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Electronic Meeting, 2nd – 13th November 2020

Agenda Item: 6.8.5

Source: Ericsson (rapporteur)

Title: [AT112-e][227][DCCA] Remaining capability topics for DCCA

Document for: Discussion, Decision

# 1 Introduction

This document is to kick off the following email discussion:

* [AT112-e][227][NR][DCCA] Remaining capability topics for DCCA (Ericsson)

Scope:

* + - Discuss DCCA corrections under 6.8.5 marked for the discussion to see which CRs could be agreeable. Can also consider RAN1 input (if any arrives on time).

Intended outcome:

* + - Discussion summary in [R2-2010746](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2//TSGR2_112-e/Docs//R2-2010746.zip) (by email rapporteur).

Deadline for providing comments, for rapporteur inputs, conclusions and CR finalization:

* + - Initial deadline (for companies' feedback): 2nd week Tue, UTC 1000
    - Initial deadline (for rapporteur's summary in [R2-2010746](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2//TSGR2_112-e/Docs//R2-2010746.zip)): 2nd week Tue, UTC 14:00

# 2 Discussion

To make it easier to find the correct contact delegate in each company for potential follow-up questions, the rapporteur encourages the delegates who provide input to provide their contact information in this table:

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Companies are requested to add their comments for each of the treated CRs of this email discussion in the boxes below.

## 2.1 Direct SCell activation

[R2-2009186](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2//TSGR2_112-e/Docs//R2-2009186.zip) Correction to 36.306 on UE capability of direct SCell activation Qualcomm Incorporated, Ericsson CR Rel-16 36.306 16.2.0 1790 - F LTE\_NR\_DC\_CA\_enh-Core

[R2-2009187](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2//TSGR2_112-e/Docs//R2-2009187.zip) Correction to 36.331 on UE capability of direct SCell activation Qualcomm Incorporated, Ericsson CR Rel-16 36.331 16.2.1 4456 - F LTE\_NR\_DC\_CA\_enh-Core

[R2-2010114](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2//TSGR2_112-e/Docs//R2-2010114.zip) UE capability of direct E-UTRAN SCG SCell activation Huawei, HiSilicon discussion Rel-16 LTE\_NR\_DC\_CA\_enh-Core

[R2-2009554](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2//TSGR2_112-e/Docs//R2-2009554.zip) Direct Scell activation capability Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell discussion Rel-16 LTE\_NR\_DC\_CA\_enh-Core

*Rapporteur comment: These contributions all discuss UE capability signalling for E-UTRA direct SCell activation for the NE-DC SCG. This was discussed also during RAN2#111-e and the following was noted:*

TBD whether directSCellActivation-r15 can be applied also for the SCG SCell case.

- QC thinks this was introduced for euCA and not NE-DC. Nokia wonders how we can separate if it doesn’t exist for LTE.

* FFS whether directSCellActivation-r15 can be applied also for the NE-DC SCG SCell case.
* Postponed

*Based on the contributions to this meeting, there are now two options presented for handling the UE capability for the NE-DC SCG SCell case:*

1. *Introduce a new capability bit. This option is presented in the first two CRs (*[*R2-2009186*](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2//TSGR2_112-e/Docs//R2-2009186.zip) *and* [*R2-2009187*](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2//TSGR2_112-e/Docs//R2-2009187.zip)*). Motivation mentioned in the CRs for this option is that the current capability bit was introduced in Rel-15 for the LTE CA case, hence it is not clear whether the same bit also applies to NE-DC? Another motivation is to align with NR-DC, where there are different bits for MCG and SCG.*
2. *Reuse the existing directSCellActivation-r15 capability bit. This option is presented in the two discussion papers (*[*R2-2010114*](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2//TSGR2_112-e/Docs//R2-2010114.zip) *and* [*R2-2009554*](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2//TSGR2_112-e/Docs//R2-2009554.zip) *). Motivation mentioned in the contributions for this option is that apart from directSCellActivation-r15 there are also many other capabilities defined in Rel-15, for which it was not defined whether they apply for the MCG or the SCG, e.g. dormantSCellState-r15, directSCellHibernation-r15. There may also be possible interoperability impact of this change in case some vendors already implemented this feature.*

***Question 1: Do companies prefer option A or B?***

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| Company | Option  A or B? | Comments |
| Nokia |  | We should not change release 15 understanding of capability. Release 15 direct scell activation capability does not distinguish SCG case and that should not be changed as it is NBC change. |
| Qualcomm | Option A | For Nokia’s comment, please note that we have updated CR based on comments from last meeting with below changes:   * Clarify that old Rel-15 capability (*directSCellActivation-r15*) is also applied to LTE-DC (besides LTE SA).   Hence, we don’t think option A has NBC change because the feature of direction activation in NE-DC is introduced in Rel-16. It seems we don’t have example of an old capability (e.g. Rel-15 bit) could forward compatibility with a feature introduced in next release. Thus, we think introducing a new capability for NE-DC is a better way than allowing a new way of capability forward compatibility.  Furthermore, introducing a new capability for NE-DC would also be in line with the way it is handled in NR-DC case, where there are different bits for MCG and SCG. |
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*In addition to above,* [*R2-2010114*](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2//TSGR2_112-e/Docs//R2-2010114.zip) *also makes the following proposal:*

**Proposal 2: All Rel-15 E-UTRA UE capabilities related to SCells apply for SCells of the E-UTRA MCG and for SCells of the E-UTRA SCG in NE-DC SCG.**

***Question 2: Do companies agree with proposal 2 above?***

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| Company | (Yes or No) | Comments |
| Nokia | Yes | That is assumption unless problems are found |
| Qualcomm | Partly | Besides direct activation (*directSCellActivation-r15),* we agree other capabilities (mainly related to dormant state) are applied to both SCells of MCG and SCell of SCG |
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## 2.2 NR-DC cell group signalling

[R2-2010029](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2//TSGR2_112-e/Docs//R2-2010029.zip) Cell group filtering for NR-DC Ericsson discussion LTE\_NR\_DC\_CA\_enh-Core

*Rapporteur comment: The contribution proposes to introduce cell group filtering in UE capability request as a measure to reduce the size of signalled UE capabilities. Instead of the UE indicating all supported cell grouping alternatives into MCG and SCG per supported band combination, the network would indicate to the UE in the filtered capability request how it intends to group the requested bands into MCG and SCG. The following benefits are mentioned:*

* *reduced overhead per signalled BC*
* *reduced number of BCs reported by the UE*
* *reduced network processing for parsing the UE capabilities*
* *not limited to max 5 bands per BC*

*The following proposals were made:*

1. Introduce a field for cell group filtering in *UECapabilityRequest* for the network to indicate to the UE the cell grouping it intends to use.
2. If the network does not provide a cell group filter, the UE shall only indicate NR-DC support for BCs where it supports FR1-FR2 NR-DC, as in Rel-15.
3. If the network provides a cell group filter, the UE shall only indicate NR-DC support for BCs for which it supports the requested grouping.

***Question 3: Do companies agree with the above proposals 1, 2, 3?***

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| Company | Agreeable proposals  (1,2,3) | Comments |
| Nokia | None | Too late to discuss in release 16 totally new type of capability signaling. We do not see any problems of following LTE principles in capability signaling for cell grouping. Secondly synchronous cell grouping is also discussed in other WGs (RAN1/4) and we should not make premature agreements. |
| Qualcomm | Positive (although may not conclude in this meeting) | Because we have sent LS to RAN1/RAN4 for their input, we think it seems not quite likely to conclude this issue. However, we are positive to consider these 3 proposals, which sounds reasonable to us.  One thing we are not sure is whether such solution is scalable enough, assuming different NR-DC implementations by different gNBs/vendors within a PLMN? For example, will it end up in signalling many NR-DC band combinations in UE Capability Enquiry? Note that UE capability filters need to be echoed back in UE Capability Information. Obviously, we do not want to repeat a large number of band combinations back and forth only for the purpose of UE capability filtering. |
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*Since this is the first time this approach is discussed in RAN2, companies are also requested to indicate whether they in general support to investigate the possibilities of introducing cell group filtering in UE capability request for NR-DC with the goal to reduce the size of UE capability signalling.*

***Question 4: Do companies agree to investigate further the possibilities of cell group filtering in UE capability request?***

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| Company | Agree  (Yes or No) | Comments |
| Nokia | No | see above |
| Qualcomm | Yes | We are positive to this approach. Since the current proposals are rather high level, we would like to see more detailed solution description. |
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[R2-2010593](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/tsg_ran/WG2_RL2//TSGR2_112-e/Docs//R2-2010593.zip) MCG and SCG differentiation in asynchronous NR-DC Samsung Electronics discussion Rel-16

*(moved from 6.1.2)*

*Rapporteur comment: The contribution presents two options for how to signal the supported cell grouping into MCG and SCG per supported NR-DC Band Combination.*

***Option 1: LTE cell grouping is re-used, but '0' refers to MCG and '1' refers to SCG in cell grouping option.***

CA-ParametersNRDC-v16xy ::= SEQUENCE {

supportedCellGrouping-r16 CHOICE {

threeEntries-r16 BIT STRING (SIZE(6)),

fourEntries-r16 BIT STRING (SIZE(14)),

fiveEntries-r16 BIT STRING (SIZE(30))

} OPTIONAL

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***Option 2: supportedCellGrouping is a list of SupportedCGMode.***

CA-ParametersNRDC-v16xy ::= SEQUENCE {

supportedCellGrouping-r16 CHOICE {

threeEntries-r16 SEQUENCE (SIZE(3)) OF SupportedCGMode,

fourEntries-r16 SEQUENCE (SIZE(7)) OF SupportedCGMode,

fiveEntries-r16 SEQUENCE (SIZE(15)) OF SupportedCGMode

} OPTIONAL

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SupportedCGMode-v16xy ::= ENUMERATED {none, mode1, mode2, both}

*SupportedCGMode* has one of 4 values:

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| Value | Meaning |
| *none* | Not support any |
| *mode1* | 0=MCG, 1=SCG |
| *mode2* | 0=SCG, 1=MCG |
| *both* | (0=MCG, 1=SCG) and (0=SCG, 1=MCG) |

***Question 5: Do companies prefer option 1 or 2, or something else?***

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| Company | Option 1, 2 or other? | Comments |
| Nokia | option 1 style | We can reuse LTE cell group signaling. It was long developed and results of extensive analysis. |
| Qualcomm | option 1 style | Agree with Nokia that option 1 is preferred because its impact to existing LTE cell group signalling is smaller. However, we think we still need to wait RAN1/RAN4 input before making decision |
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# Conclusion

# References

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