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Title: CB: # 1902\_Pos\_RRC\_INACTIVE

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# Introduction

**CB: # 1902\_Pos\_RRC\_INACTIVE**

**- How to handle positioning information exchange while UE is in Inactive**

**- Consider UL, UL+DL?**

**- Keeping positioning context at gNB-DU?**

**- Positioning context transfer resume RAN node?**

**- at AP level, at RRC level?**

**- Indication of served cell changed to LMF?**

**- If possible agree to TPs for Stg3**

(E/// - moderator)

# To the chair’s notes (Draft)

**R3-21xxxx, R3-21xxxx agreed**

**No consensus on strange topic**

Etc.

# Discussion – handling of positioning while UE is in inactive

## Positioning with SDT and LPP UL/DL messages transfer

In the case of Small Data Transmission (SDT) without context relocation, [7] propose to discuss how the UL/DL LPP Information Transfer message is relayed over Xn via the anchor node. Whether a new message should be defined, or any existing message can be enhanced to support this purpose. F1AP and RRC impacts are foreseen.



Figure 3-1 Low Power Periodic and Triggered 5GC-MT-LR Procedure with SDT (DL-only and RAT-Independent positioning). Without Context relocation, Anchor gNB is responsible for LPP message transfer [7]

* **Do companies have any view on the above proposal, whether any impacts to Xn are needed to support positioning in SDT w/o anchor relocation?**

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comment** |
| Ericsson | No, but can be discussed in R18 | We should wait for the SDT WI to finish in RAN2 and RAN3. SDT just started this meeting in RAN3 and there are proposals on Xn enhancement for SDT w/o anchor relocation. It is not clear how the final Xn design in general is going to look like, as the framework is quite complex. Also, RAN3 cannot decide on the solution alone without RAN2 involvement. We can come back to this proposal as part of Rel-18/TEI18. |
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## reservation of SRS resources to support UL Positioning

In the last RAN3 meeting, it was discussed that the gNB-CU should notify the gNB-DU to retain the UE context such as SRS configurations when the UE enters the RRC inactive state.

In [6], it is claimed that this is pending on whether gNB has already configured the SRS configuration for UE in RRC\_INACTIVE state. In [1], it is proposed to wait first for the SDT WI to finish the design of CG-SDT and re-use the same procedure for SRS configurations. In [2], it is claimed that nothing prevents the Inactive UE from resuming in another node in the RNA, and thus the reservation of resources would have been wasted.

Meanwhile, in the response paper from [8] it is claimed that:

1. even UE is in RRC\_INACTIVE, the current serving gNB should reserve the configured SRS resources;
2. there’s no need to wait for the conclusion of SDT WI and that RAN3 can agree that reservation of SRS resource to support RRC\_INACTIVE positioning should be discussed in Positioning agenda item.

Below a figure with the signalling as described in [8]:



* **Do companies have any view on the above proposal, should gNB keep the Positioning relating configuration or resources by letting the CU inform the DU not to do so?**

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comment** |
| Ericsson |  | We are a bit surprised with the “do not release any resource” part in [8]. If the UE goes to inactive, surely not all the SRS resources have to be kept… RAN1/RAN2 are still discussing whether a completely new config can come in the RRC release message, or a new reconfiguration to retain some of the connected resources in inactive, etc. Either way it is too early to decide on this in RAN3. So perhaps the proposal from Samsung can be revised as: **"the serving gNB ~~should~~ could reserve the configured UL PRS (e.g. SRS) resources."** |
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## Failure with cause values

The proposal in [2] consider adding the following cause values in NRPPa:

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Radio Network Layer cause** | **Meaning** | | Unspecified | Sent when none of the above cause values applies but still the cause is Radio Network Layer related | | Requested Item not Supported | The NG-RAN node does not support the requested measurement object, or cannot provide the requested information item. | | Requested Item Temporarily not Available | The NG-RAN node can temporarily not provide the requested measurement object or information item. | | UE context released | UE context has been released or deleted from the NG-RAN node. | | Serving cell changed | The serving cell has changed | |

Some other proposals are related to the second cause, where the last serving node notifies the LMF by a failure message. Specifically:

* In [6]: The two options that the last serving RAN notifies **the LMF by the cause value** or the last serving RAN forwards the NRPPa message to the new serving RAN **are both acceptable**.
* In [5]: For the pending NRPPa message in the last serving gNB, the last serving gNB could notify the LMF by a failure response with a proper cause value when UE response the RAN paging in a gNB different from the last serving gNB.
* Study the feasibility [1]
* The proposal in [2]
* **Since there are four proposals in favour of this and for the sake of progress, moderator proposes whether just the cause value “serving cell changed” can be agreed to be added in NRPPa?**

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comment** |
| Ericsson | Yes | To address an observation from [1] claiming that “Option 1 may fail because the anchor relocation cannot be guaranteed and the re-sent NRPPa message may still be transferred to the old anchor node by the AMF.”… Well, the same can be said for option 2 where the UE context transfer over Xn can fail! We have even a dedicated message for this case 😉  We are open to discuss the naming as CATT proposed: e.g. “UE Context transferred”, to be more specific. |
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## Xn impacts

There Xn related Impacts for positioning inactive mobility:

* Option 1: The last serving node forwards the NRPPa message or positioning related information to the new serving node via Retrieve UE context retrieve procedure. Further details are FFS.
* Option 2: Option 1 and available positioning measurements, either signalled explicitly or part of the UE RRC context.
* Option 3: none
* **Companies are invited to provide their views on the above options to support mobility when UE is in RRC\_INACTIVE with ongoing positioning session?**

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| **Company** | **Options** | **Comment** |
| Ericsson | 2 or 3 | As CATT have described, the SRS requested characteristics are local gNB information that LMF had initially provided based on the old gNB’s own TRPs and its positioning capabilities. It is therefore a very “local view” that may not even be useful to other nodes. That’s why we think that, if we have to support such optimization, it should come with the previous gNB’s early measurements (AoA, gNB Rx-Tx, etc..). Otherwise, the new gNB may not even understand/use the LMF’s recommendation for the old node and just ask again LMF for a new recommendation based on its own TRPs capability information, etc., thereby more signalling over NRPPa  At the end this is a sub-optimal approach that will cause more latency than just waiting for the path switch request at CN and starting a new positioning procedure between LMF and gNB.  But to limit the damage of this sub-optimization, we think that we should do it like for mobility: where the previous (positioning) measurement are signalled to help fine-tune the new SRS configuration in the new gNB. The new gNB can know for instance which spatial relation information can be better suited for the UE upon analyzing the previous measurements. If the positioning accuracy required is low, then new gNB can proceed with the SRS configuration without asking for further information from LMF. |
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## Deferred positioning periodicity

There are two proposals from [2] and [5] proposing that an indication or period of deferred positioning should be provided from LMF to gNB to assist the gNB to decide whether to release the UE into RRC\_INACTIVE.

* **Do companies agree and have any view on the above proposal?**

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comment** |
| Ericsson | Yes | We think that this proposal is beneficial and can also address SS’ concerns mentioned in [8] |
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## Stage 3 TPs (for second round)

# Conclusion (draft)

# References

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| **[1]** | [R3-215391](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_114-e\Docs\R3-215391.zip) | (TP for POS BL CR for TS 38.423, TS 38.455, TS 38.473) Discussion on RRC Inactive positioning (Huawei) | Other  Resp in [R3-215849](Inbox\R3-215849.zip) (Samsung) |
| **[2]** | [R3-215438](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_114-e\Docs\R3-215438.zip) | Discussion on support of RRC-Inactive Positioning (Ericsson) | Discussion  Resp in [R3-215849](Inbox\R3-215849.zip) (Samsung) |
| **[3]** | [R3-215439](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_114-e\Docs\R3-215439.zip) | Addition of positioning measurements over Xn (Ericsson) | CR0702r, TS 38.423 v16.7.0, Rel-17, Cat. B |
| **[4]** | [R3-215440](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_114-e\Docs\R3-215440.zip) | TP to F1AP BL CR: Mirror impacts to NRPPa (Ericsson) | other |
| **[5]** | [R3-215606](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_114-e\Docs\R3-215606.zip) | Positioning for UEs in RRC\_INACTIVE state (CATT) | discussion |
| **[6]** | [R3-215681](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_114-e\Docs\R3-215681.zip) | Discussion on RRC INACTIVE State Positioning (CMCC) | discussion |
| **[7]** | [R3-215553](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_114-e\Docs\R3-215553.zip) | Positioning in RRC inactive state (Samsung) | Discussion  Move to 19.2.2 |
| **[8]** | [R3-215](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_114-e\Docs\R3-215553.zip)849 | Response to R3-215391, R3-215438 |  |