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**Document for: Discussion and Decision**

# Introduction

This paper summarizes the channel access related proposals submitted to agenda item 8.2.6, and follow up email discussions below:

[104-e-NR-52-71GHz-07] Email discussion/approval on channel access mechanism with checkpoints for agreements on Jan-28, Feb-02, Feb-05 – Jing (Qualcomm)

# Summary of contributions

The section summarises key proposals and observations from submitted contributions. Discussion points arising from each group of topics are captured separately in subsections.

## Channel bandwidth, nominal bandwidth, and LBT bandwidth

A few papers discussed the definition of channel bandwidth, nominal bandwidth and LBT bandwidth.

### LBT Bandwidth

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| **Company** | **Key Proposals/Observations/Positions** |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Proposal 2: For NR unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz, for LBT based channel access mechanism, there is no need to specify the nominal bandwidth in 3GPP and it is up to devices’ implementation on how to meet the OCB requirements. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Proposal 1: In order to avoid ambiguity about the understanding of nominal bandwidth and resolve the problem of unclear the conclusion for the OCB requirement, it is necessary to introduce a clear the definition of nominal bandwidth.  Proposal 2: The nominal bandwidth can be defined as follows:  • Nominal bandwidths for the purpose of OCB requirements at the UE are the channel BWs for transmission supported by the UE from the set of channel BWs (carrier BWs) to be defined in 38.101.  • Nominal bandwidths for the purpose of OCB requirements at the gNB are the channel BWs for transmission supported by the gNB from the set of channel BWs (carrier BWs) to be defined in 38.104.  Proposal 3: **Alt 5** that “LBT bandwidth equals with minimum supported channel bandwidth or multiples of the minimum supported channel bandwidth” should be considered to be supported, considering friendly and fair coexistence between the same systems or different systems. |
| OPPO | Proposal 3: Support Alt 5 to define LBT bandwidth. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Proposal 1: For operation in NR-U-60, the EDT formula adopted from draft v2.1.20 of EN 302 567 as a baseline should be adjusted to account for an LBT BW other than 2 GHz.  Proposal 5: For operation in the 60 GHz band, the LBT bandwidth should be specified relative to the channel bandwidth defined in RAN4 specifications.  Proposal 6: For operation in the 60 GHz band, the LBT BW can be greater than the carrier BW.  • Support Alt 3 and Alt 5 captured in the TR. |
| Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 6: The design of LBT bandwidth in FR1 can be considered as the baseline for operation on 60GHz unlicensed band, e.g., the minimum supported channel bandwidth can be considered as the LBT bandwidth. Also use of channel bandwidth as LBT bandwidth can be considered further. However, before making final decisions, the basic principles of channelization (numerology) should be agreed first. |
| Intel | Proposal 4: When operating in unlicensed 60 GHz band, in order to allow fair coexistence among incumbent systems, the ED threshold calculation shall account not only for the maximum output power, but also at least for the bandwidth used.  Proposal 5: When operating in unlicensed 60 GHz band, the ED threshold calculation shall account for the type of LBT mechanism used.  Proposal 6: For the LBT bandwidth definition, either Alt-4 or Alt-5 are preferred. |
| InterDigital | Proposal 11: Limit the number of supported LBT BWs. FFS number of supported LBT BWs. |
| Samsung | Proposal 2: The scenario for LBT bandwidth discussion should be clarified before down-selecting the alternatives. |
| CATT | Proposal 5: For DL/UL transmission, the transmission bandwidth is used as the LBT bandwidth. |
| CAICT | Proposal 1: Multiple LBT bandwidth could be considered for unlicensed band operation within 52.6-71GHz.  Proposal 2: The relationship between LBT bandwidth and nominal bandwidth should be clarified.  Proposal 3: If interlace design is used for uplink, 50 and 100 PRB based LBT bandwidth should be considered.  Proposal 4: Alt.3 and Alt.5 should be specified for LBT bandwidth selection. |
| vivo | Proposal 1: The LBT bandwidth is variable and can be defined according to the active BWP. |
| Spreadtrum | Proposal 1: At least, Alt 1 and Alt 4 should be supported for LBT bandwidth definition. |
| Ericsson | Observation 4 In EN 302 567, the nominal channel bandwidth and at least one transmission mode with occupied channel BW 70% of NBW is defined for spurious out-of-band emissions and not for LBT purposes.  Observation 5 The relationship between the LBT bandwidth and the channel bandwidth is not specified in EN 302 567 for the sake of technology-neutrality and flexibility.  Proposal 2 Adopt the current definition in 37.213 for LBT BW (“A channel refers to a carrier or a part of a carrier consisting of a contiguous set of resource blocks (RBs) on which a channel access procedure is performed in shared spectrum.”) also for the frequency range 52.6-71 GHz. Thus, no further down-selection among the alternatives for LBT BW is needed. |
| Apple | Proposal 1: LBT bandwidth is channel bandwidth, and ED thread hold is calculated based on channel bandwidth, following EN 302 567 v2.1.21. |
| Qualcomm | Proposal 2: It is not necessary to define a fixed ‘LBT bandwidth’ as a fundamental sensing unit (like the 20MHz LBT bandwidth in FR1). |

### Channelization

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| **Company** | **Key Proposals/Observations/Positions** |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Proposal 1: For NR unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz, for LBT based channel access mechanism, support aligning the channelization between 802.11ad/ay and NR at least where the absence of any other technology sharing the channel cannot be guaranteed on a long-term basis. |
| Sony | Proposal 1: NR devices support 2.16 GHz bandwidth in 60GHz spectrum as one of the nominal channel bandwidths. |
| Convida | Proposal 8: The LBT indication and channel occupation time should be studied when the channel BW for NR-U from 52.6 GHz to 71 GHz is smaller than WiFi 802.11 ad/ay channel BW. |

### Discussion

**LBT Bandwidth: Summary of positions**

* Alt 1: LBT bandwidth equals RAN4 defined channel bandwidth (equivalently RAN1 BWP bandwidth)
  + ~~HW,~~ Nokia, Spreadtrum, Qualcomm, Apple
  + Vivo: Active BWP
* Alt 2: LBT bandwidth equals the minimum of channel bandwidth and the transmission bandwidth (number of RBs for a given transmission), = min(CBW, TBW)
  + CATT, Ericsson, NTT DOCOMO
* Alt 3: LBT bandwidth can be wider than channel bandwidth,
  + HW
* Alt 4: LBT bandwidth can be narrower than the channel bandwidth, with multiple LBT subband within a channel,
  + Intel, Spreadtrum
* Alt 5: LBT bandwidth equals with minimum supported channel bandwidth or multiples of the minimum supported channel bandwidth
  + ZTE, OPPO, Intel, Lenovo, Motorola Mobility, HW
* Multiple LBT Bandwidth: CAICT, InterDigital

Discussion:

Please update your position in about above list, in case it is not correctly captured.

Recommend to separate the discussion into two cases: single carrier transmission, can carrier aggregation

For single carrier case

* Alt SC.1. gNB/UE performs LBT over the channel bandwidth (or BWP bandwidth)
  + Apple, vivo, FW, QC, Ericsson (also fine), LGE, Xiaomi, Lenovo, Nokia, Sony, HW (also fine), Spreadtrum
* Alt SC.2. gNB/UE performs LBT over the transmission bandwidth (from the lowest RB to the highest RB used for the transmission)
  + Ericsson, CATT, Lenovo, DCM, HW
* Alt SC.3. Define a unit of LBT bandwidth and gNB/UE performs LBT in all the LBT units in the channel bandwidth
  + Intel, Nokia (wideband carrier), ZTE
* Further study: Samsung, Intel

For carrier aggregation (intra-band CA) case

* Alt CA.1. gNB/UE performs multiple LBT, one for each channel bandwidth separately
  + Apple, FW, QC, Ericsson (also fine), LGE, Xiaomi, Lenovo, Nokia, Sony, HW (also fine), Spreadtrum
* Alt CA.2. gNB/UE performs single LBT over all CCs
  + QC (also fine), Lenovo, Sony, HW
* Alt CA.3. gNB/UE performs multiple LBT, one for each CC over the transmission bandwidth (from the lowest RB in to the highest RB used for the transmission in the CC)
  + Ericsson, CATT, DCM
* Alt CA.4. gNB/UE performs LBT over the transmission bandwidth over all CCs (from the lowest RB in the lowest CC to the highest RB in the highest CC used for the transmission)
* Alt CA.5. Define a unit of LBT bandwidth and gNB/UE performs LBT in all the LBT units in the channel bandwidth in each CC
  + Intel, ZTE
* Further study: vivo, Samsung, Intel

Please show your support in the list above, or suggest other alternatives

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | For single carrier, Alt SC1: channel BW (or BWP BW) for LBT BW. Even though in EN 302 567, the language used is very generic, however, it is not intended to adapt LBT BW per transmission. Adapting LBT BW can create coexistence issues with other technologies, also create high overhead for regulatory testing.  For multi carrier case, discussion is related to 2.11, multi-channel access. Alt CA.1 is preferred, corresponding to type-A access. |
| vivo | Alt SC.1 is preferred for single carrier. Although the alternatives agreed in SI mainly focus on defining the LBT bandwidth with respect to the channel bandwidth defined by RAN4, we think the LBT bandwidth should relate more to the actual operational bandwidth, e.g., active UL BWP for UE. In this way, LBT only need to be performed on the active resources. The interference on the inactive resources will not affect the transmission. For gNB, the LBT can be performed on the channel bandwidth or the DL BWP bandwidth for scheduled UE.  The LBT mechanism for CA can be discussed after we define the LBT bandwidth for single carrier. |
| Futurewei | Prefer Alt SC1 (gNB/UE performs LBT over the channel bandwidth) and respectively Alt CA 1.( gNB/UE performs multiple LBT, one for each channel bandwidth separately) |
| Qualcomm | Alt SC.1. Frequent retune and filter reconfigurations will be required for Alt SC.2.  Alt CA1 as baseline. May support Alt CA.2 |
| Ericsson | For single carrier case, Alt SC2 is preferred but Alt SC1 is ok too.  For intra-band CA, Alt CA3 is preferred but Alt CA1 is ok too.   EN 302 567 does not mandate a specific LBT BW or a relation between the LBT BW and the multiple declared channel bandwidths.  Also, RAN1 does not define the LBT BW (*to be 20 MHz for 5/6 GHz* band) even in Rel-16. TS 37.213 defines the following: “*A channel refers to a carrier or a part of a carrier consisting of a contiguous set of resource blocks (RBs) on which a channel access procedure is performed in shared spectrum.*” We further observe that the generic channel definition in 37.213 covers both the case where the LBT BW is equal to the RAN4 channel BW (i.e. carrier BW) (**Alt SC1**) and the case where the LBT BW is smaller than the RAN4 channel BW (**Alt SC2**).  Comparing the channel definition in 37.213 with the definition of operating channel in EN 302 567, we can conclude that the LBT BW definition in 37.213 is already compliant with EN 302 567, and nothing more needs to be done. |
| Samsung | Overall, we don’t see the need to down-select any of the alternatives (all of them could be supported), and more important thing may be the transmission behaviour based on each of the alternatives. |
| Intel | We feel that this discussion is a bit too premature, and should be resumed only after the basic principles of the channelization are clear. For the moment, we prefer Alt. SC3 for single carrier, and Alt.CA.5 for multi-carrier operation. |
| LG Electronics | Alt SC.1 and Alt CA.1 are preferred. The LBT bandwidth can be configured/indicated by gNB considering the supportable channel bandwidth of UE. |
| CATT | Alt SC.2 for single carrier case.  Alt CA.3 for carrier aggregation case.  LBT is used to mitigate the potential interference. For Alt SC.1, the LBT bandwidth equals to channel bandwidth. When there is the interference on the RB that is not used for transmission within the channel bandwidth, although the interference will not affect the transmission, the transmission will be delayed due to LBT failure. For Alt SC.2, the LBT bandwidth equals to transmission bandwidth. It can reduce unnecessary interference blocking at least for the transmission, thus the performance of system can be increased. For Alt SC.3, the unit of bandwidth may narrower than transmission bandwidth. It will lead to multiple parallel LBT and increase the complexity of system. Therefore, we support Alt SC.2 for single carrier case.  In Rel-16 NR-U, both type A and Type B channel access procedures on multiple channels require performing LBT on each channel, which can be reused for LBT procedure for carrier aggregation case in 52.6-71GHz band. In order to be consistent with single carrier case, we support Alt CA.3 for carrier aggregation case. |
| Xiaomi | For single carrier case, Alt SC1 is preferred.  For intra-band CA, Alt CA1 is preferred. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | For single carrier case, we support Alt SC.1  For carrier aggregation case, we can support both Alt CA.1 and Alt CA. 2 and it could be up to implementation to apply one of the two alternatives. |
| Nokia, NSB | For the single carrier case, we prefer Alt SC.1. as a starting point. For wideband carriers, SC.3. may be considered.  For CA scenario, CA.1. is the starting point. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | we prefer Alt SC.3 and Alt CA.5, because such methods are similar to LBT bandwidth corresponding to RB set specified in Rel-16 NR-U, which is beneficial to increase the chance of accessing channel and decrease resource waste due to multiple LBT is used. |
| DOCOMO | We support Alt SC 2 and Alt CA 3. We think Alt SC 2 is what ETSI specifies. |
| Sony | We support Alt SC1, Alt CA 1, and Alt CA2. Alt CA1 and alt CA 2 could be up to implementation. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | First, we would like to mention the following points regarding the summary:   1. Unlike what is mentioned in FL summary, in our view “RAN4 defined channel bandwidth” is not equivalent to “RAN1 BWP bandwidth” in Alt 1. 2. Huawei does not support Alt1 in their t-doc. We have supported Alt 3 and Alt 5 as mentioned in our proposal 6.   We believe that it is necessary to distinguish LBT at the gNB and LBT at the UE: UE typically transmits to a single destination (serving gNB) at any given time in both single carrier (SC) and cattier aggregation (CA) scenarios. However, a gNB may serve multiple UEs in a FDM manner. gNB may serve N FDMed UEs each on a single carrier or one UE on N carrier components or anything in between. So, discussing LBT BW at the gNB side based only on SC or CA cases (which both concern only one UE) may not be a complete discussion. In any case we provide our views for LBT for SC and LBT for DL/UL CA as follows:  For single carrier case: Alt SC.2. is a reasonable choice. Alt SC.1. is also a valid choice.  For carrier aggregation (intra-band CA) case: We believe that, in most cases, transmission BW of each CC and the CC BW are the same since the main usage of CA is to maximize the data rate and there is no reason to use multiple CCs in CA while transmitting in a part of each CC. Therefore, Alt CA.1 and Alt. CA.3 are practically equivalent. In the same way, Alt. CA.2 and Alt. CA.4 are also practically equivalent. We believe both Alt CA.1 and Alt CA.2 should be supported. If the chance of LBT failure is small, it is much more efficient to use a single LBT process that covers all CCs (Alt. CA2) so if the LBT passes, the transmission in all CCs are allowed. However, if the chance of LBT failure is higher or a single LBT over all CCs has already failed, then LBT should be done on each CC (Alt. CA1) so the node gets the clearance to transmit at least on the CCs with the successful LBT.  **To summarize, we propose:**  For single carrier case: Support Alt SC.2. (Alt SC.1. as a second choice)  For carrier aggregation (intra-band CA) case: Support both Alt CA.2 and Alt CA.1 where Alt CA.2 is a default behaviour and Alt CA.1 is used if configured or Alt CA.2 is failed.  Note: Discuss the gNB LBT BW when multiple UEs are FDMed. |
| Spreadtrum | For single carrier case, we support Alt SC.1. For Alt SC.2, when the transmission bandwidth changes, the LBT bandwidth and LBT mechanism have to change which is not desirable.  For carrier aggregation case, Alt CA.1can be the starting point. |
| InterDigital | For single carrier case, we believe Alt SC.1 is restrictive given that the only time channel access will be successful will be if the entire BWP is unoccupied. This is unnecessary if the transmission only occurs on a subset of RBs of the BWP. On the other hand, we agree with Qualcomm that Alt SC.2 will lead to too many filter reconfigurations.  We prefer a combination of Alt SC.2 and Alt SC.3: Alt SC.4 where we define one or more units of LBT BW and the LBT is performed over the transmission BW  Similarly, for CA scenario, we prefer a combination of Alt CA.3 and Alt CA.5 (define a unit of LBT BW and the LBT is performed per CC over the transmission BW). |

**Channelization**

Discussion point:

* For 120KHz, support up to 400MHz channel bandwidth. For 480KHz, support up to 1.6GHz channel bandwidth. For 960KHz, support up to 2.16GHz bandwidth.
  + Apple, QC, Ericsson, Samsung, Intel (2 or 2.16 for 960), Fujitsu, NEC, Xiaomi, Lenovo, ZTE (except 960KHz up to 1.6GHz), DCM, Sony, HW, Spreadtrum
* For 960KHz with 2.16GHz channel bandwidth, at least support channelization aligned with 11ad/ay
  + Apple, QC, Ericsson (do not preclude alignment), Samsung, Fujitsu, NEC, Xiaomi, DCM, Sony, HW, Spreadtrum

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | Agree |
| Qualcomm | We support this proposal. First bullet is in line with the maximum PRB constraints. Second bullet permits but does not enforce, channelization aligned with 11ad/ay. |
| Ericsson | Support bullet point 1 above. For bullet point 2, we don’t see the need to only align with 11ad/ay channelization from spectrum utilization point of view in RAN1, but RAN4 channel raster design does not have to preclude alignment. |
| Samsung | OK with the proposal (8.2.5 also discussed this issue). |
| Intel | Same discussion is taking place in AI 8.2.5, and suggest to keep the discussion in the same AI.  The moderator suggestion in AI 8.2.5 for 960 kHz was FFS between 2 or 2.16 GHz bandwidth.  So maybe for now, we suggest to keep 2.16 GHz in brackets or something like [2 or 2.16]. |
| LG Electronics | The discussion point seems overlapped with [104-e-NR-52-71GHz-05] for 8.2.5. |
| Fujitsu | Fine with the proposal. |
| CATT | The discussion on channel bandwidth should be discussed in AI-8.2.5 |
| NEC | We support the proposal. |
| Xiaomi | OK with the proposal |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | We support the channelization bandwidth as captured in the discussion points |
| ZTE, Sanechips | This issue is also being discussed in A.I. 8.2.5. but for this issue, our views are as follows:  For channel bandwidth, we agree FL’s suggestion for 120kHz/480kHz SCS, while for 960kHz SCS, we prefer 1.6GHz as the maximum channel bandwidth.  For channelization, we can observe from our simulation result that aligned and misaligned channelization show similar performance in coexistence scenario. So it is unnecessary to force channelization aligned with 11ad/ay. |
| DOCOMO | We support the both bullets above, while at least the 1st bullet seems to be discussed in 8.2.5 also. |
| Sony | Support the proposal. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We think that the decision regarding maximum channel bandwidth should be made in RAN4 and not in the channel access mechanism ED in RAN1. In any case, the suggested values for all three numerologies are reasonable. |
| Spreadtrum | We are fine with the proposal. |
| vivo | As commented by other companies, we believe maximum channel bandwidth is discussed in AI 8.2.5 and prefer the discussion over there.  For the 2nd bullet, given channelization is in the scope of RAN4, we prefer not to say “at least support” rather saying something like “align with 802.11ad/ay is feasible from channel access perspective” |

## No-LBT

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| **Company** | **Key Proposals/Observations/Positions** |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Proposal 4: No LBT can be considered to be used in the following cases:  • COT sharing case.  • Specific ares such as ITU region 2 and 3.  • Interference controlled environment.  • The transmission beams of nodes of different operators in the same system(e.g., NR-U ) have little interference with each other.  Proposal 5: Similar restriction as defined in Type 2C channel access procedure in TS 37.213 can also introduced in above 52.6GHz NR-U frequency band but the length of a transmission can be relaxed.  Proposal 6: Conditions for No LBT fallback to LBT should be further studied, e.g., based on the interference level or correctly decoding rate. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Proposal 13：For operation in the 60 GHz band, in regions where LBT is not mandated, a gNB/UE can initiate a channel occupancy access using a channel access mechanism without LBT if it is used in conjunction with an interference mitigation scheme.  - Interference mitigation schemes such as ATPC or DFS would be implemented as specified by the region-specific regulations and do not need to be specified by 3GPP.  Proposal 14：For operation in the 60 GHz band, in regions where LBT is not mandated, support switching between channel access with LBT and channel access without LBT in a serving cell by gNB configuration.  Proposal 15：For operation in the 60 GHz band, in regions where LBT is not mandated, the serving cell may enable Rx-side LBT using a higher layer configuration to mitigate high levels of interference experienced from hidden nodes.  Observation 4：When network allows enabling/disabling the LBT mode through cell-specific gNB configuration, coexistence issues would arise as the performance in the cells operating with LBT mode would be adversely impacted by the No-LBT mode operation in the neighboring cells.  Proposal 16：For operation in the 60 GHz band, in regions where LBT is not mandated, MCOT limits should be applied for a channel occupancy initiated without LBT. |
| Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell | Observation 8: Channel access mechanism without LBT should fulfil the expected requirements of EN 303 722 but also possibly EN 303 753.  Observation 9: NR for 60 GHz band shall be able to fulfil the EN 303 722 requirements for spectrum sharing based on automatic transmit power control and/or automatic link adaptation. Needed specification changes, if any, are to be considered along with EN 303 722 progress.  Proposal 16: Channel access mechanism (i.e. whether or not LBT is in use) is part of the cell configuration.  Proposal 17: Flexible selection of channel access mechanism (LBT or no-LBT) per gNB beam is considered further. |
| Fujitsu | Proposal 1: If regulation allows, No-LBT channel access mechanism can be applied and switching between LBT and No-LBT channel access mechanisms can be supported. No other condition is needed. |
| AT&T | Proposal 3:  • Receiver assistance in Rel. 17 is limited to measurement enhancements  • Message based schemes similar to RTS/CTS signalling can be addressed in a later release targeting Class B scenarios  • Hand shaking is not supported  • Transmission should be allowed before the receiver assistance is received  • **Receiver assistance can equally be useful, and should be allowed, for the no-LBT mode of transmissions**  • Receiver assistance is a fast, low complexity feedback mechanism to convey to the transmitter the interference environment at the receiver |
| Charter | Proposal 2: When noLBT mode is used where LBT is not required, any further enhancements or restrictions related to channel access are left to gNB implementation. |
| Qualcomm | Proposal 12: For No-LBT deployments, consider specification of optional good neighbor procedures, such as away time, to break persistent beam collisions. |

### No-LBT mode and LBT-NoLBT switching

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| **Company** | **Key Proposals/Observations/Positions** |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Proposal 18: For NR operation in unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz, adopt CG retransmission collision avoidance techniques such as retransmission deferral or additional retransmission resources.  Proposal 19: For NR operation in unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz, switching between LBT and no-LBT based channel access mechanism should be supported for regions where LBT is not mandated.  Proposal 20: For NR operation in unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz, different implicit and/or explicit methods for switching between LBT and no-LBT mode should be considered. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Proposal 15：For operation in the 60 GHz band, in regions where LBT is not mandated, the serving cell may enable Rx-side LBT using a higher layer configuration to mitigate high levels of interference experienced from hidden nodes. |
| Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell | Observation 8: Channel access mechanism without LBT should fulfil the expected requirements of EN 303 722 but also possibly EN 303 753.  Observation 9: NR for 60 GHz band shall be able to fulfil the EN 303 722 requirements for spectrum sharing based on automatic transmit power control and/or automatic link adaptation. Needed specification changes, if any, are to be considered along with EN 303 722 progress.  Proposal 16: Channel access mechanism (i.e. whether or not LBT is in use) is part of the cell configuration.  Proposal 17: Flexible selection of channel access mechanism (LBT or no-LBT) per gNB beam is considered further. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #1: Consider switching mechanism between channel access mechanism with LBT mechanism and that without LBT based on timer operation when the local regulation allows initiating channel occupancy without LBT and the specific conditions such as low interference environment are met. |
| Samsung | Proposal 1: Support LBT mode and no-LBT mode per node in a cell.  • UEs in a cell can operate in same or different mode;  • UE can operate in same or different mode from its serving gNB;  • gNB determines its operation mode up to implementation;  • gNB indicates operation mode to UE in both cell-specific (e.g. system information and RRC parameter) and UE-specific/UE-group-specific (e.g. RRC parameter) manners. |
| CATT | Proposal 1: An explicit LBT mode/No-LBT mode indication is required for UE to obtain current channel access mechanism for up to 71GHz operation. |
| CAICT | Proposal 5: When no-LBT mode is used, when and how to trigger the LBT mechanism and configure the relevant parameters could be left to gNB implementation. |
| vivo | Proposal 7: The channel access mechanism can be selected based on the channel occupancy time, channel access rate, transmission priority, service requirement, or feedback information from the receiver, etc.r |
| Fujitsu | Proposal 1: If regulation allows, No-LBT channel access mechanism can be applied and switching between LBT and No-LBT channel access mechanisms can be supported. No other condition is needed.  Proposal 3: It is unnecessary to have explicit restrictions on direction of transmissions within a channel occupancy initiated by directional LBT. It can be achieved by gNB scheduling if needed. |
| Sony | Observation 1: In EU, no-LBT mode cannot be operated at least under the ‘C1’ for indoor and outdoor deployment.  Observation 2: No-LBT mode works in the uncongested environment.  Observation 3: Congestion could be measured by average RSSI and channel occupancy which have been already introduced in NR-U.  Proposal 2: No-LBT mode is configured by network based on measurement results of RSSI and channel occupancy. |
| Xiaomi | Proposal 1: Whether No-LBT channel access mechanism is allowed can be broadcasted by gNB or be informed by message from core network.  Proposal 2: At least the energy/interference detection threshold of when No-LBT is applicable should be defined in specification.  Proposal 3: Switching between LBT and No-LBT channel access should be studied. The following three alternatives can be considered,  Alt 1, gNB self-determines the applied channel access mechanism for both itself and UEs.  Alt 2, Both gNB and UE self-determines the applied channel access mechanism for itself.  Alt 3, gNB self-determines the applied channel access mechanism for itself, and determines for UEs based on request.  Proposal 4: How to prevent long time continuous channel occupying for Tx using No-LBT should be further studied. |
| Ericsson | Proposal 7 The gNB can choose to use LBT or not based on implementation to optimize the performance and meet regulations. 3GPP only needs to design signaling to communicate the LBT mode to be used by the UE. |
| Convida | Proposal 3: Adaptation between LBT modes and LBT sub-modes to optimize system performance should be considered. |
| DOCOMO | Observation 1:   Channel access without LBT can degrade the system performance when strong interference is frequently observed.  Proposal 1:   Mechanism to identify the actual interference condition should be supported.   RSSI/channel occupancy measurement in Rel-16 can be reused. |

### Long Term Sensing

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| **Company** | **Key Proposals/Observations/Positions** |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Proposal 23: For NR operation in unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz, long term sensing should be supported for both LBT based and no-LBT based channel access mechanism to consider potential interference.  Observation 7: Currently, there is no mechanism is support long-term sensing including interference measurements from WiFi or other NR operators at the UE and corresponding reporting.  Proposal 24: For NR operation in unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz, for long term sensing to measure interference statistics from WiFi systems or other NR operators, a new category of ZP CSI-RS should be supported where the UE is not expected to receive any channel/signal (including NZP CSI-RS for interference measurement) and only measure potential interference from WiFi nodes or other NR operators and report back corresponding measurements. |
| Apple | Proposal 7: Consider using RSSI and channel occupancy for long term sensing. |

### DFS

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| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | DFS can be handled by implementation |
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### ATPC

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| **Company** | **Key Proposals/Observations/Positions** |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | ATPC should be supported for No-LBT mode with enhancements to the transmit power control calculation. The transmit power control should take into account the interference measured from WiFi and other NR operators. For this purpose, long term interference measurements (channel occupancy) from WiFi and other NR operators should be considered that could be achieved by minimal enhancements to current CSI-RS based measurements. |
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### Discussion

For regions where LBT is not required, it has been discussed if additional conditions can be introduced in 3GPP spec to enable no-LBT mode and what are the conditions.

Discussion point:

gNB should indicate to the UE the system is operating in LBT mode or no-LBT mode.

The indication can be

* Alt.1. Cell specific as part of system information or part of UE RRC configuration
  + FW, Ericsson (both), Intel (both), Fujitsu, CATT, Nokia (at least), DCM, Sony, HW, Spreadtrum
* Alt 2. UE specific as part of UE RRC configuration
  + Apple, vivo, FW (open to discuss), QC, Ericsson (both), Intel (both), Fujitsu (open for discuss), CATT (open to discuss), Lenovo, Nokia, ZTE, Sony, Convida, Spreadtrum
* Also consider dynamic indication: Xiaomi, Lenovo
* Also per beam or per CC: Nokia

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | Alt 2. One metric can be used to decide LBT or no-LBT can be RSSI and channel occupancy feedback from UE. |
| vivo | Alt 2 is preferred. The LBT mode may include (quasi) omni-directional LBT, directional LBT, receiver-assisted LBT. Different LBT modes may be feasible and/or used for different scenarios or different UEs. Therefore, it is better to indicate the LBT mode in a UE specific way. Besides, since the LBT type indication is already supported in scheduling DCI in NRU, e.g. ChannelAccess-CPext-CAPC, we can also indicate the LBT mode and no-LBT mode dynamically by including the different modes in the Tables such as Table 7.3.1.1.2-35 in TS 38.212. |
| Futurewei | Alt 1, but we are open to discuss Alt 2 to understand when the UE specific No LBT could provide benefits. |
| Qualcomm | We prefer Alt 2 which provides additional flexibility. |
| Ericsson | We think that Alt 1 and Alt 2 are not mutually exclusive, and both should be supported.  Moreover, we want to revise the discussion point to:  *gNB should indicate to the UE if it should operate in LBT mode or no-LBT mode.*  *The indication can be*   * *Alt.1. Cell specific as part of system information or part of UE RRC configuration* * *Alt 2. UE specific as part of UE RRC configuration* |
| Samsung | We would like to clarify first the LBT mode or no-LBT mode is defined per system or per node? If it’s defined for the whole system, the FL’s proposal could be applicable, but for Alt 2, instead of UE-specific RRC, cell-specific RRC is more proper. If it’s defined for each node, then it needs to clarify the indicated mode is gNB’s mode or UE’s mode. |
| Intel | We share same view as E///, and both Alt-1 and Alt-2 could be supported. |
| LG Electronics | We think that the operating mode should be configured by RRC configuration and Cell-specific or UE-dedicated needs to be discussed separately. |
| Fujitsu | We prefer Alt.1 but is open to Alt-2. |
| CATT | Alt.1，but we are open to discuss Alt.2.  Rel-16 NR-U has specified some mechanisms to eliminate the impact of LBT on the NR system. gNB should indicate LBT mode/No-LBT mode to UE to notify whether these mechanisms need to be applied in the subsequence operation. The UE requires LBT mode/No-LBT mode indication before establishing a RRC connection, so it should be support the LBT mode/No-LBT mode indication as cell-specific configuration. Whether it is designed as the part of system information needs further discussion. |
| Xiaomi | Agree with Samsung’s view. And additionally, we think even dynamic indication can be used as a way to inform LBT/No-LBT. For example, in R16 NR-U, the LBT type is indicated in the scheduling DCI. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Alt. 2 is supported to allow UE-specific RRC configuration  Furthermore, switching between LBT mode and no-LBT mode should be supported. It could be either based on some rules configured to UE (via RRC) or via dynamic indication. Dynamic behaviour could allow fallback to LBT mode. |
| Nokia, NSB | At least cell-specific signalling should be supported. Additionally, LBT may be enabled/disabled also per UE, or even per beam/CC, if severe interference is observed. The choice of using or not using LBT in this case is up to the network., |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We tend to support Alt 2 from the flexibility point of view. |
| DOCOMO | We support Alt 1. LBT mode or no-LBT mode should be common in a cell. |
| Sony | We support both Alt 1 and Alt 2. UE specific configuration could override cell specific configuration. |
| Convida Wireless | We support Alt 2. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Support Alt. 1. The switching between LBT and no LBT should be consistent at least among all UEs within a cell. If only some UEs perform LBT within a cell they continuously will be at a disadvantage. |
| Spreadtrum | We think both Alt 1 and Alt 2 should be supported. |
| InterDigital | At least support Alt. 2. It was shown that the benefits of LBT depend on the UE, therefore UE-specific switching should be supported. |

Discussion point:

For regions where LBT is not mandated, shall we introduce additional conditions for no-LBT to be used, or leave it for gNB implementation. The condition can be based on DFS, long term sensing, etc

* Alt 1: Up to gNB implementation: Apple, vivo, FW, QC, Ericsson, Samsung, Intel, LGE, Fujitsu, CATT, Nokia, DCM (based on RSSI and CO), Sony (based on RSSI and CO), Spreadtrum
  + Also define mechanism to assist gNB identify issues: QC, Samsung
* Alt 2: Introduce conditions for no-LBT to be used: LGE (low interference detection), Xiaomi (energy/interference detection), Lenovo (long term sensing, HARQ feedback), ZTE (use case, length of transmission, etc), HW(?)

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | Up to gNB implementation |
| vivo | No additional condition for no-LBT mode should be used unless regulation requires. |
| Futurewei | Leave for the gNB implementation. |
| Qualcomm | In RAN1 we can identify and define mechanisms that can be useful. The choice of the deployment and implementation can be left to the gNB choice. |
| Ericsson | For regions LBT is not mandated, there is no need to have a condition for no LBT to be used. It can be left to gNB implementation in addition to the applicable regulations (EN 303 722 or EN 303 753 as the case maybe). There is no need to add further restrictions in these regions. |
| Samsung | The condition can be up to gNB’s implementation, but to support the condition (e.g. DFS), there could be potential spec impact (e.g. on measurement metric). |
| Intel | We believe that when the LBT is not mandated, other conditions or interference management procedures should be left up to gNB’s implementation. |
| LG Electronics | The additional conditions for no-LBT can be beneficial to the system performance. For example, gNB/UE can switch to the channel occupancy initiated by channel access mechanism without LBT (during limited time) only when it can assume low interference environment e.g., by estimating interference level or by using HARQ information of (consecutive) successful transmissions. |
| Fujitsu | Leave it for gNB implementation |
| CATT | It’s up to the gNB implementation. |
| Xiaomi | It is better to define the energy/interference detection threshold of when No-LBT is applicable in spec to ensure an well co-existing environments |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | In our view, additional criterion should be introduced when no-LBT is used. Furthermore, measurements/criteria such as long-term sensing, HARQ-ACK feedback from UE should be considered to better facilitate no-LBT. |
| Nokia, NSB | There is no clear need to define such limitations in RAN1 specifications. The network will anyhow need to comply with regional regulations. Moreover, even for Europe, three scenarios c1, c2, and c3 have been defined for overlapping frequency bands, and LTB is required only on one of them. Therefore, we propose to leave it for gNB implementation. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We think it is necessary to define a clear condition for using No LBT, e.g., use cases, the length of allowed transmission, whether the transmission length can be adjusted based on the result of measurement and so on.  If we fully leave it to implementation for using No LBT, then it may lead to unfair the opportunities of channel access/occupancy and also violate the basic principle of friendly and fair coexistence, e.g., the transmission of some nodes is continuously blocked, or the effect of persistent interference on devices that have occupied the channel in advance. |
| DOCOMO | The existing RSSI/CO measurement and reporting should be reused. Based on the report, whether LBT or no LBT can be up to gNB implementation. |
| Sony | Whether LBT mode or no-LBT mode is applied should be left for gNB implementation, based on the measurement result of RSSI and channel occupancy. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | There should be some restrictions in place. However, some of these restrictions should be specified/configured while others do not need to be:  Some restrictions such as ATPC and or DFS would be implemented as specified by the region-specific regulations and do not need to be specified by 3GPP.  Some other restrictions such as the need for MCOT or LBT at the Receiver side when LBT is not mandated should be specified/configured. |
| Spreadtrum | It can be left to gNB’s implementation. |
| InterDigital | Up to gNB implementation. |

Discussion point:

For regions where LBT is not mandated when no-LBT is used, what are the good neighbor procedures, if any that can be useful?

* Shall we design ATPC-like mechanism to be used in no-LBT mode
* Shall we design DFS-like mechanism to be used in no-LBT mode
* Shall we design long term sensing type mechanism to be used in no-LBT mode
* Shall we design duty-cycle or away time restriction mechanism to be used in no-LBT mode
* Shall we design transmit power restriction mechanism to be used in no-LBT mode

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | Prefer long term sensing such as RSSI and channel occupancy defined in NR-U can be used. EN 302 567 only specify max backoff should be >=3. With RSSI/CO measurement, gNB can choose large max backoff value for example, for better coex performance with other technology. |
| vivo | The assumption for no-LBT is used is likely no strong interference. The above listed procedures may be used as implementation methods. |
| Futurewei | Solution should be regulatory compliant. gNB may use the existing scheduling and configuration signalling to limit overall duty cycle. If the channel occupancy is high gNB should be able to reinstate LBT to control congestion. |
| Qualcomm | Providing measurement and reporting framework for long term sensing (RSSI) will be useful. They can provide input for cell level actions such as DFS, that need not be specified.  Duty cycle and peak throughput friendly away time based procedures can be identified for No-LBT good neighbhor operation. |
| Ericsson | For regions LBT is not mandated, there is no need to specify additional mechanisms. It can be left to gNB implementation to improve system performance in addition to the applicable regulations (EN 303 722 or EN 303 753 as the case maybe) |
| Samsung | It can be up to gNB’s implementation. |
| Intel | We believe that all the procedures listed above are valid. However, there is no need to include one or more of them in the specification, since these could be applied through implementation. |
| LG Electronics | Even for regions LBT is not mandated, the good neighbour procedure should be used to prevent transmission collision in high interference environment and coexist with incumbent system. The long term sensing such as RSSI measurement or HARQ feedback information of (consecutive) successful transmissions can be considered for the good neighbour procedure.  Therefore, we suggest adding the following procedure to the above bullet.  Shall we design HARQ feedback information based switching mechanism to be used in no-LBT mode |
| Fujitsu | Up to gNB implementation |
| CATT | No. It’s up to the gNB implementation. |
| Xiaomi | Prefer long term sensing type mechanism to be used in no-LBT mode |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | In our view, ATPC-like mechanism and transmit power restriction mechanisms are somewhat similar and shouldn’t be considered separately.  In terms of different options, we think that long term sensing is useful for other mechanism as well and could be applied in combination with other mechanism such as ATPC (transmit power restriction). Based on long terms sensing, measured interference from WiFi or other NR operators can be used to update the transmit power calculation. Current CSI based measurements need to be enhanced for long term sensing of channel occupancy by WiFi or other NR operators  Fallback to LBT mode should also be considered as a good neighbour procedure (in next discussion point) |
| Nokia, NSB | ATPC, automatic link adaptation, and beamforming are listed or considered as co-existence mechanisms in ETSI EN 303 722 and EN 303 753. These may not require any specifications changes. Needed specification changes, if any, are to be considered along with EN 303 722 progress. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | If No LBT is used, the above listed methods can be used as a good supplementary method to achieve interference elimination management. |
| DOCOMO | For long-term sensing, reusing the existing RSSI/CO measurement can provide the same benefit. For the other mechanisms, it seems sufficient to follow the regulatory requirements if any. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | ATPC and or DFS should be implemented as specified by the region-specific regulations and do not need to be specified by 3GPP.  MCOT and LBT at the Receiver side when LBT is not mandated should be specified/configured. |
| Spreadtrum | We think all listed procedure are beneficial for co-existence with other RAT. However, they could be left to implementation. |

Discussion point:

For regions where LBT is not mandated, when operating in no-LBT mode, shall we further define mechanism for the system to fall back to LBT mode

* Yes (define mechanism): Apple (long term sensing and feedback, and RRC signalling), vivo, LGE (timer), Xiaomi, Lenovo, ZTE (interference level, decoding rate), DCM (RSSI/CO), HW, Spreadtrum (RSSI/CO)
* No (gNB implementation): FW, QC (define procedures to switch), Ericsson, Samsung, Intel (define mechanism, but not usage), Fujitsu, CATT, Nokia,

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | Long term sensing and feedback, plus UE specific RRC signaling, can be the starting point. |
| vivo | Yes, a fall back mechanism should be defined in case the interference is severe in no-LBT mode. The devices which want to avoid interference can fall back to LBT mode. |
| Futurewei | The switch to and from No-LBT should be under gNB control. gNB should be able to enable the LBT mode of operation. |
| Qualcomm | Procedures based on outcome of long term sensing can be defined if necessary. The use of the mechanisms can be left to gNB/Network. |
| Ericsson | The signalling mechanisms discussed above (cell specific and UE specific) are sufficient and enables gNB to configure a group of UEs in LBT mode. No further mechanisms are needed. |
| Samsung | It can be up to gNB’s implementation. |
| Intel | We agree that a fall-back mechanism between LBT and no-LBT mode should be introduced. However, it should be left up to gNB’s implementation when the fall-back should occur. |
| LG Electronics | Even for regions where LBT is not mandated, no-LBT mode can be operated based on the timer and can fallback to LBT mode when the timer is expired or at least one of the specific conditions (e.g., when NACKs were received consecutively for the PDSCH/PUSCH transmitted without LBT) for switching the channel access mechanism is met. This switching mechanism between the LBT and No-LBT mode can be beneficial for coexistence with different RAT/operator or for high traffic load scenario. |
| Fujitsu | No further mechanism is needed. |
| CATT | No. It’s up to the gNB implementation. |
| Xiaomi | Agree with Apple and VIVO |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Yes, we think that some mechanism should be specified as when and how the system is expected to fallback to LBT mode from no-LBT mode. In our view, the fallback mechanism should be UE specific procedure. |
| Nokia, NSB | Fall back to LBT mode is up to the network. There is no reason to define such mechanism. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Firstly, such switching mechanism is very necessary to be introduced, especially for the related condition specified for No LBT is not satisfied.thus, we tend to support introduction some explicitly or implicitly triggering conditions, e.g., interference level, or correctly decoding rate. |
| DOCOMO | We agree it should be possible to fall back to LBT mode. The required specification impact is at least switching mechanism between LBT and no-LBT (i.e., how to indicate) and measurement/reporting mechanism (i.e., how to determine), which would be sufficient to reuse RSSI/CO measurement. The condition when fall-back is triggered may also be a discussion point. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | In our view, switching between channel access with LBT and channel access without LBT in a serving cell by gNB configuration should be supported. As such, in regions where LBT is not required, a serving cell can be configured to enable the LBT mode based on some performance criteria such as when a high level of interference is experienced. |
| Spreadtrum | The existing RSSI/CO measurement can be reused for the fall-back mechanism. |
| InterDigital | The network can determine whether LBT is required or not; there is no need to define such a mechanism. |

## LBT Mode

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### Sensing Structures

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| **Company** | **Key Proposals/Observations/Positions** |
| Intel | Proposal 1: While the 8us observation period is divided into two slots of 3 and 5us, respectively, the observation window of 5us is composed by a single observation slot of the same length. FFS: the exact value length of the measurement window that should be performed in each observation slots of which the LBT procedure is composed of. |
| Qualcomm | Proposal 4: Study the minimum measurement duration required in the 5 us observation slot.  Proposal 5: Perform two measurements within a 8us deferral period. Study the locations and durations of the two measurements.  Proposal 6: Consider specifying Type 2 LBT sensing structure similar to an observation slot in the baseline LBT procedure. |

### LBT Parameters, COT duration, Gaps

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| **Company** | **Key Proposals/Observations/Positions** |
| Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 9: Channel access without channel sensing is supported for a UE responding to a DL transmission within a gNB initiated COT after a time gap of at most X us.  Proposal 10: Time gap of X us is longer that PDSCH processing time and PUSCH preparation time.  Proposal 11: UEs without LBT functionality are also supported.  Proposal 12: Within a COT, gNB does not need to sense the channel after a beam switch when the time gap to previous channel sensing or transmission covering the beam is less than Y us. The value of Y is for further study. |
| Apple | Proposal 6: Regulation is ambiguous on the max gap duration in COT sharing without LBT. Since any gap is counted into 5ms COT, no gap limitation needs to be specified. |
| PANSONIC | Proposal 2: Within gNB initiated COT, if gap between DL transmission and scheduled UL transmission along a given beam direction is larger than a predefined duration, UE should perform LBT before UL transmission; otherwise, no LBT is needed. |

### ED threshold adaptation based on bandwidth

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| **Company** | **Key Proposals/Observations/Positions** |
| Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell | Observation 1: Energy detection threshold of EN 302 567 depends on the operating channel bandwidth and on the EIRP incorporating also the beamforming and antenna gain.  Proposal 3: Energy detection threshold is determined by XThresh = -80 dBm + 10 log10 (LBT Bandwidth (in MHz)) + 10 log10 (EIRPmax / EIRPout), where EIRPout is the maximum peak EIRP of intended transmissions. |
| Intel | Proposal 4: When operating in unlicensed 60 GHz band, in order to allow fair coexistence among incumbent systems, the ED threshold calculation shall account not only for the maximum output power, but also at least for the bandwidth used.  Proposal 5: When operating in unlicensed 60 GHz band, the ED threshold calculation shall account for the type of LBT mechanism used.  Proposal 6: For the LBT bandwidth definition, either Alt-4 or Alt-5 are preferred. |
| vivo | Proposal 2: The ED threshold for CCA check should adapt to LBT bandwidth, and take into account the impact of beamforming gain of the directional LBT beams. |
| Spreadtrum | Proposal 4: The formula of ED threshold should consider the LBT bandwidth and beamforming gain. |
| Ericsson | Observation 1 Draft EN 302 567 v2.2.0 contains recent updates that modifies the EDT to include dependency on the LBT bandwidth  Proposal 1 Reuse the energy detection threshold (EDT) from draft EN 302 567 v2.2.0 that already considers EDT scaling with transmit power and LBT bandwidth |
| Qualcomm | Proposal 1: Modify the baseline procedure for the WID LBT mode to include dependency of the energy detection threshold on the operating channel bandwidth. |
| DOCOMO | Proposal 2:  For ED threshold used in LBT, no additional specification is necessary in addition to what ETSI BRAN requires.  Observation 2: |

### Discussion

ED threshold should reflect the updated ETSI regulation

Discussion point:

The baseline ED threshold can be computed as

Where Pout is rated RF output EIRP (including antenna gain) and Pmax is the output power limit.

* FFS if further adjustment on ED threshold based on sensing beam and transmission beam. The adjustment will not increase the ED threshold
  + Should not adjust: Ericsson, Fujitsu (open for discussion), DCM,
* FFS if Pout is max output EIRP of the device or instantaneous output EIRP
* FFS definition of Operation Channel BW
* Support: Apple, vivo, FW, QC, Ericsson (no further adjustment to EDT by beams used), Intel, LGE, CATT, NED, Xiaomi, Lenovo, Nokia, ZTE, Sony, Convida, HW, Spreadtrum

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | Agree. Reuse EDT defined in ETSI regulation.  Based on the definition of Pout is specified in 4.2.2, ED threshold should be based on transmission beamforming gain per transmission burst. Therefore, if omni-sensing is used and directional transmission happens within a transmission burst, beam forming gain needs to explicitly added to Pout calculation. “4.2.2.1 Definition The RF output power is the mean equivalent isotropically radiated power (EIRP) for the equipment during a transmission burst. 4.2.2.2 Limit The maximum RF output power is applicable to the system as a whole when operated at the highest stated power level. For a smart antenna system, the limit applies to the configuration that results in the highest EIRP. In case of multiple (adjacent or non-adjacent) channels the total RF output power of all channels shall be less than or equal to the limits in table 3.” |
| vivo | The ED threshold should be discussed based on the latest regulation as in the equation above. The updated EDT already includes the impact of the channel bandwidth.  However, the impact of the sensing beam is not considered in the EDT yet. We think some adjustment to the EDT by further including the impact of the sensing beam. |
| Futurewei | In the above formula Pout should correspond to the max RF output EIRP of the consecutive transmissions that follows that LBT. In addition to the above formula, the difference between the sensing (sensitivity) antenna beam and the rated output EIRP should be considered. |
| Qualcomm | We support this proposal. The EDT may need an additional adjustment term based on the relationship between sensing and transmission beams, as discussed in Section 2.8.1 |
| Ericsson | *Pout* includes the beamforming gain of the potential transmission beam. No further adjustments to ED threshold based on transmission beam is needed. However, increasing the ED threshold based on sensing beam is not compliant with HS EN 302 567. |
| Samsung | * Need to clarify “operating channel BW” in 3GPP terminology. * This baseline threshold is applicable to “other technology sharing the channel is not absent on a long-term basis”, and do we need to discuss another threshold for “other technology sharing the channel is absent on a long-term basis” as in NR-U? |
| Intel | We agree that the ED threshold calculation should reflect the latest updates from the ETSI BRAN, and the formulation provided should be used as a baseline, and account for the LBT bandwidth.  It is important to note that:   1. CCA level imposed by the ETSI BRAN is 1 dB looser (i.e. -47 dBm) than what IEEE 802.11ad specification requires (which operates with a bandwidth of 2.160 GHz) for energy detection (i.e. -48 dBm), and this should be accounted as well when defining the ED threshold calculation. 2. Depending on the ED threshold used, one LBT mechanism may perform better than the other, and in general when low ED thresholds are used, the directional LBT may overperform omni-directional LBT given that the level of protection offered by the later gets also increased, which may help sufficiently mitigate the hidden node issue bringing this in par with that of omni-directional LBT while still offering better spatial reuse than that. In this matter, it may be beneficial within the ED threshold calculation to also account for the type of LBT mechanism and sensing beam used so that to exploit the advantage described above. |
| LG Electronics | We support the proposal to make the updated ETSI regulation the baseline of the ED threshold. In addition, the transmit power of beam(s) in the COT and transmit beam pattern (wide/narrow) should be considered to enhance the ED threshold provided by the updated ETSI 302 567. |
| Fujitsu | We share the same view with Ericsson that no further adjustment based on transmission beam is needed. We also do not support further adjustment based on sensing beam since we do not see benefit so far, but we are fine to further discuss it. |
| CATT | The EDT formula in EN 302.567 can be used for the NR operation in 52.6GHz to 71GHz band. According to EN 302.567, there is no need to distinguish between antenna gain and inductive transmit power.  When antenna gain between the sensing beam and transmission beam are different, the EDT needs to be adjusted. The detail need to be further studied. |
| NEC | We support the proposal with the understanding that the ED threshold should take account of the relationship between sensing beams and transmission beams. |
| Xiaomi | Support this proposal |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | We agree with the baseline ED threshold computation, where the Pout and Pmax are based on transmission beam |
| Nokia, NSB | We support this proposal. Our assumption is that the “Operating channel bandwidth” above is the LBT bandwidth. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We can see from the latest draft EN 302 567 that the impact of sensing beam is not considered in EDT yet. So we think such factor should be introduced in above formula and further need to consider EDT adjustment based on the relationship between sensing beam and transmission beam. |
| DOCOMO | We agree the baseline above. For FFS, we do not prefer to study this since it seems to require large specification effort. |
| Sony | Support the proposal. |
| Convida Wireless | We are generally fine with the proposal and baseline ED threshold. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | It is OK to change the baseline EDT from what was agreed in RAN1 103-e (-47 dBm + 10 × log10 (PMax / Pout)) to the above formula used in the last draft of 302 567. In fact, using 2GHz as operating channel BW reduces the above formula to the earlier agreed EDT formula. However, there are two main points that we need to discuss:   * The FFS part is actually more important than changing the baseline formula to above. We would like to stress that the above EDT formula, if agreed, is still a baseline formula and companies can discuss further EDT enhancements based on, for instance, the FFS point.   In Section 4.2.2.2 of EN 302 567 v2.1.20, “the maximum RF output power (PMax) is defined to be applicable to the system as a whole when operated at the highest stated power level”. It should be noted however that the current baseline formulae does not accurately capture that definition as it seems to allow for further reducing the EDT as Pout exceeds PMax. This unintended case can be excluded by further restricting P\_out <=P\_max. |
| Spreadtrum | We generally fine with the proposal. And our assumption of operating channel bandwidth is the LBT bandwidth. |
| InterDigital | We support the proposal and we agree with Apple, vivo, Futurewei, Qualcomm, Intel, LGE, CATT, NEC, Lenovo that the sensing beam and transmission beam should be considered in the EDT calculation. |
| Intel | We are fine with the current proposal, and to discuss further the FFS points later. |

Sensing structure for 8us deferral and 5us observation slot

Discussion point:

For channel sensing in the 8us deferral period, two energy measurements are required. For channel sensing in the 5us observation slot, one energy measurement is required.

* FFS the duration and the location of the energy measurements

Support

* Two measurements in 8us: QC, Samsung, Intel, LGE, NEC, Xiaomi, Lenovo, Nokia, ZTE, DCM, Sony, Spreadtrum
* One measurement in 8us: Apple, Ericsson,
* Extend the 8us to 10us and perform two measurements: CATT
* Further study: HW

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | The channel sensing parameters defined in ETSI adopt the parameters defined in 11ad specification. 5us slot is definition of aSlotTime, and 8us is sum of aSIFSTime (3us) + aSlotTime(5us).  In 802.11ad specification (IEEE std 802.11-2016), a SIFSTime and aSlotTime is calculated as    Based on this, there is no need to perform 2 CCA within 8us slot. Only 1 CCA is enough.  For 5us sensing slot, at most 3us should be used for CCA time, based on 802.11ad specification. Remaining time will be used for RxTx turnaround time and propagation time. |
| vivo | We’re open to consider one or two CCA. But want to emphasize that the measurement duration for the CCA check should be agreed upon first. |
| Futurewei | The discussions point just restates the ETSI specs (5 us sensing slot, 8us deferral). We are OK FFS for further details on measurements. |
| Qualcomm | We support this proposal. |
| Ericsson | For the 8us deferral period, EN 302 567 does not specify any sensing structure. It can be left to implementation.   For the 5us observation slot, a minimum value for the duration may be specified but the location of the energy measurements can be left to implementation. |
| Samsung | OK with the proposal. |
| Intel | We are OK with the proposal, since this is in line with the design logic used during Rel.16 to define how measurement are performed, and more importantly with the definition of aSlotTime, and of a SIFS duration in 802.11ad/ay. As for the specifics of the measurement window (e.g., position, length) this could be further discussed on the basis of the implementation constrains. |
| LG Electronics | We are fine with the proposal and open to discuss. |
| CATT | For 8us deferral period, we support dividing 8us into 5us and 3us, and perform at least one measurement in the 5us.  According to the description for CCA check in EN 302.567, the minimum of the deferral period is 8us. We prefer to extent the deferral period to 10us consist of two observation slot as shown in following figure. In this case, it only needs to figure out the duration and the location of energy measurement in the observation slot, which can reduce the complexity of standard design. |
| NEC | We support the proposal. |
| Xiaomi | Support this proposal. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | We agree with the above suggestion for deferral period and corresponding number of measurements |
| Nokia, NSB | We support this proposal |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Agree FL’s proposal and further discussion on the duration and the location of the energy measurements. |
| DOCOMO | We are fine with the point above. |
| Sony | Support the proposal. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We think this issue is quite independent from other topics and should be further analysed. We do not recommend trying to reach an agreement on this in RAN1 104-e. |
| Spreadtrum | We are fine with the proposal. |

## COT Sharing Aspects

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| **Company** | **Key Proposals/Observations/Positions** |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Proposal 11: For NR operation in unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz with LBT based channel access mechanism, COT sharing between the initiating device and responding device should be supported with at least Cat 2 LBT:  - If the responding device is capable of beam correspondence and it is expected to use only any of the Rx beam(s) as Tx beam(s) for its transmission that have been used to receive at least one of the transmissions from the initiating device within the same COT  - If the responding device determines at least one suitable beam on which it is allowed to transmit within the same COT, where the suitable beam can be determined as follows:  o UE can be configured with a mapping table for determining suitable transmit beams for UL transmissions based on the receive beam(s) which the UE used to receive the prior DL transmissions in the same COT  Proposal 12: For NR unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz with directional LBT based channel access mechanism, multiple COT sharing indicators and their corresponding association to different beams can be signaled in a group common DCI and the association of COT sharing indicator to transmission is semi-statically signaled. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #5: For COT sharing, the Type 2 (e.g., 2A/2B/2C) channel access procedure can be introduced and the maximum gap between the transmissions within the COT can be defined for above 52.6 GHz. |
| CAICT | Proposal 6: Cat 2 LBT could be used to share the COT.  Proposal 7: Cat 2 LBT could also be used for short control signaling. |

### Discussion

ETSI regulation does not explicitly enforce a maximum gap within the COT

Discussion point

On maximum gap within a COT to allow COT sharing without LBT

* Alt 1. No maximum gap defined. A later transmission can share the COT without LBT with any gap within the maximum COT duration
  + Apple, Qualcomm, Ericsson, Intel, CATT, Convida, HW, Spreadtrum
* Alt 2. Define a maximum gap X, such that a later transmission can share the COT without LBT only if the later transmission starts within X from the end of the earlier transmission
  + FFS: Value for X
  + Vivo, Fujitsu, Xiaomi, Nokia (?), Convida (also fine)
* Alt 3. Define a maximum gap Y, such that a later transmission can share the COT without LBT only if the later transmission starts within Y from the end of the earlier transmission. If the later transmission starts after Y from the end of the earlier transmission, an one-shot LBT is needed to share the COT
  + FFS: Value for Y
  + FFS: How to define the one-shot LBT
  + Vivo, FW, Samsung, Intel, LGE, Fujitsu, NEC, ZTE, Convida (also fine), Sony, Spreadtrum

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | Alt 1.  Alt 3 follows similar design as 802.11 and eLAA/NR-U. In this case, Y should be 3us SIFS time which is very restrictive. |
| vivo | We’re open to consider Alt 2 or Alt 3 with a maximum gap defined. |
| Futurewei | How to define a COT if there is no maximum gap allowed? For instance, if UE initiates a COT and it has two consecutive transmissions hundreds of us apart, are they in the same COT?  We prefer Alt 3. We understand that there are no ETSI requirements on the maximum gap, however without a maximum gap and a short LBT during the COT the co-existence between two deployments even of the same RAT can be very difficult. We think that one-shot (minimum LBT) would be useful to define. |
| Qualcomm | We propose Alt 1 for baseline operation. We further prefer defining mechanism such as Alt 3 with freedom for gNB to choose the behaviour of Alt 3 either for COT sharing or as part to RX assistance (Section 2.9) |
| Ericsson | Alt 1 is preferred. ETSI HS EN 302 567 defines a COT including all the gaps and transmissions from both the initiating and responding devices. There is no need to limit the gap duration if we do not envisage any issues. |
| Samsung | We support Alt 3. |
| Intel | Our view is that it should be left up to the gNB to choose whether Alt 1 or Alt3 should be used. |
| LG Electronics | We support the Alt 3. Even the EN 302 567 does not explicitly define the gap allowed for COT sharing, it is beneficial to introduce the maximum gap and the Cat-2 LBT for efficient COT sharing to support NR above 52.6GHz. |
| Fujitsu | We prefer Alt 1. Open to further discuss Alt 2 and Alt 3 |
| CATT | Alt 1. |
| NEC | We support Alt 3. |
| Xiaomi | support Alt 2 |
| Nokia, NSB | According to ETSI EN 302 567, LBT is not required for the responding device, but it should transmit “immediately” after the initiating device. However, it is not defined what immediate means, and hence we should further clarify that. In our view, the allowed gap, if defined, should at least be large enough to cover for typical UE and gNB processing times. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We tend to support Alt.3 to better achieve fair and friendly coexistence with other systems and deal with interference changes around the device. |
| Sony | We support Alt 3 to achieve better coexistence with other systems. |
| Convida Wireless | Alt 1 is preferred. Alt 2 and 3 could also be considered. Which alternative could be further discussed. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Latest draft of ETSI 302 567 does not seem to mandate any maximum gap within the 5 ms MCOT:  “6) An equipment (initiating or not initiating transmission), upon correct reception of a packet which was intended for this equipment, can skip the CCA Check, and immediately proceed with the transmission in response to received frames. A consecutive sequence of transmissions by the equipment, without a new CCA Check, shall not exceed the 5 ms Channel Occupancy Time as defined in step 5) above”  Unless there is any compelling reason to consider maximum gap, we can go with Alt. 1. |
| Spreadtrum | We prefer alt 1. Open to further discuss alt 3. |
| InterDigital | We support Alt.2 or Alt. 3 |

## CWS and CAPC

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| **Company** | **Key Proposals/Observations/Positions** |
| Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 1: LBT procedure uses fixed contention window size for random back-off. The size of the fixed contention window is FFS.  Proposal 2: Reduced number of CAPCs can be considered for the LBT procedure for 60 GHz band. Support for CAPCs is considered together with the design of short control signalling. |
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| Intel | Proposal 3: The procedure specified in NR-U related to the CWS adjustment should be considered for operation in unlicensed 60 GHz band. RAN1 should further discuss and identify the values Zmin and Zmax. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #2: Introduce channel access priority class and the contention window adjustment mechanisms when LBT is used in NR above 52.6 GHz, similar to Rel-16 NR-U.  Proposal #8: It would be beneficial for coexistence that channel occupancy acquired by directional LBT is shared only for DL and UL signals/channels having spatial QCL relationship. |
| Samsung | Proposal 3: Support the following types of channel access procedures for 60 GHz unlicensed band:  • Type 1 channel access procedure without CWS adaptation;  • Type 2 channel access procedure with zero and positive fixed sensing duration.  Proposal 4: No need to define CAPC for 60 GHz unlicensed band. |
| CATT | Proposal 3: RAN 1 should further study introduction of CAPC for NR operation up to 71GHz with necessary modifications when LBT is used. |
| PANASONIC | Proposal 2: Within gNB initiated COT, if gap between DL transmission and scheduled UL transmission along a given beam direction is larger than a predefined duration, UE should perform LBT before UL transmission; otherwise, no LBT is needed. |
| Sony | Proposal 3: Contention Window Size should be allowed to be configured. |
| Ericsson | Proposal 11 CAPC, CWS adjustment can be implementation dependent. |
| Charter | Proposal 1: CAPC and contention window adjustment mechanisms are not introduced. Contention window range does not need to be adjusted. |

### Discussion

EN 302 567 only defines the CCA check at the initiating device, which can be consider as a Cat 4 LBT type mechanism. There is no CAPC defined and CWS concept and CWS adjustment procedure. Do we need to introduce them in 3GPP spec.

Discussion point:

* Alt 1. Not introduce CAPC, CWS, and CWS adjustment for 60GHz band
  + Apple, vivo, FW, Qualcomm, Ericsson, Samsung, Fujitsu, NEC, Xiaomi, Nokia, DCM, Convida, Spreadtrum
* Alt 2. Introduce CAP~~S~~C, CWS and CWS adjustment mechanism for 60GHz band, with Rel.16 NR-U as baseline.
  + Intel, LGE, CATT, Lenovo, ZTE, Sony (but not the same as Rel.16), HW, ITRI

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | Alt 1. Priority class is defined in EN 301 893 for 5/6GHz band, but not defined in EN 302 567 for 60GHz.  3GPP design follow regulation, no need to further complicate the design with CAPC, CWS and CWS adjustment. |
| vivo | Alt 1 is preferred. There is no evidence showing that the current CCA check scheme cannot meet the performance requirement, so further enhancement is not necessary. |
| Futurewei | Alt 1 |
| Qualcomm | We support Alt 1. |
| Ericsson | Alt 1 is preferred. In general, LBT in 60GHz may or may not bring gains for the 5th perc. users, but what all companies agree on from the SI is that it has a negative impact on the aggregated system performance. Therefore, there is no justification to increase the LBT overhead by further introducing CAPC and CW adjustment. Also, CWS adjustment and CAPC are not specified by the regulations in the HS EN 302 567. |
| Samsung | Our understanding is EN 302 567 still has the concept of CWS, just no adjustment of the CWS. EN 302 567 has a requirement on the minimum value of CWS, and that’s all the restriction.  With this clarification, we support Alt 1 for simplicity. CAPC and CWS adjustment can be up to implementation. |
| Intel | * We prefer Alt. 2, since this allows to better address different channel and traffic conditions that may impact the channel access procedure. Also, we would like to remark that even if the ETSI BRAN does not define something, it does not mean that this is precluded. The ETSI BRAN only provides minimum requirements but does not provide guidance of the design. |
| LG Electronics | * We support Alt 2. Because the purpose of CAPC and CWS adjustment are to prioritize high priority traffic and resolve the collision between the transmissions, the introduction of CAPC and CWS adjustment mechanism can be beneficial in highly congested scenario. Moreover, considering the fair coexistence with the incumbent system (e.g., WiGig) operating in the above 52.6GHz, it is necessary to consider the introduction of CAPC and CWS adjustment procedure. |
| Fujitsu | * Alt.1. Share the same view with Samsung that the concept of CWS should be kept, just no need to specify CAPC and CWS adjustment which can be up to implementation. |
| CATT | CAPC should be introduced.   * In Rel-16 NR-U, the MCOT and corresponding sensing window become longer as the level of the channel access priority class increases. For 960KHz SCS, there are 320 slots within 5ms MCOT. For small packet, the channel occupancy time may be much less than 320 slots e.g., 10 slots being sufficient for data transmission. The possibility of channel blocking and power consumption will increase when system always performs sensing based on MCOT equal to 5ms for 480 and 960 kHz SCS. Therefore, RAN 1 should further study introduction of CAPC for NR operation up to 71GHz. For introduction of CWS adjustment mechanism for 60GHz, whether it can bring the performance gains need be further studied. |
| NEC | We prefer Alt 1. |
| Xiaomi | Alt 1. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Support Alt 2. With typo fixed |
| Nokia, NSB | ETSI does not define the (maximum) size of the contention window, but to ensure fair co-existence between different nodes, 3GPP should decide on a common value.  We see no need for CWS adaptation, since according to the SI, LBT does not play a major role on 60 GHz anyway. This corresponds to the Cat 3 LBT as defined in TR 36.889.  CAPC may no need to be specified, provided that all the control signalling (including RRC etc.) can be transmitted as short control signals. Alternatively, we may consider defining a smaller fixed CWS for control transmissions. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | * We prefer Alt.2 because its introduction is beneficial in some highly congested scenarios and to friendly and fair coexistence with Wi-Fi due to at least CWs had been introduced in 802.11ad/ay. |
| DOCOMO | We support Alt 1. Just to follow the regulations, where we do not find anything related to CAPC, CWS and CWS adjustment, would be sufficient. |
| Sony | At first, as Samsung pointed out, the concept of CWS is required from the regulation perspective. Discussion should be whether CAPC and CWS adjustment mechanism is introduced or not.  We basically support Alt.2. But, in our view, the same CWS adjustment mechanism as Rel.16 NR-U is not necessary since collision probability in 60 GHz would be less than that in 5/6 GHz. |
| Convida Wireless | We prefer Alt 1. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Alt 2. We believe that different traffic types/priorities should be treated differently. Also, HARQ feedback should still be taken into account to optimize the LBT process and provide fairness among UEs. We do not see how else different traffic priorities are taken into consideration if we do not define different classes. Rel.16 NR-U can be used as baseline. |
| Spreadtrum | We prefer alt 1 for simplicity. |
| ITRI | We support Alt2 |

## CET and short control signalling

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| **Company** | **Key Proposals/Observations/Positions** |
| OPPO | Proposal 7: No-LBT mode should be used only for transmission of ACK/NACK, SSB, and PRACH preamble.  Proposal 8: The transmission of SSB and PRACH shall be less than or equal to 10% within an observation period of 100ms. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Proposal 17：For operation in the 60 GHz band, in regions where LBT is mandated, support transmission of short control signalling without LBT, and with a duty cycle 10 % within an observation period of 100 ms.  - Short control signaling is defined as a short transmission burst that contains unicast control information without any user plane data |
| Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell | Observation 2: EN 302 567, v2.2.0 allows for Short Control Signalling transmissions for up to 10% of time within an observation period of 100 ms.  Proposal 5: NR-U design for 60 GHz bands supports transmission of DL and UL control and management signals as short control signalling without LBT. Details are FFS. |
| Intel | Observation 3:  • For 120 kHz SCS SSB. Transmission of 64 SSB with 20 msec SSB periodicity exceed 10 msec transmission duration within a 100 msec observation period required for short control signal exemption.  • For 480 kHz SCS SSB. Transmission of 64 SSB and 64 Type0-PDCCH with associated PDSCH with 20 msec SSB periodicity exceed 10 msec transmission duration within a 100 msec observation period required for short control signal exemption.  • For 960 kHz SCS SSB. Transmission of 64 SSB and 64 Type0-PDCCH with associated PDSCH with 20 msec SSB periodicity does not exceed 10 msec transmission duration within a 100 msec observation period required for short control signal exemption.  Proposal 14: While SSB may be considered as a candidate for short control signal exemption, RAN1 specification shall support operations of SSB transmission with LBT (at the gNB) at least for 120 kHz SSB.  • For 480 kHz and 960 kHz SSB, also support operations of SSB transmission with LBT (at the gNB) for commonality with 120 kHz SSB.  Observation 4: For 120 kHz, 480kHz, and 960 kHz PRACH transmission, UE does not exceed total transmission duration of 10 msec for PRACH within a 100 msec observation period.  Proposal 15: Consider applying short control signal exemption to PRACH transmission by the UE. |
| Samsung | Proposal 6: For “short control signal”:  • any periodic transmission with high priority can be part of “short control signal”, including discovery burst, non-unicast information, PRACH, PDCCH, PUCCH, and RS.  • support limitation on the transmission duration and duty cycle to use “short control signal”, wherein the transmission duration and duty cycle are defined from the channel occupancy point of view. |
| Ericsson | Observation 6 SCS transmissions have a duty cycle requirement but no limitations on the number of SCS transmissions within the observation period  Proposal 3 Consistent with EN 302 567, a node can access the channel without LBT for control signal/channel transmissions, the total duration of which shall not exceed 10ms within an observation period of 100ms. The following signals/channels shall be classified as short control signaling transmissions:  1 SS/PBCH blocks  2 PRACH  3 FFS: Other control transmissions not multiplexed with user data (subject to gNB configuration) |
| Apple | Proposal 2: For DL, at least SSB should be considered as short control signaling. For UL, at least PRACH should be considered as short control signaling. Other signal can be further discussed or can be configured by network.  Proposal 3: Transmission of SSB/RACH within an acquired COT after LBT success is not counted into 10% limitation within 100ms observation period. |
| Qualcomm | Proposal 3: The short control signaling exemption should be considered for designing LBT procedures. |

### Discussion

Discussion point:

Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling rules apply to the transmission of (combination) of the following channel. Note restriction for short control signalling transmissions still apply (10% over 100ms)

DL:

* SS/PBCH
* PDCCH
* Broadcast PDSCH
* CSI-RS
* PRS

UL:

* PRACH
* PUCCH
* SRS

Support:

* Support at least SS/PBCH with others as FFS: vivo, LGE
* Support at least SS/PBCH and PRACH with others as FFS: Apple, FW, Ericsson, Intel, NEC, DCM, Sony (also broadcast PDSCH), CATT (also PDCCH, broadcast PDSCH, PUCCH), Spreadtrum
* Support all under short control signalling restrictions: QC, Samsung, Nokia,
* Support only C-RNTI based PDCCH only transmission: HW

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | At least SSB/PBCH in DL, at least PRACH in UL. Other signalling can be further discussed. |
| vivo | Prefer to support SSB as short control signalling.  For other channel/signal, we think which channel/signal can be used as Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling should be carefully studied.  One concern from our side on the usage of Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling in general is that the impact of potential contention given no LBT is performed before such short control signalling transmission is not clear. |
| Futurewei | Support contention exempt Short Control Signalling for channels such SS/PBCH, PRACH at least. |
| Qualcomm | We support short control signaling contention exemption for all the channels listed and PRACH/Msg A. The listed channels should not be counted towards short control signaling budget if they are part of the COT. |
| Ericsson | Support at least for SS/PBCH blocks and PRACH. Other control transmissions not multiplexed with other signals (subject to gNB configuration) are FFS. |
| Samsung | We support the proposal with the following editorial change:  SSB~~/PBCH~~ |
| Intel | For UL, at least PRACH should be qualified as short control signalling since the transmission should never exceeds the 10% duty cycle.  As for DL, further discussions should be applied on how the short control signalling is applied, and specifically whether to qualify the SSB as control signalling: in fact based on SCS, the SSB exceeds the 10ms transmission duration within a 100 ms observation period for 120 KHz SCS for 64 SSB with 20 msec SSB periodicity.  We suggest to put FFS for other channels and signals (other than PRACH) for now. From the contributions, it seems there is limited discussions on which channels could benefit from this, and this topic likely requires further discussions. |
| LG Electronics | Support contention exempt Short Control Signalling can be considered for non-unicast transmission such as SS/PBCH. |
| CATT | For DL signal/channel, the short control signalling at lease includes  • SSB/PBCH,  • PDCCH  • Broadcast PDSCH  For UL signal/channel, the short control signalling includes  • PRACH  • PUCCH |
| NEC | We support contention exempt short control signalling for SSB and PRACH at least. |
| Xiaomi | From our view, Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling rules concerns about the time length of the transmitted channel, not about the exact content carried in the channel. So if Broadcast PDSCH is included, what about unicasted PDSCH? |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | We don’t agree that contention exempt short control signalling should apply to SSB/PBCH and CSI-RS when there could be a burst of these transmissions on different beams. Not sure why PRS is included here as no positioning techniques are currently applied in NR-U.  For UL channel/signals, we should be rather conservative to apply short control signalling, considering the number of UEs |
| Nokia, NSB | We support the proposal. The list may not be fully complete though, and could include also any PDSCH and PUSCH transmissions without user plane data, such as dedicated RRC signalling, MAC CEs, UCI on PUSCH, etc. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | we would like to first confirm one issue that the time occupied by channel/signal itself (that is regarded as short control signalling), or, the time span for channel/signal (that is regarded as short control signalling) transmission is used as a metric to judge whether it meets the condition to be less than 10ms within 100ms observation window.  After the above issue is clarified, we will further discuss which channels/signals are suitable to be used as short control signalling. |
| DOCOMO | We support to consider at least PSS/SSS/PBCH in DL and PRACH in UL as Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling. We are open to discuss on the other signals/channels. |
| Sony | We support that SCS applies at least DRS (SSB and broadcast PDSCH) and PRACH. Other channels/signals should be further discussed. |
| Convida Wireless | We share the same view with Intel. For SSB, it may depend on SCS. Further discussions may be needed. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | * In our view, the 10 ms out of 100 ms channel occupancy is only a necessary condition for exemption and not sufficient. Otherwise, virtually any single signal/channel could be designed so that it satisfies the above short duration criteria. 3GPP should interpret short “management and control Frames” terminology used in 302 567 and decide which signals/channels can be exempted. * **Regarding SSB Exemption:** We believe that LBT is still necessary before gNB transmits SSB because of a broader energy emission foot-print of SSB burst. Moreover, if default periodicity of 20 ms is assumed, neither Case D nor Case E SSB patterns in 120 and 240 kHz satisfy the necessary 10/100 ms criteria. * **Regarding RACH exemption**: If all UEs are allowed to transmit RACH without LBT, in fact the total RACH transmission time can be far more than the requirement of maximum 10 ms per every 100 ms. For instance, PRACH configuration Index 28 in Table 6.3.3.2-4 of 38.211 for FR2 allows RACH transmission in symbols (7-13) of all 40 reference subframes of all frames; resulting in the maximum total RACH occupancy of 42% (42 ms out of 100 ms). Although this might be an extreme example, in fact, many other PRACH configuration Indexes don’t meet the maximum 10 ms per every 100 ms requirement. Moreover, UL signals including RACH are transmitted using a wider beam and, therefore, have a larger interference foot-print on the network.   We think that the only signal/channel that is qualified for Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling is unicast PDCCH (CRC scrambled by C-RNTI). |
| Spreadtrum | At least SSB and PRACH/Msg A should be included. |

By regulation, short control signalling can be transmitted for no more than 10% of time within any 100ms observation window. Do we need to introduce mechanism to enforce that?

Discussion point:

Alt 1. Usage restriction on short control signalling is enforced by gNB implementation

* Apple, FW, Qualcomm, Ericsson, Samsung, Intel, LGE, NEC, Xiaomi, Nokia (at least DL), ZTE, Spreadtrum

Alt 2. Introduce additional mechanism to explicitly restrict the short control signalling usage. FFS how.

* Vivo, ZTE, HW

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | Alt 1 |
| vivo | Alt-2 is preferred. We should make sure the signalling fulfil the short control message requirement before transmission, |
| Futurewei | Alt 1 |
| Qualcomm | Alt 1: Left to gNB implementation. |
| Ericsson | Alt 1 is preferred. |
| Samsung | We support Alt 1 in principle, but we need clarification that whether the condition in regulation will be captured in TS 37.213. |
| Intel | Alt.1 is preferred, since this may be actually very time consuming for RAN1, given that each special case would need to be discussed separately.  Additionally, this might be naturally achieved by how RAN1 has defined the channels and signals. For example, PRACH in our understanding should never exceed this value no matter how the gNB configured PRACH. Similar for SSB with 960kHz, even if gNB sends all 64 SSB with 960kHz, this should not exceed the 10% duty cycle per 100msec rule. |
| LG Electronics | Alt 1 is preferred. |
| CATT | Alt 1.  Since the transmission of DL/UL short control signals are controlled by gNB, it could be achieved by gNB implementation to ensure no more than 10% of time within observation window |
| NEC | We support Alt 1. |
| Xiaomi | Alt 1. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | In our view, first we need to agree for what channels/signals, short control signalling can be applied. Based on that decision, we can further discuss if additional mechanisms are required or not. |
| Nokia, NSB | For the DL, the gNB is anyhow in full control of the transmissions, and can ensure that 10% limit is not exceeded (i.e. Alt 1 on DL).  For the UL, we can study ways of ensuring that the 10% limit is not exceeded, and that the SCS allowance is used for the most critical UL transmissions.  From the fairness point of view, 3GPP should discuss whether there should be some limitation on the total amount of SCS transmissions in a cell (by the gNB and all the UEs), although ETSI allows for each node in a cell to transmit SCS for up to 10% of the time. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We are open to these two candidate options. |
| DOCOMO | We think this is up to what is defined as Contention Exempt Short Control Signaling. |
| Sony | If SCS will apply UL channel/signal transmission, explicit/implicit signalling may be needed. But, it should be discussed after the decision which channel/signals can be applied for SCS. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We are not sure what “enforced by gNB implementation” actually means in practice. If it means it depends on gNB implementation, we are not in favour of it.  We support Alt 2. |
| Spreadtrum | We prefer Alt 1. |

## Cat 2 LBT

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| **Company** | **Key Proposals/Observations/Positions** |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Proposal 11: For NR operation in unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz with LBT based channel access mechanism, COT sharing between the initiating device and responding device should be supported with at least Cat 2 LBT:  - If the responding device is capable of beam correspondence and it is expected to use only any of the Rx beam(s) as Tx beam(s) for its transmission that have been used to receive at least one of the transmissions from the initiating device within the same COT  - If the responding device determines at least one suitable beam on which it is allowed to transmit within the same COT, where the suitable beam can be determined as follows:  o |
| OPPO | Proposal 1: The LBT mechanism in EN 302 567 can be defined as Type 1 channel access to initiate a COT for unlicensed band in high frequency range.  Proposal 2: Introduce Type 2 channel access for shared COT operation for unlicensed band in high frequency range. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #5: For COT sharing, the Type 2 (e.g., 2A/2B/2C) channel access procedure can be introduced and the maximum gap between the transmissions within the COT can be defined for above 52.6 GHz. |
| Samsung | Proposal 3: Support the following types of channel access procedures for 60 GHz unlicensed band:  • Type 1 channel access procedure without CWS adaptation;  • Type 2 channel access procedure with zero and positive fixed sensing duration.  Proposal 7:  • Support channel access mechanism with directional channel sensing.  • Support directional channel sensing in multi-beam operation:  o For multi-beam SDM scenario, both Alt 2 and Alt 3 can be supported.  SDM scenario is only applicable to gNB.  o For multi-beam TDM scenario, select between Alt 2 and Alt 3 depending on whether sensing is required for switching beams within a COT.  If sensing is supported within a COT, Type 2 channel access procedure with fixed sensing duration is sufficient.  TDM scenario can be applicable to both gNB and UE. |
| CAICT | Proposal 6: Cat 2 LBT could be used to share the COT.  Proposal 7: Cat 2 LBT could also be used for short control signaling.  Proposal 9: Multiple LBT beams covering multiple directions could be used for Cat2 LBT. |
| PANASONIC | Proposal 2: Within gNB initiated COT, if gap between DL transmission and scheduled UL transmission along a given beam direction is larger than a predefined duration, UE should perform LBT before UL transmission; otherwise, no LBT is needed. |
| AT&T | Proposal 1: Directional LBT is defined as a complete beam sweep with Cat. 4 LBT followed by Cat. 2 LBT before actually transmitting on any spatial direction deemed idle during the complete beam sweep  Proposal 2: The relationship between sensing and transmitting beams should be specified.  • ED threshold adaptation mechanisms can be considered |
| Ericsson | Proposal 10 Do not support Cat 2 LBT for shared COT |
| Qualcomm | Proposal 6: Consider specifying Type 2 LBT sensing structure similar to an observation slot in the baseline LBT procedure.  Proposal 7: Consider specifying optional/configurable use of Type 2 LBT in channel access procedure. |

### Discussion

Cat 2 LBT is not defined in ETSI regulation. There are proposals to introduce it in 3GPP spec for several use cases.

Discussion point:

Shall we define Cat 2 LBT procedure.

* Alt 1: Do not introduce Cat 2 LBT for 60GHz band
  + Apple, Ericsson, Xiaomi, Nokia
* Alt 2: Design Cat 2 LBT as part of baseline LBT procedures. Use of Cat 2 LBT, where applicable, will not be optional for channel access.
  + Vivo (for multi-beam COT), FW, Samsung, Lenovo, ZTE (multi-beam), Sony, HW, Spreadtrum
* Alt 3: Design sensing for Cat 2 LBT observation slot requirements and include Cat 2 LBT optional procedure for LBT. Signalling will be designed to enable/disable or configure the parameters for use of Cat 2 LBT.
  + QC, Samsung, Intel, LGE, CATT, NEC, DCM, Sony, Convida, HW, Spreadtrum

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | Alt 1 |
| vivo | Cat.2 LBT can be designed, but only applicable to multi-beam LBT when beam switching happens, or possibly, for multi-channel LBT. No signalling is needed since it is part of the multi-beam LBT procedure. |
| Futurewei | We prefer a single shot LBT to be defined and replace all the Cat 2 LBT types. |
| Qualcomm | Alt 3. Designing sensing aspects of Cat 2 could be straightforward as it is closely related to the corresponding task of designing observation slot and deferral period in Cat 4 LBT. |
| Ericsson | Alt 1 is preferred.  CAT2 LBT is not defined in the EN 302 567. In the HS EN 302 567, all transmissions within the COT (responding or initiating device) can be transmitted without any LBT. As long as there is no evidence that there is an issue to resolve, we do not accept complicating the procedure. |
| Samsung | We support Cat2 LBT, but need to clarify what is “optional procedure for LBT” to further down-select between Alt 2 and Alt 3. |
| Intel | Alt.3 – Cat-2 LBT can be designed, and it would be left up to the gNB on the specifics of when to use it. |
| LG Electronics | We support the Alt 3. If the directional LBT can be used to initiate channel occupancy together with omni-directional LBT for initiating a channel occupancy, it is necessary to indicate both the direction of LBT (e.g., omni-directional LBT or directional LBT) and the type of LBT (e.g., Type 1 or Type 2A/2B/2C channel access procedure in NR-U) when scheduling a UL transmission to a UE. |
| CATT | Alt 3 |
| NEC | We support Cat2 LBT. Regarding to Alt 2 and Alt 3, we prefer Alt 3, and we are open to discuss the details optional procedure for LBT. |
| Xiaomi | Alt 1 |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | We support Cat 2 LBT as part of baseline LBT procedure and it can be  FFS: What conditions/rules are specified to apply Cat 2 LBT |
| Nokia, NSB | Alt 1: since ETSI does not acknowledge Cat 2 LBT for 60 GHz, we see no reason to introduce it.. The benefits of defining optional LBT capabilities are unclear and should be further clarified. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Support Cat2 LBT to apply it in the case of the transmissions with multiple beams in spatial/time domain multiplexing(SDM/TDM). |
| DOCOMO | We support Alt 3. There are some regulations that requires just a sensing before transmission (e.g., Japan). Enabling sensing with fixed duration (e.g., Cat 2) should be considered in such scenario. On the other hand, there are also some regulations that does not require Cat 2 like sensing in LBT. Therefore, enabling/disabling based on signalling should be considered. |
| Sony | Alt 2 or 3. Performing Cat.2 LBT in the shared COT would be beneficial for the detection of hidden node. Whether Cat.2 LBT is optional or not should be further discussed. |
| Convida Wireless | We prefer Alt 3. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | CAT 2 LBT should be supported as a part of at least Rx-Assistance. Depending on the outcome of LBT mode at the beginning of the COT for multi-beam or multi-channel operations, it may also be required for these operations.  So, we do not support Alt 1. However, Alt 2 and Alt 3 seem to have some overlaps. We believe that “Use of Cat 2 LBT, where applicable, will not be optional for channel access” (Alt 2) and we should “Design sensing for Cat 2 LBT observation slot requirements” (Alt 3). |
| Spreadtrum | Alt 2 and Alt 3 are OK to us. |

Discussion point:

If Cat 2 LBT is introduced, it can be used in multiple places:

* A: Resume transmission after a large gap: Cat 2 LBT is used to resume transmission by the initiating device within the COT after a large gap
* B: COT sharing: Cat 2 LBT is designed to be (optionally) used before transmission by a responding node sharing a COT
* C: Multi-Beam LBT: Cat 2 LBT is designed to be optionally used before beam switching in a COT
* D: Rx-Assistance: Cat 2 LBT is designed to be optionally used for sensing to be done at the receiver for Rx-Assistance measurements and associated signalling

For companies supporting introducing Cat 2 LBT, please list your view on which use cases (A/B/C/D) Cat 2 LBT can be used for. Please add other use cases if not listed above.

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Futurewei | Under the condition that we have a new single Cat 2 LBT (one shot) we support it for A and B. For options C it is not clear what multi-beam LBT means. This needs to be defined. For instance, can be a single LBT beam that covers multi-beam directions or multi LBTs one per each beam, etc. For option D, RX-Assistance, it is not yet defined therefore, it is hard to decide on the Cat 2 LBT necessity. |
| Qualcomm | We consider Cat 2 LBT as a useful tool for quick assessment of interference levels. A, B can be thought of as extension of Rel 16 design. Use case of C, sensing before transmit beam switching is a generalization of A, as interference in the direction of the new beam appears after a gap since the last sensing and a one-shot LBT may provide updated interference conditions.  We consider D – namely LBT sensing done on Rx-side as one of the most useful applications of Cat 2 LBT. It may provide a quicker coarse assessment of interference. |
| Samsung | Support A, C, and D  Need clarification on “optionally used” for B. |
| Intel | Support for A, B, C and D. A and B could be seen as an extension of NR-U design. For C, this could be used as a sensing mechanism when a device switches the transmission over a new beam. As for D, this could be used in the context of the receiver-assisted LBT by the receiver to better assess the level of interference, and occupancy of the channel. |
| LG Electronics | The same principle of NR-U can be applied to the COT sharing between the gNB and UE in the COT acquired by the directional LBT. Moreover, a gNB can transmit the multiple beams in a TDM manner, resulting in transmissions gaps on a beam, within a COT after sensing the channel in the corresponding directions at the beginning of the COT. Therefore, the maximum gap between the transmissions in the COT should be defined and the Type 2 (e.g., Type 2A/2B/2C) channel access procedure can be performed before starting the transmission to avoid the collisions. The definition of Type 2 (e.g., 2A/2B/2C) channel access procedure in Rel-16 NR-U can be reused with possible modifications to the parameters such as the gap duration for each type of LBT. Therefore, all of use cases (A/B/C/D) can be considered to support introducing Cat-2 LBT. |
| CATT | A, B, C, D |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | We agree with A. For B and C, we suggest removing “optionally”. Depending upon duration of gap between the transmissions within COT, Cat 2 LBT should be required   * B: COT sharing: Cat 2 LBT is designed to be ~~optionally~~ used before transmission by a responding node sharing a COT * C: Multi-Beam LBT: Cat 2 LBT is designed to be ~~optionally~~ used before beam switching in a COT   Other alternative wording could be to replace “optionally used” with “configured to be used”. FFS: Configuration details.  Further clarification is needed for option D on how Cat 2 LBT is related to sensing and performing measurements at the receiver. |
| Nokia, NSB | as mentioned above, we see no need for Cat 2 LBT. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Support A,B,C. for D, it is not clear when Cat2 LBT is used for receiver, whether it means Cat4 LBT has been used for transmitter. |
| DOCOMO | At least C and D should be considered. A and B can also be considered further. |
| Sony | A, B, C, and D. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | CAT 2 should be supported for Rx-Assistance (Option D), Depending on the outcome of LBT mode at the beginning of the COT for multi-beam or multi-channel operations, it may also be required for these operations (Option B, C). |
| Spreadtrum | At least A, C and D |
| vivo | Cat.2 LBT can be designed, but only applicable to multi-beam LBT when beam switching happens, or possibly, for multi-channel LBT.  Our main motivation of Cat 2 LBT is C with the following rewording. We feel a bit strange to agree on scenarios with all these “optionally” mentioned at this early stage before we decide the LBT functionality.   * C: Multi-Beam LBT: Cat 2 LBT is designed to be ~~optionally~~ used before beam switching in a COT |
| InterDigital | A, B, C, D |
| ITRI | * We support A, B and D. C is supported for One LBT beam covers all transmission beams |

## Directional LBT

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| **Company** | **Key Proposals/Observations/Positions** |
| FUTUREWEI | Proposal 1: The 60 GHz unlicensed channel access shall support directional channel sensing that covers the next transmission directions.  Proposal 2: The value of Pout in the CCA Check threshold before initiating a COT should correspond to the maximum EIRP of the transmissions during that COT.  Proposal 3: NR should support solutions to address the asymmetry between the beam (antennas TIS) used for CCA sensing and the beams (EIRP) used for transmissions. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Proposal 3: For NR operation in unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz with LBT based channel access mechanism, beam based (directional) LBT operation should be supported  Proposal 4: For NR unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz, with directional LBT based channel access mechanism, configuration and/or indication of multiple LBT beams to UE should be supported for beam-based UL transmission  Proposal 5: For NR unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz, with directional LBT based channel access mechanism, explicit mapping between LBT beam(s) and UL transmit beam should be supported, where the LBT beams may or may not be same as the transmit beam  Proposal 6: For NR unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz, with directional LBT based channel access mechanism, for UL transmissions on CG resources, time-based autonomous switching of UL Tx beam should be supported, where the switching can be based on a timer within which the UE is expected to receiver HARQ-ACK feedback |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Proposal 7: If directional LBT is supported, similar principle to determine LBT beam in LTE-LAA and below 7GHz NR-U can be reused, i.e. LBT beam is same as the reception beam. |
| OPPO | Proposal 5: The relations between LBT beams and transmission beams can be leaved as implementation. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Proposal 7: For operation in the 60 GHz band, specify the spatial relation between the LBT beam and the transmission beam.  Proposal 8: For spatial domain multiplexing of different beams, both one LBT beam covering all transmission beams, and multiple LBT beams covering multiple transmission beams are supported.  Observation 1: (Quasi-)omni-directional simplifies the implementation but could lead to an ‘over protection’ problem and thus reduction of spatial reuse.  Observation 2: Directional LBT potentially improves the channel access probability and enhances the spatial reuse. However, when performed at the transmitter side, the hidden node problem could be more severe due to limited sensing direction.  Proposal 4: It should be clarified whether antenna gain is counted in the received energy when compared with the EDT.  Proposal 9: For time domain multiplexing of transmissions in different beams in the same COT, support LBT at the beginning of COT by the initiating device with sensing beam(s) that covers all TDM transmission beams from the initiating device. |
| Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell | Observation 3: Clarify the feasibility and possible limitations of the omnidirectional ED sensing (true omni LBT) for prospective gNBs operating in 60 GHz unlicensed band.  Proposal 8: Leave the choice of the beam width for the directional LBT operation to the vendor-specific implementations. Vendors can use different beamforming techniques for their LBT procedures, as long as global or region and deployment specific requirements (i.e., ETSI EN 302 567) are fulfilled.  Observation 4: Generic requirements may be considered, e.g., that the beam(s) used in the LBT contain the transmission direction(s) intended to be used during the COT.  Observation 5: CCA check procedure details need to be considered when gNB uses multiple beams for channel sensing during the LBT. |
| Intel | Observation 1: Omni-directional LBT may act in many cases overprotectively and may prevent from fully exploiting spatial reuse under highly directional transmissions. This issue may be mitigated through directional LBT. However, directional sensing exacerbates the well-known hidden node issue, and leads to scenarios where the system could suffer from deafness.  Observation 2: Receiver-aided LBT is able to mitigate the issues introduced by directional LBT and offers a mean to better assess the correct level of interference at the receiver.  Proposal 8: Both omni-directional and directional LBT are supported. When directional LBT is used, a receiver-aided LBT should complement its CCA procedure.  Proposal 9: RAN1 to define some relationship between the received beams used for LBT measurements, and the transmit beam to be used after LBT success. Further details of how the relationship is defined is FFS in RAN1.  Proposal 10: When directional sensing is performed, the COT should be considered to be acquired only in the transmission beams for which the LBT is performed and the LBT measurements have indicated that the channel is idle.  Proposal 11: When directional sensing is performed, and multiple concurrent COT are acquired, these should be independently treated unless LBT measurements have overlapping beams. In this case, RAN1 should define some rules on how to handle these cases.  Proposal 12: RAN1 should further study how to efficiently allow beam-pairing due to LBT success.  Proposal 13: A device should perform directional sensing at the beginning of the COT with sensing beam(s) that covers all transmit beams or the first transmission beam, and additional directional LBT with sensing beam that covers the transmission beam(s) . |
| InterDigital | Observation 1: Omni-directional LBT in unlicensed spectrum from 52.6GHz to 71GHz can under-represent interference in the direction of the associated transmission and over-represent interference in other directions.  Observation 2: Dynamic scenarios with some level of mobility increases the likelihood of transmitter-receiver pairs interfering with each other even when using narrowbeams.  Observation 3: Directional LBT provides benefits over no LBT at least for medium to high loads and especially for tail UEs, while reducing the drawbacks associated with omni-directional LBT.  Proposal 1: Directional LBT is supported.  Proposal 2: The relationship between the LBT beam and the transmission beam should be specified.  Proposal 3: A single directional LBT process can be performed on a beam whose parameters are determined from the parameters of the Tx beam of one or more associated transmissions.  Proposal 4: RAN1 to study when to perform LBT cat 4 within a COT for an LBT beam covering a transmission beam used in a COT. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #4: If the directional CCA procedure is introduced the followings points can be considered:   How to perform the CCA procedure for multiple-beam sweeping transmission   How to define CWS management (e.g., per-direction or across-direction management)   How to manage the back-off counter value  Proposal #6: It should be discussed how to indicate the direction of LBT (e.g., omni-directional LBT or directional LBT) and the type of LBT (e.g., Type 1 or Type 2A/2B/2C channel access procedure in NR-U) when scheduling a UL transmission inside or outside of a channel occupancy.  Proposal #7: The relationship between the LBT beam with a specific direction to acquire the COT and the transmission beam(s) allowed to transmit in that COT should be defined considering the relationship between the CCA range of the LBT beam and the interference range of the transmission beam(s). |
| Samsung | Proposal 7:  • Support channel access mechanism with directional channel sensing.  • Support directional channel sensing in multi-beam operation:  o For multi-beam SDM scenario, both Alt 2 and Alt 3 can be supported.  SDM scenario is only applicable to gNB.  o For multi-beam TDM scenario, select between Alt 2 and Alt 3 depending on whether sensing is required for switching beams within a COT.  If sensing is supported within a COT, Type 2 channel access procedure with fixed sensing duration is sufficient.  TDM scenario can be applicable to both gNB and UE. |
| TCL | Proposal 1: RAN1 shall study channel access mechanisms based on directional LBT.  Proposal 2: RAN1 shall study directional LBT at UE side to guarantee fair coexistence with 802.11ad.  Proposal 3: RAN1 shall study solutions to mitigate the effect of LBT deafness, beam orthogonality and beam imbalance in order to enable directional LBT at UE side without harming NR-U channel access efficiency.  Proposal 4: RAN1 shall consider the usage of directional LBT at gNB side. |
| AT&T | Proposal 1: Directional LBT is defined as a complete beam sweep with Cat. 4 LBT followed by Cat. 2 LBT before actually transmitting on any spatial direction deemed idle during the complete beam sweep  Proposal 2: The relationship between sensing and transmitting beams should be specified.  • ED threshold adaptation mechanisms can be considered |
| Spreadtrum | Proposal 2: The directional LBT should be supported in 60GHz unlicensed band. |
| Sony | Proposal 4: Directional LBT should be supported on 60 GHz unlicensed operation.  Proposal 5: The following relationship between LBT beam and transmission beam should be specified   One LBT beam covers all transmission beams   Multiple LBT beams cover multiple transmission beams |
| NEC | Proposal 3: For LBT based channel access in mmWave unlicensed band, the relationship between LBT beam and transmission beam should be defined to reduce the complexity of channel access for different nodes. |
| Xiaomi | Observation 1: Omni-directional LBT is more suitable for broadcasted channels and groupcasted channels, and directional LBT is more suitable for unicast channels and receiver assisted LBT. |
| Ericsson | Observation 7 The effectiveness of LBT as medium access mechanism for co-existence in unlicensed spectrum in 60 GHz band is questionable.  Observation 8 Common understanding in ETSI and 802.11ad/ay specs are omni-directional LBT or quasi-omnidirectional LBT  Observation 9 Simulation studies in general indicate no significant gain from using directional LBT.  Observation 10 There is no need to specify anything more stringent than the existing EN 302 567 standard. Directional LBT can be implementation dependent.  Observation 11 It is complex to define a directional sensing beam that covers several transmission beams for every transmission.  Proposal 4 For spatial domain multiplexing when LBT mode is used, the (directional) LBT behaviour can be left for implementation.  Proposal 5 For time domain multiplexing of DL/UL transmissions in multiple beams when LBT mode is used, it should be allowed to perform omni-directional or quasi-omni-directional LBT at the beginning of the COT and no LBT for the following beams in the COT. |
| Apple | Proposal 4: Both omni-directional and directional LBT is supported.  • For omni-directional LBT, Pout is calculated from Tx power + potential beam forming gain. One omni-directional LBT beam coverall all transmission beams.  • For directional LBT, Pout is calculated from the Tx power with Rx/Tx beam correspondence. The LBT beam should be used as the transmission beam. |
| Convida | Proposal 1: Directional LBT and interference mitigation should be considered for frequency range of 52.6GHz to 71GHz.  Proposal 2: Both omni-directional LBT and directional LBT should be supported for frequency range of 52.6GHz to 71GHz. |
| Qualcomm | Proposal 8: Consider the use of antenna gain of sensing beam and transmission beam to determine the suitability of using a given sensing beam in conjunction with a transmission beam.  • The directionality of sensing beam should be accounted for only in the directions of intended transmission i.e., within X dB of the peak EIRP. |
| ITRI | Proposal 1: In order to avoid resource wastage and hidden node problem, the LBT beam should be the same as the transmission beam. |
| DOCOMO | Observation 2:   Directional sensing should be possible in 60 GHz since narrower beam is highly assumed for the exact transmissions.   It would be difficult to support directional sensing with detailed configuration of beam characteristics.  Proposal 3:   Directional LBT should be supported with minimum specification effort.   One possibility is to support directional LBT with the same beam as the one to be used for associated transmission |

### ED threshold adaptation based on Beamforming gain

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| **Company** | **Key Proposals/Observations/Positions** |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Proposal 11: Considering mismatch between LBT beam and transmission beam, the ED threshold provided by the ETSI BRAN 302 567 can be modified to consider mismatching between LBT beam and transmission beam.  Proposal 12: For NR-U and NR-U coexistence scenarios, its ED threshold can be considered to be appropriately relaxed compared with the threshold of coexistence between NR-U and Wi-Fi. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Proposal 2: For operation in NR-U-60, the EDT formula adopted from draft v2.1.20 of EN 302 567 as a baseline should be adjusted such that, for a given RF output power (EIRP), EDT proportionally increases with the beamforming gain of the potential following transmission.  Proposal 3: For operation in NR-U-60, when LBT is used, adopt the following generalized formula to capture the potential enhancements to the baseline EDT formulae:  • EDT= X+Y-min(Y, Po + a GTX ) [dBm], wherein 0≤a ≤1 [dBm/dBi],  • X is a reference CCA level further adjustable based on LBT BW, e.g. X=-47+10log10(BW/2GHz),  • Y is the maximum EIRP limit, e.g. Y=40 dBm,  • GTX is the effective transmit antenna gain at the potential transmitter [dBi],  • Po is the output power to the transmit antenna array [dBm] such that Pout (EIRP)= Po+GTX. |
| Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell | Proposal 4: Energy detection threshold adjustment can be considered for compensating any difference on the transmission and LBT beamforming gains. |
| InterDigital | Proposal 10: Adapt ED threshold to account for LBT BW and beamforming gain. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #9: The ED threshold provided by the ETSI 302 567 can be enhanced considering the following points:   The size of LBT bandwidth   Transmit power of beam(s) in the COT   Transmit beam pattern (wide/narrow) |
| Samsung | Proposal 5: ED threshold should depend on:  • Whether other technology sharing the channel is absent or not on a long-term basis;  • LBT bandwidth;  • Beam parameters including beamforming gain and/or beam direction for transmission and/or receiving. |
| CATT | Proposal 4: The energy detection threshold for CCA check in EN 302.567 can be reused for NR operation up to 71GHz |
| vivo | Proposal 2: The ED threshold for CCA check should adapt to LBT bandwidth, and take into account the impact of beamforming gain of the directional LBT beams. |
| Spreadtrum | Proposal 4: The formula of ED threshold should consider the LBT bandwidth and beamforming gain. |
| NEC | Proposal 2: The energy detection threshold adaptation for beam based channel access procedure should take into account the maximum transmission power difference between transmission on a single beam and multiple concurrent beams. |
| Ericsson | Observation 2 EDT defined in draft EN 302 567 v.2.2.0 already depends on the transmit power of the device  Observation 3 Pmax and Pout in the EDT equation include beamforming gain |
| DOCOMO | Proposal 2:   For ED threshold used in LBT, no additional specification is necessary in addition to what ETSI BRAN requires. |

### Discussion

There is strong support to support or study directional LBT. On the other hand, in mmW system, likely there is no true “omni-directional” LBT in the beginning. When we discuss “directionality” of LBT, we should discuss its relationship with transmission beam.

Discussion point:

Should 3GPP spec defines the relationship between the LBT beam and the transmission beam or leave it as implementation. For example, should we define something like the LBT beam should “cover” the transmission beam?

* Alt 1. Leave the relationship between sensing beam and transmission beam as implementation
  + Ericsson,
* Alt 2. Defines the relationship between the sensing beam and the transmission beam, at least sensing beam “covers” the transmission beam
  + FFS: How to define the relationship
  + Apple, vivo, FW, QC, Samsung, Intel, LGE, CATT, NEC, Lenovo, Nokia (sensing beam covers transmission beam, but enforced in RAN4), ZTE, DCM, Sony, Convida, HW, Spreadtrum

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | Alt 2. This is to ensure regulation compliance.  Compare to EN 301 893, the key difference is that in EN 302 567, Pout in EDT equation is explicitly specified with Tx beamforming gain. |
| vivo | Alt 2 is preferred. The device should make sure that the sensing beam “covers” the transmission beam. |
| Futurewei | We prefer Alt 2. Sensing beam should cover the transmission beams and the sensing threshold should consider the mismatch between sensing sensitivity and transmitter antenna gain. |
| Qualcomm | Alt 2: The notion a LBT beam being a ‘valid’ sensing beam for a transmission beam can be clarified, if necessary, along with ED threshold adjustment. |
| Ericsson | Alt 1 is preferred. |
| Samsung | Alt 2. It should be specified (maybe RAN4 spec). |
| Intel | Alt-2 is preferred, and indeed the sensing beam should cover the transmission beam. |
| LG Electronics | We support Alt 2. If the directional LBT is performed with a specific LBT beam using a specific directional antenna, the CCA range should cover the interference range of the transmission beam(s). |
| CATT | Alt 2. |
| NEC | We support Alt 2. The sensing beam(s) should cover related transmission beam(s) to simplify the channel sensing procedure. |
| Xiaomi | All the three Alts can be considered. Alt 1/2 are especially preferred, since Legacy RSSI measurement/ AP-CSI report are more of a long term sensing/measurement, and can be decoupled from the real-time data transmission process. But Alt 3, LBT at receiver, may has to be coupled with real-time data transmission process, that is, when a Tx wants to start transmission, it has to wait for the receiver to do receiver LBT and then decide whether it can start transmission or not. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | We agree to support Alt 2. In our view, if the relationship between sensing beam and the transmission beam is left up to implementation, then there could be ambiguity on how the beam failure detection and recovery procedures are handled. For example, if UE is expected to receive transmissions on certain beams, but did not receive because of LBT failure, it might consider such scenario as beam failure. Furthermore, to increase the chances of LBT success, multiple sensing beams covering indicated (wider) transmission beam should be considered, where the transmission beam can be updated based on which one of the sensing beams has LBT success.  Explicit mapping between sensing beams and transmission beam could be supported. |
| Nokia, NSB | We agree that the LBT beam should cover the TX beam(s). From RAN1 point of view this can be left for implementation. RAN4 may potentially define a test case that verifies operation according to this principle. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | We prefer Alt.2 to better reflect the interference situation on transmission beam by the definition the relationship between sensing beam and transmission beam. |
| DOCOMO | We support Alt 2 with a simple specification, e.g., specifying the same beam is used for sensing as the transmission beam.We are not sure whether Alt 1 would be safe, while also not sure how to specify sensing beam “cover” the transmission beam. |
| Sony | We support Alt 2. |
| Convida Wireless | We support Alt 2. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Alt 2. For one reason, if there is no correspondence between sensing beam and the transmission beam, the transmitting node can always do LBT in a direction that does sense any interference from and pass the LBT. In other words, LBT without correspondence between sensing and transmission beam may be completely useless. |
| Spreadtrum | We prefer Alt 2. |
| InterDigital | Alt. 2. The sensing beam(s) should at least cover the transmission beam(s) |

If we define the relationship between LBT beam and TX beam, another question to answer is if ED threshold should be adjusted by the LBT beam and TX beam choices. For example, given a fixed TX beam, using a pseudo-omni beam or the same TX beam for LBT will produce different LBT ED measurement given the same interference.

Discussion point:

If 3GPP spec defines the relationship between the LBT beam and the transmission beam, shall we also define the impact to ED threshold given a certain LBT beam and transmission beam, or use a fixed ED threshold?

* Alt 1. No impact to ED threshold on sensing beam and transmission beam choices
  + Ericsson, DCM
* Alt 2. ED threshold is a function of the choice of sensing beam and transmission beam
  + FFS: How to adjust the ED threshold by sensing beam and transmission beam
  + Apple, vivo, FW, QC, Samsung, Intel, LGE, CATT, NEC, Lenovo, Nokia (further study), ZTE, Sony, HW, Spreadtrum, ITRI

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | Alt 2. Follow EDT equation and Pout definition. |
| vivo | Alt 2 is preferred. Different sensing beams will lead to different received power, the EDT should further consider this effect. |
| Futurewei | Alt 2 |
| Qualcomm | Alt 2: ED Threshold adjustment can facilitate medium access by allowing multiple choices for sensing and transmission beams to work together. It can further simplify LBT considerations for more complicated scenarios such as MU-MIMO COTs or Multi-Beam TDM COT.  This ED Threshold adjustment can be applied as an additive term to the EDT Definition from section 2.3.3 |
| Ericsson | ED threshold in EN 302 567 already is a function of the choice of the transmission beam. *Pout* in the equation is the RF output power (EIRP) for the potential transmission beam. In addition, increasing the ED threshold based on sensing beam is not compliant with HS EN 302 567. |
| Samsung | We support Alt 2. Otherwise, the gain from directional sensing is very limited. |
| Intel | Alt.2 as we discussed and motivated above. |
| LG Electronics | We support Alt 2. Within the COT acquired by the LBT beams with specific direction and ED threshold, the transmission of beams that have directions different from the CCA range (due to large transmit power than ED threshold) shall not be allowed to be multiplexed (SDM/TDM) in the COT. |
| CATT | Alt.2. When the device performs energy detection, the value of EDT is determined by the EIRP of the transmission beam. If the transmission beamforming gain is different from the LBT beamforming gain, then the EDT should be adjusted. The details need be further studied. |
| NEC | We support Alt 2. The ED threshold should consider the relationship between sensing beam and transmission beam. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | We support Alt 2. |
| Nokia, NSB | ED threshold may take into account the TX beamwidth, but this requires further study. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | in order to evaluate the actual interference in the transmission beam relatively accurately, it is necessary to consider the impact of sensing beam and transmission beam on EDT adjustment. From this point of view, we prefer Alt.2. |
| DOCOMO | We support Alt 1. Taking beamforming related information into ED threshold determination would be too complicated, and require large specification effort. |
| Sony | We support Alt 2. |
| Huawei/HiSilicon | Alt 2. In particular, EDT should be a function of beamforming gain so if two transmitters have the same EIRP but one has a narrower Tx beam and the other has wider Tx beam, the transmitter with the narrower beam be incentivised due to its less spatial interference footprint. |
| Spreadtrum | We support Alt 2. |
| InterDigital | We support Alt. 2 |
| ITRI | We support Alt2 |

## Rx Assistance in LBT process

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| **Company** | **Key Proposals/Observations/Positions** |
| FUTUREWEI | Proposal 4: For UE assisted LBT, the gNB should be able to request UE to measure the interference (received energy) over a specific set of resources and report it back to the gNB prior to LBT procedure at the gNB. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Proposal 21: For NR operation in unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz, receiver assistance should be supported for both LBT and no-LBT based channel access mechanisms to avoid potential interference at the receiver.  Proposal 22: For NR operation in unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz, only class A receiver assistance should be supported where the assistance information is sent only to the transmitter.  Proposal 25: For NR operation in unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz, signaling mechanism similar to RTS/CTS should be considered for receiver assistance  - Short transmission using control channels (such as with 1-bit) or reference signals for before the actual transmission could be supported |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Proposal 10: For receiver assisted channel access and interference management,   If existing L1 and L3 measurement mechanism is supported to obtain assistance information, some enhancements may need to be considered for using the measurement results timely and effectively to guide the subsequent transmission.   If LBT is supported to obtain assistance information, assistance information can be considered to be obtained within COT in addition to the beginning of COT. |
| OPPO | Proposal 6: RTS-like signal can be carried in a PDCCH and CTS-like signal can be carried in a PUCCH. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Observation 3：Receiver-only directional LBT saves the LBT overhead associated with the transmitter-side LBT of the receiver-assisted LBT mechanism and provides an efficient tradeoff as it aims at increasing the spatial reuse while mitigating the hidden node issue.  Proposal 12：For operation in the 60 GHz band, receiver-side LBT should be supported.  Proposal 15：For operation in the 60 GHz band, in regions where LBT is not mandated, the serving cell may enable Rx-side LBT using a higher layer configuration to mitigate high levels of interference experienced from hidden nodes.  Observation 5: When No-LBT is used in regions where LBT is not mandated by regulations, the hidden node issue would still persist.  Observation 6: Compared to No-LBT, substantial coverage gains are achieved using Receiver-assisted LBT/Receiver-only LBT in the indoor scenario, especially at medium and high traffic load.  - Even higher gains are realized when wider beams are used for directional transmissions  Observation 7: For Receiver-assisted LBT/Receiver-only LBT, if a high EDT\_Rx threshold is used, the DL cell-edge performance degrades if only CTS/idle indication is fed back when interference level is lower than the EDT\_Rx threshold. |
| Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell | Observation 6: Considerable benefits from new Rx assistance schemes should be shown in a reasonable range of different situations and with realistic UE feedback delays given the considerable implementation effort involved.  Observation 7: Receiver assistance for channel access is already supported with existing layer 1 and layer 3 measurements and reports.  Proposal 13: Any Rx assistance scheme should be configurable per UE, so that it could be used only with UEs frequently detecting high interference.  Proposal 14: For any new Rx assistance schemes, UE processing time similar to PDSCH processing time (N1) or CSI computation time (N2/Z1Z2) should be considered when providing Rx assistance.  Proposal 15: Rx assistance should not be limited to the beginning of COT only. |
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| InterDigital | Observation 4: In a beam-based environment, LBT (omni-directional or directional) can fail to detect hidden nodes if the interference is only in the direction of the receiving node.  Proposal 5: Receiver based LBT should be considered for both omni-directional and directional LBT.  Proposal 6: Receiver based directional LBT is supported.  Proposal 7: A single receiver based directional LBT process can be performed on a beam whose parameters are determined from the parameters of the Rx beam of one or more associated transmissions.  Proposal 8: The UE receives configuration and indication of the channel access mechanism to use (omni-directional, directional, receiver based, no LBT) from the gNB. FFS if configuration/indication is by RRC or L1 signaling.  Proposal 9: RAN1 to consider if a UE can select a channel access mechanism as a function of measurements or prior LBT success or failure. |
| LG Electronics | Proposal #3: The directional CCA and the receiver assisted LBT can be beneficial to increase cell coverage and spatial reuse, and whether or not the receiver assisted LBT can have an impact on specification except for indicating LBT type to responder should be first investigated. |
| Samsung | Proposal 9: Support dynamic RX-assistant channel access mechanism with handshake between transmitter and receiver, e.g. wherein the channel access request is based on DCI and channel access response is based on UCI in a downlink scenario.  Proposal 10: Support RSSI measurement outside the active BWP and in non-serving cell. |
| CATT | Proposal 2: The receiver assistance information can be designed base on the A-CSI feedback framework. |
| vivo | Proposal 4: When gNB operates as an initiating device, the transmitter request can be sent in a PDCCH like channel, and receiver feedback can be sent in a PUCCH like channel.  Proposal 5: Each transmitter request monitoring occasion corresponds to a receiver feedback transmission opportunity.  Proposal 6: When UE operates as an initiating device, the transmitter request can be a UL reference signal or sent in a PUCCH like channel with UE identity information. The receiver feedback can be sent in a PDCCH like channel.  Proposal 7: The channel access mechanism can be selected based on the channel occupancy time, channel access rate, transmission priority, service requirement, or feedback information from the receiver, etc. |
| AT&T | Proposal 3:  • Receiver assistance in Rel. 17 is limited to measurement enhancements  • Message based schemes similar to RTS/CTS signalling can be addressed in a later release targeting Class B scenarios  • Hand shaking is not supported  • Transmission should be allowed before the receiver assistance is received  • Receiver assistance can equally be useful, and should be allowed, for the no-LBT mode of transmissions  • Receiver assistance is a fast, low complexity feedback mechanism to convey to the transmitter the interference environment at the receiver |
| Spreadtrum | Proposal 3: The receiver assisted LBT should be supported in 60GHz unlicensed band. |
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| Sony | Proposal 6: Receiver assisted LBT should be supported on 60 GHz unlicensed operation. |
| Xiaomi | Proposal 5: Conditions about whether to enable/disable receiver assisted LBT can be studied.  Proposal 6: How to design a receiver assisted LBT with a simpler flow and little spec impact should be considered. |
| Ericsson | Observation 12 Ideal receiver assisted LBT does not show performance improvement as compared to no LBT.  Observation 13 Good link adaptation algorithm is enough to cope with occasional interference in 60 GHz band  Observation 14 CSI-Reporting mechanism in the current specification is a suitable tool to communicate receiver assistance information to the transmitter, i.e., the gNB. Enhancement may be needed to enable aperiodic CSI reporting to be triggered by DL DCIs and to be transmitted on PUCCH as being discussed in the URLLC WI.  Observation 15 Current processing delays for CSI reports in NR are rather long, which diminishes any potential benefit of receiver assisted channel access.\  Observation 16 If any gains of RAL are to be expected at all, then it requires fast feedback  Proposal 6 If any enhancements to better support receiver assisted channel access are to be specified at all, it should be based on CSI reporting enhancement as currently being discussed in the URLLC WI, with potential enhancements to the CSI report type and the CSI processing timeline. |
| Convida | Proposal 4: Receiver assisted LBT and channel access scheme should be supported in 52.6 GHz to 71 GHz. |
| Qualcomm | Proposal 11: Consider Rx-side CCA for receiver assistance. |
| DOCOMO | Proposal 4:   RSSI/channel occupancy measurement supported in Rel-16 NR-U can be reused in 52.6 – 71 GHz unlicensed band   Whether/how to apply directivity for RSSI/CO measurement and reporting can be further discussed |

### Discussion

Rx Assistance to be considered has been narrowed down to exchange between the serving and the served nodes.

Following aspects of the Rx-Assistance can further be discussed.

Discussion point

For receiver to provide assistance, channel sensing needs to be performed. The following set of tools can be considered

* Alt 1. Legacy RSSI measurement
  + Apple, FW, QC (as part of no-LBT), Ericsson, LGE, Xiaomi, Nokia, DCM, Sony, Convida, Spreadtrum
* Alt 2. AP-CSI report
  + Apple, QC (as part of no-LBT), Ericsson, LGE, Fujitsu. CATT, Xiaomi, Lenovo (also P-CSI), Nokia, Sony, Convida, Spreadtrum
* Alt 3. LBT at receiver
  + Alt 3.1 eCCA
    - Apple, QC, Intel, Fujitsu, Xiaomi, Lenovo, Sony, Convida, HW, Spreadtrum
  + Alt 3.2 Cat2 LBT
    - Apple, QC, Samsung, Intel, Fujitsu, Xiaomi, Lenovo (also HARQ ACK), Sony, Convida, HW, Spreadtrum

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | All alternatives can be considered. |
| vivo | We would like some clarification on the proposal here. Are the three alternatives listed above the feedback/assistance data from the receiver to the transmitter?  It’s not clear to us whether we are discussing the procedure or the feedback. |
| Futurewei | Alt 1: We prefer to reuse existing RS such as CS-RSSI, CSI-RS for IM etc that would provide interference/energy detection information for a set of physical resources, and spatial directions as requested by the transmitter. |
| Qualcomm | We prefer Alt 3 (both Alt 3.1 and Alt 3.2) as mechanisms that are useful and require additional specification effort to be the focus of WID. We also consider Alt1 or Alt2 or L1-SINR based procedures for receiver assisted no-LBT as something already available, with smaller enhancements needed to reporting or measurement procedures. |
| Ericsson | Alt 1 or Alt 2 is ok. If any enhancements to better support receiver assisted channel access are to be specified at all, it should be based on CSI reporting enhancement as currently being discussed in the URLLC WI, with potential enhancements to the CSI report type and the CSI processing timeline. We do not see the benefits or need to support a receiver assisted LBT with information exchange per COT. LBT result at the receiver needs to be communicated to the transmitter and the necessary overhead and processing delays need to be considered in any analysis carried out. |
| Samsung | We support Alt 3.2. |
| Intel | We agree with the principle of the proposal, and that a receiver assisted mechanism is needed. As for the tool to use, we prefer Alt.3. |
| LG Electronics | We support both Alt 1 and Alt 2. Since the contents of the assistant information or feedback mechanisms can be fully supported by the current Rel-15/16 specification, there is no need to specify additional mechanisms other than the indication of which LBT to be used at receiver side when the receiver assisted LBT is used. |
| Fujitsu | We think at least one of Alt 2 and Alt 3 should be considered. For Alt.1, we have concern on the latency since it is kind of L3 measurement. |
| CATT | Alt 2  The AP-CSI triggering and reporting mechanism could be reused for receiver assisted LBT. AP-CSI provides the channel condition for link adaptation and co-channel interference in the receiving direction. |
| Xiaomi | All the three Alts can be considered. Alt 1/2 are especially preferred, since Legacy RSSI measurement/ AP-CSI report are more of a long term sensing/measurement, and can be decoupled from the real-time data transmission process. But Alt 3, LBT at receiver, may has to be coupled with real-time data transmission process, that is, when a Tx wants to start transmission, it has to wait for the receiver to do receiver LBT and then decide whether it can start transmission or not. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | In our view, interference measurements should be considered for providing Rx assistance in LBT process. However legacy RSSI measurements might not be a good indicator of the channel occupancy. It could be quite possible that the RSSI measurements correspond to only interference measurements from neighbouring nodes only. Therefore, in order to get a better estimation of channel occupancy, current CSI based measurements could be enhanced to separately measure any interference from WiFi systems. For example, UE could be configured with resources where the UE is not expected to receive any transmissions (including NZP CSI-RS) from neighbouring NR nodes and only is used for checking channel occupancy by WiFi and reporting corresponding measurements.  The CSI enhancement could be applied with both periodic CSI report (long term sensing) as well as aperiodic CSI report (instantaneous channel occupancy)  For Alt. 3, CTS like signalling enhancements should be supported. Other alternative under Alt 3 could include HARQ-ACK feedback from the UE to gNB. For example, number of NACKs above a certain threshold (for some continuous transmissions) could be used to determine channel occupancy |
| Nokia, NSB | Alt 1 and Alt 2 are readily available options and will of course need to be considered. Furthermore, we need to also consider the CSI enhancements defined in the “Enhanced Industrial Internet of Things (IoT) and URLLC” WI.  It is unclear what benefits Alt 3 would have compared to Alt 1/2. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Above listed options can be considered. If Alt 1 is supported, the validity and timeliness of measurement and reporting may need to be considered further due to only periodic RSSI is supported in existing spec. |
| DOCOMO | We support Alt 1. Directional sensing aspects can be considered additionally. |
| Sony | We support Alt 3. Alt 1 and 2 could be considered further. |
| Convida Wireless | All alternatives are possible and could be considered. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We support Alt 3. In our view, both Alt 3.1 and Alt 3.2 are beneficial in different cases. For instance, considering DL, CAT2 LBT as in Alt 3.2 could be used at the UE if the gNB has performed CAT4 LBT (eCCA) before transmitting the scheduling DL assignment. Otherwise, CAT4 LBT as in Alt 3.1 could be used at the UE to initiate the CO and sharing it to the gNB.  Our understanding of Alt 1 is that all UEs in the cell, say M UEs, would be semi-statically configured with resources to perform the RSSI measurements periodically. All measurements would be reported periodically to the gNB and the gNB would have to process the measurements for all M UEs.  Whereas, when LBT is performed at the receiver, only K UEs (K≤M) who are dynamically scheduled by the gNB (based on their respective data buffers) would perform the LBT procedure including the actual interference measurement a few symbols before the potential DL transmission(s). Using a low EDT at the receiver, only N UEs (N≤K) whose LBTs are successful are required to feed back their respective Rx-assistance Information/Idle indication, and the gNB needs to process the feedback from only those N UEs. The SLS results in Section 3.2.2 of our companion contribution R1-2101268 clearly show that such limited feedback does not considerably change the UPT performance if gNB uses the reported interference levels to prioritize UE scheduling.  As such, the following issues can be observed in Alt 1 in comparison to performing LBT at the receiver:   * Performing LBT at the receiver would be more efficient in terms of resource overhead and complexity at both UE and gNB, especially at high load when probably only 1 or 2 UEs would pass the receiver LBT with such a low threshold * Legacy RSSI measurement requires resources dedicated for measurements and the resources used by each of the M UEs to report the measurements in UL channels. This also incurs complexity at each UE to conduct and report the measurements periodically regardless of the gNB’s intent to schedule it, as well as the complexity at gNB to continuously process these reports.   Legacy RSSI is periodic measurement and not representative of the experienced interference immediately prior to data reception.   * Note that for such periodic measurements and reporting to reflect the actual interference during the target transmission, they would have to be even configured quite often, which further emphasizes the overhead and complexity savings of Receiver-side LBT.   Although Alt 2 could overcome some of the resource overhead and complexity incurred by Alt 1 since AP CSI-RS would be dynamically triggered for K UEs instead of M UEs, this mechanism would use more resources and introduce a more complex handshake for each CO compared to receiver-side LBT. This is due to the fact that an AP CSI-RS would have to be triggered first by each scheduling DL assignments for measurement, then followed by some processing delay before reporting CSI on PUCCH resources from all K UEs. In addition, as noted by the proponents of Alt 2 in their contribution, current processing delays for CSI reports in NR are rather long, which means that such a handshake would also result in increased overhead in time per CO compared to receiver-side LBT. Finally, the latency between CSI-RS reception and CSI-RS report is a UE capability and it may be too long so that the reported CSI is not actually a representative of the experienced interference immediately before the data reception.    Finally, it should be noted that while both Alt 1 and Alt 2 are discussed for DL only, Alt 3 is also applicable to UL, e.g., when the scheduling time offset of PUSCH is large such that the interference measurement by the gNB prior to the UL grant may not represent the interference during PUSCH reception. |
| Spreadtrum | All the listed alternatives should be further considered. |
| InterDigital | Alt 1 and 2 are already possible. Furthermore Alt. 3 should be supported to improve channel access latency. |

## Multibeam operation

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| **Company** | **Key Proposals/Observations/Positions** |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Proposal 7: For NR operation in unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz with LBT based channel access mechanism, when multiple UL transmissions are scheduled on multiple beams in TDM or SDM manner, then a mapping table should be configured to UE to allow different mapping combinations between LBT beams(s) and transmit beam(s) including  - One LBT beam to one transmit beam mapping  - One LBT beam to many transmit beams mapping (including omni-directional LBT as well)  Proposal 8: For NR operation in unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz with LBT based channel access mechanism, when multiple DL/UL transmissions are scheduled on multiple beams in TDM in same COT, then LBT can be performed at the beginning of the transmissions and also in the middle of same COT, if needed, which is depending upon following gaps:  - Maximum allowed gap between the first symbol of the following scheduled transmission on a given beam and the last symbol of the transmitted (same) beam  - Or if there is no previous transmission on the same beam within a COT, then the maximum allowed gap between the between the first symbol of the following scheduled transmission on a given beam and the time instance when Cat 4 LBT was successful on a beam covering the transmit beam  Proposal 9: For NR operation in unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz with LBT based channel access mechanism, when multiple DL/UL transmissions are scheduled on multiple beams in TDM in same COT, then either of Cat 1 LBT or Cat2 LBT can be applied in the middle of the COT depending upon the gaps between the two transmissions on the same beam or the gap between the transmission on a beam and first LBT at the beginning that covered the transmit beam  Proposal 10: For NR operation in unlicensed bands between 52.6 GHz and 71 GHz with LBT based channel access mechanism, when multiple DL/UL transmissions are scheduled on multiple beams in TDM and if directional LBT is performed on multiple beams with Cat 4 LBT, then multiple COTs should be initiated corresponding to each of the LBT beam |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Proposal 8: Considering transmission opportunity and utilization of resource, multiple LBT beams that cover multiple transmission beams can be considered for the transmission with multiple beams in spatial domain multiplexing, if directional LBT is supported.  Proposal 9: Considering transmission opportunity and unnecessary interference to other device that is going to transmit transmission, Scheme-3 that “directional LBT for at the beginning of COT with sensing beam(s) that covers the first transmission beam, and additional directional LBT with sensing beam that covers the next transmission beam for each beam switching within COT” can be considered for the transmission with multiple beams in time domain multiplexing, if directional LBT is supported. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Proposal 9: For time domain multiplexing of transmissions in different beams in the same COT, support LBT at the beginning of COT by the initiating device with sensing beam(s) that covers all TDM transmission beams from the initiating device.  Proposal 10: LBT before subsequent transmissions by the initiating device within the same COT is not supported. |
| Samsung | Proposal 7:  • Support channel access mechanism with directional channel sensing.  • Support directional channel sensing in multi-beam operation:  o For multi-beam SDM scenario, both Alt 2 and Alt 3 can be supported.  SDM scenario is only applicable to gNB.  o For multi-beam TDM scenario, select between Alt 2 and Alt 3 depending on whether sensing is required for switching beams within a COT.  If sensing is supported within a COT, Type 2 channel access procedure with fixed sensing duration is sufficient.  TDM scenario can be applicable to both gNB and UE. |
| CATT | Proposal 6: When directional or omni-directional LBT with sensing beam(s) that covers all TDM beams has been performed at the beginning of COT, there is no need to support additional LBT in the middle of COT. |
| CAICT | Proposal 9: Multiple LBT beams covering multiple directions could be used for Cat2 LBT.  Proposal 10: Additional directional LBT with sensing beam that covers the next transmission beam for each beam switching in the middle of COT could be supported. |
| vivo | Proposal 3: Perform directional or omni-directional LBT at the beginning of COT with sensing beam(s) that covers all TDM beams or the first transmission beam, and additional directional LBT with sensing beam that covers the next transmission beam for each beam switching in the middle of COT. |
| TCL | Observation 5: Beam switching within an active COT may lead to collisions in case the new beam has at least partially non-overlapping coverage compared to the formerly active beam.  As this issue can degrade the quality of transmission, we propose to investigate further the mechanisms either preventing the channel access by neighboring devices, or some form of short LBT by the gNB prior to beam switching to ensure that no other device has taken over the channel.  Proposal 5: It is proposed to investigate the mechanisms which can avoid collisions due to double ownership of the shared carrier at beam transition events. |
| PANASONIC | Proposal 1: gNB performs directional LBT at the beginning of COT with a sensing beam or multiple sensing beams that covers all intended beams and additional directional LBT with sensing beam that covers the next transmission beam for each beam switching in the middle of COT. |
| Sony | Proposal 5: The following relationship between LBT beam and transmission beam should be specified   One LBT beam covers all transmission beams   Multiple LBT beams cover multiple transmission beams |
| NEC | Proposal 1: For the sensing/LBT beams on the same carrier with different directions, beam based channel access procedures could be performed independently in LBT mode operation. |
| Xiaomi | Proposal 7: Multi-beam transmission should be studied to fully take advantage of spatial diversity. |
| Apple | Proposal 5: Perform directional or omni-directional LBT at the beginning of COT with sensing beam(s) that covers all TDM beams and with no LBT before each beam switching in the middle of COT |
| Qualcomm | Proposal 9: For multi-beam COT, the sensing beam used at the start of the COT should represent the union of directions covered by the intended transmission beams.  Proposal 10: Consider the use of additional per-beam sensing before switching transmission beams for a COT |
| ITRI | Proposal 2: Multiple LBT beams cover multiple transmission beams should be supported for 60 GHz NR-U. |
| InterDigital | We support both Alt 1 and Alt 2. |

### Discussion

Discussion point:

Within a COT, what is the LBT requirement for MU-MIMO (SDM)?

Alt 1: Single LBT sensing with wide beam ‘cover’ all beams to be used in the COT with appropriate ED threshold

* Apple, vivo, FW, QC, Samsung, Intel, LGE, NEC, Xiaomi, Lenovo, Nokia, ZTE, Convida, HW, Spreadtrum, InterDigital

Alt 2: Independent per-beam LBT sensing at the start of COT is performed for beams used in the COT

* Vivo, QC, Samsung, Intel, LGE, CATT, NEC, Xiaomi, Lenovo, Nokia, ZTE, DCM, Convida, HW, Spreadtrum, InterDigital, ITRI

Alt 3: Left for gNB implementation

* Ericsson

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | Alt 1 |
| vivo | Both Alt 1 and Alt 2 can be applied. |
| Futurewei | Alt 1 |
| Qualcomm | We support either or both mechanisms, based on gNB choice. These may have different impact to ED threshold as discussed in Section 2.8. |
| Ericsson | The question is how to define this single LBT sensing beam? Depending on the beam directions inside the COT and/or locations of the UEs, the sensing beam could be as wide as quasi-omnidirectional or omnidirectional. Also, for each COT, a sensing beam would then need a different precoder depending on the beam directions.  It is complex to define a directional sensing beam that covers several transmission beams for every transmission. This can be left to implementation. |
| Samsung | We support Alt 1 and Alt 2 for gNB (up to implementation to choose), and support Alt 2 only for UE. |
| Intel | Both Alt-1 and 2 should be supported to allow a wider range of possible implementations, and choices to address different use cases and scenarios. |
| LG Electronics | We support the both Alt 1 and Alt 2. For example, if the COT is acquired by the directional LBT with Beam A, the transmission of beam(s) is only allowed to the beam having the same direction as Beam A in the COT. |
| CATT | Alt.2.  The measurement result of Alt.2 is more accurate than the measurement result of Alt.1, |
| NEC | We support both Alt 1 and Alt 2. |
| Xiaomi | Both Alt 1 and Alt 2 can be applied. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | In our view, it is not necessary to limit to either Alt 1 or Alt 2. Both the alternatives have their own merits and can be supported. Basically, an explicit mapping between sensing beams and transmission beams could be supported and that could allow for supporting both alternatives. For example, one mapping could indicate that one wide sensing beam is associated with multiple transmission beams (Alt 1 - this is mainly applicable when the multiple transmission beams are neighbouring beams), while other mapping could indicate that different transmit beams are associated with different sensing beams (Alt 2 – this is useful when the multiple transmit beams are quite distributed, for example, multiple TRPs associated with multiple beams) |
| Nokia, NSB | Both options can be considered for now, and could be used based on gNBs discretion |
| ZTE, Sanechips | we tend to consider both Alt-1 and Alt-2. |
| DOCOMO | We support Alt 2. Alt 1 would require large specification effort. |
| Sony | We support both Alt 1 and 2. These could be selected by implementation. |
| Convida Wireless | Both Alt-1 and Alt-2 could be considered. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Both Alt 1 and Alt 2 are reasonable choices. If the transmission beams are in the same spatial continuum, the use of Alt 1 is more economic. However, if for instance, there are two transmission beams that are wide apart, it makes more sense to use Alt. 2. We agree with Qualcomm that EDT may be impacted by the choice of Alt. 1 or Alt. 2. |
| Spreadtrum | Both Alt 1 and Alt 2 should be considered. |
| InterDigital | We support both Alt 1 and Alt 2. |
| ITRI | We support Alt2 |

Discussion point:

Within a COT, what is the LBT requirement for TDM of beams with beam switching?

Alt 1: Single LBT sensing with wide beam ‘cover’ all beams to be used in the COT with appropriate ED threshold

* FW, QC, Ericsson, Samsung, Intel, LGE, NEC, Xiaomi, Lenovo, Nokia, ZTE, Sony, HW, Spreadtrum

Alt 2: Independent per-beam LBT sensing at the start of COT is performed for beams used in the COT

* Apple, FW (also fine), QC, Samsung, Intel, LGE, CATT, NEC, Xiaomi, Lenovo, Nokia, ZTE, DCM, Sony, HW, Spreadtrum, ITRI

Alt 3: Alt 2 with additional requirement on Cat 2 LBT before beam switch

* Intel, LGE, Lenovo, ZTE

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | Alt 2 |
| Futurewei | We prefer Alt 1. We could consider Alt-2 as well, however, additional details would be required if it is done via beam sweep. For instance, adding switching gaps between consecutive beams, constraints for the total beam sweeping time, how a COT time gap between consecutive transmission is measured, etc. |
| Qualcomm | We support Alt 1 or Alt 2 by gNB choice. These may have different impact to ED threshold as discussed in Section 2.8. |
| Ericsson | For TDM, it should be allowed to perform omni-directional or quasi-omni-directional LBT at the beginning of the COT and no LBT for the following beams in the COT. |
| Samsung | Alt 1 and Alt 2. |
| Intel | Once again all options could be adopted, and whether to use Cat-2 LBT or not could be left up to gNB’s decision. |
| LG Electronics | We support all the alternatives. It may be necessary to discuss whether to allow transmission of the multiple narrow beams included in the beam A (i.e., multiple beam sweeping transmission) and whether to allow the transmission of beam other than the LBT beam in the COT when LBT is performed with wide beam A. In this case, the Cat-2 LBT as the additional requirement maybe need to perform according to the gap between the transmissions. |
| CATT | Alt.2. |
| NEC | We support Alt 1 and Alt 2. More details should be discussed, such as switching gap at least. |
| Xiaomi | Both Alt 1 and Alt 2 can be applied. But for Alt 2, since the beams/transmissions are TDMed, there should be some restriction on the gaps between them. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | In our view, all the three alternatives should be supported. All three alternatives have their own merit. As mentioned for previous discussion point, an explicit mapping between sensing beams and transmission beams could be supported and that could allow for supporting these alternatives. |
| Nokia, NSB | Both options Alt 1 and Alt 2 considered for now, and can be used based on gNBs discretion. Definition of per-beam LBT sensing requires further studies; we don’t see that it needs to be concatenation of beam specific CCA check procedures” |
| ZTE, Sanechips | All options listed above seem to be fine. For Alt 3, whether Cat 2 LBT is required depends on the condition for using Cat2 LBT or gNB’s choice. |
| DOCOMO | We support Alt 2. Alt 1 would require large specification effort. |
| Sony | We support both Alt 1 and 2. These could be selected by implementation. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Similar as in the SDM case: Both Alt 1 and Alt 2 are reasonable choices. If the transmission of TDM beams are in the same spatial continuum, the use of Alt 1 is more economic. However, if for instance, there are two transmission beams that are wide apart, it makes more sense to use Alt. 2. We agree with Qualcomm that EDT may be impacted by the choice of Alt. 1 or Alt. 2. |
| Spreadtrum | We prefer Alt 1 and Alt 2. |
| vivo | Alt 3 is preferred. When the devices switches the beam, they should make sure that the channel has not been occupied during the transmission in previous direction. |
| InterDigital | We support Alt. 1, Alt. 2 and Alt.3. Alternate 3 might be required if there is a large gap between the COT initiation and the time when the beam is actually used for a transmission. |
| ITRI | We support Alt2 |

## Multi-Channel Access

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Ericsson | Proposal 8 Support Type A multi-channel access from 37.213 wherein, LBT is performed per-carrier for the multi-channel case  Proposal 9 Do not support Type B multi-channel access from 37.213 |
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Discussion point:

For multi-channel LBT,

* Alt 1 (Type A). Each channel performs independent eCCA
* Alt 2 (Type B). Identify a primary channel and perform eCCA on the primary channel, while perform Cat 2 LBT for other channels in the last observation slot

Please indicate company position on LBT for multi-channel access, Alt 1, Alt 2, or both, or others

Support

* Alt1: QC, Ericsson, LGE, CATT, Nokia, DCM, Sony, InterDigital
* Alt2
* Both: Apple, vivo (if cat 2 LBE defined), FW, Samsung, NEC, Xiaomi, Lenovo, ZTE (if cat 2 LBE defined), Convida, Spreadtrum, ITRI

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | Both. |
| vivo | If Cat 2 LBT is defined, it can be applied to Type B multi-channel access. Then both Alt 1 (type A) and Alt 2 (type B) can be supported for 60GHz. |
| Futurewei | Neutral, both may be supported and configured by gNB |
| Qualcomm | We support Alt 1. |
| Ericsson | Alt 1 is preferred. Alt 2 is not specified in HS EN 302 567. |
| Samsung | We support both alternatives. |
| Intel | We think this discussion is too premature, and we should first conclude on other topics before making a conclusion here. |
| LG Electronics | We support Alt 1. |
| CATT | Alt 1 |
| NEC | We support both alternatives. |
| Xiaomi | Both Alts can be considered. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | Both alternatives could be supported |
| Nokia, NSB | Alt 1 is assumed as the baseline. |
| ZTE, Sanechips | If Cat2 LBT is supported, then we tend to support Alt1 and Alt2. |
| DOCOMO | We support Alt 1. |
| Sony | We support Alt 1 |
| Convida Wireless | Both Alt 1 and Alt 2 could be considered. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | This issue seems to have a substantial overlap with the LBT BW discussion in 2.1. We suggest to first agree on the LBT BW for single carrier and carrier aggregation cases in 2.1 and then revisit this issue if necessary. |
| Spreadtrum | Both Alt 1 and Alt 2 |
| InterDigital | Alt. 1 |
| ITRI | We support both |

## SSB related

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| **Company** | **Key Proposals/Observations/Positions** |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Proposal 11: For operation in the 60GHz unlicensed band, support LBT before SSB burst transmission. |
| Intel | Observation 3:  • For 120 kHz SCS SSB. Transmission of 64 SSB with 20 msec SSB periodicity exceed 10 msec transmission duration within a 100 msec observation period required for short control signal exemption.  • For 480 kHz SCS SSB. Transmission of 64 SSB and 64 Type0-PDCCH with associated PDSCH with 20 msec SSB periodicity exceed 10 msec transmission duration within a 100 msec observation period required for short control signal exemption.  • For 960 kHz SCS SSB. Transmission of 64 SSB and 64 Type0-PDCCH with associated PDSCH with 20 msec SSB periodicity does not exceed 10 msec transmission duration within a 100 msec observation period required for short control signal exemption.  Proposal 14: While SSB may be considered as a candidate for short control signal exemption, RAN1 specification shall support operations of SSB transmission with LBT (at the gNB) at least for 120 kHz SSB.  • For 480 kHz and 960 kHz SSB, also support operations of SSB transmission with LBT (at the gNB) for commonality with 120 kHz SSB.  Observation 4: For 120 kHz, 480kHz, and 960 kHz PRACH transmission, UE does not exceed total transmission duration of 10 msec for PRACH within a 100 msec observation period. |
| Convida | Proposal 7: Increasing the number of SSB candidate positions to above 64 to increase transmission opportunities to cope with LBT failure should be considered. |

### Discussion

Discussion point:

SSB transmission with no-LBT supported under short control signalling framework when 10% over 100ms restriction is satisfied

FFS: Restrictions to SSB transmission with no LBT

Support: Apple, vivo, FW, QC, Ericsson, Samsung, Intel, LGE, CATT, NEC (for 480/960KHz), Xiaomi, Lenovo, Nokia, ZTE, DCM, Convida, Spreadtrum

Not support: HW (LBT always needed)

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | Agree with the proposal. SSB transmission with no-LBT supported under short control signalling framework. This can simplify UE implementation and all measurement design and requirement.  For 480KHz SCS and 960KHz SCS, |
| vivo | SSB can be considered as short control message without LBT. |
| Futurewei | Support proposal in principle, however short control signalling restrictions may not be satisfied (120 kHz). |
| Qualcomm | We support the proposal. |
| Ericsson | Support SSB transmissions with no-LBT under short control signalling framework |
| Samsung | Yes, SSB can be part of short control signalling, subject to the restriction in regulation. |
| Intel | Our view is that we should be very careful here in making sure that the minimum requirements mandated by the ETSI BRAN are met. As mentioned above, for 120 kHz SCS, transmission of 64 SSB with 20 msec SSB periodicity exceeds the maximum of 10% duty cycle required to qualify for short control signal exemption. |
| LG Electronics | Seems overlapped with 2.6.1. As expressed in 2.6.1, we support SSB transmission with no-LBT supported under short control signalling framework |
| CATT | Agree with the proposal. |
| NEC | We support the SSB transmission with no-LBT for 480/960kHz SCS. |
| Xiaomi | Agree with moderator’s proposal. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | We are okay with the suggested text |
| Nokia, NSB | Agree with the proposal |
| ZTE, Sanechips | As mentioned in Section 2.6, we would like to first confirm one issue that the time occupied by channel/signal itself (that is regarded as short control signalling), or, the time span for channel/signal (that is regarded as short control signalling) transmission is used as a metric to judge whether it meets the condition to be less than 10ms within 100ms observation window.  After the above issue is clarified, we will further discuss whether SSB for different SCS is suitable to be used as short control signalling. |
| DOCOMO | We support above, i.e. SSB transmission with no-LBT supported under short control signalling frame work. |
| Sony | Support the proposal. |
| Convida Wireless | We share the same view with Intel. For SSB 10% duty cycle required to qualify for short control signal exemption may depend on SCS (e.g., 120KHz, 480KHz, 960KHz) and may need further discussions. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | This is discussed in Section 2.6.1 already where SSB is listed in short control signalling framework. No need to discuss this issue here again. However, for the sake of reference, here is our view from Section 2.6.1:   * In our view, the 10 ms out of 100 ms channel occupancy is only a necessary condition for exemption and not sufficient. Otherwise, virtually any single signal/channel could be designed so that it satisfies the above short duration criteria. 3GPP should interpret short “management and control Frames” terminology used in 302 567 and decide which signals/channels can be exempted. * **Regarding SSB Exemption:** We believe that LBT is still necessary before gNB transmits SSB because of a broader energy emission foot-print of SSB burst. Moreover, if default periodicity of 20 ms is assumed, neither Case D nor Case E SSB patterns in 120 and 240 kHz satisfy the necessary 10/100 ms criteria. |
| Spreadtrum | We are fine with the proposal. |
| InterDigital | We agree with the proposal |
| Intel | We are now fine with the proposal. Just one small editorial change:  SSB transmission with no-LBT is supported under the short control signalling framework when 10% over 100ms restriction is satisfied.  FFS: Restrictions to SSB transmission with no LBT |

Discussion point:

SSB transmission with LBT is supported, at least when short control signalling based SSB transmission is not available

Note the channel access for SSB with LBT may not be different from a normal COT with multiple beams

FFS: If any difference from a multi-beam COT LBT needs to be introduced

~~FFS: How to perform LBT for SSB transmissions, such as~~

* ~~Single eCCA covers all SSB beams before the SSB burst transmission~~
* ~~Multi-beam eCCA before SSB burst transmission~~
* ~~Cat 2 LBT before each beam~~

Support: FW, QC, Intel, NEC, Xiaomi, Spreadtrum

Not support: Apple

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| **Company** | **View** |
| Apple | Do not see the need to specify SSB transmission with LBT. SSB transmission within short control signalling framework enable efficient design for access, beam management and RRM/RLF measurement.  480KHz and 960KHz SCS has no issue to meet 10% limitation of short control signalling. For 120KHz SCS, with max 64 SSB, total SSB transmission is over 10%. However, SSB transmission within an already acquired COT should not be counted as short control signalling. Configuration of 64 SSB with 120KHz SCS can be up to gNB implementation to ensure 10% requirement is met. |
| vivo | As mentioned toward short control signalling, one concern from our side is that the impact of potential contention given no LBT is performed before such short control signalling transmission. Whether SSB with no-LBT is sufficient for system operation is not clear to us. With hat, we prefer to study further whether to support SSB with LBT as well. |
| Futurewei | Support SSB with LBT, short control signalling restrictions may not be satisfied (120 kHz). |
| Qualcomm | We Support the proposal prefer single eCCA for simplicity. Multi-beam eCCA can be done with gNB implementation. The eCCA should be compatible with the decision for TDM multI-beam COT. |
| Ericsson | Like TDM transmissions, no need to specify this. |
| Samsung | There is scenario that SSB transmission has to use LBT. For that scenario, it can be similar to regular multi-beam transmission (the first two bullet should be carried over from above discussion), and the discussion point is whether to adopt the third bullet in particular for SSB? |
| Intel | We are OK with the proposal and to support LBT for SSB. However, there could be use cases and configurations where the applicability of the short control signalling exemption on SSB is possible: for these cases the transmission of SSB could be supported without the use of LBT. In this matter, RAN1 should further study when and whether this should be only applied for 120 KHz SCS, for the reason mentioned a signalling exemption applies to SSB |
| LG | Support SSB with LBT, and single eCCA covering all SSB beams before the SSB burst transmission or multi-beam eCCA before SSB burst transmission can be considered. |
| CATT | We are OK to further discuss LBT for SSB |
| NEC | We support the SSB transmission with LBT. Although the short control signalling might be applied to SSB transmission for higher SCS(480/960kHz), LBT mode still be necessary at least for lower SCS the due to related restrictions. We are open to the detailed eCCA procedure, e.g. single eCCA or multiple-beam eCCA. |
| Xiaomi | Agree with Futurewei’s view, that when SCS=120kHz, may be SSB can not satisfy theshort control signalling restrictions, and may need to use LBT. |
| Lenovo, Motorola Mobility | All the three possibilities should be supported |
| Nokia, NSB | Ideally, all SSBs can be transmitted without LBT as Short Control Signals. This point may be revisited after the details of SCS have been clarified further |
| ZTE, Sanechips | In order to keep the same rule for SSB with different SCS, we support SSB with LBT operation. Regarding LBT for SSB transmission with different beams, we think it is more appropriate to perform multi-beam eCCA before SSB burst transmission and Cat2 LBT before each beam to increase SSB transmission chance and avoid some unnecessary interference for ongoing transmission node because the interference is different in the beginning of SSB burst and within SSB burst. |
| DOCOMO | We agree to study the FFSs further. |
| Sony | We support SBS transmission with LBT. |
| Convida Wireless | We agree that SSB transmission with LBT could be supported. All the three possibilities can be considered and supported |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | SSB transmission with LBT should be supported. The LBT beam(s) can follow the decision made for LBT for TDM multi-beam operation in Section 2.10. |
| Spreadtrum | We are fine with the proposal. |
| InterDigital | If it is determined that all SSBs cannot be transmitted assuming Short Control Signalling, then discuss LBT for SSB |
| Intel | We are fine with the proposal. However, we would rather prefer the following language:  “SSB transmission with LBT is supported, at least when the short control signalling exemption cannot be met” |

## Misc Issues

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| **Company** | **Key Proposals/Observations/Positions** |
| ZTE, Sanechips | Proposal 13: Study and evaluate the impact of LBT and the limitation of COT length on the procedure of beam failure detection. |
| Samsung | Proposal 8: Support indicating COT, available RB set, and search space group switching in a beam-specific manner for 60 GHz licensed band.  Proposal 10: Support RSSI measurement outside the active BWP and in non-serving cell. |
| ITRI | Proposal 3: PDCCH monitoring enhancement for M-TRP operation should be supported for 60 GHz NR-U. |
| Fujitsu | Proposal 3: It is unnecessary to have explicit restrictions on direction of transmissions within a channel occupancy initiated by directional LBT. It can be achieved by gNB scheduling if needed. |
| Intel | According to Chairman’s guidance, discussion about short signal exemption applicability for PRACH should be also discussed in this agenda.  From our analysis and understanding, any PRACH with SCS equal or larger than 120kHz should be able to satisfy short signal exemption. Not applying LBT for PRACH does significantly reduce added complexity needed for random access procedures and should be utilized in NR.  Suggest to support application of short signal exemption to PRACH transmissions. Further study could be made for other signals/channels, e.g. Msg 3, HARQ-ACK, RMSI, CSI/RS, etc. |

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