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# Foreword

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# 1 Scope

The present document provides descriptions of use cases and solutions with regard to enhancement of Radio Access Network (RAN) slicing for NR.

# 2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

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[1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".

# 3 Definitions of terms, symbols and abbreviations

## 3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the terms given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. A term defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same term, if any, in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1].

## 3.2 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document, the following symbols apply:

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## 3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. An abbreviation defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same abbreviation, if any, in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1].

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# 4 General

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# 5 Study mechanisms to enable UE fast access to the cell supporting the intended slice

## 5.1 Slice based cell reselection under network control

### 5.1.1 Scenario and issue description

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**General description for the scenario:**

**• Multiple and different slices can be supported on different frequencies**

**• Multiple and different slices can be supported on the same frequency in different regions.**

Editor Note: Additional scenarios can be discussed as part of the study.

For each scenario we study both IDLE and INACTIVE and determine whether there is need for a solution and possible solutions. Connected mode will also be considered but with a lower priority.

We will investigate whether the R15 mechanism (e.g. dedicated priority mechanism) can solve the above issues and study if some enhancements are needed.

Editor Note: Both cell selection and cell re-selection will be studied.



**Figure 5.1.1-1: An example for slice deployment scenario**

As shown in figure 1, slice1 (e.g. eMBB) is supported in both F1 and F2 everywhere, since the frequency resources are so valuable and the top requirement for all operators’ 5G network is to serve millions or billions of smart phone users. Slice2 (e.g. URLLC) is supported only in F2 in some area, e.g. factory or hospital.

Area 1 is deployed in the factory or hospital. In this area, F1 supports slice1 (e.g. eMBB), while F2 supports both slice 1 and slice 2 (e.g. eMBB and URLLC).

Area 2 is the public area. F1 and F2 all supporting slice1 (e.g. eMBB) for smart phone users, no slice2 (e.g. URLLC) is supported in area 2. And F2 is deployed as hotspot to provide wideband access.

eMBB and URLLC slices are used only as an example of various slices. The deployment of any slice on any frequency band is up to network implementation.

### 5.1.2 Solutions

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## 5.2 Slice based RACH configuration or access barring

### 5.2.1 Scenario and issue description

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It will be studied how to enable UE’s fast access for the intended slice with slice-based RACH resources/configuration and RACH parameters prioritization, and whether identified issues can be solved by legacy mechanisms.

### 5.2.2 Solutions

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# 6 Study necessity and mechanisms to support service continuity

## 6.1 Scenario and issue description

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## 6.2 Solutions

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# 7 Conclusion

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