**TSG RAN Meeting #90 (e-meeting) RP-20xxxx**

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**Source: Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell (Moderator)**

**Title: Summary of [90E][26][IIOT\_scope] email discussion**

**Agenda Item: TBD**

Scope refinement for NR Release-17 IIoT/URLLC

# Introduction

In this document comments from different companies are collected from email discussion from RAN#90-e.

This document captures the feedback provided on the email discussion on different rounds. (if one round becames big, different rounds may use different documents)

# IIoT/URLLC scope refinement, initial round:

## Handling overlap with PUCCH repetitions

The following was suggested (RP-202355, 2669, 2679 & 2646):

1. **Enhanced PUCCH repetition is handled in a single WI among one of Release 17 eURLLC/IIoT or CovEnh**

**Dynamic PUCCH repetition factor indication is handled in the same WI as the enhanced PUCCH repetition**

1. **The studies and potential specification of PUCCH repetition enhancements under Rel-17 IIoT/URLLC should focus on single-TRP only** (Multi-TRP in MIMO)
2. *For PUCCH repetition enhancement, IIoT/URLLC WI and CE WI should focus on enhancement for single TRP operation and feMIMO WI should focus on multi-TRP operation only.*
3. *Dynamic indication at least for the number of repetitions is specified in one WI.* 
   1. **The studies and potential specification of PUCCH repetition enhancements under Rel-17 IIoT/URLLC should focus on single-TRP only.**
      1. **This may include overlapping items such as the support of dynamic repetition indication, intra-slot repetition, and short PUCCH formats for single-TRP operation.**
4. **The studies and potential specification of M-TRP PUCCH repetition/transmission schemes under Rel-17 feMIMO should focus on multi-TRP only**

* **Alt.1: Rel-17 feMIMO WI focuses on multiple TRP and Rel-17 URLLC/IIOT WI focuses on single TRP**
* **Alt.2:**
* **Rel-17 feMIMO WI focusing on TDMed PUCCH repetition should include repetitions for sub-slot PUCCH and/or short PUCCH formats for both multiple TRPs and a single TRP.**
* **Rel-17 Coverage enh. WI should handle the PUSCH repetition type-B like PUCCH repetition, if it is included in the WID objectives**

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| Company | Comments: Please add you view on the overlap handling, would it be fine for handle all PUCCH repetition (single TRP) in **eURLLC/IIoT WI (or alternatively in Coverage Enhancements) and then leave all multi-TRP related issue for Fe-MIMO** |
| FUTUREWEI | We are fine with this arrangement of work. |
| Samsung | Prefer to address PUCCH repetition enhancements in the CovEnh WI. MIMO can focus on multi-TRP aspects. IIoT can consider single TRP aspects for ‘sub-slots’. |
| ZTE | We are supportive that IIoT/URLLC WI and CE WI should focus on enhancement for single TRP operation. But it seems no need to handle all PUCCH repetition enhancements (single TRP) in one WI. Samsung’s split of the work is fine for us. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | We don’t see strong benefit of PUSCH repetition type-B like PUCCH repetition for a single TRP, while time and efforts for specification are expected to be significant. Rel-17 feMIMO WI can include sub-slot PUCCH repetition for multiple TRPs, which would be beneficial for URLLC/IIoT scenarios. The existing slot-based PUCCH repetition can be used for coverage enhancement. |
| Intel | As we commented in 2355, for single-TRP (basic framework) our preference is to restrict PUCCH repetition enhancement + dynamic PUCCH repetition indication to either eURLLC/IIoT or CovEnh, potentially based on final scope size of CovEnh WI. Note that in this case it is important that the objective takes into account all technical requirements from eURLLC/IIOT, CovEnh, and Fe-MIMO. Fe-MIMO can continue designing multi-TRP specifics but may require “early” completion of PUCCH enhancement to align on the details with single-TRP framework. |
| Apple | As a general principle, we think it makes sense for eIIoT/URLLC and/or CovEnh to handle single-beam based PUCCH repetition enhancements, and FeMIMO to handle multi-beam related enhancements under mTRP. For single-beam based PUCCH repetition enhancements, we prefer all the related enhancements are handled within a single WI. We do not see strong motivation to support repetition Type B-like PUCCH repetition from coverage enhancement perspective. In addition, given that eIIoT/URLLC is discussing sub-slot-based PUCCH repetition, we prefer that sub-slot-based PUCCH repetition, repetition Type B-like PUCCH repetition, and dynamic indication of the number of repetitions (if one or more are agreed to be supported) are handled in the eIIoT/URLLC WI altogether. |
| Panasonic | We support the view from Samsung. |
| vivo | We are generally fine with above overlap handling and share Samsung’s views on IIoT can enhance ‘sub-slot’ based PUCCH repetitions for single TRP. |

## UE feedback

The following options have been proposed in RP-202645 & 2669:

1. Proposal: To ensure the timely completion of Rel-17 URLLC/IIOT WI, RAN to agree 2021Q1 as the target completion date for the “study phase” for the following objectives

* UE feedback enhancements for HARQ-ACK [RAN1]
* CSI feedback enhancements to allow for more accurate MCS selection [RAN1]

1. Proposal : *Clarify that A-CSI feedback on PUCCH should be specified in URLLC/IIoT WI.*
2. Proposal : *The following candidate topics should be prioritized for A-CSI enhancement.*

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| Company | Comments: Please add you view on the feedback handling, should we provide some guidance at this point in time to RAN WG level (RAN1 mainly), and if so, what guidance should be given |
| FUTUREWEI | We do not see the need for RAN to decide this. RAN1 should continue technical discussion. |
| Samsung | No need for RAN to make any decision. The rapporteur can handle the flow of targeted agreements/progress and WGs can make technical decisions. |
| ZTE | Yes, we expect RAN plenary to provide some guidance to accelerate the progress of RAN1 discussion. For instance, if possible, RAN can clarify whether Rel-17 URLLC/IIOT WI should specify A-CSI feedback on PUCCH as the discussion in RAN1 have proceeded for two meetings without any consensus and it is expected to be difficult to conclude on this in future RAN1 meetings. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Support for A-CSI on PUCCH has been discussed sufficiently in Rel-16 and Rel-17 with no conclusion. RAN plenary should make a decision on whether A-CSI on PUCCH is supported in Rel-17 for efficient use of WI TUs in RAN1.  For other proposals, we think RAN1 can decide based on technical discussions and no decision is needed at this point. |
| Intel | We are in principle fine with the point 1, assuming this may encourage more focused discussion in RAN1#104-e with respect to contentious study phase items.  We are not in favor of point 2 (and consequently point 3), which does not reflect the status of technical discussion in RAN1, i.e. there is no consensus yet to specify A-CSI on PUCCH. |
| Apple | We think whether and how to support A-CSI feedback on PUCCH should be discussed & decided by RAN1. |
| vivo | We think it is necessary and quite beneficial to have the first proposal to let RAN give the clear deadline for the “Study” completion time.  We agree the technical details should be discussed in RAN1, but without the “study” deadline, enhancements with less support will be proposed repeatedly or the new enhancement will be proposed every meeting. It has the risk that the WI with many “studies” cannot be finished on time. Based on the experience of Rel-16 URLLC/IIoT, leaving many details in the maintenance phase is not an efficient or good way. Therefore, it is necessary to have some RAN guidance on the “Study” completion time. |