**3GPP TSG RAN WG1 #101 R1-2004401**

**e-Meeting, May 25th – June 5th, 2020**

**Source: Moderator (NTT DOCOMO, INC.)**

**Title:** **Summary on UE features for two-step RACH**

**Agenda Item:** **7.2.11.1**

**Document for:** **Discussion and Decision**

1. Introduction

This contribution summarizes the discussions and proposals in AI 7.2.11.1 regarding UE features for two-step RACH.

Based on the discussions summarized in Section 2, following is the suggested list of email discussions/approvals for AI 7.2.11.1.

**FL proposal of list of email discussion/approval:**

**[101-e-NR-UEFeatures-2step-01] Email discussion/approval on feature group structure for two-step RACH (25th – 29th May)**

* **Discuss and decide whether FG9-3 (Parallel MsgA and SRS/PUCCH/PUSCH transmissions across CCs in inter-band CA) is kept or removed**
* **Discuss and decide whether FG9-4 (MsgA operation in a band combination including SUL) is kept or removed**
* **Discuss and decide whether FG9-6 (up to X of msgBs per slot/within the msgB window) is kept or removed**
* **Discuss and decide whether any other new FG(s) is added or not**
* **Discuss and decide capability signaling design for FG(s) decided to be kept/added in this email discussion (if any)**

**[101-e-NR-UEFeatures-2step-02] Email discussion/approval on capability signaling design for existing FGs for two-step RACH (25th – 29th May)**

* **Discuss and decide capability signaling design (including components, candidate values, reporting type, xDD/FRx differentiations) for existing FGs**
* **Discuss and decide any other necessary update for the UE features list for two-step RACH based on identified issues/proposals in R1-2004401**

Companies are encouraged to check above FL proposals and to provide feedback if any in below.

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1. Discussion on UE features for two-step RACH

## 2.1 FG9-1

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| 9. NR\_2step\_RACH | 9-1 | Basic channel structure and procedure of 2-step RACH | 1. RACH type selection for CBRA according to SSB-based RSRP threshold
2. msgA PRACH resource configuration including separately configured ROs not applicable to 4-step RO configuration and fully or partially shared ROs but different preamble sequences partitioning with 4-step RO preamble sequences configuration
3. msgA PUSCH resource (DMRS included) and waveform determination for 2-step CBRA
	1. Supporting up to two msgA PUSCH configurations in an UL BWP
4. Validation of MsgA PRACH and PUSCH
5. Mapping between preamble of MsgA PRACH and PUSCH occasion with DMRS resource of MsgA PUSCH
6. msgB monitoring and decoding for 2-step CBRA
	1. (for UE in any RRC state) monitoring msgB PDCCH with CRC masked by msgB-RNTI in Type-1 CSS set, and decoding multi-cast msgB PDSCH carrying SuccessRAR, FallbackRAR and BI
	2. (for RRC connected UE only) monitoring msgB PDCCH with CRC masked by C-RNTI in USS set, and decoding the unicast PDSCH carrying absolute TA MAC CE
7. PUCCH transmission for HARQ-ACK feedback to a msgB
8. Power control for msgA PRACH, msgA PUSCH and PUCCH carrying HARQ-ACK feedback to msgB
 |  | Yes | N/A | UE cannot initiate a 2-step RACH process, and thus would not be expected understand the 2-step RACH configurations | per band | N/A | N/A | N/A |  | Optional with capability signalling |

* **Components of FG9-1**
	+ **More simplified basic FG, i.e., three compornents: [2], [5], [10]**
	+ **Confirm the current baseline: [3], [12]**
	+ **Update the current baseline**
		- **Remove compornent 2, 3a, 6a and 6b, and modify compornent 3 to “msgA resource configuration and waveform determination for 2-step CBRA”: [4]**
		- **Remove compornent 8, and modify compornent 2 by removing “separately configured ROs not applicable to 4-step RO configuration and”: [6]**
		- **Remove compornent 4 and 5, and modify compornent 6 to “msgB monitoring without msgB window extension and decoding for 2-step CBRA” (i.e., support RAR extention from 10ms to [40ms] is based on FG10-2f) : [8]**
		- **Update the component 3 and 5 to support CFRA: [9]**
* **Need for the gNB to know if the feature is supported for FG9-1**
	+ **The input of need for the gNB to know if the feature is supported requires separation of components for RRC connected UEs for proper signaling design in RAN2: [8]**

Above remaining issues and proposals are identified based on following feedbacks provided in contributions for the RAN1#101-e meeting.

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| [2] | **Proposal 1: For FG 9-1, support a more simplified basic feature group with following components included.**1. **MsgA PRACH and PUSCH transmission**
2. **MsgB monitoring, reception, and feedback**
3. **Power control for MsgA PRACH, MsgA PUSCH, and PUCCH for HARQ-ACK feedback to a MsgB**
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| [3] | ***Proposal 2:*** Confirm the following components to be captured in the basic feature group.

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| 9-1 | Basic channel structure and procedure of 2-step RACH | 1. RACH type selection for CBRA according to SSB-based RSRP threshold
2. msgA PRACH resource configuration including separately configured ROs not applicable to 4-step RO configuration and fully or partially shared ROs but different preamble sequences partitioning with 4-step RO preamble sequences configuration
3. msgA PUSCH resource (DMRS included) and waveform determination for 2-step CBRA
	1. Supporting up to two msgA PUSCH configurations in an UL BWP
4. Validation of MsgA PRACH and PUSCH
5. Mapping between preamble of MsgA PRACH and PUSCH occasion with DMRS resource of MsgA PUSCH
6. msgB monitoring and decoding for 2-step CBRA
	1. (for UE in any RRC state) monitoring msgB PDCCH with CRC masked by msgB-RNTI in Type-1 CSS set, and decoding multi-cast msgB PDSCH carrying SuccessRAR, FallbackRAR and BI
	2. (for RRC connected UE only) monitoring msgB PDCCH with CRC masked by C-RNTI in USS set, and decoding the unicast PDSCH carrying absolute TA MAC CE
7. PUCCH transmission for HARQ-ACK feedback to a msgB
8. Power control for msgA PRACH, msgA PUSCH and PUCCH carrying HARQ-ACK feedback to msgB
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| [4] | **Proposal 1: We suggest using more simplified and clear description on the basic feature group 9-1 as below TP.**----------------------------------------------------Start of TP for RAN1-2003197-------------------------------------9-1 Basic channel structure and procedure of 2-step RACH， description for components items1. RACH type selection for CBRA according to SSB-based RSRP threshold
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3. msgA resource configuration and waveform determination for 2-step CBRA
4. Validation of MsgA PRACH and PUSCH
5. Mapping between preamble of MsgA PRACH and PUSCH occasion with DMRS resource of MsgA PUSCH
6. msgB monitoring and decoding for 2-step CBRA
7. (PUCCH transmission for HARQ-ACK feedback to a msgB
8. Power control for msgA PRACH, msgA PUSCH and PUCCH carrying HARQ-ACK feedback to msgB

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| [5] | **Proposal 1*** *It is preferable to consider a simplified description of FG9-1 for 2-step RACH.*
	1. *MsgA PRACH and PUSCH configuration, validation and transmission*
	2. *MsgB monitoring, reception, and HARQ-ACK feedback*
	3. *Power control for MsgA PRACH, MsgA PUSCH, and PUCCH for HARQ-ACK feedback to a MsgB*
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| [6] | ***Proposal 1: Adopt the revised UE feature group in the appendix by change item 2) by removing “***~~separately configured ROs not applicable to 4-step RO configuration and~~***” and remove 8) in FG9-1 for 2step RACH Rel-16***.

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| 9. NR\_2step\_RACH | 9-1 | Basic channel structure and procedure of 2-step RACH | 1. RACH type selection for CBRA according to SSB-based RSRP threshold
2. msgA PRACH resource configuration including fully or partially shared ROs but different preamble sequences partitioning with 4-step RO preamble sequences configuration
3. msgA PUSCH resource (DMRS included) and waveform determination for 2-step CBRA
	1. Supporting up to two msgA PUSCH configurations in an UL BWP
4. Validation of MsgA PRACH and PUSCH
5. Mapping between preamble of MsgA PRACH and PUSCH occasion with DMRS resource of MsgA PUSCH
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	1. (for UE in any RRC state) monitoring msgB PDCCH with CRC masked by msgB-RNTI in Type-1 CSS set, and decoding multi-cast msgB PDSCH carrying SuccessRAR, FallbackRAR and BI
	2. (for RRC connected UE only) monitoring msgB PDCCH with CRC masked by C-RNTI in USS set, and decoding the unicast PDSCH carrying absolute TA MAC CE
7. PUCCH transmission for HARQ-ACK feedback to a msgB
8. Power control for msgA PRACH, msgA PUSCH and PUCCH carrying HARQ-ACK feedback to msgB
 |  | Yes | N/A | UE cannot initiate a 2-step RACH process, and thus would not be expected understand the 2-step RACH configurations | per band | N/A | N/A | N/A |  | Optional with capability signalling |

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| [8] | **Components**Component 4 & 5 is not needed as not associated with any RRC configurations, which is preferable to be avoided per RAN2 LS guidance on UE features. Component 6b for RRC connected UEs, which is monitoring msgB PDCCH with CRC masked by C-RNTI, or any other components that may be specific to RRC connected UEs, needs to be separate FGs given different requirements on whether need for gNB to know it. **Need for the gNB to know if the feature is supported*****Observation 1*: the input of need for the gNB to know if the feature is supported requires separation of components for RRC connected UEs for proper signaling design in RAN2.*****2.3 Other issues related with NR-U******Proposal 2*: msgB reception in FG 9-1 needs to be limited with msgB window of up to 10ms.** |
| [9] | **Proposal 1: keep current components in FG9-1 and update the component #3 and #5 to support CFRA.** 1. msgA PUSCH resource (DMRS included) and waveform determination for 2-step CBRA and CFRA
	1. Supporting up to two msgA PUSCH configurations in an UL BWP
2. Validation of MsgA PRACH and PUSCH
3. Mapping between preamble of MsgA PRACH and PUSCH occasion with DMRS resource of MsgA PUSCH for 2-step CBRA and CFRA
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| [10] | **Observations**:* For FG 9-1:
	+ It is unclear what to do with the highly detailed description currently used:
		- Will it be captured in 38.306 or 38.331?
		- What will RAN2 do with such a description?
		- If something is missing, is it not supported?
	+ It seems more useful to discuss what the dependencies are, as this should establish what Rel-15 features are needed to support 2-step RACH and is more likely to help RAN2 in their work.

**Proposals**:* For 9-1, start with the following (Alt 2 from the beginning of RAN1#100bis) as a baseline, and focus on Rel-15 dependencies for 9-1

Alt 2 simplified basic feature group:1. MsgA PRACH and PUSCH transmission
2. MsgB monitoring, reception, and feedback
3. Power control for MsgA PRACH, MsgA PUSCH, and PUCCH for HARQ-ACK feedback to a MsgB
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| [12] | * **FG 9-1**
* We are fine to remove components 3b and 3c.
* We think it is necessary to keep the rest of the components for clarity/accuracy of UE implementation.
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## 2.2 FG[9-3]

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| 9. NR\_2step\_RACH | [9-3] | [Parallel MsgA and SRS/PUCCH/PUSCH transmissions across CCs in inter-band CA] | [Parallel MsgA and SRS./PUCCH/PUSCH transmissions across CCs in inter-band CA with msgA in PCell/PScell] | 9-1TBD | Yes | N/A | UE cannot transmit an MsgA and other UL transmissions in parallel across CCs in inter-band CA | Per BC | N/A | N/A | N/A |  | Optional with capability signalling |

* **Necessity of FG[9-3]**
	+ **FG is removed: [3], [6], [9], [11], [13]**
		- **FG 4-26 should be extended to support 2-step RACH: [3]**
	+ **FG is kept: [2], [4], [5], [7], [10], [12]**
		- **FG is updated with only MsgA PUSCH: [2]**

Above remaining issues and proposals are identified based on following feedbacks provided in contributions for the RAN1#101-e meeting.

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| [2] | **Proposal 2: For FG 9-3, we are fine to keep it with an update to clarify that only MsgA PUSCH is needed to be included in the FG, i.e. parallel MsgA PUSCH and SRS/PUCCH/PUSCH transmissions across CCs in inter-band CA with msgA in PCell/PScell** |
| [3] | ***Proposal 1:*** If there is a common understanding that 4-26 and 6-16 can be applied to MsgA PRACH and MsgA PUSCH, then there is no need of introducing a different UE feature for Rel-16 2-step RACH. And FG 4-26 and 6-16 should be extended to support 2-step RACH.

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| 4-26 | Parallel PRACH and SRS/PUCCH/PUSCH transmissions across CCs in inter-band CA | Parallel PRACH (or MsgA PRACH) and SRS/PUCCH/PUSCH transmissions across CCs in inter-band CA |
| 6-16 | Supplemental uplink | 1) RACH (type 1 or type 2), PUSCH, PUCCH, SRS operations in a band combination including SUL2) Supplemental uplink with same numerology between SUL and non SUL carriers |

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| [4] | **Proposal 2: We suggest keeping FG 9-3 as single FG** |
| [5] | **Proposal 2*** *FG9-3 and 9-4 are kept.*
* *FG9-5 is not needed.*
* *FFS on FG9-6, pending on RAN2 feedback.*
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| [6] | ***Proposal 2: remove FG9-3,9-4; adopt FG9-5 (or maybe put in FG9-1).*** |
| [7] | ***Proposal 1:*** Parallel transmission of msgA with other signals and msgA operation in SUL are needed. |
| [9] | **Proposal 2: The feature group 9-3 and 9-6 can be removed.**  |
| [10] | **Observations**:* FG 9-3 may clarify operation for 2-step in RRC connected, but the alternative of relying on Rel-15’s 4-26 also seems workable.

**Proposals**:* Keep FGs 9-3, 9-4
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| [11] | **Proposal 1:** **Remove FG of “Parallel MsgA and SRS/PUCCH/PUSCH transmissions across CCs in inter-band CA”.****Proposal 2:** **For FG of “Parallel MsgA and SRS/PUCCH/PUSCH transmissions across CCs in inter-band CA”, if some reason for this feature is identified and this feature is kept, this feature should focus on “Parallel MsgA PUSCH and SRS/PUCCH/PUSCH transmissions across CCs in inter-band CA”.** |
| [12] | **FG 9-3**We think it should be kept, since msgA is associated with a new channel structure (i.e. PRACH+ TX Gap+ PUSCH) in NR Rel-16. |
| [13] | * 9-3: Do not introduce the FG. The FG does not make sense for initial access, as for such case the UE could simply rely on 4-step RACH. The gNB would anyway not know the capability during initial access. As optional FG, the potential use cases are much more limited, as gNB may potentially utilize the information of the capability in case of UE in RRC connected mode only.
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## 2.3 FG[9-4]

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| 9. NR\_2step\_RACH | [9-4] | [MsgA operation in a band combination including SUL] | [MsgA operations in a band combination including SUL] | 9-1, 6-16 TBD | Yes | N/A | UE does not support msgA operations in a band combination including SUL | Per BC | N/A | N/A | N/A |  | Optional with capability signalling |

* **Necessity of FG[9-4]**
	+ **FG is removed: [2], [3], [6], [13]**
		- FG 6-16 should be extended to support 2-step RACH: [3]
	+ **FG is kept: [4], [5], [7], [10], [12]**

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| [2] | **Proposal 3: For FG 9-4, no need to introduce separate FG for 2-step RACH.**  |
| [3] | ***Proposal 1:*** If there is a common understanding that 4-26 and 6-16 can be applied to MsgA PRACH and MsgA PUSCH, then there is no need of introducing a different UE feature for Rel-16 2-step RACH. And FG 4-26 and 6-16 should be extended to support 2-step RACH.

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| 4-26 | Parallel PRACH and SRS/PUCCH/PUSCH transmissions across CCs in inter-band CA | Parallel PRACH (or MsgA PRACH) and SRS/PUCCH/PUSCH transmissions across CCs in inter-band CA |
| 6-16 | Supplemental uplink | 1) RACH (type 1 or type 2), PUSCH, PUCCH, SRS operations in a band combination including SUL2) Supplemental uplink with same numerology between SUL and non SUL carriers |

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| [4] | **Proposal 3: We suggest keeping FG 9-4 as single FG** |
| [5] | **Proposal 2*** *FG9-3 and 9-4 are kept.*
* *FG9-5 is not needed.*
* *FFS on FG9-6, pending on RAN2 feedback.*
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| [6] | ***Proposal 2: remove FG9-3,9-4; adopt FG9-5 (or maybe put in FG9-1).*** |
| [7] | ***Proposal 1:*** Parallel transmission of msgA with other signals and msgA operation in SUL are needed. |
| [10] | **Observations**:* FG 9-4 seems needed, since there are specific parameters used with SUL for 2 step.

**Proposals**:* Keep FGs 9-3, 9-4
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| [12] | * **FG 9-4**
	+ It is OK to keep this FG.
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| [13] | * 9-4: Do not introduce the FG. Reasoning is essentially the same as for 9-3.
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## 2.4 FG[9-6]

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| 9. NR\_2step\_RACH | [9-6] | [up to X of msgBs per slot/within the msgB window] | [up to X of msgBs per slot/within the msgB window] | TBD | Yes | N/A |  | [Per band] | N/A | N/A | N/A |  | Optional with capability signalling |

* **Necessity of FG[9-6]**
	+ **FG is removed: [9], [10], [11], [13]**
		- **Clarify that this feature is for RRC\_CONNECTED UE, and if UE follows Rel-15 feature on the number of unicasts PDSCH reception, i.e., 5-11, 5-11a and 5-11b, this feature can be removed: [11]**
	+ **FG is kept: [8], [12]**
		- **RAN2 to make final decision on whether this separate FG is needed: [8]**
	+ **FFS (wait for RAN2 LS): [2], [3], [5], [6],**
* **Name of FG[9-6]**
	+ **FG 9-6 is modified as up to X of msgBs per slot within the msgB window when msgB carries SuccessRAR with RRC configuration: [8]**
* **Type of FG[9-6]**
	+ **Per band: [12]**

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| [2] | **Proposal 4: For FG 9-6, wait for RAN2’s further discussion and conclusion on it before introducing the FG.** |
| [3] | Regarding the FG 9-6, as captured in the LS to RAN2 that this may be related to the payload size of MsgB, we can decide whether or not to support this FG after we get the feedback from RAN2, or left it to RAN2 for the final decision. |
| [5] | **Proposal 2*** *FG9-3 and 9-4 are kept.*
* *FG9-5 is not needed.*
* *FFS on FG9-6, pending on RAN2 feedback.*
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| [6] | * *[9-6] [up to X of msgBs per slot/within the msgB window] [up to X of msgBs per slot/within the msgB window]*

Wait for RAN2 further reply. |
| [8] | ***Proposal 1***:**FG 9-6 is modified as up to X of msgBs per slot within the msgB window when msgB carries SuccessRAR with RRC configuration*** **It is kept without square bracket from RAN1 perspective assuming the maximum payload size can be as large as msg4 of 4-step RACH; a UE must report a value for this FG if reports support of FG 9-1 (similar to *pdsch-ProcessingType1-DifferentTB-PerSlot*)**

**RAN2 to make final decision on whether this separate FG is needed, e.g. after confirming that the maximum payload size of msgB would be similar to msg2 of 4-step RACH** |
| [9] | **Proposal 2: The feature group 9-3 and 9-6 can be removed.**  |
| [10] | **Observations**:* FG 9-6 does not seem to have a clear need yet to us, since the use case for multiple MsgBs in a slot is not really established.

**Proposals**:* Do not define FGs 9-5, 9-6
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| [11] | **Proposal 4:** **For FG of “up to X of msgBs per slot/within the msgB window”,*** **Clarify that this feature is for RRC\_CONNECTED UE.**
* **If UE follows Rel-15 feature on the number of unicasts PDSCH reception, i.e., 5-11, 5-11a and 5-11b, this feature can be removed.**
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| [12] | * **FG 9-6**
* The type of this FG should be **per band**.
* It is OK to be kept.
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| [13] | * 9-6: Do not introduce the FG. When monitoring for the MsgB, the UE will simply monitor configured search spaces for DCI. Also, for initial access the gNB would not know this feature and would hence not be able to act accordingly. For connected mode, it would not make much sense to have limitations compared to initial access. It should be noted that there are no UE features for restrictions on monitoring for Msg2 for 4-step RACH.
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## 2.5 Others

* **Necessity of FG “MsgA PUSCH frequency hopping with non-zero guard period”**
	+ **No need (i.e., included in the basic feature): [3], [5], [10], [11], [12], [13]**
	+ **Adopt this FG or maybe put in FG9-1: [6]**

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| [3] | Regarding the FG 9-5, from gNB vendor’s point of view, we do not think it is necessary to differentiate the intra-slot frequency hopping with and without guard period, and thus it should be included in the basic feature group. |
| [5] | **Proposal 2*** *FG9-3 and 9-4 are kept.*
* *FG9-5 is not needed.*
* *FFS on FG9-6, pending on RAN2 feedback.*
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| [6] | ***Proposal 2: remove FG9-3,9-4; adopt FG9-5 (or maybe put in FG9-1).*** |
| [10] | **Observations**:* FG 9-5 is not so desirable since performance enhancing feature such as frequency hopping need to be widely supported for the net gains in a cell to be achievable.

**Proposals**:* Do not define FGs 9-5, 9-6
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| [11] | **Proposal 3:** **MsgA PUSCH frequency hopping with non-zero guard period should not be separate feature group from basic feature group.** |
| [12] | * **FG 9-5**
* We don’t think it is needed.
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| [13] | * 9-5: Confirm deletion of FG. Frequency hopping is supported by default, If this FG is introduced, there would be a potential segmentation of the UEs according to the feature. Since the MsgA PUSCH Occasion would be derived with reference to the guard period, it would not be possible to have multiplexing of UEs supporting this FG and UEs not supporting this FG. Hence, for gNB to support UEs supporting this feature, it would need to create two separate PUSCH configurations, which would be an extreme waste of resources. Hence, either all UE support the guard period between hops, or no UE support the guard period between hops (which would be equivalent to dropping the feature completely from specifications).
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Reference

[1] R1-2003197 Summary on email discussion [100b-e-NR-UEFeatures-Remaining] NR\_2step\_RACH Moderator (NTT DOCOMO, INC.)

[2] R1-2003415 Discussion on UE features for 2-step RACH vivo

[3] R1-2003459 Discussion on the remaining issues of the UE features for two-step RACH ZTE, Sanechips

[4] R1-2003603 Discussion of NR Rel-16 UE features for two-step RACH CATT

[5] R1-2003752 Discussion on UE features for two-step RACH Intel Corporation

[6] R1-2003893 UE features for two-step RACH Samsung

[7] R1-2004137 Discussion on UE features for NR 2step RACH LG Electronics

[8] R1-2004146 Rel-16 UE features for 2-step RACH Huawei, HiSilicon

[9] R1-2004240 Views on NR 2-step RACH UE feature Apple

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