Understanding the 5G NR Physical Layer

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You Will Learn…

Understanding the 5G NR Physical Layer

- 3GPP NR roadmap and releases
- Key differences between the physical layers of LTE and NR
- Key new technologies in NR physical layer
- Overview of the NR physical channels
- Most important new NR physical layer procedures
  - Initial access and beamforming
  - Beam management
  - MIMO
  - Bandwidth Parts
  - …

NR Key Technologies

Understanding the 5G NR Physical Layer

Waveforms and Frame Structure

Scalable Numerology

Numerology Multiplexing

Dynamic TDD

Low Latency

Mini-Slots

CBG Retransmissions

Front-Loaded DMRS

Millimeter Wave

Beam-Sweeping

Beam Management

Massive MIMO

Future Proof – Forward Compatible

Bandwidth Parts

Reduced Always-On Signals

No Fixed Time Relationship Between Channels

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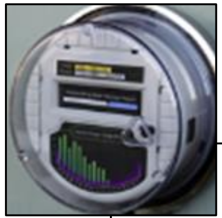
3GPP NR Use Cases

3GPP NR Roadmap & Introduction

Enhanced Mobile Broadband (eMBB)

- 10-20 Gbps peak
- 100 Mbps whenever needed
- 10000x more traffic
- Macro and small cells
- Support for high mobility (500 km/h)
- Network energy saving by 100 times



Massive Machine Communication (mMTC)

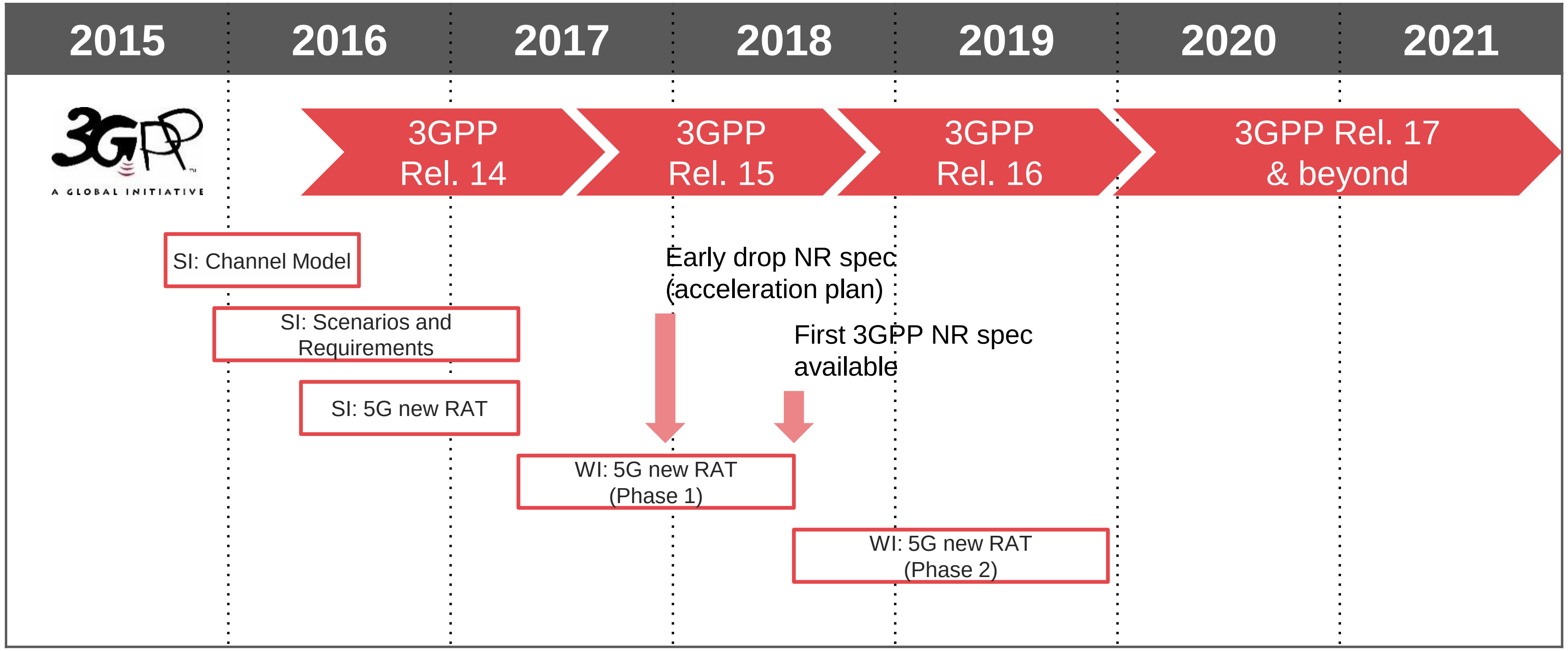
- High density of devices ($2x10^5$ - 10^6/km^2)
- Long range
- Low data rate (1 - 100 kbps)
- M2M ultra low cost
- 10 years battery
- Asynchronous access

Ultra Reliability and Low Latency (URLLC)

- Ultra responsive
  - <1 ms air interface latency
  - 5 ms E2E latency
- Ultra reliable and available (99.9999%)
- Low to medium data rates (50 kbps - 10 Mbps)
- High speed mobility

3GPP NR Roadmap

3GPP NR Roadmap & Introduction



3GPP NR Rel-15 Scope

3GPP NR Roadmap & Introduction

- Acceleration of eMBB Non-Standalone mode by **December'17**
  - Standalone standardization dates as expected (June'18)
- Use cases:
  - Enhanced Mobile Broadband (eMBB)
  - Ultra Reliable Low Latency Communications (URLLC)
- Carrier aggregation operation
- Inter-RAT mobility between NR and E-UTRA

✓ **IN SCOPE**

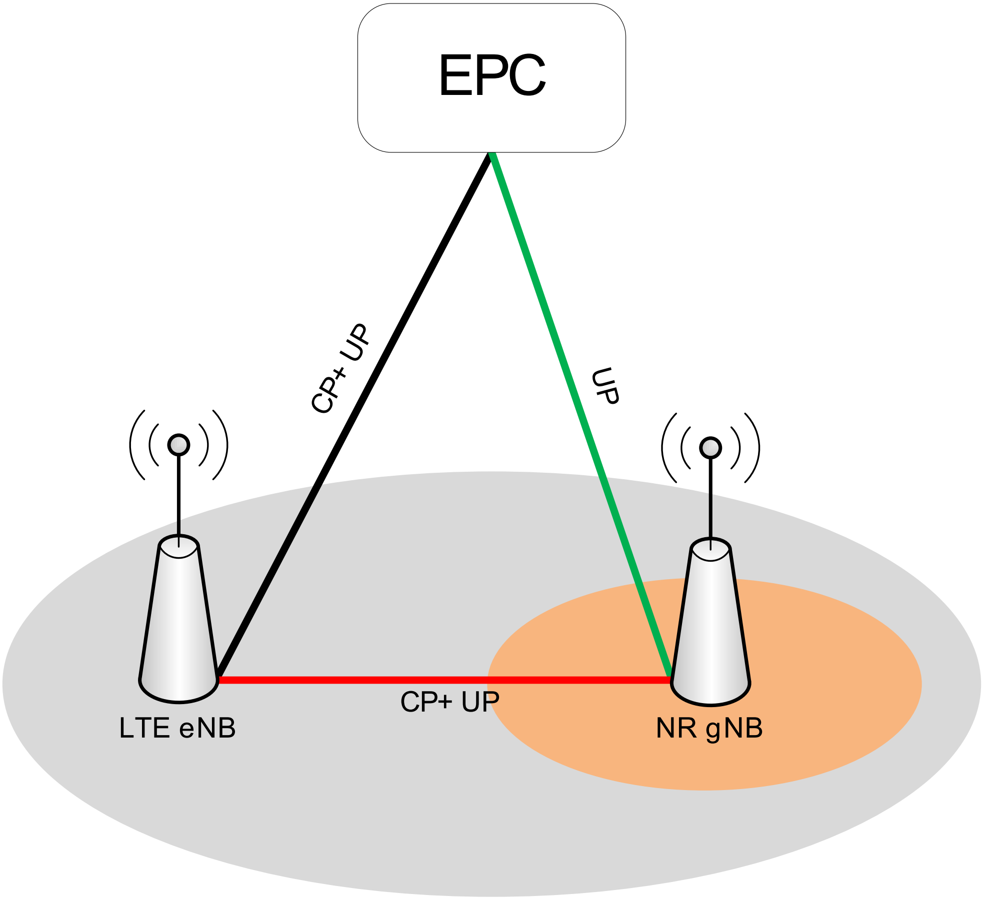
- Frequencies beyond 52.6 GHz
  - Other types of waveforms
- mMTC – Machine type communications
- Internetworking with non-3GPP systems (e.g. WiFi)
- Vehicular communications
- Multicast services and multimedia broadcast
- Unlicensed spectrum access

🚫 **OUT OF SCOPE**

NR Non-Stand Alone Mode

3GPP NR Roadmap & Introduction

- Specified by **December'17**
- Using LTE core network
- LTE eNB always acts as a master
- NR gNB always acts as a slave



3GPP NR Rel-15 Roadmap

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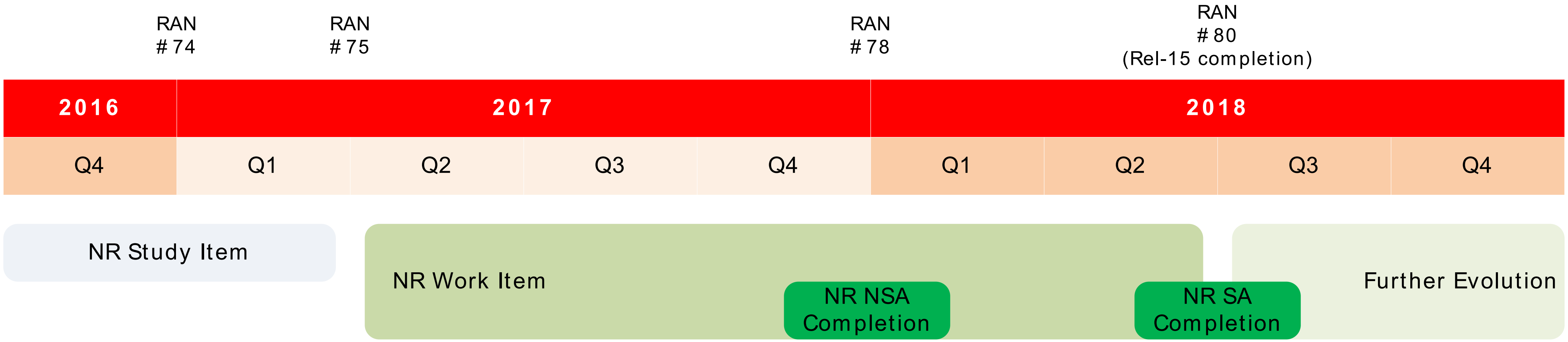

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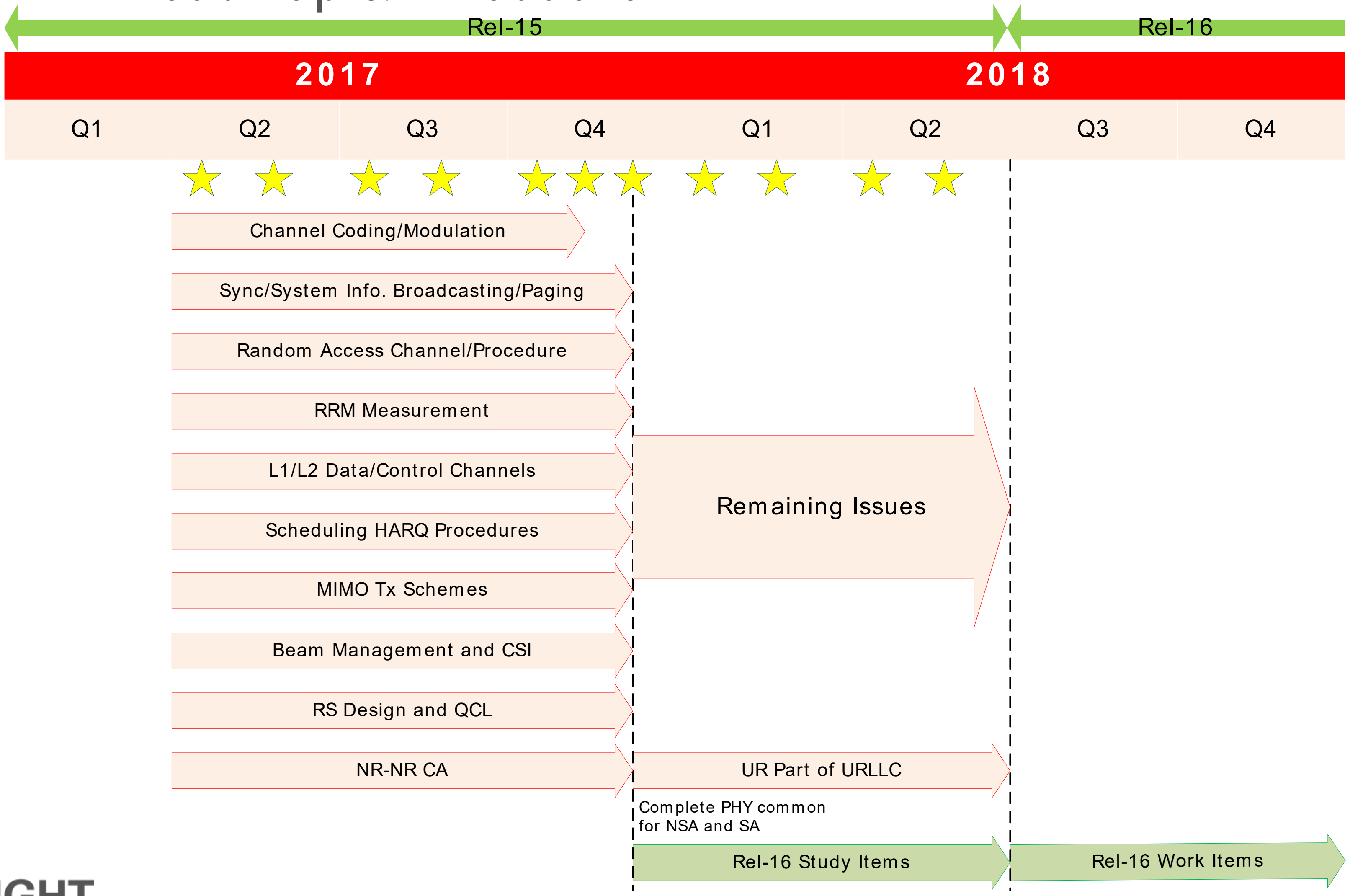

Feature Down-Scoping

3GPP NR Roadmap & Introduction

- In the latest RAN #77 plenary meeting it was agreed to down-scope some of NR features for the **December’17** release

- This is the complete list of dropped functionality:
  - **Duplexing**
    - FDD half duplex
  - **MIMO**
    - RS design for mini-slot beyond what is covered in December’17
    - Multi-TRP/panel/beam transmission/reception at gNB for PDSCH/PUSCH
  - **Scheduling**
    - Mini-slot based scheduling beyond what is covered in December’17
    - Multi-TRP/panel/beam PDCCH
    - Transmit diversity for PUCCH (postponed to Release-16)
    - Simultaneous transmission of PUSCH and PUCCH
  - **NR CA/DC**
    - NR-NR DC

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NR L1 Specification Drafts

3GPP NR Roadmap & Introduction

Spec Number	Title	Current Draft
38.201	General Description	R1-1715069
38.202	Services Provided by the Physical Layer	R1-1714655
38.211	Physical Channels and Modulation	R1-1718318
38.212	Multiplexing and Channel Coding	R1-1719106
38.213	Physical Layer Procedures for Control	R1-1718782
38.214	Physical Layer Procedures for Data	R1-1718808
38.215	Physical Layer Measurements	R1-1719108

Study Items for Rel-16

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– Study items starting in **2018**:
  - NR-based access to unlicensed spectrum
  - Non-orthogonal multiple access for NR
  - Evaluation methodology of new V2X use cases for LTE and NR
  - NR to support non-terrestrial networks
  - Integrated access and backhaul for NR

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Waveform, Numerology and Frame Structure

- **Scalable numerology**
  - Implications to slot duration
  - Implications to multiplexing of numerologies
  - Inter-subcarrier spacing interference
- **Slot based vs. non-slot based scheduling**
  - Use cases for non-slot (i.e. mini-slot) based scheduling
- **Dynamic TDD**
  - How to indicate link direction?

Waveform

Waveform, Numerology and Frame Structure

– **Waveform** (for eMBB/URLLC and < 52.6 GHz)
  - DL Waveform: CP-OFDM
  - UL Waveform: CP-OFDM + DFT-s-OFDM
    - CP-OFDM targeted at high throughput scenarios
    - DFT-s-OFDM targeted at power limited scenarios

– **Multiple Access**
  - Orthogonal Multiple Access
  - Non-Orthogonal Multiple Access (NOMA) not supported in Rel-15

– **Bandwidth**
  - Maximum CC bandwidth is 400 MHz
  - Maximum number of subcarriers is 3300
    - 4096-FFT is needed
  - Maximum number of CCs is 16

This is from signaling point of view
Allowed combinations to be decided by RAN4

Numerology Definition

Waveform, Numerology and Frame Structure

– Scalable subcarrier spacing

$$\Delta f = 2^{\mu} \cdot 15\ kHz$$

– Parameters defining a numerology:

- Subcarrier spacing (i.e. μ parameter)
- Cyclic prefix (i.e. Normal/Extended)

μ	$\Delta f = 2^{\mu} \cdot 15$ kHz	Cyclic Prefix
0	15 kHz	Normal
1	30 kHz	Normal
2	60 kHz	Normal, Extended
3	120 kHz	Normal
4	240 kHz	Normal
5	480 kHz	Normal

Sync < 6 GHz (μ = 0, 1)

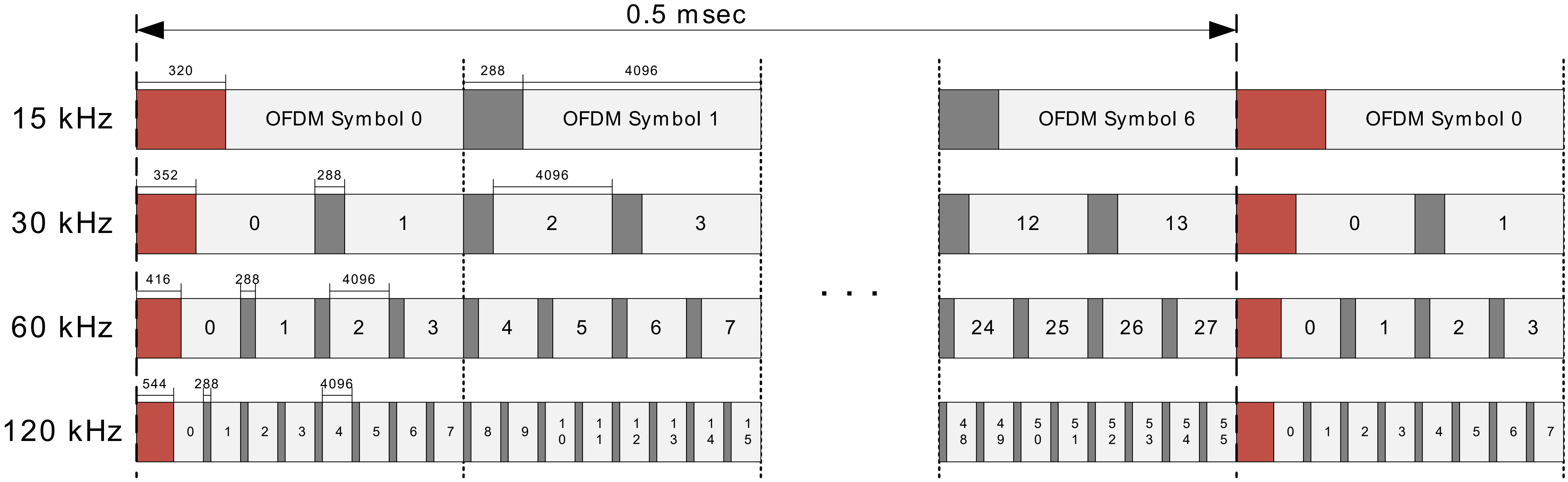
Sync > 6 GHz (μ = 3, 4)

Data < 6 GHz (μ = 0, 1, 2)

Data > 6 GHz (μ = 2, 3)

Specified but not supported in Rel- 15 (μ = 5)

Numerology Example (Normal CP)



- Each symbol length (including CP) of 15 kHz equals the sum of the corresponding 2^{μ} symbols at F_s
- Other than the first OFMD symbol in every 0.5 ms, all symbols within 0.5 ms have the same length

Mixed Numerology

Waveform, Numerology and Frame Structure

– Multiplexing different numerologies

- TDM and/or FDM for downlink and uplink
- Rel-15 NR UEs are not mandated to support simultaneous DL reception or UL transmission of multiple FDM physical channels (e.g. PDSCH, PDCCH, PUSCH, PUCCH) with different numerologies at the same time

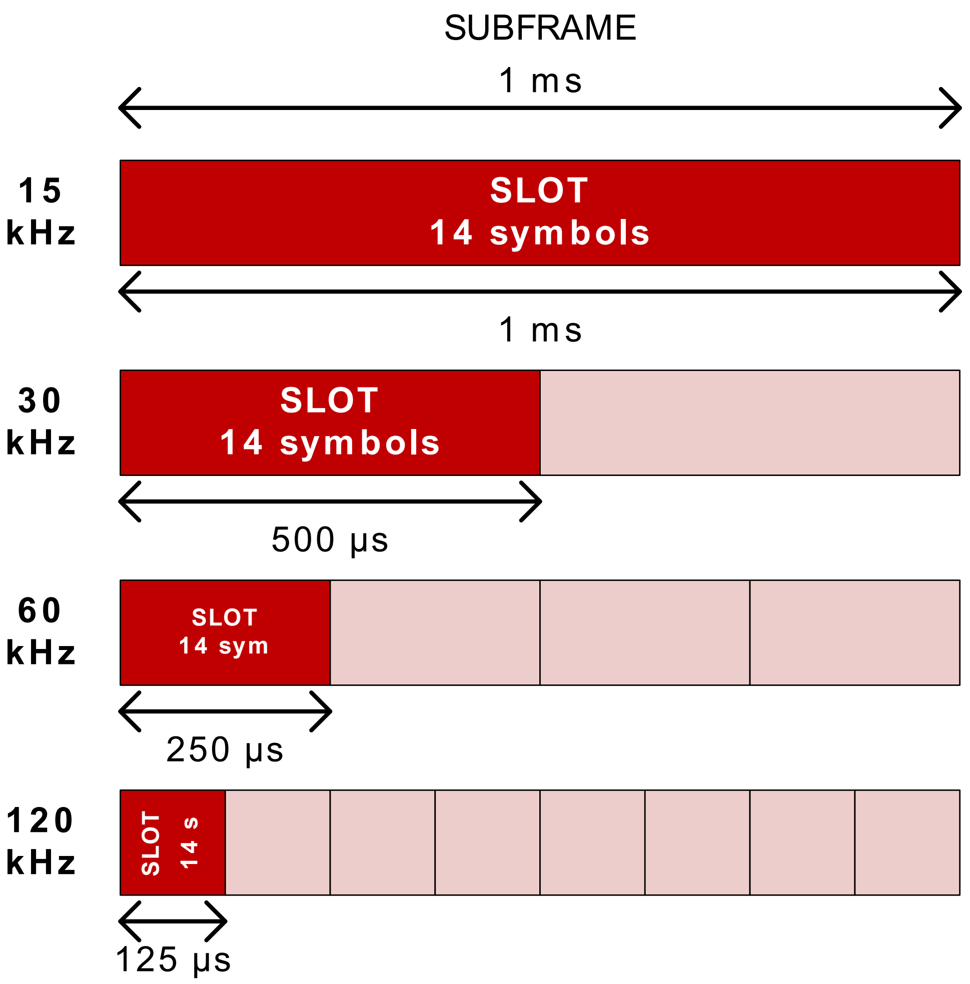
– Two FDM use cases

- **Use Case #1:** Data/Data
  - Not supported in DL (for Rel-15)
  - Not supported in UL (for Rel-15)
  - Supported between DL and UL (i.e. different numerologies in DL and UL)
- **Use Case #2:** Data/Synchronization
  - Optional from UE point of view

Frame Structure

Waveform, Numerology and Frame Structure

- Frame: 10 ms
- Subframe: Reference period of 1 ms
- Slot (slot based scheduling)
  - **14 OFDM symbols**
  - One possible scheduling unit
    - Slot aggregation allowed
  - Slot length scales with the subcarrier spacing
    - $Slot\ length = {}^{1\,ms}/_{2^{\mu}}$
- Mini-Slot (non-slot based scheduling)
  - **7, 4 or 2 OFDM symbols**
  - Minimum scheduling unit



Mini-Slot Use Cases

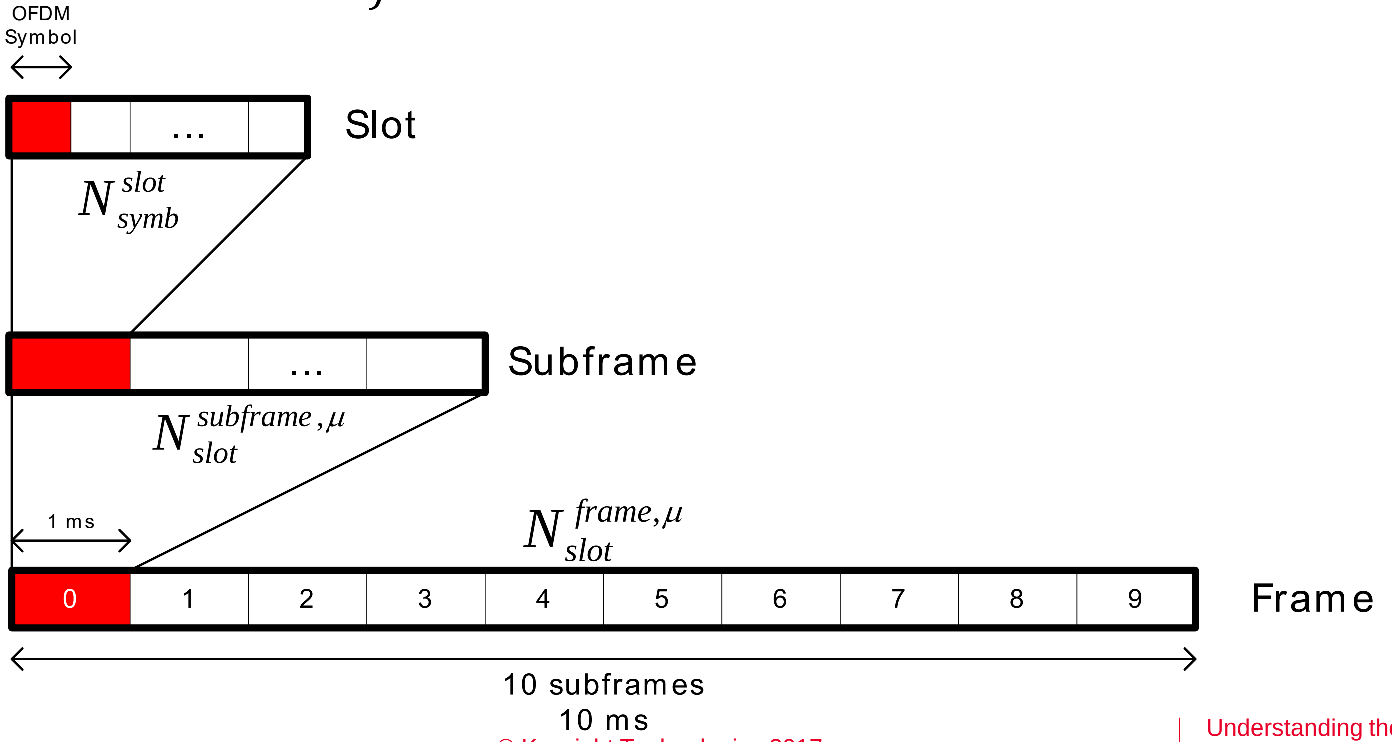
Waveform, Numerology and Frame Structure

- Support of very low latency (i.e. part of URLLC)
- Support of finer TDM granularity of scheduling for the same/different UEs within a slot
  - Especially if TRxP uses beam-sweeping (e.g. above 6GHz)
- NR-LTE co-existence (e.g. using LTE MBSFN subframes for NR)
- Forward compatibility towards unlicensed spectrum operation

Frame Structure

Waveform, Numerology and Frame Structure

– Slots are numbered:
  - $n_s^\mu \in \left\{0, \ldots, N_{slot}^{subframe,\mu} - 1\right\}$ within a subframe
  - $n_{s,f}^\mu \in \left\{0, \ldots, N_{slot}^{frame,\mu} - 1\right\}$ within a frame



Frame Structure

Waveform, Numerology and Frame Structure

Subcarrier Spacing (μ)	Number of OFDM Symbols per Slot (N_{symb}^{slot})	Number of Slots per Subframe ($N_{slot}^{subframe,\mu}$)	Number of Slots per Frame ($N_{slot}^{frame,\mu}$)
0 *15 kHz*	14 ***1 ms***	1 *1 slot x 1 ms =* ***1 ms***	10 ***10 ms***
1 *30 kHz*	14 ***500 µs***	2 *2 slots x 500 µs =* ***1 ms***	20 ***10 ms***
2 *60 kHz (normal CP)*	14 ***250 µs***	4 *4 slots x 250 µs =* ***1 ms***	40 ***10 ms***
2 *60 kHz (extended CP)*	12 ***250 µs***	4 *4 slots x 250 µs =* ***1 ms***	40 ***10 ms***
3 *120 kHz*	14 ***125 µs***	8 *8 slots x 125 µs =* ***1 ms***	80 ***10 ms***
4 *240 kHz*	14 ***62.5 µs***	16 *16 slots x 62.5 µs =* ***1 ms***	160 ***10 ms***
5 *480 kHz*	14 ***31.25 µs***	32 *32 slots x 31.25 µs =* ***1 ms***	320 ***10 ms***

Resource Grid

Waveform, Numerology and Frame Structure

– Resource elements are grouped into Physical Resource Blocks (**PRB**)

– Each PRB consists of **12 subcarriers**

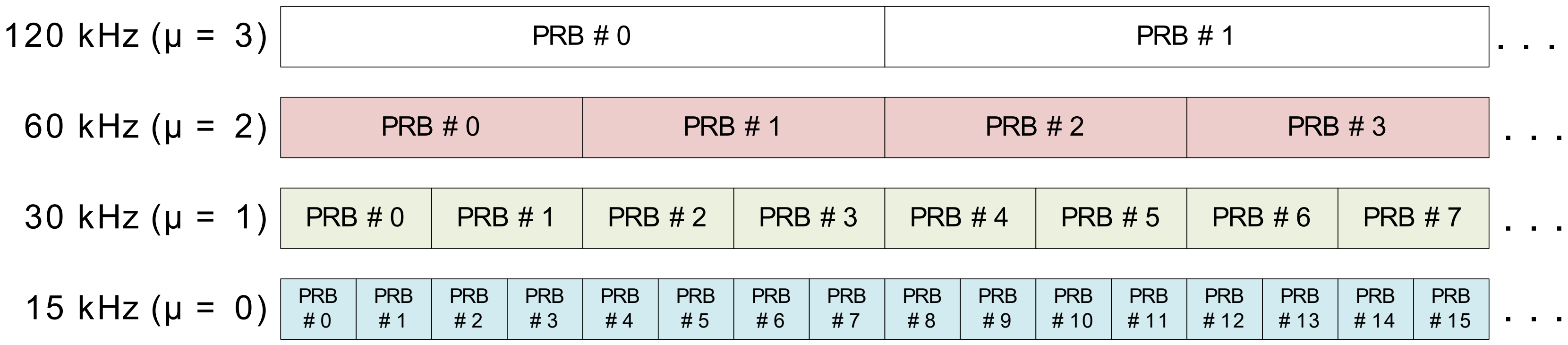
μ	Δf	$N_{RB}^{min,\mu}$	$N_{RB}^{max,\mu}$
0	15 kHz	20	275
1	30 kHz	20	275
2	60 kHz	20	275
3	120 kHz	20	275
4	240 kHz	20	138
5	480 kHz	20	69

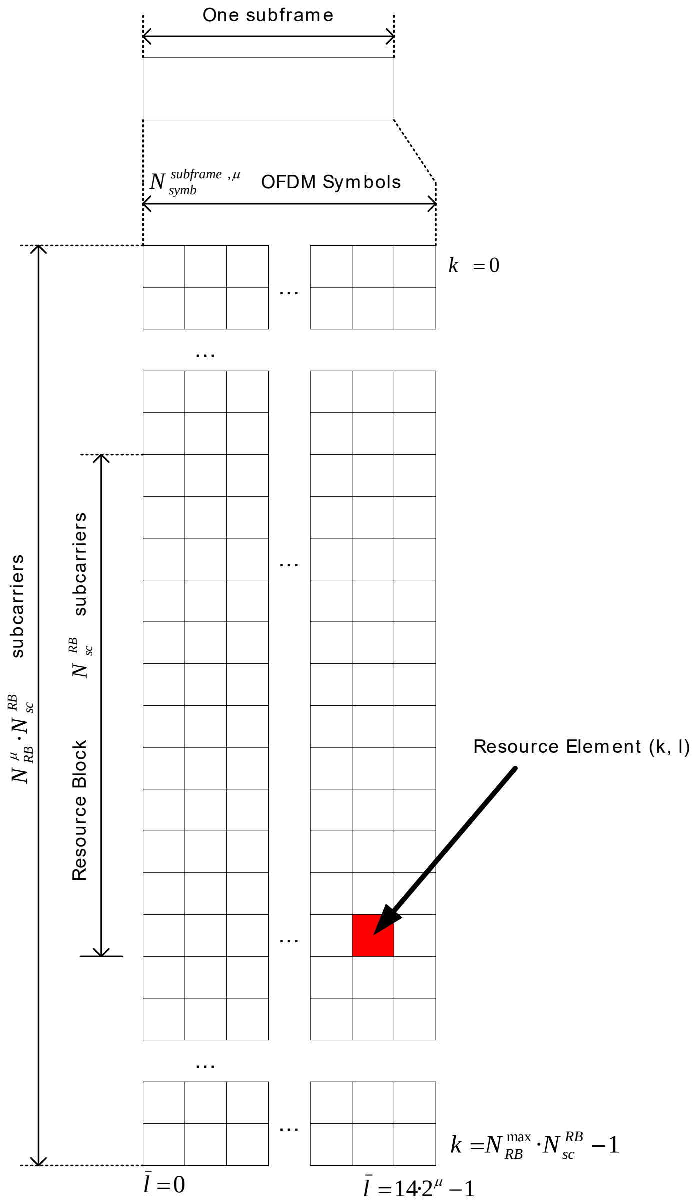
Resource Grid

Waveform, Numerology and Frame Structure

– For each numerology and carrier, a resource grid of $N_{RB}^{max,\mu} \cdot N_{sc}^{RB}$ subcarriers and $N_{symb}^{subframe,\mu}$ OFDM symbols is defined

– The resource grids for all subcarrier spacing are overlapped





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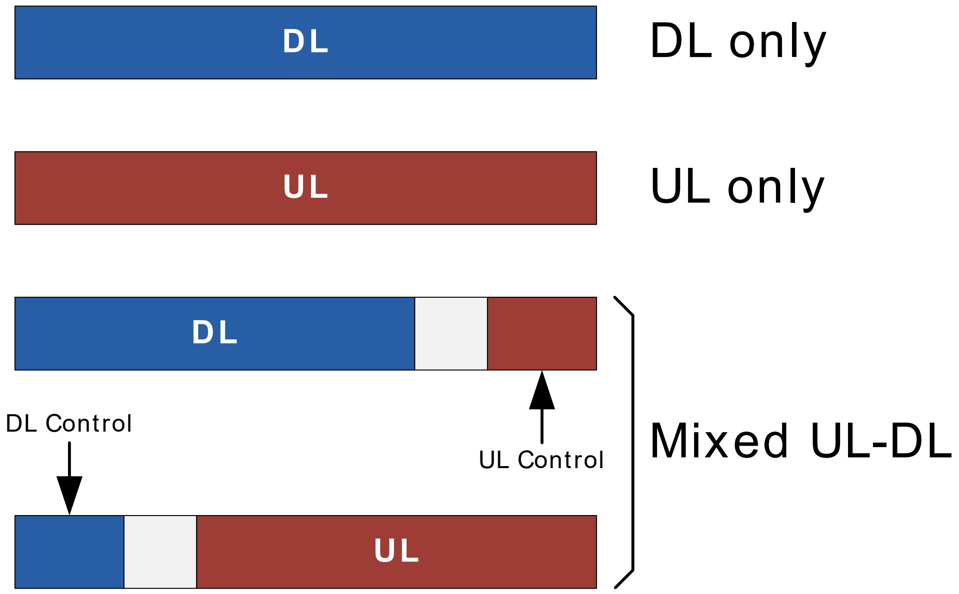
Slot Structure

Waveform, Numerology and Frame Structure

– A slot can be:
  - All downlink
  - All uplink
  - Mixed downlink and uplink
    - Static, semi-static or dynamic

– Slot aggregation is supported
  - Data transmission can be scheduled to span one or multiple slots



Slot Format Indication

Waveform, Numerology and Frame Structure

– Slot Format Indication informs the UE whether an OFDM symbol is ***Downlink***, ***Uplink*** or ***Flexible***

– SFI can indicate link direction over one or many slots (configured through RRC)

– The SFI carries an index to a pre-configured UE-specific table (configured through RRC)

– SFI can be either:

  - **Dynamic** (i.e. through a DCI)
    - UE assumes there is no conflict between dynamic SFI and DCI DL/UL assignments
  - **Static** or **semi-static** (i.e. through RRC)

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– **Beam-sweeping**

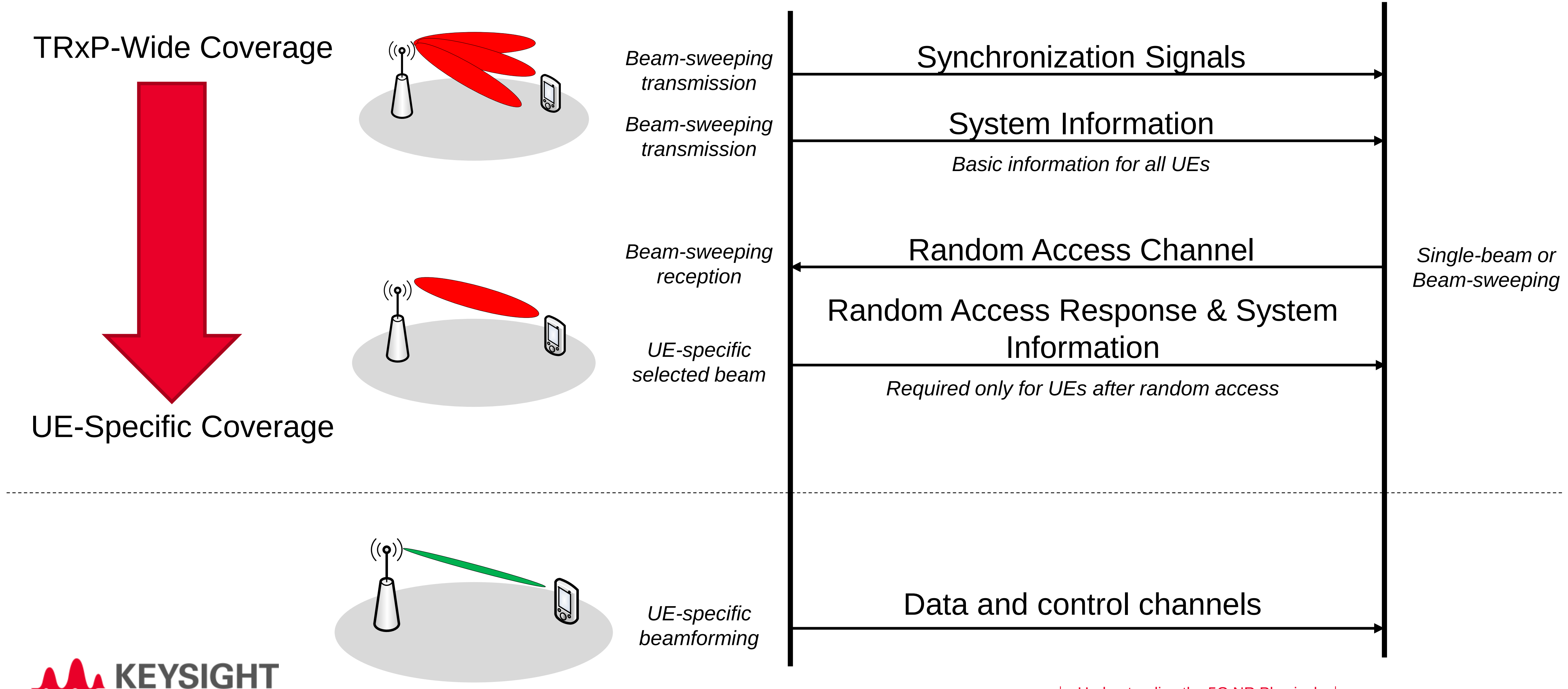
- How does the UE identifies the best beam to receive from the gNB?
- How does the gNB identifies the best beam to receive from the UE?

– **Initial access**

- How does beamforming affect the initial access procedure?
- Implications of beam-sweeping in the design of the initial access related signals
- Implications of the initial access design to NR-LTE coexistence

Initial Access Procedure

Initial Access and Beam Management



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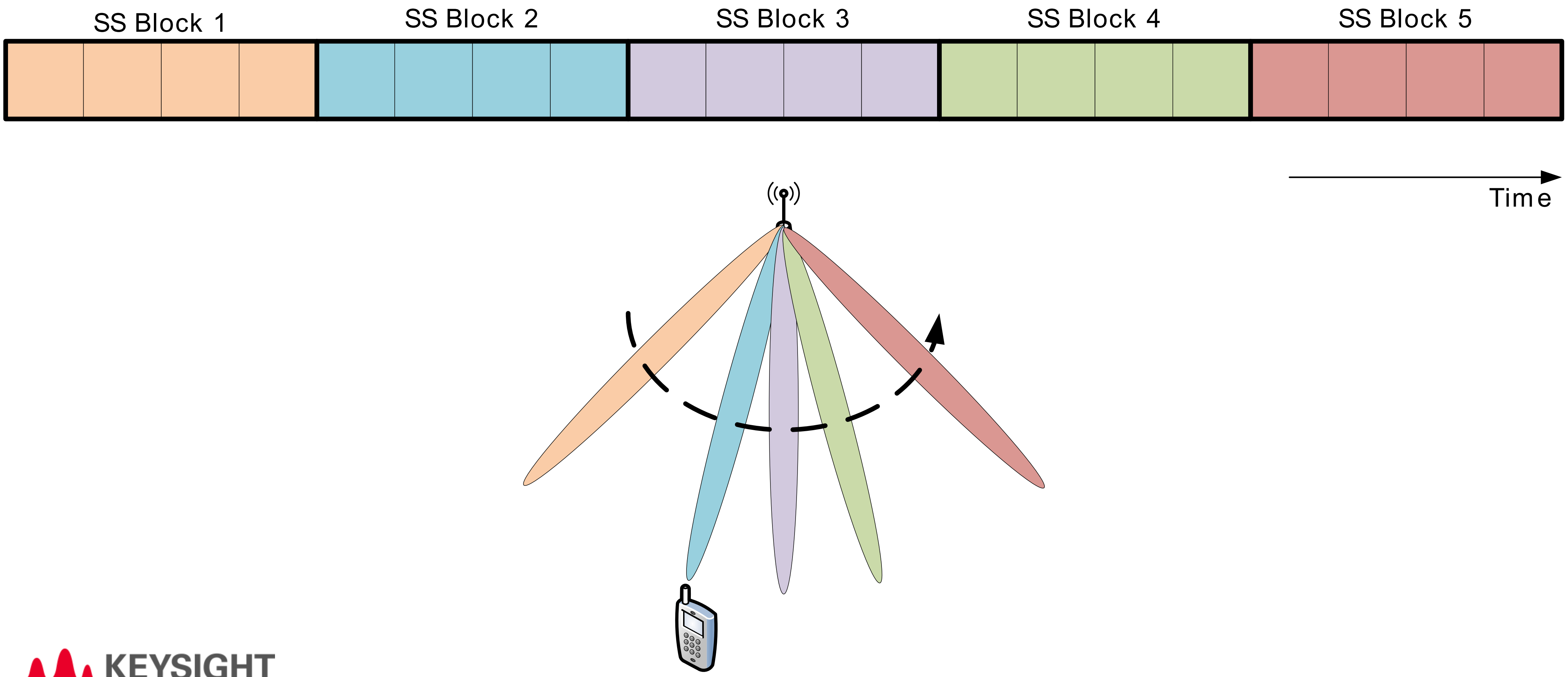

Beam-Sweeping and Initial Access

Initial Access and Beam Management

- The UE identifies the SSB within the SS Burst Set by using:
  - Part of the time index carried by the PBCH DMRS
  - The rest of the SSB time index carried by the PBCH data
- The UE identifies the best SSB
- The UE transmits PRACH on a set of resources depending on the best SSB time index
  - An association between an SSB in the SS Burst Set and a subset of PRACH resources and/or preamble indices is configured by a set of parameters in the system information
  - The UE notifies the gNB with the best SSB by using the corresponding PRACH resource for that SSB

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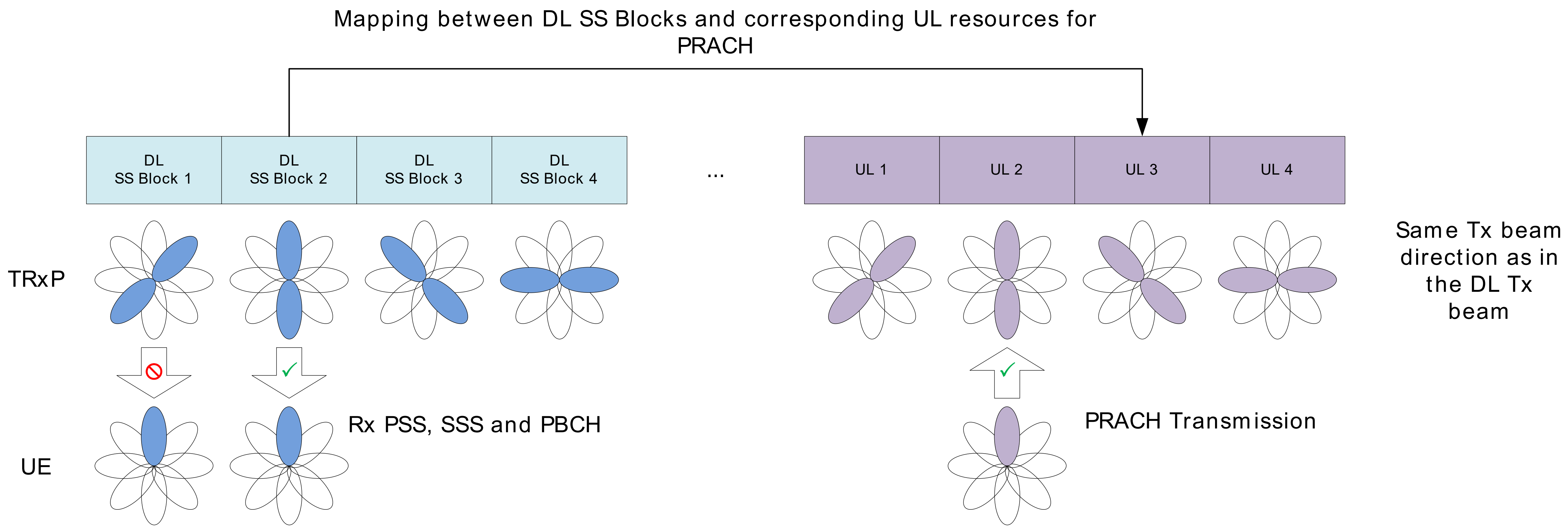

Remaining and Other System Information

Initial Access and Beam Management

– **Remaining Minimum System Information**

- Minimum system information is carried onto PBCH
- The rest of the Remaining Minimum System Information (RMSI) is carried onto PDSCH
- The numerology used for RMSI is indicated in PBCH payload
  - **< 6 GHz**: 15 or 30 kHz (60 kHz cannot be used because it is optional for the UEs)
  - **> 6 GHz**: 60 or 120 kHz
- A CORESET is dedicated for RMSI scheduling
  - Not necessarily confined within PBCH bandwidth
  - There is an RMSI PDCCH monitoring window associated with an SS/PBCH block, which recurs periodically.

– **Other System Information**

- On-Demand system information delivery
- Carried on PDSCH using the same numerology as the RMSI

Messages 1, 2, 3 and 4 Transmission

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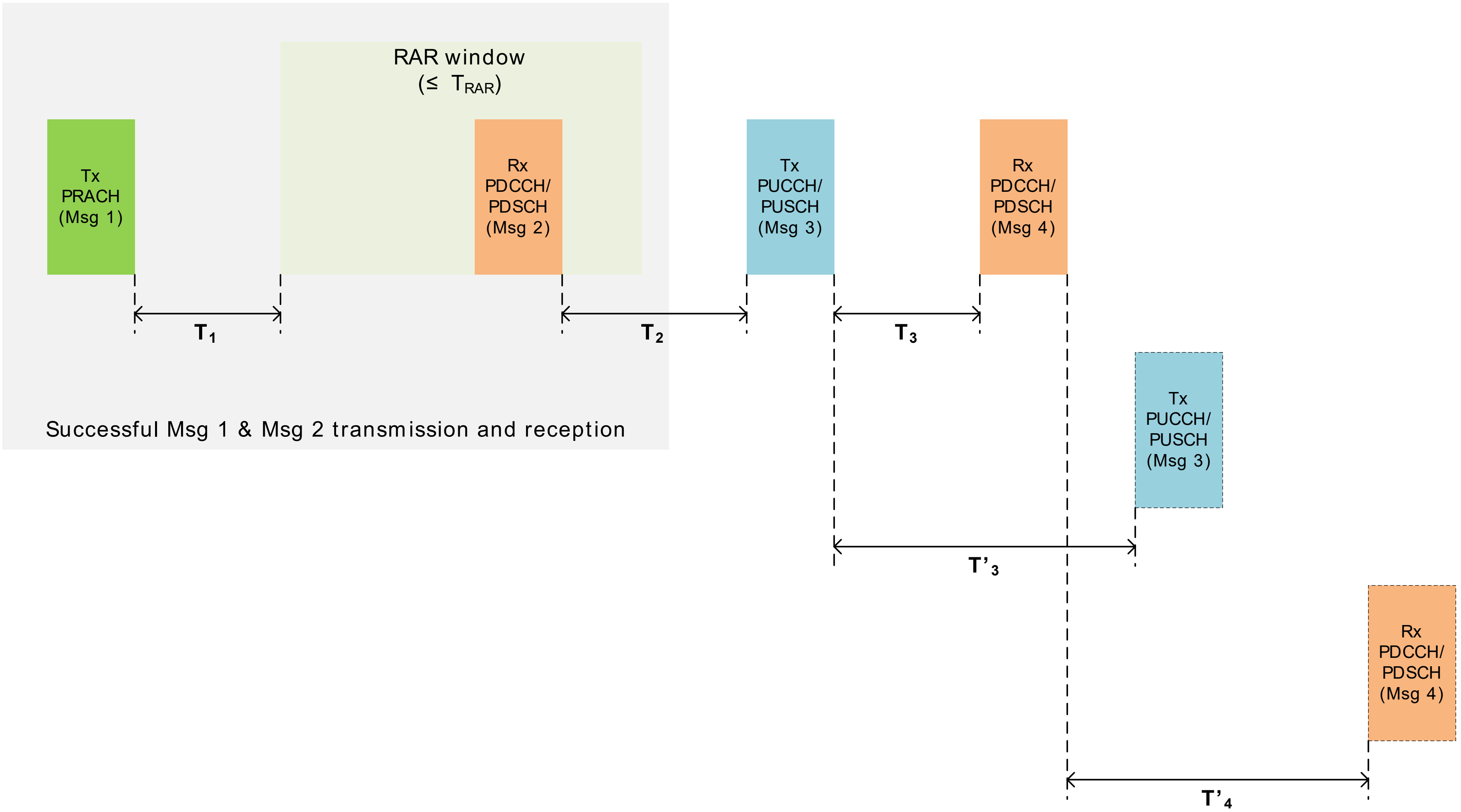

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Message 4 gNB -> UE	• The same as message 2	• <u>No beam reporting</u> in message 3: Same as message 2 • <u>Beam reporting</u> in message 3: FFS

Beam Management

Initial Access and Beam Management

- **Beam management:** acquire and maintain a set of TRxP(s) and/or UE beams that can be used for DL and UL transmission/reception
  - **Beam determination:** for TRxP(s) or UE to select its own Tx/Rx beam(s)
  - **Beam measurement:** for TRxP(s) or UE to measure characteristics of received beamformed signals
  - **Beam reporting:** for UE to report information of beamformed signal(s) based on beam measurement
  - **Beam sweeping:** operation of covering a spatial area, with beams transmitted and/or received during a time interval in a predetermined way
- Reference signals used for beam management:
  - IDLE mode: **PSS**, **SSS** and **PBCH DMRS** (i.e. SSB)
  - CONNECTED mode: **CSI-RS** (DL) and **SRS** (UL)

Multi-Beam Operation and FDM

Initial Access and Beam Management

– Multiplexing of signals/channels using different beams (e.g. SS-Block and PDSCH) in multi-beam systems is not possible
  - They may use different beams and the UE can only receive with a single beam at a given time (i.e. if the UE needs to measure a SSB it will not be able to receive PDSCH)

– **UEs will not be mandated to support two simultaneous beams for release 15**
  - Typical UE implementation in release 15 will have a single panel

Physical Channels and Signals

Initial Access and Beam Management

– Initial access is composed of the following physical channels and signals:

- Downlink
  - Primary Synchronization Signal (PSS)
  - Secondary Synchronization Signal (SSS)
  - Physical Broadcast Channel (PBCH)
- Uplink
  - Physical Random Access Channel (PRACH)

– PSS, SSS and PBCH are the only ***always-on*** signals in New Radio

- Even them can be turned off by the network

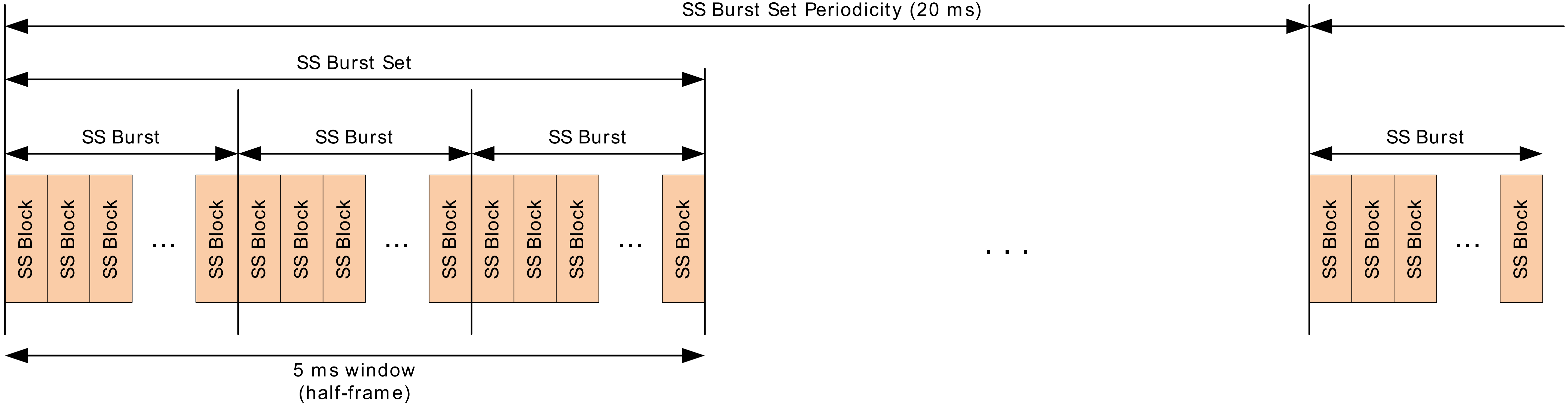
General Definitions

Initial Access and Beam Management

SS Block
-1 symbol PSS
-1 symbol SSS
-2 symbols PBCH

SS Burst
-One or multiple SS Block(s)

SS Burst Set
-One or multiple SS Burst(s)
-Transmission is periodic (20 ms by default)
-Confined within a 5 ms window



SS Burst Set Definition

Initial Access and Beam Management

– The transmission of SSBs within SS Burst Set is confined to a **5 ms window**

– SS Burst Set transmission is periodic

- An *IDLE* UE assumes a default periodicity of 20 ms

– Multiple SSBs frequency locations can be defined within a wideband carrier

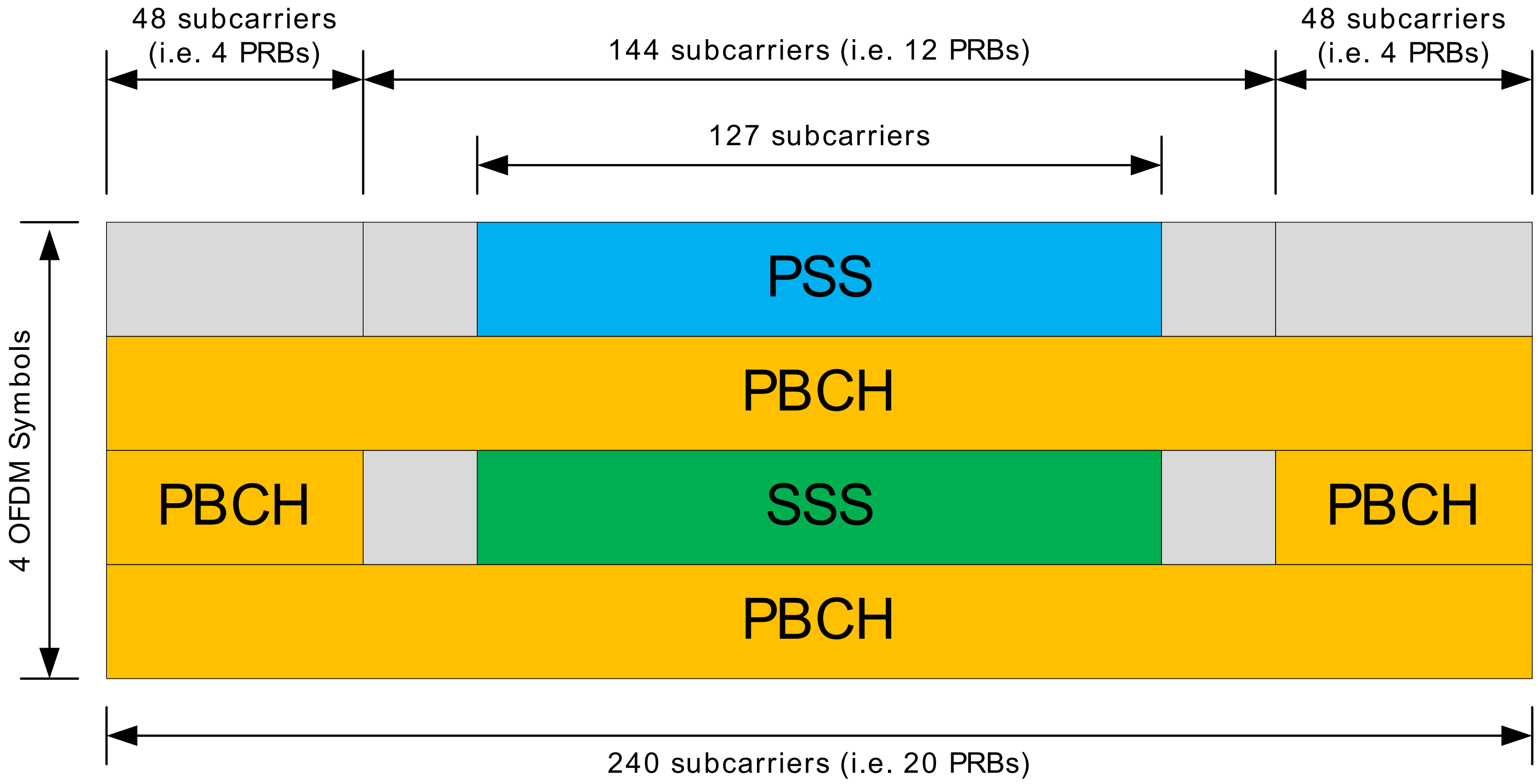
- The frequency location of a SSB does not need to be aligned to a PRB

– Number of possible candidate SSB locations (*L*) within SS Burst Set:

- Up to 3 GHz: ***L = 4***
- From 3 GHz to 6 GHz: ***L = 8***
- From 6 GHz to 52.6 GHz: ***L = 64***

SS Block Composition

Initial Access and Beam Management

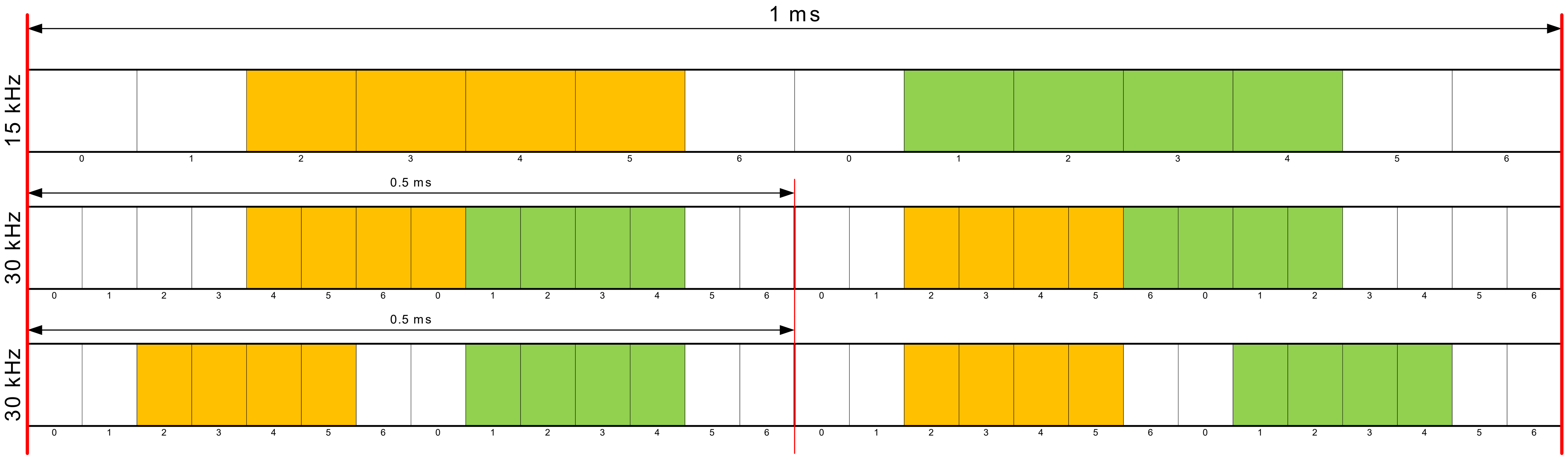


SS Block Mapping Location

Initial Access and Beam Management

– SSB mapping locations for **< 6 GHz**:

  • Each slot contains 2 SS block locations

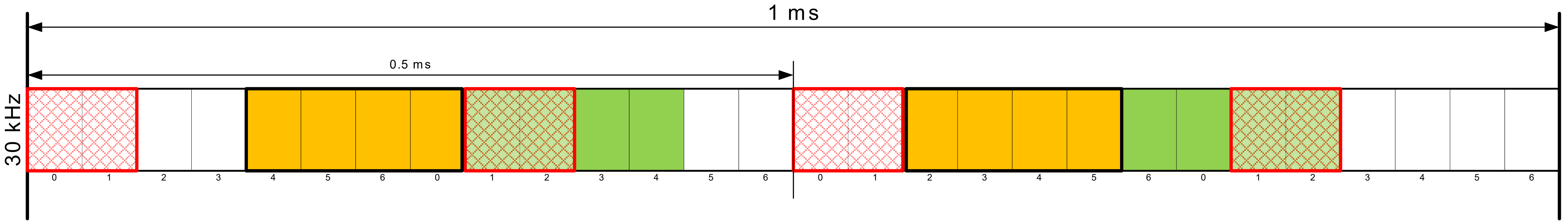


SS Block for LTE-NR Coexistence

Initial Access and Beam Management

– For **<u>LTE-NR coexistence</u>**, **<u>30 kHz is mandatory</u>** to avoid collisions with the LTE C-RS

- LTE-NR coexistence **<u>requires minimum 10 MHz bandwidth</u>**
- The SS blocks which collide with LTE C-RS are not transmitted by gNB



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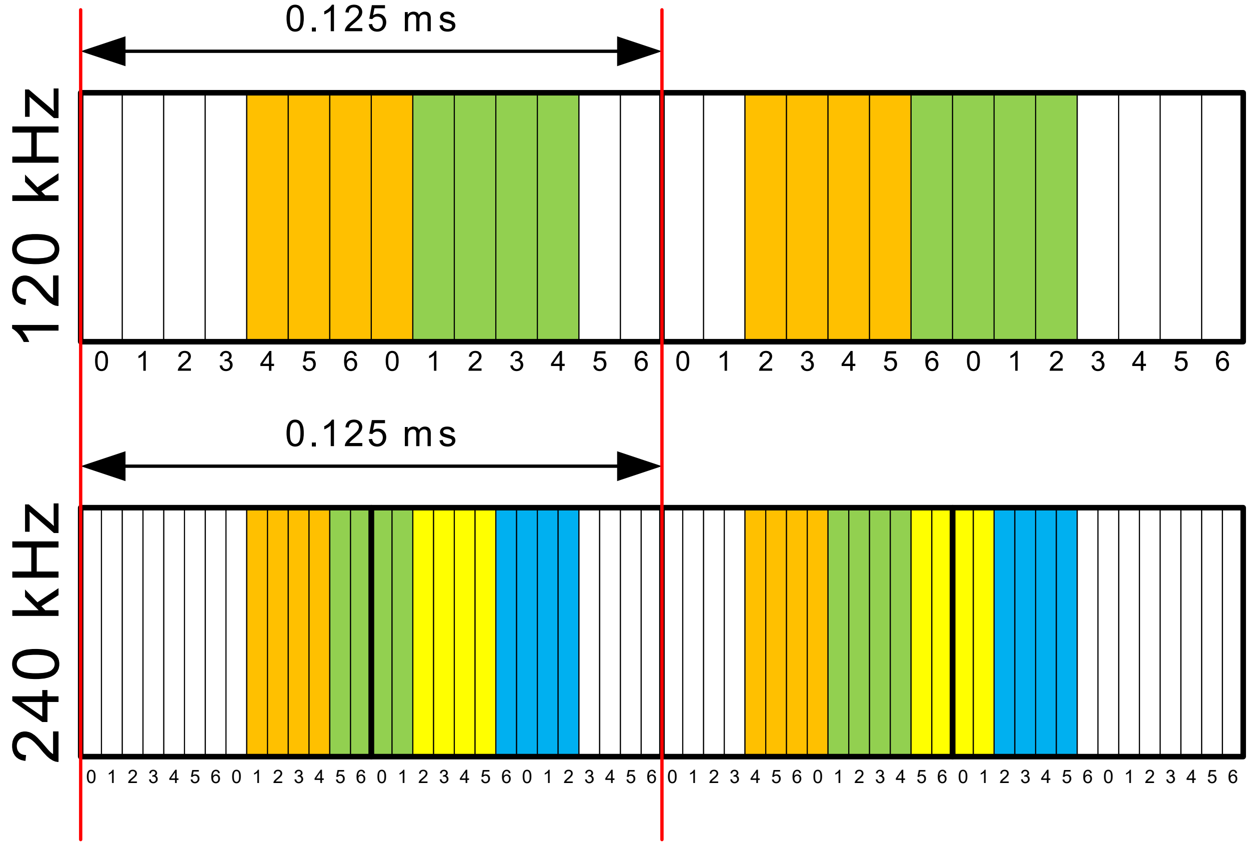

2 SS block locations in each slot

4 SS block locations in each two slots

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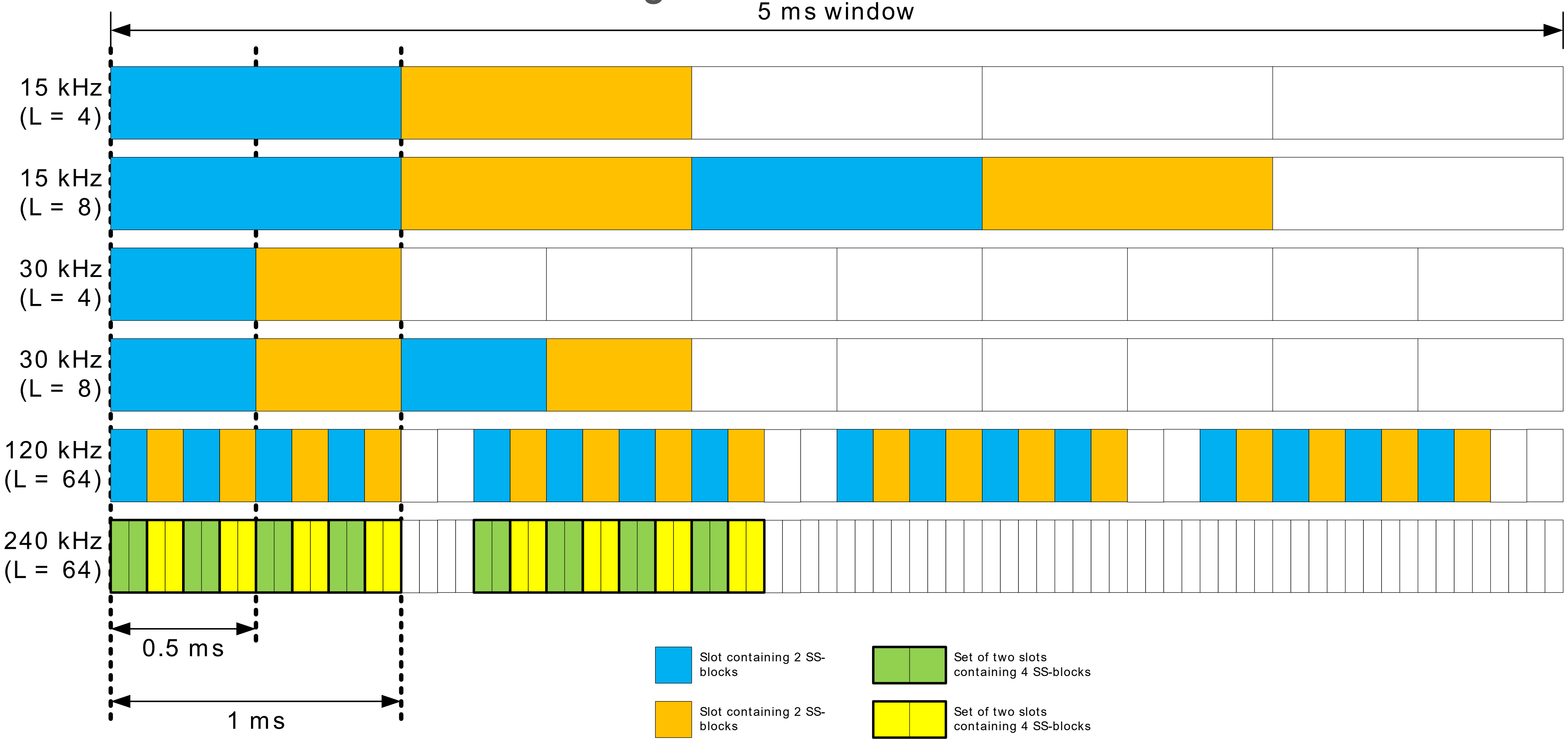


SS Block Time Index Indication

Initial Access and Beam Management

– 3 bits (b_2, b_1, b_0) of SSB time index are carried by changing the DMRS sequence within each 5 ms period

– Two cases for the rest of the SSB time index indication:

- **> 6 GHz**: 3 bits (b_5, b_4, b_3) are carried explicitly in PBCH payload
- **< 6 GHz**: No need for more bits (i.e. the 3 payload bits can be reused for other purposes)

Minimum System Bandwidth

Initial Access and Beam Management

– The PSS, SSS and PBCH transmission define the minimum component carrier bandwidth:

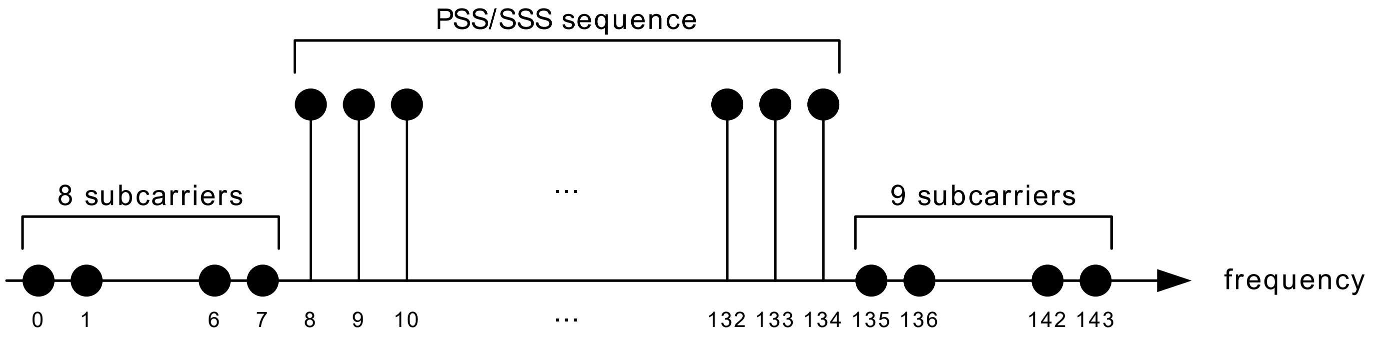
- **< 6GHz**
  - **15 kHz** subcarrier spacing: 5 MHz
  - **30 kHz** subcarrier spacing: 10 MHz
    - Minimum bandwidth for LTE-NR coexistence
- **> 6 GHz**
  - **120 kHz** subcarrier spacing: 50 MHz
  - **240 kHz** subcarrier spacing: 100 MHz

– The specification will fix a **single SCS for each frequency band**

- With the exception of some bands below 6 GHz for the LTE-NR coexistence scenario

PSS/SSS Definition

Initial Access and Beam Management



- PSS/SSS sequence is mapped to consecutive 127 subcarriers
- Center frequency of PSS/SSS is aligned with center frequency of PBCH

PBCH Definition

Initial Access and Beam Management

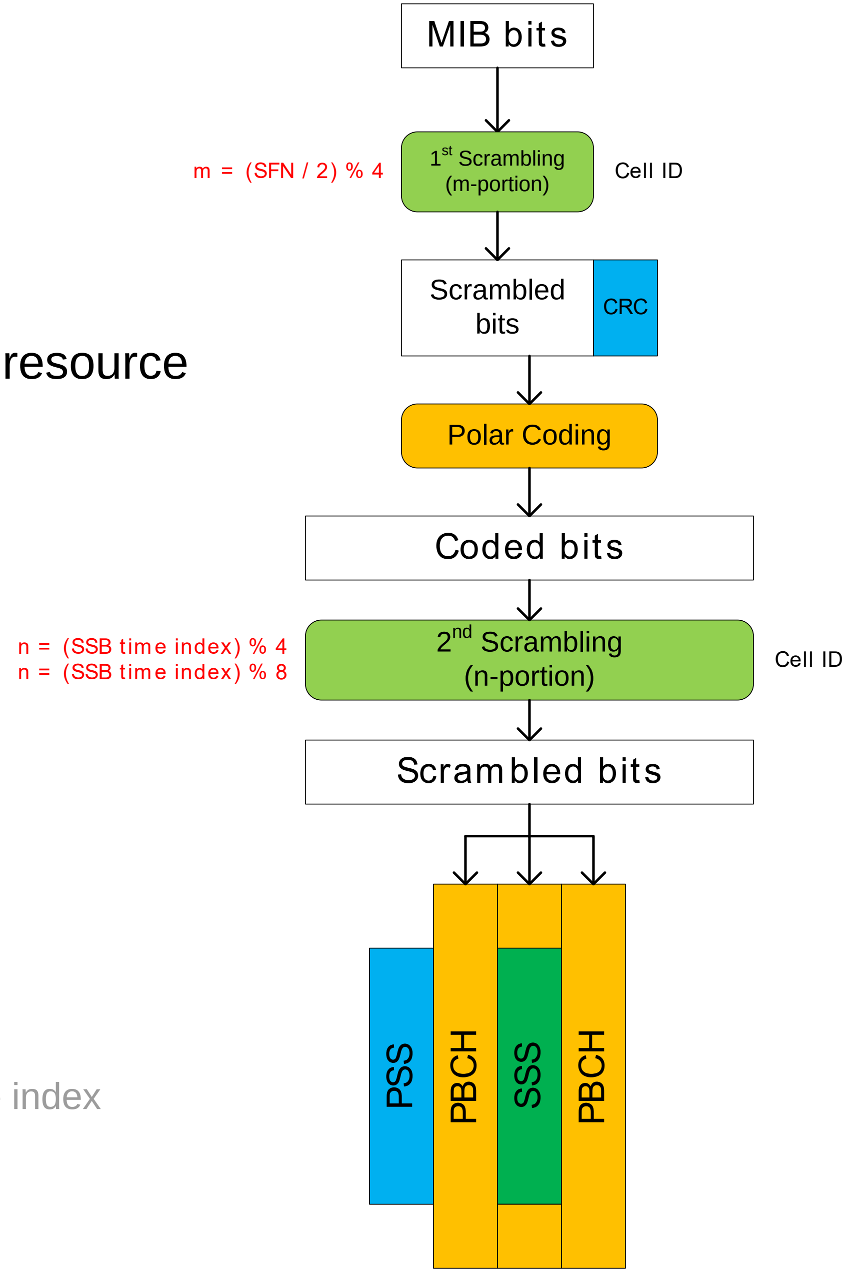
- Same antenna port as PSS and SSS in the same SSB
- **Single antenna** port transmission scheme
- PBCH TTI: **80 ms**
- PBCH payload: **56 bits** (including CRC)
- PBCH channel coding scheme: **Polar Code**

PBCH Resource Element Mapping

Initial Access and Beam Management

– PBCH coded bits of the PBCH code block(s) are mapped across resource elements in PBCH

- Two scrambling operations:
  - **1st scrambling**
    - Before CRC attachment
    - Initialization based on Cell ID
    - Sequence is partitioned in 4 non-overlapping portions
      - The portion is selected with the 2nd and 3rd LSB of SFN
  - **2nd scrambling**
    - After encoding
    - Initialization based on Cell ID
    - Sequence is partitioned in 4 or 8 non-overlapping portions
      - The portion is selected with the 2nd or 3rd LSBs of the SS-Block time index



Random Access Preamble (PRACH)

Initial Access and Beam Management

– PRACH sequence is Zadoff-Chu based

– Two different preamble lengths

- **Long sequence** (L = 839)
  - Only for < 6 GHz
  - Subcarrier spacing and bandwidth:
    - **1.25 kHz (1.25 MHz)** and **5 kHz (5 MHz)**
- **Short sequence** (L = 139)
  - Intended for > 6 GHz (i.e. for beam-sweeping)
  - Can be used bot below and above 6 GHz
  - Subcarrier spacing and bandwidth:
    - < 6 GHz: **15 kHz (2.5 MHz)** and **30 kHz (5 MHz)**
    - > 6 GHz : **60 kHz (10 MHz)** and **120 kHz (20 MHz)**

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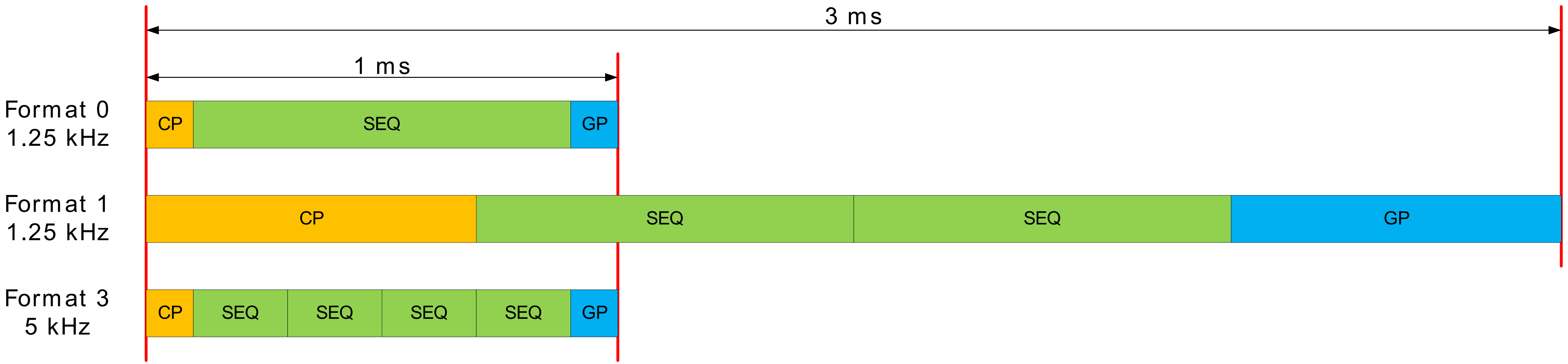
PRACH Formats (Long Sequence)

Initial Access and Beam Management



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0	1.25 kHz	1.08 MHz	1	$24576 \cdot T_s$	$3168 \cdot T_s$	$2976 \cdot T_s$	LTE refarming
1	1.25 kHz	1.08 MHz	2	$24576 \cdot T_s$	$21024 \cdot T_s$	$21984 \cdot T_s$	Large cell
2	1.25 kHz	1.08 MHz	4	$24576 \cdot T_s$	$4688 \cdot T_s$	$29264 \cdot T_s$	Large cell
3	5 kHz	4.32 MHz	1	$24576 \cdot T_s$	$3168 \cdot T_s$	$2976 \cdot T_s$	High speed

PRACH Formats (Short Sequence)

Initial Access and Beam Management

– Common time structure for all short sequence formats:

PRACH Formats (Short Sequence)

Initial Access and Beam Management

– For 15 kHz subcarrier spacing:

Format		N_{SEQ}	T_{CP}	T_{SEQ}	T_{GP}	Use Case
A	0	1	$144 \cdot T_s$	$2048 \cdot T_s$	$0 \cdot T_s$	TA is already known or very small cell
	1	2	$288 \cdot T_s$		$0 \cdot T_s$	Small cell
	2	4	$576 \cdot T_s$		$0 \cdot T_s$	Normal cell
	3	6	$864 \cdot T_s$		$0 \cdot T_s$	Normal cell
B	1	2	$216 \cdot T_s$		$72 \cdot T_s$	Small cell
	2	4	$360 \cdot T_s$		$216 \cdot T_s$	Normal cell
	3	6	$504 \cdot T_s$		$360 \cdot T_s$	Normal cell
	4	12	$936 \cdot T_s$		$792 \cdot T_s$	Normal cell
C	0	1	$1240 \cdot T_s$		$1096 \cdot T_s$	Normal cell
	1	2	$1384 \cdot T_s$		$1096 \cdot T_s$	Normal cell
	2	4	$2048 \cdot T_s$		$2912 \cdot T_s$	Normal cell

Key Things to Learn…

Initial Access and Beam Management

– **Beam-sweeping**

- How does the UE identifies the best beam to receive from the gNB?
- How does the gNB identifies the best beam to receive from the UE?

– **Initial access**

- How does beamforming affect the initial access procedure?
- Implications of beam-sweeping in the design of the initial access related signals
- Implications of the initial access design to NR-LTE coexistence

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Introduction to Downlink

Downlink and Uplink Channels

– **Downlink** physical channels:
  - Physical Broadcast channel (PBCH)
  - Physical Downlink Control Channel (PDCCH)
  - Physical Downlink Shared Channel (PDSCH)

– **Downlink** physical signals:
  - Primary Synchronization Signal (PSS)
  - Secondary Synchronization Signal (SSS)
  - Channel State Information Reference Signal (CSI-RS)
  - Tracking Reference Signal (TRS)

PBCH, PSS and SSS already covered as part of Initial Access

PDCCH

Downlink and Uplink Channels

– Carries **DCI**

– Modulation: **QPSK**

– RNTI is mask onto DCI CRC bits

– 1 PDCCH CCE = **6 REGs**

  • A REG is one PRB during one OFDM symbol

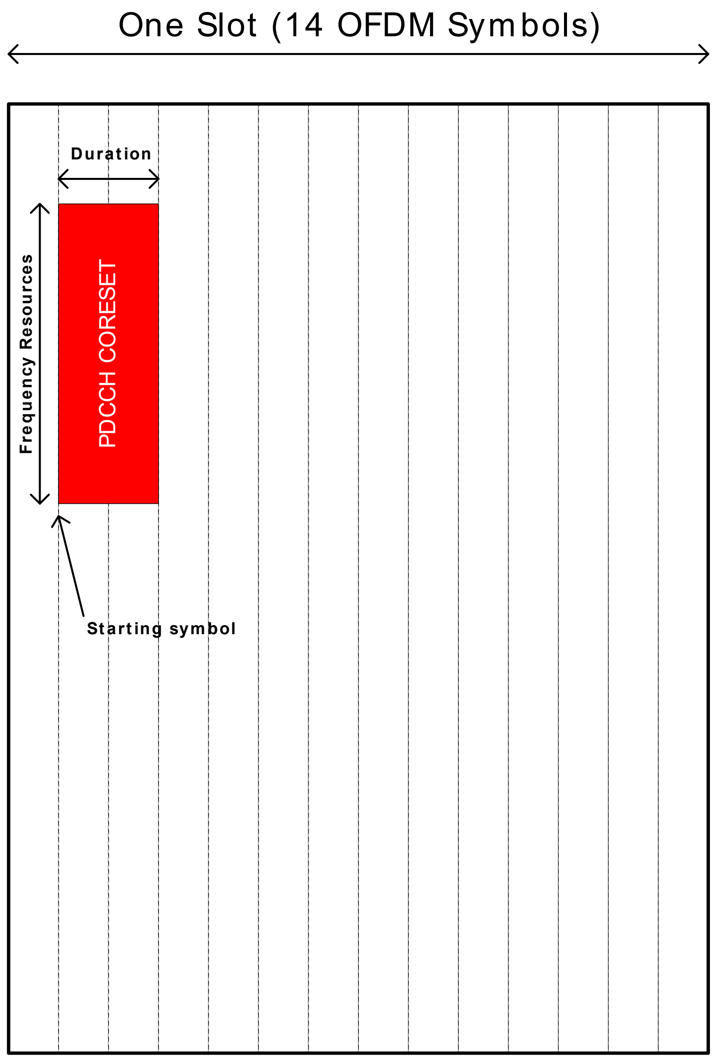
– **One-port transmit diversity** scheme with REG bundling per CCE (i.e. the same precoder is used for the REGs in a REG bundle)

PDCCH CORESET

Downlink and Uplink Channels

– A **control resource set** (CORESET) is defined as a set of REGs under a given numerology

– Configured by UE-specific higher-layer signaling:
  - Frequency-domain resources
  - Starting OFDM symbol (OFDM symbol #0, #1 or #2)
  - Time duration (maximum duration of 3 OFDM symbols)



Group-Common PDCCH

Downlink and Uplink Channels

– PDCCH intended for a group of UEs

– Use cases:

- **Dynamic Slot Format Indication (SFI)**
  - Indicates slot related information for one or more slots from which the UE can derive at least which symbols in a slot are *Downlink*, *Uplink* and *Flexible*
  - The SFI carries an index to a UE-specific table (i.e. configured via RRC)
- **Downlink Pre-Emption Indication (PI)**
  - Transmitted in different DCI than SFI
  - Whether a UE needs to monitor preemption indication is configured by RRC signaling

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PDSCH

Downlink and Uplink Channels

– Carries user **data**

– Modulated symbols associated with a codeword mapped in the following order:

- Across layers associated with the codeword
- Across subcarriers
- Across OFDM symbols (i.e. time)

– PDSCH is rate-matched around transmitted SSBs and PDCCH/CORESET

– Modulations: QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM and 256QAM

PDSCH DMRS

Downlink and Uplink Channels

– Front-loaded DMRS symbols (can be either 1 or 2) are be located at:

- **Slot based (DMRS mapping type A)**: Fixed OFDM symbol regardless of the PDSCH assignment
  - Configurable between $l_0 = \{2, 3\}$
- **Non-slot based (DMRS mapping type B)**: First OFDM symbol assigned for PDSCH
  - i.e. Mini-slots

– Additional DMRS symbols can be configured (e.g. for high-speed scenarios)

- Additional symbols are always present for broadcast/multicast PDSCH

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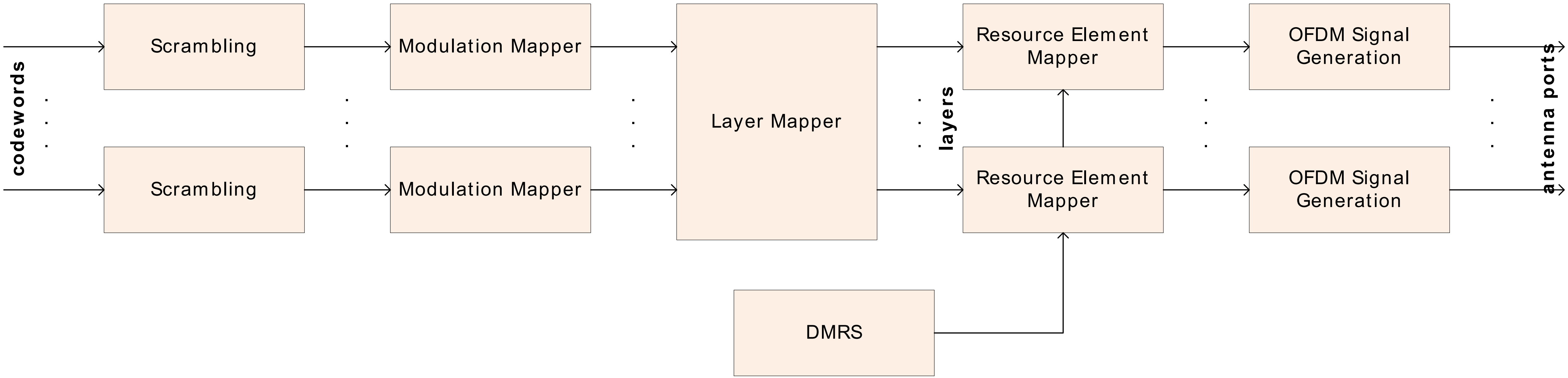
PDSCH Processing Chain

Downlink and Uplink Channels



PDSCH eMBB and URLLC Multiplexing

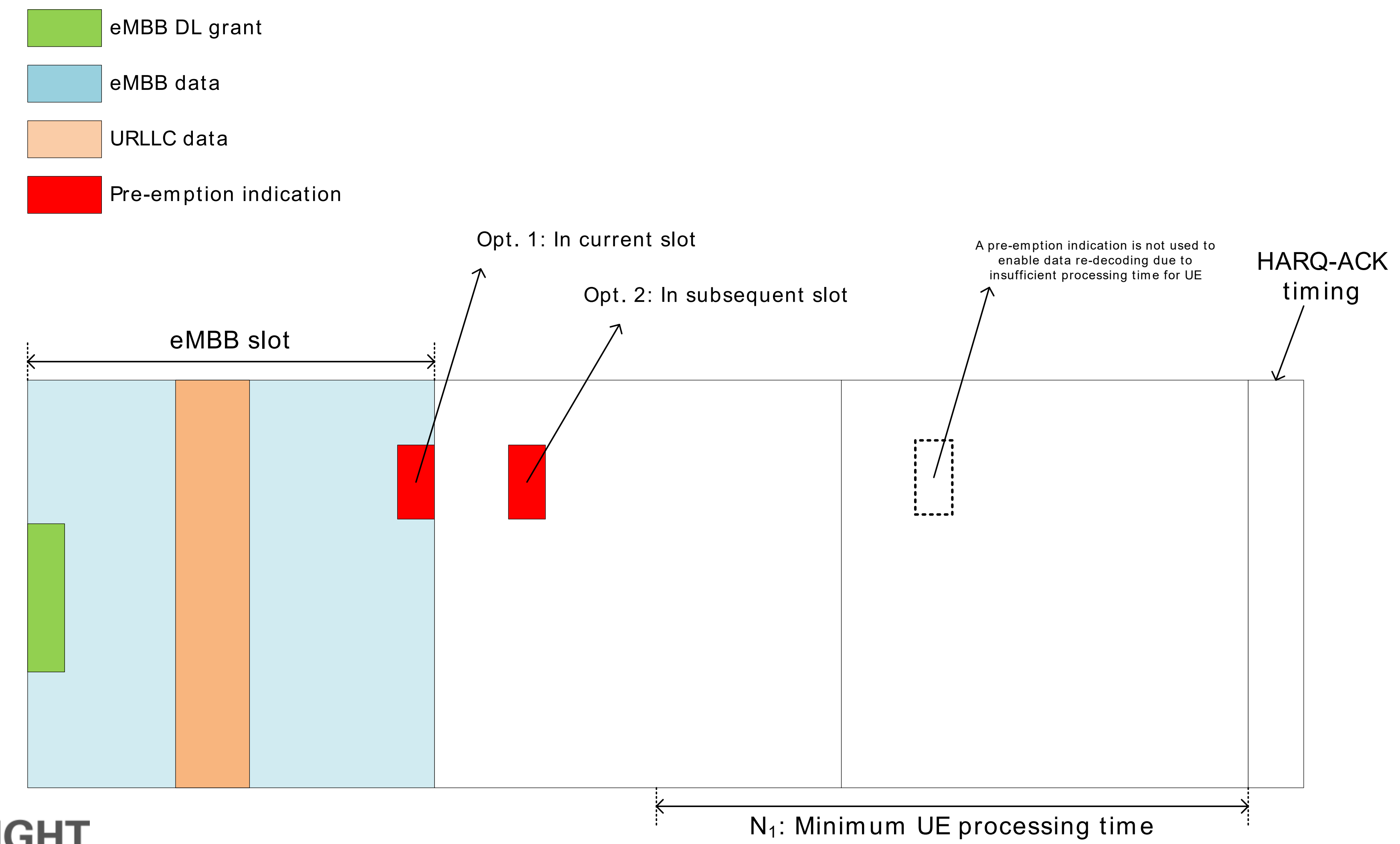
Downlink and Uplink Channels

– **For downlink:**

- Dynamic resources sharing between eMBB and low latency traffic is supported:
  - With pre-emption by scheduling the URLLC services on overlapping time/frequency resources
  - Without pre-emption by scheduling the eMBB and URLLC services on non-overlapping time/frequency resources
- Support indication of time and/or frequency region of impacted eMBB resources to respective eMBB UE(s)
  - Done through group-common PDCCH

Downlink Pre-Emption Indication

Downlink and Uplink Channels



CSI-RS and CSI Reports

Downlink and Uplink Channels

– Use cases:
  - CSI acquisition
  - Beam management

– Two types of CSI feedback:
  - **Type I: NORMAL**
    - Codebook-based PMI feedback with normal spatial resolution
  - **Type II: ENHANCED**
    - Explicit feedback and/or codebook-based feedback with higher spatial resolution
      - Category 1: Precoder feedback based on linear combination codebook
      - Category 2: Covariance matrix feedback
      - Category 3: Hybrid CSI feedback

This feature in NR can outperform LTE under the same circumstances

TRS

Downlink and Uplink Channels

– Use cases:
  - Fine time tracking
  - Fine frequency tracking
  - Path delay spread and Doppler spread
– TRS is UE-specifically managed
– A TRS burst consists of four OFDM symbols in two consecutive slots

Introduction to Uplink

Downlink and Uplink Channels

- **Uplink** physical channels:
  - Physical Uplink Shared Channel (PUSCH)
  - Physical Uplink Control Channel (PUCCH)
  - Physical Random Access Channel (PRACH)

- **Uplink** physical signals:
  - Sounding Reference Signal (SRS)

PRACH already covered as part of Initial Access

PUSCH
Downlink and Uplink Channels

- Carries user **data** and **UCI** (optional)
- Two waveforms:
  - **CP-OFDM**: intended for MIMO
  - **DFT-s-OFDM**: only used with single layer transmissions
- Modulated symbols associated with a codeword mapped in the following order:
  - Across layers associated with the codeword
  - Across subcarriers
  - Across OFDM symbols (i.e. time)
- Intra-slot frequency hopping is supported for DFT-s-OFDM

PUSCH

Downlink and Uplink Channels

– Modulations:
  - **CP-OFDM:** QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM and 256QAM
  - **DFT-s-OFDM:** π/2-BPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM and 256QAM

– UL Transmission schemes:
  - **Scheme 1**: Codebook-based
  - **Scheme 2**: Non-codebook based for more than 2 ports

– Uplink Transmission can be:
  - **Grant-based** (i.e. Grant delivered using DCI)
  - **Grant-free**
    - **Type 1**: Only based on RRC configuration without any L1 signaling
    - **Type 2**: Based on RRC configuration and L1 signaling for activation/deactivation

PUSCH DMRS

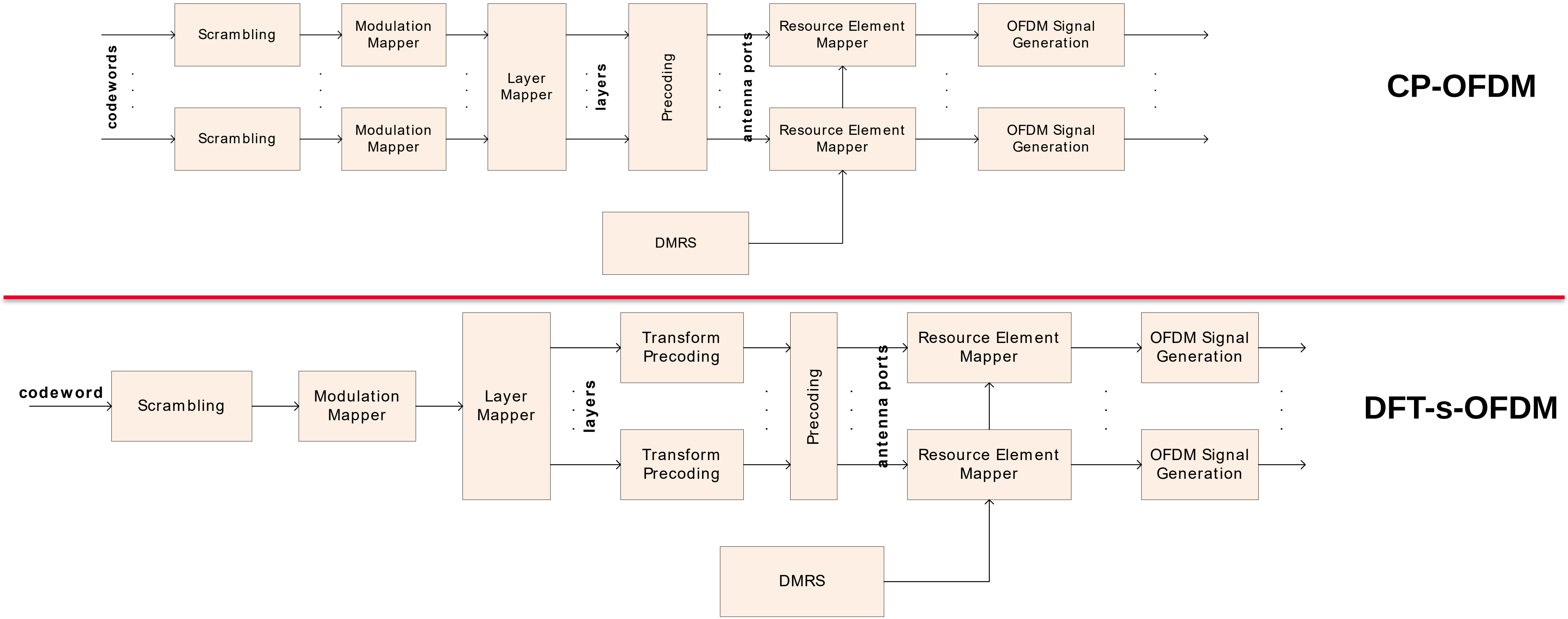
Downlink and Uplink Channels

– Difference depending on the waveform:
  - **CP-OFDM**
    - Sequence: Gold sequence (i.e. as in PDSCH)
  - **DFT-s-OFDM**
    - Sequence: Zadoff-Chu

– Front-loaded DMRS symbols (can be either 1 or 2) are be located at first OFDM symbol assigned for PUSCH
  - Additional DMRS symbols can be configured (e.g. for high-speed scenarios)

PUSCH Processing Chain

Downlink and Uplink Channels



PUCCH

Downlink and Uplink Channels

– Carries **UCI**, **HARQ-ACK** and/or **SR**

– Two type of PUCCHs:

- **Short PUCCH**
- **Long PUCCH**

PUCCH Format	Length in OFDM Symbols	Number of Bits
0 **(SHORT)**	1-2	≤ 2
1 **(LONG)**	4-14	≤ 2
2 **(SHORT)**	1-2	> 2
3 **(LONG)**	4-14	> 2, < N
4 **(LONG)**	4-14	> N

Short PUCCH

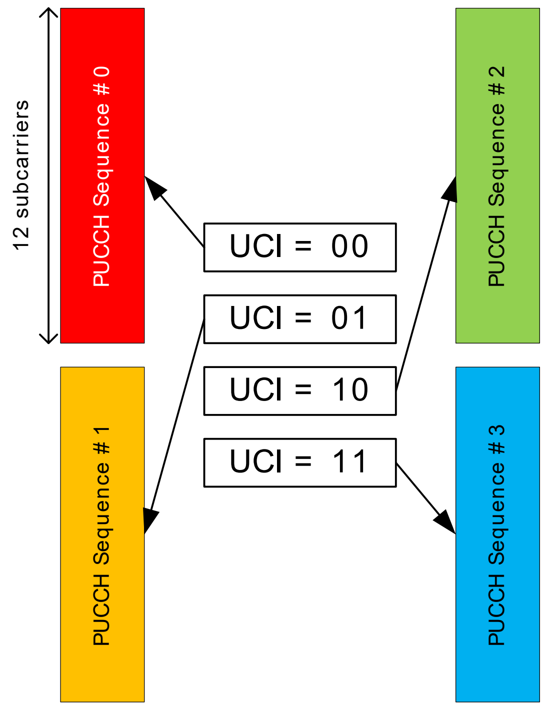
Downlink and Uplink Channels

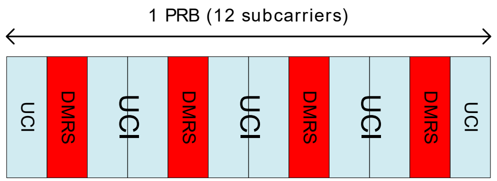
– **Format 0** (≤ 2 bits):
  - PUCCH is based on sequence selection with low PAPR
    - Sequence length: 12 RE
    - Information is delivered by transmitting different sequences/codes
  - Can transmit HARQ-ACK and SR

$$y(n) = x_j(n)$$

$$j = \sum_{i=0}^{M_{bit}-1} b(i) \cdot 2^i$$

– **Format 2** (> 2 bits):
  - DMRS mapped on REs {1, 4, 7, 10} for each PRB
  - DMRS sequence based on PUSCH
  - Contiguous PRB allocation





Long PUCCH

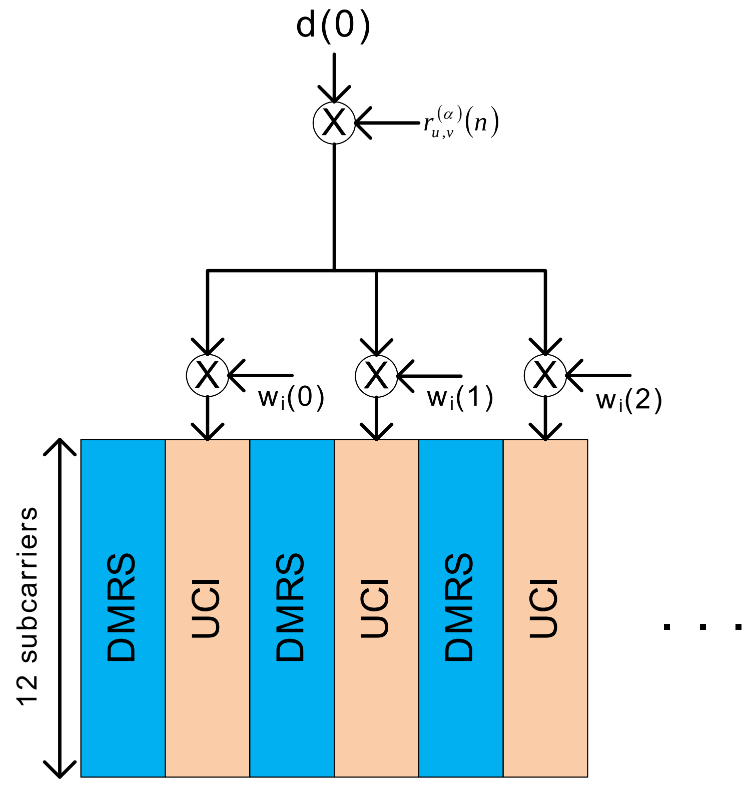
Downlink and Uplink Channels

– **Format 1** (≤ 2 bits):

- DMRS always occur in every other symbol in the long PUCCH
- BPSK and QPSK modulations
- Sequence length: 12 RE
- Modulated symbol is spread with a Zadoff-Chu sequence with OCC in the time domain

$$y(n) = d(0) \cdot r_{u,v}^{(\alpha)}(n)$$

$$z\left(m \cdot N_{seq}^{PUCCH} + n\right) = w_i(m) \cdot y(n)$$



Long PUCCH

Downlink and Uplink Channels

– **Format 3** (> 2 bits, < N bits):
  - Still to be agreed
– **Format 4** (> N bits):
  - Still to be agreed
– Long PUCCH can be configured with intra-slot hopping
– Long PUCCH can be configured to span over multiple slots
  - In that case inter-slot hopping can be configured

Channel Coding Schemes

Downlink and Uplink Channels

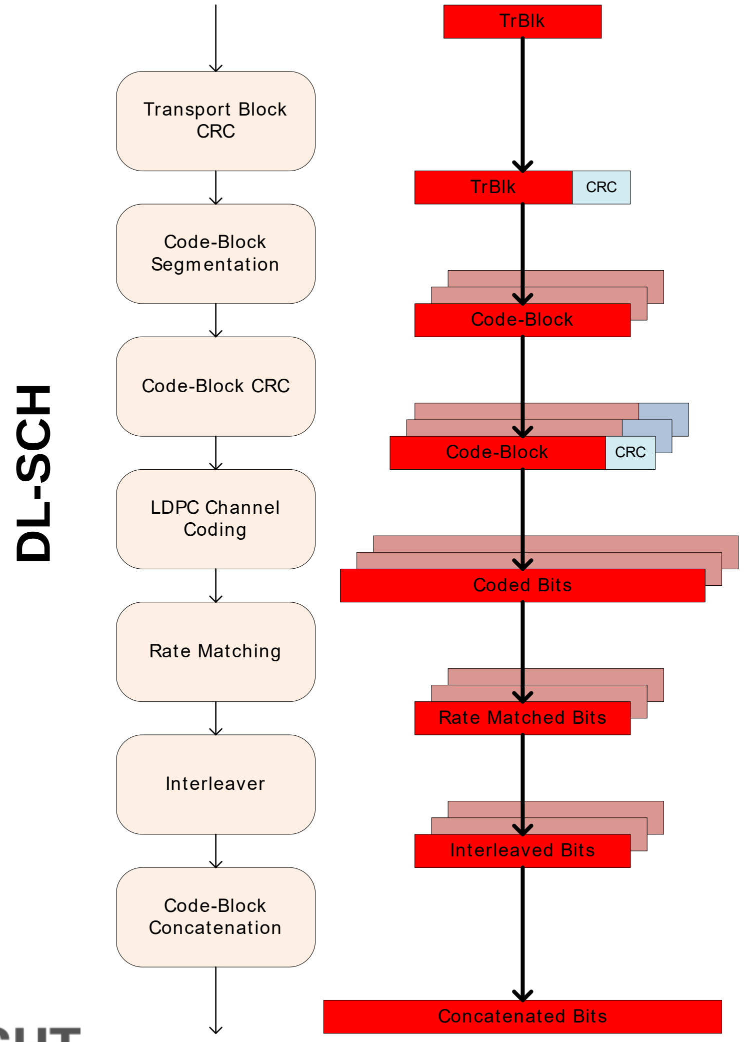
– Channel coding for **eMBB**:
  - **LDPC** for eMBB physical data channels
  - **Polar Code** for eMBB physical control channels

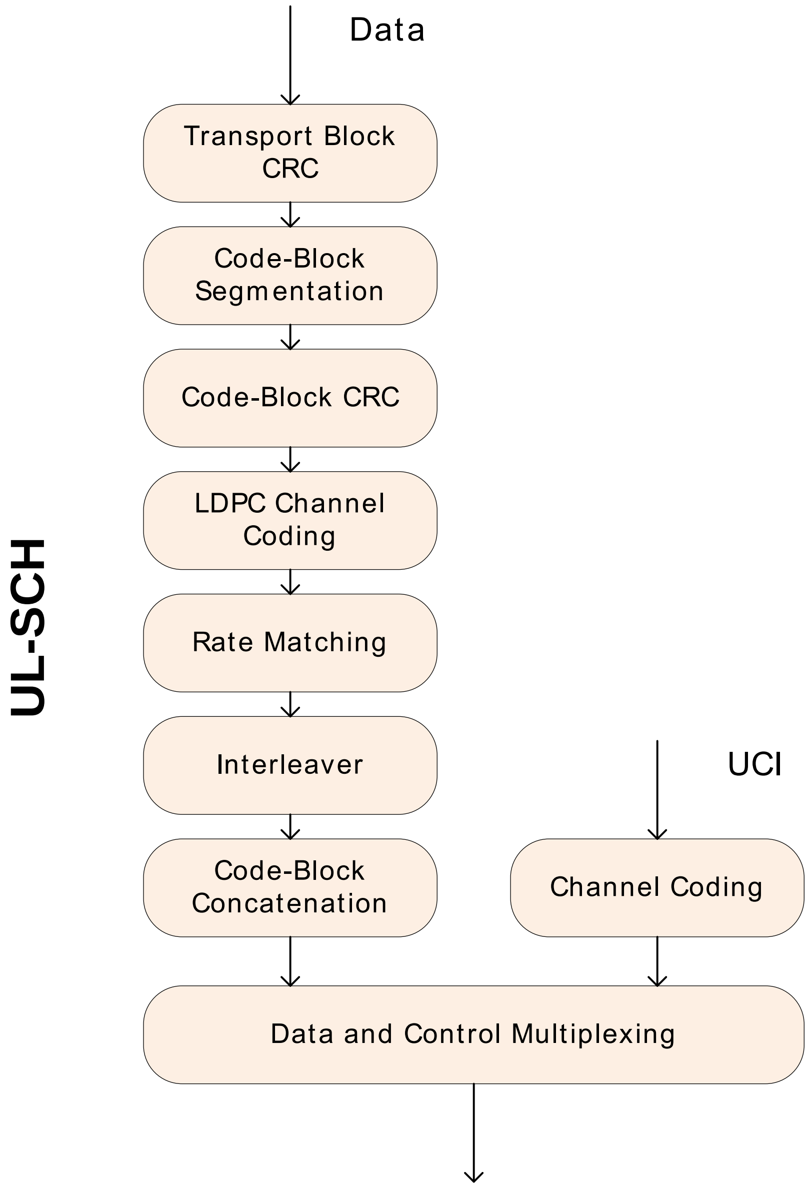
– Channel coding for **PBCH**:
  - **Polar Code**
    - Same as for eMBB physical control channels

– Channel coding for other use cases (i.e. mMTC, URLLC):
  - Not in Rel-15 scope

Transport Channel Coding Chains

Downlink and Uplink Channels





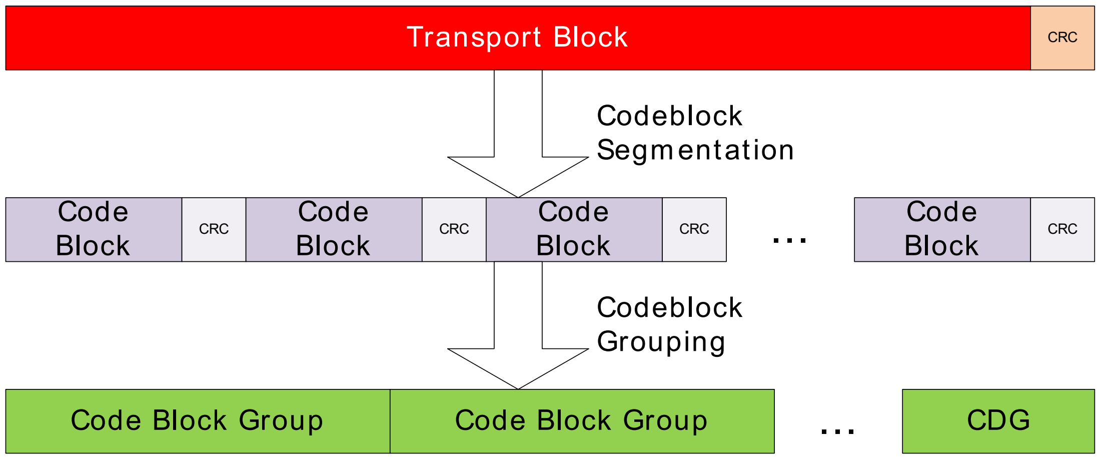
CBG-Based Retransmissions

Downlink and Uplink Channels

– It is possible to make retransmissions with a codeblock granularity

– Information included in the DCI:

- Which CBG(s) is/are (re)transmitted
- Which CBG(s) is/are handled differently for soft-buffer/HARQ combining
  - Combining
    - If retransmission is caused by SNR, then combining of the soft-buffer will help improve decoding on retransmission
  - Flushing
    - If the retransmitted codeblock was affected by pre-emption the buffer content is not correct and it is better to flush it rather than combining



HARQ Timing Definitions

Downlink and Uplink Channels

- **K_0**: Delay between DL grant and corresponding DL data (PDSCH) reception
- **K_1**: Delay between DL data (PDSCH) reception and corresponding ACK/NACK transmission on UL
- **K_2**: Delay between UL grant reception in DL and UL data (PUSCH) transmission
- **K_3**: Delay between ACK/NACK reception in UL and corresponding retransmission of data (PDSCH) on DL
- K_0, K_1 and K_2 are indicated in the DCI
- If $K_1 = 0$ ► **Self-contained slots** (not mandatory to UEs)

MIMO
Downlink and Uplink Channels

– NR supports the following number of codewords for DL and UL per UE:
  - For 1 to 4-layer transmission: **1 codeword**
  - For 5 to 8-layer transmission: **2 codewords**

– UEs are higher layer configured with 2 DMRS configurations for the front-loaded case in DL/UL CP-OFDM:
  - **Configuration 1**: Supports up to 8 ports (SU-MIMO)
    - One or two OFDM symbols
  - **Configuration 2**: Supports up to 12 ports (MU-MIMO)
    - One or two OFDM symbols

MIMO at Below-6 GHz and mmWave

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- Use cases for bandwidth parts

Bandwidth Part Definition

Bandwidth Parts

– A bandwidth part consists of a group of contiguous PRBs

- The bandwidth part may or may not contain SS block
- Reserved resources can be configured within the bandwidth part
- Each bandwidth part (BWP) has its own numerology (i.e. cyclic prefix length and subcarrier spacing)

– An **initial BWP** is signaled by PBCH

- It contains CORESET and PDSCH for RMSI

Bandwidth Part Parameters

Bandwidth Parts

- One or multiple bandwidth part configurations for each component carrier can be semi-statically signaled to a UE
  - **Only one BWP** in DL and one in UL **is active** at a given time instant
- Configuration parameters include:
  - **Numerology**: CP type, subcarrier spacing
  - **Frequency location**: the offset between BWP and a reference point is implicitly or explicitly indicated to UE based on common PRB index for a give numerology
  - **Bandwidth size**: in terms of PRBs
  - **CORESET**: required for each BWP configuration in case of single active DL bandwidth part for a given time instant

Bandwidth Part Operation

Bandwidth Parts

– Definition of **active BWP**:

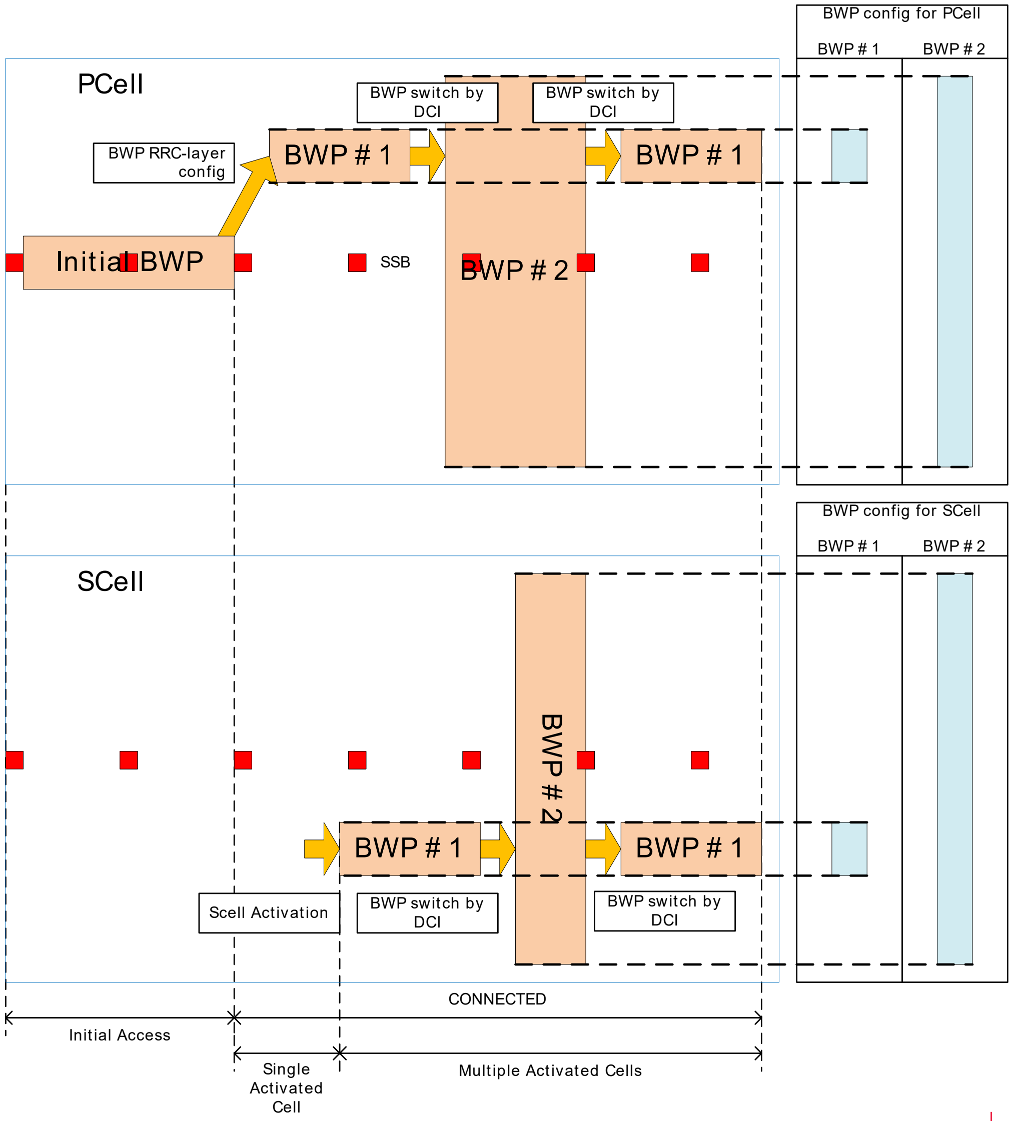
- A UE is only assumed to receive/transmit within active DL/UL bandwidth part using the associated numerology
- UE expects at least one DL bandwidth part and one UL bandwidth part being active
  - A UE can assume that PDSCH and corresponding PDCCH (PDCCH carrying scheduling assignment for the PDSCH) are transmitted within the same BWP

– **BWP activation/deactivation**:

- Activation by dedicated RRC signaling
- Activation/deactivation by DCI with explicit indication
- Activation/deactivation by a timer for a UE to switch its active DL bandwidth part to a default DL bandwidth part

Example of Bandwidth Part Operation

Bandwidth Parts



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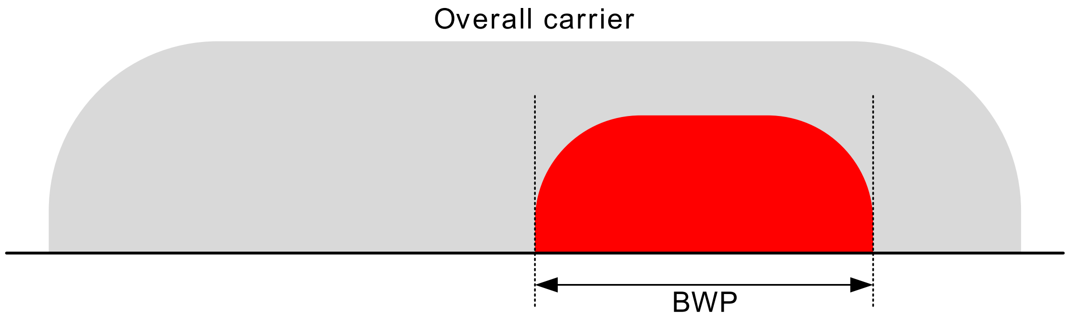

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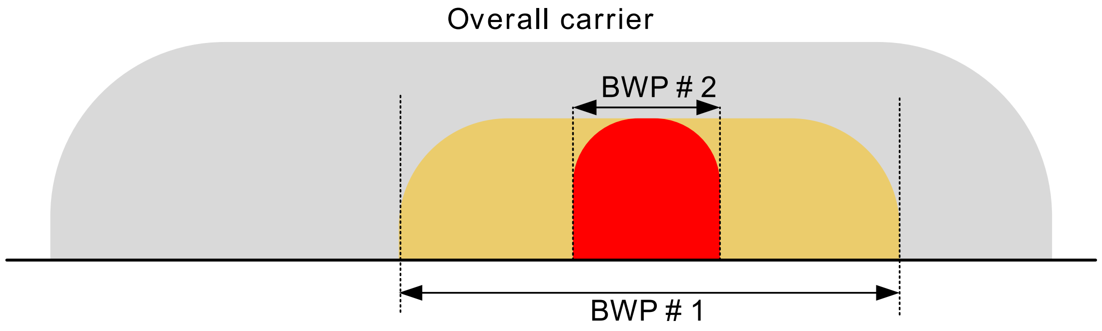

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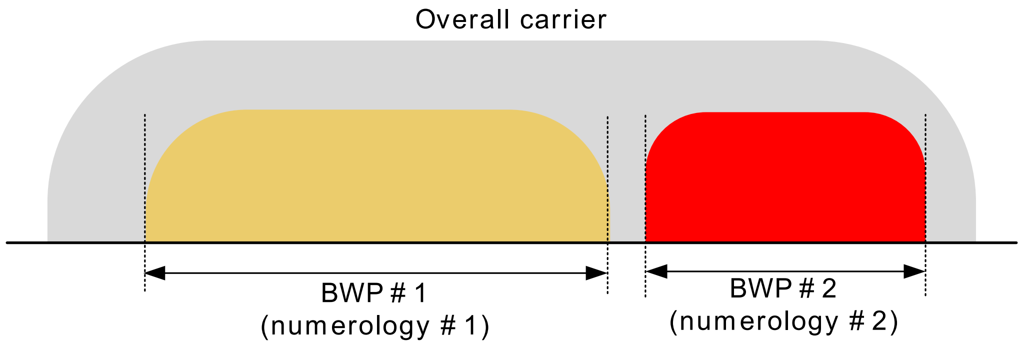

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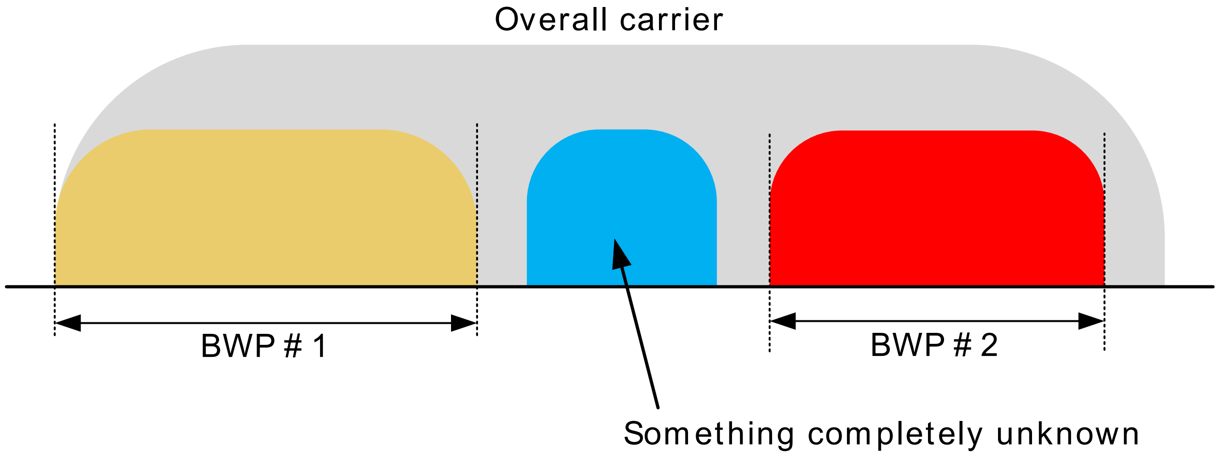

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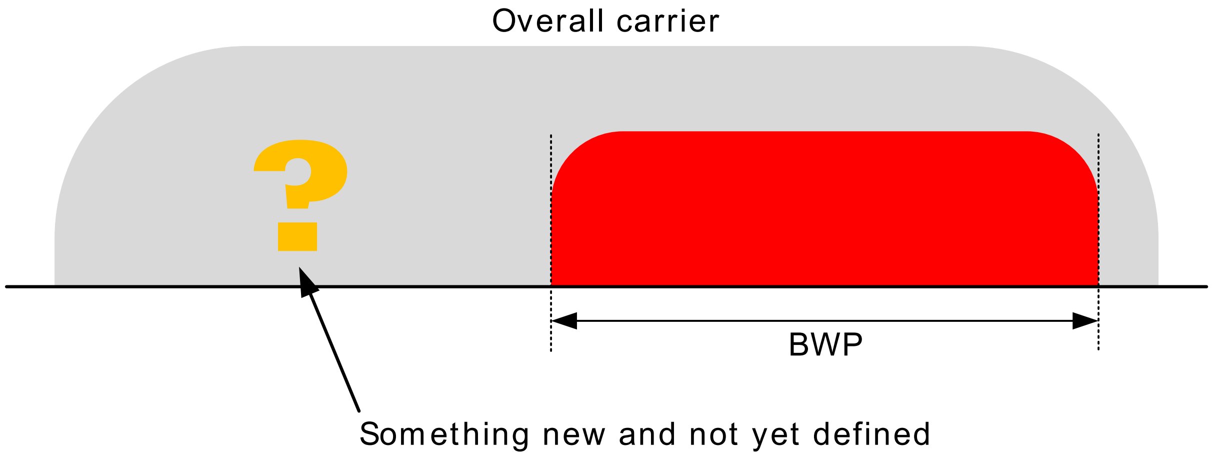

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- **December’17** release:
  - Only for NSA
  - eMBB and low latency aspects of URLLC
  - Only essential features
- **June’18** release:
  - Final Release-15 delivery
  - NSA and SA connectivity scenarios
  - Rest of features

– Study for **Release-16** to start on 2018

– **Future-proof and forward-compatible**

LTE vs. NR Comparison

Summary

	LTE	New Radio
Maximum Bandwidth (per CC)	20 MHz	50 MHz (@ 15 kHz), 100 MHz (@ 30 kHz), 200 MHz (@ 60 kHz), 400 MHz (@120 kHz)
Maximum CCs	5 (currently)	16 (allowed BW and CCs combinations TBD)
Subcarrier Spacing	15 kHz	$2^n \cdot 15$ kHz TDM and FDM multiplexing
Waveform	CP-OFDM for DL; SC-FDMA for UL	CP-OFDM for DL; CP-OFDM and DFT-s-OFDM for UL
Maximum Number of Subcarriers	1200	3300
Subframe Length	1 ms (moving to 0.5 ms)	1 ms
Latency (Air Interface)	10 ms (moving to 5 ms)	1 ms
Slot Length	7 symbols in 500 µs	14 symbols (duration depends on subcarrier spacing) 2, 4 and 7 symbols for mini-slots
Channel Coding	Turbo Code (data); TBCC (control)	Polar Codes (control); LDPC (data)
Initial Access	No beamforming	Beamforming
MIMO	8x8	8x8
Reference signals	UE Specific DMRS and Cell Specific RS	Front-loaded DMRS (UE-specific)
Duplexing	FDD, Static TDD	FDD, Static TDD, Dynamic TDD

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Summary

Waveforms and Frame Structure

Scalable Numerology

Numerology Multiplexing

Dynamic TDD

Low Latency

Mini-Slots

CBG Retransmissions

Front-Loaded DMRS

Millimeter Wave

Beam-Sweeping

Beam Management

Massive MIMO

Future Proof – Forward Compatible

Bandwidth Parts

Reduced Always-On Signals

No Fixed Time Relationship Between Channels

Links

Summary

– 3GPP Webpage (www.3gpp.org)

– 3GPP RAN1 Documents (www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1)

– The METIS 2020 Project (www.metis2020.com)

– The 3G4G Blog (blog.3g4g.co.uk)

– Keysight Solutions (www.keysight.com/find/5G)