3GPP TSG-RAN WG2 Meeting #116bis-e *draft* R2-2201705

E-Meeting, 17th – 25th Jan, 2022

**Agenda item: 8.3.2**

**Source: China Telecom**

**Title: Summary of [AT116bis-e][230][MUSIM] Paging collision handling(China Telecom)**

**WID/SID: LTE\_NR\_MUSIM-Core**

**Document for: Discussion and Decision**

# 1 Introduction

This document serves as a summary of the following offline discussion:

* [AT116bis-e][230][MUSIM] Paging collision handling (China Telecom)

 Scope: Discuss 1) LTE paging offset calculation: How is the LTE paging collision avoidance specified in 36.304? 2) Is there a need to specify the AS-NAS interaction for UE assistant information in EPS 3) Is there are issue with SI change aspects for paging collision?

* Intended outcome: Discussion summary in R2-2201705.

Comment deadline: Thursday W1, 1600 UTC (for collecting views)

Rapporteur proposals: Friday W1, 0900 UTC (proposed resolution of issues)

Document deadline: Monday W2, 1200 UTC (report or agreed CRs)

# 2 Contact Information

To make it easier to find the contact delegate for potential follow-up questions, delegates are encouraged to provide their contact information in the following table:

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# 2 Discussion

## 2.1 Alternative IMSI calculation formula

During the online discussion in RAN2 116e meeting, it is agreed that alternative IMSI or offset should be calculated in AS. However, it is not clearly decided whether AS layer should use the formula defined by 23.401 or AS spec should re-define a new formula from its perspective. During post meeting discussion on TS 36.304 running CR two companies suggest to define the alternative IMSI calculation formula in 36.304 as alternative IMSI = (IMSI + Accepted IMSI Offset) and a contribution [1] in this meeting also propose to use this formula. The main concern is that the formula defined by 23.401 needs MSIN value/MSIN address space and it is not clear how AS layer gets this information i.e. whether it can be left to UE implementation.

**Q1: Which option do you prefer?**

**Option A: Re-defining a formula as alternative IMSI = (IMSI + Accepted IMSI Offset) in 36.304.**

**Option B: Refer to the formula defined by SA2.**

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| **Company** | **Option** | **Comments** |
| China Telecom | Option A | No strong views. Option A is more simple and straight forward for AS layer.  |
| Vodafone | Shall align with MME | Within the network, the “UE ID” calculation is made within the MME. Hence it is important that the UE implementation shall be synchronised with how the MME calculates “UE ID”. |
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## 2.2 AS-NAS interaction

CT1 has defined the procedure to forward IMSI offset value to lower layers or indicates the lower layers to erase any IMSI offset value.

TS 24.301

If the ATTACH ACCEPT message contains Negotiated IMSI offset IE, the MUSIM capable UE shall forward the IMSI offset value to lower layers. If the ATTACH ACCEPT message does not contain Negotiated IMSI offset IE, the MUSIM capable UE shall indicate to lower layers to erase any IMSI offset value, if available.

RAN2 has already defined the AS layer procedure when an Accepted IMSI Offset is forwarded by upper layers. One contribution [2] suggests that RAN2 add the corresponding procedure upon receiving the indication to erase any IMSI Offset value from upper layers.

**Q2: Do you agree that RAN2 add the description underlined below?**

**If an Accepted IMSI Offset is forwarded by upper layers, UE shall use the IMSI Offset value and IMSI to calculate an alternative IMSI value as defined in 23.401[23]. Upon receiving the indication to erase any IMSI Offset value from upper layers, the UE shall remove the Accepted IMSI Offset value, if available.**

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments** |
| China Telecom | Yes | To be aligned with 24.301 it is better to add this text. |
| Vodafone | Yes | Seems logical |
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One contribution [3] mentions that UE AS layer knows specific paging parameters and is more reasonable for UE AS to provide a preferred IMSI Offset (including clearing the stored IMSI Offset at the UE NAS/MME). Therefore, when UE AS detects paging collision issue or the configured IMSI offset is not needed anymore, the UE AS can provide the preferred IMSI Offset information to the UE NAS.

 **Q3: Do you agree to define the AS layer procedure as below?**

**When UE AS detects paging collision issue or the configured IMSI offset is not needed anymore, the UE AS can provide the preferred IMSI offset info to the UE NAS.**

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments** |
| China Telecom | Maybe not | In last meeting, RAN2 has agreed that * For LTE and NR, RAN2 leaves it up to UE implementation how UE AS indicates to UE NAS that paging collision issue is identified.

It is better not to go back to this. |
| Vodafone | No. | It is very important that just because the IMSI offset is no longer needed by AS the lower layers **shall NOT** tell upper layers.This would lead to unnecessary NAS signalling load.Only if the AS detects that the current IMSI offset is now causing paging collisions, then the AS should notify NAS to request that it removed/modified.A suggested text modification is below:**When UE AS detects paging collision ~~issue or the configured IMSI offset is not needed anymore~~, the UE AS can provide the preferred IMSI offset info to the UE NAS (including the case that the current IMSI offset is causing collisions and should be removed).**  |
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## 2.3 Paging collision avoidance for other scenarios

In contribution [4], it is mentioned that paging collision will impact SI change detection. Therefore, it proposed that if the UE’s own paging occasion collides with the PO of other USIM, UE shall monitor for SI change indication in any paging occasion at least once per modification period or in every DRX cycle. Similarly, for ETWS or CMAS capable UEs in RRC\_IDLE or in RRC\_INACTIVE state.

**Q4: Do you agree to define the following requirement?**

**To monitor SI change, if the UE’s own paging occasion collides with the PO of other USIM, UE shall monitor for SI change indication in any paging occasion at least once per modification period or in every DRX cycle. Similarly, for ETWS or CMAS capable UEs in RRC\_IDLE or in RRC\_INACTIVE state.**

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| **Company** | **Yes/No** | **Comments** |
| China Telecom | No | The IMSI Offset can solve this issue. This proposal is more like UE implementation. |
| Vodafone | Probably not | Any (important) ETWS and CMAS broadcasts ought to be duplicated by all networks in that country. Hence there should be no need to monitor more than one network for this information. UE implementations probably already handle other SI changes. |
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# 3 Conclusion

# 4 References

1. R2-2200571 Alternative IMSI calculation for paging collision avoidance NEC discussion Rel-17 LTE\_NR\_MUSIM-Core
2. R2-2200470 Remaining issues on 36.304 running CR China Telecommunications, Samsung discussion Rel-17
3. R2-2200802 Remaining issue for EPS Paging Collision avoidance vivo discussion Rel-17 LTE\_NR\_MUSIM-Core
4. R2-2200414 SI Change Lenovo, Motorola Mobility discussion LTE\_NR\_MUSIM-Core