDM transmission, the partial SDM transmission can be allowed for transmission(s) corresponding to the beam direction that succeeded in LBT, except for transmission(s) corresponding to the beam direction that failed the LBT, instead of dropping the entire transmission(s). |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #4: When simultaneous sensing in different beams is used to Type 1channel access for UE-initiated COT to transmit SDM transmission, the entire transmission(s) can be dropped if at least one sensing beam is failed to LBT considering the UE complexity. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #5: When simultaneous sensing in different beams is used to Type 1channel access for gNB-initiated COT to transmit TDM transmission, the partial TDM transmission can be allowed for the transmission(s) corresponding to the beam direction that succeeded in LBT, except for transmission(s) corresponding to the beam direction that failed the LBT, instead of dropping the entire transmission(s). |
| Lenovo Motorola Mobility | Proposal 1: For NR unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz with directional LBT based channel access mechanism, If a channel occupancy includes transmission(s) in different beams that are multiplexed in spatial domain, then one or both of the following behaviors can be applied for sensing to perform transmission(s) within the channel occupancy: - Single wider beam sensing before the start of the channel occupancy - Multiple beam sensing before the start of the channel occupancy (including both simultaneous sensing and TDM sensing, when simultaneous not supported by the node) |
| Lenovo Motorola Mobility | Proposal 2: For NR unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz with directional LBT based channel access mechanism, If a channel occupancy includes transmission(s) in different beams that are multiplexed in time odoma, then one or both of the following behaviors can be applied for sensing to perform transmission(s) within the channel occupancy: - Single wider beam sensing before the start of the channel occupancy - Multiple beam sensing before the start of the channel occupancy (including both simultaneous sensing and TDM sensing, when simultaneous not supported by the node) |
| Lenovo Motorola Mobility | Proposal 3: For NR unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz with directional LBT based channel access mechanism, if a UE is going to transmit a set of consecutive PUSCH transmissions including both dynamically scheduled PUSCH transmissions and CG-PUSCH transmissions, the UE can select the latest indicated UL Tx beam to transmit the consecutive UL transmissions |
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Proposal 2.3-1: (closed)

When independent per-beam LBT sensing is performed, a transmission may be allowed to occur as long as the LBT procedure has been successful before a channel occupancy for at least a single beam. However, a transmission (via either spatial or time multiplexing) is not allowed on those beams for which the LBT procedure was not successful.

Proposal 2.3-1a: (closed)

When independent per-beam LBT sensing is performed, a transmission ~~may be~~ is allowed to occur ~~as long as the~~ on a beam if the LBT procedure has been successful before the channel occupancy including that transmission for ~~at least a single~~ that beam. ~~However, a transmission (via either spatial or time multiplexing) is not allowed on those beams for which the LBT procedure was not successful.~~

Proposal 2.3-1b: (closed)

When independent per-beam LBT sensing is performed, a transmission is allowed to occur on a beam if the corresponding LBT procedure has been successful before the channel occupancy start time ~~including that transmission for that beam~~.

* Note: In multi-beam COT, channel occupancy start time corresponding to all Tx beams is aligned.
* Support 2.3-1 but please check if 2.3-1a is acceptable as well: vivo, Intel, Apple, WILUS, MediaTek, DCM, ZTE, OPPO, IDCC, Nokia
* Support 2.3-1a (but please check if 2.3-1b is fine): Lenovo, FW, Nokia, Xiaomi, LGE, NEC, Panasonic, Transsion, Lenovo, CATT, Intel
* Not support: Ericsson,

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| Company | View |
| vivo | We are fine with the proposal. |
| Intel | We are OK with this proposal. |
| Apple | OK |
| WILUS | We are fine with the proposal. |
| Mediatek | Ok with the proposal |
| DOCOMO | Support Proposal 2.3-1: |
| Ericsson | We cannot support this proposal in this form. Firstly, we think that there is no way to verify this and there is no apparent benefit in doing so. Secondly, the sensing beams may have some overlap and leakage. Thirdly, by allowing this behavior, it requires the transmitter to drop some scheduled/prepared packets in the failed LBT beam(s), which could increase the delay and buffer at the transmitter. Finally, dropping of such scheduled beams/packets for UL transmissions would require large specification impacts on handling the receiving of the packets since some scheduled beams would be missing.  Therefore, for UL we only support transmissions if LBT is successful for all beams (similar behaviour on sub-band LBT in rel-16). For DL we could consider supporting dropping failed beams as an implementation choice. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We are fine with the proposal |
| OPPO | If multi-beam COTs are aligned, we are OK with the proposal. |
| InterDigital | We are fine with the proposal |
| Lenovo | We are generally fine with the intention of the proposal, though think that the wording could be improved. If we modify the first part to a condition that must be fulfilled, we don't need to specify for the case that LBT was unsuccessful. For that matter, we share Ericsson's view that overlapping beams could result in ambiguity with the original wording.  When independent per-beam LBT sensing is performed, a transmission ~~may be~~ is allowed to occur ~~as long as the~~ on a beam if the LBT procedure has been successful before a channel occupancy for ~~at least a single~~ that beam. ~~However, a transmission (via either spatial or time multiplexing) is not allowed on those beams for which the LBT procedure was not successful.~~  Regarding Ericsson's point about dropping scheduled beams/packets, we think that situation already occurs in Rel-16 LBT failure cases (where we think packets are not dropped from the HARQ buffer, so they can be transmitted at a later opportunity), so we don't see why this could be a blocking issue for Rel-17. |
| Moderator | Added 2.3-1a from Lenovo’ suggestion. |
| FW | Support updated 2.3-1a |
| Nokia, NSB | We are ok with the initial proposal as well as Lenovo’s revision. |
| Xiaomi | OK with updated 2.3-1a |
| Samsung | In general ok with the proposal. Suggest wording change to clarify the CO should be the one including the corresponding transmission (not “a” arbitrary CO).  When independent per-beam LBT sensing is performed, a transmission ~~may be~~ is allowed to occur ~~as long as the~~ on a beam if the LBT procedure has been successful before the channel occupancy including the transmission for ~~at least a single~~ that beam. ~~However, a transmission (via either spatial or time multiplexing) is not allowed on those beams for which the LBT procedure was not successful.~~ |
| DOCOMO2 | Fine with Samsung update. |
| Moderator | Updated proposal 2.3-1a directly with Samsung suggestion, as it is editorial only for clarification purpose. |
| LG Electronics | We support the proposal 2.3-1a. |
| NEC | We are fine with proposal 2.3.1 and updated 2.3-1a. |
| Panasonic | We are ok with the proposal 2.3.1 and updated 2.3-1a. |
| Transsion | We support proposal 2.3-1a. |
| Lenovo | Fine with Samsung's update to 2.3-1a. |
| Ericsson 2 | Response to Lenovo: In Rel 16, you raise a good point for discussion. In Rel-16, the whole slot (in time domain) or all RB sets (in frequency domain) are dropped instead of dropping partial scheduled slot or partial scheduled RB sets if LBT failed for those RB sets. Similar behaviour is what we are proposing here: transmit all scheduled beams or drop all scheduled beams (in each time slot).  Furthermore, in addition to the above frequency and time domain in Rel16, we are trying to add a “beams domain”. Sensing beams are not even defined in any 3GPP spec. What happens for a case where a single UE wants to transmit two beams and performs multi-beam sensing, but one beam has passed LBT and the other hasn’t? by allowing the above behavior for UL transmissions, it affects the handling of the beams at gNB and will also impact scheduling decisions if one scheduled beam is received while the other is not. We think this complexity is not needed, especially when both the multi-beam sensing and directional transmissions are only agreed as implementation choices in RAN1. (Referring to agreements for TDM and SDM multi-beam COT previously) |
| CATT | Fine with Samsung update. |
| Intel | Updated text from Samsung is fine for us. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We cannot support 2.3-1 or 2.3-1a as is.  While the wording of 2.3-1a aims to clarify 2.3-1, its current wording may be misinterpreted as the channel occupancy start time corresponding to different beams can be different. This would be against the very definition of multi-beam COT (TDM/SDM) and it causes interference from Tx in one beam on LBT in another beam. We think such misinterpretation should be avoided by the following modification:  Proposal 2.3-1a (modified):  When independent per-beam LBT sensing is performed, a transmission ~~may be~~ is allowed to occur ~~as long as the~~ on a beam if the corresponding LBT procedure has been successful before the channel occupancy start time ~~including that transmission for at least a single that beam.~~ ~~However, a transmission (via either spatial or time multiplexing) is not allowed on those beams for which the LBT procedure was not successful.~~  Note: In multi-beam COT, Channel occupancy start time corresponding to all Tx beams is aligned. |
| Intel | We are fine with HW’s updated text. |
| Moderator | HW suggested clarification is captured as proposal 2.3-1b |
| LG Electronics (2) | We are fine with HW’s suggestion. |
| Ericsson 3 | We cannot support this proposal.  We propose to separate DL and UL case. For UL we only support transmissions if LBT is successful for all beams (similar behaviour on sub-band LBT in rel-16). For DL we could consider supporting dropping failed beams as an implementation choice.  In Rel-16, the whole slot (in time domain) or all RB sets (in frequency domain) are dropped instead of dropping partial scheduled slot or partial scheduled RB sets if LBT failed for those RB sets. We are proposing similar behaviour here for UEs: transmit all scheduled beams or drop all scheduled beams (in each time slot).  *Proposal 2.3-1b1(modified by Ericsson):*  *When independent per-beam LBT sensing is performed by a UE, a transmission is allowed to occur only if the all the per-beam LBT procedure has been deemed successful before the channel occupancy start time ~~including that transmission for that beam~~.*   * *Note: ~~In~~For multi-beam ~~COT~~ transmissions, channel occupancy start time corresponding to all Tx beams is aligned.*   *Proposal 2.3-1b2(modified by Ericsson):*  *When independent per-beam LBT sensing is performed by a gNB, a transmission is allowed to occur on a beam if the corresponding LBT procedure has been successful before the channel occupancy start time ~~including that transmission for that beam~~.*   * *Note: ~~In~~ For multi-beam transmissions ~~COT~~, channel occupancy start time corresponding to all Tx beams is aligned.* |
| vivo | We support proposal 2.3-1b. |
| Moderator | Given the concern from Ericsson, let’s try to agree on gNB side first in 2.3-1c |

Proposal 2.3-1c: (closed and agreed)

When independent per-beam LBT sensing is performed at gNB, a transmission is allowed to occur on a beam if the corresponding LBT procedure has been successful before the channel occupancy start time ~~including that transmission for that beam~~.

* Note: For multi-beam transmission, channel occupancy start time corresponding to all Tx beams is aligned.
* FFS: When independent per-beam LBT sensing is performed at UE

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| Company | View |
| Ericsson | We can support the proposal. |
| Intel | We are OK with the proposal. |
| LG Electronics | We support the proposal. |
| NEC | We support the proposal. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We can support the proposal |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We are fine with the proposal |

Discussion 2.3-2: (closed)

When independent per-beam LBT is performed to initiate a COT with MU-MIMO (SDM) transmission or TDM transmission of beams with beam switching, shall we reuse the same design for multi-channel channel access mechanism, instead of introducing something different?

* For example, independent Type 1 channel access per channel becomes independent Type 1 channel access per sensing beam

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| Company | View |
| vivo | Yes, we think multi-channel channel access mechanism can be considered as a baseline for independent per-beam LBT. |
| Intel | We are OK with using as a baseline the Type A multi-carrier channel access procedure for the independent per-beam LBT procedure. However, the two should be discussed separately to accommodate for different considerations that may arise. |
| Apple | Does not support the proposal. They are separate issue. |
| WILUS | It should be separately discussed for independent per-beam LBT and multi-channel access. |
| Mediatek | We share similar view with Apple and WILUS that these are different issues. |
| DOCOMO | Maybe we do not get the point here, but this question seems to be implying to ask whether we need to wait for the progress in section 2.4, which seems not needed in our view. |
| Ericsson | We do not see a need to specify this together. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | we can first discuss this issue with multi-channel channel access separately. |
| OPPO | We agree that the multi-channel channel access mechanism can be the baseline for independent per beam LBT. |
| InterDigital | We do not support the proposal. Similar to other companies, we think these are different issues that have different considerations. |
| FW | Prefer separate discussion |
| Nokia, NSB | We see these as separate issues. |
| Xiaomi | When saying “we reuse the same design for multi-channel channel access mechanism”, does it mean that independent LBT is done per beam? If so, we can agree to take it as a baseline. |
| Samsung | We agree to discuss these separately. |
| LG Electronics | Yes, we think the design for multi-channel channel access mechanism can be considered as a baseline for independent per-beam LBT. |
| NEC | We prefer to discuss separately since multi-channel channel access may not be feasible to TDM transmission in our understanding. |
| Transsion | We prefer to discuss these issues separately. |
| Huawei, Hisilicon | We think the discussion point is not necessary at this time. We think we should first finalize multi-channel access mechanism first and, then see what we can import from that discussion to multi-beam channel access. |

Proposal 2.3-3: (new)

When independent per-beam LBT sensing is performed at gNB, each time the gNB attempts to acquire a COT

* the gNB/UE shall re-initialize the counter for each beam
* the initial value of the counter is independently determined for each beam
* count-down process is independent for each beam
* Start of the channel occupancy time in all beam is aligned.
* Type 1 channel access process for a new COT shall not start before the end of the previous COT.
* FFS: When independent per-beam LBT sensing is performed at UE
* Support: Intel, Samsung

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| Company | View |
| Intel | We are OK with the proposal |
| Samsung | We are OK with the proposal. We support the same behavior at UE side as well. |
| Ericsson | Independent per-beam LBT sensing is only an optional implementation choice. We can leave this for implementation. We only agreed to previous proposal 2.3-1c as a compromise. We do not support complicating the specifications with an implementation choice. |
| LG Electronics | We support the proposal. |
| TCL | We support the proposal. Independent per-beam LBT gives more freedom for gNB and UE. Since in FR2-2 the transmission is conveyed by beams(beamforming), it is meaningful to open the door to this freedom, such that more delicate control on interference mitigation is possible. |
| Xiaomi | We have a question about “Type 1 channel access process for a new COT shall not start before the end of the previous COT. ” is this from a single beam’s perspective or Gnb’s perspective? If it is from a single beam’s perspective, Type 1 channel access process for a new COT on one beam can overlap with previous COT on anther beam. |
| vivo | We support the proposal. |

## Multi-Channel channel access

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| Agreement:  Define Type A and Type B multi-channel channel access as:   * Type A: Perform independent eCCA for each channel * Type B: Identify a primary channel and perform eCCA on the primary channel, while perform Cat 2 LBT for other channels in the last observation slot   Down-selection between   * Alt1: Support Type A multi-channel channel access only * Alt2: Support both Type A and Type B multi-channel channel access.   Note: How eCCA is performed on each channel, and the BW of the channels over which eCCAs are performed are separately discussed  Agreement  Type A multi-channel channel access is supported.   * FFS whether legacy mechanisms such as type A1 is supported |

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| Company | Key Proposals/Observations/Positions |
| Huawei HiSilicon | Proposal 16: For Type A multi-channel access procedure in FR2-2, specify that the counters resume decrementing synchronously when idle slots are detected on the corresponding channels after either one of the following;  a duration of 2\*Tsl (5us each) from the end of previous transmission(s), or  reinitializing the counters |
| FUTUREWEI | Proposal 7: For Type A multi-channel channel access, for each channel, the counter is independently determined. After the COT expires in any one channel, the gNB/UE reinitializes the counter for each one of the channels. |
| ZTE Sanechips | Proposal 12: In addition to support Type A multi-channel channel access, Type B multi-channel channel access can be supported based on the device’s capability to support Cat 2 LBT. |
| ZTE Sanechips | Proposal 13: For Type A multi-channel channel access, after the device ceases transmission in any one channel, one of the following methods can be considered: l Alt1: the device can reinitialize the counter for all channels. l Alt2: the device can reinitialize the counter for the other channel except channel on which the device ceases transmission(corresponding to part of the legacy Type A1 mechanism) |
| NTT DOCOMO INC. | Proposal 9: For Type A1/A2 multi-channel access,  l Support either of the following approach for the exact specification text: Ø Alt 1: Newly define Type A1 and/or Type A2 for FR2-2, which generally follows the same text as in Clause 4.1.6.1 of 37.213 other than the parts related to CW\_p Ø Alt 2: Refer to Clause 4.1.6.1, and add a clarification that CW\_p is always expected to be 3 in FR2-2 l Support not to consider Type A2 in FR2-2 |
| Spreadtrum Communications | Proposal 1: For type A multi-channel channel access, for each channel, the counter is independently determined. |
| Spreadtrum Communications | Proposal 2: For type A multi-channel channel access, the legacy counter maintenance mechanism in type A1 is supported. |
| TCL Communications | Proposal 3: After the gNB/UE ceases transmission in any one channel, the gNB/UE reinitializes the counter for all channels. |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 7: Only Type A multi-channel access procedure (i.e. Alt.1 defined in RAN1#104-e meeting) shall be supported in NR-U on 60GHz band. |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 8: For Type A multi-channel channel access, for each channel, the counter is determined and maintained independently. |
| Ericsson | Proposal 2 RAN1 to agree that for LBT in intra-band CA multi-carrier transmissions, the gNB/UE performs multiple LBTs, one each channel separately. |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Proposal 5: For Type A multi-channel channel access, for each channel, the counter is independently determined. After the gNB/UE ceases transmission in any one channel, the gNB/UE reinitializing the counter for all channels. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 20: For FR2-2, multi-carrier channel access procedure is employed through independent counters, one for each carrier. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 21: Support to align transmission starting time across the carrier such that a transmission on one carrier does not start while sensing is ongoing on another carrier. In this matter, a device should behave as follows:  If the backoff counter N\_(C\_i ) for a carrier C\_i reaches zero before the aligned transmission starting time, the device continues to decrement the counter〖 N〗\_(C\_i ) by continuing to sense the channel via sensing slots of 5us each and declares the channel for that carrier to be idle if the channel continues to be sensed idle in all of the additional sensing slot durations.  If the backoff counter N\_(C\_i ) for a carrier C\_i does not reach zero before the aligned start time, or reaches zero but the channel has been sensed busy in any of the additional sensing slot durations, channel access procedure in carrier C\_i is considered to have failed. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 22: After the gNB/UE ceases transmission in any of the carrier for which the channel access procedure was done, the gNB/UE will reinitialize the counter for all channels. |
| Ericsson | Observation 4 Owing to the small contention window values (ranging from 0 to 3)it does not matter whether the device reinitializes or resumes the counter after a certain duration like Type A1 channel access, in the case of channel busy or after a successful transmission.  Based on the extensive analysis and observations provide in this contribution, we propose |
| Ericsson | Proposal 19 RAN1 to agree that for multi-carrier transmissions, the alignment of the counters or the transmission start times on each channel can be left for gNB implementation. |

Proposal 2.4-1: (closed and replaced by 2.4-1a)

For Type A multi-channel channel access, the initial value of the counter is independently determined for each channel, and count-down process is independent for each channel.

Proposal 2.4-1a: (closed and replaced by 2.4-1b)

For the multi-channel channel access procedure, the initial value of the counter is independently determined for each channel, and count-down process is independent for each channel.

Proposal 2.4-1b: (closed and replaced by 2.4-3)

For the multi-channel channel access procedure, the initial value of the counter is independently determined for each channel, and count-down process is independent for each channel.

* Start of the channel occupancy time in all channels is aligned.
* A mechanism is supported to ensure that start of the sensing in each channel does not overlap with an ongoing transmission on another channel.

Support: Intel, MediaTek, FW, Nokia, Xiaomi, Samsung, DCM, LGE, NEC, Transsion, Ericsson, CATT, ZTE

Mentioned support for 2.4-1 but please check if also fine with 2.4-1a: vivo, Apple, DCM, Ericsson, ZTE, OPPO, IDCC

Please provide your view if not captured above:

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| Company | View |
| vivo | We support the proposal. |
| Intel | We are generally OK with the principles behind the proposal, but we are not OK with the text since this references directly to the type A multi-channel access procedure. The proposal could be updated as follows:  For ~~Type A~~ the multi-channel channel access procedure, the initial value of the counter is independently determined for each channel, and count-down process is independent for each channel. |
| Apple | OK |
| WILUS | We support the Proposal 2.4-1. |
| Mediatek | We are ok with the principle of the proposal and Intel’s revised version. |
| DOCOMO | We interpret this Proposal 2.4-1 as “whether to support Type A1 multi-channel access in FR2-2” but not sure if it is correct. If correct, we support this proposal.  Moderator: Yes this is to address that FFS.  BTW, if RAN1 reuses Clause 4.1.6.1 for FR2-2, whether to treat CW\_P should be resolved since CW\_P seems not defined at all for FR2-2. One approach could be not to reuse this Clause but to have a new clause with similar text to Clause 4.1.6.1 (without referring to CW\_P). Another could be to refer to Clause 4.1.6.1 and to have a note like “CW\_P is always considered as 3”. Either way (or even other ways) is fine for us, but we believe it should be clarified.  Moderator: By the current 37.213 structure, the FR2-2 will be in new section 4.4 and will not reuse 5/6GHz spec |
| Ericsson | We support the proposal. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | we agree with the proposal |
| OPPO | We support the proposal. |
| InterDigital | We support the proposal. |
| Moderator | Proposal 2.4-1a added to replace proposal 2.4-1 per Intel’s suggestion |
| FW | Support 2.4-1a |
| Nokia, NSB | We support the proposal, and we are fine also with Intel’s modifications. |
| Xiaomi | Support 2.4-1a |
| Samsung | We are ok with Proposal 2.4-1a |
| DOCOMO2 | Intel’s update looks nice. We agree Proposal 2.4-1a: |
| LG Electronics | We support the proposal 2.4-1a. |
| NEC | We support Proposal 2.4-1a |
| Transsion | We support proposal 2.4-1a. |
| Ericsson 2 | We can support the proposal 2.4-1a. |
| CATT | We support the proposal 2.4-1a. |
| ZTE, Sanechips2 | We support the proposal 2.4-1a |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We cannot support the proposal as “count-down process is independent for each channel” is not clear and is interpretable.  For instance, does it mean that “once one counter goes to zero, transmission on the corresponding channel can start”? If it is the case, it would be against the definition of multi-channel occupancy. Also, does it mean that “count-down process” (sensing process) in one channel can start while the other channel is still transmitting in the previous COT? This would also be problematic as it causes interference of transmitting channel on the sensing process corresponding to the other channel. We can accept Proposal 2.4-1a with the following modifications.  Proposal 2.4-1a: (modified)  For the multi-channel channel access procedure, the initial value of the counter is independently determined for each channel, and count-down process is independent for each channel.   * Start of the channel occupancy time in all channels is aligned. * A mechanism is supported to ensure that start of the sensing in each channel does not overlap with an ongoing transmission on another channel. |
| Intel | We are OK to include additional bullets proposed by HW. |
| FW | OK with HW modification |
| LG Electronics (2) | We are fine with HW’s modification. |
| vivo2 | We support the proposal 2.4-1a |
| Samsung2 | We are unclear of the second bullet of Proposal 2.4-1a. By having the first bullet, do we still need the second bullet? If so, what does it mean “a mechanism is supported”? Is it already supported or we’ll further discuss such a mechanism? |

Proposal 2.4-2: (closed and replaced)

For Type A multi-channel channel access, after each COT, possibly using a subset of the channels, the counters for all channels are re-initialized.

Moderator: Updated to be consistent with language used in proposal 2.4-1a.

Proposal 2.4-2a: (closed and replaced)

For the multi-channel channel access procedure, after a COT, possibly using a subset of the channels, the counters for all channels are re-initialized.

Proposal 2.4-2b: (closed and replaced)

For the multi-channel channel access procedure, each COT may occupy a subset of the channels. After each COT, the counters for all channels are re-initialized.

Proposal 2.4-2c: (closed and replaced by 2.4-2d)

For the multi-channel channel access procedure, when the gNB/UE ceases transmission on all channels in a channel occupancy, to acquire the channel for the next channel occupancy, for each channel included in the multi-channel channel access procedure, the gNB/UE shall re-initialize the counter.

* Support earlier version, but please check to see if 2.4-2c is also fine: vivo, Ericsson, FW, Xiaomi, DCM, LGE, NEC, Transsion, Lenovo, Ericsson, ZTE,

Moderator note: Here is an example. There are two channels in the channel access, channel 0 and channel 1. The gNB starts type 1 channel access on both channels, and only channel 0 passed LBT, so the gNB transmits on channel 0 only. After the COT on channel 0, the gNB tries to start another COT. For channel 0, it is clear the gNB will need to re-draw a random number. The question is for channel 1. Should the gNB re-draw a random number, or continue count down from the previous number, adding 4 (This is allowed in the current Type A1)? The proposal is the re-draw a random number even for channel 1, consider the maximum random number you will get is 3, smaller than the 4 you need to add in the alternative approach.

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| Company | View |
| vivo | We support the proposal. |
| Intel | We are not sure what is the meaning of this proposal, and it is unclear what “possibly using a subset of the channels” and what will trigger the re-initialization of the counters. Is the counter re-initialized for all channels when a transmission burst is elapsed or at the end of a COT when this is acquired?  Moderator: An example added above. The intention is to after the previous COT. Exactly when to redraw after the previous COT does not matter. Just somewhere after the previous COT and before starts another COT |
| Apple | Since proposal 2.4-1 propose independent per channel, re-initialization should be independent as well. I.e., for channels which did not transmit, resume count down from previous value.  Moderator: Per current 5/6GHz band design, it is allowed to resume, but you will need to add 4 to the counter, which is already larger than our maximum counter value. Do you still want to do that? |
| Mediatek | This proposal is not clear to us. Is the intention to define when the counter should be re-initialized?  Moderator: An example added above |
| DOCOMO | We interpret this Proposal 2.4-2 as “whether to support Type A2 multi-channel access in FR2-2” but not sure if it is correct. If correct, we don’t see the strong need for that, while open to discuss.  When we support this, we believe the same issue as in the last proposal should be resolved here as well: how to treat CW\_P?  Moderator: This is not about A2. Please see the example above |
| Ericsson | We support the proposal. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | we don’t understand what the proposal means.  Moderator: Sorry for the confusion. Please see if the example added above can help. |
| InterDigital | Similar to others, we are unclear what the purpose of the proposal is.  Moderator: Sorry for the confusion. Please see if the example added above can help. |
| Lenovo | We think that the LBT counter is frozen if the channel is busy, no matter whether a COT ends on another channel or not. So there is no need to re-initialize all channels after each COT.  Moderator: Please see the example above |
| Moderator | Proposal 2.4-2a added to replace 2.4-2 |
| FW | Support 2.4-2a |
| Nokia, NSB | It is not clear why re-initialization should be mandated. This could be left for implementation  Moderator: For Rel.16, it is either re-initialization, or add 4 and continue count down. It is not implementation. |
| Xiaomi | Thanks Moderator for the clear example. we can support 2.4-2a. |
| Samsung | If the example is the gNB “can” redraw to get a smaller value, then we agree with Nokia that this can be up to implementation and no need to specify. It seems we need an example to clarify why the gNB has to redraw.  Moderator: For Rel.16, it is either re-initialization, or add 4 and continue count down. So we need to decide what to do. |
| DOCOMO2 | I see this is considered for the case after only a part of channels are obtained. We are ok with Proposal 2.4-2a. |
| LG Electronics | We prefer reinitializing the counters for all channels rather than resuming the previous value. |
| NEC | Based on the moderator’s note, we support the Proposal 2.4-2a for re-initialization of the counters for all channels |
| Mediatek | We are fine with the principle of the proposal, but prefer the version with some modifications as follows to be more clear  For the multi-channel channel access procedure, after a COT, possibly ~~using~~ only a subset of the channels transmit data during the COT, the counters for all channels are re-initialized.  Moderator: I suspect mentioning “transmit data” will cause more confusion. What if a COT carries control only? Can you live with current version? |
| Transsion | We support proposal 2.4-2a. |
| Lenovo2 | Thanks moderator to provide the example. Our understanding is that currently A1 allows both re-draw as well as countine with frozen counter+4. We don't see a need to force re-draw of the number, but if we understand Proposal 2.4-2a correctly, it would remove the option of continuing with frozen counter+4. Is there a problem keeping it?  Moderator: It is not a problem to keep it, but the new number (frozen counter + 4) will always be larger than the new random number you draw (up to 3). Why we still need this? |
| Ericsson 2 | Can support Proposal 2.4-2a. We also think that this need not be specified and can be left for implementation.  Moderator: I think if this is specified in Rel.16, we should specific it in Rel.17 as well. |
| CATT | We are generally OK with the proposal. For Type A1/Type A2 channel access procedures in Rel16, the counter will be resumed/reinitialize when the gNB ceases transmission(s) on any of the channel. However, in the above example, the counter reinitialize happens after the COT on channel 0 is finished and before trying to acquire the COT on another channel. Per our understanding, it seems a different use case from the multi-channel access procedure in Rel16 NR-U. We suggest to update the Proposal 2.4-2a as following:  Proposal 2.4-2a-rev:  For the multi-channel channel access procedure, after a COT, possibly using a subset of the channels, and when the gNB ceases transmission on any one channel, the counters for all channels are re-initialized.  Moderator: Isn’t this captured by the wording “after a COT”? It should be clear from it that the transmission ended all channels. Or you mean the random number can be re-drawn after one channel completed transmission while another channel is not finishing? Since we are not doing sensing when any channel is still transmitting, I don’t see any difference. |
| ZTE, Sanechips2 | Thanks moderator for the further clarification.  we can accept the proposal 2.4-2a |
| Intel | Many thanks to the moderator for the explanation of the proposal. While we are generally OK with the proposal, the text of the proposal does not really reflect the intention and the language is very tedious. We propose to update the text as follows:  For the multi-channel channel access procedure, ~~after a COT, possibly using a subset of the channels,~~ the counters for all channels over which type 1 is performed with the intention to acquire a COT are re-initialized after the end of the COT as long as type 1 succeeds and a device ceases transmission for at least oneof those channels. |
| Moderator | I see many people are not happy about the language. Let me try again in 2.4-2b |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | In 2.4-2/a/b, “After each COT, the counters for all channels are re-initialized” is unclear. It should be clarified which one of the following is meant:   1. The Td deferral time at the beginning of all sensing procedures are dropped and the counters for all channels are re-initialized? 2. New sensing procedures each with a new randomly-drown counter will be used. |
| Samsung | We can understand moderator’s intention after the responses, but the wording in the proposal is still not very accurate. We would suggest to reuse the spec language for NR-U:  For the multi-channel access procedure, when the gNB ceases transmission on any one channel , for each channel , the gNB can resume decrementing the counter after reinitializing . |
| Intel | Once again we are in principle OK with the proposal, but we agree with other companies that the language is still not accurate, and up to interpretation, and we also would prefer to reuse the spec language in this specific case. |
| Mediatek | Thanks for moderator’s effort and response. We also prefer to reuse the spec language to avoid further confusion. |
| Moderator | Samsung’s suggestion on reusing the spec language a good idea. However, I feel the spec language it not very clear in the beginning. There can be different interpretation of that language. Let me try again in 2.4-2c |
| NEC | We support the Proposal 2.4-2c in principle, and we think acquiring the channel for the next channel occupancy should begin with Td deferral and then a counter involved procedure. |
| LG Electronics | We are fine with Proposal 2.4-2c. |
| CATT2 | Thanks for FL’s clarification.  We are fine with Proposal 2.4-2c. |
| Xiaomi | Fine with Proposal 2.4-2c. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon2 | Similar to what we pointed out in our above entry, in Proposal 2.4.-2c, it is not clear that re-initialization of counters in each channel means which one of the following:   1. In the next round of sensing, the deferral duration Td at the beginning of each sensing procedure dropped and the sensing procedure of each channel starts with sensing slots based on a new-reinitialized counter    1. This would be a “modified” Type1 LBT 2. In the next round of sensing, a new sensing procedure on each channel is used which starts with a deferral duration Td followed by sensing sensing based on a new-reinitialized counter.    1. This would be a Type 1 LBT.   Moderator: In 2.4-2c, we are talking about acquiring the channel again. This is your interpretation 2. There will be another deferral |
| Intel | We have similar concerns as HW, and we are still not clear about the language used and specifically with “when the gNB/UE ceases transmission on all channels in a channel occupancy”: is the intention to reinitialize the counter if at least transmission is ceased on one channel? The text seems to suggest/hint otherwise.  Moderator: The intention is to reinitialize after completed the entire COT (all channels). I think it does not make sense to initialize counter and start count down earlier when some channel are still in COT |
| vivo | We support proposal 2.4.-2c. |
| Intel | @Moderator: Understood, but that is not what we are questioning. The issue here is that it is not spelled clearly that the counters for all the channels are reinitialized as long as LBT **succeeds on at least** one channel and transmission is **ceased on least one channel**. The proposal reads as if the counters are reinitialized on all channels only if transmission is ceased on all channels.  Moderator: Let me try again in 2.4-3 |

The next proposal is combination of the previous two discussions

Proposal 2.4-3: (new)

For the multi-channel channel access procedure, each time the gNB/UE attempts to acquire a COT

* the gNB/UE shall re-initialize the counter for each channel
* the initial value of the counter is independently determined for each channel
* count-down process is independent for each channel
* Start of the channel occupancy time in all channels is aligned.
* Type 1 channel access process for a new COT shall not start before the end of the previous COT.

Support: Ericsson, Intel, LGE, NEC, Qualcomm, Samsung, CATT, ZTE, FW, TCL

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| Company | View |
| Ericsson | We can support the proposal. |
| Intel | We are Ok with the proposal and language. |
| LG Electronics | We support the proposal. |
| NEC | We support the proposal. |
| Samsung | We are ok with the proposal. |
| CATT | We support the proposal. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We are fine with the proposal |
| FW | Support.  For completeness,  we could also capture moderator’s clarification to further include that:  “count-down process is independent for each channel and begins with a deferral duration Td”. |
| TCL | We support the proposal. |
| Xiaomi | We have a question about “Type 1 channel access process for a new COT shall not start before the end of the previous COT. ” is this from a single channel’s perspective or Gnb/UE’s perspective? If it is from a single channel’s perspective, Type 1 channel access process for a new COT on one channel can overlap with previous COT on another channel. |
| vivo | We support the proposal. |
| OPPO | We are OK with the proposal.  One question for clarification, does multi-channel in the proposal include multi-carrier case or not? Should the start of the COT in multi-carrier transmission be aligned? |

## Directional LBT

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| Agreement:  3GPP specification consider defining at least the relative relationship between all applicable sensing beam(s) and the transmission beam(s) to define sensing beam for LBT, where at least sensing beam(s) “covers” the transmission beam(s), considering following alternatives. Target down-selection by RAN1 #106bis-e   * Alt 1: Specify necessary requirement/test procedure to guarantee sensing beam “covers” the transmission beam   + Some methods to define “cover” have been discussed in RAN1 (may further down select the list) and are considered as acceptable from RAN1 perspective     - Alt-1A: the angle included in the [3] dB beamwidth of the transmission beam is ncluding in the [X, FFS] dB beamwidth of the sensing beam.     - Alt-1B: the sensing beam gain measured along the direction of peak transmission direction is at least X [FFS] dB of the transmission beam gain     - Alt-1C: The sensing beam gain is measured in one or more directions where the transmission beam EIRP is within A [FFS] dB of the peak EIRP. The sensing beam gain measured along the chosen directions is at least X [FFS] dB of the transmission beam gain in those directions.     - Alt-1D: The sensing beam gain is measured in one or more directions where the transmission beam EIRP is within A [FFS] dB of the peak EIRP and the sensing beam gain measured along the chosen directions is at least X [FFS] dB of the peak sensing beam gain     - Alt-1E: Sensing beam has the minimum [3] dB beamwidth which at least contains all beam peak directions of transmission beams.   + Sending LS to RAN4 and inform them the above and request them to make the final choice     - RAN4 choice may not be limited by the list above, but if different method is selected, RAN1 would like to have an opportunity to check as well * Alt 2. Extending the beam correspondence framework and QCL/TCI/SpatialRelationInfo framework to define “cover” and to indicate sensing beam(s) associated with a transmission beam(s)   + On gNB side sensing beam selection for a DL transmission beam,     - Option 1: The selection of eligible sensing beam for a transmission beam is left for gNB implementation       * No testing or enforcement introduced in 3GPP spec for this option     - Option 2: Beam correspondence at gNB side is assumed. Supporting one or more of the following behaviors       * A1. For a gNB transmission beam corresponding to TCI state A for a certain UE, the gNB can use the same beam for sensing       * A2. If TCI B is used as QCL source (Type D) for TCI A for a certain UE, then gNB transmission beam corresponding to TCI B can be used as the sensing beam for transmission with TCI A.       * A3. If TCI C is NOT used as QCL source (Type D) for TCI A for any UE, then gNB cannot use the transmission beam corresponds to TCI C as the sensing beam for transmission with TCI A.       * FFS: How and if to support sensing with a beam without corresponding RS sent? For example, how to use quasi-Omni beam for sensing if there is no SSB transmitted with quasi-omni beam   + On UE side sensing beam selection for a UL transmission beam     - Beam correspondence is assumed at UE       * FFS: What if beam correspondence is not supported at UE.     - Supporting one or more of the following behaviors       * If the UE is indicated to transmit with a beam corresponding to a certain SRI, the UE can use the same beam for sensing       * Assuming Rel.17 unified TCI framework, if the UE is indicated to transmit with a beam corresponding to a certain unified TCI, the UE can use the reception beam corresponding to the TCI for sensing       * FFS: How and if to support a wider sensing beam (such as pseudo-omni beam, which is supported in WiFi) to be used for a narrower transmission beam under QCL/TCI framework         + Option 0: Not supported         + Option 1: UE implementation.   No testing or enforcement introduced in 3GPP spec for this option   * + - * + Option 2: gNB indication.   FFS details.   * + FFS: How and if to support multiple sensing beams to be used for a transmission beam under QCL/TCI framework * Note: Supporting both alternatives or a combination of the two alternatives is not precluded   Agreement:   * When UE indicates a capability for beam correspondence with beamCorrespondenceWithoutUL-BeamSweeping ={1}, support the following behaviors * If the UE is indicated to transmit with a beam corresponding to a certain SRI, the UE can use the same beam for sensing * Assuming Rel.17 unified TCI framework, if the UE is indicated to transmit with a beam corresponding to a certain unified TCI, the UE can use the reception beam corresponding to the TCI for sensing * FFS: The case when UE does not indicate a capability for beam correspondence * Note: The UE should meet local regulatory requirements |

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| Company | Key Proposals/Observations/Positions |
| Ericsson | Proposal 5 RAN1 to agree to modify the sentence in CR 37.213, clause 4.4 to the following- [The spatial domain filter for sensing beam(s) during the sensing slot duration at the gNB, or at a UE when the UE does not indicate a capability for beam correspondence without the uplink beam sweeping, or at a UE when the UE uses a different beam for sensing than the beam used for transmission, covers relates to the transmission beam(s) of the intended transmission(s) within the channel occupancy according to [RAN4 reference].] Editor’s note: Definition of “cover” Where [RAN4 reference] is pending RAN4 LS response. |
| Ericsson | Proposal 6 RAN1 to agree to modify the sentence in CR 38.214 to the following- [A UE that has indicated a capability beamCorrespondenceWithoutUL-BeamSweeping set to ‘1’, as described in [X, TS 38.306], can determine a spatial domain filter to be used while performing the applicable channel access procedures described in [16, TS 37.213] prior to transmit a UL transmission on the channel as follows:] |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #7: Introduce a mechanism to indicate the sensing beam that is not corresponding to the transmission beam, or a single (wide) sensing beam (such as pseudo-omni beam), i.e., a resource index (e.g., SSB index for wide sensing beam or CSI-RS index for sensing beam same as transmission beam) corresponding to the sensing beam can be jointly encoded or separately indicated together with SRI or TCI indication for the transmission beam in the DCI. |
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Summary of positions so far:

## Channel Access Mode, i.e. LBT mode vs No-LBT mode

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| Agreement:  For regions where LBT is not mandated, gNB should indicate to the UE this gNB-UE connection is operating in LBT mode or no-LBT mode   * Support both cell specific (common for all Ues in a cell as part of system information or dedicated RRC signalling or both) and UE specific (can be different for different Ues in a cell as part of UE-specific RRC configuration) gNB indication   Conclusion:  There is no consensus to support per beam LBT mode or no-LBT mode UE specific gNB indication.  Conclusion:  For regions where LBT is not mandated, there is no consensus to introduce L1 signalling for gNB to indicate to the UE if the operation is in LBT mode or no-LBT mode. Note this is different from the DCI field indicate the LBT type for UL transmission. |

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| Proposed conclusion 2.6-1c1 from [1]  Other than the already agreed cell-specific and UE-specific indication to the UE if the gNB-UE connection is operating in LBT mode or no-LBT mode, no separate indication from gNB to UE is introduced to indicate if LBT is mandated by regulation in the deployment   * Note: the cell-specific and UE-specific indications on LBT mode or no-LBT mode will be provide***d in regions where LBT is mandated (in which case LBT mode is indicated), or in regions where LBT is not mandated or the spectrum is licensed (in which case LBT mode or no LBT mode is gNB decision)*** |

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| Company | Key Proposals/Observations/Positions |
| Huawei HiSilicon | Proposal 5: For operation in FR2-2, clarify that gNB indication of the LBT/No-LBT mode is also applicable in regions where LBT is mandated by regulations and when operating without shared spectrum access.  Adopt following TP#3 for TS 37.213 v17.0.0  Update the RRC parameters list sent to RAN2 accordingly |
| Huawei HiSilicon | Proposal 6: Support Proposed conclusion 2.6-1c1 in in [3]: |
| Huawei HiSilicon | Proposal 7: Modify the earlier agreement in RAN1#105-e as follows: |
| Huawei HiSilicon | Proposal 8: For operation in FR2-2, support enabling the validation procedures of periodic CSI-RS based on gNB’s indication of ‘LBT ON’ (Proposal 2.6-1d in RAN1#107bis-e) |
| FUTUREWEI | Proposal 8: Before the UE reports its LBT capability, gNB is allowed to schedule UL transmission with Type 1 or Type 2 channel access:  o If Type 2 channel access is indicated but not supported, then  § If UE supports Type 1 channel access and if the gap to scheduled transmissions allows for Type 1 channel access, use Type 1 access instead § Otherwise: UE does not transmit o If Type 1 channel access is indicated but not supported § UE does not transmit. |
| FUTUREWEI | Proposal 11: Priority or precedence rules should be defined to address the scenarios when UE receives multiple types of LBT or no-LBT mode indications. |
| FUTUREWEI | Proposal 12: If gNB indicates to the UE only by a cell specific indication that this gNB-UE connection is operating in LBT mode, the periodic CSI-RS should be validated by COT duration or dynamically granted PDSCH or aperiodic CSI-RS over the same set of symbols as in Rel.16 NR-U. |
| vivo | Proposal 6: Before UE reports its capability, gNB can only indicate UE to share the gNB-initiated COT with Type 3 channel access. |
| vivo | Proposal 7: Periodic CSI-RS validation should be supported if LBT mode is indicated for the gNB in the shared spectrum. |
| vivo | Proposal 8: gNB should indicate separate channel access modes for gNB and UE. |
| CATT | Proposal 1: Other than the already agreed cell-specific and UE-specific indication, no separate indication from gNB to UE is introduced to indicate if LBT is mandated by regulation in the deployment. |
| CATT | Proposal 2: For the UE in the region where LBT is mandated or the spectrum is licensed, at least the cell-specific indication of LBT/No-LBT mode should be provided. |
| CATT | Proposal 3: Tow bits can be used to indicate LBT mod information and Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling allowed information |
| ZTE Sanechips | Observation 1: Once the transmission of DL/UL channels/signals considered as Short Control Signalling exceeds 10ms limitation, it is a natural way to switch from No LBT mode to LBT mode. Observation 2: For the case of the transmission of DL/UL channels/signals considered as Short Control Signalling is in a COT initiated by gNB or UE and LBT is performed before Short Control Signalling transmission, it is suggested that such transmission should not be counted into 10ms limitation within the 100ms observation period. |
| ZTE Sanechips | Proposal 6: No LBT can be considered to be used in the following use cases: l Specific areas such as ITU region 2 and 3. l Interference controlled environment. l The transmission beams of nodes of different operators in the same system (e.g., NR-U) have little interference with each other. Observation 3: No LBT should be workable only if some interference elimination mechanisms are applied on top of it. If no LBT is supported, the spec impact of introducing such enhancement should be further studied and evaluated. |
| ZTE Sanechips | Proposal 8: Adopt TP2 into Section 4.4.3 of TS 37.213:  \*\*\* <Beginning of Text Proposal 2 TS 37.213> \*\*\*  \*\*\* <Ending of Text Proposal 2 TS 37.213> \*\*\* |
| ZTE Sanechips | Proposal 9: Conditions for No LBT fallback to LBT should be further studied, e.g., based on the interference level or correctly decoding rate. |
| ZTE Sanechips | Proposal 17: Propose RAN1 to assess the need to distinguish between licensed spectrum and shared spectrum without LBT first.  l If yes, an LS can be sent to RAN2 to ask a guidance on how to distinguish between licensed spectrum and shared spectrum without LBT. |
| ZTE Sanechips | Proposal 18: To distinguish between licensed spectrum and shared spectrum without LBT, the following method can be considered: l Case 1: gNB does not configure “channelAccessMode2 ”(it is RAN2 term) in cell specific and UE specific gNB indication, this case means UE is operating in licensed band. l Case 2: If gNB configures “channelAccessMode2 ”, this case can indicate the current operation in unlicensed band. And through enable or disable to indicate LBT or No LBT, respectively. |
| NTT DOCOMO INC. | Proposal 8: Support both P-/SP-CSI-RS validation and upgrading the type of channel access based on COT duration indication DCI 2\_0  l Support to define the rule so that COT duration indication is applicable only for the beam used for the corresponding DCI 2\_0 |
| TCL Communications | Proposal 4: The LBT mode/non-LBT mode indication from DCI has a higher priority than that from SIB. |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Observation 1: The agreed cell-specific and UE-specific indication of the LBT/no-LBT mode is sufficient for unlicensed operation, without any further dependency on the region. |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 5: Support the FL proposal 2.6-1d1: For unlicensed operation (or shared spectrum channel access), if gNB indicates to the UE this gNB-UE connection is operating in LBT mode, the periodic CSI-RS should be validated by COT duration or dynamically granted PDSCH or aperiodic CSI-RS over the same set of symbols as in Rel.16 NR-U. |
| Ericsson | Observation 3 UE behavior for consecutive scheduled UL transmissions in a gNB-initiated COT needs further clarifications |
| Ericsson | Proposal 14 For regions where sensing is not required before every transmission, if a UE is scheduled to transmit a set of consecutive UL transmissions with or without gaps including PUSCH using one or more UL grant(s), PUCCH using one or more DL grant(s), or SRS with one or more DL grant(s) or UL grant(s) and the UE transmits the first of the scheduled UL transmissions in the set after accessing the channel using the LBT indicated in the DCI, the UE may continue transmission of the remaining UL transmissions in the set without any LBT. |
| Ericsson | Proposal 15 For regions where sensing is not required before every transmission, and gNB shares a channel occupancy initiated by a UE with a UL transmission on scheduled resources or a PUSCH transmission on configured resources, the gNB may transmit a DL transmission that follows the UL transmissions without any LBT. |
| Apple | Proposal 1: Add one bit SIB1 signaling indicating LBT is required before all transmission (i.e. Japan). |
| Apple | Proposal 2: RACH msg 1 or msg A transmission • When indicated in SIB1 that LBT is required before all transmission, Type 1 or type 2 LBT can be performed depending on UE capability.  • Otherwise type 3 can be used. |
| Apple | Proposal 5: In regions where no LBT is mandated, the UE specific RRC LBT mode indication applies to UE only. The UE can assume SSB, CSI-RS are always transmitted for RRM/RLM and beam management. |
| NEC | Proposal 3: For regions where LBT is not mandated, when LBT mode or no-LBT mode is indicated to a UE, the mode applies to the UE for the operation between the gNB and the UE. The operating mode of the gNB could be additionally indicated explicitly or implicitly if necessary. |
| Samsung | Proposal 1: For indication of the LBT/no-LBT mode: • gNB determines its mode by implementation; • UE assumes both the gNB and UE operates according to the indicated mode in the cell-specific indication;  • UE assumes the UE operates according to the indicated mode in the UE-specific indication; • the UE-specific indication overrides the cell-specific indication when both of them are provided. |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Proposal 7: If UE has not signalled that is capable of supporting Type2 LBT An indication for Type 2 LBT for UL transmission will be treated as an indicate for Type 1 LBT |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Proposal 16: Modify the earlier agreement as follows. Agreement: For regions where LBT is not mandated, gNB should indicate to the UE this gNB-UE connection is operating in LBT mode or no-LBT mode • Support both cell specific (common for all Ues in a cell as part of system information or dedicated RRC signalling or both) and UE specific (can be different for different Ues in a cell as part of UE-specific RRC configuration) gNB indication When LBT mode or no-LBT mode is indicated to a UE, the UE assumes the mode applies to both gNB and UE for the operation between the gNB and UE. • Note: The gNB still may or may not perform LBT, but UE does not need to know |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Proposal 17: Other than the already agreed cell-specific and UE-specific indication to the UE if the gNB-UE connection is operating in LBT mode or no-LBT mode, no separate indication from gNB to UE is introduced to indicate if LBT is mandated by regulation in the deployment • Note: the cell-specific and UE-specific indications on LBT mode or no-LBT mode will be provided in regions where LBT is mandated (in which case LBT mode is indicated), or in regions where LBT is not mandated or the spectrum is licensed (in which case LBT mode or no LBT mode is gNB decision) |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Proposal 18: For unlicensed operation (or shared spectrum channel access), if gNB indicates to the UE this gNB-UE connection is operating in LBT mode, the periodic CSI-RS should be validated by COT duration or dynamically granted PDSCH or aperiodic CSI-RS over the same set of symbols as in Rel.16 NR-U |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #8: The cell-specific and UE-specific indications on LBT mode or no-LBT mode will be provided in regions where LBT is mandated (in which case LBT mode is indicated), or in regions where LBT is not mandated or the spectrum is licensed (in which case LBT mode or no LBT mode is gNB decision). |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #9: If gNB indicates to the UE this gNB-UE connection is operating in LBT mode, the periodic CSI-RS should be validated by COT duration or dynamically granted PDSCH or aperiodic CSI-RS over the same set of symbols as in Rel.16 NR-U. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #10: When LBT mode or no-LBT mode is indicated to a UE, the UE assumes the mode applies to both gNB and UE for the operation between the gNB and UE (i.e., Approach 1). |
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Discussion 2.6-1 (closed and followed up by proposal 2.6-1a)

Please provide your view if LBT mode can be indicated by gNB if operating in licensed band

* Yes : HW, Intel, DCM,
* No: Apple, Ericsson, ZTE, Oppo, Samsung, Nokia, Samsung, ASUSTeK, NEC, Transsion, OPPO

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| Company | View |
| vivo | We think maybe we should first identify that if band number can be used to distinguish licensed and unlicensed spectrum. It that works, no additional LBT mode indication is needed for licensed band.  Moderator: That is RAN4 discussion how to use band numbers. |
| Intel | We agree with the proposal, and LBT mode should be also indicated in licensed band, so that to leave up to the network whether to use LBT or not when this is not strictly necessary (e.g, licensed band). |
| Apple | No. Do not see why LBT mode is indicated in licensed band.  Also if LBT mode can be indicated in licensed band, do we limit it to FR2-2, or general FR2. |
| DOCOMO | While do not understand why LBT can be needed in licensed band, we are ok with leaving it up to NW. |
| Ericsson | No. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We disagree that LBT is indicated for licensed band, so we remove our position from proposal.  According to CR endorsed by RAN4, it has agreed to use band number to distinguish between licensed band and unlicensed band, so it does not seems to necessary to indicate LBT mode for licensed band to identify whether the node is operating in licensed band or unlicensed band. |
| OPPO | No, LBT mode should not be indicated in licensed band. |
| InterDigital | We are unsure why LBT would be needed in licensed band. Is the purpose of this proposal in case a UE doesn’t know that it is in licensed band, and expects an indication of LBT or no-LBT?  Moderator: It is about if gNB can use LBT for licensed band voluntarily. For example, the band is licensed, but the operator does not do a careful planning of the gNB locations, or there are mobile gNBs, and the operator can use LBT type techniques to avoid/reduce collisions. |
| Nokia, NSB | No. It is unclear why LBT should be used on a licensed band. |
| Xiaomi | Currently, we don’t see the need. But if operators do see the need, we are open to discuss it. |
| Samsung | No, we didn’t see the need. A UE can distinguish the band as a licensed band from the system information, and will assume LBT is not applicable for this band. We don’t think it makes sense to ask a UE support licensed band only to implement the feature of LBT. |
| OPPO2 | Based on the response from Moderator, we are a little confused about the proposal. In our understanding, the discussion is about if the LBT mode field is needed in licensed band (please correct us if wrong). Actually, we only agreed that the indication of LBT/no LBT mode is supported in regions where LBT is not mandated by regulations. For regions where the band is unlicensed but LBT is mandated, and regions where the band is licensed, we do not have such conclusion.  Moderator: This discussion is actually not about if the LBT mode field is needed for licensed or not. I actualy don’t know which LBT mode field you mean. If you are talking about the LBT mode or no-LBT mode RRC indication, it is not a field and the IE will be there anyway. Your original reply seems to be under the right understanding of the question. |
| LG Electronics | Yes, Since the initial access UE does not know operating mode (LBT mode or no-LBT mode), the indication is necessary even if it is a licensed band.  Moderator: Actually this discussion is about if gNB can indicate the UE the connection is operating in LBT mode for licensed case. This is not about the IE exists or not 😊 |
| ASUSTeK | No, don’t see a motivation to introduce such indication for licensed band. |
| NEC | We don’t see the need of LBT mode indication for operation in licensed band. |
| Transsion | No, we don’t see the necessity of introducing LBT mode in licensed band. |
| CATT | Yes, Since the unlicensed band and licensed band in different regions may be overlapping with each other, the UE can know if the operation frequency is licensed or unlicensed without LBT mode indication. |
| OPPO3 | Response to Moderator: Thanks Moderator for the response. After we check the WID, the channel access mechanism is applicable to unlicensed spectrum in FR2-2, so the IE of LBT mode should not exist in licensed band. Furthermore, any discussion related to LBT operation in licensed band is out of WID scope according to the WID. Given we are in maintenance phase, whether or not LBT mode can be indicated in licensed band should not be discussed in this working group.   * Physical layer procedure(s) including [RAN1]:   + Channel access mechanism assuming beam based operation in order to comply with the regulatory requirements applicable to unlicensed spectrum for frequencies between 52.6GHz and 71GHz.     - Specify both LBT and No-LBT related procedures, and for No-LBT case no additional sensing mechanism is specified.     - Study, and if needed specify, omni-directional LBT, directional LBT and receiver assistance in channel access     - Study, and if needed specify, energy detection threshold enhancement |

Moderator note: Given we have majority in Discussion 2.6-1, let’s try to following proposal:

Proposal 2.6-1a (closed and replaced by 2.6-1b)

When operating in licensed band, either UE does not expect gNB to indicate the connection is in LBT mode, or UE can ignore the LBT-Mode IE when configured (say when the band number is different between licensed band and unlicensed band)

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| Company | View |
| Samsung | We believe the UE behavior should be an “and”.  When operating in licensed band, a UE does not expect gNB to indicate the connection is in LBT mode, and the UE can ignore the LBT-Mode IE when configured.  Also, seems this can be a description in RAN2 RRC parameter, and no need to specify the “unexpected” configuration from gNB in RAN1 spec. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We do not see how Proposal 2.6-1a can address the case of initial access UE.  If above proposal is agreed and LBT=OFF is not indicated in SIB1 when operating in a licensed band, how initial access UE would interpret the bit field ChannelAccess-CPext in RAR UL grant and the fallback DCI formats 1\_0/0\_0 scrambled with TC-RNTI?  Above may work only if LBT mode is mandatorily indicated in unlicensed band in SIB1 so when it is absent, UE can infer that the operation is in the licensed band and assume that the bit field does not indicate LBT type (it is reserved).  Moderator: The above is assuming the UE understand the channel is licensed given the band number included in the SIB1. |
| LG Electronics | We think that the operating mode (LBT mode or no-LBT mode) can be indicated to UE even if it is a licensed band since the initial access UE does not know operating mode. However, the UE may expect to always receive only the no-LBT mode in the licensed band. We are fine with the proposal only if the UE can identify whether the channel is licensed or unlicensed based on SIB1. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We think that the it seems to be more suitable to discuss and determine interpretation of “LBT mode” in RAN2. We are not sure if RAN1 needs to have such a conclusion. |
| Ericsson | We do not support the proposal. The previous motivation to indicate LBT mode for licensed band was that it may be beneficial to do so in the odd case of poor deployment planning by the operator. The discussion now seems to be that UE does not expect LBT mode for licensed but even if indicated, UE can ignore it. Then, what is the point of using LBT mode ON for licensed bands? We do not even see a need for this proposal.    We still do not understand the motivation to include LBT mode for licensed bands just because the systems are in place to be able to do it. |
| Huawei, Hisilicon2 | **To moderator:**  We thank the moderator for their explanation. Just the question for my clarification, which IE in SIB1 includes the operating band? A list of operating bands for cell-reselection purposes are indicated in SIB2 but, we don’t see any IE in SIB1 that indicates the operating band.  Moderator: That is why I use “either… or…”. If SIB2 are broadcasted, the UE can ignore. If the SIB2 is on demand, the UE “does not expect…”  **To Ericsson:**  In our view, LBT=OFF should be indicated in SIB1 so initial access UE can properly interpret the [2] bits of ChannelAccess-CPext in RAR UL grant and the fallback DCI formats 1\_0/0\_0 scrambled with TC-RNTI (ignore them/consider them as the reserve bits depending on the final decision on this in Section 2.9) |
| vivo | We don’t support LBT mode indication in licensed band. From the comments of the companies and the moderator, the motivation is very confusing.  Moderator: You don’t support indicating the IE in licensed band or you don’t support the IE indicates LBT mode in licensed band. The proposal is about the later case. |
| Huawei, Hisilicon3 | We thank our moderator for further reply. We don’t think a possible band number indication in SIB2 works because  1) SIB2 can optionally include the list of operating band for cell-reselection purposes. We are not aware that the current operating band would be necessarily included and identified in this list. Further, this list “frequencyBandList” is optional.  1) Even if the operating band number is indicated in SIB2, UE needs to interpret ChannelAccess-CPext in RAR UL grant and the fallback DCI formats 1\_0/0\_0 scrambled with TC-RNTI that may need to be decoding prior to decoding SIB2. |
| vivo2 | Response to moderator. We don’t support the IE indicates LBT mode in licensed band.  Moderator: I thought the proposal is saying the IE should not says “LBT mode” in licensed band. |
| Ericsson 2 | In Rel-16 the channel access mode IE was included in SIB1 as a conditional feature for Shared spectrum.   We think that *LBT-Mode* IE for Rel-17 also needs to be conditioned on “shared spectrum”. This ensures that LBT mode will not be present for Licensed band and devices can easily infer the reserved bits in fallback DCI and RAR UL grant.  The motivation is that it does not make sense to have elements pertaining to unlicensed operation in the licensed signalling. There is precedence for such an indication in Rel16 and even in Rel17, for Q value in MIB.  Perhaps, the following proposal could be considered?  *Proposal 2.6-1a1 (modified by Ericsson)*  When operating in licensed band, ~~either UE does not expect gNB to indicate the connection is in LBT mode, or UE can ignore the~~ LBT-Mode IE is not present ~~when configured~~ (say when the band number is different between licensed band and unlicensed band) |

Discussion 2.6-1b (new)

~~A UE does not expect to be indicated the channel is in a licensed band and receive a channeAccessMode2-r17 IE indicating LBT-Mode on~~

Seems that there are different views

* View 1: For licensed band operation, the IE channeAccessMode2-r17 should not be included at all, and UE identifies this is licensed band from the band number in
  + Ericsson, Samsung, ZTE
* View 2: For licensed band operation, the IE channeAccessMode2-r17 can still be provided, even though the gNB should not indicate LBT mode with the IE
  + HW, LGE
* View 3: For licensed band operation, the IE channeAccessMode2-r17 can still be provided, and the gNB can choose to indicate LBT mode or no-LBT mode with the IE

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| LG Electronics | We agree with Huawei’s previous comments in above. Hence, the operating mode (LBT mode or no-LBT mode) can be indicated to UE even if it is a licensed band for the initial access UE to interpret ChannelAccess-CPext in RAR UL grant and the fallback DCI formats 1\_0/0\_0 scrambled with TC-RNTI. |
| Ericsson | Initial access UE can easily interpret ChannelAccess-CPext for unlicensed band as indicated in the email by us. Our understanding is that the band number will be different for licensed and unlicensed bands for the same frequency range 66-71 GHz. A gNB will broadcast one or the other if it is capable to support both unlicensed and licensed as it may not be able to operate both unlicensed and licensed at the same time.  We want to consider the proposal below for further discussion. This has precedence in Rel-16 and we had similar discussions for Rel-17 regarding indicating Q values in MIB for licensed band too. It is worthy to note that it is the same rules as in Rel-16. In Rel-17. RRC spec has the conditional tag “FR2-2”, which is equivalent to the “SharedSpectrum” tag in Rel 16. This means that ChannelAccessMode2-r17 is present only when for unlicensed bands and not for licensed bands.  *Proposal 2.6-1a1 (modified by Ericsson)*  When operating in licensed band, ~~either UE does not expect gNB to indicate the connection is in LBT mode, or UE can ignore the~~ LBT-Mode IE is not present ~~when configured~~ (say when the band number is different between licensed band and unlicensed band)  FFS: LS to RAN2 to notify the above  Moderator: I understand RAN4 is defining a band number for unlicensed band. However, they are not yet defining the band number for licensed band yet (guess it is because the regulation is not ready). Assume the licensed band will be defined in future releases. Then for a Rel.17 UE in a future release licensed gNB coverage, it will only see a band that it does not know it is licensed or unlicensed. In that case, shall the UE access? Since the UE supports all the functionality needed to operate in licensed band, I think the UE should. Per Ericsson propsal (the ChannelAccessMode2-r17 does not appear), how does the UE interpret? Should the UE interprets the band as licensed, though there is officially no licensed band defined in this release yet?  Response to Moderator: Regardless of licensed/unlicensed band, isn’t this problem with backward compatibility already existing? If the UE doesn’t understand the band number, would the UE be able to access it? If a UE from 3G is served by a 5G gNB with a new band number? No. |
| Samsung | We share the same view as Ericsson. The scenario moderator mentioned does not hold in reality. A Rel-17 UE supporting unlicensed band only is in cell of a future release licensed band, then the UE simply cannot camp on the cell since the band number provided by SIB1 doesn’t match its accessing list. In short, we support View 1.  Moderator: Thanks for bringing that up. Actually you are right. I checked with our RAN2 delegate and was told the band number is mandatory to be signaled in SIB1 and UE has to match it to the band it supports to access the carrier. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Our understanding is aligned with view1. Since unlicensed band and licensed band can be identified by band number, we don’t see a need to indicate “channeAccessMode2-r17” to UE in licensed band. |
| TCL | We support View 1 too. According above discussions, RAN2 has to inform theUE the band number. Then, we do not see it is necessary to introduce “channeAccessMode2-r17”. |
| vivo | We think channeAccessMode2-r17 should not be applied to licensed band, i.e., view 1 among the alternatives. There will be no confusion on the licensed or unlicensed spectrum since band number will provide explicit indication. |
| OPPO | We support view1. As we commented above, any discussion related to LBT operation in licensed band is out of WID scope and the IE channeAccessMode2-r17 should not be included at all.   * Physical layer procedure(s) including [RAN1]:   + Channel access mechanism assuming beam based operation in order to comply with the regulatory requirements applicable to unlicensed spectrum for frequencies between 52.6GHz and 71GHz.     - Specify both LBT and No-LBT related procedures, and for No-LBT case no additional sensing mechanism is specified.     - Study, and if needed specify, omni-directional LBT, directional LBT and receiver assistance in channel access     - Study, and if needed specify, energy detection threshold enhancement |

Proposed conclusion 2.6-2 (closed and moved to section 15)

Other than the already agreed cell-specific and UE-specific indication to the UE if the gNB-UE connection is operating in LBT mode or no-LBT mode, no separate indication from gNB to UE is introduced to indicate if LBT is mandated by regulation in the deployment

* Note: the cell-specific and UE-specific indications on LBT mode or no-LBT mode will be provided in regions where the band is shared and LBT is mandated (in which case LBT mode is indicated), or in regions where the band is shared but LBT is not mandated (in which case LBT mode or no LBT mode is gNB decision), or in regions where the band is licensed (in which case, depends on the outcome of discussion 2.6-1, either the gNB will always indicate no LBT mode, or LBT mode or no-LBT mode is gNB decision)
* Support: vivo, Intel, DCM, OPPO, Qualcomm, IDCC, FW, Xiaomi, Samsung, LGE, NEC, Transsion, CATT

Alternative proposal from Apple.

Alt 2: One additional bit in SIB1 indicate whether LBT is required for all UL transmissions.

* Note: this is the ensure the system need Japan’s regulation on LBT. i.e., Type 3 is not allowed.
* Support: Apple, Ericsson,

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| Company | View |
| vivo | We support the proposal. |
| Intel | We agree with this proposal |
| Apple | Add alternative proposal 2 to capture 1 bit indication that all UL transmission require LBT.  Support Alt 2, which is on top of LBT and no LBT mode indication, to ensure system meet world-wide regulation. No type 3 is allowed for Msg 1 and msg A, also COT sharing when gap is less than a threshold. |
| DOCOMO | Support the Proposed conclusion 2.6.1-2 |
| Ericsson | We support the proposal and agree with Apple’s comments. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We don’t think that LBT should be provided for licensed band. |
| OPPO | We support the Proposed conclusion 2.6.1-2. |
| InterDigital | We support the proposal. |
| FW | Support |
| Nokia, NSB | We are fine with the main bullet. The Note may not be necessary and can cause confusion. E.g. in Europe whether LBT is needed or not does not depend on the band but on the deployment/harmonized standards that is followed.  Apples alternative proposal 2 seems to relate more to Proposal 2.7-1 below |
| Xiaomi | support |
| Samsung | We are ok with the proposal other than part for licensed band. |
| LG Electronics | We support the proposal. |
| NEC | We support the proposal. |
| Transsion | We support the proposed conclusion. |
| CATT | Support the Proposed conclusion 2.6.1-2. |
| OPPO2 | After double check, we are OK with the proposal other than the part for licensed band because any discussion related to LBT operation in licensed band is out of WID scope according to the WID.  Moderator: I guess your point is in licensed mode, the gNB has to indicate “no-LBT mode” to UE. This in a separate discussion above. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Support the original Proposed conclusion 2.6-2 with the note. We think LBT ON/OFF should be indicated in SIB1 in unlicensed band where LBT is mandated, in unlicensed band when LBT is not mandated, and in licensed band. We think the indication in licensed band should always be LBT OFF. |
| Apple 2 | One additional comment on the alternative proposal:  This one bit can solve potential new signaling under discussion of 2-14-1 and 2-14-2, where Japan regulation is again separate different behaviors. Otherwise, additional signaling will be needed again. |
| Ericsson 2 | We support Apple’s proposal. This 1 bit in SIB1 could be used both for Japan and shared COT(2.12-2), no need LBT indication for msg1/msgA (2.7-2) |
| Xiaomi | Currently, we haven’t decided yet what should be the “cell specific indication”. we can accept the Alt 2 raised by Apple that cell specification indication is in SIB1. |
| vivo2 | From our point of view, the cell-specific RRC signaling can by SIB1. So no additional signal is needed. |

Proposal 2.6-3: (closed and replaced)

For unlicensed operation (or shared spectrum channel access), if gNB indicates to the UE this gNB-UE connection is operating in LBT mode, the periodic CSI-RS should be validated by COT duration or dynamically granted PDSCH or aperiodic CSI-RS over the same set of symbols as in Rel.16 NR-U

Proposal 2.6-3a:

For unlicensed operation (or shared spectrum channel access), if gNB indicates to the UE this gNB-UE connection is operating in LBT mode, the periodic CSI-RS should be validated by COT duration or dynamically granted PDSCH or aperiodic CSI-RS over the same set of symbols ~~as in Rel.16 NR-U~~

Proposal 2.6-3b:

~~For unlicensed operation (or shared spectrum channel access),~~ If gNB indicates to the UE this gNB-UE connection is operating in LBT mode, the periodic CSI-RS should be validated by COT duration or dynamically granted PDSCH or aperiodic CSI-RS over the same set of symbols ~~as in Rel.16 NR-U~~

* Note this does not imply gNB can indicate LBT mode = ON for licensed operation, which is a separate discussion.
* Support 2.6-3 (please check if 2.6-3a is also fine): vivo, Intel, Ericsson, ZTE, IDCC, Nokia, Xiaomi, Samsung,
* Support 2.6-3a: ASUSTek, NEC, Transsion, CATT, ZTE, TCL
* Please also check if 2.6-3b is fine.
* Not support: Apple, FW

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| Company | View |
| vivo | We support the proposal. |
| Intel | We are OK with the proposal. |
| Apple | Would like to separate in two cases.  Case 1: If SIB1 indicate LBT, agree the proposal.  Case 2: If SIB1 indicate No LBT, and UE specific RRC signaling indicate LBT for this gNB-UE link, then UE assume this LBT is for UE only. |
| DOCOMO | Perhaps it would be better to resolve this issue after concluding beam-specific COT SI issue since whether to enhance DCI 2\_0 will affect whether it is possible to reuse Rel-16 NR-U method.  Moderator: The discussion on directional DCI 2\_0 is on top of this. I don’t see we will need to wait for that conclusion. |
| Ericsson | We support the proposal. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We are fine with the proposal |
| OPPO | If LBT mode is not allowed to be indicated by the gNB in licensed band, we can support the proposal. However, we should wait for the conclusion on Discussion 2.6-1, or we can discuss section 2.6-1 and Proposal 2.6-3 in the same package.  Moderator: This proposal is for unlicensed case only  Response to Moderator: Thanks Moderator for the response. In our understanding, we cannot treat this proposal separately from licensed band, which should be discussed in a whole package. The reason is that if we agree that the LBT mode is allowed to be indicated in licensed band, and we agree proposal 2.6-3 as is, the UE behavior will be not clear because the UE does not know whether the band is licensed or unlicensed. Therefore, we propose to wait till we can make conclusion on Discussion 2.6-1. |
| InterDigital | We support the proposal |
| FW | We agree with Apple to separate into 2 cases.  We support Case-1 with slight clarification and Case-2.  Case 1: If SIB1 indicate LBT and UE specific RRC signaling does not indicate no-LBT for this gNB-UE link, agree to the proposal.  Case 2: If SIB1 indicate No LBT, and UE specific RRC signaling indicate LBT for this gNB-UE link, then UE assume this LBT is for UE only. |
| Nokia, NSB | We support the proposal. |
| Xiaomi | OK with the Proposal.  And has question for the case 2 raise by Apple. we can agree with case 1/2 clarification, but not sure why it is raised. For P-CSI, it is UE specifically configure, so if UE specific RRC signaling indicate LBT for this gNB-UE link, then UE should still assume LBT for P-CSI. |
| Samsung | We are ok with the proposal. |
| DOCOMO2 | Thanks FL for the following. .  *Moderator: The discussion on directional DCI 2\_0 is on top of this. I don’t see we will need to wait for that conclusion.*  We agree the issue itself can be solved together with or earlier than DCI 2\_0. But my point is that having the wording “as in Rel.16 NR-U” may be too broad and may affect the discussion on DCI 2\_0. Since time domain behavior seems well described already, we think it could be safer to remove “as in Rel.16 NR-U” to leave DCI 2\_0 enhancements up to the relevant section. Then P-CSI-RS validation is anyway supported, and the needed functionality can be discussed there.  Moderator: I see your concern. I can remove “as in Rel.16 NR-U” |
| Moderator | Proposal 2.6-3a added with “as in Rel.16 NR-U” removed. |
| LG Electronics | We think that “unlicensed operation (or shared spectrum channel access)” in the first part of the proposal is not necessary.  Therefore, we suggest the modified proposal as follow:  Proposal 2.6.1-3b:  ~~For unlicensed operation (or shared spectrum channel access), i~~If gNB indicates to the UE this gNB-UE connection is operating in LBT mode, the periodic CSI-RS should be validated by COT duration or dynamically granted PDSCH or aperiodic CSI-RS over the same set of symbols ~~as in Rel.16 NR-U~~.  Moderator: By removing the condition, the discussion is slightly broader, and I am not sure other companies can support. There is a separate discussion if “LBT mode” can be indicated in licensed band. I would like to separate discussion for now. |
| ASUSTeK | OK with the proposal. No strong opinion on whether “as in Rel. 16 NR-U” is removed or not. |
| NEC | We are fine with updated 2.6-3a. |
| Transsion | We support proposal 2.6-3a. |
| CATT | We are OK with the Proposal 2.6-3a. |
| ZTE, Sanechips2 | We are fine with the proposal 2.6-3a |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We wonder why we need “For unlicensed operation (or shared spectrum channel access),” at the beginning of the proposal. We think whenever gNB indicates LBT mode = ON, CSI-RS validation procedure applies. Of course, we think that LBT mode = ON should only be indicated in unlicensed band, however, given some companies’ view is that LBT ON may even be indicated in unlicensed band, to avoid further confusion and misinterpretation down the road, we suggest to remove the redundant “For unlicensed operation (or shared spectrum channel access),” at the beginning of the proposal. We suggest:  Proposal 2.6-3a: (modified):  ~~For unlicensed operation (or shared spectrum channel access),~~ if gNB indicates to the UE this gNB-UE connection is operating in LBT mode, the periodic CSI-RS should be validated by COT duration or dynamically granted PDSCH or aperiodic CSI-RS over the same set of symbols ~~as in Rel.16 NR-U~~  Moderator: Let me capture this as an alternative proposal |
| Moderator | Proposal 2.6-3b added as alternative to proposal 2.6-3a. Please provide your preference. |
| LG Electronics (2) | We support Proposal 2.6-3b. |
| Ericsson | We do not support the proposal. There is no regulatory requirement or 3GPP agreement to use LBT for licensed mode. Therefore, we need to consider this in the scope of unlicensed bands only. We support proposal 2.6-3a and do not support 2.6-3b. |
| Huawei, Hisilicon | We support 2.6-3b. We have sympathy with Ericsson’s view and think that LBT=OFF should be indicated for the licensed band. However, the note in 2.6-3b addresses Ericsson’s concern. |
| Ericsson 2 | **Response to Huawei:** As indicated in our email, and in this FL summary discussion 2.6-1b(new), we summarize our points below.   * + - 1. SIB1 indicates the band number which tells the UE whether it is licensed or unlicensed band.       2. LBT mode IE, *ChannelAccessMode2-r17* is present only for unlicensed band, similar to Rel-16 where the channelaccessmode-r16 was present only for shared spectrum.          1. If you agree that LBT mode should be OFF for licensed, then there is no need to signal the IE for licensed band.   Therefore, this solves the issue of inferring the bits in Fallback DCI and RAR UL grant. Would you agree?  Moderator: Now sure how this solves the fallback DCI issue. How should a UE decode the fallback DCI granting the SIB1?  Response to Moderator: We do not understand the problem with fallback DCI granting the SIB1. Could you please clarify? A gNB cannot operate as both licensed/unlicensed. Furthermore, for the DCI format 1\_0 with CRC scrambled by SI-RNTI, the reserved bits are 17 bits for unlicensed and 15 bits for licensed according to 38.212 v17.0.0, which already lets UE know how to decode it. |
| Samsung | We share the same view as Ericsson. The bit-width of DCI format for RMSI is the same for licensed and unlicensed, then what’s the issue with decoding such DCI? |
| TCL | We support 2.6-3a. |

## Short Control Signaling and Contention Exempt Transmission

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| Agreement:   * Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling rules can be applicable to the transmission of SS/PBCH.   + FFS: What are the other DL signals and channels that can be multiplexed with SS/PBCH transmission under Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling rule   + FFS: Whether this can be applied to all supported SCS or specific SCS.   + FFS: Extension to discovery burst if it is defined including signals other than SS/PBCH   + Note: Restriction for short control signalling transmissions apply (10% over any 100ms interval) * FFS: Other DL signals/channels can be transmitted with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling rule, such as PDCCH, broadcast PDSCH, PDSCH without user plain data, CSI-RS, PRS, etc   Agreement:  For contention exemption short control signalling based DL transmission of SS/PBCH, further consider if the following signals/channels can be multiplexed with SS/PBCH block transmission.   * RMSI PDCCH and RMSI PDSCH * Other broadcast PDSCH * PDSCH without user-plane data * PDCCH * CSI-RS * PRS * Other signals/channels contained in Discovery Burst (i.e., exemption applies to Discovery Burst)   Note: Total exempted signals/channels should meet the restriction of 10% over any 100ms interval.  FFS: If contention exemption short control signalling based DL transmission is allowed when not multiplexed with SS/PBCH block transmission. |

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| Agreement:   * Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling rules apply to the transmission of msg1 for the 4 step RACH and MsgA for the 2-step RACH for all supported SCS.   + Note restriction for short control signalling transmissions apply (10% over any 100ms intervals)   + Alt 1: The 10% over any 100ms interval restriction is applicable to all available msg1/msgA resources configured (not limited to the resources actually used) in a cell   + Alt 2: The 10% over any 100ms interval restriction is applicable to the msg1/msgA transmission from one UE perspective * FFS: Other UL signals/channels can be transmitted with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling rule, such as msg3, SRS, PUCCH, PUSCH without user plain data, etc |

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| Company | Key Proposals/Observations/Positions |
| Huawei HiSilicon | Proposal 14: In regions where channel sensing is mandated and short control signaling exemption is allowed by regulations, contention-exempt short control signaling rules apply to the transmission of msg1 for 4 step RACH and msgA for 2-step RACH such that the 10% over any 100ms interval restriction is applicable to all available msg1/msgA resources configured in a cell (Alt 1).   Adopt following TP#7 for TS 37.213 v17.0.0 |
| Huawei HiSilicon | Proposal 15: Providing an additional RRC configuration to indicate whether or not msg1 or msgA is transmitted based on Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling is not supported. |
| vivo | Proposal 11: The 10% over any 100ms interval restriction is applicable to the msg1/msgA transmission from one UE perspective. |
| vivo | Proposal 12: gNB provides RRC configuration in SIB1 to indicate if msg1 or msgA transmission with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling based transmission is allowed. |
| vivo | Proposal 13: It is up to UE implementation to transmit msg1 or msgA based on short control signalling or with LBT. |
| CATT | Proposal 9: The 10% over any 100ms interval restriction should be applicable to all Contention Exempt Short Control Signals from cell perspective. |
| CATT | Proposal 10: In order to meet 10ms limit over 100ms, the Contention Exempt Short Signaling rules should be applied to sub-set of PRACH slots for msg1/msgA. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Proposal 1: Adopt Alt 1: The 10% over any 100ms interval restriction is applicable to all available msg1/msgA resources configured (not limited to the resources actually used) in a cell  Proposal 2: Adopt TP1 into Section 4.4.5 of TS 37.213: |
| NTT DOCOMO INC. | Proposal 5: Define short control signaling by interpreting the exemption rule as “per device” |
| NTT DOCOMO INC. | Proposal 6: Support a signaling to configure whether short control signaling is applicable or not |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 4: Whether the short control signalling exemption is applicable in a cell or not is indicated to the UEs via system information. |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Observation 5: EN 302 567, v2.2.0 allows for Short Control Signalling transmissions for up to 10% of time within an observation period of 100 ms. |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 13: There is a separate 10% allowance for the gNB, and another one common for all the UEs in the cell. |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Observation 6: Depending on SSB sub-carrier spacings and SSB periodicity, only a sub-set of all SSBs can be covered by short control signalling exemption. |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 14: It is possible to apply SCSe to one part of actually transmitted SSBs and LBT procedure for other/rest of the SSBs. |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 15: UEs may assume that if short control signalling is in use in a cell, the network shall not configure more than 10% of all time resources for msg1/msgA. |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 16: Use of short control signal contention exemption and use of LBT for different SSBs is predefined: as many lowest indexed SSBs as possible are transmitted without LBT, and the SSBs exceeding the 10% maximum are transmitted subject to LBT. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 10: The gNB indicates through a cell-specific RRC parameter in SIB1 whether the short signal exemption should be applied or not. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 11: The 10% over any observation period of 100ms is applicable to the msg1/msgA transmission from one UE perspective. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 12: TP#4 should be supported. |
| Ericsson | Proposal 3 RAN1 to conclude that for short control signalling transmissions from UEs, the requirement of 10ms over 100ms duration is applicable to transmissions from a single UE perspective (Alt2 in the agreement) |
| Ericsson | Proposal 4 RAN1 to agree that the use of LBT for contention exempt transmissions is indicated in SIB1. The type of LBT (CAT3 or CAT2 LBT) to be used can be left for implementation and depending on the UE feature. |
| Samsung | Proposal 4: For short control signalling, the duty cycle calculation for UL is per UE. • No spec impact. |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Proposal 9: gNB provides RRC configuration in SIB1 to indicate if msg1 or msgA transmission with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling based transmission is allowed. |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Proposal 10: Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling rules can be applicable to the transmission of discovery burst multiplexed with non-unicast information., provided the non-unicast transmissions are confined to the duration of the slots carrying DRS transmissions including SSB/PBCH blocks and RMSI PDSCH/PDCCH and NZP-CSI-RS. Note: Restriction for short control signalling transmissions apply (10% over any 100ms interval) |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Proposal 11: The contention exemption for short control signaling applies to following DL transmission bursts not multiplexed with SS/PBCH block transmission, it but does not contain unicast information. The transmission burst may contain • PDSCH without user plane data • PDCCH  • CSI-RS  • PRS Note: Restriction for short control signalling transmissions apply (10% over any 100ms interval) |
| AsusTek | Observation 1: 10% limitation is too restricted for all possible PRACH resources and could induce undesired delay. |
| AsusTek | Observation 2: Handling the case actual transmitted Msg1/MsgA opportunities from a UE exceeding 10% limit is not required. |
| AsusTek | Proposal 1: 10% limitation over 100 ms applies to actual transmitted Msg1/MsgA opportunities from a UE |
| AsusTek | Proposal 2: the case of actual transmitted Msg1/MsgA opportunities from a UE exceeding such limit is not handled from specification perspective. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #11: When Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling rules apply to the transmission of msg1 for the 4 step RACH and MsgA for the 2-step RACH for all supported SCS, the 10% over any 100ms interval restriction is applicable to all available msg1/msgA resources configured (not limited to the resources actually used) in a cell. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #12: Whether a short control signaling rule is applicable or not to the configured msg1/msgA resources can be explicitly indicated by the gNB or implicitly determined by UE by checking duty cycle for the configured ROs (or ROs and POs) resources within the observation period. |
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Proposal 2.7-1: (RRC impact) (closed and moved to section 15)

gNB provides separate RRC configuration in SIB1 to indicate if msg1 or msgA transmission with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling based transmission is allowed.

* Moderator note: This implies that UE does not need to figure out by itself if msg1 or msgA transmission with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling is allowed. This also implies that even in regions SCS is allowed and the msg1/msgA configuration satisfy the 10% over 100ms requirement, gNB still has the flexibility to disable it.
* Support: Intel, DCM, OPPO, FW, Xiaomi, Samsung, Nokia, LGE, Transsion, CATT
* Not support: Apple, Ericsson

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| Company | View |
| vivo | Our understanding of the proposal is that SIB1 only informs that SCS is allowed **in the region** (**which means it is not Japan**). However, this does not imply that all the transmissions of Msg 1 or Msg A will fulfill the 10% requirement. So, we don’t support the note from the moderator. We do not have an agreement on the 10% requirement yet, i.e. proposal 2.7-2.  Moderator: No this is not about how the 10% is applied. This is about gNB can tell the UE if the UE can use SCS for msg1/msgA transmission or not. The condition when the gNB can set the flag is what you mean. |
| Intel | We agree with the proposal and we feel that this is necessary since coupling LBT with short control signaling exemption is not always possible, and an example is Japan where LBT is mandated but the short control signaling exemption is not allowed. In this case, a mechanism to indicate whether a UE can adopt this exemption or not is needed. |
| Apple | The 10% rule is applied per UE. And only UE knows whether the 10% short control signaling is exceed or not (i.e., RACH is transmitted but not received by gNB).  Do not really see how feasible it is for gNB to control the short control signaling overhead per UE. Not sure whether this proposal assume proposal 2.7-2.  Moderator: This is not about the 10% restriction. This is about gNB control on if the UE can use SCS at all. |
| DOCOMO | Support with the Proposal 2.7-1. |
| Ericsson | We do not support this proposal. We don’t see a need for this proposal if Apple’s proposal in 2.6.1-2 is agreed. We think that solves the issue for Japan use case as well where all UL transmission need LBT. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We basically agree with the proposal. However, we think that it is still necessary to clarify some issues, as follows:  Issue1: if MSG 1 or MSGA transmission with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling based transmission exceeds 10ms limitation, whether UE directly switch from No LBT to LBT for subsequent transmission.  Moderator: I think if the transmission exceeds 10ms, the gNB should not set the flag in the beginning.  Issue2: if MSG 1 or MSGA transmission with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling based transmission is within a COT and LBT has been performed before COT, whether MSG 1 or MSGA transmission within a COT should be counted into 10% limitation.  Moderator: This depends on the discussion on the SCS based transmission is based on over all configuration or per UE. If it is overall, the gNB does not know which transmission can be based on COT sharing. If based on per UE, these transmissions are not using SCS, so should not be counted. However these are independent from the current discussion. |
| OPPO | We support the proposal. |
| FW | Support |
| Nokia, NSB | We see that system information should include indication whether SCS is applicable or not in the cell. On UL part, this means msg 1 or msg A transmissions. |
| Xiaomi | Ok with the proposal in general. |
| Samsung | We are ok with the proposal. |
| LG Electronics | We support the introduction of RRC configuration to indicate the applicability of the msg1 or msgA transmission by SCS. |
| Transsion | We support proposal 2.7-1. |
| CATT | We are fine with the proposal. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We think that if the 10% over any 100ms interval restriction is applicable to all available msg1/msgA resources configured (not limited to the resources actually used) in a cell, UE can determine whether or not the above 10% restriction is met from the configured resources in SIB1 and dedicated RRC signalling does not seem to be required.  Moderator: Here we are talking about a mechanism that allows gNB to turn off the feature even if allowed by regulation. |
| vivo2 | Thanks moderator for the clarification, we are still confused about the note. For example, in the case where the configuration of the msg1 and/or msgA exceeds 10% over any 100ms, in a region other that Japan, can gNB provide configuration in SIB1 to indicate that msg1 or msgA transmission can be with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling based transmission?  Moderator: No gNB cannot do that if they want to be regulation compliant. But this proposal is not about when gNB can set the flag. This is about gNB has the flag to set. |

Proposal 2.7-2:

For Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling based transmission of msg1 for the 4 step RACH and MsgA for the 2-step RACH for all supported SCS, the 10% over any 100ms intervals restriction is applicable to all available msg1/msgA resources configured (not limited to the resources actually used) in a cell.

* This 10% allowance is separated from the 10% allowance for gNB
* TP 2.7-A
* Moderator note: Understand this is not the majority view. However, the moderator does not believe we can reach consensus on applying the restriction per UE, and this proposal is the minimum we can agree on.
* Support: ZTE, OPPO, FW, Nokia, Xiaomi, Samsung, LGE, AUSSTek, Transsion, CATT, HW,
* Not support: vivo, Apple, DCM, Ericsson, Intel

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| Company | View |
| vivo | We do not support the proposal. Regulation concerns only the actually transmitted signals. We see no motivation to tighten the requirement. |
| Intel | We still do not agree with the arguments brought up by companies that would like to apply this exemption per cell. This will certainly put our design in disadvantage compared to other technologies where this exemption is full utilized. Furthermore, if the gNB may realize that potential co-existence issues may arise if proposal 2-7-1 is agreed, it will still have the choice to disable this functionality. |
| Apple | Do not agree. Should be per device per regulation definition. |
| DOCOMO | We do not support the proposal since it is not clear why the proposed restriction on RO configuration is essential at this stage. No one does not regulate this, and this does not achieve any benefits. |
| Ericsson | We cannot support this proposal unfortunately. This is further restriction than the ETSI BRAN regulations and we do not see any coexistence issues as any technology may avail this feature from EN 302 567 and we don’t understand why companies think that 3GPP shouldn’t. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We support the proposal |
| OPPO | We support the proposal. |
| FW | Support |
| Nokia, NSB | We support the proposal. |
| Xiaomi | OK with the Proposal |
| Samsung | We can be ok with the proposal for the sake of progress. |
| LG Electronics | We support the proposal. The 10% over any 100ms interval restriction should be applicable to all available msg1/msgA resources configured (not limited to the resources actually used) in a cell. |
| ASUSTeK | We still think it’s more reasonable to apply per UE restriction rather than a whole RO configuration restriction, while can live with the proposal for the sake of progress. |
| Transsion | We support this proposal. |
| CATT | We support the proposal |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We support the proposal |

TP 2.7-A

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4.4.5 Exempted transmissions from sensing

In regions where channel sensing is required to access a channel for transmission and short control signalling exemption is allowed by regulation, a gNB/UE may transmit the following transmission(s) on a channel without sensing the channel:

- Transmission(s) of the discovery burst by the gNB

- Transmission(s) of the first message in a random access procedure by the UE

When the gNB/UE transmits the above transmission(s) without sensing on a channel by utilizing the exemption above, the total duration of such transmission(s) by the gNB~~/UE~~ shall not occupy the corresponding channel more than over any interval. The total configured resources for transmission(s) of the first message in a random access procedure shall not occupy the corresponding channel more than 10ms over any 100ms interval.

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Discussion 2.7-3:

On non-unicast transmission (PDCCH, PDSCH carries system information other than SIB1, PDSCH without user plane data, CSI-RS, PRS) multiplexing with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling based DRS transmission

* Alt 1: Support the multiplexing as long as the restriction for short control signalling transmissions apply (10% over any 100ms interval)
  + Nokia, Ericsson, Lenovo, Intel, Xiaomi, NEC, Transsion, Sony, DOCOMO, CATT, Samsung, LGE, OPPO, InterDigital, Transsion, WILUS, IDCC, ZTE, CATT
* Alt 2: Not support the multiplexing
  + Apple, ASUSTek, Vivo, Huawei
* Alt 3: Support the multiplexing as long as the restriction for short control signalling transmissions apply (10% over any 100ms interval) and the multiplexing is only allowed in slots carry DRS (SSB, RMSI PDCCH/PDSCH, NZP-CSI-RS)
  + Qualcomm, IDCC, Apple(?), Ericsson, CATT

Moderator note: We have been discussing this for quite a while without reaching consensus. There are two camps on Alt 1 and Alt 2. The Alt 3 is added to see if we can reach some compromise.

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| Company | View |
| Intel | We are OK with Alt.1 and the rationale is similar as that provided above: extending this exemption to other channels up to the 10% duty cycle will allow the design to benefit from this exemption, which other technologies are taking advantage of. |
| Apple | Suggest modified proposal:  Support the multiplexing as long as the restriction for short control signalling transmissions apply (10% over any 100ms interval) and the multiplexing is only allowed in ~~slots~~ symbols carry DRS (SSB, RMSI PDCCH/PDSCH, NZP-CSI-RS)  Moderator: But there will leave many symbol levels gaps, while other RAT or other node cannot jump in (too short for LBT). This seems wasteful and not benefiting anyone? |
| WILUS | We support Alt-1. |
| Ericsson | Our preference Alt2 is correctly captured. We are open to support Alt3 as a compromise too. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We are fine with Alt 1 |
| OPPO | We support Alt 1. |
| InterDigital | We support Alt 1 or 3. |
| Nokia, NSB | We support Alt. 1 |
| ASUSTeK | We support Alt 2 as correctly captured above. |
| Transsion | We support Alt 1. |
| CATT | We are OK with both Alt 1 and Alt 3. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We support Alt 2 |
| Samsung | We want to clarify that the principle of Alt 3 is not aligned with the principle of Cat 2 LBT for DRS multiplexed with non-unicast transmission, and many configurations in Pattern 1 cannot be used due to this restriction. We can be ok with Alt 3, but need a technical reason why we need such restriction is needed. |

Proposed conclusion 2.7-4:

There is no consensus to support transmitting DL burst not multiplexed with DRS with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling based transmission

Support: vivo, Intel, Apple, WILUS, DCM, ZTE, OPPO, IDCC, FW, Nokia, Samsung, LGE, ASUSTek, Transsion, CATT

Not support: Ericsson,

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| Company | View |
| vivo | We support the proposal. |
| Intel | We are Ok with the conclusion, and as intended will like to apply this exemption only to non-unicast transmissions. |
| Apple | Agree |
| WILUS | We are ok with the proposed conclusion. |
| DOCOMO | Ok with the Proposed conclusion 2.7-4: |
| Ericsson | We cannot support this proposal and see this as a restriction on 3GPP devices. Any short control signal is allowed if the 10% DC limit is met according to the regulations. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We are fine with the proposal |
| OPPO | We are OK with the conclusion. |
| InterDigital | We agree |
| FW | Agree |
| Nokia, NSB | We can accept the proposed conclusion. |
| Samsung | We are ok with the conclusion |
| LG Electronics | We support the proposed conclusion. |
| ASUSTeK | Support the proposal |
| Transsion | We support the proposed conclusion. |
| CATT | Agree |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We support Proposed conclusion 2.7-4 |

## CP Extension

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| Company | Key Proposals/Observations/Positions |
| OPPO | Observation 1: Introducing CPE may lead the UE to perform UL transmission in large number of symbols in advance for 480kHz and 960kHz. Proposal 6: For CG-PUSCH in FR2-2, CP extension has a granularity of 1 symbol according to 120kHz SCS or larger than 8 us. |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 1: NR-U like CP extensions are not introduced for CG-PUSCH in FR 2-2. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 3: Support cyclic prefix extension for CG-PUSCH transmissions in the FR2-2 frequency range using the same design principle as NR-U.  The first starting offset value should be equal to 8us and the granularity among the set of starting offsets should be equal to 5us. |
| NEC | Proposal 2: For CG-PUSCH in FR2-2 unlicensed operation, CP extension should be introduced, and the set of CP extension lengths should be designed based on the sensing slot duration and the defer duration for FR2-2. |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Proposal 19: For CG-PUSCH in FR2-2 unlicensed operation, about CP extension, do not introduce CP extension. |
| Transsion | Proposal 2: CP extension is supported for CG-PUSCH transmission in FR2-2. |
| Transsion | Proposal 3: The set of candidate CP extension lengths should be 8us with a step size of 5us. |
| Nokia, NSB | We support the proposed conclusion. |

Even though there are a few companies proposing to reuse the NR-U design for CP extension for CG-PUSCH transmission, with new starting offsets design, it is clear many companies believe this is not needed. The moderator recommend to conclude we don’t have consensus to support this feature.

Proposed conclusion 2.8-1

There is no consensus to support CP extension for CG-PUSCH transmission in Rel.17.

Support: vivo, Apple, WILUS, MediaTek, DCM, Ericsson, ZTE, IDCC, FW, Xiaomi, Samsung, LGE, CATT, HW

Not support: Intel, OPPO, NEC, Transsion

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| Company | View |
| vivo | We support the proposal |
| Intel | Instead of making a rushed conclusion we would prefer to put on hold this discussion and focus on more fundamental issues, and only then come back to this.  We actually see benefits in supporting CP extension for CG-PUSCH, since this inherently allows to prioritize DG PUSCH over CG-PUSCH and solve potential blocking.  Moderator: I don’t see we have a lot of time to come back to this 😊 |
| Apple | Agree |
| WILUS | We are ok with the proposed conclusion. |
| Mediatek | We are ok with the proposed conclusion. |
| DOCOMO | Support Proposed conclusion 2.8-1 |
| Ericsson | We can support the proposed conclusion. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Support |
| OPPO | We do not support the conclusion. Otherwise, the issue on collisions between UEs for CG-PUSCH cannot be addressed in FR2-2. |
| InterDigital | We agree |
| FW | OK with conclusion |
| Xiaomi | OK with the conclusion |
| Samsung | We are ok with the conclusion |
| LG Electronics | We support the proposal. |
| NEC | We support to reuse CP extension, and wonder the opportunities are there to revisit this issue.  Moderator: If we agree to the conclusion, the opportunities will be in future releases 😊 |
| Transsion | We share the same view as Intel and OPPO. |
| CATT | We are ok with the proposed conclusion. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Support Proposed conclusion 2.8-1 |

## LBT Type Indication in Fallback DCI and non-Fallback DCI

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| **Agreement**  For Non-Fallback DCI formats, for FR2-2 operation, for the configuration of the ChannelAccess-CPext field in DCI to indicate the channel access type only, new tables are introduced indicating channel access types for FR2-2, with entries “Type 1 channel access in 4.4.1 of 37.213”, “Type 2 channel access in 4.4.2 of 37.213” and “Type 3 channel access in 4.4.3 of 37.213”.  Conclusion  After the UE reports it LBT capability, UE does not expect the gNB to schedule UL transmission with LBT type it does not support |

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| Company | Key Proposals/Observations/Positions |
| Huawei HiSilicon | Proposal 9: For operation in a cell with shared spectrum access in FR2-2 and LBT-mode is provided and indicates that channel access procedures would be performed, the ChannelAccess-CPext field size in fallback DCI formats 0\_0/1\_0 and RAR UL grant is 2 bits; 0 bit otherwise-  Adopt following TP#4 for TS 38.212 v17.0.0 and TP#5 for TS 38.213 v17.0.0 |
| Huawei HiSilicon | Proposal 10: For operation in a cell with shared spectrum access in FR2-2, support Alt 2 if Proposal 2.9-2a from RAN1#107bis-e is agreed and capture that the UE does not expect to be indicated with Type 2 Channel access procedure if it has not indicated the capability to support it.-  Adopt following TP#6 for TS 37.213 v17.0.0 |
| Huawei HiSilicon | Proposal 11: For operation in a cell with shared spectrum access in FR2-2, it should be discussed whether to extend the indication of the corresponding LBT types to the ChannelAccess-CPext(-CAPC) field in the non-fallback DCI formats 0\_2/1\_2 as done in Rel-17 WI on enhanced IIoT/URLLC for FR1. |
| vivo | Proposal 4: Type 2 channel access should be indicated in the fallback DCI formats. |
| vivo | Proposal 5: The UE does not expect fallback DCI indicating Type 2 LBT for UL transmission to be received before it reporting the capability of supporting Type 2 LBT. |
| OPPO | Proposal 7: Type 2 channel access should be included in fallback DCI formats 0\_0 and 1\_0. |
| OPPO | Proposal 8: For a UE not reporting capable of supporting Type 2 LBT, the UE does not expect fallback DCI indicating Type 2 LBT for UL transmission to be received. |
| CATT | Proposal 4: Regardless of unlicensed band (LBT mode and no-LBT mode) or licensed band, the bit length of ChannelAccess-CPext field in fallback DCI for FR 2-2 operation is fixed to 2 bits. |
| CATT | Proposal 5: To reduce the overhead of non-fallback DCI, it is suggested that the bitwidth of ChannelAccess-CPext field in non-fallback DCI is 0 bit if no-LBT mode indication is configured with UE. |
| NTT DOCOMO INC. | Proposal 1: For channel access type indication by fallback DCI formats, adapt either of the following TPs: l TP#1 Alt-1: Support 2-bit indication to cover all the three channel access types l TP#1 Alt-2: Support 1-bit indication, and the association between entries and the indicated types to be configurable, where default table covers Type 1 and Type 3 |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 2: Fallback DCIs 0\_0 and 1\_0 support indication of Type 1 and Type 3 channel access, using 1 bit. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 1: For fallback DCI formats 0\_0/1\_0 and RAR UL grant, for FR2-2 operation, the ChannelAccess-Cpext field indicates one of the entries of a table which entries are “Type 1 channel access in 4.4.1 of 37.213”, “Type 2 channel access in 4.4.2 of 37.213” and “Type 3 channel access in 4.4.3 of 37.213”. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 2: TP#1 and TP#2 should be supported. |
| Ericsson | Proposal 13 For LBT indication in Fallback DCI formats support Option 2 in Proposal 2.4.2-1. |
| Apple | Proposal 3: 1 bit CCA indication in fall back DCI  • When indicated in SIB1 that LBT is required before all transmission, UE can determine whether type 1 or type 2 can be performed depending on UE capability. • Otherwise, follow type 1 or type 3 LBT indication in DCI. |
| Xiaomi | Proposal 2: For channel access type determination, DCI indication has higher priority than dedicated RRC signalling indication, and dedicated RRC signalling indication has higher priority than system information indication. |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Proposal 6: For fallback DCI formats 0\_0 and 1\_0 and RAR UL grant, for FR2-2 operation, the ChannelAccess-Cpext field in DCI indicates the channel access type only. A new table similar to Table 7.3.1.1.1-4 is introduced with entries “Type 1 channel access in 4.4.1 of 37.213”, “Type 2 channel access in 4.4.2 of 37.213” and “Type 3 channel access in 4.4.3 of 37.213”, and “reserved”. • Note: This option requires 2 bis in fallback DC |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #13: All three channel access types should be able to be indicated through 2-bit ChannelAccess-CPext field in fallback DCI formats and RAR grant, and an indication for Type 2 LBT for a UE not capable of supporting Type 2 LBT can be treated as an indication of Type 1 LBT (i.e., Alt 1 in Proposal 2.9-2a should be supported). |
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Proposal 2.9-1

Regardless of unlicensed band (LBT mode and no-LBT mode) or licensed band operation, the bit length of ChannelAccess-CPext field in fallback DCI formats 0\_0 and 1\_0 and RAR UL grant for FR 2-2 is fixed.

* When the UE is configured to operate in no-LBT mode, the UE will ignore the content of the field
  + Moderator note: This is not yet captured in the TP below
* TP 2.9-A and TP 2.9-B

Support: vivo, Intel, Apple, WILUS, DCM, Ericsson, ZTE, IDCC, Nokia, Xiaomi, Samsung, LGE, Transsion,

Not support: HW

Please provide your view:

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| Company | View |
| vivo | We support the proposal. |
| Intel | We are OK with the proposal |
| Apple | agree |
| WILUS | We agree the proposal. |
| DOCOMO | Fine with the proposal. |
| Ericsson | We can support this proposal. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Support |
| OPPO | Based on the discussion 2.6-1, LBT mode may not be allowed to be indicated in licensed band. In this case, the UE should also ignore the content of ChannelAccess-CPext field. Therefore, the proposal 2.9-1 can be modified as follows:  Proposal 2.9-1(modified)  Regardless of unlicensed band (LBT mode and no-LBT mode) or licensed band operation, the bit length of ChannelAccess-CPext field in fallback DCI formats 0\_0 and 1\_0 and RAR UL grant for FR 2-2 is fixed.   * When the UE is not configured to operate in LBT mode, the UE will ignore the content of the field * TP 2.9-A and TP 2.9-B   Moderator: I believe these are equivalent. In licensed band case, if LBT mode is not allowed to be indicated, it is clear to me no-LBT mode is configured by default. To avoid changes to proposals, can you live with the original language? |
| InterDigital | We support the proposal |
| Nokia, NSB | We support the proposal |
| Xiaomi | support |
| Samsung | Ok with the proposal in general.  We also want to clarify the field may also be ignored for licensed band.  Moderator: It will naturally happen if we agree the UE will only be configured to operation in no-LBT mode in licensed band in the earlier discussion |
| LG Electronics | We agree with the bit length should be aligned regardless of unlicensed band or licensed band operation. However, since the channel access type indication for the non-fallback DCI format applies equally to the RAR UL grant during the RACH procedure, the specification impact will be large if ChannelAccess-Cpext field indicates only two types of LBT (i.e., Type 1 or Type 3) by 1-bit in fallback DCI. Therefore, we think that the bit length of ChannelAccess-CPext field should be 2 bits. |
| Transsion | We support the proposal. |
| CATT | it seems that the first sub-bullet wasn’t captured in the current TP 2.9-A and TP 2.9-B.  A candidate solution is that, for the UE operating in the LBT mode in FR 2-2, the bit length of ChannelAccess-CPext field in fallback DCI formats 0\_0 and 1\_0 and RAR UL grant is [1bit or 2 bit]; appending [1bit or 2bit] zero bits, otherwise.  Moderator: Right, but let’s worry about the TP later. I will add a note above that the subbullet is not yet captured in the TP |
| OPPO2 | Response to Moderator: Thanks Moderator for response. As we commented in Section 2.6-1, whether or not LBT mode can be indicated in licensed band is out of WID scope and should not be discussed in this working group. Thus, we think that “When the UE is configured to operate in no-LBT mode” should be changed to “When the UE is not configured to operate in LBT mode” to cover both of the following cases: 1) the UE is configured to operate in no-LBT mode; 2) the UE is operating in licensed band  Moderator: The problem is, the UE does not know it is licensed or unlicensed when receiving DCI 1\_0 for RMSI. So the proposal is to keep the bits there no matter what. |
| OPPO3 | Response to Moderator: Thanks Moderator for the reply. For our proposed modification, the UE does not need to know it is operating in licensed or unlicensed band. But if we agree with the original proposal, we need to further discuss the case that if the LBT-Mode IE is not configured, what is the UE behaviour.  Moderator: The default value of IE will naturally be discussed, or there can be no default value as well, which I believe is RAN2 preference |
| Huawei, Hisilicon | We have concerns about the proposal and cannot support it at this point.   1. In our view, the proposal works only if it is first agreed that LBT ON/LBT OFF indication is mandatorily provided in SIB1 in all scenarios:    1. In licensed band in which case LBT=OFF is indicated       1. We are also open to discuss if LBT=ON can be allowed to be indicated in licensed band.    2. In Unlicensed band where LBT is mandated in which case LBT=ON is indicated    3. In Unlicensed band where LBT is not mandated in which case LBT=ON or LBT=OFF is indicated   Otherwise, when, for instance, UE is in the licensed band, UE does not know how to interpret the ChannelAccess-CPext field: Should the field be ignored or should it be used to determine the LBT type.  It seems that some companies believe that the band number is indicated in SIB1 and, as such, once reading SIB1, UE would know whether it is in a licensed band or an unlicensed band (n263). However,   1. We don’t have the same understanding that the operating band number is indicated in SIB1. If this is indicated, we would appreciate the proponents to let us know the field in SIB1 that carries the operating band number. 2. Even if the operating band number is indicated in SIB1 and, hence, UE would know if it is operating in licensed or unlicensed band, when UE operates in unlicensed band, UE should additionally know from SIB1 content whether or not it is operating in a region that LBT is mandated or in a region is not mandated. This may be retrievable from PLMN-IdentityInfoList in SIB1. But, in our view, this needs to be further verified in RAN2.   Moderator: I guess your concern is in the subbullet about “UE will ignore …”? The gNB should properly config so the UE behavior is correct. In other words, if gNB wants the UE to ignore the field, it can either configure no-LBT mode explicitly (or by default value), or indicate band number in broadcast message. How to do that is separate discussion. Here we are only discussing UE behavior.   1. The proposal is agreed, then, as ChannelAccess-CPext field DCI 1\_0 is always present in FR2-2, it would have impact on the “Reserved bits” as well for the cases that DCI 1\_0 is scrambled with TC-RNTI and C-RNTI. This is not reflected in TP 2.9-A:    1. If ChannelAccess-CPext = 2 bits, 38.212 should be accordingly changed as the reserved bits is never required.   If ChannelAccess-CPext = 1 bit, 38.212 should be accordingly change as a 1 bit reserved bit is required for CSS in FR2-2.  Moderator: We can further discuss TP, but it should be straight-forward to fix. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon2 | We thank our FL for his reply. We think we first should support a mechanism that UE is able to correctly interpret the 2 [1] bits in RAR UL grant and DCI 1\_0 with TC-RNTI before agreeing on Proposal 2.9-2 that relies on the assumption that UE can actually interpret these bit(s) correctly. We think the most straightforward way to ensure such a mechanism is that “LBT ON/LBT OFF indication is mandatorily provided in SIB1 in all scenarios” as explained in our earlier comment above.  Moderator: When you say “mandatorily provided”, will a default value do if it is not provided? |
| Samsung | As mentioned in the email reflector, we believe the UE behaviour for licensed band needs to be clarified:   * When the UE operates in licensed band, or is configured to operate in no-LBT mode, the UE will ignore the content of the field |
| Ericsson 2 | We misunderstood the previous proposal. We do not support this proposal.  According to 38.212, the ChannelAccessCP-ext field is not present for licensed operation but only present for Shared Spectrum. Therefore, there is no need to align this for licensed and unlicensed. For a pure licensed operation. we do not support adding fields used for signalling in unlicensed bands. |
| OPPO4 | Thanks for Moderator’s response. If we understand correctly, there are three cases to be discussed (see below), the original proposal seems to cover case 1 and 2, then the UE behavior for case 3 should be clarified.   * + - * 1. Case 1: channelAccessMode2-r17 is provided and it indicates LBT-mode         2. Case 2: channelAccessMode2-r17 is provided and it indicates no-LBT-mode         3. Case 3: channelAccessMode2-r17 is NOT provided   Therefore, we suggest an updated version and with this we can accept the proposal.  Proposal 2.9-1(modified)  Regardless of unlicensed band (LBT mode and no-LBT mode) or licensed band operation, the bit length of ChannelAccess-CPext field in fallback DCI formats 0\_0 and 1\_0 and RAR UL grant for FR 2-2 is fixed.   * When the UE is not configured to operate in LBT mode, the UE will ignore the content of the field * TP 2.9-A and TP 2.9-B |

TP 2.9-A (for 38.212)

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7.3.1.1.1 Format 0\_0

DCI format 0\_0 is used for the scheduling of PUSCH in one cell.

The following information is transmitted by means of the DCI format 0\_0 with CRC scrambled by C-RNTI or CS-RNTI or MCS-C-RNTI:

\*\*\* Unchanged text is omitted \*\*\*

* ChannelAccess-CPext – 2 bits indicating combinations of channel access type and CP extension as defined in Table 7.3.1.1.1-4, or Table 7.3.1.1.1-4A if *ChannelAccessMode-r16* = "*semistatic*" is provided, for operation in a cell with shared spectrum channel access for frequency range 1, and [1 bit or 2 bits] indicating the channel access type as defined in Table 7.3.1.1.1-4B for operation in a cell in frequency range 2-2; 0 bit otherwise.

\*\*\* Unchanged text is omitted \*\*\*

The following information is transmitted by means of the DCI format 0\_0 with CRC scrambled by TC-RNTI:

\*\*\* < Unchanged parts are ommitted> \*\*\*

* ChannelAccess-CPext –2 bits indicating combinations of channel access type and CP extension as defined in Table 7.3.1.1.1-4, or Table 7.3.1.1.1-4A if *ChannelAccessMode-r16* = "*semistatic*" is provided, for operation in a cell with shared spectrum channel access for frequency range 1, and [1 bit or 2 bits] indicating the channel access type as defined in Table 7.3.1.1.1-4B for operation in a cell in frequency range 2-2; 0 bit otherwise.

\*\*\* Unchanged text is omitted \*\*\*

Table 7.3.1.1.1-4: Channel access type & CP extension for DCI format 0\_0 and DCI format 1\_0 in frequency range 1

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| Bit field mapped to index | Channel Access Type | The CP extension T\_"ext" index defined in Clause 5.3.1 of [4, TS 38.211] |
| 0 | Type2C-ULChannelAccess defined in [clause 4.2.1.2.3 in 37.213] | 2 |
| 1 | Type2A-ULChannelAccess defined in [clause 4.2.1.2.1 in 37.213] | 3 |
| 2 | Type2A-ULChannelAccess defined in [clause 4.2.1.2.1 in 37.213] | 1 |
| 3 | Type1-ULChannelAccess defined in [clause 4.2.1.1 in 37.213] | 0 |

Table 7.3.1.1.1-4A: Channel access type & CP extension if *ChannelAccessMode-r16* = "*semistatic*" is provided in frequency range 1

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Bit field mapped to index | Channel Access Type | The CP extension T\_"ext" index defined in Clause 5.3.1 of [4, TS 38.211] |
| 0 | No sensing as defined in Clause 4.3 in TS 37.213 | 0 |
| 1 | No sensing as defined in Clause 4.3 in TS 37.213 | 2 |
| 2 | 9us sensing within a 25us interval as defined in Clause 4.3 in TS 37.213 | 0 |
| 3 | - | - |

\*\*\* Unchanged text is omitted \*\*\*

7.3.1.2.1 Format 1\_0

DCI format 1\_0 is used for the scheduling of PDSCH in one DL cell.

The following information is transmitted by means of the DCI format 1\_0 with CRC scrambled by C-RNTI or CS-RNTI or MCS-C-RNTI:

\*\*\* Unchanged text is omitted \*\*\*

- ChannelAccess-CPext – 2 bits indicating combinations of channel access type and CP extension as defined in Table 7.3.1.1.1-4, or Table 7.3.1.1.1-4A if *ChannelAccessMode-r16* = "*semistatic*" is provided, for operation in a cell with shared spectrum channel access for frequency range 1, and [1 bit or 2 bits] indicating the channel access type as defined in Table 7.3.1.1.1-4B for operation in a cell in frequency range 2-2; 0 bits otherwise

\*\*\* Unchanged text is omitted \*\*\*

The following information is transmitted by means of the DCI format 1\_0 with CRC scrambled by TC-RNTI:

\*\*\* Unchanged text is omitted \*\*\*

- ChannelAccess-CPext – 2 bits indicating combinations of channel access type and CP extension as defined in Table 7.3.1.1.1-4, or Table 7.3.1.1.1-4A if *ChannelAccessMode-r16* = "*semistatic*" is provided, for operation in a cell with shared spectrum channel access for frequency range 1, and [1 bit or 2 bits] indicating the channel access type as defined in Table 7.3.1.1.1-4B for operation in a cell in frequency range 2-2; 0 bits otherwise

\*\*\* Unchanged text is omitted \*\*\*

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TP 2.9-B (for 38.213):

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8.2 Random access response - Type-1 random access procedure

\*\*\* Unchanged text is omitted \*\*\*

The ChannelAccess-CPext field indicates a channel access type and CP extension for operation with shared spectrum channel access [15, TS 37.213] as defined in Table 7.3.1.1.1-4 in TS 38.212 or Table 7.3.1.1.1-4A in TS 38.212 if ChannelAccessMode-r16 = "semistatic" is provided for frequency range 1. For operation in a cell in frequency range 2-2, the ChannelAccess-CPext field indicates a channel access type as defined in Table7.2.1.1.1-4B in TS 38.212.

Table 8.2-1: Random Access Response Grant Content field size

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| RAR grant field | Number of bits |
| Frequency hopping flag | 1 |
| PUSCH frequency resource allocation | 14, for operation without shared spectrum channel access  12, for operation with shared spectrum channel access |
| PUSCH time resource allocation | 4 |
| MCS | 4 |
| TPC command for PUSCH | 3 |
| CSI request | 1 |
| ChannelAccess-CPext | 0, for operation without shared spectrum channel access in frequency range 1, or for operation in a cell in frequency range 2-1  2, for operation with shared spectrum channel access, or for operation in a cell in frequency range 2-2. |

\*\*\* Unchanged text is omitted \*\*\*

8.2A Random access response - Type-2 random access procedure

\*\*\* Unchanged text is omitted \*\*\*

If the UE detects the DCI format 1\_0, with CRC scrambled by the corresponding MsgB-RNTI and LSBs of a SFN field in the DCI format 1\_0, if applicable, are same as corresponding LSBs of the SFN where the UE transmitted PRACH, and the UE receives a transport block in a corresponding PDSCH within the window, the UE passes the transport block to higher layers. The higher layers indicate to the physical layer

- an uplink grant if the RAR message(s) is for fallbackRAR and a random access preamble identity (RAPID) associated with the PRACH transmission is identified, and the UE procedure continues as described in clauses 8.2, 8.3, and 8.4 when the UE detects a RAR UL grant, or

- transmission of a PUCCH with HARQ-ACK information having ACK value if the RAR message(s) is for successRAR, where

- a PUCCH resource for the transmission of the PUCCH is indicated by PUCCH resource indicator field of 4 bits in the successRAR from a PUCCH resource set that is provided by *pucch-ResourceCommon*

- a slot for the PUCCH transmission is indicated by a HARQ Feedback Timing Indicator field of 3 bits in the successRAR having a value from {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8} and, with reference to slots for PUCCH transmission having duration , the slot is determined as , where is a slot of the PDSCH reception, is as defined for PUSCH transmission in Table 6.1.2.1.1-5 of [6, TS 38.214], is the SCS configuration of the active UL BWP, and is provided by *Koffset* in *ServingCellConfigCommon*; otherwise, if not provided,

- the UE does not expect the first symbol of the PUCCH transmission to be after the last symbol of the PDSCH reception by a time smaller than msec where is the PDSCH processing time for UE processing capability 1 [6, TS 38.214]

- for operation with shared spectrum channel access, a channel access type and CP extension [15, TS 37.213] for a PUCCH transmission is indicated by a ChannelAccess-CPext field in the successRAR as defined in Table 7.3.1.1.1-4 in TS 38.212 or Table 7.3.1.1.1-4A in TS 38.212 if *ChannelAccessMode-r16* = "*semistatic*" is provided for frequency range 1. For operation in a cell in frequency range 2-2, the ChannelAccess-CPext field indicates a channel access type as defined in Table7.2.1.1.1-4B in TS 38.212.

- the PUCCH transmission is with a same spatial domain transmission filter and in a same active UL BWP as a last PUSCH transmission

\*\*\* Unchanged text is omitted \*\*\*

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Proposal 2.9-2 (closed and moved to section 15)

For fallback DCI formats 0\_0 and 1\_0 and RAR UL grant, for FR2-2 operation, the ChannelAccess-Cpext field in DCI indicates the channel access type only. A new table similar to Table 7.3.1.1.1-4 is introduced with entries “Type 1 channel access in 4.4.1 of 37.213”, “Type 2 channel access in 4.4.2 of 37.213” and “Type 3 channel access in 4.4.3 of 37.213”, and “reserved”.

* Note: This option requires 2 bis in fallback DCI
* TP 2.9-C

This is a continuation from discussion last meeting. While most companies are fine with this proposal, objections from Ericsson, Apple and Nokia were received

Support: vivo, Intel, DCM, ZTE, OPPO, IDCC, FW, Xiaomi, Samsung, LGE, Transsion, CATT, HW, TCL

Not support (prefer 1 bit): Apple, Ericsson, Nokia,

Please provide your view:

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| Company | View |
| vivo | We support the proposal. |
| Intel | We are OK with the proposal. |
| Apple | Prefer 1 bit.  This is similar to NR-U, where non-fall back DCI can configure up to 6 bits for this field. And fall-back DCI only has 2 bits. |
| DOCOMO | This proposal is indeed our best preference, but if it is difficult to obtain the consensus, then we can compromise with 1-bit. In this case, we would like to support the switching of Table, or update of the contents in the table, based on RRC configuration. Having Type 1 and Type 3 as default would be fine for us. |
| Ericsson | We cannot support this proposal. It is not reasonable to have more bits in fallback DCI to support an optional feature that is not mandated by any regulatory domain. Please note that even though Type 1 is also optional, it is at least required in one regulatory domain. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We are fine with the proposal |
| OPPO | We support the proposal. |
| InterDigital | We support the proposal |
| FW | Support |
| Nokia, NSB | We prefer to have only one bit, especially if the overhead needs to always be carried. |
| Xiaomi | support |
| Samsung | We are ok with the proposal (tracking color in the TP is missing). |
| LG Electronics | We support the proposal. |
| Transsion | We support the proposal. |
| CATT | We support the proposal. |
| LG Electronics | We support the proposal. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We support the proposal. |
| TCL | We support the proposal. |

TP 2.9-C (for 38.212)

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7.3.1.1.1 Format 0\_0

\*\*\* Unchanged text is omitted \*\*\*

Table 7.3.1.1.1-4B: Channel access type in frequency range 2-2

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| Bit field mapped to index | Channel Access Type |
| 0 | Type 1 channel access defined in clause 4.4.1 of 37.213 |
| 1 | Type 2 channel access defined in clause 4.4.2 of 37.213 |
| 2 | Type 3 channel access defined in clause 4.4.3 of 37.213 |
| 3 | Reserved |

\*\*\* Unchanged text is omitted \*\*\*

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## DCI 2\_0

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| Company | Key Proposals/Observations/Positions |
| InterDigital Inc. | Proposal 6: Introduce beam specific COT-SI delivery in DCI 2\_0 applicable to COT duration and SSGS. |
| vivo | Proposal 10: The remaining COT should be indicated together with the sensing beam related information. |
| CATT | Proposal 6：The maximum range value of higher layer parameter should be extended to 4480 symbols for FR2-2 unlicensed band. |
| ZTE Sanechips | Proposal 11: If directional LBT is configured, it is a natural way to support CO duration, search space group switching in a beam-specific manner in FR2-2. |
| NTT DOCOMO INC. | Proposal 7: Not support to introduce beam indication in DCI 2\_0.  l To define COT duration indication in DCI 2\_0 to be applicable only for the beam used by the DCI 2\_0 is sufficient to achieve the desired behavior |
| Sony | Proposal 1: Beam specific COT delivered in DCI 2\_0 should be supported. |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 6: Beam-specific indication of remaining COT duration and search space group switching in DCI format 2\_0 can be supported. • Indicatation can be e.g. a bitmap indicator of beam groups served in the CO, where reference signals in UE’s PUCCH-SpatialRelationInfo or TCI-State\_r17 are associated to a beam group via RRC signalling. |
| Ericsson | Proposal 17 RAN1 to agree to not support beam specific COT-SI indication in DCI 2\_0. |
| Samsung | Proposal 6: Support indicating COT, available RB set, and search space group switching in a beam-specific manner for 60 GHz licensed band. |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Proposal 13: Introduce beam specific COT-SI (remaining COT duration) delivery in DCI 2\_0. The beam specific nature is applied to the SFI and SSGS as well. |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Proposal 14: Consider the introduction of one or more optional TCI-like field in the DCI 2\_0 to make the DCI 2\_0 beam specific. |
| Transsion | Proposal 4: Introduce beam specific COT duration, SFI and SSSGS indication delivery in DCI 2\_0. |
| Transsion | Proposal 5: The beam specific COT duration, SFI and SSSGS indication can only be used for the COT of the corresponding beam that the information is received. |
| Panasonic | Proposal 1: RAN1 to agree on the issue of unintended COT sharing caused by the existing DCI 2\_0. |
| Panasonic | Proposal 2: To address the issue of unintended COT sharing, consider specifying one or both of the following approaches: Approach 1: Specify that a UL transmission is identified as within gNB’s COT if and only if - the UL transmission is configured/indicated to use the beam corresponding to the one that gNB has used to transmit DCI 2\_0 , which is represented by the TCI state ID of the CORESET carrying DCI 2\_0; and  - the UL transmission timing is within the duration of COT. Approach 2: Introduce a new field, beam availability indicator, in DCI 2\_0 to indicate whether a beam is available or unavailable for the gNB’s COT. - A UL transmission is identified as within the gNB’s COT if the UL transmit beam is covered by the available beam and timing of UL transmission is within duration of COT.  - For a UL transmission associated with a beam that is covered by unavailable beam, UE is not allowed to transmit the UL transmission for the duration of COT. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #14: The information on the DL beam can be provided by DCI format 2\_0 by introducing TCI field or beam availability indicator to indicate whether a certain beam is available or unavailable for a list of beams for the COT similar to the RB set availability indicator in Rel-16. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #15: If the beam-specific COT information on the DL beam transmitted by the gNB is identified through DCI format 2\_0, the UE can change Type 1 channel access to Type 2 or Type 3 channel access and transmit the UL transmission associated with DL beam in terms of QCL relationship by sharing the COT of the gNB. If the beam-specific COT information is not associated with the UL transmission, or not received by the UE, Type 1 channel access should be performed to transmit the UL transmission. |
| Lenovo Motorola Mobility | Proposal 4: For NR unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz with directional LBT based channel access mechanism, within a COT, PDCCH monitoring is not supported in the CORESETs corresponding to other COTs (PDCCH monitoring restricted to monitoring corresponding to only one COT at a time) |

Discussion 2.10-1 (RRC impact) (closed and replaced by 2.10-4)

On introducing beam specific COT-SI (COT duration) delivery in DCI 2\_0

* Support: Samsung, Apple, NEC, LGE, Lenovo, Nokia, vivo, OPPO, Panasonic, Transsion, Sony, Qualcomm, ZTE, IDCC
* Against: Huawei/HiSilicon, Ericsson, DCM, Intel, CATT
* Further support beam specific SFI
  + Support: Sony, Qualcomm, Lenovo, Motorola Mobility, OPPO, NEC
  + Not support: LG, ZTE, Transsion
* Further support beam specific SSGS switching
  + Support: Nokia, ZTE, Qualcomm, Transsion, LG, Lenovo, Motorola Mobility, InterDigital, Samsung, OPPO, NEC
  + Not support:
* Further support beam specific PDCCH monitoring
  + Support: Lenovo

This discussion is a continuation from #107bis. The positions are collected from the last meeting and contributions or this meeting. Please provide your view if there is position change.

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| Company | View |
| vivo | We support beam-specific indication of the COT duration in DCI 2\_0. |
| Intel | After additional considerations, we no longer support this proposal, and we have updated our position. Our understanding is that beam indication may not be needed under the assumption of a reasonable well engineered gNB’s implementation. |
| DOCOMO | We update our position above.  We think the minimum specification impact would be to make sure that for P-CSI validation and/or COT sharing, only the beam used by the DCI 2\_0 is considered. We do not see the need to explicitly indicate TCI (or beam related information) in DCI 2\_0.  Moderator: Actually I don’t see how to achieve “P-CSI validation and/or COT sharing, only the beam used by the DCI 2\_0 is considered” without beam information in DCI 2\_0. Without this agreement, the UE will consider P-CSI-RS validated with any DCI 2\_0 received. |
| Ericsson | We cannot support this proposal. The motivation to introduce beam specific COT duration in DCI2\_0 is that a UE may accidentally position itself in the side lobe or back lobe of the DCI2\_0 and may accidentally share the COT while it is not supposed to. DCI 2\_0 doesn’t contain any scheduling information and if a UE accidentally positions itself in the side-back lobe and is able to decode DCI 2\_0, it means that the UE is able to receive good enough SINR to decode it and it is therefore allowed to share the COT. Furthermore, it still needs gNB’s indication to begin its UL transmission. In other words, even if a UE can decode DCI 2\_0, we don’t think it can accidentally share the COT. We believe the case that the UE may have a CG-PUSCH that originally would have been cancelled but would be transmitted in this scenario is a corner case that does not need any optimization. In addition, the specification will largely be impacted regardless which one of the three alternatives are agreed to introduce (multiple) beam indicator in DCI 2\_0. During the maintenance phase, we can not agree to discuss a new topic that is not beneficial and requires significant specification impact. In our view, without beam indicator enhancement, legacy DCI 2\_0 still work well and comply with the regulations. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We support to introduce beam specific indication if directional LBT is used. |
| OPPO | We are OK to support beam specific SFI and beam specific SSGS switching, and add our position in the proposal. |
| InterDigital | We support beam specific indication and SSGS. |
| LG Electronics | Our positions are correctly captured. |
| NEC | We support beam specific SFI and SSGS switching, and update our position above. |
| Mediatek | As comment in the previous meeting, we believe that if some UE accidentally decode DCI 2\_0 just because it’s in the sidelobe of the sensing beam, that means the location of that UE can receive good enough signals so that it can share the COT. Moreover, we think whether this problem actually exists or not is related to the definition of cover and relationship between sensing beam and transmission beam which has RAN 4 dependency. At this point, we can’t support the solution for the problem that might not exist. |
| Panasonic | We support beam-specific COT duration, and we are open to further consider beam specific SFI and SSGS. However, considering the limited time during the maintenance phase and the concerns on spec impact raised by opposing companies, the beam indication is not necessarily explicit. As a simple approach, we could consider to specify that COT sharing from gNB to UE is only allowed along the beam of transmitting DCI 2\_0, which is represented by the TCI state ID of the CORESET carrying DCI 2\_0. |
| Transsion | We support beam specific COT duration indication and SSGS. Regarding the SFI field, the two use case should be separated for this discussion, and the overlapped parts of the different SFIs should be the same, if SFI field is used to indicate COT length. |
| CATT | Per our understanding, there is no need to introduce beam-specific COT-SI in DCI format 2\_0 when a gNB acquires a COT using directional LBT. The issue on incorrectly sharing COT can be avoided by gNB implementation. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We do not support any beam specific parameters or indications in DCI 2\_0.   1. In Rel-16, for a UE that is configured to monitor DCI 2\_0 and provided with a corresponding SFI-RNTI, earlier scheduled/configured grant UL transmission can share the gNB COT if the related UL resources fall within the indicated available RB sets and remaining COT duration even if the UE is not an intended UE by any other DL transmission in that gNB COT. That is, the UE acts as a responding device based on its detection of the DCI 2\_0. The same approach should be used in Rel-17: A UE that is not the target of any intended Tx from the gNB, can share the COT as long as it decode DCI 2\_0. 2. Even if DCI 2\_0 identify the acquired beam and only UE that fall in the identified DL beam share the COT, there is no guarantee that its UL TX would correspond to the acquired DL beam. 3. If we are concerned that a UE in the a gNB Tx sidelobe may receive DCI 2\_0 and share the COT, sensing beam has also a sidelobe. So, should we also devise a mechanism to make sure that the received energy from sidelobe of the LBT beam does not result in channel in the mainlobe direction to be sensed occupied? We hope that companies agree with us that we should not open all these “sidelobe” related issues because at best they are only marginal enhancement with a potentially huge specification impact. 4. We also would like to add that a TCI-state to monitor Type3-PDCCH carrying Format 2\_0 DCI is already indicated in MAC-CE to the UEs. In other words, network has already some control on which UEs can actually decode Format 2\_0 DCI by indicating an appropriate TCI-state. We don’t see a value to additionally provide further TCI-state in the DCI payload to provide beam-specific information. |

Discussion 2.10-2 (RRC impact) (closed and replaced by 2.10-4)

On mechanism to specific beam specific COT-SI (if supported)

* Alt 1: Bitmap indicator of beam groups served in CO for PUCCH-SpatialRelationInfo
  + Nokia
* Alt 2: Introduced one or more TCI field in DCI 2\_0
  + Nokia, Qualcomm TCI\_R17, LG, Apple, ~~Intel,~~ Lenovo, vivo, OPPO, ZTE, InterDigital, Transsion, NEC, Sony, Samsung
* Alt 3:Beam Availability indicator
  + Panasonic, LG, ZTE, InterDigital, Transsion, CATT, NEC
* Not supporting: HW, Ericsson, MTK, Intel

This discussion is a continuation from #107bis. The positions are collected from the last meeting and contributions or this meeting. Please provide your view if there is position change.

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| Company | View |
| vivo | Alt 2 is supported |
| Intel | Once again we have updated our view and we do not support this proposal for the reasons provided above. |
| Ericsson | We cannot support this proposal for the reasons mentioned in our comment in discussion 2.10-1. |
| OPPO | We prefer Alt 2. |
| InterDigital | Our position is correctly captured and we support Alt 2 or Alt 3. |
| Sony | We support Alt 2. |
| LG Electronics | Our positions are correctly captured. We think that it should be clarified what is difference between Alt 1 and Alt 3. |
| Mediatek | We cannot support the proposal for the same reason commented in 2.10-1 |
| CATT | We are ok with both Alt 1 and Alt 3.  Regarding the multi-beam COT, a bitmap indicator or beam availability indicators of beam groups served in CO should be introduced in DCI 2\_0 to indicate which beam is available for transmission within the CO duration. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We disagree with such a mechanism in Discussion 2.10-2 |

Proposal 2.10-3 (RRC impact) (closed and agreed)

* CO-Duration maximum value is increased to 4480 to support 5ms maximum COT under 960KHz.
* Support using 120KHz, 480KHz, and 960KHz as the reference SCS for CO-Duration definition
  + Note this may not have any additional spec impact

Support: vivo, Intel, Apple, WILUS, Ericsson, ZTE, OPPO, Qualcomm, Sony, Samsung, LGE, NEC, MediaTek, Transsion, CATT, HW

Please provide your view.

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| Company | View |
| vivo | We are fine with the proposal. |
| Intel | We are OK to update the CO-duration maximum value. |
| Apple | Support |
| WILUS | Support |
| Ericsson | OK to support. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Support |
| OPPO | We are OK with the proposal. |
| Nokia, NSB | We support the proposal. |
| Sony | We support the proposal. |
| Samsung | We are ok with the proposal. |
| LG Electronics | We support the proposal. |
| NEC | We support the proposal. |
| Mediatek | We are ok with the proposal |
| Transsion | We support the proposal. |
| CATT | Support |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We support the proposal Proposal 2.10-3 |

Given the discussion in 2.10-1 and 2.10-2, it is clear we don’t have consensus, and I feel it is too late to work on it.

Proposed conclusion 2.10-4 (new)

There is no consensus to introduce beam specific COT-SI (COT duration) delivery in DCI 2\_0 in Rel.17. gNB is responsible to avoid COT sharing to unintended UEs for UL transmission, and gNB is responsible to avoid un-intended P-CSI-RS validation.

Support: Ericsson, Intel, MediaTek, CATT

Not support: LGE, ZTE

Please provide your view.

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| Company | View |
| Ericsson | We support the proposal. |
| Intel | We are fine with the conclusion |
| LG Electronics | We do not support the proposal. It seems that the majority of companies support the introduction of beam-specific COT-SI in DCI 2\_0. |
| Mediatek | We support the proposal. |
| CATT | We are fine with the proposed conclusion. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We have the same confusion with LGE. |

## L3-RSSI

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| Agreement:  Support extending Rel.16 L3-RSSI to unlicensed operation in FR2-2   * Introduce RRC configuration for reference SCS, measurement duration, and measurement bandwidth   + Extend the reference SCS/CP field (*ref-SCS-CP-r16*) and measurement duration field (*measDurationSymbols-r16*) in *RMTC-Config*     - FFS value range and valid combinations for *ref-SCS-CP-r16* and *measDurationSymbols-r16*   + Introduce parameter in *RMTC-Config* to indicate the measurement bandwidth     - FFS: Value range for measurement bandwidth * For the QCL Type-D of L3-RSSI measurement, down-select one or both of the following alternatives   + Alt 1: gNB configures the beam when configures the L3-RSSI measurement   + Alt 2: Use the QCL type-D of the latest received PDSCH and the latest monitored CORESET   **Agreement**  Introduce new parameter in RMTC-Config for L3-RSSI to indicate measurement bandwidth.   * The value range for the configured measurement bandwidth should include the maximum and the minimum channel bandwidth and the intermediate channel bandwidths defined by RAN4.   Agreement  On measDurationSymbols and reference SCS/CP for L3-RSSI   * On measDurationSymbols-r16 with ref-SCS-CP-r16=120KHz, extend measDurationSymbols-r16 to {1,14,28,42,70,140} * On measDurationSymbols-r16 with ref-SCS-CP-r16=480KHz (if supported), extend measDurationSymbols-r16 to {1,14,28,42,70,140, 560} * On measDurationSymbols-r16 with ref-SCS-CP-r16=960KHz (if supported), extend measDurationSymbols-r16 to {1,14,28,42,70,140, 560,1120} |

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| Proposal 2.11-1a (new, original Alt 3 in previous discussion) [1]  For the QCL Type-D of L3-RSSI measurement for unlicensed operation in FR2-2, if explicit TCI state is configured ~~in RMTC-Config~~, use the TCI state. Otherwise use the QCL type-D of the latest PDSCH reception or latest CORESET monitoring for RSSI measurement   * A dynamic update mechanism for TCI-State in RMTC-Config is not further considered in Rel.17 * The explicit TCI state is configured at least in RMTC-Config * Note: For inter-frequency L3-RSSI measurement, the TCI state configured is with respect to the target frequency TCI state |

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| Company | Key Proposals/Observations/Positions |
| Huawei HiSilicon | Proposal 12: For L3-RSSI enhancements in FR2-2, clarify whether or not 480kHz and/or 960kHz are supported as reference SCS. |
| Huawei HiSilicon | Proposal 13: For the QCL Type-D of L3-RSSI measurement, support using the explicit TCI state if configured in RMTC-Config, and using the QCL type-D of the latest PDSCH reception or latest CORESET monitoring otherwise. |
| FUTUREWEI | Proposal 10: For the QCL Type-D of L3-RSSI measurement for unlicensed operation in FR2-2, if explicit TCI state is configured, use the TCI state.  • FFS: whether to use the QCL type-D of the latest PDSCH reception or latest CORESET monitoring for RSSI measurement, if the explicit TCI state is not configured.  • A dynamic update mechanism for TCI-State in RMTC-Config is not further considered in Rel.17 • The explicit TCI state is configured at least in RMTC-Config • Note: For inter-frequency L3-RSSI measurement, the TCI state configured is with respect to the target frequency TCI state. |
| InterDigital Inc. | Proposal 8: Support Proposal 2.11-1a from RAN1 #107b-e [4]. |
| CATT | Proposal 8: Considering the transmitter transient period for the BS, for the duration of L3-RSSI measurement that are configured by measurement duration field (measDurationSymbols-r16) in RMTC-Config, the following two options can be further studied: - Option 1: Depending on gNB implementation to avoid configuring the L3-RSSI measurement on the symbols of transmitter transient time for BS. - Option 2: Depending on UE implementation to exclude the symbols of transmitter transient time for BS from the duration of L3-RSSI measurement. |
| ZTE Sanechips | Proposal 20: For QCL assumption of L3-RSSI measurement, the UE can assume the configured RSSI measurement resources are QCL-ed with Type-D to one of the latest received PDSCH and the latest monitored CORESET if explicit TCI state is not configured; Otherwise, use the TCI state configured by gNB.. |
| ZTE Sanechips | Proposal 21: Adopt the above updated RRC parameters list according to Running RRC CR for 71GHz from RAN2. |
| NTT DOCOMO INC. | Proposal 2: For QCL Type-D of L3-RSSI measurement, support to introduce RRC parameter for QCL Type-D configuration: l If there is a case that the RRC parameter for QCL Type-D configuration of L3-RSSI measurement is not configured, QCL Type D of the latest received PDSCH and the latest monitored CORESET is used. |
| Sony | Proposal 2: For the QCL Type-D of L3-RSSI measurement, at least Alt 1 (gNB configures the beam when configures the L3-RSSI measurement) should be supported. l Alt 2 (Use the QCL type-D of the latest received PDSCH and the latest monitored CORESET) could be applied in the case that gNB does not configure the beam for the L3-RSSI measurement |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 17: For the QCL Type-D of L3-RSSI measurement, gNB configures the beam when it configures the L3-RSSI measurement (Alt 1) |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 8: ref-SCS-CP-r16 is extended to include all the supported SCS for FR2-2 (i.e., 120, 480 and 960 KHz). |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 9: For the QCL Type-D of L3-RSSI measurement use the QCL type-D of the latest received PDSCH and the latest monitored CORESET. |
| Ericsson | Proposal 10 To support RSSI and CO measurement in FR2-2, the current ref-SCS-CP in RMTC-Config in Rel-16 is extended to include 120, 480 and 960 kHz SCS; the current measDurationSymbols in RMTC-Config in Rel-16 is extended to include 140, 560 and 1120. |
| Ericsson | Proposal 11 RAN1 to conclude that for L3-RSSI in FR2-2, UE can assume the configured RSSI measurement resources are QCL-ed with Type-D to either the latest received PDSCH or the latest monitored CORESET (i.e., Alt-2). |
| Samsung | Proposal 5: Support gNB configuring a TCI-State IE in RMTC-Config for L3-RSSI measurement. |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Proposal 15: For the QCL Type-D of L3-RSSI measurement for unlicensed operation in FR2-2,  • if explicit TCI state is configured use the TCI state.  o A dynamic update mechanism for TCI-State in RMTC-Config is not further considered in Rel.17 • if the explicit TCI state is not configured. o Use the most recent of QCL type-D of the latest PDSCH reception or latest CORESET monitoring for RSSI measurement, with QCL type D for PDSCH recepetion taking precedence in case of a tie • The explicit TCI state is configured at least in RMTC-Config • Note: For inter-frequency L3-RSSI measurement, the TCI state configured is with respect to the target frequency TCI state |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #16: For the QCL Type-D of L3-RSSI measurement, gNB can configure the beam when configuring the L3-RSSI measurement by indicating SSB index or CSI-RS index for target frequency to perform L3-RSSI measurement. |
| InterDigital Inc. | Proposal 7: Support Alt. 1: the gNB configured the beam when it configured the L3-RSSI measurement. |

Proposal 2.11-1 (RRC impact) (closed and agreed)

Support 480KHz and 960KHz as reference SCS/CP for L3-RSSI.

Support: Intel, Apple, DCM, Ericsson, ZTE, IDCC, Nokia, Xiaomi, Sony, Samsung, LGE, Transsion, CATT, HW

Please provide your view.

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| Company | View |
| Intel | We are OK to extend the procedure and include 480 and 960 KHz as reference SCS for L3-RSSI measurements. |
| Apple | OK |
| DOCOMO | Support. |
| Ericsson | Ok |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Support |
| InterDigital | Support. |
| Nokia, NSB | We are ok with the proposal |
| Xiaomi | Support |
| Sony | Support |
| Samsung | Support |
| LG Electronics | We support the proposal. |
| Transsion | We support the proposal. |
| CATT | Support |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Support Proposal 2.11-1 |

Proposal 2.11-2 (RRC impact) (closed and agreed)

For the QCL Type-D of L3-RSSI measurement for unlicensed operation in FR2-2, if explicit TCI state is configured, use the TCI state.

* Use the QCL type-D of the latest PDSCH reception or latest CORESET monitoring for RSSI measurement, if the explicit TCI state is not configured.
* A dynamic update mechanism for TCI-State in RMTC-Config is not further considered in Rel.17
* The explicit TCI state is configured at least in RMTC-Config
* Note: For inter-frequency L3-RSSI measurement, the TCI state configured is with respect to the target frequency TCI state

Support: Intel, Apple, DCM, Ericsson, ZTE, InterDigital, FW, Nokia, Xiaomi, Sony, Transsion, CATT, HW, LGE

Against: Samsung

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| Company | View |
| Intel | We are Ok with this proposal. |
| Apple | Support the proposal.  We see value to explicit configure omni/quasi-omni sensing for L3-RSSI. One main function of L3-RSSI is channel selection, therefore enable omni sensing should be helpful. Otherwise, only omni sensing is used. |
| DOCOMO | Support Proposal 2.11-2 (RRC impact). We think it captures a good middle ground among the group. |
| Ericsson | We can support this proposal for progress’s sake. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We are fine with the proposal |
| InterDigital | We support this proposal. |
| FW | OK to support |
| Nokia, NSB | We are ok with the proposal |
| Xiaomi | support |
| Sony | We support the proposal. |
| Samsung | We believe we are in the progress of getting a compromise without a reasonable technical justification. We still don’t believe two schemes are needed at the same time, and ask for a technical explanation of the extra benefit to support both schemes, but didn’t get any answer so far.  Moderator: Let me try to explain a little bit. Other companies with better argument please jump in. For the default beam (using latest for PDCCH or PDSCH reception), this is because if we configure the TCI for measurement, it will be very hard to follow the dynamic beam switching for traffic. Having this will allow the UE to keep measuring a beam that is being used. On the other hand, the strongest reason to introduce RRC configured beam, in my understanding, is to support inter-frequency L3-RSSI measurement, where is no default beam to follow. |
| LG Electronics | We cannot accept this proposal until adding the FFS for the first bullet. |
| Transsion | We support the proposal. |
| CATT | We are OK with this proposal. Per our understanding, the TCI state in RMTC-Config is an optional configuration. If TCI state is configured, TCI state is used; If TCI state isn’t configured, the QCL type-D of the latest PDSCH reception or latest CORESET monitoring is used. However, it seems to violate the third bullet of the proposal. Could you clarify it?  Moderator: This 3rd bullet is just talking about the location of the IE |
| Samsung2 | We thank the response from moderator. We have a further question that with this explanation, it seems no way to fall back to Rel-16 behavior on the RSSI measurement, i.e., without beam information. Is it correct?  Moderator: Not sure what will happen if there is no beam information at all. You mean UE chooses whatever beam to be used, instead of following the latest PDCCH/PDSCH beam? Rel.16 behavior is there because there is no QCL type D in the beginning, so there is nothing to choose from. But now we always need a beam. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We support Proposal 2.11-2 |
| LG Electronics (2) | We can accept Proposal 2.11-2 for shake of progress.  Moderator: Thanks for being flexible. |

Discussion 2.11-3 (closed and agreed)

Need clarification on “Use the QCL type-D of the latest PDSCH reception or latest CORESET monitoring for RSSI measurement”. The meaning of “latest” is not clear. For example, a UE is granted to receive PDSCH in slot 0 with TCI state 1 and is configured to measure L3-RSSI in slot 1. Is TCI state 1 considered as the latest TCI state for the L3-RSSI measurement? What if the UE is scheduled to receive PDSCH with TCI state 0 in slot 1?

* Interpretation 1: For a given L3-RSSI measurement occasion, the UE needs to identify the late PDSCH reception or last configured CORESET monitoring (which ever is later) before the L3-RSSI measurement occasion, and use the QCL Type-D of that for L3-RSSI monitoring
  + What if the UE is scheduled receive with a different QCL Type-D during the L3-RSSI measurement? The UE should use L3-RSSI measurement QCL Type-D for reception, or the other way around?
  + DCM, Ericsson, FW, CATT, HW
* Interpretation 2: For each symbol of a given L3-RSSI measurement occasion, the UE determines the QCL Type-D for the reception of the symbol based on CORESET monitoring configuration and PDSCH reception scheduling and use that QCL Type-D for the L3-RSSI measurement
  + If different symbols of L3-RSSI measurement have different QCL Type-D, the UE will measure L3-RSSI with different QCL Type-D in those symbols and compute the total
  + Intel,

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| Company | View |
| Intel | Interpretation 2 is preferred. |
| DOCOMO | Beam switch is generally not preferred when SCS is larger. Thus we prefer Interpretation 1. And even if PDSCH reception with different QCL Type-D is scheduled during the L3-RSSI, the same QCL Type-D should be kept. |
| Ericsson | Interpretation 1. It is the same for CLI measurement.   Regarding the question by the moderator: It is not clear to us why would a gNB schedule PDSCH reception and RSSI measurement in the same slot? Moreover, there is a delay involved in processing the TCI state in addition to the scheduling delay required between PDCCH and PDSCH if different TCI states are indicated for these channels.  Moderator: Not sure why the gNB does that, but is it allowed? |
| FW | Prefer Interpretation-1 |
| LG Electronics | We think it would be better to discuss Proposal 2.11-2 after agreeing first. |
| CATT | We prefer to support Interpretation 1, and the QCL type-D during the L3-RSSI measurement should be kept. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Interpretation 1 is preferred. |

## LBT Upgrade

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| Company | Key Proposals/Observations/Positions |
| vivo | Proposal 3: UE can switch from Type 1 channel access to Type 2 or Type 3 channel access when sharing gNB-initiated COT. The regional regulation information should be carried in the cell-specific signaling. |
| OPPO | Proposal 9: For LBT type switching within gNB COT, the gNB may configure a target LBT type between type 2 or type 3, then UE may switch to the target LBT type within gNB COT. |
| ZTE Sanechips | Proposal 10: Introduce a RRC parameter to control Type 2 channel access procedures or Type 3 channel access procedures will be used for the case where the UE later finds out the transmission is in a gNB COT. |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 3: For an UL transmission indicated or configured to use Type 1 channel access, if the UE later finds out the transmission is in a gNB COT, the UE can change the channel access type to Type 2 channel access or Type 3 channel access • RRC configuration is introduced to enable/disable and to control whether Type 2 channel access or Type 3 channel access is used for this case. |
| Apple | Proposal 4: UE LBT upgrade behavior • When indicated in SIB1 that LBT is required before all transmission, UE can perform type 1 LBT to type 2 LBT depending on UE capability, regardless COT information. • Otherwise, UE can upgrade type 1 LBT to type 3 LBT if the transmission is within gNB initiated COT. |
| Xiaomi | Proposal 1: If Type 1 or Type 3 channel access mechanism is indicated, Type 1 or Type 3 channel access can be applied to each transmission burst among the multiple scheduled PUSCHs. If Type 2 channel access mechanism is indicated, Type 2 channel access can be applied to the first transmission burst, and Type 1 channel access can be for the subsequent bursts, if any. |
| Ericsson | Proposal 18 RAN1 to agree that for an UL transmission indicated or configured using Type 1 Channel access, if the UE later finds out that the transmission is in a gNB COT via DCI 2\_0, the UE follows the mechanism in clause 4.4.4, TS 37.213. |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Proposal 8: For an UL transmission indicated or configured to use Type 1 channel access, if the UE later finds out, through DCI 2\_0 detection, the transmission falls is in a gNB COT, the UE can change the channel access type to Type 2 channel access or Type 3 channel access • RRC configuration is introduced to control either Type 2 channel access or Type 3 channel access will be used for this case. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #17: Introduce a new RRC parameter to configure which LBT type can be switched between Type 2 and Type 3 channel access if the UE later finds out the transmission is in a gNB COT. |
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Proposal 2.12-1 (RRC impact) (closed and replaced by proposal 2.12-2)

For an UL transmission indicated or configured to use Type 1 channel access, if the UE later finds out, through DCI 2\_0 detection, the transmission falls in a gNB COT, the UE can change the channel access type to Type 2 channel access or Type 3 channel access

* Alt 1: RRC configuration is introduced to indicate either Type 2 channel access or Type 3 channel access will be used, subject to UE capability
  + Vivo (cell specific), OPPO, ZTE, Nokia (also enable the upgrade), LGE, Qualcomm, Intel, WILUS, DCM, Xiaomi, Panasonic, Transsion, CATT, Intel
* Alt 2: Introduce RRC indication in SIB1 that all UL transmission requires LBT or not. UE upgrades to Type 2 LBT if the indication is on and upgrades to Type 3 LBT if the indication is off
  + Apple, Ericsson,

Please provide your view if not captured above:

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| Company | View |
| Intel | We are OK with the general intention of the proposal given that there are regions where LBT may be needed within a shared COT.  Just one clarification question for Alt-1/Alt2, what if the UE does not support type 2 and I only supports type 1. In this if the RRC indicates that LBT should be used, will the UE use type 1 or type 3 LBT?  Moderator: That is discussed in 2.14 |
| Apple | Alt 2 saves 1 bit in SIB1 signaling, with the same effect. |
| WILUS | We support Alt.1. |
| DOCOMO | Fine with Alt 1. |
| Ericsson | Alt 2. We do not see a need to support UE-specific RRC configuration. RRC usually implies dedicated (per UE) signaling, whereas SIB1 is broadcast signaling (to all UEs). But this is a minor point. |
| OPPO | We support Alt 1. |
| Nokia, NSB | We support Alt.1. We read “subject to UE capability” to mean that if UE does not support Alt.2 while Alt.2 is configured, then the UE is not eligible to change the channel access type. |
| Xiaomi | Support Alt1 |
| LG Electronics | Support Alt 1. |
| Panasonic | We support Alt 1. |
| Transsion | We support Alt 1. |
| CATT | Alt 1 is preferred. |
| Intel | Our preference is for Alt. 1. |
| Moderator | Given the majority view, let’s try Alt 1 for proposal 2.12-2 |

Proposal 2.12-2 (RRC impact) (closed and moved to section 15)

For an UL transmission indicated or configured to use Type 1 channel access, if the UE later finds out, through DCI 2\_0 detection, the transmission falls in a gNB COT, the UE can change the channel access type to Type 2 channel access or Type 3 channel access.

* RRC configuration is introduced to indicate either Type 2 channel access or Type 3 channel access will be used, subject to UE capability
* Support: Vivo (cell specific), OPPO, ZTE, Nokia (also enable the upgrade), LGE, Qualcomm, Intel, WILUS, DCM, Xiaomi, Panasonic, Transsion, CATT, Intel
* Not support: Apple(?), Ericsson (?), HW

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| Huawei, HiSilicon | We do not support RRC configuration in Proposal 2.12-2.  We do not see the need for such configuration. It can be simply specified that the UE switches Type 1 channel access procedure to Type 2 channel access procedure if the UE has indicated the corresponding capability, and uses Type 3 channel access procedure otherwise.  We suggest the following alternative:  Proposal 2.12-2 (modified) ~~(RRC impact) (new)~~  For an UL transmission indicated or configured to use Type 1 channel access, if the UE later finds out, through DCI 2\_0 detection, the transmission falls in a gNB COT, the UE can change the channel access type to Type 2 channel access or Type 3 channel access.   * ~~RRC configuration is introduced to indicate either Type 2 channel access or Type 3 channel access will be used, subject to UE capability~~ * the UE switches Type 1 channel access procedure to Type 2 channel access procedure if the UE has indicated the corresponding capability, and uses Type 3 channel access procedure otherwise.   Moderator: But if the local regulation requires Type 2 LBT for COT sharing, and the UE is not capable and performs Type 3, this will be wrong. In this case, the UE should not upgrade |
| Apple | Need clarification on the proposal.   * RRC configuration is introduced to indicate either Type 2 channel access or Type 3 channel access will be used, subject to UE capability   Does it mean if UE is capable of Type 2, in region governed by EN 302 567, UE will be upgrade to type 2. If UE is not capable of type 2, UE will be updated to type 3?  Moderator: No in this case, the UE should not upgrade and stay with Type 1  If this is the intention of the proposal, also we Huawei clarified, this is penalizing device capable of type 2. This is counter intuitive. More capable UE gets less channel access comparing to less capable UEs. CAT2 capability is designed to have some LBT advantage in Japan, not to be penalized in EU operation.  To us, the clear signaling is just SIB1 indicate LBT is required for all UL transmissions. If it is not indicated, all UE can upgrade to type 3 within COT.  @Moderator: The proposal using RRC, which I assume is UE specific RRC signaling after UE capability report?  Moderator: Yes  So in region governed by EN 302 567, gNB will configure CAT 3 for UE who is not capable of CAT2, and configure CAT 2 or CAT 3 for UE who is capable of CAT 2. In this case, UE with CAT 2 can potentially be dis-advantaged.  Moderator: Yes if the gNB chooses to do that. gNB can always choose to configure all UEs to do Cat 3 instead. |
| Ericsson 2 | We do not support this proposal.  Response to Moderator: There is no local regulation that requires Type 2 LBT for COT sharing as far as we know. Japan requires “sensing” before every transmission which could be Type 1 or Type 2. Therefore, we believe 1 bit in SIB1 to indicate all UL transmissions need sensing is enough to solve this issue. In Japan regions, if the UE does not support Type 2, it has no choice but to use type 1 before all transmissions or not transmit at all. |
| FW | We are generally OK with the proposal but have similar doubt as Intel in previous version.  Can a situation where configuration indicates Type-2 to a UE incapable of Type-2 occur? If so, we think it is useful to capture as a note moderator’s clarification that in such situation UE will not upgrade and stick to Type-1.  Moderator: Given we said “subject to UE capability”, I believe this should not happen |
| Huawei, HiSilicon2 | We do not support RRC configuration in Proposal 2.12-2.  We thanks our feature lead for his reply. To address the concern raised b our feature lead, we can suggest the following alternative:  We suggest the following alternative:  Proposal 2.12-2 (modified) ~~(RRC impact) (new)~~  For an UL transmission indicated or configured to use Type 1 channel access, if the UE later finds out, through DCI 2\_0 detection, the transmission falls in a gNB COT, the UE can change the channel access type to Type 2 channel access or Type 3 channel access.   * ~~RRC configuration is introduced to indicate either Type 2 channel access or Type 3 channel access will be used, subject to UE capability~~ * if the local regulation requires Type 2 LBT for COT sharing and UE has indicated the capability to support Type 2 LBT, UE switches Type 1 channel access procedure to Type 2 channel access procedure. * if the local regulation requires Type 2 LBT for COT sharing and UE has not indicated the capability to support Type 2 LBT, UE does not transmit. * if the local regulation does not require Type 2 LBT for COT sharing, UE switches Type 1 channel access procedure to Type 3 channel access procedure   Moderator: Then the UE needs to know local regulation. |
| Huawei, Hisilicon3 | We thank our FL for his reply. We believe that UE can find its location (country) from *PLMN-IdentityInfoList* in SIB1. That should be enough to know if Type2 LBT is required for sharing the COT. |

## Type 1 LBT Procedure

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| Agreement   * Clarify that the 5us observation slot is at the end of the 8us deferral period.   + Note: The 5us observation slot is the sensing slot  in 37.213 * The TP below for TS 37.213 v17.0.0 is endorsed   \*\*\* <Beginning of TP for TS 37.213 v17.0.0> \*\*\*  **4.4.1 Type 1 channel access procedures**  This clause describes channel access procedures to be performed by a gNB/UE where the time duration spanned by the sensing slots that are sensed to be idle before a transmission(s) is random based on a fixed contention window size. The clause is applicable to any transmission initiating a channel occupancy by the gNB/UE.  The gNB/UE may transmit a transmission after first sensing the channel to be idle during the sensing slot duration of a defer duration  and after the counter  is zero in step 4. The counter  is adjusted by sensing the channel for additional sensing slot duration(s) according to the steps below:  1) set , where  is a random number uniformly distributed between 0 and , and go to step 4;  2) if  and the gNB/UE chooses to decrement the counter, set ;  3) sense the channel for an additional sensing slot duration, and if the channel is idle for the additional sensing slot duration, go to step 4; else, go to step 5;  4) if , stop; else, go to step 2.  5) sense the channel until either it is detected busy within an additional defer duration  or it is detected to be idle for the sensing slot of the additional defer duration ;  6) if the channel is sensed to be idle during the sensing slot duration of the additional defer duration , go to step 4; else, go to step 5;  In the above procedures,  is the contention window and .  The defer duration is and includes a sensing slot duration  at the end of the 8 μs for performing as least a single measurement to determine whether the channel is idle.  A gNB/UE shall not transmit on a channel for a *Channel Occupancy Time* that exceeds .  **4.4.2 Type 2 channel access procedures**  This clause describes channel access procedures to be performed by a gNB/UE where the time duration spanned by sensing slots that are sensed to be idle before a DL/UL transmission(s) is deterministic.  A gNB/UE may transmit a transmission(s) on a channel immediately after  which ~~includes~~ ends with a sensing slot ~~with~~ of a duration  where the channel is sensed to be idle.  \*\*\* <End of TP for TS 37.213 v17.0.0> \*\*\* |

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| Company | Key Proposals/Observations/Positions |
| Huawei HiSilicon | Proposal 4: For operation in FR2-2, for defining the behavior after the counter reaches 0 but the gNB/UE performing the Type 1 channel access procedure is not ready yet for transmission, support Alt 5 in RAN1#107bis-e:  The gNB/UE may continue sensing the channel in additional sensing slots before the target transmission start time. The transmission can start only if either the channel continues to be sensed idle in all additional sensing slot durations or the channel is sensed idle within at least Td duration ending immediately before the target transmission start time.  Adopt following TP#2 for TS 37.213 v17.0.0 |
| FUTUREWEI | Proposal 6:  During the count-down of Type 1 channel access, if the gNB/UE counter reaches down to zero but the gNB/UE is not ready for transmission, then adopt one of the following behaviors. Alt-1: The gNB/UE stops sensing, and resumes sensing for one sensing slot right before the target transmission start time. Only if the sensing slot is sensed as idle, the Type 1 channel access on that channel is declared as successful and the transmission can start Alt-2: Once the counter counts down to zero, COT starts. The time between counter equals to zero and start of transmission is treated as a gap, which is counted as part of the COT duration (with 5ms being total MCOT duration)  o If the gap is greater than or equal to a sensing slot duration, the node resumes sensing on the channel for one sensing slot, right before the target transmission start time. Only if the sensing slot is sensed as idle or if the gap is smaller than the sensing slot duration, the transmission is allowed to start Alt-3: The gNB/UE may continue sensing the channel in additional sensing slots before the target transmission start time. The transmission can start only if either the channel continues to be sensed idle in all additional sensing slot durations or the channel is sensed idle within at least Td duration ending immediately before the target transmission start time. |
| ZTE Sanechips | Proposal 16: For the case where the device counter reaches 0 but it is not ready for the transmission, a potential method, resume sensing for a one sensing slot immediately before the targeted transmission start time, can be considered. |
| NTT DOCOMO INC. | Proposal 4: Adopt the following TP#3 |
| TCL Communications | Proposal 1: Support Option 1 with a maximum waiting time defined. |
| TCL Communications | Proposal 2: Support Option 2. If the waiting time is short, no additional channel sensing before the target transmission time will be performed. |
| Nokia Nokia Shanghai Bell | Observation 4: Current specification of Type 1 channel access allows to extend the channel sensing in time until gNB/UE is ready for transmission. It can also be clarified that the LBT sensing shall be completed before the start of COT for all the beams that are intended to be used during the COT. |
| NEC | Proposal 4: If a gNB/UE has not transmitted a transmission after a successful Type 1 channel assess procedure, the gNB/UE may transmit a transmission on the channel, if the channel is sensed to be idle at least in a sensing slot duration immediately before this transmission. If the channel has not been sensed to be idle in the sensing slot duration immediately before this intended transmission, the gNB/UE behavior could defined as following,  • Alt 1. The gNB/UE proceeds to step 1 after sensing the channel to be idle in a defer sensing duration.  • Alt 2. The gNB/UE proceeds to step 1 directly. • Alt 3. The gNB/UE drops the intended transmission. |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Proposal 22: During the count-down of Type 1 channel access, if the gNB/UE counter reaches 0 but it is not ready for transmission, the gNB/UE stops sensing, and resume sensing for one sensing slot, right before the targeted transmission start time. Only if the sensing slot is sensed as idle, the Type 1 channel access on that channel is declared as successful and the transmission can start. |
| Transsion | Proposal 6: During the count-down of Type 1 channel access, if the gNB/UE counter reaches 0 but it is not ready for transmission, the gNB/UE stops sensing, and resume sensing for one sensing slot, right before the targeted transmission start time. Only if the sensing slot is sensed as idle, the Type 1 channel access on that channel is declared as successful and the transmission can start. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #2: During the count-down of Type 1 channel access, if the gNB/UE counter reaches 0 but it is not ready for transmission, the gNB/UE stops sensing, and resume sensing for one sensing slot, right before the targeted transmission start time. Only if the sensing slot is sensed as idle, the Type 1 channel access on that channel is declared as successful and the transmission can start. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #18: UL LBT failure indication in Rel-16 NR-U can also be supported for frequency range 2-2 and the enhancements such as managing the UL LBT failure counter for each sensing beam can be considered. |
| WILUS Inc. | Proposal 1: It should be discussed whether or not to specify the channel access mechanism after failure of Type 2 channel access procedure for UL/DL transmission. |
| WILUS Inc. | Proposal 2: Similar with NR-U and LTE-LAA, we propose to perform Type 1 channel access procedure after failure of Type 2 channel access (Cat-2 LBT) for DL/UL transmission followed by a UL/DL transmission(s) within the maximum Channel Occupancy Time in a shared channel occupancy on FR2-2. |
| OPPO | Proposal 5: One additional sensing slot immediately before the target transmission should be introduced for fair coexistence as in R16 NRU. |

Discussion 2.13-1 (closed and replaced by proposal 2.13-1a)

For Type 1 channel access, if the count-down reaches 0, but the gNB/UE is not yet ready to transmit:

* Alt 1. The gNB/UE will continue sensing with the Type 1 channel access procedure without further decrement the counter. The transmission can start only if the channel is sensed idle within at least T\_d duration ending immediately before the target transmission start time
  + Note this allows the channel sensed to be busy when the counter is 0, at which time, the gNB/UE will need to sense another initial deferral time after the channel is sensed as idle again
  + TP 2.13-A
  + ~~HW~~, FW, Nokia, Qualcomm, ~~LGE~~
* Alt 2. The gNB/UE stops sensing, and resume sensing for one sensing slot, right before the targeted transmission start time. Only if the sensing slot is sensed as idle, the Type 1 channel access on that channel is declared as successful and the transmission can start
  + TP 2.13-B
  + FW, ZTE, NEC, Qualcomm, Transsion, LGE, OPPO, Ericsson, WILUS, MediaTek, DCM, IDCC, Nokia, Samsung, NEC, CATT, Intel, HW, FW
* Alt 3. Once counter count down to zero, COT is considered as started.
  + Alt 3a: No further sensing before actual transmission starts
    - Apple
  + Alt 3b: The gNB/UE stops sensing, and resume sensing for one sensing slot, right before the targeted transmission start time. Only if the sensing slot is sensed as idle, the Type 1 channel access on that channel is declared as successful and the transmission can start
    - FW
* Alt.4: The gNB/UE will draw a new random number and start the Type 1 channel access again.

Moderator notes: The current Alt 1 is trying to harmonize previous discussion Alt 1 and Alt 5. The moderator would recommend companies proposing Alt 3 or Alt 4 to also consider one of Alt 1 and Alt 2.

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| Company | View |
| Intel | Another option is to continue sensing after the counter reaches 0, and channel is considered idle if in all the subsequent measurements the channel was assessed to be idle. We feel that this is a better option and will make sure that the channel is continuously idle until the actual start of the transmission. Performing a sensing only right before the transmission may not guarantee that the channel is actually idle especially in cases when the counter reaches 0 way earlier than when the transmission starts.  Moderator: Yes that is the original Alt 5. However, this does not address the issue if the a slot is sensed as busy when the counter is 0. I feel the current Alt 1 allows that to be handle, and is a “super-set”. Can you live with that? |
| Apple | In our understanding, Alt 3a aligns with current regulation specification. Also align with previous agreement that gap is counted as part of COT, and no LBT is needed after gap within COT. |
| WILUS | We support Alt-2 (and TP 2.13-B) with same behavior as post back-off in NR-U and LAA. |
| Mediatek | We support Alt 2. However, we think this issue should be discussed together with multi-beam COT in 2.3 |
| DOCOMO | We think Alt 2 is the legacy behavior in Rel-16 NR-U, which seems sufficient. Thus, we support Alt-2 (added above). |
| Ericsson | We support Alt 2. |
| OPPO | We support Alt 2. |
| InterDigital | We support Alt 2. |
| FW | Between Alt-1 and Alt-2, our first preference is for Alt.1 We can also compromise with the version suggested by Intel (which is more stricter than Alt.1). Our concern with Alt.2 remains the indeterminate duration between stop-of-sensing and resumption in which gNB/UE needs to do nothing. |
| Nokia, NSB | We can accept Alt-1 or Alt-2. Further, we see that current spec already allows for self-deferral as gNB/UE may choose not to decrement the counter. |
| Samsung | We support Alt 2 as the same behavior with NR-U. |
| LG Electronics | We support Alt 2. In the case of Alt 1, the probability of channel access may be reduced compared to Alt 2 because it is too strict. However, it can be considered as an alternative along with Alt 2 when a pause occurs within the COT. |
| NEC | We support Alt 2. In addition, may we ask, no matter which option is selected what if continue sensing or resumed sensing is failed?  Moderator: For Alt 1, this is handled already by the algorithm. If there is a sensing slot failed, there will be another deferral period added. For Alt 2, if the sensing failed before the target transmission, the channel access failed, and it will start from scratch again. |
| Transsion | We support Alt 2 which is similar to the behavior defined in NR-U. |
| CATT | We support Alt 2 which is similar to the legacy behavior in NR-U. |
| Intel | Probably we are referring to two different options.  In the option we are referring to the device continues to count down below 0, and to consider the channel idle all the subsequent measurements from when the counter reaches zero must assess that the channel is idle. If the counter does not reach 0 , or if the device reaches zero and in any subsequent measurement the channel is busy, the LBT is considered to have failed.  Alternatively, we can compromise to Alt-2. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We don’t support Alt.1. Alt.1 is different from original Alt.5 in the last meeting that we supported. In our view, Alt 1 needs modification because if only sensing Td before Tx determines whether or not the COT is acquired, then what is the point of continuing sensing throughout the whole interval between the time that counter reaches zero and targeted transmission start time?  For the sake of progress can accept Alt. 2. |
| FW2 | Our understanding of Alt-1 is that the condition gets harder to satisfy when sensing slots are sensed busy so in that sense it is stricter than Alt-2 and penalizes large gaps between counter-to-zero and target transmission time.  We can accept Alt-2 for progress. |
| Moderator | Given majority of companies are fine with Alt 2, let’s try that in the next propsoal |

Proposal 2.13-1a (closed and agreed)

For Type 1 channel access, if the count-down reaches 0, but the gNB/UE is not yet ready to transmit, the gNB/UE stops sensing, and resume sensing for one sensing slot, right before the targeted transmission start time. If the sensing slot is sensed as idle, the Type 1 channel access on that channel is declared as successful and the transmission can start. If the sensing slot is sensed as busy, the Type 1 channel access on that channel is declared as failed.

* TP 2.13-B

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| Company | View |
| NEC | We support the Proposal 2.13-1a in principle. While maybe the similar wording in NR-U could be considered, namely “…if the sensing slot is sensed as busy, the gNB/UE proceeds to step 1 after sensing the channel to be idle during the sensing slot duration of a defer duration Td.” |
| LG Electronics | We support the proposal. |
| Nokia, NSB | We support the proposal. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Support |
| CATT | We support the proposal. |
| Ericsson | We support the proposal. |
| Xiaomi | We support the proposal |
| FW | OK to Support |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We can support the proposal |
| Intel | Ok with the proposal |
| Samsung | We are ok with the proposal. |
| Mediatek | We are ok with the proposal |

TP 2.13-A

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4.4.1 Type 1 channel access procedures

This clause describes channel access procedures to be performed by a gNB/UE where the time duration spanned by the sensing slots that are sensed to be idle before a transmission(s) is random based on a fixed contention window size. The clause is applicable to any transmission initiating a channel occupancy by the gNB/UE.

The gNB/UE may transmit a transmission after first sensing the channel to be idle during the sensing slot duration of a defer duration and after the counter is zero in step 4. The counter is adjusted by sensing the channel for additional sensing slot duration(s) according to the steps below:

1) set , where is a random number uniformly distributed between 0 and , and go to step 4;

2) if and the gNB/UE chooses to decrement the counter, set ;

3) sense the channel for an additional sensing slot duration, and if the channel is idle for the additional sensing slot duration, go to step 4; else, go to step 5;

4) if , and the gNB/UE chooses to start transmission, stop; else, go to step 2.

5) sense the channel until either it is detected busy within an additional defer duration or it is detected to be idle for the sensing slot of the additional defer duration ;

6) if the channel is sensed to be idle during the sensing slot duration of the additional defer duration , go to step 4; else, go to step 5;

In the above procedures, is the contention window and .

The defer duration is and includes a sensing slot duration for performing as least a single measurement to determine whether the channel is idle.

A gNB/UE shall not transmit on a channel for a *Channel Occupancy Time* that exceeds .

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TP 2.13-B

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4.4.1 Type 1 channel access procedures

This clause describes channel access procedures to be performed by a gNB/UE where the time duration spanned by the sensing slots that are sensed to be idle before a transmission(s) is random based on a fixed contention window size. The clause is applicable to any transmission initiating a channel occupancy by the gNB/UE.

The gNB/UE may transmit a transmission after first sensing the channel to be idle during the sensing slot duration of a defer duration and after the counter is zero in step 4. The counter is adjusted by sensing the channel for additional sensing slot duration(s) according to the steps below:

1) set , where is a random number uniformly distributed between 0 and , and go to step 4;

2) if and the gNB/UE chooses to decrement the counter, set ;

3) sense the channel for an additional sensing slot duration, and if the channel is idle for the additional sensing slot duration, go to step 4; else, go to step 5;

4) if , stop; else, go to step 2.

5) sense the channel until either it is detected busy within an additional defer duration or it is detected to be idle for the sensing slot of the additional defer duration ;

6) if the channel is sensed to be idle during the sensing slot duration of the additional defer duration , go to step 4; else, go to step 5;

If a gNB/UE has not transmitted a transmission after step 4 in the procedure above, the gNB/UE may transmit a transmission on the channel, if the channel is sensed to be idle at least in a sensing slot duration immediately before this transmission. If the channel has not been sensed to be idle in a sensing slot duration immediately before this intended transmission, the gNB/UE proceeds to step 1 after sensing the channel to be idle during the sensing slot durations of a defer duration .

In the above procedures, is the contention window and .

The defer duration is and includes a sensing slot duration for performing as least a single measurement to determine whether the channel is idle.

A gNB/UE shall not transmit on a channel for a *Channel Occupancy Time* that exceeds .

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## Type 2 LBT procedure

Agreement:

For Cat 2 LBT, down-select from the following alternatives

* Alt 1: Do not introduce Cat 2 LBT for 60GHz unlicensed band operation
* Alt 2: Introduce Cat 2 LBT for 60GHz unlicensed band operation

Agreement:

If Cat 2 LBT is introduced, the following use cases can be further studied:

* Resume transmission after a gap Y:  Cat 2 LBT may be used to resume transmission by the initiating device within the COT after a gap Y (FFS the value of Y)
* COT sharing: Cat 2 LBT may be used before transmission by a responding node sharing a COT
* Multi-Beam LBT:  Cat 2 LBT may be used before switching to a new transmission beam (not used in earlier part of the COT) in a COT with TDM beams, or resume a previously used transmission beam after a gap Z (FFS the value of Z)
* Rx-Assistance:  Cat 2 LBT may be used for sensing at the receiver as a responding device for Rx-Assistance measurements and associated signalling

Other use cases not precluded.

FFS if Cat 2 LBT is mandated for each use case or not.

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| Company | Key Proposals/Observations/Positions |
| FUTUREWEI | Proposal 9: The initiating device can resume transmission with a Cat 2 LBT if there is gap longer than Y us from the previous transmission from that initiating device or responding device. |
| InterDigital Inc. | Proposal 4: A UE determines whether to use Cat 2 LBT based on the gap duration between an upcoming transmission and a preceding transmission on at least the same beam pair. |
| OPPO | Proposal 10: Cat-2 LBT should be introduced for resuming transmission within the COT after a gap and Rx-assisted LBT. |
| OPPO | Proposal 11: For resuming transmission after a gap, RAN1 should firstly discuss the gap is defined per device or per beam. |
| ZTE Sanechips | Proposal 7: Similar restriction as defined in Type 2C channel access procedure in TS 37.213 can also introduced in above 52.6GHz NR-U frequency band but the length of a transmission can be relaxed. l The duration of the corresponding DL transmission is at most [Y] symbols or ms. |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 23: If an initiating device is capable to perform Cat-2 LBT, and if the initiating device performs an additional burst within the initiated COT which may be separated with any prior burst of at least a minimum gap Y, then under Alt-3 a Cat 2 LBT is needed before the initiating device transmission. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #6: The pause within a COT may occur due to the transmission(s) corresponding to the beam direction that failed the LBT and further transmission(s) can be resumed after the pause without additional channel sensing or with additional channel sensing for a UE capable of cat 2 LBT. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #19: gNB should be allowed to schedule UL transmission with Type 1 or Type 2 channel access before the UE reports its capability and the UE can use Type 1 channel access if Type 2 channel access is indicated but not supported (i.e., Support Alt 1B in Discussion 2.15-3). |

Discussion 2.14-1 (closed and followed up by proposal 2.14-1a)

Should we allow the initiating device to resume transmission within maximum COT without a Cat 2 LBT, no matter how long the gap is from the previous transmission from initiating device or responding device

* Note this is motivated by regions where LBT is not required before each transmission (say outside Japan)?
* Yes: Apple, DCM, Ericsson, IDCC, FW, Nokia, Samsung, LGE, NEC, Transsion, CATT, Intel
* No: ZTE, OPPO

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| Company | View |
| Intel | No, especially considering the Japanese regulatory requirements. In this case, same consideration made for the responding device are applicable. |
| Apple | Yes, for outside of Japan. |
| DOCOMO | Yes it should be possible in BRAN region. |
| Ericsson | Yes. CAT2 is not needed by the initiating device in EN 302 567. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | No, we think it may be necessary to perform a Cat 2 LBT for transmission within a COT to avoid unnecessary collision if the device has a Cat2 LBT capability.  Moderator: This is a region like EU where LBT before each transmission is not mandated |
| OPPO | No, Cat 2 LBT is needed to resume transmission for fair coexistence.  Moderator: This is a region like EU where LBT before each transmission is not mandated |
| InterDigital | It may be allowed (e.g. if UE is indicated no-LBT). However, that should not preclude use of CAT 2 LBT in other cases. |
| FW | We prefer use of CAT2 before resuming as it facilitates fairer coexistence but it seems difficult to make it mandatory. |
| Nokia, NSB | Yes, this is allowed according to the regulations |
| Samsung | It should be allowed for the region where regulation allows this. |
| LG Electronics | We share the same view with Apple. |
| NEC | Yes, it should be allowed for certain region. |
| Transsion | Yes, it should be possible. |
| CATT | Yes, as long as it complies to the region regulations. |
| Intel | Just as a clarification, for regions where LBT is not needed for each transmission, such as Japan, then the initiating device can use no LBT within the COT.  Notice we have corrected our position, which was misunderstood. |
| Moderator | Given we have strong majority, let’s try a proposal in 2.14-1a |

Proposal 2.14-1a (closed and split to gNB side and UE side)

Support the initiating device to resume transmission within maximum COT without a Cat 2 LBT, no matter how long the gap is from the previous transmission from initiating device or responding device

* Note: This is motivated by regions where LBT is not required before each transmission (say outside Japan)?
* Note: This should only be used when allowed by local regulation

Please provide your view:

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| Company | View |
| Intel | We are OK with the proposal, but this should be agree as a package with the following proposal. |
| Huawei, Hisilicon | Support Proposal 2.14-1a |
| Apple | Support |
| NEC | Support Proposal 2.14-1a |
| Apple 2 | The proposed 1 bit signaling in SIB1 to indicate all transmission requires LBT can be used in this case, so UE can know whether type 2 or type 3 should be used to resume transmission within the COT.  Otherwise, you need another RRC/SIB signaling to indicate whether type 2 or type 3 is needed to resume transmission. |
| LG Electronics | We support the proposal. |
| Nokia, NSB | We support the proposal. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Although we tend to support that Cat2 LBT can be performed as long as UE has a Cat2 LBT capability even if UE is in a region where LBT is not required, we can live with the proposal for the sake of the progress. |
| CATT | We support the proposal. |
| FW | OK to support |
| Ericsson | OK |
| Apple | We would like to understand modulator’s plan on this proposal, whether it is up to UE to figure out whether this is in region like Japan, or additional RRC signaling will be proposed.  We suggest moving it to 2.15 to discuss together as this is related to different behavior due to regional regulation difference (i.e., Japan).  Moderator: No this proposal is about if such behavior is allowed. We are not discussing how to enable it yet. I guess your concern is on the UE side. gNB should should be fine. From your comments in Proposal 2.15-1, I assume you are proposing to use your 1 bit to control the UE behavior. I can capture it there. |

Proposal 2.14-1b (new)

Support gNB as the initiating device to resume transmission within maximum COT without a Cat 2 LBT, no matter how long the gap is from the previous transmission from initiating device or responding device

* Note: This is motivated by regions where LBT is not required before each transmission (say outside Japan)?
* Note: This should only be used when allowed by local regulation
* Support: Intel, Samsung

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| Company | View |
| Intel | We are OK with the proposal |
| Samsung | We are ok with the proposal. To clarify, the same proposal for UE is up to further discussion or concluded as not supported?  Moderator: UE side is separate discussion in Discussion 2.14-6 |
| Ericsson | We are ok with the proposal but also think UEs need to be considered together. “Initiating device” can be both gNB/UE and EN 302 567 allows any initiating device to operate without LBT within a COT. (provided the transmissions are immediate) |
| LG Electronics | We are Ok with the proposal. |
| Xiaomi | Ok with the proposal. |

Discussion 2.14-2 (closed and followed up by proposal 2.14-2a)

Should we allow the initiating device to resume transmission with a Cat 2 LBT if there is gap longer than Y us from the previous transmission from initiating device or responding device

* Note this is motivated by regions where LBT is required before each transmission (say Japan)
* Yes: FUTUREWEI (>Y us), Interdigital, OPPO, ZTE, Intel, LGE, WILUS, DCM, Ericsson, NEC, Transsion, CATT
* No: Apple

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| Company | View |
| Intel | Yes. |
| Apple | No.  Note Y is up to implementation, which can be any value essentially. Therefore we do not really see how to mandate CAT2 LBT within agreed Y value. |
| WILUS | Yes. |
| DOCOMO | Yes. |
| Ericsson | Yes, for gaps at least larger than 8us since we agreed that CAT2 duration is 8us, so devices need a gap of at least 8us to perform CAT2 LBT. |
| OPPO | Yes. |
| InterDigital | Yes |
| FW | Yes |
| Nokia, NSB | Since Y is up to implementation, this gNB behaviour can hardly be normative |
| LG Electronics | Yes, at least for the gap longer than Y us. |
| NEC | Yes |
| Transsion | Yes |
| CATT | Yes |
| Moderator | Given we have majority, let’s try a proposal in 2.14-2a |

Proposal 2.14-2a (closed and split to gNB and UE side)

Support the initiating device to resume transmission with a Cat 2 LBT if there is gap longer than Y us from the previous transmission from initiating device or responding device

* Note this is motivated by regions where LBT is required before each transmission (say Japan)
* Y is left for initiating device implementation and should comply with local regulation but no less than 8us

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| Company | View |
| Intel | We are ok with the proposal, and as stated above this should be agreed as a package with prior proposal. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes in principle. However, it should be clarified that:   1. Y is no less than 8 us.   Moderator: Yes I added that in   1. Whether the intention is that, when the UE is the initiating device, UE would apply the same Y threshold value used for sharing gNB COT or is it a new Y value. Note that, based on a previous conclusion, when UE is the responding device “the UE does not need to know the value for Y”:   “On the gap Y for Cat 2 LBT when COT Sharing is applied, no matter which option is chosen out of options 1/2/3, the UE does not need to know the value for Y, as the UE will follow DCI to determine if Cat 2 LBT is performed”  Moderator: This is a good question. If the UE is the initiating device, and if the UE knows it is in Japan, it can use this to perform Type 2 LBT to reuse. On the other hand, if the UE knows it is in EU, it may be able to resume without LBT. If the UE does not know where it is, the UE may not want to resume after all, or if the UE is capable, it can use Type 2 LBT to resume to be safe. All these are left for UE implementation. |
| Apple | OK.  This is motivated by regions like Japan, CAT2 or CAT3 is needed every transmission.  This description applies to both gNB initiated COT and UE initiated COT. So Y is up to gNB or UE’s implementation for gNB/UE initiated COT respectively. |
| NEC | We support the Proposal 2.14-2a based on moderator’s further clarification. |
| Apple 2 | The proposed 1 bit signaling in SIB1 to indicate all transmission requires LBT can be used in this case, so UE can know whether type 2 or type 3 should be used to resume transmission within the COT.  Otherwise, you need another RRC/SIB signaling to indicate whether type 2 or type 3 is needed to resume transmission. |
| LG Electronics | We support the proposal. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Support |
| CATT | Support |
| Ericsson | We support the proposal. |
| FW | Support |
| Huawei, HiSilicon2 | We thank our moderator’s comment. However, our concern is that, if Proposal 2.14-2a is agreed and UE is the initiating device, UE must know the value of Y at least for configured grant and even for multi-PDSCH since whether or not to use CAT2 LBT based on the transmission gap cannot be indicated in the DCI. In such a case, it seems that gNB needs to configure Y to UE (RRC impact). Also, strictly speaking, this would be against the earlier agreement:  On the gap Y for Cat 2 LBT when COT Sharing is applied, no matter which option is chosen out of options 1/2/3, the UE does not need to know the value for Y, as the UE will follow DCI to determine if Cat 2 LBT is performed”  Moderator: I believe the previous agreement is gNB to UE COT sharing, as it was clear UE is the responding device in that agreement |
| Apple | We would like to understand modulator’s plan on this proposal, whether it is up to UE to figure out whether this is in region like Japan, or additional RRC signaling will be proposed.  We suggest moving it to 2.15 to discuss together as this is related to different behavior due to regional regulation difference (i.e., Japan).  Moderator: Same answer as in 2.14-1a |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We have a concern about 2.14-2a for the case the UE is initiating device and are not ready to agree with it.  Let’s assume UE acquires a COT prior to an UL configured grant transmission occasion which ends at time t0 and gNB has scheduled the UE for a PUSCH transmission that is dcheduled at t1 with t1-t0> 8us. In such case, gNB has no control on whether or not UE performs CAT2 LBT prior to the scheduled transmission and, therefore, whether or not the scheduled PUSCH would actually be transmitted. |
| FW2 | Clarification from HW: In your example when does the gNB know that the COT acquired by the UE prior to configured grant transmission also includes the later scheduled UL transmission. |

Proposal 2.14-2b (new)

Support gNB as the initiating device to resume transmission with a Cat 2 LBT if there is gap longer than Y us from the previous transmission from initiating device or responding device

* Note this is motivated by regions where LBT is required before each transmission (say Japan)
* Y is left for initiating device implementation and should comply with local regulation but no less than 8us
* Support: Intel, Samsung

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| Company | View |
| Intel | We support this proposal. |
| Samsung | We are ok with the proposal. To clarify, the same proposal for UE is up to further discussion or concluded as not supported? |
| Ericsson | We cannot support this proposal in this form. This seems to suggest that gNB needs to implement CAT2 LBT. CAT2 LBT is not needed in Japan regulations. A gNB may implement only CAT3 LBT and still resume transmissions in a COT.  Therefore, we propose the following:  *Proposal 2.14-2b (modified by Ericsson:)*  Support gNB as the initiating device to resume transmission with a Cat 2 LBT(if supported) or CAT3 LBT if there is gap longer than Y us from the previous transmission from initiating device or responding device   * Note this is motivated by regions where LBT is required before each transmission (say Japan) * Y is left for initiating device implementation and should comply with local regulation but no less than 8us |
| LG Electronics | We support the proposal. |
| TCL | We are OK with the proposal. |

Proposal 2.14-3 (new)

Before the UE reports it LBT capability, gNB is allowed to schedule UL transmission with Type 1 channel access

* If the UE does not support Type 1 channel access, the UE should not transmit

Support: Intel, Apple, DCM, Ericsson, ZTE, OPPO, IDCC, FW, Nokia, Samsung, LGE, NEC, Transsion, CATT, HW

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| Company | View |
| Intel | Yes – the UE should be scheduled with type 1 until it reports capability with type 2, but this could be left up to implementation. |
| Apple | If UE does not support type 1, it means UE does not support unlicensed UL operation.  It can be DL only, on licensed band only. |
| DOCOMO | Fine with Proposal 2.14-3 |
| Ericsson | We support the proposal. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Support |
| OPPO | We support the proposal. |
| InterDigital | Support |
| FW | Support |
| Nokia, NSB | We support the proposal. |
| Samsung | Ok with the proposal, but seems no specification impact since it’s about the gNB’s behavior being allowed.  Moderator: We can capture it as “if UE receives Type 1 channel access, but UE does not support Type 1 channel access, the UE should not transmit” |
| LG Electronics | Yes. If Type 1 channel access is indicated but not supported, UE does not transmit scheduled UL transmission. However, we think that this UE incapable of Type 1 channel access may be operated only in the regions where LBT is not mandated or gNB should always ensure UE can transmit UL transmission without LBT. |
| NEC | We support the proposal. |
| Transsion | We support the proposal. |
| CATT | We support the proposal. |
| Huawei, Hisilicon | We support the proposal. |
| OPPO2 | For 2.14-3, we continue opposing this proposal. This proposal should be restricted only to unlicensed band and LBT is not mandated by the region. It should not extend the scope for licensed band. The following updated version can be acceptable to us.  Proposal 2.14-3 (new)  In unlicensed band, before the UE reports it LBT capability, gNB is allowed to schedule UL transmission with Type 1 channel access   * If the UE does not support Type 1 channel access, the UE should not transmit   In licensed band, gNB is not allowed to schedule UL transmissions with type 1 or type 2 channel access.  Moderator: This discussion is still pending in 2.6-1b |
| Samsung | If there is any intention of spec impact of this proposal, especially for RAN1 spec other than TS 37.213, we want to clarify this proposal is for unlicensed band only. |
| TCL | We support the proposal. |

Proposal 2.14-4 (closed and replace by 2.14-5)

Before the UE reports it LBT capability, gNB is allowed to schedule UL transmission with Type 2 channel access?

* If the UE does not support Type 2 channel access, but the UE supports Type 1 channel access, it is the UE implementation to transmit with Type 1 channel access or not to transmit
* If the UE does not support Type 2 channel access and does not support Type 1 channel access, the UE should not transmit

Support: DCM, ZTE, LGE,

Not support: Intel, Apple, WILUS, Ericsson, OPPO, IDCC, Nokia, NEC, Transsion, CATT

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| Company | View |
| Intel | No – The gNB should schedule an UL transmission with type 2 only when it knows that the UE is capable of performing that type of LBT. |
| Apple | No |
| WILUS | No |
| DOCOMO | Fine with Proposal 2.14-3 |
| Ericsson | We cannot support this proposal. Type 2 channel access is an optional implementation choice and not needed by any regulatory domain. We do not see a need to indicate this before knowing UE’s capability to support it. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Yes |
| OPPO | No, the UE does not expect an indication of Type 2 LBT before reporting its LBT capability. |
| InterDigital | The gNB should only schedule an UL transmission with Type 2 when it knows that the UE is capable of performing Type 2 LBT. |
| Nokia, NSB | No |
| Samsung | This can be up to implementation, and we didn’t see a spec impact.  Moderator: If there is any agreement, we can capture from UE perspective, something like “UE does not expect …” |
| LG Electronics | Yes, we think that gNB should be allowed to schedule UL transmission with Type 2 channel access before the UE reports its capability. And an indication for Type 2 LBT for a UE has not signalled that is capable of supporting Type 2 LBT can be handled by interpreting Type 2 channel access differently for each UE. For example, if Type 2 is indicated to UE, the UE having Cat-2 LBT capability performs Type 2 channel access procedure but the UE that does not have Cat-2 LBT capability performs Type 1 channel access. |
| NEC | No |
| Transsion | No |
| CATT | No |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | No. We propose to agree to the following instead:  The UE does not expect to be indicated with Type 2 channel access procedures before the UE indicates the corresponding capability. |
| Moderator | Given the majority view is not support, let’s flip it around in proposal 2.14-5. |

Proposal 2.14-5 (new)

Before a UE reports it LBT capability, the UE does not expect the gNB to schedule UL transmission with Type 2 channel access

* Support: Intel, Apple, WILUS, OPPO, IDCC, Nokia, NEC, Transsion, CATT, Xiaomi
* Not support: DCM, ZTE, LGE,

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| Company | View |
| NEC | Support the Proposal 2.14-5 |
| LG Electronics | We do not support the proposal. As we mentioned before, gNB should be allowed to schedule UL transmission with Type 2 channel access before the UE reports its capability. It is closely related to the LBT type indication in fallback DCI. The bit length should be aligned regardless of unlicensed band or licensed band operation. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We have similar view with LGE. For us, we think this issue can be determined/discussed after the issue on LBT type indication in Section 2.9 is resolved |
| CATT | Support. |
| Ericsson | Does this have any specification impact? We are ok in principle, but we do not see a need for this agreement.  Moderator: I assume we can capture in the spec something like “UE does not expect …” |
| Xiaomi | Support the Proposal. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We support the proposal |
| Intel | Support the proposal |
| Samsung | The answer to this proposal relates to the decision on the LBT indication. In our view, any proposal related to LBT indication should be for unlicensed band only. |
| Ericsson 2 | We do not support this proposal. We do not see a need for this agreement. Type 2 channel access is not required to be implemented by any local regulations. |
| TCL | We support the proposal. |

Discussion 2.14-6 (new)

Shall we support UE as the initiating device to resume transmission

* Behavior 1: Type 3 channel access (no LBT) no matter how long the gaps is from the previous transmission from initiating device or responding device
* Behavior 2: Type 3 channel access (Cat 2 LBT) if there is gap longer than Y us from the previous transmission from initiating device or responding device

If we support this functionality, we also need a mechanism to choose between the two behaviors

* Alt 1: RRC configures between behavior 1 and behavior 2. RRC may also need to configure Y
* Alt 2: RRC configures if LBT is always needed for each transmission (like in Japan), and UE can adopt behavior 1 if LBT is not always required and adopt behavior 2 if LBT is always required
  + Intel, TCL
* Alt 3: Leave the choice by UE implementation without additional RRC signaling
* Not support this functionality:

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| Company | View |
| Intel | Alt 2 is preferred |
| Samsung | This may depend on the result from the discussion in 2.15-1. |
| Ericsson | Alt 3 + 1 bit in SIB1 to signify if all UL transmissions need LBT or not is sufficient. The type of LBT can be based on the UE’s capability. |
| LG Electronics | We share the same view with Samsung. |
| TCL | Atl.2 is fine, plus Behavior 2: |

## Joint discussion Japan vs outside Japan

There are many discussions Apple and Ericsson want to solve with a bundled solution of introducing single bit in SIB1 to identify if LBT is required for all UL transmission. Per guidance from the Chair, we can discuss them together

Proposal 2.15-1 (new)

Down-select between the next two alternatives

* Alt 1. Introduce one bit in SIB1 indicates whether LBT is required for all UL transmissions
  + If the bit is set to true, msg1 and msgA cannot be transmitted with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling based transmission. If the bit is set to false, msg1 and msgA can be transmitted by with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling based transmission if requirement of 10% over 100ms is satisfied
    - It is a separate discussion if the requirement of 10% over 100ms is per UE or per cell
  + For fallback DCI formats 0\_0 and 1\_0 and RAR UL grant, for FR2-2 operation, the ChannelAccess-Cpext field in DCI indicates the channel access type only. A new table similar to Table 7.3.1.1.1-4 is introduced with entries “Type 1 channel access in 4.4.1 of 37.213”, “Type 2 channel access in 4.4.2 of 37.213 or Type 3 channel access in 4.4.3 of 37.213”. For the 2nd entry, if the bit is set to true, it will be interpreted as “Type 2 channel access in 4.4.2 of 37.213”. If the bit is set to false, it will be interpreted as “Type 3 channel access in 4.4.3 of 37.213”
  + For an UL transmission indicated or configured to use Type 1 channel access, if the UE later finds out, through DCI 2\_0 detection, the transmission falls in a gNB COT, the UE can change the channel access type to Type 2 channel access if the bit is set to true and the UE can change the channel access type to Type 3 channel access if the bit is set to false
* Alt 1A (From Ericsson and Apple as replacement for Alt 1). Introduce one bit in SIB1 indicates whether LBT is required for all UL transmissions
  + If the bit is set to true, msg1 and msgA cannot be transmitted with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling based transmission. If the bit is set to false, msg1 and msgA can be transmitted by with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling based transmission if requirement of 10% over 100ms is satisfied
    - It is a separate discussion if the requirement of 10% over 100ms is per UE or per cell
  + For an UL transmission indicated or configured to use Type 1 channel access, if the UE later finds out, through DCI 2\_0 detection, the transmission falls in a gNB COT, the UE can change the channel access type to Type 2 channel access if the bit is set to true and the UE can change the channel access type to Type 3 channel access if the bit is set to false
  + UE as initiating device can resume transmission within maximum COT without a type 2 LBT, no matter how long the gap is from the previous transmission from initiating device or responding device, if the bit is set to false. If the bit is set to true, UE as initiating device can resume transmission after a type 2 LBT if device is capable.
  + Apple, Ericsson
* Alt 2.
  + gNB provides separate RRC configuration in SIB1 to indicate if msg1 or msgA transmission with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling based transmission is allowed.
    - It is a separate discussion if the requirement of 10% over 100ms is per UE or per cell
  + For fallback DCI formats 0\_0 and 1\_0 and RAR UL grant, for FR2-2 operation, the ChannelAccess-Cpext field in DCI indicates the channel access type only. A new table similar to Table 7.3.1.1.1-4 is introduced with entries “Type 1 channel access in 4.4.1 of 37.213”, “Type 2 channel access in 4.4.2 of 37.213” and “Type 3 channel access in 4.4.3 of 37.213”, and “reserved”.
    - Note: This option requires 2 bis in fallback DCI
    - TP 2.9-C
  + For an UL transmission indicated or configured to use Type 1 channel access, if the UE later finds out, through DCI 2\_0 detection, the transmission falls in a gNB COT, the UE can change the channel access type to Type 2 channel access or Type 3 channel access.
    - RRC configuration is introduced to indicate either Type 2 channel access or Type 3 channel access will be used, subject to UE capability
  + FFS: For UE as initiating device, if additional RRC configuration is introduced to indicate if the UE can resume transmission within maximum COT without a type 2 LBT, no matter how long the gap is from the previous transmission from initiating device or responding device, or this is left for UE implementation
  + LGE, Intel (not the FFS), Qualcomm, OPPO, Samsung, CATT, ZTE, FW

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| Company | View |
| Ericsson | We support Alt1 with slight modifications. In the discussions, we did not support to club the fallback DCI discussion to this as it does not relate to it. Type2 can only be supported if the UE is capable of Type 2 channel access. If not, regardless of what the SIB1 bit indicates, a UE cannot support Type 2. The discussion here seems to suggest that so it can be removed.   * Alt 1. Introduce one bit in SIB1 indicates whether LBT is required for all UL transmissions   + If the bit is set to true, msg1 and msgA cannot be transmitted with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling based transmission. If the bit is set to false, msg1 and msgA can be transmitted by with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling based transmission if requirement of 10% over 100ms is satisfied     - It is a separate discussion if the requirement of 10% over 100ms is per UE or per cell   + ~~For fallback DCI formats 0\_0 and 1\_0 and RAR UL grant, for FR2-2 operation, the ChannelAccess-Cpext field in DCI indicates the channel access type only. A new table similar to Table 7.3.1.1.1-4 is introduced with entries “Type 1 channel access in 4.4.1 of 37.213”, “Type 2 channel access in 4.4.2 of 37.213 or Type 3 channel access in 4.4.3 of 37.213”. For the 2~~~~nd~~ ~~entry, if the bit is set to true, it will be interpreted as “Type 2 channel access in 4.4.2 of 37.213”. If the bit is set to false, it will be interpreted as “Type 3 channel access in 4.4.3 of 37.213”~~   + For an UL transmission indicated or configured to use Type 1 channel access, if the UE later finds out, through DCI 2\_0 detection, the transmission falls in a gNB COT, the UE can change the channel access type to Type 2 channel access if the bit is set to true and the UE can change the channel access type to Type 3 channel access if the bit is set to false   Moderator: What is your suggestion for the fallback DCI then?  Response to Moderator: We are ok to support Alt 1A. We think Fallback DCI can be a separate discussion that is not dependent on the outcome of this discussion. However, if companies really want to combine them together, we are open to discussing it. That said, we still think fallback DCI requires only one bit in even in Alt1. The only difference from your proposal is that 1 bit in fallback DCI will correspond to one entry for “Type 1 channel access” and other entry for “Type 2 or Type 3 channel access”. If the SIB1 bit is set it corresponds to Type 2 (if capable) and if the SIB1 bit is not set, it corresponds to no LBT. |
| Intel | We prefer Alt. 2, which provides clearly more flexibility to the network, and does not unnecessarily constrain the design. We want to emphasize that Alt.2 is a super-set of Alt-1, and it will still be up to the network to properly make a proper configuration. Also by adopting Alt-1, the network is not able to schedule through fall back DCIs bursts with Type 2 LBT preceding them even when devices have the capability to do so.  Also mirroring Alt-1, we would suggest to add the following:   * Alt 2.   + gNB provides separate RRC configuration in SIB1 to indicate if msg1 or msgA transmission with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling based transmission is allowed.     - It is a separate discussion if the requirement of 10% over 100ms is per UE or per cell   + For fallback DCI formats 0\_0 and 1\_0 and RAR UL grant, for FR2-2 operation, the ChannelAccess-Cpext field in DCI indicates the channel access type only. A new table similar to Table 7.3.1.1.1-4 is introduced with entries “Type 1 channel access in 4.4.1 of 37.213”, “Type 2 channel access in 4.4.2 of 37.213” and “Type 3 channel access in 4.4.3 of 37.213”, and “reserved”.     - Note: This option requires 2 bis in fallback DCI     - TP 2.9-C   + For an UL transmission indicated or configured to use Type 1 channel access, if the UE later finds out, through DCI 2\_0 detection, the transmission falls in a gNB COT, the UE can change the channel access type to Type 2 channel access or Type 3 channel access.     - RRC configuration is introduced to indicate either Type 2 channel access or Type 3 channel access will be used, subject to UE capability   Moderator: Added |
| Apple | Support Option 1.  Agree with Ericsson to separate fall back DCI discussion.  In addition, we would like to add 2.14.-1a and 2.14-2a in the Alt 1.   * Alt 1. Introduce one bit in SIB1 indicates whether LBT is required for all UL transmissions   + If the bit is set to true, msg1 and msgA cannot be transmitted with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling based transmission. If the bit is set to false, msg1 and msgA can be transmitted by with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling based transmission if requirement of 10% over 100ms is satisfied     - It is a separate discussion if the requirement of 10% over 100ms is per UE or per cell   + ~~For fallback DCI formats 0\_0 and 1\_0 and RAR UL grant, for FR2-2 operation, the ChannelAccess-Cpext field in DCI indicates the channel access type only. A new table similar to Table 7.3.1.1.1-4 is introduced with entries “Type 1 channel access in 4.4.1 of 37.213”, “Type 2 channel access in 4.4.2 of 37.213 or Type 3 channel access in 4.4.3 of 37.213”. For the 2~~~~nd~~ ~~entry, if the bit is set to true, it will be interpreted as “Type 2 channel access in 4.4.2 of 37.213”. If the bit is set to false, it will be interpreted as “Type 3 channel access in 4.4.3 of 37.213”~~   + For an UL transmission indicated or configured to use Type 1 channel access, if the UE later finds out, through DCI 2\_0 detection, the transmission falls in a gNB COT, the UE can change the channel access type to Type 2 channel access if the bit is set to true and the UE can change the channel access type to Type 3 channel access if the bit is set to false   + Initiating device can resume transmission within maximum COT without a type 2 LBT, no matter how long the gap is from the previous transmission from initiating device or responding device, if the bit is set to false. If the bit is set to true, initiating device can resume transmission after a type 2 LBT if device is capable.   Not sure whether Alt 2 will add additional RRC signaling or it is up to UE to figure out whether this is in Japan or outside of Japan for UE initiated COT.  Moderator: What is your suggestion for the fallback DCI then? |
| LG Electronics | We support Alt 2, which provides gNB with more flexibility. |
| Moderator | Added Alt 1A.  Also added FFR for Alt 2 on how to handle UE as initiating device resuming COT. |
| OPPO | We support Alt 2 and share the similar view with Intel and LG. The bundled solution restricts the configuration flexibility of the network. |
| Intel | We still support Alt.2, but we are not OK with the FFS. Our understanding is that the FFS could be already covered by the sub-bullet right above, and there is no need to treat the case of UE as initiating device separately, and have a different RRC for it. If the UE is configured to use type 3 within a shared COT (whether it is its own or gNB’s COT), it will use type 3, and it is configured to use type 2 within a shared COT, the UE will use type 2 is capable, otherwise type 1 will be used. With that said the following note could be added:   * Alt 2.   + gNB provides separate RRC configuration in SIB1 to indicate if msg1 or msgA transmission with Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling based transmission is allowed.     - It is a separate discussion if the requirement of 10% over 100ms is per UE or per cell   + For fallback DCI formats 0\_0 and 1\_0 and RAR UL grant, for FR2-2 operation, the ChannelAccess-Cpext field in DCI indicates the channel access type only. A new table similar to Table 7.3.1.1.1-4 is introduced with entries “Type 1 channel access in 4.4.1 of 37.213”, “Type 2 channel access in 4.4.2 of 37.213” and “Type 3 channel access in 4.4.3 of 37.213”, and “reserved”.     - Note: This option requires 2 bis in fallback DCI     - TP 2.9-C   + For an UL transmission indicated or configured to use Type 1 channel access, if the UE later finds out, through DCI 2\_0 detection, the transmission falls in a gNB COT, the UE can change the channel access type to Type 2 channel access or Type 3 channel access or for an UL transmission     - RRC configuration is introduced to indicate either Type 2 channel access or Type 3 channel access will be used, subject to UE capability       * Note that this RRC parameter is also used to indicate if either type 2 or type 3 channel access is used within UE’s shared COT by the initiating UE.   + ~~FFS: For UE as initiating device, if additional RRC configuration is introduced to indicate if the UE can resume transmission within maximum COT without a type 2 LBT, no matter how long the gap is from the previous transmission from initiating device or responding device, or this is left for UE implementation~~ |
| Samsung | We prefer Alt 2. |
| Apple 2 | Support Alt 1A.  We would like to further comment on flexibility aspect.  The only reason we see the signaling is needed is due to special Japan regulation. And this aspect is clearly captured in different agreements.  Alt 2 separate Msg 1 and Msg A is trying to extend the signaling to the enable/dis-able per cell short control signaling transmission of Msg 1/A in region governed by EN 302 567. This use case was not explicit discussed and agreed before. Even though it is noted per cell or per UE is discussed separately, the signaling itself by extending the flexibility, already supports “per cell” short control signaling regardless of the discussion result of the other topic. Therefore we can not support.  For the other two use cases, COT sharing and resume transmission, type 3 will be used in EU, and type 2 in Japan based on discussion. Therefore, we do not see loss of flexibility either, just pure signaling overhead.  In summary, we do not see the flexibility benefit. It actually cause confusion, with additional signaling overhead. |
| CATT | Alt 2 is prefered. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We prefer Alt2. |
| vivo | Although there’s a sub-bullet of note under each alternatives saying “It is a separate discussion if the requirement of 10% over 100ms is per UE or per cell”, we think it is better to decide the short control signaling requirement is counted per-cell or per-UE first before we agree on any alternative here. Our reason is stated below.  During the discussion of 2.7-1 (the first bullet of Alt.2), the moderator claimed that Alt2 has nothing to do with the 10% requirement. However, according to the reply from the moderator, it looks like that Alt2 implicitly assumes that the 10% requirement is per-cell. Otherwise, it’s not clear to us how the gNB can set the flag if UE decides the 10% requirement is not fulfilled. We copy our question and moderator’s reply in 2.7-1 below.    In our view, gNB can enable or disable the short control signaling by 1 bit in SIB1. However, it is up to UE to determine if the 10% requirement is met. We think the short control signaling with the 10% requirement counted per-UE complies with the regulation. |
| FW | Prefer Alt-2. |
| Ericsson 2 | We agree with Apple and urge companies to see that flexibility does not equate to improved performance in this case.  To all the proponents of Alt 2: Why do we need signalling to indicate if contention exempt short control signalling transmissions are allowed or not? What is the motivation to disable it? In regions where it is allowed, by disabling it, there is no performance improvement as no LBT works better over LBT in the simulations we have done so far. Therefore, the signalling is needed only for regions where such transmissions are not allowed; a.k.a Japan. However, in Japan, all transmissions need sensing before transmissions. Hence, the 1 bit solution for all UL transmissions.  On the other hand, Alt2 is only adding unnecessary overhead for no apparent benefit. |
| TCL | We support Alt 2 for flexibility. |
| Xiaomi | Prefer Alt1.  But for the following part in Alt 1, it seems Type 2 channel access is not supported if the bit in SIB is set to false while Type 1 can be used. It seems not reasonable  “*For fallback DCI formats 0\_0 and 1\_0 and RAR UL grant, for FR2-2 operation, the ChannelAccess-Cpext field in DCI indicates the channel access type only. A new table similar to Table 7.3.1.1.1-4 is introduced with entries “Type 1 channel access in 4.4.1 of 37.213”, “Type 2 channel access in 4.4.2 of 37.213 or Type 3 channel access in 4.4.3 of 37.213”. For the 2nd entry, if the bit is set to true, it will be interpreted as “Type 2 channel access in 4.4.2 of 37.213”. If the bit is set to false, it will be interpreted as “Type 3 channel access in 4.4.3 of 37.213”*”  We suggest the following in Alt 1.  For fallback DCI formats 0\_0 and 1\_0 and RAR UL grant, for FR2-2 operation, the ChannelAccess-Cpext field in DCI indicates the channel access type only. A new table similar to Table 7.3.1.1.1-4 is introduced with entries “Type 1 channel access in 4.4.1 of 37.213”, “Type 2 channel access in 4.4.2 of 37.213” and “Type 3 channel access in 4.4.3 of 37.213”, and “reserved”. If the bit in SIB is set to true, UE does not expect a DCI indicating “Type 3 channel access in 4.4.3 of 37.213” |

## COT Sharing

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| Agreement:  On COT sharing from an initiating device transmission to responding device transmission, support both of the following two alternatives   * Alt 1: No maximum gap defined between the initiating device transmission and responding device transmission. A responding device transmission can occur without LBT with any gap within the maximum COT duration * Alt 3: Define a maximum gap Y, such that a responding device transmission can occur without LBT only if the transmission starts within Y from the end of the initiating device transmission. If the responding device transmission starts after Y from the end of the initiating device transmission, a Cat 2 LBT is needed before the responding device transmission.   + The Cat 2 LBT uses the same sensing structure as the 8 us initial deferral period as in eCCA   + Further downselect between the following options:     - Option 1: Y=8 us (motivated by need to operate in all regions)     - Option 2: Y=a multiple number of OFDM symbols     - Option 3: gNB determines Y (for example, according to local regulation)   + Cat. 2 LBT is a UE capability * The usage of the two alternatives is a gNB choice and depends at least on local regulations. * Note: Alt. 3 is motivated by the regulations in Japan but use of Cat. 3 LBT is also an option for operation in Japan and Cat. 2 LBT is not restricted for use only in Japan.   Note: Maximum gap allowed without Cat 2 LBT between two initiating device transmissions is to be separately discussed  Note: Other use cases of Cat 2 LBT will be separately discussed  **Agreement**  On COT sharing from an initiating device transmission to responding device transmission, when a maximum gap Y is defined, such that a responding device transmission can occur without LBT only if the transmission starts within Y from the end of the initiating device transmission, and a responding device transmission can occur with Cat 2 LBT if the transmission starts later than Y from the end of the initiating device transmission.   * gNB determines Y as gNB implementation (for example, according to local regulation) and the value of Y will not be captured in 3GPP spec other than requiring Y to be no less than 8 us. |

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| Company | Key Proposals/Observations/Positions |
| OPPO | Proposal 12: In FR2-2, if the higher layer parameter ul-toDL-COT-SharingED-Threshold-r16 is not provided, the UL to DL COT sharing mechanism still follow the R16 NRU case as if ul-toDL-COT-SharingED-Threshold-r16 is configured.  • Adopt following TP#1 for TS37.213 v17.0.0 • Adopt following TP#2 for TS38.212 v17.0.0 |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 24: When a UE performing a CG transmission shares its COT with a gNB, the gNB is always allowed to perform both unicast and broadcast transmissions without any constrains, and cg-UCI may always indicate one entry of cg-COT-SharingList-r16. |
| Ericsson | Proposal 12 RAN1 to agree to modify the text in clause 4.4.4 in the CR 37.213 to the following including the text highlighted in yellow- [If a gNB/UE initiates a channel occupancy using the channel access procedures described in clause 4.4.1 on a channel, the gNB/UE may transmit a DL/UL transmission(s) that is followed by a UL/DL transmission(s) within the maximum Channel Occupancy Time described in Clause 4.4.1. In this case, the following are applicable to the UL/DL transmission(s): - for regions where there are no local regulatory requirements to perform sensing before each transmission in a shared channel occupancy • regardless of the duration of the gap between the UL/DL transmission(s) and previous DL/UL transmission(s) on the channel, the UL/DL transmission(s) occurs following the procedures described in Clause 4.4.3; or • the UL transmission(s) occurs following the channel access procedure indicated by the scheduling DCI - for regions where there are local regulatory requirements to perform sensing before each transmission in a shared channel occupancy • if the gap between the UL/DL transmission(s) and previous DL/UL transmission(s) on the channel is more than a threshold that is determined by the gNB and is at least 8μs, the UL/DL transmission(s) occurs following the procedures described in Clause 4.4.2. Otherwise, the UL/DL transmission(s) occurs following the procedures described in Clause 4.4.3.] |
| Ericsson | Proposal 16 In regions where sensing is required before all transmissions, for DL transmissions in a UE-initiated COT, the gNB may choose Type 1 channel access or Type 2 channel access based on implementation. |
| NEC | Proposal 1: The maximum gap allowed without LBT between two initiating device transmissions should be defined as follows • Alt 1: No maximum gap defined between two initiating device transmissions. An initiating device transmission can occur without LBT with any gap within the maximum COT duration. • Alt 2: Define a maximum gap Y, such that an initiating device transmission can occur without LBT only if the transmission starts within Y from the end of the last initiating device transmission. The value of Y could be determined by UE’s implementation or predefined by gNB. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #20: If the information on UL beam (such as SSB index, CSI-RS index, preconfigured index, etc.) is identified explicitly through CG-UCI, gNB is allowed to perform Type 2 or Type 3 channel access and transmit the DL transmission associated with UL beam in terms of QCL relationship by sharing the COT acquired by CG-PUSCH. If the information on UL beam is not associated with the DL transmission, Type 1 channel access should be performed to transmit DL transmission. |
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## Editorial

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| Company | Key Proposals/Observations/Positions |
| Intel Corporation | Proposal 25: TP#5 should be supported. |
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## Others

On Rx assistance

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| Company | Key Proposals/Observations/Positions |
| OPPO | Proposal 13: RTS-like signal can be carried in a PDCCH and CTS-like signal can be carried in a PUCCH. |
| OPPO | Proposal 14: Introduce in the spec the DL transmission restriction that the gNB should not perform DL transmission if PUCCH/SRS/PUSCH is not detected. |
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