**3GPP TSG RAN Meeting #94e RP-21xxxx**

**Electronic Meeting, Dec. 6 - 17, 2021** (revision of RP-212706)

**Source: Intel (Email discussion moderator)**

**Title: New SID on Study on NR Positioning Enhancements**

**Document for: Approval**

**Agenda Item: 8.6.1**

3GPP™ Work Item Description

Information on Work Items can be found at <http://www.3gpp.org/Work-Items>   
See also the [3GPP Working Procedures](http://www.3gpp.org/specifications-groups/working-procedures), article 39 and the TSG Working Methods in [3GPP TR 21.900](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/Specs/html-info/21900.htm)

# Title: New SID on Study on NR Positioning Enhancements

## Acronym: NR\_pos\_enh2

## Unique identifier:

NOTE: For new WIs/SIs leave the Unique identifier empty and make a proposal for an Acronym.

For a revised WI/SI: Take Unique identifier and acronym as shown in 3GPP workplan.

If this is a RAN WID including Core and Perf. part, then Title, Acronym and Unique identifier refer to the feature WI.

Please tick (X) the applicable box(es) in the table below:

Either:

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| **This WID includes a Core part** | **X** |
| **This WID includes a Performance part** | **X** |

or:

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| **This WID includes a Testing part** | |  |
| **and it addresses the following 3GPP work area:** | **Radio Access** |  |
| **Core Network** |  |
| **Services** |  |

Potential target Release: Rel-18

Note that this field above indicates the proposed Release at the time of submission of the WID to TSG approval. It can later be changed without a need to revise the WID. The updated target Release is indicated in the Work Plan. NOTE: In case of contradiction with the target dates of clause 5, clause 5 determines the target release.

## 1 Impacts

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| **Affects:** | UICC apps | ME | AN | CN | Others (specify) |
| **Yes** |  | X | X |  |  |
| **No** | X |  |  |  |  |
| **Don't know** |  |  |  | X |  |

## 2 Classification of the Work Item and linked work items

### 2.1 Primary classification

This work item is a

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|  | Feature |
|  | Building Block |
|  | *Work Task* |
| X | Study Item |

NOTE: Normally, Core/Perf./Testing parts in RAN WIDs are Building Blocks. Only if they are under an SA or CT umbrella, they are defined as work tasks. If you are in doubt, please contact MCC.

### 2.2 Parent Work Item

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| Parent Work / Study Items | | | |
| Acronym | Working Group | Unique ID | Title (as in 3GPP Work Plan) |
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NOTE: RAN agreed some time ago, that it describes the feature WI + Core/Perf. part WI or Testing part WI in one WID. Therefore the table above should just include the feature WI data (In case the feature covers Core and Perf. part, please list under Working Group the leading WG of the Core part).

### 2.3 Other related Work Items and dependencies

*{List here other Work Items which relate to the proposed one, such as preceding SI or a preceding WI (e.g. if further enhancing a feature).}*

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| Other related Work Items (if any) | | |
| Unique ID | Title | Nature of relationship |
| 830077 | NR Positioning Support | Preceding Work Item (Rel-16) |
| 860034 | Study on NR Positioning Enhancements | Preceding Study Item (Rel-17) |
| 900160 | NR Positioning Enhancements | Preceding Work Item (Rel-17) |
| 880075 | Study on scenarios and requirements of in-coverage, partial coverage, and out-of-coverage NR positioning use cases | Preceding Study Item (Rel-17) |
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NOTE: Also related or dependent WIs/SIs in other TSGs should be indicated.

## 3 Justification

In Release 17, 3GPP RAN conducted studies on ""NR Positioning Enhancements " and "Scenarios and requirements of in-coverage, partial coverage, and out-of-coverage NR positioning use cases".

The study on "Scenarios and requirements of in-coverage, partial coverage, and out-of-coverage NR positioning use cases" focussed on V2X and public safety use cases with the outcome being captured in TR38.845. Additionally, SA1 has developed requirements in TS22.261 for "Ranging based services", and has developed positioning accuracy requirements in TS22.104 for IIoT uses cases in out-of-coverage scenarios. There is a need for 3GPP to study and develop sidelink positioning solutions that can support the use cases, scenarios and requirements identified during these activities.

The study on "NR Positioning Enhancements" investigated higher accuracy, and lower latency location, high integrity and reliability requirements resulting from new applications and industry verticals for 5G. Some of the enhancements identified during that work have been specified during the Rel-17 Work Item on "NR Positioning Enhancements", but there remain a number of opportunities for enhancement that have not yet been incorporated into the specifications.

Positioning integrity is a measure of the trust in the accuracy of the position-related data and the ability to provide timely warnings based on assistance data provided by the network. The focus in Rel 17 work was on GNSS integrity, and for Rel-18 it is natural to be extend to RAT-dependent positioning as well as there are relevant integrity aspects of mission critical use cases that rely on positioning estimates and the corresponding uncertainty estimate. Integrity enables applications to make the correct decisions based on the reported position, e.g., when monitoring a robotic arm to decide whether its arm movement are within allowed limit to ensure safety distances to humans and other objects.

Regarding higher accuracy, two promising techniques identified in earlier studies will be considered in Rel-18: one is to take the advantage of the rich 5G spectrum to increase the bandwidth for the transmission and reception of the positioning reference signals through the carrier aggregation, and the other is to use the NR carrier phase measurements. GNSS carrier phase positioning has been used very successfully for centimetre-level positioning but is limited to outdoor applications. GNSS carrier phase positioning also has longer positioning latency and larger power consumption than GNSS code phase positioning due to the need to implement a carrier phase tracking loop to lock the very weak carrier signals. NR carrier phase positioning has potential for significant advantages over GNSS carrier phase such as shorter positioning latency and lower UE power consumption, and application to indoor deployments.

SA1 has introduced requirements for LPHAP (Low Power High Accuracy Positioning) for industrial IoT scenarios including use cases such as massive asset tracking, AGV tracking in industrial factory and person localization in danger zones. Requirements are for high accuracy, extreme low power consumption with battery life sustainable up to one or more years. While Rel-17 NR positioning has introduced support for positioning in RRC\_IDLE/INACTIVE states, there is a need to evaluate whether and whether the current system allows LPHAP requirements to be met.

Release-17 has specified support for RedCap UEs with reduced bandwidth support and reduced complexity including reduced number of receive chains. Such UEs could support NR positioning functionality but there is a gap in that core and performance requirements have not been specified for the positioning related measurements performed by RedCap UEs, and no evaluation was performed to see how the reduced capabilities of RedCap UEs might impact eventual position accuracy. This is gap to be closed by the present WI.

## 4 Objective

### 4.1 Objective of SI or Core part WI or Testing part WI

* Study solutions for sidelink positioning considering the following: [RAN1, RAN2]
* Scenario/requirements [Moderator comment: These could be moved to the justification section in the final WID]:
  + Coverage scenarios to cover: in-coverage, partial-coverage and out-of-coverage
  + Requirements: Based on requirements identified in TR38.845 and TS22.261 and TS22.104
  + Use cases: V2X (TR38.845), public safety (TR38.845), commercial (TS22.261), IIOT (TS22.104)
  + Spectrum: ITS, licensed, [unlicensed]
* Identify specific target performance requirements to be considered for the evaluation [RAN1]
* Define evaluation methodology with which to evaluate SL positioning for the identified uses cases and coverage scenarios, reusing existing methodologies from sidelink communication and from positioning as much as possible [RAN1].
* Study and evaluate performance and feasibility of potential solutions for SL positioning, considering: [RAN1, RAN2]
  + Relative positioning, ranging and absolute positioning
  + Study of positioning methods (e.g. TDOA, RTT, AOA/D, etc) including combination of SL positioning measurements with other RAT dependent positioning measurements (e.g. Uu based measurements) [RAN1]
  + Study of sidelink reference signals for positioning purposes, including signal design, phy layer control signalling, resource allocation, physical layer measurements, associated physical layer procedures, etc [RAN1]
  + Study of positioning architecture and signalling procedures (e.g. configuration, measurement reporting, etc) to enable sidelink positioning covering both UE based and network based positioning [RAN2, including coordination and alignment with SA2 as required]
  + Recommend solutions, if any, to be specified in the normative phase [RAN1, RAN2]
* Improved accuracy, integrity, and power efficiency:
  + Study solutions for Integrity for RAT dependent positioning techniques [RAN2, RAN1]:
    - Identify the error sources, failure modes, [RAN1, RAN2].
    - Study methodologies, procedures, signalling, etc for determination of positioning integrity for both UE-based and UE-assisted positioning [RAN2, RAN1]
  + Study solutions for accuracy improvement based on PRS/SRS bandwidth aggregation for intra-band carriers[RAN1, RAN4, RAN2, RAN3]:
    - RAN4 to consider implications of PRS/SRS bandwidth aggregation (e.g. timing errors, phase coherency, frequency errors, power imbalance, etc).
  + Study solutions for accuracy improvement based on NR carrier phase measurements [RAN1, RAN4, RAN2, RAN3]
    - Reference signals, physical layer measurements, physical layer procedures to enable positioning based on NR carrier phase measurements for both UE-based and UE-assisted positioning [RAN1]
    - Focus on reuse of existing PRS and SRS, with new reference signals only considered if found necessary
    - Signalling for configuration and measurement reporting [RAN2, RAN3]
  + Study the requirements on LPHAP as developed by SA1 and evaluate whether existing RAN functionality can support these power consumption and positioning requirements. Based on the evaluation, and, if found beneficial, study potential enhancements to help address any limitations [RAN2, RAN1]
* Positioning support for RedCap UEs, considering the following:
  + Evaluate positioning performance of existing positioning procedures and measurements with RedCap UEs[RAN1, RAN4]
  + Based on the evaluation, assess the necessity of enhancements and, if needed, identify enhancements to help address limitations associated with for RedCap UEs [RAN1, RAN2]

### 4.2 Objective of Performance part WI

NOTE: Leave empty if the WI proposal does not contain a RAN performance part.

### 4.3 RAN time budget request (not applicable to RAN5 WIs/SIs)

NOTE: For all new RAN related WIs/SIs which are not led by RAN WG5 the WI/SI rapporteur has to fill out the attached Excel table to request time budgets for corresponding RAN WG meetings.  
The Excel table has to be filled out for all affected RAN WGs and up to the target date of the WI/SI.  
One time unit (TU) corresponds to ~ 2 hours in the meeting.  
If no TU is needed, then leave the field empty otherwise enter a number >0 in the field.

For revisions of already approved WI/SI descriptions: Please remove the Excel table from the WID/SID's zip file. The time budgets are already recorded. If you want to modify them, then this has to be done via the status report and not via a revised WID/SID.

If this WID is covering Core and Performance part, then please fill out one line for each part in the attached Excel table.

**additional comments to the time budget request in the attached Excel table:**

## 5 Expected Output and Time scale

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| **New specifications** *{One line per specification. Create/delete lines as needed}* | | | | | |
| Type | TS/TR number | Title | For info  at TSG# | For approval at TSG# | Remarks |
| Internal TR | 38.xxx  } | Study on NR Positioning Enhancements | RAN#97 | RAN#98 | Alexey Khoryaev, Intel, alexey.khoryaev@intel.com |

*{Note 1: Only TSs may contain normative provisions. Study Items shall create or impact only TRs.  
"Internal TR" is intended for 3GPP internal use only whereas "External TR" may be transposed by OPs.}*

NOTE: If this is a RAN WI including Core and Perf. part, then all new Core part specs have to be listed first and then all new Perf. part specs. Indicate "Core part" or "Perf. part" under Remarks for each spec.  
By default a new specs can only be new for one of both parts.

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| **Impacted existing TS/TR** *{One line per specification. Create/delete lines as needed}* | | | |
| TS/TR No. | Description of change | Target completion plenary# | Remarks |
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NOTE: If this is a RAN WI including Core and Perf. part, then all new Core part specs have to be listed first and then all new Perf. part specs. Indicate "Core part" or "Perf. part" under Remarks for each spec.  
If an existing spec is affected by both (Core part and Perf. part), then it has to be listed twice with appropriate approval dates.

## 6 Work item Rapporteur(s)

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## 7 Work item leadership

Primary: RAN1

Secondary: RAN2, RAN3, RAN4

## 8 Aspects that involve other WGs

*{Specify all the other WG(s) to be involved and, if specific, their task. E.g.: "SA2, SA3, SA5. CT6 for storage, and potentially SA4". If not applicable, indicate "None" or "None identified yet".}*

NOTE: For RAN WIs: Section 8 applies only toWGs outside of TSG RAN because RAN WG aspects have to be covered in section 4.

## 9 Supporting Individual Members

*{At least 4 supporting Individual Members are needed. There is an expectation that these companies will provide resources to progress the work. Note that having 4 supporting companies is a necessary but not sufficient condition: the usual TSG approval process by consensus is needed for the WID approval.}*

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