**3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #118 electronic R2-2206353**

**Online, May 9th – May 20th, 2022**

**Agenda item: 6.1.3.2**

**Source: Xiaomi**

**Title: Part 2 summary of [AT118-e][032][MBS] PDCP (Xiaomi)**

**Document for:**  **Discussion**

# 1. Introduction

This paper is to trigger the part 2 discussion of the following email discussion of MBS PDCP. The draft CR is also provided in the inbox for your information. You can also provide any comment for polishing the draft CR.

* [AT118-e][032][MBS] PDCP (Xiaomi)

Scope: part 1 Treat [R2-2204626](file:///C:\Users\mtk65284\Documents\3GPP\tsg_ran\WG2_RL2\TSGR2_118-e\Docs\R2-2204626.zip), [R2-2204683](file:///C:\Users\mtk65284\Documents\3GPP\tsg_ran\WG2_RL2\TSGR2_118-e\Docs\R2-2204683.zip), [R2-2204906](file:///C:\Users\mtk65284\Documents\3GPP\tsg_ran\WG2_RL2\TSGR2_118-e\Docs\R2-2204906.zip), [R2-2205714](file:///C:\Users\mtk65284\Documents\3GPP\tsg_ran\WG2_RL2\TSGR2_118-e\Docs\R2-2205714.zip), [R2-2205630](file:///C:\Users\mtk65284\Documents\3GPP\tsg_ran\WG2_RL2\TSGR2_118-e\Docs\R2-2205630.zip), [R2-2205479](file:///C:\Users\mtk65284\Documents\3GPP\tsg_ran\WG2_RL2\TSGR2_118-e\Docs\R2-2205479.zip), [R2-2205155](file:///C:\Users\mtk65284\Documents\3GPP\tsg_ran\WG2_RL2\TSGR2_118-e\Docs\R2-2205155.zip), [R2-2205454](file:///C:\Users\mtk65284\Documents\3GPP\tsg_ran\WG2_RL2\TSGR2_118-e\Docs\R2-2205454.zip), Collect one round of comments, pave the way for on-line agreement (identify agreeable points, discussion points), part 2 progress CR including Rapporteur Resolutions (R2-2205455), corrections and including agreements from current meeting (can be phased)

Intended outcome: part 1 Report, Part 2 CR

Deadline: part1 CB W1 Thu, part 2 Deadlines set by rapporteur, Final review can be by post meeting disc

Deadline (for companies' feedback): Wednesday 2022-05-18 12:00 UTC

## 1.1 Contacts

Contact person for each participating company:

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# 2. Discussion

## 2.1 List of changes from R2-2205455

According to the PDCP CR provided in R2-2205455, the changes are listed as follows:

* Change 1: MRB is clarified as not applicable for cyphering/deciphering and integrity protection/verification.
* Change 2: UDC is added for MRB
* Change 3: MRB is added for Window\_Size.

For Change 1, according to the current PDCP specification (e.g. section 5.1.2 and 5.2.2.1), there are several places mentioning “perform deciphering and integrity verification” or “apply the ciphering algorithm and key” also for MRB. However the MRB PDCP does not have the security configuration. Then it could be misunderstood that the MRB uses the uncast security key to “perform deciphering and integrity verification”, which would anyway fail. Then we could have some clarification similar to SL SRB4, as captured in section 5.8 and 5.9 of the PDCP specification.

For Change 2, althought MBS service is DL only and UDC is uplink only, the UE should also be able to provide uplink packets of voice for a multicast MRB of group call service. We could have the following two ways for the UE to provide the uplink data of the group call for the multicast MRB. If only Option 1 is allowed, then we do not need to add UDC support for MRB.

* Option 1: The UE uses a separate DRB to provide the uplink data for the multicast group call of MRB.
* Option 2: The UE uses the uplink channel of the same multicast MRB to provide the uplink data for the multicast group call of MRB.

For Change 3, Window\_Size is required for the receiving PDCP entity of the MRB .

#### Question 1: Which of the following changes are needed?

* Change 1: MRB is clarified as not applicable for cyphering/deciphering and integrity protection/verification.
* Change 2: UDC is added for MRB
* Change 3: MRB is added for Window\_Size.

(The rapporteur suggests that we firstly confirm whether the corresponding missing function/clarification is required, and then we can discuss further how to capture some required changes in the specification.)

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| **Company** | **Answer**  **(Change 1/2/3)** | **Comments** |
| Xiaomi | All | We think that Change 1 and 3 are required to avoid unnecessary misundertandings.  For Change 2, we think that both Option 1 and 2 are feasible solutions. It seems that there is no extra complexity of supporting UDC for multicast MRB. If companies consider that UDC is not applicable for MRB, we may need to add some clarification for the UDC configuration in 38.331. |
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## 2.2 Confirmation of the proposals from part 1 discussion

According to the part 1 discussion summary of [AT118-e][032][MBS] PDCP (Xiaomi), however due to the very short online discussion time, we have not been able to confirm some proposals as the RAN2 agreement. From the rapporteur’s understanding, we could try email approval for those proposals in the part 2 discussion, so as to avoid duplicated discussion in the future.

#### Question 2: Do you agree with the following proposals?

* Proposal 1: RX\_DELIV <= RX\_NEXT should be guaranteed for initial variable selection (12/16).
* Proposal 2: PDCP-SN-Size is updated to PDCP-SN-SizeDL. (16/16)
* Proposal 3: It is left to the network implementation for the prevention of the PDCP COUNT wrap-around of multicast MRB (15/16). No specification change is needed (12/16).

(Companies providing the answer “No” are also invited to indicate which Proposal is not agreed.)

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| **Company** | **Answer**  **(Yes/No)** | **Comments** |
| Xiaomi | Yes | We think that for both Proposal 1 and 3, no specification change is needed no matter if Proposal 1 or 3 is agreed or not, as the two proposals are more like a guidance for the network implementation. |
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## 2.3 Initial value of RX\_NEXT for multicast MRB

The followings are the RAN2 agreements related to to calculation of RX\_NEXT:

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| * The initial value of RX\_DELIV is set to a value before RX\_NEXT, e.g. the initial value of the SN part of RX\_DELIV is (x – 0.5 × 2[*PDCP-SN-Size*–1]) modulo (2[*PDCP-SN-Size*]), where x is the SN of the first received PDCP Data PDU. * For multicast MRB, the initial value of the SN part of RX\_NEXT is (x +1) modulo (2[*PDCP-SN-Size*]), where x is the SN of the first received PDCP Data PDU. * [027] If the initial value of HFN is indicated by the gNB, a reference SN corresponding to the initial value of HFN can be indicated to the UE. |
| RAN2#118-e meeting agreement:   * Go for Option 2   **Option 2: Initial RX\_DELIV is configured by RRC: SN(RX\_DELIV) = SN\_ref and HFN(RX\_DELIV) = HFN\_initial where HFN\_initial and SN\_ref are provided by RRC for multicast. (13/16)** |

According the latest RAN2 agreement, as the initial HFN is no longer left to the UE implementation, the initial HFN for the RX\_HFN should also be set to the HFN configured by RRC (i.e. *multicastHFN-AndRefSN*), same as the RX\_DELIV.

#### Question 3: Do you agree that the initial value of the HFN part of RX\_NEXT is set to the HFN configured by RRC, i.e. *multicastHFN-AndRefSN*?

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| **Company** | **Answer**  **(Yes/No)** | **Comments** |
| Xiaomi | Yes | We think that it is straight-forward that the initial value of the HFN part of RX\_DELIV and RX\_NEXT is set to the same value as configured by RRC. |
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# 3. Conclusion

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# 4. Reference

[1] [R2-2205455](file:///C:\Users\mtk65284\Documents\3GPP\tsg_ran\WG2_RL2\TSGR2_118-e\Docs\R2-2205455.zip) Miscellaneous corrections for MBS 38.323 Xiaomi Communications CR Rel-17 38.323 17.0.0 0090 - F NR\_MBS-Core