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**Title: [Draft] LS on beam management UE-sided model LCM**

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**Source: Intel Corporation (to be TSG RAN WG2)**

**To:** **TSG RAN WG1**

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1 Overall description

To support beam management UE-side model life cycle management, RAN2 has studied and worked on the signalling procedure of applicable functionality reporting.

RAN2 has made following agreements and signalling procedure (see the attached figure) on LCM for beam management UE-sided model:



* **Step 1**: Network sends *UECapabilityEnqiry* message to initiate the procedure to a UE reporting its AI/ML supported functionalities.
* **Step 2**: UE sends *UECapablityInformation* message to network, containing supported functionalities at the UE side.
* “**Step 3**”: Following configurations are provided from NW to UE:

1) UE is allowed to do UAI reporting via OtherConfig.

2) Network may provide NW-side additional condition. FFS on the RRC signalling and whether it is mandatory or optional.

3) FFS on configuration (e.g. inference configuration) of supported functionalities. FFS on the content of configuration.

* (**between “Step 3” and “Step 4”**) UE decides the applicable functionalities based on NW-side additional conditions (if provided), UE-side additional conditions (internally known by UE) and model availability in device. FFS whether other configuration can considered by UE (e.g. inference configuration). FFS how the applicable functionality is decided if NW-side additional condition is not provided in step 3.
* “**Step 4**”: UE reports applicable functionality in the following scenarios:

1) Upon being configured to provide applicable functionality and upon change of applicable functionality via UAI

2) As response to NW-side additional condition requesting applicable functionality reporting in step 3, FFS other network configuration (e.g. inference configuration).

* **Step 5**:

1) Network configures inference configuration to UE after applicable functionality reporting, if inference configuration based on supported functionality is not provided in Step 3 (i.e. inference configuration is provided in Step 5).

2) If inference configuration based on supported functionality is provided in Step 3, it is up to network implementation whether to provide an updated configuration or not.

RAN2 also agreed the applicable functionality may be activated by receiving its inference configuration when it is provided in Step 5. FFS the initial activation state. FFS on initial state of applicable functionality if inference configuration of supported functionality is provided in Step 3. FFS on additional L1/L2 signaling for activation/deactivation. FFS if multiple applicable functionalities can be activated at the same time. FFS what is the granularity of functionality.

The above agreements were made based on the following assumptions:

NW-side additional condition is assumed as associated ID in RAN2 (which is used by majority of companies). Other inference configuration (e.g. CSI-RS resource configuration, etc) is considered separately from NW-side additional condition, i.e. it is not considered as part of NW-side additional condition in below proposals. It is up to RAN1 about the details of NW-side additional condition and other inference configuration, and the relationship between them.

Furthermore, RAN2 also agreed the following understandings on terminologies:

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| **Supported functionalities** refer to functionalities that UE can indicate by using UE capability information (via RRC/LPP signalling)**Applicable functionalities** refers to functionalities that the UE is ready to apply for inference**Activated functionalities** refers to functionalities already enabled for performing inference |

To further progress life cycle management for beam management UE-sided model, RAN2 has following questions would like to check RAN1’s understanding:

On General

* Q1: What is the granularity of supported functionality expressed in the UE capability? For example, whether it is a use case (e.g. beam management), whether it is a sub-use case (e.g. beam management Case 1), or others?
* Q2: If multiple functionalities are defined per use case or sub-use case, whether multiple functionalities can be applicable concurrently for a sub-use case, across sub-use case of a use case, and across different use cases? Whether multiple applicable functionalities can be activated at the same time?

On NW-side additional condition and configuration

* Q3: What is the format of NW-side additional condition?
* Q4: ~~For UE evaluating applicable functionality reporting~~, what is the relationship between NW-side additional condition and inference configuration in Step 3? NW-side additional condition is part of inference configuration, or NW-side additional condition is separate from inference configuration, etc?
* Q5: What is needed by UE to decide applicable functionality before Step 4 (e.g. NW-side additional condition and/or inference configuration from network)?
	+ Q5-1: Is it feasible for UE to decide the applicable functionalities without NW-side additional condition? If yes, what information does UE use to decide applicable functionality?
	+ Q5-2: Is it feasible for gNB to provide inference configuration UE in Step 3 to applicable functionalities?
	+ Q5-3: If inference configuration is needed in Step 3, what is the content of inference configuration based on supported functionality?
	+ Q5-4: If inference configuration is not needed in Step 3, what is the content of inference configuration in Step 5?
		- Q5-5: What is the delta between configuration in Step 3 (if provided) and Step 5?
* Q6: Whether NW-side additional condition is functionality specific?

On Functionality Activation

* Q7: What is the initial activation state of UE-sided model before Step 3?
* Q8: Is L1/L2 signalling for functionality activation/deactivation needed?

2 Actions

**To RAN1**

**ACTION:** RAN2 kindly requests RAN1 to take the above RAN2 agreements into consideration, and kindly reply with RAN1 understanding to enable RAN2 further progress in beam management UE-sided model LCM.

3 Dates of next TSG RAN WG2 meetings

TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #127bis Oct 14th – Oct 18th, 2024 Hefei, CN

TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #128 Nov 19th – Nov 22nd, 2024 Orlando, US

4 Comment (to be deleted after RAN2 discussion)

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| **Company** | **Comment (suggestions and other questions)** |
| OPPO | * We think Q4 should be merged with Q5-2, because Q4 is based on the assumption that inference configuration is provided in step 3, otherwise, there is no relationship between NW-side additional condition and inference configuration in Step 3. More addition, Q5-3 is also based on the assumption that inference configuration is provided in step 3, better to merge with Q5-2 as well for simplicity. So we suggest to delete Q4 and Q5-3, and revise Q5-2 as the following:
	+ Q5-2: Is it feasible for gNB to provide inference configuration to UE in Step 3 to determine applicable functionalities at UE side? If feasible, what is the content of inference configuration in Step 3 based on supported functionality? what is the relationship between NW-side additional condition and inference configuration in Step 3? NW-side additional condition is part of inference configuration, or NW-side additional condition is separate from inference configuration, etc?
* For Q5-4, to make the question clear enough, we suggest to revise Q5-4 as the following:
	+ Q5-4: If inference configuration is not needed in Step 3, i.e. inference configuration is provided in step 5, what is the content of inference configuration in Step 5? what is the relationship between NW-side additional condition and inference configuration in Step 5? NW-side additional condition is part of inference configuration, or NW-side additional condition is separate from inference configuration, etc?
* For Q5-5, we understand it should be merged into Q5-2 or put under Q5-2 as one additional question, it’s not relevant to Q5-4, so better not to put Q5-5 under Q5-4.
* For Q7, we think the question may have logic problem as there may be no inference configuration before Step 3, so suggest to revise Q7 as the following to make it clear:

Q7-1: If inference configuration is needed in Step 3, what is the initial activation state of UE-sided model upon receiving Step 3? Q7-2: If inference configuration is not needed in Step 3, what is the initial activation state of UE-sided model upon receiving Step 5? |
| vivo(Boubacar) | 1. We should have a question addressing:
* “FFS on the RRC signalling and whether it is mandatory or optional.” e.g. Qx-y: Whether Network providing NW-side additional condition in step 3 is mandatory or optional?
* “FFS on initial state of applicable functionality if inference configuration of supported functionality is provided in Step 3”
1. Suggest to put these definitions on top of the discussion:

Furthermore, RAN2 also agreed the following understandings on terminologies:

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| **Supported functionalities** refer to functionalities that UE can indicate by using UE capability information (via RRC/LPP signalling)**Applicable functionalities** refers to functionalities that the UE is ready to apply for inference**Activated functionalities** refers to functionalities already enabled for performing inference |

1. On Q3, we understand we are interested at knowing the content of NW-side additional condition, not the format, right?. So, we suggest:
* Q3: What is the content ~~format~~ of NW-side additional condition?
1. On Q4:
* Step 3 simply uses configuration and FFS about the content, thus “inference” is not used in the current sentence and the following ones.

On “NW-side additional condition is part of inference configuration, or NW-side additional condition is separate from inference configuration, etc?” we think we should also consider that “inference configuration is part of NW-side additional condition”1. Q5-2, Is “applicable functionalities” referring to “supported functionalities”?
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| Google | 1. For Q3 and Q6, they are related to the information of NW-side additional condition and should be merged or put together. Besides, the wording “format” is a bit ambiguous and may be wrongly considered as the ASN.1 format in RRC or other format in L1/L2 signalling. We prefer to revise Q3 and Q6 as the following part:* Q3: What is the form/content of NW-side additional condition? Whether NW-side additional condition is functionality specific?

2. For Q4, we should focus on the relationship discussion between NW-side additional condition and inference configuration. The description of Q4 should be general without considering the detailed cases or steps. Besides, as vivo suggested, we also need to consider the third option for the relationship. Thus, Q4 can be revised as showed below:* Q4: what is the relationship between NW-side additional condition and inference configuration? NW-side additional condition is part of inference configuration, or NW-side additional condition is separate from inference configuration, or inference configuration is part of NW-side additional condition etc?

3. For Q5, we want to know whether NW-side additional condition and/or inference configuration are needed before step 4. Moreover, RAN1 is also expected to provide the answer to the content of the inference configuration. For Q5-2, as indicated above, the wording is unclear and need to be updated. For Q5-3 and Q5-5, they are for the same case and should be put under the same branch. In a summary, the Q5 can be revised below:* Q5: What is needed from NW side by UE to decide applicable functionality before Step 4 (e.g. NW-side additional condition and/or inference configuration from network)?
	+ Q5-1: Is it feasible for UE to decide the applicable functionalities without NW-side additional condition? If yes, what information does UE use to decide applicable functionality?
	+ Q5-2: Is it feasible for gNB to provide inference configuration in Step 3 for UE to determine applicable functionalities?
	+ Q5-3: If inference configuration is needed in Step 3:
		- Q5-3-1: what is the content of inference configuration in step 3 based on supported functionality?
		- Q5-3-2: If inference configuration is updated in step5, what is the delta between configuration in Step 3 and Step 5?
	+ Q5-4: If inference configuration is not needed in Step 3, what is the content of inference configuration in Step 5?

4. For Q7, the “initial activation state” may mislead that the initial state is activation. So, we prefer to reword it as “the initial state”. Besides, we agree with OPPO on the updates of Q7. Consequently, the Q7 can be updated below:Q7-1: If inference configuration is needed in Step 3, what is the initial state of UE-sided model upon receiving Step 3? Q7-2: If inference configuration is not needed in Step 3, what is the initial state of UE-sided model upon receiving Step 5? |
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