**3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #123 R2-23xxxx**

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Agenda Item: 7.4.2.3

Source: CATT

**Title:** Report of [Post122][057][Mob18] 38.331 Running CR for CHO with candidate SCGs (CATT)

Document for: Discussion and Decision

# Introduction

This document is the report of the following email discussion.

* [Post122][057][Mob18] 38.331 Running CR for CHO including target MCG and candidate SCGs (CATT)

Scope: Reflect agreements, attempt to converge on a 1st baseline CR. Capture identified open issues (e.g. in Editors Notes).

Intended Outcome: Running CR, Report if applicable.

Deadline: Long

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# Open issues

In the phase 1 of RRC Running CR for CHO with candidate SCGs [1], Remaining issues are identified and captured in Editor’s note. This document is to collect companies’ view on the open issues.

Following are the open issues captured in EN in the RRC Running CR for CHO with candidate SCGs [1].

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| **Issue** | **Description** | **Relevant section in TS 38.331** |
| #1 | Editor’s note: FFS how to indicate the selected target SCG to the target MN (i.e. whether to reuse *selectedCondRRCReconfig-r17* or not), so that target MCG can forward the corresponding SCG RRCReconfigurationComplete message to the selected target SCG. | 5.3.5.3 |
| #2 | Editor’s note: FFS whether UE should remove the configuration for CHO including target MCG and candidate SCG configuration when SCG is to be released. | 5.3.5.4 |
| #3 | Editor’s note: FFS whether the legacy CHO recovery mechanism applies to the configuration for CHO with candidate SCG(s). | 5.3.7.3 |
| #4 | Editor’s Note: FFS whether to stop conditional reconfiguration evaluation for CHO with Candidate SCG(s) upon initiating SCG failure information procedure. | 5.7.3.2 |
| #5 | Editor’s note: FFS whether to extend *maxNrofCondCells-r16* for CHO with candidate SCG(s). | 6.3.2  *CondReconfigId* |
| #6 | Editor’s note: FFS how to ensure the total number of the candidate PCells and the candidate PSCells from each candidate MN and the candidate SN is within the maximum limation. | 6.3.2  *CondReconfigId* |
| #7 | Editor’s note: FFS whether to support condEventA3 or condEventA5 for the execution conditions for candidate PSCells for CHO with candidate SCG(s). | 6.3.2  *CondReconfigToAddModList* |
| #8 | Editor’s note: FFS which node (source MN or candidate MN) to initiate the preparation of the R18 CHO with candidate SCG(s). | 11.2.2  *HandoverPreparationInformation* |
| #9 | Editor’s note: FFS which node (source MN or candidate MN) to recommend the candidate PSCells. | 11.2.2  *HandoverPreparationInformation* |
| #10 | FFS whether to support recommendation of the candidate PSCells based on measurement results. | 11.2.2  *CG-ConfigInfo* |
| #11 | *Editor’s note: FFS if to stop evaluating the execution conditions once PSCell change is triggered.* | 37.340 CR,  10.19.x |

## Issue#1

Editor’s note: FFS how to indicate the selected target SCG to the target MN (i.e. whether to reuse *selectedCondRRCReconfig-r17* or not), so that target MCG can forward the corresponding SCG RRCReconfigurationComplete message to the selected target SCG.

In rapporteur’s understanding, *CondReconfigId* which is referred by *selectedCondRRCReconfig-r17* is generated by source MN and target MN is not aware of it. It seems *selectedCondRRCReconfig-r17* cannot be reused.

**Question 1a: Do you agree that selectedCondRRCReconfig-r17 cannot be reused to indicate the selected target SCG to the target MN?**

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| **Company** | **Yes or No** | **Comments if any** |
| MediaTek | No/Yes | We prefer to reuse *selectedCondRRCReconfig-r17* if possible. However, if this one cannot be understood by target MN, we are fine to discuss other method. Would it be possible to make candidate MN aware this ID preparation phase (see also our comment in issue#6)? |
| CATT | Yes | In our understanding it is more complicated to align the *CondReconfigId* between source MN and candidate MNs. |
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If selectedCondRRCReconfig-r17 is not used, the potential options to indicate the selected PSCell to target MN are as following,

Option 1: rrc-TransactionIdentifier

Option 2: cell information (e.g., physCellId,ARFCN-ValueNR) of the selected PSCell

**Question 1b: If your answer to Q1a is Yes, which option do you prefer to use?**

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| **Company** | **Option(option1,option 2)** | **Comments if any** |
| MediaTek |  | As indicated in Q1. Our preference is Source MN and target/candidate MN could coordinate the ID. If not, maybe option 2 is more suitable. It is not so clear to us how option 1 works. |
| CATT | Option 2 | For option 1, the space of the rrc-TransactionIdentifier is not larger enough, e.g., there are 5 candidate PSCells associated with the same candidate MN. |
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## Issue#2

Editor’s note: FFS whether UE should remove the configuration for CHO including target MCG and candidate SCG configuration when SCG is to be released.

In rapporteur’s understanding, UE does not need to remove it. NW can indicate UE to release the configuration if NW thinks the configuration is not useful after SCG release.

**Question 2: Do you agree that UE does not remove the configuration for CHO including target MCG and candidate SCG configuration automatically when SCG is to be released?**

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| **Company** | **Yes or No** | **Comments if any** |
| MediaTek | Yes | It should be up to NW. If NW think the CHO + SCG configuration could be reuse after SCG release (i.e. SCG part is somehow a complete configuration, could be used both for PSCell addition and PSCell change), NW could keep it. |
| CATT | Yes | It can be up to NW control |
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## Issue#3

Editor’s note: FFS whether the legacy CHO recovery mechanism applies to the configuration for CHO with candidate SCG(s).

In rapporteur’s understanding, it seems reasonable to apply CHO recovery to CHO with candidate SCGs and it does not bring too much spec impact.

**Question 3: Do you agree that the legacy CHO recovery mechanism applies to the configuration for CHO with candidate SCG(s)?**

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| **Company** | **Yes or No** | **Comments if any** |
| MediaTek | No | In general (starting from Rel-16 CHO), the UE can execute CHO upon two separate events:   * Event 1: Regular CHO execution * Event 2: CHO recovery   For both Event 1 and Event 2, the UE performs some **evaluation of the target PCell** signal level/quality:   * Event 1: The evaluation is as per meas IDs defined by *condExecutionCond* * Event 2: The evaluation is by leveraging suitable cell criteria   For Rel-17 CHO with target SCG, the UE **evaluates target PCell** **only** in both event 1 and 2. (Same as legacy CHO although PSCell is added this time)  For Rel-18 CHO with candidate SCGs, the UE evaluates **both PCell and PSCell** criteria for Event 1. If Rel-18 CHO configurations with candidate SCGs were used for CHO recovery (i.e., Event 2), the Event 1 and Event 2 evaluations would no longer be ~equivalent with each other, since the UE only evaluates PCell quality (suitable cell criteria) in Event 2.  For this reason, we think Rel-18 CHO configurations with candidate SCGs should not be used in CHO recovery. |
| CATT | Yes | We see no issue to support it as it is very similar as applying CHO recovery the Rel-17 CHO with target SCG.  If one PCell is selected during the recovery, UE just use one CHO configuration contains one MCG configuration (for the selected PCell) and one SCG configuration (for one of the associated candidate PSCell) if there are multiple candidate PSCells associated with one candidate PCell. |
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## Issue#4

Editor’s Note: FFS whether to stop conditional reconfiguration evaluation for CHO with Candidate SCG(s) upon initiating SCG failure information procedure.

In rapporteur’s understanding, it seems not necessary to stop conditional reconfiguration evaluation for CHO with Candidate SCG(s) upon initiating SCG failure information procedure.

**Question 4: Do you agree to continue conditional reconfiguration evaluation for CHO with Candidate SCG(s) upon initiating SCG failure information procedure?**

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| **Company** | **Yes or No** | **Comments if any** |
| MediaTek | Yes | We see no strong reason to stop evaluation. However, if A3/A5 is supported (see issue #7), maybe there is some impact. The evaluation of source PSCell during SCG failure is kind of strange. |
| CATT | Yes |  |
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## Issue#5

Editor’s note: FFS whether to extend *maxNrofCondCells-r16* for CHO with candidate SCG(s).

In rapporteur’s understanding, it seems there is no strong need to extend *maxNrofCondCells-r16* for CHO with candidate SCG(s).

**Question 5: Do you agree to reuse maxNrofCondCells-r16 for CHO with candidate SCG(s)?**

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| **Company** | **Yes or No** | **Comments if any** |
| MediaTek | TBD | No extension is fine to us. However, maybe we should also wait for S-CPAC discussion as this one also impacts S-CPAC. |
| CATT | Yes |  |
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## Issue#6

Editor’s note: FFS how to ensure the total number of the candidate PCells and the candidate PSCells from each candidate MN and the candidate SN is within the maximum limitation.

In rapporteur’s understanding, to ensure the total number of the candidate PCells and the candidate PSCells from each candidate MN and the candidate SN is within the maximum limitation, source MN should tell each candidate MN a maximum number of the candidate PSCells associated with the candidate PCell.

**Question 6: Do you agree that** **source MN should tell each candidate MN a maximum number of the candidate PSCells** **associated with the candidate PCell?**

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| **Company** | **Yes or No** | **Comments if any** |
| MediaTek | Yes | Could MN also indicate the IDs to be used for conditional reconfiguration (*CondReconfigId*) in this step? In this way, maybe *selectedCondRRCReconfig-r17* could be reused to indicate the selected PSCell to the target MN (see issue#1). |
| CATT | Yes | But prefer to leave the details to RAN3, e.g., within Xn message. |
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## Issue#7

Editor’s note: FFS whether to support condEventA3 or condEventA5 for the execution conditions for candidate PSCells for CHO with candidate SCG(s).

In rapporteur’s understanding, the intention of the CHO with candidate SCGs is to ensure the accessed PSCell is accessible when perform CHO execution, thus the aim is to ensure the channel quality of the PSCell is good enough to access, so the agreed condEventA4 is sufficient.it is not necessary to support condEventA3 or condEventA5 for the execution conditions for candidate PSCells for CHO with candidate SCG(s).

**Question 7: Do you agree to not support condEventA3 or condEventA5 for the execution conditions for candidate PSCells for CHO with candidate SCG(s)?**

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| **Company** | **Yes or No** | **Comments if any** |
| MediaTek | Yes | Similar view as rapporteur, we agree not to support A3/A5.  For CHO with candidate SCG, the PCell is changed and the source PSCell may not be a DC pair with target PCell. In our understanding, it is more likely multiple SNs are associated with one MN, not multiple MNs to be associated with one SN. Therefore, evaluating on source PSCell is not really needed and event A4 should be sufficient. |
| CATT | Yes |  |
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## Issue#8

Editor’s note: FFS which node (source MN or candidate MN) to initiate the preparation of the R18 CHO with candidate SCG(s).

In rapporteur’s understanding, it seems straightforward for the source MN to initiate the preparation of the R18 CHO with candidate SCG(s) as the configuration including the execution condition is configured for UE by source MN.

**Question 8: Do you agree that source MN initiates the preparation of the R18 CHO with candidate SCG(s)?**

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| **Company** | **Yes or No** | **Comments if any** |
| MediaTek | Yes |  |
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## Issue#9

Editor’s note: FFS which node (source MN or candidate MN) to recommend the candidate PSCells.

In rapporteur’s understanding, the interface between candidate MN and candidate SN is transparent to the source MN, thus it seems more proper for the candidate MN to decide the candidate SN and recommend the candidate PSCells list to the candidate SN.

**Question 9: Do you agree that candidate MN recommends the candidate PSCells to candidate SN?**

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| **Company** | **Yes or No** | **Comments if any** |
| MediaTek | Yes |  |
| CATT | Yes | The candidate MN can recommend the candidate PSCells based on the corresponding measurements results as provided by the source MN. |
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## Issue#10

Editor’s note: FFS whether to support recommendation of the candidate PSCells based on measurement results.

In legacy, recommendation of the candidate PSCells is based on measurement results. In case of MN initiated CPA or CPC, the field *candidateCellInfoListMN* in the Inter-node message *CG-ConfigInfo* contains measurement results information(i.e., *MeasResultList2NR*) regarding cells that the MN suggests the candidate target secondary node to consider configuring for MN initiated CPA or CPC.

**Question 10: Do you agree that recommendation of the candidate PSCells is based on measurement results?**

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| **Company** | **Yes or No** | **Comments if any** |
| MediaTek | No strong view |  |
| CATT | Yes | We see no motivation to support the blind recommendation of the candidate PSCells. |
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## Issue#11

*Editor’s note: FFS if to stop evaluating the execution conditions once PSCell change is triggered.*

The R16/R17 CHO evaluation shall be stopped once PCell change is triggered, but not for PSCell change. Currently, it’s unclear whether PSCell change shall stop the R18 CHO with candidate SCGs evaluation (including evaluation on both PCell and PSCell).

**Question 11: Do you agree that the evaluation of the execution conditions is stopped once PSCell change is triggered?**

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| **Company** | **Yes or No** | **Comments if any** |
| MediaTek | No | We see no strong reason to stop the evaluation.  The CHO with candidate SCG may trigger the required inter-SN PSCell change while MN is changed. It seems not necessary to stop the evaluation if there is intra-SN PSCell change.  However, we would assume that NW should ensure the delta configuration is still valid after PSCell change (as in R17 CHO with target SCG). Otherwise, NW should release this configuration using explicit signaling. |
| CATT | Yes | The delta configuration for the candidate SCGs included in the CHO configuration with candidate SCGs may be invalid after PSCell change. |
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# Reference

[1] R2-230xxxx RRC Running CR for CHO including target MCG and candidate SCGs