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Agenda Item: 8.13.3

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Title: [AT117e][888][SON/MDT] SON related Open Issues (Ericsson) – Phase 2

Document for: Discussion, Decision

# Introduction

This contribution addresses the following offline discussion:

\* **[AT117e][888][SON/MDT] SON related Open Issues (Ericsson)**

Including all the proposals not treated in R2-2203895

Invite companies to show their view on whether or not to agree these proposals.

There will be no technical discussion on CB session and conclusions will be made following majority and no objection.

      Intended outcome: Report  to the CB session.

       New Deadline: 11:11 UTC, March, 2nd

To aid better communication between the respective delegates handling this topic from different companies, it is requested to fill-in the contact information.

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# Discussion

In the following email discussion it will be asked for each question whether a given proposal is acceptable or objected. This is to reflect the chairman guideline that “conclusions will be made following majority and no objection”.

## Two-Step RA

In R2-2203895, the following was proposal was made:

**Proposal from R2-2203895: RAN2 to keep discussing how to report the payload reported by the UE in the RA-Report for the 2-step RA:**

* 1. **The overall payload without padding available in the UE buffer size at the time of initiating the 2 step RA procedure**
  2. **The payload without padding sent by the UE over the PUSCH resources in the msgA**

Rapporteur notes that from the email discussion in R2-2203895, 5 companies expressed concerns on option a, whereas 6 companies were ok with it. 2 companies did not have strong views. Taking into account the chairman guideline that “conclusions will be made following majority and no objection”, Rapporteur considers option “a” having the majority. Hence companies are asked to indicate whether the following proposal is acceptable or it is objected.

* **Question-1**: Is the following proposal acceptable or objected?
* For the 2-step RA, the payload reported by the UE in the RA-Report is equivalent to the overall payload without padding available in the UE buffer size at the time of initiating the 2 step RA procedure

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| **Company** | **Acceptable/Objection** | **Comments** |
| **Qualcomm** | **Agree** | As we have agree to include PUSCH paramters, there is no need to further include msgA transmitted payload size. However, I prefer to modify it as  “For the 2-step RA, the payload reported by the UE in the RA-Report is ~~equivalent to~~ the overall payload ~~without padding~~ available in the UE buffer ~~size~~ at the time of initiating the 2 step RA procedure”  There is no padding if payload is not transmitted. |
| **ZTE** | **Agree** | **Fine with Qualcomm’s clarification** |
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Concerning the ASN.1 structure and in particular the format of the IE for logging the payload size, two options were discussed in R2-2203895:

Proposal 12 RAN2 to agree on one of the following methods of reporting the payload size:

1. A 8-bit bitstring in RA report, where the value of the 8-bit bitstring refers to the index of the BSR table in TS 38.321 (similar to the definition of the messageSize field within SL-TrafficPatternInfo)

b. The payload size is reported as ENUMERATED {noPayload, sizeRange1, sizeRange2, sizeRange3, sizeRange4, sizeRange5, spare1, spare0} wherein each RANGE is known, e.g. hardcoded in the specification. FFS the values for each range.

In R2-2203895, 5/12 companies prefer option “a”, whereas 6/12 companies prefer option “b”. A common wish of various companies is anyhow to reduce as much as possible the overhead of this information. Hence in R2-2203895, Rapporteur proposed the following proposal as a possible compromise. Companies are asked to indicate whether that is acceptable or objected.

**Proposal from R2-2203895: A 3-bit bitstring in RA report is adopted, where the value of the 3-bit bitstring refers to one of the indexes of the 5-bit BSR table in TS 38.321 (similar to the definition of the messageSize field within SL-TrafficPatternInfo)**

* **Question-2**: Is the above proposal acceptable or objected?

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| **Company** | **Acceptable/Objection** | **Comments** |
| **Qualcomm** | Agree |  |
| **ZTE** | **Agree** |  |
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## SCG Failure Information

Concerning the MRO for SCG mobility procedures, in the email discussion R2-2203895 the following proposal was made:

**Proposal from R2-2203895: The RA related Information associated to the SCG failure are included in the SCGFailureInformation.**

14 companies did not have any concern with the above proposal, 2 companies believed instead that RAN2 should aim at reducing the size of the SCGFailureInformation message.

* **Question-3**: Is the above proposal acceptable or objected?

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| **Company** | **Acceptable/Objection** | **Comments** |
| **Qualcomm** | Agree |  |
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Related to the scenarios in which the RA Information should be included in the *SCGFailureInformation*, the following proposal was made based on companies´ comments in R2-2203895:

**Proposal from R2-2203895: The RA Information associated to a SCG failure are included in the SCGFailureInformation for the following scenarios:**

* 1. **when failureType is set to randomAccessProblem**
  2. **when failureType is set to beamFailureRecoveryFailure**
  3. **when failureType is set to synchReconfigFailureSCG**

For each of the scenarios above, Rapporteur would like to ask whether it is acceptable or objected:

* + **Question-4**: Please indicate for each of the above scenarios whether that is acceptable or objected

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| **Company** | **a (acceptable/ objection)** | **b (acceptable/ objection)** | **c (acceptable/ objection)** | **Comments** |
| **Qualcomm** | **acceptable** | **acceptable** | **acceptable** |  |
| **ZTE** | **acceptable** | **acceptable** | **acceptable** |  |
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In addition, in R2-2203895, it was discussed which new parameters should be included in the SCGFailureInformation message. Based on companies´ comments the following was proposed:

**Proposal from R2-2203895: RAN2 to include the following information in the SCGFailureInformation in case of SCG failure:**

1. **previousPSCellID**
2. **failedPSCellID**
3. **timeSCGFailure**

For each of the parameters above, Rapporteur would like to ask whether the inclusion in the SCGFailureInformation is acceptable or objected:

* + **Question-5**: Please indicate for each of the above parameters, whether the inclusion in the SCGFailureInformation is acceptable or objected.

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| **Company** | **a (acceptable/ objection)** | **b (acceptable/ objection)** | **c (acceptable/ objection)** | **Comments** |
| **Qualcomm** | **acceptable** | **acceptable** | **acceptable** |  |
| **ZTE** | **acceptable** | **acceptable** | **acceptable** |  |
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It was also discussed in R2-2203895, about the inclusion of a 1-bit flag to indicate the running of T304 at the time of SCG failure declaration due to *randomAccessProblem*.   
Many companies seemed to be fine with not having this 1-bit flag. However, some companies highlighted that this decision depends on whether the proposal discussed in P4 allows the network to figure out that the T304 is running. For example, if the RA-related information are included in the SCGFailureInformation only if random access problems occurred while T304 was running, or if the failureType is set to synchReconfigFailureSCG, then the network can implicitly conclude that the RA-related information are associated to a problem experienced while the T304 was running.

Given the majority view in R2-2203895, Rapporteur asks the following:

* + **Question-6**: Is the following proposal acceptable or objected?
    - There is no need for the UE to include a 1 bit flag in the SCGFailureInformation to indicate that the T304 was running when the UE declared the SCG failure due to random access problem indication in the SCG MAC

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| **Company** | **Acceptable/ Objection** | **Comments** |
| **Qualcomm** | **Agree** |  |
| **ZTE** | **See comments** | **First, connection failure type (RLF or HOF) is part of RAN3-defined solution for SCG MRO. As commented previously, we don’t insist in including explicit indication if there are information available for NW to implicitly deduce this information, otherwise we shall reconsider this. Therefore we suggest following modification to clarify the understanding:**  There is no need for the UE to include a 1 bit flag in the SCGFailureInformation to indicate that the T304 was running when the UE declared the SCG failure due to random access problem indication in the SCG MAC if there are implicit indication available in SCG failure information can help NW to derive whether random access problem is part of reconfiguration with sync procedure or not, otherwise RAN2 shall reconsider explicit indication.  **Or since we are discussing including RA information, if ra-Purpose is included then NW can know the correct connection failure type, but it will take more than 1 bit.** |
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### 2.2.1 Others

In R2-2203895, two companies (Huawei, Ericsson) pointed out that the RACH resource related parameter may not need to be included in the SCGFailureInformation, since the network should still have this information available at the moment of the reception of the SCGFailureInformation. Hence, it was proposed to only include the perRAInfoList.   
Given the above, the following was proposed in R2-2203895:

**Proposal from R2-2203895: RAN2 to consider the possibility to only include the perRAInfoList rather than the full RA-Information in the SCGFailureInformation message, in order to reduce the size of the SCGFailureInformation.**

* **Question-7**: Is the above proposal acceptable or objected?

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| **Company** | **Acceptable/Objection** | **Comments** |
| **Qualcomm** | **Agree** |  |
| **ZTE** | **Agree with comments** | **I am wondering if ra-Purpose can be included, which can help NW knows the connection failure type. If it can be agreed then proposal in Q6 can be agreed as it is. But it will takes more than the original proposed 1 bit.** |
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## SHR

Concerning the open issues of the SHR, the following proposal was made in R2-2203895 which was supported by a large majority of companies:

**Proposal from R2-2203895: A single T312 threshold common to all measurement identities is configured in the SHR configuration.**

* **Question-8**: Is the above proposal acceptable or objected?

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| **Company** | **Acceptable/Objection** | **Comments** |
| **Qualcomm** | **Acceptable** |  |
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From triggering SHR standpoint, it was further discussed the following:

[Company-tdoc] Given that the T312 is associated to the measurement identity, RAN2 to discuss whether to clarify in the specification in which cases the SHR is generated, e.g. one of the following:

* 1. The UE shall log the SHR always when a T312 is running for any measurement identity configured to the UE. In this case, the UE shall indicate which frequency related measurements had triggered the timer T312.
  2. The SHR shall be generated only if the T312 associated to the measurement identity associated to the target cell is running

Majority of companies do not have concerns with option b, hence in R2-2203895, the following was proposed:

**Proposal from R2-2203895: The SHR shall be generated only if the T312 associated to the measurement identity of the target cell is running**

* **Question-9**: Is the above proposal acceptable or objected?

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| **Company** | **Acceptable/Objection** | **Comments** |
| **Qualcomm** | **Agree** |  |
| **ZTE** | **Acceptable** | **Though we prefer a, but we can go with majority’s view.** |
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Concerning the generation of the SHR and RLF report for the same handover, the following proposal was captured in the premeeting 117 email discussion [1].

[Company-tdoc] RAN2 to consider one or more of the following solutions to address the issue of SHR and RLF report are generated for the same HO:

1. Indicator in the RLF-Report (SHR) indicating that the SHR (RLF-Report) has been already sent to the network for this HO
2. Indicator in the RLF-Report (SHR) indicating that there is an SHR (RLF-Report) associated to the same HO
3. C-RNTI to be included in the SHR, RLF-Report
4. Timestamps in the SHR and RLF-Report to link them in time
5. RLF-Report should be merged with the SHR if the SHR has not been sent yet at the moment of RLF-Report generation, or the SHR should be merged in the RLF-Report.
6. If RLF occurs within a certain time window after the generation of the SHR, the SHR should be discarded if not yet transmitted

The outcome of the discussion in R2-2203895 was the following:

1. Indicator in the RLF-Report (SHR) indicating that the SHR (RLF-Report) has been already sent to the network for this HO
   * P: 2/15
   * A: 6/15
   * NA: 7/15
2. Indicator in the RLF-Report (SHR) indicating that there is an SHR (RLF-Report) associated to the same HO
   * P: 0/15
   * A: 9/15
   * NA: 6/15
3. C-RNTI to be included in the SHR, RLF-Report
   * P: 4/15
   * A: 9/15
   * NA: 2/15
4. Timestamps in the SHR and RLF-Report to link them in time
   * P: 5/15
   * A: 5/15
   * NA: 5/15
5. RLF-Report should be merged with the SHR if the SHR has not been sent yet at the moment of RLF-Report generation, or the SHR should be merged in the RLF-Report.
   * P: 2/15
   * A: 2/15
   * NA: 10/15
6. If RLF occurs within a certain time window after the generation of the SHR, the SHR should be discarded if not yet transmitted
   * P: 1/15
   * A: 0/15
   * NA: 13/15

Given the above outcome, the option that seems more acceptable is option c, i.e. the inclusion of the C-RNTI. Hence, the following was proposed:

**Proposal from R2-2203895: The C-RNTI is included in the SHR. FFS if it is the C-RNTI used in the source cell, or target cell, or both.**

In case this proposal is agreeable, Rapporteur would also like to ask companies whether the C-RNTI to be reported should be the C-RNTI assigned by the source cell or by target cell or both C-RNTIs of source and target cell should be included.

* **Question-10**: Is the above proposal acceptable or objected?
* If it is acceptable, please also indicate if the C-RNTI to be included in the SHR should be the C-RNTI assigned by the source cell or by the target cell or both C-RNTIs of source and target cell should be included

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| **Company** | **Acceptable/Objection** | **Comments  (please indicate if it is the C-RNTI of the source cell/target cell/both)** |
| **Qualcomm** | **Acceptable** | **C-RNTI of target only.**  According to C-RNTI used in RLF“  ***c-RNTI***  This field indicates the C-RNTI used in the PCell upon detecting radio link failure or the C-RNTI used in the source PCell upon handover failure.  In my understanding, SHR and RLF report both can be generated only if RLF happens at the target after successful handover. Therefore, to corelate the SHR and RLF (at target) (contains the C-RNTI at target), SHR should contain C-RNTI provided by target cell. |
| **ZTE** | **Acceptable** | **Both. For source RLF happens during DAPS HO and DAPS HO is successful, source C-RNTI is needed to identify source RLF with SHR . But if in this case UE can merge source RLF into SHR then we don’t need it, otherwise it is needed to link SHR with source RLF.** |
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Other options that received significant support are option b and d, therefore Rapporteur in R2-2203895 also proposed further discussing the need of option b and d:

**Proposal from R2-2203895: RAN2 to further discuss the need of the following options:**

* 1. **Indicator in the RLF-Report (SHR) indicating that there is an SHR (RLF-Report) associated to the same HO**
  2. **Timestamps in the SHR and RLF-Report to link them in time. FFS how to represent this timestamp (e.g. absolute or relative timestamp)**
* **Question-11**: For each of the above option a and b, please indicate it those can be acceptable or objected

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| **Company** | **Option a (acceptable/objection)** | **Option b (acceptable/objection)** | **Comments** |
| **Qualcomm** | **Object** | **Strongly object** | **If target get SHR availability indicator and RLF happens at the target, then target cell know if there is SHR and RLF for same handover. Target should inform source. No need to have indicator in RLF report or SHR.** |
| **ZTE** | **Acceptable** | **Acceptable** | **With (a) NW can know whether to look into to detailed content and perform additional processing. Since C-RNTI might be reused timeStamp can help better correlate the two reports.** |
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### Others

In the email discussion in R2-2203895, Sharp observes that in the current CR implementation, an SHR will be generated when the UE successfully executes a CHO recovery in a CHO candidate target cell. Rapporteur agrees with this observation, and that the current CR implementation does not correctly capture the agreement from RAN2#114-e:

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| From RAN2#114:  44  The SHR scenario 2c, i.e. “Successful CHO recovery while initial failure” is part of the RLF-Report. |

Rapporteur proposed fixing this issue in the next revision of the running CR:

**Proposal from R2-2203895: Amend the running CR such that the SHR will not be generated when the UE succeeds with the CHO recovery, in line with the agreement from RAN2#114-e.**

* **Question-12**: Is the above proposal acceptable or objected?

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| **Company** | **Acceptable/Objection** | **Comments** |
| **Qualcomm** | **Agree** |  |
| **ZTE** | **See comments** | **We are fine with this if it is majority’s view, but we’d like to further clarify several issues.**   1. **If latest cell measurements will be included for succes this information. However currently the cell measurements information will only be included when T304 expires along with other RLF-content(e.g., time information.)** 2. **For SHR we have agreed on timeSinceCHOReconfig which is the time elapsed between the initiation of the execution of conditional reconfiguration for the target PCell and the reception of the last conditionalReconfiguration including the condRRCReconfig of the target PCell in the source PCell; and for RLF-report this information is only included for failed CHO recovery, do we also need this information when CHO is successful?**   **RAN2 needs to discuss potential update of specs if consider it is part of RLF-report.** |
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# Conclusion

To be updated later

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