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**Agenda item: 8.1.3.2**

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**Title: [AT117-e][043][MBS] Invited tdocs open Issues CP (Nokia)**

**Document for: Discussion and Decision**

# Introduction

* [AT117-e][043][MBS] Invited tdocs open Issues CP (Nokia)

Scope: Take into account submitted tdocs. Address the questions in R3-221469 LS on NR RRC to support split NR-RAN architecture for NR MBS. Determine agreeable part, pave the way for on-line agreement.

Intended outcome: Report

Deadline: W1 Thursday (for online CB W1 Friday).

[R2-2202141](file:///C:/Users/mtk65284/Documents/3GPP/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2/TSGR2_117-e/Docs/R2-2202141.zip) LS on NR RRC to support split NR-RAN architecture for NR MBS (R3-221469; contact: Ericsson) RAN3 LS in Rel-17 To:RAN2

[R2-2203226](file:///C:/Users/mtk65284/Documents/3GPP/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2/TSGR2_117-e/Docs/R2-2203226.zip) Common RRC Structure for MBS Multicast Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell discussion Rel-17 NR\_MBS-Core

[R2-2202782](file:///C:/Users/mtk65284/Documents/3GPP/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2/TSGR2_117-e/Docs/R2-2202782.zip) MRB ID Scope and Uniqueness Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell discussion Rel-17 NR\_MBS-Core

R2-2202267 Discussion on Questions for Split NR-RAN Architecture from RAN3 LS CATT discussion Rel-17 NR\_MBS-Core

R2-2202334 Discussion on MBS split NR-RAN architecture based on RAN3 LS MediaTek inc. discussion Rel-17 NR\_MBS-Core

[R2-2202335](file:///C:/Users/mtk65284/Documents/3GPP/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2/TSGR2_117-e/Docs/R2-2202335.zip) Draft LS on the support of MBS split NR-RAN architecture MediaTek inc. LS out Rel-17 NR\_MBS-Core To:RAN3

R2-2202368 Discussion on LS on NR RRC to support split NR-RAN architecture for NR MBS TD Tech, Chengdu TD Tech discussion Rel-17

R2-2202426 Discussion on Supporting split NR-RAN architecture for NR MBS Spreadtrum Communications discussion Rel-17

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R2-2203156 Discussion on open issues for NR MBS LG Electronics Inc. discussion Rel-17 NR\_MBS-Core

R2-2203312 NR RRC to support split NR-RAN architecture for NR MBS ZTE, Sanechips discussion Rel-17 NR\_MBS-Core

R2-2203345 Discussion on RRC support of split NR-RAN architecture for NR MBS Huawei, HiSilicon discussion Rel-17 NR\_MBS-Core Late

R2-2202555 Support of MBS in MR-DC Apple discussion Rel-17 NR\_MBS-Core

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# Support of split NR-RAN architecture for NR MBS

RAN3 asked about feasibility of a common RRC structure which would enable the network to use the same Lower Layer configuration for PTM leg for more than one UE in a cell [R3-221469].

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| Common Lower Layer Configuration for multicast MRBs  F1 interface functions could benefit from lower layer RRC configuration (e.g. CellGroupConfig) that all UEs could be configured with exactly the same RRC configuration, so that the CU when receiving such information could reconfigure all Ues with that RRC configuration, while Ues that would need specific MRB configurations could be delta-configured thereafter.  F1 interface function could benefit if this would be possible for ptm-only and split MRBs.  **2. Actions:**  **To RAN2 group.**  **ACTION: RAN3 asks RAN2 to 1/ comment on the uniqueness of MRB ID in the scope of an MBS session instead of UE scope  2/ to comment on the feasibility to define a CellConfigInfo RRC structure which enables the network to use exactly the same Lower Layer (PHY/MAC/RLC ) configuration for more than one UE in a cell for Rel-17 NR MBS** |

[R2-2202141](file:///C:/Users/mtk65284/Documents/3GPP/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2/TSGR2_117-e/Docs/R2-2202141.zip) notes following observations:

***Observation 1****: The signalling of CFR as proposed in the running CR to 38.331 cannot be used in a common RRC structure as it is linked to UE’s configured DL BWP. Significant rework of the RRC structure seems necessary to allow for a common RRC structure.*

***Observation 2****: Using a common RRC structure for Ues introduces overhead in some scenarios, e.g. CFR configuration is the same as Ues dedicated BWP or multiple MBS multicast sessions are provided in the same CFR, and this overhead may be difficult to eliminated.*

Support common:

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Not support common:

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Based on the inputted papers it does not seem infeasible (technically not possible) to introduce common RRC structure.

But it should be also understood that introduction of a common RRC structure for lower layer configuration of PTM transmission for MBS multicast session requires rework of ASN.1 and will likely introduce inefficiencies as some information may be transmitted to Ues multiple times.

The common RRC structure would be beneficial for F1/E1 signalling and could be also used for a group reconfiguration over Uu [R2-2202332] when parameters common to all Ues are changed such as CFR configuration (i.e. reconfiguration to wider/narrower CFR), search space configuration, SPS configuration, PUCCH for HARQ NACK-only, RLC bearer for PTM leg, etc.

But there was also arguments that changes to ASN.1 of the current running CR can be quite significant.

It was also commented that common RRC structure could be introduced in Rel-18. However, if having a common RRC structure is seen beneficial then it should be introduced in Rel-17 because delaying the introduction to Rel-18 may have even more impacts on the network as the network will have to be dealing with Ues supporting quite different ways of signalling.

**Q1: Do you agree that it would be technically possible to introduce common RRC structure for lower layer configuration of PTM transmission for MBS multicast session?**

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments (at least if you think it is not feasible could you provide details why not?)** |
| Nokia | Yes | Technically it is possible – Almost anything is possible in ASN.1 although structure of ASN.1 would need to be changed quite a bit. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | No | Not everything can be part of common configuration, e.g. different Ues are receiving different G-RNTIs, can have different HARQ feedback configuration etc. |
| Qualcomm | No | Same view as Huawei. Additionally different Ues may join Multicast at different times and CU has to provide Multicast bearer configuration for these Ues at different times. This can’t reduce any F1/E1 signalling overhead. ASN.1 changes are quite significant and different Ues will have different L1 configuration and different PTP link configuration. |
| MediaTek | No | Same view as Huawei and Qualcomm. |
| Lenovo | No | In most of cases, UE dedicated configuration should be provided e.g. HARQ, PTP related configuration. For this point of view, we don’t see it can reduce F1/E1 signalling overhead. |
| CATT | No | Agree with above companies that it is not feasible to construct a common lower layer configuration of multicast. In the typical case, different Ues have interest in different multicast services. Then the lower layer multicast configuration for different multicast services are different (e.g. there are per G-RNTI configuration in *MAC-CellGroupConfig*,there are per G-CS-RNTI in *PhysicalCellGroupConfig*). |
| Kyocera | Yes |  |
| Sharp | No | As said by other companies, UE dedicated configuration is also needed. |
| Samsung | No | There are UE specific configuration for multicast, as mentioned by Huawei |
| Apple | No | Same view as Huawei and Qualcomm. For the common parameters, it’s still possible for NW to provide it in the UE specific configuration to the CONNECTED UE. |
| vivo | No | From Uu interface point of view, anyway, the multicast configuration (including some common and/or ue-specific configuration) is provided via UE dedicated RRC signaling. Signaling-structure level optimization cannot help to reduce overhead. In this sense, there is no need to define a common configuration structure. |
| Sony | No | Same view as Qualcomm |
| ZTE | Yes | Of course yes.  as Nokia mentioned, everything can be done in ASN.1. and in our view it is easy to do so,  - per UE config in per UE cell group config. (e.g., different HARQ feedback configuration mentioned by companies.)  - common config like the PTM related configurations for a group, in a per session cell group config.  it is just an re-organization of the things, moving things here and there (this is exactly what we are doing right now, thinking about putting g-CS-RNTI-Config in Phy or MAC, etc.). if needed, CRs can be brought to the running CR after the meeting. |
| Ericsson | Yes | We belive a per UE structure vs a group/MBS Session is something that should be explored |
| LGE | Yes | It is technically possible for a PTM transmission (i.e. per G-RNTI). |
| CMCC | No | Same view with Huawei and Qualcomm, UE dedicated configuration is also needed. |
| Futurewei | No | Same view as Huawei and Qualcomm. |
| Intel | No | As mentioned by other companies, dedicated multicast configuration for UE is anyway needed. |
| OPPO | No | Same view as Qualcomm |
| Spreadtrum | No | Same view as Huawei and Qualcomm. |
| Xiaomi | No | We share the same view as Huawei and Qualcomm. |

**Summary:**

**Yes: 5**

**No: 16**

**Q2: Do you think it is beneficial considering complexity (if feasible per Q1) of defining common RRC structure and benefits it can provide in F1/E1 signaling?**

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments (at least if you think it is not feasible could you provide details why not?)** |
| Nokia | Yes | Common RRC tructure will cause some extra overhead as some information is probably sent multiple times per UE. But benefit in F1/E1 seems quite high thus we see that is is worth the effort. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | No | We think it is a very bad idea to try to optimize signalling over F1/E1 interfaces at the expense of resource efficiency and configuration delay on Uu interface. E.g. most of the Ues will have to be configured using two consecutive RRCReconfiguration messages, one for common part and the other one for UE specific part. From stability point of view, such major redesign of RRC signalling is also very dangerous at this stage. |
| Qualcomm | No | Same view as Huawei. Uu interface overhead is higher priority than F1/E1 interface. Even with common structure, still delta info has to be provided to different Ues and it does not help to reduce overhead. |
| MediaTek | No | Same view as Huawei and Qualcomm. |
| Lenovo | No | In most of cases, UE dedicated configuration should be provided e.g. HARQ, PTP related configuration. For this point of view, we don’t see it can reduce F1/E1 signalling overhead. |
| CATT | No | Since multicast configurations are sent to Ues separately via RRC dedicate signalling, a common lower layer multicast configuration does not bring any benefit on resource efficiency over Uu. |
| Kyocera | No | We think it’s the common understanding that the multicast configuration is one-by-one manner, i.e., reusing legacy RRC Reconfiguration. In addition, we’re not sure how many issues RAN2 has to solve, e.g., what happens if some of Ues fail to decode the group reconfiguration, in order to support the common RRC structure. So, we don’t think it’s feasible to be completed in Rel-17 timeframe. |
| Sharp | No | Same view as Huawei. |
| Samsung | No | We think a common lower layer configuration for multicast is not useful, since UE specific configuration will be most likely followed. |
| Apple | No | Same view as other companies. |
| Rapporteur  (Nokia) | Mid term summary – prior deadline | Likely I will propose (based on input so far) to keep existing structure of RRC signalling |
| vivo | No | Agree with the rapporteur’s mid-term summary. |
| Sony | No | Agree with others |
| ZTE | Yes | the benefit on F1 is visible. or you choose NOT to take the LS from RAN3 asking for help into consideration.  there must be misconceptions on the impacts to RAN2 here.  - there won't be two consecutive RRC Reconfig to UE, but only one, the one RRC Reconfig that includes the per UE cell group config, and also the cell group config for PTM.  - RRC at UE handles them together, there wont be any stability issues claimed by some inputs above.  - there is no performance deterioration to Uu, but RAN3 only asks for a careful evaluation on the ASN.1 design which had been adopted since Rel-15 that RNA2/3 WG share the same IE design on Uu and F1.  - also remember we are not here to optimize or hurt anything on Uu but to evaluate whether we can do anything good to RAN3 and the WI itself, as we have been doing and should be doing.  - I hope Rapporteur reconsider the issue instead of simply following the majority view. |
| Ericsson | Yes |  |
| LGE | - | It does not seem easy to compare benefit of F1/E1 signaling and overhead for handling Uu interface. But, it seems clear that introducing the common RRC structure brings considerable spec. impact in RAN2. |
| CMCC | No | It will cause heavy Uu overhead since multicast configuration is delivered via dedicated RRC signalling and UE dedicated configuration is also needed. |
| Futurewei | No |  |
| Intel | No | Agree with Huawei and Qualcomm. It is risky to have dramatic change of RRC signalling structure at this stage just to optimize for F1/E1 signalling overhead. |
| OPPO | No |  |
| Spreadtrum | No | Same view as Huawei and Qualcomm. |
| Xiaomi | No | Agree with Huawei and Qualcomm. |

**Summary:**

**Clear majority (16 vs. 5) thinks it is not feasible to do common RRC configuration. Although from rapporteur point of view it seems there is not really any technical limitations to prevent doing that but it seems there is great opposition to do this. Generic understanding seems to be that doing common RRC structure has drawback to Uu signaling overhead but would benefit F1/E1 signaling. Considering company positions though it is proposed to keep existing RRC signaling structure:**

**Proposal: Keep current CR RRC structure and do not progress common RRC structure (i.e. no impacts to RRC CR)**

# MRB ID uniqueness

RAN3 informed RAN2 about the preference for the scope of MRB ID and asked RAN2 to comment on this proposal in the LS [R3-221469].

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| Scope of MRB ID:  E1 and F1 interface functions would benefit from the MRB ID to be unique only in the scope of an MBS session, but not within the scope of an UE. This would allow the use the same MRB ID for all UEs.  **To RAN2 group.**  **ACTION: RAN3 asks RAN2 to 1/ comment on the uniqueness of MRB ID in the scope of an MBS session instead of UE scope** |

Follwing papers considered this aspect in the LS:

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Rapporteur understanding is that RAN3 proposal is that the same value of MRB ID could be used for different sessions. The consequence is MRB ID itself is not sufficient to uniquely identify MRB and must be always signalled together with MBS Session ID, i.e. TMGI. For example, let us consider an example scenario in which two Ues, UE 1 and UE 2, join MBS multicast identified by TMGI 100 and TMGI 200, respectively. Each UE joined only one MBS multicast session. Assuming the network decides to configure one MRB for each MBS session. The CU must select the value of MRB ID. The CU may select the same value, e.g. MRB ID = 31, for both MRBs and uses this MRB ID in signalling towards the DU and the Ues as illustrated on figure.



Figure 1: Same MRB ID used for Ues joining different MBS sessions.

If one of the Ues joins another MBS multicast session for which the same value of MRB ID is already used would cause a issue.

Samsung (R2-2202684) states that RB ID has been unique within a UE, irrespective of type of RB, i.e. SRB/DRB/MRB. RAN3 LS mentioned that unique MRB ID within an MBS session allows the use the same MRB ID for all Ues. However, it is still possible under unique MRB ID within a UE. For instance, same MRB ID = x can be commonly used for a particular multicast service served in a cell. They see that gNB can coordinate the MRB ID space to keep the same MRB for all Ues in the cell. The current RRC specification uses MRB ID for mapping between RLC bearer and PDCP entity. Samsung also notes that one possibility is to include TMGI as part of MRB id to ensure uniqueness.

Following papers consider that we can keep current RRC signalling and issue is not severe:

**MRB id unique within UE (like in current RRC CR):**

R2-2202644 Support of split NR-RAN architecture for NR MBS Intel Corporation discussion Rel-17 NR\_MBS-Core

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Note that R2-2202684 also softly says that if something is needed simplest would be to extend MRB ID space.

**G-RNTIs/G-CS-RNTIs identify different MBS sessions over Uu. Therefore, different MBS sessions can use same MRB IDs over F1 and E1, which will not lead to the confusion of MRB ID over Uu.**

R2-2202368 Discussion on LS on NR RRC to support split NR-RAN architecture for NR MBS TD Tech, Chengdu TD Tech discussion Rel-17

Then these papers consider that something is needed to resolve RAN3 concern either by:

**MRB id separate from DRB ID space:**

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**Extend existing MRB Id space**

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**Q3: Do you think current RRC signaling for MRB ID is sufficient to satisfy RAN3?**

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments** |
| Nokia | No |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes | RAN3 mentioned they can benefit from per session MRB ID, but this is not something that they require to make the signalling work. Actually RAN3 has discussed some alternatives to handle the signalling which can be utilized without having to change RB handling principles in RAN2. |
| Qualcomm | No |  |
| MediaTek | No |  |
| Lenovo | Yes | Same view with Huawei |
| CATT | No |  |
| Kyocera | No |  |
| Sharp | No |  |
| Samsung | - | The question is not so clear what satisfies RAN3.  It’s clear that the current RRC signalling mandates unique MRB ID within a UE, i.e. UE is not configured with multiple MBS sessions sharing the same MRB ID. If it is kept, the benefit indicated by RAN3 can be met.  If RAN3 wants to share the same MRB ID for different MBS sessions within a UE, the current spec does not support it. |
| Apple | No |  |
| vivo | Yes with comments | From ASN.1 structure point of view, we think so. But we prefer to make MRB MRB ID unique to all UEs in that gNB. |
| Sony | No |  |
| ZTE | No | RAN3 is always a good reminder for us to check whether we have done our job, or done well. |
| Ericsson | No | A per MBS Session MRB Id should be straightforward to support:  **Multicast MRB:** A radio bearer configured for MBS multicast delivery, associated with a multicast session.  …  1> for each *mrb-Identity* / tmgi value pair included in the *mrb-ToReleaseList* that is part of the current UE configuration; or  1> for each *mrb-Identity* / tmgi value pair that is to be released as the result of full configuration according to 5.3.5.11:  2> release the PDCP entity and the *mrb-Identity / tmgi* value pair;  …  NOTE 1: The UE does not consider the message as erroneous if the *mrb-ToReleaseList* includes any *mrb-Identity* / *tmgi* value pair that is not part of the current UE configuration.  …  1> for each *mrb-Identity* / *tmgi* value pair included in the *mrb-ToAddModList* that is part of the current UE configuration:  2> if the *reestablishPDCP* is set:  …  – *MRB-Identity*  The IE *MRB-Identity* is used to identify a multicast MRB in association with TMGI used by a UE.  …  MRB-ToAddMod-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {  tmgi-r17 TMGI-r17,  mrb-Identity-r17 MRB-Identity-r17,  reestablishPDCP-r17 ENUMERATED{true} OPTIONAL, -- Need N  recoverPDCP-r17 ENUMERATED{true} OPTIONL, -- NEED N  pdcp-Config-r17 PDCP-Config OPTIONAL, -- Cond PDCP  ...  }  MRB-ToReleaseList-r17 ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxMRB-r17)) OF MRB-ToRelease-r17  MRB-ToRelease-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {  tmgi-r17 TMGI-r17,  mrb-Identity-r17 MRB-Identity-r17,  ...  }  …  ***mrb-Identity***  Identification of the multicast MRB associated to a TMGI.  …  MulticastRLC-BearerConfig-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {  servedMBS-RadioBearer-r17 MRB-Identity-r17,  tmgi-r17 TMGI-r17,  isPTM-Entity-r17 ENUMERATED {true} OPTIONAL -- NEED S  }  …  (RLCbearerConfig) add:  ***tmgi***  Indicates which MBS session the bearer is associated with. |
| LGE | - | It seems feasible to satisfy RAN3 with the current RRC signaling though handling MRB ID on network side looks complicated. |
| CMCC | No |  |
| Futurewei | Yes | In principle, it seems current RRC would serve RAN3 requirement. But we are open on improvement if the additional efforts is small. |
| Intel | Yes | Agree with Huawei.  Additional point is that whether unique MRB ID within MBS session is still useful for RAN3 if RAN2 does not agree on common RRC structure. |
| OPPO | No |  |
| Spreadtrum | No |  |
| Xiao |  | It seems that the current RRC running CR can satisfy RAN3 requriements. However we are also open to other resolutions if RAN3 considers those as necessary. |

**Summary:**

**Yes: 6**

**No: 13**

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**Q4: If you answered no to Q3 in which way it should be solved?**

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| **Company** |  | **Comments** |
| Nokia | Extend MRB id space | Simplest seems to be just to extend existing MRB id space. That would require minimal changes to existing CRs.  Although we are likely OK to make separate DRB/MRB ID spaces as well. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon |  | In our understanding, RAN3 asked for a per session MRB ID, not for global MRB ID. In any case, we find both solution infeasible:   1. Global MRB ID would require a very long MRB ID space of at least >2000. Furthermore the configuration of MRB IDs has to be coordinated across the network and it is unclear how this is achieved (is it provided from OAM, from CN or via coordination between gNBs?). Also, the MBS flow to MRB mapping has to be coordinated throughout the network. 2. If we introduce per session MRB ID, as requested by RAN3, then the following issues can happen:  * issues with reconfiguration if UE joins a new session which was allocated the same ID as another session of the UE * issues during handover, i.e. different gNBs may have assigned the same MRB ID to different sessions which requires release and addition of the MRB and leads to data loss   Both these scenarios would require release and addition of MRB which causes data loss and service interruption. |
| Qualcomm |  | MRB ID is part of RadioBearerConfig IE and is sent to UE in dedicated RRCReconfig message. It is possible for GNB to allocate MRB ID specific to MBS session (i.e. common to all UEs in that cell) and can be conveyed to UE in dedicated signaling, within each UE, MRB ID can be unique but is common one from GNB perspective. MRB ID space is different from DRB ID Space. It is upto GNB to provide common MRB ID for a given MBS session in a given cell. Following changes need to be considered.   1. When UE moves from one cell to another cell, we need allow RRC enhancements to change MRB ID without releasing and adding MRB. 2. Also like Nokia commented, we can extend MRB ID space beyond 32 limit and upto 256 or 512. |
| MediaTek |  | 1. The MRB ID assignment is a gNB implementation. We agree with Qualcomm on that it is up to gNB to provide common MRB ID for a given MBS session in a given cell. 2. We assume different gNB may configure different MRB-ID for the same MBS session since global MRB ID is not possible. 3. MRB ID reconfiguration may happen during the handover for the UE receiving Multicast. 4. We think same MRB ID can be reused across the MBS sessions, since G-RNTIs/G-CS-RNTIs identify different MBS sessions over Uu. |
| Lenovo |  | gNB can coordinate the MRB ID space to keep the same MRB for all Ues in the cell. |
| CATT |  | We think MBR ID space should be separated from DRB ID space.  In addition to that MRB ID is unique within the MBS session, using a common MRB ID among gNBs is more beneficial on minimizing the multicast data loss during handover. If the same MRB ID is used in source and target cell, delta configuration can be used.  But if MRB ID is unique within the MBS session, the complexity of network implementation may be increased to avoid the confliction between DRB ID and MRB ID in the case of DRB ID and MRB ID share the same value space. Moreover, it is harder to align the MRB IDs between gNBs if shared RB ID space is used. |
| Kyocera | Separate ID space | We think it’s cleaner to define MRB ID space which is separated from DRB ID space. |
| Sharp |  | We prefer to define separate MRB ID space from DRB ID space |
| Samsung | Prefer no enhancement  If needed, ok with extend MRB ID space | We think from RAN2 perspective, all options, e.g. increasing MRB ID space, association with RNTI/TMGI do not have any benefit in Uu but breaks the existing RBID configuration rule and increases complexity. We do not support any enhancement for this.  If companies really want to have a solution, we think MRB ID space extension is the simplest.  From RAN2 perspective focusing on configuration between gNB and UE, the current 32 MRBs are enough. The gain of increasing MRB ID or combination with TMGI/G-RNTI does not have any benefit but rather increase overhead/complexity. |
| Apple |  | We prefer no change and make it up to NW implementation. |
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| Sony |  | We think it can be left to network implementation for this release but also ok with rapporteur suggestion to increase MRB ID space. |
| ZTE | Extend MRB id space | we might have to. |
| Ericsson |  | See a example update above. |
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| Futurewei |  | It seems network implementation could achieve the goal:   1. Common MRB ID could be decided/maintained at a per cell basis. 2. When a UE entering the cell, MRB ID of the cell would be configured at the HO, or at the initial access. |
| Intel |  | We don’t think any enhancement is needed. Our understanding is that in current RRC running CR, MRB ID space is already separate from DRB ID space. |
| OPPO | Separate ID space from DRB id |  |
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# MBS support in MR-DC other aspects

R2-2202555 Support of MBS in MR-DC Apple discussion Rel-17 NR\_MBS-Core

Above paper notes that WI states:

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| Restrictions and assumptions:  Architecture: it is the one in Figure 4.1-1 in TR 23.757 v0.2.0: High level MBS architecture, with the further restriction that only NR in NG-RAN (i.e. connected to 5GC) is considered as RAT. Consequently, in addition to in NR SA, there should be no reasons preventing the use of the feature standardized in this WI in case of MR DC configurations in the MCG when the MN is a gNB (NE-DC, NR DC). |

i.e. The MBS in NR MCG can be supported if the NR-MBS mechanism in NR-SA can be applied without any addition spec effort.

And the paper states that in order to support cross carrier scheduling would require extra work and thus should not be done.

Also the paper also states to support multiple PTM transmissions over multiple serving cells has the extra spec effort.

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**Q5**: **Do you agree proposals in the paper R2-2202555 i.e.**

1. **The cross-carrier scheduling is not supported for the PTM transmission on SCell**
2. **the multicast MRB is at most configured with one PTP link and/or one PTM link in CA**

**If yes – do you agree TP for 38.300 in the R2-2202555?**

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| **Company** | **Yes/No (for a and b proposals)** | **Comments** |
| Nokia | No strong view | No time to optimize these as of now so probably best to go with Apple proposals.  Also TP to 38.300 looks fine although maybe not critical try to agree now. And likely we can just have first sentence from the TP. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Both aspects are up to RAN1 to decide and are already being discussed there |  |
| Qualcomm | 1. Yes 2. Yes | For A) RAN1 already agreed not to support cross carrier scheduling of MBS in SCell. |
| MediaTek | Yes with but | We think there may be not enough time to discuss this at Rel-17.  Meanwhile we also think that the cross carrier scheduling issue should be discussed at RAN1. |
| Lenovo | See comments. | In general, although RAN1 is still discussing the multicast reception in SCell, we would prefer to allow multicast reception in SCell from signalling point of view. Regardless RAN1’s agreement, RAN2’s spec should be future proof e.g. to provide G-RNTI configuration per serving cell.  a) and b) should be decided by RAN1. |
| Kyocera | - | We think it’s out of RAN2 scope, i.e., it’s discussed in RAN1. |
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| CMCC |  | It’s up to RAN1. |
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