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# 1 Scope

The present document contains the description and definition of the measurements done at the UE and network in order to support operation in idle mode and connected mode.

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# 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'.
- [2] 3GPP TS 36.201: 'Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA); Physical Layer – General Description '.
- [3] 3GPP TS 36.211: 'Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA); Physical channels and modulation'.
- [4] 3GPP TS 36.212: 'Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA); Multiplexing and channel coding '.
- [5] 3GPP TS 36.213: 'Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA); Physical layer procedures '.
- [6] 3GPP TS 36.321: 'Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA); Medium Access Control (MAC) protocol specification'.
- [7] 3GPP TS 36.331: 'Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA); Radio Resource Control (RRC); Protocol specification '.
- [8] 3GPP2 CS.0005-D v1.0 'Upper Layer (Layer 3) Signaling Standard for CDMA2000 Spread Spectrum Systems Release D'.
- [9] 3GPP2 CS.0024-A v3.0 'cdma2000 High Rate Packet Data Air Interface Specification'
- [10] 3GPP TS 36.104: 'Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA); Base Station (BS) radio transmission and reception '.
- [11] 3GPP TS 36.355: 'Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA); LTE Positioning Protocol (LPP)'
- [12] 3GPP TS 36.455: 'Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA); LTE Positioning Protocol A (LPPa)'
- [13] 3GPP TS 36.459: 'Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA); SLm Application Protocol (SLmAP)'
- [14] 3GPP TS 36.111: 'Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA); Location Measurement Unit (LMU) performance specification; Network Based Positioning Systems in E-UTRAN'

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## 3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in 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 TR 21.905 [1].

### 3.2 Symbols

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

$E_c/N_0$  Received energy per chip divided by the power density in the band

### 3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in 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 TR 21.905 [1].

1x RTT	CDMA2000 1x Radio Transmission Technology
CPICH	Common Pilot Channel
E-SMLC	Enhanced Serving Mobile Location Centre
E-UTRA	Evolved UTRA
E-UTRAN	Evolved UTRAN
FDD	Frequency Division Duplex
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
GSM	Global System for Mobile communication
HRPD	CDMA2000 High Rate Packet Data
LMU	Location Measurement Unit
P-CCPCH	Primary Common Control Physical Channel
RSCP	Received Signal Code Power
RSRP	Reference Signal Received Power
RSRQ	Reference Signal Received Quality
RSSI	Received Signal Strength Indicator
RSTD	Reference Signal Time Difference
SRS	Sounding Reference Signal
TDD	Time Division Duplex
UTRA	Universal Terrestrial Radio Access
UTRAN	Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network

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## 4 Control of UE/E-UTRAN measurements

In this chapter the general measurement control concept of the higher layers is briefly described to provide an understanding on how L1 measurements are initiated and controlled by higher layers.

With the measurement specifications L1 provides measurement capabilities for the UE and E-UTRAN. These measurements can be classified in different reported measurement types: intra-frequency, inter-frequency, inter-system, traffic volume, quality and UE internal measurements (see the RRC Protocol [7]).

In the L1 measurement definitions, see chapter 5, the measurements are categorised as measurements in the UE (the messages for these will be described in the MAC Protocol [6] or RRC Protocol [7] or LPP Protocol [11]) or measurements in the E-UTRAN (the messages for these will be described in the Frame Protocol or LPPa Protocol [12]).

To initiate a specific measurement, the E-UTRAN transmits a 'RRC connection reconfiguration message' to the UE including a measurement ID and type, a command (setup, modify, release), the measurement objects, the measurement quantity, the reporting quantities and the reporting criteria (periodical/event-triggered), see [7] or E-SMLC transmits an "LPP Request Location Information message" to UE, see [11].

When the reporting criteria are fulfilled the UE shall answer with a 'measurement report message' to the E-UTRAN including the measurement ID and the results or an "LPP Provide Location Information message" to the E-SMLC, see [11].

For idle mode, the measurement information elements are broadcast in the System Information.

## 5 Measurement capabilities for E-UTRA

In this chapter the physical layer measurements reported to higher layers are defined.

### 5.1 UE measurement capabilities

The structure of the table defining a UE measurement quantity is shown below.

Column field	Comment
<b>Definition</b>	Contains the definition of the measurement.
<b>Applicable for</b>	States in which state(s) it shall be possible to perform this measurement. The following terms are used in the tables: RRC_IDLE; RRC_CONNECTED;  Intra-frequency appended to the RRC state: Shall be possible to perform in the corresponding RRC state on an intra-frequency cell; Inter-frequency appended to the RRC state: Shall be possible to perform in the corresponding RRC state on an inter-frequency cell Inter-RAT appended to the RRC state: Shall be possible to perform in the corresponding RRC state on an inter-RAT cell.

#### 5.1.1 Reference Signal Received Power (RSRP)

<b>Definition</b>	Reference signal received power (RSRP), is defined as the linear average over the power contributions (in [W]) of the resource elements that carry cell-specific reference signals within the considered measurement frequency bandwidth. For RSRP determination the cell-specific reference signals $R_0$ according TS 36.211 [3] shall be used. If the UE can reliably detect that $R_1$ is available it may use $R_1$ in addition to $R_0$ to determine RSRP.  The reference point for the RSRP shall be the antenna connector of the UE.  If receiver diversity is in use by the UE, the reported value shall not be lower than the corresponding RSRP of any of the individual diversity branches.
<b>Applicable for</b>	RRC_IDLE intra-frequency, RRC_IDLE inter-frequency, RRC_CONNECTED intra-frequency, RRC_CONNECTED inter-frequency

Note1: The number of resource elements within the considered measurement frequency bandwidth and within the measurement period that are used by the UE to determine RSRP is left up to the UE implementation with the limitation that corresponding measurement accuracy requirements have to be fulfilled.



Note 2: The power per resource element is determined from the energy received during the useful part of the symbol, excluding the CP.

## 5.1.2 Void

## 5.1.3 Reference Signal Received Quality (RSRQ)

<b>Definition</b>	<p>Reference Signal Received Quality (RSRQ) is defined as the ratio <math>N \times \text{RSRP} / (\text{E-UTRA carrier RSSI})</math>, where <math>N</math> is the number of RB's of the E-UTRA carrier RSSI measurement bandwidth. The measurements in the numerator and denominator shall be made over the same set of resource blocks.</p> <p>E-UTRA Carrier Received Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI), comprises the linear average of the total received power (in [W]) observed only in OFDM symbols containing reference symbols for antenna port 0, in the measurement bandwidth, over <math>N</math> number of resource blocks by the UE from all sources, including co-channel serving and non-serving cells, adjacent channel interference, thermal noise etc. If higher-layer signalling indicates certain subframes for performing RSRQ measurements, then RSSI is measured over all OFDM symbols in the indicated subframes.</p> <p>The reference point for the RSRQ shall be the antenna connector of the UE.</p> <p>If receiver diversity is in use by the UE, the reported value shall not be lower than the corresponding RSRQ of any of the individual diversity branches.</p>
<b>Applicable for</b>	<p>RRC_IDLE intra-frequency,  RRC_IDLE inter-frequency,  RRC_CONNECTED intra-frequency,  RRC_CONNECTED inter-frequency</p>

## 5.1.4 UTRA FDD CPICH RSCP

<b>Definition</b>	<p>Received Signal Code Power, the received power on one code measured on the Primary CPICH. The reference point for the RSCP shall be the antenna connector of the UE. If Tx diversity is applied on the Primary CPICH the received code power from each antenna shall be separately measured and summed together in [W] to a total received code power on the Primary CPICH. If receiver diversity is in use by the UE, the reported value shall not be lower than the corresponding CPICH RSCP of any of the individual receive antenna branches.</p>
<b>Applicable for</b>	<p>RRC_IDLE inter-RAT,  RRC_CONNECTED inter-RAT</p>

## 5.1.5 UTRA FDD carrier RSSI

<b>Definition</b>	<p>The received wide band power, including thermal noise and noise generated in the receiver, within the bandwidth defined by the receiver pulse shaping filter. The reference point for the measurement shall be the antenna connector of the UE. If receiver diversity is in use by the UE, the reported value shall not be lower than the corresponding UTRA carrier RSSI of any of the individual receive antenna branches.</p>
<b>Applicable for</b>	<p>RRC_IDLE inter-RAT,  RRC_CONNECTED inter-RAT</p>

### 5.1.6 UTRA FDD CPICH $E_c/N_0$

<b>Definition</b>	The received energy per chip divided by the power density in the band. If receiver diversity is not in use by the UE, the CPICH $E_c/N_0$ is identical to CPICH RSCP/UTRA Carrier RSSI. Measurement shall be performed on the Primary CPICH. The reference point for the CPICH $E_c/N_0$ shall be the antenna connector of the UE. If Tx diversity is applied on the Primary CPICH the received energy per chip ( $E_c$ ) from each antenna shall be separately measured and summed together in [Ws] to a total received chip energy per chip on the Primary CPICH, before calculating the $E_c/N_0$ . If receiver diversity is in use by the UE, the measured CPICH $E_c/N_0$ value shall not be lower than the corresponding CPICH RSCP/UTRA Carrier RSSI <sub><i>i</i></sub> of receive antenna branch <i>i</i> .
<b>Applicable for</b>	RRC_IDLE inter-RAT, RRC_CONNECTED inter-RAT

### 5.1.7 GSM carrier RSSI

<b>Definition</b>	Received Signal Strength Indicator, the wide-band received power within the relevant channel bandwidth. Measurement shall be performed on a GSM BCCH carrier. The reference point for the RSSI shall be the antenna connector of the UE.
<b>Applicable for</b>	RRC_IDLE inter-RAT, RRC_CONNECTED inter-RAT

### 5.1.8 UTRA TDD carrier RSSI

<b>Definition</b>	The received wide band power, including thermal noise and noise generated in the receiver, within the bandwidth defined by the receiver pulse shaping filter, for TDD within a specified timeslot. The reference point for the measurement shall be the antenna connector of the UE.
<b>Applicable for</b>	RRC_IDLE inter-RAT, RRC_CONNECTED inter-RAT

### 5.1.9 UTRA TDD P-CCPCH RSCP

<b>Definition</b>	Received Signal Code Power, the received power on P-CCPCH of a neighbour UTRA TDD cell. The reference point for the RSCP shall be the antenna connector of the UE.
<b>Applicable for</b>	RRC_IDLE inter-RAT, RRC_CONNECTED inter-RAT

### 5.1.10 CDMA2000 1x RTT Pilot Strength

<b>Definition</b>	CDMA2000 1x RTT Pilot Strength measurement is defined in section 2.6.6.2.2 of [8]
<b>Applicable for</b>	RRC_IDLE inter-RAT, RRC_CONNECTED inter-RAT

### 5.1.11 CDMA2000 HRPD Pilot Strength

<b>Definition</b>	CDMA2000 HRPD Pilot Strength Measurement is defined in section 8.7.6.1.2.3 of [9]
<b>Applicable for</b>	RRC_IDLE inter-RAT, RRC_CONNECTED inter-RAT

### 5.1.12 Reference signal time difference (RSTD)

<b>Definition</b>	The relative timing difference between the neighbour cell $j$ and the reference cell $i$ , defined as $T_{\text{SubframeRxj}} - T_{\text{SubframeRxi}}$ , where: $T_{\text{SubframeRxj}}$ is the time when the UE receives the start of one subframe from cell $j$ $T_{\text{SubframeRxi}}$ is the time when the UE receives the corresponding start of one subframe from cell $i$ that is closest in time to the subframe received from cell $j$ . The reference point for the observed subframe time difference shall be the antenna connector of the UE.
<b>Applicable for</b>	RRC_CONNECTED intra-frequency RRC_CONNECTED inter-frequency

### 5.1.13 UE GNSS Timing of Cell Frames for UE positioning

<b>Definition</b>	The timing between cell $j$ and a GNSS-specific reference time for a given GNSS (e.g., GPS/Galileo/Glonass system time). $T_{\text{UE-GNSS}}$ is defined as the time of occurrence of a specified E-UTRAN event according to GNSS time for a given GNSS Id. The specified E-UTRAN event is the beginning of a particular frame (identified through its SFN) in the first detected path (in time) of the cell-specific reference signals of the cell $j$ , where cell $j$ is a cell chosen by the UE. The reference point for $T_{\text{UE-GNSSj}}$ shall be the antenna connector of the UE.
<b>Applicable for</b>	RRC_CONNECTED intra-frequency

### 5.1.14 UE GNSS code measurements

<b>Definition</b>	The GNSS code phase (integer and fractional parts) of the spreading code of the $i^{\text{th}}$ GNSS satellite signal. The reference point for the GNSS code phase shall be the antenna connector of the UE.
<b>Applicable for</b>	Void (this measurement is not related to E-UTRAN/UTRAN/GSM signals; its applicability is therefore independent of the UE RRC state)

### 5.1.15 UE Rx – Tx time difference

<b>Definition</b>	The UE Rx – Tx time difference is defined as $T_{\text{UE-RX}} - T_{\text{UE-TX}}$  Where: $T_{\text{UE-RX}}$ is the UE received timing of downlink radio frame $\#i$ from the serving cell, defined by the first detected path in time. $T_{\text{UE-TX}}$ is the UE transmit timing of uplink radio frame $\#i$ .  The reference point for the UE Rx – Tx time difference measurement shall be the UE antenna connector.
<b>Applicable for</b>	RRC_CONNECTED intra-frequency

## 5.2 E-UTRAN measurement abilities

The structure of the table defining a E-UTRAN measurement quantity is shown below.

Column field	Comment
Definition	Contains the definition of the measurement.

The term "antenna connector" used in this sub-clause to define the reference point for the E-UTRAN measurements refers to the "BS antenna connector" test port A and test port B as described in [10]. The term "antenna connector" refers to Rx or Tx antenna connector as described in the respective measurement definitions.

### 5.2.1 DL RS TX power

<b>Definition</b>	Downlink reference signal transmit power is determined for a considered cell as the linear average over the power contributions (in [W]) of the resource elements that carry cell-specific reference signals which are transmitted by the eNode B within its operating system bandwidth. For DL RS TX power determination the cell-specific reference signals $R_0$ and if available $R_1$ according TS 36.211 [3] can be used. The reference point for the DL RS TX power measurement shall be the TX antenna connector.
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### 5.2.2 Received Interference Power

<b>Definition</b>	The uplink received interference power, including thermal noise, within one physical resource block's bandwidth of $N_{sc}^{RB}$ resource elements as defined in TS 36.211 [3]. The reported value shall contain a set of Received Interference Powers of physical resource blocks $n_{PRB} = 0, \dots, N_{RB}^{UL} - 1$ as defined in TS 36.211 [3]. The reference point for the measurement shall be the RX antenna connector. In case of receiver diversity, the reported value shall be linear average of the power in the diversity branches.
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### 5.2.3 Thermal noise power

<b>Definition</b>	The uplink thermal noise power within the UL system bandwidth consisting of $N_{RB}^{UL}$ resource blocks as defined in [3]. It is defined as $(N_0 \times W)$ , where $N_0$ denotes the white noise power spectral density on the uplink carrier frequency and $W = N_{RB}^{UL} \cdot N_{sc}^{RB} \cdot \Delta f$ denotes the UL system bandwidth. The measurement is optionally reported together with the Received Interference Power measurement, it shall be determined over the same time period as the Received Interference Power measurement, The reference point for the measurement shall be the RX antenna connector. In case of receiver diversity, the reported value shall be linear average of the power in the diversity branches.
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## 5.2.4 Timing advance ( $T_{ADV}$ )

<b>Definition</b>	<p><u>Type1:</u> Timing advance (<math>T_{ADV}</math>) type 1 is defined as the time difference</p> $T_{ADV} = (\text{eNB Rx} - \text{Tx time difference}) + (\text{UE Rx} - \text{Tx time difference}),$ <p>where the eNB Rx – Tx time difference corresponds to the same UE that reports the UE Rx – Tx time difference.</p> <p><u>Type2:</u> Timing advance (<math>T_{ADV}</math>) type 2 is defined as the time difference</p> $T_{ADV} = (\text{eNB Rx} - \text{Tx time difference}),$ <p>where the eNB Rx – Tx time difference corresponds to a received uplink radio frame containing PRACH from the respective UE.</p>
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## 5.2.5 eNB Rx – Tx time difference

<b>Definition</b>	<p>The eNB Rx – Tx time difference is defined as <math>T_{\text{eNB-RX}} - T_{\text{eNB-TX}}</math></p> <p>Where:  <math>T_{\text{eNB-RX}}</math> is the eNB received timing of uplink radio frame #i, defined by the first detected path in time.  The reference point for <math>T_{\text{eNB-RX}}</math> shall be the Rx antenna connector.  <math>T_{\text{eNB-TX}}</math> is the eNB transmit timing of downlink radio frame #i.  The reference point for <math>T_{\text{eNB-TX}}</math> shall be the Tx antenna connector.</p>
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## 5.2.6 E-UTRAN GNSS Timing of Cell Frames for UE positioning

<b>Definition</b>	<p><math>T_{\text{E-UTRAN-GNSS}}</math> is defined as the time of the occurrence of a specified LTE event according to a GNSS-specific reference time for a given GNSS (e.g., GPS/Galileo/Glonass system time). The specified LTE event is the beginning of the transmission of a particular frame (identified through its SFN) in the cell. The reference point for <math>T_{\text{E-UTRAN-GNSS}}</math> shall be the Tx antenna connector.</p>
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## 5.2.7 Angle of Arrival (AoA)

<b>Definition</b>	<p>AoA defines the estimated angle of a user with respect to a reference direction. The reference direction for this measurement shall be the geographical North, positive in a counter-clockwise direction.  The AoA is determined at the eNB antenna for an UL channel corresponding to this UE.</p>
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## 5.2.8 UL Relative Time of Arrival ( $T_{UL-RTOA}$ )

<b>Definition</b>	The UL Relative Time of Arrival ( $T_{UL-RTOA}$ ) is the beginning of subframe $i$ containing SRS received in LMU $j$ , relative to the configurable reference time [13], [14]. The reference point [14] for the UL relative time of arrival shall be the RX antenna connector of the LMU node when LMU has a separate RX antenna or shares RX antenna with eNB and the eNB antenna connector when LMU is integrated in eNB.
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## Annex A (informative): Change history

Change history							
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12/09/07	RAN_37	RP-070732	-	-	Approved version	2.0.0	8.0.0
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