

3GPP TSG RAN Meeting #99
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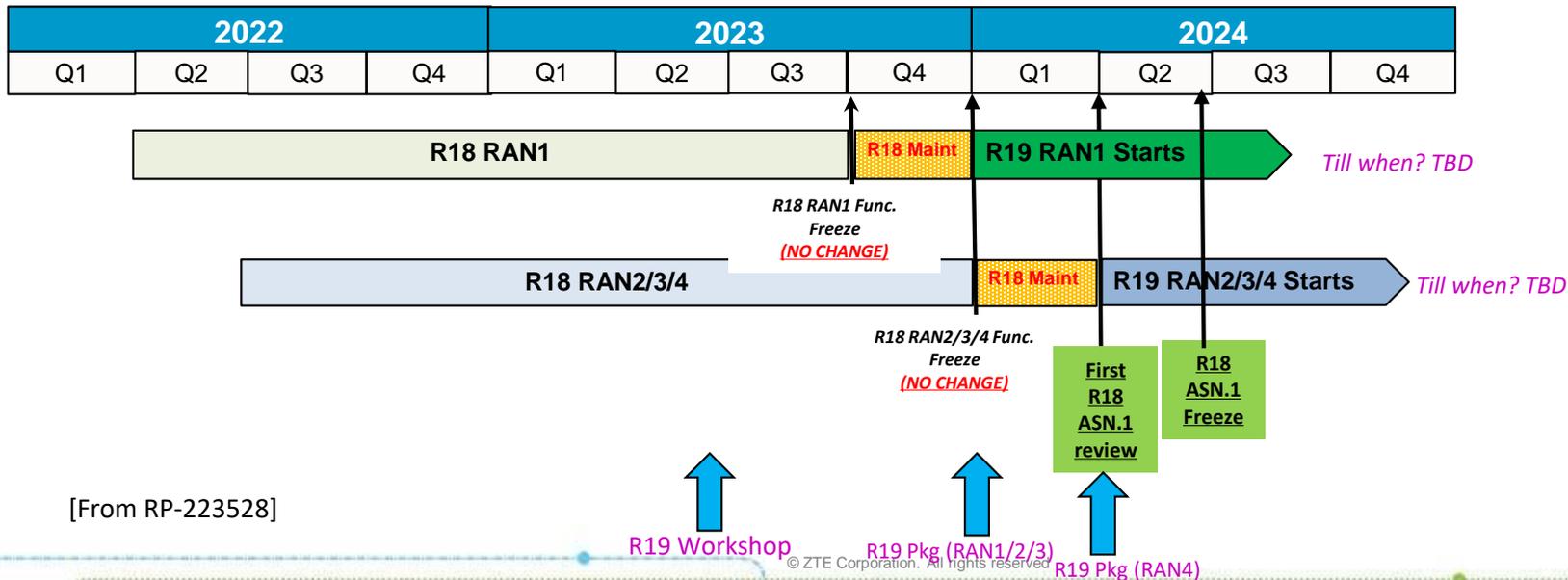
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Discussion on Rel-19 Timeline

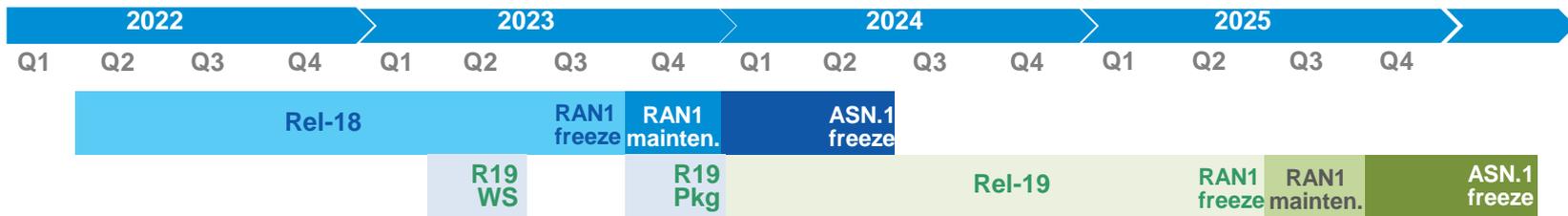


Background

- RP-223528 has been endorsed to set the following milestones for R18 and R19:
 - Sep. 2023:** R18 RAN1 Func. Freeze, **Dec. 2023:** R18 RAN2/3/4 Func. Freeze, **June 2024:** R18 ASN.1 Freeze
 - Jun. 2023:** R19 Workshop, **Dec. 2023:** R19 RAN1/2/3 Package, **Q1 2024:** Start of R19 RAN1, **Mar. 2024:** R19 RAN4 Package, **Q2 2024:** Start of R19 RAN2/3/4
- It is TBD to determine the duration of Rel-19.



Rel-19 Timeline



- Rel-19 is the 2nd release of 5G Advanced. It is expected that 3GPP will continue to focus on 5G Advanced in Rel-19. Sufficient time should be given for 5G-A standardization work to support 5G-A commercialization.
- It has become challenging to stabilize the specs from RAN1 freeze to ASN.1 freeze in 2 quarters. It is helpful to have 1 quarter dedicated to RAN1 maintenance. It should be discussed if having a 3-quarter gap between RAN1 freeze and ASN.1 freeze (similar to Rel-18) should become a norm (i.e. default assumption) going forward.

Proposal:

- *The duration from RAN1 start to RAN1 freeze is 18 months in Rel-19.*
- *Discuss if having a 3-quarter gap between RAN1 freeze and ASN.1 freeze should become a norm.*

Thanks



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