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## 1 Scope

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## 3 Definitions and Abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in [1], [2] and [3] apply. Other definitions are provided below.

**Location Server:** a physical or logical entity (e.g., E-SMLC or SUPL SLP) that manages positioning for a target device by obtaining measurements and other location information from one or more positioning units and providing assistance data to positioning units to help determine this. A Location Server may also compute or verify the final location estimate.

**Reference Source:** a physical entity or part of a physical entity that provides signals (e.g., RF, acoustic, infra-red) that can be measured (e.g., by a Target Device) in order to obtain the location of a Target Device.

**Target Device:** the device that is being positioned (e.g., UE or SUPL SET).

**Observed Time Difference Of Arrival (OTDOA):** The time interval that is observed by a target device between the reception of downlink signals from two different cells. If a signal from cell 1 is received at the moment  $t_1$ , and a signal from cell 2 is received at the moment  $t_2$ , the OTDOA is  $t_2 - t_1$ .

### 3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply.

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| ADR     | Accumulated Delta-Range                            |
| A-GNSS  | Assisted-GNSS                                      |
| ARFCN   | Absolute Radio Frequency Channel Number            |
| BDS     | BeiDou Navigation Satellite System                 |
| BTS     | Base Transceiver Station (GERAN)                   |
| CID     | Cell-ID (positioning method)                       |
| CNAV    | Civil Navigation                                   |
| CRS     | Cell-specific Reference Signals                    |
| ECEF    | Earth-Centred, Earth-Fixed                         |
| ECGI    | Evolved Cell Global Identifier                     |
| ECI     | Earth-Centred-Inertial                             |
| E-CID   | Enhanced Cell-ID (positioning method)              |
| EGNOS   | European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service  |
| E-SMLC  | Enhanced Serving Mobile Location Centre            |
| E-UTRAN | Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network |
| EOP     | Earth Orientation Parameters                       |
| EPDU    | External Protocol Data Unit                        |
| FDMA    | Frequency Division Multiple Access                 |

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| FEC     | Forward Error Correction   |
| FTA     | Fine Time Assistance   |
| GAGAN   | GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation   |
| GLONASS | GLObal'naya NAVigatsionnaya Sputnikovaya Sistema (Engl.: Global Navigation Satellite System) |
| GNSS    | Global Navigation Satellite System   |
| GPS     | Global Positioning System  |
| ICD     | Interface Control Document   |
| IOD     | Issue of Data  |
| IS      | Interface Specification  |
| LPP     | LTE Positioning Protocol   |
| LPPa    | LTE Positioning Protocol Annex   |
| LSB     | Least Significant Bit  |
| MO-LR   | Mobile Originated Location Request   |
| MSAS    | Multi-functional Satellite Augmentation System   |
| MSB     | Most Significant Bit   |
| msd     | mean solar day   |
| MT-LR   | Mobile Terminated Location Request   |
| NAV     | Navigation   |
| NICT    | National Institute of Information and Communications Technology                              |
| NI-LR   | Network Induced Location Request   |
| NTSC    | National Time Service Center of Chinese Academy of Sciences                                  |
| OTDOA   | Observed Time Difference Of Arrival  |
| PRC     | Pseudo-Range Correction  |
| PRS     | Positioning Reference Signals  |
| PDU     | Protocol Data Unit   |
| PZ-90   | Parametry Zemli 1990 Goda – Parameters of the Earth Year 1990                                |
| QZS     | Quasi Zenith Satellite   |
| QZSS    | Quasi-Zenith Satellite System  |
| QZST    | Quasi-Zenith System Time   |
| RF      | Radio Frequency  |
| RRC     | Range-Rate Correction  |
| RRC     | Radio Resource Control   |
| RSRP    | Reference Signal Received Power  |
| RSRQ    | Reference Signal Received Quality  |
| RSTD    | Reference Signal Time Difference   |
| RU      | Russia   |
| SBAS    | Space Based Augmentation System  |
| SET     | SUPL Enabled Terminal  |
| SFN     | System Frame Number  |
| SLP     | SUPL Location Platform   |
| SUPL    | Secure User Plane Location   |
| SV      | Space Vehicle  |
| TLM     | Telemetry  |
| TOD     | Time Of Day  |
| TOW     | Time Of Week   |
| UDRE    | User Differential Range Error  |
| ULP     | User Plane Location Protocol   |
| USNO    | US Naval Observatory   |
| UT1     | Universal Time No.1  |
| UTC     | Coordinated Universal Time   |
| WAAS    | Wide Area Augmentation System  |
| WGS-84  | World Geodetic System 1984   |

## 4 Functionality of Protocol

### 4.1 General

#### 4.1.1 LPP Configuration

LPP is used point-to-point between a location server (E-SMLC or SLP) and a target device (UE or SET) in order to position the target device using position-related measurements obtained by one or more reference sources. Figure 4.1.1-1 shows the configuration as applied to the control- and user-plane location solutions for E-UTRAN (as defined in [2] and [3]).

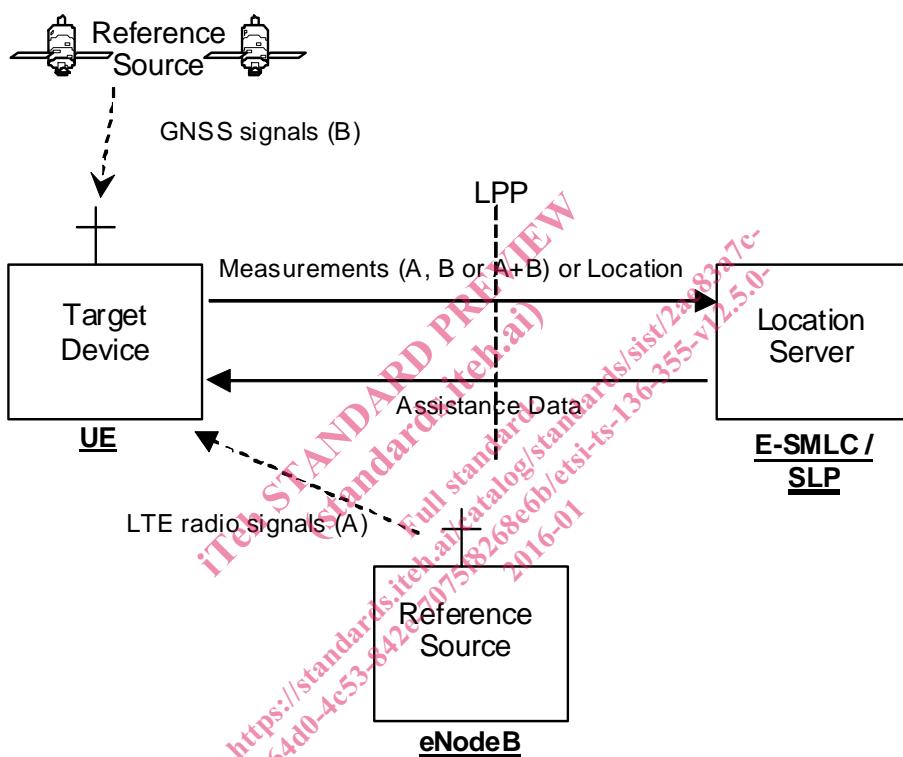


Figure 4.1.1-1: LPP Configuration for Control- and User-Plane Positioning in E-UTRAN

#### 4.1.2 LPP Sessions and Transactions

An LPP session is used between a Location Server and the target device in order to obtain location related measurements or a location estimate or to transfer assistance data. A single LPP session is used to support a single location request (e.g., for a single MT-LR, MO-LR or NI-LR). Multiple LPP sessions can be used between the same endpoints to support multiple different location requests (as required by [3]). Each LPP session comprises one or more LPP transactions, with each LPP transaction performing a single operation (capability exchange, assistance data transfer, or location information transfer). In E-UTRAN the LPP transactions are realized as LPP procedures. The instigator of an LPP session will always instigate the first LPP transaction, but subsequent transactions may be instigated by either end. LPP transactions within a session may occur serially or in parallel. LPP transactions are indicated at the LPP protocol level with a transaction ID in order to associate messages with one another (e.g., request and response).

Messages within a transaction are linked by a common transaction identifier.

#### 4.1.3 LPP Position Methods

Internal LPP positioning methods and associated signalling content are defined in this specification.