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### GROUP BASED CELL CONFIGURATION FOR INTER-CELL MOBILITY

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#### Abstract

Methods, systems, and devices for wireless communications are described. A user equipment (UE) may receive from a network entity first control signaling identifying, of multiple cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of one or more cell groups for use at the UE. In some examples, each cell group of the multiple cell groups may include a primary cell (PCell) and zero or more secondary cells (SCells). The UE may transmit a measurement report for each cell group of the set of one or more cell groups for inter-cell mobility. The UE may receive, at least in part in response to transmitting the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a primary cell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of one or more cell groups.

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## Background/Summary

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS [0001] The present application for patent is a Continuation application of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 17/846,891 by ZHOU et al., filed Jun. 22, 2022, and entitled “GROUP BASED CELL CONFIGURATION FOR INTER-CELL MOBILITY,” the entire content of which is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth below in its entirety and for all applicable purposes.

### FIELD OF TECHNOLOGY

[0002] The following relates to wireless communications, including group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility.

### BACKGROUND

[0003] Wireless communications systems are widely deployed to provide various types of communication content such as voice, video, packet data, messaging, broadcast, and so on. These systems may be capable of supporting communication with multiple users by sharing the available system resources (e.g., time, frequency, and power). Examples of such multiple-access systems include fourth generation (4G) systems such as Long Term Evolution (LTE) systems, LTE-Advanced (LTE-A) systems, or LTE-A Pro systems, and fifth generation (5G) systems which may be referred to as New Radio (NR) systems. These systems may employ technologies such as code division multiple access (CDMA), time division multiple access (TDMA), frequency division multiple access (FDMA), orthogonal FDMA (OFDMA), or discrete Fourier transform spread orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (DFT-S-OFDM). A wireless multiple-access communications system may include one or more base stations, each supporting wireless communication for communication devices, which may be known as user equipment (UE).

### SUMMARY

[0004] The described techniques relate to improved methods, systems, devices, and apparatuses that support group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility. For example, the described techniques provide for a network to reduce latency associated with updating groups of cells associated with a network entity for use at a user equipment (UE). For example, the UE may receive from the network entity a control signal configuring multiple groups of cells enabled with inter-cell layer 1 (L1) and layer 2 (L2) mobility. Based on configuring the groups of cells, the network entity may use L1 or L2 messaging to indicate cell group updates. For example, the network may transmit signaling (e.g., via L1 or L2) activating one or more groups of cells or deactivating one or more groups of cells. In some examples, the network entity may also update a primary cell (PCell) used for a group of cells. For example, a secondary cell (SCell) in a group of cells may be updated for use as a PCell and an active PCell of the group of cells may be updated for use as an SCells.

[0005] In some examples, the network entity may transmit control signaling via L1 or L2 that removes one or more groups of configured cells from the multiple groups of cells configured with L1 and L2 mobility. For example, as part of a control signal, the network entity may configure a mobility release list associated with the multiple groups of cells. In some examples, each group of cells may have an associated set of communication parameters. In some examples, the network entity may configure a first group cells with a first set of parameters and configure a second group of cells with a second set of parameters via a delta configuration with reference to the first set of parameters. For example, the delta configuration may indicate an offset of the second set of

parameters relative to the first set of parameters.

[0006] A method for wireless communications at a UE is described. The method may include receiving first control signaling identifying, of a set of multiple cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of cell groups for use at the UE, where each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups includes a PCell and zero or more SCells, transmitting a measurement report for each cell group of the set of cell groups for inter-cell mobility, and receiving, at least in part in response to transmitting the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a PCell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of cell groups.

[0007] An apparatus for wireless communications at a UE is described. The apparatus may include a processor, memory coupled with the processor, and instructions stored in the memory. The instructions may be executable by the processor to cause the apparatus to receive first control signaling identifying, of a set of multiple cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of cell groups for use at the UE, where each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups includes a PCell and zero or more SCells, transmit a measurement report for each cell group of the set of cell groups for inter-cell mobility, and receive, at least in part in response to transmitting the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a PCell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of cell groups.

[0008] Another apparatus for wireless communications at a UE is described. The apparatus may include means for receiving first control signaling identifying, of a set of multiple cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of cell groups for use at the UE, where each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups includes a PCell and zero or more SCells, means for transmitting a measurement report for each cell group of the set of cell groups for inter-cell mobility, and means for receiving, at least in part in response to transmitting the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a PCell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of cell groups.

[0009] A non-transitory computer-readable medium storing code for wireless communications at a UE is described. The code may include instructions executable by a processor to receive first control signaling identifying, of a set of multiple cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of cell groups for use at the UE, where each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups includes a PCell and zero or more SCells, transmit a measurement report for each cell group of the set of cell groups for inter-cell mobility, and receive, at least in part in response to transmitting the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a PCell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of cell groups.

[0010] In some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein, receiving the first control signaling identifying the inter-cell mobility configuration may include operations, features, means, or instructions for receiving, for each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups, a respective set of communication parameters for the cell group.

[0011] In some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein, receiving the respective sets of communication parameters may include operations, features, means, or instructions for receiving a first set of communication parameters for a first cell group of the set of multiple cell groups and receiving a second set of communication parameters for a second cell group of the set of multiple cell groups, the second set of communication parameters including one or more offsets relative to the first set of communication parameters.

[0012] In some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein, the respective sets of communication parameters include a bandwidth part indication, a cell index associated with a respective cell group, one or more synchronization

signal block (SSB) measurements, timing information, or a combination thereof.

[0013] In some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein, receiving the first control signaling identifying the inter-cell mobility configuration may include operations, features, means, or instructions for receiving a first indication configuring one or more SCells of the set of multiple cell groups with a PCell capability.

[0014] In some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein, receiving the second control signaling may include operations, features, means, or instructions for receiving a second indication for at least one activated cell group, the second indication updating the PCell to be a SCell and a SCell of the zero or more SCells to be a PCell, the second indication in accordance with the PCell capability.

[0015] In some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein, the first control signaling includes, for each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups, an indication of whether the cell group may be enabled or disabled for inter-cell mobility and the second control signaling changes the indication associated with one or more cell groups of the set of multiple cell groups to activate or deactivate the one or more cell groups.

[0016] Some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein may further include operations, features, means, or instructions for receiving a set of indicators corresponding to the set of multiple cell groups, each indicator of the set of indicators identifying whether to release a respective cell group of the set of multiple cell groups, including the one or more cell groups.

[0017] Some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein may further include operations, features, means, or instructions for receiving a set of indicators corresponding to the set of cell groups for use at the UE for inter-cell mobility, each indicator of the set of indicators identifying whether to release a respective cell group of at least one cell group for use at the UE for inter-cell mobility.

[0018] Some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein may further include operations, features, means, or instructions for receiving third control signaling identifying a list of indices corresponding to the set of cell groups for use at the UE for inter-cell mobility, each index of the list of indices corresponding to a respective cell group of the set of cell groups, where the set of indicators may be compared to the list of indices to activate or deactivate the one or more cell groups for inter-cell mobility.

[0019] In some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein, the first control signaling includes radio resource control (RRC) signaling, and the second control signaling includes a downlink control information (DCI) message or a media access control control element (MAC-CE).

[0020] Some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein may further include operations, features, means, or instructions for receiving a measurement report configuration indicating one or more measurements to include in the measurement report for the set of cell groups, where the measurement report may be transmitted in accordance with the measurement report configuration.

[0021] A method for wireless communications at a network entity is described. The method may include transmitting, to a UE, first control signaling identifying, of a set of multiple cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of cell groups, where each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups includes a PCell and zero or more SCells, receiving, from the UE, a measurement report for each cell group of the set of cell groups for inter-cell mobility, and transmitting, at least in part in response to receiving the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a PCell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of cell groups.

[0022] An apparatus for wireless communications at a network entity is described. The apparatus may include a processor, memory coupled with the processor, and instructions stored in the

memory. The instructions may be executable by the processor to cause the apparatus to transmit, to a UE, first control signaling identifying, of a set of multiple cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of cell groups, where each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups includes a PCell and zero or more SCells, receive, from the UE, a measurement report for each cell group of the set of cell groups for inter-cell mobility, and transmit, at least in part in response to receiving the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a PCell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of cell groups.

[0023] Another apparatus for wireless communications at a network entity is described. The apparatus may include means for transmitting, to a UE, first control signaling identifying, of a set of multiple cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of cell groups, where each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups includes a PCell and zero or more SCells, means for receiving, from the UE, a measurement report for each cell group of the set of cell groups for inter-cell mobility, and means for transmitting, at least in part in response to receiving the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a PCell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of cell groups.

[0024] A non-transitory computer-readable medium storing code for wireless communications at a network entity is described. The code may include instructions executable by a processor to transmit, to a UE, first control signaling identifying, of a set of multiple cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of cell groups, where each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups includes a PCell and zero or more SCells, receive, from the UE, a measurement report for each cell group of the set of cell groups for inter-cell mobility, and transmit, at least in part in response to receiving the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a PCell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of cell groups.

[0025] In some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein, transmitting the first control signaling identifying the inter-cell mobility configuration may include operations, features, means, or instructions for transmitting, for each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups, a respective set of communication parameters for the cell group.

[0026] In some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein, transmitting the respective sets of communication parameters may include operations, features, means, or instructions for transmitting a first set of communication parameters for a first cell group of the set of multiple cell groups and transmitting a second set of communication parameters for a second cell group of the set of multiple cell groups, the second set of communication parameters including one or more offsets relative to the first set of communication parameters.

[0027] In some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein, the respective sets of communication parameters include a bandwidth part indication, a cell index associated with a respective cell group, one or more SSB measurements, timing information, or a combination thereof.

[0028] In some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein, transmitting the first control signaling identifying the inter-cell mobility configuration may include operations, features, means, or instructions for transmitting a first indication configuring one or more SCells of the set of multiple cell groups with a PCell capability.

[0029] In some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein, transmitting the second control signaling may include operations, features, means, or instructions for transmitting a second indication for at least one activated cell group, the second indication updating the PCell to be a SCell and a SCell of the zero or more SCells to be a PCell, the second indication in accordance with the PCell capability.

[0030] In some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein, the first control signaling includes, for each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups, an indication of whether the cell group may be enabled or disabled for inter-cell mobility and the second control signaling changes the indication associated with one or more cell groups of the set of multiple cell groups to activate or deactivate the one or more cell groups. [0031] Some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein may further include operations, features, means, or instructions for transmitting a set of indicators corresponding to the set of multiple cell groups, each indicator of the set of indicators identifying whether to release a respective cell group of the set of multiple cell groups, including the one or more cell groups.

[0032] Some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein may further include operations, features, means, or instructions for transmitting a set of indicators corresponding to the set of cell groups for use at the UE for inter-cell mobility, each indicator of the set of indicators identifying whether to release a respective cell group of at least one cell group for use at the UE for inter-cell mobility.

[0033] Some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein may further include operations, features, means, or instructions for transmitting third control signaling identifying a list of indices corresponding to the set of cell groups for use at the UE for inter-cell mobility, each index of the list of indices corresponding to a respective cell group of the set of cell groups, where the set of indicators may be compared to the list of indices to activate or deactivate the one or more cell groups for inter-cell mobility.

[0034] In some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein, the first control signaling includes RRC signaling, and the second control signaling includes a DCI message or a MAC-CE.

[0035] Some examples of the method, apparatuses, and non-transitory computer-readable medium described herein may further include operations, features, means, or instructions for transmitting, to the UE, a measurement report configuration indicating one or more measurements to include in the measurement report for the set of cell groups, where the measurement report may be transmitted in accordance with the measurement report configuration.

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## Description

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0036] FIG. 1 illustrates an example of a wireless communications system that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure.

[0037] FIG. 2 illustrates an example of a wireless communications system that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure.

[0038] FIG. 3 illustrates an example of cell group removal schemes that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure.

[0039] FIG. 4 illustrates an example of a process flow that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure.

[0040] FIGS. 5 and 6 show block diagrams of devices that support group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure.

[0041] FIG. 7 shows a block diagram of a communications manager that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure.

[0042] FIG. 8 shows a diagram of a system including a device that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure.

[0043] FIGS. 9 and 10 show block diagrams of devices that support group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure.

[0044] FIG. 11 shows a block diagram of a communications manager that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure.

[0045] FIG. 12 shows a diagram of a system including a device that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure.

[0046] FIGS. 13 through 16 show flowcharts illustrating methods that support group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0047] In some examples of wireless communications, a user equipment (UE) may communicate with a network entity via one or more cells, associated with the network entity and configured for layer 1 (L1) mobility, layer 2 (L2) mobility, both. In some examples, the UE may be configured to communicate with multiple groups of cells, where each of the groups of cells may contain a primary cell (e.g., primary cell (PCell) or primary secondary cell (PSCell)) and zero or more secondary cells (SCells). As used herein, primary cell and/or PCell may be, refer to, or include one or both of a primary cell (PCell) or a primary secondary cell (PSCell). In some cases, one or more of the configured groups of cells may be activated (e.g., enabled) for inter-cell mobility while one or more other groups of cells may be deactivated (e.g., disabled, or otherwise not enabled) for inter-cell mobility. For example, a first group of cells may be activated for use at the UE while a second group of cells may be deactivated, and as such the UE may communicate with the network via the first group of cells and refrain from communicating via the second group of cells.

[0048] In some examples, each of the groups of cells may be associated with a geographic location. As such, as the UE moves, the network entity may update the configure the UE to activate or deactivate one or more groups of cells for use in communication. In some examples, signaling related to updating groups of cells may be received at or otherwise provided to the UE via radio resource control (RRC) signaling (e.g., via layer 3 (L3)). In some cases, however, L3 communications may not satisfy latency requirements and traffic conditions associated with the network.

[0049] The network may reduce latency associated with updating groups of cells according to the techniques described herein. For example, the UE may receive from the network entity an RRC signal configuring one or multiple groups of cells enabled with L1, mobility, L2 mobility, or both. Based on configuring the groups of cells via RRC, the network entity may use L1 messaging, L2 messaging, or both to indicate cell group updates. For example, the network may transmit signaling (e.g., via L1 or L2 signaling, which as used herein may refer to L1, or L2, or some combination of L1 and L2, signaling) activating one or more groups of cells or deactivating one or more groups of cells. In some examples, the network entity may also update the PCell used for a group of cells. For example, an SCell in a group of cells may be updated for use as a PCell and an active PCell of the group of cells may be updated for use as an SCells.

[0050] In some examples, the network entity may transmit control signaling via L1 or L2 that removes one or more groups of configured cells from the multiple groups of cells configured with L1 and L2 mobility. For example, as part of the RRC signal, the network entity may configure a mobility release list associated with the multiple groups of cells.

[0051] In some examples, each group of cells may have an associated set of communication parameters. In some examples, the network entity may configure a first group cells with a first set

of parameters and configure a second group of cells with a second set of parameters via a delta configuration with reference to the first set of parameters. For example, the delta configuration may indicate an offset of the second set of parameters relative to the first set of parameters.

[0052] Aspects of the disclosure are initially described in the context of wireless communications systems. Aspects of the disclosure are further illustrated by and described with reference to cell group removal schemes and process flows. Aspects of the disclosure are further illustrated by and described with reference to apparatus diagrams, system diagrams, and flowcharts that relate to group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility.

[0053] FIG. 1 illustrates an example of a wireless communications system **100** that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure. The wireless communications system **100** may include one or more network entities **105**, one or more UEs **115**, and a core network **130**. In some examples, the wireless communications system **100** may be a Long Term Evolution (LTE) network, an LTE-Advanced (LTE-A) network, an LTE-A Pro network, a New Radio (NR) network, or a network operating in accordance with other systems and radio technologies, including future systems and radio technologies not explicitly mentioned herein.

[0054] The network entities **105** may be dispersed throughout a geographic area to form the wireless communications system **100** and may include devices in different forms or having different capabilities. In various examples, a network entity **105** may be referred to as a network element, a mobility element, a radio access network (RAN) node, or network equipment, among other nomenclature. In some examples, network entities **105** and UEs **115** may wirelessly communicate via one or more communication links **125** (e.g., a radio frequency (RF) access link). For example, a network entity **105** may support a coverage area **110** (e.g., a geographic coverage area) over which the UEs **115** and the network entity **105** may establish one or more communication links **125**. The coverage area **110** may be an example of a geographic area over which a network entity **105** and a UE **115** may support the communication of signals according to one or more radio access technologies (RATs).

[0055] The UEs **115** may be dispersed throughout a coverage area **110** of the wireless communications system **100**, and each UE **115** may be stationary, or mobile, or both at different times. The UEs **115** may be devices in different forms or having different capabilities. Some example UEs **115** are illustrated in FIG. 1. The UEs **115** described herein may be capable of supporting communications with various types of devices, such as other UEs **115** or network entities **105**, as shown in FIG. 1.

[0056] As described herein, a node of the wireless communications system **100**, which may be referred to as a network node, or a wireless node, may be a network entity **105** (e.g., any network entity described herein), a UE **115** (e.g., any UE described herein), a network controller, an apparatus, a device, a computing system, one or more components, or another suitable processing entity configured to perform any of the techniques described herein. For example, a node may be a UE **115**. As another example, a node may be a network entity **105**. As another example, a first node may be configured to communicate with a second node or a third node. In one aspect of this example, the first node may be a UE **115**, the second node may be a network entity **105**, and the third node may be a UE **115**. In another aspect of this example, the first node may be a UE **115**, the second node may be a network entity **105**, and the third node may be a network entity **105**. In yet other aspects of this example, the first, second, and third nodes may be different relative to these examples. Similarly, reference to a UE **115**, network entity **105**, apparatus, device, computing system, or the like may include disclosure of the UE **115**, network entity **105**, apparatus, device, computing system, or the like being a node. For example, disclosure that a UE **115** is configured to receive information from a network entity **105** also discloses that a first node is configured to receive information from a second node.

[0057] In some examples, network entities **105** may communicate with the core network **130**, or



with one another, or both. For example, network entities **105** may communicate with the core network **130** via one or more backhaul communication links **120** (e.g., in accordance with an S1, N2, N3, or other interface protocol). In some examples, network entities **105** may communicate with one another via a backhaul communication link **120** (e.g., in accordance with an X2, Xn, or other interface protocol) either directly (e.g., directly between network entities **105**) or indirectly (e.g., via a core network **130**). In some examples, network entities **105** may communicate with one another via a midhaul communication link **162** (e.g., in accordance with a midhaul interface protocol) or a fronthaul communication link **168** (e.g., in accordance with a fronthaul interface protocol), or any combination thereof. The backhaul communication links **120**, midhaul communication links **162**, or fronthaul communication links **168** may be or include one or more wired links (e.g., an electrical link, an optical fiber link), one or more wireless links (e.g., a radio link, a wireless optical link), among other examples or various combinations thereof. A UE **115** may communicate with the core network **130** via a communication link **155**.

[0058] One or more of the network entities **105** described herein may include or may be referred to as a base station **140** (e.g., a base transceiver station, a radio base station, an NR base station, an access point, a radio transceiver, a NodeB, an eNodeB (eNB), a next-generation NodeB or a giga-NodeB (either of which may be referred to as a gNB), a 5G NB, a next-generation eNB (ng-eNB), a Home NodeB, a Home eNodeB, or other suitable terminology). In some examples, a network entity **105** (e.g., a base station **140**) may be implemented in an aggregated (e.g., monolithic, standalone) base station architecture, which may be configured to utilize a protocol stack that is physically or logically integrated within a single network entity **105** (e.g., a single RAN node, such as a base station **140**).

[0059] In some examples, a network entity **105** may be implemented in a disaggregated architecture (e.g., a disaggregated base station architecture, a disaggregated RAN architecture), which may be configured to utilize a protocol stack that is physically or logically distributed among two or more network entities **105**, such as an integrated access backhaul (IAB) network, an open RAN (O-RAN) (e.g., a network configuration sponsored by the O-RAN Alliance), or a virtualized RAN (vRAN) (e.g., a cloud RAN (C-RAN)). For example, a network entity **105** may include one or more of a central unit (CU) **160**, a distributed unit (DU) **165**, a radio unit (RU) **170**, a RAN Intelligent Controller (RIC) **175** (e.g., a Near-Real Time RIC (Near-RT RIC), a Non-Real Time RIC (Non-RT RIC)), a Service Management and Orchestration (SMO) **180** system, or any combination thereof. An RU **170** may also be referred to as a radio head, a smart radio head, a remote radio head (RRH), a remote radio unit (RRU), or a transmission reception point (TRP). One or more components of the network entities **105** in a disaggregated RAN architecture may be co-located, or one or more components of the network entities **105** may be located in distributed locations (e.g., separate physical locations). In some examples, one or more network entities **105** of a disaggregated RAN architecture may be implemented as virtual units (e.g., a virtual CU (VCU), a virtual DU (VDU), a virtual RU (VRU)).

[0060] The split of functionality between a CU **160**, a DU **165**, and an RU **170** is flexible and may support different functionalities depending upon which functions (e.g., network layer functions, protocol layer functions, baseband functions, RF functions, and any combinations thereof) are performed at a CU **160**, a DU **165**, or an RU **170**. For example, a functional split of a protocol stack may be employed between a CU **160** and a DU **165** such that the CU **160** may support one or more layers of the protocol stack and the DU **165** may support one or more different layers of the protocol stack. In some examples, the CU **160** may host upper protocol layer (e.g., layer 3 (L3), L2) functionality and signaling (e.g., Radio Resource Control (RRC), service data adaptation protocol (SDAP), Packet Data Convergence Protocol (PDCP)). The CU **160** may be connected to one or more DUs **165** or RUs **170**, and the one or more DUs **165** or RUs **170** may host lower protocol layers, such as L1 (e.g., physical (PHY) layer) or L2 (e.g., radio link control (RLC) layer, medium access control (MAC) layer) functionality and signaling, and may each be at least partially

controlled by the CU **160**. Additionally, or alternatively, a functional split of the protocol stack may be employed between a DU **165** and an RU **170** such that the DU **165** may support one or more layers of the protocol stack and the RU **170** may support one or more different layers of the protocol stack. The DU **165** may support one or multiple different cells (e.g., via one or more RUs **170**). In some cases, a functional split between a CU **160** and a DU **165**, or between a DU **165** and an RU **170** may be within a protocol layer (e.g., some functions for a protocol layer may be performed by one of a CU **160**, a DU **165**, or an RU **170**, while other functions of the protocol layer are performed by a different one of the CU **160**, the DU **165**, or the RU **170**). A CU **160** may be functionally split further into CU control plane (CU-CP) and CU user plane (CU-UP) functions. A CU **160** may be connected to one or more DUs **165** via a midhaul communication link **162** (e.g., F1, F1-c, F1-u), and a DU **165** may be connected to one or more RUs **170** via a fronthaul communication link **168** (e.g., open fronthaul (FH) interface). In some examples, a midhaul communication link **162** or a fronthaul communication link **168** may be implemented in accordance with an interface (e.g., a channel) between layers of a protocol stack supported by respective network entities **105** that are in communication via such communication links.

[0061] In wireless communications systems (e.g., wireless communications system **100**), infrastructure and spectral resources for radio access may support wireless backhaul link capabilities to supplement wired backhaul connections, providing an IAB network architecture (e.g., to a core network **130**). In some cases, in an IAB network, one or more network entities **105** (e.g., IAB nodes **104**) may be partially controlled by each other. One or more IAB nodes **104** may be referred to as a donor entity or an IAB donor. One or more DUs **165** or one or more RUs **170** may be partially controlled by one or more CUs **160** associated with a donor network entity **105** (e.g., a donor base station **140**). The one or more donor network entities **105** (e.g., IAB donors) may be in communication with one or more additional network entities **105** (e.g., IAB nodes **104**) via supported access and backhaul links (e.g., backhaul communication links **120**). IAB nodes **104** may include an IAB mobile termination (IAB-MT) controlled (e.g., scheduled) by DUs **165** of a coupled IAB donor. An IAB-MT may include an independent set of antennas for relay of communications with UEs **115**, or may share the same antennas (e.g., of an RU **170**) of an IAB node **104** used for access via the DU **165** of the IAB node **104** (e.g., referred to as virtual IAB-MT (vIAB-MT)). In some examples, the IAB nodes **104** may include DUs **165** that support communication links with additional entities (e.g., IAB nodes **104**, UEs **115**) within the relay chain or configuration of the access network (e.g., downstream). In such cases, one or more components of the disaggregated RAN architecture (e.g., one or more IAB nodes **104** or components of IAB nodes **104**) may be configured to operate according to the techniques described herein.

[0062] In the case of the techniques described herein applied in the context of a disaggregated RAN architecture, one or more components of the disaggregated RAN architecture may be configured to support group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility as described herein. For example, some operations described as being performed by a UE **115** or a network entity **105** (e.g., a base station **140**) may additionally, or alternatively, be performed by one or more components of the disaggregated RAN architecture (e.g., IAB nodes **104**, DUs **165**, CUs **160**, RUs **170**, RIC **175**, SMO **180**).

[0063] A UE **115** may include or may be referred to as a mobile device, a wireless device, a remote device, a handheld device, or a subscriber device, or some other suitable terminology, where the “device” may also be referred to as a unit, a station, a terminal, or a client, among other examples. A UE **115** may also include or may be referred to as a personal electronic device such as a cellular phone, a personal digital assistant (PDA), a tablet computer, a laptop computer, or a personal computer. In some examples, a UE **115** may include or be referred to as a wireless local loop (WLL) station, an Internet of Things (IoT) device, an Internet of Everything (IoE) device, or a machine type communications (MTC) device, among other examples, which may be implemented in various objects such as appliances, or vehicles, meters, among other examples.

[0064] The UEs **115** described herein may be able to communicate with various types of devices, such as other UEs **115** that may sometimes act as relays as well as the network entities **105** and the network equipment including macro eNBs or gNBs, small cell eNBs or gNBs, or relay base stations, among other examples, as shown in FIG. 1.

[0065] The UEs **115** and the network entities **105** may wirelessly communicate with one another via one or more communication links **125** (e.g., an access link) using resources associated with one or more carriers. The term “carrier” may refer to a set of RF spectrum resources having a defined physical layer structure for supporting the communication links **125**. For example, a carrier used for a communication link **125** may include a portion of a RF spectrum band (e.g., a bandwidth part (BWP)) that is operated according to one or more physical layer channels for a given radio access technology (e.g., LTE, LTE-A, LTE-A Pro, NR). Each physical layer channel may carry acquisition signaling (e.g., synchronization signals, system information), control signaling that coordinates operation for the carrier, user data, or other signaling. The wireless communications system **100** may support communication with a UE **115** using carrier aggregation or multi-carrier operation. A UE **115** may be configured with multiple downlink component carriers and one or more uplink component carriers according to a carrier aggregation configuration. Carrier aggregation may be used with both frequency division duplexing (FDD) and time division duplexing (TDD) component carriers. Communication between a network entity **105** and other devices may refer to communication between the devices and any portion (e.g., entity, sub-entity) of a network entity **105**. For example, the terms “transmitting,” “receiving,” or “communicating,” when referring to a network entity **105**, may refer to any portion of a network entity **105** (e.g., a base station **140**, a CU **160**, a DU **165**, a RU **170**) of a RAN communicating with another device (e.g., directly or via one or more other network entities **105**).

[0066] Signal waveforms transmitted via a carrier may be made up of multiple subcarriers (e.g., using multi-carrier modulation (MCM) techniques such as orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) or discrete Fourier transform spread OFDM (DFT-S-OFDM)). In a system employing MCM techniques, a resource element may refer to resources of one symbol period (e.g., a duration of one modulation symbol) and one subcarrier, in which case the symbol period and subcarrier spacing may be inversely related. The quantity of bits carried by each resource element may depend on the modulation scheme (e.g., the order of the modulation scheme, the coding rate of the modulation scheme, or both), such that a relatively higher quantity of resource elements (e.g., in a transmission duration) and a relatively higher order of a modulation scheme may correspond to a relatively higher rate of communication. A wireless communications resource may refer to a combination of an RF spectrum resource, a time resource, and a spatial resource (e.g., a spatial layer, a beam), and the use of multiple spatial resources may increase the data rate or data integrity for communications with a UE **115**.

[0067] One or more numerologies for a carrier may be supported, and a numerology may include a subcarrier spacing ( $\Delta f$ ) and a cyclic prefix. A carrier may be divided into one or more BWPs having the same or different numerologies. In some examples, a UE **115** may be configured with multiple BWPs. In some examples, a single BWP for a carrier may be active at a given time and communications for the UE **115** may be restricted to one or more active BWPs.

[0068] The time intervals for the network entities **105** or the UEs **115** may be expressed in multiples of a basic time unit which may, for example, refer to a sampling period of  $T_{\text{sub.s}} = 1/(\Delta f_{\text{sub.max}} \cdot N_{\text{sub.f}})$  seconds, for which  $\Delta f_{\text{sub.max}}$  may represent a supported subcarrier spacing, and  $N_{\text{sub.f}}$  may represent a supported discrete Fourier transform (DFT) size. Time intervals of a communications resource may be organized according to radio frames each having a specified duration (e.g., 10 milliseconds (ms)). Each radio frame may be identified by a system frame number (SFN) (e.g., ranging from 0 to 1023).

[0069] Each frame may include multiple consecutively-numbered subframes or slots, and each subframe or slot may have the same duration. In some examples, a frame may be divided (e.g., in

the time domain) into subframes, and each subframe may be further divided into a quantity of slots. Alternatively, each frame may include a variable quantity of slots, and the quantity of slots may depend on subcarrier spacing. Each slot may include a quantity of symbol periods (e.g., depending on the length of the cyclic prefix prepended to each symbol period). In some wireless communications systems **100**, a slot may further be divided into multiple mini-slots associated with one or more symbols. Excluding the cyclic prefix, each symbol period may be associated with one or more (e.g.,  $N_{\text{sub.f}}$ ) sampling periods. The duration of a symbol period may depend on the subcarrier spacing or frequency band of operation.

[0070] A subframe, a slot, a mini-slot, or a symbol may be the smallest scheduling unit (e.g., in the time domain) of the wireless communications system **100** and may be referred to as a transmission time interval (TTI). In some examples, the TTI duration (e.g., a quantity of symbol periods in a TTI) may be variable. Additionally, or alternatively, the smallest scheduling unit of the wireless communications system **100** may be dynamically selected (e.g., in bursts of shortened TTIs (STTIs)).

[0071] Physical channels may be multiplexed for communication using a carrier according to various techniques. A physical control channel and a physical data channel may be multiplexed for signaling via a downlink carrier, for example, using one or more of time division multiplexing (TDM) techniques, frequency division multiplexing (FDM) techniques, or hybrid TDM-FDM techniques. A control region (e.g., a control resource set (CORESET)) for a physical control channel may be defined by a set of symbol periods and may extend across the system bandwidth or a subset of the system bandwidth of the carrier. One or more control regions (e.g., CORESETs) may be configured for a set of the UEs **115**. For example, one or more of the UEs **115** may monitor or search control regions for control information according to one or more search space sets, and each search space set may include one or multiple control channel candidates in one or more aggregation levels arranged in a cascaded manner. An aggregation level for a control channel candidate may refer to an amount of control channel resources (e.g., control channel elements (CCEs)) associated with encoded information for a control information format having a given payload size. Search space sets may include common search space sets configured for sending control information to multiple UEs **115** and UE-specific search space sets for sending control information to a specific UE **115**.

[0072] A network entity **105** may provide communication coverage via one or more cells, for example a macro cell, a small cell, a hot spot, or other types of cells, or any combination thereof. The term “cell” may refer to a logical communication entity used for communication with a network entity **105** (e.g., using a carrier) and may be associated with an identifier for distinguishing neighboring cells (e.g., a physical cell identifier (PCID), a virtual cell identifier (VCID), or others). In some examples, a cell also may refer to a coverage area **110** or a portion of a coverage area **110** (e.g., a sector) over which the logical communication entity operates. Such cells may range from smaller areas (e.g., a structure, a subset of structure) to larger areas depending on various factors such as the capabilities of the network entity **105**. For example, a cell may be or include a building, a subset of a building, or exterior spaces between or overlapping with coverage areas **110**, among other examples.

[0073] A macro cell generally covers a relatively large geographic area (e.g., several kilometers in radius) and may allow unrestricted access by the UEs **115** with service subscriptions with the network provider supporting the macro cell. A small cell may be associated with a lower-powered network entity **105** (e.g., a lower-powered base station **140**), as compared with a macro cell, and a small cell may operate using the same or different (e.g., licensed, unlicensed) frequency bands as macro cells. Small cells may provide unrestricted access to the UEs **115** with service subscriptions with the network provider or may provide restricted access to the UEs **115** having an association with the small cell (e.g., the UEs **115** in a closed subscriber group (CSG), the UEs **115** associated with users in a home or office). A network entity **105** may support one or multiple cells and may

also support communications via the one or more cells using one or multiple component carriers.

[0074] In some examples, a carrier may support multiple cells, and different cells may be configured according to different protocol types (e.g., MTC, narrowband IoT (NB-IoT), enhanced mobile broadband (eMBB)) that may provide access for different types of devices.

[0075] In some examples, a network entity **105** (e.g., a base station **140**, an RU **170**) may be movable and therefore provide communication coverage for a moving coverage area **110**. In some examples, different coverage areas **110** associated with different technologies may overlap, but the different coverage areas **110** may be supported by the same network entity **105**. In some other examples, the overlapping coverage areas **110** associated with different technologies may be supported by different network entities **105**. The wireless communications system **100** may include, for example, a heterogeneous network in which different types of the network entities **105** provide coverage for various coverage areas **110** using the same or different radio access technologies.

[0076] The wireless communications system **100** may be configured to support ultra-reliable communications or low-latency communications, or various combinations thereof. For example, the wireless communications system **100** may be configured to support ultra-reliable low-latency communications (URLLC). The UEs **115** may be designed to support ultra-reliable, low-latency, or critical functions. Ultra-reliable communications may include private communication or group communication and may be supported by one or more services such as push-to-talk, video, or data. Support for ultra-reliable, low-latency functions may include prioritization of services, and such services may be used for public safety or general commercial applications. The terms ultra-reliable, low-latency, and ultra-reliable low-latency may be used interchangeably herein.

[0077] In some examples, a UE **115** may be configured to support communicating directly with other UEs **115** via a device-to-device (D2D) communication link **135** (e.g., in accordance with a peer-to-peer (P2P), D2D, or sidelink protocol). In some examples, one or more UEs **115** of a group that are performing D2D communications may be within the coverage area **110** of a network entity **105** (e.g., a base station **140**, an RU **170**), which may support aspects of such D2D communications being configured by (e.g., scheduled by) the network entity **105**. In some examples, one or more UEs **115** of such a group may be outside the coverage area **110** of a network entity **105** or may be otherwise unable to or not configured to receive transmissions from a network entity **105**. In some examples, groups of the UEs **115** communicating via D2D communications may support a one-to-many (1: M) system in which each UE **115** transmits to each of the other UEs **115** in the group. In some examples, a network entity **105** may facilitate the scheduling of resources for D2D communications. In some other examples, D2D communications may be carried out between the UEs **115** without an involvement of a network entity **105**.

[0078] The core network **130** may provide user authentication, access authorization, tracking, Internet Protocol (IP) connectivity, and other access, routing, or mobility functions. The core network **130** may be an evolved packet core (EPC) or 5G core (5GC), which may include at least one control plane entity that manages access and mobility (e.g., a mobility management entity (MME), an access and mobility management function (AMF)) and at least one user plane entity that routes packets or interconnects to external networks (e.g., a serving gateway (S-GW), a Packet Data Network (PDN) gateway (P-GW), or a user plane function (UPF)). The control plane entity may manage non-access stratum (NAS) functions such as mobility, authentication, and bearer management for the UEs **115** served by the network entities **105** (e.g., base stations **140**) associated with the core network **130**. User IP packets may be transferred through the user plane entity, which may provide IP address allocation as well as other functions. The user plane entity may be connected to IP services **150** for one or more network operators. The IP services **150** may include access to the Internet, Intranet(s), an IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS), or a Packet-Switched Streaming Service.

[0079] The wireless communications system **100** may operate using one or more frequency bands, which may be in the range of 300 megahertz (MHz) to 300 gigahertz (GHz). Generally, the region

from 300 MHz to 3 GHz is known as the ultra-high frequency (UHF) region or decimeter band because the wavelengths range from approximately one decimeter to one meter in length. UHF waves may be blocked or redirected by buildings and environmental features, which may be referred to as clusters, but the waves may penetrate structures sufficiently for a macro cell to provide service to the UEs **115** located indoors. Communications using UHF waves may be associated with smaller antennas and shorter ranges (e.g., less than 100 kilometers) compared to communications using the smaller frequencies and longer waves of the high frequency (HF) or very high frequency (VHF) portion of the spectrum below 300 MHz.

[0080] The wireless communications system **100** may utilize both licensed and unlicensed RF spectrum bands. For example, the wireless communications system **100** may employ License Assisted Access (LAA), LTE-Unlicensed (LTE-U) radio access technology, or NR technology using an unlicensed band such as the 5 GHz industrial, scientific, and medical (ISM) band. While operating using unlicensed RF spectrum bands, devices such as the network entities **105** and the UEs **115** may employ carrier sensing for collision detection and avoidance. In some examples, operations using unlicensed bands may be based on a carrier aggregation configuration in conjunction with component carriers operating using a licensed band (e.g., LAA). Operations using unlicensed spectrum may include downlink transmissions, uplink transmissions, P2P transmissions, or D2D transmissions, among other examples.

[0081] A network entity **105** (e.g., a base station **140**, an RU **170**) or a UE **115** may be equipped with multiple antennas, which may be used to employ techniques such as transmit diversity, receive diversity, multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) communications, or beamforming. The antennas of a network entity **105** or a UE **115** may be located within one or more antenna arrays or antenna panels, which may support MIMO operations or transmit or receive beamforming. For example, one or more base station antennas or antenna arrays may be co-located at an antenna assembly, such as an antenna tower. In some examples, antennas or antenna arrays associated with a network entity **105** may be located at diverse geographic locations. A network entity **105** may include an antenna array with a set of rows and columns of antenna ports that the network entity **105** may use to support beamforming of communications with a UE **115**. Likewise, a UE **115** may include one or more antenna arrays that may support various MIMO or beamforming operations. Additionally, or alternatively, an antenna panel may support RF beamforming for a signal transmitted via an antenna port.

[0082] Beamforming, which may also be referred to as spatial filtering, directional transmission, or directional reception, is a signal processing technique that may be used at a transmitting device or a receiving device (e.g., a network entity **105**, a UE **115**) to shape or steer an antenna beam (e.g., a transmit beam, a receive beam) along a spatial path between the transmitting device and the receiving device. Beamforming may be achieved by combining the signals communicated via antenna elements of an antenna array such that some signals propagating along particular orientations with respect to an antenna array experience constructive interference while others experience destructive interference. The adjustment of signals communicated via the antenna elements may include a transmitting device or a receiving device applying amplitude offsets, phase offsets, or both to signals carried via the antenna elements associated with the device. The adjustments associated with each of the antenna elements may be defined by a beamforming weight set associated with a particular orientation (e.g., with respect to the antenna array of the transmitting device or receiving device, or with respect to some other orientation).

[0083] The wireless communications system **100** may be a packet-based network that operates according to a layered protocol stack. In the user plane, communications at the bearer or PDCP layer may be IP-based. An RLC layer may perform packet segmentation and reassembly to communicate via logical channels. A MAC layer may perform priority handling and multiplexing of logical channels into transport channels. The MAC layer also may implement error detection techniques, error correction techniques, or both to support retransmissions to improve link

efficiency. In the control plane, an RRC layer may provide establishment, configuration, and maintenance of an RRC connection between a UE **115** and a network entity **105** or a core network **130** supporting radio bearers for user plane data. A PHY layer may map transport channels to physical channels.

[0084] In some examples of wireless communications system **100**, a UE **115** may communicate with a network entity **105** via one or more cells, associated with the network entity **105** and configured for L1 and L2 mobility. In some examples, the UE **115** may be configured to communicate with multiple groups of cells, where each of the groups of cells may contain a PCell and zero or more SCells. In some cases, one or more of the configured groups of cells may be activated (e.g., enabled) for inter-cell mobility while one or more other groups of cells may be deactivated (e.g., disabled, or otherwise not enabled) for inter-cell mobility. In some examples, each of the groups of cells may be associated with a geographic location. As such, as the UE **115** moves, the network entity **105** may update the configure the UE **115** to activate or deactivate one or more groups of cells for use in communication.

[0085] The wireless communications system **100** may reduce latency associated with updating groups of cells according to the techniques described herein. For example, the UE **115** may receive from the network entity **105** an RRC signal configuring multiple groups of cells enabled with L1 and L2 mobility. Based on configuring the groups of cells via RRC, the network entity **105** may use L1 or L2 messaging to indicate cell group updates. For example, the network may transmit signaling (e.g., via L1 or L2) activating one or more groups of cells or deactivating one or more groups of cells. In some examples, the network entity **105** may also update the PCell used for a group of cells. For example, an SCell in a group of cells may be updated for use as a PCell and an active PCell of the group of cells may be updated for use as an SCell.

[0086] In some examples, the network entity **105** may transmit control signaling that removes one or more groups of configured cells from the multiple groups of cells configured with L1 and L2 mobility. For example, as part of the RRC signal, the network entity **105** may configure a mobility release list associated with the multiple groups of cells. In some examples, each group of cells may have an associated set of communication parameters. In some examples, the network entity **105** may configure a first group cells with a first set of parameters and configure a second group of cells with a second set of parameters via a delta configuration with reference to the first set of parameters. For example, the delta configuration may indicate an offset of the second set of parameters relative to the first set of parameters.

[0087] In some examples, L1 and L2 based inter-cell mobility may be applicable to one or more communication techniques. For example, the techniques described herein may be used for, standalone communications, carrier aggregation, new radio dual connectivity (NR-DC), intra-DU **165** cases, intra-CU **160** inter-DU **165** cases (e.g., for standalone communication and carrier aggregation cases), intra-frequency, inter-frequency, frequency one (FR1) bandwidths, frequency two (FR2) bandwidths, synchronized cells, non-synchronized cells, or any combination thereof.

[0088] FIG. 2 illustrates an example of a wireless communications system **200** that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure. In some examples, wireless communications system **200** may implement one or more aspects of wireless communications system **100**. For instance, a UE **115-a** and a network entity **105-a** may be respective examples of a UE **115** and a network entity **105** as described with reference to FIG. 1. While examples are discussed herein, any number of devices and device types may be used to accomplish implementations described in the present disclosure.

[0089] As illustrated in FIG. 2, the network entity **105-a** may be associated with one or more cell groups **205** that may be configured for L1 and L2 mobility (e.g., as part of a CellGroupConfig). In some cases, each cell group may include at least one PCell **210** and zero or more SCells **215**. In some examples, a PCell **210** may be used for communication of control information (e.g., system information blocks (SIBs) via a physical control channel). As such, the UE **115-a** may

communicate with the network entity **105-a** via one or more cells of the one or more cell groups **205**. For example, the network entity **105-a** may transmit a cell group configuration message **220** (e.g., via RRC) to the UE **115-a**, configuring cell groups **205** **205-a**, **205-b**, **205-c**, and **205-d** for use at the UE **115-a**. In some cases, each of the cells groups may be associated with a same DU **165** of the network entity **105-a** or different DUs **165** of the network entity **105-a**.

[0090] Additionally, or alternatively, each cell group **205** may be further characterized into activated cells and deactivated cells. For example, as illustrated if FIG. 2 cell group **205-c** may be an example of an activated cell group and cells groups **205-a**, **205-b**, and **205-d** may be an example of deactivated cells groups. In some cases, an activated cell group may be readily used to for data and control information transmissions and a deactivated cell group may be readily activated via L1 and L2 signaling. Additionally, or alternatively, when the UE **115-a** connects to a cell group **205**, the UE **115-a** may connect to each cell of the cell group **205** (e.g., carrier aggregation).

[0091] In some examples, each of the cell groups **205** may be associated with a geographic location. As such, as the UE **115-a** moves, the network entity **105-a** may update which cell groups **205** are activated or deactivated for use at the UE **115-a**. In some cases, signaling related to updating cell groups **205** may be done via RRC signaling (e.g., via L3). In some cases, however, L3 communications may not satisfy latency and traffic conditions associated with the network. As such, it may be advantageous to use other communication layers when updating parameters associated with the multiple groups of cells.

[0092] The wireless communications system **200** may reduce latency associated with updating cell groups **205** according to the techniques described herein. For example, the UE **115-a** may receive from the network entity **105-a** the cell group configuration message **220** (e.g., via an RRC signal) configuring the multiple cell groups **205** enabled with L1 and L2 mobility. In some cases, the network entity **105-a** may include each cell group **205** eligible for activation via L1 and L2 signaling in a cell group configuration list (e.g., L1L2MobilityCellGroupConfigList) as part of the cell group configuration message **220**. In some examples, the L1L2MobilityCellGroupConfigList may associate each cell group **205** with a respective cell group ID (e.g., CellGroupID configured in CellGroupConfig).

[0093] Additionally, or alternatively, the cell group configuration message **220** may indicate an associated set of communication parameters for each of the cells groups **205**. For instance the communication parameters may include bandwidth part indication, a cell index associated with the respective cell groups **205**, one or more synchronization signal block (SSB) measurements, timing information, or a combination thereof. In some examples, the network entity **105-a** may configure each of the respective set of parameters in accordance with a delta configuration. For example, the network entity **105-a** may configure the cell group **205-a** with a first set of parameters and configure cell group **205-b** with a second set of parameters via a delta configuration with reference to the first set of parameters. For instance, the delta configuration may indicate that the second set of parameters shares a first subset of parameters with the first set of parameters (e.g., a same bandwidth part and timing information) but configures a second subset of different parameters (e.g., different SSB measurements and a different cell index).

[0094] Additionally, or alternatively, the cell group configuration message **220** may configure one or more SCells **215** in each cell group **205** with a PCell configuration (e.g., l1l2MobilityConfig). For example, each SCell **215** in a cell group **205** may be individually configured with a PCell configuration such that a given SCell **215** may updated to a PCell **210** for that cell group **205** based on receiving signaling from the network entity **105-a** (e.g., L1 or L2 signaling).

[0095] In some examples, as the UE **115-a** moves within the geographic area, a link quality associated with the various cell groups **205** may change. As such, the UE **115-a** may perform one or more quality measurements (e.g., periodically or on a semi-persistent basis) on each cell group **205** configured for L1 and L2 mobility. For example, the network entity **105-a** may transmit to the UE **115-a** a measurement report configuration message **225** that may indicate one or more



measurements to include in a measurement report for each of cells groups **205**. In some examples, the UE **115-a** may include the one or more measurements in a measurement report **230** and transmit the measurement report **230** to the network entity **105-a** in accordance with the measurement report configuration message **225**.

[0096] Based on receiving the measurement report **230**, the network entity **105-a** may determine how to update cell group **205** activity at the UE **115-a**. For example, the measurement report **230** may indicate that an associated link quality with cell group **205-c** has decreased below a configured threshold while an associated link quality with cell group **205-b** has increased above the configured threshold. As such, the network entity **105-a** may transmit a cell group update message **235**. In some examples, the cell group update message **235** may be an example of an L1 or L2 signaling that indicates an activation status of the configured cell group. In some examples, the UE **115-a** may be configured to have one cell group activated at a time, and as such, the cell group update message **235** may activate cell group **205-b** for use at the UE **115-a** and deactivate cell group **205-c** from use at the UE **115-a** (e.g., a cell group switch). Additionally, or alternatively, the UE **115-a** may be configured to support multiple activated cell groups **205** at a time (e.g., based on UE **115-a** capability) and as such, the cell group update message **235** may activate cell group **205-b** configuring communications via cell group **205-b** or **205-c** at the UE **115-a**.

[0097] In some examples, the cell group update message **235** may include a PCell update indication. For example, the cell group update message **235** may indicate to update an SCell **215** of cell group **205-c** as the PCell **210** of cell group **205-c** and to update the current PCell **210** to an SCell **215**.

[0098] In some examples, the wireless communications system **200** may support signaling to remove cell groups **205** configured as part of the L1L2MobilityCellGroupConfigList. For example, the as part of the cell group configuration message **220**, the network entity **105-a** may include an L1 and L2 mobility parameter (e.g., L1L2MobilityEnabler) for each respective cell group configuration (e.g., CellGroupConfig). For example, a CellGroupConfig for a given cell group **205** may include a respective L1L2MobilityEnabler. If the L1L2MobilityEnabler for a given cell group **205** is enabled, then the given cell group **205** may be configured as part of the L1 and L2 mobility cell set. If the L1L2MobilityEnabler for a given cell group is disabled, then the given cell group may not be configured as part of the L1 and L2 mobility cell set.

[0099] Additionally, or alternatively, the network entity **105-a** may enable or disable L1 and L2 mobility for a cell group **205** outside of the cell group configuration for a given cell group **205** (e.g., outside of CellGroupConfig). For example, as part of the cell configuration message **220**, the network entity **105-a** may configure an L1 and L2 mobility release list (e.g., L1L2MobilityCellGroupToReleaseList) that includes a respective indicator associated with one or more of the cell groups **205** that enables or disables a given cell group **205**. In some examples, the L1L2MobilityCellGroupToReleaseList may include a list of each cell group configured as part of the CellGroupConfig, where a given indicator may be associated with a CellGroupID from the CellGroupConfig.

[0100] Additionally, or alternatively, the L1L2MobilityCellGroupToReleaseList may include cell groups **205** part of a cell group L1 and L2 mobility index (e.g., CellGroupL1L2MobilityIndex) where a given indicator may be associated with a cell group ID from the CellGroupL1L2MobilityIndex. Further discussion of the use of the L1L2MobilityCellGroupToReleaseList to enable or disable cell groups **205** is described herein, including with reference to FIG. 3.

[0101] FIG. 3 illustrates examples of a cell group removal schemes **300-a** and **300-b** that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure. In some examples, cell group removal schemes **300-a** and **300-b** may implement one or more aspects of wireless communications system **100** or wireless communications system **200**. For instance, a cell group **305** may be an example of a cell group **205**

with reference to FIG. 2. While examples are discussed herein, any number of devices and device types may be used to accomplish implementations described in the present disclosure.

[0102] In some examples, cell group removal schemes **300-a** and **300-b** may be respective implementations of the L1L2MobilityCellGroupToReleaseList with reference to FIG. 2. For example, a network entity **105** may transmit to a UE **115** either cell group removal scheme **300-a** or **300-b**, indicating to enable or disable one or more cell groups **305** for use in L1 and L2 mobility.

[0103] In some examples, cell group removal scheme **300-a** may be associated with each cell group **305** included within an initial cell group configuration at the UE **115** (e.g., CellGroupConfig configured via RRC signaling with reference to FIG. 2). For example, the UE **115** may be initially configured with cell groups **305-a**, **305-b**, **305-c**, **305-d**, **305-e**, **305-f**, **305-g**, **305-h**, **305-i**, and **305-j**. As such, the cell group removal scheme **300-a** may include a set of indicators where each indicator corresponds to a respective cell group **305** of the cell groups **305-a** through **305-j**. In some examples, each indicator may be associated with a CellGroupID for a given cell group **305** reused from the CellGroupConfig. In some examples, each indicator of the set of indicators may identify whether to release a respective cell group **305** from use at the UE **115**. For example, the cell group removal scheme **300-a** may include a cell removal indication **310** for cell groups **305-g** and **305-j**. Based on receiving an indication of the cell group removal scheme **300-a**, the UE **115** may remove cell groups **305-g** and **305-j** from use in L1 and L2 mobility operations.

[0104] Additionally, or alternatively, cell group removal scheme **300-b** may be associated with a subset of cell groups **305** configured at the UE **115**. In some examples, the subset of cell groups **305** may be included in a L1 and L2 mobility list (e.g., CellGroupL1L2MobilityIndex). In some examples, the CellGroupL1L2MobilityIndex may include cell groups **305** configured with L1L2MobilityConfig (e.g., with reference to FIG. 2). For example, as illustrated in FIG. 3, the UE **115** may be configured with cell groups **305-a** through **305-j** via CellGroupConfig where cell groups **305-b**, **305-d**, **305-g**, **305-i**, and **305-j** are further configured with L1L2MobilityConfig and may be included in the CellGroupL1L2MobilityIndex. In some examples, the cell group removal scheme **300-b** may have a list of indicators of length maxNrofCellGroupsL1L2Mobility which may be the maximum number of cell groups **305** that are configured with L1L2MobilityConfig. As such, each indicator of the list of indicators may be associated with a respective cell group included in CellGroupL1L2MobilityIndex. In some examples, each indicator of the list of indicators may identify whether to release a respective cell group **305** from use at the UE **115**. For example, the cell group removal scheme **300-b** may include a cell removal indication **310** for cell groups **305-g** and **305-j**. Based on receiving an indication of the cell group removal scheme **300-b**, the UE **115** may remove cell groups **305-g** and **305-j** from use in L1 and L2 mobility operations. Based on cell group removal scheme **300-b** including indicators for fewer cell groups **305**, the cell group removal scheme **300-b** may benefit from a reduction in cell removal errors.

[0105] FIG. 4 illustrates an example of a process flow **400** that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure. In some examples, process flow **400** may implement aspects of wireless communications system **100**, wireless communications system **200**, cell group removal schemes **300-a** and **300-b**, or a combination thereof. Process flow **400** includes a UE **115-b** and a network entity **105-b** which may be respective examples of a UE **115** and a network entity **105**, as described with reference to FIGS. 1 through 3. Alternative examples of the following may be implemented, where some steps are performed in a different order than described or are not performed at all. In some cases, steps may include additional features not mentioned below, or further steps may be added. In addition, while process flow **400** shows processes between a single UE **115** and a single network entity **105**, it should be understood that these processes may occur between any number of network devices and network device types.

[0106] At **405**, the UE **115-b** may receive from the network entity **105-b** first control signaling identifying, of a set of cell groups configured at the UE **115-b**, an inter-cell mobility configuration

for a set of cell groups for use at the UE **115-b**. In some examples, each cell group of the set of cell groups may include a PCell and zero or more SCells. In some examples, the first control signaling may be an example of RRC signaling. In some examples first control signaling may include, for each cell group of the set of cell groups, an indication of whether the cell group is enabled or disabled for inter-cell mobility

[0107] As part of the first control signaling, the UE **115-b** may receive, for each cell group of the set of cell groups, a respective set of communication parameters for the cell group. In some examples, the UE **115-b** may receive a first set of communication parameters for a first cell group of the set of cell groups and receive a second set of communication parameters for a second cell group of the set of cell groups. In some examples, the second set of communication parameters may include one or more offsets relative to the first set of communication parameters (e.g., a delta configuration, with reference to FIG. 2). The respective sets of communication parameters may include a bandwidth indication, a cell index associated with a respective cell group, one or more SSB measurements, timing information, or a combination thereof.

[0108] In some examples, the first control signaling may include receiving a first indication configuring one or more SCells of the set of cell groups with a PCell capability (e.g., `L1L2MobilityConfig`).

[0109] In some examples, the UE **115-b** may receive a set of indicators corresponding to the set of cell groups (e.g., `L1L2MobilityCellGroupToReleaseList`, with reference to cell group removal scheme **300-a**). In such examples, each indicator of the set of indicators may identify whether to release a respective cell group of the set of cell groups, including the one or more cell groups.

[0110] In some examples, the UE **115-b** may receive a set of indicators corresponding to the set of cell groups for use at the UE **115-b** for inter-cell mobility (e.g., `L1L2MobilityCellGroupToReleaseList`, with reference to cell group removal scheme **300-b**). In such examples, each indicator of the set of indicators identifying whether to release a respective cell group of the at least one cell group for use at the UE **115-b** for inter-cell mobility. The UE **115-b** may receive control signaling identifying a list of indices corresponding to the set of cell groups for use at the UE **115-b** for inter-cell mobility (e.g., `CellGroupL1L2MobilityIndex`). As such, each index of the list of indices may correspond to a respective cell group of the set of cells groups, where the set of indicators may be compared to the list of indices to activate or deactivate the one or more cell groups for inter-cell mobility.

[0111] At **410**, the UE **115-b** may receive a measurement report configuration indicating one or more measurements to include in the measurement report for the set of cell groups. In some examples, the UE **115-b** may receive the first control signaling at **405** and the measurement report configuration at **410** in a single RRC message from the network entity **105-b**.

[0112] At **415**, the UE **115-b** may transmit an acknowledgement message in response to the first control signaling, the measurement report configuration, or both. In some examples, the acknowledgment message may indicate to the network entity **105-b** that the RRC configuration is complete at the UE **115-b**.

[0113] At **420**, the UE **115-b** may transmit a measurement report for each cell group of the set of cell groups for inter-cell mobility, where the measurement report may be transmitted in accordance with the measurement report configuration.

[0114] At **425**, the UE **115-b** may receive, at least in part in response to transmitting the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a PCell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of cell groups. In some examples, the second control signaling may change the indication associated with one or more cell groups of the set of cell groups to activate or deactivate the one or more cell groups. In some examples, the second control signaling may be an example of downlink control information (DCI) or a MAC control element (MAC-CE) signaled via L1 or L2.

[0115] In some examples, receiving the second control signaling may include receiving a second

indication for the at least one activated cell group, the second indication updating the PCell to be an SCell and an SCell of the zero or more SCells to be a PCell, the second indication in accordance with the PCell capability.

[0116] FIG. 5 shows a block diagram **500** of a device **505** that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure. The device **505** may be an example of aspects of a UE **115** as described herein. The device **505** may include a receiver **510**, a transmitter **515**, and a communications manager **520**. The device **505** may also include a processor. Each of these components may be in communication with one another (e.g., via one or more buses).

[0117] The receiver **510** may provide a means for receiving information such as packets, user data, control information, or any combination thereof associated with various information channels (e.g., control channels, data channels, information channels related to group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility). Information may be passed on to other components of the device **505**. The receiver **510** may utilize a single antenna or a set of multiple antennas.

[0118] The transmitter **515** may provide a means for transmitting signals generated by other components of the device **505**. For example, the transmitter **515** may transmit information such as packets, user data, control information, or any combination thereof associated with various information channels (e.g., control channels, data channels, information channels related to group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility). In some examples, the transmitter **515** may be co-located with a receiver **510** in a transceiver module. The transmitter **515** may utilize a single antenna or a set of multiple antennas.

[0119] The communications manager **520**, the receiver **510**, the transmitter **515**, or various combinations thereof or various components thereof may be examples of means for performing various aspects of group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility as described herein. For example, the communications manager **520**, the receiver **510**, the transmitter **515**, or various combinations or components thereof may support a method for performing one or more of the functions described herein.

[0120] In some examples, the communications manager **520**, the receiver **510**, the transmitter **515**, or various combinations or components thereof may be implemented in hardware (e.g., in communications management circuitry). The hardware may include a processor, a digital signal processor (DSP), a central processing unit (CPU), an application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC), a field-programmable gate array (FPGA) or other programmable logic device, a microcontroller, discrete gate or transistor logic, discrete hardware components, or any combination thereof configured as or otherwise supporting a means for performing the functions described in the present disclosure. In some examples, a processor and memory coupled with the processor may be configured to perform one or more of the functions described herein (e.g., by executing, by the processor, instructions stored in the memory).

[0121] Additionally, or alternatively, in some examples, the communications manager **520**, the receiver **510**, the transmitter **515**, or various combinations or components thereof may be implemented in code (e.g., as communications management software or firmware) executed by a processor. If implemented in code executed by a processor, the functions of the communications manager **520**, the receiver **510**, the transmitter **515**, or various combinations or components thereof may be performed by a general-purpose processor, a DSP, a CPU, an ASIC, an FPGA, a microcontroller, or any combination of these or other programmable logic devices (e.g., configured as or otherwise supporting a means for performing the functions described in the present disclosure).

[0122] In some examples, the communications manager **520** may be configured to perform various operations (e.g., receiving, obtaining, monitoring, outputting, transmitting) using or otherwise in cooperation with the receiver **510**, the transmitter **515**, or both. For example, the communications manager **520** may receive information from the receiver **510**, send information to the transmitter

**515**, or be integrated in combination with the receiver **510**, the transmitter **515**, or both to obtain information, output information, or perform various other operations as described herein.

[0123] The communications manager **520** may support wireless communications at a UE in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. For example, the communications manager **520** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving first control signaling identifying, of a set of multiple cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of cell groups for use at the UE, where each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups includes a PCell and zero or more SCells. The communications manager **520** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for transmitting a measurement report for each cell group of the set of cell groups for inter-cell mobility. The communications manager **520** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving, at least in part in response to transmitting the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a PCell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of cell groups.

[0124] By including or configuring the communications manager **520** in accordance with examples as described herein, the device **505** (e.g., a processor controlling or otherwise coupled with the receiver **510**, the transmitter **515**, the communications manager **520**, or a combination thereof) may support techniques for enhanced inter cell mobility communications with may result in reduced processing, reduced power consumption, and a more efficient utilization of communication resources.

[0125] FIG. **6** shows a block diagram **600** of a device **605** that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure. The device **605** may be an example of aspects of a device **505** or a UE **115** as described herein. The device **605** may include a receiver **610**, a transmitter **615**, and a communications manager **620**. The device **605** may also include a processor. Each of these components may be in communication with one another (e.g., via one or more buses).

[0126] The receiver **610** may provide a means for receiving information such as packets, user data, control information, or any combination thereof associated with various information channels (e.g., control channels, data channels, information channels related to group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility). Information may be passed on to other components of the device **605**. The receiver **610** may utilize a single antenna or a set of multiple antennas.

[0127] The transmitter **615** may provide a means for transmitting signals generated by other components of the device **605**. For example, the transmitter **615** may transmit information such as packets, user data, control information, or any combination thereof associated with various information channels (e.g., control channels, data channels, information channels related to group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility). In some examples, the transmitter **615** may be co-located with a receiver **610** in a transceiver module. The transmitter **615** may utilize a single antenna or a set of multiple antennas.

[0128] The device **605**, or various components thereof, may be an example of means for performing various aspects of group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility as described herein. For example, the communications manager **620** may include an RRC signaling reception component **625**, a measurement report transmission component **630**, a L1 and L2 signaling reception component **635**, or any combination thereof. The communications manager **620** may be an example of aspects of a communications manager **520** as described herein. In some examples, the communications manager **620**, or various components thereof, may be configured to perform various operations (e.g., receiving, obtaining, monitoring, outputting, transmitting) using or otherwise in cooperation with the receiver **610**, the transmitter **615**, or both. For example, the communications manager **620** may receive information from the receiver **610**, send information to the transmitter **615**, or be integrated in combination with the receiver **610**, the transmitter **615**, or both to obtain information, output information, or perform various other operations as described herein.

[0129] The communications manager **620** may support wireless communications at a UE in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. The RRC signaling reception component **625** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving first control signaling identifying, of a set of multiple cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of cell groups for use at the UE, where each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups includes a PCell and zero or more SCells. The measurement report transmission component **630** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for transmitting a measurement report for each cell group of the set of cell groups for inter-cell mobility. The L1 and L2 signaling reception component **635** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving, at least in part in response to transmitting the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a PCell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of cell groups.

[0130] FIG. 7 shows a block diagram **700** of a communications manager **720** that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure. The communications manager **720** may be an example of aspects of a communications manager **520**, a communications manager **620**, or both, as described herein. The communications manager **720**, or various components thereof, may be an example of means for performing various aspects of group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility as described herein. For example, the communications manager **720** may include an RRC signaling reception component **725**, a measurement report transmission component **730**, a L1 and L2 signaling reception component **735**, or any combination thereof. Each of these components may communicate, directly or indirectly, with one another (e.g., via one or more buses).

[0131] The communications manager **720** may support wireless communications at a UE in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. The RRC signaling reception component **725** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving first control signaling identifying, of a set of multiple cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of cell groups for use at the UE, where each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups includes a PCell and zero or more SCells. The measurement report transmission component **730** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for transmitting a measurement report for each cell group of the set of cell groups for inter-cell mobility. The L1 and L2 signaling reception component **735** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving, at least in part in response to transmitting the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a PCell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of cell groups.

[0132] In some examples, to support receiving the first control signaling identifying the inter-cell mobility configuration, the RRC signaling reception component **725** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving, for each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups, a respective set of communication parameters for the cell group.

[0133] In some examples, to support receiving the respective sets of communication parameters, the RRC signaling reception component **725** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving a first set of communication parameters for a first cell group of the set of multiple cell groups. In some examples, to support receiving the respective sets of communication parameters, the RRC signaling reception component **725** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving a second set of communication parameters for a second cell group of the set of multiple cell groups, the second set of communication parameters including one or more offsets relative to the first set of communication parameters.

[0134] In some examples, the respective sets of communication parameters include a bandwidth part indication, a cell index associated with a respective cell group, one or more SSB measurements, timing information, or a combination thereof.

[0135] In some examples, to support receiving the first control signaling identifying the inter-cell mobility configuration, the RRC signaling reception component **725** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving a first indication configuring one or more SCells of the set

of multiple cell groups with a PCell capability.

[0136] In some examples, to support receiving the second control signaling, the L1 and L2 signaling reception component **735** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving a second indication for at least one activated cell group, the second indication updating the PCell to be an SCell and an SCell of the zero or more SCells to be a PCell, the second indication in accordance with the PCell capability.

[0137] In some examples, the first control signaling includes, for each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups, an indication of whether the cell group is enabled or disabled for inter-cell mobility. In some examples, the second control signaling changes the indication associated with one or more cell groups of the set of multiple cell groups to activate or deactivate the one or more cell groups.

[0138] In some examples, the RRC signaling reception component **725** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving a set of indicators corresponding to the set of multiple cell groups, each indicator of the set of indicators identifying whether to release a respective cell group of the set of multiple cell groups, including the one or more cell groups.

[0139] In some examples, the RRC signaling reception component **725** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving a set of indicators corresponding to the set of cell groups for use at the UE for inter-cell mobility, each indicator of the set of indicators identifying whether to release a respective cell group of at least one cell group for use at the UE for inter-cell mobility.

[0140] In some examples, the RRC signaling reception component **725** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving third control signaling identifying a list of indices corresponding to the set of cell groups for use at the UE for inter-cell mobility, each index of the list of indices corresponding to a respective cell group of the set of cell groups, where the set of indicators are compared to the list of indices to activate or deactivate the one or more cell groups for inter-cell mobility.

[0141] In some examples, the first control signaling includes radio resource control signaling, and the second control signaling includes a DCI message or a MAC-CE.

[0142] In some examples, the RRC signaling reception component **725** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving a measurement report configuration indicating one or more measurements to include in the measurement report for the set of cell groups, where the measurement report is transmitted in accordance with the measurement report configuration.

[0143] FIG. **8** shows a diagram of a system **800** including a device **805** that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure. The device **805** may be an example of or include the components of a device **505**, a device **605**, or a UE **115** as described herein. The device **805** may communicate (e.g., wirelessly) with one or more network entities **105**, one or more UEs **115**, or any combination thereof. The device **805** may include components for bi-directional voice and data communications including components for transmitting and receiving communications, such as a communications manager **820**, an input/output (I/O) controller **810**, a transceiver **815**, an antenna **825**, a memory **830**, code **835**, and a processor **840**. These components may be in electronic communication or otherwise coupled (e.g., operatively, communicatively, functionally, electronically, electrically) via one or more buses (e.g., a bus **845**).

[0144] The I/O controller **810** may manage input and output signals for the device **805**. The I/O controller **810** may also manage peripherals not integrated into the device **805**. In some cases, the I/O controller **810** may represent a physical connection or port to an external peripheral. In some cases, the I/O controller **810** may utilize an operating system such as iOS®, ANDROID®, MS-DOS®, MS-WINDOWS®, OS/2®, UNIX®, LINUX®, or another known operating system. Additionally, or alternatively, the I/O controller **810** may represent or interact with a modem, a keyboard, a mouse, a touchscreen, or a similar device. In some cases, the I/O controller **810** may be implemented as part of a processor, such as the processor **840**. In some cases, a user may interact

with the device **805** via the I/O controller **810** or via hardware components controlled by the I/O controller **810**.

[0145] In some cases, the device **805** may include a single antenna **825**. However, in some other cases, the device **805** may have more than one antenna **825**, which may be capable of concurrently transmitting or receiving multiple wireless transmissions. The transceiver **815** may communicate bi-directionally, via the one or more antennas **825**, wired, or wireless links as described herein. For example, the transceiver **815** may represent a wireless transceiver and may communicate bi-directionally with another wireless transceiver. The transceiver **815** may also include a modem to modulate the packets, to provide the modulated packets to one or more antennas **825** for transmission, and to demodulate packets received from the one or more antennas **825**. The transceiver **815**, or the transceiver **815** and one or more antennas **825**, may be an example of a transmitter **515**, a transmitter **615**, a receiver **510**, a receiver **610**, or any combination thereof or component thereof, as described herein.

[0146] The memory **830** may include random access memory (RAM) and read-only memory (ROM). The memory **830** may store computer-readable, computer-executable code **835** including instructions that, when executed by the processor **840**, cause the device **805** to perform various functions described herein. The code **835** may be stored in a non-transitory computer-readable medium such as system memory or another type of memory. In some cases, the code **835** may not be directly executable by the processor **840** but may cause a computer (e.g., when compiled and executed) to perform functions described herein. In some cases, the memory **830** may contain, among other things, a basic I/O system (BIOS) which may control basic hardware or software operation such as the interaction with peripheral components or devices.

[0147] The processor **840** may include an intelligent hardware device (e.g., a general-purpose processor, a DSP, a CPU, a microcontroller, an ASIC, an FPGA, a programmable logic device, a discrete gate or transistor logic component, a discrete hardware component, or any combination thereof). In some cases, the processor **840** may be configured to operate a memory array using a memory controller. In some other cases, a memory controller may be integrated into the processor **840**. The processor **840** may be configured to execute computer-readable instructions stored in a memory (e.g., the memory **830**) to cause the device **805** to perform various functions (e.g., functions or tasks supporting group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility). For example, the device **805** or a component of the device **805** may include a processor **840** and memory **830** coupled with or to the processor **840**, the processor **840** and memory **830** configured to perform various functions described herein.

[0148] The communications manager **820** may support wireless communications at a UE in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. For example, the communications manager **820** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving first control signaling identifying, of a set of multiple cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of cell groups for use at the UE, where each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups includes a PCell and zero or more SCells. The communications manager **820** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for transmitting a measurement report for each cell group of the set of cell groups for inter-cell mobility. The communications manager **820** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving, at least in part in response to transmitting the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a PCell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of cell groups.

[0149] By including or configuring the communications manager **820** in accordance with examples as described herein, the device **805** may support techniques for enhanced inter cell mobility communications with may result in improved communication reliability, reduced latency, improved user experience related to reduced processing, reduced power consumption, more efficient utilization of communication resources, improved coordination between devices, longer battery life, and improved utilization of processing capability.



[0150] In some examples, the communications manager **820** may be configured to perform various operations (e.g., receiving, monitoring, transmitting) using or otherwise in cooperation with the transceiver **815**, the one or more antennas **825**, or any combination thereof. Although the communications manager **820** is illustrated as a separate component, in some examples, one or more functions described with reference to the communications manager **820** may be supported by or performed by the processor **840**, the memory **830**, the code **835**, or any combination thereof. For example, the code **835** may include instructions executable by the processor **840** to cause the device **805** to perform various aspects of group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility as described herein, or the processor **840** and the memory **830** may be otherwise configured to perform or support such operations.

[0151] FIG. **9** shows a block diagram **900** of a device **905** that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure. The device **905** may be an example of aspects of a network entity **105** as described herein. The device **905** may include a receiver **910**, a transmitter **915**, and a communications manager **920**. The device **905** may also include a processor. Each of these components may be in communication with one another (e.g., via one or more buses).

[0152] The receiver **910** may provide a means for obtaining (e.g., receiving, determining, identifying) information such as user data, control information, or any combination thereof (e.g., I/Q samples, symbols, packets, protocol data units, service data units) associated with various channels (e.g., control channels, data channels, information channels, channels associated with a protocol stack). Information may be passed on to other components of the device **905**. In some examples, the receiver **910** may support obtaining information by receiving signals via one or more antennas. Additionally, or alternatively, the receiver **910** may support obtaining information by receiving signals via one or more wired (e.g., electrical, fiber optic) interfaces, wireless interfaces, or any combination thereof.

[0153] The transmitter **915** may provide a means for outputting (e.g., transmitting, providing, conveying, sending) information generated by other components of the device **905**. For example, the transmitter **915** may output information such as user data, control information, or any combination thereof (e.g., I/Q samples, symbols, packets, protocol data units, service data units) associated with various channels (e.g., control channels, data channels, information channels, channels associated with a protocol stack). In some examples, the transmitter **915** may support outputting information by transmitting signals via one or more antennas. Additionally, or alternatively, the transmitter **915** may support outputting information by transmitting signals via one or more wired (e.g., electrical, fiber optic) interfaces, wireless interfaces, or any combination thereof. In some examples, the transmitter **915** and the receiver **910** may be co-located in a transceiver, which may include or be coupled with a modem.

[0154] The communications manager **920**, the receiver **910**, the transmitter **915**, or various combinations thereof or various components thereof may be examples of means for performing various aspects of group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility as described herein. For example, the communications manager **920**, the receiver **910**, the transmitter **915**, or various combinations or components thereof may support a method for performing one or more of the functions described herein.

[0155] In some examples, the communications manager **920**, the receiver **910**, the transmitter **915**, or various combinations or components thereof may be implemented in hardware (e.g., in communications management circuitry). The hardware may include a processor, a DSP, a CPU, an ASIC, an FPGA or other programmable logic device, a microcontroller, discrete gate or transistor logic, discrete hardware components, or any combination thereof configured as or otherwise supporting a means for performing the functions described in the present disclosure. In some examples, a processor and memory coupled with the processor may be configured to perform one or more of the functions described herein (e.g., by executing, by the processor, instructions stored

in the memory).

[0156] Additionally, or alternatively, in some examples, the communications manager **920**, the receiver **910**, the transmitter **915**, or various combinations or components thereof may be implemented in code (e.g., as communications management software or firmware) executed by a processor. If implemented in code executed by a processor, the functions of the communications manager **920**, the receiver **910**, the transmitter **915**, or various combinations or components thereof may be performed by a general-purpose processor, a DSP, a CPU, an ASIC, an FPGA, a microcontroller, or any combination of these or other programmable logic devices (e.g., configured as or otherwise supporting a means for performing the functions described in the present disclosure).

[0157] In some examples, the communications manager **920** may be configured to perform various operations (e.g., receiving, obtaining, monitoring, outputting, transmitting) using or otherwise in cooperation with the receiver **910**, the transmitter **915**, or both. For example, the communications manager **920** may receive information from the receiver **910**, send information to the transmitter **915**, or be integrated in combination with the receiver **910**, the transmitter **915**, or both to obtain information, output information, or perform various other operations as described herein.

[0158] The communications manager **920** may support wireless communications at a network entity in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. For example, the communications manager **920** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for transmitting, to a UE, first control signaling identifying, of a set of multiple cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of cell groups, where each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups includes a PCell and zero or more SCells. The communications manager **920** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving, from the UE, a measurement report for each cell group of the set of cell groups for inter-cell mobility. The communications manager **920** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for transmitting, at least in part in response to receiving the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a PCell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of cell groups.

[0159] By including or configuring the communications manager **920** in accordance with examples as described herein, the device **905** (e.g., a processor controlling or otherwise coupled with the receiver **910**, the transmitter **915**, the communications manager **920**, or a combination thereof) may support techniques for enhanced inter cell mobility communications with may result in reduced processing, reduced power consumption, and a more efficient utilization of communication resources.

[0160] FIG. **10** shows a block diagram **1000** of a device **1005** that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure. The device **1005** may be an example of aspects of a device **905** or a network entity **105** as described herein. The device **1005** may include a receiver **1010**, a transmitter **1015**, and a communications manager **1020**. The device **1005** may also include a processor. Each of these components may be in communication with one another (e.g., via one or more buses).

[0161] The receiver **1010** may provide a means for obtaining (e.g., receiving, determining, identifying) information such as user data, control information, or any combination thereof (e.g., I/Q samples, symbols, packets, protocol data units, service data units) associated with various channels (e.g., control channels, data channels, information channels, channels associated with a protocol stack). Information may be passed on to other components of the device **1005**. In some examples, the receiver **1010** may support obtaining information by receiving signals via one or more antennas. Additionally, or alternatively, the receiver **1010** may support obtaining information by receiving signals via one or more wired (e.g., electrical, fiber optic) interfaces, wireless interfaces, or any combination thereof.

[0162] The transmitter **1015** may provide a means for outputting (e.g., transmitting, providing, conveying, sending) information generated by other components of the device **1005**. For example,

the transmitter **1015** may output information such as user data, control information, or any combination thereof (e.g., I/Q samples, symbols, packets, protocol data units, service data units) associated with various channels (e.g., control channels, data channels, information channels, channels associated with a protocol stack). In some examples, the transmitter **1015** may support outputting information by transmitting signals via one or more antennas. Additionally, or alternatively, the transmitter **1015** may support outputting information by transmitting signals via one or more wired (e.g., electrical, fiber optic) interfaces, wireless interfaces, or any combination thereof. In some examples, the transmitter **1015** and the receiver **1010** may be co-located in a transceiver, which may include or be coupled with a modem.

[0163] The device **1005**, or various components thereof, may be an example of means for performing various aspects of group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility as described herein. For example, the communications manager **1020** may include an RRC signaling transmission component **1025**, a measurement report reception component **1030**, a L1 and L2 signaling transmission component **1035**, or any combination thereof. The communications manager **1020** may be an example of aspects of a communications manager **920** as described herein. In some examples, the communications manager **1020**, or various components thereof, may be configured to perform various operations (e.g., receiving, obtaining, monitoring, outputting, transmitting) using or otherwise in cooperation with the receiver **1010**, the transmitter **1015**, or both. For example, the communications manager **1020** may receive information from the receiver **1010**, send information to the transmitter **1015**, or be integrated in combination with the receiver **1010**, the transmitter **1015**, or both to obtain information, output information, or perform various other operations as described herein.

[0164] The communications manager **1020** may support wireless communications at a network entity in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. The RRC signaling transmission component **1025** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for transmitting, to a UE, first control signaling identifying, of a set of multiple cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of cell groups, where each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups includes a PCell and zero or more SCells. The measurement report reception component **1030** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving, from the UE, a measurement report for each cell group of the set of cell groups for inter-cell mobility. The L1 and L2 signaling transmission component **1035** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for transmitting, at least in part in response to receiving the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a PCell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of cell groups.

[0165] FIG. **11** shows a block diagram **1100** of a communications manager **1120** that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure. The communications manager **1120** may be an example of aspects of a communications manager **920**, a communications manager **1020**, or both, as described herein. The communications manager **1120**, or various components thereof, may be an example of means for performing various aspects of group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility as described herein. For example, the communications manager **1120** may include an RRC signaling transmission component **1125**, a measurement report reception component **1130**, a L1 and L2 signaling transmission component **1135**, or any combination thereof. Each of these components may communicate, directly or indirectly, with one another (e.g., via one or more buses) which may include communications within a protocol layer of a protocol stack, communications associated with a logical channel of a protocol stack (e.g., between protocol layers of a protocol stack, within a device, component, or virtualized component associated with a network entity **105**, between devices, components, or virtualized components associated with a network entity **105**), or any combination thereof.

[0166] The communications manager **1120** may support wireless communications at a network

entity in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. The RRC signaling transmission component **1125** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for transmitting, to a UE, first control signaling identifying, of a set of multiple cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of cell groups, where each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups includes a PCell and zero or more SCells. The measurement report reception component **1130** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving, from the UE, a measurement report for each cell group of the set of cell groups for inter-cell mobility. The L1 and L2 signaling transmission component **1135** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for transmitting, at least in part in response to receiving the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a PCell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of cell groups.

[0167] In some examples, to support transmitting the first control signaling identifying the inter-cell mobility configuration, the RRC signaling transmission component **1125** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for transmitting, for each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups, a respective set of communication parameters for the cell group.

[0168] In some examples, to support transmitting the respective sets of communication parameters, the RRC signaling transmission component **1125** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for transmitting a first set of communication parameters for a first cell group of the set of multiple cell groups. In some examples, to support transmitting the respective sets of communication parameters, the RRC signaling transmission component **1125** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for transmitting a second set of communication parameters for a second cell group of the set of multiple cell groups, the second set of communication parameters including one or more offsets relative to the first set of communication parameters.

[0169] In some examples, the respective sets of communication parameters include a bandwidth part indication, a cell index associated with a respective cell group, one or more SSB measurements, timing information, or a combination thereof.

[0170] In some examples, to support transmitting the first control signaling identifying the inter-cell mobility configuration, the RRC signaling transmission component **1125** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for transmitting a first indication configuring one or more SCells of the set of multiple cell groups with a PCell capability.

[0171] In some examples, to support transmitting the second control signaling, the L1 and L2 signaling transmission component **1135** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for transmitting a second indication for at least one activated cell group, the second indication updating the PCell to be an SCell and an SCell of the zero or more SCells to be a PCell, the second indication in accordance with the PCell capability.

[0172] In some examples, the first control signaling includes, for each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups, an indication of whether the cell group is enabled or disabled for inter-cell mobility. In some examples, the second control signaling changes the indication associated with one or more cell groups of the set of multiple cell groups to activate or deactivate the one or more cell groups.

[0173] In some examples, the RRC signaling transmission component **1125** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for transmitting a set of indicators corresponding to the set of multiple cell groups, each indicator of the set of indicators identifying whether to release a respective cell group of the set of multiple cell groups, including the one or more cell groups.

[0174] In some examples, the RRC signaling transmission component **1125** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for transmitting a set of indicators corresponding to the set of cell groups for use at the UE for inter-cell mobility, each indicator of the set of indicators identifying whether to release a respective cell group of at least one cell group for use at the UE for inter-cell mobility.

[0175] In some examples, the RRC signaling transmission component **1125** may be configured as

or otherwise support a means for transmitting third control signaling identifying a list of indices corresponding to the set of cell groups for use at the UE for inter-cell mobility, each index of the list of indices corresponding to a respective cell group of the set of cell groups, where the set of indicators are compared to the list of indices to activate or deactivate the one or more cell groups for inter-cell mobility.

[0176] In some examples, the first control signaling includes radio resource control signaling, and the second control signaling includes a DCI message or a MAC-CE.

[0177] In some examples, the RRC signaling transmission component **1125** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for transmitting, to the UE, a measurement report configuration indicating one or more measurements to include in the measurement report for the set of cell groups, where the measurement report is transmitted in accordance with the measurement report configuration.

[0178] FIG. **12** shows a diagram of a system **1200** including a device **1205** that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure. The device **1205** may be an example of or include the components of a device **905**, a device **1005**, or a network entity **105** as described herein. The device **1205** may communicate with one or more network entities **105**, one or more UEs **115**, or any combination thereof, which may include communications over one or more wired interfaces, over one or more wireless interfaces, or any combination thereof. The device **1205** may include components that support outputting and obtaining communications, such as a communications manager **1220**, a transceiver **1210**, an antenna **1215**, a memory **1225**, code **1230**, and a processor **1235**. These components may be in electronic communication or otherwise coupled (e.g., operatively, communicatively, functionally, electronically, electrically) via one or more buses (e.g., a bus **1240**).

[0179] The transceiver **1210** may support bi-directional communications via wired links, wireless links, or both as described herein. In some examples, the transceiver **1210** may include a wired transceiver and may communicate bi-directionally with another wired transceiver. Additionally, or alternatively, in some examples, the transceiver **1210** may include a wireless transceiver and may communicate bi-directionally with another wireless transceiver. In some examples, the device **1205** may include one or more antennas **1215**, which may be capable of transmitting or receiving wireless transmissions (e.g., concurrently). The transceiver **1210** may also include a modem to modulate signals, to provide the modulated signals for transmission (e.g., by one or more antennas **1215**, by a wired transmitter), to receive modulated signals (e.g., from one or more antennas **1215**, from a wired receiver), and to demodulate signals. The transceiver **1210**, or the transceiver **1210** and one or more antennas **1215** or wired interfaces, where applicable, may be an example of a transmitter **915**, a transmitter **1015**, a receiver **910**, a receiver **1010**, or any combination thereof or component thereof, as described herein. In some examples, the transceiver may be operable to support communications via one or more communications links (e.g., a communication link **125**, a backhaul communication link **120**, a midhaul communication link **162**, a fronthaul communication link **168**).

[0180] The memory **1225** may include RAM and ROM. The memory **1225** may store computer-readable, computer-executable code **1230** including instructions that, when executed by the processor **1235**, cause the device **1205** to perform various functions described herein. The code **1230** may be stored in a non-transitory computer-readable medium such as system memory or another type of memory. In some cases, the code **1230** may not be directly executable by the processor **1235** but may cause a computer (e.g., when compiled and executed) to perform functions described herein. In some cases, the memory **1225** may contain, among other things, a BIOS which may control basic hardware or software operation such as the interaction with peripheral components or devices.

[0181] The processor **1235** may include an intelligent hardware device (e.g., a general-purpose processor, a DSP, an ASIC, a CPU, an FPGA, a microcontroller, a programmable logic device,

discrete gate or transistor logic, a discrete hardware component, or any combination thereof). In some cases, the processor **1235** may be configured to operate a memory array using a memory controller. In some other cases, a memory controller may be integrated into the processor **1235**. The processor **1235** may be configured to execute computer-readable instructions stored in a memory (e.g., the memory **1225**) to cause the device **1205** to perform various functions (e.g., functions or tasks supporting group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility). For example, the device **1205** or a component of the device **1205** may include a processor **1235** and memory **1225** coupled with the processor **1235**, the processor **1235** and memory **1225** configured to perform various functions described herein. The processor **1235** may be an example of a cloud-computing platform (e.g., one or more physical nodes and supporting software such as operating systems, virtual machines, or container instances) that may host the functions (e.g., by executing code **1230**) to perform the functions of the device **1205**.

[0182] In some examples, a bus **1240** may support communications of (e.g., within) a protocol layer of a protocol stack. In some examples, a bus **1240** may support communications associated with a logical channel of a protocol stack (e.g., between protocol layers of a protocol stack), which may include communications performed within a component of the device **1205**, or between different components of the device **1205** that may be co-located or located in different locations (e.g., where the device **1205** may refer to a system in which one or more of the communications manager **1220**, the transceiver **1210**, the memory **1225**, the code **1230**, and the processor **1235** may be located in one of the different components or divided between different components).

[0183] In some examples, the communications manager **1220** may manage aspects of communications with a core network **130** (e.g., via one or more wired or wireless backhaul links). For example, the communications manager **1220** may manage the transfer of data communications for client devices, such as one or more UEs **115**. In some examples, the communications manager **1220** may manage communications with other network entities **105**, and may include a controller or scheduler for controlling communications with UEs **115** in cooperation with other network entities **105**. In some examples, the communications manager **1220** may support an X2 interface within an LTE/LTE-A wireless communications network technology to provide communication between network entities **105**.

[0184] The communications manager **1220** may support wireless communications at a network entity in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. For example, the communications manager **1220** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for transmitting, to a UE, first control signaling identifying, of a set of multiple cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of cell groups, where each cell group of the set of multiple cell groups includes a PCell and zero or more SCells. The communications manager **1220** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for receiving, from the UE, a measurement report for each cell group of the set of cell groups for inter-cell mobility. The communications manager **1220** may be configured as or otherwise support a means for transmitting, at least in part in response to receiving the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a PCell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of cell groups.

[0185] By including or configuring the communications manager **1220** in accordance with examples as described herein, the device **1205** may support techniques for enhanced inter cell mobility communications with may result in improved communication reliability, reduced latency, improved user experience related to reduced processing, reduced power consumption, more efficient utilization of communication resources, improved coordination between devices, longer battery life, and improved utilization of processing capability.

[0186] In some examples, the communications manager **1220** may be configured to perform various operations (e.g., receiving, obtaining, monitoring, outputting, transmitting) using or otherwise in cooperation with the transceiver **1210**, the one or more antennas **1215** (e.g., where applicable), or any combination thereof. Although the communications manager **1220** is illustrated

as a separate component, in some examples, one or more functions described with reference to the communications manager **1220** may be supported by or performed by the processor **1235**, the memory **1225**, the code **1230**, the transceiver **1210**, or any combination thereof. For example, the code **1230** may include instructions executable by the processor **1235** to cause the device **1205** to perform various aspects of group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility as described herein, or the processor **1235** and the memory **1225** may be otherwise configured to perform or support such operations.

[0187] FIG. **13** shows a flowchart illustrating a method **1300** that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure. The operations of the method **1300** may be implemented by a UE or its components as described herein. For example, the operations of the method **1300** may be performed by a UE **115** as described with reference to FIGS. **1** through **8**. In some examples, a UE may execute a set of instructions to control the functional elements of the UE to perform the described functions. Additionally, or alternatively, the UE may perform aspects of the described functions using special-purpose hardware.

[0188] At **1305**, the method may include receiving first control signaling identifying, of a plurality of cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of one or more cell groups for use at the UE, wherein each cell group of the plurality of cell groups comprises a primary cell and zero or more secondary cells. The operations of **1305** may be performed in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. In some examples, aspects of the operations of **1305** may be performed by an RRC signaling reception component **725** as described with reference to FIG. **7**.

[0189] At **1310**, the method may include transmitting a measurement report for each cell group of the set of one or more cell groups for inter-cell mobility. The operations of **1310** may be performed in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. In some examples, aspects of the operations of **1310** may be performed by a measurement report transmission component **730** as described with reference to FIG. **7**.

[0190] At **1315**, the method may include receiving, at least in part in response to transmitting the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a primary cell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of one or more cell groups. The operations of **1315** may be performed in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. In some examples, aspects of the operations of **1315** may be performed by a L1 and L2 signaling reception component **735** as described with reference to FIG. **7**.

[0191] FIG. **14** shows a flowchart illustrating a method **1400** that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure. The operations of the method **1400** may be implemented by a UE or its components as described herein. For example, the operations of the method **1400** may be performed by a UE **115** as described with reference to FIGS. **1** through **8**. In some examples, a UE may execute a set of instructions to control the functional elements of the UE to perform the described functions. Additionally, or alternatively, the UE may perform aspects of the described functions using special-purpose hardware.

[0192] At **1405**, the method may include receiving first control signaling identifying, of a plurality of cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of one or more cell groups for use at the UE, wherein each cell group of the plurality of cell groups comprises a primary cell and zero or more secondary cells. The operations of **1405** may be performed in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. In some examples, aspects of the operations of **1405** may be performed by an RRC signaling reception component **725** as described with reference to FIG. **7**.

[0193] At **1410**, the method may include receiving receive a measurement report configuration indicating one or more measurements to include in a measurement report for the set of one or more

cell groups, wherein the measurement report is transmitted in accordance with the measurement report configuration. The operations of **1410** may be performed in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. In some examples, aspects of the operations of **1410** may be performed by an RRC signaling reception component **725** as described with reference to FIG. 7.

[0194] At **1415**, the method may include transmitting the measurement report for each cell group of the set of one or more cell groups for inter-cell mobility. The operations of **1415** may be performed in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. In some examples, aspects of the operations of **1415** may be performed by a measurement report transmission component **730** as described with reference to FIG. 7.

[0195] At **1420**, the method may include receiving, at least in part in response to transmitting the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a primary cell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of one or more cell groups. The operations of **1420** may be performed in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. In some examples, aspects of the operations of **1420** may be performed by a L1 and L2 signaling reception component **735** as described with reference to FIG. 7.

[0196] FIG. 15 shows a flowchart illustrating a method **1500** that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure. The operations of the method **1500** may be implemented by a network entity or its components as described herein. For example, the operations of the method **1500** may be performed by a network entity as described with reference to FIGS. 1 through 4 and 9 through 12. In some examples, a network entity may execute a set of instructions to control the functional elements of the network entity to perform the described functions. Additionally, or alternatively, the network entity may perform aspects of the described functions using special-purpose hardware.

[0197] At **1505**, the method may include transmitting, to a UE, first control signaling identifying, of a plurality of cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of one or more cell groups, wherein each cell group of the plurality of cell groups comprises a primary cell and zero or more secondary cells. The operations of **1505** may be performed in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. In some examples, aspects of the operations of **1505** may be performed by an RRC signaling transmission component **1125** as described with reference to FIG. 11.

[0198] At **1510**, the method may include receiving, from the UE, a measurement report for each cell group of the set of one or more cell groups for inter-cell mobility. The operations of **1510** may be performed in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. In some examples, aspects of the operations of **1510** may be performed by a measurement report reception component **1130** as described with reference to FIG. 11.

[0199] At **1515**, the method may include transmitting, at least in part in response to receiving the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a primary cell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of one or more cell groups. The operations of **1515** may be performed in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. In some examples, aspects of the operations of **1515** may be performed by a L1 and L2 signaling transmission component **1135** as described with reference to FIG. 11.

[0200] FIG. 16 shows a flowchart illustrating a method **1600** that supports group based cell configuration for inter-cell mobility in accordance with one or more aspects of the present disclosure. The operations of the method **1600** may be implemented by a network entity or its components as described herein. For example, the operations of the method **1600** may be performed by a network entity as described with reference to FIGS. 1 through 4 and 9 through 12. In some examples, a network entity may execute a set of instructions to control the functional elements of the network entity to perform the described functions. Additionally, or alternatively, the network entity may perform aspects of the described functions using special-purpose hardware.

[0201] At **1605**, the method may include transmitting, to a UE, first control signaling identifying,



of a plurality of cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of one or more cell groups, wherein each cell group of the plurality of cell groups comprises a primary cell and zero or more secondary cells. The operations of **1605** may be performed in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. In some examples, aspects of the operations of **1605** may be performed by an RRC signaling transmission component **1125** as described with reference to FIG. **11**.

[0202] At **1610**, the method may include transmitting, to the UE, a measurement report configuration indicating one or more measurements to include in the measurement report for the set of one or more cell groups, wherein the measurement report is transmitted in accordance with the measurement report configuration. The operations of **1610** may be performed in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. In some examples, aspects of the operations of **1610** may be performed by an RRC signaling transmission component **1125** as described with reference to FIG. **11**.

[0203] At **1615**, the method may include receiving, from the UE, a measurement report for each cell group of the set of one or more cell groups for inter-cell mobility. The operations of **1615** may be performed in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. In some examples, aspects of the operations of **1615** may be performed by a measurement report reception component **1130** as described with reference to FIG. **11**.

[0204] At **1620**, the method may include transmitting, at least in part in response to receiving the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a primary cell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of one or more cell groups. The operations of **1620** may be performed in accordance with examples as disclosed herein. In some examples, aspects of the operations of **1620** may be performed by a L1 and L2 signaling transmission component **1135** as described with reference to FIG. **11**.

[0205] The following provides an overview of aspects of the present disclosure:

[0206] Aspect 1: A method for wireless communications at a UE, comprising: receiving first control signaling identifying, of a plurality of cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of cell groups for use at the UE, wherein each cell group of the plurality of cell groups comprises a PCell and zero or more SCells; transmitting a measurement report for each cell group of the set of cell groups for inter-cell mobility; and receiving, at least in part in response to transmitting the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a PCell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of cell groups.

[0207] Aspect 2: The method of aspect 1, wherein receiving the first control signaling identifying the inter-cell mobility configuration comprises: receiving, for each cell group of the plurality of cell groups, a respective set of communication parameters for the cell group.

[0208] Aspect 3: The method of aspect 2, wherein receiving the respective sets of communication parameters further comprises: receiving a first set of communication parameters for a first cell group of the plurality of cell groups; and receiving a second set of communication parameters for a second cell group of the plurality of cell groups, the second set of communication parameters comprising one or more offsets relative to the first set of communication parameters.

[0209] Aspect 4: The method of any of aspects 2 through 3, wherein the respective sets of communication parameters comprise a bandwidth part indication, a cell index associated with a respective cell group, one or more SSB measurements, timing information, or a combination thereof.

[0210] Aspect 5: The method of any of aspects 1 through 4, wherein receiving the first control signaling identifying the inter-cell mobility configuration further comprises: receiving a first indication configuring one or more SCells of the plurality of cell groups with a PCell capability.

[0211] Aspect 6: The method of aspect 5, wherein receiving the second control signaling further comprises: receiving a second indication for at least one activated cell group, the second indication

updating the PCell to be a SCell and a SCell of the zero or more SCells to be a PCell, the second indication in accordance with the PCell capability.

[0212] Aspect 7: The method of any of aspects 1 through 6, wherein the first control signaling comprises, for each cell group of the plurality of cell groups, an indication of whether the cell group is enabled or disabled for inter-cell mobility, and the second control signaling changes the indication associated with one or more cell groups of the plurality of cell groups to activate or deactivate the one or more cell groups.

[0213] Aspect 8: The method of any of aspects 1 through 7, further comprising: receiving a set of indicators corresponding to the plurality of cell groups, each indicator of the set of indicators identifying whether to release a respective cell group of the plurality of cell groups, including the one or more cell groups.

[0214] Aspect 9: The method of any of aspects 1 through 8, further comprising: receiving a set of indicators corresponding to the set of cell groups for use at the UE for inter-cell mobility, each indicator of the set of indicators identifying whether to release a respective cell group of at least one cell group for use at the UE for inter-cell mobility.

[0215] Aspect 10: The method of aspect 9, further comprising: receiving third control signaling identifying a list of indices corresponding to the set of cell groups for use at the UE for inter-cell mobility, each index of the list of indices corresponding to a respective cell group of the set of cell groups, wherein the set of indicators are compared to the list of indices to activate or deactivate the one or more cell groups for inter-cell mobility.

[0216] Aspect 11: The method of any of aspects 1 through 10, wherein the first control signaling comprises RRC signaling, and the second control signaling comprises a DCI message or a MAC-CE.

[0217] Aspect 12: The method of any of aspects 1 through 11, further comprising: receiving a measurement report configuration indicating one or more measurements to include in the measurement report for the set of cell groups, wherein the measurement report is transmitted in accordance with the measurement report configuration.

[0218] Aspect 13: A method for wireless communications at a network entity, comprising: transmitting, to a UE, first control signaling identifying, of a plurality of cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of cell groups, wherein each cell group of the plurality of cell groups comprises a PCell and zero or more SCells; receiving, from the UE, a measurement report for each cell group of the set of cell groups for inter-cell mobility; and transmitting, at least in part in response to receiving the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a PCell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of cell groups.

[0219] Aspect 14: The method of aspect 13, wherein transmitting the first control signaling identifying the inter-cell mobility configuration comprises: transmitting, for each cell group of the plurality of cell groups, a respective set of communication parameters for the cell group.

[0220] Aspect 15: The method of aspect 14, wherein transmitting the respective sets of communication parameters further comprises: transmitting a first set of communication parameters for a first cell group of the plurality of cell groups; and transmitting a second set of communication parameters for a second cell group of the plurality of cell groups, the second set of communication parameters comprising one or more offsets relative to the first set of communication parameters.

[0221] Aspect 16: The method of any of aspects 14 through 15, wherein the respective sets of communication parameters comprise a bandwidth part indication, a cell index associated with a respective cell group, one or more SSB measurements, timing information, or a combination thereof.

[0222] Aspect 17: The method of any of aspects 13 through 16, wherein transmitting the first control signaling identifying the inter-cell mobility configuration further comprises: transmitting a first indication configuring one or more SCells of the plurality of cell groups with a PCell

capability.

[0223] Aspect 18: The method of aspect 17, wherein transmitting the second control signaling further comprises: transmitting a second indication for at least one activated cell group, the second indication updating the PCell to be a SCell and a SCell of the zero or more SCells to be a PCell, the second indication in accordance with the PCell capability.

[0224] Aspect 19: The method of any of aspects 13 through 18, wherein the first control signaling comprises, for each cell group of the plurality of cell groups, an indication of whether the cell group is enabled or disabled for inter-cell mobility, and the second control signaling changes the indication associated with one or more cell groups of the plurality of cell groups to activate or deactivate the one or more cell groups.

[0225] Aspect 20: The method of any of aspects 13 through 19, further comprising: transmitting a set of indicators corresponding to the plurality of cell groups, each indicator of the set of indicators identifying whether to release a respective cell group of the plurality of cell groups, including the one or more cell groups.

[0226] Aspect 21: The method of any of aspects 13 through 20, further comprising: transmitting a set of indicators corresponding to the set of cell groups for use at the UE for inter-cell mobility, each indicator of the set of indicators identifying whether to release a respective cell group of at least one cell group for use at the UE for inter-cell mobility.

[0227] Aspect 22: The method of aspect 21, further comprising: transmitting third control signaling identifying a list of indices corresponding to the set of cell groups for use at the UE for inter-cell mobility, each index of the list of indices corresponding to a respective cell group of the set of cell groups, wherein the set of indicators are compared to the list of indices to activate or deactivate the one or more cell groups for inter-cell mobility.

[0228] Aspect 23: The method of any of aspects 13 through 22, wherein the first control signaling comprises RRC signaling, and the second control signaling comprises a DCI message or a MAC-CE.

[0229] Aspect 24: The method of any of aspects 13 through 23, further comprising: transmitting, to the UE, a measurement report configuration indicating one or more measurements to include in the measurement report for the set of cell groups, wherein the measurement report is transmitted in accordance with the measurement report configuration.

[0230] Aspect 25: An apparatus for wireless communications at a UE, comprising a processor; memory coupled with the processor; and instructions stored in the memory and executable by the processor to cause the apparatus to perform a method of any of aspects 1 through 12.

[0231] Aspect 26: An apparatus for wireless communications at a UE, comprising at least one means for performing a method of any of aspects 1 through 12.

[0232] Aspect 27: A non-transitory computer-readable medium storing code for wireless communications at a UE, the code comprising instructions executable by a processor to perform a method of any of aspects 1 through 12.

[0233] Aspect 28: An apparatus for wireless communications at a network entity, comprising a processor; memory coupled with the processor; and instructions stored in the memory and executable by the processor to cause the apparatus to perform a method of any of aspects 13 through 24.

[0234] Aspect 29: An apparatus for wireless communications at a network entity, comprising at least one means for performing a method of any of aspects 13 through 24.

[0235] Aspect 30: A non-transitory computer-readable medium storing code for wireless communications at a network entity, the code comprising instructions executable by a processor to perform a method of any of aspects 13 through 24.

[0236] It should be noted that the methods described herein describe possible implementations, and that the operations and the steps may be rearranged or otherwise modified and that other implementations are possible. Further, aspects from two or more of the methods may be combined.

[0237] Although aspects of an LTE, LTE-A, LTE-A Pro, or NR system may be described for purposes of example, and LTE, LTE-A, LTE-A Pro, or NR terminology may be used in much of the description, the techniques described herein are applicable beyond LTE, LTE-A, LTE-A Pro, or NR networks. For example, the described techniques may be applicable to various other wireless communications systems such as Ultra Mobile Broadband (UMB), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 802.11 (Wi-Fi), IEEE 802.16 (WiMAX), IEEE 802.20, Flash-OFDM, as well as other systems and radio technologies not explicitly mentioned herein.

[0238] Information and signals described herein may be represented using any of a variety of different technologies and techniques. For example, data, instructions, commands, information, signals, bits, symbols, and chips that may be referenced throughout the description may be represented by voltages, currents, electromagnetic waves, magnetic fields or particles, optical fields or particles, or any combination thereof.

[0239] The various illustrative blocks and components described in connection with the disclosure herein may be implemented or performed using a general-purpose processor, a DSP, an ASIC, a CPU, an FPGA or other programmable logic device, discrete gate or transistor logic, discrete hardware components, or any combination thereof designed to perform the functions described herein. A general-purpose processor may be a microprocessor but, in the alternative, the processor may be any processor, controller, microcontroller, or state machine. A processor may also be implemented as a combination of computing devices (e.g., a combination of a DSP and a microprocessor, multiple microprocessors, one or more microprocessors in conjunction with a DSP core, or any other such configuration).

[0240] The functions described herein may be implemented using hardware, software executed by a processor, firmware, or any combination thereof. If implemented using software executed by a processor, the functions may be stored as or transmitted using one or more instructions or code of a computer-readable medium. Other examples and implementations are within the scope of the disclosure and appended claims. For example, due to the nature of software, functions described herein may be implemented using software executed by a processor, hardware, firmware, hardwiring, or combinations of any of these. Features implementing functions may also be physically located at various positions, including being distributed such that portions of functions are implemented at different physical locations.

[0241] Computer-readable media includes both non-transitory computer storage media and communication media including any medium that facilitates transfer of a computer program from one location to another. A non-transitory storage medium may be any available medium that may be accessed by a general-purpose or special-purpose computer. By way of example, and not limitation, non-transitory computer-readable media may include RAM, ROM, electrically erasable programmable ROM (EEPROM), flash memory, compact disk (CD) ROM or other optical disk storage, magnetic disk storage or other magnetic storage devices, or any other non-transitory medium that may be used to carry or store desired program code means in the form of instructions or data structures and that may be accessed by a general-purpose or special-purpose computer, or a general-purpose or special-purpose processor. Also, any connection is properly termed a computer-readable medium. For example, if the software is transmitted from a website, server, or other remote source using a coaxial cable, fiber optic cable, twisted pair, digital subscriber line (DSL), or wireless technologies such as infrared, radio, and microwave, then the coaxial cable, fiber optic cable, twisted pair, DSL, or wireless technologies such as infrared, radio, and microwave are included in the definition of computer-readable medium. Disk and disc, as used herein, include CD, laser disc, optical disc, digital versatile disc (DVD), floppy disk and Blu-ray disc. Disks may reproduce data magnetically, and discs may reproduce data optically using lasers. Combinations of the above are also included within the scope of computer-readable media.

[0242] As used herein, including in the claims, “or” as used in a list of items (e.g., a list of items prefaced by a phrase such as “at least one of” or “one or more of”) indicates an inclusive list such

that, for example, a list of at least one of A, B, or C means A or B or C or AB or AC or BC or ABC (i.e., A and B and C). Also, as used herein, the phrase “based on” shall not be construed as a reference to a closed set of conditions. For example, an example step that is described as “based on condition A” may be based on both a condition A and a condition B without departing from the scope of the present disclosure. In other words, as used herein, the phrase “based on” shall be construed in the same manner as the phrase “based at least in part on.”

[0243] The term “determine” or “determining” encompasses a variety of actions and, therefore, “determining” can include calculating, computing, processing, deriving, investigating, looking up (such as via looking up in a table, a database, or another data structure), ascertaining and the like. Also, “determining” can include receiving (e.g., receiving information), accessing (e.g., accessing data stored in memory) and the like. Also, “determining” can include resolving, obtaining, selecting, choosing, establishing, and other such similar actions.

[0244] In the appended figures, similar components or features may have the same reference label. Further, various components of the same type may be distinguished by following the reference label by a dash and a second label that distinguishes among the similar components. If just the first reference label is used in the specification, the description is applicable to any one of the similar components having the same first reference label irrespective of the second reference label, or other subsequent reference label.

[0245] The description set forth herein, in connection with the appended drawings, describes example configurations and does not represent all the examples that may be implemented or that are within the scope of the claims. The term “example” used herein means “serving as an example, instance, or illustration,” and not “preferred” or “advantageous over other examples.” The detailed description includes specific details for the purpose of providing an understanding of the described techniques. These techniques, however, may be practiced without these specific details. In some instances, known structures and devices are shown in block diagram form in order to avoid obscuring the concepts of the described examples.

[0246] The description herein is provided to enable a person having ordinary skill in the art to make or use the disclosure. Various modifications to the disclosure will be apparent to a person having ordinary skill in the art, and the generic principles defined herein may be applied to other variations without departing from the scope of the disclosure. Thus, the disclosure is not limited to the examples and designs described herein but is to be accorded the broadest scope consistent with the principles and novel features disclosed herein.

## Claims

**1.** An apparatus for wireless communications at a user equipment (UE), comprising: a processor; memory coupled with the processor; and instructions stored in the memory and executable by the processor to cause the apparatus to: receive first control signaling identifying, of a plurality of cell groups configured at the UE, an inter-cell mobility configuration for a set of one or more cell groups for use at the UE, wherein each cell group of the plurality of cell groups comprises a primary cell and zero or more secondary cells; transmit a measurement report for each cell group of the set of one or more cell groups for inter-cell mobility; and receive, at least in part in response to transmitting the measurement report, second control signaling activating or deactivating a primary cell group for inter-cell mobility from one or more cell groups of the set of one or more cell groups.

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