**3GPP T****SG-RAN WG2 Meeting #115-e R2-XXXXXXX**

**E-meeting, 9th – 27th August 2021**

**Agenda item:** 8.1.1

**Source:** Huawei, HiSilicon

**Title:** RRC open issues

**Document for:** Discussion and Decision

# 1 Introduction

This document aims at capturing open issues that need to be addressed for the MBS RRC CR, based on the current status of the WI progress. The list, provided in section 3, is based on the editor’s notes/FFSes captured in the MBS running RRC CR after Phase 1 the following e-mail discussion:

* [Post114-e][074][MBS] RRC running CR (Huawei)

      Scope: This is a first attempt to capture MBS in RRC, based on current agreements. Collect comments, Identify open issues and proposals that should be addressed to settle a good baseline version running CR.

      Intended outcome: Report, with Open issues and proposals for the progress of Stage-3, Draft CR to be used as a baseline for further work (endorsable if possible).

      Deadline: Long

Furthermore, section 2 of this document contains additional clarifications on the MBS related radio bearers definitions proposed in the draft version of the running CR, as well as some questions to the companies with respect to this aspect. The companies are invited to reply to those questions in Phase 2 of the discussion.

# 2 Discussion on radio bearers for MBS

There were numerous comments raised during Phase 1 of the discussion about definitions of radio bearers used for MBS and about how to configure MRB. In the draft RRC CR, the rapporteur proposed the following definitions:

* Broadcast Radio Bearer (BRB): A radio bearer configured for MBS broadcast reception.
* Multicast Radio Bearer (MRB): A DRB that is configured for MBS multicast reception.

It was also proposed to reuse existing DRB configuration structure and procedures to avoid having to replicate those for MRB. This is possible thanks to MRB being very alike a DRB and DRB related configurations and procedures being directly applicable to MRB as well. Otherwise, the procedures such as e.g. MRB addition/modification or MRB release would have to be specified separately, most likely by just copying the corresponding procedures for DRBs. Similarly the IEs used to configure DRB and MRB are the same and with the current approach, as copied below, unnecessary replication of these parts is avoided.

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| *RadioBearerConfig* information element  -- ASN1START  -- TAG-RADIOBEARERCONFIG-START  RadioBearerConfig ::= SEQUENCE {  srb-ToAddModList SRB-ToAddModList OPTIONAL, -- Cond HO-Conn  srb3-ToRelease ENUMERATED{true} OPTIONAL, -- Need N  drb-ToAddModList DRB-ToAddModList OPTIONAL, -- Cond HO-toNR  drb-ToReleaseList DRB-ToReleaseList OPTIONAL, -- Need N  securityConfig SecurityConfig OPTIONAL, -- Need M  ...  }  SRB-ToAddModList ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..2)) OF SRB-ToAddMod  SRB-ToAddMod ::= SEQUENCE {  srb-Identity SRB-Identity,  reestablishPDCP ENUMERATED{true} OPTIONAL, -- Need N  discardOnPDCP ENUMERATED{true} OPTIONAL, -- Need N  pdcp-Config PDCP-Config OPTIONAL, -- Cond PDCP  ...  }  DRB-ToAddModList ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxDRB)) OF DRB-ToAddMod  DRB-ToAddMod ::= SEQUENCE {  cnAssociation CHOICE {  eps-BearerIdentity INTEGER (0..15),  sdap-Config SDAP-Config  } OPTIONAL, -- Cond DRBSetup  drb-Identity DRB-Identity,  reestablishPDCP ENUMERATED{true} OPTIONAL, -- Need N  recoverPDCP ENUMERATED{true} OPTIONAL, -- Need N  pdcp-Config PDCP-Config OPTIONAL, -- Cond PDCP  ...,  [[  daps-Config-r16 ENUMERATED{true} OPTIONAL -- Cond DAPS  ]],  [[  mrb-Flag-r17 ENUMERATED{true} OPTIONAL -- Cond MRB ]]  -- Editor’s note: FFS whether MRB flag is required or some other configuration can be resued for the UE to distinguish DRB from MRB.  }  DRB-ToReleaseList ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxDRB)) OF DRB-Identity  SecurityConfig ::= SEQUENCE {  securityAlgorithmConfig SecurityAlgorithmConfig OPTIONAL, -- Cond RBTermChange1  keyToUse ENUMERATED{master, secondary} OPTIONAL, -- Cond RBTermChange  ...  }  -- Editor’s note: FFS how security is configured for MRB (pending SA3 input).  -- TAG-RADIOBEARERCONFIG-STOP  -- ASN1STOP |

Whether the flag is needed may still depend on whether there will be any MRB specific configuration that has to be provided, depending on future discussions, as captured in the relevant EN.

During Phase 1 of the discussion, several companies expressed preference to separate MRB configuration and procedures from DRB configuration and procedures. However, as explained above, this comes at the cost of additional specifications complexity and the benefits of such separation are unclear. Companies are requested to provide their view on this issue in the table below.

**Question 1: Please indicate whether you are OK with reusing DRB configuration for MRB (for multicast) (similarly as proposed in the current draft of the running CR) or if you prefer to have them configured separately, and why.**

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| **Company** | **Comments (preference and reasoning)** |
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Another issue that was raised is whether to define multicast and broadcast radio bearers separately (i.e. have MRB and BRB as proposed in the current draft of the running CR) or to have a single MRB definition covering both multicast and broadcast radio bearers. The main reason for separating those definitions in the proposed CR is because broadcast RBs and multicast RBs are configured and delivered via completely different procedures and messages and they have different configuration structure. For example, multicast RB is controlled by the network via RRCReconfiguration so RB addition/modification and release procedures can be reused. Broadcast radio bearer related procedures on the other hand, are triggered by a UE itself based on the MBS services of interest and configuration in MCCH message. There are no commonalities from signaling/procedures point of view between BRB and MRB, as can be clearly seen in the current running CR. Furthermore, in case MRB covers both broadcast and multicast radio bearers, then there might be a need to distinguish those anyway, e.g. by saying “MRB carrying broadcast session” or “MRB carrying multicast session”. Considering these explanations, companies are requested to express their view on the definition of radio bearers for MBS.

**Question 2: Please indicate whether you prefer to have separate definitions of broadcast radio bearer and multicast radio bearer or a single radio bearer covering both broadcast and multicast, and why.**

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| **Company** | **Comments (preference and reasoning)** |
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# 3 List of RRC open issues

A list of open issues/editor’s notes to be added here.

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| **Issue** | **Relevant section in TS 38.331** | **Rapporteur’s suggestions on how to address** |
| The definitions/acronyms of radio bearers related to MBS need to be agreed and aligned between TS 38.331 and TS 38.300. | Definitions and abbreviations in sections 3.1. and 3.2, but also terms are used throughout the document. | Topic discussed in section 2 of this document. |
| FFS whether there is a single capability for both MBS Broadcast and MBS Multicast or a single MBS capability. | Section 5.x.1.1 and potentially other places in CR. | Resolve once UE capabilities topic is addressed. |
| FFS whether to keep MCCH-RNTI name or use another one. | Section 5.x.1.2 and potentially other places in the CR. | Discuss based on contributions. |
| FFS where MCCH search space parameter is configured. | Section 5.x.1.2 and potentially other places in the CR. | Resolve after receiving layer 1 parameters list from RAN1. |
| The RNTI used for the notification mechanism is pending RAN1 decision (i.e. whether MCCH-RNTI is reused or a dedicated notification RNTI is specified). At least in case RAN1 decides to utilize RNTI other than MCCH-RNTI for MCCH change notification, MCCH change notification is sent in the first MCCH monitoring occasion of each MCCH repetition period. | Section 5.x.1.3 | Wait for RAN1 conclusion on RNTI used for MCCH change notification. |
| RAN2 agreed that that MCCH change notification mechanism is used to notify the changes of MCCH configuration due to session start and due to modification of an ongoing session’s configuration (provided RAN1 confirms a separate bit in DCI can be used for this). FFS on whether this notification can be reused for modification of other information carried by MCCH, if any. | Section 5.x.1.3 | Resolve after clarifying whether/what additional information is carried by MCCH. |
| FFS on modification of other information carried by MCCH, if any. | Section 5.x.2.2 | Resolve after clarifying whether/what additional information is carried by MCCH. |
| FFS whether any SDAP configuration need to be provided to the UE for MBS broadcast radio bearer. | Section 5.x.3.1 and potentially other places in the CR. | Discuss based on companies contributions. |
| FFS which PDCP and RLC parameters are configurable (if any) and which are specified in section 9.1.1 (if any). | Section 5.x.3.3, 6.3.x, 9.1.1. | Discuss based on companies contributions. |
| FFS whether sessionId is used in NR MBS. | Section 5.x.3.3, section 6.3.x. | Discuss based on companies contributions (may require input from other WGs) |
| FFS what physical layer configuration parameters are included in the *mbs-SessionInfoList,* if any. | Section 5.x.3.3 and potentially other places in the CR. | Resolve after receiving layer 1 parameters list from RAN1. |
| FFS whether MRB flag is required or some other configuration can be reused for the UE to distinguish DRB from MRB | Section 6.3.2 | Discuss based on companies contributions (this is also dependent on MBS related RBs definitions) |
| FFS how security is configured for MRB (pending SA3 input). | Section 6.3.2 | Wait for SA3 conclusion on security for MBS. |
| FFS whether to keep G-RNTI in RLC-BearerConfig or move it to another place and how the UE can be aware of RLC entity to G-RNTI mapping in case G-RNTI is configured in another place. | Section 6.3.2 | Discuss based on companies contributions (this topic has relation to other discussions, e.g. PTM leg deactivation). |
| FFS whether mtch-SchedulingInfo is provided in MBS-SessionInfo IE or another place (e.g. depending whether the DRX configuration can be common for multiple MBS sessions). | Section 6.3.x | Discuss based on companies contributions (this topic has relation to other discussions, e.g. DRX for MBS). |
| FFS whether TMGI definition from LTE is reused. | Section 6.3.x | Discuss based on companies contributions (may require input from other WGs) |
| One-to-one mapping between G-RNTI and MBS session is supported in NR MBS. Other mappings FFS | Section 6.3.x | Discuss based on companies contributions. |
| For NR MBS delivery mode 2, LTE SC-PTM DRX scheme is used as baseline. The exact configuration parameters are FFS. | Section 6.3.x | Discuss based on companies contributions. |
| FFS whether if this field is absent (*mtch-schedulingInfo*), the MTCH may be scheduled in any slot. | Section 6.3.x | Discuss based on companies contributions. |
| Maximum number of MBS sessions provided in MBS broadcast in a cell, maximum number of MBS broadcast RBs configured for one MBS service, maximum number of paging groups in a paging message | Section 6.4 | Discuss based on companies contributions after RRC CR becomes stable. |
| Whether SDAP is used for MTCH. | Section 9.1.1 | Discuss based on companies contributions. |
| The values applicable to t-Reordering for MTCH. | Section 9.1.1 | Discuss based on companies contributions. |

# 4 Reference