**3GPP TSG-RAN WG4 Meeting # 112 R4-2412805**

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**Agenda item:** 5.1

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**Title:** Topic summary for [112][103] R18\_UERF\_maintenance\_Part2

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# Introduction

This agenda item (AI 5.20.1, 5.21.1, 5.22.1, 5.34.1 and 5.35) will handle all contributions for the maintenance of Multi-carrier enhancements for NR, Further NR coverage enhancements, NR sidelink evolution, Other Rel-18 non-spectrum related WIs and Rel-18 TEI RF part with the following sub-topics.

1. The maintenance of Rel-18 Multi-carrier enhancements for NR
2. The maintenance of Rel-18 Further NR coverage enhancements
3. The maintenance of NR sidelink evolution
4. Other Rel-18 non-spectrum related WIs
5. Rel-18 TEI RF part

It is planned to collect the comments related to CRs, LS and draft CRs in NMW (<https://nwm-trial.etsi.org/#/documents/8915> ) before the NWM work deadline, and the final decision will be made online.

~~Based on Chairman’s guidelines, the following contributions/proposals are moved and treated in this thread.~~

~~In AI 5.3, the following tdocs will be treated in the main session:~~

~~R4-2407164, R4-2407298, R4-2408426, R4-2408440, R4-2408479, R4-2408695, R4-2408708, R4-2408710, R4-2408997, R4-2408998, R4-2408999, R4-2409657~~

~~Move R4-2408036, R4-2408304 from AI 4.1 to AI 5.3 and treat them in [104]~~

# Topic #1: The maintenance of Rel-18 Multi-carrier enhancements for NR

*Main technical topic overview. The structure can be done based on sub-agenda basis.*

## Companies’ contributions summary

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| **T-doc number** | **Company** | **Proposals / Observations** |
| [**R4-2412101**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412101.zip) | vivo | **Some remaining issues of Multi-carrier enhancements**  **Observation 1:** Currently new RRC signalling *switchingPeriodConfigForBandPair* did not consider new capability 38-6 and applied to more cases than fallback.  **Observation 2:** More problems for consistency and overwriting may happen in current scheme.  **Proposal 1:** Discuss this issue, and see if some actions in RAN4 and/or feedback is needed for RAN2 via LS.  **Observation 3:** Currently the requirements for some 4 band cases are not explicitly defined.  **Proposal 2:** Discuss whether and how to cope with 4 band requirements. |
| [**R4-2412538**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412538.zip) | Huawei, HiSilicon | Corrections on the feature list of Rel-18 Tx switching  *Proposal 1: We propose the following change to FG38-3 and FG38-4.*  C:\Users\z00471447\AppData\Roaming\eSpace_Desktop\UserData\z00471447\imagefiles\originalImgfiles\D094263D-C316-4A49-B1FC-78FA006A0EE8.png |
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## Open issues summary

*Before f2f meeting, moderators shall summarize list of open issues, candidate options and possible WF (if applicable) based on companies’ contributions.*

### Sub-topic 1-1 Remaining issues of Multi-carrier enhancements

*Sub-topic description:*

*Open issues and candidate options before f2f meeting:*

**Issue 1-1-1:**

* **Proposal: Discuss this issue, and see if some actions in RAN4 and/or feedback is needed for RAN2 via LS.**
  + **Observation 1: Currently new RRC signalling *switchingPeriodConfigForBandPair* did not consider new capability 38-6 and applied to more cases than fallback.**
  + **Observation 2: More problems for consistency and overwriting may happen in current scheme.**

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| ***UplinkTxSwitchingBandPairConfig* field descriptions** |
| ***bandInfoUL1, bandInfoUL2***  Indicates the band index for a band pair. The value n indicates the band included at the n-th entry of *uplinkTxSwitchingBandList*. |
| ***switching2T-Mode***  Indicates 2Tx-2Tx switching mode is configured to the band pair.  If this field is absent when uplink Tx switching is configured, it is interpreted that 1Tx-2Tx/1Tx-1Tx UL Tx switching is configured as specified in TS 38.214 [19]. |
| ***switchingOptionConfigForBandPair***  Indicates the switching option for the band pair as specified in TS 38.214 [19], clause 6.1.6. |
| ***switchingPeriodConfigForBandPair***  Indicates the value of switching period for the band pair as specified in TS 38.214 [19], clause 6.1.6. Value *n35us* represents 35 us, *n140us* represents 140us. If the field is absent, 210 us is applied. |

* Recommended WF
  + RAN4 can discuss whether there is an issue for the RRC signalling design.

**Issue 1-1-2:**

* **Proposal: Discuss whether and how to cope with 4 band requirements.**
  + **Observation 3: Currently the requirements for some 4 band cases are not explicitly defined.**

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**LS R4-2220548:**

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* Recommended WF
  + As the spec wordings were captured into the following agreed CR R4-2319110, RAN4 can clarify which is the latest agreement, CR R4-2319110 or LS R4-2220548. Then RAN4 can decide whether to open the discussion as proposed.

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| [**R4-2319110**](file:///D:\RAN4%23109\Docs\R4-2319110.zip) **CR for 38.101-1: Time mask for switching across three or four uplink bands**  *Type: CR For: Agreement  38.101-1 v18.3.0 CR-1876 rev Cat: B (Rel-18)   Source: China Telecom, Huawei, Hisilicon, CMCC, Xiaomi, China Unicom, vivo, CATT, ZTE*  **Abstract:**  Re-submission of the CR [R4-2317608](file:///D:\RAN4%23109\Docs\R4-2317608.zip) endorsed in RAN4#108bis  **Decision: Agreed.** |

### Sub-topic 1-2 the corrections for the feature list of Rel-18 Tx switching

*Sub-topic description:*

*Open issues and candidate options before f2f meeting:*

**Issue 1-2-1:**

* **Proposal:** 
  + **We propose the following change to FG38-3 and FG38-4.**

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| **Features** | **Index** | **Feature group** | **Components** | **Prerequisite feature groups** | **Need for the gNB to know if the feature is supported** | **Applicable to the capability signalling exchange between UEs (V2X WI only)”.** | **Consequence if the feature is not supported by the UE** | **Type**  **(the ‘type’ definition from UE features should be based on the granularity of 1) Per UE or 2) Per Band or 3) Per BC or 4) Per FS or 5) Per FSPC)** | **Need of FDD/TDD differentiation** | **Need of FR1/FR2 differentiation** | **Capability interpretation for mixture of FDD/TDD and/or FR1/FR2** | **Note** | **Mandatory/Optional** |
| 38.  NR\_MC\_enh | 38-3 | Switching Period for unaffected Band for Dual UL | SwitchingPeriodUnaffectedBandDualUL indicate for a given band pair {band X and band Y}, whether/how the switching period is to be applied on band X, Y, Z, when a UL Tx switching is triggered from band pa ir {band X and band Z} to band pair {band Y and band Z}, as defined in 38.101-1. If absent for band Z, the UE is not required to transmit on any UL bands during the switching period reported for the band pair of band X and band Y, as defined in 38.101-1  -      maintainedUL-Trans-r18 indicates that the UE is capable of uplink transmission on band Z and is not required to transmit on band X and Y during the switching period reported for the band pair of band X and band Y, as specified in 38.101-1.  -      periodOnULBands-r18 indicates the switching period to be applied on any UL bands as specified in 38.101-1. n35us represents 35 us, n140us represents 140us, and n210us represents 210us.  -      Band Z corresponds to the zth entry in the uplinkTxSwitchingPeriodUnaffectedBandDualUL-List-r18, which includes the UL band of this band combination excluding band X and band Y listed in the same order of the band combination. | 38-1 | Yes | N/A | UL Tx switching with unaffected band(s) involved cannot be supported in the band combination | Per BC | No | FR1 only | Support mixture of FDD/TDD | Component 3 candidate value: {35us, 140 us, 210us} | Optional with capability signaling |
| 38.  NR\_MC\_enh | 38-4 | Additional switching Period for switching case across three or four bands for Dual UL | 0. Indicate additionally the supported Tx switching period for switching case across three or four band, when Rel-18 UL Tx switching is configured by uplinkTxSwitchingMoreBands-r18.  1. If the capability is not reported, the switching period reported in switchingPeriodFor2T-r18 or switchingPeriodFor1T-r18 applies, as specified in TS 38.214 and TS 38.101-1. | 38-1 | Yes | N/A | The larger one of the switching period of the two band pairs applies. | Per BC | No | FR1 only | Support mixture of FDD/TDD | Component 1 candidate value: {35us, 140 us, 210us} | Optional with capability signaling |

* Recommended WF
  + RAN4 can discuss whether the corrections for FG38-3 and FG38-4 are agreeable.

# Topic #2: The maintenance of Rel-18 Further NR coverage enhancements

*Main technical topic overview. The structure can be done based on sub-agenda basis.*

## Companies’ contributions summary

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| **T-doc number** | **Company** | **Proposals / Observations** |
| [**R4-2411156**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2411156.zip) | Apple | (NR\_cov\_enh2-Core) On remaining issues with Rel-18 coverage enhancement |
| [**R4-2411266**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2411266.zip) | Apple | (NR\_cov\_enh2-Core) CR to 38.101-1: Clarification on receiver requirements for coverage enhancement |
| [**R4-2411267**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2411267.zip) | Apple | (NR\_cov\_enh2-Core) CR to 38.101-3: Clarification on receiver requirements for coverage enhancement |
| [**R4-2411889**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2411889.zip) | ZTE Corporation, Sanechips | CR on 38.101-1 Update the IE names for coverage enhancement |
| [**R4-2412990**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412990.zip) | Ericsson, Qualcomm, Intel | (NR\_cov\_enh2-Core) CR to 38.101-3 for powerr boosting feature supporting CA |
| [**R4-2412991**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412991.zip) | Ericsson, Qualcomm, Intel, Huawei | (NR\_cov\_enh2-Core) CR to 38.101-1 for power boosting feature supporting CA |
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## Open issues summary

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### Sub-topic 2-1 Remaining issues with Rel-18 coverage enhancement

*Sub-topic description:*

*Open issues and candidate options before f2f meeting:*

**Issue 2-1-1:**

During RAN4#111 it was agreed that no new MSD test cases shall be introduced for Rel-18 power boosting.

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* **Proposal: Capture the RAN4 agreement on receiver requirements and testing by agreeing the CRs for TS 38.101-1 and 38.101-3.**

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| 7.1 General Unless otherwise stated the receiver characteristics are specified at the antenna connector(s) of the UE. For UE(s) with an integral antenna only, a reference antenna(s) with a gain of 0 dBi is assumed for each antenna port(s). UE with an integral antenna(s) may be taken into account by converting these power levels into field strength requirements, assuming a 0 dBi gain antenna. For UEs with more than one receiver antenna connector, identical interfering signals shall be applied to each receiver antenna port if more than one of these is used (diversity).  […]  Unless otherwise stated, the receiver requirements of single carrier or CA operation are applicable to UE with one Tx antenna connector or multiple Tx antenna connectors with UL MIMO or Tx diversity operation in the UL band(s).  Unless otherwise stated, the receiver requirements of single carrier or CA operation are not applicable if ΔPPowerBoost assumes a positive value. |

* Recommended WF
  + RAN4 can discuss whether the wordings can be revised or not.
  + If it’s agreeable, the corresponding CRs R4-2411266 and R4-2411267 can be agreeable.

**Issue 2-1-2:**

During RAN4#111 the following two issues were identified.

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* **Proposal: It is proposed to set the feature as ‘per-FS’ and explicitly state in the comment part of the feature list that RAN4 intends a UE to be able to support different capabilities for parent and fallback combinations.**
  + **Observation 1:** RAN2 does not currently have a dedicated signalling to inform the network of different capabilities with parent and fallback combinations. However, the handling different capabilities can be achieved by reporting fallback band combinations along with parent combinations.

### Sub-topic 2-2 CRs and TPs

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| **CR number** | **Comments collection** | **Recommendation** |
| [**R4-2411266**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2411266.zip) | (NR\_cov\_enh2-Core) CR to 38.101-1: Clarification on receiver requirements for coverage enhancement (Apple) |  |
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| [**R4-2411267**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2411267.zip) | (NR\_cov\_enh2-Core) CR to 38.101-3: Clarification on receiver requirements for coverage enhancement (Apple) |  |
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| [**R4-2411889**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2411889.zip) | CR on 38.101-1 Update the IE names for coverage enhancement (ZTE) |  |
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| [**R4-2412990**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412990.zip) | (NR\_cov\_enh2-Core) CR to 38.101-3 for powerr boosting feature supporting CA (Ericsson, Qualcomm, Intel) |  |
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| [**R4-2412991**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412990.zip) | (NR\_cov\_enh2-Core) CR to 38.101-1 for power boosting feature supporting CA (Ericsson, Qualcomm, Intel, Huawei) |  |
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# Topic #3: The maintenance of NR sidelink evolution

*Main technical topic overview. The structure can be done based on sub-agenda basis.*

## Companies’ contributions summary

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| **T-doc number** | **Company** | **Proposals / Observations** |
| [**R4-2411079**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2411079.zip) | CATT, CICTCI | CR for 38.101-1: Correction on the SL-U RB set and intra-cell guard band determination |
| [**R4-2412045**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412045.zip) | LG Electronics | CR on missing NS values for SL-U(R18) |
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## Open issues summary

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### Sub-topic 3-1 CRs and TPs

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| **CR number** | **Comments collection** | **Recommendation** |
| [**R4-2411079**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2411079.zip) | CR for 38.101-1: Correction on the SL-U RB set and intra-cell guard band determination (CATT, CICTCI) |  |
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| [**R4-2412045**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412045.zip) | CR on missing NS values for SL-U(R18) (LG Electronics) |  |
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# Topic #4: Other Rel-18 non-spectrum related WIs

*Main technical topic overview. The structure can be done based on sub-agenda basis.*

## Companies’ contributions summary

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| **T-doc number** | **Company** | **Proposals / Observations** |
| [**R4-2411660**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2411660.zip) | Nokia | [NR\_pos\_enh2-Core] CR to 38.101-1 on positioning IE correction |
| [**R4-2412481**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412481.zip) | Anritsu Limited | (5G\_V2X\_NRSL-Core) CR to add third level clause suffixes for V2X - TS38.101-1 |
| [**R4-2413240**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2413240.zip) | Huawei, HiSilicon, | UIC (LTE\_NR\_HPUE\_FWVM\_R18-Core) Clarification on FRMCS PC1 applicability for bands n100 and n101 |
| [**R4-2413245**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2413245.zip) | Huawei, HiSilicon | Draft LS to ETSI TC RT on missing receiver characteristics of the n100/n101 HPUE cab-radio based on ECC(20)02 |
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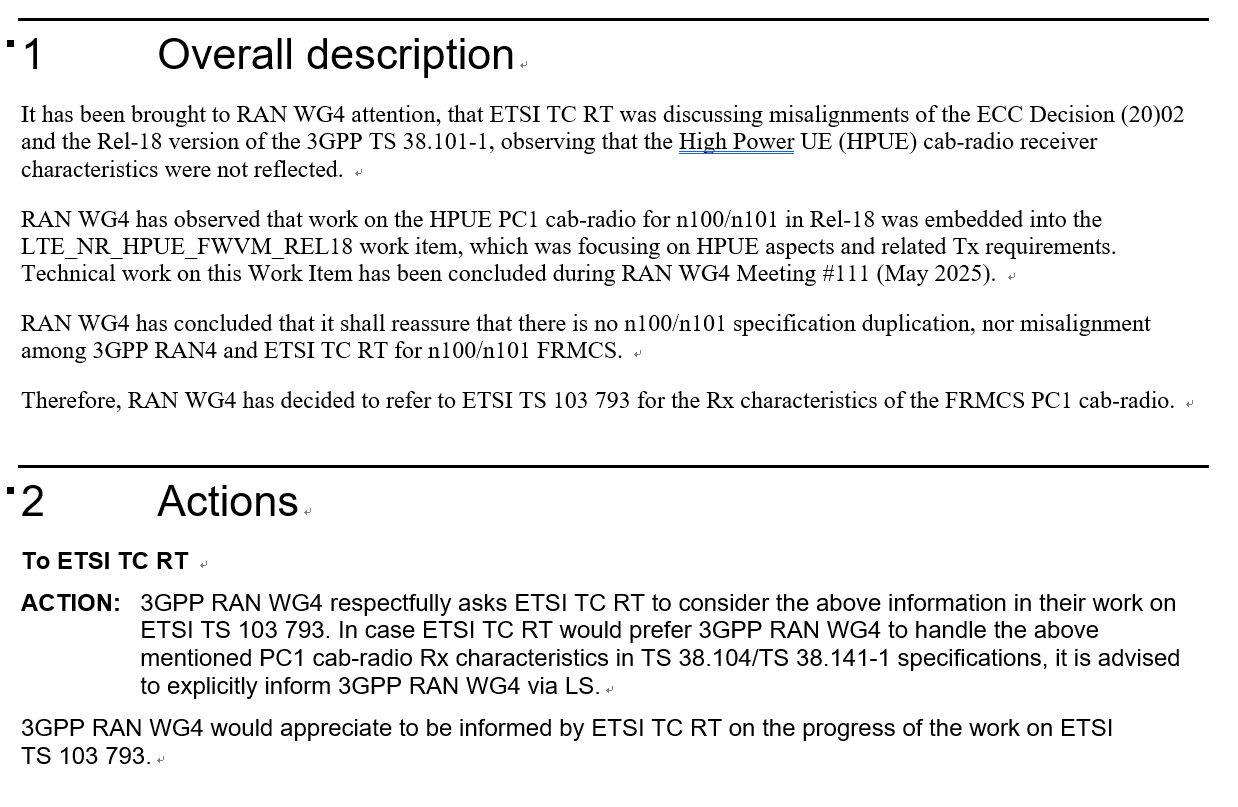
### Sub-topic 4-1 Draft LS to ETSI TC RT on missing receiver characteristics of the n100/n101 HPUE cab-radio based on ECC(20)02

*Sub-topic description:*

*Open issues and candidate options before f2f meeting:*

**Issue 4-1-1:**

* **Proposal: RAN4 can discuss whether the following LS can be approved or not.**



* Recommended WF
  + RAN4 can discuss whether the following LS can be approved or not.

### Sub-topic 4-2 CRs and TPs

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| **CR number** | **Comments collection** | **Recommendation** |
| [**R4-2411660**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2411660.zip) | Nokia [NR\_pos\_enh2-Core] CR to 38.101-1 on positioning IE correction |  |
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| [**R4-2412481**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412481.zip) | (5G\_V2X\_NRSL-Core) CR to add third level clause suffixes for V2X - TS38.101-1 (Anritsu Limited) |  |
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| [**R4-2413240**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2413240.zip) | UIC (LTE\_NR\_HPUE\_FWVM\_R18-Core) Clarification on FRMCS PC1 applicability for bands n100 and n101 (Huawei, HiSilicon,) |  |
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| [**R4-2413245**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2413245.zip) | Draft LS to ETSI TC RT on missing receiver characteristics of the n100/n101 HPUE cab-radio based on ECC(20)02 (Huawei, HiSilicon) |  |
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# Topic #5: Rel-18 TEI

*Main technical topic overview. The structure can be done based on sub-agenda basis.*

## Companies’ contributions summary

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| **T-doc number** | **Company** | **Proposals / Observations** |
| [**R4-2412090**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412090.zip) | vivo | CR on 38.101-1 for cleanup of Delta\_powerclass related requirements for HPUE |
| [**R4-2412091**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412091.zip) | vivo | CR on 38.101-3 for cleanup of Delta\_powerclass related requirements for HPUE |
| [**R4-2412440**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412440.zip) | Inmarsat, Viasat, Omnispace, Terrestar Solutions, Thuraya, Ligado Networks, EchoStar, Thales, Skyworks | (NR\_NTN\_solutions-Core) CR to 38.101-5 Flexible TX-RX Separation for NR NTN Bands from Rel-18 |
| [**R4-2412443**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412443.zip) | Inmarsat, Viasat, Omnispace, Terrestar Solutions, Thuraya, Ligado Networks, EchoStar, Thales, Skyworks | (NR\_NTN\_solutions-Core) CR to 38.101-5 Flexible TX-RX Separation for NR NTN Bands from Rel-17 |
| [**R4-2412445**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412445.zip) | Inmarsat, Viasat | (LTE\_NBIoT\_eMTC\_NTN\_req-Core) CR to 36.102 In-band NB-IoT NTN deployment with NR |
| [**R4-2412450**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412450.zip) | Inmarsat, Viasat, Omnispace, Terrestar Solutions, Thuraya, Ligado Networks, EchoStar, Thales, Skyworks | (LTE\_NBIoT\_eMTC\_NTN\_req-Core) CR to 36.108 In-band NB-IoT NTN deployment with NR |
| [**R4-2412461**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412461.zip) | Inmarsat, Viasat | Essential correction to NB-IoT NTN Carrier Frequency to avoid breaking of forward and backward compatibility |
| [**R4-2412536**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412536.zip) | Huawei, HiSilicon | Discussion on the channel spacing for intra-band EN-DC |
| [**R4-2412606**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412606.zip) | Huawei, HiSilicon | (TEI18) R18 Cat-F CR 38.101-3 channel spacing for intra-band EN-DC |
| [**R4-2413227**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2413227.zip) | Qualcomm Incorporated | Discussion on feasibility of FR2 UEs with low EIRP |
| [**R4-2413355**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2413355.zip) | Ericsson | (TEI18) CR to 38.101-1 Rel-18: Corrections of NR operating bands clause in FR1 |

## Open issues summary

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### Sub-topic 5-1 channel spacing for intra-band EN-DC

*Sub-topic description:*

*Open issues and candidate options before f2f meeting:*

**Issue 5-1-1: New requirements for intra-band non-contiguous EN-DC with nominal channel spacing should be introduced in RAN4.**

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| Rationale:  In R4-2407961, the applicable requirement issue was pointed out that ‘If the RAN4 were to enable the nominal channel spacing for non-contiguous EN-DC, the applicable requirements would need to be defined.’  To avoid non-backward compatible issue, the requirements should be unchanged for intra-band contiguous EN-DC with nominal channel spacing and intra-band non-contiguous EN-DC with larger than nominal channel spacing. New requirements for intra-band non-contiguous EN-DC with nominal channel spacing should be introduced in RAN4. |

* **Proposal: Applicable requirements for intra-band non-contiguous EN-DC with nominal channel spacing should be introduced in RAN4.**

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| For intra-band non-contiguous EN-DC with nominal channel spacing, the channel spacing between E-UTRA and NR carriers shall be equal to or larger than the nominal channel spacing defined in this clause when UE indicating [*intraBandENDC-NominalSpacing*].. |

* Recommended WF
  + RAN4 can discuss whether the wordings can be revised or not. The companied CR is R4-2412606.

### Sub-topic 5-2 feasibility of FR2 UEs with low EIRP

*Sub-topic description:*

*Open issues and candidate options before f2f meeting:*

**Issue 5-2-1:**

* **Proposal: RAN4 to clearly define use case, throughput targets and deployment conditions to support a new UE power class, so companies may study further.**
  + **Observation 1: High UL throughput is not compatible with low EIRP**
  + **Observation 2: A goal to maintain low complexity is not compatible with enhanced baseband capabilities like wide channel BW support, CA support and UL MIMO support.**
  + **Observation 3: Video surveillance in an urban micro setting requires considerably higher EIRP than what is guaranteed by PC7 (FR2 Redcap).**
  + **Observation 4: Most reasonable expectations of indoor only UEs can be met by PC7 (FR2 RedCap).**
* Recommended WF
  + RAN4 can discuss the proposal.

### Sub-topic 5-3 Essential correction to NB-IoT NTN Carrier Frequency

*Sub-topic description: The companied CRs are R4-2412445 and R4-2412450.*

*Open issues and candidate options before f2f meeting:*

**Issue 5-3-1: Channel raster, carrier frequency and EARFCN issue for NB-IoT NTN.**

* **Proposal 1: Revert the FDL formula for Carrier Frequency for Cat NB1 and NB2 to the original formula aligned with TS 36.101 (terrestrial spec) as follows:**
  + **FDL = FDL\_low + 0.1(NDL – NOffs-DL) + 0.0025\*(2MDL +1)**
* **Observation 1: The current formula for Carrier Frequency (FDL) and MDL value set for Cat NB1 and NB2 specified in TS 36.102 and TS 36.108 as part of Rel-18 WI break forward compatibility with in-band deployment and backwards compatibility with Terrestrial spec.**
* **Observation 2: The current Carrier Frequency and MDL value set specified in TS 36.102 and TS 36.108 prevent the introduction of in-band deployment support of NB-IoT NTN with NR NTN in the same SAN.**
* **Observation 3: Restoring forward support for in-band deployment with NR would likely require the introduction of a new set of MDL, thus rendering the solution adopted in R4-2220812 completely moot.**
* **Observation 4: This issue with forwards and backwards compatibility can have massive impact on upcoming deployments of NB-IoT NTN, and furthermore may break backwards compatibility with existing R17 based deployments and UE populations in the field, therefore it needs to be urgently fixed before R18 UE are being implemented, this may well be our last opportunity to fix it.**
* **Observation 5: Rel-17 NB-IoT implementations currently in the market are likely to be still based on previous pre-R17 releases (i.e. aligned with terrestrial R13-14 UE as per TS 36.101), due to the lack of an NB-IoT NTN UE RF spec in Release 17. Therefore the impact of this late change should be limited.**
* Recommended WF
  + RAN4 can discuss the proposal.

**Issue 5-3-2: MDL non-anchor values**

* **Proposal 2: Adopt one of the solutions proposed in R4-2213243 and R4-2216637 and either change the MDL values for Standalone by introducing the additional MDL values or add a NOTE that introduces a 0.5 shift in MDL values for Standalone Non-Anchor carriers:**
  + **Option 1: Introduce a new set of MDL as {-9.5, -8.5,-7.5, -6.5, -5.5, -4.5, -3.5, -2.5 -1.5, 0.5, 1.5, 2.5, 3.5, 4.5, 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5}**
  + **Option 2: NOTE 5: For the carrier not including NPSS/NSSS for stand-alone operation, MDL = MDL + 0.5.**
* Recommended WF
  + RAN4 can discuss the proposal.

**Issue 5-3-3: Is it allowed to deploy the in-band and guard band operation for NB-IoT NTN?**

* **Proposal 3: Remove the restriction for in-band deployment by striking out NOTE1 as follows:**
  + **NOTE 1:  ~~Guard-band operation and in-band operation for NB-IoT are not supported in this version of the specification.~~**
* Recommended WF
  + RAN4 can discuss the proposal.

**Issue 5-3-4: If it is allowed to do in-band operation for NB-IoT NTN, the following proposals can be considered.**

* **Proposal 4: Modify existing NOTE2 to NOTE4 as follows and change the value of MDL for carrier including NPSS/NSSS for stand-alone operation as follows, aligned with TS 36.101:**
  + **NOTE ~~2~~4:  For the carrier including NPSS/NSSS for stand-alone operation, MDL = -0.5.**
* **Proposal 5: Introduce a new NOTE2 aligned with TS 36.101, and modified as follows:**
  + **NOTE 2:  For FDD MDL = -0.5 is not applicable for in-band operation.**
* **Proposal 6: Introduce a new NOTE3, aligned with TS 36.101, and modified as follows:**
  + **NOTE 3: For the carrier including NPSS/NSSS for in-band operation, MDL is selected from {-2,-1,0,1}.**
* Recommended WF
  + RAN4 can discuss these proposals, if it is allowed to do in-band operation for NB-IoT NTN.

**Issue 5-3-5:**

* **Proposal 7: As a compromise, and if necessary, we can consider to keep the same MDL value restrictions for Anchor Carrier aligned for both Standalone and in-band.**
  + **Observation 7: The additional MDL values {-2,-1,0,1,2} would allow alignment with NR NTN Enhanced Channel Raster and would provide more consistency with Terrestrial spec in TS 36.101**
* Recommended WF
  + From moderator’s perspective, as there is no explanation on this proposal in the paper, more clarification is needed for the real intention of this proposal.

### Sub-topic 5-4 CRs and TPs

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| **CR number** | **Comments collection** | **Recommendation** |
| [**R4-2412090**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412090.zip) | CR on 38.101-1 for cleanup of Delta\_powerclass related requirements for HPUE (vivo) |  |
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| [**R4-2412091**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412091.zip) | CR on 38.101-3 for cleanup of Delta\_powerclass related requirements for HPUE (vivo) |  |
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| [**R4-2412440**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412440.zip) | (NR\_NTN\_solutions-Core) CR to 38.101-5 Flexible TX-RX Separation for NR NTN Bands from Rel-18 (Inmarsat, Viasat, Omnispace, Terrestar Solutions, Thuraya, Ligado Networks, EchoStar, Thales, Skyworks) |  |
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| [**R4-2412443**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412443.zip) | (NR\_NTN\_solutions-Core) CR to 38.101-5 Flexible TX-RX Separation for NR NTN Bands from Rel-17 (Inmarsat, Viasat, Omnispace, Terrestar Solutions, Thuraya, Ligado Networks, EchoStar, Thales, Skyworks) |  |
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| [**R4-2412445**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412445.zip) | (LTE\_NBIoT\_eMTC\_NTN\_req-Core) CR to 36.102 In-band NB-IoT NTN deployment with NR (Inmarsat, Viasat) |  |
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| [**R4-2412450**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412450.zip) | (LTE\_NBIoT\_eMTC\_NTN\_req-Core) CR to 36.108 In-band NB-IoT NTN deployment with NR (Inmarsat, Viasat, Omnispace, Terrestar Solutions, Thuraya, Ligado Networks, EchoStar, Thales, Skyworks) |  |
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| [**R4-2412606**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2412606.zip) | (TEI18) R18 Cat-F CR 38.101-3 channel spacing for intra-band EN-DC (Huawei, HiSilicon) |  |
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| [**R4-2413355**](https://www.3gpp.org/ftp/TSG_RAN/WG4_Radio/TSGR4_112/Docs/R4-2413355.zip) | (TEI18) CR to 38.101-1 Rel-18: Corrections of NR operating bands clause in FR1 (Ericsson) |  |
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