3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #115 electronic R2-210xxxx

Online Meeting, August 16th – 27th 2021

**Agenda item: 8.11.4**

**Source: CATT**

**Title: [Post115-e][606][POS] MO-LR for on-demand PRS (CATT)**

**WID/SID: NR\_pos\_enh-Core**

**Document for: Discussion and Agreement**

# 1 Introduction

This document is to kick off the following email discussion related with the stage 2 procedures of on-demand PRS:

* [Post115-e][606][POS] MO-LR for on-demand PRS (CATT)

      Scope: Determine whether UE-originated request of on-demand PRS is supported via MO-LR, including the case of a client at the UE, and determine what the impact would be to the procedure agreed as a stage 2 baseline in RAN2#115-e for on-demand PRS request.

      Intended outcome: Report to next meeting

      Deadline:  Long

The rapporteur would like to organize this email discussion in two phases:

- Phase 1: Companies are invited to provide their views on the questions by Oct 15th, 1200 UTC.

- Phase 2: Rapporteur submits the summary with easy agreements and controversial issues, companies can further comment by Oct 20th, 1200 UTC.

This email discussion is structured as follows:

- Section 3: Discussion of UE-originated request of on-demand PRS via MO-LR, including whether UE-originated request of on-demand PRS is supported via MO-LR and its impact on the procedure agreed as stage 2 baseline in RAN2#115-e for on-demand PRS request.

- Section 4: Discussion of open issues left on the stage 2 procedure of on-demand PRS.

# 2 Contact Information

Respondents to the email discussion are kindly asked to fill in the following table.

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# 3 UE-originated request of on-demand PRS via MO-LR

## 3.1 Whether to support UE originated request of on-demand PRS via MO-LR

For UE initiated on-demand PRS request, we have already concluded that it can be supported during an active LPP session in RAN2#115e[1], while whether it also can be supported via MO-LR request is still an FFS.

Companies supporting on-demand PRS request via MO-LR argue that if the client is in the UE who wants to use DL-TDOA or DL-AoD for UE-based positioning and there is no PRS, then the UE can request the PRS via MO-LR directly, and we cannot preclude such scenario.

According to MO-LR Service Support description in TS38.305 [2]:

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| The MO-LR location service request message may carry an LPP PDU to instigate one or more LPP procedures to transfer capabilities, request assistance data, and/or transfer location information. So it seems this LPP Request Assistance Data would be the same as in an active LPP session (e.g., may include the on-demand PRS details). |

According to the description of 5GC-MO-LR Procedure in clause 6.2 in TS23.273 [3]:

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| The UE sends an MO-LR Request message included in a UL NAS TRANSPORT message. The MO-LR Request may optionally include an LPP positioning message. Different types of location services can be requested: location estimate of the UE, location estimate of the UE to be sent to an LCS client or AF, or location assistance data. …. If the UE is instead requesting location assistance data, the embedded LPP message specifies the type of assistance data and the positioning method for which the assistance data applies. |

It seems that requesting location assistance data via MO-LR is already supported in TS23.273 [3].

**Question 1:** **Do companies agree to support the UE originated request of on-demand PRS via MO-LR? Please specify the reasons or comments if any.**

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## 3.2 Impact on the stage 2 baseline on-demand PRS request procedure

Once we agree to support the UE initiated on-demand PRS request via MO-LR, some impacts on the stage 2 baseline on-demand PRS request procedure may be introduced.

***Issues 1: how to provide the available DL-PRS configurations to UE?***

UE initiated on-demand PRS request via MO-LR is performed when there is no any LPP session. Companies will discuss if the available DL-PRS configurations for on-demand via posSIBs should be pre-condition for on-demand PRS request via MO-LR.

**Question 2: Do companies agree that the available DL-PRS configurations must be provided to UE via posSIBs for the scenario that the UE initiate the on-demand PRS request via MO-LR? Please specify the reasons or comments if any.**

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***Issue 2: how to transfer the on-demand PRS request via MO-LR?***

Considering how to transfer the on-demand PRS request via MO-LR, the following method can be considered:

The UE sends an MO-LR Request message included in an UL NAS TRANSPORT message to the serving AMF including an LPP Request Assistance Data message which is used for on-demand DL-PRS transmission [4].

**Question 3: Do companies agree the above method for UE initiated on-demand PRS via MO-LR? Please specify the reasons or comments if any.**

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Based on the discussion above, a general procedure for UE initiated on-demand PRS via MO-LR is provided as the following:



Figure 1: stage 2 procedure for UE initiated on-demand PRS via MO-LR

1. An LMF may provide one or more posSIBs containing a set of available on-demand DL-PRS configurations to a gNB in an NRPPa Assistance Information Control message for broadcast in positioning System Information.
2. The NG-RAN node broadcast the received available on-demand DL-PRS configurations in RRC System Information Messages
3. The UE sends an MO-LR Request message included in an UL NAS TRANSPORT message to the serving AMF including a request for on-demand DL-PRS transmission. The request may in addition include a LPP Provide Capabilities message including the DL-PRS capabilities of the UE, and a LPP Provide Location Information message (e.g., providing E-CID measurements).
4. The AMF invokes the Nlmf\_Location\_DetermineLocation service operation towards the LMF.
5. The LMF may perform one or more LPP procedures; e.g. to obtain the DL-PRS positioning capabilities of the UE.
6. The LMF determines DL-PRS configuration based on the request received at Step 4 and/or the DL-PRS positioning capabilities of the UE obtained at step 5.
7. The LMF insitigates a NRPPa DL-PRS Configuration procedure with each of the gNBs determined at Step 6.
8. The gNB returns acknowledged for step 7.
9. The LMF determines the exact location assistance data and transfer to UE.
10. The LMF returns an Nlmf\_Location\_DetermineLocation Response to the AMF.
11. the AMF forwards the response to the target UE.

**Question 4: Do companies agree the above stage 2 procedure for UE initiated on-demand PRS via MO-LR? Please specify the reasons or comments if any.**

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# 4 Open issues left on the stage 2 procedure of on-demand PRS

There are still two open issues left on the stage 2 procedure of on-demand PRS according to the discussion

***Issue 1: Whether it is mandatory to provide the available PRS for on-demand before UE initiate the on-demand PRS request?***

In RAN2#114e, RAN2 made the following agreement:

The network can signal predefined PRS configurations to the UE and the UE can select one to request. FFS if the UE can request a configuration with different parameters and exactly which parameters are flexible.

We agreed that UE can initiate the on-demand PRS request based on the available DL-PRS configurations, however it is still an FFS that whether the UE can also initiate the on-demand PRS request under the scenario that NW didn’t provide the available DL-PRS configurations to UE. And this need to be confirmed since it has impact on the stage 2 procedures, i.e., once we confirmed, the procedure that LMF interact with NG-RAN to obtain the available DL-PRS as well as NW provide the available DL-PRS to UE is mandatory.

**Rapporteurs comment:** NW should control the UE initiated on-demand PRS to avoid such autonomous UE behaviours, i.e., only the UE that was provided the available DL-PRS by NW can be allowed to initiate the on-demand PRS.

**Question 5: Do companies agree that it is mandatory to provide the available PRS before UE initiate the on-demand PRS request? Please specify the reasons or comments if any.**

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***Issue 2: Whether*** ***UE can only request the configurations, i.e., identifier associated with the available DL-PRS or the explicit DL-PRS parameters if agreed, within the available DL-PRS provided by NW?***

If Question 5 that it is mandatory to provide the available PRS before UE initiates the on-demand PRS request is agreed, we may discuss the relations between the explicit parameters UE can request, i.e., List #1 and the available DL-PRS configurations provided by NW, i.e., List #3.

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| Agreement:   * The following lists of on-demand DL-PRS parameters are discussed/prepared by RAN1 and provided as input to RAN2:   + List#1: List of parameters for UE-initiated on-demand DL PRS request   + List#2: List of parameters for LMF-initiated on-demand DL PRS request * For the following lists of on-demand DL-PRS parameters, send an LS to RAN2 to check whether RAN2 would like RAN1 to send the list of parameters and request feedback as early as possible:   + List #3: List of parameters for UE-initiated on-demand DL PRS request associated with pre-configured set of on-demand DL PRS configurations   + List #4: List of parameters for LMF-initiated on-demand DL PRS request associated with pre-configured set of on-demand DL PRS configurations |

The reply LS to RAN1 on on-demand DL PRS parameters at 115-e meeting is agreed as below:

RAN2 needs to know the list of parameters that can be dynamically adjusted for UE-initiated/LMF-initiated on-demand DL PRS request. RAN2 does not expect RAN1 to send the list of parameters for on-demand DL PRS request associated with pre-configured set of on-demand DL PRS since how to handle DL PRS pre-configuration will be discussed in RAN2.[6]

According to rapporteur's opinion, once UE is allowed to request the DL-PRS configurations outside the available DL-PRS provided by NW, the efficiency of on-demand PRS is quite limited since NW probably rejects the request initiated by UE. Before what the pre-configuration DL PRS, i.e., List #3 from LMF to UE is discussed by RAN2, we may discuss the principle at first.

**Question 6: Do companies agree the UE can only request the configurations within the available DL-PRS provided by NW? Please specify the reasons or comments if any.**

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# 5 Conclusion

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# 6 References

1. RAN2-115-e-Positioning-Relay-2021-08-27-0330.docx
2. TS 38.305 Stage 2 functional specification of User Equipment (UE) positioning in NG-RAN V16.5.0
3. TS 23.273 5G System (5GS) Location Services (LCS); Stage 2 V16.3.0
4. R2-2108384 On-Demand DL-PRS Qualcomm Incorporated
5. R2-2108827 Summary of Agenda Item 8.11.4 On-demand PRS CATT discussion Rel-17 NR\_pos\_enh-Core
6. R2-2109123 Reply LS to RAN1 on on-demand DL PRS parameters Intel LS out Rel-17 NR\_pos-Core To:RAN1

# 7. Related agreements

**RAN2#111e**：

RAN2 to study positioning in idle/inactive mode, on-demand PRS and latency analysis in the study phase.

**RAN2#112e**：

Agreements on on-demand PRS:

RAN2 study on-demand PRS mechanism for DL-based, UL&DL-based methods (e.g. multi-RTT), and UE-Based and UE-assisted positioning methods in this SI.

**RAN2#113b**

Agreements:

UE-initiated on-demand PRS request is enabled by enhancing LPP RequestAssistanceData. FFS how much control the network has over the UE request.

The UE-initiated mechanism is enabled by the UE request triggering a request from the LMF, and the actual PRS changes are requested by the LMF irrespective of whether the procedure is UE- or LMF-initiated.

Put the stage 2 description for UE-initiated and LMF-initiated PRS request under the same framework.

**RAN2#114**

Agreements:

The network can signal predefined PRS configurations to the UE and the UE can select one to request. FFS if the UE can request a configuration with different parameters and exactly which parameters are flexible.

Agreements:

Proposal 2: Define a new LPP assistance data IE which can contain a set of possible on-demand DL-PRS configurations, where each on-demand DL-PRS configuration has an associated identifier.

Proposal 3 (modified): The new LPP assistance data IE from Proposal 2 can be included in an LPP Provide Assistance Data message and/or a new posSIB.

Agreement:

Proposal 4 (modified): The procedure(s) for on-demand DL-PRS should support at least the following functionality (up to RAN3 what is in NRPPa vs. OAM, etc.):

- Providing the requested on-demand DL-PRS configuration information from an LMF to the gNB (e.g., explicit parameter or identifier of a predefined DL-PRS configuration), and confirmation of the request by the gNB

- Provision of (possible/allowed) on-demand DL-PRS configurations that the gNB can support from a gNB to an LMF

- TRP capability transfer (e.g., whether the RAN node supports the reconfiguration of DL-PRS, etc.)

**RAN2#115**

Agreements:

Before providing available DL-PRS configuration to the UE, the LMF may obtain configuration information on what DL-PRS can be supported from one or more TRPs via NRPPa.

Capture the steps provided above as a baseline, along with a note indicating it remains FFS if the UE can send the MO-LR to request on-demand PRS.

FFS if we indicate to SA2 that MO-LR can be used to trigger on-demand PRS procedure.

It is up to Network (LMF) implementation on the steps to follow (accept/reject/ignore) on receiving request from UE for changing the DL-PRS configurations.