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1 Scope

The present document establishes the minimum RF characteristics and minimum performance requirements of NR Base Station (BS).

2 References

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- References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non-specific.
- For a specific reference, subsequent revisions do not apply.
- For a non-specific reference, the latest version applies. In the case of a reference to a 3GPP document (including a GSM document), a non-specific reference implicitly refers to the latest version of that document *in the same Release as the present document*.

- [1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".
- [2] ITU-R Recommendation SM.329: "Unwanted emissions in the spurious domain".
- [3] Recommendation ITU-R SM.328: "Spectra and bandwidth of emissions".
- [4] 3GPP TR 25.942: "RF system scenarios".
- [5] 3GPP TS 38.141-1: "NR; Base Station (BS) conformance testing; Part 1: Conducted conformance testing".
- [6] 3GPP TS 38.141-2: "NR; Base Station (BS) conformance testing; Part 2: Radiated conformance testing".
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- [7] Recommendation ITU-R M.1545: "Measurement uncertainty as it applies to test limits for the terrestrial component of International Mobile Telecommunications-2000".
- [8] "Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)", Federal Communications Commission.
- [9] 3GPP TS 38.211: "NR; Physical channels and modulation".
- [10] 3GPP TS 38.213: "NR; Physical layer procedures for control".
- [11] 3GPP TS 38.331: "NR; Radio Resource Control (RRC); Protocol specification".
- [12] ECC/DEC/(17)06: "The harmonised use of the frequency bands 1427-1452 MHz and 1492-1518 MHz for Mobile/Fixed Communications Networks Supplemental Downlink (MFCN SDL)"
- [13] 3GPP TS 36.104: "Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA); Base Station (BS) radio transmission and reception".
- [14] 3GPP TS 37.105: "Active Antenna System (AAS) Base Station (BS) transmission and reception".
- [15] 3GPP TS 38.212: "NR; Multiplexing and channel coding".
- [16] 3GPP TR 38.901: "Study on channel model for frequencies from 0.5 to 100 GHz"
- [17] 3GPP TS 38.101-1: "NR; User Equipment (UE) radio transmission and reception; Part 1: Range 1 Standalone".
- [18] 3GPP TS 38.101-2: "NR; User Equipment (UE) radio transmission and reception; Part 2: Range 2 Standalone".
- [19] ERC Recommendation 74-01, "Unwanted emissions in the spurious domain".

3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. A term defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same term, if any, in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1].

Aggregated BS Channel Bandwidth: The RF bandwidth in which a Base Station transmits and receives multiple contiguously aggregated carriers. The *aggregated BS channel bandwidth* is measured in MHz.

antenna connector: connector at the conducted interface of the *BS type 1-C*

active transmitter unit: transmitter unit which is ON, and has the ability to send modulated data streams that are parallel and distinct to those sent from other transmitter units to a *BS type 1-C antenna connector*, or to one or more *BS type 1-H TAB connectors* at the *transceiver array boundary*

Base Station RF Bandwidth: RF bandwidth in which a base station transmits and/or receives single or multiple carrier(s) within a supported *operating band*

NOTE: In single carrier operation, the *Base Station RF Bandwidth* is equal to the *BS channel bandwidth*.

Base Station RF Bandwidth edge: frequency of one of the edges of the *Base Station RF Bandwidth*.

basic limit: emissions limit relating to the power supplied by a single transmitter to a single antenna transmission line in ITU-R SM.329 [2] used for the formulation of unwanted emission requirements for FR1

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beam: beam (of the antenna) is the main lobe of the radiation pattern of an *antenna array*
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NOTE: For certain BS *antenna array*, there may be more than one *beam*.

beam centre direction: direction equal to the geometric centre of the half-power contour of the *beam*

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beam direction pair: data set consisting of the *beam centre direction* and the related *beam peak direction*

beam peak direction: direction where the maximum EIRP is found

beamwidth: *beam* which has a half-power contour that is essentially elliptical, the half-power *beamwidths* in the two pattern cuts that respectively contain the major and minor axis of the ellipse

BS channel bandwidth: RF bandwidth supporting a single NR RF carrier with the transmission bandwidth configured in the uplink or downlink

NOTE 1: The *BS channel bandwidth* is measured in MHz and is used as a reference for transmitter and receiver RF requirements.

NOTE 2: It is possible for the BS to transmit to and/or receive from one or more UE bandwidth parts that are smaller than or equal to the *BS transmission bandwidth configuration*, in any part of the *BS transmission bandwidth configuration*.

BS transmission bandwidth configuration: set of resource blocks located within the *BS channel bandwidth* which may be used for transmitting or receiving by the BS

BS type 1-C: NR base station operating at FR1 with requirements set consisting only of conducted requirements defined at individual *antenna connectors*

BS type 1-H: NR base station operating at FR1 with a *requirement set* consisting of conducted requirements defined at individual *TAB connectors* and OTA requirements defined at RIB

BS type 1-O: NR base station operating at FR1 with a *requirement set* consisting only of OTA requirements defined at the RIB

BS type 2-O: NR base station operating at FR2 with a *requirement set* consisting only of OTA requirements defined at the RIB

Channel edge: lowest or highest frequency of the NR carrier, separated by the *BS channel bandwidth*.

Carrier aggregation: aggregation of two or more component carriers in order to support wider transmission bandwidths

Carrier aggregation configuration: a set of one or more *operating bands* across which the BS aggregates carriers with a specific set of technical requirements

co-location reference antenna: a passive antenna used as reference for base station to base station co-location requirements

Contiguous carriers: set of two or more carriers configured in a spectrum block where there are no RF requirements based on co-existence for un-coordinated operation within the spectrum block.

Contiguous spectrum: spectrum consisting of a contiguous block of spectrum with no *sub-block gap(s)*.

directional requirement: requirement which is applied in a specific direction within the *OTA coverage range* for the Tx and when the AoA of the incident wave of a received signal is within the *OTA REFSENS RoAoA* or the *minSENS RoAoA* as appropriate for the receiver

equivalent isotropic radiated power: equivalent power radiated from an isotropic directivity device producing the same field intensity at a point of observation as the field intensity radiated in the direction of the same point of observation by the discussed device

NOTE: Isotropic directivity is equal in all directions (i.e. 0 dBi).

equivalent isotropic sensitivity: sensitivity for an isotropic directivity device equivalent to the sensitivity of the discussed device exposed to an incoming wave from a defined AoA

NOTE 1: The sensitivity is the minimum received power level at which specific requirement is met.

NOTE 2: Isotropic directivity is equal in all directions (i.e. 0 dBi).

fractional bandwidth: fractional bandwidth $FBW = \frac{F_{FBWhigh} - F_{FBWlow}}{F_{FBWhigh} + F_{FBWlow}} \cdot 100\%$

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Highest Carrier: The carrier with the highest carrier frequency transmitted/received in a specified frequency band.

Inter-band carrier aggregation: *carrier aggregation* of component carriers in different *operating bands*.

NOTE: Carriers aggregated in each band can be contiguous or non-contiguous.

Inter-band gap: The frequency gap between two supported consecutive *operating bands*.

Intra-band contiguous carrier aggregation: *contiguous carriers* aggregated in the same *operating band*.

Intra-band non-contiguous carrier aggregation: non-contiguous carriers aggregated in the same *operating band*.

Inter RF Bandwidth gap: frequency gap between two consecutive *Base Station RF Bandwidths* that are placed within two supported *operating bands*

Lowest Carrier: The carrier with the lowest carrier frequency transmitted/received in a specified frequency band.

Lower sub-block edge: frequency at the lower edge of one *sub-block*.

NOTE: It is used as a frequency reference point for both transmitter and receiver requirements.

maximum carrier output power: mean power level measured per carrier at the indicated interface, during the *transmitter ON period* in a specified reference condition

maximum carrier TRP output power: mean power level measured per RIB during the *transmitter ON period* for a specific carrier in a specified reference condition and corresponding to the declared *rated carrier TRP output power* ($P_{rated,c,TRP}$)

maximum total output power: mean power level measured within the *operating band* at the indicated interface, during the *transmitter ON period* in a specified reference condition