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**Agenda item: 8.15.2**

**Source: Huawei, HiSilicon (Rapporteur)**

**Title: [POST114-e][705][V2X/SL] Discussion on remaining FFSs and open issues in Uu DRX timer impacts (Huawei, HiSilicon)**

**Document for: Discussion and decision**

# Introduction

This is the summary of the following email discussion:

* [POST114-e][705][V2X/SL] Discussion on remaining FFSs/open issues in Uu DRX timer impacts (Huawei)

 **Scope:** Discuss remaining FFSs and open issues in Uu DRX timer impacts and decide the most agreeable option. Good to have two sub-deadlines. First one is to collect companies’ options, and the second one is for the discussion and decision.

 **Intended outcome:** Discussion summary

**Deadline:** Long email discussion

Companies are requested to provide their views on the issues listed in this document.

# Alignment between Uu DRX and SL DRX for unicast

# **Alignment between Uu DRX and SL DRX for the RX UE (up to gNB)**

In last meeting, regarding which entity determines the SL DRX configuration, RAN2 agreed to adopt TX centric mechanism based on the assistance information from RX-UE as a baseline.

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| Agreements on TX-UE centric or RX-UE centric DRX configuration determination1: In SL unicast, for DRX configuration of each direction where one UE as Tx-UE and the other UE as Rx-UE, support signalling exchange including both 1) Signaling-1: signalling from RX-UE to TX-UE, and 2) Signaling-2: signalling from TX-UE to RX-UE.2: For SL unicast, TX-UE centric DRX configuration based on the assistance information from RX-UE is agreed as baseline. 2a: In SL unicast, for DRX configuration of each direction where one UE as Tx-UE and the other as Rx-UE, signaling-1 (Rx->Tx) is carried via a new PC5-RRC message, from Rx-UE to Tx-UE2b: In SL unicast, for DRX configuration of the direction where one UE as Tx-UE and the other as Rx-UE, signaling-2 (Tx->Rx) is carried via RRCReconfigurationSidelink, to deliver DRX configuration from Tx-UE to Rx-UE3: In SL unicast, for DRX configuration of each direction where one UE as Tx-UE and the other UE as Rx-UE, when Tx-UE is in-coverage and in RRC\_CONNECTED state, Tx-UE may report the information received in signaling-1 (Rx->Tx) to the serving network4: In SL unicast, for DRX configuration of each direction where one UE as Tx-UE and the other as Rx-UE, when Tx-UE is in-coverage and in RRC\_CONNECTED state, Tx-UE may obtain DRX configuration from dedicated RRC to generate signalling-2 (Tx->Rx)5: In SL unicast, for DRX configuration of each direction where one UE as Tx-UE and the other as Rx-UE, when Rx-UE is in-coverage and in RRC\_CONNECTED state, Rx-UE report the DRX configuration received in signalling-2 (Tx->Rx) to the serving network |

In addition, RAN2 achieved the following agreements for the alignment of Uu DRX and SL DRX.

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| Agreements on alignment between Uu DRX and SL DRX3: For at least SL RX-UEs in RRC CONNECTED, the alignment of Uu DRX and SL DRX is up to gNB. FFS for SL TX-UE.4: RAN2 to down-scope alignment of Uu DRX and SL DRX for UEs in RRC IDLE and RRC INACTIVE from Rel-17 |

However, it seems not clear which gNB is responsible for the alignment and rapporteur think this should depend on the RRC states of both TX UE and RX UE. As we have already down-scope the alignment of Uu DRX and SL DRX for UEs in RRC IDLE and INACTIVE from Rel-17, for now only RX UE in RRC CONNECTED state will be considered. There are two cases as listed below. Please note Question 1~3 are for these cases and tit is assumed only the gNB is responsible for the alignment.

Case 1: Both TX UE and RX UE are in RRC CONNECTED

Case 2: TX UE is in RRC IDLE/INACTIVE and RX UE is in RRC CONNECTED

#### **Case 1: Both TX UE and RX UE are in RRC CONNECTED**

For case 1, since both UEs are in RRC CONNECTED, it is possible that either the TX UE’s gNB or the RX UE’s gNB can achieve the alignment between the Uu DRX and the SL DRX for the RX UE. The detailed procedure are assumed as below:

TX UE’s connected gNB is responsible for the alignment

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| 1. RX UE sends the assistance information, e.g., RX UE’s Uu DRX configuration to the TX UE
2. TX UE reports the assistance information to its connected gNB
3. TX UE’s connected gNB is responsible for the alignment when determining the SL DRX configuration and sends it to the TX UE
4. TX UE forwards the SL DRX configuration to the RX UE
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RX UE’s connected gNB is responsible for the alignment

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| 1. RX UE sends the assistance information to the TX UE
2. TX UE reports the assistance information to its connected gNB
3. TX UE’s connected gNB determines the SL DRX configuration and sends it to the TX UE
4. TX UE forwards the SL DRX configuration to the RX UE
5. RX UE reports the SL DRX configuration to its connected gNB
6. RX UE’s connected gNB adjusts RX UE’s Uu DRX configuration to achieve the alignment
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**Question 1: When both TX UE and RX UE are in RRC connected, which gNB is responsible for the alignment between Uu DRX and SL DRX for RX UE?**

* **Option 1: Only TX UE’s connected gNB**
* **Option 2: Only RX UE’s connected gNB**
* **Option 3: Either TX UE’s connected gNB or RX UE’s connected gNB**
* **Option 4: Both TX UE’s connected gNB and RX UE’s connected gNB**
* **Option 5: Other**

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| Huawei, HiSilicon | 4 | We think both TX UE’s gNB and RX UE’s gNB can be responsible to achieve the alignment. For example, RX UE sends RX UE’s Uu DRX configuration to the TX UE to assist TX UE’s gNB to achieve alignment as far as possible when determining the SL DRX configuration. However, it is expected when TX UE’s gNB determines the SL DRX, apart from RX UE’s Uu DRX, it will also take the corresponding SL resource configuration, the QoS requirements and/or traffic pattern of the SL service into account to guarantee the transmission performance. Thus, the SL DRX determined by TX UE’s gNB may not aligned completely with the given Uu DRX from the perspective of RX UE power saving. Then, if the SL DRX configuration could be further aligned with RX UE’s Uu DRX, RX UE reports the SL DRX configuration to its connected gNB so that its gNB adjusts RX UE’s Uu DRX configuration to achieve better alignment. Additionally, sometimes RX UE was configured with SL DRX by TX UE when RX UE was not in RRC connected and thus was not configured with Uu DRX. And soon when RX UE enters RRC connected, it is beneficial for RX UE to report the SL DRX to its serving gNB so that the gNB can determine a proper Uu DRX which is aligned with RX UE’s SL DRX from the perspective of RX UE power saving. |
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During last meeting, some companies pointed out that if both TX UE and RX UE communicate with their gNB for alignment, then the gNBs’ behaviour can conflict with each other. In order to avoid this kind of conflict, e.g. Option 1 for Question 1 can be chosen and in this case, in order to only rely on the TX UE’s connected gNB to achieve the alignment, rapporteur think the assistance information from the RX UE should at least contains the RX UE’s Uu DRX configuration and the RX UE should not report the received SL DRX configuration to its connected gNB to avoid that the RX UE’s serving gNB makes conflicting alignment.

**Question 2a: If the answer to Question 1 is Option 1, do companies agree that the assistance information from RX UE should at least contain RX UE’s Uu DRX configuration?**

* **Yes**
* **No (Please specify the reason)**

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**Question 2b: If the answer to Question 1 is Option 1, do companies agree that the RX UE should not report the received SL DRX configuration to its connected gNB?**

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* **No (Please specify the reason)**

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On the other hand, if Option 2 is chosen for Question 1, in order to only rely on the RX UE’s connected gNB to achieve the alignment, rapporteur think the assistance information from the RX UE should not contain the RX UE’s Uu DRX configuration in order to avoid that the TX UE’s serving gNB makes partial alignment when determining the SL DRX configuration. The RX UE should report the received SL DRX configuration to its gNB to adjust the RX UE’s Uu DRX configuration for the alignment.

**Question 2c: If the answer to Question 1 is Option 2, do companies agree that the assistance information from RX UE should not contain RX UE’s Uu DRX configuration?**

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**Question 2d: If the answer to Question 1 is Option 2, do companies agree that the RX UE should report the received SL DRX configuration to its connected gNB?**

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However, if Option 3 is chosen for Question 1, i.e., only one gNB from two connected gNBs is to determine the alignment, some restriction on the RX UE’s behaviour should be introduced, i.e., the RX UE is not allowed to include the RX UE’s Uu DRX configuration into assistance information and also to report the received SL DRX configuration to its serving gNB.

**Question 2e: If the answer to Question 1 is Option 3, do companies agree that the RX UE is not allowed to include the RX UE’s Uu DRX configuration into assistance information and also to report the received SL DRX configuration to its serving gNB?**

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**Question 2f: If the answer to Question 1 is Option 3, are there any other mechanisms needed to avoid the conflicting alignment from two connected gNBs?**

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#### **Case 2: TX UE is in RRC IDLE/INACTIVE and RX UE is in RRC CONNECTED**

For case 2, since the TX UE is in RRC IDLE/INACTIVE, it is not possible to rely on the TX UE’s serving gNB to achieve the alignment, and only the RX UE’s serving gNB should be responsible for the alignment. The detailed procedure are assumed as below:

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| 1. RX UE sends the assistance information to the TX UE
2. TX UE determines the SL DRX configuration
3. TX UE sends the SL DRX configuration to the RX UE
4. RX UE reports the SL DRX configuration to its connected gNB
5. RX UE’s connected gNB adjusts RX UE’s Uu DRX configuration to achieve the alignment
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**Question 3: When TX UE is in RRC IDLE/INACTIVE and RX UE is in RRC CONNECTED, do companies agree that only the RX UE’s serving gNB is responsible for the alignment of Uu DRX and SL DRX for RX UE?**

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* **No (Please specify the reason)**

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| Company | Yes/No | Comment |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes | Since the TX UE is in RRC IDLE/INACTIVE, it is not possible to rely on the TX UE’s serving gNB to achieve the alignment. Therefore, only the RX UE’s serving gNB can be responsible for the alignment.  |
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**Question 3a: If the answer to Question 3 is yes, do companies agree that the assistance information from RX UE should not contain RX UE’s Uu DRX configuration?**

* **Yes**
* **No (Please specify the reason)**

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| Company | Yes/No | Comment |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes | Since it has been agreed that the alignment is up to gNB, when TX UE is in RRC\_IDLE/INACTIVE, it can only rely on RX UE’s gNB for the alignment. If the RX UE’s Uu DRX configuration is included in the assistance information, the TX UE may perform the alignment when determining the SL DRX configuration which may cause conflict with the RX UE’s connected gNB and should not be allowed.  |
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**Question 3b: If the answer to Question 3 is yes, do companies agree that the RX UE should report the received SL DRX configuration to its connected gNB?**

* **Yes**
* **No (Please specify the reason)**

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| Company | Yes/No | Comment |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes | RX UE should report the received SL DRX configuration to its connected gNB so that its gNB can adjust RX UE’s Uu DRX configuration to achieve the alignment. |
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# **Alignment between Uu DRX and SL DRX for the RX UE (up to UE)**

During the online discussion of last meeting, it was pointed out for mode 2 operation and when the TX UE is in RRC CONNECTED mode, the TX UE may not need to report the assistance information to its gNB. Instead TX UE can determine the SL DRX configuration by itself. Rapporteur interpreted that’s why “may” was added to some of the related agreements. As achieving the alignment could also be done by TX UE itself, as in determine the SL DRX configuration, rapporteur would like to check companies’ view on this.

**Question 4: When both TX and RX UEs are in RRC CONNECTED, for mode 2 operation, do companies agree that the TX UE is allowed to determine the SL DRX configuration by itself?**

* **Yes**
* **No (Please specify the reason)**

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| Company | Yes/No | Comment |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | No | We think a unified mechanism for mode 1 and mode 2 operation is beneficial for reducing spec complexity. |
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**Question 5: If the answer to Question 4 is yes, when both TX and RX UEs are in RRC CONNECTED, for mode 2 operation do companies agree that it can be up to the TX UE to achieve the alignment between Uu DRX and SL DRX for RX UE?**

Please note the answer “Yes” is not aligned with the following agreement achieved during last meeting.

=> For at least SL RX-UEs in RRC CONNECTED, the alignment of Uu DRX and SL DRX is up to gNB. FFS for SL TX-UE

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# **Alignment between TX UE’s Uu DRX and RX UE’s SL DRX**

During last meeting, RAN2 agreed that for mode 1, some alignment between the TX UE’s Uu DRX and RX UE’s SL DRX should be considered to ensure that the SL grant scheduled for the TX UE during its Uu DRX active time falls into the SL DRX active time of the peer RX UE.

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| Agreements on alignment between Uu DRX and SL DRX5: In case of Mode 1 scheduling, the alignment of Uu DRX of Tx UE and SL DRX of Rx UE shall be considered. FFS on how alignment is achieved. |

However, how to achieve the alignment is not clear and rapporteur think this also depends on the RRC states of both TX UE and RX UE. As this is for mode 1 operation, only TX UE in RRC CONNECTED state will be considered. There are two cases as listed below.

Case 1: Both TX UE and RX UE are in RRC CONNECTED

Case 2: TX UE is in RRC CONNECTED and RX UE is in RRC IDLE/INACTIVE

As we have already agreed to adopt TX centric mechanism as a baseline for determining SL DRX configuration, therefore for case 1 and case 2, it is not feasible to rely on the RX UE’s connected gNB or the RX UE itself to achieve the alignment between the TX UE’s Uu DRX and RX UE’s SL DRX. In addition, based on the agreement from last meeting, for mode 1, it is up to the TX UE’s connected gNB to determine the SL DRX configuration (for mode 2, whether it is up to UE to generate the SL DRX configuration relates to the conclusion on Question 4 and 5). Therefore, for case 1 and case 2, rapporteur think it is only possible to rely on the TX UE’s connected gNB to align the TX UE’s Uu DRX and the RX UE’s SL DRX. The assumed procedures are shown below.

TX UE’s connected gNB is responsible for the alignment

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| 1. RX UE sends the assistance information to the TX UE
2. TX UE reports the assistance information to the connected gNB
3. TX UE’s connected gNB is responsible for the alignment when generating the SL DRX configuration and sends it to the TX UE
4. TX UE forwards the SL DRX configuration to the RX UE
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**Question 6: Do companies agree that for mode 1 operation, it is up to the TX UE’s gNB for the alignment between the TX UE’s Uu DRX and the RX UE’s SL DRX?**

* **Yes**
* **No (Please specify the reason)**

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| Company | Yes/No | Comment |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes | Since both TX UE’s Uu DRX and RX UE’s SL DRX are configured by TX UE’s gNB, it is only possible to rely on the TX UE’s gNB to achieve the alignment. |
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# **SL impact on Uu DRX**

#### **Case 1: When sl-PUCCH-Config is configured**

During last meeting, RAN2 discussed the SL impact on Uu DRX with the following agreements achieved.

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| Agreements on Uu DRX Impact to Support SL1: SL-specific drx-onDurationTimer is not introduced in Uu.2: SL-specific drx-InactivityTimer is not introduced in Uu.3: For Tx UE configured with sidelink resource allocation mode 1, it should start or restart the Uu drx-InactivityTimer if the UE receives a PDCCH indicating a new SL transmission.4: SL-specific drx-HARQ-RTT-Timer and SL-specific drx-RetransmissionTimer should be introduced in Uu, which are maintained based on sidelink process.5: When sl-PUCCH-Config is configured, SL-specific drx-HARQ-RTT-Timer and SL-specific drx-RetransmissionTimer should be maintained for UE configured with sidelink resource allocation mode 1.6: Adopt the following definitions of SL-specific drx-HARQ-RTT-Timer and drx-RetransmissionTimer (the detailed name of the timers can be further discussed):- drx-RetransmissionTimerSL (per Sidelink process): the maximum duration until a grant for SL retransmission is received;- drx-HARQ-RTT-TimerSL (per Sidelink process): the minimum duration before a SL retransmission grant is expected by the MAC entity.7: When sl-PUCCH-Config is configured (and the PUCCH is transmitted), the UE should start the SL-specific drx-HARQ-RTT-Timer in Uu for the corresponding SL HARQ process in the first slot after the end of the corresponding transmission carrying the SL HARQ feedback via the PUCCH |

During last meeting, some company pointed out that when sl-PUCCH-Config is configured but the PUCCH is not transmitted due to UL/SL prioritization, when to start the HARQ RTT timer should be discussed separately. Rapportuer think it would be similar as for the start of SL HARQ RTT timer (see the agreements from RAN2#113bis-e shown below). That is, when the PUCCH is not transmitted due to UL/SL prioritization, the UE should start the SL-specific drx-HARQ-RTT-Timer in Uu for the corresponding SL HARQ process in the symbol/slot following the end of the corresponding PUCCH resource.

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| Agreements on Uu DRX Impact to Support SL22: For transmissions with HARQ feedback, the RX UE starts the SL HARQ RTT timer in the symbol/slot following the end of PSFCH transmission.23: If the RX UE does not transmit PSFCH for a HARQ enabled transmission (e.g. due to UL/SL prioritization) the RX UE still starts the HARQ RTT timer in the symbol/slot following the end of PSFCH resource. |

**Question 7: Do companies agree that when sl-PUCCH-Config is configured but the PUCCH is not transmitted due to UL/SL prioritization, the TX UE should start the SL-specific drx-HARQ-RTT-Timer in Uu for the corresponding SL HARQ process in the first slot after the end of the corresponding PUCCH resource?**

* **Yes**
* **No (Please specify the reason)**

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| Company | Yes/No | Comment |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes | It is the same as what RAN2 agreed in PC5. |
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#### **Case 2: When sl-PUCCH-Config is not configured**

For the case when PUCCH is not configured, a remaining issue is whether or not SL-specific drx-HARQ-RTT-Timer and drx-RetransmissionTimer is needed. During the discussion in last meeting, companies have divergent views on this question. Rapporteur think that even the UE is not configured with PUCCH and blind retransmission is used, the UE still needs to extend the active time to monitor the blind retransmission. However, as there is no HARQ feedback transmitted and when to schedule the blind retransmission is all up to the NW, there might be no need for the drx-HARQ-RTT-Timer since there is no need to consider the processing time of HARQ feedback at the network side. The UE only needs to start the drx-RetransmissionTimer to monitor the blind retransmission.

**Question 8: When sl-PUCCH-Config is not configured, do companies think the SL-specific** **drx-HARQ-RTT-Timer should be supported?**

* **Yes**
* **No (Please specify the reason)**

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| Company | Yes/No | Comment |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | No | In Uu HARQ RTT timer is introduced because the UE need to wait for network processing. In case SL PUCCH is not configured, we don't think the SL specific drx-HARQ-RTT-Timer is needed, because the gNB knows the end SL resources and if needed, gNB is able to schedule retransmission resources at the end of SL resources scheduled through a prior DCI. |
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**Question 9: When sl-PUCCH-Config is not configured, do companies think the SL-specific drx-RetransmissionTimer should be supported?**

* **Yes**
* **No (Please specify the reason)**

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| Company | Yes/No | Comment |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes | The UE needs to extend the active time to monitor PDCCH for blind retransmission  |
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If the answers to Question 8 and question 9 are yes, the next question is to discuss when to start the SL-specific drx-HARQ-RTT-Timer when sl-PUCCH-Config is not configured. Based on the companies’ contributions, when to start the SL-specific drx-HARQ-RTT-Timer may depend on whether PSFCH resource is configured or not. In addition, one more thing we should keep in mind is that the gNB is able to schedule the UE with up to 3 sidelink resource through one DCI, in this case, there are quite many different candidates to start the SL-specific drx-HARQ-RTT-Timer.

**Question 10: If the answers to Question 8 and question 9 are yes, when sl-PUCCH-Config is not configured but sl-PSFCH-Config is configured, which of the following option is preferred to start the SL-specific drx-HARQ-RTT-Timer?**

* **Option 1:** **the first symbol after the end of PDCCH resource**
* **Option 2: the first symbol after the end of each PSCCH resource**
* **Option 3: the first symbol after the end of each PSSCH resource**
* **Option 4: the first symbol after the end of each PSFCH resource**
* **Option 5: the first symbol after the end of last PSCCH resource scheduled through one DCI**
* **Option 6: the first symbol after the end of last PSSCH resource scheduled through one DCI**
* **Option 7: the first symbol after the end of last PSFCH resource**

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**Question 11: If the answers to Question 8 and question 9 are yes, when both sl-PUCCH-Config and sl-PSFCH-Config are not configured, which of the following option is preferred to start the SL-specific drx-HARQ-RTT-Timer?**

* **Option 1:** **the first symbol after the end of PDCCH resource**
* **Option 2: the first symbol after the end of each PSCCH resource**
* **Option 3: the first symbol after the end of each PSSCH resource**
* **Option 4: the first symbol after the end of last PSCCH resource scheduled through one DCI**
* **Option 5: the first symbol after the end of last PSSCH resource scheduled through one DCI**

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**Question 12: If the answers to Question 8 and question 9 are yes, when sl-PUCCH-Config is not configured, do companies agree that the TX UE should start the SL-specific drx-RetransmissionTimer in Uu for the corresponding HARQ process in the first symbol after the expiry of the SL-specific drx-HARQ-RTT-Timer, if the data of the corresponding HARQ process was not successfully transmitted in sidelink?**

* **Yes**
* **No (Please specify the reason)**

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If the answers to Question 8 is no and the answer to Question 9 is yes, the next question is to discuss when to start the SL-specific drx-RetransmissionTimer when sl-PUCCH-Config is not configured. Similar as the SL-specific drx-HARQ-RTT-Timer, when to start the SL-specific drx-RetransmissionTimer may depend on whether PSFCH resource is configured or not. In addition, one more thing we should keep in mind is that the gNB is able to schedule the UE with up to 3 sidelink resource through one DCI, in this case, there are also quite many different candidates to start the SL-specific drx-RetransmissionTimer.

**Question 13: If the answers to Question 8 is no and the answer to Question 9 is yes, when sl-PUCCH-Config is not configured but sl-PSFCH-Config is configured, which of the following option is preferred to start the SL-specific drx-RetransmissionTimer if the data of the corresponding HARQ process was not successfully transmitted in sidelink?**

* **Option 1:** **the first symbol after the end of PDCCH resource**
* **Option 2: the first symbol after the end of each PSCCH resource**
* **Option 3: the first symbol after the end of each PSSCH resource**
* **Option 4: the first symbol after the end of each PSFCH resource**
* **Option 5: the first symbol after the end of last PSCCH resource scheduled through one DCI**
* **Option 6: the first symbol after the end of last PSSCH resource scheduled through one DCI**
* **Option 7: the first symbol after the end of last PSFCH resource**

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| Huawei, HiSilicon | Option 6 | In PC5, even if the sl-PSFCH-Config is configured, it is up to UE whether the current transmission requires SL HARQ feedback or not. That means from the gNB perspective, it does not know whether there will be PSFCH reception/transmission and in addition the gNB is not required to calculate the PSFCH resource according to the Rel-16 design.In general, considering there will be case where sl-PSFCH-Config is not configured, we think it is beneficial to have unified solution. Therefore, PSSCH resource can be a good choice to be reference for alignment between gNB and UE.Further, if UE starts SL specific retransmission timer after each PSSCH resource in case more than one SL grants are scheduled by gNB through one DCI, it is less power efficient for the UE considering it is more reasonable to assume a blind retransmission will not be scheduled before the UE finishes all transmission opportunities. |
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**Question 14: If the answers to Question 8 is no and the answer to Question 9 is yes, when both sl-PUCCH-Config and sl-PSFCH-Config are not configured, which of the following option is preferred to start the SL-specific drx-RetransmissionTimer if the data of the corresponding HARQ process was not successfully transmitted in sidelink?**

* **Option 1:** **the first symbol after the end of PDCCH resource**
* **Option 2: the first symbol after the end of each PSCCH resource**
* **Option 3: the first symbol after the end of each PSSCH resource**
* **Option 4: the first symbol after the end of last PSCCH resource scheduled through one DCI**
* **Option 5: the first symbol after the end of last PSSCH resource scheduled through one DCI**

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| Company | Option | Comment |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Option 5 | See the answer to Q13. |
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If the answers to Question 9 is no, no matter whether the answer to Question 8 is yes or no, the next question is how to ensure the UE is able to receive the scheduled blind retransmission.

**Question 15: If the answers to Question 9 is no, how to ensure the TX UE is able to receive the scheduled blind retransmission?**

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# Alignment between Uu DRX and SL DRX for groupcast/broadcast

During RAN2#113bis-e meeting, RAN2 achieved the following agreement for the alignment of Uu DRX and SL DRX for groupcast and broadcast. Some companies think that for groupcast and broadcast, no additional mechanism is needed compared with that for unicast.

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| Agreements on alignment between Uu DRX and SL DRX2: Alignment of Uu DRX and SL DRX for groupcast and broadcast is supported. FFS on whether new mechanisms are needed |

**Question 16: Do companies support to introduce additional new mechanisms for the alignment of Uu DRX and SL DRX for groupcast and broadcast?**

* **Yes (please describe the reason and the detailed solution)**
* **No**

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| Company | Yes/No | Comment |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | No with comments | For SL broadcast/groupcast, when the InC/OOC status between TX-UE and RX-UE is not consistent (i.e. the partial coverage case), e.g. RX UE is in RRC connected state while TX UE is in OOC, RX UE may need to use the SL DRX configuration from TX UE in order to make both TX UE and RX UE follow the same SL DRX configuration. Accordingly, in case when the RRC connected RX UE determines to use the SL DRX configuration from TX UE in OOC, the RX UE can send to its serving gNB the SL DRX configuration from TX UE, so that its serving gNB can adjust RX UE’s Uu DRX configuration to achieve the alignment of Uu DRX and SL DRX from the perspective of UE power saving.  |
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# Other

**Question 17: Are there any other aspects that RAN2 should discuss in the scope of this email discussion?**

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# Conclusion

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