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| ***Proposed change affects:*** | UICC apps |  | ME | **x** | Radio Access Network | **x** | Core Network |  |

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| ***Title:***  | UE capabilities for Rel-18 NCR |
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| ***Source to WG:*** | Intel Corporation |
| ***Source to TSG:*** | R2 |
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| ***Work item code:*** | NR\_NetConRepeater |  | ***Date:*** | 2023-04-05 |
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| ***Category:*** | **B** |  | ***Release:*** | Rel-18 |
|  | *Use one of the following categories:****F*** *(correction)****A*** *(mirror corresponding to a change in an earlier release)****B*** *(addition of feature),* ***C*** *(functional modification of feature)****D*** *(editorial modification)*Detailed explanations of the above categories canbe found in 3GPP [TR 21.900](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/Specs/html-info/21900.htm). | *Use one of the following releases:Rel-8 (Release 8)Rel-9 (Release 9)Rel-10 (Release 10)Rel-11 (Release 11)…Rel-15 (Release 15)Rel-16 (Release 16)Rel-17 (Release 17)Rel-18 (Release 18)* *Rel-19 (Release 19)*  |
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| ***Reason for change:*** | Introduction of Rel-18 NCR related capabilities |
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| ***Summary of change:*** | 1. RAN2 #120 agreement on DRB and handover:
* NCR-MT indicates the maximum number of supported DRB in UE capability, values {1, 16}. If absent, the NCR-MT does not support DRB.
* In Rel-18, NCR-MT does not support handover and RRM measurements in RRC\_CONNECTED.
1. RAN2 #121 agreement on RRC state:
* RRC\_INACTIVE is optionally supported without any specific enhancements.
1. Agreeable proposals in [Post121][702][NCR] Capabilities running CR for NCR
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | Rel-18 NCR feature is not completed. |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** |  |
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|  | **Y** | **N** |  |  |
| ***Other specs*** | **x** |  |  Other core specifications  | TS/TR 38.331 CR ...  |
| ***affected:*** |  | **x** |  Test specifications | TS/TR ... CR ...  |
| ***(show related CRs)*** |  | **x** |  O&M Specifications | TS/TR ... CR ...  |
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| ***Other comments:*** |  |
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| ***This CR's revision history:*** |  |

1. ***Modified section***

## 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].

A-CSI Aperiodic-CSI

BAP Backhaul Adaptation Protocol

BC Band Combination

BPS Body Proximity Sensing

BT Bluetooth

CCS Cross Carrier Scheduling

CMR Channel Measurement Resource

CPAC Conditional PSCell Addition/Change

DAPS Dual Active Protocol Stack

DL Downlink

EHC Ethernet Header Compression

FS Feature Set

FSPC Feature Set Per Component-carrier

GSO Geosynchronous Orbit

HSDN High Speed Dedicated Network

IAB-MT Integrated Access Backhaul Mobile Termination

MAC Medium Access Control

MHI Mobility History Information

MBS Multicast/Broadcast Service

MCG Master Cell Group

MN Master Node

MRB MBS Radio Bearer

MR-DC Multi-RAT Dual Connectivity

mTRP Multiple TRP

MUSIM Multi-Universal Subscriber Identity Module

NCR Network Controlled Repeater

NCR-MT Netowrk Controlled Repeater Mobile Termination

NCJT Non-Coherent Joint Transmission

NCSG Network Controlled Small Gap

NGSO Non-Geosynchronous Orbit

NTN Non-Terrestrial Network

P-CSI Periodic CSI

PDCP Packet Data Convergence Protocol

QoE Quality of Experience

RLC Radio Link Control

RTT Round Trip Time

SCG Secondary Cell Group

SDAP Service Data Adaptation Protocol

SN Secondary Node

sTRP Serving TRP

TRP Transmit/Receive Point

UDC Uplink Data Compression

UL Uplink

WLAN Wireless Local Area Network

***End of the modified section***

***2nd. Modified section***

### 4.2.X NCR Parameters

#### 4.2.X.1 Mandatory NCR-MT features

Table 4.2.x.1-x captures feature groups, which are mandatory for an NCR-MT.

CA, MR-DC, handover (e.g. CHO, DAPS, CPAC, etc) related UE features and corresponding capabilities are not supported by NCR-MTs. All other feature groups or components of the feature groups as captured in TR 38.822 [24] as well as capabilities specified in this specification are optional for an NCR-MT, unless indicated otherwise.Table 4.2.xx.1-x: Layer-2 and Layer-3 mandatory features for NCR-MT

| Features | Index | Feature group | Components | Additional information |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 0. General | 0-0 | NCR procedures | 1) Side control information over MAC CE and RRC, as specified in TS 38.321 [8] and TS 38.331 [9], respectively.2) Switching OFF NCR-Fwd during radio link failure in TS 38.331 [9], beam failure recovery in TS 38.321 [8], and cell reselection in TS 38.304 [21]. |  |
| 1. PDCP  | 1-0  | Basic PDCPprocedures | 1) (de)Ciphering on SRB2) Integrity protection on SRB4) Re-ordering and in-order delivery6) Duplicate discarding7) 12bits SN |  |
| 2. RLC  | 2-0  | Basic RLC procedures  | 1) RLC TM2) RLC AM with 12bits SN |  |
|  | 2-4  | NR RLC SN size for SRB | NR RLC SN size for SRB |  |
| 3. MAC  | 3-0  | Basic MAC procedures  | 1) RA procedure on PCell2) NCR-MT initiated RA procedure (including for beamrecovery purpose)3) NW initiated RA procedure (i.e. based on PDCCH)4) Support of ssb-Threshold and association betweenpreamble/PRACH occasion and SSB5) Preamble grouping6) UL single TA maintenance7) HARQ operation for DL and UL8) LCH prioritization9) Prioritized bit rate10) Multiplexing11) SR with single SR configuration12) BSR13) PHR14) 8bits and 16bits L field |  |
| 9. RRC  | 9-1  | RRC buffer size  | Maximum overall RRC configuration size  | 45 Kbytes |
|  | 9-2  | RRC processing time  | 1) RRC connection establishment3) RRC connection reconfiguration without SCelladdition/release and SCGestablishment/modification/release4) RRC connection re-establishment.5) RRC connection reconfiguration with sync procedure8) Initial security activation10) UE capability transfer | 1) to 3) 10ms4) 10ms5): 10ms +additional delay(cell search timeandsynchronization)defined in TS38.1338) 5ms10) 80ms |

#### 4.2.X.2 General Parameters

| Definitions for parameters | Per | M | FDD-TDDDIFF | FR1-FR2DIFF |
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| ***inactiveState-NCR-r18***Indicates whether the NCR-MT supports RRC\_INACTIVE as specified in TS 38.331 [9]. | NCR-MT | No | No | No |
| ***supportedNumberOfDRBs-NCR-r18*** Indicates the number of DRB that NCR-MT supports. If absent, NCR-MT does not support DRB. If absent, NCR-MT also does not support SDU discard in PDCP and RLC, and counter check in RRC. This capability is only applicable for NCR-MT. | NCR-MT | No | No | No |
| ***non-DRB-NCR-r18***Indicates whether the NCR-MT supports SRB2 configuration without a DRB, as specified in TS 38.331 [9]. | NCR-MT | No | No | No |

#### 4.2.X.3 SDAP Parameters

| Definitions for parameters | Per | M | FDD-TDDDIFF | FR1-FR2DIFF |
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| ***sdap-QOS-NCR-r18***Indicates whether the NCR-MT supports flow-based QoS and multiple flows to 1 DRB mapping, as specified in TS 37.324 [25]. | NCR-MT | No | No | No |
| ***sdapHeader-NCR-r18***Indicates whether the NCR-MT supports UL SDAP header and SDAP End-marker, as specified in TS 37.324 [25]. | NCR-MT | No | No | No |

#### 4.2.X.4 PDCP Parameters

| Definitions for parameters | Per | M | FDD-TDDDIFF | FR1-FR2DIFF |
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| ***longSN-NCR-r18***Indicates whether the NCR-MT supports 18 bit length of PDCP sequence number.  | NCR-MT | No | No | No |

#### 4.2.X.5 RLC Parameters

| Definitions for parameters | Per | M | FDD-TDDDIFF | FR1-FR2DIFF |
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| ***am-WithLongSN-NCR-r18***Indicates whether the NCR-MT supports AM DRB with 18 bit length of RLC sequence number.  | UE | No | No | No |

***End of the modified section***