**3GPP T****SG-RAN WG3 Meeting #122 R3-237778**

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**Agenda Item: 25.2.1**

**Source: Nokia (moderator)**

**Title: CB: # R18XR1\_PDUSet**

**Document for: Other**

# Introduction

This is the summary document for the following come back:

CB: # R18XR1\_PDUSet

- Discuss the open issues above

- Provide TPs if agreeable

(moderator - Nok)

Please provide your comments by 6AM, Wednesday (Nov 15th) Chicago time, in order to discuss it in Wed morning.

# For the Chairman’s Notes

1. **UP design**
2. **TP**

# Discussion first round

## PDU Set handling Support indicator

RAN3 agreed:

**Turn the following WA into agreement on the capability indication of PDU set handling: Taking Opt1 (Explicit PDU Set handling Support indicator) for XR in R18.**

Moderator propose to check the related NGAP TP, e.g. R3-237438 (Please only focus on the new text/IE on PDU Set QoS Support Indicator)

Contribution (R3-237359) proposes the Support Indicator is also needed in Xn HANDOVER REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGE mssage.

Contribution (R3-237261) proposes the Support Indicator is also needed in F1AP-UE CONTEXT SETUP/MODIFICATION RESPONSE messages, and E1 E1AP-BEARER CONTEXT SETUP/MODIFICATION RESPONSE messages.

Contribution (R3-237331) proposes the Support Indicator is also needed in Xn HANDOVER REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGE mssage, and E1AP.

**Q1: Please share your view on:**

* Any comments on NGAP TP R3-237438 (Please only focus on PDU Set QoS Support Indicator related text).
* Any view to add the PDU Set handling Support indicator in XnAP HANDOVER REQUEST ACKOWLEDGE message, F1AP-UE CONTEXT SETUP/MODIFICATION RESPONSE messages, and E1 E1AP-BEARER CONTEXT SETUP/MODIFICATION RESPONSE messages.

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| **Company** | **Comment** |
| Nokia | Agree to use R3-237438 as a starting point.  Agree to add the support indicator in XnAP, F1AP and E1AP. |
| Xiaomi | Agree with Nokia |
| QC | Agree with Nokia |
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## UP design

**Down-select between opt 1 and opt 3**

Option1: define PSI and EoDB into the existing Frames (e.g frame with PDU Type =0) of NG-U/F1-U: 9 companies

Option3: Define a new GTP-U extension PDU Set container for PSI and EoDB: 3 companies

There is a question on how an XR-incapable target NG-RAN node ignore the new XR field during the data forwarding of Xn-HO.

**Q2: Please share your view on adopt Option 1 or Option 3, and how to address the above issue:**

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| **Company** | **Comment** |
| Nokia | As we commented online, we prefer Option 1, but can also accept Option 3 if majority want.  For the issue, it can be avoided. Source NG-RAN node can know whether target NG-RAN node support it during the Xn HO preparation procedure. Then source NG-RAN node does not include the new XR field during the data forwarding. |
| Xiaomi | We’re neutral but slightly prefer option 3, which is cleaner and have less processing consumption from decoding point of view, if the receiving node cannot read the PDU set specific header, it just ignores the whole frame, if option 1 is used, the receiving node needs to decode the whole frame and it will find out some information cannot be read and ignore it. |
| QC | Option 1 should work with the assumption that PDU set supporting source node is not required to forward PDU Set Parameters to non-supporting target node. |
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## N6 Jitter

There is UL Jitter reported from the UE, and the DL Jitter received from 5GC. For UL jitter, UE report it via *UEAssistanceInformation-v1800*. Current *CU to DU RRC Information* IE includes the *UEAssistanceInformation* IE. The UL Jitter can be different to DL Jitter.

The DL Jitter is received from 5GC, as defined in 23.501:

At reception of measured N6 Traffic Parameter(s) from the UPF in the N4 Session Level Report, the SMF includes the N6 jitter range together with the associated DL periodicity and the UL periodicity if not provided by the AF in the TSCAI and forwards it to the NG-RAN in an NGAP message, see clause 5.27.2.

NOTE 2: In order to prevent frequent updates from the UPF, the UPF sends the N6 Jitter Measurement Report periodically or only when the N6 jitter is larger than a threshold.

The DL periodicity associated N6 jitter indicates the positive or negative deviation of the arrival time of first packet of a Data Burst compared to the ideal Data Burst start time which is be determined based on the DL periodicity.

Contribution (R3-237392) proposes to transfer the UL Traffic Information to UP via E1AP.

**Q3: Please share your view on:**

* Whether need any enhancement to support UL Jitter in F1AP, and E1AP
* How to define the N6 Jitter, following options:
* **Opt1: Define N6 jitter with the range of [-7, +7] ms and the granularity of 0.5 ms**
* **Opt2: Define N6 jitter with reference to TS29.244**
* **Opt3: ENUMERATED (ms1, ms2, ms3,...)**

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| **Company** | **Comment** |
| Nokia | For UL Jitter, No new IE is needed in F1AP, since current *CU to DU RRC Information* IE also contains the *UEAssistanceInformation* IE.  For DL Jitter, prefer Opt 2 for following reasons: 1) DL Jitter can be different to UL Jitter, 2) 23.501 states it should be a singed value in order to provide a “positive or negative deviation” |
| Xiaomi | For F1AP, UL traffic information (not only jitterRange, but also trafficPeriodicity, burstArrivalTime, pduSetIdentification) can needs to be transferred over F1AP, existing *UEAssistanceInformation* IE can be reused but the procedural text should be updated, the DU behavior is different in XR case, as we captured in R3-237392.  For E1AP, we think at least trafficPeriodicity, jitterRange and burstArrivalTime can be provided to CU-UP for resource management, as the same information for DL is already introduced.  For the N6 jitter encoding, we don’t think it’s a good idea to copy paste UL jitter, DL jitter is measured by CN function, and DL jitter have different characteristics from UL jitter, option 2 is the only correct option to choose. |
| QC | UE provided UL Jitter Info MUST be provided to DU. We are fine with either new IE or use existing *CU to DU RRC Information* IE which carries *UEAssistanceInformation* IE. Don’t see need for sending UL jitter info to CU-UP unless there is good reasoning from others.  DL jitter can be defined using Option 2 as Nokia explained. |
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## Non-homegeneous deployment

Moderator believes Contribution (R3-237391) proposes a good summary for Stage-2 TP. Moderator propose to use this contribution as a starting point, and check whether there is anything missing.

**Q4: Please share your view on Stage-2 TP (R3-237391), e.g. anything missing, or any error, etc:**

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| **Company** | **Comment** |
| Nokia | Agree with **Stage-2 TP (R3-237391)** |
| Xiaomi | Agree with **Stage-2 TP (R3-237391) as starting point** |
| Qualcomm | Looks ok. |
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## Separate UL/DL PDU Set QoS parameters

Contribution (R3-237332, R3-237390, R3-237540) proposes to add a direction field to indicate whether the PDU Set QoS parameter is for UL, or DL, or both UL and DL.

9.3.1.x PDU Set QoS Parameters

This IE defines the PDU Set QoS Parameters to be applied to a QoS flow.

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| **IE/Group Name** | **Presence** | **Range** | **IE type and reference** | **Semantics description** |
| PDU Set Packet Delay Budget | O |  | Extended Packet Delay Budget 9.3.1.135 | PDU Set Delay Budget as specified in TS 23.501 [9]. |
| PDU Set Error Rate | O |  | Packet Error Rate  9.3.1.81 | PDU Set Error Rate as specified in TS 23.501 [9]. |
| PDU Set Integrated Handling Information | O |  | ENUMERATED (true, false, …) | PDU Set Integrated Handling Information as specified in TS 23.501 [9]. |
| Direction information | O |  | ENUMERATED (uplink, downlink, both-uplink-and-downlink, …) | Direction Information for the PDU Set QoS Parameters. |

Moderator consider adding the *Direction information* can make this IE more future-proof.

**Q5: Please share your view on adding *Direction Information* IE in NGAP/XnAP/F1AP/E1AP *PDU Set QoS Parameters* IE.**

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| **Company** | **Comment** |
| Nokia | Agree to add *Direction Information* IE in NGAP/XnAP/F1AP/E1AP *PDU Set QoS Parameters* IE.  Sorry to the co-signers, I forgot to submit the E1AP TP. I uploaded the E1AP TP in the draft folder. |
| Xiaomi | Agree to add *Direction Information* IE in NGAP/XnAP/F1AP/E1AP *PDU Set QoS Parameters* IE.  At least we think the UL PSDB and UL PSIHI are needed. UL PSDB can be used for PDCP discard timer configuration, and UL PSIHI can be used for gNB to decide whether to activate or deactivate the discard operation in UE side. |
| QC | We must support separate PDU Set QoS parameters for DL and UL.  Even though QC co-signed this CR, after some further thinking, we prefer to specify PDU Set QoS parameters separately as captured in **R3-235802 (from RAN3#121bis)** because it allows to specify separate PDU Set QoS parameters for DL and UL Flows separately. Using R3-237540 CR, it is not clear how to provide separate PDU Set QoS parameters for DL and UL separately (unless we are missing some piece of information) |
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## QoS Flow established with PDU Set QoS or normal QoS parameters

Contribution (R3-237359, R3-237624, R3-237678, R3-237392) proposes: the NG-RAN node needs to provide an indication of whether the PDU Set QoS handling is supported. The reason is the QoS flow may be established with PDU Set QoS parameters, or with normal QoS parameters (e.g. when an XR-capable NG-RAN node does not have enough resource to support the PDU Set QoS parameters)

**Q6: Please share your view whether an XR-capable NG-RAN node need to inform SMF whether a QoS Flow is established with PDU Set QoS parameters or with normal QoS parameters.**

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| **Company** | **Comment** |
| Nokia | It is beneficial for SMF to know whether a QoS Flow is established with PDU Set QoS parameters, or with normal QoS parameters. |
| Xiaomi | It is possible that NG-RAN node establishes the QoS flow with normal QoS instead of PDU set QoS, even though it supports PDU set QoS handling. This case provides more flexibility for NG-RAN node operation and can be decided by RAN3, if we agree to support this scenario, SMF should be informed about whether the QoS flow is setup with PDU set QoS or legacy QoS, so that it can notify UPF start or stop PDU set marking which is already supported in SA2. |
| QC | From TS 23.501 clause 5.7.7.1: "If the NG-RAN receives PDU Set QoS Parameters and supports them, it enables the PDU Set based QoS handling and applies PDU Set QoS Parameters as described in this clause."  Our understanding is that (after checking with SA2 colleagues as well), if NG-RAN indicates support of PDU Set QoS parameters to SMF means, RAN has to setup SMF provided QoS flows using PDU Set QoS Parameters always. For any reason if RAN can’t set using PDU Set QoS Parameters provided by SMF, **RAN has to inform SMF or RAN has to reject setup of these QoS flows**. If RAN provides indication or reject , SMF can interact with PCF to determine QoS policies and make decision accordingly and informs UPF how to handle these QoS flows. |
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## End of Data Burst

Contribution (R3-237359) provides following analysis:

First, in TS 26.522, End of Data Burst (EDB) field is defined as 3 bits length to provide guidelines to UPF for identifying the end of a Data Burst, as described below.

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| - **End of Data Burst [EDB] (3 bits):** The EDB field is 3 bits in length and indicates the end of a Data Burst. The 3 bits encode the End of Data Burst indication as per the encoding and guidelines provided in Clause 4.4.2.6.1. |

However, the field provided by UPF to NG-RAN could be much simpler since the end of the Data Burst is already identified by the UPF, and one bit would be enough to indicate the end to NG-RAN. So to make things simpler and to save the extension header overhead, we suggest RAN3 to define EDB as 1 bit length in the GTP-U headers.

***Proposal 10*: RAN3 to use 1 bit to indicate the End of Data Burst in TS 38.415 and TS 38.425.**

Moderator believes that it may be better to align with 26.522. Otherwise, it can cause issue in case the full 3-bit is used in future release.

**Q7: Please share your view on use 3-bit (align with TS26.522), or 1-bit for End of Data Burst.**

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| **Company** | **Comment** |
| Nokia | Prefer 3-bit to align with TS 26.522 |
| Xiaomi | Prefer to align with TS 26.522 |
| QC | As long as UPF can decide EODB, it can provide this by using single bit indicator to RAN. Onus is on UPF how it detects EODB. But we don’t strong concern on usage of 3 bits either. |
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## New DRX Cycle in F1AP

Contribution (R3-237633) provides new DRX cycle based on rational numbers which aligns with RAN2, needs to be contained in F1 interface.

**Q8: Please share your view on introduce new DRX cycle based on rational numbers in F1AP.**

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| **Company** | **Comment** |
| Nokia | Agree. A new F1AP IE may be needed. |
| Xiaomi | Agree, RAN3 can update the corresponding specs based on the stable outcome of RAN2 running CR, this can be done next meeting. |
| QC | Agree |
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## Other issues

Please add other issues if missing. Moderator suggest only list the urgent issues that must be solved in this meeting in order to complete the WI. Other enhancements can be further proposed in Feb meeting. Thank you very much for your understanding!

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| **Company** | **Any issues need to be resolved in this meeting** |
| QC | From **R3-237261,** following issue needs to be discussed.  Due to congestion or other gNB internal issues if gNB can’t handle PDU Set QoS parameters anymore and when gNB is able handle PDU Set QoS parameters after sometime then gNB has to inform SMF though PDU Session Resource Notify procedure. This will ensure that both SMF and gNBs will remain in sync about PDU Set handling and SMF can indicate to UPF whether to continue to provide PDU Set Information in N3 GTP-U headers.  Proposal: gNB indicates to SMF whether PDU Set QoS handling can’t be supported anymore or when PDU Set QoS handling can be supported again using NGAP PDU SESSION RESOURCE NOTIFY message. |
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# References

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| [R3-237359](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237359.zip) | (TP for NR\_XR\_enh BL CRs for TS38.413/38.423/38.473/38.415):PDU set handling for support NR XR (Huawei) |
| [R3-237438](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237438.zip) | (TP for TS 38.413 BL CR) Discussion on support for PDU Set based QoS handling (Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell) |
| [R3-237261](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237261.zip) | XR Enhancements for PDU Set Handling (Qualcomm Incorporated) |
| [R3-237331](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237331.zip) | (TP to BL CR for 38.413, 37.483, 38.423) Discussion on the support of PDU Set handling (Samsung) |
| [R3-237332](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237332.zip) | (TP to BL CR for TS 37.483) Addition of UL PDU Set QoS parameters (Samsung, Ericsson, Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell, Qualcomm Inc., Xiaomi, China Telecom) |
| [R3-237390](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237390.zip) | (TP for TS 38.423) Introduction of Direction Information for PDU Set QoS Parameters (Xiaomi, Ericsson, Qualcomm Inc., Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell, Samsung, China Telecom) |
| [R3-237391](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237391.zip) | (TP for TS 38.300) Non-homogenous support of PDU set based QoS handling in NG-RAN (Xiaomi, Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell, ZTE) |
| [R3-237392](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237392.zip) | (TPs for 38.473, 37.483 and 38.413) PDU set based QoS handling for XR (Xiaomi) |
| [R3-237421](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237421.zip) | (TP to BLCR for TS 38.415) User Plane Protocol for PDU Set Information (Lenovo, Ericsson) |
| [R3-237539](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237539.zip) | (TP to F1-AP BL CR): introduction of UL UE XR Traffic assistance Information (Ericsson) |
| [R3-237540](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237540.zip) | (TP to NG-AP BL CR): introduction of Direction Information for PDU Set QoS Parameters (Ericsson, Qualcomm Inc., Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell, Samsung, Xiaomi, China Telecom) |
| [R3-237541](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237541.zip) | LS on defining new GTP-U Extension Header for PDU Set Information (Ericsson, lenovo) |
| [R3-237591](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237591.zip) | (TP for XR 38.415 and 38.425) Discussion on PDU set handling for XR (CATT) |
| [R3-237624](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237624.zip) | Discussion on support of PDU Set Handling (ZTE) |
| [R3-237625](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237625.zip) | (TP to BL CR TS 38.415) Support for XR UP design using existing frame (ZTE, Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell, China Telecom, China Unicom, CMCC) |
| [R3-237626](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237626.zip) | (TP to BL CR TS 38.415) Support for XR UP design using new container (ZTE, Ericsson, China Unicom, China Telecom) |
| [R3-237627](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237627.zip) | (TP to BL CR TS 38.410) Support for XR UP design using new container (ZTE, Ericsson, China Unicom, China Telecom) |
| [R3-237628](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237628.zip) | (TP to BL CR TS 38.420) Support for XR UP design using new container (ZTE, Ericsson, China Unicom, China Telecom) |
| [R3-237629](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237629.zip) | (TP to BL CR TS 38.470) Support for XR UP design using new container (ZTE, Ericsson, China Unicom, China Telecom) |
| [R3-237633](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237633.zip) | Discussion on XR Enhancement in Split Architecture (China Telecom) |
| [R3-237677](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237677.zip) | (TP for TS38.425) Support for XR PDU Set Handling (CMCC, Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell, Huawei, ZTE) |
| [R3-237678](file:///D:\会议硬盘\TSGR3_122\Docs\R3-237678.zip) | Discussion on PDU Set handling (CMCC) |