

Exploring 3GPP Standardization

3GPP RAN1 Status and Overview

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01. What is RAN1?

(RAN1: TSG Radio Access Network Working Group 1)

- RAN1 is responsible for specification of the physical layer of the radio Interfaces for UE, Evolved UTRAN, NG-RAN, and beyond. The work in RAN1 includes especially:
 - Specification of physical channels and modulation
 - Specification of physical layer multiplexing, channel coding and error detection
 - Specification of physical layer procedures (both control and data)
 - Specification of definition of measurements and their provision by the physical layer to the upper layers
- RAN1 also specifies handling of physical layer related UE capabilities and parameters used in device tests.



02. 5G-Advanced Release 18

5G-Advanced is the second phase of 5G evolution targeting the following

Enhanced performance and capability

Better support for new applications and terminal types

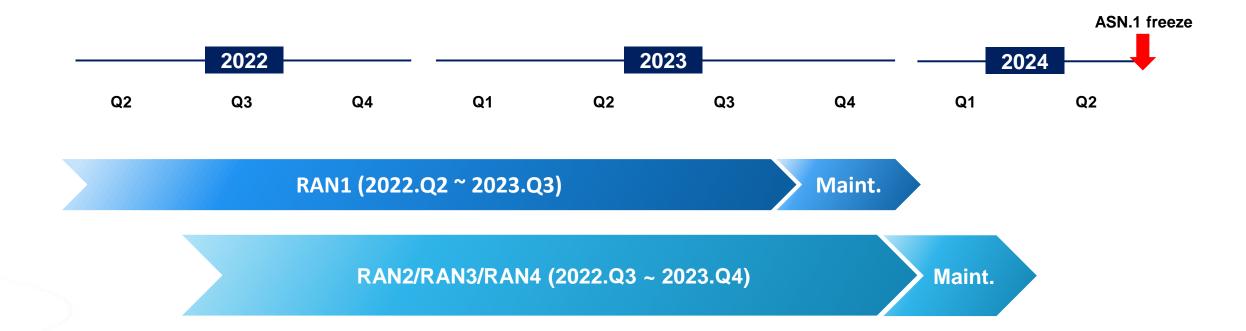
Bridge towards 6G

- 5G-Advanced Rel-18 RAN1 aspects
 - Included 14 work items and 8 study items over a period of 18 months
 - Generated about 5 GB of emails over the RAN1 reflector (>20,000 emails)
 - Involved >600 technical experts per meeting and >10,000 technical contributions per year
 - 8 RAN1 meetings in total 3 electronic meetings and 5 face-to-face meetings



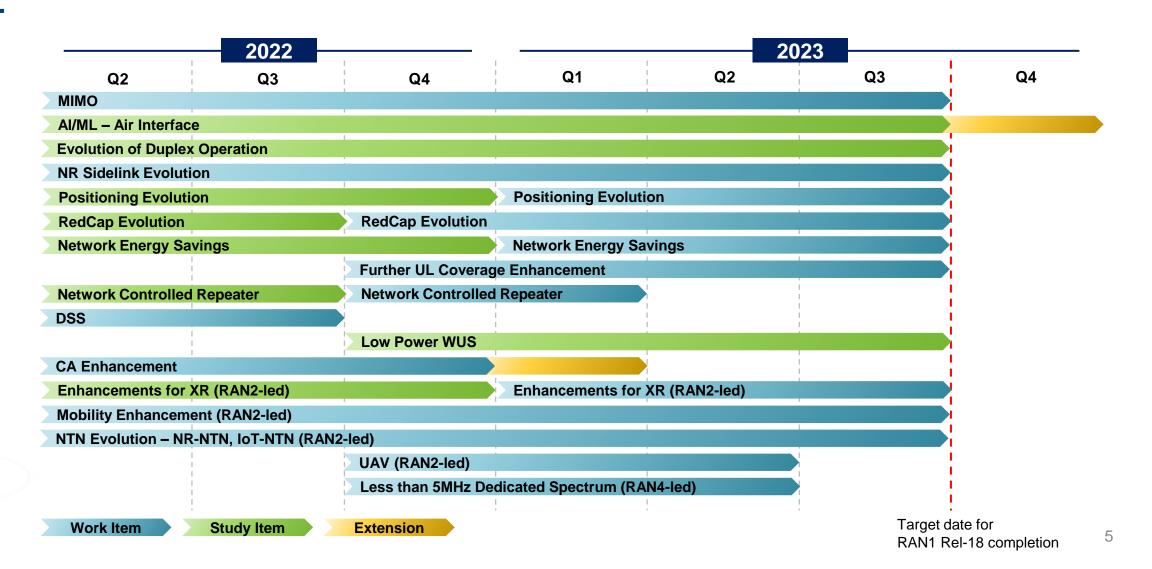
02. 5G-Advanced Release 18 – Schedule

- Rel-18 started in 2022.Q2 and is planned to be completed in 2024.Q2 (ASN.1)
- RAN1 kicked off the Rel-18 discussions followed 3 months later by the other WGs





02. 5G Advanced Release 18 – RAN1 Scope



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03. Al/ML for NR Air Interface

(Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning)

- Can we augment NR air interface with features to enable improved support of Al/ML based algorithms?
- Three target use cases were selected for Rel-18 study item

CSI feedback enhancement

CSI overhead reduction, improved accuracy, prediction

Beam management enhancement

Beam prediction in time/spatial domain for overhead and latency reduction, beam selection accuracy improvement

Positioning accuracy enhancement

Improved positioning accuracy even in non-line-of-sight conditions

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03. Al/ML for NR Air Interface

(Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning)

Rel-18 study item on focused on

- AI/ML framework investigation (AI/ML model generation, inference operation, collaboration between UE and gNB, lifecycle management, dataset, etc)
- Evaluation on performance benefits of AI/ML based algorithms
- Assessment of potential specification impact

RAN1 completion target date for the Rel-18 study item has been shifted by a quarter

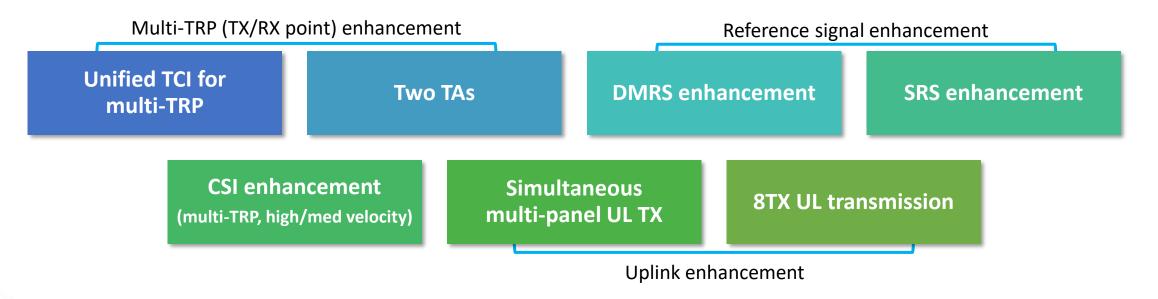
- To ensure a proper study and good level of common understanding on one of the most important fundamental technologies that could impact 5G-Advanced and 6G
- Initially targeted for completion by 2023.Q3 → now targeted for completion by 2023.Q4
- Discussions are under way for potential normative work in Rel-19



04. NR MIMO Evolution for Downlink and Uplink

(MIMO: Multiple Input Multiple Output)

 Rel-18 work item addresses issues observed during deployments/developments while providing new features for future evolutions in NR multi-antenna technology



Discussions are under way for additional normative work in Rel-19 to further enhance NR MIMO



05. Network Energy Savings

Mobile Net Zero
State of the Industry on Climate Action 2023
GSMA

- Energy cost takes up to 40% of an operator's OPEX
 - Radio access network represents >80% of an operator's energy consumption



Radio access network (87%)



Core network & data center (12%)



Other operations (1%)



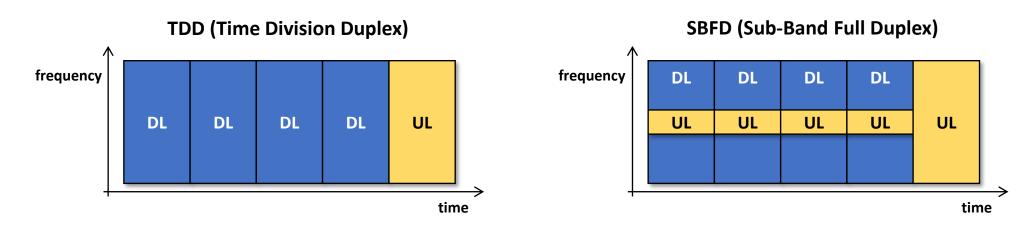
05. Network Energy Savings

- Rel-18 study item focused on
 - Development of a network power consumption model
 - Extensive evaluation on various network energy savings techniques
- Rel-18 work item specified
 - Spatial and power domain techniques
 - Enhancements on cell DTX/DRX mechanism
- Discussions are under way for additional normative work in Rel-19 to further expand the network energy savings gains



06. Evolution of NR Duplex Operation

- Rel-18 study item focused on the study of enhanced duplex schemes that could overcome the limited uplink coverage in conventional TDD networks
 - SBFD and dynamic TDD were evaluated in terms of performance, feasibility, and coexistence impact

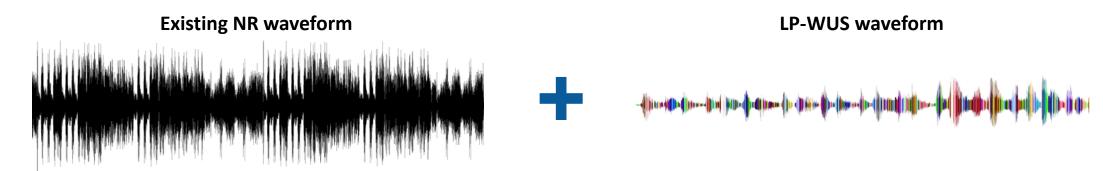


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07. Low Power Wake Up Signal (LP-WUS)

 Rel-18 study item focused on the study of a new signal design (incl. waveform) that is used in conjunction to existing NR signals for reduced receiver power consumption



- Larger bandwidth
- Requires complex receiver and
- Requires higher receiver power consumption

- Smaller bandwidth
- Requires simpler receiver
- Requires lower receiver power consumption
- Discussions are under way for potential normative work in Rel-19



08. eXtended Reality (XR) Enhancements for NR

XR requires a combination of high data rate and low latency



- Acceptable XR experience requires frame rates of at least 60fps and 2K resolution per eye
- Immersive XR experience requires frame rates of 90 or even 120fps and resolutions up to 8K per eye

https://www.3gpp.org/technologies/xr-nr

- Rel-18 study item focused on evaluation for capacity & power saving techniques
- Rel-18 work item addressed uplink capacity issues during XR operation
- Discussions are under way for possible additional normative work on XR in Rel-19



09. Non-Terrestrial Networks (NTN) Enhancements

- Rel-17 introduced RAN1 specifications support of NTN for NR, eMTC, and NB-IoT
 - Critical features to address frequency and time synchronization issues relevant only to NTN
- Rel-18 enhanced the support for NTN in the following key areas

| For NR | For eMTC/NB-IoT |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Coverage enhancement | Disabling of HARQ feedback |
| Network verified UE location | Improved GNSS operations |

Discussions are under way for possibly additional normative work on NTN in Rel-19



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