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# Introduction and justification for the work item

In Rel-17, the work item for small data enhancements (NR\_SmallData\_INACTIVE) enabled transmission of small signalling and/or data packets whilst the UE remains in RRC\_INACTIVE state. These Rel-17 enhancements supported only the Mobile Originated Small Data Transmissions (MO-SDT). In Rel-18 the Mobile Terminated Small Data Transmissions are supported with the completion of the MT-SDT WI. For DL, MT-SDT (i.e. DL-triggered small data) allows similar benefits as MO-SDT i.e. 1) reducing signalling overhead and UE power consumption by avoiding unnecessary transitions to RRC\_CONNECTED and reducing latency by allowing fast transmission of (small and infrequent) packets, e.g. for positioning.

# Summary of the SDT feature

For a UE in RRC\_INACTIVE state, MT-SDT is initiated by the network with an indication to the UE in the paging message when DL data awaits transmission for radio bearers configured for SDT; based on the indication, the UE initiates the MT-SDT only if the DL RSRP is above a configured threshold. When MT-SDT is initiated by the UE, a resume cause indicating MT-SDT is included in the RRCResumeRequest/RRCResumeRequest1 message. It is possible for the network to enable MO-SDT or MT-SDT or both MO-SDT and MT-SDT in a cell. MT-SDT procedure can be initiated with either a transmission over RACH or over Type 1 Configured Grant (CG) resources (configured via dedicated signalling in *RRCRelease*). If MT-SDT procedure is initiated over RACH, only the RACH resources not configured for SDT can be used by the UE.

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