**3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #12R2-23xxxxx**

**Chicago, US, 13th – 17th Nov 2023**

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Title: Report of [Post123bis][205][MUSIM] RRC Running CR and further discussions (vivo)

Document for: Discussion and Decision

# Introduction

This is the report of the following email discussion:

* [Post123bis][205][MUSIM] RRC Running CR and further discussions (vivo)

**Scope**: Update and review the RRC running CR, also discussions on the RRC open issues based on the progress in this meeting

**Intended outcome**: RRC running CR for endorsement, and discussion report with proposals

**Deadline**: Long (2 weeks for running CR, November 3rd for open issue)

Companies are invited to give feedback on the open issues questionnaire in sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 by **Wednesday Oct. 25 10:00 UTC**, if possible, to allow report and issues submission for online discussion before official deadline.

**Contact person for each person participating company.**

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# Discussion

## MN-SN coordination

On MN-SN related coordination, RAN2#123bis meeting agreements below:

* For the proactive approach, the MN can indicate the forbidden/affected band information (for the MUSIM purpose) to the SN. FFS for the reactive case.
* For Rel-18 MUSIM dual active operation, UE indicates its forbidden/affected band combinations (or band(s)) based on the network configured band-filter list, in the UAI signalling to NW A.
* For Rel-18 MUSIM dual active operation, UE signals its temporary capabilities restrictions as forbidden band combinations with band indexed to the band-filter list and/or affected band combinations with band indexed to the band-filter list along with explicit fields for restricted (lower) capabilities e.g. maximum MIMO layers.

According to the above agreement, the forbidden band combinations and/or the affected band combinations with restricted capabilities would be reported in the UAI. Upon reception of this information, the MN may also need to indicate them, i.e., the forbidden/affected band information, to the SN.

In paper R2-2311043, it is suggested that: to indicate the forbidden band entries, the MN can include both the selected band entries by the MN and the forbidden band entries in the existing SelectedBandEntriesMN, so that then the SN would not configure the UE with cells on these band entries.



For example:

 **MN=>SN**:

MUSIM-AffectedBandCombList-r18 ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxBandComb)) OF MUSIM-AffectedBandComb-r18

MUSIM-AffectedBandComb-r18 ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1.. maxSimultaneousBands)) OF MUSIM-CapabilityRestrictedBandParameters OPTIONAL

selectedBandEntriesMNList SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxBandComb)) OF SelectedBandEntriesMN

SelectedBandEntriesMN ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxSimultaneousBands)) OF BandEntryIndex

***SelectedBandEntriesMN*: both the selected *bandEntry* by the MN and the forbidden band entries (for the MUSIM purpose) shall be included.**

Thus, the following proposals can be considered:

**Proposal 1: The MN can indicate the forbidden band entries (for the MUSIM purpose) info to the SN.**

**Proposal 2: As an implementation method, the existing *selectedBandEntriesMNList*****can be reused to include both the selected band entries by the MN and the forbidden band entries (for the MUSIM purpose).**

Therefore, companies are invited to provide their view on the following questions.

**Q1: Do companies agree the proposal 1?**

1. **Yes**
2. **No**

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**Q2: Do companies agree the proposal 2?**

1. **Yes**
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Furthermore, to indicate the affected bands with restricted capabilities, the MN can also indicate to SN about the capability restriction info, if the corresponding band is allowed for the SN. As Rapporteur point of view, more illustration can be considered on the affected capability coordination as follows:

Taking the below Figure as an example, if the band entry 3 was affected (e.g., the maximum MIMO layer was restricted to 2 but in the original featureset it can support 4 or 8) by the MUSIM operation, the MN also needs to indicate the band entry 3 with affected capabilities to the SN.



Based on above example, the following proposal can be considered:

**Proposal 3: For the affected bands with restricted capabilities, the MN can also indicate the SN about the capability restriction info if the corresponding band is allowed for the SN.**

**Q2: Do companies agree the proposal 3?**

1. **Yes**
2. **No**

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If **proposal 3** is agreeable, a potential ASN.1 coding to reflect MN indicating affected bands with restricted capabilities to SN may be as follows:

ConfigRestrictInfoSCG ::= SEQUENCE {

 allowedBC-ListMRDC BandCombinationInfoList OPTIONAL,

/\*omit the unchanged part\*/

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affectedBandEntriesSNList SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxBandComb)) OF AffectedBandEntriesSN OPTIONAL,

AffectedBandEntriesSN ::=        SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxSimultaneousBands)) OF AffectedSNBandEntry OPTIONAL

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}

AffectedSNBandEntry ::= SEQUENCE {

bandEntryIndex BandEntryIndex

musim-capabilityRestricted-r18 FFS

}

**Q3: If proposal 3 is agreeable, do companies agree with the above ASN.1 coding as baseline for the affected capabilities coordination?**

1. **Yes**
2. **No**

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## Bandwidth restriction

On bandwidth restriction, RAN2#123bis meeting agreements are below:

* It is confirmed that the previous agreement that Maximum MIMO layers restriction (and bandwidth restriction, if supported) is reported per CC at least applies for the reactive approach.
* Baseline for the proactive approach: Maximum MIMO layers restriction (and bandwidth restriction, if supported) is reported *per FSPC (per cc per BC)*

As described in paper R2-2309792, in the IDC scheme, the network can configure a frequency range list to the UE, and the UE can indicate one affected frequency range overlapping with one frequency range included in the configured frequency range list, where each affected frequency range consist of a center frequency and an affected bandwidth. Band conflict can also happen in case on MUSIM. To solve the MUSIM band conflict issue, a similar approach can be applied with limited specification to support bandwidth restriction reporting, thus, the following proposal can be considered:

**Proposal 4: To solve MUSIM band conflict issue, the UE can indicate the temporary supported channel bandwidth restriction.**

**Q4: Do companies agree the proposal 3?**

1. **Yes**
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Currently, the UE will report its supported channel bandwidth on one carrier of a band of a band combination in *SupportedBandwidth* capability. As RAN2 has already agreed that “Baseline for the proactive approach: Maximum MIMO layers restriction (and bandwidth restriction, if supported) is reported *per FSPC (per cc per BC)*”. but based on recent agreement below:

* For Rel-18 MUSIM dual active operation, UE signals its temporary capabilities restrictions as forbidden band combinations with band indexed to the band-filter list and/or affected band combinations with band indexed to the band-filter list along with explicit fields for restricted (lower) capabilities e.g. maximum MIMO layers.

UE is allowed to signal its temporary capabilities restrictions as forbidden band combinations with band indexed to the band-filter list and/or affected band combinations with band indexed to the band-filter list along with explicit fields for restricted (lower) capabilities e.g., maximum MIMO layers. To align ASN.1 coding with maximum MIMO restriction reporting, the Rapporteur suggests aligning bandwidth restriction coding with current proactive capability restriction ASN.1 in the running CR. Thus, if **proposal 4** is agreeable, a potential ASN.1 coding to reflect UE indicating bandwidth restriction may be as follows:

MUSIM-AffectedBandCombList-r18 ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxBandComb)) OF MUSIM-AffectedBandComb-r18

MUSIM-AffectedBandComb-r18 ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1.. maxSimultaneousBands)) OF MUSIM-CapabilityRestrictedBandParameters OPTIONAL

MUSIM-CapabilityRestrictedBandParameters SEQUENCE {

 bandEntryIndex INTEGER(1..maxSimultaneousBands),

MUSIM-CapabilityRestrictedBandParameters SEQUENCE {

 bandEntryIndex ::= INTEGER(1..maxSimultaneousBands),

 musim-capabilityRestricted-r18 SEQUENCE {

 musim-MIMO-Layers-DL-r18 INTEGER (1..8) OPTIONAL,

 musim-MIMO-Layers-UL-r18 INTEGER (1..4) OPTIONAL

 supportedBandwidthDL supportedBandwidth OPTIONAL,

 supportedBandwidthUL supportedBandwidth OPTIONAL

 }

}

MUSIM-CellToAffect-r18 ::= SEQUENCE {

 musim-SCellIndex-r18 SCellIndex,

 musim-MIMO-Layers-DL-r18 INTEGER (1..8) OPTIONAL,

 musim-MIMO-Layers-UL-r18 INTEGER (1..4) OPTIONAL

 supportedBandwidthDL supportedBandwidth OPTIONAL,

 supportedBandwidthUL supportedBandwidth OPTIONAL

}

**Q5: If proposal 4 is agreeable, do companies agree with the above ASN.1 coding as baseline for the temporary supported channel bandwidth restriction indication?**

1. **Yes**
2. **No**

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## SCG/SCell release using SRB3

On whether SRB3 can be used to indicate capability restriction, there is an FFS follows:

*FFS whether UE can indicate temporary capability restrictions by explicitly indicating a SCG/SCell release via SRB3 for MUSIM purpose.*

The issue was also discussed in paper R2-2309553. It is argued that UE can use SRB3 to report SCG/SCell release. If SRB3 is used for this purpose, there would be RAN3 related work, then RAN2 would Ls to RAN3 to do the corresponding work. On the other hand, RAN2 has agreed to support MN-SN coordination signaling for UE temporary capability restriction. Without SRB3 involvement UE can still use SRB1 to indicate SCG/SCell release and the existing MN-SN coordination signaling can be reused, so no extra enhancement is needed. From Rapporteur view, using SRB3 for SCG/SCell release indication is not essential functionality for UE temporary capability restriction indication, thus Rapporteur proposes:

**Proposal 5: UE temporary capability restrictions indication of SCG/SCell release via SRB3 for MUSIM purpose is not supported in this release.**

**Q6: Do companies agree the proposal 5?**

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## Gap priority “keep” solution configuration

On gap priority “keep” solution, RAN2#123bis meeting agreements are below:

* Introduce single bit indication in MUSIM assistance information to indicate the UE preference of “keep” option.
* Reuse existing control flag (i.e. musim-GapPriorityAssistanceConfig-r18 in running CR) to indicate whether the UE could include “keep” option for MUSIM gap.
* FFS if any other configuration or related behaviour is needed.

It is still an open issue, after UE indicates the preference of “keep” option, whether NW should explicitly send a configuration to allow UE to use “keep” solution option. Rapporteur understands that after UE indication of preference for “keep” solution, NW should have the flexibility to allow UE to use “keep” solution option or not. Thus, Rapporteur proposes:

**Proposal 6: After UE indicates its preference for gap priority “keep” solution option, NW can configure UE to use “keep” solution option or not.**

**Q7: Do companies agree the proposal 6?**

1. **Yes**
2. **No**

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| **Company** | **Answers (Yes/No)** | **Comments** |
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## Other issue?

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## Additional issues for online discussion based on contribution

**Issue 1**: **Early capability restriction indication**

* Working assumption: Early capability restriction indication is provided in Msg5. Detailed UE behaviour, if any, can be further discussed.

**Issue x**:

# Conclusion

In this paper, the following proposal are given:

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