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**Document for: Discussion and Decision**

# 1 Introduction

This document is a report on the following email discussion:

* [Post115-e][604][Relay] Relay QoS (Apple)

      Scope: Address remaining proposals on QoS for L2 relay:

* PDB and PER split between Uu and PC5 (P3/P4 of R2-2109018)
* Configuration of remote and relay UE with PC5 QoS parameters (P3/P4/P5/P6/P9/P10/P11 of R2-2109018)
* Granularity of QoS configuration for remote UE, per PC5 RLC bearer or per Uu QoS flow (P12/P13 of R2-2109018)
* Multiplexing of QoS flows of different PDU sessions and separation of relay traffic and relay UE’s own traffic (P14 of R2-2109018)
* RLC channel mapping in relation to QoS parameters (P15 of R2-2109018)
* Measurement reports on PC5 link conditions (P16 of R2-2109018)

      Intended outcome: Report to next meeting

      Deadline:  Long

Please note that the proposals above from R2-2109018 [19] were part of the summary of Agenda 8.7.2.4, which are based on the company contributions [1-18] submitted to RAN2#115-e. All those contributions are listed in section 5 for your reference.

Please also note that P11 is added in the above scope because it was discussed and included in R2-2109018 [19] but accidently left out in the summary section due to a copy/paste error. P11 is also related to whether a certain QoS metric shall be configured for remote UE, so it is proper to discuss it here, along with P9/P10.

The email discussion is planned as having two phases:

* **Phase I**: During this phase, a questionnaire is provided, and companies are invited to share feedback on the questions by 10:00 UTC, 14th October, 2021.
* **Phase II:** Rapporteur submits a summary based on phase I’s inputs, and companies can comment on the summary by the submission deadline of RAN2#116-e.

# 2 Contact Points

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# 3 Discussion

## 3.1 PDB and PER split between Uu and PC5

[1] has discussed the issue that when E2E QoS corresponding to a certain standardized 5QI is split, the PER and PDB values may no longer match the values represented in standardized PQI. For example, “If gNB determines the end-to-end PDB (100ms) should be split between Uu and PC5, Uu uses 60ms and PC5 uses 40ms. For Uu backhaul link, it should use non-standardized 5QI which with priority level equals to 20 and PDB equals to 60ms. Similarly, non-standardized PDB should also be used in PC5.” The analysis on PDB and PER is similar on this aspect. The following proposals has been included in [19], but not yet discussed:

**Proposal 3: [Need Discuss]When gNB performing PDB split between Uu and PC5, non-standardized PDB parameters can be used.**

**Proposal 4: [Need Discuss]When gNB performing PER split between Uu and PC5, non-standardized PER parameters can be used.**

Thus, the rapporteur asks the company views about the above two proposals:

**Question 1: Do companies agree with proposal 3?**

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| Company | Yes or No | Comments |
| OPPO | Yes |  |
| Qualcomm | See comments | We agree with the intention of this proposal because standardized PDB parameters are not quite likely to be split, as analysed in [1]. However, we are not sure what is the spec impact. RAN2 has agreed that it is up to gNB implementation to split the QoS between Uu link and PC5 link. Thus, it is straight forward to leave it to gNB how to configure the split PC5 QoS to remote UE. Generally, RAN2 don’t specify to restrict gNB behaviour or configuration. |
| Ericsson | see comments | One thing to clarify: the PDB which the gNB splits is not E2E PDB, which is AN PDB (i.e., E2E PDB minus – PDB reserved for CN).  We also share the same view as Qualcomm. It will be up to the gNB implementation on how to split the PDB. This would not affect the spec. the PDB value is mostly probably to be used by remote UE or relay UE for Mode 2 scheduling. Therefore, the intention is ok, however, the proposal itself is not clear.  Suggest to reword the proposal  **When gNB performing PDB split between Uu and PC5, non-standardized PDB parameters can be used. No spec impact is foreseen.** |
| InterDigital | Yes | We agree with the comments from Qualcomm and Ericsson, that there is no spec impact here. |
| Futurewei | Yes | It can be done by gNB implementation. |
| Intel | Yes | Agree with the change proposed by Ericsson that there is no spec impact. |
| LG | Yes | We agree with Qualcomm and Ericsson |
| Apple | Yes | We also agree that the split is up to gNB implementation. But whether there is spec impact or not can be left to signalling design discussion. |
| ZTE | Yes | We basically agree with the principle. However, it can be realized via network implementation. No spec impact is identified. |
| Spreadtrum | Yes |  |
| vivo | Yes | From our understanding, it is not an issue that gNB configures a non-standardized PDB parameter to UE, which is similar with legacy cases with non-standardized QoS parameters. It is just gNB implementation. |
| Sharp | Yes | Also fine with the rewording from Ericsson. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes | We share similar views as Qualcomm and Ericsson.  Additionally during the last meeting we have re confirmed the agreement made during the study that the breakdown of E2E QoS over Uu and PC5 for L2 U2N relay can be gNB implementation. Hence we think that it will be up to the gNB implementation on how to split the PDB and any other parameter values between Uu link and PC5 link.  Furthermore we don’t see any specification impact |
| Xiaomi | Yes | We agree that the gNB implementation determines the PDB split between Uu and PC5, and no specification impact is envisaged |
| Lenovo, MotM | Yes | It can be done by gNB implementation. |

**Question 2: Do companies agree with proposal 4?**

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| Company | Yes or No | Comments |
| OPPO | No | Since now the specification does not make use of PER for any UE behaviours. Thus, we do not see a need for “PER split” |
| Qualcomm | No | First, PER split is not agreed yet. This question should be discussed only if Q9 and Q10 can be agreed.  Even if Q9 and Q10 can be agreed, we have similar comments to Q1. We agree with the intention, but it can be left to gNB implementation without spec change because RAN2 generally don’t specify to restrict gNB behaviour or configuration. |
| Ericsson | No | Agree with OPPO. PER is no need to split, at least RAN2 shall avoid discussion on this before there is clear use case on how to utilize split PER. |
| InterDigital | No | Agree with Qualcomm. |
| Futurewei | Yes | It can be done by gNB implementation, including targeting at proper PERs at Uu and PC5 interfaces implicitly with corresponding configurations. |
| Intel | No | Agree with Qualcomm |
| LG | No | Agree with QC. |
| Apple | Yes | Agree that PER spit is up to gNB implementation. Whether the PER (after split) is needed in remote UE or relay UE can be discussed in P9/P10. |
| ZTE | No | It is not clear what the motivation for PER split and how to perform the PER split. |
| Spreadtrum | No | PER split is not needed. |
| vivo | No | PER split is not needed since PER parameter is not configured to UE directly and has no corresponding UE behaviors in legacy procedures. |
| Sharp | No | Agree with Qualcomm. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | No | Firstly we agree with OPPO and think UE does not use PER explicitly or PER needs to be split.  However if need to have a PER split is identified, we think that it will be up to the gNB implementation on how to split the PER between Uu link and PC5 link. Furthermore we don’t see any specification impact |
| Xiaomi | No | PER is not explicitly used by the UE and no explicit PER values need be signaled (to the UE) |
| Lenovo, MotM | No | For Mode 1 based scheduling, gNB can ensure that the errors on both PC5 and Uu are not exceeding the QoS requirement. |

## 3.2 Configuration of remote and relay UE with PC5 QoS parameters

In this section, we first discuss the general signaling aspects of QoS configuration. Whatever gNB decides regarding he E2E QoS breakdown, it need to inform the relay UE about the related QoS configurations. Details of the contents of QoS configuration can be discussed later. Similarly, gNB also can deliver the QoS-related configuration directly to RRC\_CONNECTED remote UE, as proposed or suggested in [3]. There is no obvious benefit to deliver this configuration to relay UE first and then let relay UE to forward that to remote UE. There is no need to let relay UE to make any changes of this configuration for the remote UE, either. So, the rapporteur has provided the following proposal in [19] and would like to ask the company view on this.

**Proposal 5: [Need discuss] gNB directly configures relay UE for PC5 QoS configuration via Uu RRC signalling. And gNB also directly configures remote UE for PC5 QoS configuration via Uu RRC signalling. FFS signaling details and when they are triggered.**

**Question 3: Do companies agree with proposal 5?**

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| Company | Yes or No | Comments |
| OPPO | Yes |  |
| Qualcomm | Yes | This proposal is to fill the below 2 gaps from Rel-16 legacy PC5 QoS configuration:   1. In Rel-16 framework, PC5 RLC bearer ID is allocated by UE self, and thereby gNB does not know the PC5 RLC bearer ID. 2. PQI in Rel-16 *SL-SDAP-config (*as part of SLRB config*)*can’t be used by relay UE because SDAP layer is absent in relay UE.   The details of signalling and its trigger can be further discussed. |
| Ericsson | Yes |  |
| InterDigital | Yes |  |
| Futurewei | Yes |  |
| Intel | Yes |  |
| LG | Yes |  |
| Apple | Yes | We agree with QC that the SLRB configuration in R16 cannot be simply reused. The detailed signalling can be further discussed |
| ZTE | Yes |  |
| Spreadtrum | Yes |  |
| vivo | Yes |  |
| Sharp | Yes |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes |  |
| Xiaomi | Yes |  |
| Lenovo, MotM | Yes |  |

Then, we focused on individual QoS metric instead of the overall QoS configuration or bearer configurations.

In RAN2#115, it has been agreed that PDB value, as a QoS metric, needed to be known by remote UE and relay UE respectively:

Agreements on QoS:

Proposal 7 (modified): [Easy] gNB should configure the [mode 2] L2 remote UE with the PC5 PDB for PC5 hop of relay traffic.

Proposal 8 (modified): [Easy] gNB should configure the mode 2 L2 relay UE with the PC5 PDB for PC5 hop of relay traffic.

Regarding other QoS metrics, it is suggested that PC5 priority (i.e., PQI priority) is definitely needed for PC5 QoS enforcement because this must be included in SCI for NR SL transmission. Whether this information is explicitly conveyed or as part of SL RLC bearer configuration can be further discussed (e.g., in stage 3). The following proposal is given in R2-2109018[19], but not yet discussed in RAN2#115-e.

**Proposal 6: [Need Discuss] gNB should configure remote UE and relay UE about the PC5 Priority information for PC5 hop of relay traffic.**

Company views are solicited about the above proposal in the following question:

**Question 4: Do companies agree with proposal 6?**

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| Company | Yes or No | Comments |
| OPPO | Yes but no spec impact | As in legacy behaviour, gNB will configure per-PC5 LCH priority for each UE, so there should be no delta part. |
| Qualcomm | See comments | We have same understanding as Rapporteur that PC5 priority is needed for relay and remote UE because it is required to be included in SCI.  However, we prefer that PC5 priority information can be as part of SL RLC bearer configuration. We are not convinced that a new explicit PC5 priority for relay hop needs to be introduced and conveyed to remote/relay UE (besides the legacy PQI priority). As we mentioned before, PC5 priority can be reflected via gNB configured PC5 RLC bearers, but it is not necessary to have a new split value for PC5 hop of relay traffic. |
| Ericsson | Yes | As indicated by OPPO, it is LCH priority which is used in the SCI. the current signalling interface is already able to carry the priority information. Therefore, no need to spend time to discuss. |
| InterDigital | Yes | We agree with the statement. As for how it is conveyed/configured, we agree with rapporteur that this can be left to stage-3 discussion. |
| Futurewei | Yes | Our understand is that it is done by LCH priority in AS configuration. |
| Intel | Yes | We agree with other company views that it could be configured as in legacy PC5 using LCH priority. The only new aspect is how the gNB derives the priority and is left to gNB implementation. |
| LG | Yes | We understand that It’s the same as the legacy operation by LCH priority configured by gNB. |
| Apple | Yes | We could acknowledge that the priority in SCI will be come from the gNB configuration. Whether there is any additional signaling or not can be left to stage 3. |
| ZTE | See comments | It is suggested to change it into “When gNB configure remote UE and relay UE with PC5 logical channel priority, it should reflect the priority for PC5 hop of relay traffic. |
| Spreadtrum | Yes |  |
| vivo | Yes with comments | We agree that gNB will configure the priority for each PC5 LCH, as in legacy.  Our concern is how gNB to decide PC5 LCH priority based on a Uu QoS parameter, i.e. priority level, where PC5 LCH priority is from 1 to 8 and priority level of Uu QoS is from 1 to 127. Furthermore, it is not clear whether a PC5 LCH priority for relaying service can be compared with a PC5 LCH priority for direct/non-relaying PC5 service since these two types of services have different value ranges for priority in QoS parameters.  We are not sure the above issues can be left to gNB implementation or an LS to SA2 is needed before that. |
| Sharp | Yes | The legacy PC5 LCH priority configuration method can be reused. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes | In our understanding LCH priority is used in the SCI and the LCH priority anyway will be configured. Hence currently we don’t foresee spec impact for this. |
| Xiaomi | Yes | We agree that gNB is already able to configure the PC5 LCH priority which is included in SCI for NR SL transmission. |
| Lenovo, MotM | Yes | We see no spec impact for this. |

It is worth noting that the configuration of the split PDB has been agreed as captured in the RAN2#115 agreements. However, the split of PER requirements may need some further discussion, so, we have the following proposals for remote UE and relay UE, respectively in R2-2109018[19].

**Proposal 9: [Need Discuss] gNB should configure the mode 2 remote UE about the PC5 PER for PC5 hop of rely traffic.**

**Proposal 10: [Need Discuss] gNB should configure the mode 2 relay UE about the PC5 PER for PC5 hop of rely traffic. FFS mode 1 relay UE.**

Company views are solicited about the above proposals in the following questions:

**Question 5: Do companies agree with proposal 9?**

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| Company | Yes or No | Comments |
| OPPO | No | As mentioned in Q2, current spec does not make use of PER. So we do not see the need to configure PC5 PER. |
| Qualcomm | No | We are not convinced why PC5 PER needs split. gNB can split PER via its implementation and configure PC5 RLC bearers accordingly. It is our understanding that the split PER is reflected via gNB configured PC5 RLC bearers, but its explicit value is not necessary to be provided to relay or remote UE. |
| Ericsson | No | As OPPO and Qualcomm commented, there is no usage of PER in the Mode 2 resource allocation. |
| InterDigital |  | We are not sure that the argument that “because PER is not used currently in SL, it is not needed for relayed” is valid, since now the split is between a Uu PER and a SL PER. This can be left open for now. |
| Futurewei | No | Targeting at certain PER level is achieved by proper PC5 configuration from gNB, such as PC5 MAC/RLC parameters. |
| Intel | No | Agree with Qualcomm in that it is not needed as the UE does not use PER explicitly. |
| LG | No |  |
| Apple | No | Agree with OPPO. PER is not directly used by any UE procedure in MAC spec. |
| ZTE | No |  |
| Spreadtrum | No |  |
| vivo | No | Similar with Q2 response. Split PER is not needed. |
| Sharp | No |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | No | As mentioned in Q2 we think UE does not use PER explicitly.  If the PER needs to be split and configured, we think that it will be up to the gNB implementation on how to split the PER between Uu link and PC5 link. |
| Xiaomi | No | As pointed out above, PER is not used directly in mode 2 resource allocation.  PER is reflected by the gNB PC5 RLC bearer configuration as such there is no need to convey PER configuration directly to the Remote UE. |
| Lenovo, MotM | No |  |

**Question 6: Do companies agree with proposal 10?**

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| Company | Yes or No | Comments |
| OPPO | No | See above comment |
| Qualcomm | No | Same comments as Q5. We don’t agree to convey explicit split PER value to relay UE. The split PER has been reflected in gNB configured PC5 RLC bearers. |
| Ericsson | No | there is no usage of PER in the Mode 2 resource allocation. |
| InterDigital |  | Same as Q5. |
| Futurewei | No | Targeting at certain PER level is achieved by proper PC5 configuration from gNB, such as PC5 MAC/RLC parameters. |
| Intel | No | Same comment as Q5. |
| LG | No |  |
| Apple | No |  |
| ZTE | No |  |
| Spreadtrum | No |  |
| vivo | No | Same as Q2 & Q5. |
| Sharp | No |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | No | Please see the comment for Q5 |
| Xiaomi | No |  |
| Lenovo, MotM | No |  |

There is a similar proposal in R2-2109018[19] based on analysis in [1] that the PC5 Link-AMBR is also needed for mode 2 remote UE.

**Proposal 11: [Need Discuss] gNB should configure the mode 2 remote UE about the PC5 LINK-AMBR for PC5 hop of rely traffic.**

Company views are solicited about the above proposal in the following question:

**Question 7: Do companies agree with proposal 11?**

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| Company | Yes or No | Comments |
| OPPO | No | LINK-AMBR is used for V2X, but not used for ProSe L2 Relay so no need to consider here. |
| Qualcomm | No | First, we understand PC5 Link-AMBR is for Mode 1 only, which can’t work for remote UE connecting to relay.  Secondly, PC5 Link-AMBR is more of an optimization aspect. It can always be enforced on the gNB (as it is a Mode 1 operation parameter only). In the Relay case, it could help for Relay to avoid forwarding too much data from Remote UE, but it is not part of the QoS Model to enforce on Relay or Remote UE in SA2 design. So, even if majority prefer it, we think RAN2 need to check with SA2 first. |
| Ericsson | No | The PC5 link-AMBR is enforced at RAN based on Mode 1 resource allocation. In the relay scenario, Remote UE will or only base on Mode 2 resource allocation in this release. Therefore, in order to enforce PC5 link-AMBR, RAN2 has to spend efforts to study other enhancement features, which are not possible considering limited time in Rel-17. |
| InterDigital | No | Agree with previous comments – this is only for mode 1. |
| Futurewei | No |  |
| Intel | No | Agree with other company comments; only supported for mode 1; we think we do not need to check with SA2 to avoid overhead. |
| LG | No |  |
| Apple | No | Agree with Qualcomm. We also support to let remote UE to only use mode 2. |
| ZTE | No | As far as we know, the gNB may obtain the PC5 link AMBR from AMF for mode 1 resource allocation. For the mode 2 UE, the PC5 link AMBR is not configured for UE via AS layer. It is not clear why and how the mode 2 remote UE be configured with the PC5 link AMBR by gNB. |
| Spreadtrum | No |  |
| vivo | No | PC5 Link-AMBR is not needed for relaying case. |
| Sharp | No |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | No | We think PC5 LINK-AMBR is only applicable to V2X scenarios as mentioned by OPPO and is not relevant for L2 relay. Hence we need not consider it here. |
| Xiaomi | No | Have the same understanding regarding PC5 Link-AMBR is only for Mode 1 |
| Lenovo, MotM | No |  |

## 3.3 Granularity of QoS configuration for remote UE, per PC5 RLC bearer or per Uu QoS flow

It is fair to assume gNB’s QoS split could be done per QOS profile and QOS profile can be provided on a per QoS flow basis, at least for DL traffic from gNB. However, the related QoS configuration is not necessarily be conveyed at the same granularity, especially considering the fact that SDAP/PDCP layer is not available in relay UE. Regarding how QoS metric is configured in which granularity, we have some proposals from [14] regarding PDB metric, which can be discussed. Note that [14] has actually proposed Alt 3 ( a ratio of E2E PDB per Uu QoS flow), but the rapporteur think this is just an optimization of Alt 2. So, RAN2 may only need to down-select from the above two options. Therefore, it was proposed as below in R2-2109018[19]:

Proposal 12: [Need Discuss] RAN2 down-select the options for QoS configuration for remote UE for its operation on PC5 hop (UL).

Alt1: remote UE is configured per PC5 RLC bearer

Alt2: remote UE is configured per Uu QoS flow

For the purpose of resolving the issue raised in P12, the rapporteur asks the company views on the following question.

**Question 8: Regarding the options for QoS configuration for remote UE for its operation on PC5 hop (UL), which option do you prefer?**

* **Option A: remote UE is configured per PC5 RLC bearer**
* **Option B: remote UE is configured per Uu QoS flow**
* **Option C: Other, please specify.**

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| Company | Option | Comments |
| OPPO | Option A | Consider relay UE is blind to remote UE’s Uu QoS flow, PDB should be configured per PC5 RLC bearer. |
| Qualcomm | Option A | We should discuss DL case first. In DL, as we comment in Q9, Option A is the only feasible way because QoS flow info of remote UE (or SDAP layer) is not available in relay.  For UL, in principle, both Option A and Option B can work. But Option B may need some clarification whether the Uu QoS flow info from NAS is split or E2E. Thus, we prefer aligned configuration in DL and UL, i.e., Option A |
| Ericsson | Option A | There is no SL SDAP, and SL PDCP at the PC5 hop for remote UE, it is straightforward to base on PC5 RLC bearer. While Uu QoS flow is across two hops, which is not feasible. |
| InterDigital | Option A | Even in normal sidelink, QoS configuration is per RLC bearer and the QoS flows are only visible in the SDAP layer. |
| Futurewei | Option A | QoS control needs to be done through AS configuration from gNB. |
| Intel | Option A |  |
| LG | Option A | We support option A. Such as normal sidelink QoS control, QoS of remote UE can be configured per RLC bearer by gNB. |
| Apple | A | Option B is infeasible as SDAP layer information is only available end-to-end. |
| ZTE | Option A |  |
| Spreadtrum | A |  |
| vivo | Option A | PC5 RLC bearer is the natural granularity in PC5 since there is no SDAP and the relay UE can only distinguish PC5 RLC bearer instead of Uu QoS flow. |
| Sharp | Option A |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Option A | We support option A. QoS of remote UE can be controlled by deriving appropriate parameters on per RLC bearer basis by gNB. |
| Xiaomi | Option A | for the Remote UE the QoS configuration for the PC5 hop should be based on the PC5 RLC bearer. |
| Lenovo, MotM | Option A |  |

Then, regarding the relay UE, as there is no SDAP layer in relay UE for relay traffic, it is proposed in [14] and duplicated in [19] as P13:

**Proposal 13: [Need Discuss] Regarding mode 2 Relay UE for its operation on PC5 hop (DL), PDB should be configured per PC5 RLC bearer.**

Company views are solicited about the above proposal in the following question:

**Question 9: Do companies agree with proposal 13?**

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| Company | Yes or No | Comments |
| OPPO | Yes |  |
| Qualcomm | Yes | In DL, this is the only feasible way because Uu QoS flow is not available in relay and SDAP layer is absent in relay. |
| Ericsson | Yes |  |
| InterDigital | Yes |  |
| Futurewei | Yes |  |
| Intel | Yes |  |
| LG | Yes |  |
| Apple | Yes |  |
| ZTE | Yes |  |
| Spreadtrum | Yes |  |
| vivo | Yes |  |
| Sharp | Yes |  |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes |  |
| Xiaomi | Yes |  |
| Lenovo, MotM | Yes |  |

## 3.4 Multiplexing of QoS flows of different PDU sessions and separation of relay traffic and relay UE’s own traffic

In Rel-15 NR, Multiplexing QoS flows of different PDU sessions into the same Uu DRB is not allowed due to the security policy issue, as pointed out in [3].

However, [5] has argued that security policy is an end-to-end PDCP layer issue and “that this is one of the key reasons that the adaptation is done below the PDCP wherein the end-to-end bearer security is still maintained between the Remote UE and the gNB”. Hence, each bearer belonging to different PDU session is still able to apply the corresponding security algorithms as dictated by the policy. Therefore, the traffic from relay UE and remote UE can still be multiplexed in the same Uu bearer in SL relay case. P14 was proposed in RAN2#115, but not yet discussed due to time limit.

Proposal 14 [Need Discuss] RAN2 to discuss whether to follow NR Rel-15 principle that gNB can’t configure to multiplex QoS flows of different PDU sessions target from remote/relay UE into a single Uu DRB in L2 U2N relay, or there is no need to enforce separation of Remote UE traffic and Relay UE’s own traffic in a single Uu bearer.

The rapporteur think Rel-15 principle is applicable to end-to-end Uu DRB and does not prevent traffic multiplexing by the relay UE into the same Uu RLC bearer. For the purpose of resolving the issue raised in P14, companies are invited to answer the following more straightforward question:

**Question 10: Is there a need to enforce separation of Remote UE traffic and Relay UE’s own traffic in different Uu RLC bearers?**

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| Company | Yes or No | Comments |
| OPPO | See comment | Here we can directly follow the UP discussion result in adaptation layer, so no need to discuss here in QoS AI.  Our preference is that for Uu hop, differentiate the traffic for remote and relay UE via LCID, i.e., in different RLC bearers. |
| Qualcomm | Yes | First, the principle was agreed in NR Rel-15 because they may have different security policy, which is per PDU session coming to gNB from the SMF [5]. Clearly, the same principle should be followed in L2 U2N relay.  Secondly, because remote UE’s traffic has PC5/Uu adaptation layer header, we don’t think it technically can be multiplexed with Relay UE’s own traffic. |
| Ericsson | Yes | As Qualcomm indicated that, multiplexing SDUs with the adaptation layer and SDUs without adaptation layer in the same Uu RLC channel, is infeasible since the gNB will not be able to parse the SDUs correctly. |
| InterDigital | No | We agree with Rapporteur and [5] that there is no security issue for multiplexing the traffics on the same RLC bearer. |
| Futurewei | Yes with comments | It is more about not multiplexing SDU with and without adaptation layer onto the same Uu RLC channel, than about security concerns over different PDU sessions. |
| Intel | See comment | We agree with OPPO that this issue is being discussed in Adaptation layer topic and can be covered there. It is not related to QoS discussion.  Furthermore, the security issue is pertinent to PDU sessions stemming from different Remote UEs or same Remote UEs that have PDCP terminated at the gNB. For this case, we might want to separate relayed and non-relayed traffic due to feasibility issue (with headers) and less spec. impact. |
| LG | Yes | We think multiplexing SDU between Remote UE traffic and Relay UE’s own traffic will increase complexity in the adaptation layer. We don’t want to support these kinds of multiplexing in this release. |
| Apple | See comment | QoS flow of different PDU Session from different remote UE can be multiplexed in the same Uu bearer in Uu hop. There is no security issue for multiplexing QoS flows of relay UE’s session and QoS flows of remote UE’s, either.  But there is a problem with AL headers as pointed out by OPPO and QC, so we are fine to leave this to user plane discussion, |
| ZTE | Yes | They belong to different PDU session and it is better to differentiate them. On the other hand, the remote UE’s traffic contain adaptation layer while relay’s own traffic does not need to contain adaptation layer. If we mix the remote UE traffic and relay’s own traffic, the adaptation layer subheader need to be enhanced to differentiate these two type traffics. |
| Spreadtrum | Yes | Multiplexing of relayed and non-relayed traffic into single Uu RLC bearer will increase the spec complexity. |
| vivo | Yes | We think remote UE traffic and relay UE’s own traffic should be mapped into separate logical channels since they are totally different on adaptation layer header presence and terminated entities. |
| Sharp | See comment | Agree to leave this issue to user plane discussion. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes | Firstly we think that the legacy Uu design principle should be followed. In Rel 15 it has been agreed we will have slice isolation as well as PDU session isolation ( i.e. different slice cannot be in the same session and different session cannot be mapped into one DRB). and since here we are discussing about providing the services to the remote UE via a relay UE, we would like to keep the same legacy Uu principle  We also agree with OPPO that it is related to the adaptation layer design and we don't think the Uu adaptation layer is needed for relay UE’s traffic. Considering the protocol stacks are different for relay UE’s traffic and remote UE’s traffic, it is simple to enforce the separation in different Uu RLC bearers. |
| Xiaomi | See comment | We agree with the view that the separation of the Remote UE traffic and the Relay UE traffic on the Uu is a U-plane discussion. However we support separation.  We have concerns regarding the additional complexity issues related to Adaptation layer headers to differentiate between Remote UEs and the Relay UE all mapped to the same Uu RLC bearer |
| Lenovo, MotM | Yes | Agree with QC. |

## 3.5 RLC channel mapping in relation to QoS parameters

Regarding the N-to-1 mapping issue left in WI stage: “Details of handling in case PC5 RLC channels with different end-to-end QoS are mapped to the same Uu RLC channel can be discussed in WI phase”. In submission[1][2][3][5][6], companies are fine to allow PC5 RLC channels with different end-to-end QoS to be mapped to the same Uu RLC channel. While several companies think this is up to proper gNB implementation, one company [2] think “The mapping between the ingress PC5 RLC channel and the egress Uu RLC channel is handled by the adaptation layer of the relay UE, and the relay UE is not aware of the E2E QoS. Therefore, no special handling is needed to differentiate whether PC5 RLC channels with the same or different E2E QoS are mapped to the same Uu RLC channel.” Hence P15 was proposed in R2-2109018[19]:

**Proposal 15 [Need Discuss] PC5 RLC channels with different end-to-end QoS can be mapped to the same Uu RLC channel, which is up to gNB implementation.**

Company views are solicited about the above proposal in the following question:

**Question 11: Do companies agree with proposal 15?**

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| Company | Yes or No | Comments |
| OPPO | Yes |  |
| Qualcomm | Yes but… | We are wondering whether the following can be agreed as a RAN2 common understanding:  “gNB is expected to multiplex PC5 RLC channels with similar E2E QoS into same Uu RLC channel. Otherwise, remote UE’s QoS performance may be degraded or even can’t be satisfied.” |
| Ericsson | Yes | In our understanding, this can be resolved by proper gNB implementation, e.g. gNB may only map PC5 RLC channels with different E2E QoS to the same Uu RLC channel if the QoS breakdown over Uu is the same for these PC5 RLC channels so that they can be treated equally over Uu.  Regarding Qualcomm suggested understanding, we don’t agree. The key point it that,  QoS breakdown over Uu of different remote UEs are similar, regardless if E2E QoS are same or different. Anyway, this can be just up to gNB implementation. RAN2 shall not agree on or introduce any unnecessary restriction or agreement or common understanding towards the gNB. |
| InterDigital | Yes | This is upto gNB implementation, so it is possible. |
| Futurewei | Yes | It is up to gNB implementation. |
| Intel | Yes |  |
| LG | Yes | It’s up to gNB implementation. |
| Apple | Yes | We do not think there is a need to limit gNB implementation of how to configure PC5 RLC bearers regarding the support of a variety of end-to-end QoS flows. |
| ZTE | Yes |  |
| Spreadtrum | Yes |  |
| vivo | Yes | It is up to gNB implementation, e.g. it is a normal case that PC5 RLC channels with similar end-to-end QoS is mapped to the same Uu RLC channel. Furthermore, necessary aggregation between multiple PC5 RLC channels into the same Uu RLC channel should be done in the cases with large number of PC5 RLC channels. |
| Sharp | Yes | Up to the gNB’s implementation. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes | We agree with Ericsson’s understanding, it is about the QoS breakdown over Uu, instead of the E2E QoS. Anyway, the breakdown is up to gNB implementation, correspondingly, the mapping is also up to gNB implementation. |
| Xiaomi | Yes | It is the gNB responsibility to ensure PC5 RLC channels with very different E2E QoS requirements are mapped to the appropriate Uu RLC channel. This is taken into account with the gNB having full knowledge of the QoS breakdown over the Uu for the corresponding Uu RLC channel. |
| Lenovo, MotM | Yes | Up to gNB, nothing to discuss for specification. |

## 3.6 Measurement reports on PC5 link conditions

Based on the proposals in [2][5][7][8][10][13], it is a common understanding that the existing mechanism (SL measurement report and CBR reporting) at least can be utilized by gNB to make proper QoS split decisions and adjust QoS configurations. It has also been argued in [8][10] that the measurements directly related to QoS guarantee (e.g., latency, PER) are not included in the current UE measurement and reporting mechanisms. In current L2 measurement, gNB will perform some QoS related measurements and reporting, e.g. packet delay and loss rate in Uu link, but it does not has those measurements or statics of the relay link. Thus, whether some enhancements are needed for measurement report can be further discussed.

**Proposal 16 [Need Discuss] The existing SL measurement report and CBR measurement reports can be used by gNB to understand PC5 link conditions and determine QoS configuration. FFS whether enhancements on measurements reporting for PC5 link (e.g., on packet delay and loss rate ) are needed.**

Company views are solicited about the above proposal in the following question:

**Question 12: Do companies agree with proposal 16?**

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| Company | Yes or No | Comments |
| OPPO | Yes to the first part but No to the FFS part | We share the view that the legacy SL CBR measurement report can be applied in sidelink relay.  But there is no need for additional enhancement since gNB can control the QoS split strategy based on remote UE’s end-to-end QoS and relay UE’s Uu QoS, which are able to be aware by gNB naturally, |
| Qualcomm | Yes | We think this proposal is straight forward. Furthermore, we don’t think it is necessary to enhance the measurement for PC5. The current SL-RSRP/SD-RSRP and CBR are sufficient for gNB to determine QoS configuration. |
| Ericsson | Yes to the first part, but No to the FFS part | Share the same view as OPPO. RAN2 shall avoid discussing any optimization feature, there is limited time left in Rel-17. |
| InterDigital | Yes | We are fine to agree to the proposal as is. We don’t need to discuss the FFS point as part of this question and stick with the conclusion proposed in the last meeting for now. |
| Futurewei | Yes, and fine without additional enhancement FFS | It seems sufficient for Rel-17 to reuse existing SL measurements. |
| Intel | Yes with comment | We do not need the FFS point. |
| LG | No | We think the legacy SL CBR measurement report is enough for gNB to configure QoS for relay and remote UE. There is no special reasoning for relay and remote UE to be different with the normal sidelilnk UEs for QoS configuration. We do not need the FFS point. |
| Apple | Yes | No strong view on FFS part. We are fine to follow majority view if companies think there is no need for further enhancements. |
| ZTE | Yes for the first part | It is suggested to divide the proposal into two since the first part is more agreeable. |
| Spreadtrum | Yes | Existing SL measurement report and CBR measurement reports are sufficient. |
| vivo | Yes |  |
| Sharp | Yes | Agree to use SL-RSRP/SD-RSRP and CBR for gNB's QoS split decision, and we think gNB can configure UE to report these measurement results. |
| Huawei, HiSilicon | Yes to the first part, but No to the FFS part | We think that the existing SL-RSRP/SD-RSRP and SL CBR measurement report are sufficient.  We also don't see the necessity to introduce additional measurement at this stage. |
| Xiaomi | Yes | We agree the current legacy SL measurement and CBR reporting can enable the gNB to establish and manage the QoS configurations. At this stage it is not clear that sufficient deficiencies exist to warrant further optimisation of SL measurement reporting in Rel-17. |
| Lenovo, MotM | “Yes” to the first part, but “No” to the FFS part |  |

# 4 Conclusion

TBD

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