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**Source: Moderator (Ericsson)**

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# 1 Introduction

Contributions [1] – [28] submitted to RAN1#103e AI 8.6.1 plus relevant parts from a few contributions [29] – [34] that were submitted to other agenda items under AI 8.6, as well as initial evaluation results in [35], were summarized in FL summary #1 (FLS1) in [R1-2008869](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_103-e/Docs/R1-2008869.zip).

This document captures the following RAN1#103e RedCap email discussion.

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| [103-e-NR-RedCap-02] Email discussion for potential UE complexity reduction features – Johan (Ericsson)   * 1st check point: 10/29 * 2nd check point: 11/4 * 3rd check point: 11/10 * Last check point 11/12 |

In this round of the email discussion, please check the Phase 1 proposals/questions tagged ‘FL2’ (search for ‘FL2’).

The structure of this document follows the structure in TR 38.875 V0.0.2 with two exceptions. First, a Conclusions section has been inserted at the end of each subsection in Chapter 7. Second, the subsection on ‘Relaxed UE processing capability’ has been split into three subsections ‘Relaxed maximum number of MIMO layers’, ‘Relaxed maximum modulation order’, and ‘Other relaxed UE processing capability’.

The tables with device cost evaluation results in this contribution are based on [RedCapCost-v024-FL-Si02-SONY2.xlsx](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_103-e/Inbox/drafts/8.6/EvaluationResults/RedCapCost/RedCapCost-v024-FL-Si02-SONY2.xlsx).

# 6 Evaluation methodology

## 6.1 Evaluation methodology for UE complexity reduction

Based on earlier RAN1 agreements [37], the following text proposal for the TR can be considered.

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| For cost/complexity evaluation of UE complexity reduction techniques, the methodology used in TR 36.888 was used as a starting point.  Reference NR devices were defined as follows for FR1 FDD, FR1 TDD and FR2, respectively.   * All mandatory Rel-15 features (with or without capability signaling) * Single RAT * Operation in a single band at a time * Maximum bandwidth:   + For FR1: 100 MHz for DL and UL   + For FR2: 200 MHz for DL and UL * Antennas:   + For FR1 FDD: 2Rx/1Tx   + For FR1 TDD: 4Rx/1Tx   + For FR2: 2Rx/1Tx * Power class: PC3 * Processing time: Capability 1 * Modulation:   + For FR1: support 256QAM for DL and 64QAM for UL   + For FR2: support 64QAM for DL and 64QAM for UL * Access: Direct DL/UL access between UE and gNB   Detailed cost breakdown for the reference NR devices according to Table 6.1-1 was assumed in the study. The RF-to-baseband cost ratio was assumed to be 40:60 for an FR1 UE and 50:50 for an FR2 UE.  The study considered impacts on cost/complexity reduction from support of (single-carrier) operation in multiple RF bands with FR1 and FR2, under the assumption that the multi-band support may affect the RF cost but not the baseband cost significantly.  NOTE: This study assesses, from a 3GPP standpoint, the technical feasibility of reduced-capability NR devices for industrial wireless sensors, video surveillance and wearables use cases. Given that factors outside 3GPP responsibility influence the cost of a modem/device, this study item (and this study report) cannot guarantee, or be used as a guarantee, that such modem/device will be low-cost in the market.  **Table 6.1-1: Detailed cost breakdown for the reference NR devices**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Functional block** | **FR1 FDD (2Rx)** | **FR1 TDD (4Rx)** | **FR2** | | **RF** | | | | | Antenna array for FR2 |  |  | ~33% | | Power amplifier | ~25% | ~25% | ~18% | | Filters | ~10% | ~15% | ~8% | | RF transceiver (including LNAs, mixer, and local oscillator) | ~45% | ~55% | ~41% | | Duplexer / Switch | ~20% | ~5% | ~0% | | **Baseband** | | | | | ADC / DAC | ~10% | ~9% | ~4% | | FFT/IFFT | ~4% | ~4% | ~4% | | Post-FFT data buffering | ~10% | ~10% | ~11% | | Receiver processing block | ~24% | ~29% | ~24% | | LDPC decoding | ~10% | ~9% | ~9% | | HARQ buffer | ~14% | ~12% | ~11% | | DL control processing & decoder | ~5% | ~4% | ~5% | | Synchronization / cell search block | ~9% | ~9% | ~7% | | UL processing block | ~5% | ~5% | ~7% | | MIMO specific processing blocks | ~9% | ~9% | ~18% | |

**Phase 1: Question 6.1-1: Can the above description of the cost evaluation methodology be used as a baseline text for TR 38.875?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| FUTUREWEI | Y | It is also appropriate to capture the general assumption from the agreement here. “In potential cost evaluations for a UE, it is assumed that the multi-band support affects the RF cost but not the baseband cost significantly.” Additional detailed observations may or may not be captured in the sections for the individual techniques. |
| CATT | Y |  |
| OPPO | Y |  |
| LG | Y |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| SONY | Y |  |
| Ericsson | Y | We are also OK with Futurewei’s proposal to include the statement “*In potential cost evaluations for a UE, it is assumed that the multi-band support affects the RF cost but not the baseband cost significantly*”. |
| Sierra Wireless | Y | As suggested by FUTUREWEI, the assumption used in the study that multi-band support affects the RF but not the baseband significantly, should be noted. |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Apple | Y |  |
| Panasonic | Y |  |
| Intel | Y |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| CMCC | Y |  |
| FL | The description has been updated according to the responses to Question 6.1-1 and Question 6.1-2.  **Phase 1: Proposal 6.1-1:** Adopt the updated TP above for TR clause 6.1. | |
| Qualcomm |  | If the multi-band support includes CA, we think both the RF cost and baseband cost will increase significantly (compared with single-band support). Therefore, we think it is necessary to clarify if CA is excluded from the” multi-band support “mentioned by Proposal 6.1-1. |
| vivo |  | We think the point raised by Qualcomm above should be addressed, other parts are fine. |
| CATT | Y | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| Xiaomi |  | Same view w/ QC |
| ZTE |  | Regarding “under the assumption that the multi-band support may affect the RF cost but not the baseband cost significantly”, we think clarification is needed for multi-band support. |
| OPPO |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| Sequans | Y \* | \*Agree with comment by Qualcomm to clarify CA exclusion from multi-band support since the study hasn’t addressed this topic. |
| LG | Y | We are okay with the FL proposal. Clarification from Qualcomm is also acceptable to us. |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| SONY | Y | We are OK with the baseline proposal.  We would like clarification of Qualcomm’s comment. Why does multi-band CA support increase baseband complexity? If same-band CA has a baseband complexity of C1, then does the Qualcomm statement mean that multi-band CA has a baseband complexity that is significantly greater than C1?  Our understanding of the multi-band discussion is that it refers to a UE that supports multiple bands (B1, B2), but where the device only uses one band at a time (either uses B1 or uses B2). |
| Ericsson | Y | We are also fine with a clarification on CA as suggested by Qualcomm. |
| Intel | Y |  |
| Sierra Wireless | Y | We are Ok with FL proposal. Suggestion from Qualcomm for clarification of multi-band is acceptable. |
| FL2 | The description has been updated to say “support of (single-carrier) operation in multiple RF bands”.  **Phase 1: Proposal 6.1-1a:** Adopt the updated TP above for TR clause 6.1. | |
| CMCC | Y |  |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Samsung | Y |  |
| CATT | Y |  |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |
| OPPO | Y |  |
| vivo | Y |  |
| Huawei, HiSi | Y with minor | Prefer to change carrier to cell to leave further discussion for SUL, which does not require simultansous operation on multiple cells as concerned by CA. |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| SONY | Y |  |

One contribution [2] proposes to add a disclaimer to the TR that the cost/complexity estimates are very rough, simplified and subjective, and that they do not account for design costs or economies of scale, and do not account many components present in real devices such as multiple band support, displays, cameras, microphones, etc., and cannot be used to guarantee low-cost in the market, or at least include the following disclaimer from TR 36.888:

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| NOTE: This study assesses, from a 3GPP standpoint, the technical feasibility of low-cost LTE devices for MTC.  Given that factors outside 3GPP responsibility influence the cost of a modem/device, this study item (and the text above) cannot guarantee, or be used as a guarantee, that such modem/device will be low-cost in the market. |

**Phase 1: Question 6.1-2: Can the above disclaimer from TR 36.888, but with the words “*low-cost LTE devices for MTC*” replaced with “*reduced-capability NR devices*”, be used as a baseline text for TR 38.875?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| Qualcomm | Y |  |
| FUTUREWEI | Y | In RAN1#101-e we agreed to use the TR 36.888 methodology as a starting point, which includes this disclaimer on the cost/complexity estimates. So OK to use this as baseline text. |
| CATT | Y |  |
| OPPO | Y |  |
| LG | Y | Okay with the suggestion from the FL. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Y |  |
| Samsung | Y | Assuming the wording will be refined, e.g., change “of low-cost LTE devices for MTC” to “of NR UE with reduced capabilities” |
| ZTE | Y |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| InterDigital | Y |  |
| SONY | Y |  |
| Ericsson | Y | We are also OK with “*reduced-capability NR devices for industrial wireless sensors, video surveillance and wearables use cases*”. |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Apple | Y |  |
| Panasonic | Y |  |
| Sharp | Y |  |
| Intel | Y |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| MediaTek | Y |  |
| CMCC | Y |  |
| FL | See Proposal 6.1-1 above. | |
| Sequans | Y | Also fine with suggestion by Ericsson |

# 7 UE complexity reduction features

## 7.1 Introduction to UE complexity reduction features

## 7.2 Reduced number of UE Rx/Tx antennas

### 7.2.1 Description of feature

Based on earlier RAN1 agreements [37], the following text proposal for the TR can be considered.

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| The antenna configurations for RedCap UEs that were considered in the study are:   * For FR1: 1Rx/1Tx and 2Rx/1Tx * For FR2: 1Rx/1Tx and 2 Rx/1Tx   The evaluation of cost/complexity reduction has been performed with respect to a reference NR UE. The reference NR UE has the following antenna configuration:   * For FR1 FDD: 2Rx/1Tx * For FR1 TDD: 4Rx/1Tx * For FR2: 2Rx/1Tx |

**Phase 1: Question 7.2.1-1: Can the above description on the reduced number of UE Rx/Tx antennas feature be used as a baseline text for TR 38.875?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| Qualcomm | Y |  |
| FUTUREWEI | Y |  |
| CATT | Y |  |
| vivo | Y |  |
| OPPO | Y |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Y |  |
| Samsung | Y |  |
| ZTE | Y |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| Ericsson | Y |  |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Sharp | Y |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| CMCC | Y |  |
| FL | **Phase 1: Proposal 7.2.1-1:** Adopt the TP above for TR clause 7.2.1. | |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |
| OPPO |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| Sequans | Y |  |
| LG | Y |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| SONY | Y |  |
| Ericsson | Y, partially | For FR2, Rx branches or Rx chains may be better terms than Rx antennas. |
| Intel | Y | Would like to second the suggestion from Ericsson |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  |
| FL2 | All responses agree to capture this text proposal in the TR. However, two responses have suggested that Rx branches or Rx chains (instead of Rx antennas) may be better terms to use in FR2.  Based on the responses, the FL’s updated proposal is as follows:  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.2.1-1a:**   * Adopt the TP above as baseline text for TR clause 7.2.1.   The proposal to use the term “branch” instead of “antenna” is addressed in Section 7.2.2. | |
| CMCC | Y |  |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Samsung | Y |  |
| CATT | Y |  |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |
| OPPO | Y |  |
| vivo | Y |  |
| Huawei, HiSi | Y |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| SONY | Y |  |

### 7.2.2 Analysis of UE complexity reduction

Based on the latest available evaluation results in [RedCapCost-v024-FL-Si02-SONY2.xlsx](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_103-e/Inbox/drafts/8.6/EvaluationResults/RedCapCost/RedCapCost-v024-FL-Si02-SONY2.xlsx), the following text proposal for the TR can be considered. The text can be further updated if later evaluation results are provided that change the numbers significantly.

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| The estimated cost for a device with reduced number of UE Rx branches, relative to the reference NR device (see evaluation methodology described in clause 6.1) and averaged over the results provided by the sourcing companies, is summarized in Table 7.2.2-1. As can be seen in the last row for the total cost, the average estimated cost reduction achieved by reducing the number of UE Rx branches are follows:   * FR1 FDD (2Rx 🡪 1Rx): ~26% * FR1 TDD (4Rx 🡪 2Rx): ~30% * FR1 TDD (4Rx 🡪 1Rx): ~46% * FR2 TDD (2Rx 🡪 1Rx): ~30%   Table 7.3.2-1 summarizes the estimated cost for a device with reduced number of Rx branches without taking reduced number of downlink MIMO layers into consideration, relative to the reference NR device (see evaluation methodology described in clause 6.1) and averaged over the results provided by the sourcing companies.  [Table 7.3.2-2 summarizes the estimated cost for a device with reduced number of Rx branches and a corresponding reduction of the supported maximum number of downlink MIMO layers, relative to the reference NR device (see evaluation methodology described in clause 6.1) and averaged over the results provided by the sourcing companies.]  By comparing Table 7.2.2-1 with the reference NR device cost breakdown in clause 6.1, it can be observed that the main contributors of the cost reduction are the following functional blocks:   * RF: Antenna array (only FR2) * RF: Filters * RF: Transceiver (including LNAs, mixer, and local oscillator) * Baseband: ADC/DAC * Baseband: FFT/IFFT * Baseband: Post-FFT data buffering * Baseband: Receiver processing block * Baseband: Synchronization/cell search block   Furthermore, all sourcing companies indicated that the RF cost savings (but not the baseband cost savings) accumulate across supported bands in both FR1 and FR2.  **Table 7.2.2-1: Estimated relative device cost for reduced number of UE Rx branches**   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Reduced number of UE Rx branches** | **FR1 FDD**  **(2Rx 🡪 1Rx)** | **FR1 TDD**  **(4Rx 🡪** **2Rx)** | **FR1 TDD**  **(4Rx 🡪 1Rx)** | **FR2 TDD**  **(2Rx 🡪 1Rx)** | | RF: Antenna array | - | - | - | 18.2% | | RF: Power amplifier | 24.0% | 25.0% | 25.0% | 18.0% | | RF: Filters | 4.5% | 7.6% | 3.9% | 4.3% | | RF: Transceiver (including LNAs, mixer, and local oscillator) | 24.9% | 30.4% | 17.8% | 23.7% | | RF: Duplexer / Switch | 18.3% | 4.9% | 4.9% | 0.0% | | **RF: Total relative cost** | **71.7%** | **67.9%** | **51.6%** | **64.2%** | | BB: ADC / DAC | 6.4% | 5.3% | 3.4% | 2.4% | | BB: FFT/IFFT | 2.3% | 2.2% | 1.2% | 2.2% | | BB: Post-FFT data buffering | 5.9% | 5.6% | 3.4% | 6.4% | | BB: Receiver processing block | 13.7% | 15.7% | 9.0% | 13.3% | | BB: LDPC decoding | 9.7% | 8.7% | 8.6% | 8.6% | | BB: HARQ buffer | 13.6% | 11.6% | 11.4% | 10.5% | | BB: DL control processing & decoder | 4.9% | 4.0% | 3.9% | 4.9% | | BB: Synchronization / cell search block | 5.3% | 4.8% | 2.7% | 4.1% | | BB: UL processing block | 5.0% | 5.0% | 5.0% | 7.0% | | BB: MIMO specific processing blocks | 8.2% | 7.9% | 6.8% | 15.8% | | **BB: Total relative cost** | **75.0%** | **70.7%** | **55.5%** | **75.3%** | | **RF+BB: Total relative cost** | **73.7%** | **69.6%** | **54.0%** | **69.7%** | |

**Phase 1: Question 7.2.2-1: Can the above observations of the relative cost estimation for reduced number of UE Rx antennas be used as a baseline text for TR 38.875?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| Qualcomm | Y |  |
| FUTUREWEI | Y | As discussed on the call, there is one source that reported the cost savings for the combination rather than the individual techniques like the other sources. |
| CATT | Y |  |
| Vivo |  | 1. There seems to be a typo for the 3rd column, it should be FR1 TDD, rather than FR2 TDD 2. Regarding the following note, we think it is not proper to simply decouple the analysis on reduced Rx and reduced MIMO layers, instead, we suggest to discuss the linkage between the two, i.e. to clarify that the supported number of MIMO layer is not larger than the supported number of Rx. For example, for a 1Rx UE, the MIMO layer is automatically reduced to 1 thus BB cost is reduced accordingly.   Note that the estimated cost is Table 7.2.2-1 is based solely on the reduction of number of Rx antennas. That is, the cost reduction due to the reduced number of downlink MIMO layers resulting from the reduced number of Rx antennas has not been taken into consideration. |
| OPPO |  | 1. BB: Post-FFT data buffering is also impacted by Rx reduction as analyzed in the table. 2. Share same view with vivo the note is improper to simply decouple the analysis on reduced Rx and reduced MIMO layers. It is naturally to have 1 MIMO layer for 1Rx UE. |
| LG | Y |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N | We prefer to firstly discuss whether some of the values that have large difference among companies is based on a reasonable/possible implementation or not.  For example, it is clear that some of the results for reduction of Rx number also include the effect of reduction of MIMO layers in baseband, thus should not be counted or could be separately counted after combinations. |
| Samsung | N | We think reduced # of Rx antennas can naturally bring cost saving on “LDPC decoding”, “HARQ buffer” and “MIMO specific processing blocks”, since the max MIMO layer can be supported will be reduced.  We did have some discussion in phase II of post email discussion, but in our understanding, FL’s suggestion is to avoid to discuss multiple combination of “Reduced # of Rx” and “restricted Max MIMO layer”, e.g., 2 Layers + 1 Rx, at very early stage. However, we don’t think making such observations for cost reduction based on supporting more layers than # of Rx is correct. Therefore, we suggest to capture the cost reduction assuming a reasonable MIMO layer which is equal to the number of Rx antennas, considering the cost saving on “LDPC decoding”, “HARQ buffer” and “MIMO specific processing blocks”. |
| ZTE | Y |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| InterDigital | Y |  |
| SONY | Partially | The structure of the text proposal looks good.  Some of the numbers in the table could be refined, based on further updates of evaluation results and resolution of the “number of layers / number of antennas” issue that Samsung commented on.  Agree with OPPO that “post FFT data buffering” cost is also significantly reduced. |
| Ericsson | Y, partially | We spotted a typo: “*Note that the estimated cost ~~is~~ in Table 7.2.2-1 is…*”  Two sources seem to include the cost reduction from relaxing maximum MIMO layers in the cost estimate of reduced number of UE Rx antennas. This does not match the description above (“*That is, the cost reduction due to the reduced number of downlink MIMO layers resulting from the reduced number of Rx antennas has not been taken into consideration.*”). Either the results from these two sources are updated or these results should be excluded here.  In our view, the reduction of UE antenna array in FR2 was not considered in the RedCap study item, as also confirmed by the following conclusion in RAN1#102e.   |  | | --- | | ***Conclusion****:*   * *The study of reduced number of UE (physical) antenna elements and panels in FR2 is not prioritized in the RedCap study item.* |   Therefore, it is not clear to us why would there be a cost reduction in the antenna array block in FR2. This needs to be clarified in the TR based on the input from the sources that reported the cost reduction. Otherwise, there is a risk that the TR will capture texts that contrasts with the above conclusion. |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  |
| Xiaomi |  | For the Rx part and the MIMO layer part, we share the same view with vivo and Samsung.  We don’t think it is reasonable to decouple the Rx and the MIMO layer totally. With the reduction of the Rx, it is natural to result in the reduction of MIMO layer. So when analyze the cost of reduced Rx, the cost reduction due to MIMO layer reduction should be captured as well. |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Apple |  | We share similar view that there is a nature association between the number of Rx antennas and maximum MIMO layers. To be more concrete and precise, the MIMO layers is bounded by the number of Rx antennas. Although it may exist practically, but maybe not typical. Hence, the analysis should be conducted based on typical assumption to make it representative and meaningful. |
| Panasonic | FFS | FFS whether to decouple the number of Rx and layer or not. We are fine even if the effect of layer reduction is handled in this clause as long as the evaluation results with and without layer reduction should separately be stated. |
| Sharp | Y | Agree with OPPO to add ‘Post-FFT data buffering’ as one contributor of the cost reduction. |
| Intel | Partly Yes | For this case, our preference would also be to consider scenarios with # of DL MIMO layers not larger than # of Rx chains. The main reason for such decoupling was motivated by examples of reusing BB solutions for economies of scale – however, this is not reflected here since we are indeed assuming optimizing various BB blocks. Thus, while the decoupling and reporting of “isolated impact” from reduced # of Rx chains may not be exactly inaccurate, it fails to link to practical implementation and falls somewhat in-between.  Thus, if the proposal is to be agreed, we should at least clarify further as to how the data here should be interpreted from the perspective of practical UE implementation.  Minor typo: The 4th column in **Table 7.2.2-1** should say FR1 TDD |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| MediaTek | Y |  |
| FL | Majority of the responses agree to capture this text proposal in the TR. Few of the responses partially agree and a couple of companies do not agree. One company has responded with FFS.  However, questions were raised in several responses on the methodology used for the estimation of cost reduction. These companies prefer to cap the supported number of MIMO layers to the supported number of Rx antennas. Few companies have suggested to remove (or update) the values from those sources that considered the combination Rx antenna and MIMO layer reduction.  Few responses point out that “post-FFT data buffering” functional block should be included in the list of main contributors of the cost reduction. The text proposal has been updated taking this into consideration. Furthermore, a typo identified in few responses has also been fixed.  One company has sought clarification on why there is a cost reduction in the array block for FR2, as reported by some sources, considering the conclusion in RAN1#102e that the study of reduced number of UE (physical) antenna elements and panels in FR2 is not prioritized in the RedCap study item.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.2.2-1:** Based on the received responses, the FL suggestion is the following:   * In TR clause 7.2.2, include cost estimates for reduced number of antennas without reduced number of layers AND cost estimates for reduced number of antennas with reduced number of layers.   + These cases can be included in the discussion about collection of cost estimates for combinations of cost reduction techniques (see Section 7.9.2 in this document).   + Update the above TP for TR section 7.2.2 once the results are available. * Discuss whether the estimated cost reduction in the FR2 antenna array part is consistent with the following RAN1#102e conclusion:   + *The study of reduced number of UE (physical) antenna elements and panels in FR2 is not prioritized in the RedCap study item.* | |
| Qualcomm |  | The updated proposal of FL looks good to us. |
| vivo |  | We are fine to include “cost estimates for reduced number of antennas with reduced number of layers”.  Regarding “include cost estimates for reduced number of antennas without reduced number of layers”, we think if these results are to be included, justification should be given about the use case. For example, the reference UE defined for FR1 are 2Rx for FDD and 4Rx for TDD, respectively, and are mandated to support 2 layer and 4 layer by Rel-15 specification. Then if we reduce the antenna from 2 to 1 for FDD and 4 to 2 (or 1) for TDD, the supported MIMO layer is reduced automatically. It seems no use case for “reduced number of antennas without reduced number of layers” |
| CATT | Y | We are generally fine with the FL’s proposal. But we would like to see further clarification whether the proposal is going to encourage the combination ‘reduced number of antennas without reduced number of layers’ |
| Xiaomi |  | Still confused with the case “cost estimates for reduced number of antennas without reduced number of layers”. When the number of Rx is reduced, then the number of MIMO layer is reduced accordingly. In our understanding, the case 1Rx + 2 MIMO layer is not valid from the technique perspective. |
| ZTE |  | We has similar concern as CATT. |
| OPPO |  | We support “cost estimates for reduced number of antennas with reduced number of layers”.  But for “reduced number of antennas without reduced number of layers”, we don’t understand why we do such evaluation. The number of MIMO layers supported shall not be larger than the number of Rx. |
| Spreadtrum | Y | We share the similar view with vivo. |
| Huawei, HiSi | Partially | In our view, PA is mainly for UL thus is not impacted by reduction of Rx. Reducing the Rx e.g. from 2 to 1 in FDD will not save more than 1/3 cost from the reference, since there is 1Tx and other parts (e.g. local oscillator). We’d like to understand more others results for some cases, e.g. FDD then other cases can be similar.  Therefore, we also want to discuss the following in addition to FL proposal  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.2.2-1:** Based on the received responses, the FL suggestion is the following:   * In TR clause 7.2.2, include cost estimates for reduced number of antennas without reduced number of layers AND cost estimates for reduced number of antennas with reduced number of layers.   + These cases can be included in the discussion about collection of cost estimates for combinations of cost reduction techniques (see Section 7.9.2 in this document).   + Update the above TP for TR section 7.2.2 once the results are available. * Discuss whether the estimated cost reduction in the FR1:   + Whether the PA will be impacted when number of Rx is reduced   + Whether the cost saving of Transceiver can be more than 1/3 from the reference number (i.e. 45%-> around 30%) when 1T2R->1T1R in FDD * Discuss whether the estimated cost reduction in the FR2 antenna array part is consistent with the following RAN1#102e conclusion:   + *The study of reduced number of UE (physical) antenna elements and panels in FR2 is not prioritized in the RedCap study item.* |
| FUTUREWEI2 | N | You can include what was in the original box asked by the question. For the new proposal:   * We are OK to capture that combination here IF the combination is agreed, which we have not yet done. * Companies are free to include whatever they want in their estimate. We just are not specifically looking at breaking down different implementations of elements and panels as too much variance.   P.s. It is a bit strange to delay a decision from a one company question on one component here, and not to do the same thing for FR1 BW, Half Duplex, reduced timing… |
| Nokia, NSB |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal.  Although we actually don’t know if cost estimates for “reduced number of antennas without reduced number of layers” would be useful now that we also have “reduced number of antennas with reduced number of layers” since it is unlikely we would end up with combination where we have e.g. 1 Rx and 2 layers. |
| SONY |  | OK with FL proposal.  We support that there is a reduced number of layers when there is a reduced number of antennas. But the FL proposal is that we consider both this case (layers = antennas) and the other case (layers > antennas). So the subset that we are interested in is included, which is good (for us).  In terms of the Huawei comment about whether the PA cost is reduced when the number of RX antennas is reduced:   * There are only two companies that report a reduced PA cost and the effect of those companies’ estimates has marginal impact on the average PA cost contribution (24% vs 25%). We can tolerate this marginal impact. * Mightn’t there be implementations that did reduce the PA cost?   While this discussion would be interesting, we don’t see how it changes the FL proposal (apart from marginal updates to some of the numbers). |
| Ericsson | Y | We interpreted the RAN1#102e agreement mentioned in the FL proposal as the *total* number of UE (physical) antenna elements and panels is not reduced. Our understanding is that if the current RAN4 requirements on spherical coverage and minimum peak EIRP are not relaxed, the total number of UE (physical) antenna elements and panels cannot be reduced. If the total number of UE (physical) antenna elements and panels is not reduced, how can the antenna array cost be reduced?  We agree with Huawei that some cost estimates for the PA and Transceiver blocks may need to be checked. There also seem to be some potential typos in some columns on the FR1 FDD tab in the spreadsheet for the Filters and Duplexer blocks. |
| Intel |  | We share the same view as Nokia, but can also live with the FL’s proposal to move us forward. |
| Sierra Wireless | Y | We are Ok with the FL proposal.  We agreed to analyze reduced Rx antenna without reducing the number of layers. While this may not make real world sense, perhaps this should now be looked at in section 7.9 Combination of features rather than this section. |
| FL2 | Some responses are fine with the FL proposal as it is. However, several companies have sought clarification on the validity of considering reduced number of antennas without reduced number of layers. A few responses have suggested that reduced number of antennas without reduced number of layers would not be useful in some cases, if we have the combination of reduced number of antennas with reduced number of layers. A few responses have commented that the proposal should not be an encouragement for the combination of reduced number of antennas *without* reduced number of layers. One response has commented that only those combinations that are agreed to studied should be captured in the TP.  Some responses have raised concerns on the cost estimates for some of the individual functional blocks (e.g. PA, transceiver block, antenna array) reported by the sourcing companies. Two responses have indicated that reporting of cost estimates should be left to the sourcing companies and may be based on different implementation.  Two responses in Section 7.2.1 suggested that Rx branches or Rx chains (instead of Rx antennas) may be better terms to use in FR2. In the TP above, “antennas” has been changed to “branches”.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.2.2-1a:** Based on the received responses, the FL’s updated suggestion is the following:   * Adopt the TP above as baseline text for TR clause 7.2.2.   + Companies are invited to double-check their entries in the cost reduction spreadsheet with respect to the above comments (and to catch potential typos).   + The table will be further updated with potential updated cost estimates. * Whether to capture cost estimates for reduced number of antennas with reduced number of layers is discussed in Proposal 7.9.2-1a.   + The above TP text will be updated according to the outcome of the Proposal 7.9.2-1a discussion. | |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Samsung |  | We don’t see the need to capture result with # of Layers ># of antennas.  Therefore, we suggest to delete the follow descriptions:  ~~Table 7.3.2-1 summarizes the estimated cost for a device with reduced number of Rx branches without taking reduced number of downlink MIMO layers into consideration, relative to the reference NR device (see evaluation methodology described in clause 6.1) and averaged over the results provided by the sourcing companies.~~  And agree on the text with bracket.  [Table 7.3.2-2 summarizes the estimated cost for a device with reduced number of Rx branches and a corresponding reduction of the supported maximum number of downlink MIMO layers, relative to the reference NR device (see evaluation methodology described in clause 6.1) and averaged over the results provided by the sourcing companies.]  And update the following:  By comparing Table 7.2.2-1 with the reference NR device cost breakdown in clause 6.1, it can be observed that the main contributors of the cost reduction are the following functional blocks:   * RF: Antenna array (only FR2) * RF: Filters * RF: Transceiver (including LNAs, mixer, and local oscillator) * Baseband: ADC/DAC * Baseband: FFT/IFFT * Baseband: Post-FFT data buffering * Baseband: LDPC decoding * Baseband: HARQ buffer * Baseband: Receiver processing block * Baseband: Synchronization/cell search block |
| CATT | Y |  |
| Xiaomi |  | Similar view with Samsung. We are OK with capturing the cost analysis result for 4Rx🡪2Rx without the MIMO layer reduction. But for the case, 4Rx🡪1Rx and 2Rx🡪1 Rx, the cost reduction due to MIMO layer reduction should be counted. |
| OPPO |  | We don’t see the clear motivation of reduced Rx without reduced MIMO layers.  The update from Samsung looks good to us. |
| vivo |  | We agree with Samsung, given the current definition of Reference UEs, the combinations with reduced Rx antennas without reduced MIMO layer are not reasonable thus we have concer to capture such combinations. |
| Huawei, HiSi | Y | In response to SS:  We think the texts are capturing what is being suggested for initial cost saving estimate, even though some results do not fully follow the agreed template with combining reduced MIMO layers and reduced Rx number, we can accept. We understand your preference but recommendation or not for # of Layers> # of Rx can be made after more discussion. |
| SONY |  | If this section is actually going to consider the case that #layers > #antennas, then it looks like baseband cost reduction estimates for a lot of companies would need revisiting. Our understanding of the argument as to why #layers != #antennas is that the baseband chipset would not be altered (for reasons of economy of scale), but fewer RX antennas could be used in a UE implementation. In this case, the baseband cost would be 100% by definition (as per the estimates from HW/HiSi in the spreadsheet). It would also mean that the text proposal should remove all bullets related to baseband in the “main contributors” bulleted list.  However, our view is that # layers = #antennas. This is consistent with the views from Samsung, OPPO, vivo.  Isn’t the yellow highlighted cross reference incorrect? Shouldn’t it be “Table 7.2.2-1”?  Table 7.3.2-1 summarizes the estimated cost for a device with reduced number of Rx branches without taking reduced number of downlink MIMO layers into consideration, relative to the reference NR device (see evaluation methodology described in clause 6.1) and averaged over the results provided by the sourcing companies. |

**Device size:**

In addition to reduction in cost/complexity benefits, the contributions [1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 19, 21, 28] have also highlighted that the reduction in number of UE Rx antennas is also beneficial in terms of reducing the size/form factor for devices, such as wearables in FR1. The contribution [2] has expressed the view that a RedCap technique, such as reduction of the number of antennas, shall not be considered a requirement to achieve a compact form factor for any use case. The contribution [28] has also expressed a similar view. More specifically, it is proposed in [28] to clarify that size reduction of device is neither an objective for RedCap study, nor within cost/complexity reduction study scope, and cannot be used to justify the choice of reduction mechanisms for RedCap UE.

With regards to the device size reduction in FR2, the contribution [28] has indicated that form factor consideration does not justify 1 Rx for RedCap in FR2. It is mentioned in [1] that reducing only the Rx branches has limited impact on reducing the device size in FR2. In [26], it is mentioned that in FR2 depending on the power, complexity, and form factor of the RedCap UE, 1Rx or 2 Rx may be selected.

Some companies say the device size is expected to increase with an increase in the number of supported bands [1, 4]. Such increase may depend on UE implementation and frequency band separation. [1]

Note that the following agreement was reached in RAN1#101e:

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| Agreements:   * [...] * Potential benefits in terms of reduced device size can be mentioned where applicable in the TR (e.g. in the section on reduced number of antennas), but the SI will not aim to quantify such benefits. |

**Phase 2: Question 7.2.2-1: Should it be captured in TR 38.875 that reduced number of UE Rx antennas can be beneficial in terms of reducing the device size in FR1?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| Qualcomm | Y |  |
| FUTURWEI | maybe | “Normal” NR can of course be used in a sensor, wearable, or other “compact” form factor or device that is small in size. We would not agree to any statement that implies that a RedCap technique must be supported in order to have a compact form factor, as that is a misleading message for 3GPP NR from Rel-15. So if include a statement need to also add a statement “There is no implication that NR cannot be used in a compact or small form factor.” Also OK not to capture anything. |
| CATT | Y |  |
| vivo | Y |  |
| OPPO | Y | Reduced number of UE Rx antennas is beneficial to reduce the size needed at least for the RF part of the modem. Compact form factor is essential for wearable use cases, such as smart watch. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon |  | Agree with FUTUREWEI that normal NR techniques can also be used for compact device and, the statement of small/compact device size for RedCap would not solely rely on reduced number of Rx. It also depends on use cases (e.g. some wearable), frequency ranges (e.g. very low FDD bands) and other development factors  The cited agreements which talk about benefits of small device, is not necessarily leading to any description in the TR either. |
| Samsung | Y |  |
| ZTE | Y | RedCap UE can have both small device size and low cost. |
| SONY | Y |  |
| Ericsson | Y |  |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Sharp | Y |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| CMCC | Y |  |

**Phase 2: Question 7.2.2-2: Should it be captured in TR 38.875 that reduced number of UE Rx antennas can be beneficial in terms of reducing the device size in FR2?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| FUTUREWEI | maybe | Same comment as above. Also, “can” is too strong given the different views. Perhaps “may or may not”, or no statement on FR2. |
| CATT | N | Agree with Futurewei that using ‘may or may not’ should be better. Reducing only the Rx branches in FR2 may not reduce the device size as that in FR1. |
| vivo | Y | We think the statement can be generally applicable for both FR1 and FR2 |
| Huawei, HiSilicon |  | Agree with FUTUREWEI. And, as explained above, it needs to be clarified, if to be added in the TR that, it is only applicable to some wearable devices with particular designing/development consideration, in very low FDD bands.  It would be also good to clarify the reduction of MIMO layers in baseband is not relevant here. |
| ZTE | Y |  |
| Ericsson | N | If this means that the RAN1 study for FR2 concerns reduced number of UE Rx branches rather than reduced number of physical antenna elements and panels, there may not be any significant device size reduction to capture in the TR.  In our view, the reduction of UE antenna array in FR2 was not considered in the RedCap study item, as also confirmed by the following conclusion in RAN1#102e.   |  | | --- | | ***Conclusion****:*   * *The study of reduced number of UE (physical) antenna elements and panels in FR2 is not prioritized in the RedCap study item.* |   Therefore, it is not clear to us why would there be a size reduction for FR2. |
| DOCOMO | N | Agree with CATT and Ericsson that reducing the number of Rx in FR2 may not reduce the device size significantly. |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| OPPO | Y | Reduced number of UE Rx antennas is beneficial to reduce the size needed at least for the RF part of the modem. Compact form factor is essential for wearable use cases, such as smart watch. This is also applied for FR2. |

### 7.2.3 Analysis of performance impacts

According to the SID [36],

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| The study includes evaluations of the impact to coverage, network capacity and spectral efficiency |

In addition, RAN1#101e made the following agreement:

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| Agreements:   * The evaluation of performance impacts includes at least peak data rate, latency and reliability (as needed for the use cases). Other performance metrics such as power consumption, spectral efficiency and PDCCH blocking probability may also be considered if appropriate for a specific technique. |

Concerning the impact on performance, several contributions observe that a reduced number of antennas impacts coverage, spectral efficiency, power consumption, data rate, PDCCH blocking probability, latency, reliability, and number of users supported.

**Coverage:**

* P0: Most companies have reported a loss in DL coverage/performance, either quantitatively or qualitatively, when reducing the number of Rx antennas [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28] . It is the recommendation of the FL that the discussion on quantitative values of the coverage loss and bottleneck channels be considered under AI 8.6.3.

**Data rate/throughput:**

* P1: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 28] have indicated that there will be negative impact on DL data rate/throughput when reducing the number of Rx antennas. The main reason is that reducing the number of Rx antennas will also reduce the number of transmission layers that can be transmitted in the DL. However, [3, 4, 14, 16, 19, 22, 24, 26] have also highlighted that in spite of the reduction in Rx antennas, the UEs will be able to fulfil the data rate requirements of most RedCap use cases (except high-end wearables in FR1), as given in the SID.

**Latency and reliability:**

* P2: In [26], it is observed that in FR2, support of 1 Rx antenna at the UE can satisfy the latency requirements for industrial wireless sensors and video surveillance cameras (with 100 MHz).
* P3: In [19], it is observed that reducing the number of receive antennas does not affect the reliability and latency in most cases. However, if the UE is in the cell-edge the latency can increase. In [1], it is highlighted that the UEs with reduced of number of UE Rx branches can sufficiently fulfil the latency and reliability requirements of all RedCap use cases.

**Power consumption:**

* P4: [4] and [16] have noted that power consumption is also saved by fewer RF chains and by less complexity of multi-antenna processing. In [6], it has been noted that the power consumption of 1 Rx UE is lower than that of a 2 Rx UE.
* P5: [1, 11, 13, 15, 19, 27, 28] have noted that although the reduction in Rx antenna can reduce power consumption in the RF and the baseband modules, due to longer reception time needed for downlink channels, the power consumption will be increased. In [1, 15], it has been highlighted that the actual impact depends on the DL traffic.
* P6: The evaluation results in [4] show that the power saving gains when reducing the number of UE Rx antennas from 2 to 1 are about 14% for instant messaging traffic, 11% for Heartbeat traffic and 15% for VoIP traffic. In [24], it has been mentioned that more evaluations are needed to understand the impact on overall power consumption due to lower consumption in RF/baseband modules and longer reception time.

**Spectral efficiency/network capacity loss:**

* P7: [1, 2, 3, 5, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28] has reported a loss in spectral efficiency/network capacity. In [4], it has been reported that the spectral efficiency decrease, but cell capacity (cell served throughput) increases. In [6], it has been noted that degree of spectral efficiency loss depends on the proportion of RedCap UE, traffic model and traffic load. The quantitative values of the loss can be discussed under AI 8.6.3.
* P8: [11] has reported the loss is sector/cell edge spectral efficiency when reducing the number of Rx antennas.
* P9: In [6], it is also noted that the impact can be managed by network by access control mechanism.

**PDCCH blocking probability:**

* P10: [1,13, 15, 19, 23, 24, 28] have noted that there will be increase in PDCCH blocking probability. This is due to use of higher ALs in order to compensate for the performance degradation from a reduced number of Rx antennas.

**Number of users supported:**

* P11: In [26], it is observed that for FR2, the number of users that can be supported is impacted by almost 50% if the number of UE Rx antennas is reduced from 2 to 1. It is also observed that 1 Rx antenna at the UE may be able to support a high number of users. It has been noted in [24] and [28] have also reported a reduction in the number of users supported. In [24], it has been mentioned that this aspect should be discussed under AI 8.6.3.

**Phase 2: Question 7.2.3-1: Considering the SI objective and the mentioned RAN1 agreement on what performance impacts to include, can the above list (P0-P11) be used as a baseline for the TP drafting for TR section 7.2.3?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| vivo |  | Agree to capture:   * P1, P2, P3, P4, P6   Do not agree to capture:   * P5 (no quantitative analysis or evaluation results in source [1, 11, 13, 15, 19, 27, 28] to justify )   To discuss further in AI 8.6.3 based on the evaluation results:   * P0, P7, P8, P9, P11   To discuss further in AI 8.6.2 based on the evaluation results:   * P10 |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N | As this is Phase 2 question we assume output from further study/discussion is needed in order to agree on some from the above.  For example,   * It is not clear how negative impact to the latency is caused for reduction of number of Rx. The peak rate reduction is more than 50% which is significant in our view. * It also needs justification how 1 Rx can support more number of users.   The description also needs to differentiate FDD/TDD and (from 4Rx->) 2Rx/1Rx, as the impact would be different. |
| ZTE | Y | P1, P3, P5, P7, P10, P11 |
| Spreadtrum | Y | P1(can be also discussed in MIMO Layers), P7 |
| OPPO |  | P1,P2,P3,P4,P6  For P0, it shall be also captured that even for 1Rx RedCap UE, the coverage bottleneck may not be the downlink channels such as PDCCH and PDSCH. |

### 7.2.4 Analysis of coexistence with legacy UEs

Several contributions have analyzed coexistence issues with legacy UEs. The finding can be listed as follows:

* C1: There will be coexistence impact depending on the coverage recovery solutions and other enhancements (e.g., early RedCap indication in RACH) adopted for RedCap during the initial access stage [1, 2, 5, 9, 11, 15, 21, 24]. Note that depending on the outcome of discussions taking place under AI 8.6.3, no coverage recovery may be needed to compensate for the performance loss due to reduced number of UE Rx antennas.
* C2: Blocking impacts if RedCap UE need to use higher aggregation levels for PDCCH reception [1, 2, 5, 24].
* C3: There will be coexistence issues if common DL broadcast channels (e.g., SIBx/RAR/paging) are used for both legacy UEs and RedCap UEs [1, 5, 15, 16, 24]. This is because the system treating the UEs the same will mean conservative handling of all UEs. It has also been noted in [16] that the common channels can be transmitted separately for redcap UE and normal NR UE, which can be realized by the gNB’s scheduling implementation.
* C4: RedCap UEs with reduced number of Rx antennas can coexist with legacy UEs in general [4, 11, 15, 16, 19].
* C5: The network deployment (cell planning) may be required to be adjusted [24]. It is also been mentioned in [24] that this aspect can be considered in RAN4.
* C6: 1 Rx RedCap UEs would cause significant performance degradation to legacy UEs due to coexistence needs or may cause network block for RedCap UEs accessing when the number of UEs in one cell is large [3].

**Phase 2: Question 7.2.4-1: Can the above list (C1-C6) be used as a baseline for the TP drafting for TR section 7.2.4?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| vivo |  | Agree to capture:   * C3, C4   Do not agree to capture:   * C5 (The aim of coverage recovery is to allow RedCap UE to access the network without changing the deployment)   To discuss further in AI 8.6.3 based on the evaluation results:   * C1, C6   To discuss further in AI 8.6.2 based on the evaluation results:   * C2 |
| ZTE | Y | C1, C2, C3 |
| Spreadtrum | Y | C1, C2, C3 |
| OPPO |  | C1,C3, C4 can be captured. |
| Samsung |  | Support to capture: C1 (only first sentence without Note), C2 (with change), C3(except the last sentence), C4  Don’t agree to capture: C5, C6 (should be discussed in RAN 2)  Additiona comment:   * C1: There will be coexistence impact depending on the coverage recovery solutions and other enhancements (e.g., early RedCap indication in RACH) adopted for RedCap during the initial access stage [1, 2, 5, 9, 11, 15, 21, 24]. Note that depending on the outcome of discussions taking place under AI 8.6.3, no coverage recovery may be needed to compensate for the performance loss due to reduced number of UE Rx antennas. * Even no coverage recovery is needed, gNB need to knows the coverage different for DL early, otherwise, it has to assume all UEs, including NR UEs, only have single Rx, so that the resource for DL transmission will increased. * C2: Blocking impacts if RedCap UE need to use higher aggregation levels for PDCCH reception [1, 2, 5, 24], especially for common search space(s) before RRC connection since all the UEs monitor the same search space. * Suggest to add text in red. * C3: There will be coexistence issues if common DL broadcast channels (e.g., SIBx/RAR/paging) are used for both legacy UEs and RedCap UEs [1, 5, 15, 16, 24]. This is because the system treating the UEs the same will mean conservative handling of all UEs. It has also been noted in [16] that the common channels can be transmitted separately for redcap UE and normal NR UE, which can be realized by the gNB’s scheduling implementation. * The last sentence need to be further discussed. With current spec, we don’t think this can be solved by gNB implementation. Separated configuration for RACH procedure and dedicated SIB is needed. |

### 7.2.5 Analysis of specification impacts

Several contributions [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28] also point out the specification impacts from reducing the number of UE Rx antennas. Potential RAN1 impacts depend on the techniques that may be used to compensate for the coverage and spectral efficiency loss. The extent of RAN1 impacts would also depend on the outcome of link budget analysis that is taking place under AI 8.6.3.

Some techniques highlighted in different contributions that will have RAN1 specification impacts are:

* S1: PDCCH repetition: [12, 15, 22, 24]
* S2: Additional repetitions for PDSCH: [12, 22, 24]
* S3: AL greater than 16: [11, 15, 24]
* S4: Compact DCI: [15, 24]
* S5: CSI report enhancement to improve spectral efficiency: [15]
* S6: Early indication of RedCap UE in random access: [1, 22, 15]
* S7: Group scheduling to reduce PDCCH overhead and solve PDCCH blocking issue [15]
* S8: Cross-repetition channel estimation [12]

It has been noted in [3] that depending on the performance target, e.g., peak data rate and coverage recovery, there could be no/marginal specification impacts for UEs with 2Rx (20MHz) but there would be specification impact for 1Rx UEs even with larger bandwidth (for coverage/throughput improvement).

Several contributions [1, 2, 4, 5, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 28] have mainly also highlighted potential RAN4 specification impacts, including RRM, receiver characteristics, demodulation performance requirements, CSI reporting requirements, RF, and procedure requirements (e.g., cell change, radio link management, beam management, etc.). It is also mentioned in [5] that RAN4 needs to evaluate and specify the new minimum number of Rx antennas for different bands. In [5], it also suggested that UL transmit antenna gain should be evaluated in RAN4 for size-limited RedCap UEs, e.g. some wearables. In [1, 28], it is indicated that the impact is more significant when reducing the number of receiver branches to 1. It has been mentioned in [1] that the impacts are manageable and comparable (at least for FR1) to the corresponding changes done for Cat M1 UEs in LTE.

In addition, [19] has indicated that there would be potential RAN2 impact due to signalling of reduced antenna capability. It has also been noted in [1] that early indication (S6) will also have RAN2 specification impacts.

**Phase 2: Question 7.2.5-1: Should RAN4 specification impacts be captured in TR 38.875 for UE antenna reduction? If yes, list the most critical ones to be captured.**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments** |
| vivo | N | It seems all the above proposals are relevant other agenda items rather than 8.6.1, to be more specific  To discuss further in AI 8.6.3 based on the evaluation results:   * S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S8   To discuss further in AI 8.6.5   * S6   To discuss further in AI 8.6.2   * S7 |
| ZTE | Y | RF, RRM, demodulation performance and CSI reporting requirements. |
| Panasonic | Y | RRM, demodulation performance and CSI reporting requirements |
| Spreadtrum | Y | Should consider RAN4 impact |
| OPPO |  | May have some RAN4 impact, but it shall be decided by RAN4. |
| Samsung |  | At least RRM, demo requirement is needed to support Rx reduction. If captured, it is suggested to capture RAN 4 requirement (if any) for all the techniques has potentially RAN 4 impact. We can also live with focus on RAN 4 spec inpact. |

**Phase 3: Question 7.2.5-2: Can the above list (S1-S8) be used as a baseline for the TP drafting for TR section 7.2.5?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| vivo | N | As commented above, S1~S8 should be discussed in the corresponding agenda items, with the potential TPs as the discussion outcome. |
| OPPO |  | S6 may be needed, but it depends on the output of the evaluation in 8.6.3. |
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| Samsung |  | S1, S3, S4, can be combined as PDCCH coverage recovery. S3, S6 can be discussed in other AI.  Support to capture S5, S7,  FFS for S8, considering CE SI. |

### 7.2.6 Conclusions

Based on the analysis summarized in previous sections, several companies have explicitly indicated their preference on the number of UE Rx antennas as baseline for RedCap. We summarize the preferences of companies on the *minimum* number of Rx antennas below.

Options for FR1 FDD bands:

* Option 1: 1 Rx, suggested in [1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26]
* Option 2: 2 Rx (same as the reference case), suggested in [3, 9, 28]

**Phase 1: Question 7.2.6-1: Should TR 38.875 make recommendations on the minimum number of Rx antennas for RedCap FR1 FDD UEs? If yes, please indicate your preferred option (or FFS in the Option column if you prefer to down-select later in this meeting).** **Please note that there may be a relation to the questions in Sections 7.6.6 and 7.9.2 in this FL summary.**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Option** | **Comments** |
| Qualcomm | Y | 1 RX antenna | 1 RX antenna should be supported as the baseline configuration for RedCap UE in FR1 FDD deployment. It is one of the minimum and common UE capabilities applicable to all use cases covered by the SID for R17 RedCap devices. |
| FUTUREWEI | Y | FFS |  |
| CATT | Y | 1 Rx | Reducing Rx antenna from 2 to 1 in FR1 FDD should be recommended. This may be the largest cost reduction contributor in FR1 FDD (along with the reduced MIMO layer). |
| vivo | Y | Option 1: 1Rx | Wearable devices are required to support multiple frequency bands globally, including both FDD and TDD bands. Having the 1Rx option is important from the device size perspective.  Agree with Qualcomm that 1Rx should be the minimum capability for RedCap UEs and 2Rx can be optionally supported for the cases with higher data rate requirement and less stringent form factor limitation. |
| OPPO | Y | 1Rx | 1Rx shall be supported for RedCap UE FR1 FDD since the significant cost saving from this feature. |
| LG | Y | FFS | Our preference is 1Rx for the minimum number of Rx for FR1 FDD but it seems we need a round of discussion first. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N |  | We need to firstly complete the study of the other relevant aspects, including the aspects of performance impact.  There is also no need to have a *minimum* number of Rx for recommendation, since it does not affect the initial access procedure. If there can be consensus that different number of Rx can be supported/recommended for RedCap, it will be up to UE capability report.  The referred companies for each supported option seems not accurate/clear, e.g. for those supporting both 1Rx and 2Rx should they be counted as supporter of 1Rx only.  Mostly, we don’t understand the term of ‘baseline’. This term can be/was used during the SI phase which is fine as an assumption for further study, but should be avoided for final conclusion/recommendation. |
| Samsung | Y | 1 Rx antenna | 1 Rx antenna with 1 MIMO layer should be assumed by default. 1 RX antenna is needed to achieve significant cost reduction and extend battery lifetime for RedCap use cases. For example, 1-2 weeks for wearables, a few years for industrial wireless sensors. |
| ZTE | Y | 1 Rx | 1 Rx antenna is defined as the minimum number of Rx antennas for RedCap UE in FR1 FDD. And 2 Rx antennas can also be supported depending on use cases, e.g. large data rate or high reliability requirements. |
| Nokia, NSB | Y | Option 1: 1 Rx | We’d like to see support also for 2Rx antennas in FR1 FDD but agree that the minimum is 1 Rx antenna. |
| InterDigital | Y | 1 Rx | 2 RX can also be supported based on use case requirements. |
| SONY | Y | 1 Rx | 1RX gives significant cost savings and is useful for small form factor devices. Hence 1RX should be the minimum number of antennas. |
| Ericsson | Y | 1 | There are certain FDD bands, e.g., band n7, where the UE is required to be equipped with 4 Rx. The TR should clarify that such exceptions exist, and that the intention is to capture only those FDD bands where the UE is required to be equipped with a minimum of 2 Rx antenna (ports). The band-specific Rx requirements must eventually be decided in RAN4. |
| Sierra Wireless | Y | 1 Rx | 1 Rx Antenna as baseline and 2 Rx as UE capability. |
| Xiaomi | Y | 1 Rx | 1 Rx is beneficial in the cost reduction and power saving. Furthermore, for wearable device, supporting 1 Rx could guarantee the requirement on the device size. Therefore, it should be assumed as the basic capability. For use case requiring high data rate, 2 Rx can be supported as well.  In addition, the MIMO layer and the Rx should not be decoupled totally. 1 MIMO layer should be assumed accordingly for 1Rx. |
| DOCOMO | Y | 1 | Assuming that this is mandatory capability for RedCap FR1 FDD UEs. 2Rx can be supported as optional capability. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Y | Option 1 | Since this is regarding the minimum number of Rx antenna, option1 is supported. 2Rx could be considered for the high-end devices. |
| Apple | Y | Option 1: 1 Rx | For FR1 FDD band, 1 Rx as baseline and 2 Rx can be optional UE capability for Redcap devices. |
| Panasonic | Y | Option 1: 1 Rx | Given the majority view, we are ok with 1 Rx. Two Rx can be supported based on the use-case. |
| Sharp | Y | Option 1: 1 Rx | Agree with Ericsson. Although reference FDD UE is considered with 2 Rx for cost evaluation, when TR makes recommendations on the minimum number of Rx antennas for RedCap FR1 FDD UEs, it is better to clearly clarify the case of band n7. |
| Intel | Y | Option 1: 1Rx | 1Rx should be the baseline configuration for RedCap UEs in FR1 bands below 2.496 GHz. Also, for the TR, perhaps we should not classify them as FR1 FDD/TDD bands but based on requirements for reference NR device for # of Rx chains. |
| Spreadtrum | Y | 1 Rx | 1 RX antenna should be supported as the baseline configuration for RedCap UE in FR1 FDD deployment. |
| MediaTek | Y | Option 1: 1Rx |  |
| CMCC | Y | FFS | This is related to the number of UE type. The minimum Rx number may be different for different RedCap UE capabilities. 1 Rx Antenna can be for the low-end devices and 2 Rx for high-end devices when two types are defined. When one type are defined, 1 Rx as baseline and 2 Rx can be optional UE capability for Redcap devices. |
| FL | Almost all responses replied with a ‘Y’ to the question on whether to make recommendation on the minimum number of Rx antennas for RedCap FR1 FDD UEs. Most but not all responses prefer Option 1. A couple of responses have replied ‘FFS’.  A few responses have indicated that in certain FDD bands the NR UE is required to be equipped with 4 Rx, unlike the reference FDD UE which is required to be equipped with 2 Rx. These responses have suggested to clarify this aspect in the TR.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.2.6-1:** Based on the received responses, the FL proposal is as follows:   * Capture in the Conclusions of TR 38.875 that in those FR1 FDD bands, where an NR UE is required to equipped with a minimum of 2 Rx, a RedCap UE is recommended (from RAN1 perspective) to be equipped with a minimum of 1 Rx. | | |
| Qualcomm |  |  | We are ok with the updated proposal of FL. |
| vivo |  |  | Fine |
| CATT | Y |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |  |
| ZTE |  |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| OPPO | Y |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| Sequans |  |  | Our understanding is that responses strongly supporting recommendation for 1Rx are based on cost/complexity benefits from such reduction. If we need to make an agreement now on this, we are fine with FL proposal in principle, but we think that above should be made clear at TR conclusion text since study on impacts (performance, coexistence, spec) is not yet complete. Especially performance impact is important to clarify for 1Rx and combination of other agreed reduction techniques, which is the target of 7.9 section. |
| LG |  |  | Okay with a minor correction. “…is required to be equipped…" |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |  |
| Huawei, HiSi | N | FFS | We should strive for providing a reasonable/stable cost estimate by resolving the discussion points raised in this session.  The final recommendation should be made after completing the study of coverage/capacity/SE in other sessions. |
| FUTUREWEI2 | N |  | We still prefer later in this meeting, we have not made much progress after we had entered FFS. |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| SONY | Y |  | OK with FL proposal. It does seem to be odd that we are drawing conclusions now based on only the complexity analysis (and not based on all aspects, including performance, spec impact etc). |
| Ericsson | Y |  |  |
| Intel | Y |  |  |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  | We are Ok with the FL proposal. |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |  |
| FL2 | Most responses agree with the proposal. However, a few responses have indicated that more progress (e.g. on study of performance impacts) needs to be made before considering the proposal. One of these repsonses has also suggested that that the recommendation is cost/complexity benefits, and that the conclusion text should clarify that the study on impacts (performance, coexistence, spec) is not yet complete.  The FL intention is that the proposals on recommended techniques concern what should be captured in the Conclusions chapter in the end of the TR and that the recommendations should take all relevant aspects into account, including e.g. cost/complexity, performance, coexistence and spec impacts. These proposals have now been marked as Phase 2 proposals to indicate that it will be revisited later in this meeting.  **Phase 2: Proposal 7.2.6-1a:**   * Capture in the Conclusions of TR 38.875 that in those FR1 FDD bands, where an NR UE is required to be equipped with a minimum of 2 Rx, a RedCap UE is recommended (from RAN1 perspective) to be equipped with a minimum of 1 Rx. | | |
| CMCC | Y |  | We are Ok with the FL proposal. |
| Samsung | Y |  | We are Ok with the FL proposal. |
| CATT | Y |  | Support FL’s proposal. |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |  |
| OPPO | Y |  | Fine |
| vivo | Y |  |  |

Options for FR1 TDD bands:

* Option 1: 1 Rx, suggested in [4, 5, 6, 10, 12,15, 16, 18, 22, 26]
* Option 2: 2 Rx, suggested in [1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 11, 21, 23, 24, 28]
* Option 3: 4 Rx (same as the reference case), not suggested in any contribution

**Phase 1: Question 7.2.6-2: Should TR 38.875 make recommendations on the minimum number of Rx antennas for RedCap FR1 TDD UEs? If yes, please indicate your preferred option (or FFS in the Option column if you prefer to down-select later in this meeting).** **Please note that there may be a relation to the questions in Sections 7.6.6 and 7.9.2 in this FL summary.**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Option** | **Comments** |
| Qualcomm | Y | 1 RX antenna | 1 RX antenna should be supported as the baseline configuration for RedCap UE in FR1 TDD deployment. It is one of the minimum and common UE capabilities applicable to all use cases covered by the SID for R17 RedCap devices.  For 1 RX wearable UE deployed in TDD band, it is worth noting that the antenna efficiency loss (3 dB) due to small form factor does NOT apply at higher carrier frequencies. |
| FUTUREWEI | Y | Option 2 (2RX antenna) | This is the most important recommendation in bands which require 4R, 1R will suffer substantial performance loss. |
| CATT | Y | Both Option 1 and 2 | We think both 1 Rx and 2 Rx can be supported. 1 Rx can significantly reduce the cost and is (already) an important form for some kind of RedCap device, e.g. wearable. Meanwhile 2 Rx is necessary to reach a required peak DL data rate as high as 150Mbps with a BW of 20MHz. A UE vendor can choose 1 Rx or 2 Rx based on its preference. |
| vivo | Y | Option 1: 1Rx | Wearable devices are required to support multiple frequency bands globally, including both FDD and TDD bands. Having the 1Rx option is important from the device size perspective.  Agree with Qualcomm that 1Rx should be the minimum capability for RedCap UEs and 2Rx can be optionally supported for the cases with higher data rate requirement and less stringent form factor limitation. |
| OPPO | Y | 1Rx as baseline | 1Rx shall be supported to use cases requiring small form factor, e.g., smart watch. Please note that small form factor is the essential requirement for smart watch.  For other use cases, 2Rx can be used.  1RX analysis should also assume the 1 MIMO layer. The corresponding MIMO layer complexity reduction is associated. Number of layers should be bundle with number of RX based on the study so far. We prefer:  1RX -> 1 MIMO layer (baseline)  2RX -> 2 MIMO layer (Optional) |
| LG | Y | FFS | From our perspective, no differentiation within the FR1 (b/w FDD and TDD, or b/w low and high frequency bands) is needed as the low-end wearables and sensors which would have the most benefits from 1Rx will need to be deployed in the entire NR operating bands in FR1. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N |  | Most of our comments in 7.2.6-1 apply. Additionally, the supported number of Rx may also be bands dependent. |
| Samsung | Y | Option 1: 1Rx antenna as baseline | 1 Rx antenna with 1 MIMO layer should be assumed by default. 1 RX antenna is needed to achieve significant cost reduction and extend battery lifetime for RedCap use cases. For example, 1-2 weeks for wearables, a few years for industrial wireless sensors. |
| ZTE | Y | 1 Rx | 1 Rx antenna is defined as the minimum number of Rx antennas for RedCap UE in FR1 FDD. And 2 Rx antennas can be supported depending on use cases, e.g. large data rate or high reliability requirements. |
| Nokia, NSB | Y | Option 2: 2 Rx | 1Rx antenna for FR1 TDD results in significant link and system-level performance degradation |
| InterDigital | Y | 1 Rx | 2 RX can also be supported based on use case requirements. |
| SONY | Y | 1 Rx | Agree with vivo that wearable devices would be supported in multiple bands, TDD and FDD. We need to support the same minimum number of antenna in FDD and TDD bands. |
| Ericsson | Y | 2 | There are certain TDD bands, e.g. bands n34, n39, n40 and n48, where the UE is only required to be equipped with 2 Rx. The TR should clarify that such exceptions exist, and that the intention is to capture only those TDD bands where the UE is required to be equipped with a minimum of 4 Rx antenna (ports). The band-specific Rx requirements must eventually be decided in RAN4. |
| Sierra Wireless | Y | 1 Rx | 1 Rx Antenna as baseline and others as UE capability.  For a multi-band device, the FR1 TDD and FDD number of Rx should be the same. |
| Xiaomi | Y | 1 Rx | 1 Rx is beneficial in the cost reduction and power saving. Furthermore, for wearable device, supporting 1 Rx could guarantee the requirement on the device size. Therefore, it should be assumed as the basic capability. For use case requiring high data rate, 2 Rx can be supported as well.  In addition, the MIMO layer and the Rx should not be decoupled totally. 1 MIMO layer should be assumed accordingly for 1Rx. |
| DOCOMO | Y | 2 | 1 Rx will cause significant coverage degradation and would have much specification impact. 2Rx would be good trade-off between coverage performance and cost reduction. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Y | Option 1 | Same comment as for 7.2.6-1. |
| Panasonic | Y | Option 1: 1 Rx | Same comment as for 7.2.6-1. |
| Sharp | Y | Option 2 | Performance loss and spec effort resulted from the 1 Rx would be larger than that from the 2 Rx. |
| Intel | Y | Option 2: 2Rx | The performance impact in going from 4Rx to 1Rx in FR1 TDD bands is significant and we think there are other techniques to reduce cost/complexity without incurring such heavy performance penalty.  Also, agree with Ericsson’s observations that, for the TR, the characterization should perhaps be made in terms of bands supporting 4Rx and 2Rx for the reference NR device (i.e., above or below 2.496 GHz) instead of “FR1 TDD vs. FDD”. |
| Spreadtrum | Y | Both Option 1 and 2 |  |
| MediaTek | Y | Option 2: 2Rx | Adopting 1Rx in FR1 TDD bands will create a significant gap between NR full-capable device and RedCap devices, in terms of coverage, spectral efficiency, PDCCH blocking, etc. We don’t see such impact to the network is acceptable.  Also, we agree with Intel’s comment to use above or below 2.496 GHz) instead of “FR1 TDD vs. FDD”. |
| CMCC | Y | Option 2 | We prefer 2Rx for TDD band with 4Rx as reference; but for TDD band with 2Rx as reference, 1Rx can be baseline. |
| FL | Almost all responses replied with a ‘Y’ to the question on whether to make recommendation on the on the minimum number of Rx antennas for RedCap FR1 TDD UEs. 11 responses have indicated that they prefer Option 1, and 8 responses Option 2. A couple of responses have replied with both Option 1 and Option 2. One response has replied with ‘FFS’.  A couple of responses have indicated that in certain TDD bands the NR UE is required to be equipped with 2 Rx, unlike the reference TDD UE, which is required to be equipped with 2 Rx. These responses have suggested to clarify this aspect in the TR.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.2.6-2:** Based on the received responses, the FL proposal is as follows:   * Capture in the Conclusions of TR 38.875 that in those FR1 TDD bands, where an NR UE is required to equipped with a minimum of 4 Rx, a RedCap UE is recommended (from RAN1 perspective) to be equipped with a minimum of *N* Rx, where *N*=1 or *N*=2 is selected during RAN1#103e. | | |
| vivo |  |  | If so do we need this proposal? |
| Xiaomi |  |  | Since extensive results are provided for N=1 and N=2 now, so we could go further.  We prefer only keep N=1 |
| OPPO |  |  | We propose to support both 1RX and 2RX for FR1 TDD  Therefore N=1. |
| Sequans |  |  | Fine with proposal for now, but comment on Proposal 7.2.6-1 also applies here when it will come to down-selection. |
| LG |  |  | Okay with this updated proposal. But, given the limited time, we may also consider leaving this proposal for further offline discussion. Our preference is N=1 for the entire NR operating bands in FR1. |
| Spreadtrum | FFS |  | In FR1 FDD, it is common sense that the minimum RX number for RedCap UE is 1, so about 3dB coverage recovery may be addressed. In FR1 TDD, if the coverage recovery is also about 3dB, we suspect the minimum RX for RedCap UE is 2, which means RedCap UE in FR1 TDD is potentially more expensive than that in FR1 FDD… |
| Huawei, HiSi | N | FFS | We should strive for providing a reasonable/stable cost estimate by resolving the discussion points raised in this session.  The final recommendation should be made after completing the study of coverage/capacity/SE in other sessions. |
| FUTUREWEI2 | N |  | Everyone seems ok to reduce it from 4RX to *at least* 2Rx. The proposal should be written that way, with 1RX FFS. The 1RX will be very much dependent on all of the performance impacts. |
| SONY |  |  | OK with FL proposal. While there is a coverage impact from 1RX, for a multi-band TDD / FDD device it is preferable to have the same number of RX antennas (i.e. 1RX, based on our answer to 7.2.6-1 |
| Ericsson | Y |  | We are fine with the proposal, and we think that N=2 strikes a sensible balance between cost reduction and coverage impact. |
| Intel |  |  | We agree with Ericsson and prefer the version suggested by Futurewei, i.e., N is at least 2, and FFS: N=1. |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  | We are Ok with the FL proposal. |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |  |
| FL2 | Many responses are fine with the proposal as it is. Some responses responded with FFS, and some prefer to capture only *N*=1.  The FL intention is that the proposals on recommended techniques concern what should be captured in the Conclusions chapter in the end of the TR and that the recommendations should take all relevant aspects into account, including e.g. cost/complexity, performance, coexistence and spec impacts. These proposals have now been marked as Phase 2 proposals to indicate that it will be revisited later in this meeting.  **Phase 2: Proposal 7.2.6-2a:**   * Capture in the Conclusions of TR 38.875 that in those FR1 TDD bands, where an NR UE is required to equipped with a minimum of 4 Rx, a RedCap UE is recommended (from RAN1 perspective) to be equipped with a minimum of *N* Rx, where *N*=1 or *N*=2 is selected during RAN1#103e. | | |
| CMCC | Y |  | Considering the coverage and throughput performance impact, we prefer *N*=2. |
| Samsung | FFS |  |  |
| CATT | Y |  | We agree with Futurewei that adding ‘*at least*’ seems better. But we are also OK with FL’s version for the sake of progress. |
| Xiaomi |  |  | Since we need do a selection in this meeting, we prefer N=1, because wearable is one of the use case of RedCap and the form factor of wearable can not be neglected in the study. |
| OPPO |  |  | N = 1 is needed considerding the wearable. |
| vivo |  |  | Need to be discussed further |
| Spreadtrum | FFS |  |  |

Options for FR2 bands:

* Option 1: 1 Rx, suggested in [5, 8, 11, 15, 18, 21, 26]
* Option 2: 2 Rx (same as the reference case), suggested in [9, 28]

**Phase 1: Question 7.2.6-3: Should TR 38.875 make recommendations on the minimum number of Rx antennas for RedCap FR2 UEs? If yes, please indicate your preferred option (or FFS in the Option column if you prefer to down-select later in this meeting).** **Please note that there may be a relation to the questions in Sections 7.6.6 and 7.9.2 in this FL summary.**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Option** | **Comments** |
| Qualcomm | Y | Both options | Certain RedCap UEs may have a form factor/use case that can have multiple panels supporting 2 Rx antennas (e.g., high end video surveillance cameras or eHealth monitors). Hence, both options should be allowed to make use of the better capacity and performance of having more than 1 antenna port.  Which option the UE supports may be based on UE capability. |
| FUTUREWEI | Y | FFS |  |
| CATT | Y | FFS |  |
| vivo | Y | Option 1: 1Rx | We think the same comment for FR1 can still apply. |
| OPPO | Y | Option 1: 1Rx |  |
| LG | Y | FFS |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N |  | Similar comments as for FR1. |
| Samsung | Y | Option 1 | 1Rx with 1 layer can be the baseline. 2Rx can be supported as an optional feature. |
| ZTE | Y | 1 Rx | 1 Rx antenna is defined as the minimum number of Rx antennas for RedCap UE in FR1 FDD. And 2 Rx antennas can be supported depending on use cases, e.g. large data rate or high reliability requirements. |
| Nokia, NSB | Y | Option 1: 1 Rx |  |
| InterDigital | Y | 1 Rx | 2 RX can also be supported based on use case requirements. |
| SONY | Y | 1Rx | As for the other questions on reduced numbers of antennas, we think that a Redcap UE can also support more than the minimum number of antennas, as an implementation choice. |
| Ericsson | Y | 1Rx with 100MHz  or  2Rx with 50MHz | An FR2 UE may consist of multiple antenna panels, with each panel supporting multiple antenna elements. However, the reduction of antenna panels/elements were not considered in the RedCap study item, as also confirmed by the following conclusion in RAN1#102e.   |  | | --- | | ***Conclusion****:*   * *The study of reduced number of UE (physical) antenna elements and panels in FR2 is not prioritized in the RedCap study item.* |   Therefore, it is important to clarify in the TR what is implied by “Rx” in FR2. In our view, Rx refers to receiver branches, not antenna elements or panels.  In our view, for FR2, it is desirable to either reduce the number of Rx branches to 1 or reduce the bandwidth to 50 MHz to achieve enough cost reduction for creating a distinctly new UE segment. |
| Xiaomi | Y | 1 Rx |  |
| DOCOMO | Y | 1 | Assuming that this is mandatory capability for RedCap FR2 UEs. 2Rx can be supported as optional capability. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Y | Option1 |  |
| Panasonic | Y | Option 1: 1 Rx | Same comment as for 7.2.6-1. |
| Sharp | Y | Option 1:1Rx |  |
| Intel | Y | Option 1: 1Rx | 1Rx chain should be the baseline assumption for FR2, and 2Rx chains could be optionally supported. |
| Spreadtrum | Y | FFS |  |
| MediaTek | Y | FFS |  |
| CMCC | Y | FFS. | In our contribution, we mainly analysis the performance loss from 4Rx to 1Rx, and give our preference for 2Rx when reference Rx is 4. For FR2, considering the 30% cost reduction, 1Rx can be the option for low end devices. And if two types of RedCap UE are defined, the minimum number of Rx antennas can be option 1 and option 2 for different types. |
| FL | Almost all responses replied with a ‘Y’ to the question on whether to make recommendation on the on the minimum number of Rx antennas for RedCap FR2 UEs. 13 responses have indicated that they prefer Option 1. Six responses have indicated FSS. One response replied with both Option 1 and Option 2, and another response has indicated either Option 1 or Option 2, depending on the maximum BW of the RedCap UE. One response has suggested to clarify in the TR what is implied by “Rx” in FR2.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.2.6-3:** Based on the received responses, the FL proposal is as follows:   * Capture in the Conclusions of TR 38.875 that in FR2 bands, a RedCap UE is recommended (from RAN1 perspective) to be equipped with a minimum of 1 Rx. | | |
| vivo |  |  | Fine |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |  |
| ZTE |  |  | fine |
| OPPO |  |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| LG |  |  | The updated proposal is okay to us. |
| Qualcomm | Y |  | Fine |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  | Fine |
| Huawei, HiSi | N | FFS | We should strive for providing a reasonable/stable cost estimate by resolving the discussion points raised in this session.  The final recommendation should be made after completing the study of coverage in other sessions. |
| FUTUREWEI2 | almost |  | We still prefer later in this meeting, we have not made much progress after we had entered FFS, though for this one it seems likely. The biggest issue is the wording of the proposal, where the RX and BW assumption of FR2 should be tied together with an initial access assumption and how 2RX is handled. For example, a FR2 RedCap UE is assumed to have 1Rx and 100MHz during initial access, and 2Rx support is informed to the gNB later. Basically, to recommend 1RX we need to assume that the spec impacts are also minimized, so that we do not have for example different PRACH preamble partitions for 1RX and 2RX. |
| Ericsson | Partial Y |  | Although we are fine with the FL proposal, we still think it may be worthwhile to come back to confirm this recommendation after comparing the cost estimates of the below two combinations of cost reduction techniques in FR2.   * 50 MHz, 2 Rx, 1 MIMO layer * 100 MHz, 1 Rx, 1 MIMO layer   If the cost estimates are comparable, then one should consider whether it is easier to deal with the impact of reducing to 1 Rx or reducing bandwidth to 50 MHz. |
| Intel | Y |  |  |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |  |
| FL2 | Most of the responses agree to the proposal. One response has indicated FFS. One response suggested a rewording of the proposal to emphasize that 1 Rx is assumption is for initial access. One response has suggested coming back to the proposal after comparing the cost estimates of certain combinations of cost reduction techniques in FR2.  The FL intention is that the proposals on recommended techniques concern what should be captured in the Conclusions chapter in the end of the TR and that the recommendations should take all relevant aspects into account, including e.g. cost/complexity, performance, coexistence and spec impacts. These proposals have now been marked as Phase 2 proposals to indicate that it will be revisited later in this meeting.  **Phase 2: Proposal 7.2.6-3a:**   * Capture in the Conclusions of TR 38.875 that in FR2 bands, a RedCap UE is recommended (from RAN1 perspective) to be equipped with a minimum of 1 Rx. | | |
| CMCC | Y |  | OK with FL’s proposal. |
| Samsung | Y |  |  |
| CATT | Y |  | OK |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |  |
| OPPO | Y |  |  |
| vivo | Y |  |  |

## 7.3 UE bandwidth reduction

### 7.3.1 Description of feature

Based on earlier RAN1 agreements [37], the following text proposal for the TR can be considered.

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| In the study, the main UE bandwidth reduction options considered are:   * For FR1: 20 MHz * For FR2: 50 MHz or 100 MHz   The study uses a legacy NR UE as a reference. The evaluation of cost/complexity reduction is with respect to a reference UE with maximum bandwidth capability shown below.   * For FR1: 100 MHz for DL and UL * For FR2: 200 MHz for DL and UL   For the baseline UE bandwidth capability of RedCap UEs, the same maximum UE bandwidth in a band applies to both RF and baseband. It is also primarily assumed that this maximum UE bandwidth applies to both data and control channels and that this maximum UE bandwidth is assumed for both DL and UL. A few contributions analyze other mixes of bandwidths. |

**Phase 1: Question 7.3.1-1: Can the above description on the UE bandwidth reduction feature be used as a baseline text for TR 38.875?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| FUTUREWEI | Y |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Y |  |
| ZTE | Y |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| Ericsson | Y |  |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| CMCC | Y |  |
| FL | **Phase 1: Proposal 7.3.1-1:** Adopt the TP above for TR clause 7.3.1. | |
| Qualcomm | Y |  |
| vivo | Y |  |
| CATT | Y | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| OPPO | Y |  |
| ZTE | Y |  |
| Sequans | Y |  |
| LG | Y |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| SONY | Y |  |
| Ericsson | Y |  |
| Intel | Y |  |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  |
| FL2 | All responses agree with the proposal. | |
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### 7.3.2 Analysis of UE complexity reduction

Based on the latest available evaluation results in [RedCapCost-v024-FL-Si02-SONY2.xlsx](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_103-e/Inbox/drafts/8.6/EvaluationResults/RedCapCost/RedCapCost-v024-FL-Si02-SONY2.xlsx), the following text proposal for the TR can be considered. The text can be further updated if later evaluation results are provided that change the numbers significantly.

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| The estimated cost for a device with reduced maximum UE bandwidth, relative to the reference NR device (see evaluation methodology described in clause 6.1) and averaged over the results provided by the sourcing companies, is summarized in Table 7.3.2-1. As can be seen in the last row for the total cost, the average estimated cost reduction achieved by reducing the UE bandwidth from 100 MHz to 20 MHz is ~32% for FR1 FDD and ~33% for FR1 TDD. For FR2, the average estimated cost reduction achieved by reducing the UE bandwidth from 200 MHz to 100 MHz and 50 MHz is ~16% and ~23%, respectively.  By comparing Table 7.3.2-1 with the reference NR device cost breakdown in clause 6.1, it can be observed that the main contributors of the cost reduction are the following functional blocks:   * Baseband: ADC/DAC * Baseband: FFT/IFFT * Baseband: Post-FFT data buffering * Baseband: Receiver processing block * Baseband: LDPC decoding * Baseband: HARQ buffer   Although the results from most sourcing companies do not show PA cost reduction from bandwidth reduction, some sourcing companies indicate that PA cost can be reduced due to Tx bandwidth reduction from 100 MHz to 20 MHz in FR1.  Furthermore, ~75% of sourcing companies indicated that the cost savings do not accumulate across supported bands.  **Table 7.3.2-1: Estimated relative device cost for reduced maximum UE bandwidth**   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Reduced UE bandwidth** | **FR1 FDD** | **FR1 TDD** | **FR2 (200 MHz 🡪 100 MHz)** | **FR2 (200 MHz 🡪 50 MHz)** | | RF: Antenna array | - | - | 33.0% | 33.0% | | RF: Power amplifier | 24.1% | 23.8% | 17.9% | 17.8% | | RF: Filters | 10.0% | 14.7% | 8.0% | 8.0% | | RF: Transceiver (including LNAs, mixer, and local oscillator) | 43.7% | 53.0% | 40.6% | 40.3% | | RF: Duplexer / Switch | 20.0% | 5.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | | **RF: Total relative cost** | **97.7%** | **96.4%** | **99.5%** | **99.0%** | | BB: ADC / DAC | 2.8% | 2.0% | 2.0% | 1.0% | | BB: FFT/IFFT | 1.1% | 1.0% | 1.9% | 0.9% | | BB: Post-FFT data buffering | 2.3% | 2.1% | 5.6% | 2.8% | | BB: Receiver processing block | 9.1% | 9.9% | 14.2% | 9.1% | | BB: LDPC decoding | 3.8% | 3.5% | 5.4% | 3.8% | | BB: HARQ buffer | 4.2% | 3.3% | 6.0% | 3.5% | | BB: DL control processing & decoder | 4.5% | 3.7% | 4.7% | 4.5% | | BB: Synchronization / cell search block | 9.0% | 9.0% | 7.0% | 7.0% | | BB: UL processing block | 3.5% | 3.6% | 5.5% | 4.9% | | BB: MIMO specific processing blocks | 8.2% | 8.4% | 17.0% | 16.5% | | **BB: Total relative cost** | **48.5%** | **46.6%** | **69.3%** | **54.0%** | | **RF+BB: Total relative cost** | **68.2%** | **66.5%** | **84.4%** | **76.5%** | |

**Phase 1: Question 7.3.2-1: Can the above observations of the relative cost estimation for UE bandwidth reduction be used as a baseline text for TR 38.875?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| Qualcomm | Y |  |
| FUTUREWEI | Y |  |
| CATT | Y |  |
| vivo |  | We think at least PA cost can be reduced for Tx BW reduction from 100MHz to 20MHz, which should be captured. |
| OPPO |  | At least PA cost can be reduced for Tx BW reduction from 100MHz to 20MHz, which should be captured. |
| LG | Y |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Maybe | We prefer to firstly discuss whether some of the values that have large difference among companies is based on a reasonable/possible implementation or not. |
| Samsung | Y |  |
| ZTE | Y |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| InterDigital | Y |  |
| SONY | Y |  |
| Ericsson | Y |  |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Apple | Y |  |
| Panasonic | Y |  |
| Sharp | Y |  |
| Intel | Y |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| MediaTek | Y |  |
| FL | A large majority of the responses are fine with using the above text proposal as a baseline text for TR 38.875. Two companies suggest that the TR can capture that PA cost can be reduced for Tx BW reduction from 100MHz to 20MHz. According to the cost estimates that have been submitted by all sourcing companies, only 4 sources indicate that PA cost can be reduced due to Tx BW reduction from 100MHz to 20MHz. There are 12 other sources do not indicate PA cost reduction from bandwidth reduction. One company prefers to discuss further to understand the reasons behind some large differences among companies.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.3.2-1:** Adopt the updated TP above for TR clause 7.3.2. | |
| OPPO | Y | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| Sequans | Y |  |
| LG | Y |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y | Fine |
| Huawei, HiSi | FFS for some | We can be OK with the texts in TP except for the number of cost saving in % for some of the main contributors. We have the following understandings:   * Our understanding is that the max transmit power is unchanged thus cost is not saved from PA when BW is reduced. * The ADC/DAC is mostly related to sampling points. For 15kHz SCS, the max BW is 50Mhz with 4096 sampling points as defined in RAN4. Thus when reduced to 20Mhz BW with 2048 sampling points, the cost saving is 50% rather than 75%. The FFT/IFFT is also directly related to sampling points and the computation complexity is roughly N\*logN, where N is the sampling points. So reducing the sampling points by half will roughly bring 54% cost saving on FFD/IFFT. While since the ratio itself is relatively small, we can live with it. * The Post-FFT data buffering is mostly related to the number of max RB, which is reduced from 273 to 106 as defined in RAN4 when BW is reduced from 100Mhz to 20Mhz. Thus the cost saving is around 60% rather than 80%. * The overall averaged values will need to be updated when update/discussion for the above is stable. |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| SONY | Y |  |
| Ericsson | Y |  |
| Intel | Y |  |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  |
| FL2 | All the responses except one agree to FL’s proposal. One response points out the cost saving captured in Table 7.3.2-1 may have over-estimated the saving in ADC/DAC, FFT/IFFT, and Post-FFT data buffering blocks.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.3.2-1a:**   * Adopt the TP above as baseline text for TR clause 7.3.2.   + Companies are invited to double-check their entries in the cost reduction spreadsheet with respect to the above comments (and to catch potential typos).   + The table will be further updated with potential updated cost estimates. | |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Samsung | Y |  |
| CATT | Y |  |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |
| OPPO | Y |  |
| vivo | Y |  |
| Huawei, HiSi | Y |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| SONY | Y |  |

### 7.3.3 Analysis of performance impacts

According to the SID [36],

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| The study includes evaluations of the impact to coverage, network capacity and spectral efficiency |

In addition, RAN1#101e made the following agreement:

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| Agreements:   * The evaluation of performance impacts includes at least peak data rate, latency and reliability (as needed for the use cases). Other performance metrics such as power consumption, spectral efficiency and PDCCH blocking probability may also be considered if appropriate for a specific technique. |

Many contributions analyze the performance impacts if bandwidth reduction is introduced for RedCap UEs. The findings are summarized below. Note that some of the findings reflect different views in different contributions. Further discussions are needed to resolve these conflicting views. In the summary below, if an impact is specific to only FR1 or only FR2, it is denoted accordingly.

**Peak data rate:**

* P1: (FR1) There is an impact on peak data rate due to BW reduction [2, 15, 19, 20, 24].
* P2: (FR1) The most demanding DL peak rate requirements (150 Mbps) can be met by 20 MHz UE BW with 2 MIMO layers [3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 23, 24, 26].
* P3: (FR1) The most demanding DL peak rate requirements (150 Mbps) can be met by larger than 20 MHz UE BW, e.g. 40 MHz [4, 5, 8, 12, 26].
* P4: (FR1) The most demanding UL peak rate requirements (50 Mbps) can be met by 20 MHz UE BW [8].
* P5: (FR1) Single MIMO layer, 20 MHz UE BW, and 64QAM can meet the peak bit rate requirements of most use cases [1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 14, 26].
* P6: (FR2) All the data rate requirement can be met by 50 MHz and 100 MHz BW [1, 4, 14, 24].

**Latency:**

* P7: The latency requirements for industrial wireless sensors can be satisfied [1, 19].
* P8: For video surveillance cameras, the latency requirements can be satisfied [1].
* P9: For the use cases that are considered in this study, the latency associated with increased transmission time (due to the reduced bandwidth) is likely to be insignificant compared to the latency associated with the DRX functionality [19].
* P10: For larger message sizes, the latency can be increased if the large messages need to be segmented into multiple transport blocks and sent over multiple slots [19].
* P11: (FR2) The latency requirements for industrial wireless sensors may be satisfied with UE BW as small as 20 MHz. For video surveillance cameras, the latency requirements can be satisfied using 20 MHz BW for small file sizes. For larger file sizes, BW needs to be increased to ~100MHz to get more UE multiplexing capacity. 20 MHz active BWP may be enough for most cases [26].
* P12: (FR2) Bandwidth reduction results in a longer SSB/SIB1 acquisition time. However, it is not necessary to have stringent SSB acquisition requirements for RedCap use cases [1].
* P13: (FR2) To minimize the SSB/CORESET acquisition time (for multiplexing patterns 2 and 3), it may be beneficial to support 100 MHz as the max UE BW [5, 26].
* P14: (FR2) For both 50 MHz and 100 MHz bandwidth options in FR2, there will be longer SSB/SIB1 acquisition time for certain SSB and Type 0 PDCCH configurations [2, 5, 24, 25].
* P15: Longer SSB/CORESET acquisition time issue only occurs for SSB and CORESET multiplexing 2 with 240 kHz SCS SSB + 120 kHz SCS 48RB CORESET 0 if the maximum UE bandwidth is 100 MHz [5].

**Reliability:**

* P16: Reliability should not be impacted as it is envisaged that BLER targets can still be achieved at a reduced bandwidth [19].
* P17: All the RedCap bandwidth options can meet the reliability target of RedCap use cases [1].

**Power consumption:**

* P18: UE bandwidth reduction may reduce power consumption [4, 11, 13].
* P19: Evaluation is needed to assess the effects of less RF/BB modules vs longer Rx time [19, 24].
* P20: There is no clear power consumption advantage or disadvantage due to UE bandwidth reduction. It may depend on the specific traffic scenario [1].
* P21: BW reduction has no impact on the power consumption of data channels [13].
* P22: In connected mode, when the RedCap UE operates in initial DL/UL BWP larger than maximum UE bandwidth of RedCap UEs, more power consumption would be expected due to RF retuning [5].

**Coverage:**

* P23: The impact of reduced BW on DL and UL channels would not be large; some negligible loss may be observed due to reduced frequency diversity [1, 11, 15, 19, 27].
* P24: (FR1) UE bandwidth 20 MHz is enough to support PDCCH AL 16 in FR1 [1].
* P25: (FR2) For some use cases, increasing the max UE BW from 50 to 100 MHz may lead to an increase in mean SINR [26].
* P26: (FR2) RedCap UE may not receive AL8/16 [24].
* P27: (FR2) Due to not enough number of CCEs in the CORESET, AL 16 cannot be supported without performance loss for 50 MHz UE BW and SCS = 120 kHz [1, 26].
* P28: (FR2), Reducing the bandwidth to 50 MHz will have impact on PBCH coverage if the SSB is configured with 240 kHz SCS [1, 2, 8, 11, 27, 28].
  + The loss is assessed to be less than 1 dB [1, 11, 27].
* P29: (FR2) Reducing the bandwidth to 50 MHz will have impact on PDCCH coverage if COREST#0 is configured to have 69.12 MHz bandwidth [1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 27, 28].
  + The loss is assessed to be ~ 1.5 – 3 dB [1, 2, 8].
* P30: (FR2) Reducing the bandwidth to 50 MHz will have impact on initial access (message 2/3/4) if COREST#0 is configured to have 69.12 MHz bandwidth [3, 20, 23, 27].

**PDCCH blocking probability:**

* P31: PDCCH blocking probability may be increased due to small CORESET bandwidth [13].
* P32: (FR2) Using 50 MHz instead of 100 MHz may cause considerable reduction in the PDCCH multiplexing capacity and PDCCH blocking probability [24, 26].
* P33: (FR2) PDCCH blocking probability is only slightly increased if the maximum UE bandwidth is further reduced from 100 MHz to 50 MHz [1].

**Capacity or spectral efficiency:**

* P34: Bandwidth reduction will not have a significant impact on capacity and spectral efficiency [1, 11, 19].
* P35: There may be some degradation in DL and UL spectral efficiency due to the loss in frequency selective scheduling gain [15].
* P36: Network capacity may be impacted for initial access [15].
* P37: The spectral efficiency may be affected due to an increase in PDCCH blocking probability resulting from the use of a smaller CORESET bandwidth [13].
* P38: (FR2) The number of users that can be supported is impacted by almost 50% if the max UE BW is reduced from 100 MHz to 50 MHz [26].
* P39: (FR2) If dedicated channel for RedCap is introduced for supporting maximum UE bandwidth of 50 MHz, the network capacity would be impacted [20].

**Phase 2: Question 7.3.3-1: Considering the SI objective and the mentioned RAN1 agreement on what performance impacts to include, can the above list (P0-P39) be used as a baseline for the TP drafting for TR section 7.3.3?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
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### Analysis of coexistence with legacy UEs

Many contributions analyze the coexistence impacts if bandwidth reduction is introduced for RedCap UEs. The findings are summarized below. Note that some of the findings reflect different views in different contributions. Further discussions are needed to resolve these conflicting views. In the summary below, if an impact is specific to only FR1 or only FR2, it is denoted accordingly.

**General:**

* C1: (FR1) For FR1, with 20MHz bandwidth capability, Redcap UEs should be able to coexist with the legacy UE [1, 11, 16, 19].
* C2: (FR2) For FR2, with 100MHz bandwidth capability, there is no coexistence impact [1, 11, 16].
* C3: There may or may not be impacts on the coexistence with legacy UEs, depending on the cell load and the solutions for RedCap and normal UEs camped on the same cell [4].

**Initial access and initial BWP:**

* C4: There may be issues with frequency-division multiplexed RACH Occasions [24].
* C5: (FR1) For initial access in FR1, the RedCap UEs can share SSB, SIB1, other Sis, RAR and Msg4 configured for normal NR UEs [5].
* C6: (FR2) The RedCap UEs with 100 MHz maximum UE bandwidth can share SSB, SIB1, other Sis, RAR and Msg4 configured for normal NR UEs [5].
* C7: (FR2) Compared with maximum UE bandwidth of 100 MHz, to support the RedCap UEs with 50 MHz maximum UE bandwidth, more serious configuration or scheduling restrictions to normal NR UEs would be expected. It may reduce the configuration or scheduling flexibility of legacy NR UEs [5].
* C8: Separate SIB1 for RedCap devices can be configured to solve coexistence problems [9].
* C9: (FR2) Limiting the supported SCS combinations for SSB/CORESET0 may be considered [9].
* C10: (FR2) There may be issues, such as backward compatibility or configuration restriction, with SSB and CORESET0 for supporting RedCap UE with 50MHz bandwidth [2, 4, 8, 15, 17, 23, 24].
  + Two initial access procedures will have to coexist: one for ‘regular’ UEs, one for RedCap UEs [2].
* C11: (FR2) With 50MHz UE BW, there may be misalignment between Redcap UE’s receiving bandwidth and the scheduling bandwidth of PDSCH for common channel during initial access procedure [16].
* C12: Supporting RedCap UEs may result in a high load in the initial BWP [24].
* C13: RedCap UEs may not support the bandwidth of the initial UL BWP configured for normal UEs in SIB1 depending on Rel-15 cell configuration [1, 5, 8, 9, 10].
  + This impacts Msg3 [1, 5] and PUCCH for Msg4 [1].
  + A separate UL BWP for RedCap devices can be configured to solve coexistence problems [9].
* C14: For both IDLE/INACTIVE and RRC-CONNECTED modes, if RedCap UEs are offloaded to a different BWP than initial BWP, it is beneficial from UE implementation perspective to have SSB transmitted in the operating BWP for RedCap UEs [4].

**Other aspects:**

* C15: Paging capacity may be an issue [24].
* C16: (FR2) In Idle mode, if the maximum UE bandwidth of RedCap UEs is 50 MHz, paging configuration for normal NR UEs may need to be restricted if the RedCap UEs and normal NR UEs share the same paging resources [5].
* C17: PDCCH blocking probability will increase with bandwidth reduction [15].
* C18: A reduced bandwidth Redcap UE is unable to measure the PRS across a wide bandwidth [19].
* C19: Legacy UE performance might be impacted if RedCap UEs accessing the cell with full backward compatibility [17].
* C20: RedCap UEs performance might not be guaranteed if accessing the cell with full backward compatibility. [17].

**Phase 2: Question 7.3.4-1: Can the above list (C1-C20) be used as a baseline for the TP drafting for TR section 7.3.4?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
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### Analysis of specification impacts

Many contributions analyze the specification impacts if bandwidth reduction is introduced for RedCap UEs. The findings are summarized below. Note that some of the findings reflect different views in different contributions. Further discussions are needed to resolve these conflicting views. In the summary below, if an impact is specific to only FR1 or only FR2, it is denoted accordingly.

**General:**

* S1: (FR1) The specification impact is expected to be small in FR1 [11, 13, 21, 27],
* S2: (FR2) RAN1 specification impact is expected to be small for UE with 100 MHz bandwidth in FR2 [11].

**Initial access and initial BWP:**

* S3: (FR1) Rel-15 SSB and/or CORESET0 should be reused [12, 20].
* S4: (FR1) No spec impacts related to cell search, system information acquisition, RAR and Msg4 reception are expected for RedCap UEs [5].
* S5: (FR2) No spec impacts related to cell search, system information acquisition, RAR and Msg4 reception are expected for RedCap UEs with 100 MHz maximum UE bandwidth [5].
* S6: Support dedicated initial BWP or dedicated initial access procedure for RedCap [5, 7, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 24].
* S7: There is no need to define a dedicated initial BWP for RedCap UEs [1].
* S8: There are solutions that can be used to support RedCap UEs camping on a cell with initial DL or UL BWP bandwidth larger than the maximum UE bandwidth [1].
* S9: It is feasible to allow a RedCap UE to camp on a cell even when the initial DL or UL BWP configured in the cell is larger than the maximum UE bandwidth [1].
* S10: Support RF retuning for frequency-division multiplexed RACH Occasions or SSB/CORESET0 [1, 10, 24, 25].
* S11: During initial access procedure, if size of initial UL BWP configured for normal NR UEs is larger than the bandwidth of the RedCap UEs, Msg3 transmission of the RedCap UE can be flexibly scheduled and Msg3 hopping can be enabled if dedicated initial UL BWP is configured for the RedCap UEs [5].
* S12: For frequency-hopping Msg4 PUCCH or Msg3 PUSCH transmissions, the UE needs to frequency hop within the initial UL BWP, which may have a bandwidth larger than the maximum RedCap UE bandwidth [1].
* S13: Support configuring separated CD-SSB for RedCap UEs [17].

**Specification impact if dedicated initial BWP, dedicated initial access procedure, or dedicated BWP is introduced:**

* S14: Support initial BWP enhancement including at least one of following: multiple initial BWPs, enhancement on CORESET0, or narrow band Redcap UEs operate in a wide band system [15].
* S15: Using a separate DL BWP for SIB transmissions towards RedCap UEs [10].
* S16: Using a separate UL BWP for initial access of RedCap UEs (as well as common UL BWP shared with normal UEs) [10].
* S17: Initial BWP with non-CD SSB transmission dedicated for RedCap UEs [4].
* S18: Support dedicated BWP for RedCap [5, 7, 24].
* S19: UE switching to the dedicated BWP immediately after random access procedure may be considered to offload UEs from initial BWP [7, 26].
* S20: Mechanism for RedCap BWP switching (e.g., for switching UE from initial BWP to the dedicated BWP quickly or for other performance optimization considerations) [7, 26].
* S21: Introduce longer CORESET duration (Should be discussed in AI 8.6.3) [12, 24].
* S22: Introduce simplified BWP operation for RedCap [16].
* S23: Decouple the DL and UL BWP design for RedCap UE [16].
  + Support small DL bandwidth and large UL bandwidth.
  + Support fewer DL BWP configurations than that of UL.
* S24: Support SRS transmission or CSI report for inactive BWP(s) [15].

**System information:**

* S25: A new set of system information may be needed to indicate whether the cell supports RedCap UEs and to provide RRC configuration information [1].
* S26: System information that is needed for supporting RedCap UEs may be added as new information elements to existing SI blocks or as new SI blocks [1].
* S27: Support configuring separated resources for RedCap UEs in legacy SIB1 for RACH and paging [17].

**Paging:**

* S28: In Idle mode, dedicated paging occasions are considered for the RedCap UEs [5, 24].
* S29: The legacy paging procedure will work fine for RedCap UEs with 20 MHz bandwidth in FR1 and 50 MHz or 100 MHz bandwidth in FR2 [1].

**UE identification and capability signaling:**

* S30: Earlier identification of the RedCap UEs should be considered [5, 21].
  + S1: Identification of the RedCap UE before Msg3 transmission is needed if size of initial UL BWP configured for normal NR UEs is larger than the bandwidth of the RedCap UEs [5].
  + S1: The type of RedCap UE needs to be identified before RAR/Msg4 transmission [5].
* S31: Capability signaling defining that the UE supports a reduced bandwidth [4, 19, 21].

**RAN4:**

* S32: Most RF core requirements can be reused for supporting RedCap UE bandwidth reduction. However, certain modifications may be considered to reflect that the UE may not measure on the SSB at all times, if scheduled in other parts of the carrier [1].
* S33: There may be some minor performance impacts that need to be considered in RAN4 [19].

**Other aspects:**

* S34: In RRC\_CONNECTED, the RedCap UE can be scheduled within the maximum reception bandwidth even though the initial DL BWP configured for normal NR UEs is larger than the maximum UE bandwidth of RedCap UEs [5].
* S35: UE behavior, such as not expecting resource allocations exceeding the number of PRBs corresponding to BW limitation [2].
* S36: Support for RedCap UEs to be able to perform processing of the wider bandwidth PRS over a longer time period [19].
* S37: Study the maximum number BWPs for RedCap UEs [7].

**Additional specification impacts due to supporting 50 MHz UE in FR2:**

* S38: If the maximum UE bandwidth of RedCap UEs is 50 MHz, to guarantee the performance of RedCap UEs, dedicated common CORESET may need to be configured for system information acquisition, RAR and Msg4 reception [5].
* S39: Specification impact for reading system information [3]
* S40: Define a separate CORESET0 for RedCap UEs [27].
* S41: To allow the 240 kHz SCS SSB configuration to be used UEs with 50 MHz maximum bandwidth, the minimum guardband for SSB reception needs to be specified [1].
* S42: UE performance requirements may have to be defined for both SSB and CORESET0 in case of 50 MHz UE [11].
* S43: Enhancements are needed to compensate for potential PDCCH coverage reduction if FR2 50MHz maximum UE bandwidth is supported for initial access [9].
* S44: Reducing the UE RF bandwidth to 50MHz in FR2 may have significant specification for SSB/CORESET0 configurations using 240 kHz SCS [11, 21].
  + Potential solutions needed to address this issue require specification work
    - S45: Cell barring for the RedCap UEs. For example, the above-mentioned bandwidth is larger than the supportable maximum bandwidth of the RedCap UEs [21].
    - S46: Allowing to omit reception of channel/signal outside of its supportable maximum bandwidth, and so on [21].
    - S47: Additional or separate DL BWPs for RedCap UEs at least for some, if not all, common control [8].
    - S48: Some limitations or modifications may also need to be captured for FR2 50MHz e.g for multiplexing or retuning [2].

**Phase 3: Question 7.3.5-1: Can the above list (S1-S48) be used as a baseline for the TP drafting for TR section 7.3.5?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
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### Conclusions

For FR1, most contributions are fine with considering only 20 MHz. A few contributions state that there is no issue if the UEs do not achieve 150Mbps. [1, 10, 14, 23] A few contributions also discuss 40 MHz [12, 14, 16, 26] due to the consideration of supporting 150 Mbps peak bitrate.

Options for FR1 bands:

* Option 1: Maximum bandwidth of 20 MHz during and after initial access
* Option 2: Maximum bandwidth of 20 MHz during initial access, with 40 MHz as optional UE capability after initial access

**Phase 1: Question 7.3.6-1: Should TR 38.875 make recommendations on the maximum bandwidth for RedCap FR1 UEs? If yes, please indicate your preferred option (or FFS in the Option column if you prefer to down-select later in this meeting).**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Option** | **Comments** |
| Qualcomm | Y | Option 2 |  |
| FUTUREWEI | Y | 1 |  |
| CATT | Y | Option 1 | 20MHz BW with 1 Rx can satisfy the DL data rate requirement of most scenarios. Further, 20MHz BW with 2 Rx can fully fulfill what is required in the SID. |
| Vivo | Y | Option 2 |  |
| OPPO | Y | Option 2 | As agreed, Maximum bandwidth of 20 MHz during initial access shall be supported.  To support high peak data rate, 40MHz Maximum bandwidth can be considered for some use cases. |
| LG | Y | 1 |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N | 1 | Our preference is Option 1 but we also want to see the results from coverage/CE/capacity.  Option 2 itself does not reduce the cost from 40Mhz UE max bandwidth at all. We should clearly make conclusion whether a certain BW capability is recommended or not after study, and it is also clear that no cost estimate for 40Mhz. |
| Samsung | Y | Option 2 | Although we prefer option2, we think it should be enough to say “Maximum bandwidth of 20MHz during initial access”. |
| ZTE | Y | Option 2 |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y | Option 1 | We believe the requirements can be satisfied with maximum BW of 20 MHz during and after initial access. This option provides substantial cost saving compared to 40 MHz capability. |
| InterDigital | Y | Option 1 |  |
| SONY | Y | Option 1 | We are also OK considering a 40MHz bandwidth after initial access (option 2), though this would seem to set the complexity as being that of a 40MHz bandwidth capable device. |
| Ericsson | Y | 1 |  |
| Sierra Wireless | Y | Option 2 |  |
| Xiaomi | Y | Option 2 | 20MHz during initial access can be assumed as the baseline. 40MHz UE bandwidth can be used as an optional feature.  To echo Huawei’s comment, we have analyzed the cost for the 40MHz, it could achieve around 25% cost saving.  40MHz+1Rx could provide comparable cost saving and power saving benefits compared with that of 20MHz+2Rx |
| DOCOMO | Y | 2 | Not necessary to limit the optional capability of 40 MHz after initial access as it can be reported as UE capability |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Y | Option 1 |  |
| Apple | Y | Option 2 |  |
| Panasonic | Y | Option 1 | For DL data rate, supporting 2 layers is also a candidate instead of 40 MHz. Before 40 MHz is captured as optional, the cost evaluation by that BW needs to be captured as well. |
| Sharp | Y | Option 1 | Cost estimation for 40MHz is needed. To achieve 150Mbps peak data rate, it seems that doubling BW from 20MHz to 40MHz is more costly than other factors (e.g. modulation order, layers). |
| Intel | Y | Option 1 | The option of 40 MHz as optional capability can be considered at a later point; not necessary now. |
| Spreadtrum | Y | Option 2 | Consider intra-band CA for 40MHz |
| MediaTek | Y | Option 1 | We don’t see a need have 40MHz BW. Anyway, optional features can be discussed later. |
| CMCC | Y | Option 2 | Option 2 can support high-end redcap devices better. |
| FL | All responses except one agree that TR 38.875 should make recommendations on the maximum bandwidth for RedCap FR1 UEs. 12 responses prefer recommending Option 1, whereas 10 responses prefer Option 2.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.3.6-1:**   * Capture the recommendation that maximum bandwidth of a RedCap UE is 20 MHz during initial access.   + Continue discussion on whether to also recommend that maximum bandwidth larger than 20 MHz after initial access can be optionally supported. | | |
| Qualcomm |  |  | The updated FL proposal looks good to us. |
| vivo |  |  | Should the discussion about optionally >20MHz be continued during in this meeting or in the WI phase? If the intention is the latter case, we should explicitly capture in the TR that this can be discussed further in WI phase |
| CATT | Y |  | We are generally fine with the proposal.  Regarding to the sub-bullet, we are not sure whether TR should recommend supporting a larger BW than 20MHz without evaluation results from most companies. |
| Xiaomi |  |  | Same view with vivo.  For the discussion of UE BW>20MHz, we are OK with discussing it during the WI phase. But we suggest to clearly express that UE BW>20MHz after initial access is not precluded and can be further discussed during the WI phase. |
| ZTE |  |  | We are fine with the proposal |
| OPPO |  |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| Sequans | Y |  |  |
| LG |  |  | The updated proposal is okay to us. Regarding the question raised by vivo, I think we can leave it as it is and try to make a conclusion during this meeting. There has been no option to defer to the WI phase from the original proposal. |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  | We share the similar view with vivo. |
| Huawei, HiSi | Almost |  | We should remove ‘*during initial access*’ as we are studying reduced UE capability and trying to recommend the UE BW that is applied RF and BB, UL and DL which does not subject to initial access. A UE which can report e.g. 100Mhz BW after initial access will   * Not bring any cost saving, even the BW can be assumed as 20Mhz during initial access, which does not reflect the cost estimate that companies provide. * Not guarantee a normal complexity UE will not be used for mimicing RedCap UE during initial access, which violates the SID objective of RedCap only used for the intended use cases.   Option 2 should NOT even be an option, given only single individual cost estimate is provided and no study is being performed for that in coverage/SE/capacity. 40Mhz BW for FDD also has no practical use since almost no single FDD carrier has 40Mhz carrier bandwidth. For TDD, 20Mhz BW UE can be equipped with 2Rx for peak rate purpose. |
| FUTUREWEI2 | Minor edit |  | We should use the consistent wording “at least during initial access”. We still do not think anything in between 20 and 100 is necessary for these use cases or a good idea for market fragmentation, but can accept. According to RAN2 progress this discussion would likely be in the normative phase. |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  | We think we should decide on the BW > 20MHz during the study item phase. |
| SONY | Needs edit |  | At the moment, the proposal only talks about the BW at initial access (20MHz). Shouldn’t we also say something about the BW after initial access? The current text proposal says that we will discuss BWs larger than 20MHz after initial access, but it says nothing about supporting a 20MHz BW after initial access (which is presumably the default position). Shouldn’t the main part of the proposal say something like:  • *Capture the recommendation that maximum bandwidth of a RedCap UE is 20 MHz during and after initial access* |
| Ericsson | Y |  | We agree with the DOCOMO comment earlier. It is not necessary to preclude the optional capability of >20 MHz after initial access as it can be reported as UE capability |
| Intel |  |  | Support the suggestion from Futurewei to modify as “at least during initial access”.  Regarding discussion on > 20 MHz, just like other optional capabilities, this should not be discussed further until the normative phase. Thus, we would propose to modify the sub-bullet as “Continue discussion in the WI phase on whether to …” |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  |  |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |  |
| FL2 | There are different views regarding whether TR 38.875 needs to recommend any optional capabilities such as >20 MHz bandwith capability after initial access. A new corresponding question (Question 7.3.6-3) has been inserted further down in this section of this document.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.3.6-1a:**   * Capture the recommendation that maximum bandwidth of a RedCap UE is 20 MHz at least during initial access.   + This does not preclude a RedCap UE optionally supporting a maximum bandwidth larger than 20 MHz after initial access. | | |
| CMCC | Y |  | OK with FL’s proposal. |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |  |
| Samsung | Y |  |  |
| CATT | Y |  | OK |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |  |
| OPPO | Y |  |  |
| vivo | Y |  |  |
| Huawei, HiSi | Y with modifications |  | We think we in principle agree with FL for the main bullet but using the initial access does not reflect the UE capability and associated cost estimate as well as the princples for RedCap use cases restriction.  If there is a strong preference for this trend, we want to complete the main bullet by   * Capture the recommendation that maximum bandwidth of a RedCap UE is 20 MHz ~~at least~~ during and after initial access.   Not Ok with subbullet. We can further discussion other bandwidth option within this meeting. |
| SONY | Y |  |  |

For FR2, there are more contributions supporting the 100 MHz option [2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 16, 24, 26]. In general, more performance, coexistence, and specification impacts have been identified for supporting the 50 MHz option. One source points out that to justify 50 MHz as maximum bandwidth of RedCap devices in FR2, more gain over 100 MHz bandwidth would be required considering more standardization efforts expected for 50 MHz bandwidth [14]. Some contributions opine that only one maximum UE bandwidth option should be selected for RedCap UE [6, 14, 28].

Options for FR2 bands:

* Option 1: Maximum bandwidth of 50 MHz during and after initial access
* Option 2: Maximum bandwidth of 100 MHz during and after initial access

**Phase 1: Question 7.3.6-2: Should TR 38.875 make recommendations on the maximum bandwidth for RedCap FR2 UEs? If yes, please indicate your preferred option (or FFS in the Option column if you prefer to down-select later in this meeting).**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Option** | **Comments** |
| Qualcomm | Y | 2 (partially) | After initial access, i.e., active BWP, to save UE power and complexity, the UE may switch to a narrower BWP. This is especially doable since the maximum data rates for some of the use cases can be easily supported with a much smaller BW.  If the intent of the current text is to preclude > 100 MHz BWs (and not < 100 MHz) after initial access, then the current text is agreeable to us, else (if it means preclude > and < 100 MHz after initial access), we suggest to reword to: “Option 2: Maximum bandwidth of 100 MHz at least for initial access”. |
| FUTUREWEI | Y | 2 | Better to decide now to just do combinations with 100MHz |
| CATT | Y | FFS | Both options are acceptable to us. But we should avoid specifying 2 different BWs for RedCap in FR2. |
| vivo | Y | 2 |  |
| OPPO | Y | Option 2 | Maximum bandwidth of 50MHz has negative impact on the performance during initial access while the additional cost compared with 100MHz is not so much. |
| LG | Y | FFS | As the difference b/w the two in terms of complexity (84.4% vs 76.5%) doesn’t look small, it would be interesting to further check how bigger/smaller the difference becomes when combined with other features. Anyway, it needs to be decided within this meeting, so our preference is FFS. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N | 2 | Our preference is Option 2 but we want to see more results from other study ongoing.  We are talking about UE capability rather than network assumption. Thus we are discussing max UE bandwidth capability rather than BWP configuration. |
| Samsung | Y | Option 1 with modification | We think larger BW after initial access can be supported as a UE features. At this stage, it is better to say:  Option 1b: Maximum bandwidth of 50 MHz for initial access. |
| ZTE | Y | Option 2 |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y | Option 2 |  |
| InterDigital | Y | Option 2 |  |
| Ericsson | Y | 100MHz with 1Rx  or  50MHz with 2Rx | After carrying out a thorough study on both options, we consider 50 MHz a viable option. However, for the sake of progress, we are willing to accept either one of “100 MHz with 1 Rx” or “50 MHz with 2 Rx”, which both achieve substantial cost reduction. |
| Sierra Wireless | Y | Option 2 |  |
| Xiaomi | Y | Option 2 |  |
| DOCOMO | Y | 2 | 50 MHz BW have drawback especially for initial access and would have much specification impact. 100MHz BW would be good trade-off between the specification/performance impact and cost reduction. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Y | Option 1 | 50MHz is enough to meet the requirements, plus it has lower cost. |
| Apple | Y | Option 2 |  |
| Panasonic | Y | Option 2 |  |
| Sharp | Y | FFS |  |
| Intel | Y | Option 2 |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y | Option 2 |  |
| MediaTek | Y | Option 2 |  |
| CMCC | Y | Option 2 |  |
| FL | All responses except one agree that TR 38.875 should make recommendations on the maximum bandwidth for RedCap FR2 UEs. Most responses (16 out of 23) prefer recommending Option 2. One response prefers Option 2 but suggests a clarification that this recommendation does not preclude UE operating in a smaller BWP after initial access  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.3.6-2:**   * Capture the recommendation that maximum bandwidth of a RedCap UE is 100 MHz during and after initial access, with a note that this does not preclude a RedCap UE operating in a smaller BWP than 100 MHz after initial access. | | |
| vivo |  |  | OK |
| CATT | Y |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |  |
| ZTE |  |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| OPPO |  |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| Qualcomm | Y |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |  |
| Huawei, HiSi | Y |  | Although we prefer remove initial access related wording, since this current wording is the same effect, we would be OK.  The note is not necessary, which can be discussed in WI. |
| FUTUREWEI2 | Y |  |  |
| Ericsson | Partially Y |  | Although we are fine with the FL proposal, we still think it may be worthwhile to come back to confirm this recommendation after comparing the cost estimates of the below two combinations of cost reduction techniques in FR2.   * 50 MHz, 2 Rx, 1 MIMO layer * 100 MHz, 1 Rx, 1 MIMO layer   If the cost estimates are comparable, then one should consider whether it is easier to deal with the impact of reducing bandwidth to 50 MHz or reducing to 1 Rx. |
| Intel |  |  | We can accept it for progress although would have preferred to remove the new note as it is redundant (if one considers the BWP framework in NR). |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |  |
| FL2 | All responses are generally fine with the FL proposal. Two responses point out the note is not needed. One respond expresses interest in a comparison between the cost estimates of the combainations of {50 MHz, 2 Rx, 1 MIMO layer} and {100 MHz, 1 Rx, 1 MIMO layer} before confirming the recommendation.  In this updated proposal, the note has been removed, as it is covered by Question 7.3.6-3. Which combinations of complexity reduction techniques to evaluate the cost for is discussed in Section 7.9.2 of this document.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.3.6-2a:**   * Capture the recommendation that maximum bandwidth of a RedCap UE is 100 MHz during and after initial access. | | |
| CMCC | Y |  | OK with FL’s proposal. |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |  |
| Samsung |  |  | We like to see the combination gain then make decision between 50MHz/100MHz.  In addition, we propose an update the above propose to align with FR 1 as:  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.3.6-2a:**   * Capture the recommendation that maximum bandwidth of a RedCap UE is [100] MHz during and after initial access.、   + This does not preclude a RedCap UE optionally supporting a maximum bandwidth larger than [100] MHz after initial access. |
| CATT | Y |  | Regarding to the FR2 BW, we donot see the motivation supporting BW>100MHz. |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |  |
| OPPO | Y |  |  |
| vivo |  |  | We are fine with FL proposal, also fine with Samsung’s proposed update. |
| Huawei, HiSi | Y |  | And we can also wait for further discussion for fairness. |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |  |

**Phase 1: Question 7.3.6-3:** Should TR 38.875 recommend any optional capabilities, such as >20 MHz bandwith capability after initial access, or any NR features that a RedCap UE should support, e.g. operation in a smaller BWP after initial access? (Answer ‘N’ if you think that this can be deferred to WI phase.)

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments** |
| FL2 | New question | |
| CMCC | Y | We think at least the recommendation of optional capabilitiles, such as >20 MHz bandwith capability after initial access should be captured in TR.  As the discussion of NR features which RedCap UE should support can be deferred to WI phase. |
| DOCOMO | Y | We think at least one of optional >20 MHz BW or >1 DL MIMO layer capabilities should be recommended in TR as how to achieve DL 150 Mbps for wearable use case should be mentioned in TR. |
| Samsung |  | We prefer to focus on the necessary issues need to be conclude for this SI. If we have extra time, we are OK to discuss this issue. We think current proposal should be enough for WI. |
| CATT | N | As commented by Huawei before, the cost reduction will not be as low as 20MHz if >20MHz BW is supported after intial access. For example, if 40MHz BW is supported after initial access, the cost reduction is limited by 40MHz BW and cannot achieve that of 20MHz BW. However, we have no consensus and sufficient evaluation on how much cost reduction can be achieved by these optional capabilities.  We are fine if only observations are catched, rather than recommendations.  If the TR is going to ‘recommend’ optional capabilities, we hope these optional capabilities are well studied. Also a note may be needed explicitly indicating that ‘with the optional capabilities, the cost reduction is XXX’, which will be smaller than the case with only mandatory ones. |
| Xiaomi | Y | Supporting wider UE BW is another direction to achive the requirement of 150M bps for wearable devices. 40MHz+1 Rx provide comparable cost saving compared with 20MHz+2Rx. |
| OPPO | Y | >20 MHz bandwith capability after initial access can be considered.  It it natural operation in a smaller BWP after initial access with the NR BWP framework. |
| vivo |  | We think it maybe difficult to reach consensus on these at this stage, they can be discussed in WI phase. |
| Huawei, HiSi | N | Can be further discussed based on the output of first two weeks of this meeting or in the WI phase. |
| Spreadtrum | N | We have shown our preference on restriction the number of allocated PRBs for PDSCH/PUSCH to reduce the HARQ buffer size. But, we do not prefer “operation in a smaller BWP after initial access”, they are different. With the restriction of the number of allocated PRBs for PDSCH/PUSCH, the CORESET and BWP can still have 20MHz BW which has frequency diversity gain. |
| SONY | Y | We are OK with capturing this recommendation in the TR or considering optional capabilities in the WI phase. |
| Panasonic | Partially Y | We think TR 38.875 can recommend any optional capability candidates, such as >20 MHz bandwidth capability after initial access that can be supported using UE capability signalling framework as agreed in RAN2. But we'd like to postpone the discussion on NR features that a RedCap UE should actually support until when the use-case of these optional capability is well discussed. Our understanding is operation in a smaller BWP after initial access would be no spec impact. |

## 7.4 Half-duplex FDD operation

### 7.4.1 Description of feature

Based on earlier RAN1 agreements [37], the following text proposal for the TR can be considered.

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| Half-duplex operation allows the UE to receive and transmit on different frequencies, but not at the same time. Half-duplex mode allows for removing a duplexer and instead use a switch and an additional filter.  The RedCap study includes both HD-FDD operation Type A and Type B, as defined in LTE, where study of Type A is prioritized. |

**Phase 1: Question 7.4.1-1: Can the above description on half-duplex FDD operation be used as a baseline text for TR 38.875?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| Qualcomm | Y |  |
| FUTUREWEI | Y |  |
| vivo | Y |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N | The statement for benefits should be potential/possible, in line with the statements for other techniques.  The replacement of duplexer with switch requires an additional filter, which should be added, e.g.:  Half-duplex mode allows for potential UE complexity reduction by removing the need for a duplexer and using instead a switch and with an additional filter. |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| SONY | Y | [updated comment 28 October]. It would be good to include the addition from Sierra Wireless (below). The removal of the duplexer is not the only cost benefit of HD-FDD. The lower insertion loss can have quite a significant impact on the PA, e.g. allowing integrated PA architectures to be considered, or changing the type of PA used. |
| Ericsson | Y | We are also fine with Huawei’s proposal. |
| Sierra Wireless | N | OK with Huawei’s suggested change but also add  “Removing the duplexer reduces the insertion loss in both the Rx and Tx chains and as a result, the PA power can be reduced, and the LNA sensitivity requirement can be relaxed which allows for potential UE complexity reduction.” |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| FL | The description has been updated according to the responses.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.4.1-1:** Adopt the updated TP above for TR clause 7.4.1. | |
| vivo |  | Not sure if we need to capture the benefit of the feature in the high level feature description, at least those benefits are not captured in the TP for other features, e.g. reduced RX, BW etc. We suggest to remove the highlighted part below, alternative, to add benefit description for all the features.  Half-duplex operation allows the UE to receive and transmit on different frequencies, but not at the same time. Half-duplex mode allows for potential UE complexity reduction by removing the need for a duplexer and using instead a switch and with an additional filter. ~~Depending on the implementation, removing the duplexer may also reduce the insertion loss in both the Rx and Tx chains and as a result, the PA power can be reduced, and the LNA sensitivity requirement can be relaxed which allows for potential UE complexity reduction.~~  The RedCap study includes both HD-FDD operation Type A and Type B, as defined in LTE, where study of Type A is prioritized. |
| CATT | Y | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |
| ZTE | Y | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| Sequans | Y\* | \*In line with vivo comment, to align with other features TP, feature benefit description (“*Half-duplex mode allows … which allows for potential UE complexity reduction.*”) could be moved to ‘Analysis of UE complexity reduction’ section. |
| LG |  | The updated proposal is okay to us. If the benefits are to be captured for each of the features we study and evaluate, then the addition from Sierra also with the addition of “depending on the implementation,” from the FL seems to properly describe one of the benefits of HD-FDD, so we would like to leave it. |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| Huawei, HiSi | Good direction but | Thanks for capturing the comments. But,  Regarding the PA cost reduction and insertion loss, our understanding is that there will be additional insertion loss due to the need of an additional filter. Thus the total insertion loss will be marginal (even other companies claim 1~2 dB). Also, if the max transmit power is kept, there will be less cost saving unless the transmit power is also reduced but then there is coverage loss.  In order to make progress and avoid lengthy discussion, we suggest to stick to commonly agreeable description only. The pros and cons can be updated per the output in section 7.4.2.   |  | | --- | | Half-duplex operation allows the UE to receive and transmit on different frequencies, but not at the same time. Half-duplex mode allows for removing a duplexer and using instead a switch and with an additional filter. Depending on the implementation, removing the duplexer may or may not affect the PA and the LNA.  The RedCap study includes both HD-FDD operation Type A and Type B, as defined in LTE, where study of Type A is prioritized. | |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| SONY | Y | OK with FL proposal. Also OK with the update from Huawei.  We do think that there is a significantly lower insertion loss with a switch+filter than with a duplexer. We think that this can be translated into a lower PA power with the same radiated power and no loss of coverage. We think that this leads to the option of a lower PA cost/complexity. There might also be an impact on LNA cost/complexity, but our view is that this is less significant than the impact on the PA. |
| Ericsson | Y |  |
| Intel | Y |  |
| Sierra Wireless | Y | We do agree with the FL proposal as is but not with the subsequent updates.  We think that it is commonly agreeable that there would be a reduction in the insertion loss with the removal of the duplexer, in both the Tx and Rx Chains. This is text directly from TR 36.888:  “The insertion loss of the switch in the HD-FDD UE is less than in the duplexer of an FD-FDD UE: reducing the electrical power required to produce a certain amount of radiated RF power.”  Even though this was agreeable in TR 36.88, the FL proposal here is weaker by say “may” here: “may also reduce the insertion loss”  And cost saving is only a “potential”: “allows for potential UE complexity reduction”  WTR the comment that the benefit of the feature should not be captured in the high level feature description: But the benefits are being captured for other features e.g. for 7.5.1 the description is:  In the RedCap study item, relaxed UE processing time is considered in terms of more relaxed N1/N2 values compared to those of UE processing time capability 1. Relaxed UE processing time in terms of N1/N2 potentially reduces UE complexity by allowing a longer time for the processing of PDCCH and PDSCH and preparing PUSCH and PUCCH. This implies that it may be possible to have slower processor with reduced clock frequency, possible distribution of computation load over time, possible reduced demands on parallel processing and chip area, and possible less complex channel decoder.  The yellow highlighted part is capturing all benefits.  If it is unclear why the HD-FDD can reduce cost in the BB processor, we propose to add this text:  “With the removal for the need of simultaneous processing of DL and UL, it may be possible to have slower processor with reduced clock frequency, possible distribution of computation load over time, possible reduced demands on parallel processing and chip area, and possible less complex channel decoder.” |
| FL2 | Different views are expressed regarding whether the benefit of the feature needs to be captured in the high-level feature description. There are also different views regarding whether it can be expected to have a cost reduction in PA.  The TP above has been updated and some of the text has been moved to the TP for TR clause 7.4.2.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.4.1-1a:**   * Adopt the TP above as baseline text for TR clause 7.4.1. | |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| CATT | Y |  |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |
| vivo | Y | We are fine with the latest update. |
| Huawei, HiSi | Y |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| SONY | Y |  |

### 7.4.2 Analysis of UE complexity reduction

Based on the latest available evaluation results in [RedCapCost-v024-FL-Si02-SONY2.xlsx](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_103-e/Inbox/drafts/8.6/EvaluationResults/RedCapCost/RedCapCost-v024-FL-Si02-SONY2.xlsx), the following text proposal for the TR can be considered. The text can be further updated if later evaluation results are provided that change the numbers significantly.

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| The estimated cost for an HD-FDD device, relative to the reference NR device (see evaluation methodology described in clause 6.1) and averaged over the results provided by the sourcing companies, is summarized in Table 7.4.2-1.  For Type A HD-FDD, a high proportion of the cost associated with the duplexer/switch in the RF module can be saved.  For Type B HD-FDD, uplink and downlink can share one local oscillator, therefore, some additional saving on RF transceiver can be obtained.  By comparing Table 7.4.2-1 with the reference NR device cost breakdown in clause 6.1, it can be observed that the main contributor of the cost reduction is the duplex/switch block. Depending on the implementation, as indicated by some sourcing companies, removing the duplexer may also reduce the insertion loss in both the Rx and Tx chains and as a result, the PA power can be reduced, and the LNA sensitivity requirement can be relaxed which allows for potential UE complexity reduction.  As can be seen in the last row for the total cost, the average estimated cost reduction achieved by Type A and Type B HD-FDD is approximately ~7% and ~10%, respectively.  Furthermore, all sourcing companies indicated that the RF cost savings (but not the baseband cost savings) accumulate across supported bands.  **Table 7.4.2-1: Estimated relative device cost for an HD-FDD device**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Half-duplex FDD operation** | **HD-FDD operation (Type A)** | **HD-FDD operation (Type B)** | | RF: Antenna array | - | - | | RF: Power amplifier | 24.1% | 23.9% | | RF: Filters | 10.6% | 10.7% | | RF: Transceiver (including LNAs, mixer, and local oscillator) | 44.4% | 37.6% | | RF: Duplexer / Switch | 4.8% | 4.9% | | **RF: Total relative cost** | **83.9%** | **77.1%** | | BB: ADC / DAC | 10.0% | 10.0% | | BB: FFT/IFFT | 3.8% | 3.7% | | BB: Post-FFT data buffering | 9.9% | 9.9% | | BB: Receiver processing block | 24.0% | 24.0% | | BB: LDPC decoding | 10.0% | 10.0% | | BB: HARQ buffer | 14.0% | 14.0% | | BB: DL control processing & decoder | 4.8% | 4.8% | | BB: Synchronization / cell search block | 9.0% | 9.0% | | BB: UL processing block | 4.8% | 4.8% | | BB: MIMO specific processing blocks | 9.0% | 9.0% | | **BB: Total relative cost** | **99.4%** | **99.2%** | | **RF+BB: Total relative cost** | **93.2%** | **90.3%** | |

**Phase 1: Question 7.4.2-1: Can the above observations of the relative cost estimation for an HD-FDD device be used as a baseline text for TR 38.875?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| Qualcomm | Y |  |
| FUTUREWEI | Y |  |
| CATT | Y |  |
| vivo | Y |  |
| OPPO | Y |  |
| LG | Y |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N | Prefer to have some discussion since the value difference is relatively large. |
| Samsung |  | As in TR 36.888, we think it is better to provide some description of HD-FDD Type A and Type B, e.g.,  *For Type A HD-FDD, a high proportion of the cost associated with the duplexer / switch in the RF module can be saved.*  *For Type B HD-FDD, uplink and downlink can share one local oscillator, therefore, some additional saving on RF transceiver can be obtained.* |
| ZTE | Y |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| InterDigital | Y |  |
| SONY | Y | [updated comment 28 October]. We agree with the comment from Sierra Wireless below. While Sony and Sierra considered the cost saving from the PA, other companies [maybe] didn’t. The averaging in the table gives the impression that there is an insignificant PA cost saving, which we think is misleading.  We keep the answer “Y” as the text is fine as a “baseline”. |
| Ericsson | Y | We are also fine with Samsung’s suggestion. |
| Sierra Wireless | Y | We can accept this, but we feel some companies did not consider the cost saving in the LNA and PA due to the insertion loss reduction. |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Apple | Y |  |
| Sharp | Y |  |
| Intel | Y | Fine with updates from Samsung. |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| MediaTek | Y | We also fine with the addition from Samsung |
| FL | One response suggests adding description of HD-FDD Type A and Type B. Two responses point out that the cost saving in the LNA and PA due to the insertion loss reduction may not have been fully captured in the cost estimates. One response prefers to discuss further to understand the reasons behind some large differences among companies. The description has been updated according to the responses.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.4.2-1:** Adopt the updated TP above for TR clause 7.4.2. | |
| LG |  | As a baseline text, the update proposal is okay to us. Need a clarification that the evaluation results can be updated after further calibration if needed. |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| Huawei, HiSi | N | We are not OK with capturing the current TP especially the numbers, given the discussion in section 7.4.1 and:   * The estimate does not reflect the need of additional filter * The estimate includes unclear cost reduction from BB. The proponent claims the reduction in BB comes from the removal of the need of simultaneous processing. However, it should be clear that the processing in BB is not affected, unless the processing time is relaxed. For example, the UL processing block for processing UL would have to be done inside the UE even the UE is in a DL slot. |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| SONY | Y | We are OK with including the table, but the numbers for HD-FDD Type B look over-optimistic. It doesn’t seem right that removing one local oscillator leads to a 7% cost saving (44% -> 37%). However, we suspect that HD-FDD Type B might not be finally chosen as a technique (for other reasons), so maybe we don’t need to worry about this aspect too much (??). |
| Ericsson | Y |  |
| Intel | Y |  |
| Sierra Wireless | Y | We are OK with the FL proposal even though the cost estimate is not perfect as many companies are missing cost reductions for the BB, LNA, and PA.  As proposed in 7.4.1: If it’s unclear why the BB processor cost may be reduced, we propose to add this text to the feature description in 7.4.1:  “With the removal for the need of simultaneous processing of DL and UL, it may be possible to have slower processor with reduced clock frequency, possible distribution of computation load over time, possible reduced demands on parallel processing and chip area, and possible less complex channel decoder.” |
| FL2 | Most responses are generally fine with the FL proposal. One response points out the cost of an additional filter that is required after removing the duplex filter may not be fully reflected in the cost estimate. One response points out the cost reduction from removing one local oscillator seems to be over-estimated. Two responses express different view on whether cost reduction in baseband block can be expected.  The TP above has been revised to reflect the above comments. Furthermore, reflecting the comments in responses to Proposal 7.4.1-1, some text is moved from clause 7.4.1 to 7.4.2.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.4.2-1a:** Adopt the updated TP as baseline text for TR clause 7.4.2. | |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Samsung | Y |  |
| CATT | Y |  |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |
| vivo | Y |  |
| Huawei, HiSi | Y with modifications | As previously replied, if PA power is reduced then there will be coverage loss instead since the max Tx power is kept in the standard.  1) If cost saving from PA as one possible implementation has to be mentioned we think a condition of the above for potential coverage loss should also be mentioned.  2) Additionally we also want companies to be invited (by FL in the proposal) to double check the results, given the discussion points above.  In response to Sierra Wireless: thanks for replying our first question below but could you further elaborate your comments regarding the second comments and further comment?   * *The estimate does not reflect the need of additional filter* * *The estimate includes unclear cost reduction from BB. The proponent claims the reduction in BB comes from the removal of the need of simultaneous processing. However, it should be clear that the processing in BB is not affected, unless the processing time is relaxed. For example, the UL processing block for processing UL would have to be done inside the UE even the UE is in a DL slot.*   Assuming HD-FDD is similar to TDD it is not clear how BB can be affected without relaxation of processing time. Then the proposal of adding similar texts used in processing time relaxation from Sierra Wireless seems to confirm that processing time relaxation has been assumed in their results (?). But further question would be why this is not observed from their results for the processing time relaxation block. |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| SONY | Y | OK with proposal. Shouldn’t we be talking about “duplexer”, rather than “duplex”, in this part of the TP?  it can be observed that the main contributor of the cost reduction is the duplexer/switch block.  Regarding HW’s comment (1): the RF power after the duplexer/switch block is the same for HD-FDD and FD-FDD. There will be no coverage loss. The point is that since a switch has lower insertion loss, the PA power at the input to the switch can be less than the PA power at the input to the duplexer. There is no loss of coverage if we have a lower PA power and the same RF radiated power. |

**Device size:**

In addition to reduction in cost/complexity benefits, contribution [18] points out that HD-FDD is expected to reduce device size. Note that the following agreement was reached in RAN1#101e:

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| Agreements:   * […] * Potential benefits in terms of reduced device size can be mentioned where applicable in the TR (e.g. in the section on reduced number of antennas), but the SI will not aim to quantify such benefits. |

**Phase 2: Question 7.4.2-1: Should it be captured in TR 38.875 that HD-FDD can be beneficial in terms of reducing the device size in FR1 FDD?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| FUTUREWEI | N |  |
| vivo | N | We do not see much benefit by HD-FDD in terms of device size |
| Sierra Wireless | Y | Removing the duplexer for each supported FDD band will reduce the size of the devices supporting HD-FDD compared to FD-FDD. |
| SONY | Y | Size reduction would come from removing the duplexers. This size reduction is not as significant as for reducing the number of antennas, but we think that the size reduction is worthy of mention here. |
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### 7.4.3 Analysis of performance impacts

According to the SID [36],

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| The study includes evaluations of the impact to coverage, network capacity and spectral efficiency |

In addition, RAN1#101e made the following agreement:

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| Agreements:   * The evaluation of performance impacts includes at least peak data rate, latency and reliability (as needed for the use cases). Other performance metrics such as power consumption, spectral efficiency and PDCCH blocking probability may also be considered if appropriate for a specific technique. |

Many contributions analyze the performance impacts if HD-FDD operation is introduced for RedCap UEs. The findings are summarized below. Note that some of the findings reflect different views in different contributions. Further discussions are needed to resolve these conflicting views.

**Data rate or throughput:**

* P1: HD-FDD reduces data rate compared to FD-FDD [2, 3, 4, 6, 19, 24].
* P2: HD-FDD Redcap UEs can fulfil all the RedCap data rate requirements [1, 5, 22].
* P3: Type A HD-FDD has minor data rate and latency degradation [18].
* P4: Type B HD-FDD has a significant impact on the throughput and/or latency performance [6, 18].
* P5: It might be problematic for HD-FDD UEs to fulfill the data rate requirements of high-end wearables (e.g. 50/150 Mbps peak bitrate in UL/DL) without relying on high modulation order, MIMO and/or carrier aggregation capability [28].

**Coverage:**

* P6: HD-FDD will not result in coverage loss and the coverage of HD-FDD UEs is expected to be at least as good as that of FD-FDD UEs [1, 4, 10, 11, 13, 15, 19, 22, 26].
* P7: HD-FDD will result in coverage loss if the same data rate needs to be maintained [3, 6].

**Latency:**

* P8: HD-FDD introduces longer latency than FD-HDD [3, 6, 19, 24, 28].
* P9: An HD-FDD UE in RRC\_CONNECTED can meet the 5-10 ms latency requirement for safety related sensors [1, 4].
* P10: HD-FDD has less impact on latency compared to TDD [19].
* P11: The latency requirement can be met if NR dynamic TDD is reused for HD-FDD [5].
* P12 The safety sensor use case has strict latency requirements of 5-10 ms which seems difficult for an HD-FDD device to meet [28].

**Power consumption:**

* P13: The lower insertion loss of an HD-FDD UE leads to a higher power efficiency in the transmit chain and improved power consumption when transmitting [1, 11, 19, 23].
* P14: HD-FDD has lower power consumption compared to FD-FDD [4, 10, 19, 24, 26].
  + HD-FDD has a negative impact on UE power consumption because the UE will be “on” for a longer time before being able to return to a lower power light sleep / deep sleep state. This loss is expected to be less than the gain from the lower insertion loss [19].
* P15: Compared to the reference NR modem, half duplex operation means some components can work in a reduced power state until required [13].
* P16: The impact on power consumption of HD-FDD depends on implementation [5].

**Capacity and spectral efficiency:**

* P17: HD-FDD results in lower spectral efficiency [4, 24].
* P18: HD-FDD has minor or no impact on spectral efficiency and capacity [1, 11, 13, 15, 19].
* P19: The lower noise figure of an HD-FDD UE leads to a moderate improvement in cell spectral efficiency and capacity [19].

**Other types of performance impacts:**

* P20: HD-FDD reduces available PDCCH monitoring occasion [6].
* P21: BWP adaptation may have an impact on HD-FDD operation. [7].

**Phase 2: Question 7.4.3-1: Considering the SI objective and the mentioned RAN1 agreement on what performance impacts to include, can the above list (P0-P21) be used as a baseline for the TP drafting for TR section 7.4.3?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
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### 7.4.4 Analysis of coexistence with legacy UEs

Many contributions analyze the coexistence impacts if HD-FDD operation is introduced for RedCap UEs. The findings are summarized below. Note that some of the findings reflect different views in different contributions. Further discussions are needed to resolve these conflicting views.

* C1: Introducing HD-FDD operation will make gNB scheduling more complicated [2, 10, 24].
* C2: HD-FDD may introduce scheduling constraints to URLLC services and may introduce issues with pre-emption indicator monitoring [3, 19, 28].
* C3: Introducing HD-FDD operation has no impact on initial access procedure as it is not likely to require simultaneous uplink and downlink transmission in legacy implementations during initial access [1, 11, 19].
* C4: Potential impact on RACH procedure to support Type B HD-FDD UE can be expected, e.g., switching time from PRACH to Msg2 for Type B HD-FDD [15, 24].
* C5: Introducing the support of Type-A HD-FDD operation will not introduce any coexistence issues with legacy UEs [1, 5].
* C6: Introducing the support of Type B HD-FDD operation may require longer time gaps between subsequent messages in the random-access procedure and may therefore introduce longer delay in the random-access procedure for legacy UEs [1].
* C7: Introducing Type B HD-FDD operation has a significant impact on the gNB scheduler [1].
* C8: HD-FDD introduces limitation on the configuration of some common RS/channels for both legacy and RedCap UEs [3].
* C9: Scheduling effectiveness is not compromised by supporting Type-A HD-FDD UE’s in paired spectrum, since each UE could switch between DL and UL at independent points in time, according to their respective scheduled or configured uplink transmissions [23].
* C10: With Type A HD FDD, only the duplexer is dropped, and the same (full-duplex) UE modem can be reused in full-duplex and half-duplex FDD UE designs, thus avoiding UE modem market fragmentation [23].

**Phase 2: Question 7.4.4-1: Can the above list (C1-C10) be used as a baseline for the TP drafting for TR section 7.4.4?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| Samsung |  | Support: C3, combined C4 and C6 , C5  FFS for C1  Don’t support: C1, C2, C7, C8, C9, C10 (not belong to this AI, and don’t agree with the statement) |
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### 7.4.5 Analysis of specification impacts

Many contributions analyze the specification impacts if HD-FDD operation is introduced for RedCap UEs. The findings are summarized below. Note that some of the findings reflect different views in different contributions. Further discussions are needed to resolve these conflicting views.

* S1: RAN1 specification impact is expected to be minor [11, 17].
* S2: RAN1 specification impact is expected to be small for supporting Type A HD-FDD [1, 21].
* S3: Introducing Type B HD-FDD operation would have much more specification impacts than Type A [1].
* S4: Need to specify DL-to-UL and UL-to-DL switching time [1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 19, 21, 22, 24].
* S5: RAN4 should decide on switching time requirements during the work item phase [19].
* S6: Need to specify HD-FDD capability signaling [1, 4, 5, 19, 21].
* S7: Need to specify how to handle DL/UL collision [1, 4, 8, 24].
* S8: For Type A HD-FDD, the guard period for DL-to-UL and UL-to-DL switching may be relaxed compared to the minimum Rx-to-Tx and Tx-to-Rx switching times defined in Rel-15 for a UE not supporting full-duplex communication [8].
* S9: The DL-to-UL and UL-to-DL switching time for a Type A HD-FDD device can reuse the same values of and specified in Table 4.3.2-3 of TS 38.211 [1].
* S10: The values of and specified in Table 4.3.2-3 of TS 38.211 cannot be used as DL-to-UL and UL-to-DL switching time for a Type B HD-FDD device [1].
* S11: Need to define applicable bands and performance requirements for HD-FDD operation [4].
* S12: RAN4 specification changes such as new reference sensitivity, RRM, and performance requirements can be expected, due to the lack of a duplexer, thus less insertion loss [1].
* S13: Thanks to the flexibility in the TDRA and HARQ timing in NR, there is less motivation to adopt features such as increasing the number of HARQ processes, multi-TB scheduling, and HARQ-ACK bundling, if Type A HD-FDD is introduced for RedCap [1].
* S14: If for unforeseeable reasons, features such as increasing the number of HARQ processes, multi-TB scheduling, and HARQ-ACK bundling, need to be introduced for enhancing the throughput for an HD-FDD UE, the specification impacts will be very significant [1].
* S15: Need to specify how DL pre-emption and UL cancellation work when HD-FDD UEs share resources with URLLC UEs [19].
* S16: Need to specify how to prioritize between eMBB traffic and URLLC traffic for the cases of (1) eMBB DL and URLLC UL and (2) eMBB UL and URLLC DL [19].
* S17: The gNB should be able to configure DL or UL durations for HD-FDD UE [12].
* S18: Type A HD-FDD operation will not impact BWP switch delay requirements [1].
* S19: Type B HD-FDD operation will require defining new BWP switch delay requirements [1].
* S20: RedCap UEs in HD-FDD mode should support BWP switching for power saving [7].

**Phase 3: Question 7.4.5-1: Can the above list (S1-S20) be used as a baseline for the TP drafting for TR section 7.4.5?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
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### 7.4.6 Conclusions

There are mixed views regarding whether HD-FDD should be introduced for RedCap. A summary is given below.

* Contributions [2, 3, 24, 28] indicate not supportive or no strong motivation to introduce HD-FDD.
* Contributions [4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18, 26] indicate HD-FDD may be considered or recommended for RedCap UE. Among these, contributions [10, 15] recommends the support of both Type A and B [10, 15], contributions [4, 6, 8, 18, 26] only recommend Type A. Contributions [6, 12] recommends HD-FDD as an optional feature for RedCap.
* Additionally, contributions [1, 23] express positive assessment regarding Type A, while express negative assessment or recommend not supportive of Type B.

Options for FR1 FDD bands:

* Option 1: Support HD-FDD operation type A.
* Option 2: Support HD-FDD operation type B.
* Option 3: No HD-FDD operation support (same as reference case).

**Phase 1: Question 7.4.6-1: Should TR 38.875 make recommendations on HD-FDD support for RedCap FR1 FDD UEs? If yes, please indicate your preferred option (or FFS in the Option column if you prefer to down-select later in this meeting).**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Option** | **Comments** |
| Qualcomm | Y | Option 1 |  |
| FUTUREWEI | N for type A  Y for type B | See comments | Prefer not to recommend for or against Type A.  Type B should be explicitly NOT recommended. |
| CATT | Y | Option 1 or 3 | No HD-FDD, or only Type A HD-FDD. |
| Vivo |  | Option 1 or 3 |  |
| OPPO | Y | Option 1 |  |
| LG | Y | FFS | Need clarification for Option 2. We see no company proposing to support only Type B. So isn’t it “support HD-FDD operation type B in addition to Type A, or support both”? intended by Option 2? |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N | 3 | Our preference is Option 3 but we could have more discussion as explained above. |
| Samsung | Y | Both Option 1 and Option 2 |  |
| ZTE | Y | Option 1 |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y | Option 1 |  |
| InterDigital | Y | Both |  |
| SONY | Y | Option 1 | HD-FDD should be supported for Redcap UEs, given the cost benefits and lower insertion loss. So, we think that at least option 1 should be supported.  [October 28 revision]: we removed support for option 2 – a minority of companies support option 2, there would be greater spec impacts with Type B and supporting two types of HD-FDD would fragment the market (or at least fragment the specs) |
| Ericsson | Y | 1 or 3 |  |
| Sierra Wireless | Y | Option 1 |  |
| Xiaomi | Y | Option 1 |  |
| DOCOMO | Y | 1 or 3 |  |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Y | Option 1 or 3 |  |
| Apple | Y | Option 1 |  |
| Sharp | Y | Option 1 |  |
| Intel | Y | Option 1 |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y | Option 1 |  |
| MediaTek | Y | Option 1 |  |
| CMCC | Y | Option 1 or 3 |  |
| FL | All responses except for three agree that TR 38.875 should capture whether Type A HD-FDD is recommended or not recommended. All responses but two agree that TR 38.875 should capture whether Type B HD-FDD is recommended or not recommended.  Regarding preferred recommendation, the views are split.   * 12 responses prefer recommending only Type A * 6 responses prefer either recommending only Type A or no HD-FDD at all * 2 responses support both Type A and Type B * 1 response prefers no HD-FDD * 1 response prefers only recommending not supporting Type B in TR 38.875.   **Phase 1: Proposal 7.4.6-1:** Based on the received responses, the FL proposal is as follows:   * Capture in the Conclusions of TR 38.875 that in FR1 FDD bands, a RedCap UE is recommended (from RAN1 perspective) to support HD-FDD operation type A but not B. | | |
| Qualcomm |  |  | We are ok with the updated proposal of FL |
| vivo |  |  | The proposal is a bit confusing, it seems to mean that RAN1 recommend all redcap UE to support HD-FDD, but this should not be the intention, right? Suggest the following change  Capture in the Conclusions of TR 38.875 that in FR1 FDD bands, ~~a RedCap UE~~ it is recommended (from RAN1 perspective) to optionally support HD-FDD operation type A but not B for RedCap UEs. |
| CATT |  |  | We think some companies still have concern in HD-FDD type A. Maybe we can consider revising a bit, like:  Capture in the Conclusions of TR 38.875 that in FR1 FDD bands, a RedCap UE is recommended (from RAN1 perspective) to support HD-FDD operation type A but not B, if HD-FDD is supported. |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |  |
| ZTE |  |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| Sequans |  |  | There are still several companies (8+?) having concern whether to at all recommend support of HD-FDD type A for RedCap UE. We feel that we can either leave for FFS to down-select later in this meeting (based on other features outcome) or to at least only recommend no support of Type B which is clear majority concensus. |
| LG |  |  | We are not okay with the updated proposal. As with other conclusions, there is no need to list the “NOT recommended” techniques or features in the TR. We prefer to just list up the features that are recommended based on our consensus. |
| Spreadtrum |  |  | We are ok with the updated proposal of FL |
| Huawei, HiSi | Partially |  | Fine without recommendation Type B. Need further discussion for Type A. |
| FUTUREWEI2 |  |  | Recommend Type A is too strong, OK to not recommend type B. |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |  |
| SONY | Y |  |  |
| Ericsson | Y |  | Our interpretation of the proposal is that it does not preclude that FD-FDD support could potentially be an optional RedCap UE capability. |
| Intel | Y |  | We understand that this does not preclude a UE from supporting FD-FDD and indicating such as part of capability reporting. |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  | We support the original proposal but are also OK with VIVO and CATT’s proposals as HD-FDD will not be mandatory for all RedCap UEs.  WRT to Sequans comment – we don’t feel 8+ companies is correct as Sequans is considering Type B which the proposal did not recommend. Thus, there are 2 companies, including Sequans, that have concerns with type A and 20 companies that support it so a clear majority to support at least type A. |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |  |
| FL2 | Based on the responses above, the following updated proposal can be considered.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.4.6-1a:**   * Capture in the Conclusions of TR 38.875 that in FR1 FDD bands, if HD-FDD functionality is supported for RedCap UEs, it is recommended (from RAN1 perspective) to support only HD-FDD operation type A. | | |
| CMCC | Y |  | OK with FL’s proposal. |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |  |
| Samsung |  |  | OK to support Type A, and suggest FFS on Type B |
| CATT | Y |  | FL’s updated proposal is fine for us. |
| Xiaomi |  |  | Y |
| OPPO | Y |  |  |
| vivo | Y |  |  |
| Huawei, HiSi | N |  | At least based on our results we fail to see any obvious benefits at this moment for recommendation (before clarifying the individual cost saving and completing the combination cost estimate).  We think one conclusion can be made is at least FD-HDD is supported for RedCap and Type B is not recommended. We can further check Type A within this meeting. |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |  |
| SONY | Y |  |  |

## 7.5 Relaxed UE processing time

### 7.5.1 Description of feature

Based on earlier RAN1 agreements [37], the following text proposal for the TR can be considered.

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| In the RedCap study item, relaxed UE processing time is considered in terms of more relaxed N1/N2 values compared to those of UE processing time capability 1. Relaxed UE processing time in terms of N1/N2 potentially reduces UE complexity by allowing a longer time for the processing of PDCCH and PDSCH and preparing PUSCH and PUCCH. This implies that it may be possible to have slower processor with reduced clock frequency, possible distribution of computation load over time, possible reduced demands on parallel processing and chip area, and possible less complex channel decoder.  In the study, for the purpose of evaluation, the relaxed UE processing time in terms of N1/N2 are assumed to be doubled compared to those of capability 1, i.e.,   * N1 = 16, 20, 34, and 40 symbols for 15, 30, 60, and 120 kHz SCS (assuming only front-loaded DMRS) * N2 = 20, 24, 46, and 72 symbols for 15, 30, 60, and 120 kHz SCS |

**Phase 1: Question 7.5.1-1: Can the above description on the relaxed UE processing time feature be used as a baseline text for TR 38.875?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| FUTUREWEI | Y |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Y |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| Ericsson | Y | Fix typo “if” to “of” in the first sentence.  Consider changing “capability #1” to “capability 1” to be consistent with 38.214. |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| CMCC | Y |  |
| FL | The description has been updated according to the comments above.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.5.1-1:** Adopt the updated TP above for TR clause 7.5.1. | |
| OPPO |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| Spreadtrum |  | Fine |
| Huawei, HiSi | Y |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| Ericsson | Y |  |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  |
| FL2 | All responses agree with the proposal. | |
| Samsung |  | Suggest the following changes, because we think if PDCCH processing can be reduced, it may increase the post-FFT buffer:  In the RedCap study item, relaxed UE processing time is considered in terms of more relaxed N1/N2 values compared to those of UE processing time capability 1. ~~Relaxed UE processing time in terms of N~~~~1~~~~/N~~~~2~~ ~~potentially reduces UE complexity by allowing a longer time for the processing of PDCCH and PDSCH and preparing PUSCH and PUCCH. This implies that it may be possible to have slower processor with reduced clock frequency, possible distribution of computation load over time, possible reduced demands on parallel processing and chip area, and possible less complex channel decoder.~~ |
| vivo | Y |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Y | We are also fine to move the texts in red in SS comments from ‘description of feature’ to ‘analysis of UE complexity redcution’. But disagree to completely remove it with the reasons below.  In response to SS: we think PDCCH processing time is naturally included when capability#1 is defined in Rel-15.  The texts SS tends to remove make the TP incomplete in the sense that what/how blocks contributes to the cost saving. For the block that SS has question, we are open to invite companies to double check. |

In addition to relaxed UE processing time in terms of N1/N2, a few contributions discuss relaxed CSI computation. However, it was agreed that the study of relaxed UE CSI computation time is not prioritized in the RedCap study item.

**Phase 1: Question 7.5.1-2: Should any text related to relaxed CSI computation time be captured in the TR?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments** |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Y | As evaluated in our contribution, about 5% cost saving can be achieved with double CSI computation time. |
| Ericsson | N | Most companies have not analyzed the cost reduction benefit of relaxed CSI computation time because it is not prioritized in the RedCap study. We do not think it is appropriate to capture anything on this if it is not adequately studied. |
| DOCOMO | N |  |
| FL | **Phase 1: Proposal 7.5.1-2:** More companies are invited to provide their response to this question. | |
| Qualcomm | N | Given reduced BW capability and reduced number of DL MIMO layers, the computation load of CSI is reduced accordingly. Doubling CSI computation time on top of doubled N1/N2 can degrade the accuracy of CSI tracking and the efficiency of the scheduler, which is undesirable for RedCap UEs (e.g. the wearable devices) not expected to be constantly stationary or low mobility. Therefore, to meet the designated performance requirements for R17 RedCap UEs in latency and reliability, relaxed CSI computation time can not be accepted as a common/minimum UE capability of RedCap devices, and we don’t think the cost saving gain should be captured in the TR. |
| Huawei, HiSi | Y | The question is even unfair. HD-FDD Type B (deprioritized compared to TypeA), other BWs are mentioned in proposed TPs. There is no reason to NOT capture CSI computation related texts. Performance impact and cost saving results is another discussion. |
| Nokia, NSB | N |  |
| Intel | Y | We would be supportive of seeing relaxation to CSI computation time captured at least from cost/complexity perspective. In hindsight, it would probably have been better if the template accommodated this, as Type B HD-FDD was handled. |
| Sierra Wireless | N | Agree with Qualcomm. |
| FL2 | Based on the responses above, there seems to be limited interest in capturing text related to relaxed CSI computation time in the TR.  More companies are invited to provide their response to this question.  See also the new Question 7.9.2-2 about cost/complexity evaluation for combinations of complexity reduction features. | |
| CATT |  | If the question is to ask whether TR should ‘recommend’ relaxed CSI computation, we think Qualcomn’s explanation makes sense. This method attracts little interest and is not studied sufficiently by most companies.  But we think ‘observation’ on cost reduction of relaxed CSI computation time (by a few companies) is fine to be captured, though no conclution or recommendation is going to be drawn further. |
| Huawei, HiSi | Y | We don’t agree with different handling on capturing TPs. Either we capture the texts for all candidate techniques that are on the table (like typeB), with exact pros and cons subject to further discussion, or do not capture any texts that are raised with flags.  In response to Qualcomm/Sierra: We undersand your position but we think what you justified is being further checked after combination results are shown. The intention here is simply to capture related texts without mentioning pros and cons, for ‘description of feature’. |

### 7.5.2 Analysis of UE complexity reduction

Based on the latest available evaluation results in [RedCapCost-v024-FL-Si02-SONY2.xlsx](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_103-e/Inbox/drafts/8.6/EvaluationResults/RedCapCost/RedCapCost-v024-FL-Si02-SONY2.xlsx), the following text proposal for the TR can be considered. The text can be further updated if later evaluation results are provided that change the numbers significantly.

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| The estimated cost for a device with relaxed UE processing time (see evaluation methodology described in clause 6.1) and averaged over the results provided by the sourcing companies, is summarized in Table 7.5.2-1. As can be seen in the last row for the total cost, the average estimated cost reduction is around 6% for FR1 FDD, 7% for FR1 TDD, and 6% for FR2 TDD.  By comparing Table 7.5.2-1 with the reference NR device cost breakdown in clause 6.1, it can be observed that the cost of at least the following functional blocks can be reduced:   * Baseband: Receiver processing block * Baseband: LDPC decoding * Baseband: UL processing block   Furthermore, all sourcing companies indicated that these cost savings do not accumulate across supported bands.  **Table 7.5.2-1: Estimated relative device cost for relaxed UE processing time**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Relaxed processing time (doubled N1 and N2)** | **FR1 FDD** | **FR1 TDD** | **FR2 TDD** | | RF: Antenna array | - | - | 33.0% | | RF: Power amplifier | 25.0% | 25.0% | 18.0% | | RF: Filters | 10.0% | 15.0% | 8.0% | | RF: Transceiver (including LNAs, mixer, and local oscillator) | 45.0% | 55.0% | 41.0% | | RF: Duplexer / Switch | 20.0% | 5.0% | 0.0% | | **RF: Total relative cost** | **100.0%** | **100.0%** | **100.0%** | | BB: ADC / DAC | 10.0% | 9.0% | 4.0% | | BB: FFT/IFFT | 4.0% | 4.0% | 4.0% | | BB: Post-FFT data buffering | 10.0% | 10.0% | 11.0% | | BB: Receiver processing block | 19.4% | 23.6% | 18.9% | | BB: LDPC decoding | 6.8% | 6.1% | 6.2% | | BB: HARQ buffer | 14.0% | 12.0% | 11.0% | | BB: DL control processing & decoder | 4.1% | 3.3% | 4.0% | | BB: Synchronization / cell search block | 8.7% | 8.7% | 6.8% | | BB: UL processing block | 3.7% | 3.5% | 5.0% | | BB: MIMO specific processing blocks | 8.5% | 8.6% | 17.0% | | **BB: Total relative cost** | **89.3%** | **88.8%** | **87.9%** | | **RF+BB: Total relative cost** | **93.6%** | **93.3%** | **93.9%** | |

**Phase 1: Question 7.5.2-1: Can the above observations of the relative cost estimation for UE with relaxed UE processing time be used as a baseline text for TR 38.875?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| Qualcomm | Y |  |
| FUTUREWEI | Y |  |
| CATT | Y |  |
| vivo | Y |  |
| OPPO | Y |  |
| LG | Y |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N | We prefer some discussion first. For example why there is no cost saved from receiver processing block in some companies results. |
| Samsung | Y with change | But we think N1 and N2 are more related to PDSCH processing time and PUSCH preparation time, respectively, other than DL control processing & decoder. |
| ZTE | Y |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| InterDigital | Y |  |
| Ericsson | Y, partially | It would be good to understand better why there is such a spread in the cost reduction estimates for this technique. We noted that a few sources indicate that there would be a substantial cost reduction in several blocks (Receiver processing block, LDPC decoding, DL control processing & decoder, UL processing block, MIMO specific processing block, and even Synchronization / cell search block) that we do not fully understand. |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Apple | Y |  |
| Sharp | Y |  |
| Intel | Y |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| MediaTek | N | We have concerns regarding some of the numbers provided. We don’t see it feasible to have about 20%-23% complexity reduction in BB by simply doubling the N1/N2. In our view, increased data buffering cancels reductions achieved from processes serializations by doubling N1/N2. |
| FL | **Phase 1: Proposal 7.5.2-1:** Companies are encouraged to comment on the concerns raised above about some of the estimates and consider whether some of the estimates need to be updated. | |
| CATT |  | Companies may have different views on the cost reduction range. If only few companies have very different understanding on the cost reduction value, their results are still averaged. The final result can still represent the understanding of majority. We think the above table can be captured. |
| Huawei, HiSi | Y with modifications | The number needs further discussion but the text can be captured.  To SS: DL control processing is taken into account for N1/N2. For PDCCH, it is supposed to be simultaneously processed for data, so with doubled PDSCH processing time, the PDCCH processing can also be relaxed. Obviously it is impossible to complete PDCCH processing right after the ending symbol of PDCCH.  To E/MTK:  For “BB: Receiver processing block”: With the doubled processing time, the complexity/cost of channel estimation for PDSCH will be reduced to 40%, the complexity/cost of demodulation for PDSCH will be reduced to 60%. We assume the ratio of the two parts is 4:6, so the cost of the block will be reduced to 40%\*40%+60%\*60%=52%, which is to 12.5% of BB  For “BB: LDPC decoding”, the complexity/cost of demodulation for PDSCH will be reduced to 60%, which is to 6% of BB.  For “BB: DL control processing & decoder”: With the doubled processing time, the complexity/cost of channel estimation, blind detection, demodulation, decoding and DCI parse for PDCCH will be reduced nearly to 50%. Moreover, with less on-chip memory, the total cost of DL control processing & decoder will be reduced to 50%, which is to 2.5% of BB.  For “BB: UL processing block”: the complexity/cost of MAC PDU generating, coding, modulation and etc. for PUSCH will be reduced to 60%, with the doubled processing time, which is to 3% of BB.  Btw, we noticed (thanks for the comments) there is copy paste wrong in our template, where the “60%” ratio for intermediate calculation was mistaken put to Synchronization / cell search block. It should be for LDPC decoding (which should be obvious that it does not affect Synchronization but affect LDPC). Our results will be updated soon in the template. |
| Ericsson |  | We want to thank Huawei for their clarifications. It might be helpful if companies who indicated a cost reduction in the MIMO specific processing block could also provide some clarification. |
| Intel |  | In addition to the nice breakdown from Huawei, we would like to highlight that the exact gains depend heavily on assumptions of the level of parallelization assumed for the reference device. Certainly, if the reference NR device assumes very limited parallelization for the component processing blocks, then the gains would be limited. However, for a device with higher level of parallelization using lower-capability blocks, the gains from serialization can be non-negligible. This becomes especially true when N1/N2 doubling is considered as a complexity reduction technique in isolation.  To Ericsson’s question, on MIMO processing block, we reported ~10% reduction considering possible serializations related to some of the MIMO-related PDSCH processing for DMRS-based reception. We understand this is a function of exact assumptions on the split between Rx processing blocks and MIMO processing blocks. |
| Kittipong |  | From Intel response, it seems companies have different interpretation on the split of UE complexity/cost related to PDSCH processing. But Intel seem to be ok with the TP which does not mention cost reduction on MIMO explicitly. I think this is fine. I noticed that some also report cost reduction on the MIMO processing block due to BW reduction. Companies seem to be fine with the TP text not mentioning MIMO there too.  Perhaps we can propose that to capture the texts in the TP (where the numbers related to MIMO specific processing blocks in **Table 7.5.2-1** are subject to further update next week if any.) |
| FL2 | Most responses agree to capture the observations in the TR. However, some responses have raised concerns on some of the estimates from other sourcing companies.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.5.2-1a:** Based on the responses, the FL’s updated proposal is as follows:   * Adopt the TP above as baseline text for TR clause 7.5.2.   + Companies are invited to double-check their entries in the cost reduction spreadsheet with respect to the above comments (and to catch potential typos).   + The table will be further updated with potential updated cost estimates. | |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Samsung | Y |  |
| CATT | Y |  |
| OPPO | Y | We share similar views with Huawei and intel that doubling the N1/N2 is also beneficial for the complexity reduction for “BB: DL control processing & decoder” and “BB: MIMO specific processing blocks”. Companies can further check that. |
| vivo |  | From the excel sheet, it seems most companies reported reduced complexity for “Baseband: DL control processing & decoder”, thus we think it is not proper to delete it, we can add a statement that majority companies see the complexity reduction for this part. |
| Huawei, HiSi | Almost | Ok with FL2 except for the removal of ‘DL control processing & decoder’. We have very specific explanation for that based on our implpemetation team’s effort. Companies are already invited to double check the results, at this point the removal is not acceptable. |

### 7.5.3 Analysis of performance impacts

According to the SID [36],

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| The study includes evaluations of the impact to coverage, network capacity and spectral efficiency |

In addition, RAN1#101e made the following agreement:

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| Agreements:   * The evaluation of performance impacts includes at least peak data rate, latency and reliability (as needed for the use cases). Other performance metrics such as power consumption, spectral efficiency and PDCCH blocking probability may also be considered if appropriate for a specific technique. |

Several contributions analyze the performance impact if relaxed UE processing time is introduced for RedCap UEs. The findings are listed below.

**Latency:**

* P1: Contributions [1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 13, 16, 23, 24, 26, 28] mentioned the impact of relaxed UE processing time capability on latency, where [1, 4, 5, 23] provide some numerical examples of the impact on UL and DL latency for the initial transmission and different number of retransmissions.
* P2: Contributions [1, 3, 4, 5, 16, 21, 23, 24] observe that many RedCap use cases have rather relaxed latency requirements of up to 100 ms or 500 ms and thus can afford to have more relaxed UE processing time if the trade-off between cost reduction benefits and impacts is justified.
* P3: It is mentioned in several contributions [1, 2, 5, 6, 13, 23, 24, 26, 28] that for some use cases such as safety-related sensors, rather strict latency may be required, and a more relaxed UE processing may not be feasible.

**Scheduling flexibility/complexity:**

* P4: Contributions [1, 4, 6, 23, 24, 26] observe negative impacts of relaxed UE processing time on scheduling complexity, especially when taking into account different scheduling timing restriction related to N1/N2 and the fact that there already exist two UE processing time capabilities in NR.

**Data rate:**

* P5: Contributions [1, 2, 15, 24, 26] mention that sustained data rate may be impacted due to longer HARQ RTT because of the relaxed UE processing time.

**Coverage:**

* P6: Contributions [1, 2, 4, 11, 15, 24] note that no significant coverage impact is expected from a more relaxed UE processing time.

**Spectral efficiency/network capacity:**

* P7: Contributions [1, 3, 4, 11, 15] note that no impact on spectral efficiency or network capacity is expected since it is up to gNB to schedule other UEs on available resources.

**Power consumption:**

* P8: Contributions [3, 5, 13, 16] mention that relaxed processing timeline can allow for lower clock frequency and lower voltage which has an impact on the UE power consumption.
* P9: Contributions [4, 16] mentioned that power saving benefit from cross-slot scheduling can be obtained from relaxed UE processing time.
* P10: Contributions [5, 6, 11, 24, 26, 28] noted that the UE power saving gain may not be clear or may even be degraded as UE may need to stay active longer due to more relaxed UE processing time, and that it may also depend on specific implementation.
* P11: Contribution [1] notes that the NW can configure RedCap UEs to achieve power saving gain from cross-slot scheduling even if no relaxed UE processing time capability is defined.

**Phase 2: Question 7.5.3-1: Considering the SI objective and the mentioned RAN1 agreement on what performance impacts to include, can the above list (P0-P11) be used as a baseline for the TP drafting for TR section 7.5.3?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
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### 7.5.4 Analysis of coexistence with legacy UEs

Contributions [1, 2, 23, 24] express that multiple UE processing timelines may increase complexity at the scheduler to handle and ensure coexistence with legacy UEs.

Contributions [1, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 21, 24] observe that there can be potential coexistence issues with legacy UEs during initial access/random access if a new, more relaxed UE processing time capability is introduced. For example, there exist the timing requirement for scheduling of Msg3 which depends on N1 and N2 values of UE processing time capability #1. If gNB schedules according to legacy UEs, RedCap UEs with relaxed N1/N2, if supported, may not be able to access the cell. On the other hand, if gNB considers potential presence of UEs with relaxed processing time in a cell, it would schedule according to the worst-case timing which would degrade the performance of legacy UEs. Similarly, timing of HARQ-ACK for Msg4 is also identified as a potential coexistence issue with legacy UEs in contributions [8, 9, 10, 15]. In order to support relaxed UE processing time capability during initial access, contributions [3, 8, 9, 10, 15] mention that methods for identifying RedCap UEs, e.g., before Msg3 scheduling may need to be studied.

These identified issues are listed below.

* C1: May make scheduler more complex [1, 2, 23, 24]
* C2: Identification of RedCap UEs before Msg3 may be needed [3, 8, 9, 10, 15].

**Phase 2: Question 7.5.4-1: Can the above list (C1-C2) be used as a baseline for the TP drafting for TR section 7.5.4?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
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### 7.5.5 Analysis of specification impacts

Contributions [1, 2, 3, 4, 13, 15, 23, 24] mention the specification impact of defining a new relaxed UE processing time capability and new values of N1/N2. Contributions [2, 23] note that the standardization effort can be high as it requires inputs and agreement from all UE manufacturers.

Other potential impacts on scheduling timing related to the existing default TDRA tables and HARQ-ACK timing range are mentioned by contributions [5, 9, 16, 21, 24]. On the other hand, contributions [1, 3, 4] note that no specification impacts beyond new definition of relaxed UE processing time are expected unless the relaxation of N1/N2 values is too excessive.

These identified impacts are listed below.

* S1: Definition of relaxed UE processing time capability and N1/N2 values [1, 2, 3, 4, 13, 15, 23, 24]
* S2: Scheduling time related to default TDRA tables and HARQ-ACK timing range [5, 9, 16, 21, 24]

**Phase 3: Question 7.5.5-1: Can the above list (S1-S2) be used as a baseline for the TP drafting for TR section 7.5.5?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
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### 7.5.6 Conclusions

Based on the analysis of UE cost/complexity reduction, most contributions estimate that relaxed UE processing time in terms of N1/N2 only provides relatively small benefit in terms of UE cost/complicity reduction. On average, the estimate cost reduction is around 4-6% of the total RF+BB cost [35]. On the other hand, several impacts associated with the UE processing time relaxation are observed. Most prominently, many contributions mention that relaxing UE processing time capability can have an impact on latency and scheduling flexibility/complexity where many scheduling timings are dependent upon. There are also potential coexistence issues with legacy UEs, e.g., on the timing requirement for Msg3 scheduling and for HARQ-ACK of Msg4 which can have impacts on the performance of legacy UEs or potentially lead to large specification impacts on UE timing requirement during random access procedure as well as early UE identification.

Contributions [1, 2, 6, 11, 18, 23, 24, 26] suggest not to recommend relaxed UE processing time in terms of N1/N2 as a technique for complexity reduction for RedCap UEs since the gain is small and does not justify performance impacts, and potentially large coexistence and specification impacts.

Contributions [3, 8, 13] on the other hand observe that some meaningful gain can be obtained and recommend to further consider the relaxed UE processing time in terms of N1/N2 for complexity reduction for RedCap UEs in the WI phase.

Options:

* Option 1: Relaxed UE processing time in terms of N1/N2 only
* Option 2: Relaxed UE processing time in terms of CSI computation time
* Option 3: Relaxed UE processing time in terms of N1/N2 and CSI computation time
* Option 4: No relaxed UE processing time (same as reference case)

**Phase 1: Question 7.5.6-1: Should TR 38.875 make recommendations on the relaxed UE processing time for RedCap UEs? If yes, please indicate your preferred option (or FFS in the Option column if you prefer to down-select later in this meeting).**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Option** | **Comments** |
| Qualcomm | Y | Option 4 |  |
| FUTUREWEI | Y | FFS | Not in favor of Option 1. Need to better understand CSI cost/benefit. |
| CATT | Y | Option 4 |  |
| vivo | Y |  | We think relaxed UE processing time can be justified from both complexity reduction and power consumption perspective. So we support to recommend relaxed UE processing time for RedCap UEs. We propose a revised version from Option 1 which leave the discussion of relaxing CSI computation time to work item phase  Option X: Relaxed UE processing time in terms of N1/N2 ~~only~~ |
| OPPO | Y | FFS | At least N1/N2 shall be relaxed, FFS CSI processing time. |
| LG | Y | FFS |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N | 3 | Our preference is Option 3 but we want to wait for some discussion. |
| Samsung | Y | FFS |  |
| ZTE | Y | Option 1 or Option 4 | Option 1, if RedCap UE can be identified before Msg3  Option 4, otherwise. |
| Nokia, NSB | Y | Option 4 |  |
| InterDigital | Y | Option 3 |  |
| Ericsson | Y | 4 | Most companies have not analyzed the cost reduction benefit of relaxed CSI computation time (Options 2 and 3) because it is not prioritized in the RedCap study, so the benefit is not clear. |
| Sierra Wireless | Y | Option 4 |  |
| DOCOMO | Y | 4 |  |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Y | Option 1 | It was agreed to deprioritize CSI computation time in SI phase. It could be revisited if time allows in WI. |
| Apple | Y | Option 3 |  |
| Sharp | Y | FFS | At least relaxed N1/N2 can be considered given the estimated cost reduction is up to 6% ~7%. |
| Intel | Y | Option 3 (preferred) or Option 1 |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y | Option1 | As mentioned by vivo, relaxed UE processing time can be justified from both complexity reduction and power consumption perspective. We think N1/N2 shall be relaxed, at least. |
| MediaTek | Y | Option-4 | The estimated cost reduction by doubling N1, N2 is in the order of ~1-2%. The benefits would not be in proportion to the standardization effort, the impact on scheduling and the potential limitation on scope of applicability. |
| CMCC | Y | Option 1 or 4 | When RedCap UEs can be early identified, or separate BWP is used, the coexistence issues can be avoided for option 1, and power saving gain can be achieved.  We can also accept option 4. |
| FL | A large majority of the responses indicated some preferences among the options:   * Option 1: Relaxed UE processing time in terms of N1/N2 only   + Option 1 is supported by 2 responses, and 6 more responses expressed that they are open to it. * Option 2: Relaxed UE processing time in terms of CSI computation time   + Option 2 (without relaxed processing time in terms of N1/N2) has weak support. * Option 3: Relaxed UE processing time in terms of N1/N2 and CSI computation time   + Option 3 is supported by 3 responses, and 4 more responses expressed that they are open to it. * Option 4: No relaxed UE processing time (same as reference case)   + Option 4 is supported by 7 responses, and 3 more responses expressed that they are open to it.   **Phase 1: Question 7.5.6-1:** Based on the above, the FL proposal is to revisit this question later in this meeting. Companies are invited to provide further comments and preferences and to double-check their cost estimates with respect to the feedback given in Section 7.5.2 in this document. | | |
| Huawei, HiSi |  |  | Firstly, I must have misunderstood how the supporting companies are counted. There are obviously more than 2 companies supporting Option 1 and more than 3 supporting Option 3. At least two with FFS also indicate the benefits of relaxed processing time of N1 and N2, and their FFS is for the CSI part.  If the Option can be “at least Relaxed UE processing time in terms of N1/N2” the supporting companies would be 10.  Secondly, at least from the presented cost estimate, doubled processing time including N1/N2 provide comparable cost saving to HD-FDD Type A. The saving would be more if CSI computation time is also relaxed. It is unclear about the reason in the summary that it was “relatively small”.  Thirdly, unlike other techniques, doubled N1/N2 and CSI computation time can be recommended without waiting for the study of coverage/SE/capacity. There are quite different situation for some other techniques but they are still recommended by FL. |
| Intel |  |  | Fine to continue discussions on this.  However, a bit similar point as HW on interpreting the feedback, that perhaps we should count companies that have explicitly mentioned Option 1 in the third column as supporting Option 1, even if multiple Options are listed. At least, we would like to be considered as supporting (and not just “open to”) Option 1 although we indicated Option 3 with higher level of preference. |
| Sierra Wireless |  |  | We feel that directly comparing the cost reduction of Relaxed processing time, which only reduces BB cost, with HD-FDD, which reduces at least RF cost, is not accurate because the RF savings accumulate across bands in a real world device. |
| Samsung |  |  | Since the total complexity reduction of this technique is not large, e.g., <10%, and the preference is quite diverse. In addition, we observed that the complexity reduction may be impact when combining with other technqiues, i.e., the compoments provide complexity gain is overlapped with BW reduction, which already agreed as a baseline. Therefore, we suggest to make decision for this technique later based on the cost reduction when combining with other technqiues. |
| Huawei, HiSi |  |  | Can we change the ‘relaxed’ to ‘doubled’ to align with the evaluation?  The question seems to be whether we should recommend certain technique or not based on the current results. We think we should take a positive way to see if this is recommended what would be the consequce/modified way forward, similar to other candidate that is being recommended. This helps understand the essential concern from companies. |

## 7.6 Relaxed maximum number of MIMO layers

### 7.6.1 Description of feature

Based on earlier RAN1 agreements [37], the following text proposal for the TR can be considered.

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| In the study, the following relaxation options for maximum number of DL MIMO layers were studied and evaluated:   * For FR1 FDD: 1 MIMO layer * For FR1 TDD: 1 and 2 MIMO layers * For FR2: 1 MIMO layer   The study uses a legacy NR UE as a reference. The evaluation of cost/complexity reduction is with respect to a reference UE with the maximum number of DL MIMO layers support shown below.   * For FR1 FDD: 2 MIMO layers * For FR1 TDD: 4 MIMO layers * For FR2: 2 MIMO layers   It is primarily assumed that this maximum number of MIMO layers applies to DL data channel only. |

**Phase 1: Question 7.6.1-1: Can the above description on the number of DL MIMO layers reduction feature be used as a baseline text for TR 38.875?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| Qualcomm | Y |  |
| FUTUREWEI | Y |  |
| vivo | Y |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N | The previous agreements only said 1 or 2 MIMO layers for study. So 2 MIMO layers for FR1 FDD is also an option. A UE does not necessarily have different MIMO layers per FR/band. |
| ZTE | Y |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| Ericsson | Y |  |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Sharp | Y |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| CMCC | Y |  |
| FL | **Phase 1: Proposal 7.6.1-1:** Adopt the updated TP above for TR clause 7.6.1. | |
| vivo |  | Fine |
| CATT | Y | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| Xiaomi | Y |  |
| ZTE |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| OPPO |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| Sequans | Y | Maybe small modification can be done to 1st sentence to avoid confusion:  “*In the study, the main relaxation options for maximum number of DL MIMO layers considered are …*” |
| LG |  | Under this “Description of feature”, the options that were studied and evaluated are 1 layer for FR1 FDD and 1 and 2 layers for FR1 TDD. So, the proposal from the FL is okay to us. But, we recommend the following changes:  “In the study, the options for maximum number of DL MIMO layers that were studied and evaluated are:”  The options that are further considered in the WI phase can be discussed under the “Conclusions”. |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N | 2 MIMO layers for FDD is a valid option. The UE may only reduce BW without reducing MIMO layers. Should be added. |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| Ericsson | Y |  |
| Intel | Y |  |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  |
| FL2 | Most responses agree to capture the TP above, with some with minor updates. One response has suggested to include 2 MIMO layers option in the TP.  The TP has been updated to indicate that the list of MIMO options are ‘relaxation options’. Not relaxing the number of MIMO layers at all is not a solution that belongs in the section on “Relaxed maximum number of MIMO layers”.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.6.1-1a:** Adopt the updated TP above as baseline text for TR clause 7.6.1. | |
| CMCC | Y | OK with FL’s proposal. |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Samsung | Y |  |
| CATT | Y | The update is fine for us. |
| OPPO | Y |  |
| vivo | Y |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Y with modifications | Understand the point from FL2 while one fact is that a RedCap UE support both FDD and TDD then the MIMO layers in BB from that device would be likely 2, even though the # of Rx can be reduced. This still belongs to relaxation.  We think one sentence can be addiotnally captured in line with the above:  For a RedCap UE which supports both FDD and TDD the MIMO layers may not be reduced from 2 to 1 in baseband. |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |

### 7.6.2 Analysis of UE complexity reduction

Based on the latest available evaluation results in [RedCapCost-v024-FL-Si02-SONY2.xlsx](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_103-e/Inbox/drafts/8.6/EvaluationResults/RedCapCost/RedCapCost-v024-FL-Si02-SONY2.xlsx), the following text proposal for the TR can be considered. The text can be further updated if later evaluation results are provided that change the numbers significantly.

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| The estimated cost for a device with relaxed maximum number of MIMO layers (see evaluation methodology described in clause 6.1) and averaged over the results provided by the sourcing companies, is summarized in Table 7.6.2-1. As can be seen in the last row for the total cost, the average estimated cost reduction achieved by relaxing the maximum number of MIMO layers from 2 to 1 layer is ~12% for FR1 FDD, from 4 to 2 layer is ~11% for FR1 TDD, from 4 to 1 layer is ~17% for FR1 TDD, and from 2 to 1 layer is ~11% for FR2.  By comparing Table 7.6.2-1 with the reference NR device cost breakdown in clause 6.1, it can be observed that the main contributors of the cost reduction are the following functional blocks:   * Baseband: Receiver processing block * Baseband: LDPC decoding * Baseband: HARQ buffer * Baseband: MIMO specific processing block   Furthermore, all sourcing companies indicated that these cost savings do not accumulate across supported bands.  **Table 7.6.2-1: Estimated relative device cost for relaxed maximum number of MIMO layers**   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Relaxed maximum number of MIMO layers** | **FR1 FDD**  **(2 🡪 1 layer)** | **FR1 TDD**  **(4 🡪 2 layers)** | **FR1 TDD**  **(4 🡪 1 layer)** | **FR2**  **(2 🡪 1 layer)** | | RF: Antenna array | - | - | - | 33.0% | | RF: Power amplifier | 25.0% | 25.0% | 25.0% | 18.0% | | RF: Filters | 10.0% | 15.0% | 15.0% | 8.0% | | RF: Transceiver (including LNAs, mixer, and local oscillator) | 45.0% | 55.0% | 55.0% | 41.0% | | RF: Duplexer / Switch | 20.0% | 5.0% | 5.0% | 0.0% | | **RF: Total relative cost** | **100.0%** | **100.0%** | **100.0%** | **100.0%** | | BB: ADC / DAC | 10.0% | 9.0% | 9.0% | 4.0% | | BB: FFT/IFFT | 3.9% | 4.0% | 4.0% | 4.0% | | BB: Post-FFT data buffering | 9.8% | 10.0% | 10.0% | 11.0% | | BB: Receiver processing block | 19.7% | 24.4% | 22.3% | 19.9% | | BB: LDPC decoding | 5.2% | 4.6% | 2.4% | 4.7% | | BB: HARQ buffer | 7.2% | 6.1% | 3.3% | 5.7% | | BB: DL control processing & decoder | 4.9% | 4.0% | 4.0% | 5.0% | | BB: Synchronization / cell search block | 8.8% | 9.0% | 9.0% | 7.0% | | BB: UL processing block | 5.0% | 5.0% | 5.0% | 7.0% | | BB: MIMO specific processing blocks | 4.8% | 5.0% | 3.0% | 9.5% | | **BB: Total relative cost** | **79.3%** | **81.1%** | **71.9%** | **77.8%** | | **RF+BB: Total relative cost** | **87.6%** | **88.7%** | **83.2%** | **88.9%** | |

**Phase 1: Question 7.6.2-1: Can the above observations of the relative cost estimation for UE with relaxed maximum number of MIMO layers be used as a baseline text for TR 38.875?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| Qualcomm | Y |  |
| FUTUREWEI | Y |  |
| CATT | Y |  |
| vivo |  | As commented before, we think the linkage between reduced Rx and Reduced MIMO layer should be discussed and captured as observation, i.e. the supported number of MIMO layers is not larger than the number of Rx. |
| OPPO | Y | The cost saving of MIMO layer reduction is basically from that of Rx reduction. There is no additional cost saving from MIMO layer reduction. Share same view with vivo that the linkage between reduced Rx and Reduced MIMO layer should be discussed firstly. |
| LG | Y |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N | Some discussion is preferred. |
| Samsung |  | We think CSI feedback can be decoupled with MIMO layers since UE can support more CSI feedback for each antenna. |
| ZTE | Y |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| InterDigital | Y |  |
| Ericsson | Y |  |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  |
| Xiaomi |  | Similar view with oppo, vivo. The analysis of the MIMO layer reduction should be linked with the Rx reduction. |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Apple | Y |  |
| Panasonic | Y |  |
| Sharp | Y |  |
| Intel | Y |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| MediaTek | N | It seems the provided estimated relative device cost for relaxed maximum number of MIMO layers is actually considering the reduction the on #Rx as well.  More discussion is needed. |
| SONY | Y |  |
| FL | Most responses agree to capture the text proposal in the TR.  Regarding the relation between number of layers and number of antennas, see Proposal 7.2.2-1.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.6.2-1:** Adopt the updated TP above for TR clause 7.6.2. | |
| vivo |  | Fine |
| CATT | Y | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| ZTE |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| OPPO |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| Sequans | Y\* | \*assuming that the layers/antennas relation issues are clarified within Proposal 7.2.2-1 or 7.9 |
| LG |  | Okay |
| Huawei, HiSi | Y |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| Ericsson | Y |  |
| Intel | Y |  |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  |
| FL2 | All responses agree to capture the updated TP above in the TR. One response has mentioned that layers/antennas relation issues should be clarified in Proposal 7.2.2-1 or 7.9.  The FL intention is that the mentioned layers/antennas relation should be clarified in Section 7.2 or 7.9 of this document.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.6.2-1a:** Adopt the updated TP above as baseline text for TR clause 7.6.2. | |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| CATT | Y |  |
| OPPO | Y |  |
| vivo | Y |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |

### 7.6.3 Analysis of performance impacts

According to the SID [36],

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| The study includes evaluations of the impact to coverage, network capacity and spectral efficiency |

In addition, RAN1#101e made the following agreement:

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| Agreements:   * The evaluation of performance impacts includes at least peak data rate, latency and reliability (as needed for the use cases). Other performance metrics such as power consumption, spectral efficiency and PDCCH blocking probability may also be considered if appropriate for a specific technique. |

Several contributions analyze the performance impact if relaxed maximum number of MIMO layers is introduced for RedCap UEs. The findings are listed below.

Contribution [3] noted that there will be minimized network performance degradation.

**Data rate:**

* P1: With the agreed number of MIMO layers to study, peak data rates will be reduced but it can still adequately achieve the data rate requirements for all RedCap use cases [1].
* P2: Peak/max data rate will be impacted or reduced [2, 4, 9, 15, 22, 24]. One contribution [5] further noted that data rate will be reduced by 50% and 75% when the maximum number of MIMO layers is reduced from 4 to 2 or 2 to 1 layer, and from 4 to 1 layer respectively.
* P3: Reducing to 2 MIMO layers in FR1, it can provide the capability of achieving the upper bound data rate requirements [3].

**Latency:**

* P4: No latency impact [24].
* P5: [1] noted that reducing the maximum number of MIMO layers may increase latency. However, the end-to-end latency requirements of RedCap use cases are relaxed (e.g. less than 100 ms for industrial wireless sensors and 500 ms for video surveillance), except the 5-10 ms requirement for safety related sensors. However, data rate of ~80 Mbps can be achieved with 20 MHz with 64QAM per MIMO layer in FR1. This allows transmitting payload up to 10 Kbytes in 1ms in layer 1 which is more than enough for small packet size expected for safety related message and enough to ensure the 5-10 ms latency requirement for safety related sensors. In FR2, it allows larger bandwidth thus higher bit rates can be achieved. Restricting the maximum number of MIMO layers can still sufficiently fulfil the latency requirements of all RedCap use cases.

**Reliability:**

* P6: Reliability should not be impacted [1, 24], as it is envisaged that BLER targets can still be achieved. [1].

**Coverage:**

* P7: No impact on coverage [1, 4, 11, 15, 24].

**Spectral efficiency/network capacity:**

* P8: [1] noted that spectral efficiency is expressed as bit rates per Hz, as reducing the maximum number of MIMO layers will decrease the peak data rates. It is expected that the maximum number of MIMO layers will degrade the spectral efficiency. However, as higher MIMO layers are scheduled when SNR is relatively high. Thus, impacts on spectral efficiency may only be observed under good channel conditions.
* P9: Cell spectral efficiency will be impacted/reduced due to reduced data rate/throughput [1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 11, 15, 24].
* P10: Capacity will be impacted/reduced due to reduced data rate [5, 24].

**Power consumption:**

* P11: In [1], it is noted that Reducing the maximum DL/UL modulation order and/or DL MIMO support may reduce power consumption due to reduced complexity in processing a smaller maximum TB. However, the amount of power saved may not be significant if the RedCap UEs would mostly be in RRC\_IDLE/INACTIVE states. Furthermore, reducing the maximum number of DL MIMO layers can fulfil the date rate requirements of most RedCap uses cases. In many use cases, long transmission times for large TB sizes are not expected to occur frequently for RedCap use cases. Thus, a negative impact on UE power consumption is not expected. In use cases where large TB sizes occur more often, and long transmission times might become a consequence of modulation order and MIMO layer reduction for UEs in good coverage. In such cases, there will be more pronounced negative impact on UE power consumption. In summary, the impact on UE power consumption depends on the traffic and coverage scenarios.
* P12: Reduced power consumption as higher data rate consume higher power or less processing energy is required for smaller TB sizes [1, 4, 13].
* P13: No impacts on power consumption [24].
* P14: As the number of DL antennas is kept the same, there is no power saving. And since the data rate is reduced, longer receiving time is needed to receive a DL TB. Thus, it will have negative impact on UE power saving [15].

**Phase 2: Question 7.6.3-1: Considering the SI objective and the mentioned RAN1 agreement on what performance impacts to include, can the above list (P0-P14) be used as a baseline for the TP drafting for TR section 7.6.3?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
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### 7.6.4 Analysis of coexistence with legacy UEs

The following potential coexistence impacts were identified in the contributions:

* C1: There is no or no significant coexistence impact. [1, 2, 4, 5, 11, 15]. In [1], it is further noted that prior to the completion of initial access, it is not possible for the gNB to send the rank indication to the UE. Furthermore, a UE’s MIMO layer support could only be known to the gNB after it has retrieved the UE capability from the UE. Due to the limitation in the current specifications, legacy UEs can only be scheduled with single MIMO layer for initial access. Having a RedCap UE with reduced maximum MIMO layer support in the same network, will not affect the number of MIMO layers to be scheduled for the legacy UEs or the RedCap UEs for initial access transmissions.
* C2: Restricted to 2 MIMO layers in FR1 have no obvious coexistence issue is envisioned [3].
* C3: Implicit restrictions on TBS may impact on SIB/Msg4/Paging [24].

**Phase 2: Question 7.6.4-1: Can the above list (C1-C3) be used as a baseline for the TP drafting for TR section 7.6.4?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
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### 7.6.5 Analysis of specification impacts

The following potential specification impacts were identified in the contributions:

* S1: UE capability indication to notify the NW of UE’s reduced capability [1, 4, 13].
* S2: Small RAN1 specification impacts [11]
* S3: Limited or no significant specification impacts [2, 15]
* S4: Reduced to 2 MIMO layers in FR1 can provide minimized specification impacts [3].
* S5: No RI and LI report are reduced for single MIMO layer support. Thus, can consider adding the descriptions with report to no RI and LI in the specifications [5].
* S6: Demodulation performance requirements for single layer may be specified in RAN4 [5].

**Phase 3: Question 7.6.5-1: Can the above list (S1-S6) be used as a baseline for the TP drafting for TR section 7.6.5?**

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### Conclusions

Some contributions [8, 9, 12, 14, 28, 20] noted the necessity of meeting the peak data rate requirements and contribution [20] mentioned that the requirements cannot be achieved based on the following restrictions:

* Restriction on one DL MIMO layer in FR1 (alternatively, 2 MIMO layers in FR1 are necessary [3])
* Restriction to one DL MIMO layer and maximum modulation order to 16QAM with 50 MHz UE BW for FR2.

[9] further mentioned that support of uplink MIMO with two layers as an optional capability can be considered to increase data rate for high-end RedCap devices.

In [3], it is noted that the cost benefit of further reducing from two layers to one layer is small and would cause substantial peak data rate loss and impact the network negatively. The gain is not justified and suggested two MIMO layers (and 2Rx) for DL should be supported by RedCap devices in FR1 [3].

[18] mentioned allowing MIMO as optional feature for devices with more than one Rx does not seem necessary as it would lead to additional device variants without a significant cost saving.

In [15, 18] it is further noted that the cost saving by reducing the maximum number of MIMO layers is fully covered by Rx antenna reductions or the only restriction on the number of MIMO layers would be from the number of supported Rx chains. Similarly, contributions [8, 26] noted that reducing the maximum number of DL MMIO layers without reducing the number of Rx chains shall not be supported as it does not provide any meaningful complexity reduction or may need to compensate for the reduced antenna number/efficiency. However, in [3], it is mentioned that there are benefits to further cost reduction achieved by economies of scales if RedCap devices are built based on the same baseband capability of two MIMO layers and not affected by the RF components of different number of Rx chains.

Nevertheless, some other companies are fine with the number of MIMO layers reduced to one as it can adequately achieve the peak data rate requirements of all use cases [1] or meet the requirements of most of the RedCap use cases [22]. It is unnecessary to define baseline RedCap devices in FR1 to reach 150 Mbps peak data rate [22]. Furthermore, limiting to a single mechanism (e.g. two MIMO layers) to reach the peak data rate is undesirable. Optional features (such as two MIMO layers or larger bandwidth) can be added to provide enough implementation flexibility to reach the 150 Mbps peak data rate and can be signaled as part of device capability suggested that higher MIMO layer support could be optional [22].

In [8], it is further noted that in the light of MIMO simplifications, the mandatory 8 CSI-RS antenna ports required in FR1, the requirement of simultaneously processing of 5 CSI reports, and CSI computation delay can be relaxed to further reduce UE complexity.

Options for FR1 FDD bands:

* Option 1: 1 layer
* Option 2: 2 layers (same as the reference case)

**Phase 1: Question 7.6.6-1: Should TR 38.875 make recommendations on the supported number of DL MIMO layers for RedCap FR1 FDD UEs? If yes, please indicate your preferred option (or FFS in the Option column if you prefer to down-select later in this meeting).** **Please note that there may be a relation to the questions in Sections 7.2.6 and 7.9.2 in this FL summary.**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Option** | **Comments** |
| Qualcomm | Y | Option 1 should be supported as the baseline | The number of DL MIMO layers supported by a RedCap UE should be equivalent to the number of its RX antennas.  Option 1 should be supported as the baseline. |
| FUTUREWEI | Y | FFS |  |
| CATT | Y | Option 1 | This should be consistent with the reduced Rx number of FR1 FDD. |
| Vivo | Y | Option 1 as the minimum capability | There is linkage between number of MIMO layers and number of Rx, e.g.  1Rx UEs can indicate the support of 1 layer only  2Rx UEs can indicate the support of 2 layers, FFS 1 layer |
| OPPO | FFS | Option 1: 1 layer | The supported maximum MIMO layer is restricted by the supported number of Rx.  For FR1 FDD, RedCap is proposed to support 1Rx therefore 1 layer shall be supported. |
| LG | Y | FFS | Need clarification on the Options. More correct formulation seems to be the maximum number of MIMO layers for both options. Even for Option 2, 1 layer could be supported e.g., by configuration.  We share the similar with Qualcomm in that the max number of MIMO layers should be the same as the number of Rx antennas unless there is a strong motivation otherwise. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N | 2 | We could see some more discussion and results but we don’t agree with the term of baseline for MIMO layers. |
| Samsung |  | Option 1 is baseline | This can be discussed later after clarification on reduced number of Rx antennas |
| ZTE | Y | FFS | 1 layer or 2 layers depending on DL data rate requirement |
| Nokia, NSB | Y | FFS | We would like to support 2 layers if UE has 2 Rx antennas |
| InterDigital | Y | FFS | Option 1 can be the baseline but option 2 can be supported if the number of Rx antennas is 2. |
| Ericsson | Y | 1 |  |
| Sierra Wireless | Y | Option 1 as baseline | The number MIMO layers should be the same as the number of Rx Antenna. No need for 2 Rx device with 1 layer. |
| Xiaomi |  | FFS | At lease option 1 should be the baseline. Whether support option2 depends on the decision on the supported Rx |
| DOCOMO | Y | 1 | Assuming that this is mandatory capability for RedCap FR1 FDD UEs. 2 layers can be supported as optional capability if the UE supports 2Rx. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Y | Option 1 |  |
| Apple | Y | Option 1 |  |
| Panasonic | Y | Option 1 as baseline | We prefer that 2 layers can optionally be supported based on the use-case. |
| Sharp | Y | 1 |  |
| Intel | Y | Option 1 |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y | Option 1 |  |
| MediaTek | Y | FFS |  |
| CMCC | Y | Option 1 as baseline | The peak data rate for FDD 20MHz are calculated in the following table, for DL with 64QAM, the peak data rate can not reach the up to 150Mbps requirement. So 2 layers can be optionally supported for devices with high data rate requirement.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | peak date rate(Mbps) | DL | | UL | | 20M | 256QAM | 64QAM | 64QAM | | 2 layers | 217.6 | 163.2 | 176.8 | | 1 layer | 108.8 | 81.6 | 88.4 | |
| SONY | Y | Option 1 | No need to support 2 MIMO layers with 1 RX antenna |
| FL | Almost all responses replied with a ‘Y’ to the question on whether to make recommendation on the supported number of DL MIMO layers for RedCap FR1 FDD UEs. Most of the responses prefer Option 1. However, several responses replied with ‘FFS’. One response prefers Option 2. Several responses have also indicated that Option 2 should be optionally supported (depending on number of supported Rx antennas).  Regarding the relation between number of layers and number of antennas, see Proposal 7.2.2-1.  **Phase 1: Question 7.6.6-1:** Based on the received responses, the FL proposal is as follows:   * Capture in the Conclusions of TR 38.875 that in FR1 FDD bands, a RedCap UE is recommended to only be required to support 1 DL MIMO layer.   + Continue discussion on whether to also recommend that 2 DL MIMO layers can be optionally supported. | | |
| vivo |  |  | Similar comments as previous questions, should the discussion about 2 MIMO layer continue this meeting or in the WI phase? If the latter case is the intention, we need to say something in the TR. |
| ZTE |  |  | For 2Rx RedCap UE, 2 MIMO layers should be an optional capability. |
| Spreadtrum |  |  | Fine |
| Huawei, HiSi | N |  | The final recommendation should be made after completing the study of coverage/capacity/SE in other sessions. |
| FUTUREWEI2 | N |  | In at least the case when 2RX is supported the UE should still support 2 MIMO layers. (mandatory) |
| Nokia, NSB |  |  | We should be able support 2 MIMO layers for 2Rx UE. So if 2Rx UE is supported then 2 MIMO layers should be supported. |
| Intel |  |  | We support the FL proposal in principle, but similar to the handling of # of Rx chains, it would be more appropriate to define the “FFS” bullet w.r.t. # of Rx chains supported, instead of “FR1 FDD”. |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |  |
| FL2 | The FL intention is that the proposals on recommended techniques concern what should be captured in the Conclusions chapter in the end of the TR and that the recommendations should take all relevant aspects into account, including e.g. cost/complexity, performance, coexistence and spec impacts. These proposals have now been marked as Phase 2 proposals to indicate that it will be revisited later in this meeting.  **Phase 2: Question 7.6.6-1a:**   * Based on the responses above, the FL proposal is to revisit this question based on the outcome of Proposal 7.2.6-1a. * Companies are invited to provide further comments and preferences and to double-check their cost estimates with respect to the feedback given in Section 7.6.2 in this document. | | |
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Options for FR1 TDD bands:

* Option 1: 1 layer
* Option 2: 2 layers
* Option 3: 4 layers (same as the reference case)

**Phase 1: Question 7.6.6-2: Should TR 38.875 make recommendations on the supported number of DL MIMO layers for RedCap FR1 TDD UEs? If yes, please indicate your preferred option (or FFS in the Option column if you prefer to down-select later in this meeting).** **Please note that there may be a relation to the questions in Sections 7.2.6 and 7.9.2 in this FL summary.**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Option** | **Comments** |
| Qualcomm | Y | Option 1 should be supported as the baseline | The number of DL MIMO layers supported by a RedCap UE should be equivalent to the number of its RX antennas.  Option 1 should be supported as the baseline;  Option 2 can be supported as an optional UE feature. |
| FUTUREWEI | Y | 2 |  |
| CATT | Y | Option 1 and 2 | This should be consistent with the reduced Rx number of FR1 TDD.  For the case 1 Rx is supported, 1 layer is preferred. For the case 2 Rx is supported, 2 layers will be preferred. |
| Vivo | Y | Option 1 as the minimum capability | There is linkage between number of MIMO layers and number of Rx, e.g.  1Rx UEs can indicate the support of 1 layer only  2Rx UEs can indicate the support of 2 layers, FFS 1 layer  4Rx UEs can indicate the support of 4 layers, FFS 1 or 2 layers |
| OPPO | FFS |  | The supported maximum MIMO layer is bundled with the supported number of Rx.  For FR1 TDD,   * For wearable cases, 1Rx shall be supported due to the compact form factor, therefore the MIMO layer is one.   For other use case, in order to fulfill the peak date rate requirements, 2Rx and 2 MIMO layer shall be supported. |
| LG | Y | FFS | The same comment as above. It should be the maximum number of MIMO layers, and the max number of MIMO layers should be the same as the number of Rx antennas unless there is a strong motivation otherwise. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N | 2 | Similar comments. |
| Samsung |  | Option 1 is baseline | This can be discussed later after clarification on reduced number of Rx antennas |
| ZTE | Y | FFS | 1 layer or 2 layers depending on DL data rate requirement |
| Nokia, NSB | Y | Option 2 |  |
| InterDigital |  | Option 1 | Option 2 can be supported as optional feature. |
| Ericsson | Y | 2 |  |
| Sierra Wireless | Y | Option 1 as baseline | The number MIMO layers should be the same as the number of Rx Antenna. |
| Xiaomi |  | FFS | At lease option 1 should be the baseline. Whether support option2 depends on the decision on the supported Rx |
| DOCOMO | Y | 1 | Assuming that this is mandatory capability for RedCap FR1 TDD UEs. 2 layers can be supported as optional capability if the UE supports 2Rx. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Y | Option 1 |  |
| Apple | Y | Option 1 |  |
| Panasonic | Y | Option 1 as baseline | The same comment as FR1 FDD (We prefer that 2 layers can be optionally supported based on the DL peak data rate requirement). |
| Sharp | Y | Option 2 |  |
| Intel | Y | Option 1 | 2 layers may be supported as optional UE capability by UEs with 2 Rx chains – can be decided later. |
| Spreadtrum | Y | Option 1 and 2 |  |
| MediaTek | Y | Option 2 | The number of DL MIMO layers supported by a RedCap UE should not be less than the number of Rx antennas. |
| CMCC | Y | Option 1 is baseline | To better support RedCap devices with high data requirement, 2 layers can be optionally supported when 2Rx is available. |
| SONY | Y | Option 1 | Same number of antennas should be supported in TDD as in FDD (1RX). No need to support 2 MIMO layers with 1 RX antenna |
| FL | Almost all responses replied with a ‘Y’ to the question on whether to make recommendation on the supported number of DL MIMO layers for RedCap FR1 TDD UEs. 11 responses prefer Option 1, 5 responses prefer Option 2, 3 responses seem to indicate that they prefer both options, and 3 responses indicated FFS. Many responses have also indicated that Option 2 should be optionally supported. Some responses have also indicated that max number of MIMO layers should be the same as the number of Rx antennas.  Regarding the relation between number of layers and number of antennas, see Proposal 7.2.2-1.  **Phase 1: Question 7.6.6-2:** Based on the received responses, the FL proposal is as follows:   * Capture in the Conclusions of TR 38.875 that in FR1 TDD bands, a RedCap UE is recommended to only be required to support 1 DL MIMO layer.   + Continue discussion on whether to also recommend that 2 DL MIMO layers can be optionally supported. | | |
| vivo |  |  | Similar comments as previous questions, should the discussion about 2 MIMO layer continue this meeting or in the WI phase? If the latter case is the intention, we need to say something in the TR. |
| ZTE |  |  | For 2Rx RedCap UE, 2 MIMO layers should be an optional capability. |
| Spreadtrum |  |  | Fine |
| Huawei, HiSi |  |  | The final recommendation should be made after completing the study of coverage/capacity/SE in other sessions. |
| FUTUREWEI2 | N |  | In at least the case when 2RX is supported the UE should still support 2 MIMO layers. (mandatory) |
| Nokia, NSB |  |  | This needs further discussion and depends on the minimum number of Rx antennas for FR1 TDD. If the minimum number of Rx antennas is 2, we’d like to see 2 DL MIMO layers supported as the cost saving is small with only 1 DL MIMO layer. |
| Intel |  |  | We support the FL proposal in principle, but similar to the handling of # of Rx chains, it would be more appropriate to define the “FFS” bullet w.r.t. # of Rx chains supported, instead of “FR1 TDD”. |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |  |
| FL2 | The FL intention is that the proposals on recommended techniques concern what should be captured in the Conclusions chapter in the end of the TR and that the recommendations should take all relevant aspects into account, including e.g. cost/complexity, performance, coexistence and spec impacts. These proposals have now been marked as Phase 2 proposals to indicate that it will be revisited later in this meeting.  **Phase 2: Question 7.6.6-2a:**   * Based on the responses above, the FL proposal is to revisit this question based on the outcome of Proposal 7.2.6-2a. * Companies are invited to provide further comments and preferences and to double-check their cost estimates with respect to the feedback given in Section 7.6.2 in this document. | | |
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Options for FR2 bands:

* Option 1: 1 layer
* Option 2: 2 layers (same as the reference case)

**Phase 1: Question 7.6.6-3: Should TR 38.875 make recommendations on the supported number of DL MIMO layers for RedCap FR2 UEs? If yes, please indicate your preferred option (or FFS in the Option column if you prefer to down-select later in this meeting).** **Please note that there may be a relation to the questions in Sections 7.2.6 and 7.9.2 in this FL summary.**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Option** | **Comments** |
| Qualcomm | Y | Please see comments | The number of DL MIMO layers should be the same as the number of maximum Rx antennas supported by the UE. |
| FUTUREWEI | Y | FFS |  |
| CATT | Y | FFS |  |
| vivo | Y | Option 1 as the minimum capability | There is linkage between number of MIMO layers and number of Rx, e.g.  1Rx UEs can indicate the support of 1 layer only  2Rx UEs can indicate the support of 2 layers, FFS 1 layer |
| OPPO | FFS |  | The supported maximum MIMO layer is associated with the supported number of Rx. |
| LG | Y | FFS | The same comment as above. It should be the maximum number of MIMO layers, and the max number of MIMO layers should be the same as the number of Rx antennas unless there is a strong motivation otherwise. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N |  | More discussion is preferred. |
| Samsung |  |  | This can be discussed later after clarification on reduced number of Rx antennas |
| ZTE | Y | 1 layer | 1 MIMO layer can meet DL peak data rate for FR2. And layer reduction from 2 layer to 1 layer can provide significant cost saving. |
| Nokia, NSB | Y | Option 1 |  |
| InterDigital | Y | FFS |  |
| Ericsson | Y | 1 |  |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  | The number MIMO layers should be the same as the number of Rx Antenna. |
| DOCOMO | Y | 1 | Assuming that this is mandatory capability for RedCap FR2 UEs. 2 layers can be supported as optional capability if the UE supports 2Rx. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Y | Option 1 |  |
| Sharp | Y | 1 |  |
| Intel | Y | Option 1 |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y | Option 1 |  |
| MediaTek | Y | FFS |  |
| CMCC | Y | Option 1 as baseline | When 2Rx is supported, 2 layer can be optionally supported. |
| FL | Most responses replied with a ‘Y’ to the question on whether to make recommendation on the supported number of DL MIMO layers for RedCap FR2 TDD UEs. One response has mentioned that this aspect can be discussed later after clarification on reduced number of Rx antennas. 10 responses prefer Option 1, and 5 responses indicated ‘FFS’. Some responses have also indicated that number of DL MIMO layers should be the same as the number of maximum Rx antennas.  Regarding the relation between number of layers and number of antennas, see Proposal 7.2.2-1.  **Phase 1: Question 7.6.6-3:** Based on the received responses, the FL proposal is as follows:   * Capture in the Conclusions of TR 38.875 that in FR2 bands, a RedCap UE is recommended to only be required to support 1 DL MIMO layer.   + Continue discussion on whether to also recommend that 2 DL MIMO layers can be optionally supported. | | |
| vivo |  |  | Similar comments as previous questions, should the discussion about 2 MIMO layer continue this meeting or in the WI phase? If the latter case is the intention, we need to say something in the TR. |
| Qualcomm |  |  | We still think that the number of MIMO layers should not be limited to 1 and should follow the number of antennas |
| Spreadtrum |  |  | Fine |
| FUTUREWEI2 | N |  | In at least the case when 2RX is supported the UE should still support 2 MIMO layers. (mandatory) |
| Nokia, NSB |  |  | We think only 1 DL MIMO layer is needed, but if the UE has 2Rx antennas then we can always support 2 DL MIMO layers. |
| Intel | Y |  | We can live with this proposal although we do not see a need to support 2 layers for FR2. |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |  |
| FL2 | The FL intention is that the proposals on recommended techniques concern what should be captured in the Conclusions chapter in the end of the TR and that the recommendations should take all relevant aspects into account, including e.g. cost/complexity, performance, coexistence and spec impacts. These proposals have now been marked as Phase 2 proposals to indicate that it will be revisited later in this meeting.  **Phase 2: Question 7.6.6-3a:**   * Based on the responses above, the FL proposal is to revisit this question based on the outcome of Proposal 7.2.6-3a. * Companies are invited to provide further comments and preferences and to double-check their cost estimates with respect to the feedback given in Section 7.6.2 in this document. | | |
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## 7.7 Relaxed maximum modulation order

### 7.7.1 Description of feature

Based on earlier RAN1 agreements [37], the following text proposal for the TR can be considered.

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| Relaxation of maximum mandatory modulation orders reduces complexity through reducing the amount of RF and baseband processing required. Complexity reduction can be expected in the functional blocks listed below.  Relaxation of maximum mandatory UL modulation order:   * RF:   + Power amplifier   + RF transceiver * Baseband:   + ADC/DAC   + UL processing block   Relaxation of maximum mandatory DL modulation order:   * RF:   + RF transceiver * Baseband:   + ADC/DAC   + Receiver processing block   + LDPC decoding   + HARQ buffer   In the study, the main options for relaxation of maximum mandatory modulation orders considered are:   * UL:   + FR1: 16QAM instead of 64QAM   + FR2: 16QAM instead of 64QAM * DL   + FR1: 64QAM instead of 256QAM   + FR2: 16QAM instead of 64QAM   The study uses a legacy NR UE as a reference. The evaluation of cost/complexity reduction is with respect to a reference UE with the maximum modulation orders shown below.   * UL:   + FR1 and FR2: 64QAM * DL   + FR1: 256QAM   + FR2: 64QAM   It is primarily assumed that these maximum modulation orders apply to data channels only. |

**Phase 1: Question 7.7.1-1: Can the above description on the maximum modulation order reduction feature be used as a baseline text for TR 38.875?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| FUTUREWEI | N | We worked very hard to carefully word the agreements to not imply that a RedCap UE will be prohibited from optionally supporting modulations. All of the text above goes back to the unclear formulation. The term “mandatory” needs to be inserted between all cases of “maximum modulation”.  Agreements:   * For FR1 DL, study relaxation of maximum mandatory modulation to 64QAM instead of 256QAM. * For FR1 UL, study relaxation of maximum mandatory modulation to 16QAM instead of 64QAM. * For FR2 DL, study relaxation of maximum mandatory modulation to 16QAM instead of 64QAM. * For FR2 UL, study relaxation of maximum mandatory modulation to 16QAM instead of 64QAM. |
| Vivo | Y | Some typos for the following, other parts are fine   * DL   + FR1: 16QAM instead of 64QAM   + FR2: 64QAM instead of 256QAM |
| ZTE | Y | We agree the main options for maximum modulation orders. But the two sub-bullets for DL needs to be exchanged as following:   * DL   + FR1: 64QAM instead of 256QAM   + FR2: 16QAM instead of 64QAM |
| Ericsson | Y |  |
| DOCOMO | Y | Also agree with ZTE’s correction. |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| FL | The description has been updated according to the comments above.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.7.1-1:** Adopt the updated TP above for TR clause 7.7.1. | |
| Qualcomm |  | We are ok with the updated TP. |
| Vivo |  | Fine |
| CATT | Y | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| ZTE |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| OPPO |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. |
| LG |  | The updated TP is okay to us. |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| FUTUREWEI2 | Y |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| Ericsson | Y |  |
| Intel | Y |  |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  |
| FL2 | All responses agree with the proposal. | |
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### 7.7.2 Analysis of UE complexity reduction

Based on the latest available evaluation results in [RedCapCost-v024-FL-Si02-SONY2.xlsx](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_103-e/Inbox/drafts/8.6/EvaluationResults/RedCapCost/RedCapCost-v024-FL-Si02-SONY2.xlsx), the following text proposal for the TR can be considered. The text can be further updated if later evaluation results are provided that change the numbers significantly.

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| The estimated cost for a device with relaxed maximum modulation order (see evaluation methodology described in clause 6.1) and averaged over the results provided by the sourcing companies, is summarized in Table 7.7.2-1 and Table 7.7.2-2.  As can be seen in the last row for the total cost in Table 7.7.2-1, the average estimated cost reduction achieved by relaxing the maximum UL modulation order from 64QAM to 16QAM is ~2% for FR1 FDD, FR1 TDD, and FR2.  By comparing Table 7.7.2-1 with the reference NR device cost breakdown in clause 6.1, it can be observed that the main contributors of the cost reduction are the following functional blocks:   * RF: Power amplifier * RF: Transceiver * Baseband: ADC/DAC * Baseband: UL processing block   Furthermore, ~50% of sourcing companies indicated that the RF cost savings (but not the baseband cost savings) accumulate across supported bands.  **Table 7.7.2-1: Estimated relative device cost for relaxed maximum UL modulation order**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Relaxed maximum UL modulation order** | **FR1 FDD**  **(64QAM 🡪 16QAM)** | **FR1 TDD**  **(64QAM 🡪 16QAM)** | **FR2**  **(64QAM 🡪 16QAM)** | | RF: Antenna array | - | - | 33.0% | | RF: Power amplifier | 22.6% | 22.6% | 16.1% | | RF: Filters | 10.0% | 15.0% | 8.0% | | RF: Transceiver (including LNAs, mixer, and local oscillator) | 44.3% | 54.2% | 40.4% | | RF: Duplexer / Switch | 20.0% | 5.0% | 0.0% | | **RF: Total relative cost** | **96.9%** | **96.7%** | **97.5%** | | BB: ADC / DAC | 9.1% | 8.2% | 3.6% | | BB: FFT/IFFT | 4.0% | 4.0% | 4.0% | | BB: Post-FFT data buffering | 10.0% | 10.0% | 11.0% | | BB: Receiver processing block | 24.0% | 29.0% | 24.0% | | BB: LDPC decoding | 10.0% | 9.0% | 9.0% | | BB: HARQ buffer | 13.9% | 11.9% | 10.9% | | BB: DL control processing & decoder | 5.0% | 4.0% | 5.0% | | BB: Synchronization / cell search block | 9.0% | 9.0% | 7.0% | | BB: UL processing block | 4.3% | 4.3% | 5.8% | | BB: MIMO specific processing blocks | 9.0% | 9.0% | 18.0% | | **BB: Total relative cost** | **98.2%** | **98.4%** | **98.4%** | | **RF+BB: Total relative cost** | **97.7%** | **97.7%** | **97.9%** |   From Table 7.7.2-2, the average estimated cost reduction achieved by relaxing the maximum DL modulation order from 256QAM to 64QAM is ~6% for both FR1 FDD and TDD bands. For FR2, the average estimated cost reduction achieved by relaxing the maximum DL modulation order from 64QAM to 16QAM is ~6%.  By comparing Table 7.7.2-2 with the reference NR device cost breakdown in clause 6.1, it can be observed that the main contributors of the cost reduction are the following functional blocks:   * RF: Transceiver * Baseband: ADC/DAC * Baseband: Receiver processing block * Baseband: LDPC decoding * Baseband: HARQ buffer   Furthermore, more than 70% of sourcing companies indicated that these cost savings do not accumulate across supported bands.  **Table 7.7.2-2: Estimated relative device cost for relaxed maximum DL modulation order**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Relaxed maximum DL modulation order** | **FR1 FDD**  **(256QAM 🡪 64QAM)** | **FR1 TDD**  **(256QAM 🡪 64QAM)** | **FR2**  **(64QAM 🡪 16QAM)** | | RF: Antenna array | - | - | 33.0% | | RF: Power amplifier | 24.5% | 24.1% | 17.5% | | RF: Filters | 10.0% | 14.8% | 8.0% | | RF: Transceiver (including LNAs, mixer, and local oscillator) | 43.0% | 52.1% | 39.1% | | RF: Duplexer / Switch | 20.0% | 5.0% | 0.0% | | **RF: Total** | **97.5%** | **96.0%** | **97.6%** | | BB: ADC / DAC | 8.9% | 7.8% | 3.6% | | BB: FFT/IFFT | 4.0% | 4.0% | 4.0% | | BB: Post-FFT data buffering | 9.4% | 9.4% | 10.1% | | BB: Receiver processing block | 23.0% | 27.8% | 22.7% | | BB: LDPC decoding | 7.6% | 6.8% | 6.3% | | BB: HARQ buffer | 11.0% | 9.3% | 8.1% | | BB: DL control processing & decoder | 5.0% | 4.0% | 5.0% | | BB: Synchronization / cell search block | 9.0% | 9.0% | 7.0% | | BB: UL processing block | 5.0% | 5.0% | 7.0% | | BB: MIMO specific processing blocks | 8.7% | 8.7% | 17.3% | | **BB: Total** | **91.7%** | **91.8%** | **91.0%** | | **RF+BB: Total** | **94.0%** | **93.5%** | **94.3%** | |

**Phase 1: Question 7.7.2-1: Can the above observations of the relative cost estimation for UE with relaxed maximum modulation order be used as a baseline text for TR 38.875?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| Qualcomm | Y |  |
| FUTUREWEI | Y |  |
| CATT | Y |  |
| vivo | Y |  |
| OPPO | Y |  |
| LG | Y |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N | Prefer some discussion first. If the range from companies is relatively small then may be Ok. |
| Samsung | Y |  |
| ZTE | Y |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y |  |
| InterDigital | Y |  |
| Ericsson | Y | We noted that a couple of sources indicate that there would be a cost reduction in the PA block from relaxing the DL modulation order – perhaps the intention was to indicate a cost reduction in the Transceiver block instead. |
| Sierra Wireless | Y |  |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Apple | Y |  |
| Panasonic | Y |  |
| Sharp | Y |  |
| Intel | Y |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |
| MediaTek | Y |  |
| FL | **Phase 1: Proposal 7.7.2-1:** Based on the received responses, the FL suggestion is to give companies some time to double-check whether the cost reduction allocation between PA block and Transceiver block is correct. | |
| CATT |  | We agree that PA cost reduction should be related to UL modulation order relaxation but not DL, as also shown in our submitted result. But we are fine if some companies have different views with technique reasons. |
| OPPO |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal. It seem there are some typo in our result for DL modulation, we will check and fix it. |
| Huawei, HiSi |  | In addition, should further check   * ADC/DAC is related to sampling points, which is not expected to be reduced with modulation order reduction. * For a given max TBS, the peak data rate is fixed then the HARQ buffer cost is not expected to be reduced. |
| FL2 | Based on the received responses, the FL’s updated suggestion is the following:  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.7.2-1a:**   * Adopt the TP above as baseline text for TR clause 7.7.2.   + Companies are invited to double-check their entries in the cost reduction spreadsheet with respect to the above comments (and to catch potential typos).   + The table will be further updated with potential updated cost estimates. | |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| Samsung |  | Similar view as CATT |
| CATT | Y |  |
| OPPO | Y |  |
| vivo |  | We agree with CATT comment on PA impact |
| Huawei, HiSi | Y |  |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |

### 7.7.3 Analysis of performance impacts

According to the SID [36],

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| The study includes evaluations of the impact to coverage, network capacity and spectral efficiency |

In addition, RAN1#101e made the following agreement:

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| Agreements:   * The evaluation of performance impacts includes at least peak data rate, latency and reliability (as needed for the use cases). Other performance metrics such as power consumption, spectral efficiency and PDCCH blocking probability may also be considered if appropriate for a specific technique. |

Several contributions analyze the performance impact if relaxed maximum modulation order is introduced for RedCap UEs. The findings are listed below.

**Data rate:**

* P1: With the agreed maximum modulation orders to study, peak data rates will be reduced but it can still adequately achieve the data rate requirements for all RedCap use cases [1].
* P2: Peak/max data rate will be impacted or reduced [2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 15, 22, 24]. Contribution [5, 23] further noted that data rate will be reduced by ~20% and ~33% when the maximum modulation order is restricted from 256QAM to 64QAM, and from 64QAM to 16QAM respectively.

**Latency:**

* P3: [1] noted that restricting the DL/UL maximum modulation orders may increase latency. However, the end-to-end latency requirements of RedCap use cases are relaxed (e.g. less than 100 ms for industrial wireless sensors and 500 ms for video surveillance), except the 5-10 ms requirement for safety related sensors. Data rate of ~80 Mbps can be achieved with 20 MHz with 64QAM per MIMO layer in FR1 DL. This allows transmitting payload up to 10 Kbytes in 1ms in layer 1 which is more than enough for small packet size expected for safety related message and enough to ensure the 5-10 ms latency requirement for safety related sensors. In FR2, it allows larger bandwidth thus higher bit rates can be achieved. Restricting the DL/UL modulation orders can also sufficiently fulfil the latency requirements of all RedCap use cases.
* P4: No latency impact [24].
* P5: Slightly increased latency but acceptable for RedCap use cases [16].

**Reliability:**

* P6: Reliability should not be impacted [1, 24], as it is envisaged that BLER targets can still be achieved. [1].

**Coverage:**

* P7: No impact on coverage [1, 4, 11, 15, 24].

**Spectral efficiency/network capacity:**

* P8: [1] noted that Spectral efficiency is expressed as bit rates per Hz, as reducing the maximum modulation orders in DL/UL will decrease the peak data rates. It is expected that reducing the maximum number of MIMO layers will degrade the spectral efficiency. However, as higher MIMO layers are scheduled when SNR is relatively high. Thus, impacts on spectral efficiency may only be observed under good channel conditions.
* P9: Cell spectral efficiency will be impacted/reduced due to reduced data rate/throughput [1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 11, 15, 24].
* P10: [2] noted the impact on spectral efficiency will be substantial. [3, 11] further observed substantial cell spectral efficiency loss about 23.6% - 43.6% due to UL modulation order restriction from 64QAM to 16QAM in FR1 and about 6.43% spectral efficiency reduction due to DL modulation order restriction from 256QAM to 64QAM in FR1.
* P11: Capacity will be impacted/reduced due to reduced data rate [5, 24].

**Power consumption:**

* P12: [1] noted that Reducing the maximum DL/UL modulation order may reduce power consumption due to reduced complexity in processing a smaller maximum TB. Furthermore, reducing the DL/UL maximum modulation order may also reduce the ADC/DAC power consumption. However, the amount of power saved may not be significant if the RedCap UEs would mostly be in RRC\_IDLE/INACTIVE states. Furthermore, reducing the maximum modulation order can adequately fulfil the date rate requirements of all RedCap uses cases. In many use cases, long transmission times for large TB sizes are not expected to occur frequently for RedCap use cases. Thus, a negative impact on UE power consumption is not expected. In use cases where large TB sizes occur more often, and long transmission times might become a consequence of modulation order and MIMO layer reduction for UEs in good coverage. In such cases, there will be more pronounced negative impact on UE power consumption. In summary, the impact on UE power consumption depends on the traffic and coverage scenarios.
* P13: Reduced power consumption as higher data rate consume higher power or less processing energy is required for RF components [3, 4, 11, 13, 16].
* P14: [11] noted that power saving would be marginal.
* P15: No impacts on power consumption [24].
* P16: There will have some saving on RF part, but the receive/transmit time may be longer for high data rate case [15].

**Phase 2: Question 7.7.3-1: Considering the SI objective and the mentioned RAN1 agreement on what performance impacts to include, can the above list (P0-P16) be used as a baseline for the TP drafting for TR section 7.7.3?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
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### 7.7.4 Analysis of coexistence with legacy UEs

The following potential coexistence impacts were identified in the contributions:

* C1: There is no or no significant coexistence impact. [1, 4, 9, 11, 15, 16]. Contribution [1] further noted that During initial access, for the reception of paging indication or broadcasting information (SIBx), PDSCH is not expected to be scheduled with modulation order higher than QPSK. And the scheduling information for Msg3 would be carried in PDCCH using DCI format 0\_1 which allows modulation order <= 16QAM to be sent in the DCI. From modulation order perspective, there will be no impacts by restricting the UL and/or DL maximum modulation order based on the current agreement.
* C2: For the initial access procedure, lower MCS and single layer for broadcast downlink transmission and initial uplink scheduling will be used to ensure decoding performance or poor UE channel condition. In this case, RedCap UEs are still able to finish the access procedure [9].
* C3: Implicit restrictions on TBS may impact on SIB/Msg4/Paging [24].

**Phase 2: Question 7.7.4-1: Can the above list (C1-C3) be used as a baseline for the TP drafting for TR section 7.7.4?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
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### 7.7.5 Analysis of specification impacts

The following potential specification impacts were identified in the contributions:

* S1: UE capability indication to notify the NW of UE’s reduced capability [1, 4, 13]
* S2: To minimize specification impacts, there should be no optimization (only reuse) of all existing tables [2]. [5] noted that restricting to 64QAM, one possible solution is to reuse the existing 64QAM table.
* S3: Limited specification impacts [15].
* S4: Small RAN1 specification impacts [1, 4, 5, 11, 20, 24]
  + Change of DCI size, CQI table and MCS table due to restricted maximum modulation order is possible but not essential [1, 4].
  + If the maximum modulation order is restricted to 16QAM, new MCS/DCI tables are introduced [5, 20] with lower/higher spectral efficiency for UE specific allocation case [20] to achieve more scheduling flexibility. It is further noted that the standardization effort would be small if the values from Rel-15/16 tables are reused [20].
* S5: RAN4 CQI performance requirement if new CQI tables are introduced [1].

**Phase 3: Question 7.7.5-1: Can the above list (S1-S5) be used as a baseline for the TP drafting for TR section 7.7.5?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
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### Conclusions

There are mixed views regarding the restricting of maximum modulation orders for RedCap devices. A summary is given below.

[11, 15, 23, 24] mentioned the cost saving by restricting the maximum DL modulation order is small while there will be some drawbacks such as the peak data rate is reduced by 25% when reducing the maximum modulation order from 266QAM to 64QAM in FR1 and reduced by 33% when the modulation order is reduced from 64QAM to 16QAM in FR2 [23], or the cell spectrum efficiency will be deteriorated [3, 6, 11]. The relative cost saving due to restrictions on the maximum DL modulation order will be even smaller [6, 11, 15, 23] compared to the cost saving with other more dominant techniques. Similar tradeoffs were also observed by [3, 6, 11, 23] on the maximum modulation order restrictions in UL.

Due to network performance degradation expected and small cost reduction, Contributions recommended that RedCap UEs do not support DL [11] and UL [3, 11] modulation restrictions. In contribution [23], it is also noted that 64QAM should be maintained as mandatory in both DL and UL in FR2. Furthermore, in [6], it is noted that it should be justified for a UE to apply high modulation order if the channel condition is good enough, especially for the use cases that require high data rate.

Moreover, contribution [8] noted that the benefits from limiting maximum modulation order for UL from 64QAM to 16QAM is rather limited. When considered in conjunction with other more dominating cost reduction techniques, the benefits may not be observable.

Some companies are fine to study relaxation of maximum modulation orders to 64QAM instead of 256QAM in FR1 DL [1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 15, 18, 22, 23, 26], 16QAM instead of 64QAM in FR2 DL [1, 8, 15, 26] and 16QAM instead of 64QAM in FR1 and FR2 UL [1, 9, 18]. [18] further noted that 256QAM DL and 64QAM UL can be a UE capability in FR1, whereas [26] mentioned 64QAM UL can be optional but 256QAM is not supported in FR1.

Nevertheless, in [5], it is proposed that for FR1 DL, the maximum modulation order can be restricted to 16QAM or 64QAM according to UE capability as 64QAM is not necessary for RedCap devices with low or medium load traffic. In [9], a similar proposal is provided (i.e. 16QAM for low-end devices and 64QAM for high-end devices) however for FR1 UL.

In other contributions [24], it is noted that there would be no strong motivation to reduce the maximum modulation order so far and the conclusion can be made after obtaining the cost evaluation result. Similarly, in [17], it is mentioned that the features such as maximum modulation order restrictions, reducing the maximum number of MIMO layers and reduced number of HARQ processes are related with device type discussion and should be discussed with lower priority until the device type for RedCap UEs are decided.

Options for FR1 bands:

* Option 1: Max 64QAM in DL and max 16QAM in UL
* Option 2: Max 64QAM in DL and max 64QAM in UL
* Option 3: Max 256QAM in DL and max 16QAM in UL
* Option 4: Max 256QAM in DL and max 64QAM in UL (same as the reference case)

**Phase 1: Question 7.7.6-1: Should TR 38.875 make recommendations on the supported modulation orders for RedCap FR1 UEs? If yes, please indicate your preferred option (or FFS in the Option column if you prefer to down-select later in this meeting).**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Option** | **Comments** |
| Qualcomm | Y | Option 1 |  |
| FUTUREWEI | Y | FFS | Leaning towards Option 4 or 2 (with no spec optimizations) |
| CATT | Y | Option 2 |  |
| vivo | Y | Option 1 |  |
| OPPO | Y | Option 1 |  |
| LG | Y | FFS | Either Option 1 or Option 3 is preferred depending on our discussion on the peak bit rate intended for the RedCap UEs given the 20MHz bandwidth. From our perspective, this question is related to the Question 7.3.6-1. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N |  | Some discussion preferred. |
| Samsung | Y | Option 1 |  |
| ZTE | Y | Option 1 |  |
| Nokia, NSB | Y | Option 4 |  |
| InterDigital | Y | Option 1 |  |
| Ericsson | Y | FFS | Both options 1 and 2 should be considered in the cost evaluation of combinations of different complexity reduction techniques. |
| Sierra Wireless | Y | Option 1 |  |
| DOCOMO | Y | 4 | We don’t see strong motivation to introduce the relaxed maximum modulation order based on the cost reduction result |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Y | Option 1 |  |
| Apple | Y | Option 1 |  |
| Panasonic | Y | Option 1 |  |
| Sharp | Y | FFS |  |
| Intel | Y | Option 1 or Option 2 (preferred) | We do not see much benefits in reducing max UL modulation order from 64QAM to 16QAM. |
| Spreadtrum | Y | Option 1 |  |
| MediaTek | Y | Option 4 | 256QAM in DL should be kept at lease for FR1 FDD bands, where only 1 Rx is mandated.  No need to relax the UL modulation order as there is no significant complexity reduction, and the performance impact is high (specially for UL heavy use-cases) |
| CMCC | Y | Option 2 | According to the total cost analysis in Table 7.7.2-1, the average estimated cost reduction achieved by relaxing the maximum UL modulation order from 64QAM to 16QAM is ~2% for FR1 FDD, FR1 TDD, and FR2. However, 16QAM can only support 10.6Mbps peak data rate for TDD with DDDDDDDSUU, 64QAM is better. |
| SONY | Y | Option 1 |  |
| FL | A large majority of the responses indicated some preferences among the options for FR1 bands:   * Option 1: Max 64QAM in DL and max 16QAM in UL   + Option 1 is supported by about half of the responses, and a few more responses are open to it.   + One response expresses that Option 1 may have small additional cost reduction compared to Option 2, and that Option 1 results in a relatively low UL peak rate in TDD compared to Option 2. * Option 2: Max 64QAM in DL and max 64QAM in UL   + Option 2 is supported by a couple of responses, and a few more responses are open to it. * Option 3: Max 256QAM in DL and max 16QAM in UL   + Option 3 does not have much support. * Option 4: Max 256QAM in DL and max 64QAM in UL (same as the reference case)   + Option 4 is supported by a few companies.   Given the different preferences expressed in the received responses, perhaps the following proposal can be a way forward.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.7.6-1:**   * Capture in the Conclusions of TR 38.875 that in FR1 FDD bands, a RedCap UE is recommended to only be required to support:   + maximum mandatory DL modulation of 64QAM (instead of 256QAM)   + maximum mandatory UL modulation of 64QAM (no change) | | |
| Qualcomm |  |  | Since most companies supported Option 1, we think maximum mandatory UL modulation of 16QAM should be supported. 64QAM can be supported as an optional UE capability on UL for R17 RedCap devices. |
| vivo |  |  | Agree with Qualcomm comment above. |
| CATT | Y |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal.  As can be seem from the summary table, 6~7% cost reduction can be achieved by DL modulation order relaxation (256→64), while only ~2% can be achieved by UL (64→16). Also, 64QAM UL modulation order not only maintains UL SE of the network but also benefits video surveillance scenario, which requires high UL data rate. |
| ZTE |  |  | Agree with Qualcomm comment above. |
| OPPO |  |  | Share similar views with Qualcomm and vivo, maximum mandatory UL modulation of 16QAM should be supported. 64QAM can be an optional capability. |
| MediaTek |  |  | We are fine with the FL’s proposal as a compromise.  We have strong concerns on reducing the UL modulation order, it provides marginal complexity reduction while significantly impact the UL SE, which very essential for UL-heave use-cases such as video surveillance. |
| Spreadtrum |  |  | We shared the similar view with QC. |
| Huawei, HiSi | Y |  |  |
| FUTUREWEI2 | almost |  | Should note no spec optimizations |
| Nokia, NSB |  |  | We feel the cost saving for DL modulation relaxation will be small when considered together with other techniques. Therefore, we don’t think it is necessary to relax the DL modulation. |
| Ericsson | Yes |  | We can accept this proposal as a compromise. |
| Intel | Y |  |  |
| Sierra Wireless |  |  | Agree with Qualcomm’s comment |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |  |
| FL2 | Based on the received responses, the FL’s updated suggestion is the following:  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.7.6-1a:**   * Capture in the Conclusions of TR 38.875 that in FR1 FDD bands, a RedCap UE is recommended to only be required to support a maximum mandatory DL modulation of 64QAM (instead of 256QAM).   + Capture that no specification optimizations are needed for this. * Revisit UL modulation later in this meeting. | | |
| CMCC |  |  | We support the maximum mandatory UL modulation is 64QAM (no change).  According to the total cost analysis in Table 7.7.2-1, the average estimated cost reduction achieved by relaxing the maximum UL modulation order from 64QAM to 16QAM is ~2% for FR1 FDD, FR1 TDD, and FR2. However, 16QAM can only support 10.6Mbps peak data rate for TDD with DDDDDDDSUU, 64QAM is better. |
| DOCOMO | Partially Y |  | We agree with the proposal in principle, but don’t agree with the first sub-bullet. We don’t think any optimizations should be precluded, but can be discussed further in WI phase. |
| CATT | Y |  | Fine with FL’s updated proposal. |
| OPPO | Partially Y |  | maximum mandatory UL modulation of 16QAM should also be supported |
| vivo |  |  | The proposal says FR1 FDD bands, then what about FR1 TDD bands? |
| Huawei, HiSi | Y and |  | Support CMCC. |
| Spreadtrum | Y |  |  |

Options for FR2 bands:

* Option 1: Max 16QAM in DL and max 16QAM in UL
* Option 2: Max 16QAM in DL and max 64QAM in UL
* Option 3: Max 64QAM in DL and max 16QAM in UL
* Option 4: Max 64QAM in DL and max 64QAM in UL (same as the reference case)

**Phase 1: Question 7.7.6-2: Should TR 38.875 make recommendations on the supported modulation order for RedCap FR2 UEs? If yes, please indicate your preferred option (or FFS in the Option column if you prefer to down-select later in this meeting).**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Option** | **Comments** |
| Qualcomm | Y | Option 3 |  |
| FUTUREWEI | Y | FFS |  |
| CATT | Y | Option 4 |  |
| OPPO | Y | Option 1 |  |
| LG | Y | FFS |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N |  | Some discussion preferred. |
| Samsung | Y | Option 1 |  |
| ZTE | Y | FFS | Option 1 or Option 3 can be selected based on the maximum bandwidth and number of MIMO layers. |
| Nokia, NSB | Y | Option 4 |  |
| InterDigital | Y | FFS |  |
| Ericsson | Y | FFS | Both options 1 and 2 should be considered in the cost evaluation of combinations of different complexity reduction techniques. |
| Sierra Wireless | Y | Option 3 |  |
| DOCOMO | Y | 4 | We don’t see strong motivation to introduce the relaxed maximum modulation order based on the cost reduction result |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Y | Option 1 |  |
| Panasonic | Y | FFS | Option 1 or Option 3 can be selected based on the maximum bandwidth and number of MIMO layers. |
| Sharp | Y | FFS |  |
| Intel | Y | Option 1 or Option 2 (preferred) | We do not see much benefits in reducing max UL modulation order from 64QAM to 16QAM. |
| Spreadtrum | Y | Option 1 |  |
| MediaTek | Y | Option 4 | Reducing the DL modulation order in FR2 has significant impact to the system performance, and the expected complexity reduction is marginal.  No need to relax the UL modulation order as there is no significant complexity reduction, and the performance impact is high (specially for UL heavy use-cases). |
| CMCC | Y | FFS |  |
| FL | Most responses indicated some preferences among the options for FR2 bands:   * Option 1: Max 16QAM in DL and max 16QAM in UL   + Option 1 is supported by 4 responses, and 4 more responses expressed that they are open to it. * Option 2: Max 16QAM in DL and max 64QAM in UL   + Option 2 is supported by 1 response, and 1 more response expressed that they are open to it. * Option 3: Max 64QAM in DL and max 16QAM in UL   + Option 2 is supported by 2 responses, and 2 more responses expressed that they are open to it. * Option 4: Max 64QAM in DL and max 64QAM in UL (same as the reference case)   + Option 4 is supported by 4 responses.   However, there were also several responses that indicated FFS without any preferences among the options.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.7.6-2:** Revisit this question later in this meeting. Companies are invited to provide further comments and preferences. | | |
| CATT | Y | Option 4 | Agree with MediaTek. |
| Qualcomm |  |  | Ok with updated FL proposal |
| Spreadtrum | N | Option 1 |  |
| Huawei, HiSi | Y | Option 4 |  |
| Ericsson | Y | 1 | We prefer Option 1 if 100 MHz (with 1 Rx) is recommended. If 50 MHz (with 2 Rx) is recommended, we prefer Option 2 (for UL peak rate considerations). |
| DOCOMO |  | Option 4 |  |
| FL2 | Companies are invited to provide further comments and preferences. | | |
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## 7.8 Other relaxed UE processing capability

### 7.8.1 Description of feature combinations

Some contributions discuss complexity reduction through other relaxed UE processing capability than the techniques agreed to be studied (i.e. other than reduced maximum number of MIMO layers and relaxed maximum modulation order).

**Relaxed maximum number of HARQ processes:**

Some contributions [1, 2, 6] noted that reducing the number of HARQ processes offers very limited benefit (less than 1%) on top of bandwidth reduction and other techniques and would increase scheduler restrictions and promotes market fragmentation. [3, 23] further mentioned that reducing the maximum number of HARQ processes is not required as NR has been designated to decouple the RV from soft buffer size or the soft buffer complexity estimation should assume the external memory is used such that it does not scale with the number of HARQ processes. The HARQ process partition can be up to UE implementation and the benefit is not clear [1, 3, 6]. Furthermore, the 16 HAR processes mandated for NR should be maintained for relaxed RTT [1, 23].

However, in some contributions [4, 13], it is mentioned that further cost saving can be achieved by reducing the number of HARQ processes. For example, reducing the number of HARQ processes from 16 to 8 can provide approximately 4% which is similar level as the cost saving by restricting the maximum modulation order. Further reducing the number of HARQ processes to 4, more cost saving (i.e. about 6 – 8% total cost saving) can be achieved compared to reducing the maximum modulation order, while the specification impacts are marginal (e.g. RAN4 demodulation performance requirements). The further reduction of soft buffer size has the justified number of cost breakdown at least for the low-end market [13].

Moreover, in [26], it is noted that the fronthaul delay does not depend on the duplexing mode or the numerology, the maximum number of processes supported by RedCap UE should be reduced at least for FDD deployment (up to 8 HARQ processes) with 15 kHz SCS without reducing the scheduling flexibility of gNB and proposed to decouple the maximum number of HARQ processes from the LBRM buffer size dimensioning for RedCap UE and support a constant HARQ RTT reference number for the LBRM buffer size dimensioning.

**Other techniques:**

A few contributions also discussed other techniques that would be beneficial to UE complexity relaxation. Those techniques include:

* Simplifying features that are mandatory for mandatory for Rel-15 NR UEs [8]
* Relaxing the maximum number of blind decodings and/or CCEs can reduce UE complexity especially baseband processing for PDCCH. However, the effect on gNB scheduling flexibility and blocking probably should be studied [28].
* CSI measurement / feedback but not as first priority.
* SUL can also be considered for RedCap devices in order to achieve better uplink coverage (e.g. 10 ~ 13 dB coverage gain with different uplink target rates and uplink channels.) [3, 9, 28] and higher UL bit rates [9]. It is further noted in [3] that support SUL does not directly increase the UE baseband cost.
* [8, 28] also noted that MIMO and/or CA capability is needed to achieve the DL peak rate and is more critical in case less than 64QAM is supported or for TDD that is not heavy DL-oriented. In [8, 28], it is mentioned that intra-band allows scalability and may not be so intrusive to UE implementation and pose lower RF challenges and should at least be studied. In [3], it is however noted that intra-band CA would provide little useful functions in practical deployments if limited to intra-band CA. [3] further noted that if inter-CA is assumed, the RedCap devices would have a cost roughly the same as the baseline 100 MHz bandwidth capability and supports of other capabilities (such as simultaneous transmission on multi-CC) would be necessary. From the perspective of satisfying use case requirement and cost efficiency, RedCap UEs can be restricted on single CC.
* Reduction of the maximum number of allocated for the further TBS restriction which would be beneficial for the low-ed market [8, 13]
* Restricting UL waveform to DFT-S-OFDM only [8]
* Simplified BWP operation [8]
* No support of simultaneous reception [8]
* No support of prioritization of dynamically scheduled PDSCH/PUSCH over SPS/CG PUSCH occasions respectively [8]
* PDSCH reception with receiver side puncturing on configured reserved resources [8]

**Phase 1: Question 7.8.1-1: Should any aspects of any complexity reduction technique(s) for relaxed UE processing capability other than the techniques agreed to be studied (i.e. other than reduced maximum number of MIMO layers and relaxed maximum modulation order) be captured in the TR? If yes, please describe what techniques and what aspects.**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments** |
| Qualcomm | Y | Consider DL and UL beam management simplification techniques for RedCap, specifically related to:   * Optimizing the number of TCI states and TRS tracking * Relying more on UL RS for BM (e.g., for UL heavy traffic UEs) * BFD/BFR procedure optimizations due to mobility (e.g., stationary UEs) and narrow BW limitation for RedCap |
| FUTUREWEI | N | SUL is an existing technique that can help coverage, and should be captured there with the list of existing techniques. |
| CATT | N | We think they are not essential to cost reduction. |
| Vivo | Y | Reduced HARQ processes should be captured in the TR. About its cost reduction percentage, our reading of the contribution is different from FL, we found the following analysis in the contributions, which shows good alignment of results among companies, i.e. around 5% cost reduction for reducing number of HARQ processes by half. We propose to capture such observation.  From R1-2005234   |  | | --- | | Assuming the maximum number of HARQ processes is reduced from 16 to 8 for RedCap devices, this can provide 50% reduction on HARQ buffer size. However, it is only estimated to provide ~3.0-4.5% cost reduction. |   From R1-2007862   |  | | --- | | In Rel-15 NR, it is mandatory to support 16 HARQ processes. The benefit of reduction of HARQ process number is not so clear since it is related to UE implementation. Still, an overall cost reduction is expected to be small, e.g. ~5%. But this will limit the flexibility of network scheduling and thus not recommended. |   From R1-2008100   |  | | --- | | the maximum number of HARQ processes (for the further reduction of soft buffer size): When the maximum number of HARQ processes is reduced from 16 to 4, the cost can be reduced by around 8% for FR1 and 6% for FR2. |   From R1-2009212   |  | | --- | | * For FR1 and FR2, when the maximum number of HARQ processes is reduced from 16 to 8, the overall estimated cost savings is around 4% - 6%; * For Fr1 and FR2, when the maximum number of HARQ processes is reduced from 16 to 4, the overall estimated cost savings is around 7% - 9%. | |
| OPPO | Y | We should consider the reduced HARQ process. |
| LG | N |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Y | SUL should be possible to be included as not increase UE cost and good for coverage and UL data rate.  Other relaxation including CSI related procedure, CSI-RS measurement and/or beam management simplification can be considered as well. |
| Samsung | N |  |
| ZTE | N |  |
| Nokia, NSB | N |  |
| Ericsson | N | None of the above-mentioned techniques has been adequately studied. Considering the limited time that we have in the study item, we suggest focusing on the techniques that have been prioritized.  Regarding relaxed maximum number of HARQ processes, note that in e.g. the reference NR device cost breakdown, the HARQ buffer corresponds to 14% of the baseband cost, which corresponds to 8.4% of the total cost. If the HARQ buffer is reduced due to reduced bandwidth or reduced number of layers, the additional HARQ buffer reduction from reducing the number of HARQ processes may be quite insignificant and not worth the impacts on e.g. scheduling flexibility. |
| Sierra Wireless | N |  |
| DOCOMO | N |  |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | N |  |
| Panasonic | N | Agree with Ericsson’s comment to focus on the prioritized techniques. |
| Spreadtrum | Y | Consider relaxation of UE processing capability, including relaxation of  - the maximum number of allocated PRBs for the further TBS restriction, and  - the maximum number of HARQ processes for the further reduction of soft buffer size. |
| MediaTek | N |  |
| CMCC | N | Unless potential cost reduction or gains analysis results can be provided. |
| FL | Among the received responses, there is weak support for capturing any aspects of any complexity reduction techniques for relaxed UE processing capability other than techniques agreed to be studied (i.e. other than reduced maximum number of MIMO layers and relaxed maximum modulation order) in the TR. It is noted in some responses that some of the listed techniques may be coverage recovery techniques rather than complexity reduction techniques.  **Phase 1: Proposal 7.8.1-1:** Thus, the FL suggestion is to not capture any aspects of any complexity reduction techniques for relaxed UE processing capability other than techniques agreed to be studied (reduced maximum number of MIMO layers and relaxed maximum modulation order) in the TR. | |
| CATT |  | Support the FL’s proposal. |
| LG |  | The updated proposal is okay to us. |
| Qualcomm |  | Not very clear on what does “aspects” mean. May be a clarification is needed if the proposal is to only include techniques that are studied (e.g., have cost reduction evaluations, etc…) or to add even techniques that were proposed without evaluations. If the later, then we recommend capturing beam management simplifications for FR2 as a potential technique. |
| Spreadtrum | N | The additional reduction on UE processing capability can be captured in high level, which can be discussed in WI if the standardization effort is light. |
| FUTUREWEI2 | Y |  |
| Ericsson | Y |  |
| Sierra Wireless |  | Support FL’s proposal |
| DOCOMO | Y |  |
| FL2 | No further proposal regarding other relaxed UE processing capability at this point | |
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### 7.8.2 Analysis of UE complexity reduction

### 7.8.3 Analysis of performance impacts

### 7.8.4 Analysis of coexistence with legacy UEs

### 7.8.5 Analysis of specification impacts

### 7.8.6 Conclusions

## 7.9 Combinations of UE complexity reduction features

### 7.9.1 Description of feature combinations

### 7.9.2 Analysis of UE complexity reduction

The initial collection of evaluation results [35] focused on cost estimation for individual cost reduction techniques, while the cost estimation for combinations of different cost reduction techniques was postponed till RAN1#103e.

Contribution [1] provides initial cost reduction estimates also for certain combinations of individual cost reduction techniques. Contribution [2] proposes that no combinations of techniques with 50 MHz UE bandwidth in FR2 will be investigated. Other contributions, e.g. [11, 15, 26], propose other specific combinations.

In order to avoid having to carry out cost estimation for very many combinations, it would be good to focus on the combinations that are considered most promising. For example, in the first draft template for cost reduction evaluation [38], the following combinations were included:

* For FR1 FDD:
  + 20 MHz, 1 layer
  + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx
  + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, half duplex type A
  + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, half duplex type B
  + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, doubled N1 and N2
  + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 64QAM in DL
  + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 16QAM in UL
* For FR1 TDD:
  + 20 MHz, 2 layers, 2 Rx
  + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 2 Rx
  + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx
  + 20 MHz, 2 layers, 2 Rx, doubled N1 and N2
  + 20 MHz, 2 layers, 2 Rx, max 64QAM in DL
  + 20 MHz, 2 layer, 2 Rx, max 16QAM in UL
* For FR2:
  + 100 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx
  + 50 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx
  + 100 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, doubled N1 and N2
  + 50 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, doubled N1 and N2
  + 100 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 16QAM in DL
  + 50 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 16QAM in DL
  + 100 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 16QAM in UL
  + 50 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 16QAM in UL

**Phase 1: Question 7.9.2-1: Can the cost evaluation for combinations of cost reduction techniques focus on the above list? If not, what changes are needed?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments or suggested revisions** |
| Qualcomm | N | For FR1 FDD, add:   * 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, half duplex type A, max 64QAM in DL, max 16QAM in UL   For FR1 TDD, add:   * 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 64QAM in DL, max 16QAM in UL   For FR2, add:   * 100 MHz, 2 layer, 2 Rx, max 16QAM in UL |
| FUTUREWEI | N | At least 50MHz for FR2 and half duplex type B for FR1 FDD should be removed.  We are OK to remove others as well if most companies prefer, such as reduced max modulation in the UL.  Should not add more combinations with FR1 TDD 1rx. |
| CATT | Partially Y | For FR1 TDD, combinations between ’20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx’ and ‘doubled N1 and N2’/ ‘max 64QAM in DL’ / ‘max 16QAM in UL’ should also be provided. |
| Vivo | N | For FR1 TDD, add:   * 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 64QAM in DL * 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 16QAM in UL |
| OPPO | N | For FR1 FDD, add:   * + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, doubled N1 and N2 ,max 64QAM in DL and max 16QAM in UL   For FR1 TDD, add:   * + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, doubled N1 and N2 ,max 64QAM in DL and max 16QAM in UL   + 20 MHz, 2 layer, 2 Rx, doubled N1 and N2 ,max 64QAM in DL and max 16QAM in UL   Remove:   * + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 2 Rx   For FR2, add:   * + 100 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, doubled N1 and N2, max 16QAM in DL and max 16QAM in UL |
| LG | N | For FR1 TDD, add the following combinations.   * + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, doubled N1 and N2   + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 64QAM in DL   + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 16QAM in UL   Other than that, the combinations suggested by the FL are okay. We don’t have to try to down-select among the combinations as we are supposed to do that soon given the comprehensive results. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | N | For FR1 FDD, 2 layers in DL should also be added.  Doubled N1/N2 together with relaxed/doubled CSI computation timeline is also beneficial for overall cost reduction, so should be included. Also, it is applicable to both FDD/TDD/FRs unlike some other techniques e.g. HD-FDD only applicable to FR1 FDD. |
| Samsung |  | For FR1 FDD since HD-FDD can be additionally added to most of other features, we think the combination can focus on other techniques first and then added HD-FDD type A and Type B additionally in the end, to reduce the combinations.   * 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 64QAM in DL and Max 16QAM in UL   For FR1 TDD, add:   * 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 64QAM in DL, max 16QAM in UL   For FR2, add:   * 100 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 16QAM in DL, max 16QAM in UL * 50MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 16QAM in DL, max 16QAM in UL |
| ZTE | N | Remove 50 MHz for FR2 |
| Nokia, NSB | N | For FR1 FDD, add:   * 20 MHz, 2 layers, 2 Rx   For FR2 TDD, we are fine to remove 50 MHz combinations |
| InterDigital |  | We are ok with removing 50 MHz FR2 TDD. |
| SONY | Y | We think it is good to avoid too many combinations. We think some observations can be drawn / extrapolated from the set of combinations that is listed. E.g. it should be possible to get an idea about a specific {20MHz, 1RX, HD-FDD, 64QAM DL} UE from the results for {20MHz, 1RX, HD-FDD} and {20MHz, 1RX, 6QAM DL}, without having to consider that specific UE combination.  So, we think the set of combinations proposed is sufficient.  [October 28 revision] To set a “complexity floor”, it is probably worth including a “maxed out” combination:   * + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 64QAM in DL, max 16QAM in UL, half duplex type A |
| Ericsson | N | These are the combinations we would be interested in seeing cost estimates for:   * For FR1 FDD:   + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx   + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 64QAM in DL   + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 64QAM in DL, max 16QAM in UL   + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 64QAM in DL, max 16QAM in UL, half duplex type A   + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 64QAM in DL, max 16QAM in UL, doubled N1 and N2 * For FR1 TDD:   + 20 MHz, 2 layers, 2 Rx   + 20 MHz, 2 layers, 2 Rx, max 64QAM in DL   + 20 MHz, 2 layer, 2 Rx, max 64QAM in DL, max 16QAM in UL   + 20 MHz, 2 layers, 2 Rx, max 64QAM in DL, max 16QAM in UL, doubled N1 and N2 * For FR2:   + 100 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx   + 100 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 16QAM in DL   + 100 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 16QAM in DL, max 16QAM in UL   + 100 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 16QAM in DL, max 16QAM in UL, doubled N1 and N2   + 50 MHz, 1 layer, 2 Rx   + 50 MHz, 1 layer, 2 Rx, max 16QAM in DL   + 50 MHz, 1 layer, 2 Rx, max 16QAM in DL, max 16QAM in UL   + 50 MHz, 1 layer, 2 Rx, max 16QAM in DL, max 16QAM in UL, doubled N1 and N2 |
| Sierra Wireless | N | For FR1 FDD, please add:  20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, HD-FDD type A, max 64QAM in DL, max 16QAM in UL  To reduce options, consider:   * Remove 50 MHz for FR2 * Remove HD-FDD Type B   To further reduce options- combine max 64QAM in DL and max 16QAM in UL into one option |
| Xiaomi | N | For FR1 FDD， add   * + 40MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx   For FR1 TDD， add   * + 40MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx |
| DOCOMO | Y | As commented by moderator, it would be good to focus on the combinations that are considered most promising. Current combinations seem sufficient. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | N | For FR1 TDD,   * 20MHz, 1 layer, 1Rx, doubled N1 and N2 * 20MHz, 1 layer, 1Rx, max 64QAM in DL * 20MHz, 1 layer, 1Rx, max 16QAM in UL |
| Apple | N | For FR1 FDD, add:   * 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, Half Duplex type A, max 64QAM in DL, max 16QAM in UL, doubled N1 and N2   For FR1 TDD, add:   * 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 64QAM in DL, max 16QAM in UL, doubled N1 and N2 |
| Sharp | N | * For FR1 FDD: add,   + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, half duplex type A, doubled N1 and N2   + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, doubled N1 and N2, max 64QAM in DL, max 16QAM in UL * For FR2 TDD: add,   + 20 MHz, 2 layer, 2 Rx, doubled N1 and N2, max 64QAM in DL, max 16QAM in UL |
| Intel | N | For FR1 FDD, add:   * 20 MHz, 1layer, 1 Rx chain, HD-FDD Type A, max 64QAM in DL, [max 16QAM in UL], doubled N1 and N2   For FR1 TDD, add:   * 20 MHz, 1 layer, 2 Rx chains, max 64QAM in DL, [max 16QAM in UL], doubled N1 and N2   For FR2, add:   * 100 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 16QAM in DL, doubled N1 and N2   To reduce the numbers of combinations, we would also support removing the options with HD-FDD type B for FR1 FDD and 50 MHz for FR2. |
| Spreadtrum | N |  |
| MediaTek | N | To reduce the numbers of combinations, we should remove the case with HD Type-B, doubled N1 and N2, #layers smaller than #Rx, reduced UL modulation order.   * For FR1 FDD:   + ~~20 MHz, 1 layer~~   + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx   + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, half duplex type A   + ~~20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, half duplex type B~~   + ~~20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, doubled N~~~~1~~ ~~and N~~~~2~~   + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 64QAM in DL   + ~~20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 16QAM in UL~~ * For FR1 TDD:   + 20 MHz, 2 layers, 2 Rx   + ~~20 MHz, 1 layer, 2 Rx~~   + 20 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx   + ~~20 MHz, 2 layers, 2 Rx, doubled N~~~~1~~ ~~and N~~~~2~~   + ~~20 MHz, 2 layers, 2 Rx, max 64QAM in DL~~   + ~~20 MHz, 2 layer, 2 Rx, max 16QAM in UL~~ * For FR2:   + 100 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx   + ~~50 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx~~   + ~~100 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, doubled N~~~~1~~ ~~and N~~~~2~~   + ~~50 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, doubled N~~~~1~~ ~~and N~~~~2~~   + ~~100 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 16QAM in DL~~   + ~~50 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 16QAM in DL~~   + ~~100 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 16QAM in UL~~   + ~~50 MHz, 1 layer, 1 Rx, max 16QAM in UL~~ |
| CMCC | N | If the intention is to compare the cost of certain combinations of individual cost reduction techniques and to make choice, the principle to choose combinations can be discussed firstly. For example, the combinations are better to include all the promising features, such as {bandwidth, Rx, MIMO layer, modulation order} and provide different candidates for controversial options, such as for modulation order, 16QAM and 64QAM. Then depend on the comparison result, we can determine the option. |
| FL | **Phase 1: Proposal** **7.9.2-1:** Based on the received responses, the following can be considered when deciding what combinations of complexity reduction techniques that should be evaluated.  For FR1 FDD:   1. Techniques included in ALL combinations for cost evaluation:    * 20 MHz    * 1 layer    * 1 Rx 2. Techniques included in SOME (TBD) combinations for cost evaluation:    * Max 64QAM in DL    * Max 16QAM in UL (only in combination with max 64QAM in DL)    * HD-FDD operation type A    * Doubled N1 and N2 3. Techniques NOT included in any combination for cost evaluation:    * >20 MHz    * >1 layer    * >1 Rx    * #layers > #Rx    * HD-FDD operation type B    * Doubled CSI computation time   For FR1 TDD:   1. Techniques included in ALL combinations for cost evaluation:    * 20 MHz    * 1 layer 2. Techniques included in SOME (TBD) combinations for cost evaluation:    * 1 or 2 Rx    * Max 64QAM in DL    * Max 16QAM in UL (only in combination with max 64QAM in DL)    * Doubled N1 and N2 3. Techniques NOT included in any combination for cost evaluation:    * >20 MHz    * >1 layer    * > 2 Rx    * #layers > #Rx    * Doubled CSI computation time   For FR2:   1. Techniques included in ALL combinations for cost evaluation:    * 100 MHz    * 1 layer    * 1 Rx 2. Techniques included in SOME (TBD) combinations for cost evaluation:    * Max 16QAM in DL    * Max 16QAM in UL (only in combination with max 16QAM in DL)    * Doubled N1 and N2 3. Techniques NOT included in any combination for cost evaluation:    * 50 MHz    * >1 layer    * >1 Rx    * #layers > #Rx    * Doubled CSI computation time | |
| vivo |  | Clarification: what is the intention of “SOME (TBD) combinations”? |
| CATT | Mostly Y | For FR1 TDD, we believe some companies still have interest in ‘2Rx, 2 layers’ |
| Xiaomi |  | We don’t quite understand the proposal. For example,” Techniques NOT included in any combination for cost evaluation”, does that mean these techniques are precluded? |
| ZTE |  | For FR1, depending on the data rate requirement, combination of ‘(2 Rx, 2 layers) + 20 MHz’ and ‘(1 Rx, 1 layer) + (>20 MHz)’ are needed to evaluate. |
| OPPO |  | Generally fine with the proposal.  But for FR1 TDD, since > 1 layer is not in any of combination, 2Rx is not needed. |
| LG |  | We prefer the HD-FDD Type B not to be listed under the “NOT included” bullet. The others were not in the evaluation template, but for the HD-FDD Type B, many companies already took some time to get the evaluation results and it just add to the number of combinations by 1 as it only applies to the FR1 FDD. |
| MediaTek |  | For FR1 TDD, the assumed #layers should be equal to the #Rx. So, we have the following suggestion:   1. Techniques included in ALL combinations for cost evaluation:    * 20 MHz    * ~~1 layer~~ #Layers = #Rx 2. Techniques NOT included in any combination for cost evaluation:    * >20 MHz    * ~~>1 layer~~ |
| Qualcomm |  | For FR2, we suggest including “>1 layer” and “>1 Rx” in the “Techniques included in SOME (TBD) combinations for cost evaluation” section. |
| Spreadtrum | N | Hard to achieve consensus |
| Huawei, HiSi | N | The results for combination will not be useful if the cost estimate for individual techniques is not stable. We should strive for resolving the discussion points raised above for each individual cost reduction technique. |
| SONY | Y | We are OK with the proposal.  When it comes down to choosing the combinations themselves, we would like to minimize the combinations by considering only combinations with one of the “SOME” techniques added to the “ALL” techniques. The question we should be answering is “does a ‘SOME’ technique provide significant additional saving when used in conjunction with the ‘ALL’ techniques?”.  The whole of section 7.9 is about combinations of techniques. Is the intention that we are also going to consider the performance / coexistence / spec impacts of the combined techniques? Alternatively, is the intention to delete sections 7.9.3, 7.9.4, 7.9.5? |
| Ericsson | Y | In order to reduce the number of combinations that need to be evaluated, perhaps the relaxed DL modulation technique can be “included in ALL combinations”.  For FR2, we would like to compare the following to basic combinations:   * + 100 MHz   + 1 layer   + 1 Rx   and   * + 50 MHz   + 1 layer   + 2 Rx |
| FL2 | The following agreement has been made:   |  | | --- | | Agreements:  For evaluating complexity reduction, to come up with a set of combinations of techniques:   1. For each case (FR1 FDD, FR1 TDD, & FR2), target up to 6 to 8 combinations    * Detailed combinations are FFS |   **Phase 1: Proposal 7.9.2-1a:** Based on the received responses and the above agreement, it is proposed that the following combinations of complexity reduction techniques are evaluated.  For FR1 FDD:   1. 1 layer, 1 Rx 2. 1 layer, 1 Rx, 20 MHz, DL 64QAM 3. 1 layer, 1 Rx, 20 MHz, DL 64QAM, UL 16QAM 4. 1 layer, 1 Rx, 20 MHz, DL 64QAM, HD-FDD type A 5. 1 layer, 1 Rx, 20 MHz, DL 64QAM, relaxed processing time 6. 1 layer, 1 Rx, 20 MHz, DL 64QAM, UL 16QAM, HD-FDD type A 7. 1 layer, 1 Rx, 20 MHz, DL 64QAM, UL 16QAM, relaxed processing time 8. 1 layer, 1 Rx, 20 MHz, DL 64QAM, UL 16QAM, HD-FDD type A, relaxed processing time   For FR1 TDD:   1. 1 layer, 1 Rx 2. 2 layers, 2 Rx 3. 1 layer, 1 Rx, 20 MHz, DL 64QAM 4. 2 layer, 2 Rx, 20 MHz, DL 64QAM 5. 1 layer, 1 Rx, 20 MHz, DL 64QAM, UL 16QAM 6. 2 layers, 2 Rx, 20 MHz, DL 64QAM, UL 16QAM 7. 1 layer, 1 Rx, 20 MHz, DL 64QAM, relaxed processing time 8. 2 layers, 2 Rx, 20 MHz, DL 64QAM, relaxed processing time   For FR2:   1. 1 layer, 1 Rx 2. 1 layer, 1 Rx, 100 MHz, DL 16QAM 3. 2 layers, 2 Rx, 100 MHz, DL 16QAM 4. 1 layer, 1 Rx, 100 MHz, DL 16QAM, UL 16QAM 5. 2 layers, 2 Rx, 100 MHz, DL 16QAM, UL 16QAM 6. 1 layer, 1 Rx, 100 MHz, DL 16QAM, relaxed processing time 7. 2 layers, 2 Rx, 100 MHz, DL 16QAM, relaxed processing time 8. 1 layer, 2 Rx, 50 MHz, DL 16QAM, relaxed processing time   The intention with the combinations ‘1 layer, 1 Rx’ and ‘2 layers, 2 Rx’ is to obtain results for Section 7.2.2 of the TR.  For FR1 FDD, based on the responses to the questions and proposals in Section 7.4.6, HD-FDD operation type A is included in combinations whereas type B is not.  For FR2, the focus is on combinations with 100 MHz, and only a single combination with 50 MHz is included to enable comparison between the two.  Regarding the definition of ‘relaxed processing time’, see Question 7.9.2-2 below. | |
| DOCOMO | Partially Y | Agree with the proposal with the following clarification  For FR1 FDD:   1. 1 layer, 1 Rx, 20 MHz   For FR1 TDD:   1. 1 layer, 1 Rx, 20 MHz 2. 2 layers, 2 Rx, 20 MHz   For FR2:   1. 1 layer, 1 Rx, 100 MHz |
| CATT | Mostly Y | For FR1, we are mostly fine, and agree with DOCOMO’s clarification.  For FR2, we think ‘2 Rx, 2 layers’ is not necessary for the case where BW=100MHz. |
| Xiaomi |  | 1. We think different options for the UE maximum UE bandwidth should be considered . at least the following options should be added for FR1 TDD nad FR1 FDD  * 1 layer, 1Rx, 40MHz   And we would like to suggest the FL listing more combination options here, then companiesy could do the down selection |
| OPPO |  | Fo FR1 TDD, option 7 shall also include UL 16QAM, as “1 layer, 1 Rx, 20 MHz, DL 64QAM, UL 16QAM, relaxed processing time” |
| vivo |  | We are fine with the FL2 proposal and DOCOMO’s addition. |
| Huawei, HiSi | N for FR1 FDD | Our concern is that the current suggested set of combinations may preclude certain real implmentations. For example our preference is to keep 2Rx and 2MIMO layers for FDD such that a RedCap UE supporting 2 Layers in TDD band can benefit from the economies of sclaes but still meet the peak rate requirement at the same time, most important, without throughtput loss in FDD. Then it is reasonable for such UEs also to be allowed with cost saving from other techniques. But this is unable to be observed from the FL2 proposal for FDD. In short, we prefer to have the case of 2Rx and 2 Layers with doubled processing time for FDD. This is to us one option that we should look into without penlty on UE cost and opertor’s interested performance metrics.  We think the cost saving from UL 16QAM itself is clearly marginal and can be replaced from the combinations with e.g. doubled CSI computation time for some cases.  Prefer to change the ‘relaxed’ processing time as ‘doubled’ processing time, in order to evaluate, whenever it applies. |
| Spreadtrum |  | Waiting for the conclusion whether to support 2 RX for FR1 FDD/TDD.  If 20MHz BW is only BW capability of RedCap UE, it means only RedCap UE for FR1 TDD can support 150Mbps peak data rate, but RedCap UE for FR1 FDD cannot. It is a bit strange for us. We would like to hear other companies’ view. We try to list some options:   * Option-1: {20MHz BW, 1 RX, 1 layer} for both FR1 FDD and TDD. The peak data rate 150Mbps cannot be achieved. * Option-2: {20MHz BW, 1 RX, 1 layer} for both FR1 FDD and TDD (low end), {20MHz, 2 RX, 2 layer} for both FR1 FDD and TDD (high end). The peak data rate 150Mbps can be achieved by high end UE. * Option-3: {20MHz BW, 1 RX, 1 layer} for both FR1 FDD and TDD (low end), {20MHz BW, 2 RX, 2 layer} for FR1 TDD only (high end). The peak data rate 150Mbps can be achieved. * Option-4: {40MHz BW, 1 RX, 1 layer} for both FR1 FDD and TDD. The peak data rate 150Mbps can be achieved.   In our view, currently Option 2 and Option-4 are supported by most companies. But down selection of these two is hard. For now, we slightly prefer Option-2 in which 2 RX is also supported by FDD as high end UE. |
| SONY | Y | We are OK with FL’s proposal as it is.  Our understanding of option 1 for FR1 FDD is that it covers the case that has been discussed extensively under section 7.2.2. From section 7.2.2, there is the possibility that we will have to consider the “#layers = #antennas” case in section 7.9.2 and FL has put option 1 in this list for that reason.  We are also happy / more happy if #layers = #antennas is considered in section 7.2.2 |

**Phase 1: Question 7.9.2-2: In Proposal 7.9.2-1a, should the ‘relaxed processing time’ technique include both doubled N1/N2 and relaxed CSI computation time?**

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| **Company** | **Y/N** | **Comments** |
| FL2 | New question | |
| DOCOMO | N | Only doubled N1/N2 should be included |
| CATT | N | See also our reply in **Phase 1: Question 7.5.1-2.** |
| Huawei, HiSi | Y | It is benefical to understand the cost saving potential. So far limited results have been reported so the final recommendation should be either based on the presented results, or subject to further results from combiantions. We should not simply preclude it without study at all. |

### 7.9.3 Analysis of performance impacts

### 7.9.4 Analysis of coexistence with legacy UEs

### 7.9.5 Analysis of specification impacts

### 7.9.6 Conclusions

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