

**Agenda item:**

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In the RRC specification, TS 25.331, the PRACH preamble scrambling codes are assumed to be numbered 0, 1, ..., 255. This is probably based on some old WG1 assumptions. WG1 currently defines all  $2^{24}$  possible PRACH preamble codes. This is a big overkill, which will cost some additional signalling over the radio interface, something that should be avoided.

However, limiting the number of scrambling codes to 256 may be a bit too restrictive, considering that the amount of possible codes are much higher than that. The downlink code planning resource (the downlink primary scrambling code) has the size 512. Assuming the same planning effort for the PRACH in uplink, and further assuming up to 16 PRACH codes per cell on the average, leads to a need of  $16 \times 512 = 8192$  PRACH preamble codes. Addressing of the codes are done using 4 bits, since each group of 16 PRACH codes are directly associated with one particular downlink primary scrambling code. This number is seen as a reasonable trade-off between signalling overhead and future-proofness.

This CR introduces the necessary changes to TS 25.213. Further, WG2 will need to update the value range of the parameter in the RRC specification.



### 4.3.2.5 PRACH message part scrambling code

The scrambling code used for the PRACH message part is 10 ms long, and there are 8192 different PRACH scrambling codes defined, cell-specific and has a one-to-one correspondence to the scrambling code used for the preamble part.

The  $n$ :th PRACH message part scrambling code, denoted  $S_{r\text{-msg},n}$ , where  $n = 0, 1, \dots, 8191$ , is based on the long scrambling sequence and is defined as

$$S_{r\text{-msg},n}(i) = C_{\text{long},n}(i + 4096), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, 38399$$

where the lowest index corresponds to the chip transmitted first in time and  $C_{\text{long},n}$  is defined in section 4.3.2.2.

The message part scrambling code has a one-to-one correspondence to the scrambling code used for the preamble part. For one PRACH, the same code number is used for both scrambling codes, i.e. if the PRACH preamble scrambling code used is  $S_{r\text{-pre},m}$  then the PRACH message part scrambling code is  $S_{r\text{-msg},m}$ , where the number  $m$  is the same for both codes.

### 4.3.2.6 PCPCH message part scrambling code

The set of scrambling codes used for the PCPCH message part are 10 ms long, cell-specific and have a one-to-one correspondence to the signature sequences and the access sub-channels used by the access preamble part. Both long or short scrambling codes can be used to scramble the CPCH message part.

The  $n$ :th PCPCH message part scrambling code, denoted  $S_{c\text{-msg},n}$ , is based on the scrambling sequence and is defined as

In the case when the long scrambling codes are used,

$$S_{r\text{-msg},n}(i) = C_{\text{long},n}(i + 8192), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, 38399$$

where the lowest index corresponds to the chip transmitted first in time and  $C_{\text{long},n}$  is defined in section 4.3.2.2.

In the case when the access resources are shared between the RACH and CPCH, then  $S_{c\text{-msg},n}$  is defined as

$$S_{r\text{-msg},n}(i) = C_{\text{long},n}(i + 4096), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, 38399$$

where the lowest index corresponds to the chip transmitted first in time and  $C_{\text{long},n}$  is defined in section 4.3.2.2.

In the case the short scrambling codes are used,

$$S_{r\text{-msg},n}(i) = C_{\text{short},n}(i), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, 38399$$

### 4.2.3.7 PCPCH power control preamble scrambling code

The scrambling code for the PCPCH power control preamble is the same as for the PCPCH message part, as described in section 4.2.3.6 above. The phase of the scrambling code shall be such that the end of the code is aligned with the frame boundary at the end of the power control preamble.

## 4.3.3 PRACH preamble codes

### 4.3.3.1 Preamble code construction

The random access preamble code  $C_{\text{pre},n}$ , is a complex valued sequence. It is built from a preamble scrambling code  $S_{r\text{-pre},n}$  and a preamble signature  $C_{\text{sig},s}$  as follows:

$$C_{\text{pre},n,s}(k) = S_{r\text{-pre},n}(k) \times C_{\text{sig},s}(k) \times e^{j\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{2}k\right)}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 4095,$$

where  $k=0$  corresponds to the chip transmitted first in time and  $S_{r\text{-pre},n}$  and  $C_{\text{sig},s}$  are defined in 4.3.3.2 and 4.3.3.3 below respectively.

### 4.3.3.2 Preamble scrambling code

The scrambling code for the PRACH preamble part is constructed from the long scrambling sequences. [There are 8192 PRACH preamble scrambling codes in total.](#)

The  $n$ :th preamble scrambling code,  $n = 0, 1, \dots, 8191$ , is defined as:

$$S_{r\text{-pre},n}(i) = c_{\text{long},1,n}(i), i = 0, 1, \dots, 4095,$$

where the sequence  $c_{\text{long},1,n}$  is defined in section 4.3.2.2.

[The 8192 PRACH preamble scrambling codes are divided into 512 groups with 16 codes in each group. There is a one-to-one correspondence between the group of PRACH preamble scrambling codes in a cell and the primary scrambling code used in the downlink of the cell. The  \$k\$ :th PRACH preamble scrambling code within the cell with downlink primary scrambling code  \$m\$ ,  \$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 15\$  and  \$m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 511\$ , is  \$S\_{r\text{-pre},n}\(i\)\$  as defined above with  \$n = 16 \times m + k\$ .](#)

### 4.3.3.3 Preamble signature

The preamble signature corresponding to a signature  $s$  consists of 256 repetitions of a length 16 signature  $P_s(n)$ ,  $n=0\dots 15$ . This is defined as follows:

$$C_{\text{sig},s}(i) = P_s(i \text{ modulo } 16), i = 0, 1, \dots, 4095.$$

The signature  $P_s(n)$  is from the set of 16 Hadamard codes of length 16. These are listed in table 3.

**Table 3: Preamble signatures**

Preamble signature	Value of $n$															
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
$P_0(n)$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$P_1(n)$	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1
$P_2(n)$	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1
$P_3(n)$	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1
$P_4(n)$	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1
$P_5(n)$	1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1
$P_6(n)$	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1
$P_7(n)$	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1
$P_8(n)$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
$P_9(n)$	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1
$P_{10}(n)$	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1
$P_{11}(n)$	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1
$P_{12}(n)$	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	1
$P_{13}(n)$	1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1
$P_{14}(n)$	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1
$P_{15}(n)$	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	1	-1	-1	1