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# LTE RRC Connection Setup Messaging

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## LTE attach message sequence chart

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UE eNodeB **RACH: Random Access Preamble** (RA-RNTI) **DL-SCH: Random Access Response** (RA-RNTI, C-RNTI, Timing) **UL-SCH: RRC Connection Request** (C-RNTI, M-TMSI, Establishment Cause) **DL-SCH: RRC Connection Setup** (SRBs, DRBs, UE Specific Configuration) **UL-SCH: RRC Connection Complete** (PLMN id, Dedicated NAS Info)

UE initiates a session to the eNodeB using a random RA-RNTI

eNodeB assigns a C-RNTI and adjusts timing

UE requests an RRC connection via the UL-SCH.

Network establishes the SRBs and DRBs based on the establishment cause.

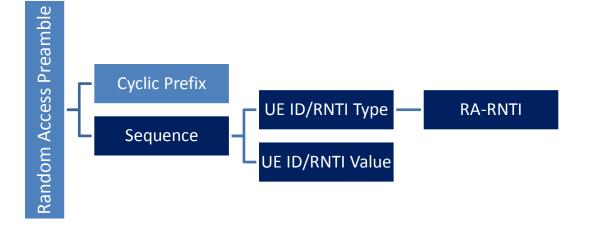
UE acknowledges the setup of SRBs and DRBs.

#### RACH: UE → eNodeB: Random Access Preamble

- The terminal picks a preamble to send the random access message
  - The preambles in LTE are defined from a Zadoff-Chu sequence
- The preamble consists of the cyclic prefix and a sequence
- The sequence identifies the UE that is initiating the random access
  - The type of the UE and the UE ID value are included in the message
- RA-RNTI is used as a temporary identifier during the random access procedure

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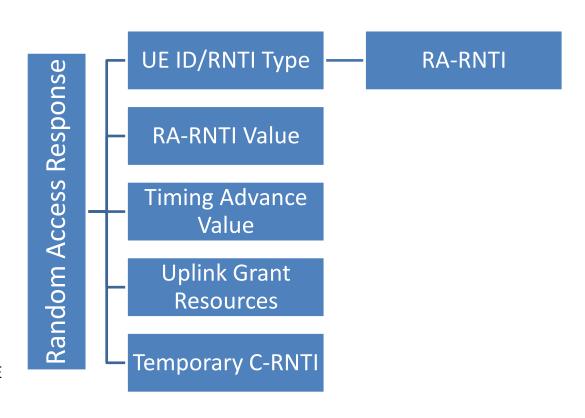
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#### DL-SCH: UE ← eNodeB: Random Access Response

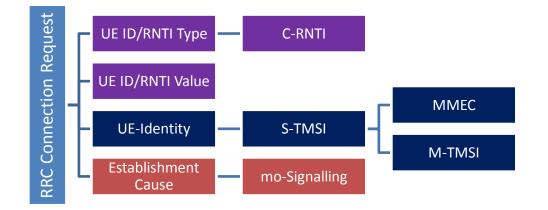
- The eNodeB responds with a Random Access Response on the DL-SCH channel
- The UE is addressed with the RA-RNTI that was sent in the Random Access Preamble
- The message carries a Timing Advance that is used to adjust the UE transmitter timing
  - This adjustment will synchronize the UE transmitter so that the transmissions from the UE are received within the receive timing window
- The message may carry an uplink resource assignment
- The message also assigns a C-RNTI that will be used to address the UE

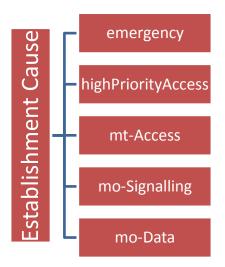


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#### UL-SCH: UE → eNodeB RRC Connection Request

- The UE has received the Random Access Response based on the RA-RNTI.
  - The Random Access Response assigns a C-RNTI and resources for transmission of the RRC Connection Request
- The message identifies the UE with the C-RNTI
- The message contains the UE-Identity
  - IMSI is sent in the message if this is the first attach to the network
  - If the terminal had attached previously, the S-TMSI is included in the message
- The message also contains the establishment cause.
  - In this example, the RRC Connection Request is sent with "Mobile Originated Signaling" cause.
- Note that the eNodeB may optionally send a contention resolution message on receipt of this message

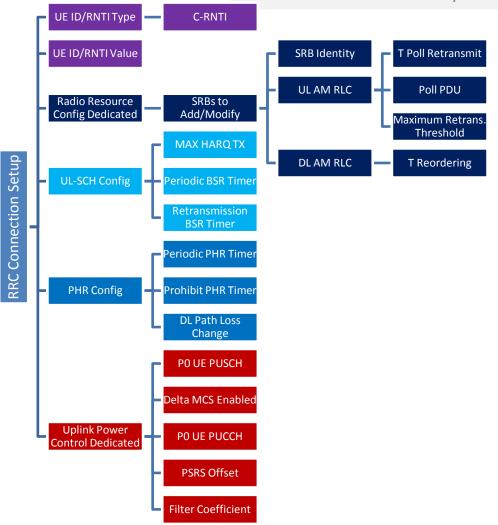




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#### DL-SCH: UE ← eNodeB RRC Connection Setup

- The message identifies the signaling radio bearer (SRB)
- The configuration parameters carried in the message are described in the next two slides



# RRC Connection Setup Configuration - 1

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## RLC Uplink Configuration

- Timer for status report polling
- Number of retransmissions of buffer status report
- Control plane retransmission limit

### RLC Downlink Configuration

 The maximum time to wait for packet reordering

### UL-SCH configuration

- Maximum number of Hybrid ARQ transmissions
- Periodic and regular buffer status report (BSR) timer

## RRC Connection Setup Configuration - 2

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### Power Headroom Report (PHR) Configuration

- Periodicity of the PHR
- Downlink Path Loss more than the specified value also triggers PHR (provided the Prohibit PHR timer has expired)

#### **Uplink Power Control Parameters**

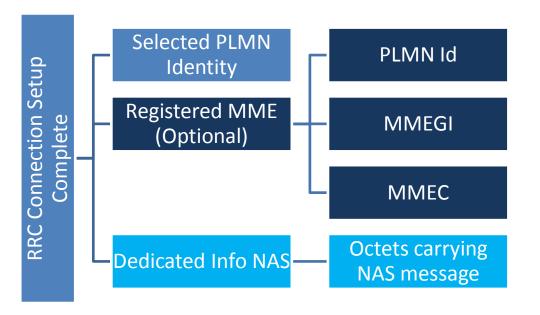
- P0-UE-PUSCH and P0-UE-PCCH values are used to determine the nominal power of the uplink transmissions
- "pSRS Offset" determines the uplink Sounding Reference Signal power
- Delta MCS (choose between Ks = 0 and Ks = 1.25)
- Filter Coefficient value for RSRP (Reference Signal Received Power) measurement used to calculate path loss
- Reference: 36.213 clause 5.1.1.1

#### UL-SCH: UE → eNodeB RRC Connection Setup Complete

- UE sends this message on receipt of the RRC Connection Setup message
- "Dedicated Info NAS" is used to transfer UE specific NAS layer information between the network and the UE. The RRC layer is transparent for this information.
- The message may optionally contain registered MME
- The RRC Connection Setup Complete may also carry octets for a NAS message exchanged between the UE and the MME

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3GPP 36.331 RRC Specifications	Radio Resource Control (RRC); Protocol specification
EventStudio System Designer	Sequence diagram based systems engineering tool.
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