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# Introduction

The purpose of this document is to collect inputs/comments on the draft CR for TS 38.213 [draftCR\_38213 Coverage](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_114/Inbox/drafts/9.17(Other)/%5B38.213%20draft%20CRs%5D/NR_cov_enh2/R1-230xxxx%20draftCR_38213%20Coverage.docx) on the introduction of further NR coverage enhancements. If a comment on a particular aspect has been made by another company, please do not repeat it until, if needed, after a response.

The first checkpoint is on September 5, UTC 13:00.

# First Round Discussion

Please provide your comments on the draft CR for TS 38.213 [draftCR\_38213 Coverage](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_114/Inbox/drafts/9.17(Other)/%5B38.213%20draft%20CRs%5D/NR_cov_enh2/R1-230xxxx%20draftCR_38213%20Coverage.docx).

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| LG | First of all, the following seems to be temporarily written last time, but it seems to overlap with the newly written content, so it would be good to delete it.   |  | | --- | | A time period, starting from frame 0, for determining [RO groups] for PRACH transmission with repetitions, is the smallest number of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern period(s) such that at least one RO group is determined for all configured and the determined [RO group pattern] repeats at every such time period. |   [Aris]: Yes – leftover from working text.  Next, if a timing offset is configured, it was agreed that the timing offset would be applied between ROs in the same frequency location, and also to use the timing offset from the first valid RO of the previous RO group.   |  | | --- | | Agreement  For a given number of *N* multiple PRACH transmissions, to determine the starting RO of all the RO groups within a time period X:   * + If a time offset is configured, then     - the starting RO of the first RO group for each is determined from the first valid RO within the time period X, first in increasing order of frequency resource index for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions; second in increasing order of time resource index.     - the starting RO of the *n*-th RO group for each is determined as the RO at the time offset equal to a number of valid ROs from the starting RO of the (*n-1*)-th RO group for the same . |   Therefore, the part below can be modified as follows.   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period, a first valid PRACH occasion is determined according to the ordering of PRACH occasions and is after consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from ~~a~~ the first ~~last~~ valid PRACH occasion corresponding to previous preamble repetitions with same frequency location, if any, where is the value of *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO*, if provided; otherwise, . |   [Aris]: Agree with the change of “last” to “first”. Please see follow up to last comment by Nokia.  Finally, since the RAR window for multiple PRACH transmissions has been agreed to start after last RO, it might be clear to mention it as below so that it can be distinguished from legacy PRACH transmission.   |  | | --- | | In response to a PRACH transmission, a UE attempts to detect a DCI format 1\_0 with CRC scrambled by a corresponding RA-RNTI during a window controlled by higher layers [11, TS 38.321]. For a PRACH transmission without preamble repetitions, t~~T~~he window starts at the first symbol of the earliest CORESET the UE is configured to receive PDCCH for Type1-PDCCH CSS set, as defined in clause 10.1, that is at least one symbol, after the last symbol of the ~~last~~ PRACH occasion corresponding to the PRACH transmission, where the symbol duration corresponds to the SCS for Type1-PDCCH CSS set as defined in clause 10.1. For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, the window starts at the first symbol of the earliest CORESET the UE is configured to receive PDCCH for Type1-PDCCH CSS set, as defined in clause 10.1, that is at least one symbol, after the last symbol of the last PRACH occasion corresponding to the multiple PRACH transmissions, where the symbol duration corresponds to the SCS for Type1-PDCCH CSS set as defined in clause 10.1. |   [Aris]: The current text is OK, there is no need to introduce the additional text. With or without repetitions, the RAR window starts relative to the end of the PRACH transmission – in case of repetitions, that is the last valid PRACH occasion. |
| DOCOMO | **Issue 1: Determination for first RO of all RO groups**  In RAN1#114, we have following agreements to determine the first RO for all RO groups in time period X.  Agreement  For a given number of *N* multiple PRACH transmissions, to determine the starting RO of all the RO groups within a time period X:   * + If a time offset is configured, then     - the starting RO of the first RO group for each is determined from the first valid RO within the time period X, first in increasing order of frequency resource index for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions; second in increasing order of time resource index.  * + - the starting RO of the *n*-th RO group for each is determined as the RO at the time offset equal to a number of valid ROs from the starting RO of the (*n-1*)-th RO group for the same .  * + If time offset is not configured, then     - the starting RO of the first RO group is the first valid RO within the time period X.     - the starting RO of other RO groups are determined as the first valid RO after the previous RO group in the following order within the time period X: first, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions; second, in increasing order of time resource indexes.   **Comment 1**: According to the agreement, the configured time offset is from the starting RO of the *(n-1)th* RO group to the starting RO of the *nth* RO group for the same frequency location. In the below CR, the time offset seems to be the offset between the last RO of the *(n-1)th* RO group and the first RO of *nth* RO group.  Suggested change: Modify the “last” (in positions as highlighted below) into “first”.  [Aris]: Agree – please see follow up to last comment by Nokia.   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period, a first valid PRACH occasion is determined according to the ordering of PRACH occasions and is after consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from a last valid PRACH occasion corresponding to previous preamble repetitions, if any, where is the value of *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO*, if provided; otherwise, . |  |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period, the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions associated with an SS/PBCH block is the first valid PRACH occasion associated with the SS/PBCH block in the association period for preamble repetitions. The first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions associated with the SS/PBCH block in the time period, if any, is determined according to an ordering of PRACH occasions  - First, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions  - Second, in increasing order of time resource indexes for time multiplexed PRACH occasions after consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from a last valid PRACH occasion corresponding to previous preamble repetitions with same frequency location, if any, for the SS/PBCH block |   **Comment 2**: The above two paragraphs are both about determination for first RO of RO groups. We feel the first paragraph seems redundant, since it can be captured by the second paragraph.  Suggested change: Remove the first paragraph as above.  [Aris]: There is no redundancy but there is no proper link of the second paragraph to the first paragraph. Please see update suggested in the last comment by Nokia.  **Issue 2: RO groups for same repetition number**  **Comment 3**: In RAN1#114, it was agreed that no overlapping between RO groups for the same repetition number (as highlighted part below). The CR seems not capture this limitation/rule.  Agreement  For a given number of *N* multiple PRACH transmissions, all the RO groups within a time period X are determined as follows:   * Firstly, the starting RO of the first RO group is determined, then its remaining ROs are determined. Next, the starting RO of other RO groups and its remaining ROs are determined sequentially. * the starting RO is determined as follows (down select only one of the Alt.):   **Alt.1 (w/o density control)**   * + the starting RO of the first RO group is the first valid RO within the time period X.   + the starting RO of other RO groups are determined as the first valid RO after the previous RO group in the following order within the time period X: first, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions; second, in increasing order of time resource indexes.   **Alt.2 (w/ density control)**   * + If a time offset is configured, then     - the starting RO of the first RO group for each is determined from the first valid RO within the time period X, first in increasing order of frequency resource index for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions; second in increasing order of time resource index.  * + - the starting RO of the *n*-th RO group for each is determined as the RO at the time offset equal to a number of valid ROs from the starting RO of the (*n-1*)-th RO group for the same .  * + If time offset is not configured, then Alt.1 Applies. * It is not expected to have overlapping RO between any two RO groups for the given number of *N* multiple PRACH transmissions. * the remaining *N-1* ROs are the next *N-1* ROs after the starting RO with increasing order of time resource indexes and associated with the same SSB(s) as the starting RO, and (down select only one of the Alt.)   + - Alt. 1 (the starting RB of ROs within a RO group is the same) the *N-1* ROs are with the same starting RB as the starting RO.     - Alt. 2 (the starting RB of ROs within a RO group can be different) the *N*-1 ROs are with the lowest frequency resource index in corresponding time instance.     - Alt. 3 (the starting RB of within a RO group can be different and a frequency offset is configured) the *N-1* ROs are determined based on a configured frequency offset.     - Alt. 4 (the starting RB of ROs within a RO group can be different), the *N*-1 ROs are with the same relative frequency resource index among the multiple frequency multiplexing ROs associated with the same SSB in corresponding time instances.   [Aris]: Based on the mapping of first/second sets of valid ROs for first/second PRACH transmissions with *N* repetitions, I don’t think it is possible to have overlapping ROs.   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period, a first valid PRACH occasion is determined according to the ordering of PRACH occasions and is after consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from a last valid PRACH occasion corresponding to previous preamble repetitions, if any, where is the value of *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO*, if provided; otherwise, .  For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period, the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions associated with an SS/PBCH block is the first valid PRACH occasion associated with the SS/PBCH block in the association period for preamble repetitions. The first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions associated with the SS/PBCH block in the time period, if any, is determined according to an ordering of PRACH occasions  - First, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions  - Second, in increasing order of time resource indexes for time multiplexed PRACH occasions after consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from a last valid PRACH occasion corresponding to previous preamble repetitions with same frequency location, if any, for the SS/PBCH block  For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, all respective valid PRACH occasions are consecutive in time and use same frequency resources and are associated with a same SS/PBCH block index. | |
| Nokia/NSB | **Issue 1: Association with Type-2 random access procedure.**   |  | | --- | | For Type-2 random access procedure or for a Type-1 random access procedure with preamble repetitions with common configuration of PRACH occasions with Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions, a UE is provided a number of SS/PBCH block indexes associated with one PRACH occasion by *ssb-perRACH-OccasionAndCB-PreamblesPerSSB* and a number of contention based preambles per SS/PBCH block index per valid PRACH occasion by *msgA-CB-PreamblesPerSSB-PerSharedRO*. The PRACH transmission can be on a subset of PRACH occasions associated with a same SS/PBCH block index within an SSB-RO mapping cycle for a UE provided with a PRACH mask index by *msgA-SSB-SharedRO-MaskIndex* according to [11, TS 38.321].  For Type-2 random access procedure or for a Type-1 random access procedure with preamble repetitions with separate configuration of PRACH occasions with Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions, a UE is provided a number of SS/PBCH block indexes associated with one PRACH occasion and a number of contention based preambles per SS/PBCH block index per valid PRACH occasion by *msgA-SSB-PerRACH-OccasionAndCB-PreamblesPerSSB* when provided; otherwise, by *ssb-perRACH-OccasionAndCB-PreamblesPerSSB*. |   **Comment:** For both cases of common configuration and separate configurations of PRACH occasions between Type-1 random access procedure with preamble repetitions and Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetition, it is unclear why the number of contention based preambles per SS/PBCH block index per valid PRACH occasion cannot be determined from *ssb-perRACH-OccasionAndCB-PreamblesPerSSB* (as a temporary solution to be changed, if applicable, after finalization of the RRC signaling details by RAN2). The current wording, albeit temporary, creates a relationship between multiple PRACH transmissions and 2-step RACH. In this context, RAN1 never agreed to reuse the “msgA-CB-PreamblesPerSSB-PerSharedRO” parameter for the determination of the number of contention based preambles per SS/PBCH block index per valid PRACH occasion. Although the editor commented that the sentence may be revised depending on how RAN2 defines the feature combination, we still prefer an approach based on a 1:1 mapping with agreements to be used.  **Suggested change for addressing Issue 1**:  Either remove or put the changes in the following paragraph in square brackets.   |  | | --- | | For Type-2 random access procedure [or for a Type-1 random access procedure with preamble repetitions] with common configuration of PRACH occasions with Type-1 random access procedure [without preamble repetitions], a UE is provided a number of SS/PBCH block indexes associated with one PRACH occasion by *ssb-perRACH-OccasionAndCB-PreamblesPerSSB* and a number of contention based preambles per SS/PBCH block index per valid PRACH occasion by *msgA-CB-PreamblesPerSSB-PerSharedRO*. The PRACH transmission can be on a subset of PRACH occasions associated with a same SS/PBCH block index within an SSB-RO mapping cycle for a UE provided with a PRACH mask index by *msgA-SSB-SharedRO-MaskIndex* according to [11, TS 38.321].  For Type-2 random access procedure [or for a Type-1 random access procedure with preamble repetitions] with separate configuration of PRACH occasions with Type-1 random access procedure [without preamble repetitions], a UE is provided a number of SS/PBCH block indexes associated with one PRACH occasion and a number of contention based preambles per SS/PBCH block index per valid PRACH occasion by *msgA-SSB-PerRACH-OccasionAndCB-PreamblesPerSSB* when provided; otherwise, by *ssb-perRACH-OccasionAndCB-PreamblesPerSSB*. |   [Aris]: As [ ] are not used in 38.213, a note that something is TBD serves as [ ] and provides some additional background of what is involved. Anything with a note is subject to WG confirmation and, when not possible, the text is removed. Strictly speaking, given that this is a RAN1 TS document and there is no RAN1 agreement for new parameters or a RAN2 agreement yet, the text could be kept as is. However, it is not critical at this moment for completion and will be removed.  **Issue 2: Definition of an association period**   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission without preamble repetitions, an association period, starting from frame 0, for mapping SS/PBCH block indexes to PRACH occasions is the smallest value in the set determined by the PRACH configuration period according Table 8.1-1 such that SS/PBCH block indexes are mapped at least once to the PRACH occasions within the association period, where a UE obtains from the value of *ssb-PositionsInBurst* in *SIB1* or in *ServingCellConfigCommon*. |   **Comment:** The definition of association period is fixed and applicable for a PRACH transmission, irrespective of whether this is with or without preamble repetition. Legacy SSB-to-RO mapping is reused entirely by multiple PRACH transmissions, and no repetitions-specific collision handling rules or RO validity/invalidity rules are introduced in Rel-18. Therefore, there is no need to clarify that the association period is for a PRACH transmission without preamble repetitions. Otherwise, the definition of the association period for a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions is missing.  **Suggested change for addressing Issue 2**:  Remove the added text in the paragraph above and reuse Rel-17 text:   |  | | --- | | ~~For a PRACH transmission without preamble repetitions,~~ A~~a~~n association period, starting from frame 0, for mapping SS/PBCH block indexes to PRACH occasions is the smallest value in the set determined by the PRACH configuration period according Table 8.1-1 such that SS/PBCH block indexes are mapped at least once to the PRACH occasions within the association period, where a UE obtains from the value of *ssb-PositionsInBurst* in *SIB1* or in *ServingCellConfigCommon*. |   [Aris]: Yes.  **Issue 3: Definition and determination of time period**   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, a time period, starting from frame 0, for mapping an SS/PBCH block index to PRACH occasions is the smallest value of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern periods such that the SS/PBCH block index is mapped at least once to PRACH occasions within the time period for each configured number of preamble repetitions. |   **Comment 1**: According to an existing agreement , the PRACH occasions in a RO group need to have the same frequency location, otherwise they cannot be grouped together. Note that this is rightfully stated in the very last sentence of the text added by the Editor in the CR:   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, all respective valid PRACH occasions are consecutive in time and use same frequency resources and are associated with a same SS/PBCH block index. |   This implies that the time period, starting from frame 0, for mapping an SS/PBCH block index to PRACH occasions should be the smallest integer number of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern periods such that the SS/PBCH block index is mapped at least once to Image PRACH occasions with the same frequency location within the time period for all configured Image number of preamble repetitions.  This problem may be solved by moving the last sentence of the added text prior to the definition of the time period (please see below).  **Comment 2**: “the smallest value of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern periods” does not sound very accurate. We suggest using the wording used in the agreements, which is “smaller integer number of […]”  **Suggested change for addressing Issue 3**:   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, all respective valid PRACH occasions are consecutive in time and use same frequency resources and are associated with a same SS/PBCH block index.  For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, a time period, starting from frame 0, for mapping an SS/PBCH block index to PRACH occasions is the smallest ~~value~~ integer number of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern periods such that the SS/PBCH block index is mapped at least once to PRACH occasions within the time period for ~~each~~ all configured numbers of preamble repetitions.  **\*\*\* Unchanged parts are omitted \*\*\***  ~~For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, all respective valid PRACH occasions are consecutive in time and use same frequency resources and are associated with a same SS/PBCH block index.~~ |   [Aris]: OK with the basic change. Also OK with the “integer number” but a similar change may then need to be made for the legacy text below for consistency (although Table 8.1-1 has the integer values - it should be trivial and non-controversial).  “An association period, starting from frame 0, for mapping SS/PBCH block indexes to PRACH occasions is the smallest value in the set determined by the PRACH configuration period according Table 8.1-1 such that SS/PBCH block indexes are mapped at least once to the PRACH occasions within the association period …”  The rest are not incorrect but “smallest value” is used for the association period in legacy text and the value is for associated pattern periods (no possibility of a fractional number).  **Issue 4: Definition and determination of time period pattern**   |  | | --- | | A time period pattern for PRACH occasions includes one or more time periods and is determined so that a pattern between the PRACH occasions and the SS/PBCH block index repeats in time. |   **Comment 1**: We do not have agreements on the definition of time period pattern, while we have an agreement on what the role of the time period is, i.e., RO group determination procedure is repeated identically in different time periods until a new PRACH configuration is given (thus only the operations to be carried out in one time period need to be described). We are not sure we understand why the introduction of the concept is needed and we would assume that we should strive to keep the number of new quantities/definitions at the minimum necessary to capture all agreements.  When reading the sentence, it is also unclear whether one or more time period patterns exist, i.e., one per configured value, while it should always be only one (since we have always only one time period, irrespective of how many repetition numbers are configured in the cell).  **Suggested change for solving Issue 4**:   |  | | --- | | **\*\*\* Unchanged parts are omitted \*\*\***  ~~A time period pattern for PRACH occasions includes one or more time periods and is determined so that a pattern between the PRACH occasions and the SS/PBCH block index repeats in time.~~ The mapping between the PRACH occasions and the SS/PBCH block index repeats in time with periodicity given by the time period. |   [Aris]: I agree with the comment for not introducing new quantities if not necessary. Probably I wanted to have an equivalent of “association pattern period” for repetitions but, I agree, it is not needed somewhere else (I had taken a different approach to the text at first, towards unifying descriptions for repetitions and non-repetitions, but it was not quite possible – hence some remnants like this one or for Issue 2).  **Issue 5: Starting ROs definition and determination**   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period, a first valid PRACH occasion is determined according to the ordering of PRACH occasions and is after consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from a last valid PRACH occasion corresponding to previous preamble repetitions, if any, where is the value of *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO*, if provided; otherwise, . |   **Comment 1**: This does not seem correct. According to existing agreement on starting ROs, and as rightfully pointed out by other companies before, is the gap between consecutive starting ROs and not between the last RO of a group and the first RO of the subsequent group. Furthermore, for any frequency resource location the first starting RO in a time period is always the first valid RO in the time period, since there is no previous starting RO to apply the time offset to. This also explains why the corresponding parameter is called *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO*, since it can only be applied between two starting ROs.  In summary, we have two cases:   * **Starting RO of the first RO group in a time period**; in this case is not applied and, for each frequency resource location, the starting RO is just the first valid RO in the time period. In other words, the starting RO of the first RO group is the same irrespective of whether *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* is provided or not. * **Starting RO of any other RO group in a time period**; in this case the starting RO of the group is not calculated by applying to the last RO of the previous group with same frequency resource location, but actually to the starting RO of the previous group. In other words, the starting RO of each group other than the first depends on whether *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* is provided or not.   Please note the relevance of the reference to the frequency resource location for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions. This is crucial to ensure that the result of applying a time offset results in blanking some of the RO groups in time domain (but not in frequency domain).  **Comment 2**: suggesting a correction for this paragraph is not straightforward, given that the rest of the CR has been written consistently with it. From our perspective, it would be probably easier to have a structural change which may capture all the details of each agreement while, why not, reusing their very simple structure. We will provide a suggestion for a structural change after Issue 7.  **Issue 6: First starting RO definition and determination**   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period, the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions associated with an SS/PBCH block is the first valid PRACH occasion associated with the SS/PBCH block in the association period for preamble repetitions. |   **Comment 1**: According to the agreement copied above, the first starting RO for the first RO group associated with an SS/PBCH block is the first valid RO associated with an SS/PBCH block in the time period and not in the association period, as per text above. Indeed, we can have multiple association periods inside a time period, but only one first starting RO.  **Suggested change for solving Issue 6**:  Ensure that all definitions of starting ROs, RO groups, and so on, are given with reference to the time period and not to the association period. A more explicit suggested change is not provided for the same reasons outlined above for Issue 5. The suggestion for a structural change provided after Issue 7 will also address Issue 6.  **Issue 7: Definition and determination of any starting RO other than the first**   |  | | --- | | The first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions associated with the SS/PBCH block in the time period, if any, is determined according to an ordering of PRACH occasions  - First, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions  - Second, in increasing order of time resource indexes for time multiplexed PRACH occasions after consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from a last valid PRACH occasion corresponding to previous preamble repetitions with same frequency location, if any, for the SS/PBCH block |   **Comment 1**: Other than the problem of the “last/first” valid RO highlighted by other companies, this does not seem to provide:   1. An unambiguous description of how to determine any starting RO other than the first, when *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* is not configured.    * In this case, the role of frequency resource location is unclear. In other words, the text seems to imply that a relationship between the frequency resource location of the last starting RO in a previous time instance and the subsequent starting RO exists, while this is not the case. This may lead to different implementations depending on hos the sentence is interpreted. 2. A correct description of how to determine all starting ROs other than the first, when *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* is configured.    * In this case, the problem is that a literal reading of the sentence seems to suggest that if a starting RO with a given frequency resource index does not exist in a previous time instance, then no starting ROs with that frequency resource index can exist in the entire time period, whereas this is clearly not the case. Indeed, for a given time instance, and assuming that no other starting ROs can be found in frequency domain (frequency first), the sentence implies that for a different time instance there cannot be starting ROs whose frequency resource index is different from the frequency resource index of starting ROs in the given (previous) time instance. This is not correct according to existing agreements.   For instance, according to our understanding of the sentence, in a scenario like the one provided in the figure below (taken from R1-2306772, with #SSBs = 3, #msg1-FDMed = 8, #SSBsPerRO = 1/2), RO#4 and RO#5 in the second time instance, and RO#2 and RO#3 in the second time instance, would never be used as starting ROs of a group of 2 ROs according to the sentence in the current CR. This is not what has been agreed in RAN1.    **Suggested change for solving Issue 7 [, Issue 5 and Issue 6]**:  Given all the above and trying to re-use the existing text as much as possible, while ensuring that the text captures all the existing agreements and avoid the problem as per issue 7, we provide the following suggestion/simplification [text #2] for the entire section of the CR describing the starting RO determination and corresponding RO grouping [text #1]. We would like to highlight that our goal here is to provide a constructive alternative that, in our views, solves existing issues as per above descriptions. Alternative formulations surely exist and can be considered, if the one in [text #2] is not agreeable.   |  | | --- | | **Text #1 [Current text in the Editor CR]**  For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period, a first valid PRACH occasion is determined according to the ordering of PRACH occasions and is after consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from a last valid PRACH occasion corresponding to previous preamble repetitions, if any, where is the value of *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO*, if provided; otherwise, .  For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period, the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions associated with an SS/PBCH block is the first valid PRACH occasion associated with the SS/PBCH block in the association period for preamble repetitions. The first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions associated with the SS/PBCH block in the time period, if any, is determined according to an ordering of PRACH occasions  - First, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions  - Second, in increasing order of time resource indexes for time multiplexed PRACH occasions after consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from a last valid PRACH occasion corresponding to previous preamble repetitions with same frequency location, if any, for the SS/PBCH block |     Suggested change   |  | | --- | | **Text #2**  For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period   * If *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* is provided, for each frequency resource index for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions   + the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions associated with an SS/PBCH block is the first valid PRACH occasion associated with the SS/PBCH block in the time period for preamble repetitions   + the first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions associated with the SS/PBCH block is determined after *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from a first valid PRACH occasion corresponding to the previous preamble repetitions. * Otherwise   + the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions associated with an SS/PBCH block is the first valid PRACH occasion associated with the SS/PBCH block in the time period for preamble repetitions.   + The first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions associated with the SS/PBCH block in the time period, if any, is determined according to an ordering of PRACH occasions     - First, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions     - Second, in increasing order of time resource indexes for time multiplexed PRACH occasions. |   [Aris]: OK, I understand the current disconnect and incomplete descriptions between the current two paragraphs. I will update based on the suggested text from the agreement (and simplify some text repetitions). |
| China Telecom | **Issue 1: SSB-to-RO mapping**   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission without preamble repetitions, an association period, starting from frame 0, for mapping SS/PBCH block indexes to PRACH occasions is the smallest value in the set determined by the PRACH configuration period according Table 8.1-1 such that SS/PBCH block indexes are mapped at least once to the PRACH occasions within the association period, where a UE obtains from the value of *ssb-PositionsInBurst* in *SIB1* or in *ServingCellConfigCommon*. |   **Comment**: Based on the following agreements, legacy SSB-to-RO mapping is reused for multiple PRACH transmissions.   |  | | --- | | Agreement   * For multiple PRACH transmissions with separate preamble on shared ROs, reuse legacy SSB to RO mapping rule, and only the ROs mapped to SSBs for single PRACH transmission can be used for multiple PRACH transmissions.   Agreement  For multiple PRACH transmissions on separate ROs, reuse legacy SSB to RO mapping rule. |   Thus, the definition of association period, association pattern period is not needed to be limited to legacy PRACH transmission. The following changes are suggested.   |  | | --- | | An association period, starting from frame 0, for mapping SS/PBCH block indexes to PRACH occasions is the smallest value in the set determined by the PRACH configuration period according Table 8.1-1 such that SS/PBCH block indexes are mapped at least once to the PRACH occasions within the association period, where a UE obtains from the value of *ssb-PositionsInBurst* in *SIB1* or in *ServingCellConfigCommon*. |   [Aris]: Yes, please see comment 4 by Nokia.  **Issue 2: Repeated definition of time period**   |  | | --- | | A time period, starting from frame 0, for determining [RO groups] for PRACH transmission with repetitions, is the smallest number of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern period(s) such that at least one RO group is determined for all configured and the determined [RO group pattern] repeats at every such time period. |   **Comment**: It seems the above paragraph is a old version without revision mark, since in the next paragraph, the time period is redefined. If so, suggest to delete the paragraph.  [Aris]: Yes, leftover text in a working document. Please see first comment by LGE.  **Issue 3: Definition of time period**   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, a time period, starting from frame 0, for mapping an SS/PBCH block index to PRACH occasions is the smallest value of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern periods such that the SS/PBCH block index is mapped at least once to PRACH occasions within the time period for each configured number of preamble repetitions. A time period pattern for PRACH occasions includes one or more time periods and is determined so that a pattern between the PRACH occasions and the SS/PBCH block index repeats in time. |   **Comment**: there are several issues related to the definition of time period.  1. Based on the following agreement, it can be seen that the time period X is not for mapping SSB to PRACH occasion, the mapping of SSB to PRACH occasion follows the legacy rule as commented in the 1st issue. The time period is to determine a set of RO groups for the configured number of multiple PRACH transmissions, so that the determined set of RO groups repeat in every time period.   |  | | --- | | Agreement  A set of RO group(s) for a configured number of multiple PRACH transmissions is determined/configured within a time period X, starting from frame 0. The determined/configured set of RO groups repeats every time period X.   * + The time period X is *K* SSB-to-RO association pattern periods.   + Note: Whether/how to introduce SSB-to-RO group mapping   + FFS: *K* is configured by the network or determined based on some rule.   Agreement  For the number of SSB-to-RO association pattern periods *K* within the time period X,   * For multiple PRACH transmissions with different numbers, support   One common*K* is implicitly determined as a minimum integer for all the configured number of multiple PRACH transmissions such that for each of SSBs, there is at least one RO group per each configured number of multiple PRACH transmissions consisting of ROs associated with the SSB. |   2. there is no agreement for time period pattern definition, the time period already have the similar function as the so called “time period pattern”, the “pattern” of RO group repeats in each time period.  The suggested changes are as follows:   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, a time period, starting from frame 0, is the smallest integer nubmer of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern periods such that the SS/PBCH block index is mapped at least once to PRACH occasions within the time period for each configured number of preamble repetitions.. The mapping between the PRACH occasions and the SS/PBCH block index repeats in each time period. |   [Aris]: Please see comment for “issue 3” and “issue 4” by Nokia.  **Issue 4: Starting RO of the first RO group and other RO groups.**   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period, a first valid PRACH occasion is determined according to the ordering of PRACH occasions and is after consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from a last valid PRACH occasion corresponding to previous preamble repetitions, if any, where is the value of *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO*, if provided; otherwise, .  For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period, the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions associated with an SS/PBCH block is the first valid PRACH occasion associated with the SS/PBCH block in the association period for preamble repetitions. The first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions associated with the SS/PBCH block in the time period, if any, is determined according to an ordering of PRACH occasions  - First, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions  - Second, in increasing order of time resource indexes for time multiplexed PRACH occasions after consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from a last valid PRACH occasion corresponding to previous preamble repetitions with same frequency location, if any, for the SS/PBCH block |   **Comment**: Based on the following agreement, the starting ROs of the first RO group and other RO groups are a bit different. It can be seen that if a time offset is configured the starting RO of the first RO group for each is determined from the first valid RO within the time period. If not configured, then the starting RO of the first RO group is the first valid RO within the time period. While the starting RO of the other RO groups following an order with frequency first then time.   |  | | --- | | Agreement  For a given number of *N* multiple PRACH transmissions, to determine the starting RO of all the RO groups within a time period X:   * + If a time offset is configured, then     - the starting RO of the first RO group for each is determined from the first valid RO within the time period X, first in increasing order of frequency resource index for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions; second in increasing order of time resource index.     - the starting RO of the *n*-th RO group for each is determined as the RO at the time offset equal to a number of valid ROs from the starting RO of the (*n-1*)-th RO group for the same .   + If time offset is not configured, then     - the starting RO of the first RO group is the first valid RO within the time period X.     - the starting RO of other RO groups are determined as the first valid RO after the previous RO group in the following order within the time period X: first, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions; second, in increasing order of time resource indexes. |   We are fine with Nokia’s update in Issue 7, some minor updated as follows:   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period   * If *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* is provided, for each frequency resource index for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions   + the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions associated with [an SS/PBCH block] is the first valid PRACH occasion associated with the SS/PBCH block in the time period for preamble repetitions   + the first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions associated with the SS/PBCH block is determined after *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from the first valid PRACH occasion corresponding to the previous preamble repetitions. * Otherwise   + the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions associated with [an SS/PBCH block] is the first valid PRACH occasion associated with the SS/PBCH block in the time period for preamble repetitions.   + The first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions associated with the SS/PBCH block in the time period, if any, is determined according to an ordering of PRACH occasions     - First, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions     - Second, in increasing order of time resource indexes for time multiplexed PRACH occasions. |   [Aris]: Yes, I will update based on the text from the agreement as suggested by Nokia to avoid current gaps. I will add the note for the case that multiple SSBs associate with one RO. |
| vivo | Some comments from our side:   1. First of all, we share similar view as other companies that no updates are needed for paragraphs 4/5/7/8/11 for following reasons:    1. PRACH repetition has nothing to do with 2 step RACH and there’s no preamble/RO configuration enhancements in Rel-18    2. SSB to RO mapping and corresponding configurations are fully reused as pointed out by other companies as well 2. For the new paragraphs capturing agreements on how to determine the RO groups    1. The term “time period pattern” requires further RAN1 discussions and RAN1 agreement is needed. So we should delete all related text at this stage.    2. Regarding the proposed wording from Nokia on how to determine a number of RO groups in an order, it seems following agreement can not be covered. Therefore, additional wording is needed.  |  | | --- | | Agreement  Add the following notes to the above agreement:  Note1: “the starting RO of other RO groups are determined as the first valid RO after the previous RO group in the following order within the time period X: first, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions; second, in increasing order of time resource indexes.” is illustrated as in the following figure (*N=2*, for ROs associated with SSB#0). This works for both Alt.1 and Alt.2 for the starting RO determination.  图片包含 图示  描述已自动生成  Note2: all the ROs mentioned in the agreement are valid ROs associated with the given same SSB(s) and all the RO groups mentioned in the agreement are RO groups consisting of valid ROs associated with the given same SSB(s).  Note3: of an RO, frequency resource index of an RO, and the starting RB of an RO indicate the same meaning, i.e., locate in the same frequency position. |   [Aris]: Please see previous responses (although I don’t understand the first comment – e.g. there is nothing to link PRACH repetitions and 2-step RACH, or to not re-use the SSB-to-RO mapping). |
| Sharp | 1. Regarding separation of Type-1 random access procedure with preamble repetitions, current linkage with Type-2 random access procedure does not capture the agreements correctly since it corresponds to parameters for 2-step RACH (i.e. *msgA-CB-PreamblesPerSSB-PerSharedRO*). Our understanding is linkage with feature combination part is more appropriate though it is up to RAN2. Therefore, we prefer to remove all descriptions relating “for a Type-1 random access procedure with preamble repetitions”, at the moment. (Similar comment to Nokia’s Issue 1) 2. We think limitation of ‘For a PRACH transmission without preamble repetitions, an association period’ is not correct since a time period is determined based on the association pattern period for the case with preamble repetitions. (Similar comment to Nokia’s Issue 2) 3. For time period part, “at least once to PRACH occasions within the time period” does not well capture the definition of RO group. Our preference is “at least once to valid PRACH occasions within at least one frequency location within the time period”. 4. “A time period pattern for PRACH occasions includes one or more time periods and is determined so that a pattern between the PRACH occasions and the SS/PBCH block index repeats in time.” This part has not been agreed and it is not necessary since use of one or more of association pattern periods already guarantees a same pattern. (Similar comment to Nokia’s Issue 4) 5. For first RO with time offset part, we share same view with LG. Therefore, following update should be considered.  |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period, a first valid PRACH occasion is determined according to the ordering of PRACH occasions and is after consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from a first~~last~~ valid PRACH occasion corresponding to previous preamble repetitions with same frequency location, if any, where is the value of *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO*, if provided; otherwise, . |  1. Following may be typo.  |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period, the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions associated with an SS/PBCH block is the first valid PRACH occasion associated with the SS/PBCH block in the time~~association~~ period for preamble repetitions |  1. Regarding the following part for ordering  |  | | --- | | - First, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions  - Second, in increasing order of time resource indexes for time multiplexed PRACH occasions after consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from a last valid PRACH occasion corresponding to previous preamble repetitions with same frequency location, if any, for the SS/PBCH block |   Following case may not well covered since starting RO of second RO group changes both frequency index and time instance. (e.g. if there is no FDMed ROs in same time instance, the second rule may be applied) If it is common understanding that current rule cover the case of figure, we are OK.    [Aris]: Please see responses to same comments. Some are now obsolete due to an update based on the text of the RAN1 agreement as suggested by Nokia.  For the third comment, “valid” was not added to have same expression as for the legacy text and as it follows directly from other text – will add “within at least one frequency location”. |
| ZTE | We think the 7 issues raised by Nokia are all valid and the suggested changes are fine to us. We are also fine with the revision from CTC on the same issues.  Moreover, we have some additional suggestions:   * + - For the wording of “for a Type-1 random access procedure with preamble repetitions” or “Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions”, we can remove the changes by now until we have more agreements or common sense from RAN1 and RAN2 discussion as other companies suggested. If we need something to talking about the SSB to RO mapping for a Type-1 random access procedure with preamble repetitions, maybe we can describe in separate paragraph as below:  |  | | --- | | For Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions, a UE is provided a number of SS/PBCH block indexes associated with one PRACH occasion and a number of contention based preambles per SS/PBCH block index per valid PRACH occasion by *ssb-perRACH-OccasionAndCB-PreamblesPerSSB*.  For Type-2 random access procedure with common configuration of PRACH occasions with Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions, a UE is provided a number of SS/PBCH block indexes associated with one PRACH occasion by *ssb-perRACH-OccasionAndCB-PreamblesPerSSB* and a number of contention based preambles per SS/PBCH block index per valid PRACH occasion by *msgA-CB-PreamblesPerSSB-PerSharedRO*. The PRACH transmission can be on a subset of PRACH occasions associated with a same SS/PBCH block index within an SSB-RO mapping cycle for a UE provided with a PRACH mask index by *msgA-SSB-SharedRO-MaskIndex* according to [11, TS 38.321].  For Type-1 random access procedure with preamble repetitions with common configuration of PRACH occasions with Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions, a UE is provided a number of SS/PBCH block indexes associated with one PRACH occasion by *ssb-perRACH-OccasionAndCB-PreamblesPerSSB* and a number of contention based preambles per SS/PBCH block index per valid PRACH occasion by *mulitplePRACH-CB-PreamblesPerSSB*.  For Type-2 random access procedure with separate configuration of PRACH occasions with Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions, a UE is provided a number of SS/PBCH block indexes associated with one PRACH occasion and a number of contention based preambles per SS/PBCH block index per valid PRACH occasion by *msgA-SSB-PerRACH-OccasionAndCB-PreamblesPerSSB* when provided; otherwise, by *ssb-perRACH-OccasionAndCB-PreamblesPerSSB*.  For a random access procedure associated with a feature combination indicated by *FeatureCombinationPreambles*, a UE is provided a number of SS/PBCH block indexes associated with one PRACH occasion by *ssb-perRACH-OccasionAndCB-PreamblesPerSSB* or *msgA-SSB-PerRACH-OccasionAndCB-PreamblesPerSSB* when provided and a number of contention based preambles per SS/PBCH block index per valid PRACH occasion by *startPreambleForThisPartition* and *numberOfPreamblesPerSSB-ForThisPartition*. The PRACH transmission can be on a subset of PRACH occasions associated with a same SS/PBCH block index within an SSB-RO mapping cycle for a UE provided with a PRACH mask index by *ssb-SharedRO-MaskIndex* according to [11, TS 38.321].  For Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions, or for Type-2 random access procedure with separate configuration of PRACH occasions from Type 1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions, or for Type-1 random access procedure with preamble repetitions with separate configuration of PRACH occasions from Type 1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions, or for Type-2 random access procedure with separate configuration of PRACH occasions from Type 1 random access procedure with preamble repetitions, if , one SS/PBCH block index is mapped to consecutive valid PRACH occasions and contention based preambles with consecutive indexes associated with the SS/PBCH block index per valid PRACH occasion start from preamble index 0. If , contention based preambles with consecutive indexes associated with SS/PBCH block index , , per valid PRACH occasion start from preamble index where is provided by *totalNumberOfRA-Preambles* for Type-1 random access procedure or by *msgA-TotalNumberOfRA-Preambles* for Type-2 random access procedure with separate configuration of PRACH occasions from a Type 1 random access procedure, or by *mulitplePRACH-TotalNumberOfRA-Preambles* for Type-1 random access procedure with repetitions with separate configuration of PRACH occasions from a Type 1 random access procedure, and is an integer multiple of .  For Type-2 random access procedure with common configuration of PRACH occasions with Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions, if , one SS/PBCH block index is mapped to consecutive valid PRACH occasions and contention based preambles with consecutive indexes associated with the SS/PBCH block index per valid PRACH occasion start from preamble index . If , contention based preambles with consecutive indexes associated with SS/PBCH block index , , per valid PRACH occasion start from preamble index , where is provided by *totalNumberOfRA-Preambles* for Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions.  For Type-1 random access procedure with preamble repetitions and for Type-2 random access procedure with common configuration of PRACH occasions with Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions, if , one SS/PBCH block index is mapped to consecutive valid PRACH occasions and contention based preambles with consecutive indexes associated with the SS/PBCH block index per valid PRACH occasion start from preamble index . If , contention based preambles with consecutive indexes associated with SS/PBCH block index , , per valid PRACH occasion start from preamble index , where is provided by *totalNumberOfRA-Preambles* for Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions. |   [Aris]: Please see previous comments. For preamble partitioning with Type-2 RA, any text needs to wait. Some other proposed text has no associated RAN1 agreements and is not even clear why it is needed.   * + - Regarding the issues from Nokia, we have an update based on revisions from Nokia.  |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, all respective valid PRACH occasions are consecutive in time and use same frequency resources and are associated with a same SS/PBCH block index.  For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, a time period, starting from frame 0, for mapping ~~an~~ each SS/PBCH block index to PRACH occasions is the smallest ~~value~~ integer number of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern periods such that ~~the~~ each SS/PBCH block index is mapped at least once to PRACH occasions within the time period for ~~each~~ all configured numbers of preamble repetitions.  **\*\*\* Unchanged parts are omitted \*\*\***  ~~For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, all respective valid PRACH occasions are consecutive in time and use same frequency resources and are associated with a same SS/PBCH block index.~~ |   The change on “each” is based on the agreement of   |  | | --- | | Agreement  For the number of SSB-to-RO association pattern periods *K* within the time period X,   * For multiple PRACH transmissions with different numbers, support   One common*K* is implicitly determined as a minimum integer for all the configured number of multiple PRACH transmissions such that for each of SSBs, there is at least one RO group per each configured number of multiple PRACH transmissions consisting of ROs associated with the SSB. |   [Aris]: OK. Will re-use the “ SS/PBCH block indexes” expression. |
| Xiaomi | **Comment#1 on CFRA**  According to the RAN2#123 meeting agreement, multiple PRACH transmissions is not supported for PDCCH ordering CFRA.   |  | | --- | | **=> CFRA with Msg1 repetition for BFR and with PDCCH order are not supported (can be revisited if there is consensus to support this)** |   So, the differentiation can be reflected in the specification if necessary.  [Aris]: There is no text supporting the above. If a clarification is needed, it can be considered in maintenance if not reflected in 38.321.  **Comment#2 on the terminology**  We prefer to use the terminology “**multiple PRACH transmissions**” or “**PRACH repetitions**” rather than “**preamble repetitions for the PRACH transmission**”. “Preamble repetitions for the PRACH transmission” seems more like a single PRACH transmission with multiple preamble sequences.  [Aris]: It is stated that a single preamble is used for the repetitions (single preamble index is provided at the beginning of 8.1). There is a single RA process, not multiple ones.  **Comment#3 on new RRC parameter**  New RRC parameters will be introduced to determine the number Q of preambles per SSB index per valid RO for multiple PRACH transmissions especially for the shared RO case, such as *msgA-CB-PreamblesPerSSB-PerSharedRO,* which may be reflected in the further release.  **Comment#4 on preamble partitioning within shared ROs**  The following current description can be kept at this moment but will be revisited if new RRC parameter is introduced to determine the start point of the preamble set for one configured repetition number, just like the RRC parameter *startPreambleForThisPartition-r17* for the feature combination. It should be further discussed in RAN1 or RAN2.   |  | | --- | | For Type-1 random access procedure with preamble repetitions or for Type-2 random access procedure with common configuration of PRACH occasions with Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions, if , one SS/PBCH block index is mapped to consecutive valid PRACH occasions and contention based preambles with consecutive indexes associated with the SS/PBCH block index per valid PRACH occasion start from preamble index . If , contention based preambles with consecutive indexes associated with SS/PBCH block index , , per valid PRACH occasion start from preamble index , where is provided by *totalNumberOfRA-Preambles* for Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions. |   [Aris]: Any text can be updated upon new agreements.  **Comment#5 on association (pattern) period**  The association period and association pattern period are also applicable for multiple PRACH transmissions, so the new adding “For a PRACH transmission without preamble repetitions, an” for the association period paragraph is inappropriate.  [Aris]: Please see previous comments.  **Comment#6 on time period X**  For the time period X, we guess it is used for the mapping relationship between RO groups and time instances rather than for the mapping relationship between SSBs to PRACH occasions. For simplify description, the concept of RO group should be reflected in the spec.  We suggest to modify the related paragraph as follows:   |  | | --- | | For multiple PRACH transmissions ~~a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions~~, a time period, starting from frame 0, ~~for mapping an SS/PBCH block index to PRACH occasions~~ is the smallest value of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern periods such that ~~the~~ each SS/PBCH block index is mapped to at least ~~once to PRACH occasions~~ one RO group within the time period for each configured number of preamble repetitions. A time period ~~pattern~~ ~~for PRACH occasions~~ includes one or more ~~time periods~~ RO groups and is determined so that a RO group pattern between different time periods repeats in time. |   Besides, in our view, the time period X is determined at first to maintain the RO group pattern in time instances, and then the actual available RO group is determined within one time period X. But, time period X is not used for the determination of RO group. So, the following paragraph seems like a duplicate and can be removed in our view.   |  | | --- | | ~~A time period, starting from frame 0, for determining [RO groups] for PRACH transmission with repetitions, is the smallest number of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern period(s) such that at least one RO group is determined for all configured and the determined [RO group pattern] repeats at every such time period.~~ |   [Aris]: Please see previous comments.  **Comment#7 on the RO group determination**  For the RO group determination, we provide the following version:   |  | | --- | | For a given number of multiple PRACH transmissions, each corresponding RO group consists of valid PRACH occasions associated with the same SS/PBCH block index. Within a time period X, all RO groups are determined as follows:  The staring RO of the first RO group is the first valid RO within the time period X, and the starting RO of other each RO groups are determined first in increasing order of frequency resource index, and second in increasing order of time resource index with a time offset *L* if provided by *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO-r18*, otherwise, the time offset is 0. With the time offset *T*, two available RO groups multiplexed in time domain are separated by *L+1* RO groups. The remaining ROs within one RO group multiplexed in time domain use the same frequency resources as the starting RO. |   [Aris]: Please see previous comments.  **Comment#8 on RAR window initiating time**  For multiple PRACH transmissions, the RAR window is started after the last valid RO within one RO group, regardless of whether the actual transmission is occurred on this valid RO, so we think it is better to make the description clearer. Our proposed description is as follows：   |  | | --- | | In response to a PRACH transmission, a UE attempts to detect a DCI format 1\_0 with CRC scrambled by a corresponding RA-RNTI during a window controlled by higher layers [11, TS 38.321]. The window starts at the first symbol of the earliest CORESET the UE is configured to receive PDCCH for Type1-PDCCH CSS set, as defined in clause 10.1, that is at least one symbol, after the last symbol of the ~~last~~ PRACH occasion corresponding to the PRACH transmission for the single PRACH transmission, or after the last symbol of the last valid PRACH occasion corresponding to a RO group and regardless of whether the actual transmission is omitted or not, where the symbol duration corresponds to the SCS for Type1-PDCCH CSS set as defined in clause 10.1. Ifor, as defined in [4, TS 38.211], is not zero, the window starts after an additional msec where is defined in [4, TS 38.211] and is provided by *kmac* or if *kmac* is not provided. The length of the window in number of slots, based on the SCS for Type1-PDCCH CSS set, is provided by *ra-ResponseWindow*. |   [Aris]: The current text does not have any requirement for whether or not the preamble in the last valid PRACH occasion is transmitted. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Thanks a lot for the draft CR.  **//Comment#1**  In the following excerpt, it is supposed not to reuse the RRC parameters of 2-step RACH for R18 PRACH repetition. Since it is pending on RAN2 decision on how to address PRACH partitioning for different repetition numbers, we suggest to remove the changes below now and only an editor note is sufficient if needed.   |  | | --- | | For Type-2 random access procedure or for a Type-1 random access procedure with preamble repetitions with common configuration of PRACH occasions with Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions, a UE is provided a number of SS/PBCH block indexes associated with one PRACH occasion by *ssb-perRACH-OccasionAndCB-PreamblesPerSSB* and a number of contention based preambles per SS/PBCH block index per valid PRACH occasion by *msgA-CB-PreamblesPerSSB-PerSharedRO*. The PRACH transmission can be on a subset of PRACH occasions associated with a same SS/PBCH block index within an SSB-RO mapping cycle for a UE provided with a PRACH mask index by *msgA-SSB-SharedRO-MaskIndex* according to [11, TS 38.321].  For Type-2 random access procedure or for a Type-1 random access procedure with preamble repetitions with separate configuration of PRACH occasions with Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions, a UE is provided a number of SS/PBCH block indexes associated with one PRACH occasion and a number of contention based preambles per SS/PBCH block index per valid PRACH occasion by *msgA-SSB-PerRACH-OccasionAndCB-PreamblesPerSSB* when provided; otherwise, by *ssb-perRACH-OccasionAndCB-PreamblesPerSSB*. |   [Aris]: Please see comment by Nokia. Strictly speaking, given that this is a RAN1 TS document and there is no RAN1 agreement for new parameters or a RAN2 agreement yet, the text could be kept as is. However, it is not critical at this moment for completion and will be removed.  **//Comment#2**  As commented by other companies, we also feel the following changes are unnecessary because it is agreed that the same SSB-to-RO mapping is reused.   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission without preamble repetitions, an association period, starting from frame 0, for mapping SS/PBCH block indexes to PRACH occasions is the smallest value in the set determined by the PRACH configuration period according Table 8.1-1 such that SS/PBCH block indexes are mapped at least once to the PRACH occasions within the association period, where a UE obtains from the value of *ssb-PositionsInBurst* in *SIB1* or in *ServingCellConfigCommon*. If after an integer number of SS/PBCH block indexes to PRACH occasions mapping cycles within the association period there is a set of PRACH occasions or PRACH preambles that are not mapped to SS/PBCH block indexes, no SS/PBCH block indexes are mapped to the set of PRACH occasions or PRACH preambles. An association pattern period includes one or more association periods and is determined so that a pattern between PRACH occasions and SS/PBCH block indexes repeats at most every 160 msec. PRACH occasions not associated with SS/PBCH block indexes after an integer number of association periods, if any, are not used for PRACH transmissions. |   [Aris]: Yes. Please see previous comments.  **//Comment#3**  The first paragraph of the following texts are redundant and can be removed because the new texts after them have defined the time period.  For the second paragraph,   * The time period describes a mapping from all SSBs to ROs instead of only one SSB to one or some ROs. Therefore, “for mapping an SS/PBCH block index to PRACH occasions” can be removed and “the SS/PBCH block index is mapped at least once” should be changed to “ SS/PBCH block indexes are mapped at least once” * Because association pattern period has already fulfilled that a pattern repeats in time, the time period comprising of one or multiple association pattern period must also fulfilled that a pattern repeats in time. Therefore, it seems no need to introduce a concept of time period pattern, which has not been agreed yet. To emphasize its periodicity in time, a change like, “a time period, starting from frame 0 and repeating in time”, seems sufficient. * In the RAN1 agreement, a time period comprises of integer number of association pattern period. It would be better to replace “the smallest value of” with “the smallest integer number of” * Small suggestion, “association pattern periods of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion” seems better than “SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern periods” * The text describing the same PRB for a RO group of given repetition number can be moved before the definition of the time period because it is helpful to define of the time period. It seems unclear why to emphasize “respective” in the text, so the word “respective” can be removed.  |  | | --- | | A time period, starting from frame 0, for determining [RO groups] for PRACH transmission with repetitions, is the smallest number of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern period(s) such that at least one RO group is determined for all configured and the determined [RO group pattern] repeats at every such time period.  For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, a time period, starting from frame 0, for mapping an SS/PBCH block index to PRACH occasions is the smallest value of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern periods such that the SS/PBCH block index is mapped at least once to PRACH occasions within the time period for each configured number of preamble repetitions. A time period pattern for PRACH occasions includes one or more time periods and is determined so that a pattern between the PRACH occasions and the SS/PBCH block index repeats in time. |   **Proposed changes:**   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, all valid PRACH occasions are consecutive in time and use same frequency resources and are associated with a same SS/PBCH block index.For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, a time period, starting from frame 0 and repeating in time, is the smallest integer number of association pattern periods of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion such that SS/PBCH block indexes are mapped at least once to PRACH occasions within the time period for each configured number of preamble repetitions.  …  … |   [Aris]: Please see previous comments. OK with using “ SS/PBCH block indexes” |
| Nokia/NSB2 | After further checks, we realized that current text may also lack a clear description of how the RO groups are to be used for the PRACH repetitions.  **Issue 8: How the PRACH transmissions are to be performed**   |  | | --- | | Physical random access procedure for a UE is triggered upon request of a PRACH transmission by higher layers or by a PDCCH order. A configuration by higher layers for a PRACH transmission includes the following:  - A configuration for PRACH transmission [4, TS 38.211].  - A preamble index, a preamble SCS, , a corresponding RA-RNTI, and a PRACH resource.  - A number of preamble repetitions for the PRACH transmission if the UE would transmit the PRACH with repetitions.  A PRACH is transmitted using the selected PRACH format with transmission power ,as described in clause 7.4, on the indicated PRACH resource. |   **Comment 1**: From the perspective of the legacy PRACH, the specification text above describes the PRACH transmission over one RO randomly chosen among the ones mapped to the selected SSB as “transmitting the PRACH preamble over the indicated PRACH resource”. This seems sufficient.  However, when it comes to PRACH repetitions, we know that UE cannot simply use the indicated resource but also needs to determine the groups according to certain rules. The text above does not include this fundamental aspect of “how the PRACH repetitions are to be performed”. For this reason, we think that some modifications are in order.  **Suggested change for solving Issue 8**   |  | | --- | | Physical random access procedure for a UE is triggered upon request of a PRACH transmission by higher layers or by a PDCCH order. A configuration by higher layers for a PRACH transmission includes the following:  - A configuration for PRACH transmission [4, TS 38.211].  - A preamble index, a preamble SCS, , a corresponding RA-RNTI, and a PRACH resource.  - A number of preamble repetitions for the PRACH transmission if the UE would transmit the PRACH with repetitions.  A PRACH is transmitted using the selected PRACH format with transmission power ,as described in clause 7.4.~~, on the indicated PRACH resource.~~  For Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions or Type-2 random access procedure the PRACH is transmitted on the indicated PRACH resource.  For a Type-1 random access procedure with preamble repetitions the PRACH is transmitted on the determined resources for the PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions. |   [Aris]: OK with the fine tuning (although, for repetitions, it may be argued that given the fixed/specified rules for determining resources, “indicated PRACH resource” remains applicable). It would be simpler to add at the end of the current sentence “… or on determined resources in case of preamble repetitions”.  Additional note on previous Issue 7: What Sharp highlights in their last comment is further evidence that the current text is unclear. |
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# Second Round Discussion

Please provide your comments on the draft CR for TS 38.213 at [draftCR\_38213 Coverage\_v1](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_114/Inbox/drafts/9.17(Other)/%5B38.213%20draft%20CRs%5D/NR_cov_enh2/R1-230xxxx%20draftCR_38213%20Coverage_v1.docx).

The second checkpoint is on September 6, UTC 15:00.

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| NEC | **Comment 1:** We think there is no need to change wording “value” to “integer number” since this is **“value** **in the set”**. Actually, TS has already used integer number in the someplace. We don’t need that change here.  “An association period, starting from frame 0, for mapping SS/PBCH block indexes to PRACH occasions is the smallest integer number **in the set** determined ….. If after an integer number of SS/PBCH block indexes to PRACH occasions mapping cycles within the association period there”  [Aris]: I agree there is necessity but a new release gives the opportunity to somewhat improve editorially on existing text. It can of course be argued that there is no problem given that the text was used since Rel-15, but some minor clean up is still nice to have. In any case, such things should not be ones that consume time/discussions. Let’s stay with “integer number” as that is slightly better.  **Comment 2:** We guess red part below is something copy from definition of association period. We think the motivation of association period is for mapping SSB to PRACH occasions but the motivation of time period here is not. We think the motivation of time period is for determining RO group based on existing SSB to RO mapping. We could either remove it or change it like “for mapping PRACH occasions to PRACH occasions for each SS/PBCH block indexes”.  “For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, a time period, starting from frame 0, for mapping SS/PBCH block indexes to PRACH occasions is the smallest integer number of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern periods such that SS/PBCH block indexes are mapped at least once to PRACH occasions within at least one frequency location within the time period for each configured number of preamble repetitions.”  [Aris]: Yes, it was missed to delete in the previous update. The suggestion is captured in the later part of the existing statement.  **Comment 3:** We suggest the following changes (in red) based on the current draft CR. In legacy NR, when there are multiple RO available for PRACH when UE prepares to transmit msg 1, MAC will determine the selected RO (e.g. by randomly selection) and indicate the selected RO to PHY and PHY transmits PRACH on the indicated RO. The same procedure should be applied for PRACH repetition, i.e. MAC selects the RO group and indicate to PHY and PHY transmits PRACH repetition based on the indication RO group. Otherwise, PHY TS should include parts on how to determine RO group.  “- A preamble index, a preamble SCS, , a corresponding RA-RNTI~~, and a PRACH resource~~.  - A PRACH resource or a number of ~~preamble repetitions~~ PRACH resources for the PRACH transmission if the UE would transmit the PRACH with repetitions.  A PRACH is transmitted using the selected PRACH format with transmission power ,as described in clause 7.4, on the indicated PRACH resource or on indicated ~~determined~~ resources in case of preamble repetitions.”  [Aris]: The current text is OK. The suggestion changes legacy text without remedy (first sub-bullet) and the MAC does not indicate PRACH resources – the UE determines then based on the described procedures based on the indicated number of preamble repetitions. I also considered at first that by indicating the number of repetitions, the MAC indicates the resources but that is not quite accurate – hence OK with a prior suggestion to change to “determined”. |
| vivo | Thanks for the further updates, please find some comments from vivo side:   1. As commented in last round, PRACH repetition has nothing to do with Rel-16 2-step RACH configuration. It is assumed to reuse the configuration mechanism of feature combination introduced in NR Rel-17, which is reflected in following agreement in RAN2 #112bis-e meeting.  |  | | --- | | Agreement RAN2 #112bis-e:   General assumption is that various feature combinations can be configured (which is up to network implementation), unless explicitly specified otherwise |   In addition, in the RRC parameter list provided to RAN2, there’s no new RRC parameters to replace the parameters mentioned in following text either. Therefore, at this stage, we propose to remove all following updates.   |  | | --- | | For Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions, and for Type-1 random access procedure with preamble repetitions or for Type-2 random access procedure with separate configuration of PRACH occasions from Type 1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions, if , one SS/PBCH block index is mapped to consecutive valid PRACH occasions and contention based preambles with consecutive indexes associated with the SS/PBCH block index per valid PRACH occasion start from preamble index 0. If , contention based preambles with consecutive indexes associated with SS/PBCH block index , , per valid PRACH occasion start from preamble index where is provided by *totalNumberOfRA-Preambles* for Type-1 random access procedure or by *msgA-TotalNumberOfRA-Preambles* for Type-2 random access procedure with separate configuration of PRACH occasions from a Type 1 random access procedure, and is an integer multiple of .  For Type-1 random access procedure with preamble repetitions or for Type-2 random access procedure with common configuration of PRACH occasions with Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions, if , one SS/PBCH block index is mapped to consecutive valid PRACH occasions and contention based preambles with consecutive indexes associated with the SS/PBCH block index per valid PRACH occasion start from preamble index . If , contention based preambles with consecutive indexes associated with SS/PBCH block index , , per valid PRACH occasion start from preamble index , where is provided by *totalNumberOfRA-Preambles* for Type-1 random access procedure without preamble repetitions. |   Note that preamble determination for a feature combination is provided by following text which is enough to be reused:   |  | | --- | | For a random access procedure associated with a feature combination indicated by *FeatureCombinationPreambles*, a UE is provided a number of SS/PBCH block indexes associated with one PRACH occasion by *ssb-perRACH-OccasionAndCB-PreamblesPerSSB* or *msgA-SSB-PerRACH-OccasionAndCB-PreamblesPerSSB* when provided and a number of contention based preambles per SS/PBCH block index per valid PRACH occasion by ***startPreambleForThisPartition*** and ***numberOfPreamblesPerSSB****-ForThisPartition*. The PRACH transmission can be on a subset of PRACH occasions associated with a same SS/PBCH block index within an SSB-RO mapping cycle for a UE provided with a PRACH mask index by *ssb-SharedRO-MaskIndex* according to [11, TS 38.321]. |   [Aris]: Of course, “PRACH repetition has nothing to do with Rel-16 2-step RACH configuration” but there is nothing to suggest so.  OK to remove the new text – if any need, may of course revisit based on RAN2 decisions.   1. For the following added new paragraph, the time period is not for mapping between SSB and RO, the intention is to find at least one RO group for each determined SSB.   Therefore “for mapping SS/PBCH block indexes to PRACH occasions” should be deleted.  In addition, the wording of the agreement below should be used instead of mentioning mapping between SSB to RO. Note that the wording “PRACH occasions associated with the same SS/PBCH block index” has been used in many places in current 213 specification, which is more consistent with current spec. and should not be a problem. (note that “within at least one frequency location” is not what we agreed)   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, a time period, starting from frame 0, ~~for mapping SS/PBCH block indexes to PRACH occasions~~ is the smallest integer number of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern periods such that there is at least one PRACH occasions associated with the same SS/PBCH block index for each of SS/PBCH block indexes and each configured number of preamble repetitions  ~~SS/PBCH block indexes are mapped at least once to PRACH occasions within at least one frequency location within the time period for each configured number of preamble repetitions~~. |   [Aris]: The “mapping …” was missed to delete in the previous update – it is now deleted. The other text is equivalent to the current one without offering any benefit in accuracy or clarity. Please note that the current text is based on same legacy text.   |  | | --- | | Agreement  For the number of SSB-to-RO association pattern periods *K* within the time period X,   * For multiple PRACH transmissions with different numbers, support   One common*K* is implicitly determined as a minimum integer for all the configured number of multiple PRACH transmissions such that for each of SSBs, there is at least one RO group per each configured number of multiple PRACH transmissions consisting of ROs associated with the SSB. |  1. For the following text, RO/RO group ordering should follow the agreement (valid for both alt 1 and alt 2) below irrespective of whether “*TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO*” is provided or not. Following text does not capture this. For “the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions”, it should be determined from increasing order of frequency index first, then from increasing order of time domain. So the original wording from FL seems more accurate, and regarding the potential issue raised by Nokia and the multiple SSBs, we can further discuss in next RAN1 meeting, we capture what we agreed for now.  |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period for preamble repetitions associated with an SS/PBCH block  - if *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* is provided, for each frequency resource index for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions,  - the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions is the first valid PRACH occasion  - the first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions is determined after *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from a first valid PRACH occasion corresponding to the previous preamble repetitions  - otherwise,  - the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions is the first valid PRACH occasion  - the first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions, if any, is determined according to an ordering of PRACH occasions  - first, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions  - second, in increasing order of time resource indexes for time multiplexed PRACH occasions |   [Aris]: Given the different opinions on whether the current text is applicable to both “Alt. 1 and Alt. 2” and given the issue raised for multiple SSBs, I suggest to keep the current text as further modifications are unlikely to be stable for the group in time. I will add a note that RAN1 needs to confirm for both agreed alternatives (yes/no time offset) for the starting RO determination and, if needed, modify the current text.   |  | | --- | | Agreement  Add the following notes to the above agreement:  Note1: “the starting RO of other RO groups are determined as the first valid RO after the previous RO group in the following order within the time period X: first, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions; second, in increasing order of time resource indexes.” Is illustrated as in the following figure (*N=2*, for ROs associated with SSB#0). **This works for both Alt.1 and Alt.2 for the starting RO determination.**  图片包含 图示  描述已自动生成  Note2: all the ROs mentioned in the agreement are valid ROs associated with the given same SSB(s) and all the RO groups mentioned in the agreement are RO groups consisting of valid ROs associated with the given same SSB(s).  Note3: of an RO, frequency resource index of an RO, and the starting RB of an RO indicate the same meaning, i.e., locate in the same frequency position. | |
| China Telecom | Thanks for the updates, we have 2 comments.  **Issue 1: Definition of time period**   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, a time period, starting from frame 0, for mapping SS/PBCH block indexes to PRACH occasions is the smallest integer number of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern periods such that SS/PBCH block indexes are mapped at least once to PRACH occasions within at least one frequency location within the time period for each configured number of preamble repetitions. |   **Comment**: We share the similar view as vivo that time period is not for mapping SSB to PRACH occasion, the mapping of SSB to PRACH occasion follows the legacy rule. The time period is to determine a set of RO groups for the configured number of multiple PRACH transmissions, so that the determined set of RO groups repeat in every time period. Thus, we think “for mapping SS/PBCH block indexes to PRACH occasions” needs to be deleted.  [Aris]: Yes, it was missed in the update.  **Issue 2: Current wording may allow overlapped ROs in different preamble repetitions**   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period for preamble repetitions associated with an SS/PBCH block  - if *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* is provided, for each frequency resource index for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions,  - the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions is the first valid PRACH occasion  - the first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions is determined after *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from a first valid PRACH occasion corresponding to the previous preamble repetitions  - otherwise,  - the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions is the first valid PRACH occasion  - the first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions, if any, is determined according to an ordering of PRACH occasions  - first, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions  - second, in increasing order of time resource indexes for time multiplexed PRACH occasions |   **Comment**: If *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* is provided, the overlapped ROs can be avoided by this parameter, which may need to limit the value range of this parameter. But if this parameter is not provided, for current version, the first valid RO of subsequent preamble repetitions is determined according to the order, it doesn’t capture the agreement “It is not expected to have overlapping RO between any two RO groups for the given number of *N* multiple PRACH transmissions”. Suggested changes as follows to align with the agreement:   |  | | --- | | otherwise,  - the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions is the first valid PRACH occasion  - the first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions, if any, is determined after the previous preamble repetitions according to an ordering of PRACH occasions  - first, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions  - second, in increasing order of time resource indexes for time multiplexed PRACH occasions |   [Aris]: That is the meaning of “subsequent” for the “ preamble repetitions”. The suggested text is redundant and a duplication. |
| QC | **Comment 1:** We tend to agree with vivo that the clause on “time period” seems to suggest a new SSB-RO mapping rule. This is not what was intended. It is intended to merely ensure that each SSB index has at least one RO group identified.  Suggest the following change:  For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, a time period, starting from frame 0, ~~for mapping SS/PBCH block indexes to PRACH occasions is the smallest~~ for determining the one or more sets of PRACH occasions to transmit preamble repetitions is the smallest integer number of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern periods such that SS/PBCH block indexes are mapped at least once to PRACH occasions within at least one frequency location within the time period for each configured number of preamble repetitions.  [Aris]: The text has been updated to remove “~~for mapping SS/PBCH block indexes to PRACH occasions~~” that was previously missed. The other text essentially says the same thing as the latter part of the paragraph.  **Comment 2:** On the clause pertaining to the determination of first valid RACH occasion, when *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* is not provided, the current wording seems to allow for overlapping RO groups. We need a clause to say that overlapping RO groups are precluded. Suggest the following:  **Comment 3:** We need to say that there need to be valid PRACH occasions for all preamble repetitions. Current wording seems to suggest that within a time period we keep identifying the first valid RO, but there is no explicit check to make sure that for that first valid RO there are indeed enough valid PRACH occasions to accommodate all the required repetitions.  Suggested change to address Comment 2 and 3:  For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period for preamble repetitions associated with an SS/PBCH block  - if *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* is provided, for each frequency resource index for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions,  - the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions is the first valid PRACH occasion  - the first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions is determined after *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from a first valid PRACH occasion corresponding to the previous preamble repetitions   * + every first valid PRACH occasion allows determining a set of valid PRACH occasions contained within the time period to transmit the preamble repetitions   - otherwise,  - the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions is the first valid PRACH occasion  - the first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions, if any, is not contained in any previously determined set of valid PRACH occasions for preamble repetitions and is determined according to an ordering of valid PRACH occasions  - first, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions  - second, in increasing order of time resource indexes for time multiplexed PRACH occasions  [Aris]: Based on the mapping of first/second sets of valid ROs for first/second PRACH transmissions with *N* repetitions, I don’t think it is possible to have overlapping valid ROs. Please also see response to Nokia for the respective proposed text.  The “allows determining a set of valid PRACH occasions …” is not necessary as the condition of same time period is stated in the preamble and it is also stated that “For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, all respective valid PRACH occasions …”  It is therefore already a given that in “the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions is the first valid PRACH occasion”, the “a set of valid PRACH occasions contained within the time period” is true. |
| ZTE | Firstly, we share the same view with CTC in 2nd round and support the change.  Secondly, please consider adding of “The mapping between the PRACH occasions and the SS/PBCH block index repeats in time with periodicity given by the time period.”  This issue has been raised by Nokia, CTC, Huawei, etc. The wording matches the highlighted part of agreement.   |  | | --- | | Agreement  A set of RO group(s) for a configured number of multiple PRACH transmissions is determined/configured within a time period X, starting from frame 0. The determined/configured set of RO groups repeats every time period X.   * + The time period X is *K* SSB-to-RO association pattern periods.   + Note: Whether/how to introduce SSB-to-RO group mapping   + FFS: *K* is configured by the network or determined based on some rule. |   **Suggested change based on v1:**  For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, a time period, starting from frame 0, for mapping SS/PBCH block indexes to PRACH occasions is the smallest integer number of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern periods such that SS/PBCH block indexes are mapped at least once to PRACH occasions within at least one frequency location within the time period for each configured number of preamble repetitions. The mapping between the PRACH occasions and the SS/PBCH block index repeats in time with periodicity given by the time period.  [Aris]: OK – will update as below.  The mapping between PRACH occasions for a PRACH transmission and an SS/PBCH block index repeats every time period. |
| Nokia/NSB | First, we would like to thank the Editor for kindly considering our comments in the first round and provide very clear explanations (the comment about the [] is duly noted!).  Our additional comments follow.  **Issue 1: Definition of time period**  We concur with previous comments made by at least vivo and CTC. The time period x is used to determine the RO groups and not to realize the mapping. Additionally, we think that the formulation “within at least one frequency location” may yield ambiguous interpretations, given that it may seem to imply that at least one frequency location should be used by the ROs of a group (and if 2 or more frequency locations are spanned, this is also fine). We think that inverting the order of “within” and “at least” may solve the problem.  **Suggested change for solving Issue 1**   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, a time period, starting from frame 0, for determining resources for the preamble repetitions ~~mapping SS/PBCH block indexes to PRACH occasions~~ is the smallest integer number of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern periods such that SS/PBCH block indexes are mapped at least once to PRACH occasions at least within ~~at least~~ one frequency location within the time period for each configured number of preamble repetitions. |   [Aris]: Will add the missed and adjust the “at least”. The “determining” part is redundant given the rest of the paragraph. The “mapping …” has been deleted.  **Issue 2: Avoiding RO group overlap when TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO is not provided**  Here as well we share the same view expressed by other companies, however we have a slightly different proposal to address the issue. Please note that it may look redundant at first, due to the repetition of the word  “determined”, however we think that this is needed to ensure that UE considers the ROs that have been previous determined and not the ROs that have been previously transmitted (collisions may occur, for instance, and we agreed that no PRACH postponement is supported in Rel-18).  **Suggested change for solving Issue 2**   |  | | --- | | otherwise,  - the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions is the first valid PRACH occasion  - the first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions, if any, is determined after the ROs determined for the previous preamble repetitions according to an ordering of PRACH occasions  - first, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions  - second, in increasing order of time resource indexes for time multiplexed PRACH occasions |   [Aris]: There is the following statement.  For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, all respective valid PRACH occasions are consecutive in time, use same frequency resources, and are associated with a same SS/PBCH block index.  I think the above makes it clear that for “the first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions, if any, is determined according to an ordering of valid PRACH occasions”, there is no overlap with valid PRACH occasions of previous preamble repetitions (for a PRACH transmission). Since the preamble repetitions are “subsequent”, the respective valid PRACH occasions are also “subsequent” according to the mapping of PRACH occasions - i.e. the “after the ROs determined for the previous preamble repetitions” already holds.  Basically, no issue with the accuracy of the proposed text, but its intended clarification is supported by current text – the valid PRACH occasions for repetitions of PRACH transmissions do not overlap.  **Issue 3: On the use of *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO***  We are fine with all the minor modifications suggested by the Editors but on, for which we have a concern, as per highlighted text below.   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period for preamble repetitions associated with an SS/PBCH block  - if *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* is provided, for each frequency resource index for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions,  - the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions is the first valid PRACH occasion  - the first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions is determined after *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from a first valid PRACH occasion corresponding to the previous preamble repetitions |   In our view, replacing “a first valid PRACH occasion” with “the first valid PRACH occasion” would yield a clearer text. The current version can be understood by experts of this topic (i.e., delegates who working on it during Rel-18) however if any other reader approaches the text, he/she may conclude that more than one first valid PRACH occasion corresponding to any of the previous preamble repetitions, i.e., from the beginning of the time period, can be used to determine the next starting RO by applying TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO to any such first valid PRACH occasions. While minor, we believe that ensuring that this potential understanding issue does not arise would be a wise course of action.  **Suggested change for solving Issue 3**   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period for preamble repetitions associated with an SS/PBCH block  - if *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* is provided, for each frequency resource index for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions,  - the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions is the first valid PRACH occasion  - the first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions is determined after *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from ~~a~~ the first valid PRACH occasion corresponding to the previous preamble repetitions |   [Aris]: Actually, as “the first” has not been defined before in order for the “the” to be an applicable reference to something, it should be “a first” at the first instance – e.g. “a first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions is the first valid PRACH occasion”. If I were to write this from scratch, it would be in the opposite direction (keep the “a” change the “the” to “a”). However, I also don’t want to further discuss this ^^. I will change the “a” to “the” to align given that the “the” already found itself at the beginning of the sub-bullets and there is no misunderstanding of the text.  **Issue 4: On vivo’s comment related to the ordering of the ROs**  The text we proposed in the previous round, which was kindly considered by the Editor, realizes the agreement “frequency first and time second" fully in our view.  Indeed, the sentence “if TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO is provided, for each frequency resource index for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions”, in the main bullet of the paragraph where the RO grouping operation is described, together with the second sub-bullet that explains how the parameter is used by the UE in time domain, establishes a clear ordering between ROs:   * Frequency first, i.e., for each frequency resource index * Time second, i.e., the time offset is applied to an RO whos frequency resource index has already been determined.   By the way, one may also want to note that, for the time offset configured case, since any RO group is determined within each frequency resource index, any ordering would actually achieve the same RO group determination, provided that all frequency locations are considered.  Moreover, the current text not only allows to realize the mapping present in the agreement reported by vivo (please see first figure below), but also the mapping we showed in our comment in the previous round. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the original text proposed by the Editor in the first round, which would then lead to a “incomplete/broken” RO grouping if supported. This is the reason why we proposed the alternative formulation and why we cannot support the original wording. We guess that this may also be one of the reasons who brought the Editor to consider our text proposal.  图片包含 图示  描述已自动生成    **Issue 5: RO groups with less than N determined ROs**  Existing agreements ensure that an RO group for N repetitions can only be made of N determined ROs (then collisions may happen, if any, no problem with that).  However, as commented by Qualcomm, the current text does not seem to prevent the case in which RO groups whose starting RO is located towards the end of the time period may have less than N determined ROs in total. For instance, this can happen when, say 4 repetitions are configured, and only 2 ROs with the same frequency index can be found after the last starting RO within the time period. The combinatorial nature of the problem at hand, which depends on PRACH configuration index, configured number of repetitions, number of ROs multiplexed in the frequency domain, number of SSBs, collisions, and so on, makes it very hard to avoid in practice (impossible?).  However, this issue exists irrespective of whether *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* is provided or not. Qualcomm’s proposed text does not cover the case when the parameter is not provided (plus ROs should be determined withing the time period, instead of the time period containing the ROs). We suggest a corresponding change to realize the above for both cases. Note that the formulation can be changed, if the Editor prefers, provided that it is applicable to both cases, and it allows to capture existing agreements entirely.  **Suggested change for solving Issue 5**   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period for preamble repetitions associated with an SS/PBCH block  - if *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* is provided, for each frequency resource index for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions,  - the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions is the first valid PRACH occasion  - the first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions is determined after *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from a first valid PRACH occasion corresponding to the previous preamble repetitions  - otherwise,  - the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions is the first valid PRACH occasion  - the first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions, if any, is determined according to an ordering of PRACH occasions  - first, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions  - second, in increasing order of time resource indexes for time multiplexed PRACH occasions  A valid PRACH occasion is a first valid PRACH occasion of preamble repetitions if -1 subsequent valid PRACH occasions associated with a same SS/PBCH block index, consecutive in time and using the same frequency resources, can be determined within the time period. |   [Aris]: Please see response to Qualcomm. The suggested text is not incorrect but it is redundant as it is supported by existing text. |
| vivo2 | Thanks for the updates. Please find some further comments from our side:   1. Following text shaded by yellow is not correct since RAN1 didn’t agree (see the note in the agreement) to introduce **SSB to RO group mapping**, RAN1 only agreed to reuse legacy SSB to RO mapping. Therefore, it should be deleted/updated. Proponent can propose this in next RAN1 meeting though we do not think it necessary. The RO group determined will always be a pattern automatically in the time period according to current rules. If it is really necessary to capture the agreed main text in following agreement. We can use the original wording instead.   In addition, the text “at least within one frequency location” is not needed, since it of course should be at some frequency location when a RO group is found in the period. So it should be deleted.  According to above, we propose to have following updates.   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, a time period, starting from frame 0, is the smallest integer number of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern periods such that SS/PBCH block indexes are mapped at least once to PRACH occasions ~~at least within one frequency location~~ within the time period for each configured number of preamble repetitions. The determined set of ~~The mapping between~~ PRACH occasions ~~for a PRACH transmission and an SS/PBCH block index~~ repeats every time period.  Agreement  A set of RO group(s) for a configured number of multiple PRACH transmissions is determined/configured within a time period X, starting from frame 0. The determined/configured set of RO groups repeats every time period X.   * + The time period X is *K* SSB-to-RO association pattern periods.   + Note: Whether/how to introduce SSB-to-RO group mapping   + FFS: *K* is configured by the network or determined based on some rule. |   [Aris]: Yes, the SSB-to-RO group mapping (SSB to PRACH occasions mapping) is FFS. Also, the “at least within one frequency location” does not provide any necessary information for the procedure. I will update as suggested.   1. Regarding the editor note “RAN1 to confirm agreed ordering of PRACH occasions both when *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* is provided and is not provided and, if needed, make modifications.”, is the intention to revert following RAN1 agreements in next meeting? The agreement made in RAN1 already clearly states that the ordering is applied to both alt 1 and alt 2, see text below.  |  | | --- | | Agreement  Add the following notes to the above agreement:  Note1: “the starting RO of other RO groups are determined as the first valid RO after the previous RO group in the following order within the time period X: first, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions; second, in increasing order of time resource indexes.” Is illustrated as in the following figure (*N=2*, for ROs associated with SSB#0). **This works for both Alt.1 and Alt.2 for the starting RO determination.**  图片包含 图示  描述已自动生成  Note2: all the ROs mentioned in the agreement are valid ROs associated with the given same SSB(s) and all the RO groups mentioned in the agreement are RO groups consisting of valid ROs associated with the given same SSB(s).  Note3: of an RO, frequency resource index of an RO, and the starting RB of an RO indicate the same meaning, i.e., locate in the same frequency position. |   We do not think the first part (when the offset is provided) in following text is correct since it can be interpreted as finishing the determination of all RO groups in time domain first within the period for each frequency index. And this is different from current agreement where RO groups should be determined in frequency domain first for each time duration of each RO group.  According to above, we still we should use editor’s original version which is aligned with current agreement. If there’s any proponent to propose different ordering for different cases and more discussions are needed in next RAN1 meeting as we have to revert the current agreement.   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period for preamble repetitions associated with an SS/PBCH block  - if *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* is provided, for each frequency resource index for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions,  - the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions is the first valid PRACH occasion according to an ordering of valid PRACH occasions  - first, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions  - second, in increasing order of time resource indexes for time multiplexed PRACH occasions  - the first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions is determined after *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from the first valid PRACH occasion corresponding to the previous preamble repetitions  - otherwise,  - the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions is the first valid PRACH occasion  - the first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions, if any, is determined according to an ordering of valid PRACH occasions  - first, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions  - second, in increasing order of time resource indexes for time multiplexed PRACH occasions |   [Aris]: It is not clear what you are proposing as a modification to the current text. Is it the tracked text as above? |
| Editor | @All: Please note an update to the draft CR in “v21” capturing the following based on previous comments regarding avoiding overlapped occasions for different PRACH transmissions in case the offset is not indicated.   |  | | --- | | - otherwise,  - the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions is the first valid PRACH occasion  - the first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions, if any, is determined after the ROs determined for the previous preamble repetitions according to an ordering of valid PRACH occasions | |
| Nokia/NSB | We thank the Editor for the explanations. Further comments follow.  **Issue 1: On the application of the time offset**  V021 includes the following text:   |  | | --- | | the first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions is determined after *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from the first valid PRACH occasion corresponding to the previous preamble repetitions |   This refers to the following part of the agreement made during #114 and already copied above:   * the starting RO of the *n*-th RO group for each is determined as the RO at the time offset equal to a number of valid ROs from the starting RO of the (*n-1*)-th RO group for the same .   According to the agreement the “next” starting RO occurs exactly when the time offset “expires”, i.e., it is the valid RO exactly at *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* valid ROs after the previous starting RO. In other words, *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO*-1 valid ROs exist between any two starting ROs, since this allows to mimic the situation without time offset.  However, the formulation in V021 uses the adverb “after”, which may (or may not) create ambiguity on whether *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO or TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO-1* valid ROs exist between any two starting ROs. If we follow this logic further one may also argue that a number of valid ROs between two consecutive starting ROs can also be *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO+k*, with k defined as a positive integer, given that this would also satisfy the condition of being “after” *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* consecutive valid ROs. We think this could yield rather serious misunderstandings between NW and UE.  We would like to have the Editor’s view on the matter above, especially on the exact implication of the use of the adverb “after”, to understand whether further actions on the text are needed (maybe adding “exactly” before “after”?).  [Aris]: The text should be clear as is – “first valid RO … is after *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* consecutive valid ROs …”  The “determined” in the current text can be deleted (does not add anything) and then the statement is fully direct – just “is”. The text does not say that the next first valid RO is at “n+k”, it says that it is at “n” – that is “exactly”.  The “after” makes it clear that it is *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO*, not *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO-1* by not counting the first previous valid RO in the bunch of ROs.  **Issue 2: On vivo’s comment related to the ordering of the ROs**  We do not think that the current text forces the UE to finish the determination of all RO groups in time domain first within the period for each frequency index, since the subsequent description only provides the steps for one group (either the first, or any other), without stating that such operations would need to be carried out until the end of the time period. After all, that would not be a possible understanding anyway since it would mandate a UE implementation.  Furthermore, and sorry for repeating ourselves, the current text guarantees that the RO groups are created according to the agreement, i.e., in a hypothetical scenario where *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO* is provided and equal to 0 (this is just a hypothesis, not a proposal) then the current wording makes the two alternative approaches result in the same set of RO groups (according to the agreement). The original wording does not guarantee that, as we and other companies previously explained.  **Issue 3: RO groups with less than N determined ROs**  We understand the Editor’s explanation. We think that the logic stands, but it seems to require an assumption which is currently not included in the text but is “only” one of the possible implications 🡪 all the ROs for N repetitions are always included in a time period. This may or may not be implied, depending on how a reader interprets the text. This seems to be a bit ambiguous and could lead to different implementations at NW and UE.  Therefore, while we prefer our previous proposal, which has the merit of being straightforward (in our view, at least), we also think that Editor’s proposal can be sufficient if the following minor change is implemented.   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, all respective valid PRACH occasions are consecutive in time, use same frequency resources, ~~and~~ are associated with a same SS/PBCH block index, and are within the same time period. |   Once again, what we are proposing is not to add redundancy but to ensure that only a single understanding is possible, and no implementation differences are observed between NW and UE.  [Aris]: I have to try to keep the principle (not always successful) of not adding text that would describe something that is already described – for several reasons (easier maintenance, readability, uniform writing various aspects, …). There is also the following – I think it is clear that the “ preamble repetitions” (associated with an SSB) “are mapped to PRACH occasions within the time period”.  For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions, a time period, starting from frame 0, is the smallest integer number of SS/PBCH block to PRACH occasion association pattern periods such that SS/PBCH block indexes are mapped at least once to PRACH occasions within the time period for each configured number of preamble repetitions. |
| vivo3 | Thanks for the feedback and further good discussions.  For the question on which wording we’re proposing for the determination of the RO groups in both alt1 (without time offset configuration) and alt 2 (with time offset configuration), as we commented earlier, we prefer following editor’s original wording which reflects current agreement. Regarding potential issues raised by Nokia, we’re fine to discuss it in next RAN1 meeting, but we’re not sure which solution is better and we can not agree at this draft CR discussion stage. Having one editor note for this is enough with following original text. Thanks.   |  | | --- | | For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period, a first valid PRACH occasion is determined according to the ordering of PRACH occasions and is after consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from a last valid PRACH occasion corresponding to previous preamble repetitions, if any, where is the value of *TimeOffsetBetweenStartingRO*, if provided.  For a PRACH transmission with preamble repetitions within a time period, the first valid PRACH occasion of the first preamble repetitions associated with an SS/PBCH block is the first valid PRACH occasion associated with the SS/PBCH block in the association period for preamble repetitions. The first valid PRACH occasion of subsequent preamble repetitions associated with the SS/PBCH block in the time period, if any, is determined according to an ordering of PRACH occasions  - First, in increasing order of frequency resource indexes for frequency multiplexed PRACH occasions  - Second, in increasing order of time resource indexes for time multiplexed PRACH occasions after consecutive valid PRACH occasions in time from a last valid PRACH occasion corresponding to previous preamble repetitions with same frequency location, if any, for the SS/PBCH block |   [Aris]: The current text has been the result of comments from multiple companies and was introduced due to the identification of a problem with the original text. It is not possible to go back to that original text now. I would have expected a suggestion to address your concern based on the current text (e.g. a modification such as the one I mentioned in the previous response which I think can reflect the agreement).  The only approach I can think of at this moment would be to capture the above text in a note for RAN1 to discuss in a few weeks. RAN1 agreements are not overturned by the current text and will have to be obeyed.  On top of above feedback, we assume that editor would have a new version to address following feedback from editor, i.e. delete or update SSB to RO group mapping related text as we suggested in our previous reply.   |  | | --- | | [Aris]: Yes, the SSB-to-RO group mapping (SSB to PRACH occasions mapping) is FFS. Also, the “at least within one frequency location” does not provide any necessary information for the procedure. I will update as suggested. |   [Aris]: Yes, no need to repeat. |