3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #123 R2-2308961

Toulouse, France, Aug 21-25, 2023

**Agenda item: 8.1**

**Source: Vice Chairman (ZTE Corporation)**

**Title: Report from Break-out session on NR-NTN and IoT-NTN**

**Document for: Approval**

General

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Organizational

1. All organization emails and notes will be shared over the following email discussion throughout the meeting:

* [AT123][100] Organizational – NR-NTN and IoT-NTN session (RAN2 VC)

Scope:

* + - Share plans for the meeting and list of ongoing email discussions for the sessions related to NR-NTN and IoT-NTN
    - Share meetings notes and agreements for review and endorsement

Schedule/Plan

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|  | **Main room** | **Brk 1 room** | **Brk 2 room** | **Brk 3 room** |
| **Monday August 21** | | | | |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | [1], [2], [2.5] Elections  [3] 10-25 min  NR1516 CP (Johan)  - Common  NR17 (Johan)  - Common | Breakout to start after formal opening of meeting in main room  NR18 fCovEnh [0.5] (Eswar) | Breakout to start after formal opening of meeting in main room:  NRLTE1516 Pos (Nathan)  NR17 Pos (Nathan) |  |
| 11:00 – 13:00 | NR18 XR [2] (Tero), could possibly start earlier TBD |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | NR18 Closed WIs early items, if needed (Yi, Sasha)  NR18 (Johan)  - Early items TBD  - Common  NR17 (Johan)  - Common, if time (TBD continue 20min after the break) | NR151617 UP (Diana)  NR18 MT-SDT [0.5] (Diana)  NR18 Network Energy Saving [1] (Diana) | NRLTE1516 V2X/SL (Kyeongin)  NR17 SL (Kyeongin) |
| 17:00 – 19:00 | NR18 MIMO evo [0.75] (Erlin)  - Early items | NR18 SL evolution [1] (Kyeongin) |
| **Tuesday August 22** | | | | |
| 08:30 – 10:30 | NR18 feMob [2] (Johan) | NR18 eQoE [1] (Tero) | NR17 (Nathan)  - Pos SL Relay TBD |  |
| 11:00 – 13:00 | NR18 Mobile IAB [0.5] (Johan)  **NR17 NTN Maint (Sergio)**  **- 4.2**  **- 6.3** | NR18 XR [2] (Tero) | NR18 Pos [2] (Nathan) |
| 14:30 - | [2.5] Elections (*Voting for Chair: voting tool open 12:30 - 14:00*) |  |  |
| – 16:30 | NR18 LP WUS [0.5] (Johan)  - Short: Early items for offline prep.  NR17 Common (Johan), continuation. | Start after common session:  **NR18 NTN enh [1] (Sergio)**  **- 7.7.1**  **- 7.7.2**  **- 7.7.3**  **- 7.7.4.1.1** | Start after common session:  NR18 Pos [2] (Nathan) |
| 17:00 | [2.5] Elections, if needed (*Voting for Chair 2nd round: voting tool open 15:30 - 16:55*) |  |  |
| – 19:00 | NR18 Other [2] (Johan) | Start after common session:  NR18 UAV [1] (Diana) | Start after common session:  NR17 (Nathan)  NR18 SL relay [1.5] (Nathan) |
| **Wednesday August 23** | | | | |
| 08:30 – 10:30 | NR18 feMob [2] (Johan) | 8:30-9:00 EUTRA17+ (Tero)  9:00-10:30 MUSIM | NR 18 MBS [0.75] (Dawid) |  |
| 11:00 – 13:00 | NR17  - Common (Johan), continuation. | NR18 URLLC [0.5] (Diana)  NR18 Network Energy Saving [1] (Diana) | NR17 SONMDT (HuNan) |
| 14:30 | [2.5] Elections (*Voting for Vice Chair: voting tool open 12:30 - 14:00)* |  |  |
| – 16:30 | NR18 Other [2] (Johan) | Start after common session:  NR18 RedCap [1] (Mattias) | Start after common session:  NR18 SONMDT [1] (HuNan) |
| 17:00 | [2.5] Elections (*Voting for Vice Chair: voting tool open 15:30 - 16:55)* |  |  |
| – 19:00 | NR18 AIML [1] (Johan) | Start after common session:  **R18 IoT-NTN [1] (Sergio)**  **- 7.6.1**  **- 7.6.2.1 : report of [101]**  **- 7.6.2.2** | Start after common session:  NR18 SL relay [1.5] (Nathan) |
| **Thursday August 24** | | | | |
| 08:30 – 10:30 | CB NR151617 (Johan) | CB Diana | CB Kyeongin |  |
| 11:00 – 13:00 | NR18 TEI [1] (Johan, TBD Nathan) | CB Diana | CB Kyeongin |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | CB NR17 (Johan) | **NR NTN Enh (Sergio, 14 :30 – 15 :30)**  **- 7.7.4.1.2**  **- 7.7.4.2 : report of [Post122][114]**  **- 7.7.4.1.1: final decision on option 1+3 vs 2**  CB Tero (15:30 – 16:30) | CB Nathan |
| 17:00 – 19:00 | CB NR17 (Johan)  CB NR18 (Johan) | CB Tero  MUSIM con’t  TBD | CB Nathan |
| **Friday August 25** | | | | |
| 08:30 – 10:30 | NR18 MIMO evo [0.75] (Erlin)  - late items and CBs.  CB Dawid | CB Mattias (08:30 – 09:30)  **NR NTN Enh (Sergio, 09:30 – 10:30)**  **- 7.7.4.2 : report of [109], unchanged PCI aspects** | CB Nathan, Kyeongin TBD |  |
| 11:00 – 13:00 | CB Johan, Eswar TBD | **IoT NTN Enh (Sergio)**  **- 7.6.3.1: report of [Post122][112]**  **- 7.6.3.2**  **- 7.6.4 : report of [Post122][113]** | TBD  CB NR18 IDC [0] (Yi) |
| 14:30 – 16:00 | CB Johan | **IoT NTN Enh (Sergio)**  **- 7.6.2.2 : report of [110]**  **NTN Self evaluation (Sergio)**  **- 7.25.4: report of [102]** | CB HuNan |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | CB and conclusion (Johan) |  |  |  |

List and status of offline discussions

NOTE: No offline email discussions will be kicked off before Monday Aug 21th, 09:00 local time

* [AT123][101][IoT NTN] HARQ Enhancements (Nokia)

Initial scope: Discuss the proposals in the submitted contributions in AI 7.6.2.1

Initial intended outcome: Summary of the offline discussion with e.g.:

* List of proposals for agreement (if any)
* List of proposals that require online discussions
* List of proposals that should not be pursued (if any)

Deadline for companies' feedback: Wednesday 2023-08-23 08:00

Deadline for rapporteur’s summary (in R2-2308981): Wednesday 2023-08-23 14:00

Status: Closed

* [AT123][102][NTN Self Ev] CP/UP latency assumptions (Ericsson)

Initial scope: Converge on common assumptions for CP/UP latency (based on submitted contributions in AI 7.25.4)

Initial intended outcome: Summary of the offline discussion with e.g.:

* List of proposals for agreement (if any)
* List of proposals that require online discussions

Deadline for companies' feedback: Wednesday 2023-08-23 14:00 (F2F offline discussion might also happen afterwards, depending on companies’ feedback)

Deadline for rapporteur’s summary (in R2-2308982): Friday 2023-08-25 08:00

Status: Closed

* [AT123][103][IoT-NTN] RRC CR 4937 (Mediatek)

Scope: Discuss a revision of 36.331CR4937

Intended outcome: agreeable CR

Deadline for companies' feedback: Thursday 2023-08-24 18:00

Deadline for final CR in R2-2308983: Friday 2023-08-25 08:00

Status: Ongoing

* [AT123][104][IoT-NTN] RRC CR 4945 (ZTE)

Scope: Discuss a revision of 36.331CR4945

Intended outcome: agreeable CR

Deadline for companies' feedback: Thursday 2023-08-24 18:00

Deadline for final CR in R2-2308984: Friday 2023-08-25 08:00

Status: Ongoing

* [AT123][105][IoT-NTN] RRC CR 4952 (Samsung)

Scope: Discuss a revision of 36.331CR4952

Intended outcome: agreeable CR

Deadline for companies' feedback: Thursday 2023-08-24 18:00

Deadline for final CR in R2-2308985: Friday 2023-08-25 08:00

Status: Ongoing

* [AT123][106][IoT-NTN] MAC CR 1567 (Mediatek)

Scope: Discuss a revision of 36.321CR1567

Intended outcome: agreeable CR

Deadline for companies' feedback: Thursday 2023-08-24 18:00

Deadline for final CR in R2-2308986: Friday 2023-08-25 08:00

Status: Ongoing

* [AT123][107][NR NTN] RRC CR 4239 (Samsung)

Scope: Discuss a revision of 38.331CR4239

Intended outcome: agreeable CR

Deadline for companies' feedback: Thursday 2023-08-24 18:00

Deadline for final CR/offline summary report in R2-2308987: Friday 2023-08-25 08:00

Status: Ongoing

* [AT123][108][NR NTN Enh] LCID extension (Huawei)

Initial scope: Discuss the possibility to extend the LCID values (by using a reserved bit in MAC PDU) vs other solutions being discussed, as a general solution for LCID shortage (i.e. not only for NTN).

Initial intended outcome: Summary of the offline discussion

Deadline for companies' feedback: Thursday 2023-08-24 18:00 (F2F discussion is also invited)

Deadline for rapporteur’s summary in R2-2308988: Friday 2023-08-25 08:00

Status: Closed

* [AT123][109][NR NTN Enh] RACH-less HO (Samsung)

Initial scope: Continue the discussion on RACH-less HO, based on [R2-2307315](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307315.docx) (and proposals in other papers where needed)

Initial intended outcome: Summary of the offline discussion with e.g.:

* List of proposals for agreement (if any)
* List of proposals that require online discussions

Deadline for companies' feedback: Thursday 2023-08-24 18:00 (F2F discussion is also possible)

Deadline for rapporteur’s summary in R2-2308989: Friday 2023-08-25 08:00

Status: Closed

* [AT123][110][IoT NTN Enh] GNSS enhancements (ZTE)

Initial scope: Continue the discussion on proposals marked for discussion in offline 110

Initial intended outcome: Summary of the offline discussion with e.g.:

* List of proposals for agreement (if any)
* List of proposals that require online discussions

Deadline for companies' feedback: Thursday 2023-08-24 18:00 (F2F discussion is also possible)

Deadline for rapporteur’s summary in R2-2308991: Friday 2023-08-25 08:00

Status: Closed

* [AT123][111][IoT-NTN Enh] Reply LS to RAN1 (Lenovo)

Scope: Draft reply LS to RAN1 n NPDCCH monitoring restriction for NB-IoT NTN

Intended outcome: Draft LS

Deadline for companies' feedback: Friday 2023-08-25 08:00

Deadline for draft LS in R2-2308990: Friday 2023-08-25 10:00

Status: Ongoing

## 4.2 NB-IoT and eMTC support for NTN Rel-17

(LTE\_NBIOT\_eMTC\_NTN; leading WG: RAN1; REL-17; WID: [RP-211601](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\archive\RAN\RAN%2392\Tdocs\RP-211601.zip))

Tdoc Limitation: 1 tdocs

This Agenda Item is treated in the Breakout session that includes NTN

A single CR per TS with miscelaneous corrections is encouraged. Small editorial corrections should be sent directly to rapporteur. Big open issues can be discussed with contributions with CR in the appendix of the contribution

Reference point for timing info in IoT-NTN

[R2-2307499](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307499%20Discussion%20on%20UTC%20reference%20point%20in%20IoT%20NTN.docx) Discussion on UTC reference point in IoT NTN Huawei, HiSilicon discussion Rel-17 LTE\_NBIOT\_eMTC\_NTN

Proposal: In IoT NTN, UE considers the propagation delay from the UE to RP (the uplink time synchronization reference point) when determining the UTC time from SIB16(-NB).

[R2-2308227](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308227%20Reference%20point%20for%20UTC%20timing%20in%20SIB16(-NB).docx) Reference point for UTC timing in SIB16(-NB) Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell discussion Rel-17 LTE\_NBIOT\_eMTC\_NTN-Core

Observation 1: The high-accuracy timeReferenceInfo information elements are transmitted by the network without RF propagation delay compensation.

Observation 2: The purpose of changing the reference point for the UTC timing in SIB16(-NB) is unclear, because IoT NTN devices are equipped with GNSS, which can provide similar or even more accurate timing information.

Observation 3: To achieve the accuracy of timeReferenceInfo UE-specific signalling on the propagation delay can be provided from NW to UE in NR for terrestrial networks, but it is not feasible for NTN.

Observation 4: The RAN4 transmit timing error requirement for NB-IoT over NTN is 3.16 µs because of the DL timing estimation error based on ephemeris, common TA and GNSS position.

Observation 5: The combined accuracy of ephemeris, common TA, and UE GNSS position is significantly worse than the timeReferenceInfo and therefore the UE may not be able to apply timeReferenceInfo.

Observation 6: The UE can determine the timeInfoUTC with sufficient accuracy because the potential inaccuracies in the propagation delay estimate are significantly smaller.

Observation 7: A shift of the reference point for SIB16(-NB) will have large impact on eNB implementation.

And proposed the following:

Proposal 1: RAN2 to agree to maintain the legacy reference point in the network for SIB16(-NB).

Proposal 2: RAN2 to discuss to add a note to SIB16(-NB) as follows “In an NTN cell, the UE should compensate for the service link and feeder link propagation delays to obtain accurate timing via timeInfoUTC.”

Proposal 3: RAN2 to agree the TP as included in the Appendix.

* QC thinks kmac includes errors and we should reduce them and we should specify right now that the reference point for timing is RP
* Oppo thinks that for R17 there is no need to change
* Ericsson thinks this information is useful for the UE to speed up GNSS acquisition so would prefer to have better timing info and then use RP as the timing reference point
* ZTE agrees with Nokia that it’s not possible to achieve the same accuracy as in TN but thinks it’s better to go for a solution that allows better accuracy (i.e. have RP as the reference point).
* In NTN, RP is the reference point for timing info for both timeInfoUTC and timeReferenceInfo. RAN2 understands that, for timeReferenceInfo, in NTN R17 it’s anyway not possible to achieve the same level of accuracy as in a TN network
* Continue the discussion in the next meeting on the applicability to NR NTN

[R2-2307188](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307188%20Clarify%20the%20reference%20point%20for%20timing%20info%20in%20SIB16(-NB)%20and%20DLInformationTransfer%20in%20IoT%20NTN.docx) Clarify the reference point for timing info in SIB16(-NB) and DLInformationTransfer in IoT NTN MediaTek Inc., Qualcomm Inc, Apple, Ericsson, Huawei CR Rel-17 36.331 17.5.0 4937 - F LTE\_NBIOT\_eMTC\_NTN-Core

* Proposal is agreed in principle.
* Revised in R2-2308983
* Continue the discussion in offline 103 on the actual text proposal

[R2-2308983](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\RAN2\Inbox\R2-2308983.zip) Clarify the reference point for timing info in SIB16(-NB) and DLInformationTransfer in IoT NTN MediaTek Inc., Qualcomm Inc, Apple, Ericsson, Huawei CR Rel-17 36.331 17.5.0 4937 1

* Fix the coverpage and the style
* Revised in R2-2308992

R2-2308992 Clarify the reference point for timing info in SIB16(-NB) and DLInformationTransfer in IoT NTN MediaTek Inc., Qualcomm Inc, Apple, Ericsson, Huawei CR Rel-17 36.331 17.5.0 4937 2

* [AT123][103][IoT-NTN] RRC CR 4937 (Mediatek)

Scope: Discuss a revision of 36.331CR4937

Intended outcome: agreeable CR

Deadline for companies' feedback: Thursday 2023-08-24 18:00

Deadline for final CR in R2-2308983: Friday 2023-08-25 08:00

Other RRC CRs

[R2-2307325](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307325%20Correct%20TrackingAreaList%20for%20selected%20PLMN%20for%20NB-IoT.docx) Correct TrackingAreaList for selected PLMN for NB-IoT MediaTek CR Rel-17 36.331 17.5.0 4938 - F LTE\_NBIOT\_eMTC\_NTN-Core

* ZTE thinks this might have impact on legacy UEs and thinks the CR is not needed. QC agrees. Ericsson agrees
* Not pursued

[R2-2308522](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308522%2036331(R17)_Miscellaneous%20RRC%20corrections%20for%20IoT%20NTN.docx) Miscellaneous RRC corrections for IoT NTN ZTE Corporation, Sanechips CR Rel-17 36.331 17.5.0 4945 - F LTE\_NBIOT\_eMTC\_NTN-Core

* Second change in NBC and is not pursued
* HW thinks that for the first change we can put the description under ServingSatelliteInfo rather than SystemInformationBlockType31
* The principle of first change is ok.
* Revised in R2-2308984
* Continue in offline 104 to discuss the wording details and also other possible change on TA report that fits in this CR

R2-2308984 Miscellaneous RRC corrections for IoT NTN ZTE Corporation, Sanechips CR Rel-17 36.331 17.5.0 4945 1 F LTE\_NBIOT\_eMTC\_NTN-Core

* [AT123][104][IoT-NTN] RRC CR 4945 (ZTE)

Scope: Discuss a revision of 36.331CR4945

Intended outcome: agreeable CR

Deadline for companies' feedback: Thursday 2023-08-24 18:00

Deadline for final CR in R2-2308984: Friday 2023-08-25 08:00

[R2-2308893](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308893%20RRC%20correction%20on%20including%20gnss%20validity%20duration%20and%20dedicated%20SIB31.docx) RRC Correction on including GNSS validity duration and dedicated SIB31 Samsung CR Rel-17 36.331 17.5.0 4952 - F LTE\_NBIOT\_eMTC\_NTN

* Ericsson agrees with the intention of the first change and would prefer to have “connecting to…”
* QC thinks the first change is not needed but supports the second.
* Oppo agrees with Ericsson.
* Second change (on Dedicated SIB31 outside of mobility procedures) is ok
* Revised in R2-2308985
* Continue the discussion in offline 105 on the actual wording of the first change

R2-2308985 RRC Correction on including GNSS validity duration and dedicated SIB31 Samsung CR Rel-17 36.331 17.5.0 4952 1 F LTE\_NBIOT\_eMTC\_NTN

* [AT123][105][IoT-NTN] RRC CR 4952 (Samsung)

Scope: Discuss a revision of 36.331CR4952

Intended outcome: agreeable CR

Deadline for companies' feedback: Thursday 2023-08-24 18:00

Deadline for final CR in R2-2308985: Friday 2023-08-25 08:00

MAC CR

[R2-2307324](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307324%20MAC%20correction%20on%20HARQ%20RTT%20timer%20%20for%20IoT%20NTN.docx) Corrections on the HARQ RTT timer for IoT NTN MediaTek CR Rel-17 36.321 17.5.0 1567 - F LTE\_NBIOT\_eMTC\_NTN-Core

* ZTE thinks this has impact on legacy NB-IoT and are ok to further discuss
* Second change (editorial) is ok
* Revised in R2-2308986
* Continue in offline 106 for the first change

R2-2308986 Corrections on the HARQ RTT timer for IoT NTN MediaTek CR Rel-17 36.321 17.5.0 1567 1 F LTE\_NBIOT\_eMTC\_NTN-Core

* [AT123][106][IoT-NTN] MAC CR 1567 (Mediatek)

Scope: Discuss a revision of 36.321CR1567

Intended outcome: agreeable CR

Deadline for companies' feedback: Thursday 2023-08-24 18:00

Deadline for final CR in R2-2308986: Friday 2023-08-25 08:00

Stage 2 CR

[R2-2308538](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308538%20-%2036300_CR1386_(Rel-17)%20-%20Correction%20to%20GNSS%20acquisition%20description%20for%20IoT%20NTN.docx) Correction to GNSS acquisition description for IoT NTN Ericsson CR Rel-17 36.300 17.5.0 1386 - F LTE\_NBIOT\_eMTC\_NTN-Core

* QC and Oppo think this is not an essential correction. CATT agrees
* Not pursued

## 6.3 NR Non-Terrestrial Networks (NTN)

(NR\_NTN\_solutions-Core; leading WG: RAN2; REL-17; WID: [RP-211557](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\archive\RAN\RAN%2392\Tdocs\RP-211557.zip))

Tdoc Limitation: 1 tdocs

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RRC CRs

[R2-2308253](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308253%2038331%20CR%20Different%20UE%20capability%20support%20between%20TN%20and%20NTN.docx) Clarification of UE configuration in TN and NTN Ericsson CR Rel-17 38.331 17.5.0 4239 - F NR\_NTN\_solutions-Core

[R2-2308520](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308520.docx) Correction on RRC Release for NR NTN Samsung CR Rel-17 38.331 17.5.0 4257 - F NR\_NTN\_solutions-Core

* Google think this is a big number and wonders where this comes from. Samsung confirms this comes from GSO
* HW thinks the time is from the moment the RRCRelease message was received, so the RTT is already accounted for.
* Nokia acknowledge the issue but does not think this should apply to all scenarios
* Ericsson thinks the CR is not needed. The network could take this into account (by repeating the message for increased reliability). Apple agrees
* Google agrees in principle and thinks we could link the value to Koffset
* Continue in offline 107
* [AT123][107][NR NTN] RRC CR 4239 (Samsung)

Scope: Discuss a revision of 38.331CR4239

Intended outcome: agreeable CR / offline summary report

Deadline for companies' feedback: Thursday 2023-08-24 18:00

Deadline for final CR/offline summary report in R2-2308987: Friday 2023-08-25 08:00

R2-2308987 [offline-107] RRC CR 4239 Samsung discussion Rel-17 NR\_NTN\_solutions-Core

Other

[R2-2307113](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307113_CR0931_38306%20Correction%20on%20the%20Capability%20of%20TA%20Reporting.docx) Correction on the Capability of TA Reporting vivo CR Rel-17 38.306 17.5.0 0931 - F NR\_NTN\_solutions-Core

[R2-2307498](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307498%20Triggering%20of%20TA%20Report%20during%20handover.docx) Triggering of TA Report during handover Huawei, HiSilicon discussion Rel-17 NR\_NTN\_solutions-Core

## 7.6 IoT NTN enhancements

(IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core; leading WG: RAN1; REL-18; WID: RP-223519)

Time budget: 1 TU

Tdoc Limitation: 4 tdocs

### 7.6.1 Organizational

LSs, rapporteur inputs and other organizational documents. Rapporteur inputs and other pre-assigned documents in this AI do not count towards the tdoc limitation.

Incoming LSs

[R2-2307003](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307003_R1-2304126.doc) LS on GNSS position fix during inactive state of Connected DRX for improved GNSS operations (R1-2304126; contact: MediaTek) RAN1 LS in Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core To:RAN2

* Noted

[R2-2307005](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307005_R1-2306182.docx) Reply LS on HARQ Enhancements (R1-2306182; contact: OPPO) RAN1 LS in Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core To:RAN2

* Noted

[R2-2307012](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307012_R1-2306222.docx) LS on Rel-18 RAN1 UE features list for LTE after RAN1#113 (R1-2306222; contact: NTT DOCOMO, AT&T) RAN1 LS in Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core To:RAN2 Cc:RAN4

* Noted

[R2-2307016](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307016_R1-2306245.doc) LS on NPDCCH monitoring restriction for NB-IoT NTN (R1-2306245; contact: Lenovo) RAN1 LS in Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core To:RAN2

* Noted
* Reply LS in R2-2308990

[R2-2308990](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\RAN2\Inbox\R2-2308990.zip) Draft Reply LS on NPDCCH monitoring restriction for NB-IoT NTN (Lenovo) To: RAN1 LS out Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

* Remove Draft, put RAN2 as source
* Revised in R2-2308993

R2-2308993 Draft Reply LS on NPDCCH monitoring restriction for NB-IoT NTN (Lenovo) To: RAN1 LS out Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

* [AT123][111][IoT-NTN Enh] Reply LS to RAN1 (Lenovo)

Scope: Draft reply LS to RAN1 n NPDCCH monitoring restriction for NB-IoT NTN

Intended outcome: Draft LS

Deadline for companies' feedback: Friday 2023-08-25 08:00

Deadline for draft LS in R2-2308990: Friday 2023-08-25 10:00

Running CRs

[R2-2308542](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308542%20-%2036300_(Rel-18)%20-%20Running%20CR%20for%20IoT%20NTN.docx) Running CR for IoT NTN Ericsson draftCR Rel-18 36.300 17.5.0 B IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308939](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308939%20-%20Rapporteur%20input%20on%2036.300.docx) Rapporteur input on 36.300 Ericsson draftCR Rel-18 36.300 17.5.0 B IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308046](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308046%2036331%20running%20CR%20for%20IOT%20NTN.docx) 36331 running CR for IOT NTN Huawei, HiSilicon draftCR Rel-18 36.331 17.5.0 B IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308194](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308194-running-CR-36304.docx) 36.304 Running CR for Rel-18 IoT NTN Nokia Solutions & Networks (I) draftCR Rel-18 36.304 17.4.0 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308944](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\RAN2\Docs\R2-2308944.zip) Stage-3 running CR for TS 36.321 for Rel-18 IoT-NTN MediaTek Inc. draftCR Rel-18 36.321 17.5.0 B IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core R2-2306962

[R2-2307625](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\36306_CRxxxx_(Rel-18)_R2-2307625%20UE%20capability%20running%20CR.docx) Running CR for TS 36.306 for Rel-18 IoT NTN Qualcomm Incorporated draftCR Rel-18 36.306 17.4.0 B IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308904](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308904%20-%20On%20R18%20IoT%20NTN%20UE%20capabilities.docx) On R18 IoT NTN UE capabilities Ericsson discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

Proposal 1 Define an optional UE capability for disabling HARQ feedback in IoT NTN.

* Samsung wonders whether we should have a single capability for RRC or DCI based
* Ericsson thinks the proposal is to have a capability which indicates support for static, dynamic or both
* Agree in principle but need to continue the discussion on which combinations are possible

Proposal 2 Define an optional UE capability for obtaining GNSS position fix in RRC\_CONNECTED in IoT NTN.

* MTK thinks there is no need for a capability for this
* Oppo wonders if we need capability signalling for this
* Continue the discussion in the next meeting, also based on further RAN1 feedback

Proposal 3 Adopt the TP attached for TS 36.331.

Proposal 4 GSO/NGSO capability differentiation is possible through ntn-ScenarioSupport-r17 and no further enhancements are needed in Release 18.

* Apple thinks it’s too early to decide

Proposal 5 The UE capabilities for IoT NTN Release 18 are defined per UE.

### 7.6.2 Performance Enhancements

#### 7.6.2.1 HARQ enhancements

* [AT123][101][IoT NTN] HARQ Enhancements (Nokia)

Initial scope: Discuss the proposals in the submitted contributions in AI 7.6.2.1

Initial intended outcome: Summary of the offline discussion with e.g.:

* List of proposals for agreement (if any)
* List of proposals that require online discussions
* List of proposals that should not be pursued (if any)

Deadline for companies' feedback: Wednesday 2023-08-23 08:00

Deadline for rapporteur’s summary (in R2-2308981): Wednesday 2023-08-23 14:00

[R2-2308981](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\RAN2\Inbox\R2-2308981.zip) [offline-101] HARQ enhancements Nokia discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

Easy agreements:

Proposal 2: (15/15) For eMTC NTN, it can be left to eNB’s implementation to configure either HARQ mode A or HARQ mode B for all HARQ process (or no HARQ mode) if mpdcch-UL-HARQ-ACK-FeedbackConfig is configured.

* Agreed

Proposal 4: (15/15) For NB-IoT NTN and eMTC NTN for CE Mode B, to configure/indicate enabling/disabling of HARQ feedback for downlink transmission:

• Introduce an RRC bitmap with a value per HARQ process to indicate the HARQ feedback enabling/disabling for each HARQ process. (Similar to NR)

• Introduce a single flag in RRC signaling to indicate whether DCI-based solution is enabled or not

* Agreed

Proposal 12: (15/15) HARQ feedback shall always be sent for DL SPS deactivation (i.e. regardless of HARQ feedback enabled/disabled).

* Agreed

Proposal 5a: (14/15) For NB-IoT, UL HARQ mode configuration is based on RRC signalling (similar like NR NTN).

* Agreed

Proposal 7a: (14/15) For a NB-IoT UE configured with a single HARQ process, if the HARQ process is configured with HARQ mode B, UE (re)starts drx-InactivityTimer in the subframe containing the last repetition of the corresponding PUSCH transmission plus 1 subframe plus deltaPDCCH.

* Agreed

Discuss online:

Proposal 1: (6:7:2) HARQ mode B is not applicable for UL transmission using PUR. FFS whether HARQ mode can be configured for PUR.

* Oppo thinks we should not introduce any changes with respect to R17 and then not change anything
* CATT supports the proposal and we could also remove the FFS part
* QC thinks there are two type of PUR, CP and UP. For CP there should be no issue
* ZTE thinks the discussion should be on whether we support blind retx
* Samsung and HW thinks we should follow R17. Vivo agrees
* Agreed

Proposal 3: (11/14) In the case mpdcch-UL-HARQ-ACK-FeedbackConfig is configured, for a HARQ process configure with HARQ mode B, the corresponding drx-ULRetransmissionTimer is not started after the last repetition of the corresponding PUSCH transmission if an UL HARQ-ACK feedback has not been received on MPDCCH until the last repetition of the corresponding PUSCH transmission

* QC thinks that if we go for this, additional changes are needed in the specs
* Agreed

Proposal 5b: (12/15) For eMTC, UL HARQ mode configuration is based on RRC signalling (similar like NR NTN).

* Agreed

Proposal 6: (10/14) RAN2 confirms working assumption 2 in LS R2-2307016 (R1-2306245) is feasible.

* Lenovo thinks the LS asks about the feasibility and we could confirm this is feasible
* IDC thinks that everything is feasible but we need to consider whether the additional complexity is worth it. Nokia agrees
* Ericsson and QC agree with Lenovo
* HW thinks we can reply confirming the feasibility
* RAN2 confirms working assumption 2 in LS R2-2307016 (R1-2306245) is feasible.
* Draft reply LS in R2-2308990 accordingly

Proposal 7b: RAN2 to discuss below proposal online:

For HARQ processes that has HARQ mode B, the drx-InactivityTimer is (re)started after a period equal to:

- for eMTC with FDD half duplex, 1 ms after latest PUSCH repetition;

- for eMTC not with FDD half duplex, 0 ms after latest PUSCH repetition.

- QC wonders if we need to define different behaviour for full duplex and half duplex

- Ericsson thinks this is related to the LS reply

- Nokia thinks Ericsson understanding is not correct

Proposal 8: (11/15) For NB-IoT UE configured with two HARQ processes and at least one of them is configured with HARQ feedback disabled, no change to the operation on drx-InactivityTimer for single-TB scheduling case (i.e., it is sufficient to capture the 12 subframes PDCCH monitor restriction in RAN1 spec).

* MTK thinks the proposal is not correct as it is. CATT agrees

Proposal 9: (1:9:5) For DL with RRC-based HARQ feedback configuration, wait for RAN1 on the conclusion whether same HARQ feedback configuration should be applied to all the HARQ processes scheduled in multiple TB scheduling.

Proposal 10: (13/15) For UL multiple TB scheduling in eMTC and NB-IoT, same HARQ mode (A or B) should be applied to all the HARQ processes scheduled in multiple TB scheduling.

Proposal 11: (7:7:1) Discuss online for eMTC NTN whether to enhance the TAR MAC CE transmission reliability to avoid PUSCH transmission failure caused by outdated TA.

Proposal 13: (11/15) In IoT NTN, follow NR NTN agreements for UL SPS HARQ mode configuration.

• It is up to network implementation to ensure proper configuration of HARQ mode for HARQ processes used by a UL SPS configuration (no Stage 3 specification impact).

• RAN2 understanding is that: in general, all HARQ processes used by a UL SPS configuration are configured with the same HARQ state (e.g. A or B). No specification impact.

Proposal 14: (12/15) In IoT NTN, follow NR NTN agreements on HARQ feedback configuration for DL SPS.

• It is up to network implementation to ensure proper configuration of HARQ feedback (e.g., enabled or disabled) for HARQ processes used by an SPS configuration (no Stage 3 specification impact).

• RAN2 understanding is that: in general, all HARQ processes used by an SPS configuration are configured with the same HARQ feedback enabled/disabled state. No specification impact.

Agreements:

1. For eMTC NTN, it can be left to eNB’s implementation to configure either HARQ mode A or HARQ mode B for all HARQ process (or no HARQ mode) if mpdcch-UL-HARQ-ACK-FeedbackConfig is configured.
2. For NB-IoT NTN and eMTC NTN for CE Mode B, to configure/indicate enabling/disabling of HARQ feedback for downlink transmission:

• Introduce an RRC bitmap with a value per HARQ process to indicate the HARQ feedback enabling/disabling for each HARQ process. (Similar to NR)

• Introduce a single flag in RRC signaling to indicate whether DCI-based solution is enabled or not

1. HARQ feedback shall always be sent for DL SPS deactivation (i.e. regardless of HARQ feedback enabled/disabled).
2. For NB-IoT, UL HARQ mode configuration is based on RRC signalling (similar like NR NTN).
3. For a NB-IoT UE configured with a single HARQ process, if the HARQ process is configured with HARQ mode B, UE (re)starts drx-InactivityTimer in the subframe containing the last repetition of the corresponding PUSCH transmission plus 1 subframe plus deltaPDCCH.
4. HARQ mode B is not applicable for UL transmission using PUR. FFS whether HARQ mode can be configured for PUR.
5. In the case mpdcch-UL-HARQ-ACK-FeedbackConfig is configured, for a HARQ process configure with HARQ mode B, the corresponding drx-ULRetransmissionTimer is not started after the last repetition of the corresponding PUSCH transmission if an UL HARQ-ACK feedback has not been received on MPDCCH until the last repetition of the corresponding PUSCH transmission
6. For eMTC, UL HARQ mode configuration is based on RRC signalling (similar like NR NTN).
7. RAN2 confirms working assumption 2 in LS R2-2307016 (R1-2306245) is feasible

[R2-2307105](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307105%20Discussion%20on%20HARQ%20Enhancement%20for%20IoT%20NTN.docx) Discussion on HARQ Enhancement for IoT NTN vivo discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307189](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307189%20On%20Disabling%20HARQ%20Feedback%20in%20IoT-NTN.docx) On Disabling HARQ Feedback in IoT-NTN MediaTek Inc. discussion

[R2-2307250](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307250%20-%20Discussion%20on%20HARQ%20enhancement%20for%20IoT%20NTN.doc) Discussion on HARQ enhancement for IoT NTN OPPO discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307251](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307251%20-%20Draft%20reply%20LS%20on%20NPDCCH%20monitoring%20restriction%20for%20NB-IoT%20NTN.docx) Draft reply LS on NPDCCH monitoring restriction for NB-IoT NTN OPPO LS out Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core To:RAN1

[R2-2307413](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307413-Discussion%20on%20HARQ%20enhancements%20in%20IoT%20NTN.docx) Discussion on HARQ enhancements in IoT NTN CATT discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307488](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307488%20Discussion%20on%20HARQ%20mode%20for%20PUR.DOCX) Discussion on HARQ mode for PUR Huawei, Turkcell, HiSilicon discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307506](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307506%20Discussion%20on%20HARQ%20enhancement.doc) Discussion on HARQ enhancement Xiaomi discussion Rel-18

[R2-2307587](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307587%20Further%20discussion%20on%20HARQ%20enhancements.docm) Further discussion on HARQ enhancements ZTE Corporation, Sanechips discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307626](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307626%20IoT%20HARQ%20process.doc) HARQ process enhancement Qualcomm Incorporated discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308228](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308228%20On%20HARQ%20enhancements%20for%20IoT%20NTN.docx) On HARQ enhancements for IoT NTN Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308288](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308288%20Discussion%20on%20the%20HARQ%20enhancement%20for%20IoT-NTN.docx) Discussion on the HARQ enhancement for IoT-NTN CMCC discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308541](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308541%20-%20R18%20IoT%20NTN%20HARQ%20enhancements.docx) R18 IoT NTN HARQ enhancements Ericsson discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308576](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308576%20(R18%20IoT-NTN%20WI%20AI%207.6.2.1)%20-%20disabling%20HARQ%20feedback.docx) Remaining Issues on Disabling HARQ feedback for IoT-NTN Interdigital, Inc. discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

#### 7.6.2.2 GNSS operation enhancements

[R2-2307106](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307106%20Discussion%20on%20GNSS%20Operation%20for%20IoT%20NTN.docx) Discussion on GNSS Operation for IoT NTN vivo discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

< New MAC CE for GNSS operation >

Proposal 1: Confirm the working assumption that An UL MAC CE for GNSS validity duration reporting is used for NB-IoT user plane solution and eMTC UE as well and A new DL MAC CE is introduced to trigger connected UE to perform GNSS measurement.

* Agreed

Proposal 2: The detailed format of UL MAC CE for GNSS validity duration reporting and DL MAC CE for GNSS measurement wait for more input from RAN1.

* Agreed

< FFS on GNSS measurement >

Proposal 3: GNSS measurement can be started before, upon or after the current GNSS validity duration expiry, which is up to NW implementation.

* Ericsson thinks the network should trigger this
* Google thinks this should be GNSS measurement gap

Proposal 4: UL transmission can be allowed in the time gap between the current GNSS validity duration expiry and the start of the GNSS measurement gap.

* Continue in offline 110

< Collision between GNSS measurement and SIB31 >

Proposal 5: The timer T318 shall not run during the GNSS measurement gap if the acquisition of the SIB31 is postponed until the GNSS measurement is completed.

* Nokia thinks that “not run” is not clear.
* Apple thinks we don’t need to have more than a generic note
* QC thinks that for T318 we’d better have a specific statement
* T318 is restarted after GNSS position fix

< GNSS measurement failure >

Proposal 6：UE goes to idle state if UE cannot acquire the valid GNSS during the GNSS measurement gap in the connected state.

[R2-2307489](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307489%20Discussion%20on%20the%20impact%20of%20GNSS%20measurement.doc) Discussion on the impact of GNSS measurement Huawei, Turkcell, HiSilicon discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

Proposal 1：Capture the following NOTE in Stage 2:

NOTE: The AS operations (RLM related timers (e.g. T310, T311, and T301), dataInactivityTimer, CHO execution, neighbour cell measurement, RACH, SR, and BSR) are suspended when UE is performing GNSS measurement during GNSS measurement gap.

* QC and Oppo are ok to have this note, but Oppo wonders if this works for the autonomous gap case. CATT thinks we can remove “during GNSS measurement gap”.
* CMCC thinks we should also cover SIB acquisition
* Capture the following NOTE in Stage 2 (can further fix the wording):

NOTE: The AS operations (e.g. RLM related timers, dataInactivityTimer, CHO execution, neighbour cell measurement, RACH, SR, and BSR) are suspended when UE is performing GNSS measurement during GNSS measurement gap.

FFS whether we need to state something about AS resumption

[R2-2307190](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307190%20Enhancements%20on%20GNSS%20operation.docx) Enhancements on GNSS operation MediaTek Inc. discussion

< GNSS measurement reporting >

Proposal 1: For network aperiodical trigger and UE autonomously trigger, after GNSS fix, GNSS measurement reporting does not trigger SR.

* Ericsson thinks this is being discussed in RAN1
* QC thinks we need to figure out if the UE is able to transmit anything in UL
* Apple agrees with the proposal.
* Nokia does not agree
* Vivo is fine with p1
* Oppo does not agree
* Continue the discussion on GNSS measurement reporting aspects in offline 110

Proposal 2: For UE autonomously trigger during the DRX inactivity time, UE may trigger SR for GNSS measurement reporting.

* Continue in offline 110

Proposal 3: MAC CE for Remaining GNSS Validity Duration Report has priority higher than data from any Logical Channel, except data from UL-CCCH and lower than MAC control element for DCQR and AS RAI, with exception of when DCQR is to be included in Msg3.

* Continue in offline 110

Proposal 4: RRC triggers MAC to report the remaining GNSS measurement validity duration upon completing the GNSS measurement.

* Continue in offline 110

< Successful GNSS measurement >

Proposal 5: UE re-starts the GNSS validity duration timer upon successful GNSS measurement.

* Nokia thinks we don’t have a timer in R17
* UE assumes the GNSS location is valid upon successful GNSS measurement

Proposal 6: The UE AS operation should be resumed upon UE completing GNSS measurement.

< UE capability >

Proposal 7: Network enables the report of GNSS position fix duration, in SIB2 and in dedicated signalling for the HO case.

* ZTE thinks this is not necessary
* Samsung thinks the NW would configure the UE to do this
* Xiaomi thinks this is not needed.
* Oppo, Ericsson, Nokia think the NW indication is needed.
* Network enables the reporting of GNSS position fix duration, in SIB2 and in dedicated signalling for the HO case

Proposal 8: UE does not report GNSS position fix time duration when the remaining GNSS validity duration is infinity.

< GNSS measurement trigger >

Proposal 9: MAC indicates to RRC to require the UE to perform GNSS measurement after receiving GNSS Measurement Command MAC CE.

Proposal 10: UE autonomously trigger GNSS measurement can be configured via RRC dedicated signaling.

* Agreed

Proposal 11: A new RRC timer is configured by RRC signaling where UE can re-acquire GNSS position fix autonomously. FFS for details of the RRC signaling.

< GNSS measurement during DRX inactivity duration >

Proposall 12: UE can autonomously start GNSS measurement during the inactive state of C-DRX.

* Agreed

Proposal 13: The exact time of starting GNSS measurement during the inactive state of C-DRX can be left for UE implementation.

* Agreed

< The time point UE moves to idle >

Proposal 14: If network aperiodically trigger the GNSS measurement, and UE cannot re-acquire the GNSS position fix before the end of the GNSS measurement gap, UE moves to RRC\_IDLE.

* Continue in offline 110

Proposal 15: If UE failed to autonomously re-acquire the GNSS position fix (GNSS measurement timer expired), UE moves to RRC\_IDLE.

* Continue in offline 110

Proposal 16: If UE failed to autonomously re-acquire the GNSS position fix during the inactive state of C-DRX, UE does not move to idle.

* Continue in offline 110

Proposal 17: If there is neither network aperiodically trigger nor network configuration of UE autonomously GNSS measurement, UE moves to RRC\_Idle when GNSS validity duration expired (same like legacy behavior).

* Continue in offline 110

Agreements:

1. An UL MAC CE for GNSS validity duration reporting is used for NB-IoT user plane solution and eMTC UE as well and A new DL MAC CE is introduced to trigger connected UE to perform GNSS measurement.
2. RAN2 will wait for more input foRAN1 for the detailed format of UL MAC CE for GNSS validity duration reporting and DL MAC CE for GNSS measurement wait for more input from RAN1.
3. T318 is restarted after GNSS position fix
4. Capture the following NOTE in Stage 2 (can further fix the wording):

NOTE: The AS operations (e.g. RLM related timers, dataInactivityTimer, CHO execution, neighbour cell measurement, RACH, SR, and BSR) are suspended when UE is performing GNSS measurement during GNSS measurement gap.

FFS whether we need to state something about AS resumption

1. UE assumes the GNSS location is valid upon successful GNSS measurement
2. Network enables the reporting of GNSS position fix duration, in SIB2 and in dedicated signalling for the HO case
3. UE autonomously trigger GNSS measurement can be configured via RRC dedicated signalling
4. UE can autonomously start GNSS measurement during the inactive state of C-DRX.
5. The exact time of starting GNSS measurement during the inactive state of C-DRX can be left for UE implementation.

* [AT123][110][IoT NTN Enh] GNSS enhancements (ZTE)

Initial scope: Continue the discussion on proposals marked for discussion in offline 110

Initial intended outcome: Summary of the offline discussion with e.g.:

* List of proposals for agreement (if any)
* List of proposals that require online discussions

Deadline for companies' feedback: Thursday 2023-08-24 18:00 (F2F discussion is also possible)

Deadline for rapporteur’s summary in R2-2308991: Friday 2023-08-25 08:00

[R2-2308991](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\RAN2\Inbox\R2-2308991.zip) [offline-110] GNSS enhancements ZTE discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

Proposal 1: The priority of GNSS validity duration MAC CE is higher than BSR. The exact priority can be further check during MAC running CR review.

Proposal 2a: RRC layer needs to send indication to trigger MAC to report the remaining GNSS measurement validity duration.

Proposal 2b: RRC layer sends such indication to MAC layer upon RRC layer receives indication that GNSS becomes valid.

Proposal 2c: MAC layer should guarantee the reported remaining GNSS measurement validity duration is the latest value.

Proposal 3: If UE failed to autonomously re-acquire the GNSS position fix during the inactive state of C-DRX, UE does not move to RRC\_IDLE. There is no specification impact.

Proposal 4: If there is neither network aperiodically trigger nor network configuration of UE autonomously GNSS measurement, UE moves to RRC\_IDLE after GNSS validity duration become invalid. It’s FFS how to decide GNSS validity duration considering duration X and Y.

[R2-2307259](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307259%20GNSS%20operation.doc) Discussion on GNSS operation for IoT NTN OPPO discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307414](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307414%20Discussion%20on%20GNSS%20operation%20in%20connected%20mode.docx) Discussion on GNSS operation in connected mode CATT discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307477](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307477%20Discussion%20on%20the%20GNSS%20Validity%20Reporting.docx) Discussion on the GNSS Validity Reporting Google Inc. discussion Rel-18

[R2-2307505](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307505%20Discussion%20on%20GNSS%20operation%20enhancement.doc) Discussion on GNSS operation enhancement Xiaomi discussion Rel-18

[R2-2307588](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307588%20Remaining%20issues%20of%20GNSS%20enhancements.docx) Remaining issues of GNSS enhancements ZTE Corporation, Sanechips discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307629](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307629%20GNSS%20operation.doc) GNSS fix in RRC\_CONNECTED Qualcomm Incorporated discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307865](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307865_Improved%20GNSS%20Operation.doc) Improved GNSS Operation Apple discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh

[R2-2308008](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308008%20Some%20remaining%20issues%20of%20GNSS%20operations%20for%20IoT%20NTN.docx) Some remaining issues of GNSS operations for IoT NTN Lenovo discussion Rel-18

[R2-2308229](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308229%20GNSS%20operation%20enhancement%20in%20Rel-18%20IoT%20NTN.docx) GNSS operation enhancement in Rel-18 IoT NTN Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308289](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308289%20Discussion%20on%20GNSS%20enhancement%20for%20IoT-NTN.docx) Discussion on GNSS enhancement for IoT-NTN CMCC discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308540](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308540%20-%20R18%20IoT%20NTN%20GNSS%20operation%20enhancements.docx) R18 IoT NTN GNSS operation enhancements Ericsson discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308577](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308577%20(R18%20IoT-NTN%20WI%20AI%207.6.2.2)%20GNSS%20enhancements.docx) GNSS acquisition and reporting for IoT NTN Interdigital, Inc. discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308617](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308617.docx) Discussion of GNSS operation enhancements SHARP Corporation discussion

[R2-2308881](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308881_GNSS%20validity%20reporting.docx) GNSS Validity duration Reporting Nordic Semiconductor ASA discussion

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[R2-2308890](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308890%20On%20improved%20GNSS%20operation%20and%20HARQ%20for%20IoT%20NTN.docx) On improved GNSS operation and HARQ for IoT NTN Samsung Electronics Czech discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh

### 7.6.3 Mobility Enhancements

#### 7.6.3.1 Enhancements for neighbour cell measurements

Including outcome of [Post122][112][IoT NTN Enh] Mobility enhancements (other contributions on issues handled in [Post122][112][ might not be treated at RAN2#123)

Remaining issues related to SIB handling

[R2-2307192](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307192%20Report%20of%20%5bPost122%5d%5b112%5d%5bIoT%20NTN%20Enh%5d%20Mobility%20enhancements.docx) Report of [Post122][112][IoT NTN Enh] Mobility MediaTek Inc. discussion

A. Proposals with Consensus:

Proposal 1 (14/14): For eMTC, the new SIB (SIBxx) is not an essential SIB. UE does not need to consider the cell barred if it is unable to acquire the SIB when scheduled.

* Agreed

Proposal 2 (14/14): RAN2 will not consider to include cell stop time of neighbor cell in the new SIB (SIBxx) in this release.

* Agreed

Proposal 8 (14/14): for NB-IoT NTN, location-based measurement initiation can also be optionally used in RRC\_IDLE for cell re-selection purposes (like in NR-NTN), with the assumption that it is up to the UE to update GNSS location.

* Agreed

B. Proposals with Majority:

Proposal 3 (12/14): The t-ServiceStart for quasi-earth fixed neighbour cells should be per neighbour cell.

* HW thinks we should have this per frequency or per satellite. Xiaomi and Apple agree
* QC thinks this should be per cell list.
* HW thinks that t-ServiceStart could be just the earliest t-ServiceStart
* Continue in the next meeting.

Proposal 6 (10/14): validity duration is optional, and if this field is absent, the UE uses validity duration from the serving cell

* Agreed

Proposal 7 (7/9): For re-acquisition of SIBXX the UE may rely on T317/T318 in connected mode

* Agreed

C. Proposals for Further Discussions:

Proposal 4: RAN2 further discuss which SIB(s) can be used to broadcasted t-ServiceStart for quasi-earth fixed neighbour cells

Proposal 5: RAN2 further discuss if ephemeris is absent in a list in the new SIB (SIBxx), serving satellite ephemeris applies.

[R2-2308578](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308578%20(R18%20IoT-NTN%20WI%20AI%207.6.3.1)%20-%20measurements.docx) Open issues on mobility enhancements (not covered by [Post122][112]) Interdigital, Inc. discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

For RLF enhancement:

Proposal 1: For discontinuous coverage: If the serving cell t-service expires, stop T310 (if running), and start T311 (i.e. perform cell search and re-establishment without attempting to recover on the current cell for the duration of T310) upon t-ServiceStart of the upcoming cell.

For conditional reconfiguration:

Proposal 2: For eMTC NTN, clarify that the agreed time-based conditional reconfiguration trigger is based on condEventT1 in NR, where the event will be satisfied if conditional handover execution occurs between T1 and T2, where T2 = T1 + a duration (similar to condEventT1 in NR)

\*\*\* common proposal for NR NTN and eMTC NTN \*\*\*

Proposal 3: For CHO in NTN, time and location-based trigger conditions may be configured independently (i.e., without a jointly configured measurement condition).

* HW would be ok if we have a clarification about which cases this applies to, e.g. hard-switch case
* CMCC thinks this approach would also save some UE power in the hard-switch case.
* Ericsson thinks the NW would use this only if appropriate so fully supports this proposal.
* QC does not agree with this proposal
* For CHO in NTN (both NR NTN and eMTC NTN, time and location-based trigger conditions may be configured independently (i.e., without a jointly configured measurement condition). We add a description/note saying in which scenarios this is reasonable, e.g. at least hard-switch case where gap is assumed to be zero/negligible

Agreements:

1. For eMTC, the new SIB (SIBxx) is not an essential SIB. UE does not need to consider the cell barred if it is unable to acquire the SIB when scheduled.
2. RAN2 will not consider to include cell stop time of neighbor cell in the new SIB (SIBxx) in this release.
3. for NB-IoT NTN, location-based measurement initiation can also be optionally used in RRC\_IDLE for cell re-selection purposes (like in NR-NTN), with the assumption that it is up to the UE to update GNSS location.
4. validity duration is optional, and if this field is absent, the UE uses validity duration from the serving cell
5. For re-acquisition of SIBXX the UE may rely on T317/T318 in connected mode
6. For CHO in NTN (both NR NTN and eMTC NTN, time and location-based trigger conditions may be configured independently (i.e., without a jointly configured measurement condition). We add a description/note saying in which scenarios this is reasonable, e.g. at least hard-switch case where gap is assumed to be zero/negligible

[R2-2307191](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307191%20Remaining%20Enhancements%20on%20neighbour%20cell%20measurement.docx) Remaining Enhancements on Neighbor Cell Measurements in IoT-NTN MediaTek Inc. discussion

[R2-2307252](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307252%20-%20Discussion%20on%20mobility%20enhancement%20for%20IoT%20NTN.doc) Discussion on mobility enhancement for IoT NTN OPPO discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307511](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307511%20Discussion%20on%20UE%20behavior%20when%20serving%20cell%20t-service%20expires.doc) Discussion on UE behavior when serving cell t-service expires Xiaomi discussion Rel-18

[R2-2307589](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307589%20Remaining%20issues%20of%20mobility%20enhancements.docx) Remaining issues of mobility enhancements ZTE Corporation, Sanechips discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307628](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307628%20mobility.doc) Measurement and Mobility enhancements Qualcomm Incorporated discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307772](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307772-IoT-NTN-Mobility-Enhancements.docx) On remaining issues of IoT-NTN mobility enhancements Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell discussion

[R2-2307866](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307866_RLF%20in%20IoT%20NTN.doc) Neighbour cell measurements before RLF for NB-IoT Apple discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh

[R2-2308034](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308034%20Enhancements%20for%20neighbour%20cell%20measurements.doc) Enhancements for neighbour cell measurements Huawei, Turkcell, HiSilicon discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308811](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308811%20-%20Discussion%20on%20gaps%20for%20neighbour%20cell%20measurements%20in%20IoT%20NTN.docx) Discussion on gaps for neighbour cell measurements in IoT NTN Ericsson discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308891](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308891%20On%20enhancements%20for%20neighbour%20cell%20measurements.docx) On enhancements for neighbour cell measurements Samsung Electronics Czech discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh

#### 7.6.3.2 Other

[R2-2308035](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308035%20Discussion%20on%20CHO%20enhancements.doc) Discussion on CHO enhancements Huawei, Turkcell, HiSilicon discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

Proposal 1: Same as NR NTN, time/location-based trigger condition is always configured together with one of the measurement-based trigger conditions (CHO events A3/A4/A5).

Proposal 2: Same as NR NTN, the network does not configure the location based CHO and time based CHO simultaneously for the same candidate cell.

[R2-2307107](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307107%20Discussion%20on%20Mobility%20Enhancement%20for%20R18%20IOT%20NTN.docx) Discussion on Mobility Enhancement for R18 IoT NTN vivo discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307867](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307867_Mobility%20enhancement%20in%20IoT%20NTN.doc) Mobility enhancement in IoT NTN Apple discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh

[R2-2308290](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308290%20Discussion%20on%20CHO%20enhancements%20for%20eMTC%20NTN.docx) Discussion on CHO enhancements for eMTC NTN CMCC discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308892](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308892%20CHO%20and%20other%20mobility%20enhancements%20for%20IoT%20NTN.docx) On CHO and other mobility enhancements for IoT NTN Samsung Electronics Czech discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh

### 7.6.4 Enhancements to discontinuous coverage

Including outcome of [Post122][113][IoT NTN Enh] Discontinuous coverage (other contributions on issues handled in [Post122][113][ might not be treated at RAN2#123)

[R2-2307497](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307497%20Report%20of%20%5bPost122%5d%5b113%5d%5bIoT%20NTN%20Enh%5d%20Discontinuous%20coverage.doc) Report of [Post122][113][IoT NTN Enh] Discontinuous coverage (Huawei) Huawei, HiSilicon discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

Paging enhancements

Proposal 1: Send an LS to SA2 to ask for:

- SA2 opinion about the issue about misalignment between PTW and Coverage Window (e.g., whether it needs to be solved and if yes, whether it can be solved by NW implementation)

- SA2 opinion about the possible enhancement to UE and NW behaviour to adjust PH and PTW starting point (e.g., based on an offset configured by eNB or CN, or based on an predefined rule between UE and eNB ) , if it cannot be solved by NW implementation

- Ericsson thinks SA2 has solved this problem already. QC agrees. MTK agrees in principle but can agree to compromise to send the LS

- ZTE disagrees this is in SA2 scope.

- HW thinks there are different view about SA2 status so it’s ok to send an LS to SA2 to have clarification.

- Nokia is ok to state the problem without stating any solution and ask for feedback to SA2

* CB after lunch to see whether we can send an LS to SA2 to state the problem without indicating any solution and ask for feedback to SA2, i.e. ask about the issue about misalignment between PTW and Coverage Window (e.g., whether it needs to be solved and if yes, whether it can be solved by NW implementation)

RRC connection release

Proposal 2: UE performs autonomous RRC release based on a timer (e.g., same as MUSIM mechanism) or upon detection of the coverage gap (e.g., stop AS operation related to NTN). No further enhancement is needed.

* ZTE thinks that NB-IoT CP solution does not support reconfiguration. QC thinks this can be configured at establishment. ZTE thinks in MUSIM the NW needs UE feedback and then reconfigure the UE
* ZTE and Ericsson don’t support the proposal as it is

UE behaviour related to RLF

Proposal 3: UE may directly go to RRC\_IDLE after RLF is triggered, if there is not enough time for the UE to finish the procedure of RRC re-establishement due to the discontinuous coverage. FFS whether a NOTE is needed for this.

* RAN2 understands that UE may directly go to RRC\_IDLE after RLF is triggered, if there is not enough time for the UE to finish the procedure of RRC re-establishment due to the discontinuous coverage (FFS whether this needs to be captured in the specs, e.g. a NOTE)

Additional information to UE

Proposal 4: Further discuss which (or none) of the following information is needed to be provided additionally:

- Ephemeris of more satellites (5/15)

- Footprint information of more satellites (5/15)

- Carrier frequency for cell searching after a coverage gap (6/15)

- Ericsson thinks 1 and 2 are extensions of what we have while 3 is something new and potentially more useful

Agreements:

1. RAN2 understands that UE may directly go to RRC\_IDLE after RLF is triggered, if there is not enough time for the UE to finish the procedure of RRC re-establishment due to the discontinuous coverage (FFS whether this needs to be captured in the specs, e.g. a NOTE)

[R2-2307108](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307108%20Discussion%20on%20Discontinuous%20Coverage%20for%20R18%20IOT%20NTN.docx) Discussion on Discontinuous Coverage for R18 IoT NTN vivo discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307319](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307319%20Discontinuous%20coverage%20handling%20enhancement%20for%20IoT%20NTN.docx) Discontinuous coverage handling enhancement for IoT NTN THALES, Telit discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307415](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307415%20Discussion%20on%20enhancements%20to%20discontinuous%20coverage.docx) Discussion on enhancements to discontinuous coverage CATT discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307444](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307444%20Considerations%20on%20Supporting%20Discontinuous%20Coverage.docx) Considerations on Supporting Discontinuous Coverage NEC discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307590](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307590%20Remaining%20issues%20of%20discontinuous%20coverage.docx) Remaining issues of discontinuous coverage ZTE Corporation, Sanechips discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307627](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307627%20DC%20enhancement.doc) RRC release procedure in discontinuous coverage Qualcomm Incorporated discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307773](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307773-Discontinuous%20coverage%20for%20IoT%20NTN.docx) Further discussion on discontinuous coverage enhancements Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell discussion

[R2-2307868](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307868_Discontinuous%20coverage%20in%20IoT%20NTN.doc) Support on discontinuous coverage in IoT NTN Apple discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh

[R2-2308009](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308009%20Some%20remaining%20issues%20for%20discontinuous%20coverage.docx) Some remaining issues for discontinuous coverage Lenovo discussion Rel-18

[R2-2308217](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308217.docx) Discussion on enhancement to discontinuous coverage for IoT NTN Transsion Holdings discussion Rel-18

[R2-2308285](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308285.docx) Enhancements to discontinuous coverage Samsung R&D Institute UK discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308579](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308579%20(R18%20IoT-NTN%20WI%20AI%207.6.4)%20-%20discontinuous%20coverage.docx) Paging in discontinuous coverage Interdigital, Inc. discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308580](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308580%20(R18%20IoT-NTN%20WI%20AI%207.6.4)%20draft%20LS%20to%20SA2%20on%20discontinuous%20coverage.docx) <draft> LS on PTW modification due to UE unreachability Interdigital, Inc. LS out Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core To:SA2 Cc:CT1

[R2-2308717](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308717%20Discussion%20on%20TN%20coverage%20for%20discontinuous%20coverage.docx) Discussion on TN coverage for discontinuous coverage ASUSTeK discussion Rel-18 IoT\_NTN\_enh-Core

## 7.7 NR NTN enhancements

(NR\_NTN\_enh -Core; leading WG: RAN1; REL-18; WID: RP-223534)

Time budget: 1 TU

Tdoc Limitation: 4 tdocs

### 7.7.1 Organizational

LSs, rapporteur inputs and other organizational documents. Rapporteur inputs and other pre-assigned documents in this AI do not count towards the tdoc limitation.

Workplan

[R2-2307323](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307323%20WP%20RAN2.docx) R18 WI NR-NTN-enh work plan at RAN1, 2 and 3 THALES Work Plan Rel-18 R2-2305391

* Noted

Incoming LSs

[R2-2307008](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307008_R1-2306210.docx) Reply LS to RAN2 on unchanged PCI (R1-2306210; contact: CATT) RAN1 LS in Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core To:RAN2

* Oppo wonders if in Rel-18 we only consider hard switch
* CATT thinks we need to wait for further input from RAN1 on this
* RAN2 can continue working on unchanged PCI at least for the hard switch case.

[R2-2307011](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307011_R1-2306217.docx) Reply LS on RACH-less Handover (R1-2306217; contact: Samsung) RAN1 LS in Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core To:RAN2

* Noted

[R2-2307035](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307035_R3-233527.doc) LS on time-based trigger condition in NG HO for NR NTN (R3-233527; contact: Ericsson) RAN3 LS in Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core To:SA2 Cc:RAN2

* Noted

Running CRs

[R2-2307318](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307318%2038.300_R18%20NR%20NTN%20Stage2%20CR%20v01_Rapp.docx) Stage 2 running CR for TS 38.300 for Rel-18 NTN enhancements THALES (Rapporteur) draftCR Rel-18 38.300 17.5.0 B NR\_NTN\_enh-Core R2-2306960

[R2-2308523](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308523%20NTN%20MAC%20running%20CR_post%20122.docx) Stage 3 NTN running CR for 38.321 - RAN2#122 InterDigital draftCR Rel-18 38.321 17.5.0 B NR\_NTN\_enh-Core R2-2306955

[R2-2308902](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308902%20-%2038331_CR4293_(Rel-18)%20-%20Stage%203%20Running%20RRC%20CR%20for%20NR%20NTN%20Rel-18.docx) Stage 3 Running RRC CR for NR NTN Rel-18 Ericsson CR Rel-18 38.331 17.5.0 4293 - B NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

* Revised in R2-2308937

[R2-2308937](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308937%20-%2038331_CR4293_(Rel-18)%20-%20Stage%203%20Running%20RRC%20CR%20for%20NR%20NTN%20Rel-18.docx) Stage 3 Running RRC CR for NR NTN Rel-18 Nanjing Ericsson Panda Com Ltd CR Rel-18 38.331 17.5.0 4293 1 B NR\_NTN\_enh-Core [R2-2308902](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308902%20-%2038331_CR4293_(Rel-18)%20-%20Stage%203%20Running%20RRC%20CR%20for%20NR%20NTN%20Rel-18.docx)

[R2-2308943](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\RAN2\Docs\R2-2308943.zip) Running 38.304 CR for NTN ZTE Corporation, Sanechips draftCR Rel-18 38.304 17.5.0 B NR\_NTN\_enh-Core R2-2306961

UE capabilities

[R2-2308092](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308092_R18-NR-NTN-Enh_Capabilities.docx) UE Capability Discussion for Rel-18 NR NTN Enhancements WI Intel Corporation discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

Observation 1. RAN1 feature list have already included three new capabilities associated to Rel-18 NR NR NTN Enhancements: (FG 44-1) PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK, (FG 44-2) NTN DMRS bundling enhancement for PUSCH and (FG 44-3) UE Rx-Tx Measurement and Report for Multi-RTT with single satellite in NTN.

Observation 2. RAN1 feature list is aligned to RAN2 working assumption that a new UE capability is used to indicate UE support of network verified location via (FG 44-3) UE Rx-Tx Measurement and Report for Multi-RTT with single satellite in NTN.

Observation 3. RAN4 has agreed to enable requirements for RACH-less handover requirements for intra-/inter-satellite handover with and without gateway/gNB switch.

Proposal 1. To check whether RAN2 needs any discussion on RAN1-centric capabilities included in their latest feature list:

Proposal 1.1. (FG 44-1) PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK defined as optional without capability signaling with the corresponding details explained in RAN1 feature list (R1-2306223)..

Proposal 1.2. (FG 44-2) NTN DMRS bundling enhancement for PUSCH defined as optional with capability signaling with the corresponding details explained in RAN1 feature list (R1-2306223)..

Proposal 1.3. (FG 44-3) UE Rx-Tx Measurement and Report for Multi-RTT with single satellite in NTN defined as optional with capability signaling with the corresponding details explained in RAN1 feature list (R1-2306223).

* RAN2 will not rediscuss RAN1 agreements for this as part of the NR NTN enh WI. If needed we can address any issues in the discussion of the mega CR

Proposal 2. To define an optional without signalling UE capability to indicate the support of skipping neighbour cell measurements for TN neighbour cells in an area where there is no TN network coverage.

* Agreed

Proposal 3. To define an optional without signalling UE capability for location-based measurement initiation in Earth-moving cell for cell selection/reselection.

* Agreed

Proposal 4. To define an optional without signalling UE capability for time-based measurement initiation in Earth-moving cell for cell selection/reselection.

* Agreed

Proposal 5. To define an optional with signalling UE capability per band for NTN RACH-less handover.

* Intel thinks the capability for RACH-less should be NTN specific
* Vivo wonders whether we need to discuss also the unchanged PCI support
* Oppo thinks we should also discuss location based CHO support for Earth-moving cell
* RACH-less support is optional with UE capability signalling (RAN2 WA: this is a per band UE capability).
* We can continue the discussion on the need of other RAN2 UE capabilities for this WI

[R2-2308093](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308093__38.306%20draftCR%20-%20NR%20NTN%20Enh%20-%20UE%20capabilities.docx) UE capabilities for Rel-18 NR NTN Enhancements WI Intel Corporation draftCR Rel-18 38.306 17.5.0 B NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308094](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308094__38.331%20draftCR%20-%20NR%20NTN%20Enh%20-%20UE%20capabilities.docx) UE capabilities for Rel-18 NR NTN Enhancements WI Intel Corporation draftCR Rel-18 38.331 17.5.0 B NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

Agreements:

1. define an optional without signalling UE capability to indicate the support of skipping neighbour cell measurements for TN neighbour cells in an area where there is no TN network coverage.
2. define an optional without signalling UE capability for location-based measurement initiation in Earth-moving cell for cell selection/reselection.
3. To define an optional without signalling UE capability for time-based measurement initiation in Earth-moving cell for cell selection/reselection.
4. RACH-less support is optional with UE capability signalling (RAN2 WA: this is a per band UE capability).

### 7.7.2 Coverage Enhancements

[R2-2307195](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307195%20Discussion%20on%20PUCCH%20repetition%20for%20Msg4%20HARQ-ACK%20for%20NTN.docx) Discussion on PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK for NTN NTT DOCOMO INC. discussion Rel-18

< support for higher layer signallling >

Observation 1. RAN1 assume that the UE requests PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK via Msg3 higher layer signaling. The request is assumed to be a two-state information.

Observation 2. Two-state information in Msg3 to request PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK is available by utilizing LCIDs.

Proposal 1. RAN2 confirm that the request of PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK via Msg3 higher layer signaling is feasible.

* RAN2 confirms that the request/capability of PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK via Msg3 higher layer signaling is feasible (can rediscuss if we cannot converge on a specific solution).

Proposal 2. For request of PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK, LCIDs are utilized.

(some alternative options are listed in other contributions, for instance in R2-2307313 and R2-2308230)

< interaction with other WIs >

Observation 3. If RAN2 try to book LCIDs for “repetition request & early indication by (e)RedCap”, we head shortage of remaining LCIDs.

Observation 4. eLCID is not desirable for features to extend coverage because basically eLCID increases the length of MAC header.

Proposal 3. RAN2 discuss how the request of PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK via Msg3 co-exist with early indication by (e)RedCap UEs.

Proposal 4. RAN2 confirm that eLCIDs are not used for request of PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK.

[R2-2307313](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307313.docx) Discussion on signalling for PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK Samsung discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

Proposal 1: RAN2 to discuss the following options for repetition request or UE capability indication of PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK.

Option 1: PRACH resource partition

Option 2: indicate by one R bit in a MAC subheader in Msg3 MAC PDU

Option 3: new LCIDs for CCCH and CCCH1 for a non-RedCap UE in Msg3 MAC PDU

Option 4: a new MAC CE with fixed size of zero bits in Msg3 MAC PDU

Proposal 2: If Option 1 is selected, NW indicates enabling PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK enabled in RACH configuration.

Proposal 3: If Option 2 is selected, if UL CCCH MAC SDU is included in Msg3 MAC PDU, the first or the second R bit in MAC subheader of UL CCCH MAC SDU in Msg3 MAC PDU is set to 1 to indicate the request/capability of PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK.

Proposal 4: If Option 2 is selected, if C-RNTI MAC CE is included in Msg3 MAC PDU, the first or the second R bit in MAC subheader of C-RNTI MAC CE in Msg3 MAC PDU is set to 1 to indicate repetition request/capability of PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK.

Proposal 5: If option 3 is selected, discuss how to indicate request/capability of PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK when Msg3 does not contain UL CCCH SDU.

Proposal 6: If option 4 is selected, discuss whether LCID or eLCID is used for the new MAC CE of request/capability indication for PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK.

Proposal 7: If Msg 3 includes the indication of UE capability of PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK, discuss whether the indication is needed after initial access.

[R2-2308230](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308230%20On%20Msg3%20indication%20for%20PUCCH%20repetition%20for%20Msg4%20HARQ-ACK.docx) On Msg3 indication for PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

Proposal 3: RAN2 to discuss below options for ‘repetition request or capability report’ for PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK.

- Option1: define four new LCID(s) index indicating not only the size of CCCH in the Msg3 (48 and 64 bits) but also PUCCH repetition UE capability or request.

- Option2: re-purpose the reserved R bits in the MAC subheader of the Msg3.

- Option3: re-purpose the spare bit currently present in the RRC messages contained in UL CCCH or UL CCCH1.

Proposal 4: If option1 is to be used, whether and how to optimize the LCID usage can be discussed for Rel-18 (e.g., considering the cross WI coordination on LCID allocation).

\*\*\* possible options for RAN2 discussion \*\*\*

Option 1: indicate by one R bit in a MAC subheader in Msg3 MAC PDU

Option 2: new LCIDs for CCCH and CCCH1 for a non-RedCap UE in Msg3 MAC PDU

Option 3: a new MAC CE with fixed size of zero bits in Msg3 MAC PDU

Option 4: re-purpose the spare bit currently present in the RRC messages contained in UL CCCH or UL CCCH1.

* QC would like to exclude option 3, which has the same problems of eLCID. Thinks the simplest option is 1. Ericsson supports QC: can also specify that this is only needed during initial access. IDC agrees
* LGE doesn’t like option 1 and 4. Supports eLCID
* CATT thinks we should also exclude option 4
* HW would like to exclude 3 and prefer option 2, discussion together with other session.
* Oppo thinks we can first of all exclude option 3 and 4.
* We no longer consider options 3 and 4
* Samsung prefers option 1 but wonders if it’s sufficient to use this in initial access or also in connected.
* Nokia prefers option 2
* ZTE thinks option 2 does not work in all cases, e.g. when CCCH is not included.
* Oppo is not sure this is needed in connected mode and support option 2

Show of hands:

Option 1: 10

Option 2: 8

* VC thinks we could reduce the dependency on other WIs by deciding to go for option 1
* HW thinks we could utilize another solution described in [R2-2307195](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307195%20Discussion%20on%20PUCCH%20repetition%20for%20Msg4%20HARQ-ACK%20for%20NTN.docx): a reserved bit in MAC PDU to extend LCID (adding 64 new values). Ericsson wonders if this is for all MAC headers (not just fixed size ones)
* Continue in offline 108 (HW)

Agreements:

1. RAN2 confirms that the request/capability of PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK via Msg3 higher layer signaling is feasible (can rediscuss if we cannot converge on a specific solution).

* [AT123][108][NR NTN Enh] LCID extension (Huawei)

Initial scope: Discuss the possibility to extend the LCID values (by using a reserved bit in MAC PDU) vs other solutions being discussed, as a general solution for LCID shortage (i.e. not only for NTN).

Initial intended outcome: Summary of the offline discussion

Deadline for companies' feedback: Thursday 2023-08-24 18:00 (F2F discussion is also invited)

Deadline for rapporteur’s summary in R2-2308988: Friday 2023-08-25 08:00

[R2-2308988](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\RAN2\Inbox\R2-2308988.zip) [offline-108] LCID extension Huawei discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

Proposal 1: RAN2 to discuss how to coordinate the use of the remaining LCIDs between WIs.

Proposal 2: RAN2 to discuss solutions to extend the LCID values without increasing the message size.

* To be discussed in the common session in the main room

[R2-2307253](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307253%20-%20Discussion%20on%20PUCCH%20enhancement%20for%20Msg4%20HARQ-ACK%20in%20NR%20NTN.doc) Discussion on PUCCH enhancement for Msg4 HARQ-ACK in NR NTN OPPO discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307416](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307416%20Discussion%20on%20PUCCH%20repetition%20for%20Msg4%20HARQ-ACK.docx) Discussion on PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK CATT discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307512](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307512%20Discussion%20on%20coverage%20enhancement%20for%20NR%20NTN.doc) Discussion on coverage enhancement for NR NTN Xiaomi discussion Rel-18

[R2-2307526](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307526%20Higher%20layer%20signalling%20for%20PUCCH%20repetition%20for%20Msg4%20HARQ-ACK.doc) Higher layer signalling for PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK Huawei, HiSilicon discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307620](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307620%20UE%20capability%20for%20Msg4%20ACK%20repetition.doc) UE capability indication for Msg4 ACK repetition Qualcomm Incorporated discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307839](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307839_HL%20signaling%20design%20for%20the%20PUCCH%20repetition%20request_v0.doc) HL signaling design for the PUCCH repetition request Apple discussion Rel-18 DUMMY

[R2-2308294](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308294%20Discussion%20on%20the%20LS%20on%20higher%20layer%20signaling%20in%20Msg3%20PUSCH%20for%20PUCCH%20repetition%20for%20Msg4%20HARQ-ACK.docx) Discussion on the LS on higher layer signaling in Msg3 PUSCH for PUCCH repetition for Msg4 HARQ-ACK CMCC discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308507](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308507%20Consideration%20on%20coverage%20enhancements.doc) Consideration on coverage enhancements ZTE Corporation, Sanechips discussion Rel-18

[R2-2308539](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308539%20-%20R18%20NR%20NTN%20Coverage%20enhancements.docx) R18 NR NTN Coverage enhancements Ericsson discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308604](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308604_Discussion%20on%20coverage%20enhancement_r1.DOCX) Discussion on coverage enhancement LG Electronics Inc. discussion NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

### 7.7.3 Network verified UE location

UE capability and NW behaviour

[R2-2307601](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307601.docx) UE support of Network Verified UE Location Feature Samsung R&D Institute UK discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

Observation 1: RAN1 will work on multi-RTT for performing verification of the UE location.

Observation 2: the new feature of location verification is an optional UE feature.

Observation 3: A Rel-18 UE should support multi-RTT as part of its NR NTN capability.

Proposal 1: RAN2 to change the WA on “A Rel-18 UE capability is needed for indicating whether UE supports the feature of network verified UE location in NR NTN network” to a full agreement.

* Agreed (FFS whether this is an additional capability on top of FG 44-3)
* QC wonders if we need to send this capability to LMF. Intel thinks that the need for this is discussed in RAN1

Proposal 2: RAN2 to discuss how the network handles the access to NR NTN cells for UEs that do not support the new Rel-18 NR NTN capability to support the new feature of network verified UE location.

* Ericsson thinks the behaviour should be up to NW implementation. Apple agrees
* RAN2 assumption is that how the network handles the access to NR NTN cells for R18 UEs that do not support the new Rel-18 NR NTN capability to support network verified UE location is up to NW implementation, with no need for specs impact (RAN2 can still introduce needed changes to RAN2 specs for this, if requested by other groups)

[R2-2307487](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307487%20Discussion%20on%20the%20network%20verified%20UE%20location.doc) Discussion on the network verfied UE location Huawei, Turkcell, HiSilicon discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

Proposal 1: Legacy UEs not supporting NW verified UE location are handled with the legacy mechanism.

Proposal 2: For the Rel-18 UE not supporting NW verified UE location, NW should limit their access to normal services.

Cell change handling

[R2-2307908](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307908%20-%20discussion%20on%20network%20verified%20UE%20location.docx) Discussion on network verified UE location Ericsson discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

Observation 1 In the legacy RAT dependent positioning framework, when the requested measurements cannot be obtained, the UE and the gNB can provide an error cause to the LMF indicating that the required positioning measurements cannot be obtained.

Observation 2 Up reception of the error cause, it is up to the LMF’s implementation on how to handle the positioning procedure.

Proposal 1 Limited by work time in R18, RAN2 shall aim for a simple option to address the impact of cell change and/or satellite change on positioning procedures.

Proposal 2 Define a new error cause in LPP indicating that the requested positioning measurements cannot be obtained due to cell change and/or satellite change.

* QC thinks this may not be sufficient and there can be other solution
* Nokia agrees that there can be other solutions but this could be a good baseline
* ZTE thinks we could also reuse existing cause values. Ericsson thinks this is not enough and using a new cause is adding minimal effort
* Continue the discussion on this next time

Proposal 3 Send a LS to RAN1 and RAN3 informing them of the RAN2 agreement on the error cause.

Proposal 4 Adopt the LS draft captured in the appendix.

Procedure / assistance information

[R2-2308263](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308263%20Discussion%20on%20network%20verified%20UE%20location.doc) Discussion on network verified UE location Xiaomi discussion

Proposal 1: The multi-RTT positioning procedure of TN without any neighbouring gNB/TRP involvement is the baseline for multi-RTT positioning of NTN when only a single satellite is visible.

Proposal 2: The serving gNB/TRP should provide multiple gNB Rx-Tx time difference measurements with different measurement time to LMF and UE should provide multiple UE Rx-Tx time difference measurements on the PRS from the serving gNB with multiple measurement times to LMF respectively.

* QC thinks we should wait for RAN1 on this well.

Proposal 3: LMF could configure UE and gNB to report the positioning measurement periodically or configure the UE and gNB to report multiple positioning measurements in one shot report.

Proposal 4: The following solutions are considered for LMF acquiring the ephemeris data:

• gNB provides the ephemeris data to LMF by NRPPa message

• UE reports the ephemeris data to LMF by LPP message

• OAM configures the ephemeris data to LMF

Proposal 5: gNB reports the common TA with positioning measurement by NRPPa measurement response message.

[R2-2307320](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307320%20network%20verified%20UE%20location.docx) Discussion on network verified UE location in NR NTN THALES discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core R2-2305408

Observation 1:

The geometry relating the UE and positioning anchor points (TRP) affects the network verified UE location based on Multi-RTT method.

Proposal 1: For multi-RTT based positioning in NTN, the UE should include the calculated N\_"TA,adj" ^"common" to the measurement results that need be transferred from UE to the LMF.

Proposal 2: For multi-RTT based positioning in NTN, the UE includes the position of the satellite when DL-PRS measurements are performed to the measurement results that need be transferred from UE to the LMF.

Proposal 3: For multi-RTT based positioning in NTN, the following assistance data may be transferred from gNB to the LMF:

The value of the 𝑘mac used by gNB

The value of TACommon when the gNB Rx – Tx time difference measurement is performed

Proposal 4: For multi-RTT based positioning in NTN, the gNB includes the position of the satellite when UL-SRS measurements are performed to the assistance data that may be transferred from gNB to the LMF.

Proposal 5: For multi-RTT based positioning in NTN, the gNB may provide the LMF with assistance data including:

Satellite ID

Cell/beam reference point

The ephemeris data in PVT state vector format or Keplerian format along with the associated epoch time.

Proposal 6: For multi-RTT based positioning in NTN, the LMF indicates to the UE the vTRP positions or the time intervals at which the PRS should be measured.

Proposal 7: For multi-RTT based positioning in NTN, the LMF indicates to the UE the vTRP positions or the time intervals at which the aperiodic SRS should be activated.

Agreements:

1. A Rel-18 UE capability is needed for indicating whether UE supports the feature of network verified UE location in NR NTN network (FFS whether this is an additional capability on top of FG 44-3)
2. RAN2 assumption is that how the network handles the access to NR NTN cells for R18 UEs that do not support the new Rel-18 NR NTN “network verified UE location” capability is up to NW implementation, with no need for specs impact (RAN2 can still introduce needed changes to RAN2 specs for this, if requested by other groups)

[R2-2308196](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308196%20Discussion%20on%20multiple-RTT%20based%20positioning%20in%20NTN.docx) Discussion on multiple-RTT based positioning in NTN Quectel discussion

[R2-2308277](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308277_NTN_NW_verified_UE_location_Disc.docx) Discussion on NTN NW verified UE location Lenovo discussion Rel-18

[R2-2308295](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308295%20Considerations%20on%20network%20verified%20UE%20location.doc) Considerations on network verified UE location CMCC discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308450](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308450_UE%20location%20verification%20by%20Network.docx) UE location verification by Network NEC Telecom MODUS Ltd. discussion

[R2-2308706](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308706.docx) Discussion on Network Verified UE Location TCL discussion

[R2-2308777](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308777-On%20Network%20verified%20UE%20location%20for%20NR%20NTN%20for%20NR%20NTN.docx) On Network verified UE location for NR NTN MediaTek Inc. discussion

### 7.7.4 NTN-TN and NTN-NTN mobility and service continuity enhancements

#### 7.7.4.1 Cell reselection enhancements

[R2-2307321](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307321%20VSAT%20mobility%20enhancements.docx) Discussion on mobility enhancements for VSAT THALES discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

Observation 1: The expected time duration needed for a VSAT terminal to find/point toward the suitable satellite during the cell (re)selection procedure at RRC Idle/Inactive cannot be neglected(e.g. in the order of minutes).

Observation 2: LEO-600 satellite with a minimum elevation angle for service link of 30° serves cell for an expected time duration of 246 seconds, the same order of magnitude of the expected time duration needed for a VSAT terminal to find/point toward the suitable satellite.

Proposal 1: For the initial access of UE of VSAT type, the network should provide assistance data to reduce the initial cell search duration.

FFS: the content of such assistance data e.g. satellites ephemeris, orbital planes.

FFS: determine other cell re-selection cases where the assistance data might help the service continuity

* MTK has sympathy for this but thinks this should be discussed in RAN1
* QC thinks this should be addressed in RAN1. Vivo agrees

Proposal 2: During idle and connected modes, UE should be provided with updates of assistance data.

[R2-2307314](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307314.docx) Discussion on Cell Reselection Enhancements Samsung discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

##### 7.7.4.1.1 NTN-TN enhancements

[R2-2308283](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308283_Signaling%20of%20the%20TN%20coverage%20area%20and%20the%20frequency%20information.docx) Signaling of the TN coverage area and the frequency information ZTE corporation, Sanechips discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

Proposal 1: Both of the NR TN coverage and EUTRA TN coverage can be provided.

* LGE supports this
* HW this is in scope and supports this proposal
* Vivo wonders if there is spec impact.
* CATT thinks we just need to provide the frequency information, no need to indicate whether it’s NR or EUTRA
* Agreed

Proposal 2: Introduce a new SIB to provide the TN coverage information and it is allowed to provide coverage information for frequencies not included in SIB4/5.

* Ericsson wonders about the behaviour for frequencies not included in SIB4/5. Ericsson does not agree on this proposal. Nokia agrees with Ericsson
* Ericsson thinks option 2 increases the signalling in case of changes to the frequency lists

Proposal 3: The frequency info should be indicated under each TN coverage area and frequency index bitmap referring to the frequencies in SIB4 and 5 should be introduced to reduce the signaling overhead, i.e. option 1+3.

Initial show of hands:

Option 1: Frequency information (i.e. a list of TN frequencies) for each TN coverage area is indicated directly under each TN coverage area configuration.

Option 2: A TN coverage area configuration is associated with a TN coverage Area ID. The frequency information for TN coverage area is indicated by adding TN coverage area IDs in SIB4 and SIB5.

Option 3: Frequency index bitmap is indicated under each TN coverage area, where the frequency index refers to the frequency’s position in the frequency list of the current SIB4.

Option 1+3: 12

Option 2: 8

* We introduce a new SIB to provide the TN coverage information
* CB on Thursday to decide between 1+3 and 2

\*\*\* CB session \*\*\*

* Based on further comments made after show of hands, VC suggest to go for option 2
* ZTE can compromise to go for option 2
* LG and CATT would object go for option 2
* QC would object option 1+3, but would be fine with option 1 only. Nokia thinks option 1 was already ruled out
* Vivo wonders if it’s possible to specify 2 solutions
* LG and CATT can finally accept to compromise and go for option 2
* We go for option 2: a TN coverage area configuration is associated with a TN coverage Area ID. The frequency information for TN coverage area is indicated by adding TN coverage area IDs in SIB4 and SIB5.

Agreements:

1. Both of the NR TN coverage and EUTRA TN coverage can be provided.
2. We introduce a new SIB to provide the TN coverage information
3. A TN coverage area configuration is associated with a TN coverage Area ID. The frequency information for TN coverage area is indicated by adding TN coverage area IDs in SIB4 and SIB5.

[R2-2307579](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307579%20On%20TN%20Coverage%20Definition%20and%20TN%20to%20NTN%20Reselections.docx) On TN Coverage Definition and TN to NTN Reselections Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

Observation 1: As per RAN2#122 decisions, the information on the TN coverage area will be signaled either using Option 2 or the combination of Option 1 and Option 3.

Observation 2: Neither Option 2, nor the combination of Option 1 and 3 allow to signal other frequencies than already included in SIB4 or SIB5.

Observation 3: If the gNB wants the NTN UE to be aware of certain frequency for terrestrial coverage, this frequency can be listed in the legacy SIB4 or SIB5.

Observation 4: There may be up to 8 frequencies in the InterFreqCarrierFreqList in SIB4, each could be linked to more than a single TN coverage area.

Observation 5: In Option 2, 48 bits are needed if two areas per frequency are signaled, and each area ID consumes 3 bits.

Observation 6: Option 1+3 requires to always signal the same number of bits, equal to the number of frequencies in SIB4, even if for particular TN coverage area there is e.g. just a single frequency to indicate.

Proposal 1: Option 2 (A TN coverage area configuration is associated with a TN coverage Area ID. The frequency information for TN coverage area is indicated by adding TN coverage area IDs in SIB4 and SIB5) is adopted for signaling the TN coverage area information in Rel-18 NTN.

Observation 7: As per Rel-18 WID, cell reselection (mobility) enhancements for NTN to TN are prioritized.

Observation 8: NTN-capable UE while being in TN cell can measure on NTN frequencies even without NTN assistance information (such as ephemeris, common TA, etc.).

Observation 9: Providing NTN assistance information in the TN’s SIB, possibly for multiple NTN neighbour cells, will introduce a non-negligible signalling burden.

Proposal 2: In Rel-18 NTN WI RAN2 does not pursue enhancements for TN -> NTN cell reselection.

[R2-2307621](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307621%20TN%20coverage.doc) TN cell coverage info and measurement relaxation Qualcomm Incorporated discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

Proposal 1 A new SIB is introduced to provide TN coverage information as a list of area center locations and their corresponding radius distance.

Proposal 2 Introduce coverage Area identity.

Proposal 3 In SIB4/5, if the frequency is TN frequency, the one or more area IDs are provided as inter-frequency carrier information for UE to decide whether the UE is required to perform measurement on this TN frequency.

Proposal 4 Introduce relaxed measurement for TN frequency for which the reselection priority is higher than current NTN cell reselection priority if the UE does not detect the cell for X number of measurement occasions.

Proposal 5 RAN2 consider solution to enable TN cell providing UE assistance information for NTN cell measurements.

[R2-2307101](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307101%20Remaining%20Issues%20on%20Power%20Saving%20for%20NTN-TN%20Mobility.docx) Remaining Issues on Power Saving for NTN-TN Mobility vivo discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307166](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307166%20-%20NTN%20neighbour%20cell%20information%20in%20TN%20cells.docx) NTN neighbour cell information in TN cells PANASONIC R&D Center Germany discussion

[R2-2307167](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307167.docx) Considerations on TN-NTN cell re-selection Telit Communications S.p.A. discussion

[R2-2307217](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307217%20%5bNTN%5d%20Discussion%20on%20providing%20TN%20coverage%20area%20information.docx) Discussion on providing TN coverage area information LG Electronics France discussion Rel-18 38.331 NR\_NTN\_enh

[R2-2307254](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307254%20Discussion%20on%20NTN-TN%20cell%20reselection%20enhancement.doc) Discussion on NTN-TN cell reselection enhancement OPPO discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307417](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307417%20Discussion%20on%20the%20mechanism%20for%20providing%20TN%20coverage%20information.docx) Discussion on the mechanism for providing TN coverage information CATT discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307739](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307739.docx) Discussion on NTN to TN cell reselection enhancements TCL discussion

[R2-2307840](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307840_NTN-TN%20cell%20reselection%20enhancement_v0.doc) NTN-TN cell reselection enhancement Apple discussion Rel-18 DUMMY

[R2-2308010](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308010%20Some%20remaining%20issues%20for%20TN%20area%20information%20(Revision%20of%20R2-2305715).docx) Some remaining issues for TN area information Lenovo discussion Rel-18

[R2-2308054](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308054.doc) Discussion on the NTN – TN cell reselection enhancement Turkcell, Huawei, HiSilicon discussion Rel-18

[R2-2308116](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308116_Discussion%20on%20NTN-TN%20enhancements.doc) Discussion on NTN-TN enhancements NTT DOCOMO, INC. discussion Rel-18

[R2-2308218](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308218%20Discussion%20on%20remaining%20issues%20of%20NTN-TN%20cell%20reselection%20enhancements.doc) Discussion on remaining issues of NTN-TN cell reselection enhancements Transsion Holdings discussion Rel-18

[R2-2308239](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308239%20Discussion%20on%20TN%20coverage%20description.docx) Discussion on TN coverage description ETRI discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308264](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308264%20Cell%20reselection%20enhancements%20for%20NTN-TN%20mobility.doc) Cell reselection enhancements for NTN-TN mobility Xiaomi discussion

[R2-2308296](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308296%20Discussion%20on%20open%20issues%20for%20NTN-TN%20cell%20reselection.docx) Discussion on open issues for NTN-TN cell reselection CMCC discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308524](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308524%20(R18%20NR%20NTN%20WI%20AI%207.7.4.1.1)%20NTN-TN%20mobility.docx) NTN-TN mobility and service continuity InterDigital discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308701](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308701.docx) Discussion on NTN-TN Cell re-selection ITL discussion Rel-18

##### 7.7.4.1.2 NTN-NTN enhancements

[R2-2307255](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307255%20Discussion%20on%20NTN-NTN%20cell%20reselection%20enhancement.doc) Discussion on NTN-NTN cell reselection enhancement OPPO discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

Observation 1 For earth moving cell, the broadcasted serving cell reference location needs to be updated frequently with the change of serving satellite ephemeris and epochTime.

Observation 2 Regardless of quasi-earth-fixed cell and earth moving cell, time-based measurement initiation works in the same way.

Based on the discussion above, we give the following proposals:

Proposal 1 The change of serving cell reference location for earth moving cell should neither result in system information change notifications nor in a modification of valueTag in SIB1.

* HW is fine with all 3 proposals
* LG wonders what happens if the validity timer expires. Oppo thinks it’s up to UE implementation to maintain the reference location (p2). Oppo thinks the alternative is to specify a lot of UE behaviour in idle mode
* Nokia is fine with p1 and p2
* Agreed

Proposal 2 It is up to UE implementation to maintain a valid serving cell reference location in RRC\_IDLE mode.

* Samsung has some concerns with this, it should not be completely up to UE implementation. LG agrees with Samsung that some assistance information is needed
* ZTE thinks this should apply to RRC inactive as well
* MTK thinks there is no other option
* In the Earth-moving case, it is up to UE implementation to maintain a valid serving cell reference location in RRC\_IDLE and RRC\_Inactive mode. This will be stated in the specification as a Note (or update of an existing Note)

Proposal 3 For the IE used to trigger UE neighbor cell measurements prior to feeder link switch, re-use the same field of t-Service-17 as in Rel-17 and update the field description accordingly.

* Oppo does not think a new IE is needed. ZTE agrees. Ericsson also agrees, think there is no need for new parameter
* QC supports the proposals but wonders about legacy UEs. Huawei thinks there is no impact as the specs does not refer to the reason for stop of coverage
* Xiaomi prefers a new IE
* Agreed

Agreements:

1. The change of serving cell reference location for earth moving cell should neither result in system information change notifications nor in a modification of valueTag in SIB1.
2. In the Earth-moving case, it is up to UE implementation to maintain a valid serving cell reference location in RRC\_IDLE and RRC\_Inactive mode. This will be stated in the specification as a Note (or update of an existing Note)
3. For the IE used to trigger UE neighbor cell measurements prior to feeder link switch, re-use the same field of t-Service-17 as in Rel-17 and update the field description accordingly.

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[R2-2308901](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308901%20-%20Idle%20mode%20mobility%20enhancements.docx) Idle mode mobility enhancements Ericsson discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

Proposal 7 In case of NTN cell hard switch (either changing or keeping the PCI), UE need not to start neighbour cell measurements of the new cell before t-service expires.

* Google wonders if the UE would perform measurements if the serving cell signal level drops

Proposal 8 The network informs (either implicitly or explicitly) the UE whether the next NTN cell switch is a soft or a hard switch.

Proposal 9 Use ReferenceLocation IE for the parameter in SIB19 (movingReferenceLocation-r18) used to indicate the serving cell reference location for Earth-moving cells.

[R2-2308525](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308525%20(R18%20NR%20NTN%20WI%20AI%207.7.4.1.2)%20Earth%20moving%20cell.docx) Cell reselection enhancements for Earth moving cell InterDigital discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

Proposal 1: Confirm that for Earth-moving cells, location-based measurement initiation and time-based measurement initiation due to feeder-link switch are optional UE features.

Observation 1: Broadcasting multiple future reference point coordinates and associated timestamp can reduce frequency of SIB update and improve trajectory calculation.

Proposal 2: For Earth-moving cells, multiple future reference location coordinates and associated timestamp information can be broadcast simultaneously.

Proposal 3: If multiple future reference location coordinates are supported, timestamp information for each future reference point is provided by broadcasting an offset to epochTime.

Proposal 4: A new name t-ServiceFeederLink is used for the IE which triggers UE neighbour cell measurements prior to feeder-link switch.

Observation 2: During a hard switch, the service interruption extends to all cells originating from the satellite. Prior to the switch, UE should only measure cells originating from a different satellite with a stable feeder-link.

Proposal 5: RAN2 to discuss whether the UE can relax (e.g., not perform) measurements on neighbouring cell(s) originating from the same feeder-link about to be switched.

[R2-2307102](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307102%20Further%20discussion%20on%20NTN-NTN%20Mobility%20for%20Earth-moving%20cell.docx) Further discussion NTN-NTN Mobility for Earth-moving Cell vivo discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307218](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307218%20%5bNTN%5d%20Discussion%20on%20NTN-NTN%20cell%20reselection%20enhancements.docx) Discussion on NTN-NTN cell reselection enhancements LG Electronics France discussion Rel-18 38.331 NR\_NTN\_enh R2-2306032

[R2-2307740](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307740.docx) Discussion on NTN to NTN cell reselection enhancements TCL discussion

[R2-2308011](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308011%20Feeder%20link%20switch%20time%20and%20reference%20location%20of%20NTN%20moving%20cells.docx) Feeder link switch time and reference location of NTN moving cells Lenovo discussion Rel-18

[R2-2308033](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308033%20Discussion%20on%20location-based%20measurement%20initiation%20in%20moving%20cells.doc) Discussion on location-based measurement initiation in moving cells Huawei, Turkcell, HiSilicon discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308124](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308124.doc) Discussion on NTN-NTN mobility enhancements Spreadtrum Communications discussion Rel-18

[R2-2308265](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308265%20Cell%20reselection%20enhancements%20for%20NTN-NTN%20mobility.doc) Cell reselection enhancements for NTN-NTN mobility Xiaomi discussion

[R2-2308297](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308297%20Discussion%20on%20remaining%20issues%20for%20NTN-NTN%20reselection.docx) Discussion on remaining issues for NTN-NTN reselection CMCC discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308700](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308700%20Discussion%20on%20NTN-NTN%20cell%20reselection%20enhancements.docx) Discussion on NTN-NTN cell reselection enhancements CAICT discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308718](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308718%20Discussion%20on%20description%20of%20movingReferenceLocation.docx) Discussion on description of movingReferenceLocation ASUSTeK discussion Rel-18 38.331 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

#### 7.7.4.2 Handover enhancements

Including outcome of [Post122][114][NR NTN Enh] Unchanged PCI (other contributions on issues handled in [Post122][114][ might not be treated at RAN2#123)

Unchanged PCI

[R2-2308329](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308329%20Report%20of%20%5bPost122%5d%5b114%5d%5bNR%20NTN%20Enh%5d%20Unchanged%20PCI.docx) Report of [Post122][114][NR NTN Enh] Unchanged PCI CMCC discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

List of proposals for agreement:

Proposal 2: If new parameter (t-start or t-gap) is supported, system information (option 1) is used to provide the time information.

Proposal 3: If new parameter (t-start or t-gap) is supported, implicit indication manner is enough(17/19).

Proposal 4: If t-service is reused, explicit indication manner is needed.(14/15)

* An explicit indication will be introduced to enable the unchanged PCI switch

Proposal 5: 4-step RACH or 2-step RACH is up to NW configuration.

Proposal 6: the selection of CFRA or CBRA is up to NW configuration.

Proposal 7: RACH-less operation(i.e. skip RA) can be combined with PCI unchanged solution in NTN system.

* Oppo thinks there is nothing new
* PCI unchanged procedure can be performed without performing RACH

Proposal 8: For back-ward compatibility, network could handle the legacy UE using the existing mechanism and there is no spec. impact.

List of proposals that require online discussions:

Proposal 1: the unchanged PCI mechanism can be applied to both the continuous coverage where the coverage gap can be ignored and the coverage gap is not zero. FFS the indication is t-gap or t-start. (13/19)

* Oppo wonders if this means that we support discontinuous coverage.
* Sequans thinks we should consider how to support legacy UEs
* QC thinks that if the gap is longer than 5-10ms we would have to check with other groups.
* Panasonic thinks we need to consider gaps in the range of 100ms
* The unchanged PCI mechanism can be applied to the case where the coverage gap is zero or negligible (where there is no need to introduce t-gap or t-start). FFS whether we need to support scenarios that require the introduction of t-gap or t-start

Agreements:

1. An explicit indication will be introduced to enable the unchanged PCI switch
2. The unchanged PCI mechanism can be applied to the case where the coverage gap is zero or negligible (where there is no need to introduce t-gap or t-start). FFS whether we need to support scenarios that require the introduction of t-gap or t-start
3. PCI unchanged procedure can be performed without performing RACH

[R2-2307418](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307418%20Discussion%20on%20unchanged%20PCI%20scenario.docx) Discussion on unchanged PCI scenario CATT discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

< Discussion on the re-synchronize time >

Proposal 1a: If the compatibility with soft satellite switch case is considered in future, Option 1 should be supported, i.e. introduce a t-Start to indicate the time the UE attempts to re-synchronize.

Proposal 1b: If only the hard satellite switch is considered, Option 3 should be supported, i.e. reuse t-Service to indicate the time the UE attempts to re-synchronize.

< UE behaviour for unchanged PCI scenario >

Observation 1: The network can send legacy HO/CHO/RRCRelease message before t-service to UE, if the network doesn’t expect the UE supporting unchanged PCI to perform re-sync to the target satellite.

Observation 2: If the network doesn’t send legacy HO/CHO/RRCRelease message before t-service to UE, it means the network expects the UE supporting unchanged PCI to perform re-sync to the target satellite at t-Service/t-Start.

Proposal 2: The connected UEs supporting unchanged PCI scenario should perform re-sync to the target satellite since t-service/t-start, if the UEs identify the serving cell is unchanged PCI scenario.

Proposal 3: When the UE attempts to perform re-synchronize to target satellite, the UE shall:

­ stop performing uplink transmission at t-Service

­ start searching the SSB of the serving cell to obtain DL sync since t-Service/ t-start

­ perform RACH procedure to the serving cell via target satellite after DL sync is obtained (FFS RACH-Less)

­ recover uplink transmission after complete the RACH procedure

< Assistance information provided by NW for re-sync >

Observation 3: Providing ephemeris and TA common of the target satellite in advance can reduce the re-sync time and the energy consumption of UE.

Proposal 4: The serving cell should provide the ephemeris and TA common of the target satellite before t-Service.

Proposal 5: The serving cell can provide the ephemeris and TA common parameters of the target satellite via ntn-NeighCellConfigList in SIB19.

< The overall stage 2 procedure >

Proposal 6: Take the description of unchanged PCI in R2-2307418 as baseline for the running CR of TS38.300.

[R2-2307623](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307623%20PCI%20unchanged.doc) Details on satellite switch with PCI unchange Qualcomm Incorporated discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

Proposal 1 Soft satellite switch with PCI unchanged is not pursued in Rel-18.

Proposal 2 The UE should be configured whether or not there is blank (no signal) gap, i.e., t-Start = t-Service or t-Start > t-Service.

Proposal 3 If RACH-based solution is used, the UE considers UL synchronization timer expired at t-Service (current cell stop time) to stop any UL operation. Discuss whether timeAlignmentTimer is also considered expired at t-Service.

* In the unchanged PCI case, the UE considers UL synchronization timer expired at t-Service (current cell stop time) to stop any UL operation. FFS on timeAlignmentTimer handling.

Proposal 4 If RACH-based solution is used, the UE triggers RACH after synchronizing with the new satellite and there is no need to define a synchronization gap or duration (e.g., t-gap).

* Agreed as “In the unchanged PCI case, for RACH-based solution, the UE may trigger RACH immediately after DL synchronizing with the new satellite”

Proposal 5 Support RACH-less solution for hard satellite switch with PCI unchanged.

Proposal 6 If RACH-less solution is used, the UE is configured with a new satellite synchronization window (or t-gap) that starts at the cell start time of the new satellite (i.e., t-Start).

Proposal 7 When the new satellite synchronization window (or t-gap) is started, the UE considers the UL synchronization timer expired.

Proposal 8 For the first UL transmission after t-Service in RACH-less solution, the UE is configured to use NTA value zero or same NTA value as of the old satellite.

Proposal 9 After the successful UL transmission (receiving any response from network), the new satellite synchronization window (or t-gap) is stopped.

Proposal 10 Discuss whether the UE is released to RRC\_IDLE or RLF is triggered if it is unable to synchronize to the new satellite within the new satellite synchronization window (or t-gap).

Proposal 11 For both RACH-based and RACH-less solutions, the UE triggers TA report MAC CE at t-Service time.

Proposal 12 The UE specific Koffset, if configured, is not used after t-Service and the UE uses the cell specifc Koffset until the UE receives new differential Koffset MAC CE.

* Agreed

Proposal 13 Discuss whether to reset the L3 filtering for RRM measurements.

Agreements:

1. In the unchanged PCI case, the UE considers UL synchronization timer expired at t-Service (current cell stop time) to stop any UL operation. FFS on timeAlignmentTimer handling.
2. In the unchanged PCI case, for RACH-based solution, the UE may trigger RACH immediately after DL synchronizing with the new satellite
3. The UE specific Koffset, if configured, is not used after t-Service and the UE uses the cell specifc Koffset until the UE receives new differential Koffset MAC CE.

[R2-2307104](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307104%20Further%20Discusison%20on%20Service%20Link%20Switch%20with%20Unchanged%20PCI.docx) Further Discusison on Service Link Switch with Unchanged PCI vivo discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core LEO

[R2-2307193](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307193_On%20Triggering%20Unchanged%20PCI%20for%20Handover%20Enhancement%20in%20LEO%20NTN.docx) On Triggering Unchanged PCI for Handover Enhancement in NTN MediaTek Inc. discussion

[R2-2307476](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307476%20Discussion%20on%20the%20Unchanged%20PCI%20Satellite%20Switch.docx) Discussion on the Unchanged PCI Satellite Switch Google Inc. discussion Rel-18

[R2-2307581](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307581%20On%20Unchanged%20PCI%20and%20Satellite%20Switching%20without%20L3%20Mobility.docx) On Unchanged PCI and Satellite Switching without L3 Mobility Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307741](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307741%20NTN%20unchanged%20PCI.docx) Discussion on satellite switch with unchanged PCI Panasonic discussion

[R2-2307841](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307841_Hard%20satellite%20switching%20with%20unchanged%20PCI_v0.doc) Hard satellite switching with unchanged PCI Apple discussion Rel-18 DUMMY

[R2-2307893](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307893_unchanged_PCI.docx) Discussion on gap time of unchanged PCI ITRI discussion NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307896](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307896%20Discussion%20on%20soft%20satellite%20switching%20with%20PCI%20unchanged.docx) Discussion on soft satellite switching with PCI unchanged FGI discussion

[R2-2308373](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308373%20Satellite%20switch_PCI%20change%20without%20L3%20handover.docx) Satellite Switch, PCI change without L3 handover NEC discussion NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308527](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308527%20(R18%20NR%20NTN%20WI%20AI%207.7.4.2)%20same%20PCI.docx) Satellite switching without PCI change InterDigital discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308609](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308609_NTN_HO-enh_PCI_fj.docx) Discussion on NTN handover enhancements Fujitsu discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308752](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308752%20Discussion%20on%20random%20access%20in%20the%20unchanged%20PCI.docx) Discussion on random access in the unchanged PCI scenario ETRI discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308753](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308753_) “Unchanged PCI” solution vs “PCI change only” solution Sequans Communications discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core R2-2306517

RACH-less HO

[R2-2307315](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307315.docx) Discussion on Handover Enhancements Samsung discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

Proposal 1: The association between pre-allocated grant and SSB(s) is configured for initial UL transmission in RACH-less HO.

Proposal 2: In a pre-allocated grant, CG occasions are mapped to SSB indexes, configured by SSB-Subset and SSB-PerCG-PUSCH.

Proposal 3: A RSRP threshold is configured for SSB selection for initial UL transmission with pre-allocated grant. UE selects an SSB associated to a pre-allocated grant with RSRP above the threshold, and use that pre-allocated grant and the selected SSB for initial UL transmission.

Proposal 4: Beam indication (i.e., SSB index(es)) is provided to monitor target cell PDCCH for dynamic grant for initial UL transmission. Wait for RAN1 further response for the case where multiple beams are indicated.

Proposal 5: Wait for RAN1 further response on power control for initial UL transmission.

Proposal 6: If configured with RACH-less configuration, the MAC entity applies the configured N\_TA for the TAG of the serving cell, and starts the timerAlignmentTimer associated with this TAG.

Proposal 7: The pre-allocated grant is configured for NUL or SUL, and UE selects the corresponding UL carrier for the initial UL transmission.

Proposal 8: For dynamic grant provided in PDCCH, NW indicates NUL or SUL carrier for initial UL transmission.

Proposal 9: If SUL is configured and if the UL carrier for initial UL transmission is not explicitly signaled, UE selects NUL or SUL carrier based on a RSRP threshold of the downlink pathloss reference.

Proposal 10: The BWP indicated by firstActiveUplinkBWP is selected for the initial UL transmission. If the firstActiveUplinkBWP is not signaled, initialUplinkBWP is selected.

Proposal 11: If ta-Report enabled is included in ServingCellConfigCommon for RACH-less HO, a TA report shall be triggered.

Proposal 12: For the pre-allocated grant, support autonomous retransmission of the initial UL transmission with a retransmission timer configured. UE retransmits by pre-allocated grant when the timer expires.

Proposal 13: Both HARQ mode A and HARQ mode B are supported for the HARQ process of RACH-less initial UL transmission.

Proposal 14: HARQ process ID 0 is used for initial UL transmission.

Proposal 15: Before the successful completion of the RACH-less HO, the MAC entity shall not select the logical channel(s) corresponding to DRB(s) for the uplink grant for the HARQ process of initial UL transmission.

Proposal 16: If DRX is configured, the Active time for Serving Cells in a DRX group includes the time while UE is monitoring the PDCCH that provides dynamic grant for the initial UL transmission.

Proposal 17: If a PDCCH addressed to C-RNTI scheduling DL/UL is received after the initial UL transmission, consider RACH-less HO completed.

* [AT123][109][NR NTN Enh] RACH-less HO (Samsung)

Initial scope: Continue the discussion on RACH-less HO, based on [R2-2307315](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307315.docx) (and proposals in other papers where needed)

Initial intended outcome: Summary of the offline discussion with e.g.:

* List of proposals for agreement (if any)
* List of proposals that require online discussions

Deadline for companies' feedback: Thursday 2023-08-24 18:00 (F2F discussion is also possible)

Deadline for rapporteur’s summary in R2-2308989: Friday 2023-08-25 08:00

[R2-2308989](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\RAN2\Inbox\R2-2308989.zip) [offline-109] RACH-less HO Samsung discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

For agreement:

Proposal 5 (19/21): Single beam can be indicated to monitor target cell PDCCH for dynamic grant for initial UL transmission.

* QC wonders how this is indicated and what happens if this is not indicated. Oppo thinks this needs to be done in the HO command. HW agrees
* Single beam can be indicated in HO command to monitor target cell PDCCH for dynamic grant for initial UL transmission

Proposal 1 (15/21) The pre-allocated grant is provided with association to SSBs,

* Agreed

Proposal 2 (14/20): The mapping between type-1 CG and SSBs in CG-SDT can be the baseline of how to configure pre-allocated grant mapped to SSBs.

* The mapping between type-1 CG and SSBs in CG-SDT can be the baseline of how to configure pre-allocated grant mapped to SSBs (can rediscuss in case of different input from RAN1)

Proposal 3 (17/21): UE selects an SSB associated to the pre-allocated grant with RSRP above a configured threshold, use the selected SSB and the corresponding UL grant occasions for the initial UL transmission.

* Ericsson fails to see the need for and RSRP thresh. What does the UE do in case? Vivo thinks we can discuss the failure case. Nokia thinks that if we fall back to RACH-based then the proposal to have threshold would be ok
* HW thinks we should have a threshold also for dynamic grant. LGE is not sure this is needed
* Agreed.

Proposal 9 (17/21): ta-Report can be included in ServingCellConfigCommon in the RACH-less HO command.

* Agreed

Proposal 11 (19/21): If pre-allocated grant is not configured and dynamic grant is used for first UL transmission, if UL HARQ mode is configured, the HARQ process belongs to HARQ mode A by NW implementation.

* RAN2 understands that if pre-allocated grant is not configured and dynamic grant is used for first UL transmission, if UL HARQ mode is configured, HARQ mode A is recommended for the HARQ process (this is anyway up to NW implementation and there is no Stage2 and Stage3 spec impact)

Proposal 6 (19/21): The MAC entity applies the N\_TA (value 0 or same as source cell) configured in the RACH-less HO command for the PTAG, and starts the timerAlignmentTimer associated with this TAG.

* QC thinks this the current procedure for LTE and the timer needs to start before performing UL tx
* Ericsson thinks TAT should be long enough no to be limiting factor to perform HO
* Agreed as: “The MAC entity applies the N\_TA (value 0 or same as source cell) configured in the RACH-less HO command for the PTAG. FFS on when timerAlignmentTimer associated with this TAG starts.”

For discussion:

Proposal 8 (12/20): The BWP indicated by firstActiveUplinkBWP is selected for the initial UL transmission.

Proposal 12: If pre-allocated grant is used for first UL transmission, if UL HARQ mode is configured,

Option 1 (15/20): Both HARQ mode A and HARQ mode B can be configured for the HARQ process

Option 2 (5/20): The HARQ process belongs to HARQ mode A

Proposal 15 (7/18): UE confirms RACH-less HO completion if PDCCH addressed to C-RNTI scheduling a new transmission is received after the initial UL transmission.

Proposal 16: If RACH-less HO is failed (i.e., T304 is expired),

Option 1 (13/19): perform RRC re-establishment

Option 2 (5/19): perform RACH to the target cell

Proposal 4 (13/20): If no SSB mapping to pre-allocated grant has RSRP above the threshold, fallback to RACH HO.

* Ericsson thinks that we could rely on legacy procedure, RLF and re-establishment
* LGE thinks there is a threshold also in legacy. CATT agrees
* Vivo is fine with p4. Oppo as well
* Nokia acknowledges that RACH could have higher chances so could accept p4
* If no SSB mapping to pre-allocated grant has RSRP above the threshold, fallback to RACH HO (with new SSB selection), while T304 is running

Proposal 13 (16/21): HARQ process ID 0 is used for initial UL transmission

Proposal 10 (9/21): If pre-allocated grant is configured, support autonomous retransmission of the initial UL transmission. FFS retransmission timer

Proposal 7: RAN2 further check whether SUL is supported in NTN.

* HW thinks SUL is supported by default. CATT agrees
* Nokia thinks we don’t know if it is supported. Nokia thinks SUL is not supported in the bands for NTN
* Continue the discussion in the next meeting

Proposal 7a (12/19): If SUL carrier is supported/configured, for the initial UL transmission using DG, PDCCH includes NUL/SUL indication for UE selects NUL/SUL carrier.

Proposal 7b (9/18): If SUL carrier is configured, for the initial UL transmission, if the pre-allocated grant is configured for the NUL carrier, UE selects NUL carrier; else if the pre-allocated grant is configured for SUL carrier, UE selects SUL carrier.

Proposal 7c (9/18): If SUL carrier is configured and the UL carrier for initial UL transmission is not indicated, UE selects NUL or SUL carrier based on a RSRP threshold of the downlink pathloss reference.

Proposal 14 (3/19): If DRX is configured, the Active time for Serving Cells in a DRX group includes the time while monitoring PDCCH for dynamic grant of the initial UL transmission since the execution of RACH-less HO.

Proposal 17 (11/20): Support time-based CHO combining with RACH-less.

Agreements:

1. Single beam can be indicated in HO command to monitor target cell PDCCH for dynamic grant for initial UL transmission
2. The pre-allocated grant is provided with association to SSBs
3. The mapping between type-1 CG and SSBs in CG-SDT can be the baseline of how to configure pre-allocated grant mapped to SSBs (can rediscuss in case of different input from RAN1)
4. UE selects an SSB associated to the pre-allocated grant with RSRP above a configured threshold, use the selected SSB and the corresponding UL grant occasions for the initial UL transmission
5. ta-Report can be included in ServingCellConfigCommon in the RACH-less HO command
6. RAN2 understands that if pre-allocated grant is not configured and dynamic grant is used for first UL transmission, if UL HARQ mode is configured, HARQ mode A is recommended for the HARQ process (this is anyway up to NW implementation and there is no Stage2 and Stage3 spec impact)
7. The MAC entity applies the N\_TA (value 0 or same as source cell) configured in the RACH-less HO command for the PTAG. FFS on when timerAlignmentTimer associated with this TAG starts
8. If no SSB mapping to pre-allocated grant has RSRP above the threshold, fallback to RACH HO (with new SSB selection), while T304 is running

[R2-2307219](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307219%20NTN%20Discussion%20on%20handover%20enhancements._r1.docx) Discussion on handover enhancements LG Electronics France discussion Rel-18 38.331 NR\_NTN\_enh R2-2306033

[R2-2307580](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307580%20Resolving%20Open%20Points%20on%20RACH-less%20HO%20in%20Rel-18%20NTN.docx) Resolving Open Points on RACH-less HO in Rel-18 NTN Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307622](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307622%20RACH-less%20HO.doc) RACH-less handover for NTN Qualcomm Incorporated discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307943](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307943_RACH-less%20signal%20design%20for%20NTN.doc) RACH-less signaling design for NTN China Telecom discussion Rel-18

[R2-2308012](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308012%20Some%20remaining%20issues%20for%20RACH-less%20HO%20in%20NTN.docx) Some remaining issues for RACH-less HO in NTN Lenovo discussion Rel-18

[R2-2308032](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308032%20Remaining%20issues%20on%20RACH-less%20HO%20in%20NTN.docx) Remaining issues on RACH-less HO in NTN Huawei, Turkcell, HiSilicon discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308146](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308146-NTN_Discussion_on_RACH-less_HO.doc) Discussion on RACH-less HO Sharp discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308266](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308266%20Discussion%20on%20handover%20enhancements%20for%20NTN-NTN%20mobility.doc) Discussion on handover enhancements for NTN-NTN mobility Xiaomi discussion

[R2-2308374](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308374%20Support%20RACH-less%20CHO.docx) Support RACH-less CHO NEC discussion NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308526](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308526%20(R18%20NR%20NTN%20WI%20AI%207.7.4.2)%20CONN%20mobility%20enh.docx) NTN mobility enhancements for RRC\_CONNECTED InterDigital discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308900](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308900%20-%20Handover%20enhancements.docx) Handover enhancements Ericsson discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

Common HO configuration

[R2-2307419](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307419%20Discussion%20on%20RACH-less%20and%20common%20(C)HO%20configuration.docx) Discussion on RACH-less and common (C)HO configuration CATT discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

Proposal 6: RAN2 first focuses on intra-gNB scenario for common configuration.

Proposal 7: The serving cell broadcast the target cell’s servingCellConfigCommon (as common (C)HO signalling)

Proposal 8: Define one new SIB, i.e. SIBx, to transfer the common (C)HO configuration.

Proposal 9: The network broadcasts the common configuration of the adjacent target cell(s) based on the trajectory of the satellite, the number is FFS.

Proposal 10： The procedure in Figure 1 can be adopted as the baseline for common (C)HO configuration mechanism:

- Step 1: The UE acquires the scheduling information for common (C)HO configuration from SIB1 upon the specified time e.g. upon t-service-offsetHO, or upon reception of indication from network.

- Step 2: The UE starts to monitor SIBx according to the scheduling information in SIB1 if the UE supports common (C)HO configuration.

- Step 3: The network send (C)HO command without common (C)HO configuration.

- Step 4: the UE starts HO using the target cell common configuration in SIBx.

Notes: The order of step 2 and step 3 is up to network implementation.

[R2-2307103](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307103%20Discussion%20on%20Handover%20Enhancement%20with%20Common%20HO%20Configuration%20in%20NR%20NTN.docx) Discussion on Handover Enhancement with Common HO Configuration in NR NTN vivo discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307258](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307258%20NTN%20HO%20enhancement.doc) Discussion on NTN handover enhancements OPPO discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307894](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307894_Group_HO.docx) Discussion on common information of group handover ITRI discussion NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2308159](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308159.docx) Signaling overhead reduction during NTN-NTN HOs Sony discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh

[R2-2308219](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308219%20Discussion%20on%20NTN-NTN%20handover%20enhancements.doc) Discussion on open issues of NTN-NTN handover Transsion Holdings discussion Rel-18

[R2-2308755](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308755_Common%20signalling%20of%20HO%20common%20information.docx) Common signalling of HO common information Sequans Communications discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

CHO/Other

[R2-2307842](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307842_%20NR%20NTN%20specific%20handover%20enhancement_v0.doc) NR NTN specific HO enhancement Apple discussion Rel-18

Observation 1: For the earth moving cell, the target cell for subsequent handover can be predicted.

Observation 2: Subsequent SCG change scheme will be specified in R18.

Proposal 1: Support Subsequent CHO as one of the NR NTN specific handover enhancements in R18.

Proposal 2: In subsequent CHO, UE will keep all the candidate CHO configurations after CHO execution, until receiving the explicit release indication from network.

Proposal 3: R18 subsequent CHO is limited in intra-gNB handover scenario, and HO with security key change is not supported.

[R2-2308719](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308719%20Discussion%20on%20moving%20cell%20reference%20location%20for%20CHO.docx) Discussion on moving cell reference location for CHO ASUSTeK discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Core

[R2-2307343](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307343%20-%20Handover%20enhancements.docx) Handover enhancements Continental Automotive discussion Rel-18

### 7.25.4 Self-Evaluation NTN

(FS\_IMT-2020\_Sat\_eval; leading Group: TSG RAN; REL-18; WID: RP-230754)

This will be treated in NTN breakout session (Sergio).

Study on Self-Evaluation towards the 3GPP submission of a IMT-2020 Satellite Radio Interface Technology, including both NR NTN and IoT-NTN. Note that the time allocated will be very limited, and this is expected to be mostly an offline activity.

* [AT123][102][NTN Self Ev] CP/UP latency assumptions (Ericsson)

Initial scope: Converge on common assumptions for CP/UP latency (based on submitted contributions in AI 7.25.4)

Initial intended outcome: Summary of the offline discussion with e.g.:

* List of proposals for agreement (if any)
* List of proposals that require online discussions

Deadline for companies' feedback: Wednesday 2023-08-23 14:00 (F2F offline discussion might also happen afterwards, depending on companies’ feedback)

Deadline for rapporteur’s summary (in R2-2308982): Friday 2023-08-25 08:00

[R2-2308982](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\RAN2\Inbox\R2-2308982.zip) [offline-102] CP/UP latency assumptions Ericsson discussion Rel-18 FS\_IMT2020\_SAT\_eval

Proposal 1 At the moment, RAN2 assumes the best-case scenario even though RAN2 understands that it might not be a common scenario in some cases.

Proposal 2 RAN2 assumes that both UE and gNB are located at the satellite’s nadir, i.e., elevation angles are 90 degrees, for the calculation of round trip delay (RTD).

Proposal 3 Given the assumptions of Proposal 1, feeder and service link delays are included in the propagation delay computation (RTD).

Proposal 4 For the mobility interruption evaluation, RAN2 assumes that for now it is sufficient to consider beam-based mobility in NTN.

Proposal 5 From RAN2 perspective, satellite on-board delay can be considered negligible.

Proposal 6 RAN2 assumes the CP procedure defined in Figure 1 as the baseline for the CP evaluation.

Proposal 7 RAN2 assumes a lossless scenario (p=0) for the User plane evaluation. For the best-case scenario, RAN2 will not consider retransmissions.

Proposal 9 RAN2 assumes the following for the evaluation of CP and UP latency:

- NR FDD

- Only NTN bands are considered (n255, n256).

- UE capabilities 1 & 2

- Resource type mapping A &B

- SCS 15 kHz for the baseline scenario. FFS other supported scenarios (e.g., 30 kHz).

[R2-2307322](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307322%20Discussion%20self-evaluation.docx) Discussion on IMT-2020 Satellite self-evaluation for Latency and Mobility THALES discussion Rel-18 NR\_NTN\_enh-Perf R2-2305410

[R2-2307496](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307496%20Self-Evaluation%20for%20NR%20NTN.doc) Self-Evaluation for NR NTN Huawei, HiSilicon discussion Rel-18 FS\_IMT2020\_SAT\_eval

[R2-2307586](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307586%20On%20CP%20and%20UP%20Latency%20for%20IMT-2020%20NTN%20Self%20Evaluation.docx) On CP and UP Latency for IMT-2020 NTN Self Evaluation Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell discussion Rel-18 FS\_IMT2020\_SAT\_eval

[R2-2307624](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2307624%20IMT-2020%20Satellite.docx) RAN2 aspects on evaluation methodology for IMT-2020 Satellite Qualcomm Incorporated discussion Rel-18 FS\_IMT2020\_SAT\_eval

[R2-2308508](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308508%20Self-Evaluation%20towards%20the%203GPP%20submission%20of%20a%20IMT-2020%20Satellite%20Radio%20Interface%20Technology.docx) Self-Evaluation towards the 3GPP submission of a IMT-2020 Satellite Radio Interface Technology ZTE Corporation, Sanechips discussion Rel-18

[R2-2308903](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308903%20-%20Satellite%20IMT-2020%20self-evaluation%20CP%20latency.docx) Satellite IMT-2020 self-evaluation: CP latency Ericsson discussion Rel-18

[R2-2308905](file:///C:\Data\3GPP\Extracts\R2-2308905%20-%20Satellite%20IMT-2020%20self-evaluation%20UP%20latency.docx) Satellite IMT-2020 self-evaluation: UP latency Ericsson discussion Rel-18

# Summary

Agreed CRs

NR-NTN

Stage 2

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IoT-NTN

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Approved LSs out

[Post123] Email discussions

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