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**Agenda item:** 8.1.1

**Source:** Moderator (Samsung)

**Title:** Moderator summary for LS replies to RAN2/3/4 on inter-cell beam management

**Document for:** Discussion and Decision

## Introduction

This summary includes the following:

* Proposed LS replies to the LSs from RAN2 (x6414), RAN3 (x6418), and RAN4 (x6426)
* Summary of companies’ inputs on the proposed replies

## Summary of companies’ inputs

The following LS replies from RAN2/3/4 were submitted:

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| R1-2106414 | LS Reply on TCI State Update for L1/L2-Centric Inter-Cell Mobility | RAN2, Samsung |
| R1-2106418 | Reply LS to RAN1 LS on TCI State Update for L1/L2-Centric Inter-Cell Mobility | RAN3, Samsung |
| R1-2106426 | Reply LS on L1/L2 centric inter-cell mobility | RAN4, Samsung |

The following input Tdocs were submitted:

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| R1-2106777 | Draft Reply LS to RAN2 LS on TCI State Update for L1/L2-Centric Inter-Cell Mobility | ZTE |
| R1-2106778 | Draft Reply LS to RAN3 LS on TCI State Update for L1/L2-Centric Inter-Cell Mobility | ZTE |
| R1-2106779 | Draft Reply LS to RAN4 LS on L1/L2-Centric Inter-Cell Mobility | ZTE |
| R1-2106852 | [Draft] LS Reply on TCI State Update for L1/L2-Centric Inter-Cell Mobility to RAN2 | Samsung |
| R1-2106853 | [Draft] LS Reply on TCI State Update for L1/L2-Centric Inter-Cell Mobility to RAN3 | Samsung |
| R1-2106854 | [Draft] LS Reply on TCI State Update for L1/L2-Centric Inter-Cell Mobility to RAN4 | Samsung |
| R1-2107070 | [DRAFT] Reply LS to RAN2 LS on TCI State Update for L1/L2-Centric Inter-Cell Mobility | Lenovo, Motorola Mobility |
| R1-2107071 | [DRAFT] Reply LS to RAN3 LS on TCI State Update for L1/L2-Centric Inter-Cell Mobility | Lenovo, Motorola Mobility |
| R1-2107072 | [DRAFT] Reply LS to RAN4 LS on L1/L2-Centric Inter-Cell Mobility | Lenovo, Motorola Mobility |
| R1-2107283 | Discussion on LS Reply on TCI State Update for L1/L2-Centric Inter-Cell Mobility | OPPO |
| R1-2107284 | Discussion on Reply LS to RAN1 LS on TCI State Update for L1/L2-Centric Inter-Cell Mobility | OPPO |
| R1-2107285 | Discussion on Reply LS on L1/L2 centric inter-cell mobility | OPPO |
| R1-2107696 | Draft Reply LS on TCI update for Inter-cell Mobility [RAN2] | Apple |
| R1-2107697 | Draft Reply LS on TCI update for Inter-cell Mobility [RAN3] | Apple |
| R1-2107698 | Draft Reply LS on TCI update for Inter-cell Mobility [RAN4] | Apple |
| R1-2107813 | Draft Reply LS to RAN2 on LS Reply on TCI State Update for L1/L2-Centric Inter-Cell Mobility | LG Electronics |
| R1-2107963 | Draft Reply LS on RAN2 LS Reply on TCI State Update for L1/L2-Centric Inter-Cell Mobility | vivo |
| R1-2107964 | Draft Reply LS on RAN3 Reply LS to RAN1 LS on TCI State Update for L1/L2-Centric Inter-Cell Mobility | vivo |
| R1-2107965 | Draft Reply LS on RAN4 Reply to RAN1 LS on L1/L2-Centric Inter-Cell Mobility | vivo |
| R1-2108063 | Views on RAN2 reply LS for L1/L2 mobility | Huawei, HiSilicon |
| R1-2108064 | Views on RAN3 reply LS for L1/L2 mobility | Huawei, HiSilicon |
| R1-2108065 | Views on RAN4 reply LS for L1/L2 mobility | Huawei, HiSilicon |

Note that per RAN#92-e conclusions, the respective WID has been revised as follows [RP-211586]. Therefore:

* As far as Rel-17 work in concerned, any inquiry pertaining to a change in serving cell is no longer relevant
* The term “L1/L2-centric inter-cell mobility” should be replaced with “inter-cell beam management” to avoid any misunderstanding that Rel-17 work includes handover enhancements (the term mobility is often understood as such especially in RAN2)

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| 1. Enhancement on multi-beam operation, mainly targeting FR2 while also applicable to FR1:
	1. Identify and specify features to facilitate more efficient (lower latency and overhead) DL/UL beam management for intra-cell and inter-cell scenarios to support higher UE speed and/or a larger number of configured TCI states:
		1. Common beam for data and control transmission/reception for DL and UL, especially for intra-band CA
		2. Unified TCI framework for DL and UL beam indication
		3. Enhancement on signaling mechanisms for the above features to improve latency and efficiency with more usage of dynamic control signaling (as opposed to RRC)
		4. For inter-cell beam management, a UE can transmit to or receive from only a single cell (i.e. serving cell does not change when beam selection is done). This includes L1-only measurement/reporting (i.e. no L3 impact) and beam indication associated with cell(s) with any Physical Cell ID(s)
			1. The beam indication is based on Rel-17 unified TCI framework
			2. The same beam measurement/reporting mechanism will be reused for inter-cell mTRP
			3. This work shall only consider intra-DU and intra-frequency cases
	2. Identify and specify features to facilitate UL beam selection for UEs equipped with multiple panels, considering UL coverage loss mitigation due to MPE, based on UL beam indication with the unified TCI framework for UL fast panel selection
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### Reply to R1-2106414 (from RAN2)

Based on the above inputs, the following reply is proposed:

Table 1 Proposed reply to RAN2

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| **Question: Does RAN1 assume L1 measurements (i.e. measurements not using L3 filtering) are used for triggering L1/L2 centric inter-cell mobility for Scenario 1 and/or Scenario 2?****Answer**: Per RAN#92-e conclusion reflected in the revised WID RP-211586, no change in serving cell (hence no inter-cell mobility) is assumed. Therefore, triggering of inter-cell mobility is no longer relevant irrespective of the so-called Scenario (1 or 2). Furthermore, per the revised WID, the term “L1/L2-centric inter-cell mobility” should be replaced with “inter-cell beam management”.However, since a UE can receive from or transmit to a non-serving cell, the UE performs measurement and reporting with respect to the non-serving cell. In this respect, the revised WID in RP-211586 excludes L3 impact (cf. WID 1.a.iv. “... This includes L1-only measurement/reporting (i.e. no L3 impact) ...”). Therefore, RAN1 shall assume only L1 measurements.  |

Table 2 Companies’ inputs: reply to RAN2

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| **Company** | **Input** |
| Mod V0 | **Please share your inputs on the above** |
| Qualcomm | Suggest simplified version as below. Hopefully answer the question more directly. **Answer**: As reflected in the revised WID RP-211586, no change in serving cell is assumed, i.e. only Scenario 1 is supported in “L1/L2-centric inter-cell mobility”, which is revised as “inter-cell beam management”. At least L1 measurement is agreed in RAN1 to update the used beam(s) for Scenario 1. |
| NTT Docomo | We should reply that at least L1 measurements are needed for inter-cell mobility operation for both scenarios. However, whether L3 measurements in addition to L1 measurements are needed or not is still under discussion in RAN1.Hence, we suggest to add following to Qualcomm’s proposal:**Answer**: As reflected in the revised WID RP-211586, no change in serving cell is assumed, i.e. only Scenario 1 is supported in “L1/L2-centric inter-cell mobility”, which is revised as “inter-cell beam management”. At least L1 measurement is agreed in RAN1 to update the used beam(s) for Scenario 1. Whether L3 measurements in addition to L1 measurements are needed or not is still under discussion in RAN1. |

### Reply to R1-2106418 (from RAN3)

Based on the above inputs, the following reply is proposed:

Table 3 Proposed reply to RAN3

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| **Question 1**: What does “non-serving cell” mean? **Question 2**: What is the procedure of L1/L2-centric mobility? e.g.,* Configuration of a non-serving cell
* Deconfiguration of non-serving cell
* Change of serving cell

**Question 3**: Whether both intra-frequency and inter-frequency scenarios are targeted for this new scheme?**Answer 1**: As far as RAN1 is concerned, a “non-serving cell” is a cell with a physical cell ID (PCI) different from the PCI associated with the current serving cell(s) for which a link can be established for UE-specific channel reception and transmission.**Answer 2**: Per RAN#92-e conclusion reflected in the revised WID RP-211586, no change in serving cell (hence no inter-cell mobility) is assumed. Furthermore, per the revised WID, the term “L1/L2-centric inter-cell mobility” should be replaced with “inter-cell beam management”. Therefore, the above question 2 is no longer relevant. Regardless, inter-cell mobility falls under RAN2 expertise and, even if it were relevant, should be answered by RAN2.**Answer 3**: Per RAN#92-e conclusion reflected in the revised WID RP-211586, only intra-frequency scenario for inter-cell beam management is considered. |

Table 4 Companies’ inputs: reply to RAN4

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| **Company** | **Input** |
| Mod V0 | **Please share your inputs on the above** |
| Qualcomm | OK for Answer 1 and 3.For Answer 2, suggest the following wording. Because RAN1 is working on the Scenario 1 procedure. Prefer not to kick the ball to RAN2 now. We are also fine to remove the contents in the bracket if companies think no need. **Answer 2**: As reflected in the revised WID RP-211586, no change in serving cell is assumed, i.e. only Scenario 1 is supported in “L1/L2-centric inter-cell mobility”, which is revised as “inter-cell beam management”. The detailed procedure for Scenario 1 is still under discussion. [Below is an example under discussionStep 1: UE reports L1 measurement for SSB of serving and non-serving cell(s).Step 2: Based on the report, gNB determined each used beam is indicated via SSB of the serving cell or a non-serving cell. ] |
| NTT Docomo | For answer 1, our understanding of “non-serving cell” means UE can receive PDSCH/PDCCH from the serving cell or transmit PUCCH/PUSCH to the serving cell, but it has a SSB/CSI-RS with a different PCI as indirect QCL source.Support answer 2 from Qualcomm. Support answer 3 from FL. |

### Reply to R1-2106426 (from RAN4)

Based on the above inputs, the following reply is proposed:

Table 5 Proposed reply to RAN4

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| **Question 1**: It is RAN4 common understanding that for the intra-band CA scenario the primary serving cell and secondary serving cell(s) belong to the same frequency band, rather than the serving and non-serving cells belong to the same frequency band as described in the question. Likewise intra-band CA explanation, for inter-band CA case a serving cell and secondary serving cell(s) belong to different frequency bands rather than the serving and non-serving cells. Can RAN1 please further clarify the intra-band/inter-band scenarios based on above RAN4 common understanding?**Question 2**: RAN4 would like RAN1 to clarify whether “the operation” in question 5 refers to only L1/L2-centric inter-cell mobility or both inter-cell mobility and inter-cell mTRP operations. Does RAN4 need to consider inter-cell mTRP operation into the “CA scenario” of Question 5?**Question 3:** RAN4 also would like RAN1 and RAN2 to further clarify on the definition of non-serving cell especially whether UE shall support data/control channel reception and transmission from non-serving cell including simultaneous reception and transmission capabilities under CA scenarios. It is restated that ‘question 5’ refers to question 5 in RAN1 LS R1-2102248.**Answer 1**: In the context of ‘question 5’, it should be noted that RAN1 is not redefining CA. Just as the normal CA operation, so for intra-band scenario, the first serving cell (i.e., “serving cell” in ‘question 5’) and second serving cell with different PCI (i.e., “non-serving cell” in ‘question 5’) would belong to the same frequency band; in the inter-band CA, the first serving cell (i.e., “serving cell” in ‘question 5’) and second serving cell with different PCI (i.e., “non-serving cell” in ‘question 5’) would belong to different frequency bands.However, per RAN#92-e conclusion reflected in the revised WID RP-211586, only intra-frequency scenario for inter-cell beam management is considered. Therefore, the only relevant scenario to be considered is intra-band. **Answer 2**: Per RAN#92-e conclusion reflected in the revised WID RP-211586, no change in serving cell (hence no inter-cell mobility) is assumed. Furthermore, per the revised WID, the term “L1/L2-centric inter-cell mobility” should be replaced with “inter-cell beam management”. The “operation” in ‘question 5’ refers to both inter-cell beam management and inter-cell mTRP. **Answer 3**: As far as RAN1 is concerned, a “non-serving cell” is a cell with a physical cell ID (PCI) different from the PCI associated with the current serving cell for which a link can be established for UE-specific channel reception and transmission. Regarding simultaneous reception and transmission, based on the revised WID:* For inter-cell beam management, a UE can transmit to or receive from only a single cell
* For inter-cell mTRP, since it assumes multi-PDSCH reception and multi-DCI, simultaneous DL reception from multiple cells is supported

The above includes cells in CA scenarios.  |

Table 6 Companies’ inputs: reply to RAN4

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| **Company** | **Input** |
| Mod V0 | **Please share your inputs on the above** |
| Qualcomm | OK for Answer 1, 2, and 3 |
| NTT Docomo | Support Answer 1.For answer 2, our understanding of question 5 is mainly for L1/L2-centric inter-cell mobility. Because in inter-cell mTRP, it is naturally that the serving cell and non-serving cell are on the same frequency.Support answer 3. |