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**Title: New WID: Study on AI/ML E2E framework**

**Document for: Approval**

**Agenda Item: 3.3**

3GPP™ Work Item Description

Information on Work Items can be found at <http://www.3gpp.org/Work-Items>   
See also the [3GPP Working Procedures](http://www.3gpp.org/specifications-groups/working-procedures), article 39 and the TSG Working Methods in [3GPP TR 21.900](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/Specs/html-info/21900.htm)

Title: Study on AI/ML E2E framework

Acronym: FS\_AIML\_FWK

Unique identifier:

Potential target Release: Rel-19

# 1 Impacts

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Affects: | UICC apps | ME | AN | CN | Others (specify) |
| Yes |  | x | x | x |  |
| No | x |  |  |  |  |
| Don't know |  |  |  |  | x |

# 2 Classification of the Work Item and linked work items

## 2.1 Primary classification

### This work item is a …

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| x | Study |
|  | Normative – Stage 1 |
|  | Normative – Stage 2 |
|  | Normative – Stage 3 |
|  | Normative – Other\* |

**\* Other = e.g. testing**

## 2.2 Parent Work Item

For a brand-new topic, use “N/A” in the table below. Otherwise indicate the parent Work Item.

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| Parent Work / Study Items | | | |
| Acronym | Working Group | Unique ID | Title (as in 3GPP Work Plan) |
| N/A |  |  |  |

### 2.3 Other related Work Items and dependencies

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| Other related Work /Study Items (if any) | | |
| Unique ID | Title | Nature of relationship |
| 950008 | Study on AI/ML Model Transfer Phase2 | Rel-19 SA1 study on AI/ML model transfer in 5GS |
| 1000030 | AI/ML Model Transfer Phase 2 | Rel-19 SA1 work on AI/ML model transfer in 5GS |
| 1020068 | Study on Core Network Enhanced Support for Artificial Intelligence (AI)/Machine Learning (ML) | Rel-19 SA2 study on CN enhanced support for AI/ML |
| 1030035 | Study on security aspects of Core Network Enhanced Support for AIML | Rel-19 SA3 study on security aspects of CN enhanced support for AI/ML |
| 1020007 | Study on AI/ML management - phase 2 | Rel-19 SA5 study on AI/ML mgmt. phase2 |
| 1010005 | Study on application layer support for AI/ML services | Rel-19 SA6 study on application layer support for AI/ML services |
| 1020093 | Artificial Intelligence (AI)/Machine Learning (ML) for NR air interface | Rel-19 RAN work item on AI/ML for NR air interface |
| 1021093 | Core part: Artificial Intelligence (AI)/Machine Learning (ML) for NR air interface | Rel-19 RAN1 Core part of work item on AI/ML for NR air interface |
| 1020084 | Study on Artificial Intelligence (AI)/Machine Learning (ML) for mobility in NR | Rel-19 RAN2 study on AI/ML for mobility in NR |
| 1020083 | Study on enhancements for Artificial Intelligence (AI)/Machine Learning (ML) for NG-RAN | Rel-19 RAN3 study on enhancements for AI/ML for NG-RAN |
| 1022093 | Perf. part: Artificial Intelligence (AI)/Machine Learning (ML) for NR air interface | Rel-19 RAN4 performance part of work item on AI/ML for NR air interface |
| 940084 | Study on AI (Artificial Intelligence)/ML (Machine Learning) for Air interface | Rel-18 AI/ML in NG-RAN for Air interface to be managed |
| 920030 | Stage 1 of AMMT | Rel-18 SA1 work on AI/ML model transfer |
| 920037 | AI/ML model transfer | Rel-18 SA1 work on AI/ML model transfer in 5GS. |
| 980019 | Stage 2 for AIML System Support for AI/ML-based Services | Rel-18 SA2 work on system support for AI/ML based services |
| 960037 | Study on Security and Privacy of AI/ML-based Services and Applications in 5G | Rel-18 SA3 study on Security and Privacy of AI/ML-based Services and Applications in 5G |
| 950011 | Study on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) for Media | Rel-18 SA4 study on AI/ML for Media |
| 990119 | AI/ML management | Rel-18 SA5 work on AI/ML management |
| 1020023 | NEF Charging enhancement to support AI/ML in 5GS | Rel-18 SA5 work item on NEF charging enh. to support AI/ML in 5GS |
| 970036 | Support for AI/ML services at application enablement layer | Rel-18 SA6 Work on Application layer support for AI/ML services to be managed |
| 940084 | Study on Artificial Intelligence (AI)/Machine Learning (ML) for NR Air Interface | Rel-18 RAN1 study on AI/ML for NG Air Interface |
| 941010 | Artificial Intelligence (AI)/Machine Learning (ML) for NG-RAN | Rel-18 RAN3 work item on AI/ML for NG-RAN |
| 990008 | CT3 aspects of AIML | Rel-18 CT3 aspects of AI/ML |
| 990074 | CT4 aspects of AIML | Rel-18 CT4 aspects of AI/ML |

**Dependency on non-3GPP (draft) specification:**

# 3 Justification

In Rel-18 and Rel-19, most working groups in TSG SA, CT and RAN have already performed SIs and/or have WIs relating to the AI/ML topic. These activities addressed use cases from their own perspective (e.g., NWDAF usage in the CN, MDAS and AI/ML management aspects (including Life Cycle Management) in OAM, application layer support for AI/ML, AI/ML for NG-RAN and for air interface in the RAN domain), but a consistent terminology and E2E framework, especially from the Life Cycle Management (LCM) perspective for AI/ML models and cross-domain training/inference data collection/storage, are still missing. Additionally, there are not commonly established practices for validation/testing of the systems implementing AI/ML models.

AI/ML models and associated algorithms are certainly implementation specific and therefore out of scope of 3GPP specifications, but there is the need to have a common LCM framework at least for those models and associated training/inference data that have impact on the 5G network and E2E performance.

# 4 Objective

The activity seeks to align AI/ML efforts across 3GPP while avoiding the creation of a new high-level architecture.

The activity will investigate ongoing AI/ML work in TSG RAN and TSG SA Working Groups and identify instances of duplicative efforts and/or inconsistencies. Those identified issues should be communicated to the relevant Working Groups, encouraging resolution.

NOTE 1: The study is led by TSG SA in close collaboration with TSG RAN.

[NOTE 2: Contributions to this study can be made by member companies as well as on behalf of WGs level. (to be deleted?)]

WT1: Identify AI/ML related activities of all working groups of Rel-18 features and Rel-19 studies and work items.

NOTE 3: The AI/ML related content captured in TR 21.918 ("Release 18 Description; Summary of Rel-18 Work Items") will be taken into account as a starting point.

WT2: Identify inconsistencies on AI/ML related terminology across 3GPP.

WT3: Identify misalignments, duplicative efforts, and inconsistencies among AI/ML related features specified in 3GPP including e.g. LCM for AI/ML enabled solutions or models (where available) and training/inference data collection/storage/exposure (including cross-domain RAN and core network), performance evaluation and accuracy monitoring.

*Alternative 1 of* WT4: According to the outcome of WT1-3, study the LCM for AI/ML enabled solutions or models (where available) for 3GPP use cases based on the progress(es) in related WGs, and facilitate cross-working groups harmonization, providing appropriate recommendations.  
*Alternative 2 of* WT4: According to the outcome of WT1, WT2 and WT3 provide appropriate recommendations to WGs according to their Terms of Reference to resolve identified duplicative efforts and inconsistencies in a co-operative manner.

NOTE 4: The study item does not impact ongoing technical work for AI/ML across all SA/RAN/CT WGs for Rel-19.

## TU estimates and dependencies

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| Work Task ID | TU Estimate  (Study) | TU Estimate  (Normative) | RAN Dependency  (Yes/No/Maybe) | Inter Work Tasks Dependency |
| WT#1 | 1 |  |  | Self-contained |
| WT#2 | 1 |  |  | Self-contained |
| WT#3 | 2 |  |  | WT#1, WT#2 |
| WT#4 | 2 |  |  | WT#1, WT#2, WT#3 |

Total TU estimates for the study phase: 6 TU

Total TU estimates for the normative phase: 0 TU

Total TU estimates: 6 TU

# 5 Expected Output and Time scale

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| New specifications {One line per specification. Create/delete lines as needed} | | | | | |
| Type | TS/TR number | Title | For info  at TSG# | For approval at TSG# | Rapporteur |
| "Internal TR" or  "External TR". See Note 1} | {e.g.  "22.XXX" or actual number if known} | {Title of the specification (as per TR 21.801 §6.1.1), to be aligned as much as possible with the WI/SI title} | TSG#106 (Dec24) | TSG#107 (Mar25) | {<FamilyName>, <GivenName>, <Company>, <email address>. See Note 2} |
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| Impacted existing TS/TR {One line per specification. Create/delete lines as needed} | | | |
| TS/TR No. | Description of change | Target completion plenary# | Remarks |
| {e.g. "22.281"} | {Possible values:  - either free text (e.g. “CS aspects to be removed")  - or “Specification to be withdrawn”} | {e.g. "TSG#89"} | {Free text, e.g. "This TS covers Stage 2" or "This TS covers Stage 3" or "This TS covers both stages 2 and 3"} |
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# 6 Work item Rapporteur(s)

{Mandatory: <FamilyName>, <GivenName>, <Company>, <email address>}

{Optional: <FamilyName>, <GivenName>, <Company>, <email address>: Secondary task(s)}

# 7 Work item leadership

TSG SA

# 8 Aspects that involve other WGs

SA1: service and performance requirements and use cases

SA2: architecture aspects for network AI/ML operation

SA3: security and privacy of network AI/ML operation and network analytics

SA4: AI/ML for MultiMedia

SA5: AI/ML based management, orchestration, operations and charging

SA6: application layer support for AI/ML services

RAN1, RAN2 and RAN4: AI/ML for air interface

RAN2: AI/ML for Mobility

RAN3: AI/ML enabled NG-RAN

CT WGs: CT aspects on AI/ML

# 9 Supporting Individual Members

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| Supporting IM name |
| Deutsche Telekom |
| AT&T |
| BT |
| CAICT |
| CATT |
| China Mobile |
| CKH IOD UK LIMITED |
| DISH Network |
| DSIT |
| ETRI |
| KDDI |
| KPN |
| KT corp. |
| LG Uplus |
| MATRIXX Software |
| NEC |
| NTT DOCOMO |
| NVIDIA |
| Orange |
| Qualcomm |
| SK Telecom |
| Spark NZ |
| Telecom Italia |
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