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(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DEVICE-TO-DEVICE COMMUNICATION

(57) Abstract: A first user equipment (UE) wirelessly communicates with a network element on a carrier in accordance with its first capability partitioning configuration. The first UE engages in direct wireless communication on the carrier with a second UE in accordance with its second capability partitioning configuration.

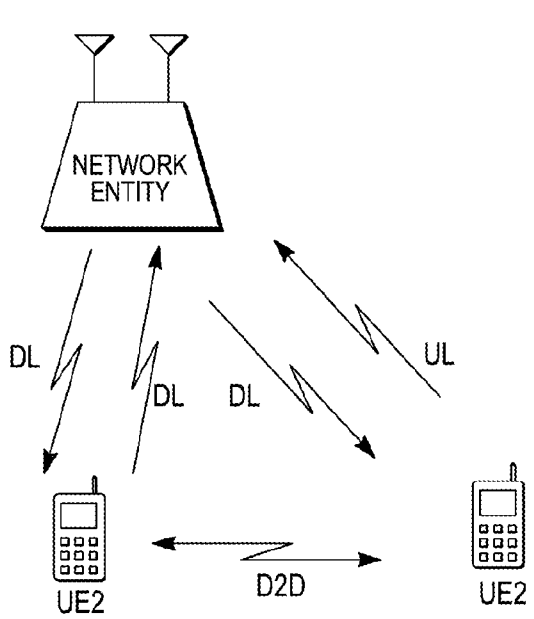


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A second buffer partitioning configuration comprising at least one of: a maximum number of HARQ processes that the first UE will use for communicating with the second UE, the size of a soft buffer that the first UE will use for communicating with the second UE, and a number of soft channel bits that the first UE will use for communicating with the second UE and a first buffer partitioning configuration comprising at least one of the following: the HARQ processes that the first UE will use for communicating with the network element, the size of a soft buffer that first UE will use for communicating with the network element, and the total number of soft channel bits that the first UE will use to communicate with the network element.

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2. claims: 3, 6, 7

Acquiring information regarding at least the second capability partitioning configuration from the network element, via a second carrier.

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