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| ***Title:***  | Running CR of 38.305 for Positioning WI on GNSS Positioning Integrity |
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| ***Source to WG:*** | InterDigital Inc |
| ***Source to TSG:*** | R2 |
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| ***Work item code:*** | NR\_pos\_enh-Core |  | ***Date:*** | 2021-10-21 |
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| ***Reason for change:*** | To capture agreements on GNSS positioning integrity into TS 38.305. |
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| ***Summary of change:*** | **RAN2#116**, to capture the following :* Definition of positioning integrity captured under Clause 3.1
* General description on GNSS positioning integrity captured under Clause 8.1.1
* Descriptions on using location information transfer procedure for supporting postioning integrity captured under Clause 8.1.3.3.1
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | Rel-17 GNSS Positioning Integrity is not supported in 38.305. |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | 3.1, 8.1.1, 8.1.3.3.1  |
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|  | **Y** | **N** |  |  |
| ***Other specs*** | **X** |  |  Other core specifications  | TS/TR 38.331 CR TBDTS/TR 37.355 CR TBD |
| ***affected:*** |  | **X** |  Test specifications | TS/TR ... CR ...  |
| ***(show related CRs)*** |  | **X** |  O&M Specifications | TS/TR ... CR ...  |
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| ***Other comments:*** |  |
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| ***This CR's revision history:*** | R2-2111377 (RAN2#116-e [AT116-e][624][POS] 36.305 and 38.305 CRs for GNSS positioning integrity (InterDigital) |

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## 3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. A term defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same term, if any, in TR 21.905 [1].

As used in this document, the suffixes "-based" and "-assisted" refer respectively to the node that is responsible for making the positioning calculation (and which may also provide measurements) and a node that provides measurements (but which does not make the positioning calculation). Thus, an operation in which measurements are provided by the UE to the LMF to be used in the computation of a position estimate is described as "UE-assisted" (and could also be called "LMF-based"), while one in which the UE computes its own position is described as "UE-based".

**Transmission Point (TP)**: A set of geographically co-located transmit antennas (e.g. antenna array (with one or more antenna elements)) for one cell, part of one cell or one DL-PRS-only TP. Transmission Points can include base station (ng-eNB or gNB) antennas, remote radio heads, a remote antenna of a base station, an antenna of a DL-PRS-only TP, etc. One cell can include one or multiple transmission points. For a homogeneous deployment, each transmission point may correspond to one cell.

**Reception Point (RP)**: A set of geographically co-located receive antennas (e.g. antenna array (with one or more antenna elements)) for one cell, part of one cell or one UL-SRS-only RP. Reception Points can include base station (ng-eNB or gNB) antennas, remote radio heads, a remote antenna of a base station, an antenna of a UL-SRS-only RP, etc. One cell can include one or multiple reception points. For a homogeneous deployment, each reception point may correspond to one cell.

**PRS-only TP**: A TP which only transmits PRS signals and is not associated with a cell.

**SRS-only RP**: An RP which only receives SRS signals and is not associated with a cell.

**Transmission-Reception Point (TRP)**: A set of geographically co-located antennas (e.g. antenna array (with one or more antenna elements)) supporting TP and/or RP functionality.

**Positioning integrity:** A measure of the trust in the accuracy of the position-related data and the ability to provide associated warning messages

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## 8 Positioning methods and Supporting Procedures

### 8.1 GNSS positioning methods

#### 8.1.1 General

A navigation satellite system provides autonomous geo-spatial positioning with either global or regional coverage. Augmentation systems, such as SBAS, are navigation satellite systems that provide regional coverage to augment the navigation systems with global coverage.

By definition, GNSS refers to satellite constellations that achieve global coverage, however, in 3GPP specifications the term GNSS is used to encompass global, regional, and augmentation satellite systems. The following GNSSs are supported in this version of the specification:

- GPS and its modernization [5], [6], [7]; (global coverage)

- Galileo [8]; (global coverage)

- GLONASS [9]; (global coverage)

- Satellite Based Augmentation Systems (SBAS), including WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, and GAGAN [11]; (regional coverage)

- Quasi-Zenith Satellite System (QZSS) [10]; (regional coverage)

- BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS) [20] [34]. (global coverage)

Each global GNSS can be used individually or in combination with others, including regional navigation systems and augmentation systems. When used in combination, the effective number of navigation satellite signals would be increased:

- extra satellites can improve availability (of satellites at a particular location) and results in an improved ability to work in areas where satellite signals can be obscured, such as in urban canyons;

- extra satellites and signals can improve reliability, i.e., with extra measurements the data redundancy is increased, which helps identify any measurement outlier problems;

- extra satellites and signals can improve accuracy due to improved measurement geometry and improved ranging signals from modernized satellites.

When GNSS is designed to inter-work with the NG-RAN, the network assists the UE GNSS receiver to improve the performance in several respects. These performance improvements will:

- reduce the UE GNSS start-up and acquisition times; the search window can be limited and the measurements speed up significantly;

- increase the UE GNSS sensitivity; positioning assistance messages are obtained via NG-RAN so the UE GNSS receiver can operate also in low SNR situations when it is unable to demodulate GNSS satellite signals;

- allow the UE to consume less handset power than with stand-alone GNSS; this is due to rapid start-up times as the GNSS receiver can be in idle mode when it is not needed;

- allow the UE to compute its position with a better accuracy; RTK corrections (for N-RTK) and GNSS physical models (for SSR/PPP) are obtained via NG-RAN so the UE can use these assistance data, together with its own measurements, i.e., code and carrier phase measurements, to enable computation of a position with a high accuracy.

- allow the UE to determine and report the integrity results of the calculated location; the UE can use the integrity requirements and assistance data obtained via NG-RAN, together with its own measurements, to determine the integrity results of the calculated location.

Editor’s note: FFS: Whether to allow the UE to obtain the integrity results of the calculated location, determined and reported by LMF, may depend on further progress on support for LMF-based integrity.

The network-assisted GNSS methods rely on signalling between UE GNSS receivers (possibly with reduced complexity) and a continuously operating GNSS reference receiver network, which has clear sky visibility of the same GNSS constellation as the assisted UEs. Two assisted modes are supported:

*- UE-Assisted*: The UE performs GNSS measurements (pseudo-ranges, pseudo Doppler, carrier phase ranges, etc.) and sends these measurements to the LMF where the position calculation takes place, possibly using additional measurements from other (non GNSS) sources;

*- UE-Based*: The UE performs GNSS measurements and calculates its own location, possibly using additional measurements from other (non GNSS) sources and assistance data from the LMF.

The assistance data content may vary depending on whether the UE operates in UE-Assisted or UE-Based mode.

The assistance data signalled to the UE can be broadly classified into:

- *data assisting the measurements*: e.g. reference time, visible satellite list, satellite signal Doppler, code phase, Doppler and code phase search windows;

- *data providing means for position calculation*: e.g. reference time, reference position, satellite ephemeris, clock corrections, code and carrier phase measurements from a GNSS reference receiver or network of receivers;

- *data increasing the position accuracy*: e.g. satellite code biases, satellite orbit corrections, satellite clock corrections, atmospheric models, RTK residuals, gradients.

- *data facilitating the integrity results determination of the calculated location.*

A UE with GNSS measurement capability may also operate in an autonomous (standalone) mode. In autonomous mode the UE determines its position based on signals received from GNSS without assistance from the network.

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#### 8.1.3.3 Location Information Transfer Procedure

The purpose of this procedure is to enable the LMF to request position measurements or location estimate from the UE, or to enable the UE to provide location measurements to the LMF for position calculation.

##### 8.1.3.3.1 LMF initiated Location Information Transfer Procedure

Figure 8.1.3.3.1-1 shows the Location Information Transfer operations for the network-assisted GNSS method when the procedure is initiated by the LMF.



Figure 8.1.3.3.1-1: LMF-initiated Location Information Transfer Procedure

(1) The LMF sends a LPP Request Location Information message to the UE for invocation of A-GNSS positioning. This request includes positioning instructions such as the GNSS mode (UE-assisted, UE-based, UE-based preferred but UE-assisted allowed, UE-assisted preferred, but UE-based allowed, standalone), positioning methods (GPS, Galileo, GLONASS, BDS, etc. and possibly non-GNSS methods, such as OTDOA positioning or E-CID positioning), specific UE measurements requested if any, such as fine time assistance measurements, velocity, carrier phase, multi-frequency measurements, quality of service parameters (accuracy, response time), and possibly integrity requirements.

(2) The UE performs the requested measurements and possibly calculates its own location. The UE may also determine the integrity results of the calculated location. The UE sends an LPP Provide Location Information message to the LMF before the Response Time provided in step (1) elapsed. If the UE is unable to perform the requested measurements, or if the Response Time provided in step 1 elapsed before any of the requested measurements have been obtained, the UE returns any information that can be provided in an LPP message of type Provide Location Information which includes a cause indication for the not provided location information.

##### 8.1.3.3.2 UE-initiated Location Information Delivery Procedure

Figure 8.1.3.3.2-1 shows the Location Information delivery operations for the UE-assisted GNSS method when the procedure is initiated by the UE.



Figure 8.1.3.3.2-1: UE-initiated Location Information Delivery Procedure

(1) The UE sends an LPP Provide Location Information message to the LMF. The Provide Location Information message may include any UE measurements (GNSS pseudo-ranges, carrier phase-ranges, and other measurements) already available at the UE.

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# Annex-Agreements on GNSS Positioning Integrity

### 3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #114-e R2-21xxxxx

Agreement:

Proposal 1 (modified): RAN2 confirms that LPP messages RequestCapabilities and ProvideCapabilities are used to transfer capability information of GNSS positioning integrity support. FFS the contents of capability information for GNSS positioning integrity support.

### 3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #115-e R2-2108835

Agreements:

Proposal 1: Agree that the GNSS feared events will be addressed in the WI.

Proposal 2 (modified): Agree that all for A-GNSS positioning methods, positioning integrity determination is supported in LPP.

Proposal 3: Agree that additional IEs are needed in LPP to support A-GNSS positioning integrity determination.

Proposal 4: The specific algorithms used for positioning integrity shall be up to implementation.

Proposal 5: For interoperability, the use of “hard-coded” parameters should be minimized and instead the needed parameters should be sent explicitly in the assistance data.

Proposal 6: RAN2 agrees that the PL will be reported in the Integrity Results. It is FFS whether Mode 2 and the TIR, AL, TTA that were used in the integrity calculation will also be reported in the integrity results.

Proposal 8: Agree that the UE feared events will be handled in the implementation for UE-based (network-assisted) methods of positioning integrity determination.

Proposal 10: Agree that the LMF feared events can be handled via implementation for the UE-based (network-assisted) and UE-assisted (LMF-based) methods of positioning integrity determination.

Proposal 11: RAN2 agrees to use Common Positioning IEs to transfer the KPIs and Integrity Results.

Proposal 12: RAN2 agrees that the LPP procedures can be used to transfer the KPIs and Integrity Results. For UE-assisted, the LCS procedures remain FFS in the case of MO-LR.

Agreements:

In Rel-17, we do not address the data transmission feared event (i.e. we rely on the system’s existing methods for assuring data integrity).

Agreements:

Proposal 1: The support of GNSS integrity is enabled by using existing NG-RAN positioning architecture.

Proposal 2: Any additional functional elements, positioning/integrity modes, etc. should be introduced only when needed.

Agreements:

Proposal 3 (modified): Separate procedures for "A-GNSS Positioning Integrity" as proposed in R2-2107503 will not be defined; the existing A-GNSS (and general location) Procedures are applicable/sufficient.

Proposal 4 (modified): RAN2 confirms that LPP messages RequestLocationInformation and ProvideLocationInformation are used to transfer integrity KPIs/results, respectively, for GNSS positioning at least for UE-based mode.

Proposal 5 (modified): RAN2 confirms that LPP messages RequestAssistanceData and ProvideAssistanceData are used to transfer integrity assistance data for GNSS positioning at least for UE-based mode.

### 3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #116-e R2-211xxxx

Agreements:

Proposal 1. Request feedback from RTCM SC134 on the specific technical attributes:

- overbounding of GNSS errors: zero-mean assumption (provision of standard deviation only) or non-zero mean assumption (provision of mean in addition to standard deviation); paired overbounding vs single overbounding.

- additional items are FFS for now and depend on progress during RAN2 #116.

Proposal 2. RAN2 to proceed with the Rel-17 work scope. What is achieved is FFS and depends on contributions and proposals under discussions in R2-2110181.

Proposal 3. RAN2 agrees to leverage in the future on standards for GNSS integrity message produced by RTCM SC134 when this become available.

Proposal 4. Include in the draft LS all our agreements/conclusions dealing with GNSS integrity.

Agreements:

Proposal1-1 (modified): WA: The paired overbounding technique is supported for bounding the error probability distribution for GNSS integrity as a baseline.

Proposal1-2 (modified): Error representation by SSR is supported for GNSS integrity. FFS alignment with the assistance data for OSR in RTCM (also FFS alignment with SSR, if RTCM produce something in that direction in the Rel-17 time frame).

Agreements:

Proposal2-9: Assistance data for GNSS integrity can be sent periodically.

Proposal2-11: The assistance data in GNSS-RealTimeIntegrity can be reused for GNSS integrity in R17

Agreement:

Pursue LMF-based integrity on a best-effort basis in Rel-17.