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

**Agenda Item: 8.13.2**

**Source: Moderator (Huawei)**

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

**Document for: Discussion and Decision**

# Introduction

As per chairman’s guidance, three rounds with check points below are planned. This summary is for the first round and is expected to complete by August 19.

[106-e-NR-DSS-02] Email discussion/approval for efficient activation/de-activation mechanism – Frank (Huawei)

* 1st check point: August 19
* 2nd check point: August 24
* Final check: August 27

According to the contribution papers under agenda item 8.13.2 for efficient activation/de-activation mechanism for NR CA SCells, and in light of the working assumption and agreements achieved the last meeting, all identified issues are summarized in section and can be discussed in Section 3.

# Summary of issues and priorities

According to all of companies’ contribution documents, all the issues are summarized below, including 7 specific issues and 3 general issues, with more details in Section 3. Please companies provide your views in Section 3 with taking into consideration the information of check points and GTW session.

For the specific issues to activation/deactivation process:

* **Issue-1:** Contents for the triggering signaling
* **Issue-2:** Triggering signaling for SCell activation/de-activation and temporary RS
* **Issue-3:** Scenarios for temporary-RS based SCell activation
* **Issue-4:** Earliest slot for triggered temporary RS
* **Issue-5:** QCL configuration of temporary RS
* **Issue-6:** Tactivation reduction with BS assistance but no temporary RS nor SSB
* **Issue-7:** Enhancement for CSI reporting

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

* **Question G1:** If two temporary RS bursts are transmitted, whether both bursts should employ the same temporary RS configuration? [9]
* **Question G2:** Whether the UE should provide the gNB information of which configured SCells or SCells being activated are able to benefit from fast activation and/or the need for temporary RS? [9]
* **Question G3**: Whether or not to additionally support AP CSI-RS, P/SP CSI-RS, SRS, and RS based on SSS/PSS as temporary RS, one or more of which may be used during SCell activation depends on network configuration / UE capability. [6]

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

## Schedule

* For 1st check point: August 19, and GTW session on August xx

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

* **Issue-1: Contents for the triggering signaling**
* **Issue-2: MAC-CE signaling for SCell activation/de-activation and temporary RS**
* **Issue-3: Scenarios for temporary-RS based SCell activation**
* **Issue-4: Earliest slot for triggered temporary RS**
* **Issue-5: QCL configuration of temporary RS**
* For 2nd check point: August 24, and potential new GTW session
* **Follow-ups for all issues listed in 1st check point**
* **The remaining issues with potential consensus**

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

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| ZTE | Support the above prioritization. |
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# Discussions

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



Figure 1 SCell activation procedure

## THARQ reduction

### Issue-1: Contents for the triggering signaling

**Issue 1-1: What contents should be indicated in MAC CE**

**A list of potential contents for the signaling is provided below in addition to what was agreed in the last meeting,**

* Resources used for triggered Temporary RS [1][4][7][8][10][12][14][15]
* Triggering time offset of triggered Temporary RS[1][2][3][4][5][7][8][10][13][14][15]
* QCL source for triggered Temporary RS [1][4][5][7][8][10][12][14][15]

***FL Proposal****: To trigger temporary RS for efficient activation of SCells, the contents of the triggering MAC-CE(s) in a single PDSCH provide at least the following information (explicitly or implicitly):*

* *Resources used for triggered Temporary RS*
* *Triggering time offset of triggered Temporary RS*
* *QCL source for triggered Temporary RS*

**Question 1.1: whether the FL proposal is ok?**

Companies’ views are very welcome.

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| ZTE | Based on our understanding, the existing aperiodic triggering state can be reused. All the three listed bullets can already be configured by RRC now. If we go with the above proposal, we may end up with discussing all the potential parameters, which is not efficient for discussion. In this sense, we suggest to first have a proposal to reuse the aperiodic triggering state configuration and only discuss what needs to be additionally configured or indicated. |
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**Issue 1-2: what fields are explicitly indicated in MAC CE**

Multiple contents should be explicitly or implicitly indicated in new MAC CE. For example, the triggering offset of temporary RS can be either explicitly indicated in the new MAC CE or implicitly derived from a pre-configured list of RS resources and a RS resource ID indicated in the new MAC CE. **It would be very helpful for RAN2 signaling implementation if RAN1 could provide a list of contents that are recommended to be explicitly indicated by the new MAC CE.** Therefore, what fields are explicitly indicated in MAC CE should be discussed, companies’ views are summarized as follows:

* Opt 2.3.1: Target SCell ID [4]
* Opt 2.3.1A: triggering information (e.g. trigger state ID/trigger RS ID/ entry index) [1][4][8][9][13][14][15]
* Opt 2.3.2: Whether or not temporary RS is triggered [1][3]
* Opt 2.3.3: The number of RS bursts and the gap length between the RS bursts [3]
* Opt 2.3.4: Triggering offset of temporary RS [10]
* Opt 2.3.5: QCL information [10]

**Question 1.2: what fields are explicitly indicated in MAC CE?**

Companies’ views are very welcome.

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| *Company* | *View* |
| ZTE | Since there are two Opt 2.3.1above, I volunteer to update the second one to Opt 2.3.1A.  From our perspective, at least Opt 2.3.1 and Opt 2.3.1A are needed. Option 2.3.3, 2.3.4 and 2.3.5 can already be indicated in the RRC configuration. |
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### Issue-2: MAC-CE signaling for SCell activation/de-activation and temporary RS

Detailed signalling structure of the triggering MAC-CE(s) including the down-selection between the following example options and whether the decision should be made in RAN1 or RAN2, companies’ views are summarized as follows:

* Opt. 2.1: One new MAC CE for both SCell activation triggering and corresponding temporary RS triggering. [1][3][4][11][12][13]
* Opt. 2.2: One R15/16 SCell activation MAC CE for SCell activation triggering and one new MAC CE (in the same PDSCH) for corresponding temporary RS triggering
* Opt. 2.3: Depend on RAN2’ decision [2][3][5][10][14][15]

***FL Proposal****: For detailed signaling structure of the triggering MAC-CE(s) including the down-selection between the following options is left to RAN2 to decide:*

* *Opt. 1: One new MAC CE for both SCell activation triggering and corresponding temporary RS triggering*
* *Opt. 2: One R15/16 SCell activation MAC CE for SCell activation triggering and one new MAC CE (in the same PDSCH) for corresponding temporary RS triggering*

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

Companies’ views are very welcome.

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| ZTE | Our preference is Opt.1 and we support to try down-selection in this RAN1 meeting. If no convergence in RAN1, we are also ok to leave it to RAN2.  In any case, Opt.2 also needs to define a new MAC-CE and RAN2 may need to specify potential relation between the MAC-CE for SCell activation triggering and new MAC-CE for the temporary RS, which unnecessarily complicates the specification design. |
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## Tactivation reduction

### Temporary-RS based

#### Issue-3: Scenarios for temporary-RS based SCell activation

Based on previous discussions, there has been confusion on the applicable scenarios for SCell fast activation, such as known cell / unknown cell scenarios. Two scenarios are specified by RAN4 in TS 38.133， which represent respectively whether a to-be-activated Scell is known or unknown. An issue whether the gNB and UE have the same understanding of a to-be-activated SCell being known or not has been discussed in RAN1. Particularly, regarding the information indication of number of temporary RS bursts, the following agreement was achieved.

Agreement

For efficient activation of a Scell (in known Scell case), at least the number of temporary RS bursts is indicated by a field in new MAC-CE

* The number of temporary RS bursts is RRC configurable.
* FFS: which field in MAC-CE is used and how this field is associated with the number of bursts
* For the purpose of designing temporary RS Scell activation, there is no RAN1 specification impact for the case where the number of indicated temporary RS bursts is smaller than what is expected by the UE

For the other indicated information, companies’ views are summarized as follows:

* Opt. 3.1.1: No RAN1 specification impact for number of temporary RS burst and QCL assumption. It is expected that two different requirements of activation latency are developed in RAN4 for both cases of known SCell and unknown SCell, respectively. [1][14]
* Opt. 3.1.2: Support both cases of known SCell and unknown SCell, with conservative design for cases in which the SCell has not been used for more than x ms, and FFS x; [6]
* Opt. 3.1.3: Send an LS to RAN4 to inquire whether the gNB and UE can have the same understanding on the state of a to-be-activated SCell with respect to being known SCell or unknown SCell.[6][9]

**Question 3: how to clarify the understanding of known/unknown SCell in RAN1?**

Companies’ views are very welcome.

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| *Company* | *View* |
| ZTE | Our understanding is that, RAN1 doesn’t need to clarify the understanding of known and unknown SCell in RAN1 specification. RAN1 can always refer it to RAN4 spec.  However, if majority companies would prefer to go with Opt 3.1.3, we are also ok. |
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#### Issue-4: Earliest slot for triggered temporary RS

In RAN1#105-e meeting, the following agreement has been achieved, the reference slot for triggering offset of temporary RS is the last DL slot of the to-be-activated SCell overlapping with slot n+k as defined in 38.213 sub-clause 4.3.

Agreement

For the reference slot for triggering offset of temporary RS

* Option 2: the last DL slot of the to-be-activated Scell overlapping with slot n+k as defined in 38.213 sub-clause 4.3
* FFS: the earliest slot no earlier than the reference slot for a UE to receive a triggered temporary RS

Regarding the FFS bullet above, companies’ views seems converged, a potential proposal could be:

***FL Proposal****:* *The earliest slot no earlier than the reference slot for a UE to receive a triggered temporary RS.*

**Question 4: whether the above proposal is ok?**

Companies’ views are very welcome.

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| ZTE | The FL proposal above is not clear. Maybe it should be updated as below.  *Proposal:*  *The earliest slot for a UE to receive a triggered temporary RS is the reference slot (i.e., the last DL slot of the to-be-activated Scell overlapping with slot n+k as defined in 38.213 sub-clause 4.3).* |
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#### Issue-5: QCL configuration of temporary RS

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

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

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

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

* **Opt 5.1.1:** Due to uncertainty of known SCell and unknown SCell, it is difficult for gNB to judge and then to indicate whether a SSB before SCell activation is a safe QCL source for A-TRS. [7]

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

* **Opt 5.1.2:** Confirm [1][2][4][9][14]

**Question 5.1: whether the working assumption above can be confirmed?**

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| ZTE | Ok to confirm the working assumption. |
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**Issue-5.2: if the working assumption is confirmed, which QCL types are expected?**

* **Opt 5.2.1:** 'typeC' with an SS/PBCH block and, when applicable, 'typeD' with the same SS/PBCH block. [1][2][4][9][14]

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

Companies’ views are very welcome.

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| ZTE | Opt 5.2.1, which is the same rule as in Rel-15. |
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**Issue-5.3: For the case of unknown SCell, if SCell is contiguous to an active serving cell in the same band (Intra-band continuous CA), whether the mechanism of FR1 known cell can be reused?**

* **Opt 5.3.1:** Yes [4][9]
* **Opt 5.3.2:** No

**Question 5.3: For the case of unknown SCell, if SCell is contiguous to an active serving cell in the same band (Intra-band continuous CA), whether the mechanism of FR1 known cell can be reused?**

Companies’ views are very welcome.

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| *Company* | *View* |
| ZTE | Yes. The same mechanism can be reused. |
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### The To-be-activated cell acquires essential information for activation enhancement from active cell

#### Issue-6: Tactivation reduction with BS assistance but no temporary RS nor SSB

It is proposed in [1][6] that activation time of the To-be-activated cell can be reduced by acquiring activation information (e.g. synchronization and AGC-related information, QCL information) from active cell(s) which are co-located with the To-be-activated cell. For example, the BS provides a UE the information of co-located reference active cells or source QCL cell to assist the activation of the To-be-activated cell, no SSB nor temporary RS is needed during the SCell activation procedure which can reduce the activation delay. The co-located SCells can be intra-band cells or adjacent inter-band cells.

**Question 6: Whether it is beneficial that neither SSB nor temporary is needed during SCell activation procedure, the AGC/time/frequency synchronization information derived from an activated cell?**

Companies’ views are very welcome.

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| ZTE | It may need further check with RAN4. |
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## TCSI\_reporting reduction

### Issue-7: Enhancement for CSI reporting

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

* **Opt 7.1** New MAC-CE command that triggers the SCell activation and A-TRS transmission is used to additionally trigger A-CSI-RS transmission. [12]
* **Opt 7.2** Allow for CSI-RS reporting based on the temporary RS [9]

*“In order to enable early activation of the Scell it could be beneficial to allow for CSI-RS reporting based on the temp RS. This initial report would serve two purposes: confirmation of UE detection of temp RS signals and indication of start scheduling availability on the Scell, albeit conservatively.”*

* **Opt 7.3** short interval P/SP- CSI-RS report. [1]

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

* **Opt 7.4** remove TCSI\_reporting for the case of FR2 unknown cell. [1]

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

**Question 7: which options above of CSI reporting enhancement should be supported?**

Companies’ views are very welcome.

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| ZTE | Seems the discussion above is related to the undergoing discussion in [106-e-NR-7.1CRs-06], which is trying to clarify whether DCI can be received on/for the to-be-activated SCell during SCell activation procedure.  It is better to wait for the outcome in that email thread. |
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## General Issues

**Question G1:** If two temporary RS bursts are transmitted, whether both bursts should employ the same temporary RS configuration? [9]

Companies’ views are very welcome.

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| ZTE | Some clarification on the “RS configuration” is needed. For example, is triggering offset included in the “RS configuration”? The triggering offset may be different for the two bursts. |
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**Question G2:** Whether the UE should provide the gNB information of which configured but inactive SCells are able to benefit from fast activation and/or the need for temporary RS? [9]

Companies’ views are very welcome.

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| *Company* | *View* |
| ZTE | Our understanding is that, all known SCells can benefit from fast activation. Could the proponents give some example scenarios for the above question? |
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**Question G3**: Whether or not to additionally support AP CSI-RS, P/SP CSI-RS, SRS, and RS based on SSS/PSS as temporary RS, one or more of which may be used during SCell activation depends on network configuration / UE capability. [6]

Companies’ views are very welcome.

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| *Company* | *View* |
| ZTE | Currently, it is better to focus on the already agreed temporary RS and finalize all the remaining issues for it. If time permits, more temporary RS can be considered later on. |
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## Other Issues

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

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# Conclusions

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# Appendix: Agreements

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| Agreements:  As working assumption, with respect to efficient SCell activation, reuse existing Rel-15/16 TRS structure for temporary RS   * FFS: how many burst/symbols are required for both AGC settling and Time/Frequency tracking for different cases, e.g. FR1 and FR2, known and unknown SCell   + A burst of temporary RS is notated as in S5.1.6.1.1 of TS 38.214     - “2-slot with four CSI-RSs resources (4 samples)” for FR1     - either “1-slot with two CSI-RSs resources (2 samples)” or “2-slot with four CSI-RSs resources (4 samples)” for FR2 * The working assumption can be confirmed after RAN4 check. (A LS for such request is planned).   Agreements:  For efficient SCell activation, discuss and agree from the following alternatives at RAN1#104-e   * Alt 1: the trigger of temporary RS is integrated into a single triggering signaling with the trigger of SCell activation transmitted on an activated cell.   + FFS detailed design of this integrated triggering signaling.   + Potential examples of single triggering signaling for further discussions   + A PDSCH TB, e.g. containing two respective MAC-CEs for both triggers, one MAC-CE for both triggers   + A DCI for both triggers   + A PDSCH TB and its scheduling DL grant, e.g. MAC-CE for activation and DL grant for temporary RS   + A DL grant and a UL grant received in the same slot/OFDM symbols of PDCCH where the DL grant is scheduling a MAC-CE for SCell activation and the UL grant is triggering the RS.   + Rel-15/16 SCell activation MAC-CE and a specific configuration of temporary RS being implicitly triggered as well * Alt2: Triggering of temporary RS separately from SCell activation command is not precluded and both ‘separate’ triggers (examples below) and ‘integrated’ triggers (examples in Alt 1) are considered for SCell activation   + FFS detailed design of separate triggering signaling.   + Potential examples of separate triggering signaling for further discussions   + Rel-15/16 SCell activation MAC-CE and Rel 15/16 DCI triggering   + Rel-15/16 SCell activation MAC-CE and new DCI triggering for temporary RS * Note: temporary RS should be triggered by DCI or MAC-CE. * Note: the final mechanism of trigger signaling targets at applicability to one or more SCell activation. * FFS handling of  SCell activation by existing Rel15/16 CA activation command when temporary RS is configured and triggered/not triggered   **Working Assumption**  At least for the case of known cell, temporary RS is supported to expedite the activation process during the SCell activation procedure for efficient SCell activation for both FR1 and FR2:   * The temporary RS should provide at least the functionalities of AGC settling and time/frequency tracking during SCell activation procedure. * FFS potential functionalities of CSI measurement/acquisition and cell search   Agreements:  TRS is selected as temporary RS for Scell activation           If more functionalities are confirmed to be supported by temporary RS, other RS candidates, e.g. aperiodic CSI-RS, P/SP-CSI RS, SRS and RS based on SSS/PSS, are not precluded.           The TRS should be triggered by DCI or MAC-CE. FFS which exact triggering command.    Agreements:  UEs measure the triggered temporary RS during Scell activation procedure no earlier than a slot m:           FFS timeline values m which may need coordination with RAN4.           FFS if the triggered temporary RS can be associated with a BWP, then the measurement above is independent of the activation state of the BWP.  Agreements:  Companies are encouraged to provide design details of temporary RS next meeting, at least including:   * TRS structure, e.g. whether to fully reuse existing Rel-15/16 TRS structure and configuration restriction (refer to S5.1.6.1.1 of TS 38.214), or any modification * QCL information, if any * Triggering command: DCI format/fields or MAC-CE fields * Triggering timeline/scheduling offset   **Working Assumption**  For efficient SCell activation with assistance of temporary RS, a SSB of the to-be-activated SCell can be indicated as a QCL source for the temporary RS in case of known SCell   * FFS: QCL type * FFS: the case of unknown SCell * FFS: other QCL source, e.g. the SSB/P-TRS of another active cell   **Agreement**  For efficient activation of SCells,down select at least one option from below:   * Option 1a: MAC CE(s) contained in a single PDSCH to trigger both SCell activation and corresponding temporary RS(s)   + Details FFS including timeline design for receiving temporary RS * Option 1b: A single DCI to trigger both SCell activation and corresponding temporary RS(s)   + Details FFS including potential impact on SCell activation related procedures and, e.g. timeline design for SCell activation and for receiving temporary RS   + FFS: The same DCI for SCell deactivation * Option 2: A Rel-15/16 SCell activation MAC-CE to trigger SCell activation and a Rel-15/16 DCI to trigger corresponding temporary RS(s) with enhancement of timeline   + Details FFS including timeline design for receiving a DCI trigger of temporary RS, and for receiving temporary RS * Note: Companies are encouraged to provide complete solutions for fast SCell activation. * Note: the previous agreement on the definitions of Alt 1 and Alt 2 is still effective   **Agreement**  For efficient activation of SCells   * Option 1a: MAC CE(s) contained in a single PDSCH to trigger both SCell activation and corresponding temporary RS(s)   + Details FFS including timeline design for receiving temporary RS   Note: Separate from the support of Option 1a, it is up to RAN4 whether or not to consider an activation time enhancement for Option 2 without requiring further RAN1 work   * Option 2: A Rel-15/16 SCell activation MAC-CE to trigger SCell activation and a Rel-15/16 DCI to trigger corresponding Rel-15/16 A-TRS(s)   Send an LS to RAN4. The LS is endorsed in R1-2104110.  Agreement  For efficient activation of Scells, the triggered temporary RS is aperiodic.  Agreement  For efficient activation of a Scell (in known Scell case), at least the number of temporary RS bursts is indicated by a field in new MAC-CE   * The number of temporary RS bursts is RRC configurable. * FFS: which field in MAC-CE is used and how this field is associated with the number of bursts * For the purpose of designing temporary RS Scell activation, there is no RAN1 specification impact for the case where the number of indicated temporary RS bursts is smaller than what is expected by the UE   Agreement  To trigger temporary RS for efficient activation of SCells, the contents of the triggering MAC-CE(s) in a single PDSCH provide at least the following information (explicitly or implicitly):   * Whether or not temporary RS is triggered * FFS detailed Information of temporary RS, e.g.:   + Resources used for triggered Temporary RS   + Triggering time offset of triggered Temporary RS   + QCL source for triggered Temporary RS * FFS: Detailed signalling structure of the triggering MAC-CE(s) including the down-selection between the following example options and whether the decision should be made in RAN1 or RAN2   + Opt. 1.1: One new MAC CE for both SCell activation triggering and corresponding temporary RS triggering   + Opt. 1.2: One R15/16 SCell activation MAC CE for SCell activation triggering and one new MAC CE (in the same PDSCH) for corresponding temporary RS triggering   Agreement  For efficient activation of a Scell (in known Scell case), the triggering offset of temporary RS is indicated by a field in new MAC-CE   * The candidate value(s) of triggering offset(s) is RRC configurable * FFS: which field in MAC-CE is used and how this field is associated with the value of triggering offset   Agreement  For the reference slot for triggering offset of temporary RS   * Option 2: the last DL slot of the to-be-activated Scell overlapping with slot n+k as defined in 38.213 sub-clause 4.3 * FFS: the earliest slot no earlier than the reference slot for a UE to receive a triggered temporary RS   Agreement  If a UE measures a temporary RS triggered by a MAC-CE during SCell activation procedure, the measurement is performed within the BWP bandwidth of BWP indicated by *firstActiveDownlinkBWP-Id* |