**S3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #116-e R2-210xxxx**

**Online, November 1-12, 2021**

**Agenda Item: 6.1.4.3**

**Source: Huawei, HiSilicon**

**Title: Summary of [AT116-e][013][NR16] UE capabilities II**

**Document for: Discussion and decision**

# Introduction

This document summarizes the following offline discussion.

* [AT116-e][013][NR16] UE capabilities II (Huawei)

 Scope: Determine agreeable parts in a first phase, for agreeable parts agree on CRs. Treat [R2-2111058](file:///D%3A%5CDocuments%5C3GPP%5Ctsg_ran%5CWG2%5CTSGR2_116-e%5CDocs%5CR2-2111058.zip), [R2-2110777](file:///D%3A%5CDocuments%5C3GPP%5Ctsg_ran%5CWG2%5CTSGR2_116-e%5CDocs%5CR2-2110777.zip), [R2-2110483](file:///D%3A%5CDocuments%5C3GPP%5Ctsg_ran%5CWG2%5CTSGR2_116-e%5CDocs%5CR2-2110483.zip), [R2-2110484](file:///D%3A%5CDocuments%5C3GPP%5Ctsg_ran%5CWG2%5CTSGR2_116-e%5CDocs%5CR2-2110484.zip), [R2-2110780](file:///D%3A%5CDocuments%5C3GPP%5Ctsg_ran%5CWG2%5CTSGR2_116-e%5CDocs%5CR2-2110780.zip), [R2-2110627](file:///D%3A%5CDocuments%5C3GPP%5Ctsg_ran%5CWG2%5CTSGR2_116-e%5CDocs%5CR2-2110627.zip), [R2-2110628](file:///D%3A%5CDocuments%5C3GPP%5Ctsg_ran%5CWG2%5CTSGR2_116-e%5CDocs%5CR2-2110628.zip), [R2-2110629](file:///D%3A%5CDocuments%5C3GPP%5Ctsg_ran%5CWG2%5CTSGR2_116-e%5CDocs%5CR2-2110629.zip), [R2-2110973](file:///D%3A%5CDocuments%5C3GPP%5Ctsg_ran%5CWG2%5CTSGR2_116-e%5CDocs%5CR2-2110973.zip),

 Intended outcome: Report, Agreed CRs if applicable

 Deadline: Schedule 1

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# Discussion

## Part 1: Intended to determine agreeable parts

### UL TX Switching (MIMO layer reporting)

[R2-2111058](file:///D%3A%5CDocuments%5C3GPP%5Ctsg_ran%5CWG2%5CTSGR2_116-e%5CDocs%5CR2-2111058.zip) Clarification on UL MIMO layer reporting for 1Tx-2Tx switching Huawei, HiSilicon, China Telecom, Apple CR Rel-16 38.306 16.6.0 0661 - F NR\_RF\_FR1-Core\

[R2-2110777](file:///D%3A%5CDocuments%5C3GPP%5Ctsg_ran%5CWG2%5CTSGR2_116-e%5CDocs%5CR2-2110777.zip) Support of UL Tx switching and relation with further enhancements Ericsson discussion

In RAN2#115-e meeting, the following two interpretations about Rel-16 UE capability reporting of UL Tx switching have been discussed. After the discussion during the meeting and post-meeting email discussion, companies agreed to go for interpretation 2, thus Interpretation 2 was adopted in Rel-17 running CR. For Rel-16 spec change, since it was not the scope of Rel-17 discussion, no corresponding CR was agreed and rapporteur suggested companies to bring CRs in later meeting for discussion.

**Interpretation 1**: The UE can signal 2layer-2layer in a feature set row of the band pair. And either band can be used as carrier 2 in 1Tx-2Tx switching.

**Interpretation 2**: The UE should signal only 1layer-2layer in feature set for the band pair to indicate the capability of 1Tx-2Tx. Carrier2 can only be the band with 2layer MIMO. This interpretation means that the UE has to signal two feature set rows for a given band pair if it wants to indicate the 1Tx-2Tx switching can be bi-directional.

**Q1 Which interpretation above do companies support for Rel-16?**

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| **Company** | **Interpretation 1 or 2?** | **Comments** |
| Ericsson |  | While we think interpretation 1 is cleaner, we can accept interpretation 2 if we can clarify that a UE indicating support of Rel-17 2Tx-2Tx should also support Rel-17 2Tx-1Tx case. |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | 2 | We would stick to the current RAN2 agreement.We are fine to further clarify that the UE supporting 2T-2T shall also support 2Tx-1Tx. But it looks clear from the mandatory inclusion of *uplinkTxSwitchingPeriod-r16*. |
| OPPO (Qianxi) | See comment | No strong view, yet we understand last meeting R2 leans towards interpretation-2 in order to ensure backwards compatibility, so wonder if interpretation-1 is now pursued, whether any compatibility issue (even though it is more aligned with the fallback concept). Or, whether one can consider to adopt interpretation-1 since R17 (to save the signaling due to 1layer-2layer reporting)? |
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### UL TX Switching (UL MIMO Coherence)

[R2-2110483](file:///D%3A%5CDocuments%5C3GPP%5Ctsg_ran%5CWG2%5CTSGR2_116-e%5CDocs%5CR2-2110483.zip) Adding UE capability of UL MIMO coherence for UL Tx switching Huawei, HiSilicon, China Telecom, Apple CR Rel-16 38.306 16.6.0 0635 - F NR\_RF\_FR1-Core R2-2108618

[R2-2110484](file:///D%3A%5CDocuments%5C3GPP%5Ctsg_ran%5CWG2%5CTSGR2_116-e%5CDocs%5CR2-2110484.zip) Adding UE capability of UL MIMO coherence for UL Tx switching Huawei, HiSilicon, China Telecom, Apple CR Rel-16 38.331 16.6.0 2786 - F NR\_RF\_FR1-Core R2-2108619

[R2-2110780](file:///D%3A%5CDocuments%5C3GPP%5Ctsg_ran%5CWG2%5CTSGR2_116-e%5CDocs%5CR2-2110780.zip) UL MIMO coherence for Tx switching between two carriers Ericsson discussion

RAN4 sent LS (R4-2107765) on Rel-16 UL Tx switching:

* Introduce UE capability to indicate support of the uplink codebook subset for the carrier capable of two antenna connectors, when UE is configured with uplink switching with parameter *uplinkTxSwitching-r16* and uplink switching is triggered by the switching mechanisms specified in sub-clause 6.1.6 of TS 38.214 between last transmitted SRS and scheduled PUSCH transmission.
* UE capability is defined as per band combination when also for band combinations with a carrier capable of one-port transmission + a carrier capable of two-port transmission are indicated with capability *ULTxSwitchingBandPair-r16*. For band combinations with 2Tx to 2Tx switching, RAN4 will further discuss on how to handle the above new capability in Rel-17.
* If the above capability is absent, the existing per band UE capability *pusch-TransCoherence* is applicable to the scenario when UE is configured with uplink switching with parameter *uplinkTxSwitching-r16* and uplink switching is triggered by the switching mechanisms specified in sub-clause 6.1.6 of TS 38.214 between last transmitted SRS and scheduled transmission.
* If UE indicates the above capability as *nonCoherent* and the existing per band UE capability *pusch-TransCoherence* as *fullCoherent* or *partialCoherent*, when UE is configured with uplink switching with parameter *uplinkTxSwitching-r16* and uplink switching is triggered by the switching mechanisms specified in sub-clause 6.1.6 of TS 38.214 between last transmitted SRS and scheduled PUSCH transmission, UE is not expected to receive TPMI for coherent codebook subset.

Two ways are given:

**Option 1** (from Huawei): Adding Rel-16 parameter *uplinkTxSwitching-PUSCH-TransCoherence* to indicate the UE capability of UL MIMO coherence for UL Tx switching. Following RAN4 LS, if the above capability is absent, the existing per band UE capability *pusch-TransCoherence* is applicable.

**Option 2** (from Ericsson): The UE indicates support of *pusch-TransCoherence* for UL Tx switching solely based on the *pusch-TransCoherence* field the UE reports for the UL Tx switching BC branch. Inform RAN4 on RAN2 design choice on *pusch-TransCoherence* for UL Tx switching.

**Q2 Which option above do companies support?**

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| **Company** | **Option 1 or 2?** | **Comments** |
| Ericsson | Option 2 | We think this could avoid inter-operability problems in the future and is in line with the RAN2 guidelines on UE capabilities that was sent to RAN1 and RAN4. |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Wait for RAN1 | The discussion of the handling of the MIMO coherence capability for non-UL-switching CA, which in turn affects the handling of UL-switching case, is pending from the last RAN plenary meeting where majority of companies preferred to continue the discussion in RAN1. RAN1 agenda of the last meeting however did not cover this topic unfortunately.**RP-212108** **UL MIMO coherence capabilities** ***Qualcomm Incorporated***handled in email discussion [93e-29-UECapability] Observation: Some confusion as to the relation with the referenced RAN4 LS. Most companies prefer that this is discussed at WG level.conclusion: No conclusion at RAN#93e. Expect that this can be discussed at WG level (based on company contributions there).(The conclusion mentions discussion at WG level, but the nature of the discussion is very much RAN1 domain. But if companies prefer, we are also fine to discuss the same technical content in RAN2)Our view is the existing “per band” MIMO coherence capability is misplaced given how a given oscillator signal is used for the different Tx chains is largely dependent on band combination. Adding something on top of the existing, somewhat broken, UL MIMO coherence capability is not beneficial for UL TX switching. |
| OPPO (Qianxi) | See comment | W.r.t the gap between option-1/2: we tend to agree with the point by option-2 that “RAN2 previously indicated to RAN1/4 (R2-2002378) that absence of a field should not imply support of a feature”, yet wonder if can be solved by simply adding a codepoint in the *pusch-TransCoherence* field (we understand option-2 assume it is a per-BC flag) in case the per-band report is replied on, e.g., “perBand”, instead of relying on the absence of the field.Yet more than the issue above, more importantly, should we further consider on a finer granularity, e.g., at least per-BC-per-band-pair considering R2 signaling framework is to indicate switching capability per-band-pair within a BC entry? And even a further step is that, we understand R4 is further discussing the capability for 2UL+2UL case for R17, which may lead to an even finer granularity of per-BC-per-band-pair-per-band, should we design the R16 capability with sufficient forwards compatibility to R17+ Tx switching? |
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### Clarification regarding CodebookVariantsList-r16

[R2-2110627](file:///D%3A%5CDocuments%5C3GPP%5Ctsg_ran%5CWG2%5CTSGR2_116-e%5CDocs%5CR2-2110627.zip) Clarification regarding CodebookVariantsList-r16 Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell CR Rel-16 38.331 16.6.0 2841 - F NR\_newRAT-Core, TEI16

[R2-2110628](file:///D%3A%5CDocuments%5C3GPP%5Ctsg_ran%5CWG2%5CTSGR2_116-e%5CDocs%5CR2-2110628.zip) Clarification regarding CodebookVariantsList-r16 Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell CR Rel-16 38.306 16.6.0 0653 - F NR\_newRAT-Core, TEI16

[R2-2110629](file:///D%3A%5CDocuments%5C3GPP%5Ctsg_ran%5CWG2%5CTSGR2_116-e%5CDocs%5CR2-2110629.zip) Clarification regarding CodebookVariantsList-r16 Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell discussion Rel-16 NR\_newRAT-Core, TEI16

Proposal 1: Define an IE SupportedCSI-RS-Resource-r16 with exactly the same fields as *SupportedCSI-RS-Resource* but parameter names *maxNumberResourcesPerBand* and *totalNumberTxPortsPerBand* changed to *maxNumberResources* and *totalNumberTxPorts* respectively.

Proposal 2: RAN2 to discuss the backward compatible change in CRs in R2-2110627/R2-2110628 for resolving the misunderstanding in resolving the issue in description of the *supportedCSI-RS-ResourceListAlt-r16* capability.

**Q3 Do companies agree with the proposals and intention of the CRs above?**

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| **Company** | **Yes or No** | **Comments** |
| Ericsson | Yes |  |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Yes | Nice way to clarify without causing ASN.1 backward compatibility issues. |
| OPPO | No | We intend to agree the current formula is misleading but the proposal from Nokia is kind of overkilling. One alternative is that we simply remove “PerBand” from the reused IE structure:SupportedCSI-RS-Resource ::= SEQUENCE { maxNumberTxPortsPerResource ENUMERATED {p2, p4, p8, p12, p16, p24, p32}, maxNumberResources INTEGER (1..64), totalNumberTxPorts INTEGER (2..256)}And also modify the place referring to this structure. Then we will not struggle whether it is referred by an IE per band or an IE per band combination |
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### Miscellaneous corrections for Rel-16 UE capabilities

[R2-2110973](file:///D%3A%5CDocuments%5C3GPP%5Ctsg_ran%5CWG2%5CTSGR2_116-e%5CDocs%5CR2-2110973.zip) Miscellaneous corrections for Rel-16 UE capabilities Huawei, HiSilicon CR Rel-16 38.306 16.6.0 0659 - F NR\_RF\_FR2\_req\_enh, NR\_eMIMO-Core

1) Remove the prerequisite requirement on *beamCorrespondenceWithoutUL-BeamSweeping* capability for *beamCorrespondenceSSB-based-r16* capability and *beamCorrespondenceCSI-RS-based-r16* capability.

2) Add the missing description of *overlapPDSCHsFullyFreqTime-r16*.

2) Remove the description of absence of *maxTBS-Size-r16*.

**Q4 Do companies agree with the intention of the CRs above?**

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| **Company** | **Yes or No** | **Comments** |
| Ericsson | Yes for 2) and 3) | For 1), it seems what is highlighted on the CR coversheet implies that the capability should be dependent on beamCorrespondenceWithoutUL-BeamSweeping? If yes, then the change would not be needed. |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Yes |  |
| OPPO | Yes for 1), 2),3) |  |
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# Conclusions

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