3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #116bis-e ***R2-220xxxx***

Electronic Meeting, Jan 17 – 25, 2021

**Agenda item:** 8.24.1

**Source:** Xiaomi Communications

Title: Report of [AT116bis-e][040][NR17] BCS4 and BCS5 (xiaomi)

**Document for:**  Discussion

# 1. Introduction

This document summarizes the following email discussion:

**BCS4/BCS5**

Offline only

* [AT116bis-e][040][NR17] BCS4/BCS5 (xiaomi)

Scope: Treat R2-2201371, R2-2201372

Intended outcome: Agreed in principle CRs.

Deadline: Friday W1

**Phase 1:** Focus on capturing the agreements of both RAN2 and RAN4 as indicated in R2-2201371 and R2-2201372.

Deadline: Wednesday 2022-01-19 1600 UTC

**Phase 2:** Based on companies’ comments, the rapporteur will provide an update (if any) of the CRs for the Phase 2 discussion staring at Thursday 2022-01-20 0100 UTC. We will try to have in-principle agreed CRs from the offline discussion.

Deadline: Friday 2022-01-20 0300 UTC.

## 1.1 Contacts

Contact person for each participating company:

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# 2. Phase 1

## 2.1 38.331 CR for BCS4/BCS5

The CR in R2-2201371 captures the following agreements from both RAN2 and RAN4:

In RAN2#115e, RAN2 agreed to support Solution 2 as indicated in [R2-2106957](file:///D:\Documents\3GPP\tsg_ran\WG2\TSGR2_115-e\Docs\R2-2106957.zip) for BCS5.

* Solution 2: introduce a new UE signalling in IE FeatureSetUplinkPerCC /FeatureSetDownlinkPerCC to allow UE to report the minimum channel bandwidths supporting on each CC for the band combination, then UE can report maximum and minimum channel bandwidth supporting on each CC for the same band combination via multiple feature sets. Note that the signalling for maximum channel bandwidth has been specified as supportedBandwidthUL /supportedBandwidthDL in RAN2 specification.

In RAN2#116e meeting, RAN2 made the following agreements for BCS4 and BCS5:

* A UE that indicates BCS#4/5 for a band combination should also indicate the other BCS that it supports for this band combination (no specification change expected).
* RAN2 confirm that the introduction of BCS4 and BCS5 does not cause a backward compatibility problem, and the signalling can be introduced within the existing band combination list, i.e. no need to introduce a new band combination list.

In RAN4#100-e meeting, RAN4 made agreed that BCS4 and BCS5 apply to SUL, NR CA, NR DC and/or NR CA part of inter band MR-DC while it does not apply to intra band MR DC.

In RAN4#101-e meeting, RAN4 made the following agreements:

* To respond RAN2 LS R2-2109073, the following answers are agreeable in RAN4
  + Question 1: Is BCS5 required to be release independent by RAN4?
    - Answer 1: From RAN4 perspective, BCS5 and new signaling were introduced in Rel-17, and BCS5 with new signaling is allowed for early implementation from Rel-15.
  + Question 2: Can BCS5 be reported together with BCS4 or not?
    - Answer 2: BCS5 can’t be reported together with BCS4

**Question 1**: Do you agree to the changes proposed in the 38.331 CR of R2-2201371?

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## 2.2 38.306 CR for BCS4/BCS5

The CR in R2-2201372 captures the following agreements from both RAN2 and RAN4:

In RAN2#115e, RAN2 agreed to support Solution 2 as indicated in [R2-2106957](file:///D:\Documents\3GPP\tsg_ran\WG2\TSGR2_115-e\Docs\R2-2106957.zip) for BCS5.

* Solution 2: introduce a new UE signalling in IE FeatureSetUplinkPerCC /FeatureSetDownlinkPerCC to allow UE to report the minimum channel bandwidths supporting on each CC for the band combination, then UE can report maximum and minimum channel bandwidth supporting on each CC for the same band combination via multiple feature sets. Note that the signalling for maximum channel bandwidth has been specified as supportedBandwidthUL /supportedBandwidthDL in RAN2 specification.

In RAN2#116e meeting, RAN2 made the following agreements for BCS4 and BCS5:

* Once BCS4 was indicated by the UE, the network that supports BCS4 can further determine the supported bandwidth based on the {channelBWs-UL/DL, supportedBandwidthDL/UL, channelBW-90mh }.
* A UE that indicates BCS#4/5 for a band combination should also indicates the other BCS that it supports for this band combination (no specification change expected).
* Ran2 confirm that the below conclusion still work even the BCS4/5 was indicated: (no spec change needed)

“The channel bandwidths of a (not signaled) fallback BC are determined by the bandwidth combination set (BCS) that the UE supports for the explicitly signaled parent BC.”

* RAN2 confirm that the introduction of BCS4 and BCS5 does not cause a backward compatibility problem, and the signalling can be introduced within the existing band combination list, i.e. no need to introduce a new band combination list.
* For DAPS, BCS4/5 follow the same rule as the legacy BCS.
* Fallback per CC feature set is not applicable to the supported minimum bandwidth of BCS5.

In RAN4#100-e meeting, RAN4 made agreed that BCS4 and BCS5 apply to SUL, NR CA, NR DC and/or NR CA part of inter band MR-DC while it does not apply to intra band MR DC.

In RAN4#101-e meeting, RAN4 made the following agreements:

* To respond RAN2 LS R2-2109073, the following answers are agreeable in RAN4
  + Question 1: Is BCS5 required to be release independent by RAN4?
    - Answer 1: From RAN4 perspective, BCS5 and new signaling were introduced in Rel-17, and BCS5 with new signaling is allowed for early implementation from Rel-15.
  + Question 2: Can BCS5 be reported together with BCS4 or not?
    - Answer 2: BCS5 can’t be reported together with BCS4

**Question 2:** Do you agree to the changes proposed in the 38.306 CR of R2-2201372?

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# 3. Phase 2

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# 4. Summary

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# 5. Reference

[1] R2-2201371 Introduction of BCS4 and BCS5 Xiaomi Communications, Samsung, Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell, Qualcomm Incorporated, OPPO, Huawei, HiSilicon, ZTE Corporation, Sanechips CR Rel-17 38.331 16.7.0 2871 - B NR\_BCS4-Core

[2] R2-2201372 Introduction of BCS4 and BCS5 Xiaomi Communications, Samsung, Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell, Qualcomm Incorporated, OPPO, Huawei, HiSilicon, ZTE Corporation, Sanechips CR Rel-17 38.306 16.7.0 0669 - B NR\_BCS4-Core