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# Foreword

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In the present document, modal verbs have the following meanings:

**shall** indicates a mandatory requirement to do something

**shall not** indicates an interdiction (prohibition) to do something

The constructions "shall" and "shall not" are confined to the context of normative provisions, and do not appear in Technical Reports.

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**should** indicates a recommendation to do something

**should not** indicates a recommendation not to do something

**may** indicates permission to do something

**need not** indicates permission not to do something

The construction "may not" is ambiguous and is not used in normative elements. The unambiguous constructions "might not" or "shall not" are used instead, depending upon the meaning intended.

**can** indicates that something is possible

**cannot** indicates that something is impossible

The constructions "can" and "cannot" are not substitutes for "may" and "need not".

**will** indicates that something is certain or expected to happen as a result of action taken by an agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

**will not** indicates that something is certain or expected not to happen as a result of action taken by an agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

**might** indicates a likelihood that something will happen as a result of action taken by some agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

**might not** indicates a likelihood that something will not happen as a result of action taken by some agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

In addition:

**is** (or any other verb in the indicative mood) indicates a statement of fact

**is not** (or any other negative verb in the indicative mood) indicates a statement of fact

The constructions "is" and "is not" do not indicate requirements.

# 1 Scope

The present document is a technical report for Work Item on New Radio (NR) Access Technology, covering introduction of lower 6GHz NR unlicensed operation for Europe (NR\_6GHz\_unlic\_EU).

# 2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

- References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non‑specific.

- For a specific reference, subsequent revisions do not apply.

- For a non-specific reference, the latest version applies. In the case of a reference to a 3GPP document (including a GSM document), a non-specific reference implicitly refers to the latest version of that document *in the same Release as the present document*.

[1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".

[2] 3GPP TR 37.890: Feasibility Study on 6 GHz for LTE and NR in Licensed and Unlicensed Operations

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It is preferred that the reference to 21.905 be the first in the list.

# 3 Definitions of terms, symbols and abbreviations

This clause and its three subclauses are mandatory. The contents shall be shown as "void" if the TS/TR does not define any terms, symbols, or abbreviations.

## 3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the terms given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. A term defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same term, if any, in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1].

Definition format (Normal)

**<defined term>:** <definition>.

**example:** text used to clarify abstract rules by applying them literally.

## 3.2 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document, the following symbols apply:

Symbol format (EW)

<symbol> <Explanation>

## 3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. An abbreviation defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same abbreviation, if any, in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1].

Abbreviation format (EW)

<ABBREVIATION> <Expansion>

ACLR Adjacent Channel Leakage Ratio

ACS Adjacent Channel Selectivity

BS Base Station

BW Bandwidth

EIRP Effective Isotropic Radiated Power

FR Frequency Range

GSCN Global Synchronization Channel Number

ICS In-Channel Selectivity

ITU‑R Radiocommunication Sector of the International Telecommunication Union

NR New Radio

NR-ARFCN NR Absolute Radio Frequency Channel Number

OTA Over The Air

RF Radio Frequency

RX Receiver

SCS Sub-Carrier Spacing

TDD Time division Duplex

# 4 Background

Administrations in Europe have had unlicensed operation in the range 5925 to 6425 MHz for consultation. The result of this consultation is that at the November 2020 meeting the ECC with ECC Decision (20)01 “on the harmonised use of the frequency bands 5945 to 6425 MHz for the implementation of Wireless Access Systems including Radio Local Area Networks (WAS/RLANs)” approved unlicensed operation in the range 5945 to 6425 MHz.

NR-Unlicensed is standardized in Rel-16 with the definition of band n96 covering the spectrum range 5925-7125 MHz which is currently applicable in the USA only subject to FCC Report and Order FCC 20-51. For Rel-17 3GPP WG4 is tasked to also enable unlicensed operation in the range 5945 to 6425 MHz for European deployments.

Regulatory information is maintained in [2].

# 5 NR Frequency band definition

## 5.1 Band definition

## 5.2 NR-ARFCN and GSCN

Operation in the 6GHz EU band is to be aligned with other technologies operation in the same shared spectrum restricted to the following NR-ARFCN and GSCN points.

Applicable GSCN in Europe:

- GSCN = {9548, 9562, 9576, 9590, 9603, 9617,9631, 9645, 9659, 9673, 9687, 9701, 9714, 9728, 9742, 9756, 9770, 9784, 9798, 9812, 9826, 9840, 9853, 9867}

Applicable NR-ARFCN in Europe:

- For 20 MHz channel bandwidth, NREF = {797000, 798332, 799668, 801000, 802332, 803668, 805000, 806332, 807668, 809000, 810332, 811668, 813000, 814332, 815668, 817000, 818332, 819668, 821000, 822332, 823668, 825000, 826332, 827668}

- For 40 MHz channel bandwidth, NREF = {797668, 800332, 803000, 805668, 808332, 811000, 813668, 816332, 819000, 821668, 824332, 827000}

- For 60 MHz channel bandwidth, NREF = {798332, 799668, 803668, 805000, 809000, 810332, 814332, 815668, 819668, 821000, 825000, 826332}

- For 80 MHz channel bandwidth, NREF = {799000, 804332, 809668, 815000, 820332, 825668, 831000}

# 6 RF requirements

## 6.1 UE specific

6.1.1 Transmitter characteristics

This section details specific transmitter characteristics for a UE operating in the lower 6 GHz NR unlicensed range in Europe.

#### 6.1.1.1 A-MPR for a NS(s) for lower 6GHz NR unlicensed operation in Europe.

Additional emission requirements can be signalled by the network. Each additional emission requirement is associated with a unique network signalling (NS) value indicated in RRC signalling by an NR frequency band number of the applicable operating band as detailed in TS 38.101-1*.*

To meet the additional requirements applicable in EU as given in EN 303 687, additional maximum power reduction (A-MPR) is allowed for the maximum output power as specified in Table 6.1.1.1-1 for low power indoor (LPI).

Table 6.1.1.1-1: A-MPR for PC5 LPI

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Pre-coding | Modulation | RB Allocation | |
|  |  | Full2 (dB) | Partial3 (dB) |
| DFT-s-ODFM | Pi/2 BPSK4 | ≤ 1.5 | ≤ 2.5 |
|  | QPSK | ≤ 2.0 | ≤ 3.5 |
|  | 16 QAM | ≤ 2.5 | ≤ 4.0 |
|  | 64 QAM | ≤ 3.5 | ≤ 4.5 |
|  | 256 QAM | ≤ 5.0 | ≤ 5.5 |
| CP-OFDM | QPSK | ≤ 3.5 | ≤ 4.5 |
|  | 16 QAM | ≤ 4.0 | ≤ 4.5 |
|  | 64 QAM | ≤ 5.5 | ≤ 5.5 |
|  | 256 QAM | ≤ 7.0 | ≤ 7.0 |
| NOTE 1: The A-MPR shall apply to all SCS in all active 20 MHz sub-bands contiguously allocated in the channel. The MPR applies to interlaced allocations with uplink resource allocation type 2 as specified in TS 38.214 [10].  NOTE 2: Full RB allocation A-MPR applies when all RB’s in a 20 MHz channel or all RB’s in all sub-bands for wideband operation are fully allocated and sub-bands are transmitted according to configuration A in Table 6.2F.2-2.  NOTE 3: Partial RB allocation A-MPR applies when one or more RB’s in one or more sub-bands are not allocated or when the transmitted sub-bands for wideband operation are transmitted according to configuration B in Table 6.2F.2-2.  NOTE 4: Applicable to Pi/2-BPSK modulation when IE powerBoostPi2BPSK is set to 0.  NOTE 5: The A-MPR applies instead of MPR for 20 MHz channel centered at the nearest NR-ARFCN corresponding to 5955 MHz, 40 MHz channel at the nearest NR-ARFCN corresponding to 5965 MHz, 60 MHz channel at the nearest NR-ARFCN corresponding to 5975 MHz, and 80 MHz channel at the nearest NR-ARFCN corresponding to 5985 MHz. For all other channels, A-MPR is zero and MPR as specified in Table 6.2F.2-1 applies. | | | |

For very low power (VLP) operation the out-of-band emissions and in-band power spectral density requirements are much more restrictive than for LPI. For PC5 VLP, a comprehensive set of A-MPR simulation results is provided below for 20, 40, 60, and 80 MHz channels. In Figure 6.1.1.1-1 all channels in the band are represented while in Figure 6.1.1.1-2 lower edge channels are not illustrated since those are most impacted by the additional spurious emission requirement of -45 dBm/MHz. The lower edge channels found to be impacted were the ones centered at 5955 MHz for 20 MHz channels, 5965 MHz for 40 MHz channels, 5975 MHz and 5995 MHz for 60 MHz channels, and 5985 MHz for 80 MHz channels.

Table 6.1.1.1-2. Simulation scenarios for all CBW/SCS

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Scenario | Modulation | DFT/CP | Allocation |
| 1 | QPSK | CP | Interlace\_0 |
| 2 | QPSK | DFT-S | Interlace\_0 |
| 3 | QPSK | CP | Full |
| 4 | QPSK | DFT-S | Full |
| 5 | 16QAM | CP | Interlace\_0 |
| 6 | 16QAM | DFT-S | Interlace\_0 |
| 7 | 16QAM | CP | Full |
| 8 | 16QAM | DFT-S | Full |
| 9 | 64QAM | CP | Interlace\_0 |
| 10 | 64QAM | DFT-S | Interlace\_0 |
| 11 | 64QAM | CP | Full |
| 12 | 64QAM | DFT-S | Full |
| 13 | 256QAM | CP | Interlace\_0 |
| 14 | 256QAM | DFT-S | Interlace\_0 |
| 15 | 256QAM | CP | Full |
| 16 | 256QAM | DFT-S | Full |

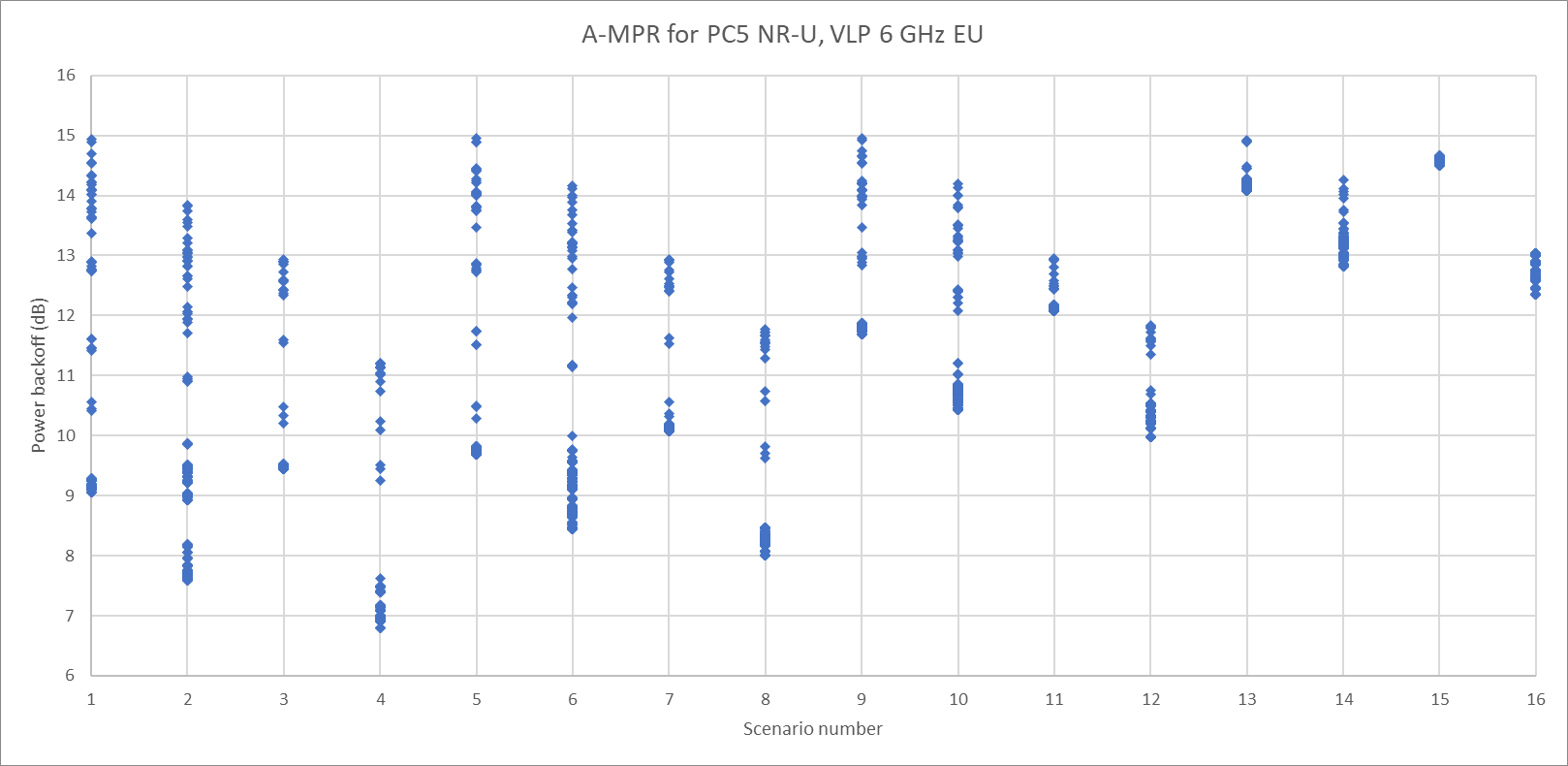


Figure 6.1.1.1-1. Power backoff for 20, 40, 60, and 80 MHz channels

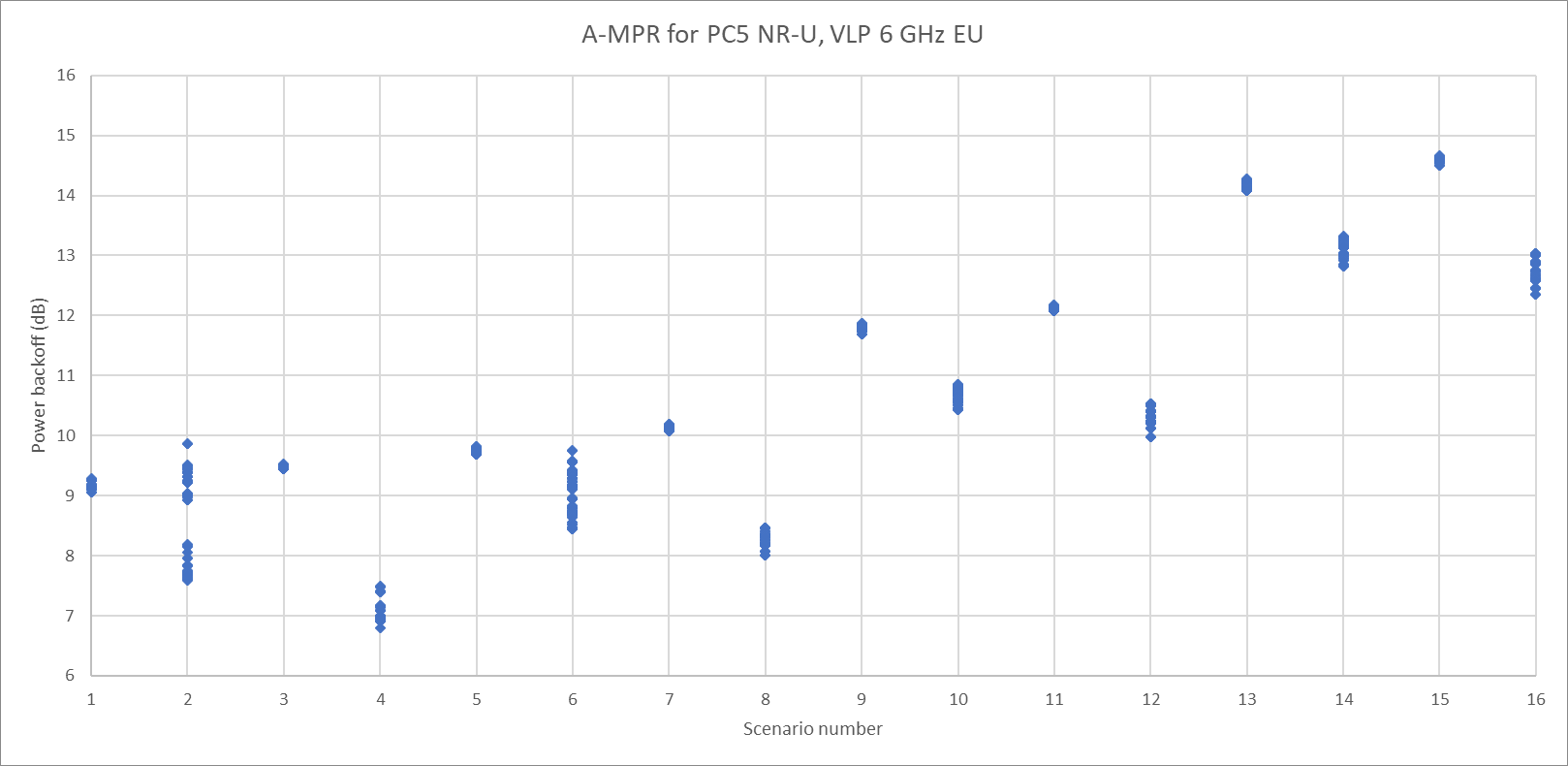


Figure 6.1.1.1-2. Power backoff with lower edge channels excluded

Based on these simulation results, the A-MPR table for VLP is provided below in Table 6.1.1.1-3.

Table 6.1.1.1-3. PC5 A-MPR table for VLP

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Pre-coding | Modulation | RB Allocation (Note 2) | | RB Allocation (Note 3) | |
|  |  | Full (dB) | Partial (dB) | Full (dB) | Partial (dB) |
| DFT-s-ODFM | QPSK | ≤ 12 | ≤ 14 | ≤ 8 | ≤ 10 |
|  | 16 QAM | ≤ 12 | ≤ 15 | ≤ 9 | ≤ 10 |
|  | 64 QAM | ≤ 12 | ≤ 15 | ≤ 11 | ≤ 11 |
|  | 256 QAM | ≤ 13 | ≤ 15 | ≤ 13 | ≤ 14 |
| CP-OFDM | QPSK | ≤ 13 | ≤ 15 | ≤ 10 | ≤ 10 |
|  | 16 QAM | ≤ 13 | ≤ 15 | ≤ 11 | ≤ 10 |
|  | 64 QAM | ≤ 13 | ≤ 15 | ≤ 13 | ≤ 12 |
|  | 256 QAM | ≤ 15 | ≤ 15 | ≤ 15 | ≤ 15 |
| NOTE 1: Full allocation A-MPR applies when all RB’s in a 20 MHz channel or all RB’s in all sub-bands for wideband operation are fully allocated and all sub-bands are transmitted. Partial allocation A-MPR applies when one or more RB’s in one or more sub-bands are not allocated or when not all transmitted sub-bands for wideband operation are transmitted.  NOTE 2: Applicable for 20 MHz channels centered at the nearest NR-ARFCN corresponding to 5955 MHz, 40 MHz channels centered at the nearest NR-ARFCN corresponding to 5965 MHz, 60 MHz channels centered at the nearest NR-ARFCN corresponding to 5975 and 5995 MHz and 80 MHz channels centered at the nearest NR-ARFCN corresponding to 5985 MHz.  NOTE 3: Applicable for all valid channels other than those enumerated under NOTE 2. | | | | | |

6.1.2 Receiver characteristics

## 6.2 BS specific

6.2.1 Transmitter characteristics

6.2.2 Receiver characteristics

# 7 RRM

## 7.1 Frequency bands grouping

Annex [A]:  
Change history

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