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5G NR RRC (Radio Resource Control) Protocol

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The main services and functions of the RRC sub-layer include:

- Broadcast of System Information related to AS and NAS;
- Paging initiated by 5GC or NG-RAN;
- Establishment, maintenance and release of an RRC connection between the UE and NG-RAN including:
 - Addition, modification and release of carrier aggregation;
 - Addition, modification and release of Dual Connectivity in NR or between E-UTRA and NR.
- Security functions including key management;
- Establishment, configuration, maintenance and release of Signalling Radio Bearers (SRBs) and Data Radio Bearers (DRBs);
- Mobility functions including:
 - Handover and context transfer;
 - UE cell selection and reselection and control of cell selection and reselection;
 - Inter-RAT mobility.
- QoS management functions;
- UE measurement reporting and control of the reporting;
- Detection of and recovery from radio link failure;
- NAS message transfer to/from NAS from/to UE.
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2. RRC_INACTIVE
3. RRC_CONNECTED

RRC_IDLE:

- PLMN selection;
- Broadcast of system information;
- Cell re-selection mobility;
- Paging for mobile terminated data is initiated by 5GC;
- Paging for mobile terminated data area is managed by 5GC;
- DRX for CN paging configured by NAS.

RRC_INACTIVE:

- PLMN selection;
- Broadcast of system information;
- Cell re-selection mobility;
- Paging is initiated by NG-RAN (RAN paging);
- RAN-based notification area (RNA) is managed by NG- RAN;
- DRX for RAN paging configured by NG-RAN;
- 5GC – NG-RAN connection (both C/U-planes) is established for UE;
- The UE AS context is stored in NG-RAN and the UE;
- NG-RAN knows the RNA which the UE belongs to.

RRC_CONNECTED:

- 5GC – NG-RAN connection (both C/U-planes) is established for UE;
- The UE AS context is stored in NG-RAN and the UE;
- NG-RAN knows the cell which the UE belongs to;
- Transfer of unicast data to/from the UE;
- Network controlled mobility including measurements.

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