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**Title: Summary on LS of CSI-RS and SRS for spatial relation**

**Agenda item: 8.1**

**Document for: Discussion and Decision**

# Introduction

RAN1 received an LS from RAN2 on CSI-RS/SRS for spatial relation in RRC\_INACTIVE [1] as below.

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| **1. Overall Description:**RAN2 has agreed to reuse the SP Positioning SRS Activation/Deactivation MAC CE (TS38.321-i20, section 6.1.3.36) for activating/deactivating SRS transmission in RRC\_INACTIVE state for both, semi-persistent SRS for positioning without validity area (Rel-17) and semi-persistent SRS for positioning with validity area (Rel-18). RAN2 has also specified a new Aggregated SP Positioning SRS Activation/Deactivation MAC CE (TS38.321-i20, section 6.1.3.83) in Rel-18 for activating/deactivating aggregated semi-persistent SRS for positioning in both, RRC\_CONNECTED and RRC\_INACTIVE state.Those two MAC CEs can both contain spatial relation field to indicate specific spatial relation for specific SRS resource (or specific aggregated SRS resource). Specifically, spatial relation for resource IDi with NZP-CSI-RS and SRS contains serving cell ID and BWP ID where the NZP-CSI-RS or the SRS is configured, see below:

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| TS38.321-i206.1.3.36 SP Positioning SRS Activation/Deactivation MAC CEFigure 6.1.3.36-2: Spatial Relation for Resource IDi with NZP CSI-RSFigure 6.1.3.36-4: Spatial Relation for Resource IDi with SRS |

In the current specification, a UE stores the RRC configurations in RRC\_CONNECTED into the UE Inactive AS Context when transferring from RRC\_CONNECTED to RRC\_INACTIVE, and UE in RRC\_INACTIVE state only works on single cell and single BWP. Therefore, it is unclear to RAN2 whether the NZP-CSI-RS or SRS configured in RRC\_CONNECTED can be used as spatial relation RS in RRC\_INACTIVE or not. Therefore, RAN2 would like to invite RAN1 to answer the following questions:**Q1: When activating semi-persistent SRS for positioning in RRC\_INACTIVE, whether NZP-CSI-RS and SRS can be used as source for spatial relation indication in the MAC CE?****Q2: When activating semi-persistent SRS for positioning in RRC\_INACTIVE, whether NZP-CSI-RS and SRS which are configured in RRC\_CONNECTED can be used as source for spatial relation indication in the MAC CE?****Q3: Whether the above answers are applicable for SP-SRS without validity area activation in RRC\_INACTIVE, SP-SRS with validity area activation in RRC\_INACTIVE and aggregated SP-SRS activation in RRC\_INACTIVE?** |

In this contribution, the views of RAN1 companies are summarized, and a proposal to reply RAN2 is suggested.

# Discussion on LS

Since in RRC\_INACTIVE state, positioning SRS is supported. So, from moderator perspective, it is clear positioning SRS can be used as source for spatial relation indication in MAC CE for activating semi-persistent SRS for positioning in RRC\_INACTIVE state.

Huawei, vivo, CATT, Ericsson, etc. do not think CSI-RS/MIMO SRS can be configured for UE in RRC\_INACTIVE state or they are configured for communication in RRC\_CONNECTED state, so CSI-RS/SRS cannot be used as the source for spatial relation indication in the MAC CE in RRC\_INACTIVE state.

ZTE thinks CSI-RS/SRS can be used as the source for spatial relation indication in RRC\_INACTIVE state because of the following agreement and spec description of Rel-17. UE can just store the beam information based on the configured CSI-RS/SRS, then use it later when it goes into RRC\_INACTIVE state.

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| Agreement:Spatial relation defined in Rel.16 for transmission of SRS for positioning by RRC\_CONNECTED UEs is applicable for RRC\_INACTIVE UEs. |

TS 38.214-ha0 Rel-17:

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| 6.2.1.4 UE sounding procedure for positioning purposesWhen the SRS is configured by the higher layer parameter *SRS-PosResource* and if the higher layer parameter *spatialRelationInfoPos* is configured*,* it contains the ID of the configuration fields of a reference RS according to Clause 6.3.2 of [TS 38.331]. The reference RS can be an SRS configured by the higher layer parameter *SRS-Resource* or *SRS-PosResource*, CSI-RS, SS/PBCH block, or a DL PRS configured on a serving cell or a SS/PBCH block or a DL PRS configured on a non-serving cell. If the UE is configured for transmission of *SRS-PosResource* in RRC\_INACTIVE mode, the configured *spatialRelationInfoPos* is also applicable. |

Intel thinks CSI-RS/SRS can be used as the source for spatial relation indication in RRC\_INACTIVE state as long as the CSI-RS/SRS is within DL/UL initial BWP.

Companies’ views are summarized below:

* **Q1: When activating semi-persistent SRS for positioning in RRC\_INACTIVE, whether NZP-CSI-RS and SRS can be used as** **source for spatial relation indication in the MAC CE?**
	+ Yes: ZTE, Samsung (for SRS), Intel (CSI-RS/SRS within initial BWP)
	+ No: Huawei, vivo, CATT, Samsung (for CSI-RS), Ericsson
* **Q2: When activating semi-persistent SRS for positioning in RRC\_INACTIVE, whether NZP-CSI-RS and SRS which are configured in RRC\_CONNECTED can be used as source for spatial relation indication in the MAC CE?**
	+ Yes: ZTE, Intel
	+ No: Huawei, vivo, CATT, Samsung, Ericsson
* **Q3: Whether the above answers are applicable for SP-SRS without validity area activation in RRC\_INACTIVE, SP-SRS with validity area activation in RRC\_INACTIVE and aggregated SP-SRS activation in RRC\_INACTIVE?**
	+ Yes: ZTE, Huawei, vivo, CATT, Samsung, Intel, Ericsson

Based on the majority views, the following reply is suggested:

**Proposal 1:** Reply to RAN2 that

* For Q1, positioning SRS can be used as source and NZP CSI-RS cannot be used as source for spatial relation indication in MAC CE for activating semi-persistent SRS for positioning in RRC\_INACTIVE state.
* For Q2, NZP-CSI-RS and SRS which are configured in RRC\_CONNECTED cannot be used as source for spatial relation indication in the MAC CE for activating semi-persistent SRS for positioning in RRC\_INACTIVE.
* For Q3, the above answers can be applicable for SP-SRS without validity area activation in RRC\_INACTIVE, SP-SRS with validity area activation in RRC\_INACTIVE and aggregated SP-SRS activation in RRC\_INACTIVE.

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| **Companies** | **Comments if you don’t support the above proposal** |
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# Draft CR

Based on proposal 1, it is supposed that at least NZP CSI-RS may not be applicable as the source for spatial relation indication in MAC CE for positioning in RRC\_INACTIVE state. Then, the next question is whether to further clarify this in RAN1 specification.

vivo proposed a draft CR for TS 38.214 in R1-2407840 [11]. The wording as below can be a starting point if companies think the clarification in RAN1 spec is needed.

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**Question 1:** Based on the outcome of proposal 1, is a CR needed to clarify that in RAN1 specification ?

* If yes, please check the wording in draft CR R1-2407840

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| **Companies** | **Comments**  |
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# Reference

1. R1-2407605 LS on CSI-RS/SRS for spatial relation in RRC\_INACTIVE RAN2, ZTE
2. R1-2407682 Discussion on LS on CSI-RS/SRS for spatial relation in RRC\_INACTIVE Huawei, HiSilicon
3. R1-2407828 Draft Reply LS on CSI-RS/SRS for spatial relation in RRC\_INACTIVE vivo
4. R1-2408000 Discussion on CSI-RS/SRS for spatial relation in RRC\_INACTIVE CATT
5. R1-2408001 Draft reply LS on CSI-RS/SRS for spatial relation in RRC\_INACTIVE CATT
6. R1-2408613 Draft LS reply on CSI-RS/SRS for spatial relation in RRC\_INACTIVE Samsung
7. R1-2408286 Draft Reply LS on CSI-RS/SRS for spatial relation in RRC\_INACTIVE Intel Corporation
8. R1-2408509 Draft reply LS on CSI-RS and SRS for spatial relation ZTE Corporation, Sanechips
9. R1-2408915 Draft reply LS on CSI-RS and SRS for spatial relation in RRC\_INACTIVE Ericsson
10. R1-2408913 Discussion on CSI-RS and SRS for spatial relation in RRC\_INACTIVE Ericsson
11. R1-2407840 Draft CR on spatial relation of SRS for positioning in RRC\_INACTIVE Mode vivo