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## 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.

**Pre-configured assistance data:** The DL-PRS assistance data (with associated validity criteria) that can be provided to the UE (before or during an ongoing LPP positioning session), to be then utilized for potential positioning measurements at a future time (e.g. for deferred MT-LR).

**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.

## 3.2 Abbreviations

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5GC 5G Core Network

5GS 5G System

A-AoA Azimuth-Angle of Arrival

ADR Accumulated Delta Range

AoA Angle of Arrival

AP Access Point

ARP Antenna Reference Point

BDS BeiDou Navigation Satellite System

BSSID Basic Service Set Identifier

CID Cell-ID (positioning method)

CLAS Centimetre Level Augmentation Service

DL-AoD Downlink Angle-of-Departure

DL-PRS Downlink Positioning Reference Signal

DL-TDOA Downlink Time Difference Of Arrival

E-SMLC Enhanced Serving Mobile Location Centre

E-CID Enhanced Cell-ID (positioning method)

ECEF Earth-Centered, Earth-Fixed

ECI Earth-Centered-Inertial

EGNOS European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service

E-UTRAN Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network

FDMA Frequency Division Multiple Access

FKP Flächenkorrekturparameter (Engl: Area Correction Parameters)

GAGAN GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation

GLONASS GLObal'naya NAvigatsionnaya Sputnikovaya Sistema (Engl.: Global Navigation Satellite System)

GMLC Gateway Mobile Location Centre

GNSS Global Navigation Satellite System

GPS Global Positioning System

GRS80 Geodetic Reference System 1980

HESSID Homogeneous Extended Service Set Identifier

LCS LoCation Services

LMF Location Management Function

LPP LTE Positioning Protocol

MAC Master Auxiliary Concept

MBS Metropolitan Beacon System

MO-LR Mobile Originated Location Request

MT-LR Mobile Terminated Location Request

Multi-RTT Multi-Round Trip Time

NG-C NG Control plane

NG-AP NG Application Protocol

NI-LR Network Induced Location Request

N-RTK Network – Real-Time Kinematic

NRPPa NR Positioning Protocol A

OTDOA Observed Time Difference Of Arrival

PDU Protocol Data Unit

posSI Positioning System Information

posSIB Positioning SIB

PPP Precise Point Positioning

PPP-RTK Precise Point Positioning – Real-Time Kinematic

PRS Positioning Reference Signal (for E-UTRA)

PRU Positioning Reference Unit

QZSS Quasi-Zenith Satellite System

RP Reception Point

RRM Radio Resource Management

RSRP Reference Signal Received Power

RSRQ Reference Signal Received Quality

RSSI Received Signal Strength Indicator

RSTD Reference Signal Time Difference

RTK Real-Time Kinematic

SBAS Space Based Augmentation System

SDT Small Data Transmission

SET SUPL Enabled Terminal

SIB System Information Block

SLP SUPL Location Platform

SP Semi-Persistent

SRS Sounding Reference Signal

SSID Service Set Identifier

SSR State Space Representation

STEC Slant TEC

SUPL Secure User Plane Location

TADV Timing Advance

TBS Terrestrial Beacon System

TEC Total Electron Content

TP Transmission Point

TRP Transmission-Reception Point

UE User Equipment

UL-AoA Uplink Angle of Arrival

UL-RTOA Uplink Relative Time of Arrival

UL-SRS Uplink Sounding Reference Signal

UL-TDOA Uplink Time Difference of Arrival

URA User Range Accuracy

WAAS Wide Area Augmentation System

WGS-84 World Geodetic System 1984

WLAN Wireless Local Area Network

Z-AoA Zenith Angles of Arrival

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## 5.2 UE Positioning Operations

To support positioning of a target UE and delivery of location assistance data to a UE with NG-RAN access in 5GS, location related functions are distributed as shown in the architecture in Figure 5.1-1 and as clarified in greater detail in TS 23.501 [2] and TS 23.273 [35]. The overall sequence of events applicable to the UE, NG-RAN and LMF for any location service is shown in Figure 5.2-1.

Note that when the AMF receives a Location Service Request in case of the UE is in CM-IDLE state, the AMF performs a network triggered service request as defined in TS 23.502 [26] and TS 23.273 [35] in order to establish a signalling connection with the UE and assign a specific serving gNB or ng-eNB. The UE is assumed to be in connected mode before the beginning of the flow shown in the Figure 5.2-1; that is, any signalling that might be required to bring the UE to connected mode prior to step 1a is not shown. The signalling connection may, however, be later released (e.g. by the NG-RAN node as a result of signalling and data inactivity) while positioning is still ongoing.



Figure 5.2-1: Location Service Support by NG-RAN

1a. Either: some entity in the 5GC (e.g. GMLC) requests some location service (e.g. positioning) for a target UE to the serving AMF.

1b. Or: the serving AMF for a target UE determines the need for some location service (e.g. to locate the UE for an emergency call).

1c. Or: the UE requests some location service (e.g. positioning or delivery of assistance data) to the serving AMF at the NAS level.

2. The AMF transfers the location service request to an LMF.

3a. The LMF instigates location procedures with the serving and possibly neighbouring ng-eNB or gNB in the NG-RAN – e.g. to obtain positioning measurements or assistance data.

3b. In addition to step 3a or instead of step 3a, the LMF instigates location procedures with the UE – e.g. to obtain a location estimate or positioning measurements or to transfer location assistance data to the UE.

4. The LMF provides a location service response to the AMF and includes any needed results – e.g. success or failure indication and, if requested and obtained, a location estimate for the UE.

5a. If step 1a was performed, the AMF returns a location service response to the 5GC entity in step 1a and includes any needed results – e.g. a location estimate for the UE.

5b. If step 1b occurred, the AMF uses the location service response received in step 4 to assist the service that triggered this in step 1b (e.g. may provide a location estimate associated with an emergency call to a GMLC).

5c. If step 1c was performed, the AMF returns a location service response to the UE and includes any needed results – e.g. a location estimate for the UE.

Location procedures applicable to NG-RAN occur in steps 3a and 3b in Figure 5.2-1 and are defined in greater detail in this specification. Other steps in Figure 5.2-1 are applicable only to the 5GC and are described in greater detail and in TS 23.502 [26] and TS 23.273 [35].

Steps 3a and 3b can involve the use of different position methods to obtain location related measurements for a target UE and from these compute a location estimate and possibly additional information like velocity. Positioning methods supported in this release are summarized in clause 4.3 and described in detail in clause 8.

The case that the NG-RAN node functions as an LCS client is not supported in this version of the specification.

## 5.3 NG-RAN Positioning Operations

### 5.3.1 General NG-RAN Positioning Operations

Separately from location service support for particular UEs, an LMF may interact with elements in the NG-RAN in order to obtain measurement information to help assist one or more position methods for all UEs. An LMF may also interact with NG-RAN node to provide assistance data information for broadcasting.

### 5.3.2 OTDOA Positioning Support

An LMF can interact with any ng-eNB reachable from any of the AMFs with signalling access to the LMF in order to obtain location related information to support the OTDOA for E-UTRA positioning method, including PRS-based TBS for E-UTRA. The information can include timing information for the TP in relation to either absolute GNSS time or timing of other TPs and information about the supported cells and TPs including PRS schedule.

Signalling access between the LMF and ng-eNB may be via any AMF with signalling access to both the LMF and ng‑eNB.

An LMF can also interact with any gNB reachable from any of the AMFs with signalling access to the LMF in order to obtain NR cell timing information to support the OTDOA for E-UTRA positioning method, in case the UE is served by a NR cell.

### 5.3.3 Assistance Information Broadcast Support

An LMF can interact with any NG-RAN node reachable from any of the AMFs with signalling access to the LMF in order to provide assistance data information for broadcasting. The information can include positioning System Information Blocks (posSIBs) together with assistance information meta data, broadcast cells and broadcast periodicity.

Signalling access between the LMF and NG-RAN node is via any AMF with signalling access to both the LMF and NG-RAN node.

### 5.3.4 NR RAT-Dependent Positioning Support

An LMF can interact with any gNB reachable from any of the AMFs with signalling access to the LMF in order to obtain location related information to support the NR RAT-Dependent positioning methods. The information can include timing information for the TRP in relation to either absolute GNSS time or timing of other TRPs and information about the supported cells and TRPs including PRS schedule.

When an LMF determines a positioning method for a UE, which requires gNB measurements, the LMF can interact with the gNB to support the positioning method. The LMF can request the gNB for SRS configuration for the UE and the gNB can respond with the SRS configuration to the LMF. The gNB can provide an updated SRS configuration to the LMF when the SRS configuration changes. If semi-persistent or aperiodic SRS is configured to the UE, the LMF may activate/deactivate the SRS. When the SRS is transmitted by the UE, the LMF can request multiple TRPs to perform uplink measurements and report the results.

Signalling access between the LMF and gNB for non-UE associated NRPPa procedure in Clause 7.2.1 may be via any AMF with signalling access to both the LMF and gNB. Signalling access between the LMF and gNB for UE associated NRPPa procedure in Clause 7.2.1 is via the serving AMF, as in TS 23.273 [35].

## 5.4 Functional Description of Elements Related to UE Positioning in NG-RAN

### 5.4.1 User Equipment (UE)

The UE may make measurements of downlink signals from NG-RAN and other sources such as E-UTRAN, different GNSS and TBS systems, WLAN access points, Bluetooth beacons, UE barometric pressure and motion sensors. The measurements to be made will be determined by the chosen positioning method.

The UE may also contain LCS applications, or access an LCS application either through communication with a network accessed by the UE or through another application residing in the UE. This LCS application may include the needed measurement and calculation functions to determine the UE's position with or without network assistance. This is outside of the scope of this specification.

The UE may also, for example, contain an independent positioning function (e.g., GPS) and thus be able to report its position, independent of the NG-RAN transmissions. The UE with an independent positioning function may also make use of assistance information obtained from the network.

### 5.4.2 gNB

The gNB is a network element of NG-RAN that may provide measurement information for a target UE and communicates this information to an LMF.

To support NR RAT-Dependent positioning, the gNB may make measurements of radio signals for a target UE, and provide measurement results for position estimation. A gNB may serve several TRPs, including for example remote radio heads, and UL-SRS only RPs and DL-PRS-only TPs.

A gNB may broadcast assistance data information, received from an LMF, in positioning System Information messages.

### 5.4.3 ng-eNB

The ng-eNB is a network element of NG-RAN that may provide measurement results for position estimation and makes measurements of radio signals for a target UE and communicates these measurements to an LMF.

The ng-eNB makes its measurements in response to requests from the LMF (on demand or periodically).

An ng-eNB may serve several TPs, including for example remote radio heads and PRS-only TPs for PRS-based TBS positioning for E-UTRA.

An ng-eNB may broadcast assistance data information, received from an LMF, in positioning System Information messages.

### 5.4.4 Location Management Function (LMF)

The LMF manages the support of different location services for target UEs, including positioning of UEs and delivery of assistance data to UEs. The LMF may interact with the serving gNB or serving ng-eNB for a target UE in order to obtain position measurements for the UE, including uplink measurements made by an NG-RAN and downlink measurements made by the UE that were provided to an NG-RAN as part of other functions such as for support of handover.

The LMF may interact with a target UE in order to deliver assistance data if requested for a particular location service, or to obtain a location estimate if that was requested.

The LMF may interact with multiple NG-RAN nodes to provide assistance data information for broadcasting. The assistance data information for broadcast may optionally be segmented and/or ciphered by the LMF. The LMF may also interact with AMFs to provide ciphering key data information to the AMF as described in greater detail in TS 23.273 [35].

For positioning of a target UE, the LMF decides on the position methods to be used, based on factors that may include the LCS Client type, the required QoS, UE positioning capabilities, gNB positioning capabilities and ng-eNB positioning capabilities. The LMF then invokes these positioning methods in the UE, serving gNB and/or serving ng‑eNB. The positioning methods may yield a location estimate for UE-based position methods and/or positioning measurements for UE-assisted and network-based position methods. The LMF may combine all the received results and determine a single location estimate for the target UE (hybrid positioning). Additional information like accuracy of the location estimate and velocity may also be determined.

The LMF may interact with the AMF to support the provisioning of UE positioning capability to the AMF as described in TS 23.273 [35].

### 5.4.x Positioning Reference Unit (PRU)

A Positioning Reference Unit (PRU) at a known location can perform positioning measurements (e.g., RSTD, RSRP, UE Rx-Tx Time Difference measurements, etc.) and report these measurements to a location server. In addition, the PRU can transmit SRS to enable TRPs to measure and report UL positioning measurements (e.g., RTOA, UL-AoA, gNB Rx-Tx Time Difference, etc.) from PRUs at a known location. The PRU measurements can be compared by a location server with the measurements expected at the known PRU location to determine correction terms for other nearby target devices. The DL- and/or UL location measurements for other target devices can then be corrected based on the previously determined correction terms.

From a location server perspective, the PRU functionality is realized by a UE with known location.

Editor's Note: FFS: The exact positioning functionalities supported, and the assistance data/location information transfers supported by PRU.

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## 7.3 Service Layer Support using combined LPP and NRPPa Procedures

### 7.3.1 General

As described in TS 23.502 [26] and TS 23.273 [35], UE-positioning-related services can be instigated from the 5GC for an NI-LR or MT‑LR location service, or from the UE in case of an MO-LR location service. The complete sequence of operations in the 5GC is defined in TS 23.502 [26] and TS 23.273 [35]. This clause defines the overall sequences of operations that occur in the LMF, NG-RAN and UE as a result of the 5GC operations.

### 7.3.2 NI-LR and MT-LR Service Support

Figure 7.3.2-1 shows the sequence of operations for an NI-LR or MT-LR location service, starting at the point where the AMF initiates the service in the LMF.



Figure 7.3.2-1: UE Positioning Operations to support an MT-LR or NI-LR

1. The AMF sends a location request to the LMF for a target UE and may include associated QoS, the scheduled location time and the UE LPP positioning capabilities when available, as described in TS 23.273 [35].

2. The LMF may obtain location related information from the UE and/or from the serving NG-RAN Node. In the former case, the LMF instigates one or more LPP procedures to transfer UE positioning capabilities, provide assistance data to the UE and/or obtain location information from the UE. The UE may also instigate one or more LPP procedures after the first LPP message is received from the LMF (e.g., to request assistance data from the LMF). If a scheduled location time is provided in step 1, the LMF may provide pre-configured assistance data to the UE ahead of time and schedule location measurements by the UE to occur at or near to the scheduled location time. The LPP procedures to transfer UE LPP positioning capabilities may be skipped if the LMF has already obtained the UE positioning capabilities from the AMF in step 1.

3. If the LMF needs location related information for the UE from the NG-RAN, the LMF instigates one or more NRPPa procedures. Step 3 is not necessarily serialised with step 2; if the LMF and NG-RAN Node have the information to determine what procedures need to take place for the location service, step 3 could precede or overlap with step 2. If scheduled location time is provided in step 1, the LMF may schedule location measurements by the NG-RAN to occur at or near to the scheduled location time.

4. The LMF returns a location response to the AMF with any location estimate obtained as a result of steps 2 and 3. The LMF may also return the LPP UE capabilities as described in TS 23.273 [35].

Editor's Note: The scheduled location time and the storage of UE positioning capability in AMF may be updated based on further inputs from SA2 and further discussion in RAN, e.g. when/whether LMF forwards UE positioning capabilities to AMF, whether scheduled location time is signaled to UE/NG-RAN ,etc.

### 7.3.3 MO-LR Service Support

Figure 7.3.3-1 shows the sequence of operations for an MO-LR service, starting at the point where an LCS Client in the UE or the user has requested some location service (e.g., retrieval of the UE's location or transfer of the UE's location to a third party).



Figure 7.3.3-1: UE Positioning Operations to support an MO-LR

1. The UE sends an MO-LR location service request message included in a UL NAS TRANSPORT message as specified in TS 24.501 [29] to the AMF. 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 and the scheduled location time , as described in TS 23.273 [35].

2. The AMF invokes the Nlmf Determine Location Request service operation towards the LMF as specified in TS 29.572 [33] and includes any LPP PDU, the scheduled location time received in step 1 and the UE LPP positioning capabilities when available.

3. The LMF may obtain location related information from the UE and/or from the serving NG-RAN node. In the former case or if an immediate response is needed to any LPP procedure instigated by the UE in step 1 (e.g., a request for assistance data), the LMF instigates one or more LPP procedures to transfer UE positioning capabilities, provide assistance data to the UE and/or obtain location information from the UE. The UE may also instigate further LPP procedures after the first LPP message is received from the LMF (e.g., to request assistance data or to request further assistance data). If a scheduled location time is provided in step 2, the LMF may provide pre-configured assistance data to the UE ahead of time and schedule location measurements by the UE to occur at or near to the scheduled location time. The LPP procedures to transfer UE positioning capabilities may be skipped if the LMF has already obtained the UE positioning capabilities from the AMF in step 2.

4. If the LMF needs location related information for the UE from the NG-RAN, the LMF instigates one or more NRPPa procedures. Step 4 may also precede step 3 or occur in parallel with it. If scheduled location time is provided in step 1, the LMF may schedule location measurements by the NG-RAN to occur at or near to the scheduled location time.

5. The LMF invokes the Nlmf Determine Location Response service operation towards the AMF as specified in TS 29.572 [33] which includes any location estimate obtained as a result of steps 3 and 4. The LMF may also return the LPP UE capabilities as described in TS 23.273 [35].

6. If the UE requested location transfer to a third party the AMF transfers the location received from the LMF in step 5 to the third party as defined in TS 23.273 [35].

7. The AMF sends an MO-LR location service response message included in a DL NAS TRANSPORT message as specified in TS 24.501 [29].

Editor's Note: The scheduled location time and the storage of UE positioning capability in AMF may be updated based on further inputs from SA2 and further discussion in RAN, e.g. when/whether LMF forwards UE positioning capabilities to AMF, whether scheduled location time is signaled to UE/NG-RAN ,etc.

### 7.3.4 Deferred MT-LR Event Reporting Support

Figure 7.3.4-1 shows the sequence of operations for an Deferred MT-LR Event Reporting starting at the point where the UE reports an event to the LMF.



Figure 7.3.4-1: UE Positioning Operations to support a Deferred MT-LR

1. The UE sends a supplementary services event report message to the LMF as described in TS 24.571 [41] which is transferred via the serving AMF and is delivered to the LMF using an Namf\_Communication\_N1MessageNotify service operation. The event report may indicate the type of event being reported and may include an embedded positioning message which includes any location measurements or location estimate.

2. If LMF determines no positioning procedure is needed, steps 3 and 4 are skipped.

3. The LMF may utilize any location information received in step 1. The LMF may also retrieve location related information from the UE and/or from the serving NG-RAN Node. In the former case, the LMF instigates one or more LPP procedures to provide assistance data to the UE and/or obtain location information from the UE. The UE may also instigate one or more LPP procedures after the first LPP message is received from the LMF (e.g., to request assistance data from the LMF).

4. If the LMF needs location related information for the UE from the NG-RAN, the LMF instigates one or more NRPPa procedures. Step 3 is not necessarily serialised with step 2; if the LMF and NG-RAN Node have the information to determine what procedures need to take place for the location service, step 3 could precede or overlap with step 2.

5. The LMF invokes an Nlmf\_Location\_EventNotify service operation towards the GMLC with an indication of the type of event being reported and any location estimate obtained as a result of steps 2 and 3.

Editor's Note: The scheduled location time and the storage of UE positioning capability in AMF may be updated based on further inputs from SA2 and further discussion in RAN, e.g. when/whether LMF forwards UE positioning capabilities to AMF, whether scheduled location time is signaled to UE/NG-RAN ,etc.

## 7.x Procedures for On-Demand PRS transmission

### 7.x.1 General

On-Demand PRS transmission procedure allows a UE or LMF to request the PRS transmission or the change to PRS transmission characteristics for positioning measurements. Either UE or LMF can initiate the On-Demand PRS transmission request.

### 7.x.2 On-Demand PRS transmission procedures

Figure 7.x.2-1 shows the general positioning procedure for On-Demand PRS transmission.



Figure 7.x.2-1: Procedures to support On-Demand PRS transmission.

0. The LMF may receive information on the possible On-Demand PRS configurations that the gNB can support during the TRP Configuration Information Exchange procedure.

1. In case of UE-initiated On-demand PRS, the LMF may configure the UE with pre-defined PRS configurations via LPP Provide Assistance Data message or via posSI.

2a. In case of UE-initiated On-Demand PRS, the UE sends an On-Demand PRS request to the LMF via LPP Request Assistance Data message or MO-LR Request/Nlmf\_Location\_DetermineLocationRequest. The On-Demand PRS request may be a request for PRS transmission or change to the PRS transmission characteristics for positioning measurements.

2b. In case of LMF-initiated On-Demand PRS or UE-initiated On-Demand PRS, the LMF may obtain measurements from the UE using some existing positioning methods to assist step 3 e.g., the LMF may obtain SSB/CSI-RS RSRP measurements (NR-ECID) or DL-PRS RSRP measurements (DL-AoD).

3. The LMF determines the need for PRS transmission or change to PRS transmission characteristics.

4. The LMF requests the serving and non-serving gNBs/TRPs for new PRS transmission or PRS transmission with changes to the PRS configuration via NRPPa PRS CONFIGURATION REQUEST message.

5. The gNBs/TRPs provide the PRS transmission update in the NRPPa PRS CONFIGURATION RESPONSE message accordingly .

6. LMF provides the updated PRS configuration used for PRS transmission via LPP Provide Assistance Data message or posSI to the UE.

NOTE 1: It is up to Network (LMF) implementation on the steps to follow (accept/reject/ignore) on receiving UE-initiated On-Demand PRS request.

NOTE 2: It is up to Network (TRP) implementation on the steps to follow (accept/reject/ignore) on receiving LMF-initiated On-Demand PRS requests.

Editor's Note: Depending upon RAN3 input, the above description may need to be updated especially for NRPPa procedure, e.g. the name of the message, exchange between RAN and LMF on allowed PRS configuration, etc.

Editor's Note: FFS if the UE can send the MO-LR to request On-Demand PRS.

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# Annex-Agreements on RAT dependent positioning methods

## Running CRs

[R2-2111374](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cmtk16923%5CDocuments%5C3GPP%20Meetings%5C202111%20-%20RAN2_116-e%2C%20Online%5CExtracts%5CR2-2111374-Running%2038.305%20CR_v02_CL.docx) Running 38.305 CR for Positioning WI on RAT dependent positioning methods Intel Corporation draftCR Rel-17 38.305 16.6.0 B NR\_pos\_enh-Core

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## Latency reduction

### 3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #114-e R2-21xxxxx Online, 19-27 May 2021

Agreements:

Support pre-configuration of assistance data to the UE at least in an LPP session. Details of how to enable this are FFS (e.g. what additional functionality beyond deferred location procedure might be needed).

The LPP Request Location Information message can serve as an indication to the UE to utilize the pre-configured AD. FFS additional conditions/validity criteria for using the pre-configured AD.

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

Agreement:

Proposal 3: Regarding the validity conditions/criteria associated with pre-configured assistance data, consider at least the following options:

 Option A: Based on a validity area (e.g. a list of cells)

 Option B: Based on a (configured) validity timer or a numerical limit on number of times it is utilized

 Option C: Based on explicit modification or release from the LMF/NG-RAN

 Option D: Based on the UE’s current location and/or the time

Agreement:

Proposal 6 (modified): In response to the question asked by SA2 regarding UE positioning capability, ~~it is proposed to~~ capture that the positioning related UE capabilities can be variable.

NOTE: P6 was edited after agreement for clarity (deletion marked with strikeout). Checked in email discussion [AT115-e][600].

### 3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #116 electronic

Agreements:

Proposal 1: Assistance data can be (pre-)configured independently of any given LPP positioning session and thus can be reused across multiple positioning sessions.

Proposal 2: It is suggested to agree that in order to reduce positioning latency associated with signaling of assistance data (via both broadcast or dedicated signaling), pre-configured assistance data can be considered valid for usage across multiple LPP positioning sessions.

FFS spec impact from these proposals.

Agreement:

Pre-configured assistance data (distinct from “pre-defined configuration” as discussed for on-demand PRS) refers to the DL-PRS assistance data (with associated validity criteria) that can be provided to the UE (before or during an ongoing LPP positioning session), to be then utilized for potential positioning measurements at a future time (e.g. for deferred MT-LR). FFS whether to capture this in a spec.

Agreement:

Proposal 8 (modified): Down-prioritize dynamic triggering of a preconfigured SRS at UE in connected mode by gNB for transmitting SRS based on measurement report provided by UE in Rel-17.

## RRC\_INACTIVE

### 3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #113b-e R2-21xxxxx Online, 12-20 April 2021

Agreements:

WA: Any uplink LCS or LPP message can be transported in RRC\_INACTIVE from RAN2 perspective, subject to the data volume supported by AS layers. I.e. RAN2 do not specify a restriction on message type.

FFS if LPP needs to select transport, i.e. if the message is just submitted to lower layers which decide how to deliver it (SDT, change state, etc.).

FFS if RRC state is exposed to LPP.

### 3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #114-e R2-21xxxxx Online, 19-27 May 2021

Agreements:

Any uplink LCS or LPP message can be transported in RRC\_INACTIVE from RAN2 perspective.

Follow Rel-17 SDT framework for INACTIVE UL and DL positioning:

 If the UE initiated data transmission using UL SDT, the network can send DL LCS, LPP message and RRC message (e.g. to configure SRS (TBD on what message is used), if UL positioning supported) to the UE.

 Otherwise, if UE did not initiate UL SDT, rely on legacy operation, i.e. the network shall transition the UE to RRC\_CONNECTED, e.g. based on RAN paging.

Agreements:

Exposure of the RRC state of the UE to the LPP layer of the UE for RRC\_INACTIVE UL and DL positioning will not be specified. This does not exclude cross-layer behaviour in implementations.

The RRC state of the UE is not exposed to the LMF for INACTIVE UL and DL positioning.

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

Agreements:

LPP PDU and LCS message transfer:

Proposal 1: The LPP PDU Transfer Procedure in Annex A is used as baseline for further work.

NOTE 1: Some details may depend on further progress of the SDT work item.

NOTE 2: Whether such a procedure needs to be captured in Stage 2 specification or not can be decided later when the procedure has been fully developed/agreed. That is, the procedure can be considered as "running baseline".

Proposal 2: The LCS Message Transfer Procedure in Annex B is used as baseline for further work.

NOTE 1: Some details may depend on further progress of the SDT work item.

NOTE 2: Whether such a procedure needs to be captured in Stage 2 specification or not can be decided later when the procedure has been fully developed/agreed. That is, the procedure can be considered as "running baseline".

Proposal 3: UL LPP message segmentation can also be used by the UE in RRC\_INACTIVE state; i.e., a LPP message body can be sent in several shorter LPP messages instead of one long LPP message by using the SDT "Subsequent Data Transmission" phase. FFS spec impact.

DL and RAT-independent positioning:

Proposal 4: The Deferred 5GC-MT-LR Procedure with SDT for DL-only and RAT-independent positioning in Annex C is used as baseline for further work.

NOTE 1: Some details may depend on further progress of SDT work item.

NOTE 2: Whether such a procedure needs to be captured in Stage 2 specification or not can be decided later when the procedure has been fully developed/agreed. That is, the procedure can be considered as "running baseline".

NOTE 3: Once the procedure is stable from RAN2 perspective, send an LS to SA2 including the baseline procedure.

Agreement:

(High priority)Proposal 1: Support all the RAT independent positioning methods in RRC\_INACTIVE state.

Agreement:

gNB can configure the UE with periodic SRS (assuming periodic SRS is supported in RRC\_INACTIVE) by RRCRelease with suspendConfig at least when periodic event is configured for deferred MT-LR. Other cases can be further discussed.

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Agreement:

Proposal 4 (modified): For positioning in RRC\_INACTIVE state, the positioning assistance data can be delivered to UE through the following ways:

- positioning system information, i.e. posSIB;(12/13)

- pre-configure assistance data when UE in RRC\_CONNECTED state;(11/13)

- send to UE in RRC\_INACTIVE during ongoing SDT procedure. (9/13)

Agreement:

Proposal 6: SRS for positioning in RRC\_INACTIVE state can be configured through the following ways:

- RRCRelease with SuspendConfig (13/13)

- SDT DL RRC message, i.e. Msg B / Msg 4 of RA-SDT (9/13)

- WA: pre-configure positioning SRS in RRC\_CONNECTED (9/13)

FFS detailed signalling for these approaches.

Proposal 8: Support SP SRSp for positioning in RRC\_INACTIVE state. (12/13)

Proposal 9: SP Positioning SRS Activation/Deactivation MAC CE is reused for triggering SRSp transmission in RRC\_INACTIVE. (12/12)

Proposal 10: AP SRSp is not supported for positioning in RRC\_INACTIVE state. (11/13)

## On demand PRS

### 3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #113b-e R2-21xxxxx Online, 12-20 April 2021

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 C.

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

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

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.

### 3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #116 electronic

Agreements:

Proposal 1: RAN2 to agree to support the UE originated request of on-demand PRS via MO-LR for autonomous self location. (11/14)

Proposal 3: RAN2 to agree that UE can send 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, and the MOLR-Type of this MO-LR Request message is “assistanceData”. (12/14)

Proposal 4: RAN2 to agree the following general stage 2 procedure as baseline for UE initiated on-demand PRS via MO-LR. (13/14) [Figure 2 of R2-2109483, with the associated list of steps as given in section 5 of R2-2109483.] To be discussed in development of the running stage 2 CR (post-meeting) how much of this detail we need to capture in 38.305.

Agreements:

Proposal 1.1: The UE may initiate an on-demand PRS request per positioning method including DL-TDoA, DL-AoD and Multi-RTT, via the existing LPP RequestAssistanceData message.

Proposal 1.2: There is no need for introducing a new LPP message to carry the on-demand PRS request.

## PRU

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

Agreements:

Proposal 1 (modified): For purposes of RAN2 discussion, the PRU functionality as described in the RAN1 LS can be considered as UE with known location (to some degree of accuracy) at least (16/17).

PRU modelled as a gNB can be discussed in RAN3 (no RAN2 action).

Agreement:

RAN2 confirm that the PRU considered as a UE supports the normal LPP procedures for assistance data transfer and location information transfer.

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Agreement:

Proposal 5: Regarding the handling of the PRU topic, agree the following way forward:

(1) Send an LS to SA2 asking SA2 whether the MT-LR or MO-LR location procedures as currently specified in TS 23.273 can be used to enable an LMF obtaining location measurements from PRUs (via LPP) and to trigger SRS transmission of PRUs (via NRPPa), or whether an LMF needs to be enabled to instigate location procedures for a PRU (e.g., LPP, NRPPa procedures) without receiving a location request for the PRU from an AMF (i.e., in the absence of an MT-LR or MO-LR for the PRU), and if so, whether support can be provided as part of Release 17.

(2) Send an LS to RAN1 asking RAN1 whether the LMF determined "correction information" obtained from PRU measurements need to be provided to target UEs for UE-based mode of operation, and if so, ask RAN1 to provide further details on the specific "correction information" which need to be provided to target UEs. In addition, ask RAN1 to provide further details on the "PRU antenna orientation information" which should be provided to an LMF.

LS to be progressed by email (extension of [AT116-e][615], to approve by email by EOM).

Agreements:

Proposal 3: RAN2 confirm that the PRU considered as a UE supports the normal LPP procedures for PRU capability transfer.

Proposal 1 (modified): RAN2 confirms that a PRU can support at least the following functionality (as described in the RAN1 LS), dependent on PRU capability:

- Provide the positioning measurements (e.g., RSTD, RSRP, Rx-Tx time differences) to an LMF.

- Transmit the UL SRS signals for positioning.

- FFS known location information and antenna orientation information