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SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR RELAXED PROCESSING TIME FOR REDCAP DEVICES

Abstract

Various embodiments herein provide techniques for reduced capability (RedCap) user equipments (UEs). For example, embodiments relate to a relaxed (longer) timeline requirement associated with a random access procedure and/or other communications of RedCap UEs. The techniques may support existing RedCap use cases, as well as extend RedCap UEs to new use cases. Other embodiments may be described and claimed.

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Background/Summary

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION [0001] The present application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 63/354,643, which was filed Jun. 22, 2022; and to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 63/483,687, which was filed Feb. 7, 2023.

FIELD
[0002] Various embodiments generally may relate to the field of wireless communications. For example, some embodiments may relate to techniques for reduced capability (RedCap) user equipments (UEs).
BACKGROUND
[0003] The Third Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) Fifth Generation (5G) New Radio (NR) specifications cater to support of a diverse set of verticals and use cases, including enhanced mobile broadband (eMBB) as well as the newly introduced ultra reliable and low latency communication (URLLC) services. Support for Low Power Wide Area (LPWA) networks and use cases for extremely low complexity/cost devices, targeting extreme coverage and ultra-long battery lifetimes, are expected to be served by machine-type communication (MTC) (Category M user equipments (UEs)) and narrow band (NB)-Internet of things (IoT) (Category NB UEs) technologies.
[0004] Through the Rel-17 NR reduced capability (RedCap) work item, 3GPP has established a framework for enabling reduced capability NR devices suitable for a range of use cases, including the industrial sensors, video surveillance, and wearables use cases, with requirements on low UE complexity and sometimes also on low UE power consumption.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS
[0005] Embodiments will be readily understood by the following detailed description in conjunction with the accompanying drawings. To facilitate this description, like reference numerals designate like structural elements. Embodiments are illustrated by way of example and not by way of limitation in the figures of the accompanying drawings.
[0006] FIG. **1** schematically illustrates a wireless network in accordance with various embodiments.
[0007] FIG. **2** schematically illustrates components of a wireless network in accordance with various embodiments.
[0008] FIG. **3** is a block diagram illustrating components, according to some example embodiments, able to read instructions from a machine-readable or computer-readable medium (e.g., a non-transitory machine-readable storage medium) and perform any one or more of the methodologies discussed herein.
[0009] FIGS. **4** and **5** illustrate example procedures to practice various embodiments herein.
DETAILED DESCRIPTION
[0010] The following detailed description refers to the accompanying drawings. The same reference numbers may be used in different drawings to identify the same or similar elements. In the following description, for purposes of explanation and not limitation, specific details are set forth such as particular structures, architectures, interfaces, techniques, etc. in order to provide a

thorough understanding of the various aspects of various embodiments. However, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art having the benefit of the present disclosure that the various aspects of the various embodiments may be practiced in other examples that depart from these specific details. In certain instances, descriptions of well-known devices, circuits, and methods are omitted so as not to obscure the description of the various embodiments with unnecessary detail. For the purposes of the present document, the phrases “A or B” and “A/B” mean (A), (B), or (A and B).

[0011] Embodiments herein provide techniques for reduced capability (RedCap) user equipments (UEs) which may further reduce complexity for RedCap UEs. The embodiments may improve support for the previously identified use cases and also expand RedCap into a new range of use cases such as smart grid. For example, the embodiments may further expand the market for RedCap use cases with relatively low cost, low energy consumption, and low data rate requirements, e.g., industrial wireless sensor network use cases. Aspects of the embodiments may be adopted into 3GPP Rel-18 specifications for enhanced RedCap UE (eRedCap UE).

[0012] In the existing NR specification, the PDSCH processing time for PDSCH processing time capability 1, PUSCH preparation time for PUSCH timing capability 1 and CSI computation delay requirement 2 are specified in the following tables from 3GPP TS 38.214, V17.1.0 (hereinafter “TS 38.214”).

TABLE-US-00001 TABLE 5.3-1 PDSCH processing time for PDSCH processing capability 1 PDSCH decoding time N.sub.1 [symbols] dmrs-AdditionalPosition = ‘pos0’ in DMRS-DownlinkConfig in dmrs-AdditionalPosition ≠ ‘pos0’ in dmrs-DownlinkForPDSCH- DMRS-DownlinkConfig in any of MappingTypeA and dmrs- dmrs-DownlinkForPDSCH-DownlinkForPDSCH- MappingTypeA, dmrs- MappingTypeB if either higher DownlinkForPDSCH- layer parameter is configured, and MappingTypeB, dmrs- in dmrs-DownlinkForPDSCH- DownlinkForPDSCH- MappingTypeA-DCI-1-2 and dmrs- MappingTypeA-DCI-1-2, dmrs- DownlinkForPDSCH- DownlinkForPDSCH- MappingTypeB-DCI-1-2 if either MappingTypeB-DCI-1-2, higher layer parameter is or if none of the higher layer μ configured parameters is configured 0 8 N.sub.1, 0 1 10 13 2 17 20 3 20 24 5 80 96 6 160 192

TABLE-US-00002 TABLE 6.4-1 PUSCH preparation time for PUSCH timing capability 1 PUSCH preparation time N.sub.2 μ [symbols] 0 10 1 12 2 23 3 36 5 144 6 288

TABLE-US-00003 TABLE 5.4-2 CSI computation delay requirement 2 Z.sub.1 [symbols] Z.sub.2 [symbols] Z.sub.3 [symbols] μ Z.sub.1 Z′.sub.1 Z.sub.2 Z′.sub.2 Z.sub.3 Z′.sub.3 0 22 16 40 37 22 X.sub.0 1 33 30 72 69 33 X.sub.1 2 44 42 141 140 min(44, X.sub.2 + X.sub.2 KB.sub.1) 3 97 85 152 140 min(97, X.sub.3 + X.sub.3 KB.sub.2) 5 388 340 608 560 min(388, X5 + X5 KB3) 6 776 680 1216 1120 min(776, X6 + X6 KB4

[0013] One potential enhancement in accordance with various embodiments herein is to relax the processing time for eRedCap UEs. For example, the above processing time indicated above may be doubled or otherwise increased for eRedCap UEs. The extended processing time may enable reduced UE complexity by allowing a longer time for the processing of PDSCH, preparing PUSCH or performing CSI measurement and report, among other operations. Various embodiments herein provide techniques related to relaxed processing time for eRedCap UEs, such as: [0014] Relaxed PDSCH processing time; [0015] Relaxed scheduling delay; and/or [0016] Relaxed CSI computation delay.

[0017] Relaxing the processing time for a UE can potentially reduce the UE complexity by allowing a longer time for the processing of PDSCH, preparing PUSCH or performing CSI measurement and report. Various other aspects of the UE will be impacted by the relaxing of PDSCH processing time, PUSCH preparation time and CSI computation delay.

[0018] It is noted that while multiple embodiments and examples are provided in the subsequent sub-sections based on a multiplicative scaling, by a factor greater than one, of existing processing minimum UE processing times to relax the timelines, similar time-line relaxations may also be realized by other means, such as with suitable choices of additive factors to the currently specified minimum UE processing times.

Relaxed PDSCH Processing Time (N1)

[0019] According to section 5.3, TS38.214 in NR, if the first uplink symbol of the PUCCH which carries the HARQ-ACK information, as defined by the assigned HARQ-ACK timing K.sub.1 and K.sub.offset, if configured, and the PUCCH resource to be used and including the effect of the timing advance, starts no earlier than at symbol L.sub.1, where L.sub.1 is defined as the next uplink symbol with its CP starting after T.sub.proc,1=(N.sub.1+d.sub.1,1+d.sub.2) (2048+144).Math.κ2.sup.−μ.Math.T.sub.C+T.sub.ext after the end of the last symbol of the PDSCH carrying the TB being acknowledged, then the UE shall provide a valid HARQ-ACK message.

[0020] The UE complexity can be reduced by increasing the PDSCH processing time (N1) by a scaling factor c. The value c can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. For example, c equals to 2. Note: the new N1 values after scaling may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value c. Corresponding to the increase of PDSCH processing time, some other parameters may be increased too. The increase of processing time may be only applied if processingType2Enabled of PDSCH-ServingCellConfig is set to disable for a serving cell.

[0021] In one embodiment, the values of d.sub.1,1 and/or d.sub.2 in the formula to determine T.sub.proc,1 can be increased in accordance with the increase of N1.

[0022] In one option, the values of d.sub.1,1 and/or d.sub.2 in the formula to determine T.sub.proc,1 can be increased by a scaling factor c.sub.0. The value c.sub.0 can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. Note: the new d.sub.1,1 and/or d.sub.2 values after scaling may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value c.sub.0.

[0023] In another option, for eRedCap UE, the value of N1 may be increased while the values of d.sub.1,1 and/or d.sub.2 in the formula to determine T.sub.proc,1 may be same as specified in Rel-15 NR specifications.

[0024] In one embodiment, the value range of PDSCH-to-HARQ_feedback slot offset (K1) can be increased in accordance with the increase of N1.

[0025] In one option, for DCI format 1_1 or 1_2, the value range of K1 can be changed to from X to Y. In one example, X>0, and Y is same as Rel-15, e.g., Y=15. In another example, X=0 and Y can be increased to 16c.sub.1−1. In another example, X>0 and Y can be increased to 16c.sub.1−1. The value c.sub.1 can be predefined or reported by a UE capability.

[0026] In another option, for DCI format 1_1 if unlicensed operation is supported, the value range of K1 may be increased to from −1 to 16c.sub.1−1. The value c.sub.1 can be predefined or reported by a UE capability.

[0027] Note: the new range of K1 after scaling may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value c.sub.1.

[0028] In another option, for DCI format 1_0, the candidate values of K1 may be {c.sub.1, 2c.sub.1, 3c.sub.1, 4c.sub.1, 5c.sub.1, 6c.sub.1, 7c.sub.1, 8c.sub.1}. The value c.sub.1 can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. Note: the new values K1 may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value c.sub.1.

[0029] In another option, for DCI format 1_1 or 1_2, the value range of K1 for DCI format 1_1 or 1_2 may be not changed for eRedCap UE. Consequently, it is up to gNB implementation to not configure or indicate a value of K1 which results in short of PDSCH processing time.

[0030] In another option, for DCI format 1_0, the candidate values of K1 may be not changed for eRedCap UE, e.g., {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8}. Consequently, it is up to gNB implementation to not indicate a value of K1 which results in short of PDSCH processing time.

[0031] In another option, for the set of values for HARQ Feedback Timing Indicator field in successRAR, the candidate values of K1 may be {c.sub.1, 2c.sub.1, 3c.sub.1, 4c.sub.1, 5c.sub.1, 6c.sub.1, 7c.sub.1, 8c.sub.1}. The value c.sub.1 can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. Note: the new values K1 may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value

c.sub.1.
[0032] In another option, for the set of values for HARQ Feedback Timing Indicator field in successRAR, the candidate values of K1 may be not changed for eRedCap UE, e.g., {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8}. Consequently, it is up to gNB implementation to not indicate a value of K1 which results in short of PDSCH processing time.
[0033] In one embodiment, the value N.sub.3 of HARQ-ACK multiplexing timeline can be increased in accordance with the increase of N1.
[0034] In section 9.2.3, TS38.213, V17.1.0 (hereinafter “TS38.213”) in NR, if a UE determines a first resource for a PUCCH transmission with HARQ-ACK information corresponding only to a PDSCH reception without a corresponding PDCCH or detects a first DCI format indicating a first resource for a PUCCH transmission with corresponding HARQ-ACK information in a slot and also detects at a later time a second DCI format indicating a second resource for a PUCCH transmission with corresponding HARQ-ACK information in the slot, the UE does not expect to multiplex HARQ-ACK information corresponding to the second DCI format in a PUCCH resource in the slot if the PDCCH reception that includes the second DCI format is not earlier than N.sub.3.Math.(2048+144).Math.κ.Math.2.sup.−μ.Math.T.sub.c from the beginning of a first symbol of the first resource for PUCCH transmission in the slot where, κ and T.sub.c are defined in clause 4.1 of [4, TS 38.211] and μ corresponds to the smallest SCS configuration among the SCS configurations of the PDCCHs providing the DCI formats and the SCS configuration of the PUCCH. If processingType2Enabled of PDSCH-ServingCellConfig is set to enable for the serving cell with the second DCI format and for all serving cells with corresponding HARQ-ACK information multiplexed in the PUCCH transmission in the slot, N.sub.3=3 for μ=0, N.sub.3=4.5 for μ=1, N.sub.3=9 for μ=2; otherwise, N.sub.3=8 for μ=0, N.sub.3=10 for μ=1, N.sub.3=17 for μ=2, N.sub.3=20 for μ=3, N.sub.3=80 for μ=5, and N.sub.3=160 for μ=6.
[0035] In one option, the above value N.sub.3 of HARQ-ACK multiplexing timeline may be increased by scaling factor c.sub.2. The value c.sub.2 can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. Note: the new values N3 may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value c.sub.2. For example, for eRedCap, N.sub.3=16 for μ=0, N.sub.3=20 for μ=1, N.sub.3=34 for μ=2 if applicable.
[0036] In one embodiment, the value N of HARQ-ACK feedback timeline for SPS PDSCH release can be increased in accordance with the increase of N1.
[0037] In section 10.2, TS38.213 in NR, a UE is expected to provide HARQ-ACK information in response to a SPS PDSCH release after N symbols from the last symbol of a PDCCH providing the SPS PDSCH release. If processingType2Enabled of PDSCH-ServingCellConfig is set to enable for the serving cell with the PDCCH providing the SPS PDSCH release, N=5 for μ=0, N=5.5 for μ=1, and N=11 for μ=2, otherwise, N=10 for μ=0, N=12 for μ=1, N=22 for μ=2, N=25 for μ=3, N=100 for μ=5, and N=200 for μ=6, wherein u corresponds to the smallest SCS configuration between the SCS configuration of the PDCCH providing the SPS PDSCH release and the SCS configuration of a PUCCH carrying the HARQ-ACK information in response to a SPS PDSCH release.
[0038] In one option, the above value N of HARQ-ACK feedback timeline for SPS PDSCH release may be increased by scaling factor c.sub.3. The value c.sub.3 can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. Note: the new values N may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value c.sub.3. For example, for eRedCap, N.sub.3=20 for μ=0, N.sub.3=24 for μ=1, N.sub.3=44 for μ=2 if applicable.
[0039] In the above embodiments, the scaling factors c.sub.0, c.sub.1, c.sub.2, c.sub.3 may be equal to c respectively. Alternatively, the scaling factors c.sub.0, c.sub.1, c.sub.2, c.sub.3 may be different from c.
Relaxed Scheduling Delay
[0040] According to section 6.4, TS38.214 in NR, If the first uplink symbol in the PUSCH allocation for a transport block, including the DM-RS, as defined by the slot offset K.sub.2 and

K.sub.offset, if configured, and the start S and length L of the PUSCH allocation indicated by 'Time domain resource assignment' of the scheduling DCI and including the effect of the timing advance, is no earlier than at symbol L.sub.2, where L.sub.2 is defined as the next uplink symbol with its CP starting T.sub.proc,2=max((N.sub.2+d.sub.2,1+d.sub.2) (2048+144).Math.κ2.sup.−μ.Math.T.sub.C+T.sub.ext+T.sub.switch, d.sub.2,2) after the end of the reception of the last symbol of the PDCCH carrying the DCI scheduling the PUSCH, then the UE shall transmit the transport block. When the PDCCH reception includes two PDCCH candidates from two respective search space sets, as described in clause 10.1 of [6, TS 38.213], for the purpose of determining the last symbol of the PDCCH carrying the DCI scheduling the PUSCH, the PDCCH candidate that ends later in time is used.
[0041] The UE complexity can be reduced by increasing the PUSCH preparation time (N2) by scaling factor u. The value u can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. For example, u equals to 2. Note: the new N2 values after scaling may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value u. u may be same as c. Alternatively, u may be different from c Corresponding to the increase of PUSCH preparation time, some other parameters may be increased too. The increase of processing time may be only applied if processingType2Enabled of PUSCH-ServingCellConfig is set to disable for a serving cell.
[0042] In one embodiment, the value d.sub.2,1 and/or d.sub.2 in the formula to determine T.sub.proc,2 can be increased in accordance with the increase of N2.
[0043] In one option, the above value d.sub.2,1 and/or d.sub.2 in the formula to determine T.sub.proc,2 can be increased by a scaling factor u.sub.0. The value u.sub.0 can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. Note: the new d.sub.2,1 and/or d.sub.2 values after scaling may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value u.sub.0.
[0044] In another option, the above value d.sub.1,1 and/or d.sub.2 in the formula to determine T.sub.proc,2 may be not changed for eRedCap UE. Consequently, it is up to gNB implementation to meet the PUSCH preparation time.
[0045] In one embodiment, the value range of PDCCH to PUSCH scheduling offset (K2) can be increased in accordance with the increase of N2.
[0046] In one option, for DCI format 0_1 or 0_2, the value range of K2 can be changed to from X to Y. In one example, X>0, and Y is same as Rel-15, e.g. Y=31. In another example, X=0 and Y can be increased to 32u.sub.1−1. In another example, X>0 and Y can be increased to 32u.sub.1−1. The value u.sub.1 can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. Note: the new range of K2 after scaling may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value u.sub.1.
[0047] In another option, for DCI format 0_1 or 0_2, the value range of K2 may be not changed for eRedCap UE. Consequently, it is up to gNB implementation to not configure or indicate a value of K2 which results in short of PUSCH preparation time.
[0048] In one embodiment, the value range of PDCCH to PDSCH scheduling offset (K0) can be increased.
[0049] In one option, for DCI format 1_1 or 1_2, the value range of K0 can be changed to from X to Y. In one example, X>0, and Y is same as Rel-15, e.g. Y=31. In another example, X=0 and Y can be increased, e.g., to 32u.sub.2−1. In another example, X>0 and Y can be increased, e.g., to 32u.sub.2−1. The value u.sub.2 can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. Note: the new range of K0 after scaling may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value u.sub.2.
[0050] In another option, for DCI format 0_1 or 0_2, the value range of K2 may be not changed for eRedCap UE. Consequently, it is up to gNB implementation to not configure or indicate a value of K0 which results in short of PDSCH processing time.
[0051] In one embodiment, the maximum number of slots configured as minimum scheduling offset (K0)/(K2), e.g., the parameter maxKO-SchedulingOffset/maxK2-SchedulingOffset defined in TS 38.331 can be increased.

[0052] In one option, the maximum number of slots configured as minimum scheduling offset (K0)/(K2) may be increased by a scaling factor u.sub.3. The value u.sub.3 can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. Note: the new maximum number of slots configured as min. scheduling offset (K0)/(K2) after scaling may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value u.sub.3. In another option, the maximum number of slots configured as min. scheduling offset (K0)/(K2) may be not changed for eRedCap UE.
[0053] In one embodiment, the application delay of the minimum scheduling offset restriction, Z.sub.μ in 38.214 Section 5.3.1 can be increased.
[0054] In one option, the parameter Z.sub.μ may be increased by a scaling factor u.sub.4. The value u.sub.4 can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. Note: the new range of Z.sub.μ after scaling may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value u.sub.4. In another option, the parameter Z.sub.μ may be not changed for eRedCap UE.
[0055] In one embodiment, the value j for the determination of K2 in the default table for PUSCH time domain resource allocation can be increased in accordance with the increase of N2.
[0056] In section 6.1.2.1.1, TS38.214, the default TDRA table and value j are specified. However, the current value j is too small which results in some rows in the table not schedulable. For example, for SCS 1 kHz which uses j=1, if row 0 in the table is indicated with a PDCCH in the beginning 3 OFDM symbols in a slot, the scheduling delay without consideration of uplink timing advance is 11 symbols. However, with the increase of N2, e.g., 20 symbols for SCS 15 kHz assuming the existing N1 is doubled, there is insufficient scheduling delay for the PUSCH preparation at UE. In summary, there are 8 of 16 rows in the default TDRA table which are not applicable for SCS 15 kHz. On the other hand, for SCS 30 kHz with a timing advance larger than 1 OFDM symbol, 11 of 16 rows in the default TDRA table are not applicable. Therefore, the value j in the default TDRA table should be modified.
TABLE-US-00004 TABLE 6.1.2.1.1-2 Default PUSCH time domain resource allocation A for normal CP PUSCH mapping Row index type K.sub.2 S L 1 Type A j 0 14 2 Type A j 0 12 3 Type A j 0 10 4 Type B j 2 10 5 Type B j 4 10 6 Type B j 4 8 7 Type B j 4 6 8 Type A j + 1 0 14 9 Type A j + 1 0 12 10 Type A j + 1 0 10 11 Type A j + 2 0 14 12 Type A j + 2 0 12 13 Type A j + 2 0 10 14 Type B j 8 6 15 Type A j + 3 0 14 16 Type A j + 3 0 10
TABLE-US-00005 TABLE 6.1.2.1.1-4 Definition of value j μ.sub.PUSCH j 0 1 1 1 2 2 3 3 5 11 6 21
[0057] In one option, the value j in Table 6.1.2.1.1-4 in TS38.214 can be increased. In one example, the value j for each SCS can be increased by 1. In this example, the increased value j is only applicable to some of rows, e.g., the rows for PUSCH mapping type B, or the increased value j is applicable to all rows. In another example, since only SCS 15, 30 or 60 kHz are related to eRedCap operation, only the value j for SCS 15, 30 or 60 kHz can be increased by 1, e.g., j=2 for μ=0, j=2 for μ=1, j=3 for μ=2 if applicable. In this example, the increased value j is only applicable to some of rows, e.g., the rows for PUSCH mapping type B, or the increased value j is applicable to all rows. With this option, in initial access, it is assumed gNB can know the UE type, e.g., eRedCap UE or other UE, from the early identification of UE type, e.g., by Msg1, or Msg3 for 4-step RACH or MsgA for 2-step RACH.
[0058] In another option, the parameter j may be increased by a scaling factor u.sub.5. The value u.sub.5 can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. Note: the new value j after scaling may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value u.sub.5. In another option, the parameter j may be not changed for eRedCap UE.
[0059] In another option, one more parameter Δ.sub.j is introduced for eRedCap UE. Consequently, the parameter j in the current specification can be replaced by j+Δ.sub.j. The value Δ.sub.j can be predefined, configured by high layer signaling or reported by a UE capability, e.g., Δ.sub.j=1.
[0060] In one embodiment, the slot delay value Δ that is applied in addition to the K.sub.2 value for the UE to transmit a PUSCH scheduled by RAR or DCI format 0_0 with CRC scrambled by TC-

RNTI or by the fallbackRAR can be increased. The slot delay value Δ is also applied in the determination of slot carrying PUCCH for HARQ-ACK feedback for Msg4/MsgB.

[0061] In NR, with reference to slots for a PUSCH transmission scheduled by a RAR UL grant, if a UE receives a PDSCH with a RAR message ending in slot n for a corresponding PRACH transmission from the UE, the UE transmits the PUSCH in slot n+k.sub.2+Δ+2.sup.μ.Math.K.sub.cell,offset, where k.sub.2 and Δ are provided in [6, TS 38.214] and K.sub.cell,offset is provided by CellSpecific_Koffset; otherwise, if not provided, K.sub.cell,offset=0. Further in NR, for the transmission of a PUCCH with HARQ-ACK information having ACK value if the RAR message(s) is for successRAR, the slot for the PUCCH transmission is indicated by a HARQ Feedback Timing Indicator field of 3 bits in the successRAR having a value k from {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8} for μ≤3, from {7, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32} for μ=5, and from {13, 16, 24, 32, 40, 48, 56, 64} for μ=6 and, with reference to slots for PUCCH transmission having duration T.sub.slot, the slot is determined as n+k+Δ+2.sup.μ. K.sub.cell,offset, where n is a slot of the PDSCH reception, Δ is as defined for PUSCH transmission in Table 6.1.2.1.1-5 of [6, TS 38.214], μ is the SCS configuration of the active UL BWP, and K.sub.cell,offset is provided by CellSpecific_Koffset; otherwise, if not provided, K.sub.cell,offset=0. The value Δ is specified in Table 6.1.2.1.1-5 in TS38.214. The additional slot delay Δ is introduced to account for the MAC processing time of RAR PDSCH which include the UL grant for Msg3 or MsgB PUCCH transmission.

TABLE-US-00006 TABLE 6.1.2.1.1-5 Definition of value Δ μ.sub.PUSCH Δ 0 2 1 3 2 4 3 6 5 24 6 48

[0062] In one option, the parameter Δ may be increased by a scaling factor u.sub.6. The value u.sub.6 can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. Note: the new value Δ after scaling may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value u.sub.6. For example, for eRedCap, Δ=4 for μ=0, 4=6 for μ=1, Δ=8 for μ=2 if applicable.

[0063] In another example, the parameter Δ may be increased by a fixed number, e.g., 1 to account for longer processing time. For example, for eRedCap, Δ=3 for μ=0, Δ=4 for μ=1, 4=5 for μ=2 if applicable.

[0064] In another option, one more parameter δ is introduced for eRedCap UE. Consequently, the parameter Δ in the current specification can be replaced by Δ+δ. The value δ may be predefined, configured by high layer signaling or reported by a UE capability.

[0065] For above options, the increased value Δ is only applicable to some of rows, e.g., the rows for PUSCH mapping type B, or the increased value Δ is applicable to all rows.

[0066] In another option, the parameter Δ may be not changed for eRedCap UE.

[0067] In the above embodiments, the scaling factors u.sub.0, u.sub.1, u.sub.2, u.sub.3, u.sub.4, u.sub.5, u.sub.6 may be equal to u respectively. Alternatively, the scaling factors u.sub.0, u.sub.1, u.sub.2, u.sub.3, u.sub.4, u.sub.5, u.sub.6 may be different from u.

Random Access Related Timeline

[0068] Multiple timelines are defined between the different messages and related control signaling transmission in the random access procedure. Due to the relaxed PDSCH/PUSCH processing time, the above timelines may need to be relaxed accordingly.

[0069] In one embodiment, the parameter Δ.sub.Delay in the determination of delay between a PDCCH order and the PRACH preamble may be increased.

[0070] In section 8.1, TS38.213 in NR, if a random access procedure is initiated by a PDCCH order, the UE, if requested by higher layers, transmits a PRACH in the selected PRACH occasion, as described in [11, TS 38.321], for which a time between the last symbol of the PDCCH order reception and the first symbol of the PRACH transmission is larger than or equal to N.sub.T,2+Δ.sub.BWPSwitching+Δ.sub.Delay+T.sub.switch msec. Δ.sub.Delay=0.5 msec for FR1 and Δ.sub.Delay=0.25 msec for FR2.

[0071] In one option, Δ.sub.Delay may be increased by a scaling factor r.sub.0. The value r.sub.0

can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. Note: the new Δ.sub.Delay after scaling may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value r.sub.0. For example, for eRedCap, Δ.sub.Delay is increased to 1 msec. In another option, Δ.sub.Delay may be not changed for eRedCap UE.

[0072] In one embodiment, the additional delay of 0.75 ms when high layer trigger a retransmission of PRACH preamble after a RAR window may be increased for eRedCap UE. This embodiment may be applicable to both 2-step RACH and 4-step RACH.

[0073] For example, for 4-step RACH in section 8.2, TS38.213 in NR, if the UE does not detect the DCI format 1_0 with CRC scrambled by the corresponding RA-RNTI within the window, or if the UE detects the DCI format 1_0 with CRC scrambled by the corresponding RA-RNTI within the window and LSBs of a SFN field in the DCI format 1_0, if included and applicable, are not same as corresponding LSBs of the SFN where the UE transmitted PRACH, or if the UE does not correctly receive the transport block in the corresponding PDSCH within the window, or if the higher layers do not identify the RAPID associated with the PRACH transmission from the UE, the higher layers can indicate to the physical layer to transmit a PRACH. If requested by higher layers, the UE is expected to transmit a PRACH no later than N.sub.T,1+0.75 msec after the last symbol of the window, or the last symbol of the PDSCH reception, where N.sub.T,1 is a time duration of N.sub.1 symbols corresponding to a PDSCH processing time for UE processing capability 1 assuming μ corresponds to the smallest SCS configuration among the SCS configurations for the PDCCH carrying the DCI format 1_0, the corresponding PDSCH when additional PDSCH DM-RS is configured, and the corresponding PRACH.

[0074] In one option, the additional delay may be increased by a scaling factor r.sub.1. The value r.sub.1 can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. Note: the additional delay after scaling may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value r.sub.1. For example, for eRedCap, the additional delay is increased to 1.5 msec. Alternatively, the additional delay may be not changed for eRedCap UE.

[0075] In one embodiment, the additional delay of 0.5 ms between a RAR message of successRAR and the associated PUCCH may be increased for eRedCap UE.

[0076] In section 8.2A, TS38.213 in NR, for the transmission of a PUCCH with HARQ-ACK information having ACK value if the RAR message(s) is for successRAR, the UE does not expect the first symbol of the PUCCH transmission to be after the last symbol of the PDSCH reception by a time smaller than N.sub.T,1+0.5 msec where N.sub.T,1 is the PDSCH processing time for UE processing capability 1 [6, TS 38.214]

[0077] In one option, the additional delay may be increased by a scaling factor r.sub.2, e.g., 0.5r.sub.2 ms The value r.sub.2 can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. Note: the additional delay after scaling may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value r.sub.2. For example, for eRedCap, the additional delay is increased to 1 msec. For example, the additional delay may be increased to 0.5+Y ms. In other words, the UE does not expect the first symbol of the PUCCH transmission to be after the last symbol of the PDSCH reception by a time smaller than N.sub.T,1+0.5+Y msec. The value Y can be predefined, configured by high layer signaling or reported by a UE capability. The value Y may be same as or different from the value X in the next embodiment. Alternatively, the additional delay may be not changed for eRedCap UE.

[0078] In one embodiment, the additional delay of 0.5 ms between a RAR message and corresponding PUSCH transmission scheduled by the RAR UL grant may be increased for eRedCap UE.

[0079] In section 8.3, TS38.213 in NR, the UE may assume a minimum time between the last symbol of a PDSCH reception conveying a RAR message with a RAR UL grant and the first symbol of a corresponding PUSCH transmission scheduled by the RAR UL grant is equal to N.sub.T,1+N.sub.T,2+0.5 msec, where N.sub.T,1 is a time duration of N.sub.1 symbols corresponding to a PDSCH processing time for UE processing capability 1 when additional

PDSCH DM-RS is configured, N.sub.T,2 is a time duration of N2 symbols corresponding to a PUSCH preparation time for UE processing capability 1 [6, TS 38.214] and, for determining the minimum time, the UE considers that N.sub.1 and N.sub.2 correspond to the smaller of the SCS configurations for the PDSCH and the PUSCH. For μ=0, the UE assumes N.sub.1,0=14 [6, TS 38.214].
[0080] In one option, the additional delay may be increased by a scaling factor r.sub.3, e.g., 0.5r.sub.3 ms. The value r.sub.3 can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. r.sub.3 may be equal to u. Alternatively, r.sub.3 may be different from u. Note: the additional delay after scaling may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value r.sub.3. For example, for eRedCap, the additional delay is increased to 1 msec. For example, the additional delay may be increased to 0.5+X ms. In other words, the UE may assume a minimum time between the last symbol of a PDSCH reception conveying a RAR message with a RAR UL grant or fallbackRAR and the first symbol of a corresponding PUSCH transmission scheduled by the RAR UL grant or fallbackRAR is equal to N.sub.T,1+N.sub.T,2+0.5+X msec. The value X can be predefined, configured by high layer signaling or reported by a UE capability. The value X may be same as or different from the value Y in the previous embodiment. Alternatively, the additional delay may be not changed for eRedCap UE.
[0081] In one embodiment, the additional delay of 0.5 ms between Msg4 or MsgB and corresponding HARQ-ACK transmission on PUCCH may be increased for eRedCap UE.
[0082] In section 8.4, TS38.213 in NR, in response to the PDSCH reception with the UE contention resolution identity, the UE transmits HARQ-ACK information in a PUCCH. A minimum time between the last symbol of the PDSCH reception and the first symbol of the corresponding PUCCH transmission with the HARQ-ACK information is equal to N.sub.T,1+0.5 msec. Similarly, in section 8.2A, 3GPP TS38.213, the UE does not expect the first symbol of the PUCCH transmission to be after the last symbol of the PDSCH reception by a time smaller than N.sub.T,1+0.5 msec where N.sub.T,1 is the PDSCH processing time for UE processing capability 1 [6, TS 38.214].
[0083] In one option, the additional delay may be increased by a scaling factor r.sub.4, e.g., 0.5r.sub.4 ms. The value r.sub.4 can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. Note: the additional delay after scaling may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value r.sub.4. For example, for eRedCap, the additional delay is increased to 1 msec. For example, the additional delay may be increased to 0.5+Z ms. In other words, the UE may assume a minimum time between the last symbol of a PDSCH reception conveying Msg4 and the first symbol of a corresponding PUCCH transmission with the HARQ-ACK information is equal to N.sub.T,1+0.5+Z msec. The value Z can be predefined, configured by high layer signaling or reported by a UE capability. The value Z may be same as or different from the value X or Y in the previous two embodiments. Alternatively, the additional delay may be not changed for eRedCap UE.
[0084] In one embodiment, the minimum gap between a PRACH transmission and a PUSCH/PUCCH/SRS may be increased for eRedCap UE.
[0085] In section 8.1, TS38.213 in NR, for single cell operation or for operation with carrier aggregation in a same frequency band, a UE does not transmit PRACH and PUSCH/PUCCH/SRS in a same slot or when a gap between the first or last symbol of a PRACH transmission in a first slot is separated by less than N symbols from the last or first symbol, respectively, of a PUSCH/PUCCH/SRS transmission in a second slot where N=2 for μ=0 or μ=1, N=4 for μ=2 or μ=3, N=16 for μ=5, N=32 for μ=6, and μ is the SCS configuration for the active UL BWP. For a PUSCH transmission with repetition Type B, this applies to each actual repetition for PUSCH transmission [6, TS 38.214].
[0086] In one option, a eRedCap UE does not transmit PRACH and PUSCH/PUCCH/SRS within g consecutive slots. The value g can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. For example, g=2

for eRedCap. Alternatively, the limitation on no PRACH and PUSCH/PUCCH/SRS transmission in a same slot is not changed or eRedCap UE.

[0087] In another option, the minimum gap of N symbols between a PRACH transmission and a PUSCH/PUCCH/SRS may be increased by a scaling factor g. The value g can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. Note: the new value N after scaling may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value g. For example, for eRedCap, g=4 for μ=0, g=4 for μ=1, g=8 for μ=2 if applicable. Alternatively, the minimum gap of N symbols between a PRACH transmission and a PUSCH/PUCCH/SRS may be not changed for eRedCap UE.

[0088] In the above embodiments, the scaling factors r.sub.0, r.sub.1, r.sub.2, r.sub.3, r.sub.4, g may be equal to c and/or u respectively. Alternatively, the scaling factors r.sub.0, r.sub.1, r.sub.2, r.sub.3, r.sub.4, g may be different from c or.

Relaxed CSI Computation Delay

[0089] The UE complexity can be reduced by increasing the CSI computation delay (Z & Z′ in section 5.4 in TS38.214) by scaling factor z. The value z can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. For example, z equals to 2. Note: the new Z & Z′ values after scaling may be directly specified in the specification instead of specifying value z. Corresponding to the increase of CSI computation delay, some other parameters may be increased too.

[0090] In one embodiment, n.sub.CSI_ref that is used to determine the CSI reference resource for a serving cell can be adjusted in accordance to the increase of Z & Z′.

[0091] In section 5.2.2.5 in TS38.214, the CSI reference resource in time domain for a serving cell for a CSI reporting in uplink slot n′ is defined by a single downlink

[00001]slot$n - n_{\text{CSI_ref}} - K_{\text{offset}}$ .Math. $\frac{2^{\text{DL}}}{2^{K_{\text{offset}}}}$,

where K.sub.offset is a parameter configured by higher layer as specified in clause 4.2 of [6 TS 38.213], and where μ.sub.K.sub.offset is the subcarrier spacing configuration for K.sub.offset with a value of 0 for frequency range 1, where for periodic and semi-persistent CSI reporting [0092] if a single CSI-RS/SSB resource is configured for channel measurement n.sub.CSI_ref is the smallest value greater than or equal to 4.Math.2.sup.μ.sup.DL, such that it corresponds to a valid downlink slot, or [0093] if multiple CSI-RS/SSB resources are configured for channel measurement n.sub.CSI_ref is the smallest value greater than or equal to 5.Math.2.sup.μ.sup.DL, such that it corresponds to a valid downlink slot.

[0094] In one option, in the determination of CSI reference resource, for periodic and semi-persistent CSI reporting [0095] if a single CSI-RS/SSB resource is configured for channel measurement n.sub.CSI_ref is the smallest value greater than or equal to 4z.sub.0.Math.2.sup.μ.sup.DL, such that it corresponds to a valid downlink slot, or [0096] if multiple CSI-RS/SSB resources are configured for channel measurement n.sub.CSI_ref is the smallest value greater than or equal to 5z.sub.0.Math.2.sup.μ.sup.DL, such that it corresponds to a valid downlink slot.

[0097] The value z.sub.0 can be predefined or reported by a UE capability. The scaling factor z.sub.0 may be equal to z. Alternatively, the scaling factor z.sub.0 may be different from z.

Systems and Implementations

[0098] FIGS. **1-3** illustrate various systems, devices, and components that may implement aspects of disclosed embodiments.

[0099] FIG. **1** illustrates a network **100** in accordance with various embodiments. The network **100** may operate in a manner consistent with 3GPP technical specifications for LTE or 5G/NR systems. However, the example embodiments are not limited in this regard and the described embodiments may apply to other networks that benefit from the principles described herein, such as future 3GPP systems, or the like.

[0100] The network **100** may include a UE **102**, which may include any mobile or non-mobile computing device designed to communicate with a RAN **104** via an over-the-air connection. The UE **102** may be communicatively coupled with the RAN **104** by a Uu interface. The UE **102** may be, but is not limited to, a smartphone, tablet computer, wearable computer device, desktop computer, laptop computer, in-vehicle infotainment, in-car entertainment device, instrument cluster, head-up display device, onboard diagnostic device, dashtop mobile equipment, mobile data terminal, electronic engine management system, electronic/engine control unit, electronic/engine control module, embedded system, sensor, microcontroller, control module, engine management system, networked appliance, machine-type communication device, M2M or D2D device, IoT device, etc.

[0101] In some embodiments, the network **100** may include a plurality of UEs coupled directly with one another via a sidelink interface. The UEs may be M2M/D2D devices that communicate using physical sidelink channels such as, but not limited to, PSBCH, PSDCH, PSSCH, PSCCH, PSFCH, etc.

[0102] In some embodiments, the UE **102** may additionally communicate with an AP **106** via an over-the-air connection. The AP **106** may manage a WLAN connection, which may serve to offload some/all network traffic from the RAN **104**. The connection between the UE **102** and the AP **106** may be consistent with any IEEE 802.11 protocol, wherein the AP **106** could be a wireless fidelity (Wi-Fi®) router. In some embodiments, the UE **102**, RAN **104**, and AP **106** may utilize cellular-WLAN aggregation (for example, LWA/LWIP). Cellular-WLAN aggregation may involve the UE **102** being configured by the RAN **104** to utilize both cellular radio resources and WLAN resources.

[0103] The RAN **104** may include one or more access nodes, for example, AN **108**. AN **108** may terminate air-interface protocols for the UE **102** by providing access stratum protocols including RRC, PDCP, RLC, MAC, and L1 protocols. In this manner, the AN **108** may enable data/voice connectivity between CN **120** and the UE **102**. In some embodiments, the AN **108** may be implemented in a discrete device or as one or more software entities running on server computers as part of, for example, a virtual network, which may be referred to as a CRAN or virtual baseband unit pool. The AN **108** be referred to as a BS, gNB, RAN node, eNB, ng-eNB, NodeB, RSU, TRxP, TRP, etc. The AN **108** may be a macrocell base station or a low power base station for providing femtocells, picocells or other like cells having smaller coverage areas, smaller user capacity, or higher bandwidth compared to macrocells.

[0104] In embodiments in which the RAN **104** includes a plurality of ANs, they may be coupled with one another via an X2 interface (if the RAN **104** is an LTE RAN) or an Xn interface (if the RAN **104** is a 5G RAN). The X2/Xn interfaces, which may be separated into control/user plane interfaces in some embodiments, may allow the ANs to communicate information related to handovers, data/context transfers, mobility, load management, interference coordination, etc.

[0105] The ANs of the RAN **104** may each manage one or more cells, cell groups, component carriers, etc. to provide the UE **102** with an air interface for network access. The UE **102** may be simultaneously connected with a plurality of cells provided by the same or different ANs of the RAN **104**. For example, the UE **102** and RAN **104** may use carrier aggregation to allow the UE **102** to connect with a plurality of component carriers, each corresponding to a Pcell or Scell. In dual connectivity scenarios, a first AN may be a master node that provides an MCG and a second AN may be secondary node that provides an SCG. The first/second ANs may be any combination of eNB, gNB, ng-eNB, etc.

[0106] The RAN **104** may provide the air interface over a licensed spectrum or an unlicensed spectrum. To operate in the unlicensed spectrum, the nodes may use LAA, eLAA, and/or feLAA mechanisms based on CA technology with PCells/Scells. Prior to accessing the unlicensed spectrum, the nodes may perform medium/carrier-sensing operations based on, for example, a listen-before-talk (LBT) protocol.

[0107] In V2X scenarios the UE **102** or AN **108** may be or act as a RSU, which may refer to any transportation infrastructure entity used for V2X communications. An RSU may be implemented in or by a suitable AN or a stationary (or relatively stationary) UE. An RSU implemented in or by: a

UE may be referred to as a “UE-type RSU”; an eNB may be referred to as an “eNB-type RSU”; a gNB may be referred to as a “gNB-type RSU”; and the like. In one example, an RSU is a computing device coupled with radio frequency circuitry located on a roadside that provides connectivity support to passing vehicle UEs. The RSU may also include internal data storage circuitry to store intersection map geometry, traffic statistics, media, as well as applications/software to sense and control ongoing vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The RSU may provide very low latency communications required for high speed events, such as crash avoidance, traffic warnings, and the like. Additionally or alternatively, the RSU may provide other cellular/WLAN communications services. The components of the RSU may be packaged in a weatherproof enclosure suitable for outdoor installation, and may include a network interface controller to provide a wired connection (e.g., Ethernet) to a traffic signal controller or a backhaul network.

[0108] In some embodiments, the RAN **104** may be an LTE RAN **110** with eNBs, for example, eNB **112**. The LTE RAN **110** may provide an LTE air interface with the following characteristics: SCS of 15 kHz; CP-OFDM waveform for DL and SC-FDMA waveform for UL; turbo codes for data and TBCC for control; etc. The LTE air interface may rely on CSI-RS for CSI acquisition and beam management; PDSCH/PDCCH DMRS for PDSCH/PDCCH demodulation; and CRS for cell search and initial acquisition, channel quality measurements, and channel estimation for coherent demodulation/detection at the UE. The LTE air interface may operating on sub-6 GHz bands.

[0109] In some embodiments, the RAN **104** may be an NG-RAN **114** with gNBs, for example, gNB **116**, or ng-eNBs, for example, ng-eNB **118**. The gNB **116** may connect with 5G-enabled UEs using a 5G NR interface. The gNB **116** may connect with a 5G core through an NG interface, which may include an N2 interface or an N3 interface. The ng-eNB **118** may also connect with the 5G core through an NG interface, but may connect with a UE via an LTE air interface. The gNB **116** and the ng-eNB **118** may connect with each other over an Xn interface.

[0110] In some embodiments, the NG interface may be split into two parts, an NG user plane (NG-U) interface, which carries traffic data between the nodes of the NG-RAN **114** and a UPF **148** (e.g., N3 interface), and an NG control plane (NG-C) interface, which is a signaling interface between the nodes of the NG-RAN **114** and an AMF **144** (e.g., N2 interface).

[0111] The NG-RAN **114** may provide a 5G-NR air interface with the following characteristics: variable SCS; CP-OFDM for DL, CP-OFDM and DFT-s-OFDM for UL; polar, repetition, simplex, and Reed-Muller codes for control and LDPC for data. The 5G-NR air interface may rely on CSI-RS, PDSCH/PDCCH DMRS similar to the LTE air interface. The 5G-NR air interface may not use a CRS, but may use PBCH DMRS for PBCH demodulation; PTRS for phase tracking for PDSCH; and tracking reference signal for time tracking. The 5G-NR air interface may operating on FR1 bands that include sub-6 GHz bands or FR2 bands that include bands from 24.25 GHz to 52.6 GHz. The 5G-NR air interface may include an SSB that is an area of a downlink resource grid that includes PSS/SSS/PBCH.

[0112] In some embodiments, the 5G-NR air interface may utilize BWPs for various purposes. For example, BWP can be used for dynamic adaptation of the SCS. For example, the UE **102** can be configured with multiple BWPs where each BWP configuration has a different SCS. When a BWP change is indicated to the UE **102**, the SCS of the transmission is changed as well. Another use case example of BWP is related to power saving. In particular, multiple BWPs can be configured for the UE **102** with different amount of frequency resources (for example, PRBs) to support data transmission under different traffic loading scenarios. A BWP containing a smaller number of PRBs can be used for data transmission with small traffic load while allowing power saving at the UE **102** and in some cases at the gNB **116**. A BWP containing a larger number of PRBs can be used for scenarios with higher traffic load.

[0113] The RAN **104** is communicatively coupled to CN **120** that includes network elements to provide various functions to support data and telecommunications services to customers/subscribers (for example, users of UE **102**). The components of the CN **120** may be implemented in one physical node or separate physical nodes. In some embodiments, NFV may be utilized to virtualize any or all of the functions provided by the network elements of the CN **120** onto physical compute/storage resources in servers, switches, etc. A logical instantiation of the CN **120** may be referred to as a network slice, and a logical instantiation of a portion of the CN **120** may be referred to as a network sub-slice.

[0114] In some embodiments, the CN **120** may be an LTE CN **122**, which may also be referred to as an EPC. The LTE CN **122** may include MME **124**, SGW **126**, SGSN **128**, HSS **130**, PGW **132**, and PCRF **134** coupled with one another over interfaces (or “reference points”) as shown. Functions of the elements of the LTE CN **122** may be briefly introduced as follows.

[0115] The MME **124** may implement mobility management functions to track a current location of the UE **102** to facilitate paging, bearer activation/deactivation, handovers, gateway selection, authentication, etc.

[0116] The SGW **126** may terminate an SI interface toward the RAN and route data packets between the RAN and the LTE CN **122**. The SGW **126** may be a local mobility anchor point for inter-RAN node handovers and also may provide an anchor for inter-3GPP mobility. Other responsibilities may include lawful intercept, charging, and some policy enforcement.

[0117] The SGSN **128** may track a location of the UE **102** and perform security functions and access control. In addition, the SGSN **128** may perform inter-EPC node signaling for mobility between different RAT networks; PDN and S-GW selection as specified by MME **124**; MME selection for handovers; etc. The S3 reference point between the MME **124** and the SGSN **128** may enable user and bearer information exchange for inter-3GPP access network mobility in idle/active states.

[0118] The HSS **130** may include a database for network users, including subscription-related information to support the network entities' handling of communication sessions. The HSS **130** can provide support for routing/roaming, authentication, authorization, naming/addressing resolution, location dependencies, etc. An S6a reference point between the HSS **130** and the MME **124** may enable transfer of subscription and authentication data for authenticating/authorizing user access to the LTE CN **120**.

[0119] The PGW **132** may terminate an SGi interface toward a data network (DN) **136** that may include an application/content server **138**. The PGW **132** may route data packets between the LTE CN **122** and the data network **136**. The PGW **132** may be coupled with the SGW **126** by an S5 reference point to facilitate user plane tunneling and tunnel management. The PGW **132** may further include a node for policy enforcement and charging data collection (for example, PCEF). Additionally, the SGi reference point between the PGW **132** and the data network **136** may be an operator external public, a private PDN, or an intra-operator packet data network, for example, for provision of IMS services. The PGW **132** may be coupled with a PCRF **134** via a Gx reference point.

[0120] The PCRF **134** is the policy and charging control element of the LTE CN **122**. The PCRF **134** may be communicatively coupled to the app/content server **138** to determine appropriate QoS and charging parameters for service flows. The PCRF **132** may provision associated rules into a PCEF (via Gx reference point) with appropriate TFT and QCI.

[0121] In some embodiments, the CN **120** may be a 5GC **140**. The 5GC **140** may include an AUSF **142**, AMF **144**, SMF **146**, UPF **148**, NSSF **150**, NEF **152**, NRF **154**, PCF **156**, UDM **158**, and AF **160** coupled with one another over interfaces (or “reference points”) as shown. Functions of the elements of the 5GC **140** may be briefly introduced as follows.

[0122] The AUSF **142** may store data for authentication of UE **102** and handle authentication-related functionality. The AUSF **142** may facilitate a common authentication framework for various access types. In addition to communicating with other elements of the 5GC **140** over reference points as shown, the AUSF **142** may exhibit an Nausf service-based interface.

[0123] The AMF **144** may allow other functions of the 5GC **140** to communicate with the UE **102** and the RAN **104** and to subscribe to notifications about mobility events with respect to the UE **102**. The AMF **144** may be responsible for registration management (for example, for registering UE **102**), connection management, reachability management, mobility management, lawful interception of AMF-related events, and access authentication and authorization. The AMF **144** may provide transport for SM messages between the UE **102** and the SMF **146**, and act as a transparent proxy for routing SM messages. AMF **144** may also provide transport for SMS messages between UE **102** and an SMSF. AMF **144** may interact with the AUSF **142** and the UE **102** to perform various security anchor and context management functions. Furthermore, AMF **144** may be a termination point of a RAN CP interface, which may include or be an N2 reference point between the RAN **104** and the AMF **144**; and the AMF **144** may be a termination point of NAS (N1) signaling, and perform NAS ciphering and integrity protection. AMF **144** may also support NAS signaling with the UE **102** over an N3 IWF interface.

[0124] The SMF **146** may be responsible for SM (for example, session establishment, tunnel management between UPF **148** and AN **108**); UE IP address allocation and management (including optional authorization); selection and control of UP function; configuring traffic steering at UPF **148** to route traffic to proper destination; termination of interfaces toward policy control functions; controlling part of policy enforcement, charging, and QoS; lawful intercept (for SM events and interface to LI system); termination of SM parts of NAS messages; downlink data notification; initiating AN specific SM information, sent via AMF **144** over N2 to AN **108**; and determining SSC mode of a session. SM may refer to management of a PDU session, and a PDU session or "session" may refer to a PDU connectivity service that provides or enables the exchange of PDUs between the UE **102** and the data network **136**.

[0125] The UPF **148** may act as an anchor point for intra-RAT and inter-RAT mobility, an external PDU session point of interconnect to data network **136**, and a branching point to support multi-homed PDU session. The UPF **148** may also perform packet routing and forwarding, perform packet inspection, enforce the user plane part of policy rules, lawfully intercept packets (UP collection), perform traffic usage reporting, perform QoS handling for a user plane (e.g., packet filtering, gating, UL/DL rate enforcement), perform uplink traffic verification (e.g., SDF-to-QoS flow mapping), transport level packet marking in the uplink and downlink, and perform downlink packet buffering and downlink data notification triggering. UPF **148** may include an uplink classifier to support routing traffic flows to a data network.

[0126] The NSSF **150** may select a set of network slice instances serving the UE **102**. The NSSF **150** may also determine allowed NSSAI and the mapping to the subscribed S-NSSAIs, if needed. The NSSF **150** may also determine the AMF set to be used to serve the UE **102**, or a list of candidate AMFs based on a suitable configuration and possibly by querying the NRF **154**. The selection of a set of network slice instances for the UE **102** may be triggered by the AMF **144** with which the UE **102** is registered by interacting with the NSSF **150**, which may lead to a change of AMF. The NSSF **150** may interact with the AMF **144** via an N22 reference point; and may communicate with another NSSF in a visited network via an N31 reference point (not shown). Additionally, the NSSF **150** may exhibit an Nnssf service-based interface.

[0127] The NEF **152** may securely expose services and capabilities provided by 3GPP network functions for third party, internal exposure/re-exposure, AFs (e.g., AF **160**), edge computing or fog computing systems, etc. In such embodiments, the NEF **152** may authenticate, authorize, or throttle the AFs. NEF **152** may also translate information exchanged with the AF **160** and information exchanged with internal network functions. For example, the NEF **152** may translate between an AF-Service-Identifier and an internal 5GC information. NEF **152** may also receive information from other NFs based on exposed capabilities of other NFs. This information may be stored at the NEF **152** as structured data, or at a data storage NF using standardized interfaces. The stored information can then be re-exposed by the NEF **152** to other NFs and AFs, or used for other

purposes such as analytics. Additionally, the NEF **152** may exhibit an Nnef service-based interface.
[0128] The NRF **154** may support service discovery functions, receive NF discovery requests from NF instances, and provide the information of the discovered NF instances to the NF instances. NRF **154** also maintains information of available NF instances and their supported services. As used herein, the terms "instantiate," "instantiation," and the like may refer to the creation of an instance, and an "instance" may refer to a concrete occurrence of an object, which may occur, for example, during execution of program code. Additionally, the NRF **154** may exhibit the Nnrf service-based interface.
[0129] The PCF **156** may provide policy rules to control plane functions to enforce them, and may also support unified policy framework to govern network behavior. The PCF **156** may also implement a front end to access subscription information relevant for policy decisions in a UDR of the UDM **158**. In addition to communicating with functions over reference points as shown, the PCF **156** exhibit an Npcf service-based interface.
[0130] The UDM **158** may handle subscription-related information to support the network entities' handling of communication sessions, and may store subscription data of UE **102**. For example, subscription data may be communicated via an N8 reference point between the UDM **158** and the AMF **144**. The UDM **158** may include two parts, an application front end and a UDR. The UDR may store subscription data and policy data for the UDM **158** and the PCF **156**, and/or structured data for exposure and application data (including PFDs for application detection, application request information for multiple UEs **102**) for the NEF **152**. The Nudr service-based interface may be exhibited by the UDR **221** to allow the UDM **158**, PCF **156**, and NEF **152** to access a particular set of the stored data, as well as to read, update (e.g., add, modify), delete, and subscribe to notification of relevant data changes in the UDR. The UDM may include a UDM-FE, which is in charge of processing credentials, location management, subscription management and so on. Several different front ends may serve the same user in different transactions. The UDM-FE accesses subscription information stored in the UDR and performs authentication credential processing, user identification handling, access authorization, registration/mobility management, and subscription management. In addition to communicating with other NFs over reference points as shown, the UDM **158** may exhibit the Nudm service-based interface.
[0131] The AF **160** may provide application influence on traffic routing, provide access to NEF, and interact with the policy framework for policy control.
[0132] In some embodiments, the 5GC **140** may enable edge computing by selecting operator/3.sup.rd party services to be geographically close to a point that the UE **102** is attached to the network. This may reduce latency and load on the network. To provide edge-computing implementations, the 5GC **140** may select a UPF **148** close to the UE **102** and execute traffic steering from the UPF **148** to data network **136** via the N6 interface. This may be based on the UE subscription data, UE location, and information provided by the AF **160**. In this way, the AF **160** may influence UPF (re) selection and traffic routing. Based on operator deployment, when AF **160** is considered to be a trusted entity, the network operator may permit AF **160** to interact directly with relevant NFs. Additionally, the AF **160** may exhibit an Naf service-based interface.
[0133] The data network **136** may represent various network operator services, Internet access, or third party services that may be provided by one or more servers including, for example, application/content server **138**.
[0134] FIG. **2** schematically illustrates a wireless network **200** in accordance with various embodiments. The wireless network **200** may include a UE **202** in wireless communication with an AN **204**. The UE **202** and AN **204** may be similar to, and substantially interchangeable with, like-named components described elsewhere herein.
[0135] The UE **202** may be communicatively coupled with the AN **204** via connection **206**. The connection **206** is illustrated as an air interface to enable communicative coupling, and can be consistent with cellular communications protocols such as an LTE protocol or a 5G NR protocol

operating at mm Wave or sub-6 GHz frequencies.

[0136] The UE **202** may include a host platform **208** coupled with a modem platform **210**. The host platform **208** may include application processing circuitry **212**, which may be coupled with protocol processing circuitry **214** of the modem platform **210**. The application processing circuitry **212** may run various applications for the UE **202** that source/sink application data. The application processing circuitry **212** may further implement one or more layer operations to transmit/receive application data to/from a data network. These layer operations may include transport (for example UDP) and Internet (for example, IP) operations

[0137] The protocol processing circuitry **214** may implement one or more of layer operations to facilitate transmission or reception of data over the connection **206**. The layer operations implemented by the protocol processing circuitry **214** may include, for example, MAC, RLC, PDCP, RRC and NAS operations.

[0138] The modem platform **210** may further include digital baseband circuitry **216** that may implement one or more layer operations that are “below” layer operations performed by the protocol processing circuitry **214** in a network protocol stack. These operations may include, for example, PHY operations including one or more of HARQ-ACK functions, scrambling/descrambling, encoding/decoding, layer mapping/de-mapping, modulation symbol mapping, received symbol/bit metric determination, multi-antenna port precoding/decoding, which may include one or more of space-time, space-frequency or spatial coding, reference signal generation/detection, preamble sequence generation and/or decoding, synchronization sequence generation/detection, control channel signal blind decoding, and other related functions.

[0139] The modem platform **210** may further include transmit circuitry **218**, receive circuitry **220**, RF circuitry **222**, and RF front end (RFFE) **224**, which may include or connect to one or more antenna panels **226**. Briefly, the transmit circuitry **218** may include a digital-to-analog converter, mixer, intermediate frequency (IF) components, etc.; the receive circuitry **220** may include an analog-to-digital converter, mixer, IF components, etc.; the RF circuitry **222** may include a low-noise amplifier, a power amplifier, power tracking components, etc.; RFFE **224** may include filters (for example, surface/bulk acoustic wave filters), switches, antenna tuners, beamforming components (for example, phase-array antenna components), etc. The selection and arrangement of the components of the transmit circuitry **218**, receive circuitry **220**, RF circuitry **222**, RFFE **224**, and antenna panels **226** (referred generically as “transmit/receive components”) may be specific to details of a specific implementation such as, for example, whether communication is TDM or FDM, in mmWave or sub-6 gHz frequencies, etc. In some embodiments, the transmit/receive components may be arranged in multiple parallel transmit/receive chains, may be disposed in the same or different chips/modules, etc.

[0140] In some embodiments, the protocol processing circuitry **214** may include one or more instances of control circuitry (not shown) to provide control functions for the transmit/receive components.

[0141] A UE reception may be established by and via the antenna panels **226**, RFFE **224**, RF circuitry **222**, receive circuitry **220**, digital baseband circuitry **216**, and protocol processing circuitry **214**. In some embodiments, the antenna panels **226** may receive a transmission from the AN **204** by receive-beamforming signals received by a plurality of antennas/antenna elements of the one or more antenna panels **226**.

[0142] A UE transmission may be established by and via the protocol processing circuitry **214**, digital baseband circuitry **216**, transmit circuitry **218**, RF circuitry **222**, RFFE **224**, and antenna panels **226**. In some embodiments, the transmit components of the UE **204** may apply a spatial filter to the data to be transmitted to form a transmit beam emitted by the antenna elements of the antenna panels **226**.

[0143] Similar to the UE **202**, the AN **204** may include a host platform **228** coupled with a modem platform **230**. The host platform **228** may include application processing circuitry **232** coupled with protocol processing circuitry **234** of the modem platform **230**. The modem platform may further include digital baseband circuitry **236**, transmit circuitry **238**, receive circuitry **240**, RF circuitry **242**, RFFE circuitry **244**, and antenna panels **246**. The components of the AN **204** may be similar to and substantially interchangeable with like-named components of the UE **202**. In addition to performing data transmission/reception as described above, the components of the AN **208** may perform various logical functions that include, for example, RNC functions such as radio bearer management, uplink and downlink dynamic radio resource management, and data packet scheduling.

[0144] FIG. **3** is a block diagram illustrating components, according to some example embodiments, able to read instructions from a machine-readable or computer-readable medium (e.g., a non-transitory machine-readable storage medium) and perform any one or more of the methodologies discussed herein. Specifically, FIG. **3** shows a diagrammatic representation of hardware resources **300** including one or more processors (or processor cores) **310**, one or more memory/storage devices **320**, and one or more communication resources **330**, each of which may be communicatively coupled via a bus **340** or other interface circuitry. For embodiments where node virtualization (e.g., NFV) is utilized, a hypervisor **302** may be executed to provide an execution environment for one or more network slices/sub-slices to utilize the hardware resources **300**.

[0145] The processors **310** may include, for example, a processor **312** and a processor **314**. The processors **310** may be, for example, a central processing unit (CPU), a reduced instruction set computing (RISC) processor, a complex instruction set computing (CISC) processor, a graphics processing unit (GPU), a DSP such as a baseband processor, an ASIC, an FPGA, a radio-frequency integrated circuit (RFIC), another processor (including those discussed herein), or any suitable combination thereof.

[0146] The memory/storage devices **320** may include main memory, disk storage, or any suitable combination thereof. The memory/storage devices **320** may include, but are not limited to, any type of volatile, non-volatile, or semi-volatile memory such as dynamic random access memory (DRAM), static random access memory (SRAM), erasable programmable read-only memory (EPROM), electrically erasable programmable read-only memory (EEPROM), Flash memory, solid-state storage, etc.

[0147] The communication resources **330** may include interconnection or network interface controllers, components, or other suitable devices to communicate with one or more peripheral devices **304** or one or more databases **306** or other network elements via a network **308**. For example, the communication resources **330** may include wired communication components (e.g., for coupling via USB, Ethernet, etc.), cellular communication components, NFC components, Bluetooth® (or Bluetooth® Low Energy) components, Wi-Fi® components, and other communication components.

[0148] Instructions **350** may comprise software, a program, an application, an applet, an app, or other executable code for causing at least any of the processors **310** to perform any one or more of the methodologies discussed herein. The instructions **350** may reside, completely or partially, within at least one of the processors **310** (e.g., within the processor's cache memory), the memory/storage devices **320**, or any suitable combination thereof. Furthermore, any portion of the instructions **350** may be transferred to the hardware resources **300** from any combination of the peripheral devices **304** or the databases **306**. Accordingly, the memory of processors **310**, the memory/storage devices **320**, the peripheral devices **304**, and the databases **306** are examples of computer-readable and machine-readable media.

Example Procedures

[0149] FIG. **4** illustrates an example process **400** in accordance with various embodiments herein. The process **400** may be performed by a RedCap UE or a portion thereof. At **402**, the process **400** may include determining a timeline requirement for the RedCap UE associated with a random access procedure, wherein the timeline requirement is longer than for non-RedCap UEs. At **404**, the process **400** may further include performing the random access procedure based on the timeline requirement.

[0150] FIG. **5** illustrates an example process **500** in accordance with various embodiments herein. The process **500** may be performed by a next generation Node B (gNB) or a portion thereof. At **502**, the process **500** may include determining a timeline requirement for RedCap UEs associated with a random access procedure, wherein the timeline requirement is longer than for non-RedCap UEs. At **504**, the process **500** may further include performing the random access procedure with a first RedCap UE based on the timeline requirement.

[0151] For one or more embodiments, at least one of the components set forth in one or more of the preceding figures may be configured to perform one or more operations, techniques, processes, and/or methods as set forth in the example section below. For example, the baseband circuitry as described above in connection with one or more of the preceding figures may be configured to operate in accordance with one or more of the examples set forth below. For another example, circuitry associated with a UE, base station, network element, etc. as described above in connection with one or more of the preceding figures may be configured to operate in accordance with one or more of the examples set forth below in the example section.

Examples

[0152] Some non-limiting examples of various embodiments are provided below.

[0153] Example A1 may include one or more non-transitory computer-readable media (NTCRM) having instructions, stored thereon, that when executed by one or more processors of a reduced capability (RedCap) user equipment (UE), configure the UE to: determine a timeline requirement for the RedCap UE associated with a random access procedure, wherein the timeline requirement is longer than for non-RedCap UEs; and perform the random access procedure based on the timeline requirement.

[0154] Example A2 may include the one or more NTCRM of example A1, wherein to perform the random access procedure includes to retransmit a physical random access channel (PRACH) in accordance with the timeline requirement.

[0155] Example A3 may include the one or more NTCRM of example A2, wherein the instructions, when executed, further configure the RedCap UE to: perform an initial transmission of the PRACH; and receive a random access response (RAR) physical downlink shared channel (PDSCH); wherein the timeline requirement corresponds to a time period between reception of the RAR PDSCH and the retransmission of the PRACH.

[0156] Example A4 may include the one or more NTCRM of example A3, wherein the retransmission of the PRACH is performed if the RedCap UE does not correctly receive a transport block of the RAR PDSCH.

[0157] Example A5 may include the one or more NTCRM of example A3, wherein the retransmission of the PRACH is performed if a RAPID of the RAR PDSCH is not associated with the initial transmission of the PRACH.

[0158] Example A6 may include the one or more NTCRM of example A1, wherein the timeline requirement corresponds to a minimum time period between reception of a fallback random access response (RAR) and transmission of a Msg3 by the RedCap UE.

[0159] Example A7 may include the one or more NTCRM of example A6, wherein the time period is equal to N.sub.T,1+N.sub.T,2+0.5+X milliseconds, wherein: N.sub.T,1 is a time duration of N.sub.1 symbols corresponding to a PDSCH processing time for UE processing capability 1 when an additional PDSCH demodulation reference signal (DM-RS) is configured; N.sub.T,2 is a time duration of N.sub.2 symbols corresponding to a physical uplink shared channel (PUSCH) preparation time for UE processing capability 1; and X is an additional time allocation for RedCap UEs.

[0160] Example A8 may include the one or more NTCRM of example A1, wherein the timeline requirement corresponds to a time period between a success random access response (RAR) and transmission of a corresponding hybrid automatic repeat request (HARQ)-acknowledgement (ACK) by the RedCap UE.

[0161] Example A9 may include the one or more NTCRM of example A1-A8, wherein the timeline requirement is 1 slot for a Msg2 physical downlink shared channel (PDSCH) larger than 25 physical resource blocks (PRBs) for a subcarrier spacing (SCS) of 15 kilohertz (kHz) or larger than 12 PRBs for a SCS of 30 kHz.

[0162] Example A10 may include one or more non-transitory computer-readable media (NTCRM) having instructions, stored thereon, that when executed by one or more processors of a next generation Node B (gNB), configure the gNB to: determine a timeline requirement for RedCap UEs associated with a random access procedure, wherein the timeline requirement is longer than for non-RedCap UEs; and perform the random access procedure with a first RedCap UE based on the timeline requirement.

[0163] Example A11 may include the one or more NTCRM of example A10, wherein to perform the random access procedure includes to receive a retransmission of a physical random access channel (PRACH) in accordance with the timeline requirement.

[0164] Example A12 may include the one or more NTCRM of example A11, wherein the instructions, when executed, further configure the gNB to: transmit a random access response (RAR) physical downlink shared channel (PDSCH) to the RedCap UE, wherein the timeline requirement corresponds to a time period between reception of the RAR PDSCH by the RedCap UE and the retransmission of the PRACH.

[0165] Example A13 may include the one or more NTCRM of example A12, wherein the retransmission of the PRACH is performed if the RedCap UE does not correctly receive a transport block of the RAR PDSCH or if a RAPID of the RAR PDSCH is not associated with the initial transmission of the PRACH.

[0166] Example A14 may include the one or more NTCRM of example A10, wherein the timeline requirement corresponds to a minimum time period between reception of a fallback random access response (RAR) by the RedCap UE and transmission of a Msg3 by the RedCap UE.

[0167] Example A15 may include the one or more NTCRM of example A14, wherein the time period is equal to N.sub.T,1+N.sub.T,2+0.5+X milliseconds, wherein: N.sub.T,1 is a time duration of N.sub.1 symbols corresponding to a PDSCH processing time for UE processing capability 1 when an additional PDSCH demodulation reference signal (DM-RS) is configured; N.sub.T,2 is a time duration of N.sub.2 symbols corresponding to a physical uplink shared channel (PUSCH) preparation time for UE processing capability 1; and X is an additional time allocation for RedCap UEs.

[0168] Example A16 may include the one or more NTCRM of example A10, wherein the timeline requirement corresponds to a time period between a success random access response (RAR) and transmission of a corresponding hybrid automatic repeat request (HARQ)-acknowledgement (ACK) by the RedCap UE.

[0169] Example A17 may include the one or more NTCRM of example A10-A16, wherein the timeline requirement is 1 slot for a Msg2 physical downlink shared channel (PDSCH) larger than 25 physical resource blocks (PRBs) for a subcarrier spacing (SCS) of 15 kilohertz (kHz) or larger than 12 PRBs for a SCS of 30 kHz.

[0170] Example A18 may include an apparatus to be implemented in a reduced capability (RedCap) user equipment (UE), the apparatus comprising: a memory to store an indication of a timeline requirement associated with a random access procedure, wherein the timeline requirement is longer than for non-RedCap UEs; and processor circuitry coupled to the memory, wherein, to perform the random access procedure, the processor circuitry is to: encode, for transmission to a next generation Node B (gNB), a physical random access channel (PRACH); receive a random access response (RAR) physical downlink shared channel (PDSCH); and encode a subsequent

message for transmission based on the timeline requirement, wherein the timeline requirement corresponds to a time period between the reception of the RAR PDSCH and the transmission of the subsequent message.
[0171] Example A19 may include the apparatus of example A18, wherein the subsequent message is a Msg3 or a retransmission of the PRACH.
[0172] Example A20 may include the apparatus of example A18-A19, wherein the time period is equal to N.sub.T,1+N.sub.T,2+0.5+X milliseconds, wherein: N.sub.T,1 is a time duration of N.sub.1 symbols corresponding to a PDSCH processing time for UE processing capability 1 when an additional PDSCH demodulation reference signal (DM-RS) is configured; N.sub.T,2 is a time duration of N.sub.2 symbols corresponding to a physical uplink shared channel (PUSCH) preparation time for UE processing capability 1; and X is an additional time allocation for RedCap UEs.
[0173] Example B1 may include a method for relaxed processing time for UE with reduced bandwidth.
[0174] Example B2 may include the method of example B1 or some other example herein, wherein the values of d.sub.1,1 and/or d.sub.2 in the formula to determine T.sub.proc,1 is increased.
[0175] Example B3 may include the method of example B1 or some other example herein, wherein the value range of PDSCH-to-HARQ_feedback slot offset (K1) is increased.
[0176] Example B4 may include the method of example B1 or some other example herein, wherein the value N.sub.3 of HARQ-ACK multiplexing timeline is increased.
[0177] Example B5 may include the method of example B1 or some other example herein, wherein the value N of HARQ-ACK feedback timeline for SPS PDSCH release is increased.
[0178] Example B6 may include the method of example B1 or some other example herein, wherein the value d.sub.2,1 and/or d.sub.2 in the formula to determine T.sub.proc,2 is increased.
[0179] Example B7 may include the method of example B1 or some other example herein, wherein the value range of PDCCH to PUSCH scheduling offset (K2) is increased.
[0180] Example B8 may include the method of example B1 or some other example herein, wherein the value range of PDCCH to PDSCH scheduling offset (K0) is increased.
[0181] Example B9 may include the method of example B1 or some other example herein, wherein the maximum number of slots configured as minimum scheduling offset (K0)/(K2) is increased.
[0182] Example B10 may include the method of example B1 or some other example herein, wherein the application delay of the minimum scheduling offset restriction Zμ is increased.
[0183] Example B11 may include the method of example B1 or some other example herein, wherein the value j for the determination of K2 in the default table for PUSCH time domain resource allocation is increased.
[0184] Example B12 may include the method of example B1 or some other example herein, wherein the slot delay value Δ that is applied in addition to the K2 value for the UE to transmit a PUSCH scheduled by RAR or DCI format 0_0 with CRC scrambled by TC-RNTI or by the fallbackRAR is increased.
[0185] Example B13 may include the method of example B1 or some other example herein, wherein the processing time between the different messages and related control signaling transmission in the random access procedure is increased.
[0186] Example B14 may include the method of example B1 or some other example herein, wherein nCSI_ref that is used to determine the CSI reference resource for a serving cell is adjusted.
[0187] Example B15 may include a method of a reduced capability (RedCap) UE, the method comprising: [0188] determining a processing time designated for RedCap UEs, wherein the processing time is longer than for non-RedCap UEs; and [0189] communicating over a wireless cellular network based on the processing time.
[0190] Example B16 may include the method of example B15 or some other example herein, wherein the determining the processing time includes determining a T.sub.proc,1 based on a

d.sub.1,1 and/or d.sub.2 that has a greater value for the RedCap UEs than for the non-RedCap UEs.

[0191] Example B17 may include the method of example B15-B16 or some other example herein, wherein the determining the processing time includes determining a T.sub.proc,2 based on a d.sub.2,1 and/or d.sub.2 that has a greater value for the RedCap UEs than for the non-RedCap UEs.

[0192] Example B18 may include the method of example B15-B17 or some other example herein, wherein the processing time corresponds to one or more of: [0193] a value range of PDSCH-to-HARQ_feedback slot offset (K1); [0194] a value N.sub.3 of HARQ-ACK multiplexing timeline; [0195] a value N of HARQ-ACK feedback timeline for SPS PDSCH release; [0196] a value range of PDCCH to PUSCH scheduling offset (K2); [0197] a value range of PDCCH to PDSCH scheduling offset (K0); [0198] a maximum number of slots configured as minimum scheduling offset (K0)/(K2); [0199] an application delay of the minimum scheduling offset restriction Zμ; [0200] a value j for the determination of K2 in the default table for PUSCH time domain resource allocation; [0201] a slot delay value Δ that is applied in addition to the K2 value for the UE to transmit a PUSCH scheduled by RAR or DCI format 0_0 with CRC scrambled by TC-RNTI or by the fallbackRAR; [0202] a processing time between a message and related control signaling transmission in a random access procedure; and/or [0203] a nCSI_ref that is used to determine the CSI reference resource for a serving cell.

[0204] Example B19 may include a method of a next generation Node B (gNB), the method comprising: [0205] determining a processing time designated for reduced capability (RedCap) UEs, wherein the processing time is longer than for non-RedCap UEs; and [0206] communicating with a RedCap UE over a wireless cellular network based on the processing time.

[0207] Example B20 may include the method of example B19 or some other example herein, wherein the determining the processing time includes determining a T.sub.proc,1 based on a d.sub.1,1 and/or d.sub.2 that has a greater value for the RedCap UEs than for the non-RedCap UEs.

[0208] Example B21 may include the method of example B19-B20 or some other example herein, wherein the determining the processing time includes determining a T.sub.proc,2 based on a d.sub.2,1 and/or d.sub.2 that has a greater value for the RedCap UEs than for the non-RedCap UEs.

[0209] Example B22 may include the method of example B19-B21 or some other example herein, wherein the processing time corresponds to one or more of: [0210] a value range of PDSCH-to-HARQ_feedback slot offset (K1); [0211] a value N.sub.3 of HARQ-ACK multiplexing timeline; [0212] a value N of HARQ-ACK feedback timeline for SPS PDSCH release; [0213] a value range of PDCCH to PUSCH scheduling offset (K2); [0214] a value range of PDCCH to PDSCH scheduling offset (K0); [0215] a maximum number of slots configured as minimum scheduling offset (K0)/(K2); [0216] an application delay of the minimum scheduling offset restriction Zμ; [0217] a value j for the determination of K2 in the default table for PUSCH time domain resource allocation; [0218] a slot delay value Δ that is applied in addition to the K2 value for the UE to transmit a PUSCH scheduled by RAR or DCI format 0_0 with CRC scrambled by TC-RNTI or by the fallbackRAR; [0219] a processing time between a message and related control signaling transmission in a random access procedure; and/or [0220] a nCSI_ref that is used to determine the CSI reference resource for a serving cell.

[0221] Example Z01 may include an apparatus comprising means to perform one or more elements of a method described in or related to any of examples A1-A20, B1-B22, or any other method or process described herein.

[0222] Example Z02 may include one or more non-transitory computer-readable media comprising instructions to cause an electronic device, upon execution of the instructions by one or more processors of the electronic device, to perform one or more elements of a method described in or related to any of examples A1-A20, B1-B22, or any other method or process described herein.

[0223] Example Z03 may include an apparatus comprising logic, modules, or circuitry to perform one or more elements of a method described in or related to any of examples A1-A20, B1-B22, or any other method or process described herein.

[0224] Example Z04 may include a method, technique, or process as described in or related to any of examples A1-A20, B1-B22, or portions or parts thereof.
[0225] Example Z05 may include an apparatus comprising: one or more processors and one or more computer-readable media comprising instructions that, when executed by the one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to perform the method, techniques, or process as described in or related to any of examples A1-A20, B1-B22, or portions thereof.
[0226] Example Z06 may include a signal as described in or related to any of examples A1-A20, B1-B22, or portions or parts thereof.
[0227] Example Z07 may include a datagram, packet, frame, segment, protocol data unit (PDU), or message as described in or related to any of examples A1-A20, B1-B22, or portions or parts thereof, or otherwise described in the present disclosure.
[0228] Example Z08 may include a signal encoded with data as described in or related to any of examples A1-A20, B1-B22, or portions or parts thereof, or otherwise described in the present disclosure.
[0229] Example Z09 may include a signal encoded with a datagram, packet, frame, segment, protocol data unit (PDU), or message as described in or related to any of examples A1-A20, B1-B22, or portions or parts thereof, or otherwise described in the present disclosure.
[0230] Example Z10 may include an electromagnetic signal carrying computer-readable instructions, wherein execution of the computer-readable instructions by one or more processors is to cause the one or more processors to perform the method, techniques, or process as described in or related to any of examples A1-A20, B1-B22, or portions thereof.
[0231] Example Z11 may include a computer program comprising instructions, wherein execution of the program by a processing element is to cause the processing element to carry out the method, techniques, or process as described in or related to any of examples A1-A20, B1-B22, or portions thereof.
[0232] Example Z12 may include a signal in a wireless network as shown and described herein.
[0233] Example Z13 may include a method of communicating in a wireless network as shown and described herein.
[0234] Example Z14 may include a system for providing wireless communication as shown and described herein.
[0235] Example Z15 may include a device for providing wireless communication as shown and described herein.
[0236] Any of the above-described examples may be combined with any other example (or combination of examples), unless explicitly stated otherwise. The foregoing description of one or more implementations provides illustration and description, but is not intended to be exhaustive or to limit the scope of embodiments to the precise form disclosed. Modifications and variations are possible in light of the above teachings or may be acquired from practice of various embodiments.
Abbreviations
[0237] Unless used differently herein, terms, definitions, and abbreviations may be consistent with terms, definitions, and abbreviations defined in 3GPP TR 21.905 v16.0.0 (2019-06). For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations may apply to the examples and embodiments discussed herein.
TABLE-US-00007 3GPP Third Generation Partnership Project 4G Fourth Generation 5G Fifth Generation 5GC 5G Core network AC Application Client ACR Application Context Relocation ACK Acknowledgement ACID Application Client Identification AF Application Function AM Acknowledged Mode AMBRAggregate Maximum Bit Rate AMF Access and Mobility Management Function AN Access Network ANR Automatic Neighbour Relation AOA Angle of Arrival AP Application Protocol, Antenna Port, Access Point API Application Programming Interface APN Access Point Name ARP Allocation and Retention Priority ARQ Automatic Repeat Request AS Access Stratum ASP Application Service Provider ASN.1 Abstract Syntax Notation

One AUSF Authentication Server Function AWGN Additive White Gaussian Noise BAP Backhaul Adaptation Protocol BCH Broadcast Channel BER Bit Error Ratio BFD Beam Failure Detection BLER Block Error Rate BPSK Binary Phase Shift Keying BRAS Broadband Remote Access Server BSS Business Support System BS Base Station BSR Buffer Status Report BW Bandwidth BWP Bandwidth Part C-RNTI Cell Radio Network Temporary Identity CA Carrier Aggregation, Certification Authority CAPEX CAPital EXpenditure CBRA Contention Based Random Access CC Component Carrier, Country Code, Cryptographic Checksum CCA Clear Channel Assessment CCE Control Channel Element CCCH Common Control Channel CE Coverage Enhancement CDM Content Delivery Network CDMA Code-Division Multiple Access CDR Charging Data Request CDR Charging Data Response CFRA Contention Free Random Access CG Cell Group CGF Charging Gateway Function CHF Charging Function CI Cell Identity CID Cell-ID (e.g., positioning method) CIM Common Information Model CIR Carrier to Interference Ratio CK Cipher Key CM Connection Management, Conditional Mandatory CMAS Commercial Mobile Alert Service CMD Command CMS Cloud Management System CO Conditional Optional CoMP Coordinated Multi-Point CORESET Control Resource Set COTS Commercial Off-The-Shelf CP Control Plane, Cyclic Prefix, Connection Point CPD Connection Point Descriptor CPE Customer Premise Equipment CPICHCommon Pilot Channel CQI Channel Quality Indicator CPU CSI processing unit, Central Processing Unit C/R Command/Response field bit CRAN Cloud Radio Access Network, Cloud RAN CRB Common Resource Block CRC Cyclic Redundancy Check CRI Channel-State Information Resource Indicator, CSI-RS Resource Indicator C-RNTI Cell RNTI CS Circuit Switched CSCF call session control function CSAR Cloud Service Archive CSI Channel-State Information CSI-IM CSI Interference Measurement CSI-RS CSI Reference Signal CSI-RSRP CSI reference signal received power CSI-RSRQ CSI reference signal received quality CSI-SINR CSI signal-to-noise and interference ratio CSMA Carrier Sense Multiple Access CSMA/CA CSMA with collision avoidance CSS Common Search Space, Cell-specific Search Space CTF Charging Trigger Function CTS Clear-to-Send CW Codeword CWS Contention Window Size D2D Device-to-Device DC Dual Connectivity, Direct Current DCI Downlink Control Information DF Deployment Flavour DL Downlink DMTF Distributed Management Task Force DPDK Data Plane Development Kit DM-RS, DMRS Demodulation Reference Signal DN Data network DNN Data Network Name DNAI Data Network Access Identifier DRB Data Radio Bearer DRS Discovery Reference Signal DRX Discontinuous Reception DSL Domain Specific Language. Digital Subscriber Line DSLAM DSL Access Multiplexer DwPTS Downlink Pilot Time Slot E-LAN Ethernet Local Area Network E2E End-to-End EAS Edge Application Server ECCA extended clear channel assessment, extended CCA ECCE Enhanced Control Channel Element, Enhanced CCE ED Energy Detection EDGE Enhanced Datarates for GSM Evolution (GSM Evolution) EAS Edge Application Server EASID Edge Application Server Identification ECS Edge Configuration Server ECSP Edge Computing Service Provider EDN Edge Data Network EEC Edge Enabler Client EECID Edge Enabler Client Identification EES Edge Enabler Server EESID Edge Enabler Server Identification EHE Edge Hosting Environment EGMF Exposure Governance Management Function EGPRS Enhanced GPRS EIR Equipment Identity Register eLAA enhanced Licensed Assisted Access, enhanced LAA EM Element Manager eMBB Enhanced Mobile Broadband EMS Element Management System eNB evolved NodeB, E-UTRAN Node B EN-DC E-UTRA-NR Dual Connectivity EPC Evolved Packet Core EPDCCH enhanced PDCCH, enhanced Physical Downlink Control Cannel EPRE Energy per resource element EPS Evolved Packet System EREG enhanced REG, enhanced resource element groups ETSI European Telecommunications Standards Institute ETWS Earthquake and Tsunami Warning System eUICC embedded UICC, embedded Universal Integrated Circuit Card E-UTRA Evolved UTRA E-UTRAN Evolved UTRAN EV2X Enhanced V2X F1AP F1 Application Protocol F1-C F1 Control plane interface F1-U F1 User plane interface FACCH Fast Associated Control CHannel FACCH/F Fast Associated Control Channel/Full rate FACCH/H Fast Associated Control Channel/Half rate FACH Forward Access

Channel FAUSCH Fast Uplink Signalling Channel FB Functional Block FBI Feedback Information FCC Federal Communications Commission FCCH Frequency Correction CHannel FDD Frequency Division Duplex FDM Frequency Division Multiplex FDMAFrequency Division Multiple Access FE Front End FEC Forward Error Correction FFS For Further Study FFT Fast Fourier Transformation feLAA further enhanced Licensed Assisted Access, further enhanced LAA FN Frame Number FPGA Field-Programmable Gate Array FR Frequency Range FQDN Fully Qualified Domain Name G-RNTI GERAN Radio Network Temporary Identity GERAN GSM EDGE RAN, GSM EDGE Radio Access Network GGSN Gateway GPRS Support Node GLONASS GLObal'naya NAvigatsionnaya Sputnikovaya Sistema (Engl.: Global Navigation Satellite System) gNB Next Generation NodeB gNB-CU gNB-centralized unit, Next Generation NodeB centralized unit gNB-DU gNB-distributed unit, Next Generation NodeB distributed unit GNSS Global Navigation Satellite System GPRS General Packet Radio Service GPSI Generic Public Subscription Identifier GSM Global System for Mobile Communications, Groupe Spécial Mobile GTP GPRS Tunneling Protocol GTP-UGPRS Tunnelling Protocol for User Plane GTS Go To Sleep Signal (related to WUS) GUMMEI Globally Unique MME Identifier GUTI Globally Unique Temporary UE Identity HARQ Hybrid ARQ, Hybrid Automatic Repeat Request HANDO Handover HFN HyperFrame Number HHO Hard Handover HLR Home Location Register HN Home Network HO Handover HPLMN Home Public Land Mobile Network HSDPA High Speed Downlink Packet Access HSN Hopping Sequence Number HSPA High Speed Packet Access HSS Home Subscriber Server HSUPA High Speed Uplink Packet Access HTTP Hyper Text Transfer Protocol HTTPS Hyper Text Transfer Protocol Secure (https is http/1.1 over SSL, i.e. port 443) I-Block Information Block ICCID Integrated Circuit Card Identification IAB Integrated Access and Backhaul ICIC Inter-Cell Interference Coordination ID Identity, identifier IDFT Inverse Discrete Fourier Transform IE Information element IBE In-Band Emission IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers IEI Information Element Identifier IEIDL Information Element Identifier Data Length IETF Internet Engineering Task Force IF Infrastructure IIOT Industrial Internet of Things IM Interference Measurement, Intermodulation, IP Multimedia IMC IMS Credentials IMEI International Mobile Equipment Identity IMGI International mobile group identity IMPI IP Multimedia Private Identity IMPU IP Multimedia PUblic identity IMS IP Multimedia Subsystem IMSI International Mobile Subscriber Identity IoT Internet of Things IP Internet Protocol Ipsec IP Security, Internet Protocol Security IP-CAN IP-Connectivity Access Network IP-M IP Multicast IPv4 Internet Protocol Version 4 IPv6 Internet Protocol Version 6 IR Infrared IS In Sync IRP Integration Reference Point ISDN Integrated Services Digital Network ISIM IM Services Identity Module ISO International Organisation for Standardisation ISP Internet Service Provider IWF Interworking-Function I-WLAN Interworking WLAN Constraint length of the convolutional code, USIM Individual key kB Kilobyte (1000 bytes) kbps kilo-bits per second Kc Ciphering key Ki Individual subscriber authentication key KPI Key Performance Indicator KQI Key Quality Indicator KSI Key Set Identifier ksps kilo-symbols per second KVM Kernel Virtual Machine L1 Layer 1 (physical layer) L1-RSRP Layer 1 reference signal received power L2 Layer 2 (data link layer) L3 Layer 3 (network layer) LAA Licensed Assisted Access LAN Local Area Network LADN Local Area Data Network LBT Listen Before Talk LCM LifeCycle Management LCR Low Chip Rate LCS Location Services LCID Logical Channel ID LI Layer Indicator LLC Logical Link Control, Low Layer Compatibility LMF Location Management Function LOS Line of Sight LPLMN Local PLMN LPP LTE Positioning Protocol LSB Least Significant Bit LTE Long Term Evolution LWA LTE-WLAN aggregation LWIP LTE/WLAN Radio Level Integration with IPsec Tunnel LTE Long Term Evolution M2M Machine-to-Machine MAC Medium Access Control (protocol layering context) MAC Message authentication code (security/encryption context) MAC-A MAC used for authentication and key agreement (TSG T WG3 context) MAC-IMAC used for data integrity of signalling messages (TSG T WG3 context) MANO Management and Orchestration MBMS Multimedia Broadcast and Multicast Service MBSFN Multimedia Broadcast multicast service Single Frequency Network MCC Mobile Country Code MCG Master Cell Group MCOTMaximum Channel Occupancy Time MCS Modulation and coding scheme MDAF Management Data Analytics Function MDAS Management Data Analytics Service MDT Minimization of Drive Tests ME Mobile Equipment MeNB master eNB MER Message Error Ratio MGL Measurement Gap Length MGRP Measurement Gap Repetition Period MIB Master Information Block, Management Information Base MIMO Multiple Input Multiple Output MLC Mobile Location Centre MM Mobility Management MME Mobility Management Entity MN Master Node MNO Mobile Network Operator MO Measurement Object, Mobile Originated MPBCH MTC Physical Broadcast CHannel MPDCCH MTC Physical Downlink Control CHannel MPDSCH MTC Physical Downlink Shared CHannel MPRACH MTC Physical Random Access CHannel MPUSCH MTC Physical Uplink Shared Channel MPLS MultiProtocol Label Switching MS Mobile Station MSB Most Significant Bit MSC Mobile Switching Centre MSI Minimum System Information, MCH Scheduling Information MSID Mobile Station Identifier MSIN Mobile Station Identification Number MSISDN Mobile Subscriber ISDN Number MT Mobile Terminated, Mobile Termination MTC Machine-Type Communications mMTCmassive MTC, massive Machine-Type Communications MU-MIMO Multi User MIMO MWUS MTC wake-up signal, MTC WUS NACK Negative Acknowledgement NAI Network Access Identifier NAS Non-Access Stratum, Non- Access Stratum layer NCT Network Connectivity Topology NC-JT Non-Coherent Joint Transmission NEC Network Capability Exposure NE-DC NR-E-UTRA Dual Connectivity NEF Network Exposure Function NF Network Function NFP Network Forwarding Path NFPD Network Forwarding Path Descriptor NFV Network Functions Virtualization NFVI NFV Infrastructure NFVO NFV Orchestrator NG Next Generation, Next Gen NGEN-DC NG-RAN E-UTRA-NR Dual Connectivity NM Network Manager NMS Network Management System N-PoP Network Point of Presence NMIB, N-MIB Narrowband MIB NPBCH Narrowband Physical Broadcast CHannel NPDCCH Narrowband Physical Downlink Control CHannel NPDSCH Narrowband Physical Downlink Shared CHannel NPRACH Narrowband Physical Random Access CHannel NPUSCH Narrowband Physical Uplink Shared CHannel NPSS Narrowband Primary Synchronization Signal NSSS Narrowband Secondary Synchronization Signal NR New Radio, Neighbour Relation NRF NF Repository Function NRS Narrowband Reference Signal NS Network Service NSA Non-Standalone operation mode NSD Network Service Descriptor NSR Network Service Record NSSAINetwork Slice Selection Assistance Information S-NNSAI Single-NSSAI NSSF Network Slice Selection Function NW Network NWUSNarrowband wake-up signal, Narrowband WUS NZP Non-Zero Power O&M Operation and Maintenance ODU2 Optical channel Data Unit - type 2 OFDM Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing OFDMA Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access OOB Out-of-Band OOS Out of Sync OPEX OPerating EXpense OSI Other System Information OSS Operations Support System OTA over-the-air PAPR Peak-to-Average Power Ratio PAR Peak to Average Ratio PBCH Physical Broadcast Channel PC Power Control, Personal Computer PCC Primary Component Carrier, Primary CC P-CSCF Proxy CSCF PCell Primary Cell PCI Physical Cell ID, Physical Cell Identity PCEF Policy and Charging Enforcement Function PCF Policy Control Function PCRF Policy Control and Charging Rules Function PDCP Packet Data Convergence Protocol, Packet Data Convergence Protocol layer PDCCH Physical Downlink Control Channel PDCP Packet Data Convergence Protocol PDN Packet Data Network, Public Data Network PDSCH Physical Downlink Shared Channel PDU Protocol Data Unit PEI Permanent Equipment Identifiers PFD Packet Flow Description P-GW PDN Gateway PHICH Physical hybrid-ARQ indicator channel PHY Physical layer PLMN Public Land Mobile Network PIN Personal Identification Number PM Performance Measurement PMI Precoding Matrix Indicator PNF Physical Network Function PNFD Physical Network Function Descriptor PNFR Physical Network Function Record POC PTT over Cellular PP, PTP Point-to-Point PPP Point-to-Point Protocol PRACH Physical RACH PRB Physical resource block PRG Physical resource block group ProSe Proximity Services, Proximity-Based

Service PRS Positioning Reference Signal PRR Packet Reception Radio PS Packet Services PSBCH Physical Sidelink Broadcast Channel PSDCH Physical Sidelink Downlink Channel PSCCH Physical Sidelink Control Channel PSSCH Physical Sidelink Shared Channel PSFCH physical sidelink feedback channel PSCell Primary SCell PSS Primary Synchronization Signal PSTN Public Switched Telephone Network PT-RS Phase-tracking reference signal PTT Push-to-Talk PUCCH Physical Uplink Control Channel PUSCH Physical Uplink Shared Channel QAM Quadrature Amplitude Modulation QCI QoS class of identifier QCL Quasi co-location QFI QoS Flow ID, QoS Flow Identifier QoS Quality of Service QPSK Quadrature (Quarternary) Phase Shift Keying QZSS Quasi-Zenith Satellite System RA-RNTI Random Access RNTI RAB Radio Access Bearer, Random Access Burst RACH Random Access Channel RADIUS Remote Authentication Dial In User Service RAN Radio Access Network RAND RANDom number (used for authentication) RAR Random Access Response RAT Radio Access Technology RAU Routing Area Update RB Resource block, Radio Bearer RBG Resource block group REG Resource Element Group Rel Release REQ REQuest RF Radio Frequency RI Rank Indicator RIV Resource indicator value RL Radio Link RLC Radio Link Control, Radio Link Control layer RLC AM RLC Acknowledged Mode RLC UM RLC Unacknowledged Mode RLF Radio Link Failure RLM Radio Link Monitoring RLM-RS Reference Signal for RLM RM Registration Management RMC Reference Measurement Channel RMSI Remaining MSI, Remaining Minimum System Information RN Relay Node RNC Radio Network Controller RNL Radio Network Layer RNTI Radio Network Temporary Identifier ROHC RObust Header Compression RRC Radio Resource Control, Radio Resource Control layer RRM Radio Resource Management RS Reference Signal RSRP Reference Signal Received Power RSRQ Reference Signal Received Quality RSSI Received Signal Strength Indicator RSU Road Side Unit RSTD Reference Signal Time difference RTP Real Time Protocol RTS Ready-To-Send RTT Round Trip Time Rx Reception, Receiving, Receiver S1AP S1 Application Protocol S1-MME S1 for the control plane S1-U S1 for the user plane S-CSCF serving CSCF S-GW Serving Gateway S-RNTI SRNC Radio Network Temporary Identity S-TMSI SAE Temporary Mobile Station Identifier SA Standalone operation mode SAE System Architecture Evolution SAP Service Access Point SAPD Service Access Point Descriptor SAPI Service Access Point Identifier SCC Secondary Component Carrier, Secondary CC SCell Secondary Cell SCEF Service Capability Exposure Function SC-FDMA Single Carrier Frequency Division Multiple Access SCG Secondary Cell Group SCM Security Context Management SCS Subcarrier Spacing SCTP Stream Control Transmission Protocol SDAP Service Data Adaptation Protocol, Service Data Adaptation Protocol layer SDL Supplementary Downlink SDNF Structured Data Storage Network Function SDP Session Description Protocol SDSF Structured Data Storage Function SDT Small Data Transmission SDU Service Data Unit SEAF Security Anchor Function SeNB secondary eNB SEPP Security Edge Protection Proxy SFI Slot format indication SFTD Space-Frequency Time Diversity, SFN and frame timing difference SFN System Frame Number SgNB secondary gNB SGSN Serving GPRS Support Node S-GW Serving Gateway SI System Information SI-RNTI System Information RNTI SIB System Information Block SIM Subscriber Identity Module SIP Session Initiated Protocol SiP System in Package SL Sidelink SLA Service Level Agreement SM Session Management SMF Session Management Function SMS Short Message Service SMSF SMS Function SMTC SSB-based Measurement Timing Configuration SN Secondary Node, Sequence Number SoC System on Chip SON Self-Organizing Network SpCell Special Cell SP-CSI-RNTISemi-Persistent CSI RNTI SPS Semi-Persistent Scheduling SQN Sequence number SR Scheduling Request SRB Signalling Radio Bearer SRS Sounding Reference Signal SS Synchronization Signal SSB Synchronization Signal Block SSID Service Set Identifier SS/PBCH Block SSBRI SS/PBCH Block Resource Indicator, Synchronization Signal Block Resource Indicator SSC Session and Service Continuity SS-RSRP Synchronization Signal based Reference Signal Received Power SS-RSRQ Synchronization Signal based Reference Signal Received Quality SS-SINR Synchronization Signal based Signal to Noise and Interference Ratio

SSS Secondary Synchronization Signal SSSG Search Space Set Group SSSIF Search Space Set Indicator SST Slice/Service Types SU-MIMO Single User MIMO SUL Supplementary Uplink TA Timing Advance, Tracking Area TAC Tracking Area Code TAG Timing Advance Group TAI Tracking Area Identity TAU Tracking Area Update TB Transport Block TBS Transport Block Size TBD To Be Defined TCI Transmission Configuration Indicator TCP Transmission Communication Protocol TDD Time Division Duplex TDM Time Division Multiplexing TDMATime Division Multiple Access TE Terminal Equipment TEID Tunnel End Point Identifier TFT Traffic Flow Template TMSI Temporary Mobile Subscriber Identity TNL Transport Network Layer TPC Transmit Power Control TPMI Transmitted Precoding Matrix Indicator TR Technical Report TRP, TRxP Transmission Reception Point TRS Tracking Reference Signal TRx Transceiver TS Technical Specifications, Technical Standard TTI Transmission Time Interval Tx Transmission, Transmitting, Transmitter U-RNTI UTRAN Radio Network Temporary Identity UART Universal Asynchronous Receiver and Transmitter UCI Uplink Control Information UE User Equipment UDM Unified Data Management UDP User Datagram Protocol USDF Unstructured Data Storage Network Function UICC Universal Integrated Circuit Card UL Uplink UM Unacknowledged Mode UML Unified Modelling Language UMTS Universal Mobile Telecommunications System UP User Plane UPF User Plane Function URI Uniform Resource Identifier URL Uniform Resource Locator URLLC Ultra-Reliable and Low Latency USB Universal Serial Bus USIM Universal Subscriber Identity Module USS UE-Specific search space UTRA UMTS Terrestrial Radio Access UTRAN Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network UwPTS Uplink Pilot Time Slot V2I Vehicle-to-Infrastruction V2P Vehicle-to-Pedestrian V2V Vehicle-to-Vehicle V2X Vehicle-to-everything VIM Virtualized Infrastructure Manager VL Virtual Link, VLAN Virtual LAN, Virtual Local Area Network VM Virtual Machine VNF Virtualized Network Function VNFFG VNF Forwarding Graph VNFFGD VNF Forwarding Graph Descriptor VNFM VNF Manager VoIP Voice-over-IP, Voice-over- Internet Protocol VPLMN Visited Public Land Mobile Network VPN Virtual Private Network VRB Virtual Resource Block WiMAX Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access WLANWireless Local Area Network WMAN Wireless Metropolitan Area Network WPANWireless Personal Area Network X2-C X2-Control plane X2-U X2-User plane XML eXtensible Markup Language XRES EXpected user RESponse XOR eXclusive OR ZC Zadoff-Chu ZP Zero Power

Terminology

[0238] For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions are applicable to the examples and embodiments discussed herein.

[0239] The term “circuitry” as used herein refers to, is part of, or includes hardware components such as an electronic circuit, a logic circuit, a processor (shared, dedicated, or group) and/or memory (shared, dedicated, or group), an Application Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC), a field-programmable device (FPD) (e.g., a field-programmable gate array (FPGA), a programmable logic device (PLD), a complex PLD (CPLD), a high-capacity PLD (HCPLD), a structured ASIC, or a programmable SoC), digital signal processors (DSPs), etc., that are configured to provide the described functionality. In some embodiments, the circuitry may execute one or more software or firmware programs to provide at least some of the described functionality. The term “circuitry” may also refer to a combination of one or more hardware elements (or a combination of circuits used in an electrical or electronic system) with the program code used to carry out the functionality of that program code. In these embodiments, the combination of hardware elements and program code may be referred to as a particular type of circuitry.

[0240] The term “processor circuitry” as used herein refers to, is part of, or includes circuitry capable of sequentially and automatically carrying out a sequence of arithmetic or logical operations, or recording, storing, and/or transferring digital data. Processing circuitry may include one or more processing cores to execute instructions and one or more memory structures to store program and data information. The term “processor circuitry” may refer to one or more application processors, one or more baseband processors, a physical central processing unit (CPU), a single-core processor, a dual-core processor, a triple-core processor, a quad-core processor, and/or any other device capable of executing or otherwise operating computer-executable instructions, such as program code, software modules, and/or functional processes. Processing circuitry may include more hardware accelerators, which may be microprocessors, programmable processing devices, or the like. The one or more hardware accelerators may include, for example, computer vision (CV) and/or deep learning (DL) accelerators. The terms “application circuitry” and/or “baseband circuitry” may be considered synonymous to, and may be referred to as, “processor circuitry.”

[0241] The term “interface circuitry” as used herein refers to, is part of, or includes circuitry that enables the exchange of information between two or more components or devices. The term “interface circuitry” may refer to one or more hardware interfaces, for example, buses, I/O interfaces, peripheral component interfaces, network interface cards, and/or the like.

[0242] The term “user equipment” or “UE” as used herein refers to a device with radio communication capabilities and may describe a remote user of network resources in a communications network. The term “user equipment” or “UE” may be considered synonymous to, and may be referred to as, client, mobile, mobile device, mobile terminal, user terminal, mobile unit, mobile station, mobile user, subscriber, user, remote station, access agent, user agent, receiver, radio equipment, reconfigurable radio equipment, reconfigurable mobile device, etc. Furthermore, the term “user equipment” or “UE” may include any type of wireless/wired device or any computing device including a wireless communications interface.

[0243] The term “network element” as used herein refers to physical or virtualized equipment and/or infrastructure used to provide wired or wireless communication network services. The term “network element” may be considered synonymous to and/or referred to as a networked computer, networking hardware, network equipment, network node, router, switch, hub, bridge, radio network controller, RAN device, RAN node, gateway, server, virtualized VNF, NFVI, and/or the like.

[0244] The term “computer system” as used herein refers to any type interconnected electronic devices, computer devices, or components thereof. Additionally, the term “computer system” and/or “system” may refer to various components of a computer that are communicatively coupled with one another. Furthermore, the term “computer system” and/or “system” may refer to multiple computer devices and/or multiple computing systems that are communicatively coupled with one another and configured to share computing and/or networking resources.

[0245] The term “appliance,” “computer appliance,” or the like, as used herein refers to a computer device or computer system with program code (e.g., software or firmware) that is specifically designed to provide a specific computing resource. A “virtual appliance” is a virtual machine image to be implemented by a hypervisor-equipped device that virtualizes or emulates a computer appliance or otherwise is dedicated to provide a specific computing resource.

[0246] The term “resource” as used herein refers to a physical or virtual device, a physical or virtual component within a computing environment, and/or a physical or virtual component within a particular device, such as computer devices, mechanical devices, memory space, processor/CPU time, processor/CPU usage, processor and accelerator loads, hardware time or usage, electrical power, input/output operations, ports or network sockets, channel/link allocation, throughput, memory usage, storage, network, database and applications, workload units, and/or the like. A “hardware resource” may refer to compute, storage, and/or network resources provided by physical hardware element(s). A “virtualized resource” may refer to compute, storage, and/or network resources provided by virtualization infrastructure to an application, device, system, etc. The term “network resource” or “communication resource” may refer to resources that are accessible by computer devices/systems via a communications network. The term “system resources” may refer to any kind of shared entities to provide services, and may include computing and/or network resources. System resources may be considered as a set of coherent functions, network data objects or services, accessible through a server where such system resources reside on a single host or

multiple hosts and are clearly identifiable.
[0247] The term “channel” as used herein refers to any transmission medium, either tangible or intangible, which is used to communicate data or a data stream. The term “channel” may be synonymous with and/or equivalent to “communications channel,” “data communications channel,” “transmission channel,” “data transmission channel,” “access channel,” “data access channel,” “link,” “data link,” “carrier,” “radiofrequency carrier,” and/or any other like term denoting a pathway or medium through which data is communicated. Additionally, the term “link” as used herein refers to a connection between two devices through a RAT for the purpose of transmitting and receiving information.
[0248] The terms “instantiate,” “instantiation,” and the like as used herein refers to the creation of an instance. An “instance” also refers to a concrete occurrence of an object, which may occur, for example, during execution of program code.
[0249] The terms “coupled,” “communicatively coupled,” along with derivatives thereof are used herein. The term “coupled” may mean two or more elements are in direct physical or electrical contact with one another, may mean that two or more elements indirectly contact each other but still cooperate or interact with each other, and/or may mean that one or more other elements are coupled or connected between the elements that are said to be coupled with each other. The term “directly coupled” may mean that two or more elements are in direct contact with one another. The term “communicatively coupled” may mean that two or more elements may be in contact with one another by a means of communication including through a wire or other interconnect connection, through a wireless communication channel or link, and/or the like.
[0250] The term “information element” refers to a structural element containing one or more fields. The term “field” refers to individual contents of an information element, or a data element that contains content.
[0251] The term “SMTC” refers to an SSB-based measurement timing configuration configured by SSB-MeasurementTimingConfiguration.
[0252] The term “SSB” refers to an SS/PBCH block.
[0253] The term “a “Primary Cell” refers to the MCG cell, operating on the primary frequency, in which the UE either performs the initial connection establishment procedure or initiates the connection re-establishment procedure.
[0254] The term “Primary SCG Cell” refers to the SCG cell in which the UE performs random access when performing the Reconfiguration with Sync procedure for DC operation.
[0255] The term “Secondary Cell” refers to a cell providing additional radio resources on top of a Special Cell for a UE configured with CA.
[0256] The term “Secondary Cell Group” refers to the subset of serving cells comprising the PSCell and zero or more secondary cells for a UE configured with DC.
[0257] The term “Serving Cell” refers to the primary cell for a UE in RRC_CONNECTED not configured with CA/DC there is only one serving cell comprising of the primary cell.
[0258] The term “serving cell” or “serving cells” refers to the set of cells comprising the Special Cell(s) and all secondary cells for a UE in RRC_CONNECTED configured with CA/.
[0259] The term “Special Cell” refers to the PCell of the MCG or the PSCell of the SCG for DC operation; otherwise, the term “Special Cell” refers to the Pcell.

Claims

1.-**20**. (canceled)
21. One or more non-transitory computer-readable media (NTCRM) having instructions, stored thereon, that when executed by one or more processors of a reduced capability (RedCap) user equipment (UE), configure the UE to: determine a timeline requirement for the RedCap UE associated with a random access procedure, wherein the timeline requirement is longer than for

non-RedCap UEs; and perform the random access procedure based on the timeline requirement.

22. The one or more NTCRM of claim 21, wherein to perform the random access procedure includes to retransmit a physical random access channel (PRACH) in accordance with the timeline requirement.

23. The one or more NTCRM of claim 22, wherein the instructions, when executed, further configure the RedCap UE to: perform an initial transmission of the PRACH; and receive a random access response (RAR) physical downlink shared channel (PDSCH); wherein the timeline requirement corresponds to a time period between reception of the RAR PDSCH and the retransmission of the PRACH.

24. The one or more NTCRM of claim 23, wherein the retransmission of the PRACH is performed if the RedCap UE does not correctly receive a transport block of the RAR PDSCH.

25. The one or more NTCRM of claim 23, wherein the retransmission of the PRACH is performed if a RAPID of the RAR PDSCH is not associated with the initial transmission of the PRACH.

26. The one or more NTCRM of claim 21, wherein the timeline requirement corresponds to a minimum time period between reception of a fallback random access response (RAR) and transmission of a Msg3 by the RedCap UE.

27. The one or more NTCRM of claim 26, wherein the time period is equal to N.sub.T,1+N.sub.T,2+0.5+X milliseconds, wherein: N.sub.T,1 is a time duration of N.sub.1 symbols corresponding to a PDSCH processing time for UE processing capability 1 when an additional PDSCH demodulation reference signal (DM-RS) is configured; N.sub.T,2 is a time duration of N.sub.2 symbols corresponding to a physical uplink shared channel (PUSCH) preparation time for UE processing capability 1; and X is an additional time allocation for RedCap UEs.

28. The one or more NTCRM of claim 21, wherein the timeline requirement corresponds to a time period between a success random access response (RAR) and transmission of a corresponding hybrid automatic repeat request (HARQ)-acknowledgement (ACK) by the RedCap UE.

29. The one or more NTCRM of claim 21, wherein the timeline requirement is 1 slot for a Msg2 physical downlink shared channel (PDSCH) larger than 25 physical resource blocks (PRBs) for a subcarrier spacing (SCS) of 15 kilohertz (kHz) or larger than 12 PRBs for a SCS of 30 kHz.

30. One or more non-transitory computer-readable media (NTCRM) having instructions, stored thereon, that when executed by one or more processors of a next generation Node B (gNB), configure the gNB to: determine a timeline requirement for RedCap UEs associated with a random access procedure, wherein the timeline requirement is longer than for non-RedCap UEs; and perform the random access procedure with a first RedCap UE based on the timeline requirement.

31. The one or more NTCRM of claim 30, wherein to perform the random access procedure includes to receive a retransmission of a physical random access channel (PRACH) in accordance with the timeline requirement.

32. The one or more NTCRM of claim 31, wherein the instructions, when executed, further configure the gNB to: transmit a random access response (RAR) physical downlink shared channel (PDSCH) to the RedCap UE, wherein the timeline requirement corresponds to a time period between reception of the RAR PDSCH by the RedCap UE and the retransmission of the PRACH.

33. The one or more NTCRM of claim 32, wherein the retransmission of the PRACH is performed if the RedCap UE does not correctly receive a transport block of the RAR PDSCH or if a RAPID of the RAR PDSCH is not associated with the initial transmission of the PRACH.

34. The one or more NTCRM of claim 30, wherein the timeline requirement corresponds to a minimum time period between reception of a fallback random access response (RAR) by the RedCap UE and transmission of a Msg3 by the RedCap UE.

35. The one or more NTCRM of claim 34, wherein the time period is equal to N.sub.T,1+N.sub.T,2+0.5+X milliseconds, wherein: N.sub.T,1 is a time duration of N.sub.1 symbols corresponding to a PDSCH processing time for UE processing capability 1 when an additional PDSCH demodulation reference signal (DM-RS) is configured; N.sub.T,2 is a time duration of N.sub.2 symbols corresponding to a physical uplink shared channel (PUSCH) preparation time for UE processing capability 1; and X is an additional time allocation for RedCap UEs.

36. The one or more NTCRM of claim 30, wherein the timeline requirement corresponds to a time period between a success random access response (RAR) and transmission of a corresponding hybrid automatic repeat request (HARQ)-acknowledgement (ACK) by the RedCap UE.

37. The one or more NTCRM of claim 30, wherein the timeline requirement is 1 slot for a Msg2 physical downlink shared channel (PDSCH) larger than 25 physical resource blocks (PRBs) for a subcarrier spacing (SCS) of 15 kilohertz (kHz) or larger than 12 PRBs for a SCS of 30 kHz.

38. An apparatus to be implemented in a reduced capability (RedCap) user equipment (UE), the apparatus comprising: a memory to store an indication of a timeline requirement associated with a random access procedure, wherein the timeline requirement is longer than for non-RedCap UEs; and processor circuitry coupled to the memory, wherein, to perform the random access procedure, the processor circuitry is to: encode, for transmission to a next generation Node B (gNB), a physical random access channel (PRACH); receive a random access response (RAR) physical downlink shared channel (PDSCH); and encode a subsequent message for transmission based on the timeline requirement, wherein the timeline requirement corresponds to a time period between the reception of the RAR PDSCH and the transmission of the subsequent message.

39. The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the subsequent message is a Msg3 or a retransmission of the PRACH.

40. The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the time period is equal to N.sub.T,1+N.sub.T,2+0.5+X milliseconds, wherein: N.sub.T,1 is a time duration of N.sub.1 symbols corresponding to a PDSCH processing time for UE processing capability 1 when an additional PDSCH demodulation reference signal (DM-RS) is configured; N.sub.T,2 is a time duration of N.sub.2 symbols corresponding to a physical uplink shared channel (PUSCH) preparation time for UE processing capability 1; and X is an additional time allocation for RedCap UEs.