**3GPP T****SG-RAN WG2 Meeting #115-e draft-R2-2108884**

**E-Meeting: August 09-27, 2021**

**Agenda item: 8.10.3.1**

**Source: Qualcomm Incorporated**

**Title: [AT115-e][102][NTN] LCS aspects (Qualcomm)**

**Document for: Discussion and Decision**

# Introduction

Followings are agreements made in RAN2#115e regarding coarse UE location information.

Agreements:

1. If SA3 replies with concern on reporting UE location with any granularity during initial access, RAN2 will revisit agreement/solution for reporting UE location during initial access.
2. UE coarse location information refers to coarse GNSS coordinates (FFS on the details, e.g. X MSB bits out of 24 bits of longitude/latitude or GNSS coordinates with ~2km accuracy). FFS if any enhancements to validate the UE’s coarse location information is needed. FFS whether this is only used in initial access or also in connected

This document provides report of the following offline discussion.

* [AT115-e][102][NTN] LCS aspects (Qualcomm)

Scope: Continue the discussion on p2-p8 from [R2-2108848](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\RAN2\Docs\R2-2108848.zip) and then draft reply LS responses to RAN3 (contact Qualcomm) and SA3 (contact Huawei)

Intended outcome: Summary of the offline discussion with e.g.:

* + - List of proposals for agreement (if any)
    - List of proposals for further discussion
    - List of proposals that should not be pursued (if any)

Initial deadline (for companies' feedback): Thursday 2021-08-19 1600 UTC

Initial deadline (for rapporteur's summary in R2-2108884): Thursday 2021-08-19 2200 UTC

Deadline for reply LSs: Week2 (after CB session)

Proposals marked "for agreement" in R2-2108884 not challenged until Friday 2021-08-20 1000 UTC will be declared as agreed via email by the session chair (for the rest the discussion will further continue offline until the CB session in Week2).

# Discussion

## Discussion on p2-p8 from R2-2108848

Please provide your views on the proposal 2 to proposal 8 from R2-2108848 [1].

1. The coarse location information is reported in Msg5, i.e., via *RRCSetupComplete*/*RRCResumeComplete* message.

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| **Company** | **Agree/Not agree** | **Comments** |
| FGI | Agree |  |
| Samsung | Agree |  |
| Thales | Agree |  |
| Ericsson |  | Up to SA3 |
| OPPO |  | Up to SA3 |
| MediaTek |  | Up to SA3 |
| Xiaomi |  | Up to SA3 |
| Lenovo |  | Up to SA3 |
| Huawei, HiSilicon |  | Up to SA3 |
| CATT | **Agree** | RAN2 may go on the discussion based on the agreement so far, and may update later accordingly. So far we didn't see big concern because the coarse location information is ~2KM, rather than ~50KM which may bring concern from SA3. |
| Vodafone | **Agree** |  |
| Sony | Agree |  |
| ZTE |  | It is possible to report UE location via Msg5 from RAN2’s perspective but we have to consult SA3 if there is any security concern or privacy concern as usually we do not acquire sensitive information like measurement results or location info before AS security is activated.  Since we will have reply LS to SA3 as discussed below, maybe we can one more question in the reply LS for this location report in Msg5. |
| Nokia | Agree | If SA3 allows. |
| Qualcomm | Agree | If the coarse UE location report is sent during initial access, then it has to be sent in RRCSetupComplete/RRCResumeComplete message.  Just stick to what we have agreed:   1. If SA3 replies with concern on reporting UE location with any granularity during initial access, RAN2 will revisit agreement/solution for reporting UE location during initial access. |
| NEC | **Agree** | But we can leave to SA3 for further checking |
| Intel | Agree | Agree that RRCResumeComplete / RRCSetupComplete is up to SA3 |
| Apple |  | Depends on SA3 |
| vivo | Agree |  |
| CMCC | **Agree** | Up to SA3. |
| China Telecom |  | Up to SA3 |
| ETRI |  | Up to SA3 |
| Rakuten Mobile | **Agree** | Up to SA3R |
| LG | Agree |  |
| Convida | Agree | Final decision up to SA3 to check if there are concerns regarding reporting of UE location information. |
| Panasonic | Agree |  |
| Sequans | Agree |  |

Summary: Agree [17], up to SA3 [10]. But Rapporteur thinks if there is no concern from SA3, the proposal is agreeable to all. So the following is proposed.

1. If SA3 has no concern reporting coarse location during initial access, the coarse location information is reported in Msg5, i.e., via *RRCSetupComplete/RRCResumeComplete* message.
2. For coarse UE location reporting during initial access, the location granularity (i.e., accuracy to be 2 km radius or x>2 km radius) is indicated to UE via SIB.

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| **Company** | **Agree/Not agree** | **Comments** |
| FGI | Not agree | Not sure if reporting X > 2km (for example, 10 bits out of 24 bits) is useful for RAN3.  We prefer the UE can report UE location information with a guaranteed accuracy of an area of ~2km radius in Msg5 during initial access if no privacy concern. |
| Samsung | See comments | We are not clear why the accuracy criterion should be configured with either 2km radius or larger than 2km radius. To the LS, it was asked “RAN2 would like to ask SA3 whether there is privacy concern if a UE reports the location information to NG-RAN with ~2km radius accuracy before AS security is established, e.g. during initial access.”, which sounds to us the accuracy criterion is 2km radius before AS security is established. What we mean is there should be one criterion to remove privacy concern, x km, then why we need additional criterion? |
| Thales | Not agree |  |
| Ericsson | Not agreed | There is no need for such. Even if we end up having coarse location reporting during initial access it does not have to be so complicated setup that would need such selection to be ordered in SIB. |
| OPPO | Not agree | There is no need to further control the granularity as long as SA3 replies with no concern. |
| MediaTek | Not agree | There is no need to control the granularity prior to RACH. |
| Xiaomi | Not agree | There is no need to indicate the location granularity, but we think network can indicate whether UE needs to report its location to network in initial access. |
| Lenovo | Not agree | There is no need to specify the location granularity and a flag indication to enable/disable is sufficient. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | **Not agree** |  |
| CATT | No strong view | But we observe that the granularity can work for operators based on their deployment strategy. SIB seems the natural way to configure the granularity. |
| Vodafone | Not Agree | Not Necessary ! |
| **Sony** | Not agree | We also share the view with others that the need for two cases should be justified more |
| ZTE | Disagree | We do not think there is need to indicate such a granularity. We can simply define a ASN.1 to report UE location with about 2km accuracy. |
| Nokia | Disagree | We think this should not be configurable, but a fixed value in the specification should be used (i.e. fixed number of bits per each XYZ coordinate). |
| Qualcomm | Agree | Though we are fine to fix it to 2 km radius. But note that the original RAN2 agreement was 2 km radius or more. |
| NEC | Not agree | At least as of now, we did not see strong motivation to have different granularity, so prefer to keep it simple |
| Intel | Not agree | We share the view that there is no need to control that level of granularity in SIB. We could wait for SA3 response on including this information before finalising. |
| Apple | Disagree | Wait for SA3 response to decide this. |
| **vivo** | Not agree | From our perspective, UE can report UE location information with a guaranteed accuracy of an area of ~2km radius in Msg5 during initial access. Furthermore, we see no motivation to report coarser UE location (accuracy to be x>2 km radius). Therefore, the location granularity does not need to be indicated to UE since only one granularity of location needs to be reported during initial access. |
| CMCC | Not agree | This is redundant, and if SA3 confirms that there are no security issues, there is no need to specifically indicate the granularity. |
| China Telecom | Not agree | We just have the requirement of 2km accuracy. No need for other granularity. |
| ETRI | Disagree | We do not see the needs. |
| Rakuten Mobile | Disagree | We have same views as samsung |
| LG | Not agree | Such location granularity is not scope of RAN2. |
| Convida | No Agree | We think that best effort to achieve the accuracy requirements should be all that is needed without unnecessary system information. |
| Panasonic | Not agree | Don’t see the need for that step during initial access. |
| Sequans | Not agree |  |

Summary: All companies but two agree that granularity of coarse location can be fixed to 2 km radius.

1. For coarse UE location reporting during initial access, the location granularity is not indicated to UE via SIB [25/27].
2. Enhancements to validate the UE’s coarse location information is needed in Rel-17.

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| **Company** | **Before AS security**  **(Yes/No)** | **After AS security**  **(Yes/No)** | **Comments** |
| FGI | No | No | We think the previous agreement is still valid.  **Agreements** **online**:  RAN2 Working Assumption: RAN2 doesn’t need to do anything to ensure that final UE location information at the core network is trustable so far (it's other WGs business to define solutions to verify the UE location) |
| Samsung | See comments | No | Whether the reporting of UE’s coarse location information is also required for RRC connected state (after AS security is activated) is FFS. With this FFS, we think after AS security, it’s early to make a decision. For the case before AS security is activated, first we would like to understand the solution better. For example, if the concern is whether the coarse location information reported by the UE is trustworthy before AS security is activated, and the solution is to add some additional information to help the gNB to validate the coarse location information, how we can trust that additional information (that is used for validation) sent by the UE before AS security is activated? |
| Thales | Yes | Yes | We believe that RAN2 should define the necessary signalling enhancement allowing other WGs to define solutions to verify the UE location.  During connected mode, the reporting of TA can be exploited by the network to verify the location.  During the initial access, having the option to send the txRxDiff info along with the reported UE coarse GNSS info will allow the network to verify the UE location and hence prevent risk of selecting wrong core network. It will be beneficial to ensure no additional delay for a connection set-up especially for emergency calls. |
| Ericsson | no | no | With our understanding this would be enough. |
| OPPO | No | No | This is out of RAN2’s scope. |
| MediaTek | No | No | This is not in RAN2 scope. |
| Xiaomi | No | No | Based on the previous RAN2 agreements, this is out of RAN2 scope. |
| Lenovo | No | No | Out of RAN2 scope. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | No | No | It’s related to adaptations of network based positioning mechanism in NTN, and it can be considered in further release considering RAN1 needs to be involved. |
| CATT | No | No | 1. There is no need to verify the UE’s location by NG-RAN because core network is able to verify the UE’s location by itself when it needs to verify the UE’s location. For example, LCS request from AMF proposed by SA3 in its previous LS can meet such requirement.  2. NG-RAN isn’t permitted to get the UE’s accurate location info except CGI in TN. Only Core network e.g. AMF and LMF can get UE’s accurate location. So neither RX-TX nor A-GNSS measurement which is reported to LMF via LPP message in TN will be agreed to report to gNB. All the measurement report for positioning is reported to LMF instead of NG-RAN in TN.  3. TA doesn’t represent the UE’s location alone either. |
| Vodafone | no strong opinion | Yes |  |
| Sony | No | No |  |
| ZTE | No | No | We understand the UE location is mainly used to select the CN or construct the CGI by the RAN node and the CN will perform some validation later on so we understand there is no need for such validation in RAN. |
| Nokia | No | No | Agree with the preceding comments. It is not RAN2 responsibility to validate the reported UE location. RAN2 shall not work on any enhancements in this area. |
| Qualcomm | No | No | After AS security, it is up to network if it wants to trigger the LCS framework to verify UE location. |
| NEC | No | No | There should be clear request from other WG before we define any further assistance information to verity the UE’s location. |
| Intel | No | No | No within RAN2 scope. If other groups require RAN2 to introduce any signalling, it can be considered. |
| Apple | No | No |  |
| vivo | Yes, with comments | No | We see that the majority of companies commented that the validation issue is other WG’s task and out of RAN2 scope. We tend to share this view. But in this case, we may say validation is not needed in RAN from RAN2 perspective, but whether it is needed in CN is up to other WGs, at least for the coarse information reported in the initial access phase, as this is something we newly introduced, and hasn’t been evaluated/analysed by other WGs. If we directly conclude “No”, it may mislead other WGs that validation for the coarse info is not needed at all as decided by RAN2.  It is up to SA2, e.g., existing LCS framework can be used by the network to verify UE’s location if the core network decides to verify, i.e., through LMF. This is out of RAN2’s scope anyway. |
| CMCC | No | No | Out of RAN2 scope. |
| China Telecom | No | No | It’s out of RAN2 scope. |
| ETRI | No | No |  |
| Rakuten Mobile | No | No |  |
| LG | No | No | It is not RAN2 scope. |
| Convida | No | No | We think that coarse ULI after AS security can be validated using the existing LCS framework. If this is not sufficient and enhancements need to be made, this may be in scope for positioning enhancements Work items. |
| Panasonic | No | No | Agree with FGI’s comment. |
| Sequans | FFS | FFS | The WA was that it's responsibility of other WGs, but this might eventually require RAN2 signalling. So we don't think we need to agree that nothing will be needed from RAN2. |

Summary: Only 3 out of 27 companies have some support of some enhancement to validate the reported UE’s coarse location information. One company would like to keep it FFS. Therefore, following is proposed.

1. Enhancements to validate the UE’s coarse location information is not needed [23/27].
2. The UE reports what location information (i.e., coarse UE location information or finer location information/full GNSS coordinates) to gNB in RRC\_CONNECTED, i.e., after AS security has been established.

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| **Company** | **Coarse UE location**  **(Yes/No)** | **Finer UE location**  **(Yes/No)** | **Comments** |
| FGI | No | Yes | Location report of 2km accuracy provides additional benefits on scheduling and mobility enhancement. For example, [R1-2107292](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG1_RL1/TSGR1_106-e/Docs/R1-2107292.zip" \t "_blank) shows a toy example when UE reports location acquired from GNSS with the 2km accuracy. In this example, the maximum RTT estimate error is only 0.0047ms. |
| Samsung | No | Yes | We think finer UE location information is used after AS security is established unless any similar security issue is raised. We don’t think signalling overhead reduction is not the main intention, which is anyway marginal. Also UE location information can be used to determine HO or etc., which means to us finer UE location would be helpful. |
| Thales | Yes | Yes | The UE should be able to report either coarse or finer UE location as requested by the network during connected mode when AS security is activated. This depends on the service requirement |
| Ericsson | yes | yes | UE can report fine or coarse depending on situation. If fine granularity is not feasible, UE can report the coarse location. For coarse reporting it is assumed RAN2 works for a solution. For fine reporting we can use what positioning uses. |
| OPPO | No | Yes | Just follow the existing spec on reporting LocationInfo. |
| MediaTek | Yes | No | Following the current specs seem enough for Rel-17. Any enhancements to positioning accuracy can be pursued in the future releases. Evaluation of accuracy better than 2km needs to be evaluated first. |
| Xiaomi | No | Yes | The existing mechanism should be reused. |
| Lenovo | No | Yes | For RRC\_CONNECTED after AS security has been established, the existing measurement report can be reused. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon |  |  | It is pending SA3’s reply, and we can wait for SA3’s further input. |
| CATT | Yes | Yes | Finer UE location is good for other purpose. But I doubt that the finer UE location is permitted to report to NG-RAN since the local LMF in gNB has not been agreed in RAN WG. |
| Vodafone | Yes | yes | Agree with Thales and Ericsson |
| **Sony** | Yes | Yes | Finer UE location is beneficial for mobility management, border coverage identification, NTN to TN handover etc. |
| ZTE | - | - | We prefer to use the existing mechanism for connected mode after AS security is activated.  Since the existing LocationInfo-r16 is only used for MDT based on User Consent, we understand user consent is also needed if we extend the use to NTN. |
| Nokia | Maybe | Yes | We assume in RRC\_CONNECTED the NW will have the possibility to obtain UE’s accurate location. Thus, perhaps no need to have the coarse location reporting as well. |
| Qualcomm | No | Yes | We also think coarse location reporting can be sufficient in RRC\_CONNECTED. But given, existing signaling can be re-used and it helps network locate UE better specially in international border region, finer location reporting is also fine. |
| NEC |  |  | Finer location would be our preference, since it will be useful for all purpose however, we need check there is no security concern or user consent issue. |
| Intel | Yes | Yes | We support that GNSS capable UEs could be configured to report finer granularity when required by the network for CONNECTED UEs after AS security is established. |
| Apple | No | No | We can follow existing mechanisms but need “User Consent” as ZTE has suggested. We should wait on SA3 for any further input. |
| vivo | No | Yes | After AS security has been established, finer/complete UE location can be reported to the NW since there will be no security issue. Also, following the legacy procedure finer UE location reporting is already supported. |
| CMCC | Yes | Yes | Location information is useful in many procedures, at least coarse location information should be provided if finer location information is not available in some cases. |
| China Telecom | Yes | Yes | Reporting fine or coarse UE location is up to NW request. |
| ETRI | No | Yes | Reusing existing mechanisms is sufficient. |
| Rakuten Mobile | No | No | Agree with ZTE and Apple , We have strong concerns about user privacy |
| LG | Yes | Yes | Agree with Thales. The UE should report the location information as network requests. |
| Convida | No | Yes | Based on existing LCS procedures and proposed NTN enhancements, the coarse location would only be sent in Msg5, i.e., via RRCSetupComplete/RRCResumeComplete message. If the UE transitions to RRC Connected, and location is requested, the UE would send the full GNSS coordinates, unless RAN2 determines that enhancements should be made for coarse location reporting. We do not see benefits of coarse location reporting in RRC Connected. |
| Panasonic | No | No | Using existing mechanism. |
| Sequans | Yes | Yes | Agree with Thales |

Summary:

# support of coarse UE location report in RRC\_CONNECTED is 11/27.

# support of finer UE location report in RRC\_CONNECTED is 20/27.

Based on majority following is proposed.

1. Reporting of finer location information/full GNSS coordinates in RRC\_CONNECTED is supported after AS security is enabled [20/27].
2. RAN2 discuss if coarse UE location report is also supported after AS security is enabled [11/27].
3. After AS security is established, gNB can obtain a GNSS-based location information from the UE using existing signalling method, i.e., by configuring *includeCommonLocationInfo* in the corresponding *reportConfig*.

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| **Company** | **Agree/Not agree** | **Comments** |
| FGI | Agree |  |
| Samsung | Agree |  |
| Thales | Agree |  |
| Ericsson | ? | How can we agree something existing would not be possible?  We should discuss what enhancements RAN2 will specify. We have agreed location based event to trigger the report and RAN2 is working on it. The report itself should be discussed |
| OPPO | Agree | As supported by the existing spec. |
| MediaTek | Agree | Current specs allow to report this information. |
| Xiaomi | Agree |  |
| Lenovo | Agree |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Not agree | In NR current LocationInfo-r16 is only used for MDT based on User Consent. If this location reporting needs to be supported in NTN feature, User Consent should also be essential precondition. And this decision should be made in SA3 too. |
| CATT | Agree | Although the agreement online is that FFS on the details, e.g. X MSB bits out of 24 bits of longitude/latitude or GNSS coordinates with ~2km accuracy), we still can discuss which message to carry the report at the same time. |
| Vodafone | Agree |  |
| Sony | Agree |  |
| ZTE | - | We share similar with HW that the existing LocationInfo-r16 is only used for MDT based on User Consent. We are fine to also use it in NTN based on user consent. |
| Nokia | Agree |  |
| Qualcomm | Agree | This is supported by existing signaling. Every UE reports measurement result, it can include the location information.  Obviously, how to provide user consent can be discussed. |
| NEC | Agree | Note that this should require the User Consent just like MDT |
| Intel | Agree | We support reusing legacy mechanism to report location information. |
| Apple | Disagree | We share the views of HW and ZTE. |
| vivo | Agree |  |
| CMCC | Agree |  |
| China Telecom | Agree | It can be used in existing signalling method. |
| ETRI | Agree |  |
| Rakuten Mobile | Disagree | Strong reservation on mandating the location information sharing. |
| LG | Agree | We can just use the existing signalling mechanism. |
| Convida | Agree |  |
| Panasonic | Agree |  |
| Sequans | Agree |  |

Summary: 22 companies support using the existing signalling to report GNSS based location. Three companies state that current LocationInfo-r16 is only used for MDT based on User Consent and SA3 may need to be informed for new user consent in NTN. Based on majority following is proposed.

1. After AS security is established, gNB can obtain a GNSS-based location information from the UE using existing signalling method, i.e., by configuring *includeCommonLocationInfo* in the corresponding *reportConfig* [22/27].
2. RAN2 discuss whether to inform SA3 for the need of NTN specific user consent for obtaining UE location by gNB [3/27].
3. Which mechanism(s) is(are) configured by gNB to obtain UE location update of mobile UEs in RRC\_CONNECTED?

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| **Company** | **Periodic location reporting**  **(Yes/No)** | **Event triggered location reporting**  **(Yes/No)** | **Aperiodic reporting**  **(i.e., report upon gNB request, e.g. via DCI)**  **(Yes/No)** | **Comments** |
| FGI | Yes | No | No | If UE speed is 1200km/hr, then UE reports every 3 seconds to ensure UE’s location trackable with the delta distance less than 2km, which seems feasible by RRC. |
| Samsung | Yes | Yes | See comments | We think the baseline is periodic location reporting and event triggered location reporting (also possibly with event triggered periodic reporting). Then the question is whether we really need aperiodic reporting based on DCI on top of periodic location reporting and/or event triggered location reporting. Need case should be well justified. |
| Thales | Yes | Yes | No views |  |
| Ericsson | yes | yes | possible | Offline -103 is discussing location reporting. Better discuss in one place. Only location report format is excluded in that discussion. |
| OPPO | Yes | Yes | No | Just follow the existing spec where includeCommonLocationInfo can be configured for event-triggered reporting and periodical reporting. |
| MediaTek | No | Yes | No | Only event triggered reporting seems enough. |
| Xiaomi | Yes | Yes | No | The existing mechanism should be reused. |
| Lenovo | Yes | Yes | No | The existing mechanism can be reused. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon |  |  |  | This discussion can be postponed until SA3’s reply is received. |
| CATT | Yes | Yes | No | The purpose to obtain UE location update is for CGI mapping required from Core network. So we don't see the response on DCI is necessary because this request comes from NAS rather than from RAN1 within strict latency requirement. But we are fine to further discuss 3rd option in the future if there is other agreed purpose on UE’s location. |
| Vodafone | Yes | Yes | Possible | All features are useful for the operator and various use cases |
| **Sony** | Yes | Yes | Yes | Event triggered location reporting is beneficial to keep the balance between reporting overhead and performance.  On report upon gNB request, we think RRC signalling should be used. |
| ZTE | Yes | Yes | No | We understand the existing LocationInfo-r16 is only used for MDT based on User Consent, which allows both periodical report and event triggered report. We are fine to also use it in NTN based on user consent. |
| Nokia | No | Yes | Yes | Reporting upon gNB’s request should be always supported. Event-triggered also makes sense. We are against periodic reporting, which may be too signalling heavy. |
| Qualcomm | Yes | Yes | No | We agree with Samsung. We do not see the need for aperiodic reporting, e.g., based on DCI request. |
| NEC | Yes | Yes | No | Reuse existing mechanism. |
| Intel | Yes | Yes | No | Aperiodic reporting using DCI does not seem a critical mechanism for NTN deployments e.g. how/when gNB would know that the location is required to be reported. Periodic procedure can be used even for one-off location reporting. |
| Apple | No | No | No | Wait for SA3 to respond to this as HW has suggested. |
| **vivo** | Yes | Yes | No | The intention to obtain UE location update is for CGI mapping required from core network. Intuitively, periodic location reporting and event trigger reporting is enough.  Furthermore, we don’t see the use case of aperiodic reporting since the NW is unaware of the location and movement of the UE, it is hard to decide when to initiate the request. |
| CMCC | Yes | Yes | No strong view | All these candidates could be discussed. Report upon NW request is acceptable, but we have some concerns on DCI approach. |
| China Telecom | Yes | Yes | No | Using periodic location reporting and Event triggered location reporting is enough.Aperiodic reporting using DCI is not necessary. |
| ETRI | Yes | Yes | No | Prefer to reuse the legacy mechanism. |
| Rakuten Mobile | No | No | No | Wait for SA3 |
| LG | No | Yes | No | Only event-based triggering is enough. As the UE’s mobility might be ignorable periodic reporting is not needed. |
| Convida | Yes | Yes | No with comments | Aperiodic reporting is feasible with some enhancements, but we are unsure if there are requirements for such a use case. |
| Panasonic | No | Yes | Yes | We currently don’t see the need for periodic reporting. |
| Sequans | Yes | Yes | Not sure |  |

Summary:

Support of periodic location reporting: 20/27

Support of event triggered based location reporting: 23/27

Support of aperiodic location reporting: 3/27

Based on majority, following is proposed.

1. Event triggered-based UE location reporting are configured by gNB to obtain UE location update of mobile UEs in RRC\_CONNECTED [23/27].
2. Periodic location reporting [20/27] can also be configured by gNB to obtain UE location update of mobile UEs in RRC\_CONNECTED.
3. Aperiodic location reporting (e.g., via DCI) is not supported [24/27].

## Draft reply LS responses to RAN3

The draft LS in response to RAN3 LS is provided in R2-2107568 [2]. It is given below for your convenience.

**Question 1: RAN3 would like RAN2 to confirm whether the gNB will be able to acquire UE location information with an accuracy comparable to TN cell granularity (e.g. GNSS information** **or otherwise) after AS security, and also to confirm whether it is possible to provide any level of UE location information (i.e. finer than NTN Uu cell accuracy) before AS security.**

**RAN2 answer:** RAN2 confirms that UE can report GNSS coordinates using existing mechanism in the measurement report. In addition, RAN2 has agreed that the UE will report UE location information with a guaranteed accuracy of an area of ~2km radius in Msg5 during initial access if no privacy issue is identified by SA3.

1. Do you agree with the answer to Question 1? Please provide any suggestion in comments.

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| **Company** | **Agree/Not agree** | **Comments** |
| FGI | Agree |  |
| Samsung | Agree |  |
| Thales | Agree | We believe it is beneficial to clarify that  “NG-RAN is expected to do the CGI mapping based on the received UE coarse GNSS coordination information” |
| Ericsson | agree |  |
| OPPO | Agree |  |
| MediaTek | Agree |  |
| Xiaomi | Agree |  |
| Lenovo | Agree |  |
| Huawei | Not agree | The first sentence should be modified to “RAN2 confirms that UE can report GNSS coordinates using existing mechanism in the measurement report with User Consent for MDT applications”. |
| CATT | Agree |  |
| Vodafone | Agree |  |
| Sony | Agree |  |
| ZTE | - | As HW mentioned, the existing mechanism is for MDT with User Consent. We believe similar User Consent is also needed if we extend the use to NTN, Thus the privacy concern is not only for initial access per our understanding.  So we suggest to modify a little bit as follows:  *RAN2 understand the existing mechanism of reporting GNSS coordinates in the measurement report for MDT based on User Consent can also be used in NTN. Whether User Consent is also required in NTN should be discussed and decided by SA3.*  *In addition, RAN2 has agreed that the UE will report UE location information with a guaranteed accuracy of an area of ~2km radius in Msg5 during initial access if no privacy issue is identified by SA3.* |
| Nokia |  | The word ‘’guaranteed‘’ shall not be used in the RAN2 answer. Please remove it. |
| Qualcomm | Agree | But suggested text by ZTE is also fine. |
| NEC | Agree | And it seems good to mention the user consent aspect pointed out by Huawei |
| Intel | Agree |  |
| Apple | Disagree | Share the same view as Huawei and ZTE. User consent is required for NTN and should be decided by SA3. |
| vivo | Agree | Same view as proposal 1 and proposal 4. |
| CMCC | Agree |  |
| China Telecom | Agree |  |
| ETRI | Agree |  |
| Rakuten Mobile | Disagree | Same comments as Huawei and ZTE |
| LG | Agree |  |
| Convida | Agree with minor edits | **RAN2 answer:** RAN2 confirms that a UE can report GNSS coordinates using existing mechanism in the measurement report. In addition, RAN2 has agreed that the UE will report UE location information with an accuracy within an area of ~2km radius in Msg5 during initial access if no privacy issue is identified by SA3. |
| Panasonic | Agree |  |
| Sequans | Agree |  |

Summary: 22 companies agree with the answer to the Question 1 provided in R2-2107568 [2]. 8 companies suggest some revision in the text.

Following is proposed.

Revise the text in answer to Q1 in R2-2107568 with “RAN2 understand the existing mechanism of reporting GNSS coordinates in the measurement report for MDT based on User Consent can also be used in NTN”.

1. For reply LS to RAN3, revise the text in answer to Q1 in R2-2107568 with “RAN2 understand the existing mechanism of reporting GNSS coordinates in the measurement report for MDT based on User Consent can also be used in NTN”.

**Question 3: RAN3 welcomes any feedback from RAN2 on the described case (i.e. the gNB to trigger inter-AMF handover when crossing country borders).**

**RAN2 answer:** The UE may report UE’s GNSS coordinates in existing measurement report. The measurement report can be transmitted periodically. In addition, location-based measurement trigger is also introduced such that the UE will trigger the measurement report if it moves by a threshold distance since its last report. Therefore, gNB will be able to determine whether UE has moved far away from the last location report. RAN2 understands it is up to the gNB to determine the crossing of country borders based on the location update and take appropriate action.

1. Do you agree with the answer to Question 3? Please provide any suggestion in comments.

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| **Company** | **Agree/Not agree** | **Comments** |
| FGI | agree | However, considering the GNSS error may be 30m to 100m, periodic reporting may be more reliable than counting distance by UE. |
| Samsung | See comments | To us, it seems ok in general. However, isn’t RAN2 answer related to the previous discussions (P5 and P6) in this offline discussion? |
| Thales | Agree |  |
| Ericsson | With modification | RAN2 has not agreed “UE will trigger the measurement report if it moves by a threshold distance since its last report.”. We need to state only what is agreed by RAN2, not single company views. |
| OPPO | See comments | Same view with Samsung. |
| MediaTek | With modifications | As mentioned by Ericsson, the modification of location-based measurement report is not yet agreed. |
| Xiaomi | See comments | We can indicate the agreements on P5 and P6 to RAN3, and the how to handle the inter-AMF handover is up to RAN3. |
| Lenovo | Comments | Location triggered measurement report has not been agreed yet. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Not agree | It has not been agreed in RAN2 that “The UE may report UE’s GNSS coordinates in existing measurement report” for NTN feature. |
| CATT | FFS | RAN2 can further discuss the solution based on the agreement on how to obtain UE’s location. It’s too early to reply the LS. |
| Vodafone | to early to say | it is dependent on the network implementations and use case |
| Sony | Agree |  |
| ZTE | FFS | Answer to this question is related to the discussion on P5 and P6 while companies’ views are split so far. We can wait until agreements are made for P5 and P6. |
| Nokia | Disagree | We share the concerns expressed by Ericsson. Also we do not think transmitting the GNSS results in periodic manner is a good approach and something we want to indicate in the response to RAN3. Finally would that be a gNB’s (RAN2) role to monitor the country border crossing/inter-AMF HO? |
| Qualcomm | Agree with modification | We agree the text can be revised based on progress and can be based on P5 and P6. |
| NEC | See comments | Agree with Ericsson that details of location-based measurement report is not yet agreed. The answer should only mention possible information can be used to trigger inter-AMF/country handover. Or we just say we will take this into account for our further work and feedback later when ready. |
| Intel |  | We share Ericsson’s suggestion as well as Samsung;s comment. |
| Apple | FFS | RAN2 needs to discuss this further. |
| vivo | See comments | If RAN2 reach any agreement regarding P5 and P6, we can indicate to RAN3. But how to handle the inter-AMF handover should be discussed in RAN3. |
| CMCC | With comments | Pls. just include the conclusions agreed by RAN2. |
| China Telecom | FFS | It can be discussed after the discussion on P5 and P6. |
| Rakuten Mobile | FFS | We have same views as Samsung. |
| LG | Modification needed | We did not agree to introduce location event-based reporting yet, so it should be removed. |
| Convida | Agree with comments | Rather than discuss “location-based measurement trigger” we suggest putting this in terms of periodic location reporting and event triggered location reporting. |
| Panasonic | Not agreed | Reply depends on agreements regarding proposals above – proposal 6, in particular. |
| Sequans | FFS | It seems related to P5/P6, so can be answered based on that discussion. |

There is no clear agreeable answer to the Question 3 asked by RAN3. Following is proposed.

1. For reply LS to RAN3, revise the text in answer to Q3 in R2-2107568 considering the conclusion of P5/6 of email discussion [102].

**Question 4: RAN3 requests RAN2, CT1 and SA2 to provide any feedback on above issue (i.e. which TAC should be reported by the gNB in case of multiple broadcast TAC).**

**RAN2 answer:** The gNB will be able to acquire UE location information at initial access and during connected mode periods. Therefore, it would be possible to map such a location into a TAC (since TAC areas are earth-fixed). RAN2 cannot comment however on whether this approach is appropriate for reporting towards the CN.

1. Do you agree with the answer to Question 4? Please provide any suggestion in comments.

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| **Company** | **Agree/Not agree** | **Comments** |
| FGI | Agree |  |
| Samsung | See comments | When the UE detects it enters into new TAC area among multiple ones and TAU update is needed, then the UE establishes RRC connection with coarse location information. Then the question is whether the coarse location information (with x > 2kms accuracy radius) is enough to determine the corresponding TAC. If not, why not TAC is directly reported by the UE? |
| Thales | Agree |  |
| Ericsson | Not agreed | We do not know yet about location reporting during initial access. Further, there is offline 107 for the TAC handling. We need to align with that. Propose not to discuss this response here further. |
| OPPO |  | Should coordinate with the output of offline 107. |
| MediaTek | Not Agreed | The location reporting during initial access needs to be agreed first. The question can be discussed in offline 107. |
| Xiaomi | Not agreed | Agree with MediaTek, |
| Lenovo | Not agreed | Location reporting during initial access has not been agreed yet. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Not agree | RAN2 can answer the reported TAC should be the one where UE is located. |
| CATT | Not agreed | TAC follows CGI in NTN. There is no need to discuss TAC in RAN2 because the TAC is clear once the mapping CGI is clear in NTN.  RAN2 can wait for the progress of RAN3 and not to reply this LS at this meeting. |
| Vodafone | agree in principle | it depends on the network implementation and initial access procedures , but in principle it ‘should’ be possible to perform this function |
| Sony | Agree |  |
| ZTE | - | We understand this is also related to the TAC selection issue discussed in offline 107. For example, if the UE NAS layer selects one TAC from the broadcast ones based on UE location and forward the selected TAC to AS layer, AS layer can then report it to gNB and have it included in the ULI later on. |
| Nokia | Partly OK | But the details of acquiring the UE location at the initial access are yet to be worked out. |
| Qualcomm | Agree | We agree this text can be revised based on the last agreement and further progress of offline discussion. However, offline 107 is for TAC handling at NAS and the question is for NG-RAN. We suggest:  RAN2 answer: RAN2 assumes it would be up to NG-RAN to map a location information obtained from UE into a TAC (since TAC areas are earth-fixed). RAN2 cannot comment however on whether this approach is appropriate for reporting towards the CN. |
| NEC | Not agree | Huawei suggestion seems ok for us. |
| Intel |  | We share the view that offline 107 should first be discussed. |
| Apple | Disagree | Same view as Ericsson. |
| vivo | See comments | According to the LS reply on multiple TACs per PLMN from CT1 (R2-2106904), NAS will select a TAI from the multiple TAIs as the UE’s current TAI. In our understanding, the UE can report the selected TAI to the gNB, and the gNB would forward this TAI to CN.  Also, by reading companies’ replies, we find that there were nearly 10 companies above that refer to Offline 107, and are possibly in favour of directly reporting the TAI to align with that discussion. We share this view from these companies. |
| CMCC | With comments | Wait for the results of offline 107 and the location reporting during initial access discussion. |
| China Telecommunication | Not agree | Agree with Ericsson |
| ETRI | Disagree | We have the same view that agreement in RAN2 comes first. |
| Rakuten Mobile | With Comments | Same comments as Samsung |
| LG | Not agree | As Ericsson and MediaTek commented, we need to discuss location reporting during initial access first. |
| Convida | Not agreed | Similar to some of the above views, we think this should follow the outcome of [Offline-107][NTN] Reply LS on TAC handling (Nokia). |
| Panasonic | Not agreed | Certain preconditions need to be fulfilled first – see comments of others above. |
| Sequans |  | Same view as Ericsson. |

There is no clear agreeable answer to the Question 4 asked by RAN3. Following is proposed.

1. For reply LS to RAN3, revise the text in answer to Q4 in R2-2107568 considering the conclusion of email discussion [107].

## Draft reply LS responses to SA3

RAN2 also received LS from SA3 and draft LS is provided in R2-2107346 [3]. It is given below for your convenience.

**Question 1: What is the purpose of sending A-GNSS based measurements after AS security has been established? Is it for core network reselection after initial core network selection?**

RAN2 answer: RAN2 believes that this is for potential core network reselection after initial core network selection. After AS security has been established, LCS procedure via LMF can be initiated to verify UE’s location and check whether UE has selected a PLMN that is allowed to operate in the country of the UE location.

1. Do you agree with the answer to the first Question? Please provide any suggestion in comments.

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| **Company** | **Agree/Not agree** | **Comments** |
| FGI | Agree |  |
| Thales | Agree | However LCS procedure based on UE generated is not considered reliable by SA3-LI |
| Ericsson | agree |  |
| Xiaomi | See comments | We think the above answer is one of the purposes to send A-GNSS based measurements, but the requirements of UE location report is from SA2, so we think SA2 can answer this question. |
| Lenovo | Agree |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | agree | proponent |
| CATT | Agree | To Thales’s comments: LCS procedure via LMF can be initiated to verify UE’s location. |
| Vodafone | Agree |  |
| Sony | Agree | The short answer to SA3 question is Yes |
| ZTE | Agree |  |
| Nokia | - | Is RAN2 in the position to inform SA3 on how the UE location reporting is used for core network selection? |
| Qualcomm | Agree |  |
| NEC | Agree |  |
| Intel | Agree |  |
| vivo | Agree |  |
| CMCC | Agree |  |
| China Telecom | Agree |  |
| ETRI | Agree |  |
| Rakuten Mobile | Agree |  |
| LG | Agree |  |
| Convida | Agree |  |
| Panasonic | Agree |  |
| Sequans | Agree |  |

One company think SA2 can answer this question. One company asks “Is RAN2 in the position to inform SA3 on how the UE location reporting is used for core network selection?”.

Rapporteur thinks there is agreeable answer provided in R2-2107346 to the Question 1 asked by SA3. Following is proposed.

1. The answer to Q1 provided in R2-2107346 is agreeable for reply LS to SA3.

**Question 2: Are the A-GNSS based measurements used by the applied UE positioning method during LCS procedure or used in a different procedure?**

RAN2 answer: RAN2 believes that A-GNSS based measurements are parts of A-GNSS positioning method, and it is during LCS procedure.

1. Do you agree with the answer to the second question? Please provide any suggestion in comments.

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| **Company** | **Agree/Not agree** | **Comments** |
| FGI | Agree |  |
| Thales | Agree |  |
| Ericsson | agree |  |
| Xiaomi | Agree |  |
| Lenovo | Agree |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | agree | proponent |
| CATT | Agree |  |
| Vodafone | Agree |  |
| Sony | Agree |  |
| ZTE | Agree |  |
| Nokia | Agree |  |
| Qualcomm | Agree |  |
| NEC | Agree |  |
| Intel | Agree |  |
| vivo | Agree |  |
| CMCC | Agree |  |
| China Telecom | Agree |  |
| ETRI | Agree |  |
| LG | Agree |  |
| Convida | Agree with small edits | RAN2 answer: RAN2 believes that A-GNSS based measurements are a part of the A-GNSS positioning method, and it is during LCS procedure. |
| Panasonic | Agree |  |
| Sequans | Agree |  |

Rapporteur thinks there is agreeable answer provided in R2-2107346 to the Question 2 asked by SA3. Following is proposed.

1. The answer to Q2 provided in R2-2107346 is agreeable for reply LS to SA3.

# Conclusion

Based on above summary, followings proposals are for agreement.

New Proposal 1 If SA3 has no concern reporting coarse location during initial access, the coarse location information is reported in Msg5, i.e., via *RRCSetupComplete/RRCResumeComplete* message.

New Proposal 2 For coarse UE location reporting during initial access, the location granularity is not indicated to UE via SIB [25/27].

New Proposal 3 Enhancements to validate the UE’s coarse location information is not needed [23/27].

New Proposal 6 After AS security is established, gNB can obtain a GNSS-based location information from the UE using existing signalling method, i.e., by configuring *includeCommonLocationInfo* in the corresponding *reportConfig* [22/27].

New Proposal 8 Event triggered-based UE location reporting are configured by gNB to obtain UE location update of mobile UEs in RRC\_CONNECTED [23/27].

New Proposal 10 Aperiodic location reporting (e.g., via DCI) is not supported [24/27].

New Proposal 14 The answer to Q1 provided in R2-2107346 is agreeable for reply LS to SA3.

New Proposal 15 The answer to Q2 provided in R2-2107346 is agreeable for reply LS to SA3.

Following proposals are for online discussion.

New Proposal 4 Reporting of finer location information/full GNSS coordinates in RRC\_CONNECTED is supported after AS security is enabled [20/27].

New Proposal 5 RAN2 discuss if coarse UE location report is also supported after AS security is enabled [11/27].

New Proposal 7 RAN2 discuss whether to inform SA3 for the need of NTN specific user consent for obtaining UE location by gNB [3/27].

New Proposal 9 Periodic location reporting [20/27] can also be configured by gNB to obtain UE location update of mobile UEs in RRC\_CONNECTED.

New Proposal 11 For reply LS to RAN3, revise the text in answer to Q1 in R2-2107568 with “RAN2 understand the existing mechanism of reporting GNSS coordinates in the measurement report for MDT based on User Consent can also be used in NTN”.

New Proposal 12 For reply LS to RAN3, revise the text in answer to Q3 in R2-2107568 considering the conclusion of P5/6 of email discussion [102].

New Proposal 13 For reply LS to RAN3, revise the text in answer to Q4 in R2-2107568 considering the conclusion of email discussion [107].

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