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Title: RRC Open issues for U2U relay

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# Introduction

This document summarizes the potential RRC open issues for U2U relay. The RRC open issues are further categorized in the following aspects.

* Rapporteur input on issues that involve or may involve ASN.1 impact (see in Table 1)
* Rapporteur input on issues that completes the U2U Relay functionality, and w/o ASN.1 impact (see in Table 2)
* Company input on open issues that haven’t been covered by Rapporteur input (see in Table 3). Currently Table 3 is empty and waits for company’s comments or suggestion if needed.

# RRC Open issues

## Table 1. ASN.1 impact related issues

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| Number | Open issue list (i.e., Editor Note) | Rapporteur’s comment |
| Issue 1.1 | 6.6.2 Message definitions  *Editor NOTE: WA: AS signalling is used to indicate the end-to-end QoS and QoS split for L2 U2U relay..* | Issue 1.1 was captured in accordance with the RAN2#123bis agreement as following:   * WA: AS signalling is used to indicate the end-to-end QoS and QoS split for L2 U2U relay. |
| Issue 1.2 | 5.8.3.1 General  *Editor Note:* *FFS stage 3 impact to message formats (e.g., additional fields) for an RRC\_CONNECTED U2U relay/remote UE.* | Issue 1.2 was captured in accordance with the RAN2#123bis agreement as following.   * There are no additional procedures at the gNB beyond Rel-16 operation in the ID reporting/resource allocation procedures for an RRC\_CONNECTED U2U relay/remote UE. Some Rel-16 functionality may not be applicable to U2U (to be determined on a case by case basis). FFS stage 3 impact to message formats (e.g., additional fields). |
| Issue 1.3 | 5.8.9.1.1 General  *Editor NOTE: It is FFS that the two conclusions on TX remote UE derivation for e2e SL-DRB do not exclude the involving information from gNB/preconfiguration/specified configuration.* | Issue 1.3 was captured in accordance with the RAN2#123 agreement as following:   * The TX Remote UE derives the PDCP and SDAP configuration for e2e SL-DRB and provides the portion of the configuration related to RX to the RX Remote UE using E2E PC5-RRC message (similar to legacy PC5 configuration). * The TX Remote UE derives the first hop configuration (e.g. PC5 relay RLC Channel configuration) for SL-DRB and provides to the relay UE the portion of the configuration related to RX on the first hop (i.e., Rx by the relay UE), using per-hop PC5-RRC message (similar to legacy PC5 configuration).   + The two conclusions above do not exclude the derivation involving information from gNB/preconfiguration/specified configuration. |
| Issue 1.4 | 5.8.9.1.1 General  *Editor NOTE: It is FFS how the Relay UE derives second hop configuration for SL-DRB.* | **Issue 1.4** was captured in accordance with the RAN2#123 agreement as following:   * It is FFS how the Relay UE derives second hop configuration for SL-DRB. |
| Issue 1.5 | 5.8.13.3 NR sidelink discovery transmission  *Editor NOTE: FFS whether reuse the U2N relay (re)selection parameters to U2U relay (re)selection.* | Issue 1.5 was proposed in the offline email discussion [Post123][411][Relay] RRC CR on U2U relay (vivo).  A question was raised on whether the current U2N relay (re)selection parameters should be reused to the U2U relay (re)selection. Rapporteur suggested to discuss it based on company contribution, and thus an EN was added for further consideration in the coming RAN2 meeting. |
| Issue 1.6 | 9.1.1.4 SCCH configuration *Editor NOTE: FFS how they will be implemented in specs (e.g., if the configurations are identical the tables might be merged for different SL-SRBs).* | Issue 1.6 was captured in accordance with the RAN2#123 agreement as following:   * New specified per-hop configurations are used for E2E SL-SRB 0/1/2/3 respectively. FFS how they will be implemented in specs (e.g., if the configurations are identical the tables might be merged for different SL-SRBs). |
| Issue 1.7 | 6.3.1 System information blocks *Editor NOTE: FFS whether the old indication for R17 U2N Relay can be used for R18 U2U Relay or a new U2U Relay-specific indication is needed for gNB capability of supporting U2U Relay.* | Issue 1.7 was proposed by Rapporteur during the RRC running CR drafting.  This issue is about how the U2U Remote UE and U2U Relay UE can determine from *SIB12* whether the gNB supports R18 U2U Relay, and whether the old indication for R17 U2N Relay can be used for R18 U2U Relay or a new U2U Relay-specific indication is needed |
| Issue 1.8 | 5.8.9.1.2 Actions related to transmission of *RRCReconfigurationSidelink* message  *Editor NOTE: WA: Carry L2 ID and Local ID in RRCReconfigurationSidelink message with the assumption that the association between User Info and L2 ID is done at ProSe layer.* | Issue 1.8 with the following RAN2#123bis agreement and this issue needs to wait for SA2 LS reply before further discussion and discussion. |

## Table 2. U2U Relay functionality related issues

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| Number | Open issue list (i.e., Editor Note) | Rapporteur’s comment |
| Issue 2.1 | 5.8.9.3 Sidelink radio link failure related actions  *Editor Note: FFS whether additional procedure for L2 U2U PC5 RLF initiation.* | Issue 2.1 was proposed by Rapporteur during the RRC running CR drafting.  An EN was added here to remind companies to check whether/how U2U specific PC5 RLF would impact the Uu procedures e.g., whether the UE would send SUI to gNB. |
| Issue 2.2 | 5.8.9.10.2 Initiation  *Editor Note:* *FFS the previous agreement “When the remote UE receives PC5-RLF indication from the U2U relay UE, it would inform upper layers and rely on upper layers to trigger relay reselection (or not).” applies to L3 U2U relay or not, including whether there is a need for the PC5-RLF indication in this case.* | **Issue 2.2** was captured in accordance with the RAN2#123bis agreement as below.   * RAN2 confirm the following agreement applies to both source L2 remote UE and L2 target remote UE. FFS for L3 U2U relay, including whether there is a need for the PC5-RLF indication in this case.   + When the remote UE receives PC5-RLF indication from the U2U relay UE, it would inform upper layers and rely on upper layers to trigger relay (re)selection (or not). |
| Issue 2.3 | 5.8.9.10.4 Actions related to reception of *NotificationMessageSidelink* message  *Editor Note: FFS if there would be any constraints on the Remote UE implementation behaviour to keep or release the PC5 link with the relay UE.* | Issue 2.3 was captured in accordance with the RAN2#120 agreement as following:   * When the remote UE receives PC5-RLF indication from the U2U relay UE, it would inform upper layers and rely on upper layers to trigger relay reselection (or not). FFS if there would be any constraints on the remote UE implementation behaviour to keep or release the PC5 link with the relay UE. |
| Issue 2.4 | 5.8.X2.2 NR Sidelink U2U Remote UE threshold conditions  *Editor Note: FFS whether/how to capture if the SL-RSRP/SD-RSRP measurement of the peer NR sidelink U2U Remote UE is not available.* | Issue 2.4 was proposed by Rapporteur during the RRC running CR drafting.  Rapporteur noticed that current RAN2 agreements for triggering relay selection were made only for the case when there is a direct link with the peer U2U Remote UE, in which case either SL-RSRP or SD-RSRP measurement can be used for the PC5 threshold condition checking. But for the case when there is no direct link established yet (which means both of the SL-RSRP/SD-RSRP measurement of the peer U2U Remote UE are not available), there is no conclusion whether/how to capture it for triggering relay selection. Therefore, an EN was added for companies to have further consideration in the coming RAN2 meeting. |

## Table 3. Company input on other/more open issues

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| Company name | Issue description | Comments or suggestions |
| Xiaomi | RAN2 has agreed the direct link RSRP falling below threshold can trigger relay selection. However, the direct link SL RLF, i.e. feedback DTX reaches maximum, may be declared before the RSRP measurement falling below threshold. In this case, UE should try to perform relay selection to recover the communication with peer UE. | UE can trigger relay selection if SL RLF occurs. This can be specified at AS or NAS. |
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# Summary

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# References

1. R2-2309755, remaining open issues for SL relay, LG.