**3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #121bis-e R2-230xxxx**

**e-meeting, April 17- 26, 2023**

**Source: Qualcomm Incorporated**

**Title: [Draft] Summary of email discussion [Post121][043][NR17] Intraband ENDC UE cap (QC)**

**Document for: Decision**

**Agenda Item: 5.1.3.2**

# Introduction

This document provides a summary for the following email discussion.

* [AT121bis-e][011][NR17] UE Caps BW related Corrections (Qualcomm)

Scope: Treat R2-2302436, R2-2302439, R2-2302440, R2-2302577, R2-2302729, R2-2303398, R2-2304169, R2-2303883  
Ph1: Determine agreeable parts and prepare on-line CB points if any.

Ph2: For agreeable parts, if any, reflect these in agreeable CRs.

Intended outcome: Report, If applicable: In-Principle-Agreed CRs

Deadline: Schedule 1

This email discussion essentially covers the following three topics that are all related to incoming LS from RAN4.

**Fallback group relation**

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| [1] | [R2-2302436](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2/TSGR2_121bis-e/Docs/R2-2302436.zip) | Reply LS on new contiguous BW classes for legacy networks (R4-2303631; contact: Nokia) | RAN4 |

**FR2 FBG5 CA BW classes**

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| [2] | [R2-2302440](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2/TSGR2_121bis-e/Docs/R2-2302440.zip) | LS on signaling for FR2 FBG5 CA BW classes (R4-2303689; contact: Apple) | RAN4 |
| [3] | [R2-2302577](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2/TSGR2_121bis-e/Docs/R2-2302577.zip) | Discussion on maximum aggregated bandwidth | OPPO |
| [4] | [R2-2303398](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2/TSGR2_121bis-e/Docs/R2-2303398.zip) | On servicing RAN4 request on aggregate BW signaling for FBG5 CA BW classes | Apple Inc, Ericsson Inc |
| [5] | [R2-2303883](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2/TSGR2_121bis-e/Docs/R2-2303883.zip) | Consideration on the FBG5 Signaling | ZTE Corporation, Sanechips |
| [6] | [R2-2304169](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2/TSGR2_121bis-e/Docs/R2-2304169.zip) | Discussion on UE signaling for the maximum aggregated bandwidth | Huawei, HiSilicon |

**Maximum aggregated bandwidth for FR1 CA**

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| [7] | [R2-2302439](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2/TSGR2_121bis-e/Docs/R2-2302439.zip) | LS on UE signalling for the maximum aggregated bandwidth for FR1 CA (R4-2303685; contact: Qualcomm) | RAN4 |
| [8] | [R2-2302729](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2/TSGR2_121bis-e/Docs/R2-2302729.zip) | Maximum aggregated bandwidth for FR1 CA | Qualcomm Incorporated |
| [6] | [R2-2304169](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2/TSGR2_121bis-e/Docs/R2-2304169.zip) | Discussion on UE signaling for the maximum aggregated bandwidth | Huawei, HiSilicon |

Companies are invited to provide their contact information for this email discussion.

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# Discussion

* 1. Fallback group relation

In [1] [R2-2302436](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2/TSGR2_121bis-e/Docs/R2-2302436.zip), RAN4 confirmed the problem RAN2 identified in [R2-2213312](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2/TSGR2_120/Docs/R2-2213312.zip) regarding RAN4’s “Fallback Group” requirement in relation to fallback band combination requirement. RAN4 has taken necessary actions and asked “RAN2 to inform RAN4 if further any unsolved issues remain”.

It is moderator’s understanding, from the fact that no RAN2 document is submitted, that no remaining issue was identified. It is proposed to close the discussion without sending a reply LS to RAN4.

**Q1:** Do companies agree there is no remaining issue with RAN4’s Fallback Group requirement from RAN2’s perspective, hence no need to reply to RAN4?

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| Qualcomm Incorporated | Yes |  |
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* 1. FR2 FBG5 CA BW classes

In [2] [R2-2302440](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2/TSGR2_121bis-e/Docs/R2-2302440.zip), RAN4 revisited the UE capability signalling overhead issue for FR2 FBG5 CA BW classes. RAN4 identified a potential solution to repurpose the existing UE capability parameter defined for intra-band non-contiguous CA frequency separation classes to also be applicable to indicate UE’s maximum aggregated BW capability for intra-band contiguous CA.

Companies’ views according to the submitted documents are still split [3][4][5][6]. Some focus on the principle whether a solution is needed or not. Some analyse the new solution RAN4 identified.

**Q2:** Do companies observe the UE capability signalling overhead issue as identified by RAN4, and agree a solution is needed?

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| Qualcomm Incorporated | Yes |  |
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**Q3:** Do companies agree to the solution to repurpose the existing UE capability parameter defined for intra-band non-contiguous CA frequency separation classes?

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comment** |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | No | We largely agree to the observations made by ZTE in [5]. The most critical part is that RAN4’s solution does not work in case of mix of contiguous and non-contiguous, e.g. n260R4+n260R3.  RAN2 can further discuss solution. |
| OPPO | No | Same view as stated in our paper 2577 |
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* 1. Maximum aggregated bandwidth for FR1 CA

In [7] [R2-2302439](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2/TSGR2_121bis-e/Docs/R2-2302439.zip), RAN4 identified a potential UE capability signalling overhead issue with FR1 inter-band CA where BCS4 or BCS5 is supported. In their analysis, the issue arises when the UE would signal a large number of combinations of feature sets. RAN4 identified a potential solution to introduce a new UE capability parameter indicating the supported maximum aggregated BW per band combination.

Companies’ view according to the submitted documents are split [6][8]. Necessary considerations are largely similar to the FBG5 BW class issue discussed in the previous section. [6] additionally raises a concern on the backward compatibility.

**Q4:** Do companies observe the UE capability signalling overhead issue as identified by RAN4, and agree a solution is needed?

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comment** |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Yes (Proponent) | It is understandable that different companies have different implementations in terms of how they signal feature sets. We hope those companies not seeing the same benefit will not simply ignore the implementations of companies seeing a signalling overhead reduction benefit. |
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**Q5:** Do companies agree to the new UE capability signalling solution, i.e. introducing a new UE capability parameter indicating the supported maximum aggregated BW per band combination?

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comment** |
| Qualcomm Incorporated | Yes | We understand the new signalling has isolated impact to BCS4 and/or BCS5 (depending the applicability).  We do not understand the backward compatibility issue raised by Huawei in [6]. RAN4 solution is not about reducing the UE capability itself, but is intended to reduce the UE capability signalling overhead. Not sure why Huawei concluded RAN4 solution results in UEs not supporting mandatory BCS. |
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* 1. Intermediate summary

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# Conclusion

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