3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #121bis-e R2-230xxxx

e-Meeting, 17th April – 26th April 2023

Agenda Item: 7.11.2.1

Source: ZTE

Title: Summary of [AT121bis-e][603][eMBS] Service continuity and notifications (ZTE)

Document for: Discussion, Decision

# 1 Introduction

This document is the report of the following email discussion,

* **[AT121bis-e][603][eMBS] Service continuity and notifications (ZTE)**

Scope: Treat the remaining proposals from R2-2303553

Outcome: List of proposals for offline agreement and, if needed, a list of proposals for online discussion in W2

Deadline: Report available Tuesday W2 1200 UTC, interim deadlines up to the rapporteur

Please provide your comments Monday W2 10:30 UTC UTC.

Final proposals are to be sent out on reflector around 11:00 UTC of Monday W2, if no objection is found in the next 24hours (before the report availability deadline) the proposal can be declared agreed.

# 2 Contact information

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# 3 Proposals on Notification mechanism for agreement

// The proposals are not re-numbered for better indexing. Part of the summary in R2-2303553 were pasted here for reference.

Based on the feedback, the observation is companies do not have a clear view or consensus on the question (a). Without that we can not proceed on the second half. Following proposals is suggested (based on company's feedback to make it concise and clearer), to encourage companies in RAN2 to have further study per SA2 progress:

**Proposal 7: FFS whether a "special UE" identified by 5GC can be released to RRC\_INACTIVE (e.g., when the session is deactivated); and if yes, FFS how can network enable such UE to resume to RRC\_CONNECTED (e.g., upon session activation).**

Is it agreeable, and if not, any suggestions to the proposals are welcome (to make it agreeable)

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There is a clear support to legacy group paging (1/22) or its enhancement (17/22), on how to enable UE to stay in RRC\_INACTIVE but start monitoring the G-RNTI upon session activation/data transmission resumed. And there are supports to other solution: 1 for option 1 (PTM config availability) from Intel, 1 for option 3 (MCCH) from Ericsson (which supported both option 2/3 for different scenarios), and 1 for option 4 (RRC Release) from LGE.

The group paging solution is consistent with our previous agreement, and also consistent with Rel-17 UE behaviour. Therefore in the draft proposal, let's try to agree on group paging solution first, and then go FFS on how to enhance group paging (e.g., to indicate what). The final solution is actually coupled with Q9/12, therefore for now it is better to keep it open.

On whether we shall consider the case "data transmission resumed", in current TS 38.300, there is indeed description on related scenarios: TS 38.300/16.10.5.2 "When there is temporarily no data to be sent to the UEs for a multicast session that is active, the gNB may move the UE to RRC\_INACTIVE state." I put it here in the draft proposal of this question and the following ones. Further comments are welcome. The same applies for other proposals.

**Proposal 8: (17/22) Rel-18 UE can stay in RRC\_INACTIVE and start monitoring corresponding G-RNTI upon an enhanced group paging (e.g., upon session activation or data transmission resumed). FFS how to enhance group paging (e.g., flag to indicate UE behaviour on monitoring of G-RNTI, UE's RRC state or session state).**

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(20/22) think it is reasonable to have: Upon session activation/data transmission resumed, if PTM configuration is not available to UE, UE need to resume RRC connection. One company think a network implementation does not allow so. However it may be good to have it clarified in case a mis-configuration is issued. A few think network may configure UE in RRC Release, therefore it is modified as below:

**Proposal 9: (20/22) Upon events like session activation/data transmission resumed, if PTM configuration is not available to UE, UE initiates RRC connection resumption.**

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(22/22) suggest to have such enhancement; one further suggest in such case no need to monitor MCCH either, which however can be of later discussion.

**Proposal 10: (22/22) For one UE already in RRC\_INACTIVE, it can stay in RRC\_INACTIVE and stop monitoring corresponding G-RNTI upon events like session deactivation/temporary no data.**

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Magically we have two camps with equal support on which solution to notify UE to stay in RRC\_INACTIVE/stop monitoring G-RNTI, upon session deactivation/temporary no data.

* **Option 2 (9/22) Group paging.** This camp thinks,
  + a unified solution and no extra load (1 bit info may be enough?). it may be strange to have different solutions for session state change. if group paging can be used to indicate session activation, it can be used for session deactivation as well. if we go other way, it makes things unnecessarily complicated.
  + MCCH method may increase the frequency for one UE to monitor MCCH. (CATT, with the assumption that PTM config removal wont trigger MCCH change notification)
  + if MCCH is not always available, then option 2 shall be defined. (Apple)
* **Option 3 (9/22) MCCH**. This camp says,
  + The UE anyway reads MCCH, and deactivation is not as urgent as activation, simple to include the deactivation status of the multicast session on MCCH
  + session state change is a part of PTM config change, therefore it is natural to reuse MCCH. (QC)
  + on how to MCCH is undetermined: indicating session state in MCCH per MTCH, or DCI to indicate, though.

On the one hand, it is good to have a unified solution (group paging for both session activation/deactivation); on the other hand, MCCH is already there for UE to monitor, especially when session is deactivated (which further is seen as MCCH change). We drop the other solutions which is short of support for now. And moderator suggests to have this during online discussion:

**Proposal 11: (Need online decision) Consider the following two options: enhanced group paging (9/22) or enhanced MCCH (9/22), to enable Rel-18 UE to stay in RRC\_INACTIVE and stop monitoring corresponding G-RNTI upon events like session deactivation/temporary no data.**

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Most does not see the necessity to enhance for case of session release. (18/22) do not think enhancement is needed, it is shown that one UE that is expecting NAS PDU or unicast data will eventually resume RRC connection. Indicating UE the session state but not finishing the NAS procedure may be problematic. Therefore it is suggested the following proposal:

**Proposal 12. (18/22) No additional enhancement is needed specifically for enabling UE to stay in RRC\_INACTIVE and stop monitoring corresponding G-RNTI upon session release.**

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There is a clear majority support (16/22) to option 1, i.e., a legacy group paging resumes UE's RRC connection, good to see legacy mechanism still works! Option 4 with (13/22) support definitely works, and we did not intent to enhance unicast paging. While there is only one support for option 5 and three supports for option 3.

**Proposal 13: (16/22) Legacy group paging (Rel-17) or legacy per UE paging are used to resume UE to RRC\_CONNECTED state.**

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# 4 Conclusions

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