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Agenda Item: 9.11

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Title: Report from Email Discussion [90E][06][Positioning\_WI\_scoping]

Document for: Discussion and decision

# 1 Introduction

This documents reports on the following email discussion during RAN#90-e:

**[90E][06][Positioning\_WI\_scoping]**

Goal: Generate an agreeable WID

Input contributions covered: 2214, 2266, 2305, 2325, 2558, 2586, 2639, 2653, 2664, 2754, 2351, 2709, 2710.

During the 'early items' webinar session on Monday the chair stated that the further discussion should focus on items where RAN1 can work unobstructed in Q1 2021 and that the WID can be updated at RAN#91 when the study item is completed in all WGs. Consequently, this email discussion is structured to focus on RAN1-centric objectives.

The rapporteur's proposal for the WID is contained in RP-202710. The discussion below is structured to collect company opinion on the proposed objectives. Finally, there is an opportunity to give opinion on RAN1 centric objectives that were not proposed to be included by the rapporteur, and also an opportunity to provide any other comments on the proposed WID. In providing feedback companies should keep mind what is a reasonable amount of work to include in the WI given the time that will be available, in particular considering that additional RAN1 work may be added as a result of the SI conclusion in other WGs.

## 2 Discussion

### 2.1 Mitigating UE Rx/Tx and/or gNB Rx/Tx timing errors

The rapporteur's proposed WID contains the following WID

* Specify the methods, measurements, signalling, and procedures of mitigating UE Rx/Tx and/or gNB Rx/Tx timing errors for improving positioning accuracy of NR RAT dependent positioning [RAN1]

Companies are invited to give feedback related to above objective. For the "Support [Yes/No]" column, companies are invited to indicate whether they generally support an objective on this topic; a company may indicate "Yes" in this column and still have more detailed comments on the wording, etc.

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| **Company** | **Support**  **[Yes/No]** | **Comments** |
| CATT | Yes |  |
| Futurewei | Yes |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes |  |
| Qualcomm | Yes | The wording of this objective should be better aligned with the RAN1 conclusions as summarized in section 11 of TR 38.857; e.g.:   * Specify methods, measurements, signaling, and procedures for improving positioning accuracy by mitigating UE Rx/Tx and/or gNB Rx/Tx timing delays, including   + DL, UL and DL+UL positioning methods   + UE-based and UE-assisted positioning solutions |
| Intel | Yes |  |
| ZTE | Yes |  |
| OPPO | Yes | It is recommended by RAN1 for normative work |
| Apple | Yes |  |
| InterDigital | Yes |  |
| vivo | Yes (if RAN4 is involved) | RAN4 may need to get involved to check whether UE Rx/Tx and gNB Rx/Tx timing delays can be monitored and calibrated for positioning purposes.  So, we prefer to research it in RAN4 first. |
| Nokia | Yes |  |
| Ericsson | yes | Support |
| LG | Yes |  |
| Sony | Yes |  |
|  |  | This round of discussion is closed |

#### 2.1.1 Moderator's summary from Initial Round

Unanimous support for this objective from all companies. One company suggested some rewording and one company suggest that RAN4 may need to be involved. Based on this feedback, the moderator's proposal is as follows:

**Moderator conclusion from Initial Round**: WID will include the objective:

• Specify the methods, measurements, signalling, and procedures of mitigating UE Rx/Tx and/or gNB Rx/Tx timing errors for improving positioning accuracy of NR RAT dependent positioning [RAN1]

#### 2.1.2 Intermediate Round

Companies are invited to provide comments related to the moderator conclusion from the Initial Round.

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| **Company** | **Comments** |
| CATT | Support |
| InterDigital | Support |
| ZTE | Support |
| OPPO | Support |
| Apple | Support |
| Qualcomm | As commented already in the initial round, the WID objective should be aligned with the TR conclusion (as it is the case for the other proposed objectives). The definition of "NR RAT dependent positioning" is less clear and it should be clarified that this objective includes UE-based and UE-assisted mode of the positioning methods (as concluded by RAN1). |
| LG | Support |
| Sony | Support |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Support |
| Xiaomi | Support |
| Nokia | Support |
| Ericsson | Support |

### 2.2 UL AoA and DL-AoD

The rapporteur's proposed WID contains the following objective:

* Specify the procedure, measurements, reporting, and signalling for improving the accuracy of [RAN1]
  + UL AoA for network-based positioning solutions.
  + DL-AoD for UE-based and network-based (including UE-assisted) positioning solutions.

Note: RAN1 will discuss the candidate solutions and provide updates for this objective in RAN#91e.

Companies are invited to give feedback related to above objective. For the "Support [Yes/No]" column, companies are invited to indicate whether they generally support an objective on this topic; a company may indicate "Yes" in this column and still have more detailed comments on the wording, etc.

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| **Company** | **Support**  **[Yes/No]** | **Comments** |
| CATT | Yes | During the SI, different candidate approaches were proposed for the enhancements of angle-based positioning methods. However, due to the time constraint of the SI, it is undecided on which of them should be adopted for the WI [16]. At the start of the WI, we may need to decide more specifically on which of the approaches will be adopted to narrow down the WI scope, and then make the corresponding update to the WI scope. For this purpose, we support adding the note “RAN1 will discuss the candidate solutions and provide updates for this objective in RAN#91e.” |
| Futurewei | Yes | CATT suggestion the note is ok for us. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes | The objective is led by RAN1 but RAN2 and RAN3 should also be listed as secondary WGs. The note from CATT is fine although it is unclear if one meeting will be sufficient. |
| Qualcomm | Yes | This objective is currently less specific and may be rather broad in scope. Therefore, we support the Note that this objective should be made more specific in a future WID update. |
| Intel | Yes |  |
| ZTE | Yes | Agree with CATT. We have discussed a lot of potential enhancements for this topic during SI phase, but we didn’t agree which parts we should focus on due to lack of time. The current wording implies a quite broad scope, so it is beneficial to shrink the scope of this item with more details spelled out. It can be done at the beginning of the WI as the note says. |
| OPPO | Yes | Support CATT’s note. The current objective is too general and down-selection on the candidate solution/approach is needed. |
| Apple | Yes | With the note added by CATT. |
| InterDigital | Yes |  |
| vivo | Yes | Fine with the note added by CATT. |
| Nokia | Yes | RAN1 will discuss candidate solution and provide update in RAN91e. The progress may be limited, and the conclusion may not be available already in March. |
| Ericsson | Yes | Support. Regarding the note from CATT, we don’t think that down-selection will only take one meeting, so we suggest to remove “in RAN1#91e” |
| LG | Yes | We are fine with CATT’s note, agreeing with Ericsson on removing the exact RAN meeting number. Either, we are fine with keep it up to RAN1’s normal course of work rather than having a special note. |
| Sony | Yes | Depending on the progress, we may update the objective in RAN1#91e |
|  |  | This round of discussion is closed |

#### 2.2.1 Moderator's summary from Initial Round

Unanimous support for this objective from all companies. There was also widespread support to include the note to state that there will an attempt to narrow down the scope of the potential solutions at future RAN meetings, although some doubt whether it will be possible to do this at RAN#91e. Based on this feedback, the moderator's proposal is as follows, noting a slight rewording to reflect comments about the note:

**Moderator conclusion from Initial Round**: WID will include the objective:

• Specify the procedure, measurements, reporting, and signalling for improving the accuracy of [RAN1]

* + UL AoA for network-based positioning solutions.
  + DL-AoD for UE-based and network-based (including UE-assisted) positioning solutions.

Note: RAN1 will discuss the candidate solutions and provide updates for this objective, with status to be reviewed in RAN#91e.

#### 2.2.2 Intermediate Round

Companies are invited to provide comments related to the moderator conclusion from the Initial Round.

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| **Company** | **Comments** |
| CATT | Support. Fine with the modification of the moderator on the note. |
| Intel | Support |
| InterDigital | Support |
| vivo | Support |
| ZTE | Support |
| OPPO | Support |
| Apple | Support |
| LG | Support, and also fine with the note |
| Sony | Support |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Support |
| Xiaomi | Support |
| Nokia | Support |
| Ericsson | Support. We’re ok with the updated note. We also should add the secondary WGs (RAN2/RAN3) as mentioned by Huawei in the earlier round. |

### 2.3 Multipath/NLOS mitigation

The rapporteur’s proposed WID contains the following objective:

* Study and specify, if supported, the enhancements of information reporting from UE and gNB for multipath/NLOS mitigation [RAN1]

Companies are invited to give feedback related to above objective. For the “Support [Yes/No]” column, companies are invited to indicate whether they generally support an objective on this topic; a company may indicate “Yes” in this column and still have more detailed comments on the wording, etc.

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| **Company** | **Support**  **[Yes/No]** | **Comments** |
| CATT | Yes | The enhancement for supporting multipath/NLOS mitigation attracted significant attention during the study item, and the recommendation “*Enhancements of information reporting from UE and gNB for supporting multipath/NLOS mitigation can be studied further, and if needed, specified during normative work for improving positioning accuracy*”, was reached after long and intensive discussion in RAN1 during the SI. The companies hold different views on the priority, effectiveness and the necessity of the enhancements. The enhancement is critical for improving positioning accuracy. We support including the enhancement in the WI as recommended from the SI. |
| Futurewei | Yes | NLOS is an important factor in degrading positioning accuracy in indoor factory environment. Standards supported solutions are essential rather than relying on the arguments that there are implementations-based method which can’t be verified and evaluated objectively. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes | We suggest listing the candidate reporting to be down-selected by the study phase:  o LOS/NLOS status  o Time of arrival, signal power and/or relative power, and/or angle of the multi-path components  o Power delay profile  o Polarization information  o Coherence bandwidth  This objective should be treated with the same priority as aggregation of PRS and aggregation of SRS since RAN1 has not provided any priority among those. |
| Qualcomm | Yes | We support this objective. However, we consider the aggregation of PRS (section 2.4 and 2.5 below) to be more significant for achieving the accuracy targets of e.g., <0.2 m. |
| Intel | Yes | It is a major degradation factor and proper solutions to address it should be specified |
| ZTE | Yes | Agree with the proposal. According to simulation results provided by multiple companies, additional information for NLOS mitigation is superior to implementation-based approaches in terms of accuracy. We should specify the method that can be verified/tested rather than based on implementation-based ways. |
| OPPO | No | Multipath/NLOS mitigation (2.3) and the aggregation of PRS/SRS (2.4/2.5) are with a lower priority than 2.1 and 2.2 according to RAN1’s conclusion.  Moreover, based on RAN1 recommendation, the priority of these objectives is also lower than that of some other topics, e.g., on-demand PRS (O1) , positioning for RRC\_INACTIVE state (O2), latency reduction (O3). According to RAN1 discussion and conclusions, there will be a lot of RAN1 workload for O1/O2/O3, no matter whether they are RAN1-centric or RAN2-centric. Thus, regarding the topics recommend by RAN1 with high priority, less than 50% of the corresponding RAN1 workload has been reflected in the draft WID.  In order to keep a manageable RAN1 workload for the final scope of WID (to be determined in RAN#91e), we only need to approve the objectives recommended by RAN1 with high priority in RAN#90e. In RAN1#91e, when we include all high-priority objectives in RAN1#91e, we can better evaluate the whole RAN1 workload and check whether there are still have some space or Tus for some low-priority objective(s). |
| InterDigital | Yes | Reporting related to LoS/NloS and multipath channel is critical for improving positioning accuracy which is the whole purpose of this WI. |
| Vivo | No | We cannot agree with this bullet.  On the one hand, it is not a high priority item in the RAN1 conclusion. We don’t think it should be captured in WI scope before other recommended items.  On the other hand, it has the same problem as UL-AOA/DL-AOD above, different candidate approaches were proposed for multipath/NLOS mitigation. We don’t think it can be directly captured in WID without any constraint. |
| Nokia | Yes | It is an important enhancement to meet the accuracy requirements. |
| Ericsson | yes | Support. We note that this topic was supported by the vast majority of the companies during the SI and the issue of NLOS impact on accuracy is commonly understood to be a problem. The reason for asking for a study was that RAN1 did not have the time to converge as to what solution should be specified. |
| LG | Yes | We support RAN1 proceed with more details on this objective for final decision on what is necessary in the specifications. |
| Sony | Yes | Multipath/NLOS mitigation is very important, particularly in InF scenario. |
|  |  | This round of discussion is closed |

#### 2.3.1 Moderator’s summary from Initial Round

There was very close to unanimous support for this objective, with only one company not supporting the objective. There were also a number of comments regarding the priority of this item relative to the PRS/SRS aggregation proposals, and concerns about RAN1 workload considering these proposals and the additional items that are expected to be added at RAN#91 when the SI is completed in all WGs.

Based on this feedback, the moderator’s proposal is as follows:

**Moderator conclusion from Initial Round**: WID will include the objective:

- Study and specify, if supported, the enhancements of information reporting from UE and gNB for multipath/NLOS mitigation [RAN1]

#### 2.3.2 Intermediate Round

Companies are invited to provide comments related to the moderator conclusion from the Initial Round.

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| **Company** | **Comments** |
| CATT | Support |
| Intel | Support |
| InterDigital | Support |
| vivo | Not support. This issue has lower priority than those that are recommended and also have RAN1 impact. Should not be included before those recommended issues. |
| ZTE | Support. It is one of the important aspects to meet the accuracy requirement.  Further, in response to vivo’s comment, according to the clear guidance from Mr. Chair in the first GTW session, we should focus on the RAN1-centric items. If one feature’s main functionality is to be delivered by RAN2, there is no point to start the work in RAN1 first. |
| OPPO | Low priority objective should not be included in WID before the high priority ones recommended by RAN1. Thus, we prefer to defer the discussion on this objective to RAN#91e.  Moreover, similar to the objective of 2.2, there are also different candidate approaches were proposed without any conclusion due to the limited time of SI. Thus, it is also required to narrow down the scope if we want to include its objective.  Considering that lots of companies have interests in multipath/NLOS mitigation, we can compromise, for sake of progress, to support further study during WI by adding the same note of 2.2 to emphasize the further down-scoping in RAN#91e.  Note: RAN1 will discuss the candidate solutions and provide updates for this objective, with status to be reviewed in RAN#91e |
| Apple | Support |
| Qualcomm | From the feedback in 2.3 above, we count 2 companies not supporting this objective (not only one). Furthermore, while we supported it, we gave it lower priority than 2.4 and 2.5. Therefore, there is no significant difference in preference for this objective and the objective on aggregation (2.4 and 2.5); two No’s vs. three No’s. |
| LG | Support |
| Sony | Support. We gave it higher priority than 2.4 and 2.5 |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Support |
| Xiaomi | We share same views with OPPO and vivo |
| Nokia | Support |
| Ericsson | Support. In our view, this objective is a high priority objective based on the SI outcome, where the topics was discussed by nearly all companies. The only reason why this topic became a “study and if needed specify” item in the conclusion is that we did not have the time to scope the solution. But that does not mean a solution to LOS/NLOS mitigation is low priority. |

### 2.4 Aggregation of PRS

The rapporteur’s proposed WID contains the following objective:

* Study and specify, if supported, the enhancements to simultaneous transmission by the gNB and aggregated reception by the UE of DL PRS for positioning for one or more contiguous carriers in one or more contiguous PFLs [RAN1/RAN4]
  + The applicability and feasibility of this enhancement need to be further studied from both gNB and UE perspectives for different scenarios, configurations, particular bands and RF architectures.

Note that the rapporteurs proposal in RP-202710 placed this objective in []. These have been removed from the text above as this discussion should make a firm conclusion whether the objective is supported, and hence the WID approved at this meeting should not contain any objective in [].

Companies are invited to give feedback related to above objective. For the “Support [Yes/No]” column, companies are invited to indicate whether they generally support an objective on this topic; a company may indicate “Yes” in this column and still have more detailed comments on the wording, etc.

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| **Company** | **Support**  **[Yes/No]** | **Comments** |
| CATT | Yes | Whether to support simultaneous transmission by the gNB and reception by the UE of intra-band contiguous carriers in Rel-17 was discussed intensively during study phase, including the potential benefits of improving the positioning accuracy and the potential issues related to the applicability, feasibility and the implementation complexity. Thus, the agreement made during the SI was that the enhancements can be studied further and if needed, specified during normative work, including the applicability and feasibility of this enhancement for different scenarios, configurations, bands and RF architectures.  We think this could be a distinguish feature for 3GPP NR positioning for 5G in comparison with 4G and other positioning techniques in the industry.  The implementation complexity, applicability and feasibility of the enhancement is closely related to RAN4’s expertise and responsibility, e.g., UE and gNB RF architectures, the timing alignment error between carriers, the phase continuity, etc. However, RAN4 is not involved the evaluation during the study phase. Thus, it is critical to include RAN4 at the start of the WI to determine the applicability and feasibility to support the enhancements. |
| Futurewei | Yes | While we support this, we think RAN4 needs to evaluate the feasibility aspects. We propose this to be jointly shared with RAN4 with RAN4 taking the initial responsibility during the WI. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes | Agree with Futurewei. RAN4 should conclude on the feasibility and if the conclusion is positive then normative work can proceed. No need to re-discuss feasibility in RAN1.  The study phase should account for impairment factors including timing offset, phase offset, frequency error, and power imbalance across CCs based considering RF architecture. |
| Qualcomm | Yes | Increasing the bandwidth of the positioning signals would more fundamentally improve accuracy. Larger signal bandwidth means that signal time can be more accurately resolved (there is an inverse relationship between time resolution and signal bandwidth). Therefore, larger signal bandwidth offers an improved ability to resolve multipath effects.  We suggest to combine the aggregation of DL-PRS and UL-PRS (SRS) into a single objective. |
| Intel | Yes | Beneficial for accuracy |
| ZTE | Yes | We consider it as a high priority for improving time resolution. We should study further in WI phase with RAN4’s involvement on RF architectures and impairment models to check the feasibility and evaluation assumptions. One way to do this is to let RAN1 specify the solution first, and then RAN4 can define the relevant requirement based on the specified solution in RAN1 and the target accuracy requirement. |
| OPPO | No | Same comments as 2.3  Multipath/NLOS mitigation (2.3) and the aggregation of PRS/SRS (2.4/2.5) are with a lower priority than 2.1 and 2.2 according to RAN1’s conclusion.  Moreover, based on RAN1 recommendation, the priority of these objectives is also lower than that of some other topics, e.g., on-demand PRS (O1) , positioning for RRC\_INACTIVE state (O2), latency reduction (O3). According to RAN1 discussion and conclusions, there will be a lot of RAN1 workload for O1/O2/O3, no matter whether they are RAN1-centric or RAN2-centric. Thus, regarding the topics recommend by RAN1 with high priority, less than 50% of the corresponding RAN1 workload has been reflected in the draft WID.  In order to keep a manageable RAN1 workload for the final scope of WID (to be determined in RAN#91e), we only need to approve the objectives recommended by RAN1 with high priority in RAN#90e. In RAN1#91e, when we include all high-priority objectives in RAN1#91e, we can better evaluate the whole RAN1 workload and check whether there are still have some space or Tus for some low-priority objective(s). |
| Apple | Yes | Agree with CATT and Futurewei. |
| Vivo | No | We cannot agree with this bullet.   * Firstly, it is not a high priority item in the RAN1 conclusion. We don’t think it should be in WI scope before other recommended items. * Secondly, the accuracy requirement is achieved based on evaluation results of most companies without PRS/SRS aggregation. In FR2, the 0.2m target is achieved without aggregation by most companies; in FR1, most companies can meet the relaxed requirement of 0.5m and some companies can meet the requirement of 0.2m. * Thirdly, Application scenarios for RS aggregation is unclear. For example, it is not clear that the performance requirement can be achieved by limited bandwidth of intra-band continuous CA in actual FR1 scenarios. * Lastly, applicability and feasibility shouldn’t be led by RAN1. |
| Nokia | Yes | Nokia have provided their view in RP-20265. It would be ok to included but should be lower priority than some other topics |
| Ericsson | No | The SI proposed 12 potential objectives to be either specified or studied first then specified if agreed. There is simply not enough RAN1 capacity to treat all possible enhancements. We see there could be space to treat up to 3 objectives led by RAN1, at most, considering the TU allocation and the fact that RAN1 workload will increase after next RAN meeting once non-RAN1-led objectives are added. We do not see the aggregation of PRS as a priority compared to the first 3 objectives and propose to downscope it.  On the technical side, we have seen that aggregation of PRS is severely impacted by time and phase misalignments. Many contributions have pointed at the fact that a strict phase coherency and tight TAE margin are required to have good positioning performance. Phase coherence may be mitigated by limiting the scope to in-band, contiguous CA so that the same RF could be assumed for each aggregated PRS. Still, the requirements for the TAE is much tighter than what is needed for communication, which will limit adoptability for the majority of devices which are built for communication.  Furthermore, NR supports very large bandwidth (up to 100 MHz in FR1) and 200-400 MHz in FR2 so the use of CA over larger BW is questionable while considering the UE and BS implementation complexity.  This work requires heavy involvement of RAN4 RF and RRM groups right from the start. RAN4 is already struggling with Rel-16 core maintenance work and performance part including RRM test cases for positioning. In general, RAN4 work load is extremely high and realistically RAN4 cannot spend any meaningful time on this in Rel-17 timeframe. |
| Sony | Yes | However, there are still many important items. We can down-prioritize in case the time allocation is limited. Furthermore, this work requires RAN4 heavy involvement as indicated by Ericsson & Futurewei. |
|  |  | This round of discussion is closed |

#### 2.4.1 Moderator’s summary from Initial Round

A majority of companies supported this objective. 3 companies did not support this objective and 2 other companies supported but would be OK down prioritise the objective. In addition several companies raised that RAN4 involvement will be required in order to progress this work.

While there is majority of companies support this proposal, it is also observed that the level of support is somewhat less than for the first 3 proposals. Furthermore, given the necessity to control the workload in both RAN1 and RAN4, the moderator’s conclusion is that this objective is not included at this time. The situation could be reviewed at RAN#91 when the RAN1 impacts from the additional items that are expected to be added at RAN#91 are known.

**Moderator conclusion from Initial Round**: The WI objective related to “Aggregation of PRS” is not included in the WID. This situation may be reviewed at RAN#91 when the RAN1 impacts from the additional items that are expected to be added at RAN#91 are known.

#### 2.4.2 Intermediate Round

Companies are invited to provide comments related to the moderator conclusion from the Initial Round.

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| **Company** | **Comments** |
| CATT | Fine with moderator’s conclusion, although we prefer including the objective. |
| Intel | Fine with moderator’s proposal |
| InterDigital | Ok with the proposal |
| vivo | Fine with the conclusion. |
| ZTE | We understand the concern on workload. But considering in next meeting, the scope in Section 2.2 is to be revisited and reduced, this reduction can leave out some space. We suggest to pick up one from PRS aggregation and SRS aggregation as compromise, if having both is not acceptable. |
| OPPO | Fine with moderator’s conclusion |
| Apple | Support moderator’s conclusion |
| Qualcomm | We cannot agree to the Moderator’s proposal. From simply counting the number of “No” votes, there is no significant difference between 2.3 (Multipath/NLOS reporting) and this objective: Two No’s vs. three No’s.  Given the stringent accuracy targets for Rel-17, we do not believe that these targets can be met in most of the scenarios with just the remaining accuracy enhancements considered.  The “Study and specify” items can be treated with lower priority at meetings, depending on progress.  We note that proceeding with 2.3 but not 2.4 and 2.5 could create an imbalance in which certain positioning modes (e.g. UE based and network based) have less accuracy support than other modes (e.g. UE assisted). |
| LG | Regardless whether this objective is discussed further in this meeting or RAN#91, other items recommended to “study and specify” as SI conclusions should be equally discussed together, e.g., “aperiodic reception of DL PRS.” And RAN1-centric part of “enhancements of procedures for reducing NR positioning latency” |
| Sony | Support moderator view |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | We have concerns on not including PRS/SRS frequency aggregation in the WID. This will make NR-RAT positioning less competitive against UWB for indoor positioning in sub-7GHz market.  RAN4 was not involved in the SI thus PRS/SRS frequency aggregation cannot be concluded as infeasible, and the common understanding from the study is that we need RAN4 to check. We understand the moderator’s concern on workload, however it would be difficult to consider this objective again along with the complete scope of the WI in March if RAN4 is not tasked to conclude on the feasibility during 2021/Q1.  So to progress on the feasibility without increasing RAN1 load in the next quarter, we propose to have a study objective for RAN4 for 2021/Q1 on PRS/SRS frequency aggregation, and come back to check if feasibility was demonstrated by RAN#91e. If feasibility is demonstrated then the objective can be discussed in March along with the other objectives for RAN1/2/3/4. We should confirm this week the available RAN4 RF TU for this study objective with the RAN4 chairman |
| Xiaomi | Support moderator’s conclusion |
| Nokia | We understand the TU considerations and we support the proposed conclusion. |
| Ericsson | Support the moderator’s proposal. |

### 2.5 Aggregation of SRS

The rapporteur's proposed WID contains the following objective:

* Study and specify, if supported, the enhancements to simultaneous transmission by the UE and aggregated reception by the gNB of the SRS for positioning in multiple contiguous intra-band carriers [RAN1/RAN4]
  + The applicability and feasibility of this enhancement need to be further studied from both gNB and UE perspectives for different scenarios, configurations, particular bands and RF architectures.

Note that the rapporteurs proposal in RP-202710 placed this objective in []. These have been removed from the text above as this discussion should make a firm conclusion whether the objective is supported, and hence the WID approved at this meeting should not contain any objective in [].

Companies are invited to give feedback related to above objective. For the "Support [Yes/No]" column, companies are invited to indicate whether they generally support an objective on this topic; a company may indicate "Yes" in this column and still have more detailed comments on the wording, etc.

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| **Company** | **Support**  **[Yes/No]** | **Comments** |
| CATT | Yes | Similar comments as 2.4 for Aggregation of PRS |
| Futurewei | Yes | Same comments as 2.4 |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes | Agree with Futurewei. RAN4 should conclude on the feasibility and if the conclusion is positive then normative work can proceed. No need to re-discuss feasibility in RAN1.  The study phase should account for impairment factors including timing offset, phase offset, frequency error, and power imbalance across CCs based considering RF architecture. |
| Qualcomm | Yes | As commented in 2.4 above, this objective could be combined with aggregation of DL-PRS. For example:   * Study and specify, if supported, the enhancements   1. to simultaneous transmission by the gNB and aggregated reception by the UE of DL PRS for positioning for one or more contiguous carriers in one or more contiguous Positioning Frequency Layers;   2. to simultaneous transmission by the UE and aggregated reception by the gNB of the SRS for positioning in multiple contiguous intra-band carriers. |
| Intel | Yes | We are OK to leave it for future considerations based on study outcome for DL PRS aggregation |
| ZTE | Yes | Same comments as 2.4 |
| OPPO | No | Same comments as 2.3  Multipath/NLOS mitigation (2.3) and the aggregation of PRS/SRS (2.4/2.5) are with a lower priority than 2.1 and 2.2 according to RAN1’s conclusion.  Moreover, based on RAN1 recommendation, the priority of these objectives is also lower than that of some other topics, e.g., on-demand PRS (O1) , positioning for RRC\_INACTIVE state (O2), latency reduction (O3). According to RAN1 discussion and conclusions, there will be a lot of RAN1 workload for O1/O2/O3, no matter whether they are RAN1-centric or RAN2-centric. Thus, regarding the topics recommend by RAN1 with high priority, less than 50% of the corresponding RAN1 workload has been reflected in the draft WID.  In order to keep a manageable RAN1 workload for the final scope of WID (to be determined in RAN#91e), we only need to approve the objectives recommended by RAN1 with high priority in RAN#90e. In RAN1#91e, when we include all high-priority objectives in RAN1#91e, we can better evaluate the whole RAN1 workload and check whether there are still have some space or TUs for some low-priority objective(s). |
| Apple | Yes | Same comments as 2.4 |
| vivo | No | Same comments as 2.4 |
| Nokia | Yes | Nokia have provided their view in RP-20265. It would be ok to included but should be lower priority than some other topics |
| Ericsson | No | Similar to our comment in 2.4 for PRS, we do not see the aggregation of SRS as a priority compared to the first 3 objectives and propose to downscope it. For the SRS/PRS CA enhancement, our view is that it is a lower priority than other items, and that it would take a lot of time for RAN1 and RAN4 to address these enhancements.  Also in the UL, NR supports very large bandwidth (up to 100 MHz in FR1) and 200-400 MHz in FR2 so the use of CA over larger BW is questionable while considering the UE and BS implementation complexity.  This work also requires heavy involvement of RAN4 RF and RRM groups right from the start. RAN4 is already struggling with Rel-16 core maintenance work and performance part including RRM test cases for positioning. In general RAN4 work load is extremely high and realistically RAN4 cannot spend any meaningful time on this in Rel-17 timeframe. |
| Sony | Yes | However, there are still many important items. We can down-prioritize in case the time allocation is limited. Furthermore, this work requires RAN4 heavy involvement as indicated by Ericsson & Futurewei. |
|  |  | This round of discussion is closed |

#### 2.5.1 Moderator's summary from Initial Round

The feedback received for this objective very much mirrors that received for the aggregation of PRS. Therefore the moderators conclusion is also the same.

**Moderator conclusion from Initial Round**: The WI objective related to "Aggregation of SRS" is not included in the WID. This situation may be reviewed at RAN#91 when the RAN1 impacts from the additional items that are expected to be added at RAN#91 are known.

#### 2.5.2 Intermediate Round

Companies are invited to provide comments related to the moderator conclusion from the Initial Round.

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| **Company** | **Comments** |
| CATT | Fine with moderator’s conclusion, although we prefer including the objective. |
| Intel | Fine with moderator’s proposal |
| InterDigital | Ok with the proposal |
| vivo | Fine with the conclusion. |
| ZTE | Same comment as in Section 2.4.2. |
| OPPO | Fine with moderator’s conclusion |
| Apple | Support moderator’s conclusion |
| Qualcomm | Same comments as for 2.4. |
| LG | Same comments as in 2.4.2 |
| Sony | Same comments as in 2.4.2 |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Same comments as in 2.4.2 |
| Xiaomi | Fine with moderator’s conclusion |
| Nokia | We understand the TU considerations and we support the proposed conclusion. |
| Ericsson | Support the moderator’s proposal. |

### 2.6 Additional RAN1 centric objectives

Companies are invited to indicate if they propose to include any RAN1 centric objectives that were not already covered by the proposals from the rapporteur.

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| **Company** | **Comments** |
| CATT | There are other objectives that could be RAN1-led, e.g., the objectives related to aperiodic DL PRS and semi-persistent DL PRS. We are fine either to delay the discussion to the RAN#91e, because these objectives are related to RAN2’s evaluation of positioning latency, or discuss them in RAN#90e. |
| Futurewei | As commented during the GTW, there are support of “On-demand transmission and reception of DL PRS’ that has overwhelming support during the SI and is one of the first item to be agreed for normative work. We think this part can begin in RAN1 without dependency on some minor remining discussion in RAN2. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Other RAN1 objectives that have a dependence on RAN2 should only be added to the WI scope at RAN#91, to have a coherent set of objectives on latency reduction. |
| Intel | Other items are discussed at the next meeting |
| ZTE | Regarding on-demand PRS, we think the major impacts on the specification are from high layers, so it’s a RAN2-led item and can be postponed to next meeting. Without a clear understanding of the main functionality to deliver in RAN2, it is meaningless to discuss it in RAN1 first.  In addition, we have observed in TR 38.857 that “DL PRS alignment, transmission, measurement time and report delay” are the major components to physical layer latency. So we think the aperiodic or semi-persistent DL PRS and measurement report through physical layer are the major solutions to reduce the latency from RAN1 perspective, and they are RAN1-centric objectives. Thus it should be considered in the first version of WI. We propose to include one more bullet as follows   * Study and specify, if supported, aperiodic/semi-persistent reception of DL PRS from the TRPs of the serving gNB and from the TRPs of the neighbouring gNBs [RAN1] |
| OPPO | According to RAN1 discussion/conclusion, a lot of RAN work was expected for these three high-priority topics: on-demand PRS, positioning for RRC\_INACTIVE state and latency reduction. As the positioning for RRC\_INACTIVE state may depend on RAN2 decision on the transmission mechanism, we can leave it to RAN#91e discussion. For on-demand PRS and latency reduction, we think it is beneficial to start work focusing on RAN1 part from the next RAN1 meeting. |
| InterDigital | In RAN2#112e, the following agreement was made:  “Positioning measurement reporting (including location estimates for UE-based) should be supported in RRC\_INACTIVE; involvement of SDT is FFS.  Reporting of specific measurements is pending RAN1 decision.”  RAN1 can start discussion on measurements that need to be reported during RRC\_INACTIVE. We propose to add the following item in WID.  Study and specify measurements to be reported during INACTIVE positioning [RAN1] |
| vivo | We think the following objectives also impacts RAN1. They are listed in the recommendation list and should be included in the WID in RANP #90e:   * Enhancements of latency reduction: measurement gap and measurement time. We think these enhancements hardly require the participation of RAN2. * UE positioning measurements in idle and inactive state. * UE and gNB positioning measurement in inactive state. |
| Nokia | There are other objectives that have clear RAN1 impact that could be included. For example, Inactive mode support which has progressed in both RAN1 and RAN2 already and has clear RAN1 impact on measurement side at least. There are also latency reduction techniques targeting the PHY layer which were recommended by RAN1 and we agreed to have some requirements for the PHY layer latency component. Those should also be included. |
| Ericsson | Based on the TU allocations, we see that there is capacity for at most 3 RAN1-led objectives. This also considers the fact that RAN1 will take in more work from other objectives led by RAN2. The draft WID already has too many objectives for RAN1. Therefore, we strongly advise not to expand the candidate objective beyond what the draft proposes. |
| LG | We think the TR recommendation of “aperiodic reception of DL PRS.” and RAN1-centric part of “enhancements of procedures for reducing NR positioning latency” should be also on the table with other RAN1-centric “study and specify” topics. |
| Sony | We think RAN1 can starts to discuss on-demand PRS transmission. Latency reduction is one of important features, however, we are fine to postpone it until RAN2 has completed their study. |
|  | This round of discussion is closed |

#### 2.6.1 Moderator's summary from Initial Round

Diverse views were expressed regarding additional items that could be included in the WI. There were views from different companies that "On-demand transmission and reception of DL PRS", "aperiodic DL PRS and semi-persistent DL PRS", and "Inactive" all have RAN1 impact and therefore should be included.

From the feedback received there was no consistent message that any one specific RAN1 centric objective should be included at this meeting. While it is clearly correct that all the items proposed do have RAN1 impact, it is also the case that they require discussion in RAN2 to give a better understand of the overall framework. Therefore the moderator's proposal is not to include objectives at this time. The situation will obviously be reviewed at RAN#91 the additional items are expected to be added based on the completion of the SI.

**Moderator conclusion from Initial Round**: No further WI objectives are included in the WID at this meeting. Further items are expected to be added at RAN#91 based on the completion of the SI.

#### 2.6.2 Intermediate Round

Companies are invited to provide comments related to the moderator conclusion from the Initial Round.

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| **Company** | **Comments** |
| CATT | Support moderator’s conclusion. |
| Intel | Fine with moderator’s proposal |
| InterDigital | Ok with the conclusion for the progress |
| ZTE | Okay with the conclusion for the sake of progress. |
| OPPO | Fine with moderator’s conclusion |
| Apple | Support moderator’s conclusion |
| LG | Regarding RAN2-centric items, we understand the motivation of moderator’s conclusion and fine with wait for RAN2 conclusions and revise the WID in RAN#91.  On the other hand, RAN1 centric items even not discussed in this email threads should be equally considered if we have further discussion on them. |
| Sony | Support the moderator’s view |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Support the moderator’s conclusion. |
| Xiaomi | Support moderator’s conclusion |
| Nokia | It should be ensured that items which were recommended to be specified by RAN1 are somehow given preference for inclusion at RAN#91 as there are already items which were only recommended to study further which are being included as objectives. It should also be ensured that some TUs are still available for adding additional objectives at RAN#91. |
| Ericsson | Support the moderator’s proposal. |

### 2.7 Other comments on the WID

Companies are invited to provide any other comments, for example comments on Tus, comments on other sections of the WID, etc

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| **Company** | **Comments** |
| OPPO | Regarding to the notes in the draft WID, we have a comment for the 2nd note “ The WID is subject to further update in RAN #91 for RAN2/3/4 scoping.”  As we comment on 2.3/2.4/2.5, there will be a lot of RAN1 workload for on-demand PRS (O1) , positioning for RRC\_INACTIVE state (O2), latency reduction (O3), no matter whether they are RAN1-centric or RAN2-centric. And the draft WID only reflect less than 50% RAN1 workload for the topics with high priority. Thus, in RAN#91e, there will also some updates for RAN1 scoping. Thus, we suggest to modify it as below  “ The WID is subject to further update in RAN #91 for RAN1/2/3/4 scoping.” |
| Vivo | To improve the efficiency of WI , in addition to some RAN1 centric objectives, we think other objectives currently recommended by RAN1 should also be captured in WID in this meeting, then details can be updated based on further RAN2 conclusions and RAN1 can start the first step work. |
| Nokia | RAN1 spent quite some time discussing and agreeing to requirements for Rel-17 positioning. Maybe those should be directly listed in the WID (e.g., in section 3). From RAN1#103-e:  Agreement:   * In Rel-17 target positioning requirements for commercial use cases are defined as follows:   + Horizontal position accuracy (< 1 m) for 90% of Ues   + Vertical position accuracy (< 3 m) for 90% of Ues   + End-to-end latency for position estimation of UE (< 100 ms)   + Physical layer latency for position estimation of UE (< 10 ms) * In Rel-17 target positioning requirements for IioT use cases are defined as follows:   + Horizontal position accuracy (< 0.2 m) for 90% of Ues   + Vertical position accuracy (< 1 m) for 90% of Ues   + End-to-end latency for position estimation of UE (< 100ms, in the order of 10 ms is desired)   + Physical layer latency for position estimation of UE (<10ms) |
| LG | We think it is good to have some placeholder or note on the RAN1 recommended RAN2-centric topics such as, e.g., RRC-inactive state enhancements since they are also have large relationship with RAN1 works. |
|  | This round of discussion is closed |

#### 2.7.1 Moderator’s summary from Initial Round

Although not much comment to this part of the discussion, there were some reasonable suggestions to include the Rel-17 positioning requirements in the WID, and to clarify that the expected update at RAN#91 will include RAN1 aspects as well as RAN2/3/4 aspects.

**Moderator conclusion from Initial Round**: Add the following to the WID

1 Summary of the requirements for Rel-17 positioning

2 Clarification that the WID is subject to further update in RAN #91 for RAN1/2/3/4 scoping.”

No further WI objectives are included in the WID at this meeting. Further items are expected to be added at RAN#91 based on the completion of the SI.

#### 2.7.2 Intermediate Round

Companies are invited to provide comments related to the moderator conclusion from the Initial Round.

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| **Company** | **Comments** |
| CATT | Support Moderator’s suggestion to capture the summary of the requirements for Rel-17 positioning in WID Justification section, and makes the clarification that the WID is subject to further update in RAN #91 for RAN1/2/3/4 scoping in WID Objective section. |
| Intel | Fine with moderator’s proposal |
| vivo | Fine with the moderator’s proposal. |
| ZTE | Fine with Moderator’s suggestion. |
| OPPO | Fine with moderator’s conclusion |
| Apple | Support moderator’s conclusion |
| Qualcomm | Further RAN1 items are expected to be added at RAN#91 based on the completion of the SI, in particular related to latency and network and device efficiency. We note that some of the RAN1 conclusions related to these objectives also include “Study and specify” items as summarized in the RAN1 TR conclusion. If workload is already of a concern as mentioned by the Moderator in the summary of 2.4.1 then all “Study and specify” items should be excluded in the first version of the WID and reviewed at RAN#91 when the RAN1 impacts from the additional items that are expected to be added at RAN#91 are known. |
| LG | Same comment as in 2.6.2 |
| Sony | Support the moderator’s view. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Support the moderator’s conclusion. |
| Xiaomi | Support moderator’s conclusion |
| Nokia | Similar comments to 2.6.2. We do support points 1 and 2 in the proposed conclusion. |
| Ericsson | Support the moderator’s proposal. |

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