5.14 SL-SCH Data transfer

5.14.1 SL-SCH Data transmission

5.14.1.1 SL Grant reception and SCI transmission

In order to transmit on the SL-SCH the MAC entity must have at least one sidelink grant.

Sidelink grants are selected as follows for sidelink communication:

- if the MAC entity is configured to receive a single sidelink grant dynamically on the PDCCH and more data is available in STCH than can be transmitted in the current SC period, the MAC entity shall:
  - using the received sidelink grant determine the set of subframes in which transmission of SCI and transmission of first transport block occur according to subclause 14.2.1 of [2];
  - consider the received sidelink grant to be a configured sidelink grant occurring in those subframes starting at the beginning of the first available SC Period which starts at least 4 subframes after the subframe in which the sidelink grant was received, overwriting a previously configured sidelink grant occurring in the same SC period, if available;
  - clear the configured sidelink grant at the end of the corresponding SC Period;
- else, if the MAC entity is configured by upper layers to receive multiple sidelink grants dynamically on the PDCCH and more data is available in STCH than can be transmitted in the current SC period, the MAC entity shall for each received sidelink grant:
  - using the received sidelink grant determine the set of subframes in which transmission of SCI and transmission of first transport block occur according to subclause 14.2.1 of [2];
  - consider the received sidelink grant to be a configured sidelink grant occurring in those subframes starting at the beginning of the first available SC Period which starts at least 4 subframes after the subframe in which the sidelink grant was received, overwriting a previously configured sidelink grant received in the same subframe number but in a different radio frame as this configured sidelink grant occurring in the same SC period, if available;
  - clear the configured sidelink grant at the end of the corresponding SC Period;
- else, if the MAC entity is configured by upper layers to transmit using one or multiple pool(s) of resources as indicated in subclause 5.10.4 of [8] and more data is available in STCH than can be transmitted in the current SC period, the MAC entity shall for each sidelink grant to be selected:
  - if configured by upper layers to use a single pool of resources:
    - select that pool of resources for use;
  - else, if configured by upper layers to use multiple pools of resources:
    - select a pool of resources for use from the pools of resources configured by upper layers whose associated priority list includes the priority of the highest priority of the sidelink logical channel in the MAC PDU to be transmitted;

NOTE: If more than one pool of resources has an associated priority list which includes the priority of the sidelink logical channel with the highest priority in the MAC PDU to be transmitted, it is left for UE implementation which one of those pools of resources to select.

- randomly select the time and frequency resources for SL-SCH and SCI of a sidelink grant from the selected resource pool. The random function shall be such that each of the allowed selections [2] can be chosen with equal probability;

- use the selected sidelink grant to determine the set of subframes in which transmission of SCI and transmission of first transport block occur according to subclause 14.2.1 of [2];

- consider the selected sidelink grant to be a configured sidelink grant occurring in those subframes starting at the beginning of the first available SC Period which starts at least 4 subframes after the subframe in which the sidelink grant was selected;

- clear the configured sidelink grant at the end of the corresponding SC Period;

NOTE: Retransmissions on SL-SCH cannot occur after the configured sidelink grant has been cleared.

NOTE: If the MAC entity is configured by upper layers to transmit using one or multiple pool(s) of resources as indicated in subclause 5.10.4 of [8], it is left for UE implementation how many sidelink grants to select within one SC period taking the number of sidelink processes into account.

Sidelink grants are selected as follows for V2X sidelink communication:

- if the MAC entity is configured to receive a sidelink grant dynamically on the PDCCH and data is available in STCH, the MAC entity shall:

  - use the received sidelink grant to determine the number of HARQ retransmissions and the set of subframes in which transmission of SCI and SL-SCH occur according to subclause 14.2.1 and 14.1.1.4A of [2];

  - consider the received sidelink grant to be a configured sidelink grant;

- if the MAC entity is configured by upper layers to receive a sidelink grant on the PDCCH addressed to SL Semi-Persistent Scheduling V-RNTI, the MAC entity shall for each SL SPS configuration:

  - if PDCCH contents indicate SPS activation:

    - use the received sidelink grant to determine the number of HARQ retransmissions and the set of subframes in which transmission of SCI and SL-SCH occur according to subclause 14.2.1 and 14.1.1.4A of [2];

    - consider the received sidelink grant to be a configured sidelink grant;

  - if PDCCH contents indicate SPS release:

    - clear the corresponding configured sidelink grant;

- if the MAC entity is configured by upper layers to transmit using a pool of resources as indicated in subclause 5.10.13.1 of [8] based on sensing, or partial sensing, or random selection only if upper layers indicates that transmissions of multiple MAC PDUs are allowed according to subclause 5.10.13.1a of [8], and the MAC entity selects to create a configured sidelink grant corresponding to transmissions of multiple MAC PDUs, and data is available in STCH, the MAC entity shall for each Sidelink process configured for multiple transmissions:

  - if SL_RESOURCE_RESELECTION_COUNTER = 0 and when SL_RESOURCE_RESELECTION_COUNTER was equal to 1 the MAC entity randomly selected, with equal probability, a value in the interval [0, 1] which is above the probability configured by upper layers in *probResourceKeep*; or

  - if neither transmission nor retransmission has been performed by the MAC entity on any resource indicated in the configured sidelink grant during the last second; or

- if *sl-ReselectAfter* is configured and the number of consecutive unused transmission opportunities on resources indicated in the configured sidelink grant is equal to *sl-ReselectAfter*; or

- if there is no configured sidelink grant; or

- if the configured sidelink grant cannot accommodate a RLC SDU by using the maximum allowed MCS configured by upper layers in *maxMCS-PSSCH* and the MAC entity selects not to segment the RLC SDU; or

NOTE: If the configured sidelink grant cannot accommodate the RLC SDU, it is left for UE implementation whether to perform segmentation or sidelink resource reselection.

- if transmission(s) with the configured sidelink grant cannot fulfil the latency requirement of the data in a sidelink logical channel according to the associated PPPP, and the MAC entity selects not to perform transmission(s) corresponding to a single MAC PDU; or

NOTE: If the latency requirement is not met, it is left for UE implementation whether to perform transmission(s) corresponding to single MAC PDU or sidelink resource reselection.

- if a pool of resources is configured or reconfigured by upper layers:

  - clear the configured sidelink grant, if available;

  - select one of the allowed values configured by upper layers in *restrictResourceReservationPeriod* and set the resource reservation interval by multiplying 100 with the selected value;

NOTE: How the UE selects this value is up to UE implementation.

  - randomly select, with equal probability, an integer value in the interval [5, 15] for the resource reservation interval higher than or equal to 100ms, in the interval [10, 30] for the resource reservation interval equal to 50ms or in the interval [25, 75] for the resource reservation interval equal to 20ms, and set SL_RESOURCE_RESELECTION_COUNTER to the selected value;

  - select the number of HARQ retransmissions from the allowed numbers that are configured by upper layers in *allowedRetxNumberPSSCH* included in *pssch-TxConfigList* and, if configured by upper layers, overlapped in *allowedRetxNumberPSSCH* indicated in *cbr-pssch-TxConfigList* for the highest priority of the sidelink logical channel(s) and the CBR measured by lower layers according to [6] if CBR measurement results are available or the corresponding *defaultTxConfigIndex* configured by upper layers if CBR measurement results are not available;

  - select an amount of frequency resources within the range that is configured by upper layers between *minSubchannel-NumberPSSCH* and *maxSubchannel-NumberPSSCH* included in *pssch-TxConfigList* and, if configured by upper layers, overlapped between *minSubchannel-NumberPSSCH* and *maxSubchannel-NumberPSSCH* indicated in *cbr-pssch-TxConfigList* for the highest priority of the sidelink logical channel(s) and the CBR measured by lower layers according to [6] if CBR measurement results are available or the corresponding *defaultTxConfigIndex* configured by upper layers if CBR measurement results are not available;

  - if transmission based on random selection is configured by upper layers:

    - randomly select the time and frequency resources for one transmission opportunity from the resource pool, according to the amount of selected frequency resources. The random function shall be such that each of the allowed selections can be chosen with equal probability;

  - else:

    - randomly select the time and frequency resources for one transmission opportunity from the resources indicated by the physical layer according to subclause 14.1.1.6 of [2], according to the

amount of selected frequency resources. The random function shall be such that each of the allowed selections can be chosen with equal probability;

- use the randomly selected resource to select a set of periodic resources spaced by the resource reservation interval for transmission opportunities of SCI and SL-SCH corresponding to the number of transmission opportunities of MAC PDUs determined in subclause 14.1.1.4B of [2];
- if the number of HARQ retransmissions is equal to 1 and there are available resources left in the resources indicated by the physical layer that meet the conditions in subclause 14.1.1.7 of [2] for more transmission opportunities:
  - randomly select the time and frequency resources for one transmission opportunity from the available resources, according to the amount of selected frequency resources. The random function shall be such that each of the allowed selections can be chosen with equal probability;
  - use the randomly selected resource to select a set of periodic resources spaced by the resource reservation interval for the other transmission opportunities of SCI and SL-SCH corresponding to the number of retransmission opportunities of the MAC PDUs determined in subclause 14.1.1.4B of [2];
  - consider the first set of transmission opportunities as the new transmission opportunities and the other set of transmission opportunities as the retransmission opportunities;
  - consider the set of new transmission opportunities and retransmission opportunities as the selected sidelink grant.
- else:
  - consider the set as the selected sidelink grant;
- use the selected sidelink grant to determine the set of subframes in which transmissions of SCI and SL-SCH occur according to subclause 14.2.1 and 14.1.1.4B of [2];
- consider the selected sidelink grant to be a configured sidelink grant;

- else if SL_RESOURCE_RESELECTION_COUNTER = 0 and when SL_RESOURCE_RESELECTION_COUNTER was equal to 1 the MAC entity randomly selected, with equal probability, a value in the interval [0, 1] which is less than or equal to the probability configured by upper layers in *probResourceKeep*:
  - clear the configured sidelink grant, if available;
  - randomly select, with equal probability, an integer value in the interval [5, 15] for the resource reservation interval higher than or equal to 100ms, in the interval [10, 30] for the resource reservation interval equal to 50ms or in the interval [25, 75] for the resource reservation interval equal to 20ms, and set SL_RESOURCE_RESELECTION_COUNTER to the selected value;
  - use the previously selected sidelink grant for the number of transmissions of the MAC PDUs determined in subclause 14.1.1.4B of [2] with the resource reservation interval to determine the set of subframes in which transmissions of SCI and SL-SCH occur according to subclause 14.2.1 and 14.1.1.4B of [2];
  - consider the selected sidelink grant to be a configured sidelink grant;

- else, if the MAC entity is configured by upper layers to transmit using a pool of resources as indicated in subclause 5.10.13.1 of [8], the MAC entity selects to create a configured sidelink grant corresponding to transmission(s) of a single MAC PDU, and data is available in STCH, the MAC entity shall for a Sidelink process:

- select the number of HARQ retransmissions from the allowed numbers that are configured by upper layers in *allowedRetxNumberPSSCH* included in *pssch-TxConfigList* and, if configured by upper layers, overlapped in *allowedRetxNumberPSSCH* indicated in *cbr-pssch-TxConfigList* for the highest priority of the sidelink logical channel(s) and the CBR measured by lower layers according to [6] if CBR measurement results are available or the corresponding *defaultTxConfigIndex* configured by upper layers if CBR measurement results are not available;

- select an amount of frequency resources within the range that is configured by upper layers between *minSubchannel-NumberPSSCH* and *maxSubchannel-NumberPSSCH* included in *pssch-TxConfigList* and, if configured by upper layers, overlapped between *minSubchannel-NumberPSSCH* and *maxSubchannel-NumberPSSCH* indicated in *cbr-pssch-TxConfigList* for the highest priority of the sidelink logical channel(s) and the CBR measured by lower layers according to [6] if CBR measurement results are available or the corresponding *defaultTxConfigIndex* configured by upper layers if CBR measurement results are not available;

- if transmission based on random selection is configured by upper layers:

  - randomly select the time and frequency resources for one transmission opportunity of SCI and SL-SCH from the resource pool, according to the amount of selected frequency resources. The random function shall be such that each of the allowed selections can be chosen with equal probability;

- else:

  - randomly select the time and frequency resources for one transmission opportunity of SCI and SL-SCH from the resource pool indicated by the physical layer according to subclause 14.1.1.6 of [2] , according to the amount of selected frequency resources. The random function shall be such that each of the allowed selections can be chosen with equal probability;

- if the number of HARQ retransmissions is equal to 1:

  - if transmission based on random selection is configured by upper layers and there are available resources that meet the conditions in subcause 14.1.1.7 of [2] for one more transmission opportunity:

    - randomly select the time and frequency resources for the other transmission opportunity of SCI and SL-SCH corresponding to additional transmission of the MAC PDU from the available resources, according to the amount of selected frequency resources. The random function shall be such that each of the allowed selections can be chosen with equal probability;

  - else, if transmission based on sensing or partial sensing is configured by upper layers and there are available resources left in the resources indicated by the physical layer that meet the conditions in subcause 14.1.1.7 of [2] for one more transmission opportunity:

    - randomly select the time and frequency resources for the other transmission opportunity of SCI and SL-SCH corresponding to additional transmission of the MAC PDU from the available resources, according to the amount of selected frequency resources. The random function shall be such that each of the allowed selections can be chosen with equal probability;

  - consider a transmission opportunity which comes first in time as the new transmission opportunity and a transmission opportunity which comes later in time as the retransmission opportunity;

  - consider both of the transmission opportunities as the selected sidelink grant;

- else:

  - consider the transmission opportunity as the selected sidelink grant;

- use the selected sidelink grant to determine the subframes in which transmission(s) of SCI and SL-SCH occur according to subclause 14.2.1 and 14.1.1.4B of [2];

- consider the selected sidelink grant to be a configured sidelink grant;

NOTE: For V2X sidelink communication, the UE should ensure the randomly selected time and frequency resources fulfill the latency requirement.

NOTE: For V2X sidelink communication, when there is no overlapping between the chosen configuration(s) in *pssch-TxConfigList* and chosen configuration(s) indicated in *cbr-pssch-TxConfigList*, it is up to UE implementation whether the UE transmits and which transmitting parameters the UE uses between allowed configuration(s) indicated in *pssch-TxConfigList* and allowed configuration(s) indicated in *cbr-pssch-TxConfigList*.

The MAC entity shall for each subframe:

- if the MAC entity has a configured sidelink grant occurring in this subframe:
  - if SL_RESOURCE_RESELECTION_COUNTER = 1 and the MAC entity randomly selected, with equal probability, a value in the interval [0, 1] which is above the probability configured by upper layers in *probResourceKeep*:
    - set the resource reservation interval equal to 0;
  - if the configured sidelink grant corresponds to transmission of SCI:
    - instruct the physical layer to transmit SCI corresponding to the configured sidelink grant;
    - for V2X sidelink communication, deliver the configured sidelink grant, the associated HARQ information and the value of the highest priority of the sidelink logical channel(s) in the MAC PDU to the Sidelink HARQ Entity for this subframe;
  - else if the configured sidelink grant corresponds to transmission of first transport block for sidelink communication:
    - deliver the configured sidelink grant and the associated HARQ information to the Sidelink HARQ Entity for this subframe.

NOTE: If the MAC entity has multiple configured grants occurring in one subframe and if not all of them can be processed due to the single-cluster SC-FDM restriction, it is left for UE implementation which one of these to process according to the procedure above.

5.14.1.2 Sidelink HARQ operation

5.14.1.2.1 Sidelink HARQ Entity

There is one Sidelink HARQ Entity at the MAC entity for transmission on SL-SCH, which maintains a number of parallel Sidelink processes.

For sidelink communication, the number of transmitting Sidelink processes associated with the Sidelink HARQ Entity is defined in [8].

For V2X sidelink communication, the maximum number of transmitting Sidelink processes associated with the Sidelink HARQ Entity is 8. A sidelink process may be configured for transmissions of multiple MAC PDUs. For transmissions of multiple MAC PDUs, the maximum number of transmitting Sidelink processes with the Sidelink HARQ Entity is 2.

A delivered and configured sidelink grant and its associated HARQ information are associated with a Sidelink process.

For each subframe of the SL-SCH and each Sidelink process, the Sidelink HARQ Entity shall:

- if a sidelink grant corresponding to a new transmission opportunity has been indicated for this Sidelink process and there is SL data, for sidelink logical channels of ProSe destination associated with this sidelink grant, available for transmission:
  - obtain the MAC PDU from the "Multiplexing and assembly" entity;
  - deliver the MAC PDU and the sidelink grant and the HARQ information to this Sidelink process;
  - instruct this Sidelink process to trigger a new transmission.
- else, if this subframe corresponds to retransmission opportunity for this Sidelink process:
  - instruct this Sidelink process to trigger a retransmission.

NOTE: The resources for retransmission opportunities are specified in subclause 14.2.1 of [2] unless specified in subclause 5.14.1.1.

5.14.1.2.2 Sidelink process

The Sidelink process is associated with a HARQ buffer.

The sequence of redundancy versions is 0, 2, 3, 1. The variable CURRENT_IRV is an index into the sequence of redundancy versions. This variable is updated modulo 4.

New transmissions and retransmissions either for a given SC period in sidelink communication or in V2X sidelink communication are performed on the resource indicated in the sidelink grant as specified in subclause 5.14.1.1 and with the MCS configured by upper layers (if configured) unless selected below.

If the sidelink process is configured to perform transmissions of multiple MAC PDUs for V2X sidelink communication the process maintains a counter SL_RESOURCE_RESELECTION_COUNTER. For other configurations of the sidelink process, this counter is not available.

If the Sidelink HARQ Entity requests a new transmission, the Sidelink process shall:

- for V2X sidelink communication in UE autonomous resource selection:
  - select a MCS which is, if configured, within the range that is configured by upper layers between *minMCS-PSSCH* and *maxMCS-PSSCH* included in *pssch-TxConfigList* and, if configured by upper layers, overlapped between *minMCS-PSSCH* and *maxMCS-PSSCH* indicated in *cbr-pssch-TxConfigList* for the highest priority of the sidelink logical channel(s) in the MAC PDU and the CBR measured by lower layers according to [6] if CBR measurement results are available or the corresponding *defaultTxConfigIndex* configured by upper layers if CBR measurement results are not available;

NOTE: MCS selection is up to UE implementation if the MCS or the corresponding range is not configured by upper layers.

NOTE: For V2X sidelink communication, when there is no overlapping between the chosen configuration(s) included in *pssch-TxConfigList* and chosen configuration(s) indicated in *cbr-pssch-TxConfigList*, it is up to UE implementation whether the UE transmits and which transmitting parameters the UE uses between allowed configuration(s) indicated in *pssch-TxConfigList* and allowed configuration(s) indicated in *cbr-pssch-TxConfigList*.

- set CURRENT_IRV to 0;
- store the MAC PDU in the associated HARQ buffer;
- store the sidelink grant received from the Sidelink HARQ Entity;

- generate a transmission as described below.

If the Sidelink HARQ Entity requests a retransmission, the Sidelink process shall:

- generate a transmission as described below.

To generate a transmission, the Sidelink process shall:

- if there is no uplink transmission; or if the MAC entity is able to perform uplink transmissions and transmissions on SL-SCH simultaneously at the time of the transmission; or if there is a MAC PDU to be transmitted in this TTI in uplink, except a MAC PDU obtained from the Msg3 buffer and transmission of V2X sidelink communication is prioritized over uplink transmission; and
- if there is no Sidelink Discovery Gap for Transmission or no transmission on PSDCH at the time of the transmission; or, in case of transmissions of V2X sidelink communication, if the MAC entity is able to perform transmissions on SL-SCH and transmissions on PSDCH simultaneously at the time of the transmission:
  - instruct the physical layer to generate a transmission according to the stored sidelink grant with the redundancy version corresponding to the CURRENT_IRV value.
- increment CURRENT_IRV by 1;
- if this transmission corresponds to the last transmission of the MAC PDU:
  - decrement SL_RESOURCE_RESELECTION_COUNTER by 1, if available.

The transmission of V2X sidelink communication is prioritized over uplink transmission if the following conditions are met:

- if the MAC entity is not able to perform uplink transmissions and transmissions of V2X sidelink communication simultaneously at the time of the transmission; and
- if uplink transmission is not prioritized by upper layer according to [15]; and
- if the value of the highest priority of the sidelink logical channel(s) in the MAC PDU is lower than *thresSL-TxPrioritization* if *thresSL-TxPrioritization* is configured.

5.14.1.3 Multiplexing and assembly

For PDU(s) associated with one SCI, MAC shall consider only logical channels with the same Source Layer-2 ID-Destination Layer-2 ID pair.

Multiple transmissions within overlapping SC periods to different ProSe Destinations are allowed subject to single-cluster SC-FDM constraint.

In V2X sidelink communication, multiple transmissions for different Sidelink processes are allowed to be independently performed in different subframes.

5.14.1.3.1 Logical channel prioritization

The Logical Channel Prioritization procedure is applied when a new transmission is performed. Each sidelink logical channel has an associated priority which is the PPPP. Multiple sidelink logical channels may have the same associated priority. The mapping between priority and LCID is left for UE implementation.

The MAC entity shall perform the following Logical Channel Prioritization procedure either for each SCI transmitted in an SC period in sidelink communication, or for each SCI corresponding to a new transmission in V2X sidelink communication:

- The MAC entity shall allocate resources to the sidelink logical channels in the following steps:
  - Only consider sidelink logical channels not previously selected for this SC period and the SC periods (if any) which are overlapping with this SC period, to have data available for transmission in sidelink communication.
  - Step 0: Select a ProSe Destination, having the sidelink logical channel with the highest priority, among the sidelink logical channels having data available for transmission;
- For each MAC PDU associated to the SCI:
  - Step 1: Among the sidelink logical channels belonging to the selected ProSe Destination and having data available for transmission, allocate resources to the sidelink logical channel with the highest priority;
  - Step 2: if any resources remain, sidelink logical channels belonging to the selected ProSe Destination are served in decreasing order of priority until either the data for the sidelink logical channel(s) or the SL grant is exhausted, whichever comes first. Sidelink logical channels configured with equal priority should be served equally.
- The UE shall also follow the rules below during the scheduling procedures above:
  - the UE should not segment an RLC SDU (or partially transmitted SDU) if the whole SDU (or partially transmitted SDU) fits into the remaining resources;
  - if the UE segments an RLC SDU from the sidelink logical channel, it shall maximize the size of the segment to fill the grant as much as possible;
  - the UE should maximise the transmission of data;
  - if the MAC entity is given a sidelink grant size that is equal to or larger than 10 bytes (for sidelink communication) or 11 bytes (for V2X sidelink communication) while having data available for transmission, the MAC entity shall not transmit only padding.

5.14.1.3.2 Multiplexing of MAC SDUs

The MAC entity shall multiplex MAC SDUs in a MAC PDU according to subclauses 5.14.1.3.1 and 6.1.6.

5.14.1.4 Buffer Status Reporting

The sidelink Buffer Status reporting procedure is used to provide the serving eNB with information about the amount of sidelink data available for transmission in the SL buffers associated with the MAC entity. RRC controls BSR reporting for the sidelink by configuring the two timers *periodic-BSR-TimerSL* and *retx-BSR-TimerSL*. Each sidelink logical channel belongs to a ProSe Destination. Each sidelink logical channel is allocated to an LCG depending on the priority of the sidelink logical channel and the mapping between LCG ID and priority which is provided by upper layers in *logicalChGroupInfoList* [8]. LCG is defined per ProSe Destination.

A sidelink Buffer Status Report (BSR) shall be triggered if any of the following events occur:

- if the MAC entity has a configured SL-RNTI or a configured SL-V-RNTI:
  - SL data, for a sidelink logical channel of a ProSe Destination, becomes available for transmission in the RLC entity or in the PDCP entity (the definition of what data shall be considered as available for transmission is specified in [3] and [4] respectively) and either the data belongs to a sidelink logical channel with higher priority than the priorities of the sidelink logical channels which belong to any LCG belonging to the same ProSe Destination and for which data is already available for transmission, or there

is currently no data available for transmission for any of the sidelink logical channels belonging to the same ProSe Destination, in which case the Sidelink BSR is referred below to as "Regular Sidelink BSR";

- UL resources are allocated and number of padding bits remaining after a Padding BSR has been triggered is equal to or larger than the size of the Sidelink BSR MAC control element containing the buffer status for at least one LCG of a ProSe Destination plus its subheader, in which case the Sidelink BSR is referred below to as "Padding Sidelink BSR";

- *retx-BSR-TimerSL* expires and the MAC entity has data available for transmission for any of the sidelink logical channels, in which case the Sidelink BSR is referred below to as "Regular Sidelink BSR";

- *periodic-BSR-TimerSL* expires, in which case the Sidelink BSR is referred below to as "Periodic Sidelink BSR";

- else:

  - An SL-RNTI or an SL-V-RNTI is configured by upper layers and SL data is available for transmission in the RLC entity or in the PDCP entity (the definition of what data shall be considered as available for transmission is specified in [3] and [4] respectively), in which case the Sidelink BSR is referred below to as "Regular Sidelink BSR".

For Regular and Periodic Sidelink BSR:

- if the number of bits in the UL grant is equal to or larger than the size of a Sidelink BSR containing buffer status for all LCGs having data available for transmission plus its subheader:

  - report Sidelink BSR containing buffer status for all LCGs having data available for transmission;

- else report Truncated Sidelink BSR containing buffer status for as many LCGs having data available for transmission as possible, taking the number of bits in the UL grant into consideration.

For Padding Sidelink BSR:

- if the number of padding bits remaining after a Padding BSR has been triggered is equal to or larger than the size of a Sidelink BSR containing buffer status for all LCGs having data available for transmission plus its subheader:

  - report Sidelink BSR containing buffer status for all LCGs having data available for transmission;

- else report Truncated Sidelink BSR containing buffer status for as many LCGs having data available for transmission as possible, taking the number of bits in the UL grant into consideration.

If the Buffer Status reporting procedure determines that at least one Sidelink BSR has been triggered and not cancelled:

- if the MAC entity has UL resources allocated for new transmission for this TTI and the allocated UL resources can accommodate a Sidelink BSR MAC control element plus its subheader as a result of logical channel prioritization:

  - instruct the Multiplexing and Assembly procedure to generate the Sidelink BSR MAC control element(s);

  - start or restart *periodic-BSR-TimerSL* except when all the generated Sidelink BSRs are Truncated Sidelink BSRs;

  - start or restart *retx-BSR-TimerSL*;

- else if a Regular Sidelink BSR has been triggered:

  - if an uplink grant is not configured:

- a Scheduling Request shall be triggered.

A MAC PDU shall contain at most one Sidelink BSR MAC control element, even when multiple events trigger a Sidelink BSR by the time a Sidelink BSR can be transmitted in which case the Regular Sidelink BSR and the Periodic Sidelink BSR shall have precedence over the padding Sidelink BSR.

The MAC entity shall restart *retx-BSR-TimerSL* upon reception of an SL grant.

All triggered regular Sidelink BSRs shall be cancelled in case the remaining configured SL grant(s) valid for this SC Period can accommodate all pending data available for transmission in sidelink communication or in case the remaining configured SL grant(s) valid can accommodate all pending data available for transmission in V2X sidelink communication. All triggered Sidelink BSRs shall be cancelled in case the MAC entity has no data available for transmission for any of the sidelink logical channels. All triggered Sidelink BSRs shall be cancelled when a Sidelink BSR (except for Truncated Sidelink BSR) is included in a MAC PDU for transmission. All triggered Sidelink BSRs shall be cancelled, and *retx-BSR-TimerSL* and *periodic-BSR-TimerSL* shall be stopped, when upper layers configure autonomous resource selection.

The MAC entity shall transmit at most one Regular/Periodic Sidelink BSR in a TTI. If the MAC entity is requested to transmit multiple MAC PDUs in a TTI, it may include a padding Sidelink BSR in any of the MAC PDUs which do not contain a Regular/Periodic Sidelink BSR.

All Sidelink BSRs transmitted in a TTI always reflect the buffer status after all MAC PDUs have been built for this TTI. Each LCG shall report at the most one buffer status value per TTI and this value shall be reported in all Sidelink BSRs reporting buffer status for this LCG.

NOTE: A Padding Sidelink BSR is not allowed to cancel a triggered Regular/Periodic Sidelink BSR. A Padding Sidelink BSR is triggered for a specific MAC PDU only and the trigger is cancelled when this MAC PDU has been built.

5.14.2 SL-SCH Data reception

5.14.2.1 SCI reception

SCI transmitted on the PSCCH indicate if there is a transmission on SL-SCH and provide the relevant HARQ information.

The MAC entity shall:

- for each subframe during which the MAC entity monitors PSCCH:
  - if SCI for this subframe has been received on the PSCCH for sidelink communication with a Group Destination ID of interest to this MAC entity:
    - determine the set of subframes in which reception of the first transport blocks occur according to subclause 14.2.2 of [2] using the received SCI;
    - store the SCI and associated HARQ information as SCI valid for the subframes corresponding to first transmission of each transport block;
  - else if SCI for this subframe has been received on the PSCCH for V2X sidelink communication:
    - determine the set of subframes in which reception of the transport block occur according to subclause 14.1.2 of [2] using the received SCI;
    - store the SCI and associated HARQ information as SCI valid for the subframes corresponding to transmission(s) of the transport block;
- for each subframe for which the MAC entity has a valid SCI:

- deliver the SCI and the associated HARQ information to the Sidelink HARQ Entity.

5.14.2.2 Sidelink HARQ operation

5.14.2.2.1 Sidelink HARQ Entity

There is one Sidelink HARQ Entity at the MAC entity for reception of the SL-SCH which maintains a number of parallel Sidelink processes.

Each Sidelink process is associated with SCI in which the MAC entity is interested. If SCI includes the Group Destination ID, this interest is as determined by the Group Destination ID of the SCI. The Sidelink HARQ Entity directs HARQ information and associated TBs received on the SL-SCH to the corresponding Sidelink processes.

The number of Receiving Sidelink processes associated with the Sidelink HARQ Entity is defined in [8].

For each subframe of the SL-SCH, the Sidelink HARQ Entity shall:

- for each SCI valid in this subframe:
  - allocate the TB received from the physical layer and the associated HARQ information to a Sidelink process, associate this Sidelink process with this SCI and consider this transmission to be a new transmission.
- for each Sidelink process:
  - if this subframe corresponds to retransmission opportunity for the Sidelink process according to its associated SCI:
    - allocate the TB received from the physical layer and the associated HARQ information to the Sidelink process and consider this transmission to be a retransmission.

5.14.2.2.2 Sidelink process

For each subframe where a transmission takes place for the Sidelink process, one TB and the associated HARQ information is received from the Sidelink HARQ Entity.

The sequence of redundancy versions is 0, 2, 3, 1. The variable CURRENT_IRV is an index into the sequence of redundancy versions. This variable is updated modulo 4.

For each received TB and associated HARQ information, the Sidelink process shall:

- if this is a new transmission:
  - set CURRENT_IRV to 0;
  - store the received data in the soft buffer and optionally attempt to decode the received data according to CURRENT_IRV.
- else if this is a retransmission:
  - if the data for this TB has not yet been successfully decoded:
    - increment CURRENT_IRV by 1;
    - combine the received data with the data currently in the soft buffer for this TB and optionally attempt to decode the combined data according to the CURRENT_IRV.
- if the data which the MAC entity attempted to decode was successfully decoded for this TB:
  - if this is the first successful decoding of the data for this TB:

- if the DST field of the decoded MAC PDU subheader is equal to the 16 MSB of any of the Destination Layer-2 ID(s) of the UE for which the 8 LSB are equal to the Group Destination ID in the corresponding SCI:
  - deliver the decoded MAC PDU to the disassembly and demultiplexing entity.
- else if the DST field of the decoded MAC PDU subheader is equal to any of the Destination Layer-2 ID(s) of the UE:
  - deliver the decoded MAC PDU to the disassembly and demultiplexing entity.

5.14.2.3 Disassembly and demultiplexing

The MAC entity shall disassemble and demultiplex a MAC PDU as defined in subclause 6.1.6.