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# Introduction

This contribution provides a summary of the contributions posted in the Agenda Item 6.11.2 PDCCH-based power saving signals/channel Additional stage-3 RAN2 aspects. The addressed issues are classified as:

* New issues not addressed in the email discussions
* Issues already addressed in the email discussions [108#78] (MAC running CR [3][4]) and [108#38] (RRC running CR [1][2]);

For each new issue, companies are invited to provide their answers to the following questions:

* Does the issue need to be solved for rel-16?
* If yes, what are the companies’ opinion(s) on solution(s)?

# Discussion

* 1. **New issues not addressed in the email discussions**

### *Issue #1: Capturing CSI reporting when the drx-onDurationTimer is not started due to DCP indication, but the MAC entity is in Active Time during on-duration due to other reasons*

Company/Tdoc: CATT [5]

Proposed solution: When evaluating Active Time when *drx-onDurationTimer* is not started due to DCP, the same triggers, with same ambiguity period (4ms) as in legacy should be taken into account.



Proposed TP (wrt [3]):

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1> if DCP is configured for the active DL BWP:

2> in current symbol n, if the symbol occurs within *drx-onDurationTimer* duration and *drx-onDurationTimer* would not be running considering DCP occurrence(s) associated with the current DRX cycle until [x] ms prior to symbol n as specified in this clause; and

2> if the MAC entity would not be in Active Time considering grants/assignments/DRX Command MAC CE/Long DRX Command MAC CE received and Scheduling Request sent until 4 ms prior to symbol n when evaluating all DRX Active Time conditions as specified in this clause:

3> not transmit periodic SRS and semi-persistent SRS defined in TS 38.214 [7];

3> not report semi-persistent CSI;

3>  if *ps-Periodic\_CSI\_Transmit* is not configured with value *true*:

4>  not report periodic CSI on PUCCH.

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*Q1a. Do you think this issue needs to be solved for Rel-16?*

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments (if any)** |
| Qualcomm | Yes | We agree with CATT’s analysis. |
| Apple | No | When NW configures the WUS, the offset between WUS occasion and on duration should take the ambiguity period into account. |
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*Q1b. If the answer to Q1a is Yes, do you agree with the proposed solution (TP)?*

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments and/or other solutions (if any)** |
| Qualcomm | Yes |  |
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### *Issue #2: Impact of DCP associated with a long DRX cycle on the short DRX cycles within this long DRX cycle*

Company/Tdoc: vivo [7]

Proposed solution: PDCCH-WUS only locates before *onDuration* timer for long DRX cycle and such PDCCH-WUS can be also used to control the activation/deactivation of *onDuration* timer for short DRX cycle in the same long DRX cycle.



*Rapporteur:* This issue depends on the outcome of the issue of Short DRX support for DCP.

*Q2a. Do you think this issue needs to be solved for Rel-16?*

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments (if any)** |
| Qualcomm | No | In our understanding, at any point of time, UE uses either short or long DRX. When short DRX cycle is running, if WUS is not configured (or not supported) for short DRX cycle, then there is no WUS occasions to monitor. |
| Apple | No | We do not support the WUS applicability on short DRX cycle. |
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*Q2b. If the answer to Q2a is Yes, do you agree with the proposed solution?*

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### *Issue #3: UE behaviour when it is configured with multiple DCP monitoring occasions and detects one*

Company/Tdoc: OPPO [9]

Proposed solution: If UE detects WUS indicating UE to wake up, UE can skip the left WUS monitoring occasions associated with the next occurrence of *drx-onDurationTimer*.

*Rapporteur:* This issue looks more in the RAN1 domain.

*Q3a. Do you think this issue needs to be solved by RAN1 or RAN2?*

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| **Company** | **RAN1/RAN2** | **Comments (if any)** |
| Qualcomm | RAN1 | How to monitor WUS is a PHY layer issue and hence should be discussed by RAN1. |
| Apple | RAN1 | This is a physical layer issue and should be discussed by RAN1. |
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*Q3b. If the answer to Q3a is RAN2, do you think this issue needs to be solved for Rel-16?*

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*Q3c. If the answer to Q3b is Yes, do you agree with the proposed solution?*

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### *Issue #4: Notification of SI/PWS change and DCP*

Company/Tdoc: Intel Corporation [11]

Proposed solution: RAN2 assumes that a UE using WUS can still rely on legacy mechanism to receive notifications of SI or PWS change (as other paging DCI can be received in parallel to PDCCH-WUS).

*Rapporteur:* As mentioned in [11], “RAN1 is considering that paging DCI could be monitored in parallel to WUS when required by a UE. Therefore, no new solution is required unless RAN1 indicates otherwise”. Given no further work is expected from RAN1, it seems nothing needs to be done and the current situation is already what is proposed.

*Q4a. Do you think this issue needs to be solved for Rel-16?*

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments (if any)** |
| Qualcomm | No | We think the current behaviors are fine and no further enhancement is needed. |
| Apple | No | The WUS indication is just to control the UE monitoring the PDCCH for the UE dedicated transmission, and there is no impact the SI/paging mechanism. |
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*Q4b. If the answer to Q4a is Yes, do you agree with the proposed solution?*

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### *Issue #5: Improving Power Saving when the UE is configured to report L1 RSRP/CSI report irrespective of DCP indications*

Company/Tdoc: Apple [12]

Proposed solution: NW configures UE to report CSI/SRS in sparse mode, i.e. report once per N DRX cycles.



*Q5a. Do you think this issue needs to be solved for Rel-16?*

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments (if any)** |
| Qualcomm | Yes | We think this is an important feature to have, given that network now has the option to require UE to report L1-RSRP even if DCP indicates no wakeup. This is because network may configure L1-RSRP with short periodicity during active traffic, in order to continuously refine UE’s serving beams to achieve high throughput. But if DCP indicates no data, then there is no need for UE to report L1-RSRP frequently. Network only needs occasional L1-RSRP report to ensure UE has a working PDCCH beam to receive DCP. This can be done by scaling up the periodicity of L1-RSRP when there is no data, as proposed by [12]. |
| Apple | Yes | It can provide both benefits in NW and UE side at the same time. NW can track UE radio quality and UE can save power compared to legacy periodic CSI report. |
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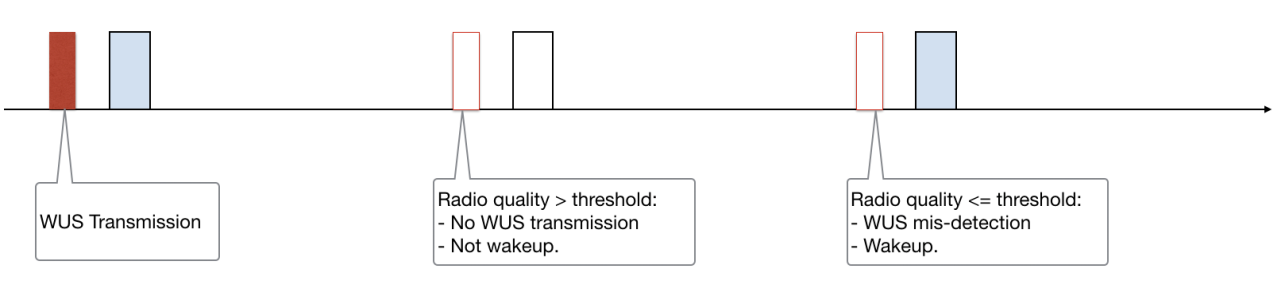
*Q5b. If the answer to Q5a is Yes, do you agree with the proposed solution?*

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments and/or other solutions (if any)** |
| Qualcomm | Yes |  |
| Apple | Yes | If UE keeps in “sleep” DRX cycle for N-1 times, UE will wakeup in the Nth “sleep” DRX cycle for the L1\_RSRP/CSI report.  According to current running CR, if NW configures L1\_RSRP/CSI report for each DRX cycle, it can assume the N=1.  Therefore, this solution has little impact to the running CR, which is just to allow NW to configure a value of “N” to UE.  Actual NW deployment could decide the optimal value of “N” taking into account necessary UE and NW performance characteristics. |
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### *Issue #6: DCP mis-detection avoidance*

Company/Tdoc: Apple [12]

Proposed solution: Support periodical wake up and/or always wake up in poor radio condition mechanism.



*Q6a. Do you think this issue needs to be solved for Rel-16?*

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments (if any)** |
| Qualcomm | No | We think similar effect can already be achieved with the existing behaviors. For example, network can learn about UE’s link quality from UE’s measurement report. If link quality has dropped and mis-detection of DCP may become a concern, NW can configure UE to wake up if WUS is not received. Or alternatively, what is proposed can be just UE implementation, i.e. UE can choose to wake up and monitor PDCCH if it feels that is necessary when its link quality has dropped to a sufficiently low level. |
| Apple | Yes | According to current agreements, even though UE can report L1-RSRP/CSI report to NW to help NW tracking the UE radio quality, if UE does not wake up, NW has no way to change the UE’s configuration.  Therefore, we should allow UE to wake up at least once when the current radio quality is worse than a pre-configured threshold in order to help NW to adjust the configuration within a timely manner. |
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*Q6b. If the answer to Q6a is Yes, do you agree with the proposed solution?*

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments and/or other solutions (if any)** |
| Apple | Yes | Solution 1: NW can configure UE to wakeup per N DRX cycle regardless of the WUS indication;  Solution 2: UE can wakeup when the current radio quality becomes worse, e.g. L1\_RSRP/CSI report < threshold. |
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### *Issue #7: ASN.1 options for capturing the search space for the DCP*

Company/Tdoc: ZTE Corporation, Sanechips [14]

Proposed solution:

Select one from the following options to introduce DCI format 2\_6 in TS38.331.

* Option 1: Introduce a SearchSpace-r16 in which the searchSpaceType-r16 includes all the indications for UE to monitor PDCCH candidates for Rel-15 DCI formats and DCI format 2-6.
* Option 2: Introduce SearchSpaceExt-r16 and searchSpacesToAddModListExt-r16.
* Option 3: Introduce powersavingSearchSpaceList-r16 in PCCCH-Config.

*Q7a. Do you think this issue needs to be solved for Rel-16?*

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments (if any)** |
| Qualcomm | Yes |  |
| Apple | No | We think the ASN.1 in RRC running CR is ok. According to current CR, the new parameters can be configured for legacy DCI format. Then we do not see the problem. |
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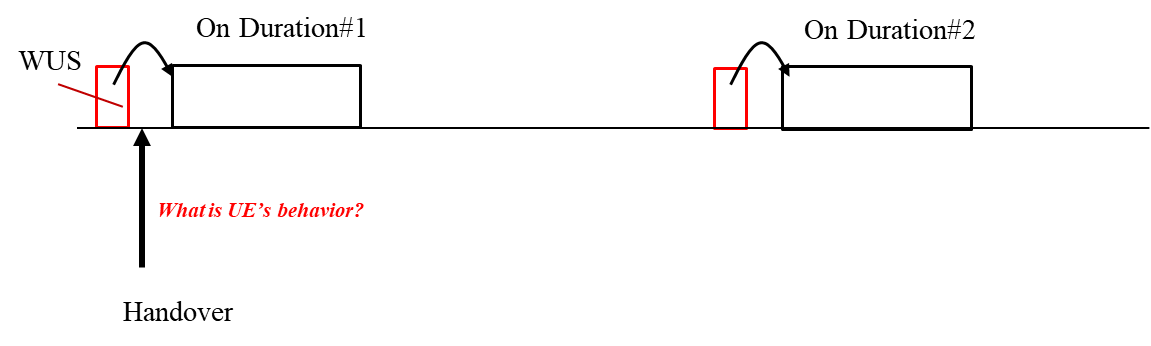
*Q7b. If the answer to Q7a is Yes, which of option 1/2/3 do you prefer?*

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| Qualcomm | Option 1 |  |
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### *Issue #8: UE behaviour when it misses DCP during handover*

Company/Tdoc: Xiaomi Communications [16]

Proposed solution: UE starts the associated *drx-onDurationTimer* if UE misses the PDCCH-WUS after handover at a new cell.



*Q8a. Do you think this issue needs to be solved for Rel-16?*

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments (if any)** |
| Qualcomm | No | We do not think there is any critical issue to be solved here. |
| Apple | No | UE will first perform RACH procedure during HO, and UE keeps on PDCCH monitoring during the RACH procedure. We do not see the issue. |
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*Q8b. If the answer to Q8a is Yes, do you agree with the proposed solution?*

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### *Issue #9: DCP is only monitored outside Active Time, so is there any ambiguity period associated with the DCP monitoring?*

Company/Tdoc: Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell [17], ZTE Corporation, Sanechips [21]

Proposed solutions:

* *Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell [17]*:

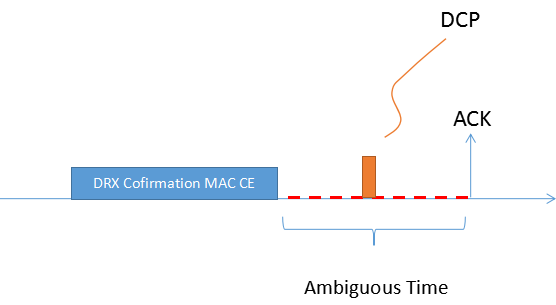
The active time ambiguity period of 4ms applies on whether to UE can monitor the DCP or not (since the UE cannot monitor DCP when in active time).

Proposed TP (wrt [3]):

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| 5.7 Discontinuous Reception (DRX) …  1> if the Short DRX Cycle is used, and [(SFN × 10) + subframe number] modulo (*drx-ShortCycle*) = (*drx-StartOffset*) modulo (*drx-ShortCycle*):  2> start *drx-onDurationTimer* after *drx-SlotOffset* from the beginning of the subframe.  1> if the Long DRX Cycle is used, and [(SFN × 10) + subframe number] modulo (*drx-LongCycle*) = *drx-StartOffset*:  2> if DCP is configured for the active DL BWP:  3> if DCP associated with the current DRX Cycle indicated to start *drx-onDurationTimer*, as specified in TS 38.213 [6]; or:  3> if all DCP occasion(s) in time domain, as specified in TS 38.213 [6], associated with the current DRX Cycle occurred in Active Time considering grants/assignments/DRX Command MAC CE/Long DRX Command MAC CE received and Scheduling Request sent until 4 ms prior to start of the last DCP occasion, or within BWP switching interruption length, or during a measurement gap; or  3> if *ps-Wakeup* is configured with value *true* and DCP associated with the current DRX Cycle has not been received:  4> start *drx-onDurationTimer* after *drx-SlotOffset* from the beginning of the subframe.  2> else:  3> start *drx-onDurationTimer* after *drx-SlotOffset* from the beginning of the subframe.  Editor’s Note: FFS how to progress the support of short DRX cycle for WUS.  Editor’s Note: For DCP overlapping with Active time, it is still FFS in RAN1 whether it refers to all DCP occasions or some DCP occasions. |

* *ZTE Corporation, Sanechips [21]*

[21] specifically addresses the case where DCP occasion occurs right after UE received a DRX Command MAC CE or a Long DRX Command MAC CE:



In such case, the proposed solution is to apply the (long) DRX command (i.e. stop the *drx-onDurationTimer* and *drx-InactivityTimer* ) only when sending the ACK feedback:

“For the case that DCP is configured and the reception of (long) DRX confirmation MAC CE, stop the *drx-onDurationTimer* and *drx-InactivityTimer* in the first symbol after the end of the corresponding transmission carrying the DL feedback of ACK.”

The corresponding TP is:

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| 1> if a *drx-HARQ-RTT-TimerUL* expires:  2> start the *drx-RetransmissionTimerUL* for the corresponding HARQ process in the first symbol after the expiry of *drx-HARQ-RTT-TimerUL*.  1> if a DRX Command MAC CE or a Long DRX Command MAC CE is received:  2> if DCP is configured for the active DL BWP;  3> stop the *drx-onDurationTimer* and *drx-InactivityTimer* in the first symbol after the end of the corresponding transmission carrying the DL feedback of ACK.  2>else;  ~~2~~3> stop *drx-onDurationTimer*;  ~~2~~3> stop *drx-InactivityTimer*.  1> if *drx-InactivityTimer* expires or a DRX Command MAC CE is received:  2> if the Short DRX cycle is configured:  3> start or restart *drx-ShortCycleTimer* in the first symbol after the expiry of *drx-InactivityTimer* or in the first symbol after the end of DRX Command MAC CE reception;  3> use the Short DRX Cycle. |

*Q9a. Do you think this issue needs to be solved for Rel-16?*

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments (if any)** |
| Qualcomm | No | We don’t think DRX ambiguity period should include or affect DCP. We analyzed this problem in R2-1916175. |
| Apple | No | The configuration of the offset between the WUS occasion and DRX onDuration should take the UE processing time/ambiguity period into account. |
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*Q9b. If the answer to Q9a is Yes, which of the proposed solutions (TPs) do you prefer:*

* *Option 1: Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell [17]*
* *Option 2: ZTE Corporation, Sanechips [21]*
* *Option 3: Both*
* *Option 4: Other*

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### *Issue #10: What should the UE monitor if it misses DCP when configured with SCell dormancy?*

Company/Tdoc: Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell [18]

Proposed solution: Agree what the UE shall monitor if it misses DCP when configured with SCell dormancy.

*Rapporteur:* It might be checked first if this is to be discussed in Power Saving WI or in DCCA WI, and in both cases it might rather be a RAN1 issue anyways (since the dormancy state is not visible to MAC).

*Q10a. Do you think this issue needs to be discussed in RAN2 Power Saving session instead of DCCA WI or RAN1?*

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments (if any)** |
| Qualcomm | No | We should leave this discussion to RAN1. In fact, RAN1 has already been discussing this issue. |
| Apple | Yes | Maybe DCCA is more better to the potential impact on the impact on the SCell dormancy. |
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*Q10b. If the answer to Q10a is Yes, do you think this issue needs to be solved for Rel-16?*

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments (if any)** |
| Apple | Yes | UE should follow the same principle for both SCell dormancy and non SCell dormancy configuration, i.e. start onDuration timer. |
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*Q10c. If the answers to Q10a/b are Yes, what should be the solution?*

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| **Company** | **Solution (if any)** |
| Apple | NW can configure the UE’s behavior when missing the DCP command, e.g. fallback to default BWP, or keep on current BWP, or switch to dormant BWP. |
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### *Issue #11: Network is not able to perform beam management actions when WUS has not indicated UE to wake-up but UE has transmitted CSI/SRS*

Company/Tdoc: Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell [18]

Proposed solution: When UE has reported CSI/transmitted SRS, it would be required to monitor PDCCH for at least part of the on duration. Duration should be configurable by network.

*Q11a. Do you think this issue needs to be solved for Rel-16?*

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments (if any)** |
| Qualcomm | No | We do not see it as a critical issue that need to be solved in Rel-16, because if network only needs to perform beam refinement, it can wait until the next DRX cycle and wake up UE to do it. If beam(s) fails, UE can initiate BFR itself.  Moreover, the proposed solution is not power efficient. For example, UE is required to monitor PDCCH regardless of whether CSI indicates good or poor link quality. |
| Apple | Yes | It’s not good when NW detect the link problem but cannot do anything timely. |
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*Q11b. If the answer to Q11a is Yes, do you agree with the proposed solution?*

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments and/or other solutions (if any)** |
| Apple | No | It’s unnecessary for UE to wake up when the radio quality is good.  We only see the benefit that UE wakeup when the radio quality is worse than a threshold. |
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### *Issue #12: Can DCP and DRX groups be configured together?*

Company/Tdoc: Qualcomm Inc, Samsung [22]

Proposed solution:

RAN2 confirm that the existing RAN1/2 agreements on WUS can still be applied without change when DRX groups are configured. More specifically,

* WUS is configured only on SpCell and UE does not monitor WUS as long as SpCell is in DRX active time;
* If a WUS occasion is not monitored, UE starts DRX on duration timers of both DRX groups at their respective next occurrence;
* Upon a wakeup indication, UE starts DRX on duration timers of both DRX groups at their respective next occurrence

*Q12a. Can DCP and DRX groups be configured together in Rel-16?*

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments (if any)** |
| Qualcomm | Yes | We can expect more power saving when both DRX groups and DCP are configured. This is because DCP does not help save power where there is still active traffic. But with DRX groups, once traffic load drops, network can put FR2 cells to sleep first to save power, by using a separate, much shorter DRX inactivity timer for FR2 cells. Therefore, DCP and DRX groups can be configured together to complement each other’s power saving benefits. As analyzed in [22], the existing DCP procedures still can be applied without change, when DRX groups are configured. Therefore, we think DCP and DRX groups should be allowed to be configured together in Rel-16. |
| Apple | Yes | We do not see any problem.  DCP can also bring the benefit for power efficiency improvement for two DRX groups configuration. |
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*Q12b. If the answer to Q12a is Yes, do you agree with the proposed solution?*

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| Apple | Yes |  |
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* 1. **Issues already addressed in the email discussions**

### *MAC-PHY modelling for DCP - Issue #1 of [4]*

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| ***Company/Tdoc*** | ***Related proposal*** |
| Ericsson [6] | Indicate in an LS to RAN1 that start of Active Time and *drx-OnDurationTimer* shall only be captured in 38.321, and ask RAN1 to specify an indication to upper layer when to start PDCCH monitoring during the next DRX cycle. |
| Intel Corporation [11] | Proposal 1. When a UE is configured with the DCP feature, TS 38.321 captures that UE only starts the *drx-onDurationTimer* upon indication for lower layer. LS is sent to inform RAN1 on this agreement in case any clarification is required on all the cases described in TS 38.213 when *drx-onDurationTimer* needs to be started.  Proposal 2. When a UE is configured with the DCP feature, TS 38.321 only reports periodic CSI for next DRX cycle upon indication for lower layer. LS is sent to inform RAN1 on this agreement in case any clarification is required on the cases described in TS 38.213 when *drx-onDurationTimer* is not started and periodic CSI is required. |

### *Support of Short DRX cycle for DCP - Issue #2 of [4]*

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| ***Company/Tdoc*** | ***Related proposal*** |
| Ericsson [6] | Indicate in an LS to RAN1 that DCP with short DRX is supported from RAN2 perspective, unless RAN1 concludes that this is technically not feasible. |
| vivo [7] | RAN2 to confirm RAN1 decision that PDCCH-WUS is not applicable for Short DRX cycle at least in Rel-16. |
| Apple [13] | Proposal 1: PDCCH-WUS for short DRX cycles will not be supported in Rel.16  Proposal 2: PDCCH-WUS for short DRX cycles will be taken up for discussion again after Rel.16 is frozen. |
| Nokia [19] | Proposal 1: DCP is supported for both short and long DRX  Proposal 2: DCP for short and/or long DRX is configurable by the network. |
| LG Electronics Inc [20] | Proposal 1. As RAN1’s final decision, i.e., the working assumption still stand, RAN2 should not support Short DRX cycle on DCP. |

### *Partial overlapping for DCP monitoring - Issue #3 of [4]*

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| ***Company/Tdoc*** | ***Related proposal*** |
| OPPO [9] | Proposal 1 UE does not monitor PDCCH-WUS if the PDCCH-WUS monitoring occasion partially overlaps with DRX Active Time or measurement gap or BWP switching.  Proposal 2 If some of the configured PDCCH-WUS occasions overlap with DRX Active Time or measurement gap or BWP switching, whether UE monitors PDCCH-WUS on other PDCCH-WUS occasions is configured by network. |
| Nokia [18] | If UE misses one or multiple monitoring occasions before the associated on-duration it monitors the PDCCH i.e. starts the *drx-onDuration* timer. |

### *DRX ambiguous period in DCP - Issue #4 of [4]*

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| ***Company/Tdoc*** | ***Related proposal*** |
| OPPO [10] | Proposal 1 When UE estimates the DRX Active Time status of symbols during period of (4ms-WUSoffset) of *drx-ondurationTimer*, the legacy events are considered irrespective of actual PDCCH-WUS indication.  Proposal 2 When UE estimates the DRX Active Time status of symbols during period other than the periods of (4ms-WUSoffset) of *drx-ondurationTimer*, UE should take into account the PDCC-WUS indication besides the legacy events  Proposal 3 RAN2 discusses whether UE does not perform CSI/SRS transmission if PDCCH-WUS does not indicate UE to wake-up for symbols during period of (4ms-WUSoffset) of *drx-ondurationTimer*. |

# Conclusion

This contribution summarized the contributions posted in the Agenda Item 6.11.2 at this e-meeting, and extracted some new issues to discuss further.

TBC…

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